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“PICKIN’ ON THE PORCH” 2015 SEASON ENDS ON A HIGH NOTE



Sunday, August 30 brought an end to the second season of “Pickin’ on the Porch” at the Proffitt-Cousins Cabin on the back lawn of the McElroy House and Museum Grounds. Every Sunday afternoon in June and August brought music lovers – both performers and listeners – together for a couple of hours of old time music, folk and regional standards, some original tunes, and some truly unforgettable performances by some of the area’s finest musicians. Old and young alike came to perform and freely share their talents. Our thanks to Ron and Minnie Powell, who coordinated the performances and brought their sound equipment every Sunday afternoon; and to David Wiseman, who was always there to perform and to lead the “Jammin in the Shade” underneath the big oak tree on the other side of the McElroy House. We plan on returning the first Sunday in June next year, and look forward to an even bigger and better event.

STUART WILSON PAINTING

It’s a real honor to have my painting in the museum. As you know, it’s of Lieutenant Wilson Adkins, who served in Company G, 29th NC Infantry. He was my great-great grandfather.

My mother is Mrs. Nelda Peterson Wilson. Her parents were Augustus Raymond “Guss” Peterson (1895-1992) and Ida Adkins (1901-1980). Ida Adkins was born in Ramseytown and was the daughter of Christopher Columbus “Kit” Adkins (1867-1961) and Martha Ella Cooper (1872-1958). Her grandfather, the father of Kit Adkins, was Lieutenant Wilson Adkins.

Wilson Adkins was born in Ramseytown on August 27, 1836. He was the son of Rickles N. Adkins and Debby Bryant. He married Cecelia Honeycutt on March 9, 1856. He volunteered for service in Company G of the 29th NC Infantry with his brother David and two cousins on July 26, 1861. He caught a fever

while on leave in Ramseytown during the war and did not return to service. After the war, he served as a Justice of the Peace but did not live very long. He died of tuberculosis on July 11, 1878 at the age of 41.



OLD TIMEY FALL FESTIVAL 2015

On Saturday the 26th of September the YHA is hosting the Old Timey Fall Festival on the square in Burnsville. We will begin with the National Anthem followed by a parade featuring Antique Cars and Tractors. During the day, we will have music and dance, children's games, adult competitions, artisans, and vendors from the Farmer's Market. The festivities start at 10am and continue through until 4pm. If you stay around you can enjoy "Music in the Mountains" at the Town Center for a nominal fee.

The Yancey History Association will be selling home cooked food as well as local history books, postcards and other items.

As a much needed fund raiser, we also have raffle items: Antique Tricycle, David Boone Christmas Carving, Framed Military print, Daniel Boone III wrought iron hearth fork and a piece of Blue Ridge Pottery which are going for \$1 per ticket or \$5 for 6 tickets.

Stop by our booth for some great food, a few raffle tickets and say hello.

ESTATOEE (es-to-toe-e)

Estootowie in early records. A Cherokee place name, shortened to Estatoe/Estatoah, from which the name Towe of Toe River is derived.

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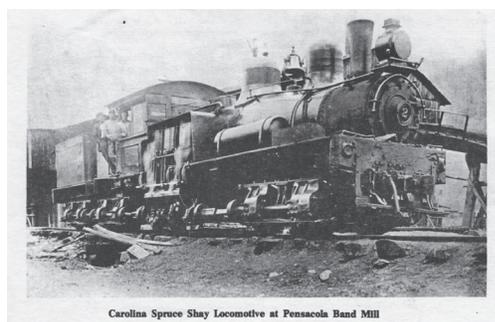
Wednesday to Saturday 10am - 4pm

SALUTE TO BOB WILSON



The Yancey History Association would like to salute Bob Wilson a YHA Board Member and Events Planner for his great work in presenting the entertaining presentations that have drawn large crowds of people to our association this year. We thank you Bob for having Tom Higgins, a Burnsville native, for a presentation of NASCAR.

Thanks for a Veterans Day event that brought over 50 veterans to our grounds with lunch and special stories. Thanks for bringing Milton Higgins to entertain with his stories



Carolina Spruce Shay Locomotive at Pensacola Band Mill

about how to make liquor and Bootlegging in the Mountains. Thanks for the Railroad Exhibit and special railroad music on the log cabin porch. Thanks for always being at the museum for all our needs. We salute you for your great knowledge of history and the interesting way you tell and keep history alive.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2015

YANCEY HISTORY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING 2:00 PM, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2015, YANCEY LIBRARY PROGRAM WILL BE TO ELECT OFFICERS, POWER-POINT PRESENTATION OF YEARLY EVENTS, AND MOST IMPORTANT PRESENTATION OF DAVID BIDDIX AND JONATHAN BENNETT ON THEIR NEW BOOK "MOUNT MITCHELL"



RECENT DONATIONS/GIFTS TO THE YANCEY HISTORY ASSOCIATION

Wardrobe Pic and write up to come.
Also perhaps Cash Register from Lloyd?

Judy Dowis

Judy Dowis of the Pensacola Community donated a beautiful 1800's refurbished chair to the McElroy House Museum. We so thank her for this beautiful addition to our parlor.



Mrs. McMahan

Mrs. McMahan from Candler, NC., donated a 1912 typewriter in pristine condition, sewing supplies and an antique dental tool for pulling teeth. We very much appreciate her donations and visit to our museum.



REMEMBER YOUR MEMBERSHIP HELPS US MAKE ALL THESE EVENTS POSSIBLE.

Welcome to the YHA,

Members will receive the following:

- Quarterly newsletters of the ESTATOEE
- 10% discount* at our gift shop (Ce-Nan)
- Free Museum Admission
- Free use of Genealogy library
- Annual meeting and programs

Other membership gifts:

- With Donation of \$250 - Free copy of McElroy House by Michael Hardy
- Gold Business membership includes a mention in the YHA quarterly newsletter

Donations above the membership subscriptions are most welcome.

* Some recent publications may not apply

Membership: (tick one box)

- Individual \$20
- Family (2+persons) \$40
- Senior (60+) \$15
- Senior Family (60+) \$30
- Silver Business \$100
- Gold Business \$250

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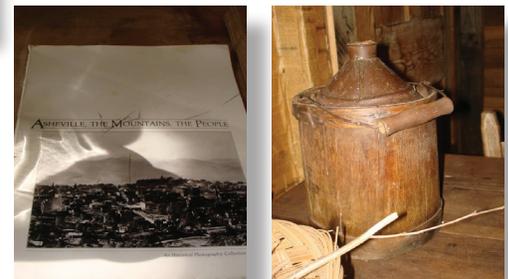
Send cash or check to: Treasurer, Yancey History Association,
3 Academy Street, Burnsville, North Carolina 28714

The YHA website www.yanceyhistoryassociation.org will keep you up to date with activities. The newsletter ESTATOEE will be delivered via email, please ensure we have this information. If you have no email, a copy will be mailed to your address above.



Tim and Katie McGuirl

Tim and Katie McGuirl gave the YHA a large donation of antiques. Thank you for being so generous. These are some of those items that we have already placed in the McElroy House.



A SPECIAL THANKS TO:

GOLD SPONSORS -

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CHILDRENS'S STORYTELLING CAMP 2015

“THE MYSTERY OF HISTORY”, was the theme chosen by storyteller and educator, Sherry Lovett, for this year’s five-day camp. Sherry told scary stories and legends of the mysterious Brown Mountain Lights, the Leech Place, the Lorelei of the French Broad, the Cherokee Little People and the Wollybooger and Whangdoodle.

They learned to make crafts such as a Cherokee Dream Catcher, a one-string instrument, clay figurines, three dimensional paper stars, time capsules and painted scary face masks.

The History Association provided daily snacks and juice for the kids. Each child brought their own lunch to enjoy in the shade of the large Maple tree in the yard while Sherry told her stories.

On the last day, the kids were treated to a guided and informative tour of the McElroy House Museum.

This is the third successful year the Yancey History Association has hosted a children’s storytelling camp on the grounds of the McElroy House and the porch of the Proffitt/Cousins cabin.

Next year, we look forward to Sherry planning a new and exciting theme for 12 lucky children to come and enjoy the grounds of the Yancey History Association.

NEW VOLUNTEERS

**LINDA THOMAS – K. W. ROBERTSON –
JOHN GARLINGTON**

The Yancey History Association has been given the gift of hard work by new volunteers.

Linda Thomas (pictured top right) wife of Emery Thomas came as a volunteer to clean our gardens and McElroy House and Bailey Annex. She has worked with so much diligence with sweat and hard labor that we cannot begin to thank her. The yard and gardens have never looked better. The association thanks her so much for her devotion.

K. W. Robertson (pictured bottom right) came as a volunteer to work in our Bailey Annex office on Saturdays. He has been so faithful and has a wonderful knowledge of local history to share with those who visit our museum. The association thanks him for adding to our preservation of history.

John D. Garlington (no photo available) from New York moved to Yancey County this summer and came as a volunteer to the YHA. He has worked almost every day with planting flowers and watering the yard and flowers to keep plants beautiful. We thank you John for also for filling in at the office when others were not available.



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE **YANCEY HISTORY ASSOCIATION**
KEEP THIS CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

26 Old Timey Fall Festival

OCTOBER

18 Annual General Meeting and Booksigning

NOVEMBER



NEW STORAGE SHED



The Yancey History Association has a beautiful storage building thanks to **Milo and Hanna Karpesik** and the **Yancey County Sheriff's Department volunteer inmates**. Milo and Hanna come each summer as volunteers to build and work at our museum. We cannot express how much we appreciate their work and the **Yancey Sheriff's Dept.'s** donation to us.

And Lastly..... Thank you Ron and Minnie Powell for all the work you have done during the months of July and August, 2015 to make "Pickin On The Porch" so successful. Thanks also to all the musicians who came each Sunday afternoon to play many instruments and musical styles....
See you next June.
We are proud to be part of the



TO ALL OUR YANCEY HISTORY ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

We are wanting to make the Quarterly Newsletter a lot more enjoyable for all of it's readers. By reporting on what's happening now and the events for the year, we are recording and preserving the HISTORY of the FUTURE. Creating a **"MEMBERS CORNER"** in the Newsletter would give each member a chance to become a part of this by contributing a small article of interest. This could include: Past or Present - Stories, old tales, legends, family stories, old & new photos of interest, events of the area. (Lengthy articles will be continued in future newsletters). We would like to hear your comments on this idea.

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