

# ESTATOOEE

PRESERVING OUR APPALACHIAN HERITAGE

## PLANNED EXHIBITS FOR 2016

The Yancey History Association is pleased to announce a **New and Permanent Exhibit** to open for viewing at the **Lloyd Bailey Annex**, on **April 9, 2016**, the opening day of the museum, at 11 am.

The Exhibit, **“Then I’ll Come Back To You”**, based on the 1915 book written by Larry Evans, was a black and white, silent movie, filmed in Pensacola and Black Mountain, North Carolina back in 1916.

We have also made this book available in the YHA Library, and the public is welcome to come in and read during the hours the Museum is open.

From **May 28th To June 25th**, another exhibit, **“History of Early Movies in Yancey”**, will be an addition and

enhancement to the Movie exhibit. For viewing in **August**, will be the **“Radio Revisited Exhibit”**.



From **July 1st to September 30th**, **“Our Musical Heritage Collection”** will be up for viewing with hand-made instruments, posters, photos and biographies of musicians from past and present.



On display, will be Lili Kraus’s early 1930’s copy of Mozart’s 1782 fortepiano, generously donated by Ruth Pope and family. This exhibit will be a **Yearly and a Growing Exhibit**, with new artifacts and musicians added to the collection

each year.

We wish to Credit and Thank **Dr. Lloyd Bailey**, for **“Our Musical Heritage Collection”**, which was his long, dreamed conception and for all of his hard work in research and acquiring of the artifacts.



*The Stars of “Then I’ll Come Back to You”  
Alice Brady and Jack Sherrill  
1916*

## OPENING DAY TEA



**YANCEY HISTORY ASSOCIATION’S 2016 GRAND OPENING TO BE SATURDAY, APRIL 9th** beginning at 11:00 am.

Following the short opening ceremony, participants will be encouraged to visit the Yancey History Association’s Bailey Annex or stroll through our lovely garden before adjourning at 12:00 noon for light, delectable refreshments to be served in the dining room of the c.1840 McElroy House which houses the Rush Wray Museum.

Great plans are afoot for our organization’s year 2016, and we encourage all members and friends to be involved in our activities and enjoy our hospitality on this very special day.

*There will be no cost for the tea, but donations will be gratefully appreciated.*

## OLD TIMEY FALL FESTIVAL AND PICKIN' ON THE PORCH DATES SET



Two favorites are back again this year.

The Old Timey Fall Festival on the square, the 24th of September will have a great line up of events. As always, the Antique Cars and Tractors will start the day off. There will be Music, Dance, Kid's and Adults competitions, Rides and Vendors. A great day of good Family Entertainment from 10am to 4pm.

Pickin' on the Porch and Jammin' in the Shade with hosts Ron and Minnie Powell and David Wiseman, will entertain on the Porch each Sunday in June and August from 2pm to 4pm. Local musicians can take the stage for an afternoon of music. This free event is very popular so don't forget to bring your lawn chairs, guitars, banjos and perhaps take the spotlight one Sunday Afternoon.



### 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.*

#### Board Members

Elaine Boone - *President*  
 Dixie Styles - *Vice President*  
 Chris Carter - *Secretary*  
 Vivianne Bradley - *Treasurer*  
 Iva Nell Buckner  
 Debby Nance  
 Judy Fuqua  
 Jerri Storie  
 Bob Wilson

Jake Blood - *Past President*  
 Lloyd Bailey - *Founding Member and Historian*

#### Office Hours:

Wednesday to Saturday 10am - 4pm

## EVENTS FOR 2016\*

- APRIL 9: OPENING DAY PROGRAM AT McELROY HOUSE AT 11 AM.
- APRIL 9: OPENING DAY OF "THEN I'LL COME BACK TO YOU" MOVIE EXHIBIT.
- APRIL 9: SCOTS-IRISH TEA AT THE McELROY HOUSE 12 NOON.
- MAY 2 - JUNE 25: "THE HISTORY OF CINEMA IN YANCEY COUNTY", EXHIBIT.
- JUNE: BOXED SUPPER ON THE LAWN AT THE McELROY HOUSE/CABIN, (TBA)
- JUNE, SUNDAYS 5, 12, 19, 26: "PICKIN' ON THE PORCH" 2 - 4PM. CABIN/GROUNDS.
- JULY 1 TO SEPT. 30: OPENING OF "OUR MUSICAL HERITAGE" EXHIBIT.
- JULY 9: VETERANS BBQ ON McELROY HOUSE GROUNDS.
- JULY 18 - 22: CHILDREN'S STORYTELLING CAMP, McELROY/CABIN GROUNDS.
- AUGUST: "RADIO REVISITED EXHIBIT", (TBA).
- AUGUST, SUNDAYS 7, 14, 21, 28: "PICKIN' ON THE PORCH" 2 - 4PM. CABIN/GROUNDS.
- AUGUST 5 & 6: MT. MITCHELL CRAFT FAIR 60TH YEAR CELEBRATION ON THE TOWN SQUARE.
- SEPT. 24: OLD TIMEY FALL FESTIVAL, ON THE TOWN SQUARE.
- OCT. 15: MAYLAND TOUR OF HOMES - McELROY HOUSE & GROUNDS.
- OCT. 29: GHOST STORY TOUR, McELROY HOUSE & OR ACADEMY CEMETERY.
- OCTOBER 31: HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT ON THE SQUARE.
- NOV. 5: HARVEST TEA AT THE McELROY HOUSE. (TBA)
- NOV 6: ANNUAL OPEN MEETING & PROGRAM, YANCEY COUNTY LIBRARY.
- DEC 3: CHRISTMAS PARADE - YHA FLOAT ENTRY.
- DEC 9: CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS TOUR AND INTERACTIVE PROGRAM, McELROY HOUSE, CABIN, SMITHY, SMOKEHOUSE AND GROUNDS.

\* Subject to change without notice

## YANCEY HISTORY ASSOCIATION SALUTES VIVIANNE BRADLEY



Yancey History Association wants to recognize an important board member and volunteer, Vivianne Bradley. She has been our treasurer and board member for many years. She keeps the records and tax information up-to-date and does all the accounting for the organization. Since the association became the sponsor of the Old Timey Fall Festival, Vivianne volunteered to be a board member and treasurer of this event. Vivianne is always there to help with all events and is instrumental in directing and providing food for teas, Veteran dinners, historical programs, etc. We thank her for all she has done to promote and give to preserving our history for Yancey County.

#### GOLD & SILVER SPONSORS

Hal and Diane Coleman, Theresa Coletta, Frances Coletta, David and Elaine Boone, Warren and Larissa Bare, Bill Baker, Ron Chandler, Altec Industries, Glen Raven Mills, Country Cablevision, Buck House, Garden Deli, Dr. Garland and Mary Ann Wampler, Jake and Cynthia Blood, Dr. Rita Meeks, Pat and Janet Hepburn, Burnsville Chevorlet and Buick, Bunny McIntosh in honor of her mother Sarah Proffitt, Jimmy Young and Mary Ellis, Dr. Lloyd and Judith Bailey, Skip and Carol Wilson, Wanda Proffitt

# LAUGHRUN DONATION ADDS DIMENSIONS TO GENEALOGY ROOM

Little did the Yancey History Association know the extent of the donation made by Jim Laughrun, former editor of the Winston-Salem Journal, until board member, Debra Nance, began working on the extensive collection. Although Laughrun moved away from his native Yancey County for job purposes, he continued to honor the history of the area by collecting obituaries and newspaper articles chronicling a time period from the 1930's - 1980's. After two years of work, the YHA has completed the organization, indexing, and binding of over 4000 Yancey County



obituaries given to them by Laughrun. These obituaries were taken from the Journal & Sentinel Newspapers, Asheville Citizen and Asheville Citizen-Times, the Tri-County News, The Yancey Record, and The Yancey Journal. Ms. Nance states: "It was an honor for me to complete his donation for the genealogy room of the YHA. In many cases, if a copy machine was unavailable, he typed each obituary and cited the newspaper and date of publication. This meticulous work was a labor of love for his native county." These obituaries are now available for use in the YHA genealogy room and will add

dimensions to family histories now and in the future.



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Where can you experience all of these? At the Yancey History Association's 2016 summer camp for kids! Join Sherry Lovett, storyteller and educator, for a week of making history come alive through creating and using puppets to tell stories like "The Evil Hunter of Purgatory Mountain", "Blackbeard's Last Fight", or "The Moon-Eyed People". You're sure to experience history in a new way each day and fun by the ton!

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## REMEMBER YOUR MEMBERSHIP HELPS US MAKE ALL THESE EVENTS, RESTORATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS 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) Name \_\_\_\_\_

Individual \$20  Address \_\_\_\_\_

Family (2+persons) \$40  City \_\_\_\_\_

Senior (60+) \$15  State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Senior Family (60+) \$30  Email \_\_\_\_\_

Silver Business \$100  Method of Payment \_\_\_\_\_

Gold Business \$250  Cash  Check  Paypal on the website

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

The YHA website [www.yanceyhistoryassociation.org](http://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.

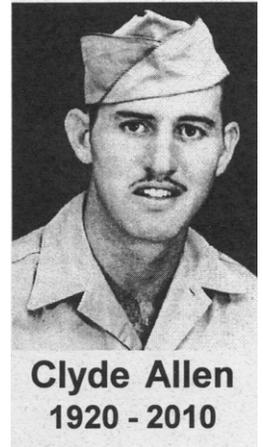


# Members Corner

## We Remember "Murtaugh"

Clyde Allen 1920-2010

Clyde Allen was a special person to many of us who grew up in Pensacola during the thirties, forties and fifties. He passed at the age of ninety which was a sad occasion for all but the memories we have of him will live on as long as the old gang still meet and talk about those good old days in Pensacola. Clyde was a little pigeon-toed but was a very fast runner. His race with Bud Atkins' horse from the bridge to Brook Wilson's store and Lake Roland's car over the same course is still talked about today. Another time that Clyde's running ability came in handy was the night he, Howard Riddle and Homer McMahan invaded a Gypsy camp and, after a planned altercation that went bad, were chased by several pistol packing members. It was said that Clyde ran so fast he passed Howard Riddle and his horse and was waiting for him later at the old depot on Cattail Road. After this night, Clyde was forever known as "Swift Foot". Clyde's love of hunting and fishing was exceeded only by his love of baseball. In those days Pensacola had a baseball team and played games all over the tri-county area. Clyde was our catcher and I can still hear him harassing the opposing batters with "My grandmother has a better swing than you do", or, "Give him the old green apple fade away". When the game was in the ninth inning he would yell at his teammates, "Come on boys get these guys out, I've got cows to milk". At the old baseball field in Pensacola there was a big beech tree in center field and when Clyde came to bat he would say, "I'm going to rattle the beeches". This became the team's rallying cry. When we were behind and needed a run someone would always say, "Come on, rattle the beeches". Clyde is gone now but thanks to all those wonderful memories he left behind, we will never forget him. I wonder if there are beech trees in Heaven.



- Bob Wilson

### MEMBERS CORNER

We hope you enjoyed The Members Corner in this Quarterly Newsletter. 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 gives 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 include your stories or photos etc. in the next Member's Corner.

Some of you had written to me about submitting articles but unfortunately I had a problem and lost some emails. Please go ahead and re-submit articles with pictures and they will be published in one of our up and coming editions.

Thank you

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