

# FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

## Celebrating Floyd County, Virginia

Fall 2013

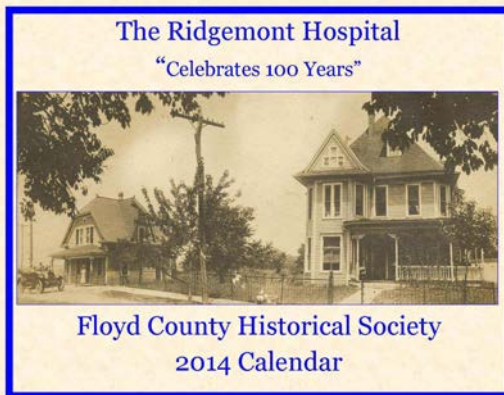
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### 2014 Historical Calendar

The 2014 Calendar "The Ridgemont Hospital Celebrates 100 Years" is now on sale at the Museum and several local merchants. Price is \$10.00 each plus \$2.50 shipping and handling if mailed. Check can be mailed to FCHS, P.O. Box 292, Floyd, VA 24091-0292

### Curtis Turner Program

You are invited to a showing of the film "Hey Pops, The Curtis Turner Story" followed with a talk by Margaret Sue Turner Wright, Curtis' daughter. She will autograph her book "Curtis Turner Racing Stats". Curtis Turner memorabilia will be on display. Please come and share your stories of this famous early NASCAR racing legend and Floyd County native.

Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 10:00 am-noon.

EcoVillage Center, 718 Franklin Pike, Floyd, VA. Directions: off the Old Franklin Pike between Hwy 221 & Shooting Creek Road.



Curtis Turner  
1924-1970

### Ridgemont 100th Birthday Celebration

Mark your calendar for August 16, 2014. We are holding the Ridgemont 100 year Birthday Celebration from 1-4 pm at the Museum. We would like to extend a special invitation to all the descendants of Floyd doctors and the builders to attend. If you would like to help in any way please contact us.

### Hotel Floyd

The Society will be helping to decorate room 114 in the new addition of Hotel Floyd. If you have any ideas, let us know as soon as possible. Deadline for helping decorate the room is March 1, 2014.

## Good Work Genevieve!

A reception was held on October 20 at the Jessie Peterman Library Community Room to honor Genevieve Starkey. She has been one of our leading volunteers and board members for many years. Most of you know her as the “cemetery lady”. She is responsible for compiling the cemetery listings that are on the website. She also served for many years as treasurer of Floyd County Historical Society. We need more dedicated people like her in the world!



Rebecca A. Weeks, FCHS President  
Genevieve C. Starkey, Honoree  
Jean T. Schaeffer, FCHS past president



Genevieve and daughter Leslie

## Museum News

The Smith/Williams Family Exhibit will be on display until December 21 when the Museum closes for the winter months. Do not miss out on this opportunity to view these items. Margaret Smith, Anna Hale and Ileda Shelor did a fantastic job on this exhibit.

Among the new items recently donated to the museum are:

Clara Launnah Taylor Harman’s coverlet was donated by Vesta Harman Phiel from the estate of Alvin and Macie Harman. Some of the squares are shown here.



Many photographs have been donated for scanning by several people. We now have over 6,000 photographs in our archives.

Charles Kingrea donated copies of Dr. Bedsaul's personal writings, drawings and photographs.

Carolyn Coyle donated a skirt and blouse made of flax from the Vaughan Mill which her family owned.

A box containing obituary and newspaper clippings was donated by Ruth Gardner covering 1996-2010.

The Lovins family cape, books, oil lamp, handmade items and Pratt photos were donated by Genevieve Starkey.

Joseph Childress donated a binder of photographs and genealogy on the Lawrence family along with an original oil painting by Dr. Foster of the Young home on Franklin Parkway.

We received a round candlestick table and magazine rack made by Jessie Heafner's father.

Don Lucas donated a rope bed from the William Quinton Lucas and Arminta Florence Craghead Lucas family. Shown are the tools used to tighten the ropes on the bed.



"The Floyd Reporter" newspaper April 25, 1884 was donated by Bob and Janet Peak.

Logan Jennings donated a binder of Genealogy on the Poff Family along with a compact disk of photographs.

Floyd County Historical Society is planning a yard sale November 16 at 217 North Locust Street. If you have anything to donate or can volunteer to help please let us know. 540-745-3247

The Book Committee will be working on the next book "World War II Military of Floyd". We welcome anyone who is interested in helping. If you have photographs or information on Floyd soldiers please contact us.

The Museum is looking for large medical items to be loaned to us for an exhibit in 2014. Call Rhonda if you have any items or questions. 745-3247 or 392-5806 We are still looking for photos of any former Floyd doctors. We also want stories about visits to the doctors of Floyd.

### **Calendar of Events 2013-2014**

- Nov. 9 Floyd County Historical Society Meeting at **Eco Village Center** 718 Franklin Pike, Floyd, VA. No business meeting. 10 am Program and movie "Hey, Pops: The Curtis Turner Story". Speaker will be Margaret Sue Turner Wright, Curtis Turner's daughter.
- Nov. 16 Society Yard Sale 8-12 217 North Locust St. Floyd, VA
- Dec. 1 Floyd Christmas Parade 3 pm
- Dec. 21 Museum closes for winter.
- Jan. 11, 2014 Floyd County Historical Society Meeting at Jacksonville Center- 10 am business meeting- 11 am program- Citizens Centennial Anniversary
- January 2014 Gospel Sing

March 8, 2014 Floyd County Historical Society Meeting at Jacksonville Center - 10 am business meeting- 11 am program- Tom Klatka "Soapstone"

March 27, 2014 Museum Opening Day for the 2014 season

May 10, 2014 Living History Day 10-4 at Phlegar House

August 16, 2014 Ridgemont 100 year Birthday Celebration 1-4 pm at 217 N. Locust

Historical Society Museum. Your gift will be acknowledged and a card will be mailed to the recipient or the recipient's family to let them know of your kindness.

I would like to donate \_\_\_\_\_ in honor of \_\_\_\_\_ in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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Address for acknowledgement  
\_\_\_\_\_

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Mail to Floyd County Historical Society,  
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### **Donations/In Honor of/In Memory of**

A donation to the Floyd County Historical Society in Honor or in Memory of a loved one is a meaningful gift that can make a lasting difference. Every dollar you donate goes directly to support the Floyd County

### **FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.**

Become a Member, renew your membership or donate to the Museum Fund. You can help preserve the history of Floyd County. Our programs include lectures, publications, community outreach and exhibits. The Society maintains an archive of historic artifacts, documents and photographs.

Annual dues are \$15.00 single \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00 family \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_

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**2014 Annual Membership Dues are payable on  
January 1, 2014. No invoice will be sent.**