

FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating Floyd County, Virginia

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FCHS Meeting July 11

Edna Whittier will be the speaker for the FCHS membership meeting July 11 at 11:00 at the Jacksonville Arts Center. She will be talking about her mother, Lucile Lucas who was a "Box Car" nurse during World War II. Business meeting will be at 10:00. Edna currently has a display at the Museum honoring her Mother and WWII nurses.



Enjoying the Mills Bus Tour

Floyd County Historical Society Mills Bus Tour was enjoyed by over 36 people on June 13. This was the first of several excursions planned for the Society. Ricky Cox was our excellent guide. He is shown in the first photo with Gene Vaughan at the beginning of the Vaughan Mill Tour.



Mr. Vaughan was gracious enough to open the Mill to our group. He had an informational table set up for us and even started up the Mill for our group to hear it run. This will probably be the last time the Mill is ever used. Shown is a photo of Mr. Cox and Homer Roberson.



The Roberson Mill was our last stop of the day and we took a group photo in front of the Mill.



Those enjoying the tour included: Sherry Hylton, Buell Hylton, Clayton Moran, Roddy Graham, Allen Nester, Richard Nester, Elaine Little, Gary Cockram, Phillip Sweet, Monica Sweet, Lee Turman, Joyce Thomas, T.L. Turman, Connie Mitchell, Gerald Via, Betty Lineberry, Ricky Cox, Molly Cox, Lowell Boothe, Sue Anne Boothe, Ann Shank, Rhonda Smith, Kim Shively, Ileda Shelor, Al Anderson, Alan Lemming, April Lemming, John Graham, Myra Adams, Leighton Nolen, Marvin Nolen.

Our tour would not have been possible without Brenda Goins, the capable bus driver, shown in this photo with Lowell Boothe.



Current “On Cell” Production

Ann Shank, the facilitator for our innovative program, “On Cell”, has completed the research and recording for this year’s exhibits. When visitors come to the Museum they have the option of learning more details about the exhibits by calling 540-585-3070. Also, persons from anywhere in the United States can call 540-585-3070 and indicate the number of an exhibit for more details. Try calling 540-585-3070 and hear about some of this year’s displays.

- Stop 1. Floyd County Mills
- Stop 2. Ridgemont Hospital
- Stop 3. Dr. F. Clyde Bedsaul
- Stop 4. John Floyd - Surgeon and Governor
- Stop 5. Dr. Silas T. Yeatts
- Stop 6. Dr. Martin Luther Dalton
- Stop 7. Drs. Jabez Masten Harman and Christopher C. Harman
- Stop 8. Nurse's Uniform
- Stop 9. Dr. Benjamin Porter Elliott
- Stop 10. World War II Introduction
- Stop 11. Photographs and Uniforms
- Stop 12. Kelley Memorabilia
- Stop 13. Graham Brothers
- Stop 14. Post-War Elections
- Stop 15. Field Organs
- Stop 16. Lonnie Quesenberry
- Stop 17. 48-star U.S. Flag and Avis H. Cox
- Stop 18. Slusher Sister and Brother
- Stop 19. On-The-Home-Front Memorabilia
- Stop 20. Box Car Nurse
- Stop 21. Roy Jackson Williams, Jr.
- Stop 22. The Floyd Blue Sox
- Stop 23. Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans
- Stop 24. Military History
- Stop 25. Mail Sorting Shelves
- Stop 26. Postmarks and Cancellations

Available Books for sale at the Museum

(add \$3.50 per item for shipping and handling if mailed) Tax is included in price listed.

- “ Mills of Floyd County” by Webb and Cox \$54.00 each
- “Images of America Floyd County” \$23.00 each

“Full Throttle” Curtis Turner by Robert Edelstein \$15.00 each

“Ed & Lizzie Mabry & Their Mill” by Mike Ryan \$17.00 each

“250 Years on the Blue Ridge” Slusher family history by Janet Slusher Keith et al. \$25.00 each

“Birth & Death Records of Floyd County & Zion Lutheran Church Birth Records” by Fluor and Tise \$25.00 each

Heartfelt Appreciation

From Rebecca Weeks, FCHS President

I'm proud to take this time to reflect and give thanks for the many successes we've accomplished so far this year. I attribute our success to the financial contributions we've received along with the support of interested persons. The strength of the Floyd County Historical Society must continue to be an engagement of our board members, volunteers and membership. Even with our success, we cannot be complacent. Our continued vision is to capitalize on opportunities for sharing and preserving Floyd County's rich heritage.

If you know of an idea, project or activity which you could suggest or contribute, please share it with us. Also, if you have a few hours to personally serve through being a docent, help to beautify the outside of the Museum, computer skills, do inside Museum house-keeping chores, research topics from home, or finding and writing grants, please let us know.

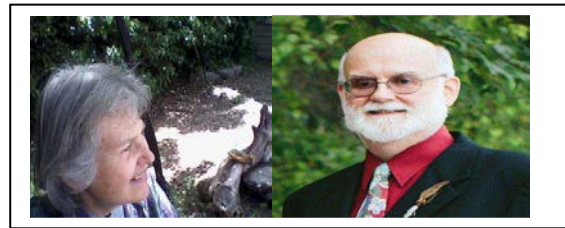
Together we will continue to have much to celebrate as we embark on new historical journeys and experiences.

We salute the following persons for their recent interest, help and volunteer time:

Gerald & Vicky Via, John Graham, Connie & John Mitchell, Ann Shank, Margaret Smith, Joe & Rhonda Smith, Maurice Slusher, Dawn Hale, Janet Keith, Alice Slusher, Mary Dickerson, Ward & Judy Lowrance, Gino Williams, Bert Hatcher, Carolyn Shockley, Dick Giessler, Charles Kingrea, Sue

Quesinberry, Kaye Wilkerson, Jim Dalton, Mary Hannah Dalton, Alvis & Mary Lou Kelley, Jean Schaeffer, Mike Ryan, Ricky & Molly Cox, Julie Hancock, Anna Hale, Reif Bond, Edna Whittier, Myra Adams, Reeves Pogue, Estate of Jessie Tise Heafner, Wanda Combs, Roger Hollandsworth, Floyd County Chamber of Commerce, Bauers-Wall Family Foundation, Town of Floyd, Floyd County Tourism Bureau, and Floyd County School System.

\$500 Art Scholarship awarded to Sara Phillips



Mary Hannah Dalton and Jim Dalton funded an art scholarship award to pay tribute to Roy Jackson Williams Jr., a World War II Floyd County Hero, portrayed in the book **Return from the River Kwai by Joan and Clay Blair, Jr.** (Simon & Schuster 1979)

Mary Hannah is a 1971 graduate of Floyd County High School. She worked for the U.S. Forestry Service from 1979 – 2010 in Alaska, Arizona and Washington fighting fires.

Jim is a 1970 graduate of Floyd County High School, and also graduated from King College and the University of Connecticut, where he received the Ph.D. in psychology. He is retiring this year after teaching at Bloomsburg University in Pennsylvania for 36 years.

\$50.00 award recognition was given to three other seniors for their art entries. They were Amanda Whitlow, Shaquisha Bundick and Kaithyn Houston. All art projects are on display at the Museum along with our Roy Jackson Williams Jr. display.

Society News

There is still much needed work to be done by the book committee in preparation for our next book *World War II Military of Floyd County*. If you have photographs or information on Floyd soldiers during World War II, please contact us.

HELP NEEDED

We are planning a 2016 Calendar highlighting old stores of Floyd no longer in existence. We are soliciting any photographs with information about these stores. Deadline is July 15, 2015.

Calendar of Events 2015

- July 11 FCH Society Meeting 10:00
business 11:00 am program will be
Edna Whittier "Boxcar Nurses of
World War II"
Jacksonville Arts Center
- Sept. 12 FCH Society Meeting 10:00
program will be Paul Collins

"Stories of the Past" Jacksonville Arts Center

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 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.

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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 ___
Museum Fund Amount enclosed _____

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JANUARY 1, 2016 MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASE TO \$20 Individual \$30 Family