

FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating Floyd County, Virginia

Summer 2013

P.O. Box 292

Floyd, VA 24091-0292

<http://www.floydhistoricalsociety.org>

Telephone-540-745-FCHS (3247)

Audio Tour 540-585-3070

Living History Day 2013

Floyd County Historical Society along with Floyd County Historical Preservation Trust and the Floyd County Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee held a successful 2nd Annual Civil War Living History Day at the Phlegar Farm on May 11, 2013.

The weather was poor, but very realistic to what the soldiers had to endure during the war. Plans are already being made for Living History Day May 10, 2014. Mark your calendars!



"Surrendering to Union forces"

Many thanks to our Sons of Confederate Veterans re-enactors who were gracious enough to portray the Union side too.

Did someone loose a pair of glasses at the Living History Day? We found a pair and they can be claimed at the Museum.



Sue Anne Boothe and "Gertie" at the Hamilton Wade 949 United Daughters of the Confederacy table.



Order of the Confederate Rose Lucy Breckinridge Chapter Roanoke, VA



Speaker Chris Hartley, author of "Stoneman's Raid 1865"

Museum News

The Smith/Williams Family Exhibit will be on display until December 21 when the Museum closes for the winter months.



**Miniature trundle bed
handmade by F.P. Smith**



Toy iron and chest of drawers



Handmade cradle

The Bank of Floyd has a project that will be using some of our archives photos.

Among the new items donated to the museum are:

- The late John Dennis Harmon gave us the buggy and saddlebag that his father used to deliver mail.

- Several photos came from the Evans family home on Franklin Pike.
- Algie Martin donated photographs and letters which his parents wrote during World War I.
- Medical journals from Ileda Shelor and Margaret Smith.
- Several scrapbooks of newspaper articles have been loaned by Julian Mitchell's family for us to scan.

We salute our new volunteers at the Museum. Preston Boggess is now in training. Reeves Pogue, Brenda Simonson and Joe Smith are also helping.

Floyd County Historical Society is planning a yard sale this fall and a Gospel Music concert for a fundraiser. Julie Hancock is helping to plan a "plant exchange" day at Phlegar Farm in the spring. We can use help with any of these functions. Look for more information to follow and let us know how you can assist.

The Book Committee will start meeting September 16 at 6:30 pm at the Museum to discuss the next publication. We welcome anyone who is interested in helping to attend the meeting.

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.

2014 Historical Calendar

The 2014 Calendar will celebrate Medical History and past doctors of Floyd County. "Celebrating Ridgemont 100 Years" will be available for sale in October 2013 for \$10.00 each.

Archives Update

The new website will soon be online, thanks to the help of a grant from the Larry Woodrow Vest Foundation. We have a monitor in the hallway showing photographs from the archives. Archives are now being uploaded to the website for all to view. New content is being added, so keep checking to see what is new.

The Archives Committee has inventoried all boxes and items received. They are being placed into our computer program. A "Finding Aid" book in the office has all the individual inventories of items listed. Eventually this "Finding Aid" will be placed online.

Museum is in need of a good used or new archival safe map file cabinet. We have several large maps and photos that need to be placed in a flat archival area to preserve them. If anyone has one to donate we would appreciate it very much.

We are also planning on purchasing a large size scanner for newspapers, legal size paper and other large items, as soon as possible.

Monetary donations can always be made to help purchase these two items.

Change in Meeting Place

The bi monthly meetings of the Floyd County Historical Society are being moved to a new location at the Jacksonville Center. Due to the increase in attendance at the meetings, we are running out of parking space at the Jessie Peterman library. We wish to thank the library for hosting us for all these years. We will continue to work closely with them to preserve and protect the genealogy and history of Floyd. We think

everyone will enjoy the new location. There is plenty of parking, elevator to 2nd floor meeting room and lots of space. After the meeting you can visit the art exhibits at the Jacksonville Center. We are looking forward to working with the Jacksonville Center on projects in the coming years.

Calendar of Events 2013-2014

- Sept. 14 Floyd County Historical Society Meeting at Jacksonville Center- 10 am business meeting- 11 am program will feature speaker Wanda Combs, 122 years of Floyd Press and journalism in Southwest Virginia
- Sept. 16 6:30 pm at Museum -Book Committee Meeting
- Nov. 9 Floyd County Historical Society Meeting at **Eco Village Center** . 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.
- 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
- 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

to the recipient or the recipient's family to let them know of your kindness.

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

I would like to donate _____ in honor of _____ in memory of _____

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

Name of person you want honored or remembered _____

Address for acknowledgement _____

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

Phone _____

Mail to Floyd County Historical Society, P.O. Box 292, Floyd, VA 24091-0292

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 _____

Museum Fund Amount enclosed _____

How do you want to receive your newsletter? _____ email _____ regular mail

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Send to Floyd County Historical Society, P.O. Box 292, Floyd, VA 24091-0292
This is a 501(c) (3) organization and your donation may be tax deductible.

**2013 Annual Memberships are past due.
Did you pay? Don't miss out on any of the news.**

2014 Dues will be payable on January 1, 2014