



Winter 2024

HISTORY MATTERS

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Message from the President...

I've just come from our holiday lunch at the Log Cabin, and needless to say, my tummy is happy. Hospitality Chairwoman Jennifer Boren, with lots of help from her husband Curt and Jeannie Goodwin, treated us to a delicious holiday feast in a beautifully decorated Log Cabin. Vice President Shack Lewis provided the musical accompaniment.



As we start the new year, I want to give a shout out to the City of Alpharetta. Just in the last few months we've partnered with the City to restore the wall around the graves of Susan Key Camp and her husband Russell Davis Garrison. Susan, who died in 1861, was the first person buried in Resthaven Cemetery; Russell was the fourth. Susan's father, Arthur Tarpley Camp, donated land to the City for her burial. Arthur is buried in the Martin-Camp Cemetery. The earliest marked burial there is from 1848, ten years before the creation of Alpharetta. The Martin-Camp Cemetery is gravely (pardon the pun) endangered. I hope the Historical Society can work with the City to save this important resting place for some of our city's earliest residents.

While we're on the subject of cemeteries, several years ago the City Council took steps to protect the McGinnis Family Cemetery. The land on which it is located was purchased by developers. The City made protection of the cemetery a requirement for approval of any building project. The land has recently been sold to The Providence Group which plans to develop a condominium community. Clint Walters, the Director of Land Acquisition for the Providence Group, recently reached out to me. We will be working with the landscape architect for the project to see that the cemetery is protected with appropriate fencing and landscaping. Plans also call for improving access to the cemetery.

In late November we began filming a documentary that the City is funding with some financial assistance from the Historical Society. The documentary will tell the story of the Bailey-Johnson School and the historically Black community that surrounded it. We hope that as we reach out to people who lived in the area and make them aware of our interest in preserving their history that they will allow us to copy their photos and documents for our Archives.

Now that the MOU with the City has been signed, the City is paying for the utilities at the Log Cabin. We are indeed fortunate to have such a wonderful partnership with Alpharetta.

For many years we've been fortunate to have Jeannie Goodwin managing the Mansell House. Jeannie announced several months ago that she would be retiring on December 31st. We thank her for all that she has done for the Society and wish her all the best in her retirement.

Happy New Year.

Pat

~Pat Miller
AOMCHS President

Upcoming Programs – Winter 2024

Members and visitors are all invited! *Evening programs during the winter months will be held at the Mansell House.*

January 18, 2024 at the Mansell House, 7pm

Hembree House Update

Brandy Kirschner, who is remodeling the Hembree House, will be the presenter.

February 15, 2024 - Field Trip 9:15am

Smith Plantation

Join us as we tour the historic Smith Plantation in Roswell. We'll meet at the Mansell House at 9:15am to carpool. The cost is \$16 for the docent-led guided tour. We'll enjoy lunch together after the tour. The lunch location will be announced at a later date.

March 2024

The March membership program will be announced at a later date.

Happy Birthday!

<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>
1/3 Richard Plumer	2/2 Charlie Russell	3/1 Christina Blum
1/5 Bill Pool	2/5 Jeannie Goodwin	3/7 Joan Borzilleri
1/9 Myrna Gibson	2/5 Joanne Hall-Hellen	3/9 Patricia <u>Bailie</u>
1/11 Mary Lee	2/18 Ray Durham	3/18 Ellen Haynie
1/14 Janice Talluto	2/22 Kimberly Roddy	3/23 Philip Houston
1/22 Carol Houston	2/25 Sandy Brennan	
1/22 Carole Pool	2/25 Kathleen	
1/26 Daniel Fernandez	Hollingsworth	
1/29 Selma Merbaum	2/25 Shack Lewis	
	2/26 Jane Lusk	
	2/28 H. Thomas Blum	
	2/28 Ann Durham	



Welcome New Members!

Laura Best (Happy birthday March 19th!)
Tony and Lauren Hill

Clare Mansell
Mary Ellen Merriam

From Our Past

This excerpt is taken from the November 1990 Society newsletter *FOOTPRINTS THROUGH MILTON*.

Remember Alpha Soda? 😊

for an opening celebration by...

CHRISTMAS DINNER: As President JoAnn mentioned in her letter on the first page, our annual Christmas dinner (Dutch Treat) is set for Thursday, December 13, at 7:30 p.m., at the Alpharetta Soda, 181 Norcross Street, Suite 902 in the Alpharetta Crossing Shopping Center.

Also known as Alpha Soda, the restaurant was purchased by Harry and Joyce Thigpen in July of 1986. Its first owner was our beloved charter member, Louie E. Jones (deceased) who opened the restaurant in 1920 in the old Teasley Hotel (we think), where our Old Milton City Park is now. Later the restaurant was moved to the location Alpharetta Florist now occupies. (That's when I first remember it, Anne). Then it moved to the City Hall Building. It's fourth location was right behind Alpha Drugs. Mr. Thigpen stated Alpha Soda is now in its fifth location since 1920, and that it is thought to be the oldest continuous business in Alpharetta. He said I might get further information from our member, Charlie Phillips. (See below,)

Harry Thigpen is a native of Alpharetta and attended Milton High School. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1949 and retired from service in 1969. He, with his wife, Joyce (formerly of Acworth) moved to Alpharetta in 1974..back to God's country.

Their restaurant, always a popular eating place for years, is even more widely used in 1990 as a place for friends to just get together, as well as for business meetings, etc. The food is excellent, with Southern country cooking their specialty. They have a choice of from two to five meats and a variety of vegetables. They can seat 150 people and plan to begin banquet service soon.

Alpha Soda's prices are reasonable, the atmosphere is great, and the food exceptional. We need to know by December 5 if you can attend so we can tell Joyce and Harry how many to provide for. To enable us to do this please phone Nelle or Mary Ann as soon as possible and tell them how many will be in your party. Let's make this our best attended dinner yet by all of us being there. Please make a special effort and join us.

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After talking to Mr. Thigpen, at his suggestion I called Charlie Phillips who said that Louie E. Jones owned Alpharetta Drug Company before 1920, and established the first funeral home in 1925. Mr. Ken Willis, when owner of Alpharetta Drug Company named the restaurant portion Alpha Soda. Alpharetta Drug Company was first in the location where Alpharetta Florist is.

Mansell House News

Great Part-time Job Available

Jeannie Goodwin's retirement has created a vacancy for the Mansell House Coordinator. We are looking for someone who can keep the Mansell House open to the public from 10:00am to 2:00pm two days a week. In addition to these 8 hours, this person will also be paid to attend Mansell House events, most of which will be on weekends. We also hope to hire some assistants who will attend events at the house when the Coordinator is not available.

If you have a flexible schedule, an interest in history, and a love of party planning, this could be the perfect job for you. If you're interested, please contact Pat Miller at ptatumiller@gmail.com.

~Pat Miller

From Our Historian


In the 1930s, Jeff Upshaw owned and operated this gasoline station which was located on Old Roswell Street just south of the Trammell, Waters, and Oliver buildings. Shown left to right are Mick Bailey, Hack Bailey, Jeff Upshaw, Madge Jackson, Clifford Smith, and unidentified.

~Connie Mashburn



Pages from the June, 1941, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co., Inc., telephone directory. (courtesy of Carla Ebright)

28 Ads—Mos ALPHARETTA †Subscribers Reached Through Farmers Ex.



GULF
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ALPHARETTA GULF SERVICE STATION
R. E. DAY, Owner

WASHING LUBRICATION TIRES BATTERIES ROAD SERVICE

DIAL
4601
RES. DIAL
4761

ALPHARETTA, GA.

TELEPHONE SERVICE AND EMERGENCY CALLS

Long Distance Dial Operator

Information—Numbers Not Listed in Directory—
Dial Operator and ask for Information

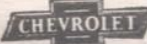
Repair Service—Reporting a Telephone Out of Order—
Dial Operator and ask for Repair Service

Business Transactions With the Company—
Dial Operator and ask for Business Office

For the Telephone Number or Address of the Nearest Federal Bureau of
Investigation Office..... Dial Operator and ask for Information

For Instructions on How to Use the Dial Telephone See Preceding Page.

<p>Adams H R r 4411</p> <p>Alexander Myrtle Miss r 4984</p> <p>Alpharetta Gulf Ser Sta 4601</p> <p>Andrews A H r Upper Crabapple rd 4593</p> <p>Bagley Jas M r 4311</p> <p>Bagwell F F r 4196</p> <p>Bagwell R W r 4441</p> <p>Barnett W H r 4354</p> <p>Bates W N Groc Co 4041</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin: 5px 0;"> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">BATES W N GROCERY CO Meats - Groceries - Vegetables Fish - Poultry - Free Deliveries</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">4041</p> </div> <p>Bennett J R r 4971</p> <p>Bowen Robert L r 4193</p> <p>BRADY C P & SONS 4501</p> <p>Brady Loyal B r 4161</p> <p>Broadwell Eli r 4851</p> <p>Broadwell Jno B r Crabapple rd 4695</p> <p>Broadwell N H r Crabapple rd 4891</p> <p>Broadwell W T r Upper Crabapple rd 4594</p> <p>Brooks T H r 4356</p> <p>Brumblow B B r 4884</p> <p>Brumblow O L r 4882</p> <p>Buck's Svc Station 4171</p> <p>Buice H A r Birmingham rd 4795</p> <p>Buice Leonard r Birmingham rd 4796</p> <p>Burgess Reul r 4811</p> <p>Carroll T L r 4131</p> <p>Chester Floyd r Main 4101</p> <p>Christopher H J r 4294</p> <p>Coalson E W r 4571</p> <p>Cobb D H Jr r 4371</p> <p>Crisler W S Crabapple rd 4897</p> <p>Day R E r 4761</p> <p>DeLany H E r Hopewell rd 4091</p> <p>DeVore Fred r Crabapple rd 4693</p> <p>Dildy Joel L r 4861</p> <p>Dodd J M r 4295</p> <p>Dodd L A r Hopewell rd 4197</p> <p>Dodd Zelma Miss r Hopewell rd 4194</p> <p>Dorris W D r Crabapple rd 4692</p>	<p>Eison V E r 4821</p> <p>Elkins P L r 4281</p> <p>Ellis A G r 4293</p> <p>Ellis J A r 4351</p> <p>Ellis J M r 4352</p> <p>Erwin W T r Birmingham rd 4793</p> <p>Ferrell Bill r 4886</p> <p>Fulton Chenille Co 4401</p> <p>Fulton County Convict Camp 4111</p> <p>Fulton Soda Co 4841</p> <p>Gardner Nannie Miss r 4421</p> <p>Gibbs J E r Hopewell rd 4095</p> <p>Gorman O G r 4883</p> <p>Henderson T W r Hopewell rd 4096</p> <p>Holcombe A C r Crabapple rd 4691</p> <p>Hook Mary G Miss r Canton 4731</p> <p>Hunnicuttt J B r Crabapple rd 4896</p> <p>Johnson Groc Co 4301</p> <p>Johnson J S r 4151</p> <p>Jones E F r 4911</p> <p>Jones E Roy r 4353</p> <p>Jones G W groc 4581</p> <p>Jones Louie E r 4431</p> <p>Krogh J I r Crabapple rd 4698</p> <p>Lively Groc Store 4701</p> <p>Loner J H r 4885</p> <p>Lowry Beauty Shoppe 4842</p> <p>Maddox C E r 4801</p> <p>Manning B F r 4541</p> <p>Manning J H r 4341</p> <p>Manning R D r 4531</p> <p>Manning S N r 4741</p> <p>Martin W D r 4931</p> <p>McCollum W F Mrs r 4261</p> <p>Methodist Parsonage 4671</p> <p>Moore B E r Marietta 4452</p> <p>Morris J L Dr ofc 4361</p> <p>Morris J L Dr r 4831</p> <p>Moss C L r Hopewell rd 4094</p>
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SALES SERVICE

C. P. BRADY & SONS

ALPHARETTA, GA.
DIAL 4501
Night No. 4161

WRECKER SERVICE



PRODUCTS

Photo credit: Carla Ebright

Member Spotlight Bonnie Steadman

Bonnie Robertson Steadman was born in Philadelphia, PA and lived there until she was 16 years old. She's lived in Florida, Nashville, TN, Charlotte, NC, and Alpharetta. She graduated from Satellite High School in Satellite Beach on Florida's Space Coast and the University of South Florida where she majored in Elementary Education and Spanish.

Bonnie has two sons: Drew and Ryan. Drew is a full colonel in the U.S. Army, stationed in Brussels, Belgium. He served two years as Military Aide to President Barack Obama and is now a liaison between the U.S. Army and NATO. He has been deployed six times. He is married with two daughters, ages ten and eleven. Ryan is a former Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army. He has been deployed four times. He's currently in his last year of a doctoral program in Psychology specializing in Military Mental Health. He's married with a two-month-old daughter.

Bonnie has had a varied and interesting career. She worked as a legal secretary and paralegal for over twenty years. She owned a Home Daycare Center for fourteen years earning high honors and certifications. She studied geology for two years in college and worked four summers in Wyoming digging dinosaur fossils. She has dug and found dinosaur fossils around world.

Bonnie enjoys horseback riding, genealogy, trivia, and geology—specifically volcanoes,

earthquakes, and fossils. She joined the Belle Meade Hunt Club in Thomson, GA in 1971 and received her Colors in 1975. The club members hunt hounds and jump fences on horseback. They also chase coyotes that are a nuisance to farmers.



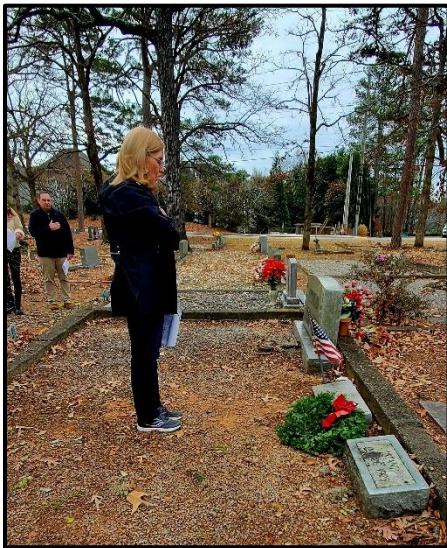
Bonnie has given back to her community, both locally and nationally, through her membership in several organizations. She is a past president of the Blue Star Military Support Group where she has been a member for the past fourteen years. They support veterans and their families when they are deployed. They send Christmas stockings full of books, toiletries, and games and send socks two times a year. She is also a member of the DAR—Daughters of the American Revolution where she is Chair of Military Support, awarding JROTC cadets with scholarships and ribbons. Bonnie has chaired the Alpharetta Historical Preservation Commission for the last four years. The Commission works to save historic sites and houses in the Alpharetta area.

Bonnie is a Past President of the Alpharetta and Old Milton County Historical Society and currently serves on the Board. She was previously the Membership Committee Chair and is currently serving as the Chair of the Preservation Committee.

We appreciate all of Bonnie's hard work serving her community through both civic organizations and her work on the Board of the AOMCHS!

Wreaths Across America

This year on December 16th, the Alpharetta and Old Milton County Historical Society joined again with the Patriots of Liberty Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) to participate in Wreaths Across America. All across the country at 12noon, holiday wreaths were placed on veterans' graves to honor and remember those that have served in our military. There were over 200 volunteers this year from the community that participated at the eight cemeteries that the DAR sponsored. The AOMCHS members were among those that volunteered at several cemeteries to not only lay wreaths but help facilitate and prepare leading up to the event. Our members also purchased wreaths to make sure that all 275 veterans' graves were honored with a wreath this year. Jennifer Boren, the WAA Location Coordinator, reported that this year's event was such a success that next year the DAR plans to add more cemeteries. Pictures include AOMCHS members Jackie Angel, Jennifer Boren, Janice Cronan, and Lynna Lee. Ed Malowney and Pat Miller also participated.



Janice Cronan



Jennifer Boren and grandsons



Lynna Lee and Jackie Angel (far right)



Lynna Lee

(Photos courtesy of Jackie Angel and Jennifer Boren)

Cemetery News

World War II Veteran Horace Martin Remembered with a Grave Marker



Jennifer Boren, 3rd from left, and Kim Roddy, 4th from left in back, AOMCHS members
(Photo courtesy of Jennifer Boren)

As we all know, Veterans Day was established as a national holiday by Congress in 1954 to honor and thank the veterans, both living and dead, who have served their country with honor, valor, and self-sacrifice since 1775 to this day. It has been the privilege of the Patriots of Liberty Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution to go to Pineview Cemetery for the last six years and mark with American flags the final resting place of the veterans buried there.

There was one grave site that we have honored each year, Horace Martin, a World War II veteran, who had no headstone or foot marker. His grave was marked with a small metal stake with his name barely readable on the insert card. Pineview's trustee, Jon Walker, had informed me that Mr. Martin had no family left in this area. It troubled me over the years that although we had not forgotten Mr. Martin, his gravesite was not properly marked.

I submitted a form with a written explanation of the situation to the Veterans Affairs agency with supporting documentation. The VA, to its great credit, shipped a new military foot marker, which we dedicated on November 10th with a ceremony and installation. Over twenty people attended from the community.

I would like to echo President Lincoln's words "that it is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this, as we will not forget. These honored veterans' names will live on and their service will be honored as long as the American flag flies over these great United States."

*~Jennifer Boren
Wreaths Across America Chairman*

Upshaw Gravesite Lamp

In the late 1960s, legend has it, John Teasley Upshaw had a gas lamp installed next to the grave of his late wife, Ruth Summerour Upshaw, as she was always afraid of the dark. Sometime after John passed away in 1974, the gas lamp was disconnected and no longer looked after.

In 2023, efforts were made to rejuvenate some of Resthaven Cemetery. The Upshaw Lamp was a prime candidate for refurbishment. The gas lamp was dismantled and a new solar power lamp was installed on the original post. Ruth can rest peacefully again with her light in the darkness renewed.



(Old Upshaw gravesite lamp now in the AOMCHS archives)

The Alpharetta Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Services team was honored to update this piece of history in coordination with the Alpharetta & Old Milton County Historical Society. The retired gas lamp has been donated to the AOMCHS archives at the Log Cabin to be cleaned and put on display.

*~Daniel Dominique
City of Alpharetta*



(New Upshaw gravesite lamp)

(Photos courtesy of Daniel Dominique and Kim Manning, City of Alpharetta)

Garrison Gravesite at Resthaven



(Photo courtesy of Kim Manning, Cultural Services Mgr, City of Alpharetta)

In the last few months, the AOMCHS has partnered with the City of Alpharetta to restore the wall around the graves of Susan Key Camp and her husband Russell Davis Garrison. Susan, who died in 1861, was the first person buried in Resthaven Cemetery; Russell was the fourth. Susan's father, Arthur Tarpley Camp, donated land to the City for her burial. Using funds from both the city and AOMCHS, the city has completed the restored wall. Thank you city of Alpharetta!

Resthaven Beautification

The city of Alpharetta has recently installed several benches in Resthaven cemetery and are installing planters at the entrance.



(Photo courtesy of Daniel Dominique, City of Alpharetta)



The city of Alpharetta Cultural Services Department has a wealth of information about local history. Be sure to check it out!

- Historical Online Tour Story Map of Alpharetta History – take a look at Alpharetta’s History and Historical Markers through an online interactive story map at:
<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/f37f45610ba94828a4029e81f3e92462>
- Much more Alpharetta history can be found at:
<https://www.alpharetta.ga.us/government/departments/recreation-parks/cultural-services/alpharetta-history>
- The Cultural Services Department/AOMCHS is looking to add to the Story Map tour and is looking for help gathering any information on the following. Anything that the public has to share would be greatly appreciated. The locations are:
 - Pineview Cemetery
 - The Spence House
 - Old Milton courthouse
 - Any other historical information or photos about any/all of the sites listed on the online tour (see link above) would be greatly appreciated.



The Cultural Services Department is giving the information area at the Crabapple Silos a much-needed facelift. Any information the community might have in regard to the old farm property or the history of the Silos would be great to add to our research for this project.

If you have information on any of the above to share, please email ptatumiller@gmail.com

Upcoming Camps at the Log Cabin

Camp registration can be found here: <https://www.alpharetta.ga.us/government/publications/recreation-parks-activity-guides>

Winter Classes @FAA Log Cabin

FUN WITH FIBER With Sarika Jaswani

"Fun with Fiber" is a program spread over 7 weeks that includes learning of beginning, intermediate to advanced levels of crochet courses with guidance from an American Craft Council certified instructor.

AGE: 13+

COST: \$50 Resident / \$75 Non-Resident

FEE: \$25 supply fee payable to the instructor at the first day of class

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Jan 6–Feb 17	Sat	1:15–2:15pm	31458

IRISH MUSIC & DANCE FOR KIDS!

A fun way to start learning more about instrumental folk music and dance. We will start learning the Irish tin whistle, the bodhrán (Irish drum) and sing traditional Irish songs. All music is taught by ear. We'll also explore Irish myths, the Irish language and the basics steps of Irish dancing.

COST: \$175 Resident / \$262.50 Non-Resident

AGE: 8–11

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Jan 8–Mar 4 (skip 1/15, 2/19)	Mon	6–6:45pm	31546

IRISH MUSIC CLASS FOR FIDDLE, FLUTE, PIANO

This is class musicians that play violin, flute or piano and are interested learning traditional Irish Music. Music is taught both by ear and with sheet music. Students will build a basic tune repertoire of jigs, reels etc. while learning standard ornamentation. At the end students will be able to play an Irish session or Ceili dance. You must bring your instrument.

COST: \$175 Resident / \$262.50 Non-Resident

AGE: 12+

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Jan 8–Mar 4 (skip 1/15, 2/19)	Mon	7–7:50pm	31446



CÉILÍ DANCING: SOCIAL DANCE FOR ADULTS

Ceili Dance is a form of social dancing for teens and adults. Join us to learn the most popular dances such as The Walls of Limerick, Siege of Ennis, Haymaker's Jig, etc. Some dances are with two lines, a line of women facing men and other dances are performed in a circle. A fun and popular form of social dancing in America and Ireland for all ages.

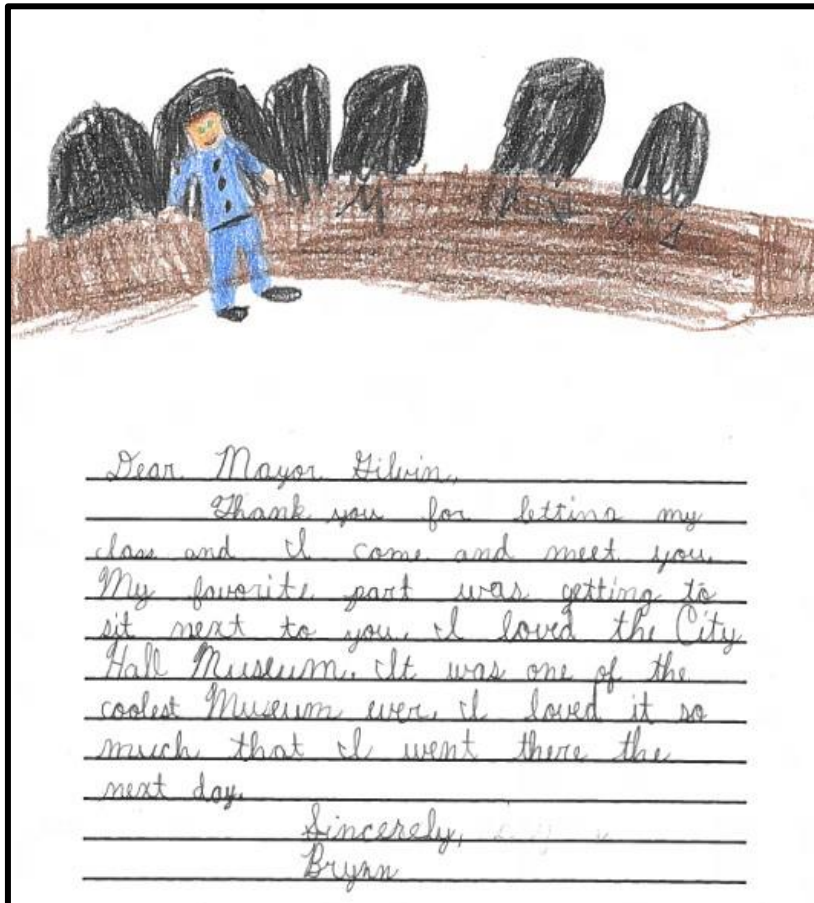
COST: \$175 Resident / \$262.50 Non-Resident

AGE: 16+

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Jan 8–Mar 4 (skip 1/15, 2/19)	Mon	8–9pm	31450

Alpharetta History Museum

The Alpharetta History Museum at City Hall often has groups visit to tour the museum. Groups are both adults and students. Recently, a group of elementary students toured the museum and one of the students sent a very sweet note to Alpharetta Mayor Jim Gilvin after the visit. Thank you to Alpharetta Cultural Services Manager Kim Manning for sharing it with the Society. The museum is a joint project of the city and the Historical Society and is dedicated to Connie Mashburn, our AOMCHS Historian. The museum is open to the public (and free!) Monday – Thursday from 8:30am-5:30pm and Friday from 8:30am-4:30pm.



Out and About in Alpharetta with Ben Hollingsworth

There was no winner for Ben's question in the Fall newsletter.

The photo was taken on Old Milton Parkway asking what the significance of the street name "Kingry Lane" in front of the Alpharetta Post Office was, which was a clue. The street was named in honor of Phil Kingry who served as Postmaster of Alpharetta from 1984 to 1999.

For this issue, Ben wants to see who remembers these two houses that are now gone and what is now in that location. It was a big change for Alpharetta.



Where were these two houses located and what is now in that location? Send your answers to Ben at bhollyart@comcast.net Get the answer right and you'll get a "shout out" in our next newsletter!

~Ben Hollingsworth



(Photos courtesy of Ben Hollingsworth)

Membership Programs

Fall Recap

October 2023

Panel Discussion – *Alpharetta Like It Used to Be*

The panel featured longtime area residents who told us what it was like growing up in Alpharetta in “the good old days.” The oldest panelist was 92 year old Elsie Knight, who along with her late husband Howard, was among the founding members of our society. Other panelists were Connie Mashburn, Shack Lewis, Jim Spruell, and Janice Cronan. Two “Johnny Come Latelys,” Jackie Angel and Pat Miller, also joined the panel. Jackie, who retired from Milton High School after teaching for 35 years at both the old and new campuses, chaired the school’s 100th anniversary celebration. In the process she learned a lot about the area’s history. Pat grew up in Brookhaven, but her father’s family was from Alpharetta and Roswell. Because of them it’s become a joke that she’s related to everyone. Below are a few of the questions asked by moderator Lynn Sickeler and the answers she got:

How is Alpharetta different now? Connie: “Traffic was a lot better back then!” Pat showed a picture of Haynes Bridge Road when it was a dirt road.

What did you do for fun? “Drive-In theatre”

Where did you go on dates? Elsie: “Well, we’d go to church.”

Nelda Hill from the audience said, “You had to be careful who you married because you were related to most people!”

What was your favorite part about growing up in Alpharetta? Elsie: “I loved every minute of growing up here. I lived near my extended family and they were my favorite people.”



(Photo courtesy of Jackie Angel)

November 2023

Field Trip – Barrington and Bulloch Halls concluding with lunch together



Barrington Hall

It was a beautiful day as a docent led us through Barrington Hall, the home of Barrington King, who was the son of Roswell King for whom the city of Roswell was named. The building sits on seven acres in downtown historic Roswell. Members of the King family lived in and preserved Barrington Hall for more than 160 years, from 1838 until 2005 when it was acquired by the city.



Barrington Hall

We also took a docent-led tour of Bulloch Hall which is also on the square in historic Roswell. It was built in 1839 by Major James Stephens Bulloch, one of Roswell's first settlers, and was the childhood home of his daughter Mittie Bulloch. On December 22, 1853, Mittie married Theodore Roosevelt Sr. at Bulloch Hall. The couple became the parents of Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th President of the United States.



← Bulloch Hall →

(Photos courtesy of Jackie Angel)



December 2023

Holiday Luncheon at the Log Cabin

The Log Cabin was beautifully decorated by Hospitality Chair Jennifer Boren, her husband Curt, and Jeannie Goodwin. Live music was provided by VP Shack Lewis, and there was fun, fellowship, and of course delicious food.



(Photos courtesy of Jennifer Boren and Pat Miller)

Autumn in Alpharetta

Autumn in Alpharetta is beautiful. Amongst many activities, there are music festivals and the Scarecrow Festival. The weather cools down enough to pleasantly walk through the city. That's what Pat Miller and I did on a beautiful afternoon in October after having lunch on the city green. We started the morning by viewing a quilt show in the Community Room at city hall featuring the work of the Chattahoochee Evening Stars quilting group. Then we led a Dunwoody Women's Group through the Alpharetta History Museum. Visiting the museum is always a fun and interesting time. Afterwards, we enjoyed a delicious lunch at *Never Enough Thyme* then, while enjoying each other's company, we walked among some of the very interesting scarecrows. We did all this without ever leaving the Alpharetta City Center! Enjoy some of the scenes from our day below. 😊

~Jackie Angel



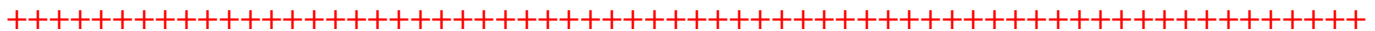


(Photos courtesy of Jackie Angel)

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Reminder: Membership dues are paid annually and ensure you stay on our roster and receive all society communication and news. Dues are used to help with the Society's expenses. Dues are \$20 for a single membership and \$30 for a family membership. Current members who are 80 years old and older are designated as *Lifetime Members* and no longer need to pay a membership renewal fee. Dues can be paid online at <https://form.jotform.com/223174503583151>, in person by cash or check at our monthly membership meetings, or by mailing a check to:

AOMCHS Treasurer/Kim Roddy
Mansell House
1835 Old Milton Parkway
Alpharetta, GA 30009



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