



Fall 2026

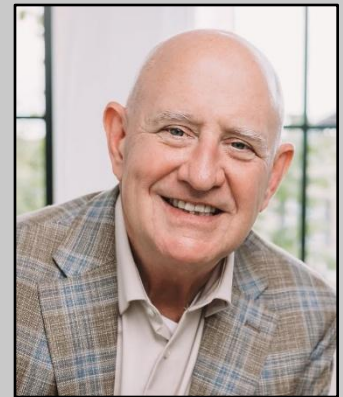
HISTORY MATTERS

Fall 2026

Message from the President

Dear Members and Friends of the Alpharetta and Old Milton County Historical Society,

As your newly elected president, I am filled with a profound sense of duty, commitment, and excitement. Growing up on Canton Street in Downtown Alpharetta, I walked and rode my bike on the same streets that hold our rich history, where memories of my childhood linger in the shadows of our cherished old homes, with visions of tree forts and playgrounds. My parents still reside in the 1890 house I grew up in, a testament to our community's resilience and heritage.



I am dedicated to preserving our local history and the stories encapsulated within our archives and museum. And to retelling the stories of the ones that came before us that made that history great. Following in the footsteps of my esteemed predecessors and mentors, Ed Malowney and Pat Miller, I aspire to elevate our society to the next level by gussying up the MHS FFA Log Cabin and Mansell House, vital venues for our community events. I want to cultivate even stronger bonds with the City of Alpharetta and forge meaningful partnerships with our local businesses. I want us to be here for our citizens that want to learn more and dig deeper into our shared past.

As we begin a new season for the AOMCHS, I want to emphasize the importance of our volunteers and board members, the heart and soul of our society. Their enthusiasm and dedication are priceless, and I am committed to making our work not just significant but enjoyable.

Together, let us celebrate and safeguard our remarkable heritage.

Thank you,

Shack

*~Shack Lewis
AOMCHS President*

Upcoming Programs

The Society organizes and presents monthly programs that explore and celebrate our history as well as highlight interesting topics with accomplished presenters. We expect our members to attend and always extend a welcome to anyone who wants to attend! The programs are free and open to the public and delicious refreshments are served. See you soon with your friends and neighbors!

October 15th: *A Victorian Halloween: Creatures and Myths* at the Log Cabin. Presenter: Dr. Phillip Guerty, Ph.D., Assoc. Professor of History at the University of North Georgia. Using stories, Dr. Guerty will examine how Victorians understood a rapidly changing world. He'll use newspapers, fiction, occult publications, and photography to show how old supernatural beliefs survived.

November 15th: *Cookies and story time with Santa and Mrs. Claus* at the Mansell House. You and/or the kids in your life can get your picture made with Santa at the historic Mansell House which will be decorated beautifully for the Holidays!

December 6th: *Annual Holiday Luncheon* at the Log Cabin. Join us for a traditional holiday meal.

Happy Birthday!

OCTOBER

10/2: Cindy Hogan
10/3: Bob Meyers
10/5: Lynn Sickeler
10/9: Donna Loudermilk
10/10: Doug Ross
10/11: Evan Duffy
10/16: Tim Worley
10/22: Janice Cronan
10/25: Margy Cadwell
10/30: Connie Mashburn

NOVEMBER

11/10: Jackie Angel
11/10: Pat Miller
11/17: Dick Freeman
11/18: Fewah Kashian
11/20: Joan Compton
11/22: Travis Marks
11/24: Charlie Reavis
11/29: Fredrik Andersson

DECEMBER

12/7: Carolyn Fouts



We love to celebrate our members! If you'd like us to wish you a happy birthday via our newsletter, please email your name and birthdate to Bonnie Steadman at bsteady11@gmail.com or Lynn Sickeler at lynnsickeler@comcast.net

Welcome New Members

Marilyn and Richard Amundeen
Charlene Covey
Fewah Kashian
Emily and Scott Moore

We're always looking to add new members! Invite your friends, neighbors, and co-workers to join. Individual memberships are \$20 and family memberships are \$30. A membership form can be found at www.aomchs.org

Member Spotlight

Bob Meyers

Bob Meyers is a recent addition to our AOMCHS Board of Directors as a trustee.

Bob has deep roots in Georgia but also has lived in other parts of the world.

His mother, Fanny Shirley, was born on a farm in Alpharetta where Lake Windward is today. Her father, James Wright Shirley, wanted his children to have an education and sent his daughter to Young Harris College where she obtained a business degree.

Bob's father Edward Meyers was from Massachusetts and was a student at Ohio State University when his parents refused to let him join a fraternity. He was angry, got in his car, and headed south. How he ended up in Atlanta is not known, but when looking for a job he walked into the headquarters of a women's millinery company where Bob's mother was an assistant to the CEO. The two met and the rest is history.

Bob's mother had nine brothers and sisters. One of her sisters, Lillian, married a farmer named Earl Mansell. Earl's father built what is today known as the Mansell House, currently located in Wills Park and managed by the Society. Lillian and Earl's four boys were raised in the house which Bob visited almost every summer as a young boy, traveling by train from New Jersey to Atlanta. Bob stayed in the Mansell house during his visits. He can point out his bedroom to you.

Bob is the author and photographer of three coffee table books, *Bygone Treasures and Timeless Beauties - Barns of Old Milton County, Irish Pubs*

in America - History, Lore and Recipes, and most recently *Celebrating Backyard Birds*.

His professional career was split evenly between the US Foreign Service and the private sector. As a diplomat for 20 years, he served in Latin America (Panama, Peru, and Chile) and Europe (Belgium and Switzerland) He served as U.S. Spokesman and negotiator at the Tokyo Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations in Geneva, Switzerland which included 100 nations and lasted five years. Bob was Director of the U.S. Foreign Press Centers in Washington, DC and New York City and was Special Assistant to the White House Staff Director during the final year of the Carter Administration. He also served in the U.S. Army medical corps.



In the private sector, Bob was responsible for global employee communications for AlliedSignal (now Honeywell) and served as Vice-President of Corporate Communications and Investor Relations for Scientific-Atlanta, (now Cisco).

Bob gave glassblowing demonstrations at Stone Mountain Park for 12 years. He has a BA from the University of Colorado and an MA in Political Science from UCLA.

For the past four years, Bob has written a weekly column on local history for Appen Media's seven newspapers in North Fulton and Forsyth County.

Bob and his wife Linda, a native of West Virginia, have two daughters and three grandchildren. All family members live in Alpharetta or other nearby North Fulton communities.

From the Archives

Archives Department Hours

Tuesday/Thursday: 10:30AM - 2:30PM

We love visits and requests for research assistance on a drop-in basis, but requests for *extensive research* can only be granted by appointment only. We are happy to assist with research, based on our availability. We can be contacted at:

aomchsarchives@gmail.com

Phone #: 770-231-7158

Archives Volunteers Needed

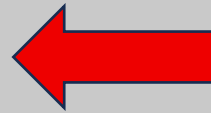
We are currently seeking volunteers. Anyone who is interested in volunteering their time on a Tuesday or Thursday is encouraged to contact us via email at aomchsarchives@gmail.com

If you, or anyone you know, would like to volunteer on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30am-2:30pm (or just one of those days) please let us know. We are grateful for anyone who can join us.

We have a lot of fun AND do important work preserving our community's past.

aomchsarchives@gmail.com

770-231-7158



We need help identifying the people pictured here with Georgia Governor George Busbee (man in grey suit) who served from 1975-1983. To make sure our artifacts are accurate and labeled correctly to aid in research purposes, we need to add these names. If you can identify any of the people, please contact us at the Archives number or email address above.

Thank you!

What's New in the Archives?

This past summer, our internship program was blessed to have three individuals who were eager to learn about our local history and how our archival museum operates. One intern returned from last year, and it was exciting to see a familiar face and provide opportunities to develop new skills based on their goals.

We had a fabulous group of interns this year, representing three different schools! I am very proud of what they accomplished in such a short period of time and the help they provided.

Each week after lunch, the Log Cabin summer campers visited the Archives museum to learn about a different artifact. These visits allowed the interns to practice public speaking and share the knowledge they had gained throughout the program.

We are currently seeking volunteers. Anyone who is interested in volunteering their time on a Tuesday or Thursday is encouraged to contact us via email at aomchsarchives@gmail.com

~Kim Woods



Featured Artifact from the Archives

This month's featured artifact was a very popular item among the summer campers—a toy pinball machine donated by Nancy Philips.

The machine dates to the 1930s–1940s and was made by Northwestern Products in St. Louis, Missouri. It is constructed from glass and wood, with metal balls that travel through the playfield.

The original product name is “Poosh-M-Up-Big 5.”

~Kim Woods

Looking Back
with Historian Connie Mashburn

The Beginning of Milton High Football

In the fall of 1949, Milton High School hired Victor B. Hansard to modernize the school and establish a sports program. A Carrollton native and University of Georgia graduate, Hansard had coached at several Georgia schools, including West Fulton, whose 1947 football team won a state championship. During World War II, he served in the Navy and commanded an LST in the Pacific. He was 37 when he came to Milton.

Hansard hired 27-year-old Gus Letchas to build the school's sports program. A Thomasville native and son of Greek immigrants, Letchas excelled in four sports and became known as the "Thomasville Express." Recruited by Georgia coach Wally Butts, Letchas became a Georgia football letterman in 1941. His college career was interrupted by World War II, and he served in the Navy, playing football on base teams. After the war, the Boston Yanks drafted him, but he declined to sign and returned to UGA to complete his education degree.

Before the start of the 1950-51 school year, Hansard hired James Phillips, a recent University of Georgia graduate, to coach basketball and assist with other sports.

Milton High played its first football game on September 22, 1950. The game was described in these two pages of the school's newspaper, *School Echoes*.

SCHOOL ECHOES

Vol. III No. 1

Alpharetta, Ga.

September 1950



MILTON EAGLES LOOSE 14-0 TO ROSWELL HORNETS

Friday night September 22, the Milton Eagles met the Roswell Hornets on the home grounds.

James Wall kicked off for Roswell in the starting of the game. The Eagles held the Hornets for three quarters and in the fourth quarter Lackey pulled a quarter back sneak from about the one foot line for a touchdown. On the fourth down for our Eagles in the fourth quarter Ferguson kicked, and Martin received the punt on our thirty yard line and went seventy

the coaches and our principal were:

Mr. Hansard: "The entire forward wall for Milton and the Roswell back field showed size and speed that the smaller Milton team could not cope with."

Mr. Letchas: "They played a good game."

Mr. Phillips: "They played a doggone good game."

In the Eagles' Dressing Room after the game everybody was having fun. The best players on defense and offence were to be chosen to go to Athens Saturday, the 23. Marvin Jenkins and Freddie Jenkins were chosen

SPELLING...SPELLING... SPELLING.....

Only six students out of 126 sub-freshman, passed the first Spelling test given them. They were:

Betty Sue Mix, Shirley Roper, John Roberts, Jewel Maddox, Louie Cagle, and Mae Patterson.

Mr. Hansard and the teachers want to encourage better Spelling. The pupils will take Spelling for the first semester. Mr. Hansard and the teachers look forward to a great deal of improvement. Miss Crawford and Mr. Burgess are teachers.

FOOTBALL cont'd.

The starting line-up for both teams were as follows:

HORNETS
Skelton Left End
Barron Left Tackle
Martin Left Guard
Reid Center
Patton Right Guard
Hawkins Right Tackle
Adams Right End
Matthews Quarter Back
Westbrook not able
Martin to get
Lackey positions

EAGLES
Nix Left End
Ferguson Left Tackle
Fouts Left Guard
Shirley, F. Center
Hancock Right Guard
Byers Right Tackle
Shirley, C. Right End
Burnett Quarter Back
Ellis Left Half
Estes Full Back
Findley Right Half

Substitutes:
Jenkins Webb
Turner Hall
Estes, G. Fouts
Tatum

Help support your team. Be on hand Thursday when the Milton Eagles meet Druid Hills on home ground.

CHEERLEADERS..... YEAH! YEAH!

At our first game the old cheerleaders were in action. They were: Ann DeVore..... Captain

JoAnn Shackelford.... Co-captain

Margaret Burnett.....
Jean Dildy.....
Martha Richards.....
Jane Fowler.....and
Peggy Burgess.

With more practice, which we are getting, we hope to do better.

Let's give the cheerleaders and our team more backing. Let them know we're proud of them.

THE FUTURE FARMERS

The Future Farmers of America held their first meeting of the new year in the log cabin Wednesday, Sept. 20, 1950. The new officers for this year are:

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Calvin Byers..... President
J. W. Mix..... Vice-President
Eugene Fouts..... Secretary
Herbert Dodd..... Treasurer
Mr. Elkins, FFA Advisor, is expecting about ten boys in the chapter, which will double last year's total of fifty two. The FFA organization is planning many interesting activities for this new year.

DRAMA

In our school year we have organized a new class in drama. Miss Moon is the director. They are now learning the correct way to read poetry. We expect to have a lot of entertainment from this group.

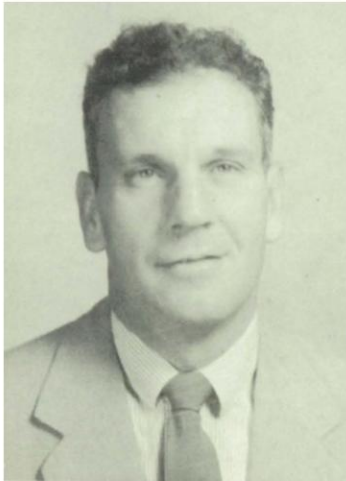
WANTED:

Some lipstick for Miss Suderth. She admits she wears it off before lunch every day, but she won't say how.

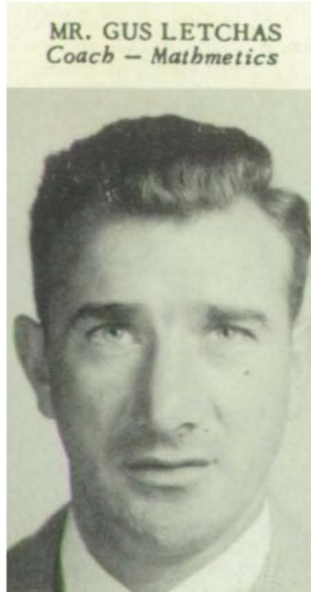
EAGLES SCHEDULE FOR '50

September 28	Druid Hills	Here
October 6	Acworth	Here
October 13	Campbell	There
October 20	Lavonia	There
October 27	Stone Mt.	Here
November 3	Lithonia	Here
November 10	Roswell	There

The Milton High School newspaper, *School Echoes*, was first published in 1947.



MR. VICTOR B. HANSARD
Principal



MR. GUS LETCHAS
Coach - Mathematics

Photos on the left are from the 1954 *Aerie* (Milton High School Yearbook)

The first MHS yearbook was published in 1953.

Out and About in Alpharetta with Ben Hollingsworth

Ben's question last quarter was a riddle that no one could answer.

“Who Am I?” The answer is **Kathryn Beatty Potts Williams** (1927–2013)

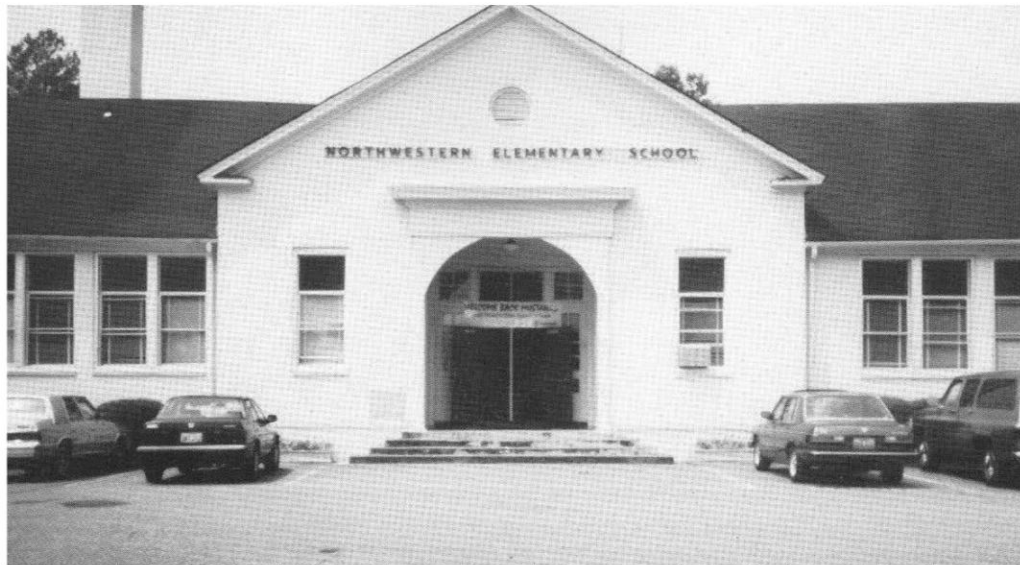
- In the 1970s and 1980s, I was a real estate agent who worked for Troy Carroll, Sr., a Realtor who lived at 253 Canton Street in the house next to the current Alpharetta Arts Center.
- I became a Realtor and was well known for knowing Alpharetta real estate really well.
- My husband was Garland “Bulldog” Williams who played football at Duke and Georgia. For UGA, he played tackle in the 1942 Orange Bowl, 1943 Rose Bowl, and 1947 Sugar Bowl and later was drafted by the Brooklyn Dodgers professional football team in the All-America Football Conference (AAFC).
- My last residence in Alpharetta was at 212 Canton Street, known as the Teasley Upshaw House, which is the former home of Alpharetta Mayor “Tater” Teasley (he grew potatoes on his land) and is currently the home of Kristen Colby (who has beautifully restored the property.)

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This quarter's question is *“Who was the longtime principal at Northwestern Elementary School in Crabapple?”*

Send your answer to Ben at bhollyart@comcast.net to get a shout out in our next edition



Northwestern Elementary in Crabapple welcomed students from 1933 until it closed in 1992

Cemetery News

Restoring a Piece of Milton County History, Part 2

Many residents pass by the small cemetery located in the Windward subdivision at the corner of Clubhouse Drive and Lake Shore Overlook without realizing the history it contains. The cemetery's earliest known grave dates to 1845 and belongs to an infant, making it one of the area's oldest cemeteries.

The cemetery was originally associated with Bethlehem Methodist Episcopal Church, South. When the congregation relocated to Ocee Methodist Church in 1920, Bethlehem ceased operations and officially dissolved in 1932. As a result, the cemetery was left without an owner or caretaker.

On July 11th and 12th, local Alpharetta High School student and Boy Scout, Walker Birdwell of Alpharetta

Troop 69, assembled a group to clean up and restore the cemetery as his Eagle Scout service project. The group cleaned headstones and removed weeds and debris, leaving a much improved cemetery. Walker raised the necessary funds, most of which were used for the project, but he had some left over and generously donated the extra money to the AOMCHS which was accepted by our Cemetery Chair Lynna Lee.

The restoration of this historic cemetery will help preserve the memory of many early Milton County residents who rest there, ensuring that an important piece of our community's heritage is not forgotten. Thank you to Walker, his boy scout troop, and all the volunteers for their hard work on this project.

~Lynna Lee
Cemetery Chair



Bethlehem Cemetery before clean-up



Bethlehem Cemetery after clean-up



Walker Birdwell presenting check to Lynna Lee

The next cemetery clean-up will be at the Martin-Camp cemetery. Volunteers are needed.

Martin-Camp Cemetery Clean-up

Sunday, October 25th from 1pm - 4pm

Recommendation: wear long sleeves, long pants, and old shoes or boots. Bring clippers and rakes if you have them.

The cemetery is located just beyond Mangan Engineering & Automation Inc. at 1750 Founders Parkway, Suite 110, Alpharetta, right before you enter Parking Lot A for Ameris Bank Amphitheatre on Founders Parkway. There will be signs pointing the way. <https://maps.app.goo.gl/6ptepobfCR2C6eif9>

Contact Lynna Lee with questions: 678-643-7737

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*The following is an excerpt from the Spring 2023 **History Matters** newsletter written by our President Emeritus and 2023 Cemetery Chair, Pat Miller:*

The Martin-Camp Cemetery is Endangered

The final resting place of some of the area's earliest citizens is the Martin-Camp Cemetery in Alpharetta. While many of the graves there are unmarked, the first marked grave is that of Elizabeth Martin Camp. Elizabeth, the first wife of Arthur Tarpley Camp, died in 1848, ten years before the creation of Milton County and its county seat Alpharetta. When Elizabeth and Arthur's daughter Susan Key Camp died in 1861, Arthur donated land to the newly formed town of Alpharetta for a cemetery. That land grew into what today we know as Resthaven Cemetery. Susan was the first person to be buried there. Her husband Russell Davis Garrison, who died in 1864, was the fourth. Arthur Camp passed away in 1868 and Nancy Maxwell, his second wife, in 1891. Both are buried in the Martin-Camp Cemetery.

The Martin-Camp Cemetery is divided into two sections. Section Two, which contains the graves of African Americans, appears to be newer than Section One. As with Section One, many of the graves in Section Two are unmarked. The hand carved stone for someone named Ridgeway is the oldest grave with a legible headstone. Ridgeway's first name is unknown, but we do know that he or she died in 1893.



Today the Martin-Camp Cemetery does not have a caretaker. It is overgrown and in danger of being reclaimed by nature. Under Georgia law, the City of Alpharetta can take over maintenance of the cemetery but is not required to do so. It is my hope that our city officials will choose to preserve this important reminder of Alpharetta's founders. If you agree, please contact the Mayor and/or City Council members.

~Pat Miller

We Need You!

The Alpharetta and Old Milton County Historical Society needs volunteers to serve on committees

These committees are open to volunteers with specific interests and skills as well as to those who want to generously volunteer their time in any area of need.

Can you contribute to any of these areas?

WE NEED YOU!

**Archives
Cemeteries
Historic Preservation
Hospitality
Fundraising**

**Information Tech/IT
Membership
Programs
Public Relations/Publicity**

These positions are vital to our mission which will help us continue preserving and sharing our community's history. If you have an interest in local history and are looking for a way to volunteer for your community, we'd love to have you on our team!

For more information or to express interest, please contact Shack Lewis at
shack@LewisGroupHomes.com



Member Programs

Summer Recap

July 2026

America250 Author Panel and Book Signing at Poe & Company Bookstore

Sponsored by the Patriots of Liberty and Chestatee River Chapters of the DAR, Milton Historical Society, and the AOMCHS



This event included an author panel and book signing. Additionally, the AOMCHS sponsored a coffee sampling and wine tasting featuring Liberty Cellars wine from Paso Robles, CA, hosted by our own Curt Boren and assisted by Shack Lewis. The author panel featured five acclaimed historical fiction writers, Kostya Kennedy, Claire Bellerjeau, Perrie Patterson, Stephanie Dray, and Laura Kamoie, who explored the stories, struggles, and triumphs that shaped America's journey over the past 250 years. The afternoon also featured special guests Milton Mayor Peyton Jamison and moderator Dr. Greg Brooking who guided an engaging and thought-provoking discussion.



Curt Boren (left) and Shack Lewis (right) at the wine tasting and coffee sampling table

August 2026

Stories from our Community

Presenters: Local Authors

This was a wonderful evening of community, conversation, and fellowship with friends. We heard from four of our talented local authors as they shared their stories, books, and inspiration. From heartwarming stories of joy and resilience to Southern heritage, local history, historic barns, backyard birds, and supernatural suspense, there was something for everyone. The panel included four authors—Rena Olsen, author of *Maxine's Joy* and *The BE Attitudes*, Mike Diaz, author of *ESP Pawn Chronicles: Every Item has a Story*, and our own Board members Bob Meyers, author of *Barns of Old Milton County* and *Celebrating Backyard Birds*, and Connie Mashburn, author of *Alpharetta, Old Milton County – The Early Years*.

ALPHARETTA & OLD MILTON COUNTY
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

STORIES FROM OUR COMMUNITY
A Local Authors Night
AT THE MANSELL HOUSE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2026 | 6:30 PM

RENA OLSEN | BOB MEYERS | MIKE DIAZ | CONNIE MASHBURN

FREE • OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

September 2026

FFA: Then and Now Featuring History of the MHS FFA Log Cabin

Presenters: Cambridge HS FFA members and Tim Worley, 1974 Log Cabin Restoration Committee Chair



After appetizers and socializing, the evening at the Log Cabin started with AOMCHS Pres. Shack Lewis reading a letter that had been given to him by Lydia Beavers Black who is the daughter of Carroll Beavers. Mr. Beavers was once the principal of Milton High School and at one time owned the property the Log Cabin now sits on after being moved from its original site on the old Milton HS campus. The letter was written by Hugh Trammell who was a senior at MHS in 1935 when the Log Cabin was built. He also became the first custodian at MHS to have a college degree. The letter included a narrative of what Mr. Trammell remembered about the building of the Log Cabin and its history through the years.

Next, the program included a presentation by a couple of Cambridge High School students who are officers in their FFA club. Cambridge currently has the only FFA program in a high school in N. Fulton. There is

one other Fulton county FFA in south Fulton at Creekside High School. The students talked about what their program entails which includes agriculture, plant science, veterinary science, and agribusiness. They have an indoor greenhouse, and some of the FFA students work at the Alpharetta Old Rucker Farm.

Lastly, Tim Worley, AOMCHS trustee, concluded the program with anecdotes of his time as a student at Milton High. Growing up with older brothers who had been members of FFA, Tim always wanted to be a member too. However, the Milton HS FFA ceased to exist after 1971 which was just before Tim started at MHS. But the MHS Social Science Forum, of which Tim was a member, got a Bicentennial grant and the money was used to restore the Log Cabin that had fallen into disrepair over the years. Tim was the Log Cabin Restoration Committee Chair. Tim told stories about his brothers' time in FFA—how many of the boys worked at farms and barns around town, mentioning the Hughes and Bagwell farms, working at the Silos in Crabapple, and breeding and showing quarter horses and working with other animals. His brothers each served as President of the FFA while at Milton and both went on to UGA where one majored in Agribusiness and the other in Animal Science. One of his brothers, who spent many years as superintendent in the UGA Extension Service, said throughout his 50-year career that he used what he learned from FFA as much or more than what he learned from his degree.

Huey Ellington, who was the MHS FFA chapter president in 1958-59, recently donated his FFA jackets to the AOMCHS archives and also donated an original 1956 FFA mailbox post that is displayed at the Log Cabin.

~Jackie Angel



Huey Ellington's FFA jackets

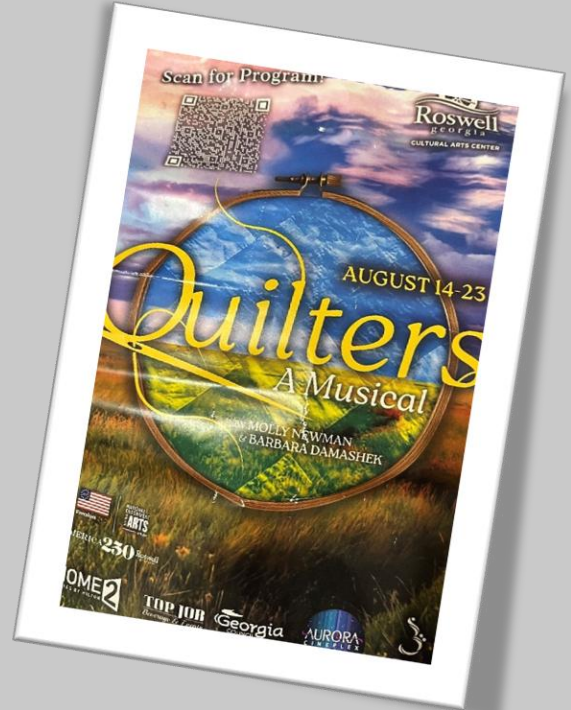


Cambridge HS FFA Students and Sponsor



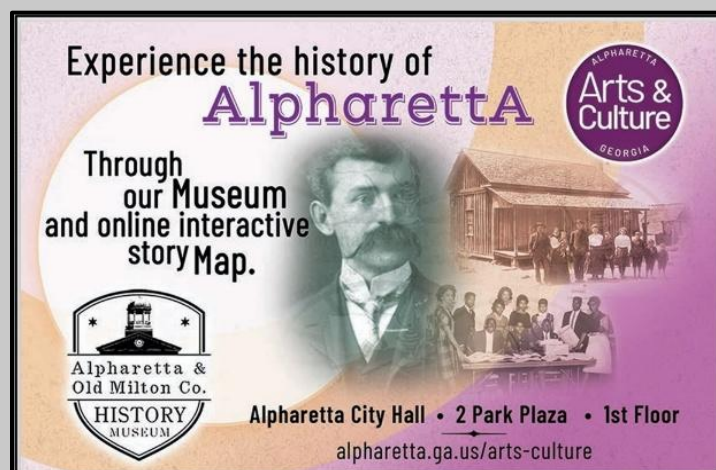
Tim Worley, AOMCHS Trustee

More Out and About With Ben Hollingsworth



Photos courtesy of Lynna Lee

Ben, a member of the AOMCHS Board, is a well-known local artist and quilter who makes beautiful pieces. He recently had one of his quilts chosen for display at the Roswell Cultural Arts Center during the showing of *Quilters: A Musical*. Ben has also had many of his pieces shown at the Alpharetta Arts Center, Alpharetta City Hall, and various other places around town.





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 and AOMCHS are looking to add to the Story Map tour and are 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.

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

Classes at the Log Cabin

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



HAND EMBROIDERY SOCIAL with Reena Vashist | AGES 16+

Join us for a relaxing and creative Hand Embroidery Social—an open, welcoming space for stitchers of all levels. Whether you're brand-new to embroidery or an experienced maker working on a long-term project, this social gathering offers time to create, connect, and unwind. Participants can explore a variety of basic stitches, share tips, get inspiration from others, and enjoy the slow, meditative rhythm of handwork in a friendly community setting. All are welcome. Students will work alongside Reena Vashist, who will be monitoring the studio sessions. This open studio is not an instructor-led class. Bring your own embroidery project and supplies.

Location: FFA Log Cabin, 210 Milton Avenue, Alpharetta

Sep 14 - Oct 19	M	12:30-3p	\$40/60NR	#38096
Jan 11-Feb 22 (Skip 1/18)	M	12:30-3p	\$40/60NR	#38097

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Reminder: Membership dues are paid annually in July and ensure you stay on our roster, receive all society communication and news, and are welcome and encouraged to participate in membership activities. Dues are used to help with the Society's expenses and to provide quality services and programs. 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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*The Alpharetta & Old Milton County Historical Society (AOMCHS) is a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization governed by the State of Georgia. It operates under a Board of Trustees consisting of elected trustees, officers, and standing committee chairpersons. The motto for the Alpharetta & Old Milton County Historical Society is "Preserving the Past, in the Present, for the Future." The Mansell House & Gardens is managed by the Historical Society and is located at 1835 Old Milton Parkway, Alpharetta. It is a special events facility that can be rented as a special place to celebrate the important events of life such as Births, Weddings, Graduations, Reunions, Showers, Anniversaries, Birthdays, Christenings, and more. The AOMCHS also manages the MHS FFA Log Cabin at 210 Milton Avenue which also can be rented for events. The Log Cabin houses the Society's archives. **To become a member** of the Alpharetta & Old Milton County Historical Society, fill out the membership application form at <https://form.jotform.com/223174503583151>*

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- Website: www.aomchs.org

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