



Summer 2026

HISTORY MATTERS

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Message from our President Emeritus

As we begin the Society's new year, I'd like to welcome the new board members who were recently installed at our annual picnic in June. Serving alongside our returning board members will be new members Kristen Colby, Jennifer Lewis, Bob Meyers, Donald Mitchell, and Tim Worley.

A special thank-you is in order for Janice Talluto, who has served as a trustee for several years and has decided to retire as her term comes to a close. Janice has provided invaluable insight and sound financial guidance on many matters throughout the years. We wish her all the best and will greatly miss her contributions to the Society's Board. But we'll still enjoy her company as a Society member.



I'd also like to extend a special welcome to Shack Lewis who has served as Vice President for several years and is now stepping into the role of President. While I plan to remain involved with the Society, my current medical condition is requiring me to scale back somewhat. I know the Society will be in excellent hands under Shack's leadership. He is a native Alpharetan, knows the history of the area well, and cares deeply about our community.

As I lie in bed pondering this transition, reminiscing about my time as a member and president of the Historical Society, and admittedly getting fat with all the cookies my friends have brought me (*and by the way, please don't stop!*), there are several things I'm especially thankful for and would like to mention.

I'm grateful to Richard Owens, a landscape architect who has generously volunteered his time to spearhead much-needed improvements at the Log Cabin, including enhanced handicapped parking and a new parking lot surface. He continues to work with board members and the city on a comprehensive landscaping plan for the property.

I'm also thankful that the developer who owns the land where the Martin-Camp Cemetery sits has paid to have it cleaned up. This integrated cemetery is one of the oldest in the area. The earliest burial dates to the 1840s, making it older than the City of Alpharetta itself. Seeing this cleanup completed has been on my bucket list for many years.

I appreciate Larry Chadwick and the City of Milton for preserving the Chadwick-McConnell House.

I'm thankful that the City of Alpharetta has not allowed developers to tear down the Weatherford House, a beloved historic home that still stands in the heart of Alpharetta.

My thanks also go to the City of Alpharetta and the Alpharetta Convention and Visitors Bureau for sharing the cost of the historic markers that can be seen around town at older homes and buildings. These markers help preserve our local heritage, celebrate and commemorate the people and events associated with these sites, and officially recognize their place in our community's history.

I'm grateful to the City of Alpharetta for funding the recent updates to the historic Mansell House. While the house is owned by the city, it is managed by the Society, and we receive revenue from events held there. This revenue helps us to continue our mission of preserving our local history and helping to educate our residents about our amazing community. I'm also thankful to the Alpharetta Garden Club for maintaining the Mansell House grounds, which are always beautiful.

I'm deeply grateful for the Board members, all volunteers, who work tirelessly to help us achieve our mission of "preserving the past, in the present, for the future."

As I reflect on all that the Society has accomplished, I am especially appreciative of the people I've met through this organization. I know the Society will continue to flourish under Shack's leadership and with the support of our dedicated board.

These are just a handful of things I'm grateful for as I think back about my time with the society. We have and will continue to accomplish many things that make Alpharetta a great place to live.

It has been an honor to serve as president of the Alpharetta and Old Milton County Historical Society over the past several years. When I moved to Alpharetta, where many members of my family had grown up and lived, I felt as though I had finally come home. I am deeply thankful for the friendships I've made during my relatively short time here. Those friends have become like family to me.

With gratitude,

Pat

Upcoming Membership Programs

2026 marks the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. One of the ways the Historical Society is celebrating is through our monthly programs. We've been teaming up with the Milton Historical Society to host programs around the 250th anniversary theme and in July, as we finish up our programming year, we're adding the Patriots of Liberty and Chestatee River chapters of the NSDAR to the team to co-sponsor an **America250 Author Panel and Book Signing at Poe & Company bookstore in Milton on Sunday, July 26, at 2pm.**

In addition to the panel and book signing, we're sponsoring a coffee sampling and wine tasting during the event featuring Liberty Cellars wine from Paso Robles, CA, hosted by our own Curt Boren. The author panel will feature five acclaimed writers, Kostya Kennedy, Claire Bellerjeau, Perrie Patterson, Stephanie Dray, and Laura Kamoie, who will explore the stories, struggles, and triumphs that shaped America's journey over the past 250 years. The afternoon will also feature special guests Milton Mayor Peyton Jamison and moderator Dr. Greg Brooking who will guide an engaging and thought-provoking discussion.

Please come and support our participation in this fun event as we celebrate America 250. See the flyer further down in this newsletter for more information and scan the QR code with your phone camera to buy tickets which are \$10 for adults and free for children under 12.

**Stay tuned and watch your email as we start our new programming year in August. Our new Programs Chairperson, Jennifer Lewis, is already planning some interesting programs and fun events that you won't want to miss!*

Happy Birthday!

July

7/2 Lynna Lee
7/5 Curtis Boren
7/16 Barbara Latham
7/24 Buddy Stovall
7/27 Jennifer Lewis
7/29 Don Borzilleri

August

8/2 Alan Martin
8/8 Brian Lee
8/9 Norman Broadwell
8/10 Daniel Wright
8/13 Nancy Wright
8/22 Nina Samples

September

9/2 Ralph Latham
9/6 Ben Hollingsworth
9/7 Linda Russell
9/11 Marie Andersson
9/12 Linda Spruell
9/19 Joy Ross
9/22 Martine Broadwell
9/23 Jeff Dufresne
9/29 Bill Lusk
9/30 Jim Spruell



We love to celebrate our members' birthdays! If you'd like us to wish you a happy birthday via our newsletter, please email your name and birthdate to Lynna Lee at lynnajlee@gmail.com."

Welcome New Members

Gena Brown
Kristen Colby
Lisa Lake
Jewel Robbins
Anabelle Rusnak
Matthew Tusinski

We love 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

AOMCHS Annual Picnic and Board of Directors Installation

On June 6th, 2026, the historic Mansell House was beautifully decorated to welcome members to our annual picnic. After some fun social time, we enjoyed BBQ and all the fixins' (including delicious banana pudding!) on the verandah overlooking the lovely gardens that are beautifully maintained by the Alpharetta Garden Club. The picnic started with the installation of the 2026-2027 board of directors. First, the returning members were introduced, then we met the new members. As always, what a stellar group we have leading us this year! This year's board includes:

President: Shack Lewis
Vice President: Jennifer Boren
Secretary: Jackie Angel
Treasurer: Kim Roddy
Archives: Stephanie Marie Andersson
Cemeteries: Lynna Lee
Historian: Connie Mashburn
Historic Preservation: Bonnie Steadman
Hospitality: Jennifer Boren/Jen Lewis

IT/Webmaster: Kristen Colby
Membership: Bonnie Steadman/Lynn Sickeler
Programs: Jen Lewis
Public Relations: Ben Hollingsworth
Trustee: Bob Meyers
Trustee: Donald Mitchell
Trustee: Tim Worley
Trustee: Kim Zane
President Emeritus: Pat Miller

We also employ two staff members: Kim Woods in the Archives and Lacy Partyka at the Mansell House



L to R: Jen Lewis, Lynna Lee, Jennifer Boren, Kim Roddy, Shack Lewis, Connie Mashburn, Jackie Angel, Tim Worley, Bob Meyers, Bonnie Steadman

Photo courtesy of Curt Boren

Member Spotlight

Shack Lewis

This quarter, we are repeating a spotlight so we can “re-introduce” our new AOMCHS president.

Nat “Shack” Lewis is a musician and Realtor, with an electrical engineering degree from Georgia Tech. He graduated from Milton High School in 1978. After Milton, Shack “hit the road” from 1979 – 1988, performing as a musician for numerous groups. He toured the Southeast U.S. and all over Quebec before returning home and enrolling at Tech. Shack graduated from Georgia Tech in 1996 with Highest Honors in Electrical Engineering with an RF (radio frequency) specialization. From 1997 – 2000, he worked at Scientific Atlanta developing products for cable TV applications. He helped invent the “Gainmaker” amplifier for cable transmission before starting work in Real Estate. But he’s still playing and performing music at night. He still attends the Alpharetta First United Methodist Church, the same church he was walking to when he was eight years old.

Some of Shack’s fondest memories of growing up in Alpharetta involve his time at Milton High School. At Milton, Shack spent most of his time on his musical pursuits. His favorite class was Band because he’s always loved to play and sing since he was young. His favorite teacher was Mr. Leon Cole, his band teacher, that he described as “an amazing man.” Shack shared some of his MHS memories: “I walked to Milton from my house in the 70’s. My parents still live in the same house. I was always very involved with the band program. Leon Cole was my band director. He was the first teacher to take a real interest in helping me develop my musical skills. He became a good friend and we stayed friends until he died. I played in the marching band (The Dixie Eagles), the concert band, the pep band (The Rebel Rousers), and the jazz band (The Harmony Grits). I remember someone streaking at a graduation. We



always had great parties in the area and I was often performing at them and other school functions. Other great memories are the Follies, an assortment of acts that Mr. Cole would produce every year, and when my rock band performed in the gym for the student body. Students would meet in the ‘fields’ on top of the hill behind the barn with graffiti and we always had a fire we would gather around. It’s now the North Fulton hospital. We spent a lot of time outside back then.” Shack served on the Milton High School 100th

Anniversary committee, designing and overseeing the construction of the Centennial Plaza on the front lawn of the new building in Milton. The plaza consists of commemorative bricks, moved from the original campus, that were sold during the 75th anniversary and also commemorative bricks from the 100th anniversary.

Shack still lives in Alpharetta, his hometown. In addition to being President of AOMCHS, he is also the Vice Chairman of the City of Alpharetta Historic Preservation Commission. His continued goal is to use his Real Estate and engineering skills to help preserve

and protect our old homes.

Shack met his wife, Jen, while they were both playing in the same band together. They married in 1999 and had their own band for many years. They have a son, Harrison, who graduated from Milton HS and Northwestern University, Magna Cum Laude. Harrison also received his Master’s in Musical Theatre Composition from Berklee NYC and is now a playwright, composer, and performer in NYC and lives in Brooklyn. Shack and Jen also have a daughter, Sarah, who graduated from Milton HS and is a rising senior at Northwestern University studying theatre, dance, and acting. Both of their children are following in their parents’ footsteps and are multi-instrumentalists.

Congratulations to Shack on being elected President!

From the Archives

Archives Department Hours

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

Welcome back to Kim Woods, our Archives staff member, who was on extended leave due to a back injury and surgery. Visits and requests for research assistance have resumed 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 in need of volunteers in addition to board member and archivist Marie Andersson, who volunteers when she has availability on weekends. We're thankful that Lindsey Frommer volunteers on Thursdays.

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.

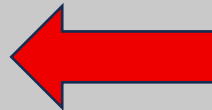
We have a lot of fun AND do important work preserving our community's past.

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We need help identifying the man in this picture to make sure our artifacts are accurate and labeled correctly to aid in research purposes. If you can identify him, please contact us at the number or email address above. Thank you!



What's New in the Archives?

This summer, our intern program has taken off. We have two current interns and others plan to join in July. We have developed a program where high school and college students work with us to learn valuable information regarding the care and preservation techniques used to manage our artifacts, digitization of artifacts, and greeting our guests, as well as other responsibilities needed to continue keeping our archival museum running smoothly.

We also interact each week with the city of Alpharetta summer campers who meet at the Log Cabin to involve them by giving tours of the Archives and showing a new artifact each week. This helps our interns learn and our campers love to see what we do down "those long stairs" at the cabin. Our goal is to foster and continue their curiosity in local history and in their community.

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Martha Webb Paris and Henry William Paris

Research indicates that Henry William Paris, commonly known as H. W. Paris, was born on September 30, 1818, in Greenville County, South Carolina. Sometime after 1850, he moved to Georgia and married Martha Webb of Milton County on June 14, 1858. Together, they raised eleven children.

Official military records identify Henry William Paris as Captain of Company C, 42nd Regiment, Georgia Volunteer Infantry, Army of Tennessee, 2nd Brigade, Stovall's Brigade, Lee's Corps. (*Georgia State Archives, Atlanta, Georgia*)

Captain Paris was captured at Keene, Kentucky, in November 1862 and later paroled at Vicksburg, Mississippi, on July 6, 1863. His prisoner-of-war records describe him as 44 years old, standing 6 feet 4 inches tall, with black eyes, and a dark complexion.

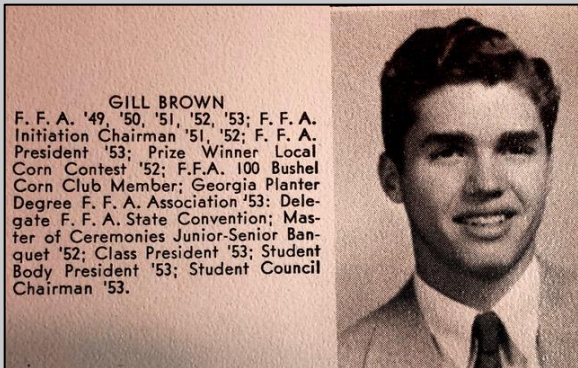
Following his military service, H. W. Paris continued to serve his community. Records indicate that he held the office of coroner in Old Milton County and, according to the 1860 Milton County Census, also served as sheriff.

Captain Paris passed away on May 23, 1880, and is buried in Old Big Creek Cemetery on Kimball Bridge Road in Alpharetta, Georgia. Martha Webb Paris died on November 1, 1921, and is buried at Clear Springs Baptist Church Cemetery on Jones Bridge Road in Alpharetta.

The photographs accompanying this article, which preserve an important piece of Alpharetta and Old Milton County history, were generously donated to the AOMCHS Museum and Archives by Margaret Paris Parrish, great granddaughter of Henry Paris. We are grateful for this thoughtful gift, which will help connect our community to its past for generations to come.

Looking Back with Historian Connie Mashburn

The Brown Family of North Fulton and Cherokee Counties

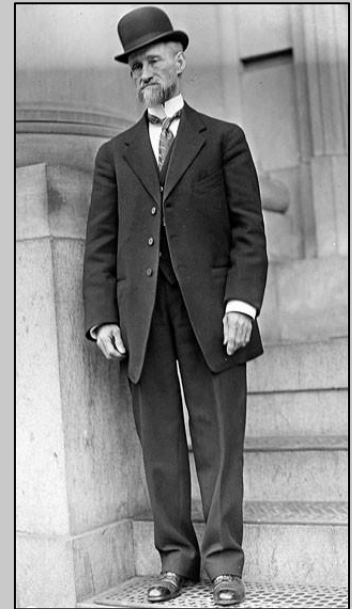


When Gill Brown graduated from Milton High School in 1953, he left behind one of the most impressive student records in the school's history. Brown served as president of his senior class, student body president, and chairman of the student council. He was also president of the Future Farmers of America chapter, a delegate to the state FFA convention, and master of ceremonies for the junior-senior prom. His classmates selected him as king of the Fall Festival, "Most Popular Male," and "Best All-Around Male."

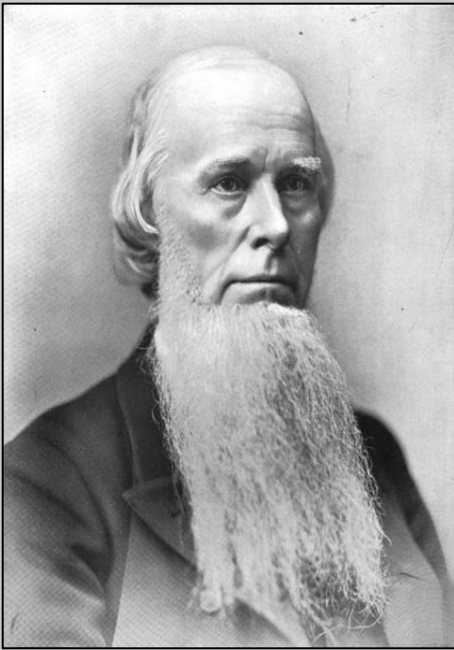
Gill grew up on his family's cattle farm along Hopewell Road, where Cooper Sandy Creek formed the farm's southern and western boundaries. His father, Joseph E. Brown II, operated one of the area's most successful cattle farms. In addition to farming, Joe Brown served as the U.S. Department of Agriculture's local representative overseeing the federal cotton allotment program. He was active in community affairs and participated in numerous regional cattlemen's associations.

Achievement and public service appeared to run deeply in the Brown family. Joseph E. Brown II was the son of Joseph Mackey Brown, who was raised in Canton. Joseph Mackey Brown graduated from Oglethorpe University and later studied law at Harvard University. Although he passed the Georgia bar examination, failing eyesight forced him to abandon a legal career. He instead entered the railroad business, becoming traffic manager for the Western and Atlantic Railroad before turning to politics.

In 1908, Joseph Mackey Brown was elected governor of Georgia. During his political career, Brown strongly supported prohibition and advocated lower taxes for Georgians. He is also remembered for creating Georgia's Department of Labor. After unsuccessful later campaigns for governor and the Senate, Brown retired from politics and returned to business, eventually serving as a director of the First National Bank in Marietta. He is buried at Oakland Cemetery.



*Joseph Mackey Brown
Georgia governor
1909-1911, 1912-1913*



Perhaps the best-known member of the family was Joseph Emerson Brown, father of Joseph Mackey Brown and one of the most influential political figures in Georgia history. Before entering politics, Brown worked as a schoolteacher in Canton and later attended Yale University to study law. Returning to Georgia in 1847, he opened a law practice and quickly gained a reputation as an ambitious and gifted attorney. He soon won election to the state senate and later served as a circuit court judge.

In 1857, at only 36 years of age, Joseph Emerson Brown was elected governor of Georgia. He ultimately served four terms, becoming the only governor in Georgia history to do so. He later won election to the United States Senate, at one point running unopposed. Brown built much of his political support among ordinary Georgians and frequently challenged the long-standing political influence of the state's wealthy coastal planter class.

Joseph Emerson Brown
Georgia governor 1857-1865
Chief justice, Georgia Supreme Court 1868-1870
U. S. Senator 1880-1891

A strong supporter of states' rights and secession, Brown often clashed bitterly with Jefferson Davis during the American Civil War. Brown, along with several other Southern governors, believed state troops should remain under the control of state governments and primarily be used to defend their own citizens.

After leaving the governor's office in 1865, Brown continued his long public career, eventually serving as chief justice of the Georgia Supreme Court and later spending eleven years in the United States Senate. His influence on Georgia politics and public life extended across much of the nineteenth century, helping establish the Brown family as one of the most prominent political families in Georgia history.

Brown Family

Joseph Emerson Brown, 1821-1894
 42nd Governor of Georgia 1857-1865
 Chief justice, Georgia Supreme Court 1868-1870
 U. S. Senator 1880-1891

Joseph Mackey Brown, 1851-1932
 Son of Joseph Emerson Brown
 59th Governor of Georgia 1909-1911, 1912-1913
 Created Georgia's Dept. of Labor

Joseph E. Brown II, 1890-1969
 Son of Joseph Mackey Brown, Grandson of Joseph Emerson Brown
 Cattle Farmer on Hopewell Road
 U.S. Dept. of Agriculture's Local Representative

Gill Brown, 1935-2008
 Son of Joseph E. Brown II, Grandson of Joseph Mackey Brown, Great Grandson of Joseph Emerson Brown
 Milton HS Senior Class President, Student Body President, Chairman of the Student Council
 FFA President, State FFA Convention Delegate

America250 Celebration

POE & COMPANY BOOKSTORE MILTON, GA

America 250 Author Panel & Book Signing

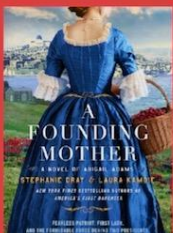
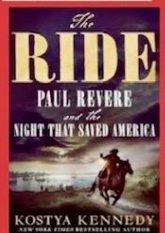
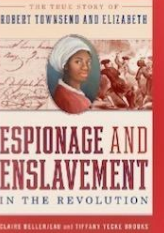
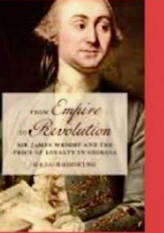
Spend an afternoon immersed in American Revolutionary history!

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026 2:00 P.M.

Enjoy an afternoon with some of the best historians in the nation



Food, wine tasting, living history & more!












Celebrate America's 250th birthday with an unforgettable afternoon honoring our nation's rich history and enduring spirit. Hosted by The Daughters of the American Revolution and Poe & Company Bookstore.

Join us for a special author panel featuring five acclaimed writers:

Kostya Kennedy, Claire Bellerjeau, Perrie Patterson, Stephanie Dray, and Laura Kamoie.

Together, the authors will explore the stories, struggles, and triumphs that shaped America's journey over the past 250 years.

The afternoon will also feature special guests Mayor Peyton Jamison and panel moderator Dr. Greg Brooking, who will guide an engaging and thought-provoking discussion.

Supported by outstanding sponsors: *Milton Historical Society, The Jenny Doyle Group, Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution, Children of the American Revolution, Alpha & Old Milton County Historical Society, Total Joint Specialists, City of Milton, Culper Coffee Co., and Liberty Cellars.*

Guests will enjoy patriotic coffee sampling and wine tasting as we come together in celebration of America's past, present, and future. It's an afternoon of history, conversation, and community you won't want to miss!

Ticket Options (use QR code on flyer above--point your camera at the code then click the browser link to be taken to the ticketing website):

Adults: \$10

Children (under 12): free

Appreciation



Photo courtesy of Brian Lee

On April 14, 2026, Alicia King, Regent of the Patriots of Liberty Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Alpharetta and Old Milton County Historical Society for our “Outstanding contribution to preserving the legacy of the American Revolution through the America250 lecture Series.”

Accepting on behalf of the AOMCHS was Curt Boren, society member and one of the lecturers in the series.

On April 28, 2026, Shack Lewis, Alpharetta and Old Milton County Historical Society President, presented a donation of \$1200 on behalf of the Society to the Alpharetta Garden Club in appreciation for the upkeep and beautification of the Mansell House gardens. The Mansell House is managed by the AOMCHS and hosts weddings, showers, reunions, and other events throughout the year, made more beautiful and elegant by the lovely gardens surrounding the house. Thank you Alpharetta Garden Club members!



Photo courtesy of Lynna Lee

Did you know?

The America250 U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission will be burying an America250 time capsule on July 4th, 2026, at Independence National Historic Park in Philadelphia, to be opened in the year 2276, two hundred and fifty years from now. The capsule will include artifacts from all three branches of the federal government, each of the 50 states, Washington, D.C., and five U.S. territories, according to America250. *Georgia's artifacts are two Fort Moore Georgia Award for Excellence challenge coins and a painted relief medallion of the Masters logo.* More information about the time capsule and the America250 celebration can be found at [America's Time Capsule - America250](#)

Out and About in Alpharetta with Ben Hollingsworth

Ben's question last quarter was "*The Alpharetta American Legion Post is numbered 201. Where does the number 201 come from?*"

Linda Stovall answered Ben's question with "because that's the street address." Ben says that's close, but at the time of the Legion's founding, it was because Alpharetta's **ZIP code was 30201**. Thank you, Linda, for playing our game!

This quarter, Ben's question is a "Who Am I?" riddle:

- 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.)



Who am I? We're hoping for a lot of correct responses. Send your answer to Ben at bhollyart@comcast.net



Teasley Upshaw House

Redfin

Cemetery News

Restoring a Piece of Milton County History

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.

This summer, local Alpharetta High School student and Boy Scout Walker Birdwell of Alpharetta Troop 69 plans to restore the cemetery as his Eagle Scout service project. Currently in the planning stages, Walker hopes to raise funds for specialized gravestone cleaning solutions and other materials needed for volunteers assisting with the cleanup. *(See the next page for info from Mitchell and the volunteer sign-up link.)*

Volunteer workdays are scheduled for:

- July 11, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
- July 12, 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

Among those buried in the cemetery is at least one Civil War veteran. Stephen D. Tribble was born on March 4, 1840, and died on March 21, 1914, at the age of 74. During the Civil War, he served as a private in Company C, 36th Georgia Infantry, Confederate States Army, and survived the conflict.



Tribble attended the Old Soldiers Reunion held in Alpharetta in either 1909 or 1910. He appears in the reunion photograph published in the *Milton County News* and is identified as attendee number 21.



The restoration of this historic cemetery will help preserve the memory of Stephen Tribble and many other early Milton County residents who rest there, ensuring that an important piece of our community's heritage is not forgotten.

~Lynna Lee, Cemeteries Chair

Hello All,

My name is Walker Birdwell and I am **seeking volunteers** to assist with my Eagle Scout Service Project. My project will help restore Bethlehem cemetery in Windward subdivision. This historic cemetery is 200 years old and an important part of Alpharetta's history. Many of the names on the graves are those that you find on current-day street signs. Your participation will make a meaningful difference in preserving this important community landmark.

Project Description:

The project will involve the following restoration/preservation work:

- Clearing overgrown shrubbery and vegetation
- Gathering all fallen leaves
- Pulling weeds
- Removing falling branches
- Cleaning approximately 120 headstones

When:

Saturday, July 11 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sunday, July 12 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Where:

Bethlehem Cemetery

Corner of Lake Shore Overlook and Clubhouse Drive, so enter on Clubhouse. Sign will be marking the cemetery. Parking is limited. Park in Lake Shore Overlook subdivision.

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/xdepPbkEnmwENTwCA>

Details:

No special skills are required. Volunteers should wear comfortable work clothes and closed-toe shoes. Apply sunscreen and bug spray ahead of time. Bring a water bottle, safety glasses, and work gloves if you can. All other tools and supplies will be provided. Lunch will be provided on Saturday around 1 pm.

*****No restroom on site, so plan ahead*****

If you are planning to attend, please sign up on the link below:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/_/10C0445A5A922A1F5C16-64565167-walker

We need both a head count for food and your contact information in case of inclement weather.

If you have any questions, please contact: wwbirdwell30@gmail.com or 770-820-8394

Thank you for considering volunteering your time and effort to support this project.

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**

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

Fundraising

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

Spring Recap

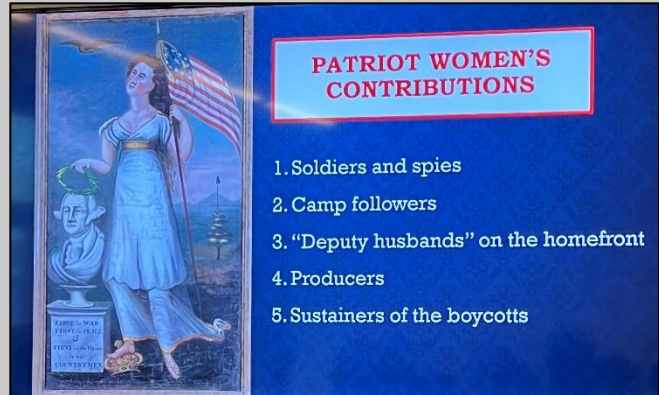
April 2026

The American Revolution: A Watershed for Women?

Presenter: Dr. Mary Cain, Associate Professor of History, Agnes Scott College



On April 14, we welcomed Dr. Mary Cain, Ph.D., of Agnes Scott College to speak at the Milton Public Library as we continued our America250 Lecture Series. Dr. Cain highlighted the important and often overlooked roles women played in supporting the American fight for independence. Through examples of boycotting British goods, managing farms and businesses as “deputy husbands,” lending money and valuables to the cause, gathering intelligence, and serving in military camps as cooks, nurses, and even artillery operators, she demonstrated that women were active participants in the Revolutionary War effort and contributed significantly to the cause of American independence.



Photos courtesy of Lynna Lee

May 2026

General George Washington: A Brief Study in Command

Presenter: Col. Curtis Boren



On May 21st we had a packed Mansell House to hear our speaker, Col. Curtis Boren, retired Administrative Law judge and AOMCHS member. He spoke about Gen. George Washington as part of our AMERICA250 Lecture series. Col. Boren led us in an examination and evaluation of General Washington's abilities as Commander of the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War, reviewing the major battles in which he was in command. He tested our longstanding beliefs derived from our early education about the Revolutionary War and American mythology to see where General Washington stands in the pantheon of great American army commanders.

Photo courtesy of Brian Lee

AOMCHS ANNUAL PICNIC Historic Mansell House

On June 6th, 2026, the historic Mansell House was beautifully decorated to welcome members to our annual picnic. After some fun social time, we enjoyed BBQ, all the fixins', and delicious banana pudding on the verandah overlooking the lovely gardens that are beautifully maintained by the Alpharetta Garden Club. The picnic started with the installation of the 2026-2027 board of directors.



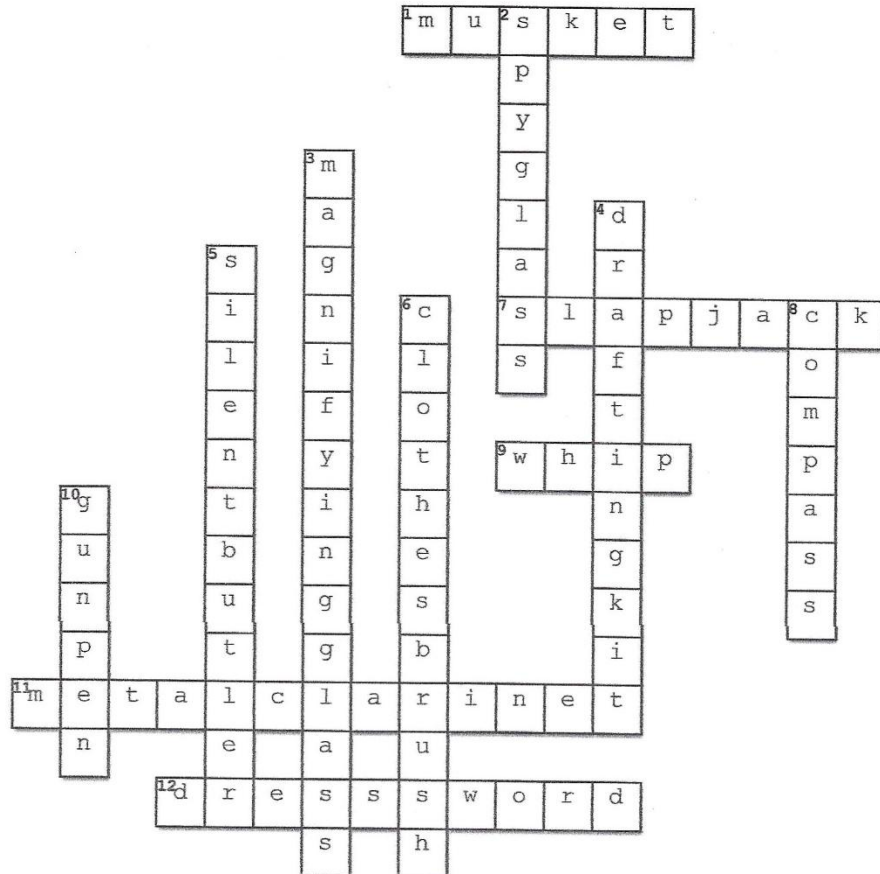
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FUN and GAMES with Shack

This is the solution to the Historic Objects crossword puzzle that was in the last newsletter. The picture clues are on the following page. We hope you had fun working on the puzzle!

Historic Objects

Complete the crossword puzzle below



Across

1. picture #5 (musket)
7. picture #3 (slapjack)
9. picture #11 (whip)
11. picture #7 (metalclarinet)
12. picture #1 (dressword)

Down

2. picture #2 (spyglass)
3. picture #12 (magnifyingglass)
4. picture #4 (draftingkit)
5. picture #10 (silentbutler)
6. picture #8 (clothesbrush)
8. picture #9 (compass)
10. picture #6 (gunpen)

What are each of these items? Put your answers in the crossword puzzle.

Historic Objects Crossword Puzzle Clues

Picture #1 / 12. Across



Picture #2 / 2. Down



Picture #3 / 7. Across



Picture #4 / 4. Down



Picture #5 / 1. Across



Picture #6 / 10. Down



Picture #7 / 11. Across



Picture #8 / 6. Down



Picture #9 / 8. Down



Picture #10 / 5. Down

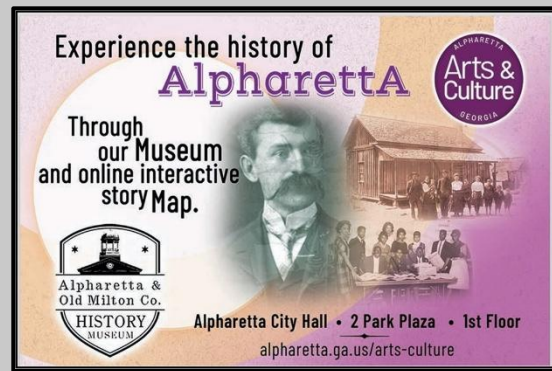


Picture #11 / 9. Across



Picture #12 / 3. Down





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>

ACOUSTIC JAM FEST! with Metro Music Makers | AGES 7–12

Jam out with us this summer in the FFA Log Cabin! This is the perfect setting for an acoustic version of our rock band camp. We will be rockin’ out on ukes and acoustic guitars. Campers will learn how to collaborate with fun musical styles and will rehearse songs as a group. Campers must bring their own ukulele or acoustic guitar, a water bottle, and snacks. Family members will be invited to a performance on the last day of camp.

Location: FFA Log Cabin, 200 Milton Avenue

Jul 6–10	M–F	9a–12p	\$210/\$315NON-RESIDENT	#36851
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New! EV FASHION DESIGN & SEWING CAMPS! With EV Fine Arts | AGES 6–12

Love Fashion? Want to design your own clothing? Come learn with EV Fine Arts! Students will work on a different project each day, gaining a great sense of accomplishment after they see each garment come to life. There is a fashion show at the end of the week for the students to showcase all of their hard work. The price includes all supplies necessary for creating custom garments each day of class. This includes the use of sewing machines, fabric, thread, scissors, bobbins, and more. All levels of experience are welcome.

Location: FFA Log Cabin, 200 Milton Avenue

Jul 13–17	M–F	9a–12p	\$220/\$330NR	\$75 fee	#36807
Jul 13–17	M–F	12:30–3:30p	\$220/\$330NR	\$75 fee	#36806

New! FASHION DESIGN & SEWING WORKSHOPS with EV Fine Arts | AGES 6–12

Join us for a series of sewing workshops! Design and create your very own clothing using a sewing machine. Students will work on a different project each session, gaining a great sense of accomplishment after they see each garment come to life. There is a fashion show at the end of the class series for the students to showcase all of their hard work. All levels of experience are welcome to join. Sewing machines and all materials are provided.

Location: FFA Log Cabin, 200 Milton Avenue

Aug 1–29	Sa	1–3pm	FFA Log Cabin	\$225/\$337.50NR	#36808
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New! 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, 200 Milton Avenue

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