



The CCHS Newsletter

Carroll County Historical Society

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Photos of Moore's Bridge and house, from the Watkins Collection

Next Month we will "celebrate" the resurgent of the Carroll County Historical Society from the Covid Epidemic.

As President, I was honored to represent CCHS in presentations to the Lion's Club of Carrollton, The Villa Rica Area Historical Society and the Bowdon Area Historical Society this year. The information was well received and attendees were encouraged that our society recovered and is progressing.

I also represented CCHS along with representatives from the Sons of Confederate Veterans, at a meeting with The Honorable Michelle Morgan, County Commissioner and the newly

appointed Parks Director Beth Parsons. Doug Mabry also attended as local historian. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the future of the Moore's Bridge Park. We are encouraged as the County is working with each group to have access to the park.

Progress continues in the Archive Room cataloging documents and artifacts. We will soon begin entering items into a searchable database for research projects. CCHS will embark on a Capital Campaign to purchase two scanners to expediate the scanning process.

As the new year begins, there are many opportunities to volunteer for new and ongoing projects. I encourage everyone to review the lists and choose one to help with.

"Non Sibi, Sed Aliis" Not For Self, But for Others. This Latin term guides our work as a Society. We gather, identify, prepare, catalog and preserve Carroll County history so the next generation will be able to see the proof and possibly touch history. CCHS needs each member to have an active part in growing the Society.



Haunted Sites on UWG Campus



The abandoned Watson Hall, across the street from Strozier, was once an all-girls dorm on the university's campus. According to King, Watson bears the tale of a young girl who was pregnant during her freshman year. After she had the baby, she no longer held an interest in motherhood and threw the baby out of a window in Watson Hall. Legend has it, on late nights throughout Watson, students can hear a baby's cry and catch a whiff of dirty diapers. Then again, that could be the Carrollton air.

Many students know Love Valley as the area where organizations host different events, such as Wolf Radio's Wolfstock and SAC's Screen on the Green. A river once flowed through the wide green grass and a girl's dorm, now the Campus Center, and a guy's dorm, now the UCC, sat across the river from each other. Since neither sex was allowed in the other's residence, the students would meet in the middle where Love Valley is now located to kiss and converse, hence the name.

Rumor has it that one couple died in Love Valley. When the water was drained students would look for the couple, but found nothing. King said the actual reason for the valley being drained was because the river in Love Valley was infested with snakes. The legend is the reason for the name Love Valley.

Adamson Hall is located on finance and accounting, Hall is said to be haunted from dinner with her friend Her jealous boyfriend was steps of Adamson Hall. Af-



ter she was killed, the boyfriend tried to burn the entire building down to destroy the evidence. Some say that a bloody handprint remained on the front of the building because it could not be removed. The round opening in the main lobby had to be reconstructed due to the fire damage.

The oldest building on campus is the Bonner House located on Front Campus. The myth is, two men were interested in the same woman and had to duel for her love. One was shot and taken into the Bonner House to die. Legend has it that every night students can hear someone walking around Bonner House.

The most well-known haunted site on campus is the story of Kathy Cashen.



Cashen was a UWG student that fell from the third floor of the Humanities building and died. It was because of this incident that the stairs were taken out of the Humanities building. She now has a recital hall named in her honor. Because of the strange sounds and elevators operating on their own, it is advised to never go in Humanities after dark.



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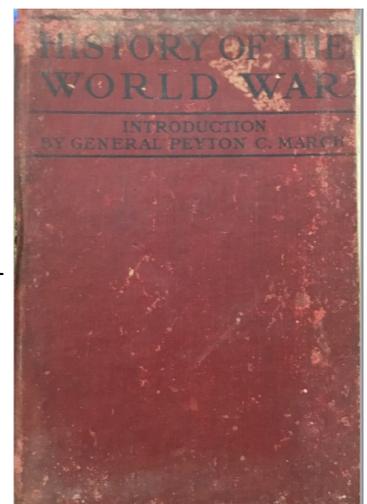
Everyone enjoyed the Walking Tour of the Carrollton High School Archives. Mrs. Rita Gentry had a wonderful presentation prepared highlighting the accomplishments of the school System and the rich history of Carrollton.

Several in the group attended or graduated from Carrollton High School so it brought back special memories of days gone by.

The Society recently acquired a copy of the book titled “The History of the World War”. At first, I thought it was a misprint as we have had two World Wars. Though, looking inside I discovered it was published in 1918, just after the World War. At the publication date we did not know there would be another World War.

In the introduction, it states that the story of the War should be recorded before those who know the story are no longer here.

The book appears to have gone through it’s own battle, though in good hands now. We plan to scan the pages for longevity.



Fundraising Opportunity



To assist with the efficient scanning of photographs, documents, booklets and newspapers, the Carroll County Historical Society is implementing a Capital Campaign to purchase an Epson Fastfoto Scanner and a Fujitsu ScanSnap overhead scanner.

The Epson Fastfoto Scanner costs \$500 and will quickly scan priceless photos and preserve them for future generations. The Automatic feeder will allow us to load 36 photos at a time with no damage to the photograph. The Epson Fastfoto software provides the tools to restore, organize and share images on a PC.



The Fujitsu ScanSnap SV600 Overhead Scanner costs \$600. The Fujitsu ScanSnap scanner easily scans a wide range of document types with an optical resolution up to 285 x 283 dpi. The system can handle content measuring up to 11.8 x 17" in about 3 seconds. The scanner will be used to scan the newspapers, booklets and large photographs. Our newspaper collection includes the Times Free Press dated 1935.

The objective is to scan each document and photograph housed by CCHS. This will allow us to develop a searchable database of the history of Carroll County. The information will be available for viewing by patrons in the CCHS Archive Room. There will also be a cloud storage of the information for safe keeping. The documents, newspapers, photographs and booklets are all aging. Scanning will preserve everything for future generations.

Members and Friends of the Society are encouraged to contribute to the Campaign.

Volunteer Opportunities

1. Carroll County Historic Timeline

In preparation of the 200 year Celebration, CCHS is developing a mobile Timeline Display to travel to each city in Carroll County in 2026. *Volunteers will serve on a Committee to research the events in Carroll County from 1826 to 2026. This Committee will also design the display panels and marketing ideas.*

2. Walk Through History

CCHS is developing a “Walk Through History” as a fundraiser. Planned for Spring 2023. Participants will receive a specially designed t-shirt and will walk along a path with historical markers highlighting the history of Carroll County. *We need volunteers to research the events of Carroll County, design a t-shirt and design the markers.*

3. City Cemetery Tour

Redesign the City of Carrollton Cemetery Tour to add newly discovered information. *Volunteers will design a new brochure.*

4. Research Requests

Occasionally CCHS will receive Research Requests on our website. *Volunteers will be part of a Research Committee to assist in finding the information per the requests.*

5. Historic Adamson Square

CCHS is developing a comprehensive study on Adamson Square. This will be a listing of the businesses that at one time operated on the Square. The study will include the Square proper and the businesses along the first block below the Square. Essentially, the buildings attached to the Square and the business located there. *Volunteers will list each business attached to the Square. Also, look for pictures of the Square from 2022 backwards.*

6. Scanning Photographs

CCHS has a large collection (1,000 plus) of photographs from Smith’s Studio. The photographs include weddings, Military groups, family reunions and family groups and school groups. *Volunteers will scan each photograph, catalog and store the photograph for easy retrieval.*

7. Church Profiles

CCHS is developing a historic profile of the churches in Carroll County. Volunteers will develop a questionnaire to request information about how the churches started and events through the years. A list of Pastors and an offer to scan church minutes.

Time To Renew

Membership Renewals for 2023 are now open. We encourage you to Renew your CCHS Membership soon.

Nominating Report Slate of Officers for 2023

President	Robert Blakemore
Vice-President	Richard Hilling
Secretary	Anita Gay
Treasurer	Robert Blakemore, Acting
Archivist	Jason Kennedy

You are invited to serve your Society. If you are interested in a position, please email: Robert@rablakemore.com



- 10th Columbus Day
- 11th Bowdon Historical Society
- 20th Villa Rica Historical Society
- 27th Carroll County Genealogical Society
- 31st Halloween



November 22nd CCHS Meeting Neva Lomason Library 6:00 pm

What was There?

We invite you to join us as we hop in a **"Time Machine"** to see what was there back in time.

**Carroll County Historical Society
Membership Application 2022**

Individual Membership
Family Membership

\$30 per year
\$50 per year

Date: _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

*** E-mail Address:** _____

*** E-mail addresses are important for receiving bulletins and announcements sent out concerning the Society activities between newsletters.**

Membership \$ _____ **** Donation \$** _____

Reason for Donation _____

Total Paid \$ _____

**** Donations to the Society will be used to fund preservation projects in Carroll County. All donations are Tax Deductible.**

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