The CCHS Newsletter

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Education in Carroll Country Improves

Early in the development of Carroll County, the leaders placed an emphasis on educating the youth of the county. Though the schools were few and of poor quality. Small, one room schools began popping up throughout the county. At one time Carroll County had more rural schools than any other county in Georgia. The schools were about three miles apart as students walked or were driven by wagon.

In 1871 there were twelve Georgia Militia Districts and two incorporated towns in the county, and from these the first Board of Education was elected. A school census reports there were a total of 3,566 students enrolled.

Mr. M.L. Duggan, a Rural School Agent for Georgia was requested in 1918 to make a comprehensive survey of the education system of Carroll County and make recommendations to the Board and citizens.

He found that within the county were eighty-eight schools, several private schools and six county-line schools.

He recommended a strong and active central administration with a definite constructive policy and supported by the public.

This started the process of consolidating the smaller community schools into the larger schools in each city under the County Board of Education. This allowed the system to become more efficient and improved the quality of education for the students. The full report is in the Carroll County Historical Society Archive Room.

The list of community schools is on page two.

Wayside	Sand Hill	Rotherwood	Whitesburg	Indian Creek
Walnut Hill	Hulett	Lowell	County Line	Hillcrest
Wesley	Flat Rock	Roopville	Lucy Russell	Burwell
Antioch	Hickory Level	Veal	Little Bethel	Camp Creek
Beulah	Oak Grove	Sardis	Cross Plains	High Point
Shady Grove	Bold Springs	Midway	Westview	Kansas
Shiloh	Bowdon Junction	Reavesville	Striplings	Smithfield
Taylor's	Villa Rica	Tyus	Tallapoosa	Mount Zion
Oak Mountain	Temple	Siver	Farmers High	Smyrna
Bethesda	Mt. Carmel	Rocky Mount	Bowdon	Pine Grove
Star Point	Pleasant Grove	Clem	Melrose	Elizabeth Harris

Name That Street

In 1988, Dr. Roger Rossomondo gathered a group to study how the streets of Carrollton got their name. This group examined each of the 228 streets in Carrollton. Streets were sometimes named after a family or family member living on the Street. While others were more inventive. ZYZZK Street was named by then Carrollton Mayor John Robinson after a street he saw in Arizona while traveling in 1968.

During the 1970's the area off Stewart under went an urban redevelopment . New affordable homes were being built on land that would need street names. Sam Stoval was one of the developers, and because he was a gun enthusiast, three of the streets were named Colt Drive, Remington Way, and Winchester Drive.

The "Name That Street" project started innocently but proved to be like solving a zig saw puzzle. This group conducted interviews as part of the research on the origin of each street's name. The goal was to record the historical significance of the street names while the information was available. Over 50 people, including our own Doyle Akins, participated in the study talking with neighbors, friends and civic leaders to gather information.

The study was divided into four categories for street naming in Carrollton. First was the streets named for people who lived on the street. Secondly, some streets were named for the geography / topology of the location. (example: Lakeshore Drive) Thirdly, some streets were named for the direction the street ran. Rome Street led to Rome Georgia, Newnan Road led to Newnan Georgia and Alabama Street led to Alabama. Fourthly, some streets were named for the personal preference of the developer. Some streets were named according to the theme of the development.

A copy of the complete study is in the Neva Lomason Library and the Archive Room of the Carroll County Historical Society.

Alice Lane: For wife of developer H.C. Ridley.

Almon Rd: For H.M. Almon, farmer from prominent family.

Ambulance Dr. At the time it led to the Ambulance entrance.

Bankhead Highway: For William Brockman Bankhead, U.S. Congressman for Alabama from 1917 to 1940. Organized Federal Funding for highway from Birmingham , AL to Atlanta, GA.

Bradley Street: For Thomas Bradley, early Carrollton banker / businessman. He originally built white column house on Bradley St.

Brown Street: For William Franklin Brown, attorney and land owner.

Burson Avenue: For George W. Burson, merchant, preacher, and property owner on the street.

Canterbury Drive: Named by developer Ted Hirsh for its classic reference to Canterbury tales.

Chandler Street: For Thomas Chandler, first attorney in Carrollton, also property owner.

Cliff Street: For Cliff Mandeville, member of old prominent family.

Elder Circle: Street developed for senior citizen residences.

Griffin Drive: For M. E. Griffin, judge and developer.

Groover Drive: For Walter Groover family, property owner and merchant on Square.

Hay's Mill Rd: Named for Hay's grist mill at Buffalo Creek on street.

King Street: For Sanford Kingsberry, businessman and had a building on the Square.

Lumpkin Drive: Named for former Carrollton Mayor, Henry Lumpkin, SR.

Maple Street: Street was once lined with maple trees.

Molette Street: For M.S. Molette educator and administrator.

Rhudy Street: For M. Rhudy, wealthy merchant and property owner.

South Street: Old street that was the South edge of city when developed.

Stewart Street: John Stewart, merchant / banker in the 19th century Carrollton

Sunset Boulevard: Part of Sunset Hills development. Name suggested by western location of project with sun setting in West.

White Street: For Andrew J. White after whom the city of Whitesburg was named. Mr. White was official of first railroad in Carroll County which terminated where Whitesburg Started.

Winchester Drive: Part of city's urban renewal project named by Sam Stoval, gun enthusiast.

Carroll County Historical Society

Meeting September 20th   6:00 P.M.

Walking Tour of Carrollton High School Historic Archives

Ms. Rita Gentry will provide a walking tour of the Archives of the Carrollton City School System.

The Tour will begin promptly at 6:00pm. We will enter at the Main Entrance.

Please be on time as the door will be locked once the Tour begins.

5th	Labor Day
11th	**Volunteer Day Curtis Marlow Perry House**
	10:00 am to 12:00pm
13th	Bowdon Historical Society
15th	Villa Rica Historical Society
20th	CCHS Carrollton High School Archive Tour

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
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