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WALKER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## MEMBERSHIP

Annual membership dues are \$8.00 per family or individual. All memberships begin in January and include three newsletters. Mail dues to WCHS Membership, 305 South Duke Street, LaFayette GA 30728

## MEETING NOTICE

**April 28, 2:30 P.M.**, La Fayette-Walker Library. Historic Preservation and Economic Development, Mr. Glenn Bennett, Preservation Planner from the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation. Invite community and historic group leaders.

**May 26, 2:30 P.M.** Historic Homes of Walker County. At the La Fayette-Walker Library Residents share the story of their homes built before 1900. Bring photos and copies of documents such as deeds. Project: cataloguing pictures and summaries of homes in a collection at the Hetzler Georgia Room for Historic Preservation Month. □

## NOBLE NOTES

**Noble Community Resurrects Better Days**  
The Walker County Historical Society met with residents of the Noble Community on Sunday, March 24, at 2:30 P.M. at Centerpoint Baptist Church. The program called: "Remembering Better Days at Noble, Stories from the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries," allowed long-time residents to recall persons, events, and buildings of the past when the community was much more connected and had a downtown

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## WALDEN/WALLING/WALLIN COVE CONNECTIONS

On the first Walker County Census (1840) there was only one Wallin family — Campbell Wallin, his wife, Mary Ellis and their son, Hudson.

By the 1850 Census there were nine Wallin families in the Cove — seven brothers (sons of William Walden), an uncle, Jesse Wallin and a cousin, Robert Lindsey Wallin. Jesse and William were the sons of Rev. War Soldier, John Walling.

John Walling was born 27 July 1750 in Henry County, VA. He served in the Revolutionary War with Captain Cox's Company and Colonel Martin's Regiment in the Battle of Hanging Rock.

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district with several grocery and dry goods stores, a barbershop, a post office, a train stop, and a school. The boundaries of the community were roughly defined, on the south, as beginning near Wheeler Road just south of Reed's Road and, on the north, ending at the intersection of US 27 and Guy Williams/Jones Road (once called McClureville). The east/west boundaries run roughly two miles on each side of US 27. Community residents brought stories, photos, old documents, and mementos of individuals, families, churches, and schools from the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries when Noble was a thriving biracial rural community. The community included several schoolhouses (Noble, Bethel, Center Grove) and several churches (Centerpoint Baptist, New Bethel Methodist, Noble Church of God, and New Home Missionary Baptist), and several cemeteries (Center Point, Catlett, Tyner, Marsh, and Salem). The program was videotaped by Mrs. Betty Johnson of the Walker County Library. Old photos and records were photocopied for inclusion in the library's growing collection on Walker County Communities which will soon be available to the public.

The program was the first of a series of meetings and activities to be organized by community residents to bring the community back together after the trauma of recent events related to the Tri-state Crematory disaster. Longtime and former residents of Noble are invited to write down their memories of past events and personalities of the community in order to develop a booklet presenting the positive history of Noble. These written memories along with copies of documents and photos may be sent to: Dr. David Boyle, 472 Loughridge Lane, La Fayette, GA 30728. Working groups from the historical society and the community are organizing around several community-building tasks. One group will design and make a historic quilt containing squares for each church, the old school houses, the train, old store buildings, and other items. Anyone with an old photo of any of these buildings is requested to send a copy to

Dr. Boyle. Another group will be looking into the need for a community meeting place, and another group will examine the possibility of a community arts series offering local people the opportunity to share their talents. Additional community meetings will soon be announced.

Thank you.

Dr. David P. Boyle  
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**Walker County Historical Society  
Executive Board Meeting  
January 12, 2002  
LaFayette-Walker County Public Library**

Attendees:

Clayton Bell, David Boyle, Diann Shields-Bell, Betty Johnson, Dianne Dodson, Joan Trundle

Betty provided a list of charter members for use in the purchase of bricks for the Bricks in the Park project at Gordon Hall. Martha Dennis is credited with doing the search and compiling the list.

Betty announced that Eason Jordon, President of CNN Foreign News will be the guest speaker that the Friends of the Library Open House/Silent Auction to be held February 3. All proceeds will remain at the LaFayette Library.

The annual memberships we currently hold in several organizations are due. They are:

- The Georgia Historical Society
- Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation
- Walker County Chamber of Commerce
- Chattanooga Regional History Museum
- National Parks Conservation Association
- National Trust for Historic Preservation

David Boyle presented a motion that all existing memberships be continued. The motion was seconded by Betty Johnson. The

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motion carried.

A discussion was held about membership in surrounding counties' historical societies. David will write a letter addressing the idea of a reciprocal membership/newsletter to each of these organizations.

Betty reported that Nikki Middleton of the *Walker County Messenger* is doing a feature article on the Marsh House. WCHS's only role in this effort will be to provide data about the history of the house. While on the topics of historic homes, Diann Shields-Bell mentioned the Carlock house, which is an 18<sup>th</sup> Century Cherokee home. With May being Historic Preservation Month, we might consider asking for presenters on their homes.

The *Messenger* will be publishing their annual review of area clubs and organizations. David will provide input for this article outlining the plans and accomplishments of the WCHS. This is a good opportunity to talk about the directions of the organization. We have about a 3-week deadline on this.

President Bell recognized Sue Forrester or her outstanding work in being the unofficial "historian" for the county during the past few years.

Diann Shields-Bell related that when she met with the Georgia Trust people on the restoration of the Lookout Mountain and Gordon Hall projects, she was told to make sure the correct mortar is used in the restoration. WCHS may have to bring the expertise to the county when this work is done.

Membership chairman David Boyle outlined his goals for the 2002 membership campaign as follows:

1. Renew and revitalize the organization and its members by increasing the active membership.
2. Conduct a major public meeting to deal with preservation issues with such meetings rotating through each section.
3. Activate a Walker County preservation network including a link with all existing and evolving organizations.

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## Walker County Historical Society Supports New Park

On February 22, 2002, the Walker County Historical Society presented a check for \$500.00 to the Joe Stock Historical Fund to purchase bricks in the Joe Stock Memorial Park located on North Main Street in La Fayette in honor of the charter members of the Society, which was founded in 1976. Charter members included Mrs. Gussie Abercrombie, Mr. Lee Conley, Mrs. Vera Coulter, Mrs. Helen Davis, Mrs. Katherine Derrick, Mrs. Juanita Fariss, Mrs. Lorraine Gilbert, Mrs. Mildred Harper, Mrs. Beth Heiss, Mrs. Doris Hetzler, Mrs. Lucille McConnell, Mr. and Mrs. Mayers Matthews, Ms. Kathleen Price, Mrs. Betty Nash, Mrs. Evelyn Shahan, Mr. Frank Shaw, Jr., Mrs. Eugenia Snow, Mrs. Gertrude Thurman, and Mrs. Jeanette Watson.

The Walker County Historical Society has a 2002 goal of increasing support for other historical preservation groups and the development of a network among these groups to improve the quality of life of all people in Walker County. □



WCHS President Clayton Bell, Jr., presents a \$500 check to Mrs. Dot Stock standing by Dr. David Boyle, Vice-President of the WCHS.

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4. Identify and promote the restoration of endangered historical resources.
5. Develop a strategy for accumulating financial resources for major projects.
6. Enhance our image as a positive and influential organization in Walker County.

These goals will be presented at the next officers meeting where implementation activities and points of actions will be identified. Finally, they will be presented to the general membership for adoption.

In the future the mail will be sorted as follows:

Betty will get all queries

Joan will send checks and statements to the Treasurer

Betty mentioned pictures, etc. for mining. Mr. Culpepper has money for markers (at coke ovens and at Durham school). WCHS provides articles and pictures.

David led a discussion on the frequency of the meetings. It was decided to have a monthly meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month.

The next officers meeting will be Saturday, February 2 @ 10:00.

Respectfully submitted,

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His first wife, Mary Roberts, was scalped and killed by the Indians in March 1785. His second marriage, 18 February 1786, was to Elizabeth Roberts who he was born 1766 in Virginia and died 1856 in McMinn Co., TN. The family moved from the Holston and Clinch Rivers where they had lived for forty years to Illinois, then to Kentucky, and then to McMinn Co., TN about 1836. There he died 22 April 1836.

William Walden was born about 1778 in Lee County, VA to John Walling and his first wife, Mary Roberts. He married Mary Rogers who was born about 1784 in Lee County, VA.

Her father was Elisha Rogers. William died ca 1845-48 in Walker County, GA. He was on both 1830 and 1840 Hamilton County, TN Census. His widow, Mary, is listed on the 1850 Walker County Census with her son, Hudson.

Jesse Wallin, born 15 June 1793 in Lee County, VA, moved his family to Walker County, GA from McMinn County, TN about 1848. He settled in McLemore Cove about a mile south of Davis Crossroads.

The family record of Jesse Wallin is recorded on blank pages in *Gunn's Domestic Medicine* published in Knoxville in 1830, now in possession of the family of the late LLOYD Wallin of Knoxville.

Jesse Wallin (the g was dropped) married first Rebecca Duff, born 23 Sept. 1793 on the ocean coming from Ireland. She died 9 January 1841 in McMinn County. Their children:

James Monroe Wallin, born 1814 in VA, married Sarah B. Rose and moved to Good Hope, III.

Isaac, born 11 Aug. 1817 in VA; died 3 July 1849 McMinn County, TN

Louisa, born 1820; died Ca 1850; married John Rogers

Robert Lindsey, born 19 Feb. 1822 in Kentucky; died 17 Jan. 1902 in Walker County; m. first Elizabeth Spradling who died in 1848; m. second Elizabeth Hinnard who died in 1866; m. third Martha Ann Combs.

Letitia Ann, born 1824 TN; married Thomas Roberts

Nancy E., born 13 Feb. 1826 TN; married Richard Wilson

Berryman, born 30 March 1830 TN; died ca 1865; m. Arvazena Allison

Jesse Wallin married second, Cassie White. She was born 1825 in TN and died in Walker County about 1890. Their children:

William G., born 1842

Thirsey C., born 1845; married Dick Catlett

Sarah E., born 1848; married Will Catlett

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John C. born 27 Sept. 1848; died 31. Aug. 1890; married Frances

Mary Jane born 7 Sept 1852; died 22 Jan. 1917; m. George W. Hise

Jesse Leander, born 7 Feb. 1855; married Jane Garrett

Francis Marion, born 4 April 1858; married Harriet Catlett

Rebecca, born 6 Feb. 1861; married William R. Jackson

Lucinda Carrie, born 4 March 1864; married Jim Mode

In 1873 Jesse Wallin filed a claim with the U. S. Southern Claims Commission for property taken by Union soldiers Sept. 15-16, 1863. In his sworn statement of his loyalty he states, "I was raised by an old warrior in the days of Washington and I never expect to depart from that faith."

A notation at the end: "This case closed. Claimant all right and a Radical Union Man." He gave his age as 81 years.

Jesse Wallin died in 1881 and he and his wife, Cassie, are buried at Cedar Grove in Old Antioch Cemetery with stacked rock graves.

The above info is from the research of the late Doris C. Hetzler. Vera Coulter □

## THE WALLIN FAMILY

Jesse Wallin, born June 15, 1793 in Lee County Virginia, moved with his family to Walker County Georgia from McMinn County Tennessee.

Jesse's father, John Walling was born July 27, 1750 in Henry County Virginia. John and his second wife, Elizabeth Roberts (b. 1766 in VA, d. 1856 in McMinn Co. TN) were the parents of eleven children.

Jesse Wallin dropped the "g". He married first Rebecca Duff. Their children were James Monroe, Isaac, Louisa, Robert, Letita, Nancy E. and Berryman. Nancy E. married Richard Wilson. I have their family Bible which has family information written by a quill. It was written, " Nancy E. was born February the 13<sup>th</sup>

in the year of our Lord 1826. Richard Wilson was born March 1<sup>st</sup> in the year of our Lord 1829. Mary Jane Wilson was born August the 13<sup>th</sup> in the year of our Lord 1852. Richard Wilson and Nancy were married July 30<sup>th</sup> in the year of our Lord 1851."

I found Richard Wilson in Walker County in the household of Richard Wilson (146) in the East Chickamauga District. The head of household was Richard Wilson, 77, m, Minister of the Gospel Miss. Bapt. born in Virginia, Also in house: Jane 49 f VA, Richard 21 m TN (the age same as Bible). Other children were: Jas 19 m TN, Benj. 10 m TN, Effey 8 f TN. Two children had married: (147) Geo Newton 22 m farmer TN, Mary 17 f TN, Martha 1 f GA and (148) John S. Wilson 24 m farmer TN, Elizabeth 25 f, Eliz. J. 2 f GA Dicey C. 5/12 GA. [If anyone knows of these Wilson's please contact me. See end.]

Berryman Wallin was b. March 30, 1830 TN d. ca. 1865. Berryman married Arvazina Allison Jan 21, 1852 in McMinn Co. TN. Arvazina b. 1834 to William P. and Sarah McKinney Allison. The Wallin children were (1) Jesse d. young, (2) William Pickens who was know as Uncle Pickens Wallin and married Mary Ann Moore, daughter of Rev. Gabriel and Virginia Mitchell Moore. (3) Sarah Elizabeth married Walter T. Hughes from Dade Co. (4) Elbert Walker married first Carrie Hays and second Cynith Stout.

After Berryman's death, Arvazina married John B. Hardin, son of Morris and Margaret Monroe Harden. John and Arvazina had only one daughter, Margaret Missouri better known as "Zuria". Arvazina and John B. were my great grandparents. Their daughter married Joseph Pascal Long - my grandparents Joseph and Zuria. Children were (1) Flora married P. J. Magin, (2) Eldridge married Maud Hickman, (3) Hester married Jesse James Kelley - my parents, (4) Mildard married Bessie Medley, (5) Burl married Beatrice Upton.

Submitted by Margaret Simmons, 655 West Schmitt Road, Rossville GA 30741 □

Wallin Family

10. Husband's Full Name *Mallin, John Rev. Soldier*

FORM: 2477	Husband's Birth	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
<i>Research</i>	Birth	27-7-1750	<i>Henry County, VA</i>			
	Mar.	18-2-1786				
<i>Will &amp; Estate records of McMinn Co. TN</i>	Death	22-4-1836	<i>McMinn Co., TN</i>			
	Burial					

*Will & Estate records of McMinn Co. TN*  
*Wife of Eugene With*  
*of Kenneth With*

Occupation	Church Affiliation	Military Rec.
<i>1st Mary Roberts killed by Indians Mar. 1785</i>		
His Father <i>Elihu Walling</i>	Mother's Maiden Name <i>Mary Blevins</i>	
Wife's Full Maiden Name <i>2nd Elizabeth Roberts</i>		
Wife's Birth	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place
Birth	1766	<i>Virginia</i>
Chr's		
Death	<i>after 1855</i>	<i>McMinn Co., TN</i>
Burial		

Compiler *Doris Holden*  
 Address *Rt. 4, Box 152*  
 City, State *Kennesaw, GA*  
 Date *1979*

Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Date	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
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1	<i>William Walling</i> Full Name of Spouse	Birth	<i>c.a. 1798</i>		<i>VA</i>	
	<i>Mary Rogers</i> Full Name of Spouse	Mar.				
		Death	<i>1845-48</i>	<i>Walker Co.</i>	<i>GA</i>	
		Burial				
2	<i>Elihu</i> Full Name of Spouse	Birth				
		Mar.				
		Death				
		Burial				
3	<i>John</i> Full Name of Spouse	Birth	<i>1788</i>		<i>VA</i>	
	<i>Mary</i> Full Name of Spouse	Mar.				
		Death	<i>1860</i>			
		Burial				
4	<i>James</i> Full Name of Spouse	Birth	<i>1790</i>			
	<i>Susan</i> Full Name of Spouse	Mar.				
		Death				
		Burial				
5	<i>Jesse</i> Full Name of Spouse	Birth	<i>15 Jan 1793</i>			
	<i>1. Rebecca Duff</i> <i>2. Cassie White</i> Full Name of Spouse	Mar.				
		Death	<i>1880</i>	<i>Walker Co.</i>	<i>GA</i>	
		Burial				
6	<i>Nancy</i> Full Name of Spouse	Birth	<i>8 Sept 1794</i>			
	<i>Daniel Walling</i> Full Name of Spouse	Mar.				
		Death	<i>24 Nov 1860</i>	<i>White Co.</i>	<i>TN</i>	
		Burial				
7	<i>Stephen</i> Full Name of Spouse	Birth	<i>1800-1810</i>			
	<i>Elizabeth</i> Full Name of Spouse	Mar.				
		Death	<i>before 1850</i>			
		Burial				
8	<i>Thomas (Harrison)</i> Full Name of Spouse	Birth	<i>5 Jan 1798</i>			
	<i>1. Nancy Duff</i> <i>2. Elizabeth Rice</i> Full Name of Spouse	Mar.				
		Death	<i>4 Jan 1873</i>		<i>NC.</i>	
		Burial				
9	<i>Sarah</i> Full Name of Spouse	Birth	<i>1799</i>		<i>VA</i>	
	<i>John Ligon</i> Full Name of Spouse	Mar.				
		Death				
		Burial				
10	<i>Isaac</i> Full Name of Spouse	Birth	<i>c.a. 1803</i>		<i>VA</i>	
	<i>Jane</i> Full Name of Spouse	Mar.				
		Death	<i>after 1880</i>	<i>Walker Co.</i>	<i>GA</i>	
		Burial				
11	<i>Elizabeth</i> Full Name of Spouse	Birth	<i>c.a. 1809</i>			
	<i>George McMurray</i> Full Name of Spouse	Mar.				
		Death				
		Burial				
12	<i>Full Name of Spouse</i>	Birth				
		Mar.				
		Death				
		Burial				
13	<i>Full Name of Spouse</i>	Birth				
		Mar.				
		Death				
		Burial				