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NEWSLETTER

The Jackson County Historical Society News is published quarterly and mailed before the next meeting. Back issues can be obtained for \$1.50 each plus postage. Please send your Jackson County family connections with your dues and they will be published in the next newsletter.

DUES

The Jackson County Historical Society's Dues Year runs from July to July. *A notice is enclosed in newsletters of members who have not as yet paid next year's dues.* Checks should be written to the Jackson County Historical Society and mailed to:
JCHS, 28 College Street, Jefferson Georgia 30549.

Individual	\$10.00
Family	\$15.00
Life Member	\$100.00

On the cover: Patriot Nancy Morgan Hart captures Tory Soldiers in her frontier cabin.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The April meeting was well attended and we enjoyed a very interesting slide presentation by Rick Stone on the technical process of printing photographs from glass plate negatives. The prints Rick has made from Cicero Simmons' negatives are still available for purchase at the Crawford Long Museum. The 11" x 14" prints sell for \$65.00 each.

The Jackson County Comprehensive High School History Club won fourth place in the National History Day Competition in Maryland this year. The Crawford W. Long Museum and the Historical Society sponsored the club's trip to Maryland. We are very proud of these dedicated students and their hard work. Their exhibit, *The Technology of Cotton Production*, is now on display at the Museum through the summer.

CALENDAR

From July 5 through December 1999, the Crawford W. Long Museum features an exhibit on Textile Mill Workers in Jackson County.

The Jackson County Historical Society will hold our annual Hot Dog Picnic at the Shields-Ethridge Farm at 6:00 on Thursday, July 15. Members and their families will gather at the Tractor Barn. David Hoss, Sr., of the Lyman Hall Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, will present a program on the Revolutionary Soldier. He will be wearing the field uniform of a typical Revolutionary soldier and will also demonstrate riflery.

FAMILY CONNECTIONS

Frank C. Gilbert, 177 Hickory Hollow Dr., Jefferson, GA 30549, (706) 367-4953; SHOCKLEY, GILBERT

William and Patricia Harlan Betts, 4110 Robin Drive, Jackson, MS 39206 (601) 981-9220; HARLAN, BAUGH, DANIEL

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Ruby A. Brown, 404 Minter Dr., Eastman, GA 31023; LYLE, BORING, DALTON

PITTMAN

Looking for location of Jackson County house sites of James Pittman, John Green Pittman, and James Franklin Pittman (James Franklin Pittman moved to Thomas County in the early 1850's). Contact: Martha Andrews, 2106 Summer Hill Lane, Augusta, GA 30904, (706) 667-8900

SAILORS-POTTS

Looking for proof of marriage of Mary Lou Jennie Sailors to Henry Larry Potts on June 2, 1902. Moved to Fitzgerald in 1905; parents: Lou Chandler and William M. Sailors, Anthony Wayne Potts and Lucy Murray. Contact: Jane B. Chaffin, 1308 Burbank Drive, New Orleans, LA 70122, W:(504) 568-2336, H:(504) 282-5162.

REVOLUTIONARY PENSION APPLICATIONS**GEORGE WILSON, SR.**

G e o r g e
Wilson was born in 1755 in Dublin Ireland. He came to America in 1775. He joined the Continental Army just before the capture of Fort Lee where he was taken prisoner. On July 21, 1777 he was listed in Capt. Jonathan Pierson's Company. He was in the battles of Brandywine, Monmouth and Yorktown. He had married Martha Gwendalin Griley. After the war the family moved to Iredell County, North Carolina for two years and from there came to the Groaning Rock community. His grave was marked recently by state SAR and local DAR chapters

JOHN MCELHANNON

Georgia, Jackson County, 6 November 1833—John McElhannon was born 25 September 1752 in County Londonderry Ireland. He stated he had seen his birthdate recorded in his father's Bible and in the Church Bible in Ireland. He was residing York County, Pennsylvania, when he enlisted in Capt. Peebles company, Col. Chambers, Pennsylvania Regiment, under command of General Anthony Wayne. He served in the Battle of Brooklyn 27 August, 1776, in which Captain Peebles lost his life. All his company were killed or cap-

tured with the exception of six other men and himself. He was taken prisoner at the Battle of Fort Washington and was not released until after the Battle of Princeton when he joined Captain Armstrong's company. He served in the Battles of White Plains, Brandywine and Germantown. He was discharged from service on 20 November 1778, but served several more tours of duty in the militia. After the war he moved to Mecklenburg Co. North Carolina, then to Jackson Co. Georgia. He died on 31 May, 1834 and is buried near Jefferson.

An affidavit from JOHN BOYLE stated that his father PETER BOYLE, had served in the war with John McElhannon.

There was a little trouble in establishing his correct name because, as he related, during his service he was scarcely ever called by his proper name, but was known as "Mac" and had enrolled in Captain Armstrong's company as "John Hannon."

His Will, probated on 7 July, 1843, names his wife Eleanor; his sons Hugh, Cooper, James, John, Christopher, Isaiah, Hezekiah, Francis, and Stewart; his grandson Francis McElhannon; his daughters Eleanor Bell, Elizabeth McMurtry, Unity Potts, and Peggy Shields.

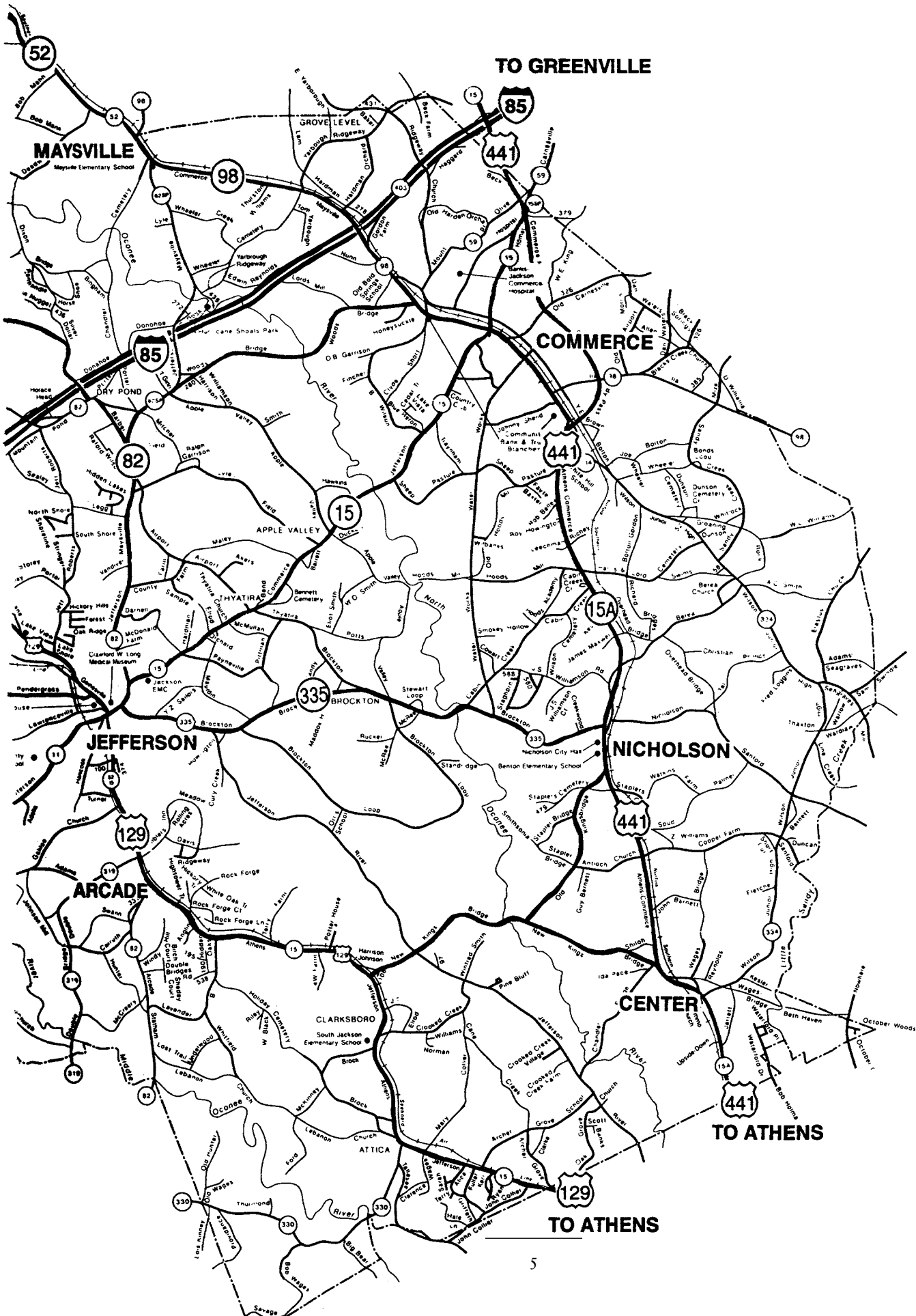
The John McElhannon gravesite was rededicated on June 12, 1999 by the Daughters of the American Revolution. The story from John McElhannon's military service will be featured in the next issue of the *Jackson County Historical Society News*.

REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS IN JACKSON COUNTY

How can we document Revolutionary service? Some of the best sources are the 1827 Land Lottery, the 1832 Land Lottery, and the Revolutionary pension applications of 1818 and later.

Previous JCHS newsletters have published the 1827 Land Lottery lists for six militia districts in Jackson County. There are others that we have not been able to find. These include Randolph's District #248, Jefferson #245, Red Stone-Attica #242, and two districts now in Barrow County #243 and #246.

The soldiers and widows from these five districts, along with those in the earlier published lists begin on page 6.



**REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS AND THEIR WIDOWS
IN JACKSON COUNTY**

RANDOLPH DISTRICT # 248

1832 Land Lottery

Francis Bell

Jacob Brazelton, Sr.—Will 1835

James Cochran—Will 1838

James W. Cook

Alexander Reed

Soloman Saxon—Will 1848

WIDOWS

Sarah K. Horton—Prosser's Will in 1820

Mary McNeely

JEFFERSON DISTRICT #245

1832 Land Lottery

WIDOWS

Tabitha Chandler—Will in 1840

Elizabeth Darris

Martha Garner—Will in 1865

Sally Rawls

Mary Thompson

REDSTONE-ATTICA DISTRICT #242

1832 Land Lottery

John King—Will in 1842

John Matthews

WIDOWS

Eve Boggs

Mary Dameron—Widow of Charles

Elizabeth Heard—Widow of Richard

Mary Pendergrass

Ann Reynolds—Widow of William

Judith Roberts

WITHERSPOON'S DISTRICT #243

1832 Land Lottery

John Gilbert—Will in 1832

WIDOWS

Martha Adams

Patience Bryant

Martha Cowen

Elizabeth Maynard

CANDLERS DISTRICT #246

1832 Land Lottery

Josiah Bondurant

Jesse Johnson

Daniel McDaniel

William Pentecost

George Slaten

WIDOWS

Phoebe Boring—Issac's Will in 1831

Hannah Brooks

Nancy Fuller

Nancy Hiner—Lewis' Will in 1930

Sarah Lambert

NEWTOWN—CENTER DISTRICT

1827 Land Lottery

Anthony Elton

James Glenn—Will in 1837 named wife Elizabeth

Joseph Harris, Sr.—Will in 1839 named wife Elizabeth

William Matthews, Sr.—Will 1855

William Moore—Will in 1827 named wife Sarah

Robert Morgan

John McCarty—Will in 1837 named wife Mary

John McDonald

Thomas Stapler, Sr.—Will in 1826 named wife Ruth

James Wilson, Sr.

William Lord

Archibald Underwood

WIDOWS

Sarah Baugh

Martha Brock

Mary Moore

Abrilla Sharp

Ann Smith

June Stoneham—Henry's Will in 1815

Susannah Taylor

Constance Ryan

Abrilla Smith

CUNNINGHAM DISTRICT

1827 Land Lottery

Middleton Brooks Sr.—Will 1851

John King—Will 1842

Samuel Knox Sr.—Will 1837

Miles Langley

John Miller—Will in 1829

Samuel Pool—Will 1930

John Sisson

John Wright

WIDOWS

Anna Edwards
Elizabeth Glenn
Sarah K. Horton—Prosser's Will in 1823
Sarah Johnson
Elizabeth Pettyjohn
Hannah Boyle
Christian Broadwell
Esther Hemphill
Medience Martin
Jane Wallis
Frances Wright

The following districts include both 1832 Land Lottery names and 1827 Land Lottery names. Those 1832 names are so indicated following the names.

WILSON'S DISTRICT

William Burns Sr.
John Duncan
John Evans
John G. Henderson—Will in 1839
Robert Henderson—1832 Land Lottery
Charles McKinny—Will in 1834
Claiborn Webb
James Wheeler—Will in 1854
William Wilson

WIDOWS

Prudence Cowan—Elijah's Will in 1812
Jarimah Duncan
Nancy Orr—1832 Land Lottery
Jemima Dale—1832 Land Lottery
Rachel Webb—1832 Land Lottery

MILLERS DISTRICT

Bond Veal Brown
Charles Gunter
John Robinson
Benj. Scoggins
Robert Taylor

WIDOWS

Abigail Bridges
Barbara Conley
Rachel Heard - William's Will in 1825

HARRISBURG DISTRICT

Patrick Cash—Will 1832
George Cowan, Sr.
Ansel Cunningham—1832 Land Lottery
Thomas Eaves
John Hampton, Sr.
John Justus—Will in 1831
Isaac Lynch
Alexander Morrison—Will in 1840
John Nix
John Orr, Sr.—Will in 1828 names wife Nancy
William Potts—Will 1837—1832 Land Lottery
Sharod Thompson—Will 1843—1832 Land Lottery
John Winters, Sr.—Will 1830
Edward Pharr—1832 Land Lottery

HARRISBURG—MILLERS DISTRICTS

WIDOWS

Margaret Barnett—Samuel's Will in 1821
Mary Bradford
Elizabeth Cook
Sarah Howard—Will in 1838
Jane S. Jarrett
Esther Lindsey
Elizabeth Palmer
Sarah Robison—1832 Land Lottery
Judith Shackelford
Ann Williamson
Sarah Cash—1832 Land Lottery

MINISH DISTRICT

James Barr Sr.—Will in 1838—1832 Land Lottery
Thomas Barron—1832 Land Lottery
Nathan Bowles—1832 Land Lottery
William Patton
Christopher Sailors Sr.
John Embry—1832 Land Lottery
Sharod Gean—1832 Land Lottery
William Gober—1832 Land Lottery
George Haney—1832 Land Lottery
William Lord—1832 Land Lottery

WIDOWS

Mary Anthony—Will in 1849
Rachel Bennett—1832 Land Lottery
Polly Flanigan—1832 Land Lottery
Mary Ann Patterson—1832 Land Lottery
Lucy Williams—1832 Land Lottery
Nancy York—1832 Land Lottery

**DON'T FORGET: THE JACKSON COUNTY
HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING AND PICNIC**

Date: Thursday, July 15, 1999
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: Shields-Ethridge Farm
Program: David Hoss, Sr., of the Lyman Hall
Chapter of the Sons of the American
Revolution, will present a program on
the Revolutionary Soldier.

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