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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

excerpt from Update Northeast Georgia Regional Development Center

The Georgia Trust recently awarded one of our members, Joyce Ethridge, the Mary Jewett Award for stewardship. Joyce was the only recipient of the award this year. The award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated outstanding service in preserving significant historic resources in the State of Georgia. The award was presented at the Georgia Trust's annual ceremony held in Marietta. Joyce owns the Shields/Ethridge Farm in Jefferson.

JCHS OFFICERS 1996-97

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JCHS MEETING

Date: Thursday, July 17, 1997
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: Miles Wilson Matthews Chapel at Hurricane Shoals Park, Hwy82 Spur, Maysville, GA
Program: Tour of the History Village and Annual Hot Dog Picnic

BRING A FOLDING CHAIR!

CALENDAR

July 17	JCHS picnic: History Village, Hurricane Shoals Park, 6:00 PM
Aug. 10–Dec. 5	CWL Museum: The Shields/Ethridge Farm, a Story of Georgia Farming Family's Migration
October 19	JCHS Meeting: Dry Pond

DUES

The Jackson County Historical Society's Dues Year runs from July to July. The 1997–1998 dues are being accepted now. Your check needs to be received before October 1, 1997 to receive your October newsletter. Checks should be written to the Jackson County Historical Society and mailed to the address below.

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

NEWSLETTER

The Jackson County Historical Society New 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.

QUERIES

Notice: All JCHS members may submit queries. Each query must concern people who resided in Jackson or surrounding counties. Please mail queries so they will be received by the following cut-off dates:

October issue — September 25

January issue — December 20

Instructions: No more than 80 words per entry. Please print or type clearly and include all known dates and locations for births, marriages, deaths, & residences. Queries are subject to editing.

McNEES / McNEESE

Searching for information regarding the James McNees family of early Jackson Co., GA. James, (b.1750) Charlotte Co., VA moved to Laurens Co., SC and later to York Co., SC. Served in the Revolutionary War. Moved to Jackson Co. about 1806. Died after 1836. Contact Dave Davis, P.O. Box 1061, Pocahontas, AR 72455.

THOMPSON

Need information on wife, daughters, and parents of James Wiley Thompson, b. Feb 11, 1840 in Haywood Co., NC, married circa 1865 in GA, Mary A. ? and had 3 children: Georgia, Mary A., and Merida A. 1865-1870. CSA pension records states his death in Jackson Co., GA in 1916. James W. and Mary lived in Hall Co., GA in 1880; James W. and 2nd wife, Sarah lived in Jackson Co., GA in 1910. His parents were David S. and Anna J. Thompson. Contact Helen Pauline Thompson, 1271 Rustic Ridge Dr, Atlanta, GA 30319-1517, (770)452-7627. Family Connections: THOMPSON, LOGGINS, COOK, GOBER, CASEY, COCHRAN

STEWART / BAIRD / McEVER / EVANS

Any information on David Washington Stewart — 1852-1891, married Rosa Telula Evans—1856-1931. Any information on her Evans line. Their son, William Edgar Stewart - 1878-1952, married Cammie Adell Baird—1887-1941, their son Walter L. Stew-

art married Doris McEver. Request information on Robert McEver, died 1914, married Mary Lee Roberts, died 1913, and their son William W. McEver—1872-1969, married Ellen Roberts, 1875-1930. Contact Betty Ellen Stewart Hill, 910 Pace Ave, Maitland, FL 32751. (407)644-1142.

FAMILY CONNECTIONS

Jerye Carter, 9735 Bullard, Clovis, CA 93611, (209)297-9209: BOWLES, EMBRY, DAWSON, WOOD(S)

Alma Dean Cason, P.O. Box 35, Springhill, LA 71075, (318)539-5860: WOOD, LESTER

Mildred Halbrook, 710 Peachtree Street N.E., #1530, Atlanta, Georgia 30308-1223: CHEATHAM, HARRISON, HINTO, MARLOW, McGINNIS, MORRIS, OLIVER, PETTYJOHN, RANDOLPH, ROGERS (John of Walnut Fork)

Carolyn Holm, 101 Lepori Way, Sparks, NV 89431, (702) 359-2867: BORING, LYLE, DALTON

David A. Landers, 1304 Celtic Ash Dr, Grand Prairie, TX 75052, (972)264-5485: RAY, WILSON (Ann Ray Wilson), HOLCOMBE, KINSEY

George E. Thurmond, 120 Cannonade Dr, Alpharetta, Georgia 30201, (770)475-1463: THURMOND, McELROY

Glenda M. Thurmond, 585 Augusta Dr., Hernando, MS 38632, (601)429-0247: MORRISON, TROUT, LEECHMAN, LORD, THURMOND

Rachel Turner, 8551 U.S. Hwy 129N, Talmo, GA 30575, (706)693-2262: COLE, PETHEL, BEATY, GEE, SIMPSON, MORGAN, LONG, TURNER, BLACKSTOCK, SCOTT, TUCKER, STONECYPHER

John M. Burns, Jr., 3101 Apt. H Aileen Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606 (919)233-1797: J.M. BURNS, HILL, TELFORD, HARRIS.

CEMETERIES

Several Jackson Co. family cemeteries have been identified this year:

Pendergrass	Hemphill Cemetery and Sisson Cemetery
Holly Springs	Marlow Cemetery
Maysville	Strickland Cemetery, Deal/Hogan Cemetery, Sisson/Lytle Cemetery

Does anyone know the location of the Flournoy Farm and cemetery in the Clarkesboro area?

excerpt from The Jackson Herald

January 30, 1885—Jackson County Cotton Tree—On last Wednesday, while some negroes were clearing up a field on what is known as the Flournoy place, in Clarkesboro District, of this county, they came across a tree that looked rather peculiar—so much so that they spared it from the ravages of the ax. Mr. Martin, who now owns the place, came to where they were working and examined the tree. The tree is about 15 feet high and 9 inches in diameter and the limbs commence at the distance of five feet from the ground, and look like the branches of the regular cotton plant, and each limb has cotton bolls thickly stuck on it, in which is hidden away the finest-kind of cotton, equal in quality to any ever raised in the South. The limbs are about as thick on it as those of a cedar tree.

OBITUARIES

excerpt from The Forest News

January 17, 1879—Death of John Jacobus Flournoy—This remarkably singular old man, who was for many long years a resident of this county, died, as we are informed, at his home, near Clarkesboro, on the morning of the 15th instant. He had been a man of considerable talent and excellent attainments, having graduated, as the writer has been told, at Princeton College, NJ along with such distinguished men as the late Chief Justice Lumpkin and others, but he, in some way or other, was possessed of some peculiar freaks of mind that resulted disastrously, and for many years he has been known to the people in this section as a

partially crazed old man, and an object of pity. He was partially deaf and dumb, and lived for a long time a secluded and desolate life. We suppose he was nearly eighty years old. The cause of his death, we learn, was sheer exhaustion and general debility, attendant upon extreme old age. He had his faults; who has not? Let them be forgotten. Peace to his ashes.

[note from the editor]

John Jacobus Flournoy was born 1808 and died January 17, 1879 in Jackson County. Dr. Merton Coulter has written a book about him and refutes some statements in his obituary, chiefly that he was a graduate of Princeton. Actually he was admitted to the University of Georgia in 1830, but his days there as a student were short. He seemed to be growing deaf and dumb like his brother, Marcus Aurelius. He fled to Hartford, CT with intention of entering the American School for the Deaf. Without entering he returned south and entered a lunatic asylum in South Carolina for a short time, then settled in Athens and spent most of his life in Jackson Co.

He married Eliza Venerable on Dec. 31, 1834. Soon afterward he ran for the Georgia Legislature. People laughed at his speeches, and he lost miserably. They lived on a 600 acre plantation about 12 miles from Athens on the Old Federal Road. He gave his mother-in-law 125 acres adjoining. There were several children, but only one daughter survived. This was Mary Christiana, who married James Venable. His wife died in 1855. Soon Flournoy married a young girl in her teens. She began to spend money to live in grand style. After many lawsuits were brought for her debts, she ran away to Alabama. The next year he married another young girl, Sarah Ann Hyde. She left him in 1861, and he brought divorce proceedings. She was supposed to have died in 1863.

There were disputes and lawsuits with Joseph W. Boggs, Isaac Flanigan, the Anglins, Crawford W. Long and H.R.J. Long, J.P. Thurmond, Charles Witt and others. He felt that Jackson County, "in general, was a model for no county in the universe: a more nonsensic, drinking, swearing, foolish, careless rabble, I never before witnessed congregated in any locality."

He wrote many pamphlets and newspaper articles. He believed in trigamy, expulsion of blacks, and paci-

fism. However he was the father of education for the deaf and dumb in Georgia and was instrumental in the legislation to establish the school for the deaf at Cave Springs, Georgia.

excerpts from the Jackson Herald

July 19, 1899—Jacob Dilmus Thompson was born in Cherokee County, GA, Jan. 16, 1866, but lived the greater part of his life in Jackson County and died in Anniston, Ala., July 1, 1889, of pneumonia, after a short illness. His remains were brought home to Jackson County, GA, and buried at Ebenezer church with Masonic honors, after a funeral sermon by Rev. N.E. McBreyer.

1893—Mr. David M. Burns, a young man of Apple Valley, took his gun from the rack last Tuesday morning and went out into a patch of woods near the house, with the seeming intention of hunting for squirrels. He went out before breakfast, and when the hour for the morning meal arrived the young man did not return. The family ate breakfast, but still young Burns remained away. So finally his father and brother thought they would take a little search for him. Going in the direction which he went, they soon found him. But, horrible to relate, he was found lying on his face-dead. He had committed suicide. The body was buried at Thyatira last Wednesday.

Young Burns had a spell of sickness some months ago which was very severe. He had never entirely recovered from the sickness, for at times he was morose and melancholy and suffered from mental aberration.

April 6, 1894—Seabron Moore was born in Anderson County, SC, June 15th, 1813; professed faith in Christ and joined the Baptist church in 1831; was married to Miss Mary Melissa Brock in 1833; moved to Jackson County, GA, in 1843; his wife died in 1863; he was married again to Mrs. Sarah M. Hawkins in 1865; was ordained deacon at the Oconee Church in 1868, and died February 10th, 1894. The first wife and four children were called before him; the second wife and five daughters are left to mourn his loss. Pendergrass, GA.

Sept 9, 1898—We deeply sympathize with Mr. Wm. Wages and family in that they have been called upon

to give to the Master their old father and grandfather, Mr. Andrew Wages. He was born in Fairfield district, SC, in the year of our Lord 1802, and was married when only 20 years old, soon after which he moved to Georgia, and joined the Methodist church. He leaves a loving wife, five children and a host of grandchildren to mourn his death. He had been sick five weeks, but not enough to be confined to his bed until Tuesday, when he was taken very ill, and after much suffering, died Saturday, Aug. 13, 5 p.m., and was buried Sunday, August 14, at his old home near Prospect Church, Jackson County.

May, 20, 1898—Mrs. S.S. House departed this life at her home, near Brockton, last Thursday. On Saturday before she was at Bethany, in seemingly good health. While there she went to the grave of her departed husband and placed flowers over the mound of earth that contained his sleeping remains. As she came from the tomb her eyes were filled with tears and her heart with sorrow, she met the pastor Rev. J. W. Stipe and said; I am ready to be put by his side. On Thursday she was called from earth to heaven. She was 77 years old and had been a consistent Christian for a half a century.

FAMILY REUNIONS

excerpts from The Jackson Herald

December 10, 1903—Mr. J. A. Suddeth celebrated his 58th anniversary last Sabbath, at his home, near Jefferson.

All his children, consisting of Mr. T.N. Suddath, Mrs. C. L. Harris, Mrs. D.D. Kesler, Messrs. Frank, Walter and Sumner Suddeth, were present. Also, two of his brothers, Messrs. B.F. and Boon Suddeth, of Gillsville. Together with their families, and his sister, Mrs. Walker, of Gainesville, and her children, were present. Besides this, other of his relatives and many friends, about 50 persons in all, were invited to take part in the festivities of the day.

Before the dining room doors were thrown open and the guests invited therein, Mr. and Mrs. Suddeth were invited into the parlor by their children, and were seated side by side. In behalf of the children, Jno. N. Holder presented Mr. Suddeth with a beautiful gold

watch. In behalf of his two sisters, Mrs. Walker of Gainesville, and Mrs. Osborne of Augusta, he was presented with a silver cream pitcher and a silver sugar dish. From the Walker children, he was presented with a sofa pillow. Dr. J.C. Bennett gave him a nice leather pocket book; Mrs. Lou Pendergrass, a neck tie, and the Osborne children, some other presents. Other presents were presented by his friends.

It was not the birthday of Mrs. Suddeth, but the sons and daughters remembered her also by presenting her with a beautiful gold watch and chain.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Suddeth expressed their great appreciation of their presents, and then the guests were invited into the dining room, where they were served with a plenteous supply of pork, turkey, chicken, pickles, pies, custards, cakes, jellies, coffee, and various sundry other viands too numerous to mention.

Oct 6, 1904—Center Grove—On last Wednesday, at the home of Uncle Wm. Griffeth, gathered his two living children, his grand-children, great-grand children, several relatives and a few friends, and celebrated his 82nd birthday by a family reunion. There were about 100 people present, and the table spread under the majestic oaks, laden with every delicacy that could attempt the appetite, presented a beautiful scene, and did honor to the occasion. After dinner, candy and cigars were plentifully distributed. The evening was spent in pleasant conversation, and as Sol neared the western horizon, all dispersed to their respective homes, expressing their pleasure and enjoyment of the day, and promising that should God see fit to spare dear old uncle William until Sept. 28th, 1905, they would again gather and endeavor to cheer him with their kind remembrances.

JACKSON COUNTY DIVORCES

August 1819—Joseph Rasberry vs Mourning (Rogers) Rasberry. Defendant not to be found in county. Married May 6, 1815. Total divorce.

February 1844—Lydia A. (Staples) Hawks vs Reuben Hawks. Defendant not to be found in county. Married June 10, 1839. Total divorce, August 1844.

February 1855—Elizabeth Nutt vs Archibald H. Nutt.

Trial August 1855.

August 1855—Sarah A. Thurmond vs James Thurmond.

August 1857—Margaret T. Snelson vs T.C. Snelson. Defendant dead.

E.B. Bacon vs A.E. Bacon. Settle at August term, 1858.

January 1859—John C. Anthony vs Martha C. Anthony. Second trial February 1860.

February 1860—Malinda Rouse vs Martin Rouse. Defendant not found in county. Dismissed 1860.

February 1860—S.W. Baird vs Nancy Baird. Defendant not found in county.

August 1860—Elizabeth Stapler vs Amos G. Stapler. August 1866—total divorce for plaintiff, all property named shall vest in and become property of said Elizabeth Stapler.

August 1860—Sarah Richardson vs William T. Richardson. Two defendants served notice for 4 months by publication in Southern Banner.

February 1861—Deliah E. Estes vs Garrison Estes. Defendant not to be found in the county. August 1863, death of defendant suggested and suit abated.

August 1861—Joanna Gordon (Jordon) vs Eldred Gordon. Dismissed.

February 1862—John J. Floynoy vs Sarah A. Flournoy. August 1863—dismissed at plaintiff's cost.

August 1863—John T. White vs Sidney A. White. Abated by death of plaintiff.

February 1864—R.L. Baird vs J.A. Baird

February 1864—R.T. Johnson vs Nancy Johnson. February 1866—first verdict for plaintiff. August 1866—final verdict for plaintiff, total divorce.

February 1864—Delila M. Venable vs John Venable, August 1866—first verdict for plaintiff. 1867, total divorce for plaintiff, with property.

excerpts from The Jackson Herald

1896—No commencement. The Alumni Association met and laid flowers at W.D. Martin's grave.

1897—Commencement for 4 days, no graduates.

1898—June 27—Now that Dr. C. B. LaHatte has declined the presidency of Martin Institute longer, we do not think it improper to briefly review his two years administration.

Two years ago, when he was elected president, Martin Institute was a well nigh wrecked college. One president, who came from another state, left the college under quite a dark cloud, and still another not a success. In the latter instance, the diminution in number of pupils necessitated dismissing the school some two months before its advertised closing, without any

commencement exercises, or other kind of entertainment. Martin Institute once held in proud esteem as the leading institution of learning in all this section of Georgia, became the laughing stock of the people. The president resigned. The school was left without an organized corps of teachers, without scholars, with only a few supporters, and its good name dragged from its proud and lofty position it once held among the educational institutions of learning to the humiliating dust of decay.

It was at such a time that the trustees, as useful and as noble a body of men as can be found in Georgia, elected Dr. C. B. LaHatte, who went vigorously to work to restore Martin Institute to its wonted place among the educational institutions of Georgia. Prof. Ernest Neal has been elected principal of Martin Institute for next year. He has had charge of Maysville



Graduation Class of Martin Institute—1905 FRONT ROW (FROM LEFT): Lurlie Mahaffey, Bonnie Ray, Ulric Bennett, Norma Alexander, Hal Moore, Jessie Rogers, Mamie Ray. BACK ROW: Susie Harrison, Ella May Venable, Gussie Johnson, J.D. Smith (principal), Mamie Moore, Russie Daniel.

High School this year, and as far as we are able to find out is an able educator. He is a stranger to our people, but has been successful in his work at other places, and we hope will continue the good work which has been instituted by Dr. LaHatte this year, and bring Martin Institute another round up the ladder of progress.

1899—Two graduates—Eulalia Collier and Minnie Mae Randolph

1900—Two graduates—Miss Bonnie Brock and Mr. Jewell Vandiver

1901—no graduates

1902—Commencement exercises this year will be different from those of former years. I seriously object to commencements that are more shows where the literary side of school work is not shown. We have not had the time to prepare for a commencement that would be a true commencement on account of the small pox trouble; and as we think promotion to the next higher grade more important than a show of drills and dances, we have used our time, talent, and greater efforts in helping pupils to advance to the next higher grade. So the exercises this year will be simple.

—Respectfully, G. E. Usher.

August 1, 1902— Martin Institute will have a new dormitory. That is a settled fact. The trustees decided that matter at the meeting held on last Tuesday. Pupils need have no uneasiness about not being able to get a boarding place after January 1st, for the dormitory will be completed at that time. There will be ample room for forty or more pupils.

The dormitory is a certainty. The contract has been let to Mr. W.C. Wills, and the price paid is \$2,500. The building will consist of seventeen rooms. The trustees will have each room neatly and plainly furnished. When the building is completed, pupils can procure board at a very low rate.

1903— Diplomas to Mr. Luther Elrod and Misses India Niblack and Susie McCoy.

1904—Eight beautiful girls and five manly boys to receive diplomas: Pearl Welchel – Valedictorian, Lilliam Brock, Georgia Rogers, Susie Wills, Clyde Hancock, Ruth Barber, Emma Hancock, Mamie Pendergrass,

Phil Pendergrass, Worth Pendergrass, Joe Storey, Victor Bennett, Sumner Smith.

1905 Graduates—Hal Moore, Ulric Bennett, Misses Jessie Rogers, Mamie Moore, Russie Daniel, Mamie Ray, Susie Harrison, Ella Mae Venable, Lourine Brock, Gussie Johnson, Bonnie Ray, Norma Alexander.

1906 Graduates—George Appleby, Claude Arod, Misses Alice Blackstock, Rosa Ray, Eunice Boggs, Lottie Brock, Mamie Creighton, Clifford Head, Ruby Hancock, Addie Montgomery, Carrie McGarity, Irene Stevens, Jessie Storey, Blanch Appleby.

HURRICANE SHOALS

excerpt from The Forest News

September 18, 1875—Notice To All Concerned!—Application having been made to the Commissioners of Roads and Revenue for Jackson County, for a new road from Hurricane Shoals to Harmony Grove—said road, as laid out, passing through the lands of Mrs. Mary Gilland, widow Yeargin and others, thence on the line between F. H. Wilson and A. Crisler, thence to the public road near Mrs. Short's—this is, therefore, to cite and admonish all parties interested, that after the publication of this notice thirty days in the Forest News, a paper published in Jefferson, Jackson county, said application will be granted, if no good cause is known to the contrary.

—W.M. Seymour, W. G. Steed, W. J. Haynie,
County Com'rs of Roads and Revenue.

excerpts from The Jackson Herald

May 26, 1882—The bridge at the Hurricane Shoals is said to be unsafe.

June 2, 1882—Notice to Contractors—Will be let, to the lowest bidder, before the Court House door in Jefferson, on Monday, the 3d day of July 1882, the contract for building a lattice bridge across the Oconee river at the Hurricane Shoals bridge site...



The Hurricane Shoals Bridge as it was in the sixties.

JACKSON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
— c/o Crawford W. Long Museum —
28 College Street
Jefferson, Georgia 30549

OBITUARIES (SAVED)

Dec 24, 1903—At noon, Dec 5, 1903, the great Reaper, Death visited earth and claimed from our home its brightest jewel, our honored grandfather, J.A. Brock, aged 75 years, just eight months previous, his beloved companion and our dear grandmother, was called beyond the river to add one flower to deck God's garden. Since her death, he had never seemed the same, and was constantly longing for the time to come when they should be re-united under God's arch, never to part again. He was married near 1850, to Miss Lucy Coleman, and hand in hand they sailed down the stream of life, sharing each others joys and pleasures, and devoted to each other with touching tenderness. When his health would permit his seat in church and Sabbath school was never vacant. He was laid to rest at Center Grove Cemetery on Dec 6.

January 17, 1907—Mrs. E.E. Worsham died at her home on Sycamore Street, last Thursday night, and was buried in Woodbine cemetery, Friday at 3:30 p.m. Rev. R.N. Abraham conducted the burial obsequies at the cemetery.

Mrs Worsham had been ill only a few days, and her death was a great surprise to many. She was the widow of the late W.A. Worsham of this county. She was about 65 years old. She was a good woman, and a consecrated member of the Presbyterian church.

Prior to her death she made a will, as she possessed some property. She left her property to her two brothers Messrs. J. A. and C.T. Storey, during their natural lives and at her death, to be inherited by their children.

Dec 1908—Dr. John M. Burns was born in Jackson County, GA, at the homestead of his father, General D. M. Burns, about two miles south of Apple Valley, December 12th, 1833. He departed this life November 21st, 1906, and his remains were interred in the Thyatira Cemetery the following day, in the presence of a large concourse of relatives and friends. Dr. Burns first married Miss Sarah Harriett Long, July 3rd, 1856. From this union there were four children, to wit: Lula (Mrs D.L. Milford), Alice (Mrs. L.N. Turk), William J.H. of Enterprise, Fla. and Joseph Brantley, who died when a child. He was married a second time, Jan. 16, 1879, to Miss Julia Caroline Telford. From this union

two sons were born—Egbert T. and Alonzo H. He is survived by his widow, two daughters and three sons. Also two sisters, Mrs. Eveline Potts, of Winder and Mrs. J. B.S. Davis of Newnan. Dr. Burns joined Thyatira Church when about 16 years old and served as elder for many years and was faithful in attendance. He was educated in the common schools and at Martin Institute. He attended Medical College at Philadelphia in 1855, and graduated from the Augusta Medical College in 1856.

In February, 1864, he enlisted in Co. G, 27th GA Regiment, serving under Capt. N. Billingsby. June 18th 1864, in the battle of Petersburg, VA, he was severely wounded in the hip and rendered unable for further military service. For five years or more he was compelled to use a crutch. He was a private in the ranks, but was often called to assist the regular surgeons. In earlier life, he was a shoemaker and at one time he was marshal of Jefferson.

He united with Phidelta Lodge, Banks County, about 1856, but did not affiliate with Unity Lodge until 1905. He loved Masonry and the lesson it teaches.

FAMILY REUNIONS (SAVED)

Jan 6, 1910—On December 28, at their home in Jefferson, there was a gathering of all the members of the family of Mr. and Mrs. C.T. Storey. All the sons, daughters, son-in law, daughters-in-law and grand children were present. At the noon hour all enjoyed one of the most sumptuous family dinners ever spread before a family dinner. After dinner all gathered on the front porch, where artist Masters was awaiting them with his camera, and he soon had a splendid picture of the Storey family.

Sept 26, 1918—Tuesday at the home of Mr. W.W. Hancock—Mr B.W. Hancock the honored member; Barbecue and Basket Dinner—The Hancock family, one of the most prominent and influential in the county, meet each year to celebrate the birthday of some member of it. This year the oldest living member of this family, Hon. B.W. Hancock, was honored with a birthday dinner, given at the home of Mr. W.W. Hancock by all the members of the family, and served under the inviting shades of Mr. W.W. Hancock's front yard.

Assembled there on this occasion were more than one hundred people, including invited guests. After dinner all present registered their names in a book kept for this purpose.

Talks were made by John N. Holder, Rev. George L. King, Messrs. N. B. Lord, A.H. Brock, J.C. Hancock, and B.W. Hancock.

Mr. B.W. Hancock, reached his 70th mile post on that day.

Aug 2, 1923 — An interesting event of last week was the reunion on Thursday of the McDonald family. Mr. and Mrs. E.A. McDonald have resided here during their entire married life, and have eleven splendid sons and daughters, who are an honor to their parents and to the little village in which they were reared. They are: Mrs. J. A. Wills, Dr. E.M. McDonald, Mr. W.M. McDonald, of Jefferson; Messrs. H.H. and DeWitt McDonald, of Winder; Dr. T.J. McDonald, of Dahlonega; Mrs. J.O. Braselton, of Braselton; Mrs. R.D. Medlock, of Duluth; Mrs. H.L. Verner, of Westminster, SC; Mrs. L.A. Richardson, of Commerce; Mr. A.H. McDonald, of Apple Valley. All were present at the happy occasion except Mrs. Verner, who was detained at home on account of the illness of her daughter.

Rev. J.H. Wood of Rome, Rev. J. T. Eakes and Col. John C. Turner of Jefferson, Mrs. Higginbotham, and Miss McDonald of Arkansas, made talks. The guests enjoyed nice music made by the charming grandchildren of the family.

