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Holly Springs Church, established 1849—located on Highway 82 North, 6 miles from exit 140, off I-85 North. *Watercolor by Eleane Davis Bredlove*

## JACKSON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING APRIL 22, 2:30 P.M.

Members of Holly Springs Church will present a program on the history of the church and the Holly Springs Community followed by a ramble to Langford's Store and Marlow's Store.

## NEWSLETTER

The Jackson County Historical Society News is published quarterly and mailed before the next meeting. Back issues can be obtained for \$2.50 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. Checks should be written to the Jackson County Historical Society and mailed to the address shown below.

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

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## CONNECTIONS

The seventh nationwide reunion of the descendants of John McELHANNON from Ireland(1752-1843) will be held at the Lions Club Building in Winder, GA on June 9 & 10, 2001. For more information contact: Ann E. McElhannon, 1330 Finch Rd., Winder, GA 30680, (770) 867-5489; amelhannon@juno.com

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## QUERIES

Send queries to be published the month before the next issue. Next deadline June 15, 2001.

Seeking information regarding the settlement and growth of the Thompson Mill community, including specifics about the original Mill and its owners. Details pertaining to treaties that opened settlement on the Mulberry River, early settlers around Thompson Mill, early churches and existing landmarks. Dennis White, (972)255-3936; drwhite123@aol.com WHITE, THOMPSON, DEATON, RANDOLPH, MCEVER, MADDOX.

Seeking information on ancestors, siblings, & descendants of Levenia (Viney) Beauland MANUS (1800?-1880), husband's name unknown. Children, William S. (married Selina Wood, late 1840's), Jerome R. B. (married Mary Jane Kelly, 1859), George M. (married Mary Timbs, 1866, Margaret Gee, 1886 & Mattie Bailey, 1899), John Lafayette (married Sara Bachelor, 1869), Nancy Isabell (married Thomas J. Rives, early 1880's), Martha L. (married R. P. Smith) & W. L., also a dau., ( married a Lin or Lynn ). Most lived in the general vicinity of Pendergrass / Talmo, 1850 - 1900. Contact Danny J. Manus, 1291 Kennedy Rd., Arnoldsville, GA. 30619; (706) 548-4767; e-mail dannym@negia.net

A cemetery was discovered near the Holder Farm on Hwy 129, 4 miles north of Jefferson. The grave inscriptions are Smith HOLDER, born Jan 10, 1891 – died October 19, 1918 and Thomas S. ?, b ?28, 1901 – died July 21, 1918. This farm was originally owned by Thomas Holder who died 1898, buried in Woodbine Cemetery. Does anyone know who Smith Holder and Thomas S. ? could be? contact Tina Harris, (706)367-5307; tinaharris@crawfordlong.org

Could Easter who nursed tuberculosis patient Grace Blackstock Simmons in 1915 be Easter Bailey CRAWFORD who worked for the Storey family of Jefferson in 1930? We think so. Researcher, Marty DeRosier is working on a book on Southern Nursing and together we are uncovering the life of Easter Bailey. Anyone who can help in this research please call Tina Harris (706) 367-5307; tinaharris@crawfordlong.org

### NEW BOOK

Jackson Co. Deed Abstracts 1808–1822, Book E–G by Faye Poss is available at the Museum for \$37.00

### HOLLY SPRINGS CHURCH

It was on November 7, 1849 that Mr. John C. Watkins executed a deed for five acres of land to the following trustees and their successors: Sterling C. Davis, Joshua Wilson, Luke T. Watkins, Josiah Marlow, and Matthew G. Watkins for a place of Divine Worship known as Holly Springs Meeting House of the Methodist Church, South (and for a schoolhouse for the education of the children of the neighborhood if they, the said Trustees, think proper)

The first church building was a log cabin near a spring not far from the present church building. There were holly trees around the spring so the church was named Holly Springs.

Forest News June 22, 1878

The Sunday School at Holly Spring is still flourishing. We hope that at least some good will be accomplished.

Rev. Thomas Prichett "held forth" at Holly Spring on last Sabbath. He always has a good congregation; being recognized as a good man, people love to hear him preach.

Forest News November 30, 1878

Brother Cary delivered some fine sermons at Holly Spring on the second Saturday and Sunday of this inst. The people seemed well pleased with his visit, so we would add, come again, Bro Cary. Brother Frank Rutherford will preach again at Holly Spring the second Saturday and Sunday in December. We truly hope that the churches will remain next year as they are, and that we may be honored with the services of the same man.

### OBITUARIES

Jan 17, 1896 - Brother Jerry Parkes

He was born Jun 25, 1856 and died December 8, 1895. He was married to Miss L. A. Niser, March 14, 1874. He was a loving husband and father. He left a wife and one child to mourn his departure. The bereaved family have our sympathy. He was a member of the M.E. church South about ten years and was a master Mason.

May 18, 1905 – in memory of E. Hutson

Mr. E. Hutson was born January 11, 1827 and departed this life April 27, 1905. Age, 78 years, 3 months and 16 days.

His remains were laid to rest in Holly Springs Cemetery. Revs. C. A. Strickland and Lowe conducting the service.

Mr. Hutson married Miss Sally Martin, of this county, 36 years ago. And raised a family of seven children, to be nearly grown, all of whom are bereaved on account of the loss of their father.

He joined the M. E. Church, South at 22 years of age and lived a consecrated Christian life for 56 years ever letting his light shine before the world proving the reality of what he professed.

Uncle Elzie, as he was commonly called, moved to this county 25 years ago and lived in the same community for that length of time. Making we believe a few mistakes and enemies as any man we have ever known for the same period of time.

April 3, 1906 – Memorial of William Griffeth

Our brother, friend, and neighbor was born in Ogelthorpe County, Georgia, September 28, 1822; died February 22, 1906, aged 83 years, 4 months and 24 days; and his body was laid to rest by his brethren in

Oconee Cemetery.

Our brother was happily married three times, the first to Miss Amanda Hitchcock in 1845, the second to Mrs. Julia Moore in 1871, and the third to Miss Lavanie Gilmer in 1886, who now mourns his departure.

Our brother raised several children and is survived by only two - Mr. J. W. Griffeth of Miller district, and Mrs. Josephine Bailey of Cunningham district, Jackson County.

July 11 & 18, 1907

Mrs. Lizzie Bryant, wife of Mr. Jim Bryant, who lived near Maysville, died July 3 at her home last Wednesday, about 2 o'clock. Mrs. Bryant was a daughter of Mr. D. R. Hancock. She had been suffering for only a short while with a complication of maladies, when pneumonia and typhoid seized her. Her constitution was not strong enough to resist it. She was a member of the Holly Spring Church, and a true Christian in every sense of the word, a devoted wife and true mother and loved by all who knew her. She leaves a husband and 5 children to mourn her death. The interment took place Thursday at Holly Springs.

March 11, 1909

Mrs. Newton Gilmore, of Jackson County, near the line of Hall county, passed away Thursday night, February 18, 1909. On Saturday morning following the body was laid to rest at Holly Spring Church. She was a consistent member of the Methodist church, having joined at Lebanon when she was 13 years old. She died in her 63rd year. She was Miss Julia Gilmore, and married Mr. Newton Gilmore February 17, 1878. She leaves her husband and three splendid sons - Spier, Hampton, and Charlie.

September 28, 1911 – In Memory of Loving Jessie

After an illness of ten days, on September 13, 1911, the angel of death hovered around the bedside of Mrs. W. M. Tolbert and bore her spirit to that eternal home. Her remains were entered at Holly Springs Cemetery, September 14. She was the daughter for Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wallace. Born October 16, 1883; united with the Baptist church at Harmony in August 1904, at the age of fifteen years; lived a noble Christian life from that time until the time of her death. On December 25, 1910, she was married to Mr. W. M. Tolbert, Jr. son

of Mr. W. M. Tolbert Sr. They lived lovingly and happily together until she departed this life. She bore her sickness like a soldier, never murmured or complained and met death bravely, stating that she was going to die, and was prepared, as the loved ones stood around her bed watching her as she passed through the valley of death.

She was a sweet daughter and sister and a loving wife and mother of a little boy only ten days old.

November 14, 1912 – Mr. Joe. P. Hartley is dead

On Monday afternoon, in the residence of Mr. B. F. Carr, of Maysville, he died suddenly of heart failure.

Mr. Carr was himself indisposed and confined to his bed and Mr. Hartley went to his residence to discuss some business matters. While the conversation was in progress, he complained of feeling a dizziness, and walked towards the door. Just before he reached it, he fell to the floor dead.

While he had his misfortunes, yet he achieved success. As a farmer he had few equals in Jackson County. He was a prominent Mason and at 11 o'clock today at Holly Springs, his body will be interred with Masonic honors.

He was about 50 years of age and leaves a wife and one daughter to mourn his demise. He carried \$3000 life insurance, made payable to his estate.

March 23 1916 – Mr. J. J. Hartley dies

On Saturday at midnight in his home in Clarksboro district, Mr. J. J. Hartley passed on to the unknown world. Mr. Hartley was fifty one years of age and leaves a widow, three sons, Messrs. Howard, Bob and Henry. A daughter Mrs. John McDonald, and four brother Messrs. W. B. Hartley and T. S. Hartley, R. J. and F. T. Hartley of Clarksboro. The funeral was conducted at Holly Springs Methodist church of which the deceased was a member.

## JACKSON HERALD

June 22, 1878 – Messrs. Deadwyler & Hartly are going to move their steam saw-mill into our immediate section, in a few days. It will be located on the lands of W. R. Hancock, one mile above Holly Springs. This is a good move in the right direction.

May 16, 1879 – There is intense excitement prevailing in this section over a powerful rich gold mine that has

been discovered. A man by the name of Smith, living near Holly Spring, who has had some experience in mining, made the discovery. The land on which this big bonanza was found belongs to Mr. Mark Cheatham, of Athens, so we are informed. So, after Smith made known the discovery to some of our most enterprising men, two of them started to Athens to purchase the Cheatham land. A third party, wishing to own a gold mine, made a dash for the residence of the aforesaid Mr. Cheatham by way of the Northeastern Railroad. He told his folks that that gold mine he intended to have; that if his mule have out, he would board the train, for his intentions were to get to Athens first, for the last account we had of the aforesaid gent was near Harmony Grove, when his mule was beginning to "fag" and about that time the Northeastern came puffing along, when he lit astride the engine, and the last we heard of him he was speeding ahead with all vengeance. The price of land has readily advanced in this section. Mr. Luke Watkins refused twenty dollars per acre for land adjoining the "gold."

### WEDDINGS

*March 11, 1892* – Married on February 28th, at the bride's mother's, Mr. John Williams to Miss Anna Lipscomb. Ceremony performed by Mr. Park Smith, Esq.

*April 22, 1892* – Married on the 13th instant, at the house of the bride's father, Dr. Thos. Hawkins of Hall county to Miss Hile Randolph of this county. T. A. Buffington, Esq., officiating.

*July 23, 1892* – Married at the residence of the bride's father, on the 17th instant, Mr. N. H. Hutchins to Miss Eugenia Marlow, R. P. Smith, Esq., officiating.

### NEW ARRIVALS

*April 22, 1892* – There is a new comer at Mr. Pink Fuller's. It's a girl, and has six fingers on one hand.

*July 23, 1892* – Mr. M. P. Gilbert has a new comer at his house. It weighs 10 1/2 pounds and is one of the chewing gum sort.

*February 14, 1896* – Mr. G. C. Vandiver has another 12 pound boy at his house.

*December 24, 1903* – The home of Jasper Marlow has been made brighter by the arrival of a new son.

J.A. Hutson is all smiles this week. He says it is a boy.

*September 19, 1912—Reunion* On the 14th of September, the descendants of John Griffeth met at the old place and spent a day in getting acquainted and having a good time, generally.

Mr. Griffeth was born August 21, 1800 and died in 1871. He moved to this county, and settled near the Hurricane Shoals on the Oconee River.

There were 225 present. The old home is still in the hands of one of the descendants, Mr. Tom Holland, who with good lady, did his best to welcome us back again.

After dinner, an organization was perfected, known as the John Griffeth Reunion. Mr. John W. Griffeth was made president. Mr. Thomas Holland first vice president, Mr. Thomas Dunnahoo second vice president, and Mr. Willie Barnett third vice. W. E. White was elected secretary and treasurer and Mr. H. C. Barnett chaplain.

Committee was appointed to collect historical data. Mr. C. E. Barnett will look after the Wm. Griffeth branch, Mrs. Dora Massey the Holland branch, Mrs. Susan Hale the Dunnahoo and Mrs. Mary Whitehead the Gilleland side.

### GRAVEMARKERS DISCOVERED NEAR HOLLY SPRINGS & MAYSVILLE COMMUNITIES

Martha Marlow

born 1852 – died 1910

Ransom Marlow

born December 4, 1801 – died June 7, 1886

Delila Marlow

wife of Ransom Marlow

born November 5, 1801 – died November 25, 1883

J. W. Marlow

born March 18, 1826—Died February 7, 1885

J. M. Marlow

born April 1822 – died May 1889

Joseph Marlow

Co. E. 25 GA Inf

Jesse Carter

died December 30, 1909

James Carter (no dates)

N.L.L. 1828

Infant of D.P. & C. C. Lipscomb

E. L. (footstone)  
Wood L. Randolph  
born February 11, 1796 – died March 28, 1859

John J. Scisson  
Co. G. 43rd GA Infantry

Elizabeth Litle  
born December 1823 – died November 15, 1840

William Deal  
1737 – 1804

Jemima Jackson Dale  
1760 – 1842

Shadrack Hogan  
4 boxtombs and unmarked graves

Hardy Strickland  
Priscella Strickland  
Daniel Webster Strickland  
Josie Strickland  
died 1863 – 12 years

Harriet Strickland  
born July 24, 1811 – died January 17, 1895

Madison Strickland  
born September 25, 1812 – died September 12 1891

Sarah Parks  
only daughter of S. S. & Esther Parks

born October 21, 1862 – died June 15, 1871

James D.  
son of J. M. & Eliza Parks  
born November 10, 1869 – died October 9, 1972

Eliza Ann  
daughter of J. M. & Eliza Parks  
born May 15, 1867 – died July 1, 1871

Willis Webb  
born December 4, 1797 – died Dec 21, 1891

Martha Webb  
born December 20, 1804 – died May 17, 1893

Mary  
daughter of Mr. & Mrs. C. M. Ellison  
born July 19, 1884 – died July 23, 1886

Ida Ellison  
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Ellison  
born October 30, 1871 – died October 16, 1872

*Contact Tina Harris or the Jackson County Historical Society if you are interested in finding out more about these grave sites.*

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