

Jackson County Historical Society News

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The Jackson County Historical Society will meet at *The Harbor House*, 2280 North Broad Street, Commerce, GA on SATURDAY, July, 24 at 4 p.m. for a Bar-b-que Cookout on the grounds. Chris Bray and Katrina Scroggs of ERA Stan Hodsdon Realty, will have a video presentation and estate tour of four historic homes. The tour will end with dessert and coffee at the home located at 120 Pine Street. Historical societies throughout the region have been invited to attend.

directions: From downtown Commerce, travel northwest on North Broad Street, crossing old 441, when you arrive at the railroad crossing, do not cross, but continue straight. The house is on the immediate right side of the road.

call Tina for information 706-207-6889

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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 \$3.00 each plus postage. Some of the past newsletters can be viewed online at: rootsweb.com/~gajackso/

The Historical Society’s collection of books, files and research materials are housed in the Heritage Room of the Commerce Public Library.

Queries will be published in the next issue. Please send by September 15, 2010.

Dues for 2010–2011 year

The dues year runs from July to July. Checks can be mailed to:

Jackson County Historical Society
P. O. Box 1234, Commerce, GA 30529:

- Individual –\$15
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450 Little Street, located between the Governor’s Mansion and the Commerce Postoffice.

The American School of Paperhanging Arts or known locally as the Wallpaper School.



Located at 11 Oak Street, on the corner of South Elm.

The Hardman House, known as *The Governor's Mansion*, was the home of Governor L. G. Hardman. The two-story brick Mediterranean style mansion was completed in 1921 and the Governor lived here during both his terms as governor of Georgia (1927-1931). He also lived in the Governor's Mansion in Atlanta, but returned to his home in Commerce whenever possible. Hardman was the first medical doctor to serve as governor of Georgia since before 1800. Governor Hardman died in 1937, but his widow continued to live here until her death in 1953.

The mansion is on the *National Register of Historic Places* and features many fascinating architectural details. Numerous windows and French doors throughout the mansion contain their original beveled glass. The veranda wraps around the house to the sun porch and porte cochere. Dr. Hardman insisted on 18" thick walls for the house as a precaution against storms and also had a storm cellar built into the basement.

The house is available for private weddings and special events.



120 Pine Street.

Formerly the home of Dr. William Benjamin Johnson Hardman, 1850 graduate of Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, PA. and father of Lamertine G. Hardman. Coffee and desert will be served at this house after the tour.

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