

Jackson County Historical Society News

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Our annual July picnic was certainly enjoyed by all who attended. Becky Perry gave an interesting presentation at History Village at Hurricane Shoals Park.

Please make plans to attend the October meeting at Dry Pond to learn more about the history of this community.

Many, many thanks to Caroldene McEver, Ralph and Grace Freeman, Jean Booth, Tina Harris, Sammie and Marie Parks, James and Betty Ann Mathis and Richard Chambers for representing the Historical Society as guides at the History Village during the Art in the Park Festival.

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JCHS MEETING

Date:	Sunday, October 19, 1997
Time:	2:30 PM
Location:	Dry Pond Methodist Church, Highway 82, 10 Plainview Rd, Maysville, GA
Program:	History of Dry Pond Community

CALENDAR

October 19	JCHS meeting: Dry Pond
Dec. 12-Mar. 14	CWL Museum: Wedding Fashions
January 18	JCHS meeting: Commerce Library

DUES

The Jackson County Historical Society's Dues Year runs from July to July. **The 1997-1998 dues are being accepted now.** Newsletters are not mailed to past due accounts. Please let us know if I have made an error. 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 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.

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:

January issue —December 20

April issue —March 25

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.

JARRETT / SMITH / REDWINE

Interested in information on the following: Nicholas Jarrett, (b. circa 1770-75), NC. Married Patsy Smith, August 24, 1798, Wake Co., NC. (d. March 7, 1815), Ft. Stodarht, Mobile River, AL. Father—Thomas Jarrett II, Mother—Susannah Thompson. Patsy Smith, (b. circa 1780, NC. d. April 4, 1857) Father—James Smith, Mother—Nancy Hancock. Daniel Redwine and wife Nancy Hancock. Contact Mary Murray, 924 Williams Street, Ada, OK 74820.

FAMILY CONNECTIONS

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Mrs. Sara Quillan, 1016 Bel Aire Drive, Daytona Beach, Florida 32118: MASSEY, WILLIAMS, NIX, BENNETT, QUILLIAN, MORGAN.

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J. Warren Walker, 4563 Highway 60, Pendergrass, GA 30567, (706)654-9364: WALDEN, MATHEWS.

REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS

State of Georgia, Jackson County—Know all men by this presents that I Michael Wilson, of said State and County for divers good causes and considerations We hereunto moving have made ordained & appointed and by these presents do make ordain and appoint John S. Wilson of the same county and state aforesaid my true and lawful attorney for me and my name and for my own proper use and benefit to be levied whatever amount may be due from the pension office that is due me from my fathers service as a revolutionary soldier of William Wilson deceased and that maybe due me and received from my agent at Washington City D.C. and receipt for the same from my agent or agents all monies which may be due from the pension office as a revolutionary soldier, and to have use and take all lawful ways and means use my name or otherwise that may be found necessary or proper in the execution of this power of attorney, to do all lawful acts & things whatsoever . . .

FAMILY REUNIONS

January 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, sons-in law, daughters-in-law and grandchildren were present. At the noon hour all enjoyed one of the most sumptuous family dinners ever spread before a family. After dinner all gathered in the front porch, where Artist Masters was awaiting them with his camera and he soon had a splendid picture of the Storey family.

August 12, 1915—There were three sisters known as the Camp Sisters. Like the descendants of Abraham, the descendants or these sisters are almost without number.

Last year, at Ebenezer, they held their first family reunion. Some seven hundred people were present. Nine States were represented there. The reunion of the Camp Sisters will be again held at Ebenezer this year. It is expected that there will be even a larger attendance than last year. The reunion will be held on next Thursday, August 19.

The Arnold branch of Camp Sisters have had reunions for several years.

August 2, 1923—An interesting event of last week was the reunion on Thursday of the McDonald family a family of our town that is well known, and has prominent connections all over Georgia. 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 Daholonega; Mrs. J. O. Braselton, of Braselton; Mrs. R. D. Medlock, of Duluth; Mrs. H.L. Verner, of Westminister, S.C.; Mrs. L.A.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 grand children of the family.

BIRTH ANNOUCEMENTS

September 27, 1895—Dr. J.B. Pendergrass was called to the home of Mr. T.J. Morrison last Sunday afternoon, and soon after his arrival presented Mr. and Mrs. Morrison with a fine boy. Before leaving there he was called to Mr. Winn Pinson's and to Winn he also presented a fine boy. Winn was the happiest man in the world. All his other children are girls, and when a young baby boy brightened his home, he laughed, he sung, he ran around the house, and finally got down an old fiddle and tried to play a tune. Besides these Mr. J. Sidney Elder has a fine boy at his home, who presented himself to the safe keeping and good care of Mr. and Mrs. Elder last week.

OBITUARIES

excerpts from the Southern Banner

January 7, 1863—Died near Athens, on the 25th of Dec. 1862, Mrs. Nancy Weir, in her 70th year. She suffered from paralysis for many long wearisome months. But in general, she was enabled by sustain grace to bear all with meek submission to the will of her Heavenly Father.

April 10, 1863—Departed this life, at his residence in Banks County, on the 28th, Donald McDonald, aged 93 years and 9 months. He had been for over 60 years an exemplary member of the Presbyterian church. A kind and indulgent father and affectionate husband, his loss will be deeply lamented by numerous circles of relatives and friends.

DRY POND METHODIST CHURCH DEATH RECORDS

Elizabeth Elrod died August 20th 1880
 M. W. Langston died 1884
 Wm. W. Morgan died August 1888
 Sara A. Baily died August or September 1891
 Mary L. Merk died March 18 1891
 Mary Front died April 16 1889
 Mary J. White died August or September 1891
 J.R. Mitchell died January 19 1892
 Dora F. Merk died April 10 1893
 Rhonda Warren died July 1893
 R. L. Carter died October 4 1901
 H. J. Durham died October 4 1901
 J. P. Elrod died July 30 1896
 W. P. Sisk died December 18 1897
 F. F. Prickett died 1896
 Willie Wood died June 1898
 E. T. Bacon died January 1901
 Amanda Carter died August 3 1896
 Emily Carter died May 1900
 Fannie Carter died January 7 1899
 M. J. Garrison died February 28 1901
 Lucy Sisk died December 18 1902
 Jacob Elrod died January 4 1891
 Rob H. Elrod died February 27 1891
 David Gilliland died June 20th 1891
 Indianna Pruitt died 1889
 E. M. Durham died March 1892
 Sara Wilson died 1893
 E. T. Gunter died November 1893
 J. B. Langston died March 27 1895
 Isaac P. Elrod died July 30th 1896
 Wm. P. Sisk died December 19th 1897
 Fannie E. Carter died January 7 1899
 Robt. L. Carter died October 4 1901

DRY POND

excerpts from the Jackson Herald

October 28, 1876—After our paper was printed, last week we learned of the accidental killing of a young man named Wilson, son of Mr. “Fin” Wilson, of this county, by being run over by a wagon loaded with lumber. It appears the mules hitched to the wagon run away and in ascending a rise ran into a gully on the side of the road, precipitating Mr. Wilson under the wheels in some way and he received injuries from which he died the next day.

November 3, 1877—Married near Dry Pond, on the 14th inst. by Wilson Pruitt, Esq., Mr. E. E. Lendmond and Miss A. P. Dunnahoo, all of Jackson County.

January 31, 1879—Mr. Akin and Miss Lizzie LeMaster were married, at the residence of the bride’s father, Mr. W. LeMaster, last Sunday, by the Rev. Mr. Seale. Also, Mr. W. LeMaster, Jr., and Miss Lizzie Sims, of Maysville, at the residence of the bride’s mother, by the same preacher.

May 4, 1883—Mr. R. D. Moore has a good school at Dry Pond.

That clever gentleman, Mr. A. L. Durham is selling goods in a hurry. He is the right man in the right place. And now all we need is a good doctor and a post office at this place.

Married on the 15th of April, 1883, by W. B. Patrick, Esq., at the residence of Mr. J. D. Ivey, Mr. J. H. Ivey and Miss J. J. Morris. Also, on April 28th on Pea Ridge, in the road, near Mr. Segars’, by W. B. Patrick, J. P., Mr. S. E. Thomas and Miss Sarah Farmer. All of Jackson County.

Drs. H. J. Hampton and Selmon are visiting our burg very often. We don’t have any better doctors than Drs. Hampton and Selmon of Maysville, GA.

June 29, 1883—Traveling threshers have started out. Messrs. Durham & Dunnahoo are running one and Messrs. Bailey, Merck, Henry & Co. have just put a new one in the field, and it works like a charm.

Ansel Culpepper has the finest cotton in this section —two feet high the 16th of this month.

October 5, 1883—Henry Merck has put up a new

barn. Some of the boys call it the White Grove Hotel.

Croff Nunn is going to work in the shoe shop. He says he has not got any cotton to pick.

March 7, 1884—Married on the 12th of February, at the residence of Mr. C. A. Strickland by W. B. Patrick, Esq., Mr. W. C. Trout and Miss Nannie Highfill, all of Jackson County.

May 9, 1884—Wheat is looking very fine. Mrs. J. M. Stockton has the finest that the writer has seen.

Mr. G. P. Trout has the finest corn we have seen. He also has a fine lot of fruits in his orchard.

May 30, 1884—Married on the 6th instant by W. B. Patrick, Esq. Mr. M. V. Toney and Miss Julia Church, all of Jackson County.

July 25, 1884—Married at the residence of Mrs. J. M. Stockton on Sunday, the 20th inst., by W. B. Patrick, Esq., Mr. John Johnson and Miss Fannie Brooks, all of Jackson county.

December 3, 1886—We have but two stores in Miller’s District. These are run by Mr. Wallace and Gilmer and B. W. Watkins. They are doing a good business. We also have a post office at Dry Pond. This will help to build up this section.

Mr. J. L. Brooks, we are sorry to learn will quit the mill at Hurricane Shoals, as his health has failed him.

Mr. G. E. Deadwyler has put him up a corn mill on what is called the Terrill place.

August 10, 1894—The cemetery has been changed from near Mr. D. W. Garrison’s to the grove on the opposite side of the church. We think this is a much more appropriate place for the silent city, and the change has given general satisfaction.

The lemonade last Sunday afternoon was quite a success. A large crowd was present, and, so far as we know each received as much as they wanted. Messrs. Prickett and Henry are due the thanks of the entire neighborhood for this nice little treat.

September 25, 1896—At the request of the Board of Trustees, the patrons and citizens of Dry Pond

community met last Monday week to consider the practicability of organizing and fostering a strictly first-class school, to be conducted nine or ten months each year. A goodly number of citizens and patrons of Dry Pond and adjacent communities were present. Dr. E. Morgan was called to the chair, and R. B. Porter to act as secretary.

The chair announced ready for suggestions. Quite a number responded, heartily favoring the opening and maintaining such a school, believing we have the location and material sufficient to foster a first-class school for a term of nine months. At present there are three or four schools running for only about five months each year and it is suggested that all these consolidate on Dry Pond and make of this a school any community might be proud of. Everybody seems heartily in sympathy with the move, and are enthusiastic of the result.

Mr. W. B. Patrick of the Cave Springs school, with Messrs. J. O. Stockton, R. P. Henry, R. S. Blackwell and R. D. Moore of Dry Pond, were appointed a committee of five to go actively into correspondence for applications from teachers of unquestionable ability and experience, and to report back to the meeting on next Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at which time everybody interested are earnestly requested to be present at the academy.

November 4, 1898—Prof. Moore has moved into the house recently vacated by Mr. T. J. Barber, and will devote from now until Xmas drumming up his school. We are glad to have Prof. Moore and his charming wife in our midst, and we feel safe in saying that Prof. Moore will make us one of the best teachers we have ever had at Dry Pond, and we bespeak for him a full attendance.

The sociable given by Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Evans last Saturday night was highly enjoyed by all present. The music rendered by Mr. A. C. Wilson and Miss Lucy Wilhite was just simply out of sight.

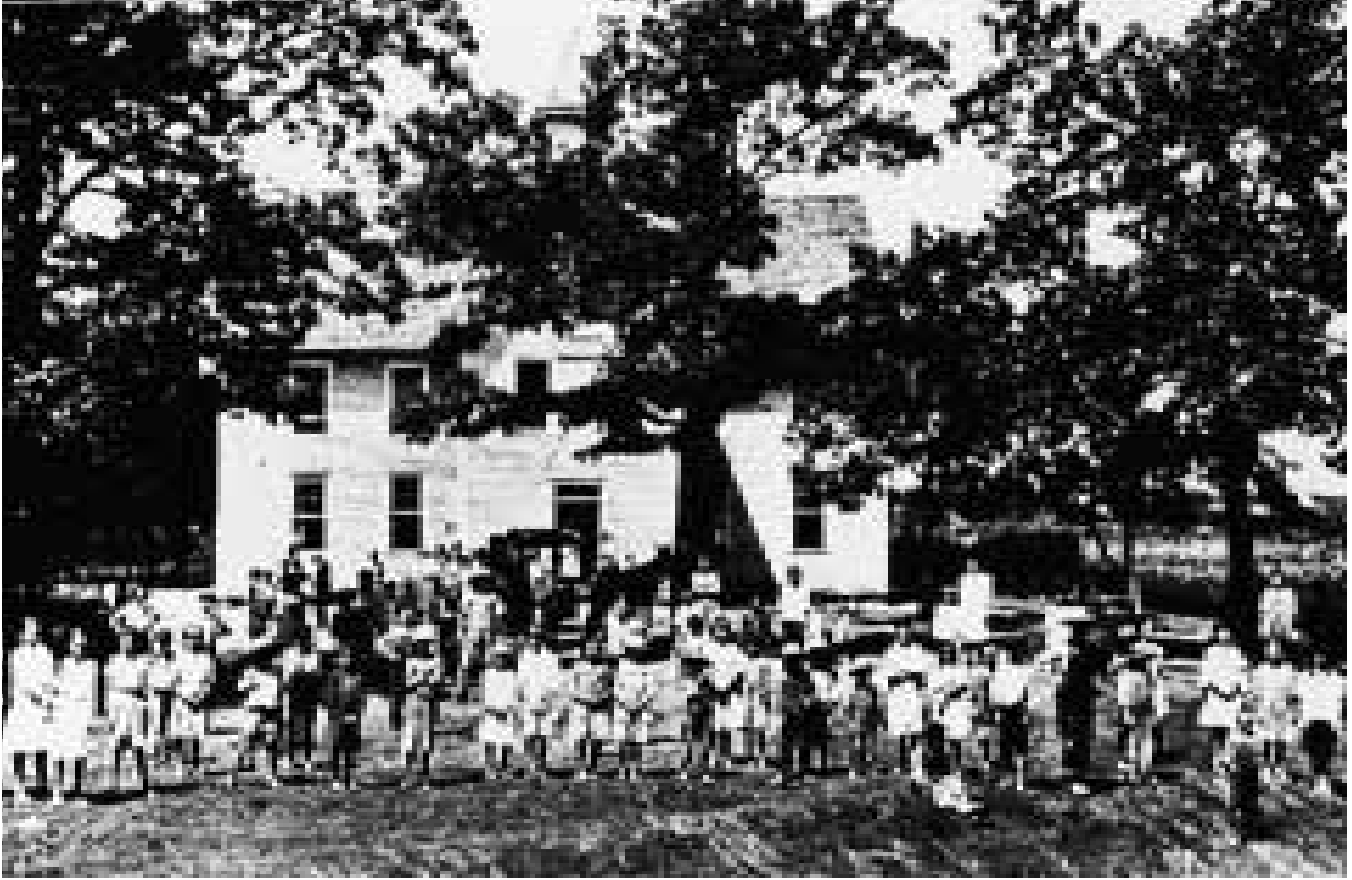
February 16, 1900—The many friends of Mr. Thomas Garrison will be glad to learn that he is rapidly improving from the injuries he received while blasting in a well.

May 31, 1901—Mr. Clarence Edgar Brown and Miss Mattie Lee Garrison launched their hymenial shamrock out upon the ebbing waves and billowing tide of the lashing seas, joined hands and strolled off down the silver shoals of time together, husband and wife. They bade adieu to the blissful scenes of a wooing life, laid aside the toga of single happiness, and donned the mantle of married responsibilities, and walked out into the arena of time, “happy and young and gay.” Clarence Edgar is one of our best young men, and has before him a bright future. Miss Mattie Lee is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Garrison, and one of our purest, high minded and model young women. The marriage ceremony was conducted at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Henry by Rev. Branham of Maysville.

April 27, 1905—The contract for building a new school house at Dry Pond will be let on May 1. Plans and specifications of the proposed building can be seen at Mr. D. W. Garrison's the chairman of the building committee. The building must be completed not later than July 1. Dry Pond will be almost an ideal community when this building is constructed. It has the best country church in all this section of Georgia; it will have one of the most up-to-date and commodious school buildings in the country when completed; it has several fine residence; a prosperous fraternal organization; fertile fields; clever, intelligent, law-abiding and God-fearing citizens.

June 27, 1903—The editor of this paper spent one day last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Garrison, of Dry Pond. Col. J. C. Turner accompanied us. John Turner is a splendid fellow and knows as much about a dollar, whether gold, silver or paper, as anybody we know. He has a lot of dollars to be worried with, but he keeps them busy all the time. But the Colonel knows very little about farming. He does not pretend to be master of this science. He can tell whether a collar ought to be put on a mule's neck or his tail, but that is about all he can tell about the science of Agricola.

When we reached the home of Mr. and Mrs. Garrison, we found there Mr. R. B. Blackwell and wife, and Hon. R. D. Moore and wife. We had been there only a short while before Ben Collier drove up. He said he was out serving subpoenas, but we believe he



Dry Pond School built in 1905. Photograph taken in 1915 for Jackson County School Survey.

heard that Uncle Dave has thousands of peaches this year and that he went up there to eat peaches. Ben came in, and we all proceeded at once to eat peaches, and we never tasted better ones this time of year than those on which we feasted.

After resting awhile, Mrs. Garrison announced dinner, and a great dinner it was, too. It consisted of beans, cabbage, potatoes, English peas, squash, onions, beets, bacon, corn bread, biscuit, fried chicken, chicken pie, custard, cake, peach pie, and many other things. Everything placed before us to eat was produced right on Mr. Garrison's farm except the salt, sugar and pepper. The dinner was well prepared. Mr. Garrison's wife knows as well how to prepare a splendid meal as anybody in this county. She is not only a good cook, but has a happy disposition, and makes all who come within their home feel welcome and happy.

There is no more solid and substantial man on earth than Uncle Dave Garrison. He has been at the place where he now lives for 35 years. He bought a few acres

in the woods on credit 35 years ago, but since then he has paid for those few acres and has added several hundred more to the first purchase. He has a comfortable home, good orchard and splendid dwellings on his place. During these years he has reared a large family of splendid sons and noble daughters. Every dollar he owns is an honest dollar. He would not keep one penny that should come to him by any other means than but a square deal with his fellowman. Not only has he made money, but he has helped to build up his community. Right in sight of his door is the prettiest country church in this county—Dry Pond. Only a short distance away is the best county school house in Jackson. Mr. Garrison has been liberal contributor to both.

June 2, 1910—On last Sunday, the splendid Methodist church building at Dry Pond was dedicated. Every debt has been paid, and Captain D.W. Garrison presented the building to the church authorities. After the dedication sermon, dinner was served near the church to the assembled multitude.

June 27, 1927—When Mrs. Emily Caroline Wilson attended the Centennial Services at Dry Pond Methodist Church recently, she had the satisfaction of knowing that she was almost as old as the church. Mrs. Wilson is 93, and has been attending this church for 81 years, a record not only for this church, but for a much larger territory.

Dry Pond is the oldest Methodist church in Jackson county of which there is any knowledge. The name of the church is Hopewell, but it is called Dry Pond because a pond near it dried up just after the church was built.

Five years after the Civil War a new church was erected which was used until 1903, when R. M. Wilson, husband of Mrs. Emily Caroline Wilson, was put on a committee with others to build a new church, which was completed in 1904.

The history of Dry Pond church maintains that the first church building was made of pine logs at a house raising. After the logs were prepared and placed in position they were hewn flat on both sides, the two doors were placed, one in the middle and the other on the side.

A few benches were “railed off” in the rear for the negroes to occupy. As no mixed audiences were allowed, the men and women sat on separate side. These rules applied for the negroes, too.

The rent demanded of the farmer who lived on the church land prior to and during the Civil War was the feeding of the preachers’ horses during Camp Meeting week.

During Camp Meeting there were 135 tents. After the Civil War the tents, having been used awhile to quarter soldiers, were torn down and sold. The last Camp Meeting was held in 1863. Part of the lumber was made into furniture.

The five generations represented at the church were Mrs. Emily Caroline Wilson; Mr. Rafe Wilson, oldest son of Mrs. Wilson; Mr. Jesse H. Wilson, the oldest child of Mr. Rafe Wilson, Mrs. Roy Delay, the oldest child of Mr. Jesse H. Wilson; and her oldest and only daughter, Mildred Delay.

October 27, 1927—The Methodist church at Dry Pond, a church whose membership is composed of

some of the most public-spirited citizens in Georgia, and a church that is located in one of the most progressive communities in Georgia, planted a field of cotton in the Spring, and dedicated the same to church purposes—in other words, the members went into copartnership with the Lord, and gave all the proceeds to His causes. On account of the boll weevil and drouths, it has been difficult for the past six or seven years for the church to meet its financial obligations, so the members conceived the idea of a cotton patch, the proceeds to supplement the amount raised by personal subscriptions. The plan has proved to be a great success, and every obligation will be met and the pastor will go to conference with a one hundred per cent financial report. In addition to this, the church will be given a new coat of paint and a lighting system will be installed.

November 17, 1927—On the fifth Sunday in October the writer went up to Dry Pond, where we used to go in our boyhood days. Oh, what a change. The country has grown so.

Stopped at True Barber’s where we lived till four years old. In 1861 our father, M. J. Patrick, went off to the army in the late Capt. A. C. Thompson’s Co. 16 Ga. Reg.

Then we went to the late George Merk’s place, where we were raised. Things had changed so there. Here our cousin, R. H. Merk, now lives. There is a crib here made out of large forest pines, built over 100 years ago; timber is still good. I went out to a place there where we did our first plowing with a wooden foot stock in 1866, and on that spot there are pines 20 to 24 inches through.

Went to Mrs. Adair’s old home, where we lived fifty-six years ago. Miss Lizzie Adair and Mrs. Mary Smith, her sister, still live there. They live in a house built over one hundred years ago out of forest pine trees.



Dry Pond School circa 1898. Teachers Blanche Green and Cato Head (in center) with their students.

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