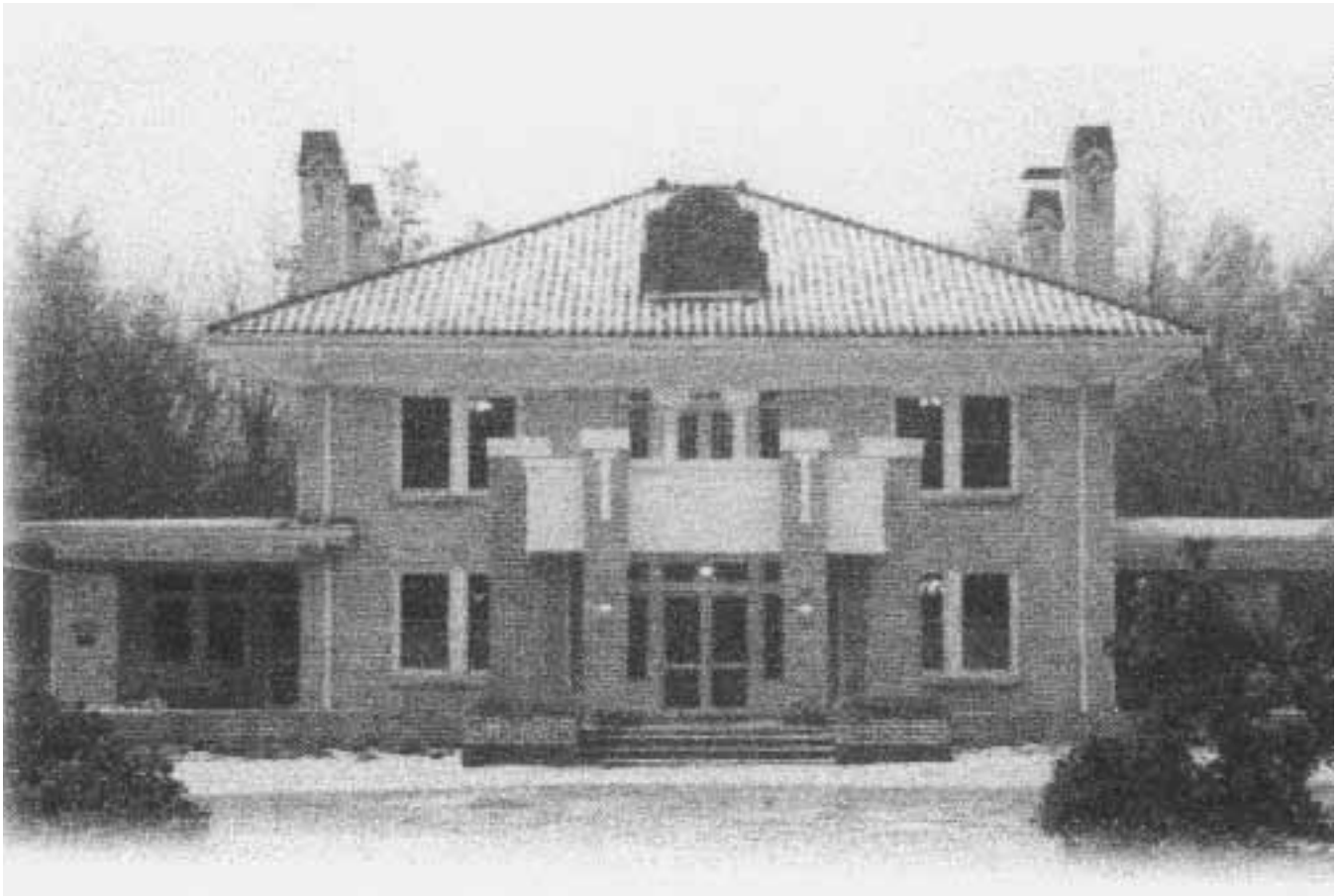


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House built by Frank and Angie Sell in 1919

The Jackson County Historical Society will meet at the home of Carroll and Kay Eddleman in Hoschton. On October 29, at 2:30 p.m. Directions: from Jefferson, travel south on Highway 11 to Jackson Trail Road, take a right and travel to 8283 Jackson Trail on the left. From I85: take Exit 129, go south on Highway 53 through Braselton and Hoschton, take left on Jackson Trail to 8283 Jackson Trail on the right.

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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 \$3.50 each plus postage. Past newsletters can be viewed online at:

rootsweb.com/~gajackso/

Queries

Send queries to be published before the next deadline, December 15, 2006. Send requests for information to the address below with a stamped, self addressed envelope.

Dues for 2006–2007 year

Costs for publishing have caused an increase in dues. The dues year runs from July to July. Checks can be mailed to:

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Individual	\$15
Family	\$20
LIFE member	\$100

JCHS Officers 2006–2007

President:	Charlotte Mealor
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Cemeteries

Cemetery recently located on McNeil Rd, Pendergrass. Directions: From Pendergrass, take Highway 332 to Hoschtton. Take a right on McNeil Road. Cemetery is on the right side of road next to chicken house and older brick house on private property.

Dor. O. A. Long
August 20, 1963–March 17, 1865

J. S. Long
February 27, 1856–March 6, 1865

Calvin Long
March 24, 1827– March 13, 1872

A. P. R.

P. D.

Cemetery found on Robbie Run, Bogart. Directions: Highway 129 south to 330, take a right, travel to Savage Road, take a left, travel to Bob Wages Road, take a left, travel to Robbie Run. Cemetery is on private property.

Prudence Sikes
October 04, 1829 – December 22, 1903
Wife, Mother, Member of the Baptist Church 45 years.

John Sikes
September 1828 – November 1900

Zachariah Sikes, Sr.
March 25, 1802 – March 02, 1879

Sallie Potter
July 16, 1865 –September 14, 1936

William Potter
April 06, 1857–March 09, 1901

Fannie Sikes
Jul 08, 1837 – Oct 10, 1911

James R Sikes
July 16, 1865 –December 05, 1902

Edward H. Sikes
Aug 14, 1854 – March 20, 1920

Winnie Sikes
Apr 15, 1812 –May 03, 1894
Wife of Zachariah Sikes

Fannie Cofer Haynie
 October 9, 1861 – December 27, 1939

W. P. Cofer
 May 02, 1821 – May 24, 1903 may be the same as William P. Cofer though slightly different

William P. Cofer
 May 01, 1821 – May 24, 1900

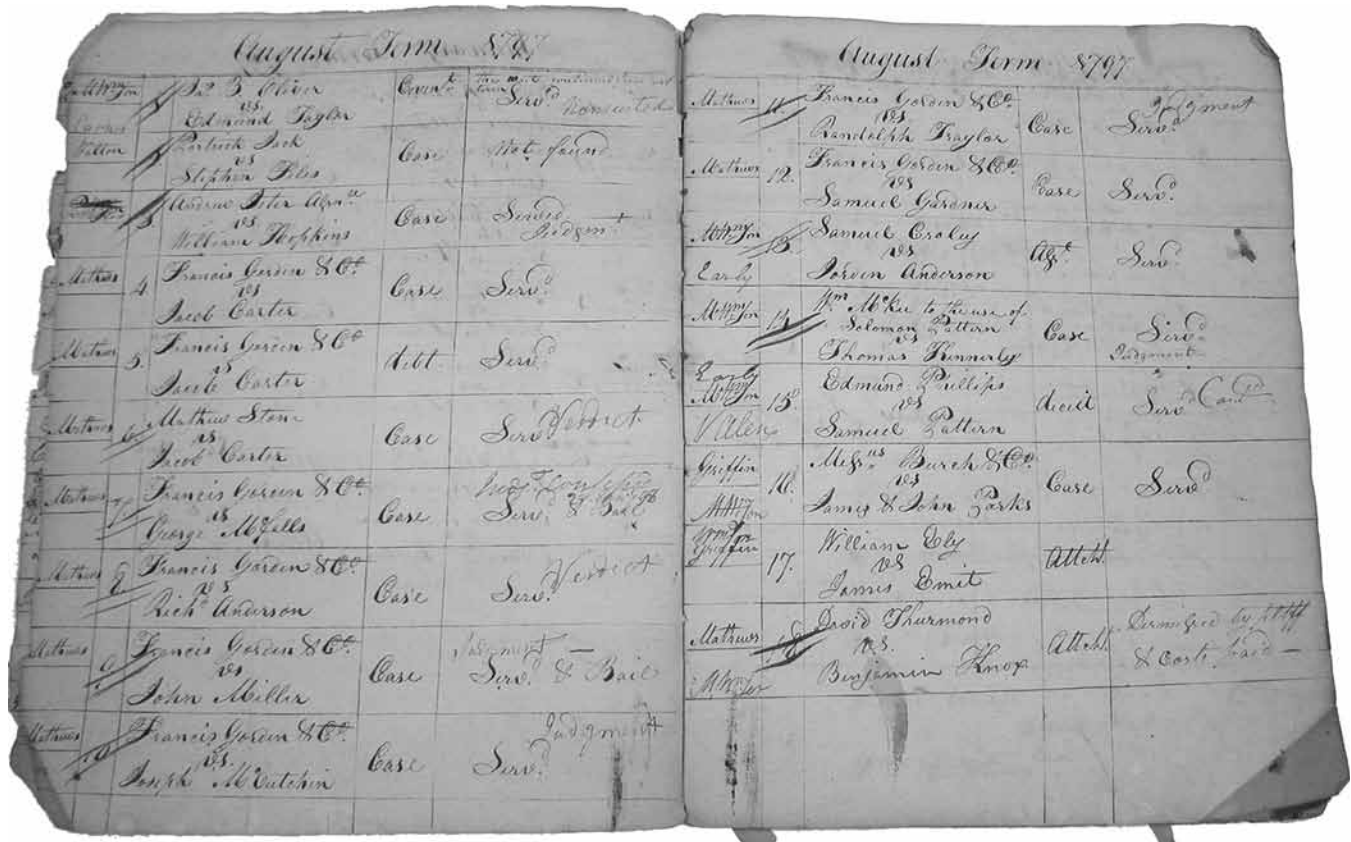
Rebecca Ann Cofer
 February 05, 1831 – April 16, 1925

Emma C. Sikes
 July 28, 1866 – December 07, 1932 mother

J. C. Sikes
 October 09, 1860 – June 02, 1928 father

Historic Document Project, Volunteers Needed

On the first week of June 2006, Jackson County Historical Society President, Charlotte Mealor began a project to preserve documents left in the Old Jackson County Courthouse. She organized a volunteer group to vacuum, dust and remove paper clips, straight pins and rubber bands from loose papers, books and documents found in the attic, basement and two vaults. Tax Digest dating from 1907 to 1974, 1917 Selective Service records, Superior, State, Ordinary, Inferior and Probate records as early as 1797 have been found and are being sorted and loose papers are being alphabetized in order to create a more exact inventory and index. These records are being moved to the new courthouse where the data base will be accessible to the public for research purposes. The next steps are going to take the most time, possibly a year. Volunteers are needed to help with this project. Call Charlotte Mealor at 706-757-2471



1797 court cases record book



Sell home pictured was moved across the street when the new home was completed in 1919. Left to right: Frank's mother, Celia Sell, Frank and Angie Sell, unidentified girl.

Obituary 1948

L.S. Sell Passes at Home Near Hoschton

After a long illness, death took from his home near Hoschton, early Thursday morning of last week, L. F. Sell, one of Jackson County's oldest and most prominent citizens.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Wicker, pastor of the Hoschton Circuit, in Center Church, near the Sell home, on Friday, after which the body was laid to rest in the family burial ground.

Surviving the deceased, are his wife, Mrs. Angie Maynard Sell, several nieces and nephews and other relatives, together with a large host of friends to mourn his demise.

Mr. Sell was a successful farmer. He owned and cultivated one of the most productive and best maintained farms in the county. It was the farm on which he was

born and reared and spent his entire life. A store, gin, sawmill and other industries were operated by him on this farm. The Center Methodist Church, of which he was a member, was located near his home.

For four years Mr. Sell represented the county in the General Assembly of Georgia, where he made an enviable record. He was frequently importuned to offer himself a candidate for other positions of trust and honor, but always declined. He was appointed to a position on the County Board of Education where he served longer than any other man. Each time as his term expired, he was unanimously chosen to succeed himself. On account of impaired health, he resigned this position several months ago.

He was 87 years of age and was one of the country's most useful citizens. Our sympathy is extended his wife and other relatives in their great loss.



wedding portrait of Frank and Angie Maynard Sell, December 27, 1900

excerpt from The Story of Georgia, Volumn 4

Leonidas Franklin Sell was born in Jackson County, November 11, 1862, the son of James and Celia McMillan Sell. After a general education in the grade schools of Jackson County, Mr. Sell attended the Gainesville High School for two years, between 1882 and 1884. He became associated with his brother, Robert, in the shoe business at Gainesville and in 1885 retired from this work to return to the family farm, which he has operated since. Since that time he has steadily increased his holdings from five hundred and ten acres to twelve hundred acres. In conjunction with growing timber, cotton, corn, wheat and oats, Frank operated a general store, sawmill, cotton ginn, grist mill, blacksmith's shop, dairy and railroad depot (Sell's sideline), and sold Model T. automobiles.

In 1894 he was elected a member of the State Legislature, representing Jackson County and continued there until 1896.

excerpt from the Daily Times, May 28, 1959 and the Winder News August 14, 1963

On December 27, 1900, Mr. Sell married, Angie Maynard, born August 6, 1873, daughter of Junius T. and Fannie Lott Maynard. Angie grew up in Winder and attended school at Young Harris College. The couple had no children of their own., but raised five children in their home. They were Mary Lizzie Haynes, Elinor Stancil, Ruby Stancil, Wade Huggins and Sara Huggins.

They were members of Center Methodist Church, donating the land and lumber to move the church to it's present site near their home.

They began construction on their yellow brick home in 1915, completing it in 1919. The original two story frame house on the property was moved across the street and burned in the 1930's.

Portraits of a Southern Place

A PICTORIAL HISTORY OF EARLY JACKSON COUNTY, GEORGIA



Photographs from the Collection of
the Jackson County Historical Society
Edited by Tina Harris

The Jackson County Historical Society has published *Portraits of a Southern Place*, a book of 257 black and white photographs that documents life in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century in Jackson County, Georgia. Among this collection are 54 photographs taken by photographer, Cicero Simmons that were developed from glass plate negatives. This beautiful hard-cover book is library-bound and printed on archival paper. The collection of photographs are indexed by surnames and most of the photographs included in this book identify the places and people depicted.

Portraits of a Southern Place provides clues to our culture and customs that are quickly fading from memory. The people in these photographs are stopped in that brief moment of their lives when what they were doing was recorded through the lens of a camera. Children are caught in the middle of playing games. Young and old amuse themselves with friends and family. Churches and schools are built. Business is conducted. Important moments in history are celebrated. Life is revealed. These photographs remind us how far we have traveled, where we came from, and provide a glimpse into our past.

The long awaited book of early Jackson County photographs will be available before the Holiday Season

*Portraits of a Southern Place,
A Pictorial History of Early Jackson County*

GET A PRE-SALE DISCOUNT!

This will be a collector's item for anyone interested in Jackson County history and early photography. Includes an index, organized by surnames, to benefit genealogy researchers. The books will arrive in Jackson County in mid-November and will be available at several locations for purchase. Watch for announcements in your local newspaper. Checks, money orders and cash payments will be accepted. The pre-sale price (before November 15) is \$27.00. The price after November 15 will be \$32.00. Shipping with domestic carrier is \$5.00. Special shipping instructions may require additional postage.

For more information call Tina Harris 706-757-3750 or Charlotte Mealor 706-757-2471

Portraits of a Southern Place quantity _____ shipping _____

Pre-Sale price (before November 15) / \$27 Regular price / \$32

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Individual/\$15 _____

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LIFE/\$100 _____ total _____

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