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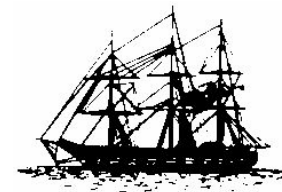
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION


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King's Landing

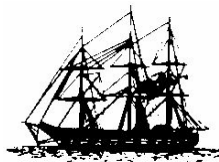
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September 2013

Murfreesboro Historical Association's Sesquicentennial Commemoration Civil War Living History and Re-Enactment



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President's Message



Dear Members,

After taking a look at all of the upcoming activities mentioned in this issue of the King's Landing, we have quite a schedule for the remainder of this year!

I know there are many of you who always volunteer for one event or many. Also, there are those of you we have not called upon to help. Believe me, it is not because we don't need you, it's because we don't know that you are willing and able to give a hand.

So, please call Victoria, Jesse, or myself at (252) 398-5922. We will be glad to explain what our needs are for each event and we'll find something that you will feel comfortable doing. Don't hesitate, we need you now!

Sincerely,

2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- September 14 2nd Saturday Tour
- October 2 and 16 Student Tours
- October 12 2nd Saturday Tour
- October 12 Civil War "Living History"
- October 26 Ghost Tour
- November 12 Soup & Sandwich Day
- December 5 & 6 Candlelight Christmas
"Christmas in Wonderland"

Call for Articles and Photos

Members are encouraged to submit history-related articles or photographs for publication in the King's Landing. Submit your house histories, personal accounts of family members, significant photographs, etc., to the newsletter. Let future generations benefit from you!

Publication Schedule

The King's Landing is published three times a year, in January, June and September. Please submit articles, news briefs, photographs, etc., in the month prior to publishing.

MHA Executive Committee

- President: Carol Lassiter
- Vice-President: Randy Roberts
- Secretary: SuEllen Askew
- Treasurer: John Sullin
- Tour Director: Victoria Newcombe
- Jefcoat Director: Colon Ballance
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Caring for Museum Collections

Representatives of the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources visited Murfreesboro recently to present a workshop on the proper care and storage of museum artifacts. MHA members learned about the dangers of light, moisture, relative humidity, pests, and pollutants; how they can damage the items in our care; and preventative measures that are often easy and inexpensive — but require consistent implementation to be effective. A "hands-on" training session gave participants practical training in the appropriate care and cleaning of wood, silver, and textiles, together with general and practical housekeeping tips for our properties.



Carol Lassiter and LeRae Umfleet, DCR Supervisor, discuss the proper care of an intricately engraved water pitcher currently on display at the Roberts-Vaughan House. Stop by and see how it shines after its makeover.



Gertrude Revelle reviews the finer points of silver polishing with Adrienne Berney, Trainer for the NC Department of Cultural Resources.

Some Tips for Silver Care

- Issue:** Sensitive to oily buildup from handling and tarnishing
- Handling:** Handle as little as possible wearing cotton gloves
- Cleaning:** Rub gently with ethanol (denatured alcohol) to remove surface oils. Make a thin, creamy paste of carbonate and distilled water and rub gently using a toothpick to clean crevices and/or embellishments. Wipe with a clean rag with distilled water.
- Storage:** Place silver in boxes or drawers lined with Pacific silvercloth or use intercept foils and bags. Use intercept foil underneath silver objects on display. Discard and replace when foil turns black.
- Special Care:** If piece will be on display, use a natural hair brush or dry rag to apply a small amount of micro-crystalline paste wax. Buff with a clean rag. Consider lacquering if piece will be on permanent display.

"Connecting to Collections"
NC Department of Cultural Resources

Preservation News/Events

PreservationNation Blog

Stories, news, and notes from the National Trust for Historic Preservation as well as the wider preservation movement. Visit them at <http://blog.preservationnation.org> and sign up for email alerts and news.

Historic Albemarle Tour MHA is a member-site. Stop by the Roberts-Vaughan House and pick up a copy of the new brochure featuring more than 20 historic sites in northeastern North Carolina

Preservation North Carolina Annual Conference

Historic Edenton, Oct. 2-4, 2013

Keynote sessions and workshops on important preservation issues, and tour a number of important historic places such as the "new" oldest house in North Carolina, the Roanoke River Lighthouse, the 1767 Chowan County Courthouse and more. For more information and registration:

<http://www.presnc.org/Events>

Historic Preservation Courses at Edgecombe Community

College: Plaster Installation (Sept. 28 & 29), Cemetery Preservation (Oct.11), Introduction to Genealogy (Nov.2), Southern Architecture Nov.9 & 10), Porches and Floors (Nov. 9 & 10), Building Analysis (Nov.1 6), Paint—Research and Application (Nov 16 & 17) Researching Historic Property (Nov.23). Call Monika Fleming at 252-823-5166 or visit www.edgecombe.edu/historic-preservation to learn more.

Do You Know . . .

These pictures were taken at MHA sites — can you identify what and where they are?



From left to right, pedestal at Ella Camp Garden Maze; brick wall at Hertford Academy; bell at the Vincent-Deale Blacksmith Shop; wall at John Wheeler House (detached dining room) where knives were sharpened.

Photos by Victoria Newcombe

High School Benefactor Dies

Harold Champion Simmons of Washington, NC, passed away at the age of 95 on August 12, 2013.

He and his wife, Beatrice, donated their massive collection of Russian nesting dolls, hurricane lamps, Christmas tree ornaments, cut glass and Lincoln memorabilia to the "Old Murfreesboro High School, Inc."

These collections are on display in the Home Economics Building and the Agriculture Building located on the campus of the Brady C. Jefcoat Museum of Americana and are part of the Jefcoat Museum Tour.

The lovely Christmas tree decorated with the hundreds of Russian ornaments is on display during the Christmas season in the Main Hallway of the Jefcoat Museum at 201 West Highway Street in Murfreesboro. Mr. Simmons was very pleased that their collections would remain on display where many could enjoy them.

North Carolina Watermelon Festival July 30—August 3, 2013

It was time, again, to promote the virtues of the watermelon and, as always, a good time was had by all. The Murfreesboro Historical Association manned its iconic Hot Fudge Cake Stand and offered a sweet treat and cold sodas. It was also a place to catch up on what's been going on since the last festival. A shout out to all the volunteers who helped in scorching heat and the occasional downpour. Thank you!

Association President, Carol Lassiter, dressed in period fashion for the parade on Saturday and walked behind the MHA tram, driven by John Hicks, and carrying MHA Board Members and guests waving to the crowds on Main Street. Colon Ballance, Director of the Jefcoat Museum, served as Grand Marshal of the parade.



Colon Ballance, Jefcoat Director, was Grand Marshal of the Watermelon Festival Parade. (Photo courtesy of Roanoke-Chowan News Herald)



John Hicks reads the MHA tram for the parade. (Photo by Victoria Newcombe)



Carol Lassiter, left, with Judy Hachey, Executive Director of the Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce. (Photo by Victoria Newcombe)



Judy Clark serves Joel Bennett at the Hot Fudge Cake Booth

One Family's Legacy

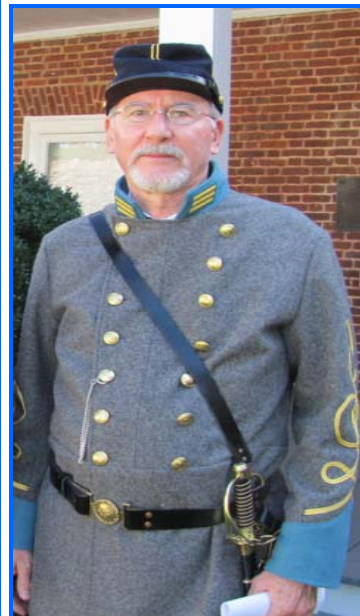
“We prepared ourselves for the battle we knew was coming, and waited to do our very best.” — **Captain Isaac Pipkin, CSA**, as portrayed by his great-grandson, G. Dennis Pipkin,

Isaac Pipkin, born in 1835 to a family of long lineage in an area comprised of Hertford and Gates Counties, was a captain in the Confederate Army serving in the 31st Regiment. He fought in defense of Roanoke Island, became a prisoner of war, and fought at Bentonville, before returning home to Murfreesboro.

He returns again, as portrayed by his great-grandson, G. Dennis Pipkin, as part of the Civil War Re-Enactment and Living History Event on October 12, 2013.

Dennis Pipkin, a retired engineer, who lives in Garner, has been an active participant in MHA's Sesquicentennial Planning Committee. As part of a team that researched the Captain's life and military history, and relying on family lore told to him as a child, Pipkin is the presenter of a moving speech. In it, he speaks to the war-time residents of Murfreesboro about military campaigns, the future of North Carolina and revelations about his personal life. The contents of the speech are obviously imagined but historically accurate.

In his second year of portraying Isaac, Pipkin, an accomplished photographer and genealogist, speaks fondly of the work that has gone into researching his ancestor. He encourages others, with both Southern and Northern ties, to do the same. Isaac Pipkin was unable to provide for the local defense of Murfreesboro during his military career as he was never able to come home during the conflict. It is fitting that his great-grandson is here to speak, to friends and neighbors, on his behalf.



G. Dennis Pipkin as Captain Isaac Pipkin in 2012



**2013 Candlelight Christmas Tour
Will Be A Victorian Adventure
December 5 & 6, 2013**



“Christmas In Wonderland” is the theme for this year's Candlelight Tour and visitors (as well as volunteers) will embark on an adventure with a girl named Alice and some of her friends. *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, written by Lewis Carroll and published in 1865, was deeply reflective of the Victorian Era (1837-1901).

MHA Members are asked to assist with the set design of this year's tour and look to their personal collections for such items as clocks, keys, velvet and silk, Grecian busts and animal trophies. All items loaned will be carefully looked after and returned after the tour. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the MHA Collections Committee. Tickets are now on sale for the Candlelight Tour and may be purchased for December 5th or 6th at the MHA Offices at 252-398-5922.

The Murfreesboro Historical Association, Inc. Civil War Living History/Encampment *Schedule of Events*

Saturday, October 12, 2013

Time	Event	Location
9:00 am	Cannon Firing	Hertford Academy
9:30 am	Encampments Open Historic District Museums Open Rea Museum – Civil War Exhibit Opens Book Signings	Hertford Academy Historic District Historic District Hertford Academy
10:00 am	Infantry Drill	Hertford Academy
10:30 am	Discussion on Civil War Flags – Sgt. Tom	Hertford Academy
11:00 am	Melrose House Reenactment	Melrose House
11:30 am	Civil War Music-Potecasi Creek String	Blacksmith Shop-Historic District
11:30 am	Recruiting Station for Children	
12:00 noon	Food Vendor – MHA Volunteers: BBQ Sandwiches, Hot Dogs, Water, Soda, Hot Fudge Cake	Historic District
1:00 pm	Ladies Fashion Show	Wheeler House-Historic District
2:00 pm	Major Pipkin Speech	Wheeler House-Historic District
3:00 pm	Wedding Vows – Charlie & Libby Wilton	Wheeler House – Historic District
3:30 pm	Children's Infantry Drill	Hertford Academy
	Encampment Demonstrations	Hertford Academy
4:00 pm	Cannon Firing	Hertford Academy
5:00 pm	Event Closes to the Public	

Sunday, October 13, 2013

10:00 am	Church Service/Dedication	Hertford Academy
11:00 am	Camp Life	Hertford Academy
12:00 pm	Calvary Drill	Hertford Academy
12:45 pm	Cannon Firing	Hertford Academy
1:00 pm	Event Closes	

*Note: Admission to Encampments is Free! Admission to Museums is \$1.00 per Museum.
Rides to Historic District from Hertford Academy will be available.*