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BOOK RELEASE AND SIGNING

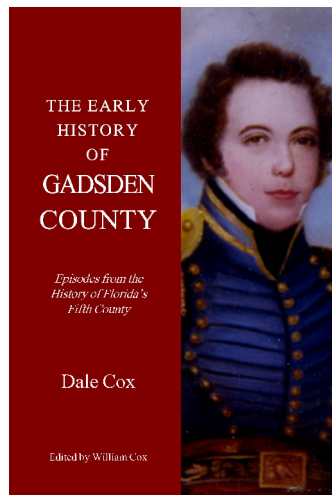
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 3:00 P.M.

GADSDEN ARTS CENTER, 13 N. MADISON ST., QUINCY

We invite everyone to join us for a discussion by Dale Cox, noted area historian, about Gadsden County's role in the War of 1812. Mr. Cox is a native of the Two Egg area of Jackson County, Florida and is a descendent of Daniel Boone as well as many early settlers of Jackson County. He is also descended from Efau Emathla (William Brown), a chief of the Yuchi (Euchee) branch of the Creek Nation.

Mr. Cox has a life-long love of history and a passion for preservation. He has written or contributed to five books on Florida history, among which are *The Battle of Marianna Florida*, *The Battle of Natural Bridge Florida*, and *Two Egg, Florida: A Collection of Ghost Stories, Legends and Unusual Facts*. After many years as a journalist, he has recently retired from The New York Times.

At this time, Mr. Cox will release his book, *The Early History of Gadsden County, Episodes from the History of Florida's Fifth County*. This book covers the years 1540-1865, which were so vital in the birth of our County. Its focus is not local family histories. Please be sure to get your copy and have the author sign it for you. These books will make great gifts for friends and family. Mr. Cox is generously donating his profits from the sales of this book to West Gadsden Historical Society.



James Gadsden, an engineer and aide to Andrew Jackson during the War of 1812

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Since our May newsletter, we have acquired 3 additional lifetime members, 12 new individual members and 1 new business member. Loyal support was continued by 15 of you through your membership renewals. It is very important for us to keep our membership numbers growing. Is there some reason you are hesitating to join or renew? If so, please contact Lynne Poucher, 850.442.6434. I will be glad to discuss it with you. I want to know if we, the directors of YOUR organization, are not measuring up to your expectations. We are open to your suggestions and constructive criticism. WGHS can survive only if we represent to the greatest extent possible *all* of our members. Our goal is to motivate enthusiastic participation by everyone interested in Gadsden County history.

Allow us to motivate you to support WGHS in remembering, preserving and educating everyone about the history of Gadsden County. Allow us to inspire within each and every one of you a sense of pride in our history and a firm determination to have a part in the success of West Gadsden Historical Society.

Lynne L. Poucher, President

FOURTH ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE A SUCCESS

WGHS OPEN HOUSE on Friday, July 4th was enjoyable to the 200 visitors and members attending this year. We received a lot of positive comments. The seafood dinners served by Coastal Seafood of Panacea were very delicious. You will be pleased to know we have booked them already for 2009.

Jamie Joanos of Tallahassee was the winner of the beautiful "Lone Star" quilt hand-made by Eva Mae Whittle Peters. Congratulations, Jamie!



Shirley T. Clark delivers the beautiful quilt to Jamie Joanos.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

WGHS Announces Campaign to Raise \$50,000.00

The Society continues to apply for available grants to assist in the funding of our restoration project at The Dezell House. However, due to present economic conditions, the Florida Legislature has drastically cut funding for historical preservation. We cannot depend solely on state funds to accomplish our goal. We need support from each of you who believe Gadsden County's history is worth preserving for us and future generations.

The cost of installation of completely new electrical system, plumbing, central heating and air conditioning as well as a security system will be \$50,000.00. Without these modern necessities, we are currently unable to invite YOU to The Dezell House for more than one miserably hot day a year. With these improvements, our headquarters could then be opened and enjoyed by everyone. The displays could remain permanently in place and the artifacts could be stored on site for research and review by visitors. WGHS meetings could then be held at The Dezell House. As funds become available, cosmetic repairs can be completed and then the house will match its original beauty.

It is up to YOU! We can only progress according to your response. Our goal is to have this completed by July 4, 2009. Would not this be a fitting cause for celebration at our Fifth Annual Open House?

PLEASE DONATE TODAY!

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Kathryn McFarlin Fletcher

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Lyon B. “Billy” Crosby, Jr.

WGHS members were saddened regarding the death of Kathryn McFarlin Fletcher, one of our Lifetime Members. “Miss” Kathryn was a kind and generous lady who cared about Gadsden County’s history. We wish to extend our condolences to all of her family.

The Lota G. Smith Coffel family wishes to express their heartfelt appreciation for all of the kindnesses extended towards them through the memorials to West Gadsden Historical Society.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Do you think we should have fewer meetings each year? It has been proposed to change our monthly meetings to quarterly. If this change is made, our meetings would be held on the fourth Sunday in JANUARY, APRIL and OCTOBER. JULY 4th OPEN HOUSE would be considered as a quarterly meeting. We want to please our membership --- we listen. Please consider this proposal and either e-mail, write, or call us with your opinion. You may e-mail us at: info@GadsdenHistory.org or call 850.442.6434.

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