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YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE----WILL YOU?

It is not a good thing to discuss money, but how does a non-profit survive without a frank discussion about what keeps us going? Due to the economy, our donations are less than ever before. We realize prices rise while income is cut. As an organization, we have the same problems. It comes down to the question of how much you want this historical society to continue to move forward towards its goals. Since our founding we have never asked for funding from the county, nor any of the cities within the county. We do not expect a serious opportunity to obtain any state grants for several years. All of you who believe in preserving our history and want to see a strong active historical society in Gadsden County hold the key.

TDS Telecom and Wal-Mart Stores have supported us with generous donations. We ask that other corporations invest in our efforts. Your board of directors pushed forward to get the Dezell House to its current condition. In order to progress to the current stage, \$17,500 was borrowed. More is needed to bring the Dezell House to the point that it can be comfortably used. We have gone out on a limb because as a board we believe in the value of what we are doing. Prove that our decision was the right one. Please send a generous donation now.

We need to complete the wiring and plumbing, build a deck with handicap access, and install a security system and central heating and air conditioning. With the funds from TDS and Wal-Mart, we only need \$5,000 more to reach the \$7,000 goal in order to install the air conditioning. Once we can move into the Dezell House permanently, all of the historical information, documents and pictures in our possession will be available and accessible to the public. Only through dissemination of knowledge can any benefit be derived. Our belief is that if you have something, but do not share it with others, it is of no true value. Our history should be shared with all interested in learning about the past.

SUCCESSFUL 6th ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

Count the 2010 Open House as another great success! The Society appreciates the tremendous support received each year from those who bake, work, sell, clean, donate, cook, and especially all those who attend! Coastal Seafood of Panacea came once again and served a delicious lunch. We have already booked them for the Open House July 4, 2011. Buddy Pitts' local area historical photographs as well as various display items were an interesting venue for the day. Kenneth Edwards, McLane family historian, shared his artifacts and presented as always an interesting display. The Bake Sale was very successful. The quilt drawing was made possible by James and Linda Smith who donated a vintage handmade quilt in memory of his mother, Mrs. Arthur (Cleo) Smith of Dogtown. Erica Taylor of Old Mt. Pleasant and a student at Robert F. Munroe Day School won the beautiful quilt. The Society would like to thank the following merchants for selling quilt tickets: Padgett Jewelers, Flossie's Cut & Curl, Mane Attraction, A Touch of Tiffany, and J M Studio, all of Quincy, and Twin City News of Chattahoochee.

MEMBERSHIP

Added as new members during the last three months were Jimmy G. McDonald, Leota M. Whitfield, Thomas P. Skipper, Stanley Hall, and Stanley R. Thomas. Many of these new members are from out of county. This certainly shows appreciation from those not actually here to see all of the accomplishments of WGHS. Renewals from our loyal supporters were Marie Fletcher Chisholm, Annis C. Dominey, Greensboro Kiwanis Club, Nettie Bentley, Eddy Richards and Wilson Enfinger. WGHS appreciates all of the support we receive. Please, encourage others to join.

GREENSBORO DEPOT

Clemons, Rutherford & Associates, Inc. continues to work on the plans for the depot restoration. WGHS found an old picture of the Greensboro Depot in the book, *Gadsden A Florida County in Word and Pictures*, on page 177. It is labeled "The Seaboard Air Line Depot about 2 miles southwest of Quincy". After obtaining a copy of the picture from the Florida Archives, a straight track is revealed. Quincy's depot was on a curve. Does anyone have a picture of the original Quincy Depot?

BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU ACCREDITATION

In an effort to honor the commitment to forthrightness and corporate transparency, this historical society has undergone the arduous task of complying with all of the standards set forth by the Better Business Bureau for the charities that it approves. West Gadsden Historical Society, Inc. is proud to announce that on July 28, 2010, it was certified by the Better Business Bureau of Northwest Florida, Inc. as an accredited charity. The Society will be reviewed every two years.

VOLUNTEERS MEAN SO VERY MUCH

Have you taken a ride by the Dezell House lately? Did you see the lawn freshly mowed? Did you see the flowers blooming? Did you notice a tree had been cut? If your answer was "yes" to any of these questions, then you saw the work of a volunteer. Webster describes a volunteer as "one who enters into any service of his own free will". The mowing is lovingly done by Buddy Pitts. Buddy sets a fine example for his grandson, Andy, who was observed helping his grandfather complete this volunteer work. Buddy also does the mowing at the Depot. He is a loyal donor of his time for these tasks. The flowers are cared for by Harriett Strickland. We are certainly proud of her "green" thumb. The tree was cut down by Chad Locke. We want to thank all of these volunteers for their service. WGHS would not be a success without its volunteers, the many who work behind the scenes. Volunteers are a special breed. They have generosity of heart and a caring spirit that is beyond compare. **TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS, THANK YOU!**

NEXT MEETING

Sept. 24 -- Wayne E. Torbert, author of *The Young Cadet*, will review his book which centers on the Battle of Natural Bridge. Town Hall, 150 East 11th St., Greensboro, 3 p.m.

NOVEMBER 6TH PILAU FUNDRAISER & ANNUAL MEETING

On Saturday, November 6, 2010, 4:00 p.m., the Society will hold its Annual Meeting at the Fellowship Hall of Sycamore United Methodist Church, 3246 Sycamore Highway, Quincy. Mark your calendar now to attend, showing your interest in WGHS, and learning about the current activities. Following the business meeting, a chicken pilau dinner will be served. Mrs. Nettie Bentley and Sharon Bentley of Sycamore will be in charge of the cooking, along with numerous volunteers. The menu will consist of pilau, slaw, green beans, and homemade desserts. The Society deeply appreciates our Sycamore friends donating their time and talents to make this event a great success. Continue to watch for further announcements and remember to check our website, GadsdenHistory.org.

ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEWS ANYONE????

Florida State University history professor, Jennifer Koslow, asked that we arrange for some of you to give oral history interviews to her class this year. Are there any of you out there who would volunteer? We have some of you in mind. Even if you don't volunteer, you might be drafted. The oral histories will become part of our collection. Please give us a call at 850.442.6434. The class will also catalog our collection of papers, pictures and artifacts. We are working diligently to preserve carefully all of the items you have entrusted to our care. This is part of our reason for existing.



**This photograph came from the Ernestine Larkin Collection.
We believe this was an elementary class in Quincy in the early 50's?
Can you identify anyone in this picture?**

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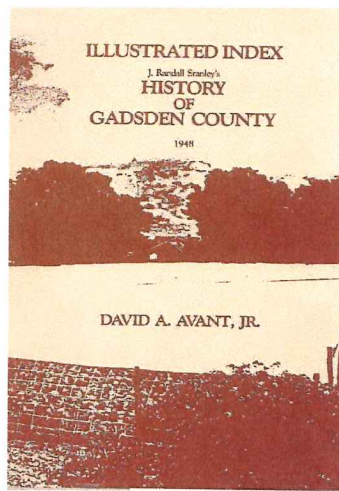
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WGHS received a small number of books written by J. Randall Stanley in 1948 and later enhanced with an illustrated index by David Avant II. These hard cover books sell for \$35.00. Call 850.442.6434 to get a copy while they last.



For any of you with connections to Liberty County, WGHS has available the **Liberty County Heritage Book**, priced at \$54.00. Call 850.442.6434.

FLAVORS OF HOME --- WGHS Cookbook
SOMETHING GOLD --- Tobacco Grower Interviews by Kay Davis Lay
THE EARLY HISTORY OF GADSDEN COUNTY by Dale Cox

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