

Newsletter

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I want to invite everyone to come meet the Historical Society members at the upcoming Baxter County Fair. We will have a booth indoors, as well as have the Casey House open. We are still in need of volunteers for manning these booths so if anyone can help, please email me at JenBaker1951@suddenlink.net.

I have appointed a Living History Committee, made up of Howard and Joanne Reeves, Brenda Johnson and Linda Bradbury. Their goal is to record some of our older generation and capture their memories before they are lost to us forever. We are asking your input for any one you know that remembers the early history of Baxter County and would be willing to share it. Please email me with any suggestions and I'll forward the info to the committee.

Our Planning Committee is still continuing to meet to discuss short term and long term goals. I welcome input from anyone with suggestions/ideas. If you would like to attend some of these planning meetings, email me and I'll let you know when our next meeting is.

The School District Facilities Committee is scheduled to meet in

mid September to begin the discussion of the future of Guy Berry School and other school needs. I will be on that committee and will keep you posted.

I appreciate everyone who came out August 2 for the Tom Dillard book signing and the celebration of the Downtown Historic District.

The Baxter County Quarterly has been sent to the printer and should be mailed out shortly.

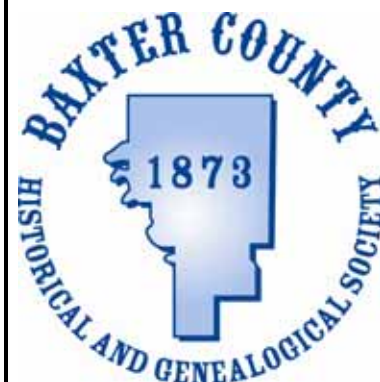
Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 16. That is our annual Baxter County History Day at Rapp's Barron in Cooper Park. The Mtn. Home Parks Dept coordinates this with the Historical Society. (They do the majority of the work. Thanks Kelly, Enoch and Nick!) Our monthly Historical Society meeting will be held that day around 1:15 instead of the 4th Tuesday. Please keep checking the website for meeting details.

A special thanks to Jerry Strobel who spoke at our August meeting. He told about his trip to Ecuador to pass out shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

See you at the fair!

Jennifer Baker

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Last month's edition of our newsletter can still be viewed on our website. Just click on the "Newsletter" link.

Preserving the Past for the Future

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NEWS FROM THE BAXTER COUNTY ARCHIVES

By Rod Soubers, *Archivist*

We responded to numerous **historical and genealogical** inquiries over the past few months, including the following topics:

- Crane family, Dilbeck family, Hattie M. Elliott, Harden family, James L. Leachman and Nora Payne-Spradlin, Maynard family, Sanders and Thompson families, Stapleton family, Sword-Finley family, Treuer and Weber families.
- Cooper Park history, German Esoteric Colony in Mountain Home (c. 1905), Messick-Young cemetery, Pilgrim's Rest cemetery, Rollins Hospital history, Talburt cemetery and Talburt family.

New Books recently received by the Archives:

History of Newton County, Arkansas, by Walter F. Lackey (1950)

Newton County Family History, by Newton County Historical Society (1999)

Houses and Homes: Exploring Their History, by AASLH (1987)

Public Places: Exploring Their History, by AASLH (1987)

Local Businesses: Exploring Their History, by AASLH (1990)

Places of Worship: Exploring Their History, by AASLH (1990)

Statesmen, Scoundrels, and Eccentrics: A Gallery of Amazing Arkansans, by Tom Dillard (2010) [copies of this book are also currently for sale by the Historical Society for \$25.00; please check "Publications for Sale" for ordering information].

Volunteers

We owe a special Thank You to Brenda Johnson who kept the Archives open on Tuesdays and Thursdays while I was on vacation during much of August. She was assisted by Joan Reeves and Erceil Haughn. Brenda has also made a valuable contribution in processing parts of the photograph collection, responding to various reference inquiries, and in preservation work on the garment collection (within the museum artifact collection).

All reference and genealogical inquiries, requests for research appointments (outside of regular hours), and requests for sale items (listed on the BCHGS website) should be sent via mail, email, or telephone to the following:

Baxter County Archives
213 E. 6th Street, Suite 201
Mountain Home, AR 72653

Email: bcarchives@centurytel.net

Phone: 870-425-2551

The phone number is also the contact number for the Baxter County Historical and Genealogical Society until the Baxter County Heritage Museum is eventually reopened.

The Research Room at the Baxter County Archives is open Tuesday and Thursday, 12:00-4:00pm, or by appointment Monday thru Friday, 10:00am – 4:00pm. The Research Room is closed all state and federal holidays.

WHAT'S ON THE WEB?

By Maryanne Edge, *Webmaster*

Do you love old photos? Well, you probably wouldn't be looking on an Historical Society website if you didn't. Our site now features an album of photos that we've collected over the years. The album is named "Vintage Photos of Baxter County," and, yes, I came up with that title all by myself!

The photo that is featured as the "album cover" is one from a collection recently given to us by the Alley family. It's a large billboard advertising many businesses of Mountain Home, some dating back to the 1890s. The lady in front of the billboard is Marian Huston Duro. Her husband Bob was a cook at the Angler's Café, which was on the west side of the square (back when the square had a west side!). We believe the photo was taken in the 1920s. It faced Highway 5 North at the intersection of Main Street (now Hwy. 62B) where Heritage Realty is now located.

Those of you who know me also know that I am a deltiologist (a collector of postcards). My most recent acquisition is a postcard of Saltzman Hospital, which was located on Sixth Street. I've included it in the above-mentioned photo album. It brought back memories for me, as I'm sure it will for most of you.

When you click on "Photo Album" on our website, you'll see a page of thumbnail photos. Click on any one of those and it will take you to a larger image, which can be viewed as a slide show.

Have you visited www.EncyclopediaofArkansas.net yet? If not, that is a wonderful place to learn about Arkansas

history. Recently, Jennifer and Rod contributed a story that will be included on the site. One of the wonderful features of this site is that you – yes, You! – can also make a contribution. I'm currently working on a story about the history of Gassville (any info you can provide is, as always, greatly appreciated). If you'd like to help our history be remembered, visit this site and click on the "Get Involved" tab at the top. There are a number of ways you can help, including making suggestions.

Remember, our website is **your** website. Please let us know what you'd like to see featured there.



If you like vintage photos like these, visit our online album!



Jack and Ruth Ann Clayton, owners of Nature's Way Health Food, display certificates they received showing their property at 16 and 18 East Seventh Street is part of Mountain Home's Commercial Historic District.

The owners of the 37 buildings that comprise the district received the certificates from the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program during a celebration meeting held at the courthouse in Mountain Home in August.

More photos from this celebration can be seen in the Photo Album on our website: www.baxtercountyhistory.org.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Sept. 13 at 1:00 p.m.	Tour of the New Library — BCH&GS Members meet at the new library at South College and the Bypass for a special tour.
Sept. 16, 17, and 18 — from 9:00 a.m. until ?	The Casey House will be open during the Baxter County Fair from 9:00 a.m. until dark (usually around 7:00 p.m.). We will also have a booth inside the fairgrounds, so please stop by and see us!
Sept. 28 at 6:30 p.m.	Program Meeting: Speaker will be Charles Hammett who will talk about the Civil War in Baxter County (and in general); Civil War artifacts will be on display.

Brenda Johnson sends a special Thank You to Joan Reeves and Erceil Haughn who helped at the Archives during Rod’s vacation. Joan spent a great deal of time sorting through the Duro photos that were recently donated to the Historical Society by the Alley family.

MEMBERSHIP

Annual membership dues are \$25 for individuals, \$35 for household/families, and \$150 for business/organizations. Dues are payable on January 1 of each year. Correspondence concerning membership dues, back issues of our quarterly journal, or other business matters should be addressed to: Rod Soubers, Treasurer, c/o Baxter County Historical & Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 2125, Mountain Home, AR 72654.

ABOUT THE SOCIETY

Our objective is to promote and maintain popular interest in the history of Baxter County, Arkansas, and to acquire, restore, preserve, and maintain things pertaining to the history of Baxter County for the benefit and education of the general public. We are funded by the generosity of others, to include dues, fund-raising events, support from the Baxter County Quorum Court, and donations. We are tax exempt, which means donations can be made directly to us (BCH&GS) and will be tax deductible.

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Information and queries can be submitted to the Baxter County Historical and Genealogical Society by going to the “Contact Us” feature of the website.