

RECENT MATERIAL DONATIONS TO THE HERITAGE CENTER

Here's the list of material donations added to the Heritage Center's archives January-March 2013:

- Johnson, Ed, World War II veteran: oral-history interview by N.C. State Archives (DVD) – from Johnny Batten.
- Photo of Willie Franklin Grimes, Johnston County Sheriff 1912-1918 – from Mary Edna Grimes.
- Book: *North Carolina Year Book and Business Directory 1913*, by The News and Observer – from Art Andrews.
- Worley's & Pepsi-Cola soft drinks bottled in Selma, N.C., n.d. – from Art Andrews.
- Book: *Living With Miss G* by Mearene Jordan, 2012 – from Ava Gardner Museum.
- Book: *Upon These Steps - Brothers in NC. 23rd Regiment* by David C. Reavis – from Gwen Canady.
- Photo of Smithfield High School Class of 1912 – from John Hobart.
- Barber Mill history: copies of 1879 documents and photos 1925 and later; copy of Needham Whitley family photo – from Robert W. Barber.
- Photo of Smithfield High School ninth graders, 1933 – from Warren Grimes.

- Book: *A History of the Tar River Baptist Association, 1830-1921* – from Betty Jean King.
- Alpha Beta Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma Society International records, including biographies of Johnston County educators collected 1998-2000; Kennedy assassination clippings in large scrapbook by Smithfield School fifth graders, Agnes Gunter, teacher, 1963 – from Julia A. McCullers.
- Farming & household records of Costa William Hocutt, O'Neals Township, 1940s-1970s – from Patricia Braswell Miller.
- Book: *Vance County Heritage 2011* – from Mark Pace, Vance County Heritage Book 2011 Committee.
- Genealogy book: *Avera and Allied Founding Families of Avera, North Carolina*, Fourth Edition, 2013 – from Claude Vernon Medlin Jr.
- Photos: Yelvington Grove School children, c.1922, and Smithfield School students, mid-1920s – from Beverly Braswell.

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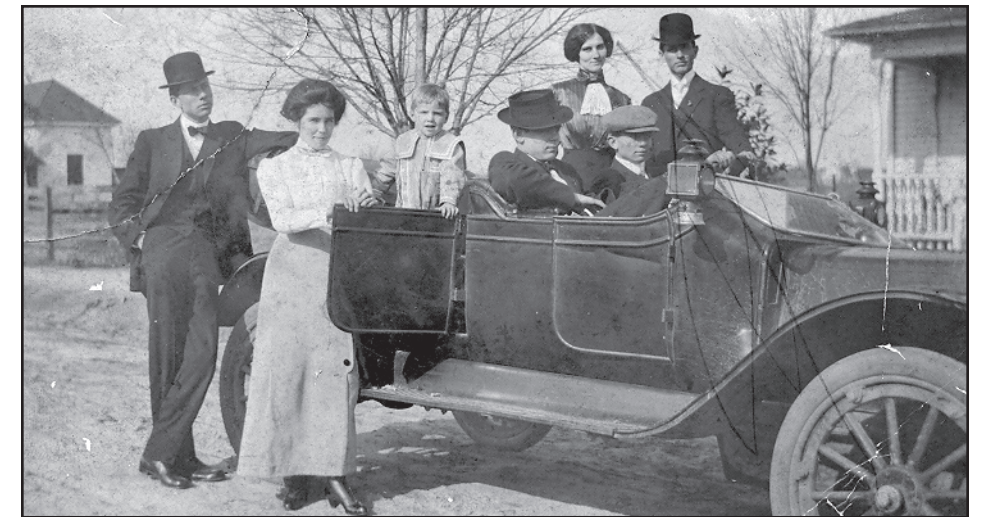
Exhibit has artifacts and photographs from 1913

“Now playing” in the Heritage Center’s exhibit hall is a display of artifacts and photographs giving us a glimpse of “1913 – The Way It Was A Hundred Years Ago.”

The exhibit is an extension of the theme for our annual Contributing Patrons Appreciation Dinner held in January, and it’s based largely on the narrative written for that occasion by Julia A. McCullers, a member of the Johnston County Heritage Commission.

Our display of artifacts from 1913 (or thereabouts) comes from Art Andrews, an avid collector of all things historical who’s also a member of the Heritage Commission.

Meanwhile, the dinner presentation on 1913 – featuring a couple of skits by volunteer re-enactors – is ready for us to “take on the road” to any civic gathering interested in this entertaining mode of revisiting our history. We’ve done one



This photograph of Benson folks gathered around an automobile in 1913 comes from the Heritage Center’s archives. Persons identified include Mr. and Mrs. M.T. Britt and DeLeon, Henry Slocum, and W.O. Rackley.

“show” for a local Rotary Club and have another scheduled for late summer before a church-based group.

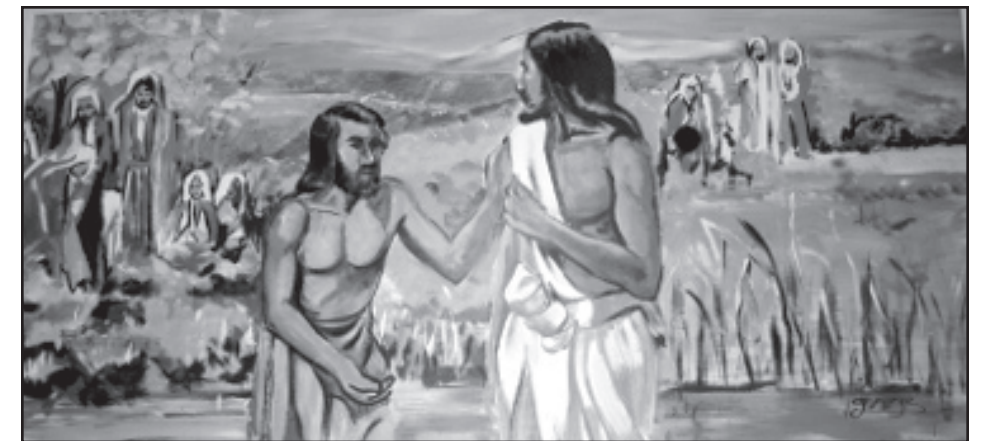
If you have an idea for additional

presentations, please contact me by phoning 919-938-4708 or e-mailing wingate.lassiter@johnstonnc.com.

– Wingate Lassiter



This Edison Phonograph is part of the Heritage Center’s 1913 display.



Paintings by African-Americans on display

Also on display in the Heritage Center’s exhibit hall this spring is a collection of paintings by Johnston County African-American artists. Pictured here is a large painting done by the late Carson George for Smithfield’s St. Mark AME Church.

Heritage Center beneficiary of \$75,000 from charitable trust

Nan Ogburn Cullman, who grew up in Smithfield, has named the Johnston County Heritage Center a beneficiary of \$75,000 over the next 10 years from a charitable trust she has established. The gift comes with no restrictions.

Mrs. Cullman is the eldest daughter of the late J.V. and Bunnah Jones Ogburn. She presently resides in Beaufort, N.C. with her husband, Hugh Cullman, retired

CEO of Philip Morris, Inc. Two of her siblings are present-day Smithfield residents: Lu Long Ogburn Medlin, well known as a former "Miss North Carolina," and Vic Ogburn, long-time member of the Smithfield Town Council.

Mrs. Cullman's donation is the second major gift to the Heritage Center since its establishment in the late 1990s. The other is an endowment funded by the Holding

family, principal owners of First Citizens Bank which also donated the building that houses the Heritage Center. The Holdings' endowment each year distributes earnings to the center through the N.C. Community Foundation. This year we got \$13,310.

With the Cullman gift, the Heritage Center expects to cover 25 percent of our annual operating budget with donations in fiscal year 2013-14.

SPECIAL FINANCIAL GIFTS TO THE HERITAGE CENTER

– April 2012 through March 2013

Given in memory of:

- Ned Cunningham – by Frank, Betsy & Fronia Knott
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- Kenneth & Peggy Starling
- Barbara Kay Parrish
- J.P. George
- Nan Ogburn Cullman (charitable trust)
- Janice C. White
- North Carolina Community Foundation (Holding endowment)



Leading "Boys To Men"

The Heritage Center's Black History Committee hosted a program Feb 9: "Boys To Men," focused on challenges facing young African-American males. Adult men making presentations were: (left to right) Lamar Minter of Smithfield-Selma High School, Marlon Lee of Clayton High, retired band director Roger Walker, Shaw University alumni director Seddrick Hill, and Rev. Sterling E. Freeman of First Missionary Baptist, Smithfield.

HERITAGE CENTER BASICS

- The Johnston County Heritage Center is located at 241 East Market Street – in the heart of Downtown Smithfield.
- Our phone number: (919) 934-2836.
- Our mailing address: PO Box 2709, Smithfield, NC 27577
- Our Web address: www.johnstonnc.com/heritage
- Our hours of operation: 9:00-5:00 MONDAY-SATURDAY

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