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## Welcome to Summer

### Welcome New Member

**Kara M. Hunter**  
Sponsor - Smyrna

Kara has already been to work at the museum even before she joined the historical society. She has volunteered to fill many of the vacancies in the shifts at the museum. She is also looking at our web site and soon, with her help you will have some great additions to it. Please welcome Kara into the group as soon as you can.

### Membership Renewals and Upgrades

**Dot Bacon**  
Individual - Smyrna

**Millie Broyles**  
Individual - Marietta

**Grady & Hilda Chaffin**  
Family - Smyrna

**Glennice & Dotyal Crump**  
Family - Smyrna

**Joyce Demshock**  
Individual + Donation  
Knoxville, Tennessee

**Billy Edens Family**  
Family - Smyrna

**Gladys Gates**  
Individual - Eatonton, GA

**Arnold & Mary Hamby**  
Family - Smyrna

**Gennie & Cecil Haralson**  
Donor - Smyrna

**Susan Hiott**  
Individual - Smyrna

**Davis & Joan Holsenbeck**  
Family - Smyrna

**Bill & Tallulah Lyons**  
Family - Smyrna

**Betty Griffin McNiff**  
Individual - Marietta

**Betty Jo Miller**  
Individual - Smyrna\*

**Ben & Dene Morris**  
**Donor - Smyrna**

**Emory & Nelda Parrish**  
**Family + Donation**  
**Smyrna**

**Bob Reese**  
**Individual - Marietta**

**Elizabeth & Sig Reichenberg**  
**Family - Smyrna**

**Jane Malcom & Leon Roberts**  
**Family - Smyrna**

**Robert & Pat Roche**  
**Family - Smyrna**

**Harry & Anita Sharp**  
**Family + Donation**  
**Sikeston, MO**

**Satilla Regional Library System**  
**Douglas, GA (Coffee County)**

**Steve & Karen Wilson**  
**Family - Smyrna**

**Emmett & Jane Yancey**  
**Family - Smyrna**

**DONATIONS**

**Joyce-Demshock**  
**Knoxville, TN**

**Robert Lezinski**  
**Westerly, R.I.**

**Emory & Nelda Parrish**

**Anita & Harry Sharp**  
**In Memory of**  
**Sue Cantrell**

***We Get Letters***

Hey Harold,

I'm sure you remember me Linda Wells. I have lots of Smyrna stuff will try to locate it . I have a signed copy of Mazie Whitfield Nelson's book but at this time have not located it. My daughter was asking me about it but could not put my hands on it yet.

I have lots of old articles pictures and stuff will do my best to locate some of it. I am now living about 16 miles from Dahlonga seems like its at the end of the world. After Don died we had property up here so those kids of mine were all here so I moved up here to be with them an the grans but now that they are all away at school and how I miss Smyrna. I still make my trips there for Howard's , Doctors , Hair and business, still have property in Smyrna that's still home. I'll try locating Smyrna stuff.

Take Care

Linda

Hi Harold ....

I'm trying to find any info. and/or photo's of the old Sandy's Hamburger place that was on S. Cobb Dr. in Smyrna back in the 60's and 70's. It was on the hill close to Cobb Center but on the other side of S. Cobb Dr. and was next to an Arby's I believe. The Arby's was built just before Sandy's sold out. Anyway, I worked there during high school and for

years have wanted to find a photo or write up or something about that store. I started there at 75 cents an hour. ( before minimum wage days ). It was THE local hangout for teens during the 60's - early 70's. Any chance that you might know where anything is concerning Sandy's that can be scanned and emailed? .. or anyone who might have anything on it? I'd love to have copies for old times sake.

I still have 6 glasses from Sandy's that my boss gave me .. as he did all the employees.

**Editors Note:** If any of you have information on Sandy's that you might share with Keith, send him and email at [dunn4k@bellsouth.net](mailto:dunn4k@bellsouth.net) .

## Museum Exhibits

A recent exhibit at the museum featured photos by Osburne High School students in grades 9 through 12 who are part of an after school program designed to provide activities for at risk kids.

The federal government provides some of the funding for the program and it is the first of its kind in Cobb County and the only program of its kind in Georgia.

A similar program is being set up at Campbell Middle and High Schools in cooperation with "Our Kids Atlanta", a not for profit organization that locates the teachers.

Smyrna resident Phyllis Stockfish, in charge of the program, provided the photographs for the exhibit and brought a group of the student photographers to museum to view their displayed work and the other museum

exhibits.

They also viewed a showing of the Aunt Fanny's Cabin video telling about its history as well as explaining how it became the Smyrna Welcome Center.



Students, in no particular order: Erik Ixtfahuaca, John Gomez, Zenaida Peterson, Clarisa Campos, Anjellica Larandson, Nati Gongalez, Courtney Myles, Felicia Boyd, Jasmine Moseley, Marguetta Watkins, Christina Beltran, Jasmine Harris, Nancy Corpea. Phyllis and John Stockfish are seated in the rear.

**Note:** The last issue (March-April 2009) of Lives and Times contained an article by Jim Nash about the Civil War fighting around Smyrna ("Two Days at Smyrna: Sherman and Johnston Above the River Crossing," by James W. Nash, pp.38-43.") Unfortunately, a note on the preceding page (37) indicated the article was by "John Nash," Jim's brother. Jim was actually the author. He is a Smyrna native as well as an attorney and writer who has spent most of his adult career in Texas. He currently lives near Austin and would like any comments on the article (or otherwise) by email, [jnashlegal@austin.rr.com](mailto:jnashlegal@austin.rr.com).

Another new exhibit is the butterfly collection of Betty Smith, the late wife of Harold Smith and co-founder of the Smyrna Historical Society and Smyrna Museum. She loved butterflies and most of our friends would give her something

## Welcome Back

to do with butterflies for presents on special occasions. The exhibit is made up of a variety of items from a butterfly ring to several butterfly music boxes. The exhibit will be on display until the end of the year.

**Max Morris**, the late husband of longtime Smyrna Librarian Doris Morris was an artist who sculptured in natural materials such as pine cones, grapevines, acorns, pecans, and any other natural substance that could be fashioned to look like a head or foot, or a body or a drum, or a turtle or giraffe or anything else that came into his mind. He was extremely creative and some of his work is also on exhibit at the Museum.

Stop in and check out Rhett and Scarlett in their War Between the States setting and other familiar scenes with animals, and a variety of other interesting items.

This exhibit will also be on display through the remainder of the year.

### Sympathy To

The family of **Nancy Hancock**, longtime member of the historical society and, former member of the Cobb County Historical Preservation Commission, whose brother Hubert Gary Hancock died July 10, 2009. He was born March 28, 1950. A memorial service was conducted at Carmichael Funeral Home on July 14. Remember the family in your prayers.

Associate Editor Norma McHann who is still recovering from foot surgery in June. Because of the nature of the surgery where a piece of bone had to be removed from her leg and transplanted to her foot, recovery has been very slow. She is still wearing a boot on her right foot and was unable to drive for several weeks. Thank goodness she is back this issue with the Visiting the Past Column.

### Visiting The Past Researched By Norma McHann

#### 120 Years Ago

**Nickajack: May 2, 1889:** Old fashioned diversified farming is coming to the front. We notice on the farm of Daniel Reed, corn, cotton, wheat, oats, rye "flour corn," sorghum, millet, melons, sweet and Irish potatoes, beside garden "truck."

A young man "across the way" received a letter from his best girl recently, in which she declared herself "down on slang." She did not use it herself---she was not "that kind of a hair pin." Let the good work proceed.

**Smyrna: May 9, 1889:** Crops and fruit of every description are promising all around here; the grass is smiling in the farmer's face, who is striking at it with his cotton hoe. Providence is blessing our land from the mountain to the sea.

Mrs. William Byrd, daughter of Dr. Bell,

deceased, was buried here Friday last. A large concourse of sympathizing relatives and friends attending the funeral.

Miss Tince Low is "exhilarating" in beautiful Smyrna.

Mrs. Mart Ruff is doing an efficient Christian work of love among the children who are in her Sabbath school class.

Rev. A. G. Dempsey says that County Line has the finest corn and other crops, ever seen at this time of year.

**Smyrna: May 23, 1889:** A. G. Dempsey has cotton six inches high. John Reed's corn is two and a half and three feet high.

Mrs. Catherine Keheley's funeral was largely attended last Sunday evening at Maloney Springs. Rev. Dempsey officiated.

**Nickajack: June 6, 1889:** The weather of late must have been "monk eying" with an iceberg. Balmy, sportive May went out shivering and glowing June came in with a "blanket" on. Is another "Glacial Period" at hand?

Our Smyrna neighbors came down in force on Saturday the 1st inst., and enjoyed a pleasant picnic at Concord. Pretty girls and good things to eat were abundant. Come again.

Quite a respectable delegation went from

here to see the "Last Days of ----", well some say of "Pom-pa-e, others Pom-pe-a," while others hold to the old "Pom-pe-yi." It depends pretty much on whether one is hifalutin, or merely "falutin."

**Smyrna: June 20, 1889:** Miss Hellen Reed and Miss Cleo Prather, of Edgwood, have been visiting friends here, and with other friends of Edgwood visited Kennesaw Mountain on Saturday last.

On Saturday last at King's Spring, near here, the Methodist Sunday school gave a picnic, the other school being invited and participating. The amusements were swinging, jumping the rope, playing croquet, marbles ect. There was spread quite an elegant dinner which was highly enjoyed. The good ladies of Smyrna know how to make a picnic occasion or any other occasion pleasant.

**Smyrna: June 27, 1889:** Mr. H. C. McGriff's daughter, Emma, gave a pleasant birthday party to the little girls of this place on the afternoon of the 22<sup>nd</sup>. It was greatly enjoyed by all. Her presents were beautiful.

Mr. Cheatham Pace, who went to Arkansas last December, has returned. His friends are glad to see his beautiful placid and smiling countenance once more. "There is no place like home."

On Saturday last Rev. A. B. Vaughan, Jr., preached with his usual ability, at the Baptist church. On Sunday P. Y. Gann was baptized and Mrs. Judson Hill was received by letter.

## 110 Years Ago

**Smyrna: May 4, 1899:** A certain young man from Atlanta visited his best girl here one day a week or so ago, and during the visit the two had a "lovers" spat," as they call it, and parted, vowing nevermore to speak to each other; in a day or two the telephone bell rang out violently, and upon investigation it was found to be a call for the young lady, but she being indisposed sent her little sister to receive the message. The fellow failed to recognize the difference in the voice, being worried, I suspect, and poured out his little tale of woe, regretting their parting in anger. Now little sister can get anything she desires, goes anywhere and has much fun at their expense. All she has to do is put one hand to her head and exclaim, "Hello, hello!"

Mr. John Reed is adding two rooms and otherwise improving his residence. The car line passes just in front of his place, and he is fixing up for its coming.

A party of young people from this place wasted the day last Saturday at Terrell's Mill----fishing. They caught nothing but colds and received a good jolting in going to and returning from the mill.

**Smyrna: May 11, 1899:** Fishing parties were all the go last week. Several left this place to angle in the streams adjacent. I hear some wonderful exploits from those engaged in this pleasant pastime.

Three of our popular young ladies

appropriated a young man's bicycle and indulged in the art of cycling. I am told it was a sight for men and little fishes! That sometimes they rode the wheel and sometimes it rode them, and that they tore up the earth for a block around.

**Nickajack: May 18, 1899:** W. M. Gill, U.S. mail clerk, whose run is from Augusta to Atlanta, spent Saturday and Sunday at Concord.

Rex Ruff is convalescing from a very stubborn attack of chills and malaria.

Work is progressing on the approach to the Nickajack bridge.

**Smyrna: May 25, 1899:** Last Sunday was "Children's Day" at the Methodist church. A splendid program, consisting of recitations and songs, was rendered by the children. Among those taking active parts were, Misses Floy Matthews, Ollie Hamby, Lizzie Bickers, Mazie Whitfield and Ethel Matthews; Miss Bertha Turner, Miss Annie Whitfield; Masters Ben Hamby, and Howard Matthews; Mr. T. P. Whitfield and Uncle T. F. Jeffries. Miss Aurora Terrell presided at organ and rendered the musical part of the program in her usual style.

**Smyrna: June 1, 1899:** There are two boys, one in and one near Smyrna, who are surprising the natives. As artists they seem to be capable of developing into the genuine. Who can tell what a little encouragement and judicious words of praise may do for little Zach Ruff and young Porter Keheley?

**Smyrna: June 8, 1899:** Idle hands and idle brains are the devil's work shop, it is evident he is doing a large manufacturing business in this place.

Mr. John Read is about to wind up the extended improvements on his residence.

Our city hall and prison has been painted and presents an improved appearance.

Mr. Jim Willis, one of Smyrna's landmarks, has really left here and actually gone to work on the Nelms farm near Heflin, Ala. No more we'll see his broad brim hat wandering down our crowded thoroughfares.

Now that school is out, our Creatwood friends will be with us for the heated term. Glad to have them here and hope they will not linger longer in Atlanta than necessary to gather up their doll rags and catch the next train for Smyrna.

**Smyrna: June 15, 1899:** The old adage, "Many a slip betwixt the cup and lip," was verified near this place Sunday. All things were ready, but the event was postponed, owing to parental objections.

Smyrna was visited with a fire last Friday night, destroying the small frame house which stood just behind the depot. The building was owned by F. M. Barber and F. M. Reed and was used as a storage house, having 60 bushels of cotton seed at the time of the fire.

It is reported that Wednesday night, the 14<sup>th</sup>, will see the hearts and hands of a

couple of our most popular young people joined in holy bonds of wedlock.

Mr. T. L. Hamby, who is a fireman on the W. & A. R. R., living at this place, was forced to jump from his engine, owing to imminent danger of a rear end collision last Tuesday night, breaking his arm and otherwise bruising himself up. It will be several weeks before he can resume business at the old stand.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dunn left Saturday last for Barnesville, Ga., to witness the commencement exercises of the school of which their daughter, Carrabelle, is a pupil.

**Smyrna: June 22, 1899:** On last Wednesday night at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. John Baldwin and Miss Jennie Legg were united in the holy bands of matrimony, Rev. A. J. Morgan officiating. The young couple have many friends here who wish them a happy and prosperous voyage across life's tempestuous sea.

Prof. J. G. Camp will lecture at the Baptist church next Friday night for the benefit of the cemetery fence fund.

**Smyrna: June 29, 1899:** Our young people boarded conveyances of every description last Thursday night and made a moon light excursion to Vinings Station, where, I am told, they were joined by the young folks at that place, whiling away the hours of night in games and other amusements. It was an ideal night for such a picnic and highly enjoyed by each of the participants.

## 100 Years Ago

**Smyrna: May 6, 1909:** Mr. T. L. Hamby has moved into his handsome new residence on Terrell avenue, about the prettiest house in town.

Marietta and Smyrna ball clubs played Saturday, and when the yelling and noise was over, the Smyrna boys found themselves badly beaten. Marietta was too much for them.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Matthews, Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, a fine boy.

Mr. S. B. Love's new bungalow is nearing completion, and will soon be occupied.

**Smyrna: May 13, 1909:** Mr. B.F. Walker left Saturday on a business trip to Cincinnati and St. Louis and will be absent three weeks.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Lester died last Sunday afternoon and its remains were interred in the local cemetery. Our sympathy is extended.

Smyrna builders have been badly stung by the bungalow fly, and are suffering from bungalow fever. Several pretty ones have been built and more going up.

His Honor, General Stoppelbein is making some decided improvements in his residence on Terrell avenue.

**Nickajack: May 13, 1909:** Infant of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pyron of Wadley,

Ga., has died. Remains interred here in Ruff's cemetery.

A number of young folks enjoyed a bee robbing one night last week at J. H. Cash's.

**Smyrna: May 27, 1909:** Saturday morning about 6:45 a.m. Mr. Daniel Reed a well known citizen of our town while driving over the W. & A. R.R. tracks at the depot crossings was struck by passenger train No. 3 and he and his mule instantly were killed. Mr. Reed's grandson heard the train and shouted to his grandpa and jumped, escaping with only slight bruises. Sunday afternoon the remains were laid to rest in the Ruff family burying grounds near Concord. Mr. Ruff was a veteran of the civil war, having served in the Confederate army throughout the entire unpleasantness.

Last Saturday morning Mrs. Elizabeth Dougherty Crow died at her residence here. She was laid to rest at Maloney Springs, Sunday morning. She is survived by five children.

Smyrna High School closed a most successful year last Friday .

Smyrna Social Club took a straw ride of three miles last Wednesday, calling at the home of Miss Ollie Daniells, where the usual business of the club was gone through with, after which a study of Longfellow was indulged in. A dainty lunch of tea and salads was served. The June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting will meet at the residence of Miss Mira Ruff.



Mr. Henry Gautschey, of this place, and Mr. W. T. Brown, of Gilmore, will represent Nickajack Lodge at the annual session of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows, in Thomasville, May 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Smyrna: June 10, 1909:** Mr. Carter McGill entertained several of his boy companions at tea last Saturday night.

His Honor Gen. Joseph Stoppelbein is on a business trip to New York. On his way home, he will stop at Detroit, Mich., where he will attend the convention of the Woodmen of the World.

Mr. Paul Chaney has been employed by the railroad company to flag the crossing at the depot, since the accident of two weeks ago, when Mr. Daniel Reed was killed.

Ward's branch store opens up next Saturday. Mr. Cleveland Green, of this place, will manage this store for this enterprising Marietta firm.

**Smyrna: June 17, 1909:** Quite a number of our people attended the reunion service at Concord church and the all-day singing at Collins Springs last Sunday.

On May 30<sup>th</sup> just as the sun tinged the eastern horizon with the rosy tints of morning, the immortal spirit of Miss Annie Lon, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Bolton, winged its flight to the beautiful realms above. She was a victim of typhoid fever. She was 15

years old. Her remains were laid to rest in the local cemetery.

It is rumored that Mr. Henry Gautschey will sell out his holdings in our town and country and return to the Old country, Switzerland.

**Smyrna: June 24, 1909:** Last Thursday the Smyrna Sunday schools picnicked at Grants Park, Atlanta. They had a fine day, a big dinner, plenty of fun at White City, and enjoyed the ride on the cars.

Three candidates were baptized in the pool back of the church last Sunday afternoon. .

Mr. George "Croff" Legg expects to move into his new bungalow home this week.

### 90 Years Ago

**Smyrna: May 15, 1919:** Mr. Walter Kerley and Miss Ada Spinks were quietly married by Rev. A. J. Morgan at the home of Mrs. E. A. Gilbert on last Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. Family and a few friends of the bride and groom were present. We wish for them every success and happiness.

**Olive Springs: May 15, 1919:** Mr. C. C. Jones is now in possession of a nice Ford car. Cliff has decided this will beat "Old Gray" when making a quick trip to the city with vegetables.

**Smyrna: May 22, 1919:** Misses Nancy Lee Pollock, Blanche Rice, Gertrude Reed, and Mary Nash who are members

of the graduating class of Marietta High School this year enjoyed a most delightful trip to Canon where, with the other members of their class they were given a house party by the mother and sister of their former teacher, Lieut. Justus Owens, who so readily gave his life for his country in the great world struggle.

Mr. H. W. Martin, a representative of the Treasury Department visited the local post office one day last week, for the purpose of organizing a War Saving Stamp Clubs.

Mr. J. J. Baldwin and family, Mrs. Amanda Legg, and Mrs. Lula Petty, attended the singing at Olive Springs last Sunday and report some good singing and a nice time.

Miss Allene Rutledge gave a class party at her home on Concord road last Friday night in honor of the pupils of the Eighth Grade.

**Smyrna: June 6, 1919:** Miss Emmie Dunn and Mrs. Otis L. Timothy entertained at a miscellaneous shower in honor of Miss Allen Bonner, of Atlanta, a bride elect of June, at Mrs. Timothy's home on Love Street last Friday evening.

Mr. Howard Voss, of the U.S.N., was home on a short leave of absence the past weekend. He is doing duty on the ship Minnesota. This vessel is a transport and Mr. Voss they are bringing the boys back to the old U.S.A. rapidly now.

Mrs. Orin Ruff and daughter, Persis, will leave in a few days for an extended visit to friends and relatives in Illinois.

**Smyrna: June 19, 1919:** Lieut. Carl McDaniel, Privates Sid Magbee and Joe Camp who have been with the A.E.F. in France have returned to their homes here. Smyrna is glad to welcome all of these boys back again.

Among the college set who have returned home for summer vacations are Misses Helen Pace and Annie Dee Manning who were students at G. N. I. C., Milledgeville, Miss June Hudgins, who attended school at the Agricultural College at Macland and Messrs Lofton Ostin and Aleck Kent, of the Military Academe, at Dahlonga.

The friends of Miss Flora Vansant will be interested to learn of the announcement of engagement to Mr. Henry Collier Steed, of Birmingham. The wedding will take place in the early fall.

On the evening of the eighth of June the soul of Mrs. Alice Eaton winged its flight into the great beyond. She died at the home of her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Eaton. Funeral services were conducted at the Methodist church with interment in the city cemetery.

**Smyrna: June 26, 1919:** Miss Estelle Manning, Miss Jessie Brown, and Miss Floy Matthews attended the annual conference of North Georgia Epworth League in Augusta last week.

Mrs. B. F. Reed, Miss Gertrude Reed, and Raymond and Alice Palmer will leave next week for an extended trip to South Caroline.

### 80 Years Ago

**Smyrna: May 16, 1929:** The Smyrna Baptist Church will observe "Home Coming Day" on June 2, 1929. As a special social feature a basket dinner will be served at the church at the noon hour. The afternoon service will include special entertainment features.

The commencement exercises of Smyrna High School began last Friday night, May 12, when the senior class entertained the senior class at a banquet. Those who received diplomas are: Richard Cobb, Lucy Lee Collins, Lorean Croft, Harry Cameron Eaton, Frances May Farren, Mildred McBrayer, Anne Rhodes Morgan, Virginia Belle Mitchell, Ruby Mae Pinson.

**Olive Springs: June 27, 1929:** Mrs. L. F. Fortner, age 83, died at her home near Smyrna on June 12, 1929. Services were held at the Smyrna Methodist Church on Friday morning by Rev. Sanders and Rev. Vangerlarham. Interment was in Maloney Springs cemetery. The pallbearers were her grandsons, John, Luther and Charlie Martin, Earl, Howard and Robert Fortner. She is survived by daughters, Mrs. Alex Martin, Mrs. J. A. Glore, Mrs. J.M. Martin and sons, Elijah, Jim, Johnnie, Robert, Henry and Edward.

### 70 Years Ago

**Smyrna: May 3, 1939:** Attending the cub pack, three new members are recorded, Charles Ray Eaton, Charles McMillian and Adair Austin. Two cubs advanced to wolf rank were Bobby Hastey and Burgess Williams.

Mrs. Brook Lowry and son Parker spent the week-end in Carrolton guests of Dr. and Mrs. L. E. Roberts.

**Smyrna: May 5, 1939:** The Jonquil Garden club entertained its members with a beautiful tea Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. P. F. Brinkley on Love Street. Pouring tea were Mrs. Henry Konigsmark, Sr. and Mrs. W. A. Quarles. Serving were Mesdames D. J. Ray, P. F. Brinkley, Charles Hunt, Hal Besheres and E.B. Awtrey.

**Smyrna: May 9, 1939:** A beautiful party at which Misses Vera, Annie Grace and Kathryn Austin, were hostesses at their home on Sunset Avenue Wednesday afternoon complimented Miss Lucile Siniard a bride to be of June.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Russell of Gilmore have named their new son, Virgil Don.

Mrs. Lex Jolly has been delegated from her Garden Club to attend the Georgia Garden Club convention to be held in Brunswick May 11-12.

The Jonquil Garden Club is sponsoring a good old fashioned fish fry, Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at Gid Morris Cherokee Farm. Tickets are 35 cents.