



WAYNE COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION and MUSEUM

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Wall of Fame Ceremony



Neil Joseph

For the first time in several years the museum is inducting new members into our Wall of Fame which celebrates people that have made an important contribution to the betterment of Wayne County or represented the best of our county around the state and nation. A committee has chosen seven individuals from an excellent crop of nominees. The inductees are Vassie Balkcum, Ray Bryan Sr., Dorothy Casey, Dr. Lonnie Hayes, Bob Hill, Neil Joseph, and Dr. James Zealy.



Vassie Balkcum



Dorothy Casey

These men and women will be enshrined on the Wall of Fame in a ceremony on Sunday, September 20th at 2pm at the Wayne County Museum. Former US Congressman and Wayne County native Martin Lancaster will give a brief talk and living inductees and their families will be on hand. This event is open to the public and free so we encourage you to come out and help celebrate their contributions to our county.



Dr. Lonnie Hayes

New in the Gift Shop

The museum gift shop has many new items for sale that make great gifts for the upcoming holiday season or any occasion. We have a new book, *Saboteurs: The Nazi Raid on America* by Michael Dobbs, that tells the story of two teams of Nazi saboteurs captured on American soil in 1942 and their subsequent trial. The book has an important local connection as one of the military defense attorneys assigned to the Nazis was Goldsboro's own Kenneth Royall who would later go on to be Secretary of War and the Army in the Truman administration.



Also available is a great selection of dips, toppings, brie baking dishes, dip chillers, and other food-related gifts. We have also discounted some merchandise up to 40%. For the upcoming holiday season the museum will be open on December 3rd and 10th from 5:30pm until 8:00pm. Join us for refreshments and get some holiday shopping done!

ON THE COVER



50th anniversary celebration, St. Mary Catholic Church, 1939

The first Catholic services held in Goldsboro were in the home of Mrs. Hannah Freeman on N. William Street. In 1854, John Robinson, a devout Catholic and recent immigrant from Ireland, paid for the construction of a chapel near the corner of John and Vine Streets. As the railroad drove the growth of Goldsboro, local Catholics began raising funds for a proper church in the 1880s. Their efforts resulted in the construction of St. Mary Catholic Church on the corner of William and Mulberry Streets, dedicated in 1889. While the building still stands today, St. Mary moved to larger facilities in 1986. The large crucifix in the church today was originally brought from Ireland by John Robinson in 1847 and is a cherished possession of the parish.

Please visit our webpage at waynemuseum.org to view over 300 vintage photographs uploaded to our *Flickr* page that document Wayne County culture. We need help to identify people and locations. Call us at (919)734-5023 or email info@waynemuseum.org if you recognize something.

Did you know?

Wayne County trivia by **CHRIS LAWSON**, *museum staff*



- Seven Springs is the oldest community in Wayne County. Begun in the 1740's, it was known as Whitehall until the name was changed to Jericho just before the Civil War. In the 1950's the name changed again to Seven Springs because of a postal conflict with another community named Jericho in the state.
- Hollywood legend Andy Griffith taught music and drama at Goldsboro High School for several years after graduating from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1949. Among his students was Carl Kassell, longtime radio personality and newscaster for National Public Radio. Griffith was also the choir director at First Baptist Church.
- The original county seat of Wayne County was Waynesborough. Established in 1787, the town was abandoned by the beginning of the Civil War due to the creation of Goldsboro in the 1840's.

FROM THE COLLECTION

We have a new temporary exhibit exploring military uniforms and insignia. Uniforms can reveal a great deal about the person who wore it even if you don't know the identity of the wearer. Patches, ribbons, badges, and many other identifiers combine to create a biography of the serviceman or woman.

On display currently are three unidentified uniforms but through the clues found on the jackets, a great deal about the person's service history can be discovered.

Along with the uniforms are a collection of patches from the Army, Navy, and Air Force spanning from WWII until the early 1980s. Stop by the museum and take a look— you might recognize something familiar from an old family photo that could tell something about your relative's military service that you didn't know!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Plantation Tours

Join us on **Saturday, October 3rd** for a bus tour of historic buildings in southern Wayne County. Tickets are \$37 and include lunch. The tour will begin at 9:30am at the Wayne County Museum where attendees will board a bus which will travel the back roads of the southern portion of the county highlighting historic buildings and places found in the book *People & Plantations: Wayne County, North Carolina 1701-1860*, written by Emily Weil and Charles Ellis. Tickets can be purchased at the Wayne County Museum Tuesday through Saturday between 11am and 4pm. Space is limited. For more information call (919)734-5023.

NC Civil War History Center Stories Project

Saturday, October 17th at 1pm the museum will host a talk by Leonard Lanier of the NC Department of Cultural Resources. Mr. Lanier is part of a team working to collect family stories of the war from every county in the state. All stories will be archived by the NC Civil War History Center in Fayetteville while one story from each county will be highlighted in the museum on the grounds of the former Confederate arsenal. For more information on the project please go to www.nccivilwarcenter.org/share-a-story/

OUT & ABOUT



On August 4th Chris Lawson and Brantley Partin of the Wayne County Museum setup a table at the National Night Out celebration at Herman Park. We had a wonderful time and met a lot of great people.

We'd like to thank the sponsors of the event, the Goldsboro Police Department, for an excellent job running the event and letting us be a part of the festivities.

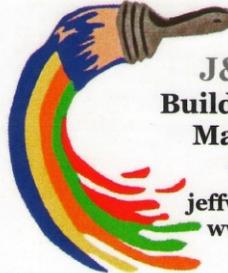
On September 3rd Scott Mason of WRAL's Tar Heel Traveler stopped in Goldsboro to film the efforts of the Downtown Goldsboro Artifact Recovery Project. Mr. Mason interviewed project leader Kirk Keller and several volunteers from Wayne Early/Middle College HS. The piece will air on Monday September 14 and afterwards can be viewed on their website at wral.com/tar_heel_traveler/7864133



DONOR THANKS

We'd like to thank Jeff Winter, owner/operator of J&W Painting for painting our main display room at the museum. Jeff does excellent work and donated four days of his time painting the room. We'd also like to thank Sherwin-Williams of Goldsboro for donating paint and other supplies. They have supported us on several projects including the designer house from earlier this year.

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