



Wayne County Historical Association & Museum

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Member Newsletter

Your museum, where history lives.

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Current Exhibit | May 4 – August 31

A COURAGEOUS CALLING THE FIREFIGHTERS OF WAYNE COUNTY



Greetings from the Director

| J. Kuykendall, Executive Director |

Hello Museum members! I hope your summer is off to a great start so far. The museum has been busier than normal lately with the opening of our new firefighters exhibit "A Courageous Calling." The show is proving to be a big hit with kids and adults alike, and we are thrilled that all of our hard work is being seen and enjoyed by so many people. Our new parking lot plans have been approved by the city so we will be moving forward on that project and hope to have more much needed parking for all of you soon. Our author event with Jan Croon last weekend was fascinating. Thanks to all of you who attended! We still have a couple of signed copies left of her Civil War era book *The War Outside My Window* in the gift shop if you missed out. My monthly history walks are growing in popularity and we had quite a crowd last Saturday! If you would like to take this one hour walking tour and learn more about the history of downtown Goldsboro join us for the next one on Saturday June 8th at 10am. Thank you for your support!



In May, Miss Goldsboro Isabella Gaines visited us again. Our next exhibit will be a history of the Miss Goldsboro Pageant.

Upcoming Events



A caricature of WCM Assistant Director, Anna, drawn by Guy Simmons.

June 8, 10 AM : Downtown History Walk with Executive Director, Jennifer Kuykendall. This walking tour lasts approximately one hour and is free to the public. Come and learn about Downtown's history!

June 14 – 15 : Center Stage Theatre's One Act Festival will be held at the Wayne County Museum. Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door!

June 29, 10 AM – 2 PM: Local Artist Guy Simmons will be drawing historic themed caricatures for visitors for a \$5 donation. Guy is an amazingly talented artist (3 of his paintings are in our timeline display), and he is funny and engaging. He will be donating half of his proceeds to the WCM.



On June 1, WCHA board member Becca Scott Reynolds and her husband, Jimmy, came by the museum to remove some old curtain brackets on the doors in the ballroom. The ballroom is already looking better because of their hard work. Thank you, Becca and Jimmy! We appreciate you!

Volunteer/Board Member Spotlight!



Becca Scott Reynolds



For the month of June, our volunteer spotlight is WCHA board member Becca Scott Reynolds! Becca was born and raised in the Goldsboro area, attended Southern Wayne High School, and graduated from Mount Olive College where she majored in visual communications and minored in history. She now owns her own photography studio as well as an online woman's boutique, Revival by Rebecca Reynolds. She is also a volunteer photographer with Hearts Apart, an organization which provides photography sessions for pre-deployment military families. She also founded the Handmade Market Goldsboro event series, which benefits local artists as well as the local soup kitchen. Becca's family has lived in Wayne County since before the Civil War, and she finds preserving history is the key to growing as a community. She felt that working with the museum would be an effort to support local history as well as continue her family's tradition of community service. Becca joined the the WCHA board in 2018, and she has played an active and supportive role at the museum ever since. She enjoys working to create unique experiences for museum visitors as well as planning special events. Last year, she was extremely instrumental with the preparation for our agriculture exhibit, "Homegrown." She offered us insight and access to essential contacts to make that show possible, and she even loaned us some of her personal FFA items! In December, she hosted a Handmade Holiday market at the museum, which not only helped the museum financially, but also brought in a huge crowd of visitors that otherwise may not have visited the museum. Most recently, for our "A Courageous Calling" exhibit, Becca supplied the striped photography backdrop for our Kids' Corner, which has been a favorite with our younger visitors. Becca never hesitates to help – whether she's loaning items for an exhibit, helping to plan and host events, or even climbing up on a ladder to help set up museum displays! Thank you, Becca!



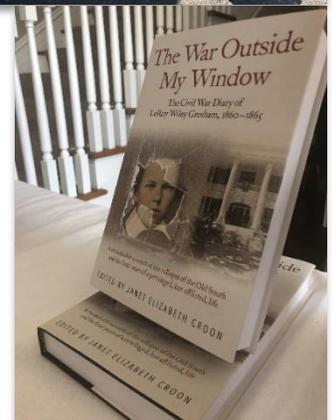
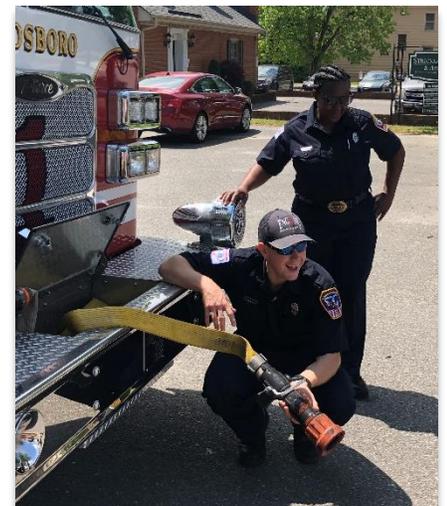
An Urgent Need at the Wayne County Museum



For the last few weeks, we have been experiencing issues with the air conditioning upstairs in the Museum ballroom. A repairman from Jackson & Sons came out in late May and examined the system. There are repairs needed, and the older unit (which is 28 years old) needs to be replaced. We want our visitors and renters to be comfortable while at the Museum, and the current temperature upstairs is not conducive to a comfortable atmosphere. At this time, we are going to work on fundraising efforts to help with the necessary repairs and replacement. If you would like to know how you can help with these efforts, please contact us. Your support is greatly appreciated.

What's Happening at WCHA & Museum?

The month of May was a busy one – complete with an exhibit opening and a “Meet the Editor” event! So far, “A Courageous Calling” has been appreciated by all who have visited - children and adults alike! If you haven't seen it yet, be sure to come visit!

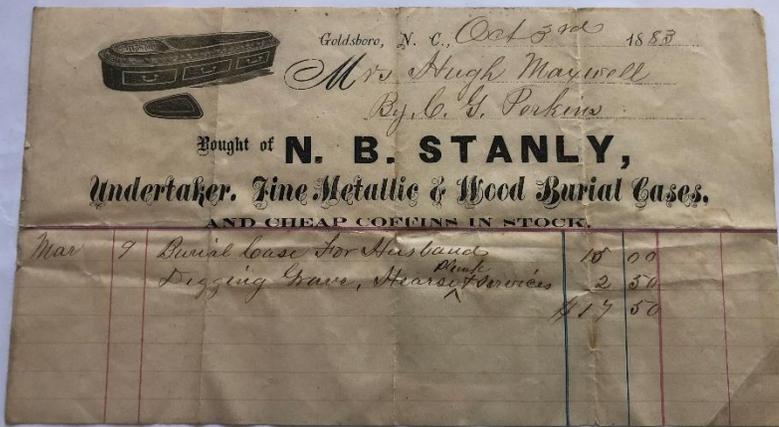


Recent Donation Spotlight

This month's spotlight donation comes from a collection of items donated by Charlotte Weaver. This is a receipt, dated October 3, 1883 from N.B. Stanly, an undertaker and casket salesman in Goldsboro, NC. The receipt, made out to Mrs. Hugh Maxwell, was for a burial casket as well as grave-digging and hearse services for her husband's funeral.

This interesting piece of history is an intriguing additional to our collection, and we feel that it is the perfect addition to our Victorian Mourning event which will happen in October. Last year's event proved to be a huge success, and we have already had many visitors inquire about this year's event, which is currently being planned. We feel confident that the 2019 Victorian Mourning event will be highly attended and enjoyed!

If you have any interesting artifacts that you feel would be appropriate for our Victorian Mourning event, if you would like to donate other items to help make the event possible, or if you would like to volunteer at the event, please contact us!



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