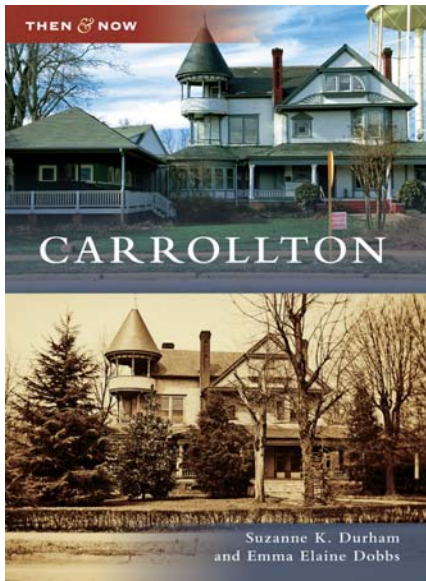




The CCHS

# Newsletter

Carroll County Historical Society    P. O. Box 1308    Carrollton, GA 30112    February 2010



## March 4th Meeting—A REVIEW OF CARROLLTON THEN & NOW

*Our first meeting of the year* will feature author Suzanne Durham and photographer Emma Elaine Dobbs who will present their newly released book, *CARROLLTON THEN & NOW*. Durham is an archivist at University of West Georgia, and Dobbs is an art graduate student there. The book features vintage photos from the collection of Carrolltonian Benjamin Long (1881-1973). Side by side with Long's photos are Dobbs' modern photos, plus other of Long's candid views. It is a pictorial history of Carrollton that you will want for your collection. It is available now at Horton's Book Store on the square, or by order from the website of Arcadia Publishing Company ([www.arcadiapublishing.com](http://www.arcadiapublishing.com)). Half of the proceeds from sales of this book will benefit Ingram Library at UWG.

Don't miss this exciting program and the chance to meet the author and photographer!

**GENERAL MEETING—Thursday March 4th, 2010 - 7:00 P.M.**  
**Neva Lomason Memorial Library—710 Rome Street**

### CCHS BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2010

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### TIME TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP!!!

Use the enclosed form and mail payment to:

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**P.O. Box 1308**  
**Carrollton, GA 30112**

### JOIN US FOR A BOOK SIGNING!

*Carrollton Then & Now*

**Saturday, February 27**  
**11 am-1pm**  
**Horton's Books & Gifts**

## Curtiss Family Visits the Curtis House

On the Sunday after Christmas, Gwyn Chesnut received a call asking when the Historical Society's Curtis-Marlowe-Perry House was open. Upon inquiry, she found out that it was **Greg Curtiss** from

Houston, Texas who said that he was descended from the **Henry Curtis** family. Plans were made for her and Carter Clay to meet **Greg** as well as his brother **Jeff and wife Annette Curtiss** whom he was visiting in Atlanta.

Greg brought along family tree charts that go back 7 generations with hopes to work on them back to 12 generations. He had some old papers that his Uncle Bobby had developed through the years, and with the Internet had filled in much more of it. He plans to email the family tree charts that he has developed.

Greg explained that they spell their name with two "s's", but have seen family names with the one "s" that we use. Upon inquiry, they did not seem to know of other members of the Curtis family living today. As they continued their visit, Annette mentioned that she comes to Tanner Health Center on business for a vendor that she works for.

After their visit to the house, they followed us through town to the old cemetery by Moore's Chapel Church where Henry Curtis' son William Ezra Curtis is buried in the raised monument that faces north. William Curtis was a Confederate soldier who fought through most of the War and was killed in 1864 at Missionary Ridge in north Georgia. The **Curtis-McDaniel SCV Camp** is named for him and Charles McDaniel, Gwyn's 3rd great uncle who was killed at Perryville, Kentucky, in 1862. Both were Colonels of the 41<sup>st</sup> Georgia Infantry. It's a small world.

With an exchange of addresses and email addresses, Gwyn plans to stay in touch with these visitors, and hopefully learn more about their early pioneer and the Curtis family after they left Carroll County for Texas.

-Gwyn Chesnut



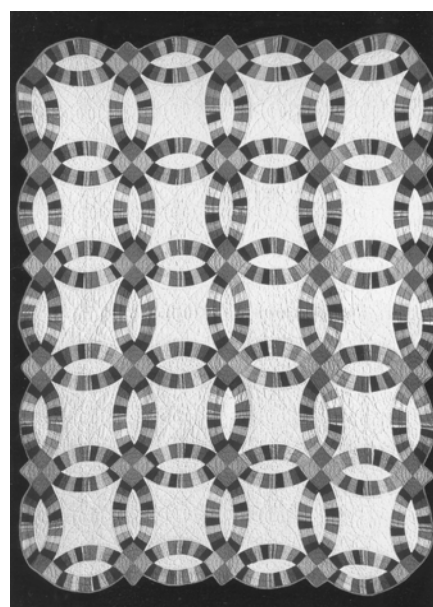
## THE SOUTHEASTERN QUILT AND TEXTILE MUSEUM

So many interesting things are happening in our county, and one of the most welcomed and exciting is the establishment of the Southeastern Quilt and Textile Museum, Inc. in Carrollton. To be located in a historic cotton warehouse on Bradley Street, this museum will feature examples of quilts, cotton production which was so important to southern industry, textiles, classes for textile artists and for quilting, exhibits, and much more.

Architect's plans are in hand, and a state-wide committee has been formed to plan and raise funds. Friends of the Southeastern Quilt and Textile Museum, chaired by Beverly Hammack, meets on the second Wednesday of every month at the Agricultural Center.

Working closely with this committee is the West Georgia Quilters Guild, with president Kimber Pepper. The West Georgia Quilters Guild has just completed its 20th quilt exhibit.

Those interested may contact Jane Kingsley at 770-834-5802.



## *Does Place Still Matter? Historic Preservation in West Georgia*

**Thursday March 4, 2010  
Ingram Library  
University of West Georgia**

Dr. Keith Hebert, assistant professor of history at the University of West Georgia and a former historian in the State of Georgia's Historic Preservation Office, will present "Does Place Still Matter? Historic Preservation in West Georgia" on Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m., at Ingram Library. His presentation is in celebration of the publication in early February of *Carrollton Then & Now* by Arcadia Publishing, authored by University of West Georgia archivist Suzanne K. Durham and UWG art graduate Emma Elaine Dobbs.

In his presentation, Dr. Hebert will evaluate the status of historic preservation in the west Georgia region, explore how historic sites contribute to a region's sense of place and identity, and provide a basic how-to guide that individuals can use to preserve places that matter to them.

Dr. Hebert is in a unique position to comment on historic preservation in the west Georgia region. As a historian in Georgia's Historic Preservation Office, he travelled throughout the state assisting communities with preservation projects. He first arrived in Carrollton in 1995 as a West Georgia College freshman and later received a Ph.D. from Auburn University. In the Fall of 2009, Dr. Hebert joined the faculty of the University of West Georgia History Department and became assistant director of the Center for Public History. He specializes in Georgia history, the Civil War and Reconstruction, and a wide variety of public history topics.

Georgia is one of the nation's leaders in historic preservation, this past year listing its two thousandth historic property in the National Register of Historic Places. This is in addition to the historic preservation efforts being made by cities, counties, and private citizens around the state. Presently, Carroll County has sixteen National Register listings, and Dr. Hebert has identified hundreds of additional sites throughout the county and region that meet the criteria for federal protection.

This program is free and open to the public. For further information, and for assistance with parking, please contact Catherine Hendricks at [chendric@westga.edu](mailto:chendric@westga.edu) or (678) 839-5337.

### **The Carroll County Historical Society Looking Back at the Past Decade**

*(two part series by John Carter Clay)*

#### **Part 1:**

Over the past decade, the Carroll County Historical Society has had a number of major projects. Gwyn Chesnut, long-time member of the society, became president, serving for 9 years and stepping down at the end of 2008 to serve as archives chairman.

1. At the beginning of 2000, the society set up a display showcasing the past century, and held a reception inviting the public.

2. Efforts to save the Historic Carrollton Depot were at a 5 year

standstill. Norfolk-Southern and the city had not reached an agreement, and the depot was slated to be torn down. Gwyn rallied members of the society to attend Carrollton City Council meetings, and to speak out on keeping the depot efforts alive. In attending council meetings, Gwyn worked with Russell Lynn, a member and Vice President of the Central of Georgia Historical Society, and Blair Trehwhitt, a former railroad man and in-law to Carrollton railroad agent Henry Duke. They were ap-

appointed to the Mayor's Depot Committee. This group discussed plans of local architect Kent Brown, but no work was started. At this time, the city is hoping to start with Kent's plans. Look for a sign to be placed there soon to show when work will actually begin.

3. With proceeds from the very successful "Ghost Walk on the Square" held during the City of Carrollton's 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary, two historical markers were erected on the square in (con't next page)



2009. One tells the history of the Carrollton Public Square and the other the history of W.C. Adamson, for whom the square is named.

The Carroll County Historical Society has worked hard to help preserve the history of Carroll County, and reach out into the various communities and support all who have endeavored to save a piece of our county's past. During the past 10 years, the society has co-sponsored and has been a part of 8 major events, has held annual preservation dinners and picnics each year, and now has a presence on the Internet with our own website

[www.carrollcountyhistory.org](http://www.carrollcountyhistory.org)

Our headquarters at the Curtis-Marlow-Perry House has seen the creation of new archive collections, a lovely heritage garden in back, and some major exterior repair. The society has presented over 40 preservation awards honoring the restoration and preservation of numerous homes, commercial buildings, and historical landmarks. We have honored 13 individuals, 3 historical societies, and 3 authors for historical writing.

(Part 2 of this series will include a complete listing of major events and happenings over the past decade.)

**NOTICE TO BOARD MEMBERS**

Don't forget the board meets 30 minutes prior to the general meeting - 6:30 March 4th at the Neva Lomason Memorial Library.

*Put it on your calendar!*

**GENERAL MEETING**

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7:00 pm  
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