



The CCHS *Newsletter*

Carroll County Historical Society    P. O. Box 1308    Carrollton, GA 30112    OCTOBER 2013

*John Newell to speak on West Georgia Textile History*

**John R. Newell of BlueWater Ropes** in Carrollton will be our guest speaker. He earned his degree in Textile Engineering from Georgia Tech in 1957. In 1969 he started BlueWater Ropes, a family-owned business, as a hobby in his basement. His company is now the premier manufacturer of work and rescue and recreational ropes in the world. Rock climbers and cavers the world over trust their lives to his products.

John will tell us about the history of textiles in West Georgia. He will speak from first-hand knowledge since his family has been active in textile manufacturing since 1903 covering six consecutive generations. His family came to Carroll County in 1840 and is still here. He has many artifacts and photographs of the Mandeville and other textile families involved in the Carrollton area to share in his presentation.

His three children and their families, including seven grandchildren, live in Carrollton.

*Carroll County Historical Society's Meeting*

*Tuesday, October 15th at 6:30 PM*

*Stallings Community Center Kiwanis Sports Room*



Mandeville Mill circa 1905



Adamson Square on Cotton Sale Day

The West Georgia Textile Heritage Trail follows US Highway 27 from Dalton through Carrollton to Columbus highlighting the glory days of textile mills in the South. Carrollton's Adamson Square brought together the farmer/producers and the mill/processors to make it all possible. Cotton farmers, thread mills, cloth weavers, clothing manufacturers, mill workers, and small town merchants all



Carrollton Mills today





## CARROLL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

**Individual Membership**  
**Family Membership**

**\$20 per year**  
**\$30 per year**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2013

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Email Address(s): \_\_\_\_\_

*\* Email addresses are important for receiving bulletins and announcements that we will be sending out concerning the Society activities between newsletters.*

Membership \$ \_\_\_\_\_ In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*\*\* Donations to the Society will be used to fund preservation projects in Carroll County. All these donations are Tax Deductible.*

Members receive our Bi-Monthly CCHS Newsletter.

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## A Message from President - Dr. Jack L. Crews

I want to tell you about some of the sickest people I ever saw. In the winter of 1971 (or '72) we had a **terrible** flu epidemic in Carrollton and Carroll County. The problem was that the flu virus was a mutated cousin of the more well-known strains of influenza virus. In forty years of medical practice I never saw as many sick people from the same cause. **Virtually** everyone was sick.

The higher risk population such as the elderly, those with lung disease, heart disease, or other chronic diseases often required hospitalization. People **routinely** had fevers of 104 degrees or higher. I'm sorry to say that some people in the higher risk categories died. It was the only time I ever saw people die from complications of the flu. Ninety-eight percent recovered but were still weak and lethargic and easily fatigued for two to three months.

Hopefully, our community will never suffer another epidemic like it. By the way, flu season is just around the corner, and I definitely recommend the flu shot— **now!**

- Jack

### **COMING SOON . . . .**

The new Carroll County Historical Society Web-Site will be on line very soon.

Pam DeVengencie, CTO of SCI/DeVengencie Consulting has been creating a new look and functionality for us. We will let you know when to check it out.

It will also feature the excellent historical content on the Carrollton Downtown Buildings created by Reeve Ingle for his Eagle Scout Award several years ago.

### **CCHS BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2013**

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