

HERITAGE ROOM COPY - MEETING NOTICE -

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE ATHENS HISTORICAL SOCIETY WILL BE

TUESDAY EVENING - 9TH MAY - 8:00 P.M.

IN THE BASEMENT ASSEMBLY ROOM, ATHENS FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN BUILDING.
(ENTER SIDE DOOR FROM PARKING LOT / MEETING STARTS AT 8 PM.)

AUTHOR JOHN ERWIN TALMADGE
OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

WILL SPEAK ON
"CORRA HARRIS: THE CIRCUIT RIDER'S WIFE"

PROFESSOR TALMADGE IS CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN WRITING A BIOGRAPHY OF CORRA HARRIS. HE WILL DISCUSS MRS. HARRIS' BOOK AND ITS IMPACT ON HER WORK.

FOR ALMOST A CENTURY AND A HALF (SINCE 1821) HIS FAMILY HAS BEEN A VITAL PART OF THE INDUSTRIAL, CULTURAL AND CIVIC LIFE OF THE ATHENS COMMUNITY. HE RECEIVED HIS A.B. DEGREE FROM UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA, M.A. DEGREE FROM HARVARD UNIVERSITY. FOR 15 YEARS IN BUSINESS DEPT. OF THE NEW YORK TIMES. TAUGHT AT EMORY UNIVERSITY, NOW MEMBER OF ENGLISH DEPT. AT UNIVERSITY GA. CO-AUTHOR WITH LOUIS TURNER GRIFFITH OF: GEORGIA JOURNALISM (1763-1950). ATHENS, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA PRESS. 1951.

AUTHOR OF: REBECCA LATIMER FELTON, NINE STORMY DECADES. ATHENS, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA PRESS, 1960.

CO-AUTHOR WITH JAMES B. HAMAN AND FRED BORNHAUSER OF THE RHETORIC READER, CHICAGO, SCOTT, FORESMAN. 1962.

RECIPIENT OF THE M.G. MICHAEL AWARD IN 1960. AUTHOR OF NUMEROUS SHORT STORIES, HISTORICAL ARTICLES, AND BOOK REVIEWS IN SUCH MAGAZINES AS PRAIRIE SCHOONER, GEORGIA REVIEW, JOURNAL OF SOUTHERN HISTORY, GEORGIA-HISTORICAL QUARTERLY, AND NEW ENGLAND QUARTERLY.

ATHENS HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESIDENTS:

JOHN E. TALMADGE -1960	JOHN W. BONNER -1964
KENNETH COLEMAN -1961	JOE L. COLLIER -1965
MRS. MARY B. WARREN -1962	GEO. O. MARSHALL, JR. -1966
R. N. FICKETT, III. -1963	MISS LUCY CLARK -1967

PRINCIPALS OF LUCY COBB INSTITUTE:

1859-1860 MR. R. M. WRIGHT	1907-1908 MISS MILDRED RUTHERFORD
1860-1865 MR. WASHINGTON MULLER	1908-1917 MISS ANNE VALLIS BRUMBY & MISS SUSIE GARDINE
1865-1868 MADAME S. SOSNOWSKI	1917-1922 MISS MILDRED RUTHERFORD
1869-1870 DR. FERDINAND JACOBS	1922-1925 MISS MILDRED MELL
1870-1873 MRS. A. E. WRIGHT	1925-1926 MISS MILDRED RUTHERFORD
1873-1880 MRS. A. E. WRIGHT & REV. P. A. HEARD	1926-1929 DR. W. F. HOLLINGSWORTH
1880-1907 MISS MILDRED RUTHERFORD	1929-1931 MR. JAMES BROOKS "
1895-1907 MRS. MARY ANN LIPSCOMB	

P. J. B.

STREET NAME STORIES:

MAGAZINE STREET: FORMERLY ON NORTHERN EDGE OF OLD TOWN CEMETERY, BETWEEN JACKSON AND THOMAS STREETS. LOCATION OF THE TOWN'S POWDER MAGAZINE DURING THE EARLY DAYS UNDER SUPERVISION OF MAGAZINE KEEPER. IN 1861 THE TOWN PURCHASED ADDITIONAL STOCK FROM THE AUGUSTA ARSENAL. THIS STREET APPROPRIATED FOR ART BUILDING SITE.

PARK AVENUE: FROM PRINCE AVENUE TO BOULEVARD, ON WESTERN EDGE OF THE PRINCE AVENUE PARK IN 1890. IN JANUARY OF THAT YEAR ATHENS' FIRST ELECTRIC CARLINE CIRCLED OUT BOULEVARD, UP THIS STREET AND BACK TO TOWN. THE RAVINE, LAKES, STREAM AND WOODLAND PARK WERE THINGS OF BEAUTY.

NELLIE B AVENUE: IN EAST ATHENS, FROM VINE STREET TO WINTERVILLE ROAD. THE LATE MR. GEORGE P. BRIGHTWELL DECIDED TO MAKE A SHORT-CUT (TO ELIMINATE THE LONG CIRCUITOUS ROUTE AROUND BY WAY OF THE LOWER BRIDGE, OCONEE AND CARR STREETS) FOR MOVEMENT OF CATTLE, MULES AND SUPPLIES TO HIS FARM. THE PLANNED ROAD WAS SURVEYED BY MR. CHARLES CHANDLER AND THE CLEARING AND

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GRADING STARTED. THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE OPERATIONS, MR. BRIGHTWELL'S YOUNG "TOMBOY" DAUGHTER WAS A FACINATED OBSERVER OF THE EXCITING ACTIVITIES. WHEN THE ROADWAY WAS COMPLETED MR. BRIGHTWELL TOLD HIS DAUGHTER THAT INASMUCH AS SHE HAD "SUPERINTENDED" THE ENTIRE JOB, HE WOULD NAME IT FOR HER - "NELLIE B. AVENUE." TODAY IN HER HOME ON BLOOMFIELD STREET, MISS NELL BRIGHTWELL LAUGHINGLY RECALLS THOSE HAPPY DAYS.

CORRECTION (APR.): "MILLEDGEVILLE AVE" (SIC), SHOULD READ "MILLEDGE AVE."

OLD RECORDS OF YESTERDAY - ON THE TOWN OF ATHENS

LOOKING BACK 124 YEARS:

" FEB. 24, 1379, THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF ATHENS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS:

" I, THE UNDERSIGNED, DO CERTIFY THAT IN MAY 1343, I ASSISTED DR. R. D. MOORE IN AMPUTATING THE LEG OF A COLORED BOY, AUGUSTUS, THEN THE PROPERTY OF WILLIAM STROUD, WHO RESIDED IN THIS COUNTY, AND THAT I DISTINCTLY RECOLLECT HEARING DR. R. D. MOORE SAY THAT 'IF I HAD THOUGHT OF IT BEFORE LEAVING HOME I WOULD HAVE TRIED DR. C. W. LONG'S GREAT DISCOVERY, NAMELY, THE ADMINISTRATION OF SULPHURIC EITHER, AS AN ANAESTHETIC IN PERFORMING THE OPERATION.' HAVING NEGLECTED TO BRING THE EITHER, DR. MOORE FINALLY CONCLUDED TO INFLUENCE THE PATIENT WITH MORPHIA, UNDER WHICH INFLUENCE THE OPERATION WAS PERFORMED.

"JOSEPH B. CARLTON M.D."

" THIS CERTIFIES THAT, IN THE MONTH OF MAY 1343, I WAS PRESENT AND ASSISTED DR. R. D. MOORE, OF THIS PLACE, IN AMPUTATING A LEG. HE SAID TO HIS THREE STUDENTS (I BEING ONE), 'IF I HAD THOUGHT OF IT BEFORE LEAVING HOME, I WOULD HAVE TRIED DR. LONG'S DISCOVERY, PRODUCING INSENSIBILITY BY INHALATION OF EITHER.

" JAMES GAMAK, M.D. "

" ATTEST: ASA M. JACKSON, ORDINARY, CLARKE COUNTY, GA. "

NOTE: DR. CRAWFORD V. LONG PERFORMED THE FIRST OPERATION USING SULPHURIC EITHER MCH. 30, 1342, ON PATIENT JAS. M. VENABLE IN JEFFERSON, GA.

LOOKING BACK 103 YEARS: (FROM MINUTES, TOWN OF ATHENS)-

" COUNCIL CHAMBER. 13 JUNE 1364

" A CALLED MEETING OF THE BOARD WAS HELD TODAY. PRESENT INTENDANT REESE & WARDENS HEMPHILL, BAIN, SAMSON & McALLISTER.

" ON MOTION OF WARDEN BAIN THAT SECT. 35 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCE SHALL READ AS FOLLOWS: NO PERSON SHALL BATHE IN THE DAY TIME IN THE OCONEE RIVER BETWEEN THE UPPER & LOWER BRIDGES, OR ANY PORTION OF TRAIL CREEK BETWEEN COOK & BROTHERS ARMORY AND THE LOWER BRIDGE: ALL PERSONS SO OFFENDING SHALL PAY A FINE OF TEN DOLLARS: IN CASES OF MINORS TO BE COLLECTED OUT OF THE PARENTS OR GUARDIANS: ALL SLAVES OR FREE PERSONS OF COLOR VIOLATING THIS ORDINANCE SHALL RECEIVE TWENTY LASHES.

" THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE COUNCIL ADJOURNED,

" W. H. DORSEY? CLK. "

NOTE: HOW WELL THIS ORDINANCE WAS ENFORCED IS UNKNOWN, BUT ONE YEAR LATER THE TOWN BOYS WERE ONCE AGAIN SWIMMING IN THE OLD "TOWN SWIMMING HOLE"

ATHENS NEWSPAPER "SOUTHERN BANNER", WED. SEPT. 2, 1352: "THE FLOOD.

" ON THURSDAY EVENING LAST IT COMMENCED RAINING HERE, AND CONTINUED IN TORRENTS, ALMOST WITHOUT INTERMISSION, FOR TWENTY FOUR HOURS. THE CONSEQUENCE HAS BEEN AN IMMENSE DESTRUCTION OF THE CROPS ON THE BOTTOM LANDS, AND A GENERAL SWEEP OF THE BRIDGES IN THIS SECTION OF THE COUNTRY. BOTH OF THE BRIDGES AT THIS PLACE ARE GONE-ALSO THE BRIDGE AT THE PRINCETON FACTORY ACROSS THE MIDDLE OCONEE, MITCHEL'S BRIDGE JUST ABOVE, IS LEFT STANDING-SO IS THE ONE AT THE GEORGIA FACTORY BELOW THIS PLACE, AND THE ONE NEAR DOCT. NEISLER'S ON THE NEW ROAD TO CLARKSVILLE.

" SINCE WRITING THE ABOVE WE LEARN THAT THE SAVANNAH RIVER HAS BEEN HIGHER AT AUGUSTA, BY A FOOT, THAN IN 1340. ESTIMATED DAMAGE OVER A MILLION DOLLARS TO THE CITY ALONE-AND MANY LIVES LOST-BOTH BRIDGES GONE-DESTRUCTION GENERAL THROUGHOUT THE STATE. "

NOTE: ON FRIDAY, AUG. 23TH, UNIVERSITY STUDENT BRYANT, WHILE SWIMMING IN THE RIVER, WAS SWEEPED OVER THE ATHENS' DAM AND DROWNED.