

The Athens Historical Society, Inc.

*The March 1999 meeting will be held
in the Griffith Auditorium of the Georgia Museum of Art
Sunday, March 21, at 3 p.m.*

**“The Personal Equation: A Biography of Steadman Vincent Stanford”
Charles Stephen Gurr, Ph.D.**

Dr. Steadman Vincent Stanford joined the faculty of the University of Georgia in 1903, where he subsequently founded the Henry W. Grady School of Journalism and served as its Dean. He was President of the University of Georgia 1932-35, then served as Chancellor of the University System until his death in 1945. Sanford Stadium bears his name.

Our speaker, Dr. Stephen Gurr, was Executive Vice-President, Academic Dean and professor of History at Gainesville College. He was co-editor with Kenneth Coleman of *The Dictionary of Georgia Biography* and one of the general editors for *The New Georgia Guide*. Dr. Gurr's new biography of Dr. Stanford is published by the University of Georgia Press. Following the program, Dr. Gurr will be available to autograph his book.

American Painting Exhibit - Currently being shown at the Georgia Museum of Art is an exhibit of American paintings. Plan to come an hour early to the meeting so you can take in this exhibit (if you haven't already seen it).

UPCOMING MEETINGS

(Mark your calendars!)

Sunday, May 16, 1999 at 3 p.m. in the Athens Regional Library Auditorium:

Our speaker will be our own Historian, Dr. Tom Dyer. He is the author of *Secret Yankees: The Union Circle in Confederate Atlanta*, a history of Union sympathizers living in Atlanta during the months leading up to the Battle of Atlanta in 1864. Based on an 80-page fragment of a diary purchased by the UGA Libraries in 1976, the story details the life of Cyrena Bailey Stone, a native of Vermont, her husband, Amherst Stone, and their Unionist acquaintances in Confederate Atlanta. Come learn the hazards of keeping your loyalties a secret and get a completely different perspective on life in Atlanta during the Civil War!

Sunday, October 17, 1999 at 3 p.m. in the Athens Regional Library Auditorium:

Our program will be announced in the May newsletter.

Details of the annual AHS Christmas party will be announced at a later date.

The AHS Officers and Board will meet in

1999 Membership Dues are payable in January.

If you have not yet paid your dues, please mail your check today to Treasurer - Dues, Athens Historical Society, Inc., P.O. Box 7745, Athens, GA 30604-7745.

Dues are considered delinquent on April 1.

Membership levels are: Individual - \$10; Family - \$15; Supporting - \$35; Patron - \$50; and Business - \$100.

the conference room of the Athens Regional Library at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 27 and Tuesday, September 28. The December Board meeting will be announced later. *These meetings are open to all members of the Society, says President Marion Rice. Members having ideas to present to the Board are especially welcome!*

Officers for 1999

The Athens Historical Society elected officers for the 1999 term at its quarterly meeting on January 17. Elected for one-year terms were Marion J. Rice, President, and Wilson Elder, Vice President. Re-elected for one-year terms were Joanna Traylor Guy, Secretary; Thomas Wilfong, Treasurer; and Thomas G. Dyer, Historian. The AHS programs are arranged each year by the vice president.

Directors elected for two-year terms (expires December 31, 2000) are: Nancy Bunker Bowen, Natalie Wellman and Dr. Donald L. Branyon. Directors completing their second year in office are: Dr. James C. Cantrell, Rosemaria Pope and Patricia Monroe Orr.

Appointed as staff to the *Athens Historian*, the annual publication of the Society, are Marie Hodgson Koenig, Editor; W. Thomas Wilfong and Burke Hodgson, Associate Editors; and Goodloe Y. Erwin, Managing Editor.

The Publications Committee, appointed by the Board, consists of Charlotte Thomas Marshall, Chair; Laura Carter, Bill Collins, Gary Doster and Eve Weeks. In addition to the *Athens Historian*, AHS publishes other material of local genealogical and historical significance.

URGENT - We are in the process of preparing the 1999 Directory and need any additions, corrections or changes no later than Friday, March 25 so that the directory will be ready in April. Call Eve Weeks at (706) 549-1125 and leave a message or send her an email at eweeks@excelonline.com as soon as possible. If you wish to have your email address included in the directory, just provide it in your message.

PUBLICATIONS

Our new book, *Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, Cemeteries*, located and transcribed by dedicated members of the Society and edited for the Society by Eve Weeks, is now available for sale. This volume contains transcriptions of 130 family, community and church cemeteries in Clarke County. The more modern cemeteries and Oconee Hill Cemetery will be published separately. Thanks to the efforts of retiring president Mary Bondurant Warren, a grant from the R.J. Taylor Foundation of Atlanta paid for the printing of 300 copies of this book. Copies have been placed in leading genealogical libraries in Georgia and around the country, including the Georgia Archives, the UGA Library and Athens Regional Library. See the order blank at the bottom of page 3 for more information.

The 1971 book about the **Oconee Hill Cemetery** is being revised and annotated by author Charlotte Thomas Marshall and should go to press by January 2000. Charlotte would appreciate ANY historical or genealogical information on persons or families buried in this historic cemetery for her reference files. Please send your data to her at 402 Riverview Road, Athens, GA 30606, phone (706) 543-3240.

Plans are being made to clear the historic **Hillcrest Cemetery** on Fourth Street so that genealogical transcriptions may be made from the tombstones and other records. Other cemeteries yet to be published include East Lawn, Hillcrest, and the modern memorial parks of Athens Memorial Garden and Evergreen.

GIFTS & MEMORIALS

Member Clyde R. Ray has made a generous gift to the Society in memory of Phinizy Spalding. Mr. Ray wrote that Dr. Spalding was “an outstanding historian, professor and my friend.”

Members Dr. and Mrs. Robert P. Repass have given a donation in memory of Mr. Richard N. “Dick” Fickett, a Charter member and past president of the Society.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Athens Historic Artifact Exhibit - In 1963, the Athens Historical Society mounted an exhibit of items from Athens’ early days in the basement of the Georgia Museum of Art. On display were items loaned by descendants of early Athens families, which included antebellum clothing, household furnishings, hand-crafted silver flatware by Athens silversmith Asaph Childs, and many other treasures not ordinarily displayed to the general public. On April 9, 1963, then Director of the Museum Holbrook wrote to AHS President Mary Bondurant Warren, “We think there was a splendid response in every way, and we greatly appreciate the work the Athens Historical Society did in getting the exhibit together.”

President Rice would like to hear from anyone interested in organizing a second Historic Artifact Exhibit, as a project of the Society. Dr. Rice is planning to contact other organizations in the City to build a collaborative effort in preparing this exhibit. If there is sufficient interest, the exhibit probably would not take place until 2001, the bicentennial of the creation of Clarke County from land taken from Jackson County.

New Special Collections Building proposed by UGA Library - The University of Georgia Library has announced plans for a new building to house the Hargrett Memorial Library and Special Collections, now crammed into offices on the third floor of the Main Library. Donations are being sought to fund the building. Any amount is welcomed, but special plaques will honor donors of \$5000, \$10,000 or more. For additional information, contact Ms. Chantel Dunham, Director of Development, The University of Georgia Libraries, Athens, GA 30602, phone (706) 542-0626.

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, Cemeteries

This volume contains transcriptions and locations of 130 family burying grounds, church cemeteries, the old Athens City Cemetery on Jackson Street and several community cemeteries throughout Clarke County. It does **not** include the historic Oconee Hill Cemetery (currently being annotated by Charlotte Thomas Marshall) or the more modern memorial parks such as Hillcrest, East Lawn, Athens Memorial Gardens or Evergreen. The locations of the cemeteries are shown on the Clarke County highway map. Maps, full-name index, 400 pages, hard bound. **NOW AVAILABLE!! Only 300 copies were printed and it will NOT be reprinted, so hurry!**

Send me ____ copies of *Athens-Clarke County, Georgia Cemeteries* - my check for \$_____ is enclosed.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____

Send this form with your check for \$30.50 (tax and shipping included) per book to: The Athens Historical Society, Inc., P.O. Box 7745, Dept. ACC, Athens, GA 30604-7745.

Clarke County is on the Web! - Mrs. Carol Middleton is the capable webmaster for the genealogical Internet website for Clarke County. The address is <<http://www.rootsweb.com/~gaclarke/>> - next time you're online, drop by and see all the information she has posted. If you have some genealogical data that you've transcribed and would be willing to share with other researchers, I'm sure she would be glad to put it online for you! Send her an email at cmdltn@bellsouth.net to let her know what you have to share.

Local History Workshop - President Rice and members Charles and Laura Carter, and Mrs. James Reap represented AHS at a Georgia Historical Society workshop in Augusta on February 19-20, 1999.

Researching on the Web - Share your favorite "haunts" on the Internet for doing historical or genealogical research! One of my favorites is the U.S. Geologic Survey's *Geographic Names Information System (GNIS)* at <<http://mapping.usgs.gov/www/gnis/gnisform.html>> - you may use this form to request a map showing the location of a particular geographical site, such as town, cemetery, mountain, stream, etc. Then print the map out on your own printer for future reference! The locations of the cemeteries found for the new AHS book have been sent to the GNIS and will be incorporated into their database of information. The coordinator of the GNIS database, Mr. Roger Payne, was very appreciative of the Society's efforts to locate the obscure sites and to make them available to everyone!

Do you have items or announcements that you would like to see in the next issue of the AHS newsletter? Send them to President Marion Rice or to Eve Weeks via email at eweeks@excelonline.com at least one month prior to the next Society meeting (deadline for May is April 23). Thanks!

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