

The Athens Historical Society, Inc.

**Sunday, January 16, 2000, 3:00 p.m.
Athens Regional Library Auditorium**

Georgia's Lost Communities
Professor Kathryn Gray-White

Professor Gray-White teaches a special topics class on Georgia's lost communities at the Watkinsville campus of Truett-McConnell College. Ms. Gray-White will give an overview of the communities of Petersburg (now under Lake Hartwell), Madison Springs (a popular "watering place" in the 1800s), Hollingsworth (in Banks County), High Shoals (in Oconee County), Goose Pond (an early settlement in Elbert County, birthplace of Governor George Gilmer) and Smithonia (in Oglethorpe County), then speak more extensively about **James Monroe Smith and his "kingdom of Smithonia."** In 1915 Smithonia was a thriving community with over 500 buildings within its borders and boasted its own railroad system. Today, there are only five buildings remaining and the railroad tracks have disappeared. Folk tales about "Col. Jim" Smith, sometimes known as "the Convict King of Georgia" and his eccentricities still abound.

Proposed Slate of Officers for 2000

In accordance with Constitution Article V, Sec. 4, the nominating committee of Gary Doster (chairman), Margretta Eagon, and Rufus Adair have proposed these officers to be voted on at the business meeting following the program on Sunday, January 16:

President:	Wilson Elder	Treasurer:	George W. Smith, Jr.
Vice-president:	W. Thomas Wilfong	Historian:	Mary Bondurant Warren
Secretary:	Joanna (Jodie) Traylor Guy		

New Board of Directors for the term 2000-2002:

Walter R. Allen
Ernie Hynds
Marion J. Rice

Directors completing term 1998 - 2000 are:

Nancy Bunker Bowen
Donald L. Branyon
Natalie Wellman

A Board meeting of old and new officers will be held in the Library Conference Room after the January 16th meeting.

TIME TO RENEW!

(Please consider upgrading your level of support!)

Name _____
(Please give name(s) as you want it to appear in the yearbook!)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Choose membership level (*Dues cover the current calendar year*)

_____ Individual - \$10.00	_____ Patron - \$50.00
_____ Family - \$15.00	_____ Business - \$100.00
_____ Supporting - \$35.00	

Detach this form & send with your check to the address on the reverse! Thank you!

Clarke County 2000 - Useful & Decorative Arts Exhibit at the Georgia Museum of Art

Mary Bondurant Warren and Nancy Bunker-Bowen are co-chairs of this exhibit in conjunction with the Georgia Museum of Art. If you know of someone who would like to be a part of this exciting function, please get a copy of the registration form to them as soon as possible! Extra copies of the form may be picked up at the January meeting or from the Heritage Room at the Athens-Clarke County Library.

<p><i>In Memoriam</i></p> <p>Dr. Kenneth Coleman 1916 - 1999</p> <p>Mary Oneita Long Nourse 1903 - 1999</p>

Clarke County Probate Court Historical Records Project

Laura Carter, the Heritage Room Librarian, would like to hear from anyone interested in working on this important project. Contact her at (706) 613-3650, extension 352, or by email at carterl@mail.clarke.public.lib.ga.us. A volunteer registration form (available at the January meeting, as an email attachment, via fax or pick up in the Heritage Room) should be filled out and returned to Laura as soon as possible so that scheduling can begin. Tax-deductible donations also are urgently needed to purchase acid-free folders and storage boxes not covered by the grant.

Christmas Party Thanks!

The Rices would like to express their appreciation to the following members for their special help at the December 12th tea: Beth Abney, Kay Beal, Margretta Eagon, Mary Warren and Ruth Webb.

Welcome New Members!

Please add these new and renewed members to your 1999 yearbook.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Terrell (P)
450 West Lake Drive
Athens, Georgia 30606
(706) 548-1066

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Rowan (F)
180 Clifton Drive
Athens, Georgia 30606
(706) 543-7094

Mr. Eric T. Frey (F)
140 Richard Way
Athens, Georgia 30605
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Don't forget to renew your AHS membership for the year 2000 !

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