

*Our next meeting
will be Sunday, January 18, 2004
3:00 p.m. in the Athens-Clarke County Library Auditorium*

**Brick Walls and Serendipity:
Tracking Dr. Henry Jackson and a Sense of History**
by Rufus Adair



Born in Devonshire, England, in 1778, Henry Jackson was the younger brother of James Jackson, who fought in the American Revolution with Elijah Clark and General Andrew Pickens, and was governor of Georgia 1798-1801 and a U.S. Senator 1789-1791 and 1801-1806. At the age of 12, young Henry was brought to the U.S. by his brother James to be educated. He graduated from the Medical College of Philadelphia and was appointed professor of mathematics and natural philosophy at Franklin College (now UGA) in 1811. In 1813 Henry left Athens to serve as secretary to ambassador William H. Crawford in Paris, shortly after Napoleon's return from Moscow. When he returned to his teaching duties seven years later, Jackson brought with him several trunks of the latest scientific and laboratory equipment and books. One trunk contained an eight-volume, 468-print set of Pierre-Joseph Redouté's *Les Liliacees* that would become the centerpiece of a library-theft trial 170 years later.¹

Athens Historical Society board member and former *Athens Banner-Herald* reporter Rufus Adair will present the program. He plans to blend two stories: one of an idealistic young physician-turned-professor at the fledgling Franklin College; the other outlines, first, the tracking of the books, then Jackson himself, and finally, a sense of history.

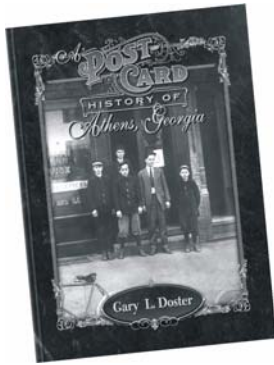


You're invited to the
2003 AHS Christmas Party
Sunday, December 21st
3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

The Historic Camak House at 279 Meigs Street (behind The Bottleworks off Prince Avenue) is the site of this year's holiday drop-in gathering. This home was built in 1834 by University of Georgia math professor, surveyor, newspaper editor, railroad businessman, banker, and Athens city commissioner James Camak. The restoration by the law firm of Winburn, Lewis, Barrow and Stolz won an award from the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation in 1993.

Please park on the south side of the house (away from Prince Avenue) and enter the first floor (basement) through the door under the stairs. A self-guided tour of the main floor will be available. Gary Doster will also be on hand to autograph copies of *The Postcard History of Athens, Georgia*.

¹ See other digital images of the color plates created by artist Pierre Joseph Redouté for his book *Les Liliacees* at http://69.3.230.239/audubonart/01_platelist_redl.asp.



A Postcard History of Athens, Georgia

Compiled from the extensive collection of native Athenian, Gary L. Doster, the rare and unusual postcard scenes of Athens, the University of Georgia, the State Normal School (now the Navy Supply Corps School), private homes, residential streets and downtown are accompanied by informative anecdotes and narrative history of our beloved city. *164 pp, hard cover, an attractive dust wrapper (shown), bibliography and index.*

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Georgia Inside and Out: Architecture, Landscape, and Decorative Arts

Georgia Museum of Art, UGA - January 30–31, 2004

Georgia Inside and Out, a two-day symposium offered through the Henry D. Green Center for the Study of the Decorative Arts, will include ten lectures on a wide array of topics including a historic home in Columbus, Federal architecture of Milledgeville, ironwork on the campus of the University of Georgia, wallpapers found in mid-19th-century homes in Georgia, and gardens in Westville. Through this event, the Henry D. Green Center seeks to support current research into the field of Georgia's material culture and to encourage future research.

Seating is limited and advanced reservations are required. The symposium is free, but there is a \$100 activity fee for lunches, transportation, and progressive dinner on Friday night. Please call 706.542.4662 for more information. This project is supported by the Georgia Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities and through appropriations from the Georgia General Assembly; it is sponsored in part by the UGA Performing Arts Center.

Find It Online Anytime!

The Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library at UGA offers anyone with a computer and Internet access the opportunity to peruse many historical items online! Visit their website at www.libs.uga.edu/hargrett/speccoll.html and use the links along the right side of the page to browse through images of rare maps, the Confederate Constitution, homes and notable people of Athens, natural history engravings (including hand-tinted Redouté works), sketches of costumes from Paris music halls in the 1920s and 1930s, photographs of WPA projects across the state, and their newest online collection of 436 images of World War I and II posters.

Proposed Slate of Officers for 2004

In accordance with AHS Constitution Article V, Sec. 4, the nominating committee of Tom Wilfong (chair), Mary Hutcherson, Rayburn Moore, and Laura Carter has proposed these officers to be voted on at a brief business meeting following the program on Sunday, January 18, 2004:

President:	Betty Alice Fowler	Treasurer:	George W. Smith, Jr.
Vice-president:	John S. Whitehead	Historian:	Eve B. Mayes
Secretary:	Joanna T. Guy		

New Board of Directors for the term 2004-2005

Carlton Mell, Jr.
Marjorie F. Newton
Charlotte Thomas Marshall

Board of Directors for 2003-2005

Milton Hill
Henry Vittrouer
Wilson Elder

In Memoriam

Mary Allea Betts
Frances B. Henneberger
Alice Rowland Steiner Jacobs
Hugh Kenner
Elizabeth Tate Scott
Lee Anne Seawell
Hon. Robert Grier Stephens, Jr.
Susan Frances Barrow Tate

Upcoming AHS Meetings

The March 14, 2004, meeting will be held in the M. Smith Griffith Auditorium at the Georgia Museum of Art. The program will be announced at a later time.

Why not plan to tour the exhibitions before the meeting? One features paintings by George Bellows and the other a retrospective of the works of Leo Twiggs, a contemporary Black artist who is from South Carolina, and was the first Black to get a PhD in art from UGA.

*Don't forget to renew your AHS membership for 2004!
If your mailing label shows 2004, you have already renewed!*

2004 Meetings
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March 14
May 16
October 17

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