

The Athens Historical Society, Inc.

What a Victorian Tombstone Reveals Beyond the Inscription

A Slide Presentation by
Charlotte Thomas Marshall

Sunday, January 15, 2006

3:00 p.m.

Athens-Clarke County Library Auditorium

The program will deal with the natural landscape cemetery movement, with particular emphasis on our own Oconee Hill Cemetery. The garden-like cemetery evolved during the early 1800s and permitted the middle class to have permanent lots and personalized markers. The slides will illustrate the styles of mortuary art and the extensive kinds of symbols used during the Victorian era.

Charlotte became a member of the Athens Historical Society 39 years ago this month when she was the fiancée of Dr. George O. Marshall, Jr., who was president of AHS. Since then she has given generously of her time on the Society's publications: edited newsletters and produced yearbooks; edited the cemetery records, *Oconee Hill Cemetery*; served on the editorial committee for *Papers of Athens Historical Society, Volume II*, which she indexed; served on the committee which produced the Society's only video and wrote the accompanying book, *Historic Houses of Athens*; with George co-edited Susan Frances Barrow Tate's *Remembering Athens*; and aided in the preparation of Gary Doster's *A Postcard History of Athens, Georgia*. During her term as president of the Society in 1988 she launched the Susan Frances Barrow Tate Fund to benefit the Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library of the University of Georgia.

In addition to her work for the Society, Charlotte has researched the history of numerous Athens landmarks and institutions. She has compiled a large collection of genealogical data on Athens families in connection with those projects and with annotations for her forthcoming greatly expanded work on Oconee Hill Cemetery.

In recent years George created the Charlotte Thomas Marshall Fund to benefit the Heritage Room at Athens-Clarke County Library.

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to AHS - Membership, P.O. Box 7745, Athens GA 30604-7745. Thank you!*

Proposed Slate of Officers and Directors for 2006

In accordance with AHS Constitution Article V, Sec. 4, the nominating committee of Marjorie Newton (chair), Carlton Mell and Blair Dorminey has proposed the following slate to be voted on at a brief business meeting before the program on Sunday, January 15, 2006:

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| President: | Jenny W. Best | Treasurer: | George W. Smith, Jr. |
| Vice-President: | Phyllis B. Nelson | Historian: | Eve B. Mayes |
| Secretary: | Rosemaria Pope | | |

New Directors for the term 2006-2008
 Milton Leathers
 Morgan (Bucky) Redwine
 Natalie Wellman

Directors for 2005-2007
 Arthur Blair Dorminey
 Betty Alice Fowler (to fill Phyllis Nelson's unexpired term)
 Kitty Mell Lay

Athens Photo History Project – David Bill, online director for the *Athens Banner-Herald*, has developed an interactive website with photographs of Athens buildings, people and street scenes, selected from the thousands of images in the newspaper's archives. Some have no dates or captions, so he is asking for assistance in identification and other information. Many images date from the 1950s or later, but this is "ancient history" to our children and grandchildren! You may share your photos, memories and knowledge of Athens with others at this interesting website – [http://athensphotohistory.com/ forum/](http://athensphotohistory.com/forum/) – registration is free.

Other websites that feature Georgia photos, maps and other historical information are the UGA Libraries' *Digital Library of Georgia*, including the Sanborn® Fire Insurance Maps for Georgia Towns and Cities 1884-1922, and the Georgia Archives' *Vanishing Georgia* collection, both to be found at <http://dlg.galileo.usg.edu/>. *GeorgiaInfo* (www.cviog.uga.edu/Projects/gainfo/) is sponsored by the UGA Carl Vinson Institute of Government and contains maps and demographic information. *The New Georgia Encyclopedia* at www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/ is an evolving compendium of historical articles, illustrations and maps that are well worth perusing. Internet access and assistance is available at the Athens-Clarke County Library.

HAPPY NEW YEAR – Thanks to Ann Fowler for hosting the Christmas party and to all who contributed to the holiday festivities. Milton Leathers will discuss Abraham Baldwin, a founder of the University of Georgia, at our meeting on March 19th. Details of the May and October meetings will be announced later.

If your address label has 2006 beside your name, your dues are current.

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