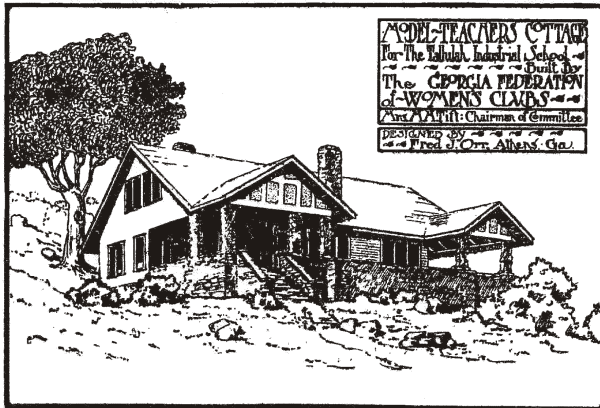


Newsletter

OF THE ATHENS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

FALL 2006

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Sketch of Model Teachers Cottage designed by Fred J. Orr for the Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs, published in the Atlanta Constitution, July 31, 1910

President's Remarks

Jenny W. Best

***Clean Out Your Attics.
Clean Out Your Basements.***

One of the goals of the AHS board of directors this year has been getting our house in order. Betty Alice Fowler, as secretary, has been reviewing files and completing the minutes of board meetings and society meetings. Eve Mayes, as historian, has been checking our archives held in the Hargrett Library of the University of Georgia. On a recent visit Eve found that 14 boxes of materials had been placed in the repository over the past 40 years. With increasing concerns over personal security, a reassessment of what should be permanently maintained and their relevance for future historians will be addressed.

In our board discussions we have also become aware that there are some missing pieces in our historical record. So here's a request: as you clean house, if you have old letters, articles, newsletters, programs, or any other items that might help to make a full history of the society, please pass it on to historian Eve. I am convinced that there are treasures out there yet to be found.

And about houses: do come hear John Waters speak on the houses designed by Fred Orr and others in Athens. See you on October 15.

John Waters to speak on Athens' Architectural Legacy

Athens boasts structures of just about any architectural style one could want, from the clean lines of the Federal-style Welcome Center, the Greek Revival of the UGA President's Home, the Joseph Henry Lumpkin house and the Taylor-Grady house on Prince Avenue, to the homey Craftsman houses in the Bloomfield Historic District.

Professor John Waters, director of Graduate Studies in Historic Preservation in the UGA College of Environmental Design, will talk about the architects of Athens who were responsible for designing many of these buildings. He is the proud owner of a home on Milledge Circle designed by Fred J. Orr, an prominent architect from Athens in the early 20th century. Mr. Orr's designs or their influence can be found in many houses in the Cobbham, Bloomfield and Milledge Circle neighborhoods. Professor Waters is a founding member of the Frederick J. Orr Society, a group made up of present owners of homes designed by Fred Orr.

Other local architects, including W.W. Thomas, J.W. Barnett and Wilmer Heery, also achieved recognition for their designs and contributions to our city, which will be discussed.

The meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. in the Athens-Clarke County Library Auditorium on October 15, 2006, and is free and open to the public. All are welcome to attend.

Resources for Exploring Our Historic Areas

The staff at the UGA Carl Vinson Institute of Government has assembled maps and resource information on historic districts within the confines of Athens-Clarke County, now available online at www.cviog.uga.edu/Projects/athens/. Numerous historic properties on this website include a brief history of the property and photographs.

The ACC Planning Department also has historic district maps showing the individual parcels of land within the designated area www.athensclarkecounty.com/~planningdept/hpc/distmaps.html, but no historical information is given about the structures or past owners.

ATHENS HISTORIAN

Volume 1 - 1996

Legacy of Memorial Park - Gold Star Honor Roll
Winston Hodgson Remembered
Miss Rosa and the Chocolate Creams
Mrs. Howell Cobb's Letters to Lamar Cobb
Life at the Lyndon House

Volume 2 - 1997

Reminiscences of the Original Botanical Garden of the University of Georgia
Lacy Fleming Mangleburg Remembered
Oconee Hill Cemetery

Volume 3 - 1998

E. Merton Coulter's 100th Anniversary
Dominie House
Jubilee!
A.B. Cree Letters
Lamar Cobb's "Iron Clad" Oath
Weather Watchers for Athens

Volume 4 - 1999

Bartram's Buffalo Lick
Black Educators & Their Schools
Historic Chestnut Grove School
Musical Theatre in Athens, Georgia: 1865 - 1888
Weather Watchers for Athens: Part II: 1890 to 1996

Volume 5 - 2000 with five year index

The Troup Artillery's "Sallie Craig
Industry and Discord in Confederate Athens
Student Life at the University of Georgia in the 1840s
The Black Church: Not by Faith Alone
Historic Gardens of Athens

Volume 6 - 2001 with index

How Athens Came to Be
The Oconee River in *Finnegans Wake*
A Garden Journal from 1839
Malthus Augustus Ward (1794-1863)
Augustin Smith Clayton (1783 - 1839)
The Charles Dougherty Family in 1853 Athens
Judge Hamilton McWhorter House
Heritage Room of ACC Library

Volume 7 - 2002 with index

The Jewish Community in Athens, Georgia:
The First Hundred Years
The Sams Family of Athens
A Passion for Science: Joseph LeConte
The Atlanta Life Insurance Company
The Ridge Runner: North-East Georgia Railroad

Volume 8 - 2003 with index

Paul Hamilton Hayne and Andrew Adgate Lipscomb,
Athletics in Athens
Robert Lee Bloomfield of Athens 1827-1916
The Black Journalists
Power to Destroy: Taxation as a Cause of Civil War
Mame [Mary Stark Bowers' memoir]

Volume 9 - 2004 with index

The Fire Companies of Athens
Athens' First Brilliant Eccentric Professor
General James Longstreet
Gospel Pilgrim Cemetery
T.R.R. Cobb, Educator and Evangelist

Volume 10 - 2005 with index

Stoneman's Raid and the Battle of Barber's Creek
Coach Herman J. Stegeman and his Family
First Baptist Continues 175 Years of Service
First United Methodist Church of Athens, Georgia

A Postcard History of Athens, Georgia by Gary L. Doster

Postcards of Athens scenes are enriched with narrative text to make a very readable history of our fair city. Many of these postcards were one-of-a-kind photographs printed onto a postcard back to send to family and friends. **\$30.00**

1874 Map of Athens

This attractive reprint of the map of Athens and outlying areas published by W.W. Thomas in 1874 shows many details of Athens after the Civil War. Printed in sepia and moss green ink on cream stock, it measures 36" x 45". **\$15.00**

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, Cemeteries

More than 120 family, church and municipal graveyards within the present-day boundaries of Clarke County were transcribed by the members of Athens Historical Society and published in 1999. Modern memorial parks were not included in this volume. Full name index, maps, driving directions. **\$30.00**

Strolls About Athens in the Early Seventies (1870s!)

by Sylvanus Morris, L.L.D.

Written by an Athens lawyer around the turn of the last century, these articles originally appeared in the *Athens Banner* newspaper. This facsimile of the 1912 book reveals details about the people who made Athens their home from the Civil War era until the early 1900s. **\$5.00**

Athens Historical Society Membership

Your annual membership brings the quarterly newsletter, the AHS Directory and the publication of papers and other articles of interest, the *Athens Historian*.

Annual dues (Jan 1 - Dec 31) are:

- \$10.00 – Individual
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The Presence of the Past: Historic Houses of Athens, Georgia

Narrated by Ronald Bogue, this 23 minute color video tour visits these historic Athens homes:

- Barrow-Tate House on Dearing Street (guided tour by Mrs. Susan Frances Barrow Tate, widow of Dean William Tate. Mrs. Tate died in 2003.)
- Camak House on Pope Street, now fully restored and used a law office
- Church-Waddel-Brumby House, now the Athens Welcome Center
- Howell Cobb-Leathers House on Hill Street, now a private residence (guided tour by Sarah Erwin Leathers)
- Franklin-Upson House on Prince Avenue, now Bank South branch
- Hamilton-Hodgson House on Milledge Avenue, now a sorority house
- Hamilton-Phinizy-Segrest House on Milledge Avenue, now a sorority house
- Homewood on Dearing Street, a private residence (guided tour by John Barrow)
- Jester House on Cobb Street, now a private residence
- Lumpkin-Mell House, originally stood on corner of Milledge Avenue and Rutherford Street, demolished in the 1960s
- E.K. Lumpkin House on Prince Avenue, now part of the Young Harris United Methodist Church complex
- Michael Brothers' Mansions, originally stood on Prince Avenue between the UGA President's Home and the Taylor-Grady House, demolished in 1960s
- Moss Side on Cobb Street, now a private residence
- Newton House on Prince Avenue, now a doctors' office
- UGA President's Home on Prince Avenue (tour of house and box gardens)
- Sledge-Cobb-Spalding House on Cobb Street, now a private residence (video tour of downstairs interior)
- Taylor-Grady House on Prince Avenue, now fully restored and owned by Athens Junior League, available for parties, weddings, etc.
- Thomas-Carithers House on Milledge Avenue, now a sorority house
- Thurmond-Cofer House, demolished in the 1960s
- Treanor House on Lumpkin Street, now owned by the University of Georgia (guided tour by Mrs. Susan Frances Barrow Tate)
- James White, Jr., House on Prince Avenue, now a fraternity house

AHS PUBLICATIONS

More details online at www.rootsweb.com/~gaahs

Quantity	Title	Price	Total
	<i>Historical Houses of Athens, Georgia.</i> 23-minute color video tour of Athens homes.	\$25.00	
	<i>1874 Map of Athens</i> - 36" x 45", sepia and moss green ink on cream stock. Requires \$5.00 extra shipping	\$15.00	
	<i>Papers of the Athens Historical Society, Vol. II</i>	\$10.00	
	<i>Athens-Clarke County Cemeteries</i> (does not include Oconee Hill Cemetery)	\$30.00	
	<i>Strolls About Athens During the Early Seventies [1870s]</i>	\$5.00	
	<i>Athens Historian</i> , Vol. 1. October 1996.	\$5.00	
	<i>Athens Historian</i> , Vol. 2. October 1997.	\$5.00	
	<i>Athens Historian</i> , Vol. 3. October 1998.	\$5.00	
	<i>Athens Historian</i> , Vol. 4. October 1999.	\$5.00	
	<i>Athens Historian</i> , Vol. 5. October 2000, with five-year topical index.	\$5.00	
	<i>Athens Historian</i> , Vol. 6. Fall 2001, with index.	\$5.00	
	<i>Athens Historian</i> , Vol. 7. Fall 2002, with index.	\$5.00	
	<i>Athens Historian</i> , Vol. 8. Fall 2003, with index.	\$5.00	
	<i>Athens Historian</i> , Vol. 9. Fall 2004, with index.	\$5.00	
	<i>Athens Historian</i> , Vol. 10. Fall 2005, with index.	\$5.00	
	<i>Athens Historian - all ten volumes</i> - Limited time offer	\$45.00	
	<i>A Postcard History of Athens, Georgia</i>	\$30.00	
SHIPPING & HANDLING - add \$3.00 per book/video, \$5.00 for map			
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UPCOMING AHS MEETING DATES

3:00 p.m., ACC Library unless otherwise stated

October 15, 2006
January 21, 2007
March 18, 2007
May 20, 2007
October 21, 2007

AHS WEBSITE & INFORMATION

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UGA CENTENNIAL ALUMNI CATALOG - 1901

A four-page questionnaire was mailed to all matriculates of the University of Georgia during its first 100 years. The 1,749 responses have been digitized and placed online by the Hargrett Rare Books and Manuscript Library at <http://dlg.galileo.usg.edu/centennialcatalog/>. Sometimes written in their own handwriting, these completed forms contain fascinating biographical information of many prominent men of the 19th century Georgia and the South.

The AHS Nominating Committee will be contacting members to serve as officers and board members for the 2007 year. We hope you will get involved and further support the society as we approach our 50th anniversary in 2009. The proposed slate will be announced in the January 2007 newsletter and voted on at the January 21st meeting.

Save Sunday, December 3rd for the Annual AHS Party

President Jenny Best and her husband Ed will host this year's Christmas party at their lovely home at 101 Moss Side Drive. Plan to drop by for a visit with friends between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, December 3rd. If you would like to help with refreshments or setting up, please let Jenny know by phone or email.