

Newsletter

OF THE ATHENS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Fall 2009

P.O. Box 7745 • Athens, Georgia 30604-7745



Anniversary Program & Reception

Sunday, November 22, 2009

3:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Taylor-Grady House

Looking Back over 50 Years

Show & Tell

Sunday, January 17, 2010

3:00 p.m. - Athens-Clarke County Library Auditorium

There's just no way to adequately celebrate the impact of AHS's first 50 years in one afternoon, so we're going to have a **brief program with a meet and greet reception at the Taylor-Grady House on Sunday afternoon, November 22nd**. The latest addition to the AHS booklist will also be presented! If you haven't already ordered your copy, they're going fast!

And we hope everyone will return with memorabilia or just their favorite memories of past AHS programs, members, field trips, articles, exhibitions, etc., to the **January 17th meeting in the auditorium at the Athens-Clarke County Library, at 3:00 p.m.**

We will have facilities available to digitally scan or photograph items after the meeting on January 17th. So go through your closet and drawers to find those old AHS newsletters, newspaper articles, or other mementos about AHS and Athens that you've stashed away for posterity.

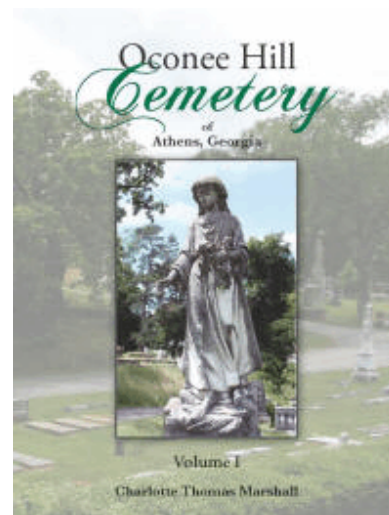
Oconee Hill Cemetery of Athens, Georgia

Volume I

by Charlotte Thomas Marshall

xxxvi, 620 pp., hard cover, dust wrapper, illustrations, bibliography, index

\$55.00 plus \$5.50 S&H



Advance sales of our 50th anniversary publication have been exciting and far beyond our expectations. Because more than 400 of the 500 copies we ordered were sold a week before we received shipment, we are very happy to receive an overrun of 65 books. The books arrived November 10, and thanks to the dedicated work of Milton Leathers, Mary Bondurant Warren, and the author, who were significantly helped by Terri Jarrett of Barx Bros., approximately 190 packages were mailed on November 12th and all but a handful of local deliveries were completed that week. Others helping with the local distribution were George Marshall, Lisa Warren Hatch, and Karen and Bucky Redwine. Is it not significant that two of our charter members, Mary Bondurant Warren and Bucky Redwine, have been part of the delivery team?

The Society is proud of the quality of the publication, designed by Kenneth Storey, and researched and written by Charlotte Thomas Marshall, who gave the completed book to the Society. The records of Oconee Hill Cemetery have been a project of the Society since the early 1960s, and this book combines extant cemetery records with tombstone inscriptions, obituaries and other biographical data. The result gives dimension to the lives of the people and presents an unorthodox history of Athens. *(continued on page 2)*

Oconee Hill Cemetery (continued from page one)

McNaughton & Gunn did a beautiful job of producing this 656-page labor of love. The Society is grateful for the generosity of the R. J. Taylor, Jr. Foundation for awarding the Society a grant which paid for printing 300 copies and will result in 40 copies being purchased by the Foundation to go in designated libraries. The Foundation's support of the project allowed the Society to make the book available at a much more affordable cost than we could have otherwise managed.

Charlotte would like to call all readers' attention to the dedication page, the acknowledgments, and the editorial principles. They undergird the work and the annotations are much more intelligible for those who use the editorial principles.

The book is now available in Athens at ADD Drug Store, Athens Welcome Center, Aurum Studios, Borders, and the UGA bookstore. Or you may order directly from the Society with the order form on page 3 of this issue: the price is \$55.00 plus \$5.50 shipping & handling, per volume. For more information about how to order this book and our other publications, visit our website at www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~gaahs/ohc-vol1.html.

UGA Preservation Economics Students Explore Funding Opportunities for AHS




Historic Preservation Masters students at UGA: L-R, front row, Ashton Mullins, Kaitlin McShea, and Lauren Clementino; back row, Brian Wolf, Laura Kviklys, Ashley Cissel and AHS board member James K. Reap.

Several Master of Historic Preservation students in Professor James Reap's Preservation Economics class at UGA are working on a fund-raising project to benefit the Athens Historical Society. Goals of the fund-raising project are to research potential grants, generate a grant proposal template, and create an overall fund-raising plan. Grant research is geared towards acquiring funding for future AHS endeavors.

The team members have researched grant funding relating to publications, media programming, youth programming, and general program funding. The grant template will lay a foundation for future grant proposals. The fund-raising plan also will explore non-grant funding sources, including events and partnerships with local businesses.

The final product will be presented by the team at a special AHS Board meeting in early December. Members are welcome to attend. Email ebmayes@windstream.net if you would like to be notified when this meeting is to take place - please put "Grant Meeting" in the subject line of your email. We appreciate the diligence of these young people and their interest in our projects.

 It's time to renew your membership for 2010! If your mailing label has "2010" above your name, your dues are current! Thank you for your continued support and involvement with AHS!

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Choose membership level: (Dues cover the calendar year)

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| _____ Individual - \$10.00 | _____ Patron - \$50.00 |
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| _____ Supporting - \$35.00 | _____ Please accept my tax-deductible contribution |
| | of \$_____ to help fund AHS special projects |

Mail this form with your check payable to the Athens Historical Society to AHS, P.O. Box 7745, Athens GA 30604-7745. Thank you!

Quantity	Title	Price	Total
	Oconee Hill Cemetery of Athens, Georgia, Volume I NEW!! <i>Please add \$5.50 per copy for postage and handling to your total!</i>	\$55.00	
	A Postcard History of Athens, Georgia by Gary Doster	\$30.00	
	1874 Map of Athens - 36" x 45", sepia and moss green ink on cream stock. \$11.00 extra shipping for mailing (limited quantity available)	\$15.00	
	Papers of the Athens Historical Society, Vol. I (1964, 2007 reprint)	\$10.00	
	Papers of the Athens Historical Society, Vol. II (1979)	\$10.00	
	Athens-Clarke County Cemeteries (limited quantity available)	\$30.00	
	Athens Historian, Vol. 1, October 1996	\$5.00	
	Athens Historian, Vol. 2, October 1997	\$5.00	
	Athens Historian, Vol. 3, October 1998	\$5.00	
	Athens Historian, Vol. 4, October 1999	\$5.00	
	Athens Historian, Vol. 5, October 2000, with 5-year topical index	\$5.00	
	Athens Historian, Vol. 6, Fall 2001, with index	\$5.00	
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	Athens Historian, Vol. 8, Fall 2003, with index	\$5.00	
	Athens Historian, Vol. 9, Fall 2004, with index	\$5.00	
	Athens Historian, Vol. 10, Fall 2005, with index	\$5.00	
	Athens Historian, Vol. 11, Fall 2006, with index	\$5.00	
	Athens Historian, Vol. 12, Fall 2007, with index	\$5.00	
	Athens Historian - all twelve volumes as a set	\$50.00	
SHIPPING & HANDLING - add \$5.50 per copy of the new OHC book, \$5 per book/set, \$3 per single Athens Historian issue, \$11.00 to mail map			
SUBTOTAL			
AHS Membership(s) for the current year – see the box above for membership levels; list additional gift memberships on a separate page. A gift card notification will be sent to your recipients.			
TOTAL OF ORDER - Make check payable to Athens Historical Society			

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Upcoming AHS Meeting Dates

December 13, 2009 – Holiday Party

January 17, 2010 –

50 Years of AHS - Show & Tell

Athens-Clarke Co. Library
Auditorium

3:00 p.m. - free and open to the public

AHS Website & Information

www.rootsweb.com/~gaahs/
email: ebmayes@windstream.net

Ben Epps Statue Planned

In July 2009, the Athens-Clarke County mayor and commission approved placing a statue of Athens' pioneer aviator, Ben T. Epps, downtown, across from his shop at 120 East Washington Street, where he built the first airplane to fly in Georgia. This is the same block as City Hall.

The Ben Epps Statue Committee is raising \$50,000 to erect this statue. A bronze donor plaque will be set at the base of the statue for individual donations of \$2,000.00 or more. Donations of \$20.00 or more will receive a 30-minute video entitled *Ben Epps, the Legacy of Georgia's First Aviator*.

For a tax-deductible donation, make your check payable to *Athens-Clarke Heritage Foundation* [a 501(c)(3) organization] with a note "Ben Epps Statue Fund" and mail to the Ben Epps Statue Fund, PO Box 5085, Athens GA 30604-5085.

Contact Billy Galt at billyg@uga.edu for additional information.



Ben Epps, with an early plane design, outside his shop on East Washington Street in Athens