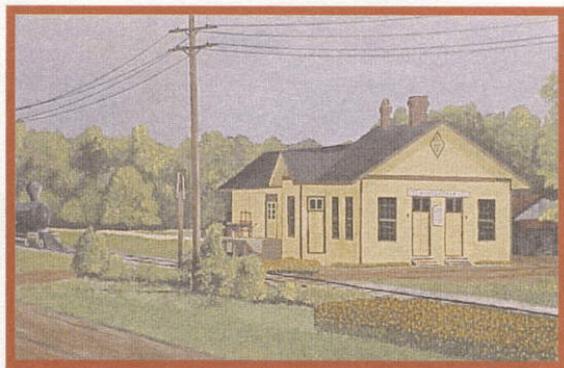


# Newsletter

OF THE ATHENS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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September 2010 ♦ Update



## *A Walking Tour of Historic Winterville* led by Mary W. Quinn

**Sunday, October 3, 2010**

*(rescheduled due to rain on Sept. 26)*

**3:00 p.m. at the Winterville Depot**

☛ *please note new date!*

The town of Winterville grew up around a wood and water stop on the Athens Branch of the Georgia Railroad. This branch of the railroad began operating in 1841 between Athens and Union Point, Georgia, carrying crops and livestock from Northeast Georgia to larger markets in Augusta and elsewhere. Several families from Germany, including the Winters, Mosemans, and Meyers, settled here and established prosperous businesses utilizing the railroad. The post office became known as Winterville in 1866.

An article in the *Atlanta Constitution* in 1887 said that the community had grown from just two homes to over 500 inhabitants, with six stores, three shops, four churches, two sawmills, a grist mill, two cotton gins, one academy, two doctors, and two boarding houses. Land was selling \$7-\$10 per acre at that time. Early family names in the area include Anglin, Anthony, Baugh, Bray, Carter, Coile, Eberhart, Edwards, Hale, Harris, Howard, Lester, Mills, Neighbors, Pittard, Stevens, Suddeth, and Witcher. Incorporated in 1904, the present City of Winterville is a circle, one mile in radius, located entirely within Clarke County. Its 1,061 citizens are a small part of the larger zip code now designated as Winterville, which includes portions of three counties – Clarke, Oglethorpe, and Madison.

*The public is invited to share photos, “family traditions,” or memorabilia of people who lived in the Winterville area.*

The tour features numerous and diverse historical structures: the recently renovated train depot; the Carter-Coile Doctor’s Museum; a blacksmith shop; the old Winterville High School – home of the state’s first Home Economics program; and several period homes in an area listed on the National Register of Historic Places. We’ll walk portions of the abandoned railroad designated to become part of “The Firefly” – a 38-mile walking and bicycling trail extending from downtown Athens to Union Point. Winterville’s historic cemetery is a short ride down Parkview Road from the City Square, for those who may wish to extend their afternoon. Sites of interest on the tour may also include Confederate soldiers’ graves and their story, and a Revolutionary War soldier’s grave.

*This walking tour will last approximately 1½ to 2 hours. Meet at the historic Winterville Depot at 3:00 and wear comfortable walking shoes! The tour and meeting are free and open to the public.* Our sincere thanks to Mayor Jim Mercer and Wendy Martin, the city clerk, for allowing us to use the Depot, and for the postcard view of the old depot above. For more information about the City of Winterville, see their website at <http://cityofwinterville.com/>. The postcard of the Depot above is taken from a mural painted by Tim Coile.

**Our speaker & tour guide:** Mary Quinn resides on Main Street in Winterville; her residence is a nineteenth century home built by the Georgia Railroad. Mary’s family moved away from the family farm and into Winterville and Clarke County in 1960 where she attended Winterville Elementary School, Athens Junior High and High Schools and the University of Georgia. Mary retired from a career in accounting in 2000 and enjoys various public service roles with city, county and regional government agencies.

**Other Resources:** *Atlanta Constitution* newspaper digitized archives on [www.ProQuest.com](http://www.ProQuest.com), census records on [www.Ancestry.com](http://www.Ancestry.com), railroad articles from [www.georgiaencyclopedia.org](http://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org) - New Georgia Encyclopedia, and [www.railga.com](http://www.railga.com) - Railroad History in Georgia.

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## **AHS Charter member & Past President Mary Bondurant Warren to be honored by Georgia Archives with Lifetime Achievement Award**

Mary Bondurant Warren has just been notified by Steven Engerrand of the Georgia Department of Archives and History that she will receive a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Georgia Historical Records Advisory Board at a reception at the Archives on Wednesday, October 6. The 5 p.m. ceremony to be followed by a reception will be held at the Archives building in Morrow. Visitors are welcome.

### ***2010 AHS Officers***

A. Blair Dorminey – President  
James K. Reap – Vice President  
Betty Alice Fowler – Secretary  
George W. Smith, Jr. – Treasurer  
Eve B. Mayes – Historian

### ***AHS Board of Directors***

<b><i>2009-2010 term</i></b>	<b><i>2010-2011 term</i></b>
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Marianne Gordon Rogers	Steven Scurry

### ***Upcoming AHS Meeting Dates***

October 3, 2010  
***History of Winterville***  
Mary Quinn  
meet at the Winterville Depot, 3:00 PM

November 2010  
***The Historic Morton Theatre turns 100 - TBA***

### **AHS Website & Information**

[www.rootsweb.com/~gaahs/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~gaahs/)  
email: [ebmayes@windstream.net](mailto:ebmayes@windstream.net)

Nominated by Dale Couch (a former senior research archivist at the Georgia Archives and now an adjunct curator for the Georgia Museum of Art), Mrs. Warren has been an active figure in historical and genealogical research and publishing for over 50 years. She has published more than 100 resource books, two quarterlies – *The Georgia Genealogist* and *The Carolina Genealogist* – as well as *Family Puzzlers*, long the nation's only weekly genealogical magazine. Mrs. Warren has a unique talent for finding source materials overlooked by others, and she is an indefatigable worker. For the past several years she has traveled to England and France repeatedly in search of documents illuminating Georgia's colonial and Revolutionary history, and is presently completing volumes 9 and 10 of a series of Georgia records from this era.

Mrs. Warren served the Society as president in 1962 and again in 1997-1998. She led the Society in mounting the first exhibit of local antiques at the Georgia Museum of Art in the spring of 1963. Her work during these early years culminated in the Society's receiving a Certificate of Commendation from The American Association for State and Local History for "its vigorous program of collecting the materials of local history and using them to foster appreciation of the local tradition." She co-edited and produced the Society's first publication in 1964 and launched the second series of the Society newsletter in 1978. During her second term as president she gathered up surveys of Clarke County cemeteries begun in earlier administrations and saw them through to completion and publication. And in 2001 she helped coordinate a second exhibit of area antiques in the new home of the Georgia Museum of Art.