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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

I feel so blessed to be in Greenback! Recently, I spent a most enjoyable Saturday night at the Greenback Drug Store. If you missed the Ice Cream nights in June, I'm so sorry! I sat and listened to the beautiful music in the Depot and looked forward to a sinfully delicious coconut cake and ice cream.

It is worth attending a community event in the Depot just to see the how great it looks. On this night, as I listened to the wonderful music, I admired the work that it took to rescue the depot and was so grateful. I imagined the voices from the past that echo in the beams and floors and dreamed of the many fun hours that are in this historic building's future. We walked across to the Drug Store and sit visiting with old friends and making new ones. The Michigan contingent was out in force and Ken Schwall joined us for a bit! There is nothing better than ice cream, great stories, laughter and good company.

I hope to see a large turnout for the Greenback Historical Society's annual Ice Cream Making Contest on Saturday, July 27. It will be great fun! Enter the contest or just come and be a judge! It will be a great time!

I'm also excited about the work the Historical Society Board has undertaken. We have realigned our committee structure so that we have more opportunities for flexibility and team work. We are hoping to expand and strengthen your involvement! I'm most excited that the committee structure will allow each member have a great team to work with and lots of folks to share the burden! We'd love everyone to be involved! Take a look at the committee descriptions and if you'd like to be involved please let me know!

Come join us! Ice cream is the best way to meet in July!

Teresa Goddard

SOCIETY COMMITTEES FOR 2013

A board meeting of officers and directors was held on April 18 to plan future activities and organization. The primary outcome of the meeting was a reorganization of committee structure and responsibilities.

**NEXT MEETING: Saturday, July 27, 2013, 2:00PM.
Greenback Community Center Pavilion.**

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The following article presents a brief review of that structure.

I. Publication/Communications & Publicity Committee (5-10 members)

Committee Description: The Publication, Communication & Publicity Committee is central to the society. Their responsibilities include: publication and distribution of the Society's newsletter, creation of flyers, brochures and other informative material, publicity for meetings, programs and events and support of the work of other committees.

II. Program/Planning Committee (3-7 members)

Committee Description: The Program/Planning Committee is responsible for the program options for the Society. These include: arranging programs for each of the quarterly membership meetings, programs identified by the Society that are not linked to an event, working with the Property/Site Committee as needed to develop new projects, working with the Events Committee when historical programs are needed.

III. Membership Committee (3-7 members)

Committee Description: The Membership Committee is responsible for membership recruitment and renewal efforts for the Society, works with the Society's Secretary and Treasurer to enroll new members, works with other committees as needed to promote membership.

IV. Property/Site Committee (3 - 7 members)

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As we continue to grind away on Volume III of the Greenback Heritage Scrapbook, we keep finding more interesting material to include. Recently we discovered a clutch of photographs online at the National Archives which were made by TVA before and during the construction of Fort Loudoun Dam. Of interest to us were several pictures taken in the Morganton area as well as some at Unitia, Cloyd's Creek and one of the L&N Railroad bridge near McGhee Station. If anyone knows of similar treasure troves we would be glad to hear about them.

Several times at Scrapbook Committee meetings, it has been mentioned that Greenback once had a cannery. It appears to have been in the 1930s or 40s and was located west of the railroad tracks on the south side of town. Some people have said they can remember that families could take certain kinds of garden produce there and have it put into steel cans like you would get from the grocery store. Unfortunately, no details about it have come into the scrapbook archives but it sounds too interesting not to pursue a bit. If anyone has any information about the cannery or even a picture that includes it, we would certainly be glad to get it. Contact Paul Bailey or Betty Carroll if you can help.

Paul Bailey

MUSEUM MUSINGS

A fairly recent addition to the displays at the Greenback Heritage Museum is a unique quilt loaned by the family of Charles and Betty Hammontree Clark (both deceased). The quilt is embroidered with the names of many of the older, well known residents of Greenback, primarily from the Baker's Creek Church and 411 Highway area. It is particularly interesting to museum visitors to find parents, grandparents or other relatives names in such an unexpected place.

Some of the better-known family names include: Anderson, Alexander, Akers, Beals, Clark, Edison, Gillenwater, Goddard, Greenway, Hair, Hale, Hall, Hammontree, Heaton, Henry, Lane, McCall, McCollum, McEllraney, Montgomery, Myers, Swaney, Thompson, Walker and Wallace. Many others are present as well. If you have not yet visited the Greenback Heritage Museum, drop by and see if your ancestor is on the quilt. It is located across from the Post Office on the main street and is open from 10AM until 2PM Thursday, Friday and Saturday. See you there.

Paul Bailey and Betty Carroll



Museum docents Bessie Stanley and Dot Fipps display the signature quilt embroidered by Betty Hammontree Clark with the names of prominent past Greenback area residents.

EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Hello from the newly designated "Events Committee". Co-Chairs are Laura Delrio and Colleen Ragain. The forming of this committee will hopefully streamline the organization of current events and provide for an increase in future events throughout the year. Anyone with ideas for events to be sponsored by this committee should contact Laura, at 865-384-0881 or Colleen, at 865-740-5429. Our first event coming up after this Newsletter is our annual Ice Cream Contest. It is scheduled for July 27, 2013 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 PM behind the Community Center in Greenback. There will be a Historical Society Board meeting at noon in the Community Center meeting room lower level. We would like to start setting up for the contest by 1.00 PM. Bobby Anderson is the coordinator for this event and anyone wishing to enter or receive additional information should contact him at 865-856-3202. \$100 will be awarded to the first place winner, \$50 for second and \$25 for third place. There will be a short member's meeting during the vote counting.

The Event committee is now organizing the Annual Halloween Street Fair. This will be the 6th year for this event and it has become very popular in the community. We are mentioning this now because we are looking for more people to come out and set up to hand out candy to the kids. You can simply set up a table or you can get creative and set up a Halloween type booth. This is a safe and fun event for the children of our community and we hope more people will come out and participate. Last year we had the addition of "The Gunny" and his canoe ride for the kids, which was a huge success. We also hope to have Gene

Owens and his awesome "Dogs" and hot apple cider back. The Sports Car Emporium will also be returning with their Haunted Trailer. This year the event will be on Saturday, the 26th of October as the event is the last Saturday of October. Anyone interested in more information, please call Laura at 865-384-0881.

We are also still looking for recommendations for homes for our "Open Houses". We have a lot of Civil War era homes in the area as well as 100 year old plus homes. The tour at Mr. Larry Bensons home was a huge success last year and we would like to plan a tour for November or December this year. Again, please contact Laura or Colleen if you know of a home or would like your home to be showcased. We hope to serve the Historical Society and the community to the best of our ability with this new committee and provide many more activities for everyone to enjoy.

Laura Delrio & Colleen Ragain

NINETEENTH AMENDMENT

In this year we will be celebrating or acknowledging the end of the War Between the States, commonly called the "Civil War." Much has been written about the Emancipation which freed the slaves in the "rebellious states" and the XIV Amendment which gave citizenship to all men regardless of color. In Tennessee slaves were freed by Military Governor Andrew Johnson. This was followed by the XV Amendment which gave all men the right to vote.

It was 52 years later that women, whether white or of color, were given the right to vote by the XIX Amendment ratified August 26, 1920. Even though the amendment was first introduced in 1828, very little is said about this amendment. When I think of it, I think my Mother was only seven years of age when it was ratified. Women who pioneered the west, who worked the farms in WWI and raised their families while their men went to war, were considered unqualified to vote. Discussed in Congress, but rejected, the Amendment was finally introduced in 1912. Still, it was rejected.

During those years, women's groups held silent vigils, parades, hunger strikes, and challenges in the courts. Still honoring the Tenth Amendment, the Supreme Court held that voting regulations were the purview of the States or that the XIV and XV Amendments did not apply to women. By 1912, nine of the more liberal western states allowed women to vote.

Among active women were Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton. They continued to push for a change. After WWI, attitudes began to gradually change. In 1916, the two major Women's organizations united. President Woodrow Wilson, who had previously strongly opposed women's right to vote,

changed his position and in 1919 the Amendment passed the House and the Senate.

A few at a time, 35 states ratified the Amendment. In August, 1920, a vote came up in the House. Rep. Harry Burns left his mother's house in Niota, Tennessee. He planned to vote no. As he was leaving, his mother said, "Harry, you need to pass that Amendment" Harry Burns cast the final vote in the final state (36th) to ratify the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution..... "The right of citizens to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex." Secretary of State, Bradbury Colby, certified the amendment August 20, 1920, and Marie Ruff Byrum, Missouri, cast the first woman's vote.

Since that time, women have worked in the factories in WWII, opened businesses and served as CEO's of large and small companies, served in the legislatures of both states and the nation, and held prestigious cabinet positions in our nation's capital. Margaret Chase Smith was the first female to have served in both houses of the U.S Congress and the first U.S. Senator from Maine. Although unsuccessful, she was the first woman to have ever been placed in nomination for President from a major political party (Republican). Two women have served as Secretary of State in this century. Thirty-six states have now had women governors. Although we have never had a female Governor in Tennessee, Kate Bradford Stockton, Socialist Party, Fentress County, was defeated for Governor in 1936. In Tennessee, the State's first bank president was from Greenback, and the second from Tellico Plains. A woman, Marsha Blackburn, U.S Representative from Tennessee, is often seen on the Cable Talk Shows and many other women have served in state government.

Carolyn Peck

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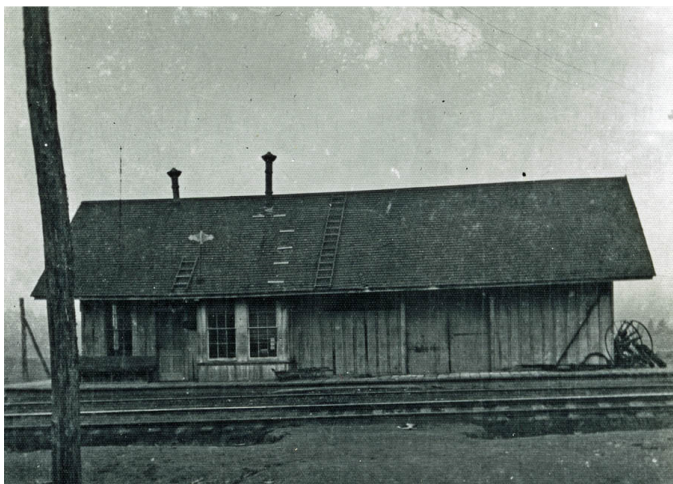
Copies of the Declaration of Independence and the U. S. Constitution are on sale in the Museum. Proceeds are used for operational expenses of the Greenback Historical Society Inc., a tax exempt 501(3c) corporation.

Good news! I think we have finally completed the application for the National Register. Heather Bailey, ETDD, finished with the information we had submitted by the June 3 deadline and now we have to “hurry up and wait”. It is my understanding that the members of the Tennessee Historical Commission study it and vote at their September meeting. If approved, it will then be submitted to the National Historical Commission. The Depot and the surrounding area continue to look good. Some landscaping and flowers have been planted in the area between the Depot and the Post Office. The restoration of the building is completed and unless the Tennessee Commission asks for additional changes or additional information, we will just pray.

In the meantime, the Depot is being put to good use. Saturday nights in June have been devoted to music, primarily gospel. Greenback Drug and Diner followed with Dessert Night, Ice Cream and Cake along with fellowship. Twice Born and the Russell Family performed one Saturday; Mark, Angie, and daughter and the Ingram Family another. Loudon County Chamber of Commerce met there in June and then toured the new school. In July, the Depot will be open for Arts and Crafts Shows on the 4th and 5th.

Birthday Parties, a baby shower, and an anniversary celebration continued activities in the last couple of months. Several people have told me how glad and proud they are to have this wonderful place to enjoy. If you see Ron Edmondson, be sure to tell him how much he is appreciated. If you would be willing to help with the maintenance cost, put a little in the donation box. If you have a memory or a story that you would like to share, please let me know.

Carolyn Peck



The depot before THE DEPOT. The Greenback depot as it existed in 1907 (from the Edwin Best Sr. scrapbook collection). This building was constructed in 1898 to replace the first depot which burned. The building remained in service until 1914 when it was replaced by the current structure.

ABOUT OUR DIRECTORS

Teresa Goddard became our President and a Director on the Board last year. The very talented and knowledgeable lady is the daughter of Roy L. and Betty Goddard, long natives of the Greenback area. Roy graduated from Greenback High School and Betty from Lanier. They lived in downtown Greenback on Grego Lane where Roy still lives. He is well known and has been extremely active in the community all his life. Many people have benefitted from his service on the Rescue Squad.

Teresa graduated from Greenback High School where her sister Ramona later became Assistant Principal. As a long descendant of farmers who owned much of the land around Greenback proper, it seems fitting that she studied Agricultural Education at UT Knoxville.

Teresa is employed by East Tennessee Children’s Hospital and is active there in all their fund-raising and promotional activities. Although she always considers herself a Greenback native, she has more recently moved to Greenback on Lou Goddard Lane in the home of one of her ancestors. How fortunate we are to have her nearby!

Carolyn Peck

Committees (Continued from Page 1)

Committee Description: The Property/Site Committee is a key part of the Greenback Historical Society. The responsibilities of this committee include: identify and list historic sites in Greenback, keep current on opportunities for the society as property changes, identify potential sites for the Society Open Houses.

V. Events Committee (10-25 members)

Committee Description: This committee is responsible for all special events of the Society. Their responsibilities include: recommendation of an Annual Events Calendar to the Society, oversight and planning of events such as the Ice Cream Tasting Contest and the Society Open House, and to evaluate and recommend new events to the Board.

VI. Nominating Committee: (3-5 members)

Committee Description: Responsibilities of this committee include: identifying and recruiting new members of the board of directors as needed, working with the Membership Committee to ensure that nominees are members, identifying members to serve in officer roles as appropriate, and ensuring that the board and officers represent the entire Greenback Community & Society Membership.

Teresa Goddard

TRANSITION TO GREENBACK HIGH SCHOOL

I was asked to write about what it was like to leave Glendale in the fall of 1955 and transfer to Greenback High School. The biggest challenge was learning to go by my name. Everyone in Glendale knew me as "Boots". Even my teachers called me "Boots".

My memory isn't as good as it was fifty years plus. I caught the bus at 7 AM and rode to Glendale. We dropped off some students, and then proceeded to Greenback. I was excited, but scared, not knowing people and teachers. At Glendale we had one teacher, at Greenback, we had many.

I had been told that the Senior Class always had something in mind to initiate the new group coming into school. I can't remember if they did or not. (*Ed. Note. I never heard this one, so if they did it must have been pretty mild or she would remember*) At Glendale, we had to brown-bag our lunches through most of the years, then we finally got a cafeteria. Greenback already had one. Meeting with our Homeroom Teachers, we sat for thirty minutes to study or do whatever was rewarding. Our Home Room was in a basement in "what we called our dungeon." Then, trying to find our classrooms was even harder.

In Glendale, you stayed in the same class room for eight hours, looking forward to recess. We also had outdoor toilets and Greenback had bathrooms. Changing classes each hour and having different teachers was a challenge. School activities were fun! After all, entering high school was a challenge but I made it through. We thought that time stood still while in school, but it passes too fast now. After all, I am what they call a "Senior Citizen."

Bobbie "Boots" Collins

IN MEMORIAM

Myers, Jean Hutchens, May 7, 2013.

Moffatt, Earl Robert, 78, May 15, 2013.

Hall, James Andrew "Andy", 56, May 26, 2013.

Miller, Gerald Lee, 76, June 1, 2013.

Kirkland, E. Richard, 75, June 3, 2013.

Long, Scott Edward "Scotty", 75, June 14, 2013.

Weaver, Cheryl Long, 51, June 22, 2013

GREENBACK LEGENDS

Gene Black owned a farm in the southern part of the county in the Trigon area. When the L&N Railroad was putting in the line, he owned property on both sides of the projected line. Once the rails were in, he had to cross over to get to the other side of the farm. The crossing was rough but passable. L&N began putting rocks on the road. Gene moved them. L&N put more rocks on the crossing. Gene moved them. L&N put good sized boulders on the crossing. Grumbling, Gene moved them.

Then one day, when Gene was there, the train stopped. I'm sure he had planned it that way. The President of the railroad got off the train "smoke coming out of his ears." He said "we are closing all these crossings because they are dangerous. It is illegal to use this crossing."

"My Daddy didn't raise no fools", Gene said. "Do you think he would have deeded this land for the railroad without reserving the right to get to his own property?" The Railroad President said, his voice dripping with sarcasm, I imagine, "Do you have a title?" "In my back pocket", said Gene and pulled it out. Later, Gene laughed and said "they built me a real nice crossing and even paved it!!!"

David Black

HAPPY SURVIVORS

Fifty-Two "Happy Survivors" from Greenback High School met in the Greenback Community Center for lunch on June 20, 2013. Representatives of classes from 1924 through 1963 came and spent much of their time in simply remembering and talking to old classmates.

Roy Goddard, President made a few announcements and introduced the program. Daughter Teresa's lovely voice filled the room with "oldies but goodies" and Shirley Hall spoke on her recent trip to Washington with the Daughters of Longstreet.

Happy Survivors, organized by Ester Montgomery, Ella Mae Fipps, John Allan Kerr, and John Cochran, meets annually the third Saturday in April. We will add two additional classes, 1964-65 in 2014.

Come and join us; bring your pictures and stories; you may find it to be fun!

Carolyn Peck

Our Preservation Account, set up to be used for preservation of sites, artifacts, or items of historical significance, has been moved to Regions Bank, Greenback Branch, on Morganton Road. Interested persons are encouraged to make donations, gifts in memory of ancestors or honorariums to friends or relatives to Greenback Historical Society, P.O. Box 165, Greenback, Tn. 37742, or directly to Regions Bank, P.O. Box 2, Greenback. Recent memorial donations in memory of her father James Riley Pugh Sr. and grandmother Mary Josephine Griffitts have been made by Tina Jo Sanders. A donation was also made in memory of Roy M. Brooks, former Historical Society Director. Donations are tax deductible.

Annual Dues of \$10 per person or \$15 per family may be sent to Greenback Historical Society, P.O. Box 165, c/o Betty Carroll, Treasurer. If you have moved or are a new member please include your address, telephone number, and E-Mail if you have one, so that you may be certain to receive your quarterly newsletter. In addition to news of Greenback, the newsletter gives you the next meeting date and upcoming events in town. If your dues are current and you have failed to receive your copy of the newsletter, please notify Shirley Hall, Secretary, 865-856-3419.

Carolyn Peck

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UPCOMING EVENTS

July 4, *1:00 Independence Day Parade, Downtown Greenback*

July 4-5, *Arts and Crafts Show in the Depot. For more information, call 856-282-0809*

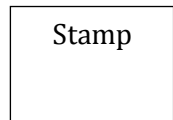
July 27, 2:00 P.M. Greenback Historical Society, Annual Ice Cream Contest; Greenback Community Center Pavillion. Contact Bob Anderson 856-856 3202; 429 McTeer Rd. Greenback.

August 8, *Tennessee Emancipation Day, Proclaimed by Andrew Johnson, Military Governor*

August 18, *Anniversary of 1920 ratification of XIX Amendment giving women the right to vote , fifty years after blacks had been given the right to vote in February, 1870*

Sept. 6-8 *“Fight Along the Little Tennessee River” Sequoyah Birthplace Museum, Vonore \$3.00 Registration Fee*

September 17, *Constitution Day*



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