

Historical Happenings

C R A W F O R D C O U N T Y H I S T O R I C A L S O C I E T Y

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Kiwanis Car Show
- CCHS Yard Sale
- CCHS Bake Sale
- Old Courthouse Update
- History Book Update
- Old City Jail
- Faces of GA
- Archives Week

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KIWANIS CAR SHOW, CCHS BAKE SALE & YARD SALE

The Crawford County Kiwanis Club will be holding a car show on September 30 around the old Crawford County Courthouse. We will sell our wares we have in the Journal as well as hold a bake sale and yard sale in the old Courthouse. With both of us coming together for these events, we should draw a large crowd and help support each other in the process.

For info on the car show, call Jeffery Alton at 836-2265 (day) or 706-648-6274 (evening).

For more info on the bake and/or yard sale, contact Kim at 836-3121 or Elaine at 836-3029.

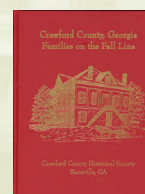


See cars and trucks like these...



Photos by Gina Hudson

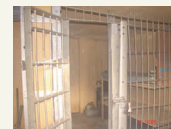
Pick up our wares...



Pick up some goodies at the bake sale...

C R A W F O R D C O U N T Y H I S T O R I C A L S O C I E T Y A C Q U I R E S O L D C I T Y J A I L

The Crawford County Historical Society has acquired the old City Jail. We are currently looking for names, dates, and photos of all Police Chiefs as far back as we can go. If you have any of this information, please call Kim @ 836-3121 or Elaine @ 836-3029 and let us know!



YARD SALE ITEMS NEEDED

Time to clean out a room or closet? We can use those old things that you no longer want or need! We will be having a yard sale along with our bake sale on September 30 at the old Crawford County Courthouse along with the Kiwanis Car Show. We need your help with donating items for the bake sale as well as the yard sale.

We can start collecting items for the yard sale right away so we have time to get everything priced and ready to go! For drop off or pick up of items, please call Kim at 836-3121 or 827-1083. With your support, this can be a great way to earn funds for our old Courthouse.

Come join the fun and have some yummy goodies and sell items for the old Courthouse...



KNOXVILLE JOURNAL ORNAMENTS

*"Don't miss out,
get your
Knoxville
Journal
ornament
today!"*

The 2006 ornaments are in! The cost is still \$13.00 and the stands are \$1.50. They are the Knoxville Journal and look really nice, ChemArt did another great job! Get yours today before they all sell out. They come complete with certificate of authenticity and they are numbered, they are also marked 2006 on the back of each ornament.

Stop by the Extension Office at 70 Wright Avenue or Southside Storage on 341 to get yours today!

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Kim 836-3121

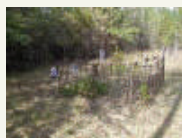


Photo by Kim Gordon

ADOPT A CEMETERY

The Crawford County Historical Society currently cares for six local cemeteries and we need your help! It is getting more and more expensive every day to care for them. Would you be interested in adopting one and caring for it? There are a few ways this can be done. You can do it yourself, pay someone to do it, or pay the Historical Society to do it. If we can get some participation,

maybe we can even start caring for more local cemeteries! There are many in this area that need a lot of TLC. If you are interested in adopting a local cemetery, please call Kim @ 836-3121 or Elaine @ 836-3029.



*Interested in adopting
a local cemetery?*

BIRTHDAY WISHES

January

03—Kim Gordon

February

01—Mona Lowe

02—Bill Neace

March

03—Betty Hammer

13—Melinda Horne

18—Betty Harris

April

21—Pete Carroll

23—Brent Gordon

May

05—Pat Keller

17—BJ Bassett

20—Mary Johnson

June

02—Charlie Harris

10—Elaine Westberry

16—Patricia Bassett

17—Clifford Byrd

18—Kathleen Cook

July

07—Martha Carter

18—DeLores Smith

August

30—Jeanette Roach

September

03—Jim Horne

07—Carolina Rucks

October

18—Jane Hampton

24—David Lowe

November

18—Faye Parker

18—Doug Preston

December

04—Ed Gordon

12—Sherri Childres

13—Charles Westberry

24—Libby Scarborough

If I don't have your Birthday listed, please let me know when it is.

Kim



OLD COURTHOUSE UPDATE

We have to make a decision on the date we want to restore the old courthouse back to and we need your help. Got any old photos from inside the courtroom? When were the dormers put on the building? Where they removed because of a fire? Please look through your old things and see if you have any information that may help us.

Have some free time you can spend at the Library? Can you look through old newspapers there? We could use some folks that have a little time to spend researching to help us out.



Photo by Kim Gordon



Have time to do a little research?

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

The Crawford County Historical Society currently has 47 paid members for 2006. We need to get our membership numbers up higher so we have more people to help with our events. Don't forget that we offer student memberships for \$5.00 per year!

The Historic Crawford Foundation, Inc. currently has 24 paid

members for 2006. We also need to work on our membership for the foundation as this money all goes towards nothing but the old Courthouse.

If anyone has any ideas for membership drives, please let Membership Chair Kim Gordon know as soon as possible.



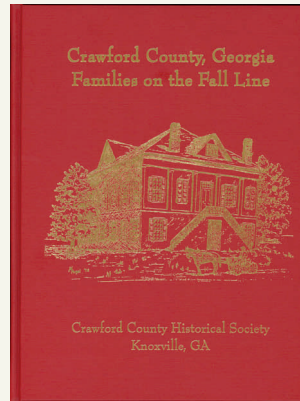
Photos by Kim Gordon

Members hard at work!

FAMILIES ON THE FALL LINE

We need updates and corrections for the Families on the Fall Line book. Updates can include children of parents who lived in Crawford County. To be able to get this printed in a timely manner, we need all corrections and or updates by November 1, 2006.

Books are \$65.00 each picked up, or \$70.00 mailed. You can visit <http://www.rootsweb.com/~gacchs/bookorderform.htm> for the order form or stop by the Extension Office or Southside Storage to pick yours up.



Calling for all updates...

Still haven't purchased your copy? Order or pick it up today!

"Tired of hauling around tables for Historical Society events? We have a solution"

TABLES, TABLES, TABLES...

Tired of hauling around heavy wood tables for historical society events? We have a solution! We are taking up donations so we can have our own Lifetime folding tables. These are the lightweight plastic type that is so much easier to lift and move around. Please send your checks made payable to the Crawford County Historical

Society to CCHS, P.O. Box 622, Roberta, GA 31078-0622. Please mark your envelope "Tables" so we know to use that money towards the tables only. We will probably need more 8 foot tables than 6 foot. We appreciate your support and really look forward to having some lightweight tables!

The prices of the tables are:

Lifetime Folding Tables

6 foot—\$44.84 each

8 foot—\$73.42 each



2006 MEETING SCHEDULE

2006 Historical Society remaining meeting dates are:

September 26

October 24

November 28

December—no meeting

Meetings are held at the headquarters building at 5:30 PM each of the days listed.

2006 Historic Crawford Foundation remaining meeting dates are:

September 11

October 9

November 13

December—no meeting

Meetings are held at Roberta City Hall at 5:30 PM each of the days listed.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL STUDY OF CRAWFORD COUNTY STONEWARE POTTERY SITES

1. Work with local collectors, historians, potter's descendants and others to locate all of the known pottery/kiln sites in the county. Record these locations on a USGA quadrangle map for field inspection. Please advertise-ments in Farm Bureau publica-tions and at country stores seek-ing information on kiln locations. Contact historical society about locations of known ceramic grave markers.
2. Field visit and document each site. Record each on a Georgia Archaeological Site Form. Pre-pare a sketch plan drawing of each showing the topography, kiln location, waster dump(s), building ruins, water sources, etc. Take a probe and identify the approximate dimensions of the kiln. Make notes on glazes from an examination of sherds in the waster dump. Make notes on maker's marks. Take extensive photographs.
3. Work with local collectors and others who have collected pottery from these sites and identify maker's marks found at each kiln. Photograph examples of both marks as well as intact pieces from private collections.
4. Record notable examples of Crawford County pottery in private collections, to include all signed pieces, all decorated pieces, all unusual forms, and representa-tive common forms. Record each on an inventory form with a digital photograph. This could be done as part of the annual Crawford County pottery exhibit at Georgia JugFest. Monitor eBay, crocker-farm.com, and other major auc-

tions for Crawford County exam-ples. Stress to buyers/sellers that value increases with docu-mentation.

5. Talk to family members about their family histories with pottery and record these interviews with a tape recorder. Collect addi-tional historic documentation on the major pottery lineages of Crawford County, including the Long's, Becham's, Merritt's, Averett's, Yaughn's, Newberry's, Bryant's, and others.
6. Prepare a heavily illustrated cata-log of Crawford County pottery using all of the above, with an emphasis on how pottery was made, glazed, and signed at the various pottery sites.
7. Working with Shelby West, if inter-ested, to experiment with glaze recipes to assess how glazes differed from one potter to the next and their formulas.
8. Depending on the findings of Number 2) above, seek grant funding for archaeological exca-vation of pottery sites and waster dumps with the goals of deter-mining how glazes and forms changed over time as well as the vessel forms made at each site.

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It was discussed at the May meeting that a site is already in danger of per-ishing due to a subdivision going in on Pottery Road.

I think we may need to consider taking Dr. Joseph's suggestions and doing this as soon as possible so we don't loose this wonderful piece of Crawford County's history.



Do we want beautiful artifacts like this to disappear?



Photos by Kim Gordon

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

We need your help!

September 9—Old Courthouse Cleaning—8AM

September 23—Georgia Courthouse Exhibit Reception, 10 AM

September 23—Mark yard-sale items, after the reception

September 30—Yard & Bake Sale begins at 8AM

We need as much participation as possible from members and others as well to make these events a huge success.

On the 9th, please bring your brooms!

On the 23rd, please bring finger foods/drinks (PLEASE let Kim know what you plan to bring so we can be sure to have a variety of items). Also, if you have any clothing

racks and/or small tables we can use for the yard sale, please bring them also.

September 30—Bring your baked goodies, your smiles, and your energy!

Your help is greatly appreciated!

*Upcoming
schedule...*

GEORGIA ARCHIVES WEEK

October 7—15, 2006 is Georgia Archives Week!

What is Archives Week?

The purpose of Archives Week is to celebrate the value of Georgia's historical records, publicize the many ways historical records enrich our lives, and recognize those who maintain our communities' historical records. This is the ideal time to call attention

to your organization or local government and its work in preserving Georgia's documentary heritage.

Events

We encourage you to think of ways in which your organization or local government can celebrate Archives Week in your community. Your activity does not have to be directly related to the theme, but

does need to focus on the importance of archival records. Ideas include creating exhibits, hosting receptions, giving tours, writing articles, or developing special programs.

For Additional Information

Please contact: Christine de Catanzaro at 404-385-0107 or Sheila McAlister at 706-542-5418

*"Faces of
Georgia"*

CRAWFORD COUNTY WEBSITES

Crawford County Historical Society

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~gacchs/>

Historic Crawford Foundation, Inc.

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~gahcf/>

Crawford County AHGP

<http://www.usgenet.org/usa/ga/county/crawford/index.htm>

Crawford County GAGenWeb

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~gacrawf2/>

Crawford County Saving Graves

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~gaccsg/>

Roberta/Crawford County Chamber of Commerce

<http://robertacrawfordchamber.org/>

Crawford County Extension

<http://www.ugaextension.com/crawford/>

GEORGIA'S HISTORIC COURTHOUSES

Join the Crawford County Historical Society for a reception welcoming Historic Preservation Division's Georgia Courthouse Exhibit!

**September 23, 2006
10 AM**

The Old Crawford County Courthouse

Many of these landmarks are now in danger as ours in Crawford County is. Deferred maintenance, often the result of a lack of funding, is the major cause of physical threats to Georgia's historic courthouses. Small rural counties, such as ours, often have neither the population nor the tax base to keep their impressive courthouses in the condition they desire. The Crawford County Historical Society and Historic Crawford Foundation, Inc. are working tirelessly to raise funds to restore the Historic Crawford County Courthouse.

County courthouses

are among the most significant historic buildings in Georgia. Built in the heart of their communities, these courthouses are landmarks, designed as symbols of democracy, community pride and civic values. The courthouse is a part of daily life, serving as a center of local government activity and the site of political rallies, elections, public meetings, marriages and trials. Georgia has one of the nation's most impressive collections of county courthouses. Architecturally distinctive and historically intriguing, these buildings are an integral part of Georgia's rich heritage. This exhibit will highlight and celebrate the ongoing legacy of Georgia's historic courthouses.

"A historic county courthouse is more than a building for government functions. Standing with dignity and strength at the center of dozens of Georgia cities, these old structures serve as landmarks in, as symbols of, and as anchors for their communities. The courthouses. dignity and distinctive features engender a local pride and affection that modern econo-box structures can never match. In those places where old courthouses have been lost to fire or demolition, people remember them with fondness for decades afterwards.."

From the Georgia Courthouse Manual

Celebrating A Living Legacy...

WE'RE ON THE WEB!
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History and Preservation from The Crawford County

Historical Society in Crawford County, Georgia, USA

A major part of the Historical Society's mission is to promote an appreciation for historic structures, artifacts and records. Recognizing the relevance these treasures hold for today and the future, we want to encourage protection, use and responsible community development. We are working closely with the Regional Development Commission, the Georgia Historical Society, and the Georgia Trust for historic Preservation in identification and stewardship of these treasures. Join us today!

**CCHS Meetings are the 4th Tuesday,
5:30 PM, Historical Society Headquarters**

We still have ornaments for sale:

- #1—Old Courthouse—2003
- #2—Roberta Depot—2004
- #3—Roberta Civic Center—2005
- #4—Knoxville Journal—2006

Crawford County was created from Houston County in 1822. It was named for United States Secretary of War and Treasury **William Harris Crawford**. Before 1822, the area was inhabited by the Muskogee people, called Creeks by the Europeans.

P R E S I D E N T I A L P O N D E R I N G S

Dear Members,

As the summer ends and children have gone back to school, I want to remind everyone to be careful, drive safely, and watch out for the little ones.

Also, we will need all the help we can get for upcoming fundraisers and events so be sure you mark them on your calendars and contact me to see what you can do to help!

Kim Gordon

President, CCHS

The historic Crawford County Jail and the Knoxville Journal Building are currently open for tours on the first weekend of every month from March through November.

Saturday hours are 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM and Sunday 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

If you are scheduled to work during this time, please be sure that if you can't work to call another member to work in your place.

Thanks much and have a wonderful and safe fall season.



**Old Knoxville Journal
Old Jail**