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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Our Winter shutdown will begin after close of business on Saturday December 13. We will reopen on Tuesday March 3, 2015.

This is the time we use for inventory, cleaning, etc. and there will be no volunteers on duty. However, if you want to come in and purchase something, research on your own, or bring in pictures for scanning, please ring the doorbell. If someone is there, we will let you in.

Online Store orders will be filled and emails will be checked - just not as often. Phone messages may take several days to answer. If there is an emergency, contact us through our Facebook Group page.



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Eightieth Anniversary 1936-2016

These mid-1930s Christmas cards are similar to those that residents of Washington County and Abingdon no doubt exchanged in December of 1935. Perhaps they realized even then the importance of preserving memories of past times, for that January a group met to plan the establishment of a Historical Society for the County.

On the evening of April 6, 1936 the Historical Society of Washington County, Virginia was established.

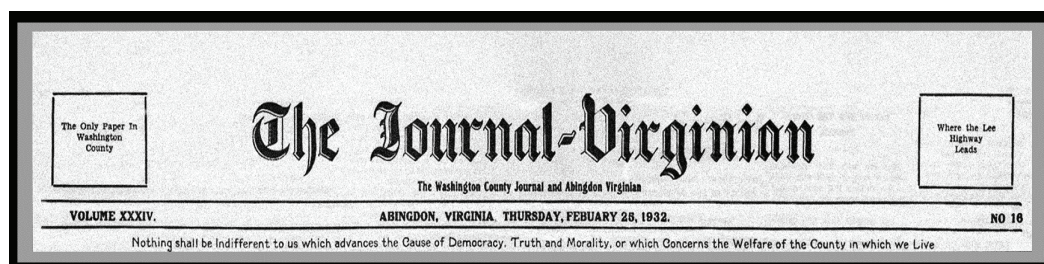
Please join us in celebrating our Eightieth Anniversary this year and in planning for our next eighty and beyond.

Merry Christmas from all of us at HSWCV



HSWCV'S LITERAL 'GOOD NEWS'

The Historical Society of Washington County is pleased to announce a major archive acquisition: The legendary newspaper collection of the *Abingdon Virginian*, spanning a fantastic sweep of years, roughly 1886-2006.



It is remarkably, consistently intact, despite wars, epidemics, economic downturns and paper shortages, through publication name changes and mergers which landed it in the hands of the Weisfeld Family, who managed to preserve it, lo, these many years. The *Abingdon Virginian* was, when it closed, the county's oldest business, with a 167-year record perhaps unlikely to be equaled.

The paper's last editor, C. Robert Weisfeld, the family's last direct descendant, was instrumental in approaching the Society, feeling the archive must remain at home, maintained by community hands. We are honored that Mr. Weisfeld placed his trust and his collection in our hands, working with us to continue our Mission to collect, preserve and share the heritage of Washington County. Thank you, Robert.

The arduous task of processing this panoramic acquisition, dubbed 'The Weisfeld Collection,' has begun with assuring proper storage and cataloging. Next, the scanning process will begin. Although this will take time and funds, the outcome will enable public access to an unparalleled wealth of local historic information.

As well as its own archive, the collection also includes other historic regional publications, and antiquated national newspapers from as faraway as Oregon and Washington state, the oldest an upstate New York edition printed in 1800.

CEMETERY NEWS

HAYTER CEMETERY

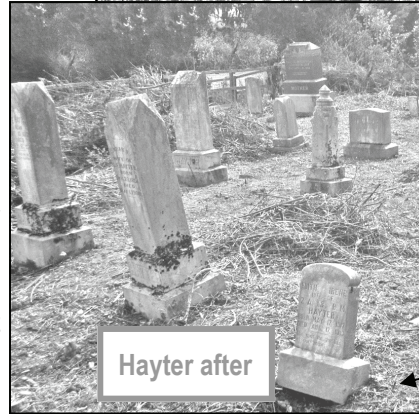
SUBMITTED BY MICHAEL MEADE HAYTER, MEADOWVIEW, VA

My earliest memory of visiting the Hayter Cemetery on Hillman Highway in Abingdon is with my Aunt. My dad's sister Violet Hayter Wagner has always had an interest in our family story and my dad Ned Hayter (1929 – 2012) helped care for the cemetery as long as he was able. Aunt Violet told me she remembers my grandfather Z. A. Hayter (1889 – 1964) and his brothers traveling from where they lived on Shortsville Road to mow and tend the family cemetery. Sadly, my dad died and the cemetery became overgrown again. Now, thanks to Charlie Barnette and David Wall, we've removed the brush and uncovered most of the monuments.

I have 4 generations of direct ancestors in the Hayter Cemetery and numerous extended family. My dad's sister **Edith Irene Hayter** (1917 – 1919) died when she was just a baby and is buried near her grandparents Samuel Edmondson (1849 – 1921) and Sarah Hayter (1851 – 1908). There are two more generations of direct ancestors: Samuel's parents Aaron Hendrix (1816 – 1862) and Eleanor Hayter (1817 – 1879); as well as Aaron's parents, James Crawford (1787 – 1859) and Margaret Hayter (1781 – 1853). James' father Israel Hayter (1754 – 1829) fought in the Battle of Kings Mountain during the American Revolution and is buried in the Hayter – Litton Cemetery in Hayter's Gap Virginia.



Hayter before



Hayter after

Edith Irene's grave



The Tombstone Trackers

L-R: Kenny Turpin, Cathy Hagy, Carol Hawthorne-Taylor, Charlie Barnette, Sarah Sanders



Information is needed about the status of the following cemeteries:

#13 Wilson #48 McGlothlin
#158 Warden #164 Clark
Ewing - in Wallace, exact location unknown

The following cemeteries are some of the most endangered in Washington County, in the opinion of those who spend the most time searching them out. The numbers refer to the number in *High On A Windy Hill*.

You may ask, "What endangers these cemeteries?" Cows probably top the list, followed by neglect and weathering, and then deliberate destruction.

#120 Lyon	#7 Snodgrass
#178 Davenport	#255 Hickok
#271 Spring Creek	#150 Baugh
#81 River Bridge	#132 Vance & Kesner
#127/128 Cumbow/Shortt	
#199 Graveyard Hill (Buena Vista)	
#314 Willow Branch – Hobbs	

MOONSHINE RAIDERS TAKE CRUDE STILL

TWO MEN ARRESTED AT THE TIME OF THE CAPTURE ARE LATER RELEASED

Abingdon, Va. Dec.5 Deputy Marshall Puckett, assisted by F. D. Ranes, made a raid on moonshiners last night, and captured something fearful to behold. The cap of the still was made from the lower half of a churn. The arm of the cap is an oil can, the kind used on locomotives. The worm is of tin and the still is composed of two zinc tubs. This affair was captured two and a half miles from Osceola, on the land of Joel Widner. It was not in operation at the time, but there was plenty of evidence that the overjoyful had been made there. **Joel Widner** and **George Roberts** were arrested and were given a hearing before Commissioner J. J. Stuart this evening, who discharged them, the evidence not being sufficient to bind them over.

From: *Bristol News*, 5 Dec. 1906

R. A. HINES,
DEALER IN
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Liquors,
Tobacco
and Cigars
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Sept. 29, 1878-1911

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DONATIONS AND ACQUISITIONS APRIL–NOVEMBER 2015

2 Voter Registration Books - Parks School House 1904	Sara Combs, Abingdon, VA
<i>Pathways of the Pioneers Portfolio – Prints of Paintings</i> , by Raymond Williams	Jerry Necessary Ivey, Bristol, VA
<i>A History of Martha Washington College</i> , by Alden L. Carlson; Inventory and proceeds from sale of <i>After the War: Reconstruction in Washington Co.</i> ; Tote bags	James W. Hagy, Abingdon, VA
1919 William King HS Diploma (copy)	Shelby Edwards, Bristol, VA
<i>Washington Co. TN Marriage Records 1871-1899</i>	Watauga Association of Genealogists, Johnson City, TN
<i>Tennessee Bible and Family Records</i> (Book)	
Poster – Battle of Kings Mountain	
<i>The Blount Journal, Spring 2015</i>	Ed Rowan, Boca Raton, FL
<i>George Berry & Elizabeth Lowery Descendants</i>	
<i>Berry, Thomas, George and John: Family Information</i>	
<i>Bicentennial History of Washington County, Virginia</i>	Hammond Hunt, Abingdon, VA
1949 Report to Taxpayers	David McCracken, Snowmass Village, CO
<i>The Fulkerson Story</i> , compiled by John F. Preston, 1961	
Pictures, documents, newspapers and memorabilia of Neville family of Bristol	Dennis Gilbert, Lebanon, VA
<i>Service Record World War II Washington County, VA</i>	John Hawthorne, Bristol, TN
<i>Washington Co., VA Deed Book 39, 1883-1884</i>	Jack Hockett, Delaware
<i>Washington Co., VA Deed Book 40, 1884-1885</i>	
<i>Washington Co., VA Deed Book 41 Dec 1885-Dec 1886</i>	
<i>Washington Co., VA Deed Book 42 Dec 1886-August 1997</i>	
<i>Washington Co., VA Circuit Court Will Book 17, 1858-1871</i>	
<i>Washington Co., VA Circuit Court Will Book 18, 1863-1875</i>	
Funeral Home Folders from Henderson, Campbell and Farris; Graduation Photograph of AHS Class of 1967	Peggy Johnson, Abingdon, VA
Indenture concerning "Grumble" Jones Family	Dr. Charles Bartlett, Abingdon, VA
Copy of memorial to Rev. George Washington Lomans; Pictures of Store and Loman Family	Carolyn G. Lee, Abingdon, VA
<i>The Civil War</i> (documentary by Ken Burns) 9 Vols. VHS	Kathy Shearer, Emory, Virginia
<i>Working for the Stuarts</i> , by Kathy Shearer	
Collection of photos, deeds, and wills related to Faris family	Veneta Hazelwood, Lafayette, IN
Picture of War Bond Booth at Dominion Bank in Bristol	Marjorie D. Mullins, Abingdon, VA
<i>Botetourt Co., VA List of Tithables 1770-1782</i>	Karen Wagner Treacy, Charlottesville, VA
<i>Botetourt Co., VA Will Book A 1770-1785</i>	
<i>Russell Co., VA Wills to 1821</i>	
Family information on Jane Byrd Waggoner & Henry Waggoner	Robert Cooper, Abingdon, VA
Copy of Revolutionary War Widow's Pension	
First Edition copy of <i>History of SW VA 1746-1786; Washington County, VA 1777-1870</i> , by Lewis Preston Summers	Sheila Simms, Orestes, IN
Photos of tornado damage in Abingdon, 1943	Tom McConnell, Abingdon, VA
Picture of the Abingdon Branch of Charter Federal	Ruth Byington, Bristol, TN
Pictures of students of Bethel School; pictures of employees of Bassett's Dairy; Abingdon Fire Department Badge belonging to C. H. Arnold, Jr.	John I. Gray, Byhalia, MS
Collection of family pictures	Warren H. Small, Jr., Atlanta, GA
Plat for Old Glade Spring Cemetery; miscellaneous obituaries; Combs & Barry Family Tree; <i>The Huttons of Greene Co, TN</i>	Elizabeth Hutton George, Indio, CA
Picture/roster of 318 Infantry, WWI; soldier's bracelet from WWII	Dennis Gilbert, Lebanon, VA
Emory and Henry <i>Sphinx</i> – 1953, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967	Connie Orr Stiles Davenport, Greenville, TN
ETSU <i>Buccaneer</i> – 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970	Anne Lindsey Owsley, Abingdon, VA
Johnston Memorial School of Nursing – <i>White Cap</i> – 1953, 1955, 1959 1960, 1961, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966; <i>AHS Beacon</i> - 1957, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964	
Assorted books, bulletins & photos, assorted yearbooks: 1958 VMI, 1982 UVA, 1957 ROTC Ft. Knox, Ky., 1954 WK, 1953 WK	

MONETARY DONATIONS APRIL–NOVEMBER 2015

In Memory of William Graybeal,
Doris Wells, Meadowview, VA

Watauga Association of Genealogists,
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John Wilson, Ballwin, MO

Thomas & Eugenia Phillips, Abingdon, VA

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Wallace & Norma Davenport, Houston, TX

Laura Livingston, Edgewood, WA

James & Anne Garrett, San Antonio, TX

Cheryl LeSueur, Bristol, VA

Shelley K. Hart, Moses Lake, WA

Lisa & Stephen Jett, Abingdon, VA

S. L. Simms Co., Orestes, CA

Sandra Kruse, Friendswood, TX

Dixie Avey, Heber Springs, AR

Mary Kegley, Wytheville, VA

The Hagy Family, Hagerstown, IN

Ronald Cassel, Los Gatos, CA

Carl Bergstrom, Ashland, MA

Mike & Carol Walls, Thornfield, MO

Robert L. Jones, Crofton, MD

Michael Hayter, Emory, VA

John Wilson, Ballwin, MO

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Society Recap

- The 3rd Annual Living History Tour of Sinking Spring Cemetery was held in August 2014.
- Our vintage textiles and quilts were on exhibit in April 2015, for the Quilt Block Party.
- An exhibit on Washington County in WW II, using materials donated by members and from our collections, ran from July-December 2015.
- Presentations were made to a middle school Genealogy Club and the Watauga Association of Genealogists.
- The topic for the Fall Program (November 2015), presented by the Bristol Historical Association, was Walnut Grove, the John Preston home.
- Three of our local authors/members published new titles; see our Web page for details.
- Boxes of mid-to-late 20th Century obituaries were discovered in a cemetery storeroom. We have been allowed to scan them.
- Scanning and organization of our archives began; this, plus the obituaries and the newspaper collection, will keep our scanners working overtime for a long time!
- The search for our new home continues.

**THE SOCIETY HAS BEEN
VERY GOOD THIS YEAR
SANTA, WE PROMISE!**



Board member Mark Hagy and President Martha Keys visit with Santa during a break from manning the Society's sales table at a Christmas Market held at Fairview, the historic Hagy cabin.