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From Our Society President

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Dear Members:

The new cemetery book is complete and available for purchase. This is a soft bound 600 page collection of all known cemeteries in Fayette County with the inscriptions from 1824 - 2000. The book includes a full name index. It is available at the Research Center or by mail.

We are currently working on a Georgia Historical Society application for a historical marker for Governor Hugh Dorsey, who was born in Fayetteville.

We have scheduled a review of the Research Search Center by the Georgia Historical Records Advisory Board. This review by a Circuit Rider Archivist is one of the steps in their grant program.

The 9th Annual Inman Farm Heritage Days is September 16 - 19 and is open from 9a.m.

until dark. This year's activities include pottery making, sawmilling, and syrup making.

Tony

Fayetteville News Today in Fayetteville January 27, 1905

BOLL WEEVILS RAVAGES bureau of entomology estimates that pest destroyed 400,000 bales cotton. The Department of Agriculture at Washington has just predicted its official estimate of damage done by the boll weevil in Texas during the season of 1904. this states that the weevil destroyed 400,000 bales of cotton , the value of which was 22,000,000 dollars. the estimate of loss of 1903 was 15,000,000. in former years the pest had not entered some of the more productive counties. in 1904 it appeared in almost all of them.

LOCAL PARAGRAPHS Mr James M Austin has a grist mill in operation at Kenwood and expects to supply his friends and customers with good meal this year. Mrs Wilkes and Miss Marjorie Wilkes have returned to Fayetteville and are at the Burks house. their numerous friends welcome their return to our town. The Fayetteville Oil Mill Co has their tanks full of oil and the seed house full of seed. and are not

running at present. They cannot get tank cars for moving the stock on hand. Fayetteville now has a long distance telephone system. we now need a electric light plant. this would be another stride forward and would be much cheaper and more satisfactory lighting than currently present gasoline lamps. Mr Gibson, foreman of the telephone construction men, who were here has gone with his corps of men of to Zebulon for work. Mr Gibson and all the crowd of young fellows with him made many friend in our town.

researched and submitted by CB Glover

Research Center Hours

Tuesday 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



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September Meeting

The September 18, 2005 meeting is at Starrs Mill at 3 p.m. Bobby Kerlin will be the speaker.



The mill will be open after the meeting for tours. We remind everyone to bring a chair.

Did you know?

Did you know that the patriarch and founder of one of gospel music's most famous singing families was born in 1891 to the Speer family of the Ebenezer community of Fayette County?

George Thomas "Dad" Speer moved with his family to Double Springs, Alabama as a child. After forming the first Speer Quartet in 1921, G. T. and his family eventually moved to Nashville, Tennessee.

Besides singing, G.T. composed many Gospel standards and taught the art of singing at many schools in Alabama. Today there is a third generation of The Singing Speer Family.

"Dad" Speer was elected to the Gospel Music Hall of Fame in its first year of existence. Lena "Mom" Speer was inducted in the Hall's second year. His sons Brock and Ben once sang vocals for Elvis Presley, including his recording of "Heartbreak Hotel". Ben and Brock, whom many of you would recognize from their many TV appearances, were also inducted in the Hall of Fame. Even though the Speer name is not as common in Fayette County as it once was in the late 1800's, there are many descendants of this family living in our community today.

Submitted by Doug Adams

Publications Available For Sale

The Heritage of Fayette County, Georgia
\$59.75 plus 5.00 p & h

Fayette County Cemeteries
\$25.00 + 5.00 p & h

19th & Early 20th Century Places of Worship in Fayette County \$1.00 + \$1.00 p & h. (This is the 2001 photograph calendar.)

19th & Early 20th Century Fayette County Industries \$1.00 + \$1.00 p & h.. (This is the 2000 photograph calendar.)

19th & Early 20th Century Fayette County Schools \$1.00 + \$1.00 p & h. (This is the 1999 photograph calendar.)

Donations

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From Vivian Westmoreland - Salem Baptist Church Minutes 1827 - 1854

From Joan Neal - Fayette County Democratic Party Talmadge Dinner