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From Our Society President

Dear Members:

Mr. Jack Elder, a founding member of the Society, passed away last week. Jack served on the Board of Directors for twelve years. He was a docent for many years. Our largest display case was donated through his efforts. Jack will be missed.

The Historical Society has received the Roger K. Warlick Local Achievement Award in the category of Archival Excellence for the Society's Photograph Collection. The credit goes to so many members but especially to Doug and Lois Adams for their time scanning, to Accounting Resources and Bob and Alice Reeves, and to Mallett Consulting and David Jaeger for their staff time in setting up the data base.

Our May meeting is the last meeting before our summer break. The meetings will resume with our annual meeting at Starr's Mill in September.

Tony Parrott

FAYETTEVILLE NEWS

Today in Fayette, Ga April 9, 1907

The acetylene lights now light our streets at night. For some time the town has suffered for this much needed necessity. Fayetteville is making strides forward that should not be checked and we are glad to see our manager and council trying to keep the public conveniences as near up with the times as possible.

ADMIRAL CERVERA DEAD

He was commander of the Spanish fleet in the battle of Santiago, Cuba

On the outbreak of the war with the United States, he sailed from Cape Verde Islands with 4 cruisers and 3 torpedo boat destroyers, in April 1898. He entered the harbor of Santiago, Cuba May 19 and lost his entire fleet off that port July 3, in an attempt to force his way through

Admiral Sampson's blockading squadron.

SERUM FOR DIPHTHERIA

Board of Health ready to furnish anti-toxin.

Atlanta, Ga.- a sufficient amount of anti-toxin for diphtheria is on hand to supply the wants of the entire state. Physicians may secure any amount, free of cost, by writing or telegraphing to the Secretary of the Board in care of the laboratories in the state capital.

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. John I. Kerlin was elected Super-intendent of our Sunday School last Sunday as Mr. Brown resigned being unable to attend regularly.

Miss Lizzie McEachern has returned from Athens where she has been in school several months.

Prisons everywhere are overcrowded. More criminals and paupers are now confined in state and county institutions than ever before; hard times and undesirable aliens are chiefly blamed...

Submitted and researched by CB Glover

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Publications Available For Sale

The Heritage Book 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.)

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Newsletter

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May Meeting

Our speaker for the May 20, 2007 meeting will be Tom Kerlin. The meeting will be at the Research Center at 195 Lee Street at 3 p.m.

Tom Kerlin is the sixth generation of his family to live in Fayette County. Tom grew up in the Starr's Mill Community across from the mill. He spent time in the store operated by his parents and grandparents. Tom graduated Fayette County High School in 1964 and served four years in the Air Force. He has been the editor of the Fayette County News and the Clayton News Daily. He served on the Fayette County Planning Commission. He is an officer in the Fayette County Farm Bureau and has been appointed to the Towaliga Soil and Water Conservation District. Tom and his wife Gloria have four children; Robert, Brandie, Ryan and Allison.

Tom has always been a cowboy. From the time he could barely walk he has worn cowboy boots and when he was big enough, he got a horse and started riding. Isn't it ironic that he ended up in Cheyenne, Wyoming during his time in the Air Force?

He still owns horses and raises Longhorn cattle on his grandfather Kerlin's farm where they have renovated the old home place.

Tom and his brother, Bobby, grew up in the rural area of Fayette County when farming was the main source of employment. Their grandfather, Sam Bailey and then their mother ran a country store across the road from Starr's Mill and their father operated a garage next to the store.

The store and the garage were where the local people stopped and visited. Around the pot bellied heater, weather and politicians were cussed and discussed, the biggest fish were caught, fortunes were made and lost, wars fought and refought. Most of the world's problems were solved right there, if only Washington had listened.

Around this atmosphere was where Tom gained much of his knowledge of people and their character. And there were some real characters as you will soon find out. Tom writes a weekly column for the Fayette County News and sometimes includes some of these illustrious characters in those articles.

=====New Members

Mary Ellen May
Forth Worth, Texas

Walter Reeves
Fayetteville

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**Membership Application/renewal
Annual dues**

Student \$1.00
Individual \$10.00
Sustaining \$50.00
Business \$100.00
Individual Patron \$100.00

Lifetime,
One time payment \$250.00

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City _____

State _____ Zip code _____

Your membership expires February 28, 2007. If your envelope shows 2006 above your name, we do not have your dues for 2007 or have made an error. Please let us know.