

# THE VOICE

Of The Chattahoochee Valley Historical Society And Cobb Memorial Archives  
 SPEAKING ABOUT THE PAST TO THE PRESENT, FOR A BETTER FUTURE

**C. V. H. S. Quarterly Meeting**  
**Sunday, April 27, 2014, 3:00 P.M. EDT**  
Scheduled A Week Later Than Customary Due to Easter  
**The Lanier Room, H. Grady Bradshaw Library, Valley, Alabama**

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Civil War historian Murphy Wood will present a program on the development of the rice culture and its adoption of slave labor in the southeastern low country of North America. In his previous power point presentation on the origin of slav-

ery and its application in the sugar colonies of the new world, he incorporated numerous images into his lecture. We were so impressed with the depth of his knowledge and quality of his presentation that we asked him to continue his thread of presentation in this April meeting. We plan for Mr. Wood to prepare and present a program annually on the institution of slavery or the Civil War and impact upon the economic and social history in this region. "Our peculiar insti-

***Slavery in North America:  
 From Rice To Cotton***  
 Presenter:  
*Murphy Wood*

tion" as slavery has been called, will always be part of our historical DNA and will need to be interpreted and reinterpreted as scholarship presents new information.

The development of slavery in the cultiva-

tion of rice in the tidelands of Georgia and the Carolinas created values and practices in that institution which would be adopted by the cotton culture as it expanded rapaciously across the frontier lands of the Old South following the perfection of the cotton gin and a commercial upland cotton fiber plant.

Mr. Wood is a native of northern Chambers County. He teaches AP History at his alma mater, Springwood School in Lanett. CVHS is fortunate to have him as a resource.

## President's Message

Greetings to our membership and friends:

Our Chattahoochee Valley Historical Society is in its sixty-first year of service to its communities. I was honored to be elected President for 2014 by the Board of Directors following our General Membership Meeting in January. I would like to compliment the past members of the Board of Directors for their good attendance at the Board meetings and their oversight of Society business. We continue to collect, publish, and provide financial support to address specific needs of the Cobb Memorial Archives. I would also like to complement the retiring President, Dr. Horace McLean Holderfield, for his many years of good leadership and service to the Society. Additionally, Mr. Don Clark, who is retiring from Vice President responsible for the publication of *The Voice*, deserves commendation for his excellent work. We have received many compliments on his articles and photographs. He is a tireless collector of our local images and documents. Board member Mr. Murphy Wood replaces me as Vice President for Programs; Dr. Holderfield replaces Mr. Clark as the editor of the Voice. Mrs. Mary Helen Benford, our excellent Secretary, continues in that important service to the Society. Dr. Holderfield agreed to work closely with Mrs. Paula Maddox and continue to function as Acting Treasurer. We have an effective Board of Directors consisting of persons who have demonstrated commitment and service in sustaining the knowledge and study of local history. Your family's story from farms, villages and towns of our Chattahoochee Valley region deserve to be remembered. We depend on you to help us collect, preserve and interpret. *Malinda Powers*

## Editor's Observations

I have been awarded a new roll in the Chattahoochee Valley Historical Society. As the new editor of *The Voice*, I wish to express my appreciation to Mr. Don Clark for six years of good service to CVHS as editor. Don was always concerned about the timeliness and quality of the publication. He valued the preservation of historical documents and images. He wanted the paper and the printing to clearly present the reproduction of historical text and historical image to our membership. He and Paula Maddox were the first among us to learn to use the Publisher software to facilitate our communications. Don asked to be relieved from his editor responsibilities in order to pursue new adventures. I now at the age of seventy-one am learning Microsoft Publisher and the experience is a real grin. So, please be considerate of any errors I might make and please understand that my proof reader, Linda, is a year older than me.

We are proud of what we have accomplished with this modest newsletter in communicating with our membership. We know that we are providing only a small peep hole into our past but we are continuing to bind our members together to collect, preserve and interpret. Most importantly, we are supporting our Cobb Memorial Archives as depository and shepherd in our forays into family and local research. Paula Maddox and I are conspiring on the composition and layout of *The Voice*. I plan for each issue to highlight collection items/acquisitions in the Cobb Archives and continue to present as many images as possible. Thank you for your continued membership and gifts. Because of your good membership and gifts C. V. H. S. is alive and not history. *Horace McLean Holderfield*

### 2014 Officers of CVHS

<i>President</i>	Mrs. Malinda Powers
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<i>2nd Vice President/Editor-The Voice</i>	Dr. H. M. Holderfield
<i>3rd Vice President/Memberships</i>	Mrs. Paula Maddox
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Mrs. Nanci Hendrix	Mr. Monroe Smith	

### *Images in Question*

In 2009 our members prepared the Arcadia publication , **The Images of Chambers County**. We asked friends and neighbors to share their family photographs and allow us to digitally copy as many images as possible to be considered for the publication and then to be retained in our Cobb Archives. We have continued to copy images to this inventory which now contains in excess of 1,500 photographs. We were only able to publish 230 in **Images of Chambers County**. Our goal is to digitize all these images for viewing through the Archives' website. We plan to publish these images in *The Voice*, as space and finances may permit. We know the folks who shared these images want them to be accessible for study and research into our local and family histories. If you know anything about these images which you are about to see, please help us to add to their story. Go to our website [cvhs@cvhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:cvhs@cvhistoricalsociety.org) or leave me a message at [editor@cvhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:editor@cvhistoricalsociety.org) with your information. In this project, we still want to record your oldest images from before 1960. Preserve your old images, digitally, with the Archives.

## COBB Archives Update

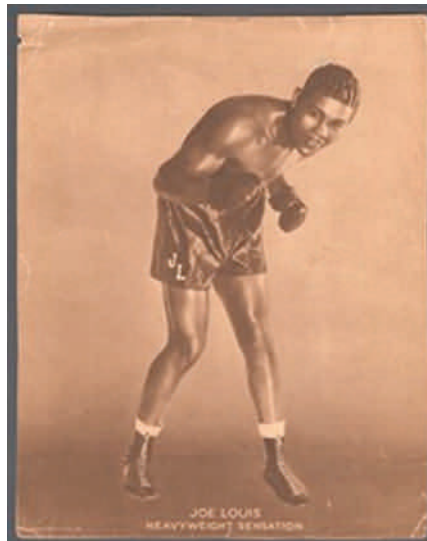
Miriam Syler shows a new exhibit currently on display at Cobb Archives. **"Handmade from the Heart"** features an impressive collection of handmade treasures, some of which pre-date the Civil War. These beautifully created items use techniques such as candlewicking, crocheting, cross-stitch, embroidery, huck weaving, needlepoint, smocking, tating and quilting. Some of the

items are part of the Archives collections and some are on loan. This exhibit will close in late April in order to prepare for a unique traveling exhibit of Chambers County native and boxing great Joe Louis.

**"Joe Louis Barrow: A Life and Career in Context"** will feature photographs, periodicals and archival materials from Emory University.



The **Joe Louis exhibit** will open May 13, his birthday, and will provide insight into his life and times during childhood, his family's move to Detroit, his decision to turn professional, his key fights and his years in the Army. For more information, please contact Cobb Memorial Archives at (334) 768-2050. You may visit both exhibits Monday-Friday 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM Eastern and Saturdays 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Eastern.



### New Point University Intern Working in Cobb Archives

Cobb Archives welcomes **Kelsey Moore**, a Senior History major at Point University. Cobb Archives and Point University have a partnership whereby qualifying students may fulfill a 6-hour course requirement through 180 hours of hands-on learning and preservation assistance on the Archives historic collections. Kelsey is working on the West Point Pepperell Manufacturing Collection that contains unique and significant historic documents dating back to the origination of West Point Manufacturing in the late 1800's. Kelsey is eager and full of enthusiasm and also ready, willing and able to jump in where needed. He began his internship in mid-February and will complete it in early May.





## Valley Historic Preservation Commission Collection

The Alabama Historic Records Advisory Board awarded funding to Bradshaw Library and Cobb Memorial Archives to preserve and make accessible documents related to the area's textile heritage. These documents were gifted by the Valley Historic Preservation Commission to Cobb Archives in late 2013 as part of a partnership with the Commission whereby documents pertaining to local historical significance would be received by Cobb Archives and artifacts would continue to be received by the Commission. On hand to review the letter officially notifying Bradshaw Library and Cobb Archives of this grant award are, seated, left



to right: **Penny Crowder**, Commission committee member; **Terry Martin**, Chair of the Valley Historic Preservation Commission; **Mary Hamilton**, Director of Bradshaw Library and Cobb Archives; and

**Elizabeth Hall**, Commission committee member. Standing, left to right are: **Josie Valles**, Commission committee member; **Paula Maddox**, Archives Administrator; and **Tabitha Truitt**, Assistant Director of Bradshaw Library. Members of the Commission not present were **Pat Blankenship**, **Barbara Brooks**, **Jane Fulghum**, **Jeanette Mason** and **Jason Williams**. Maddox and long-time Archives volunteer **Bennie Gross** and **Robin Brown**, a Masters graduate in history with a certificate in Archival Studies from Auburn University who was an intern with the Archives two years ago, are busy organizing, inventorying, and re-housing these valuable local documents to ensure they are accessible and preserved for future generations.



## IMAGES IN QUESTION ?

**DOES YOUR FAMILY HAVE STORIES ABOUT WORKING WITH OXEN?**



**Joe**, the last working ox in Chambers County. **Willie and Mae Sorrells** take their grandchildren for a ride in the 1960's. Mr. Sorrells raised and trained the steer. After 80 years of age, Mr. Sorrells still cultivated large corn and vegetable patches with Joe who was so gentle he could be worked anyone in the family.

## Cobb Memorial Archives Update

New Collections and Additions January 2014 through March 5, 2014

<b>NEW COLLECTIONS</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Donor</b>
Valley Historic Preservation Commission	548	Non-artifact donations accepted by the VHPC for the museum, including photographs, documents, maps, books, tapes	Valley Historic Preservation Commission
David Stanfield Collection	549	Book of Shawmut (photocopy), and West Point Manufacturing photographs of employees, mills, mill departments, dye works, G H Lanier Home and West Point, GA.	David Stanfield
Martha A. Horton Collection	550	Photographs of Baker Home in Standing Rock, AL, Baker Brothers Store, & James Henry Baker. Property insurance policy, "Calendar of Cheer" 1913, checks from Bank of LaFayette, class roll books for Vita Pittman for 1891 & 1892 from Hickory Flat, AL., and 1898-1902, and certificate for an elector in 1902.	Martha A. Horton
George Staley Hill, Jr.	551	Lanier Memorial Hospital newspaper clippings	George Staley Hill, Jr.
Jenny Batson Collection	552	"Child Library Readers Book Three" copyright 1930 belonged	Jenny Batson
<b>ADDITIONS</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Description</b>	
Artifacts	18	Shawmut Mill Pay Coin belonging to Wingo family	Anonymous
Photographs	52	Chattahoochee River by Shafford Lashley; Cemeteries in Chambers, Lee, Harris Counties and Confederate in LaGrange; old log cabin grocery store in LaFayette	Jenny Batson, unknown, LF Simpkins
DVD Collection	96	2013 Christmas Parade interviews with Eileen Love, American	Crew Pitts
Joe Barrow Collection	130	Newspaper article 'Barrow will Spin Tales for Historical Socie-	Anonymous
School Books	226	"Bennie takes a Bath" 1936, "Flippity-Flop" 1925 & 1937, "Pieces for Everyday" no cover.	Anonymous
Lanett High School	270	Judy Caruthers' grade book 1967	Anonymous
Sacred Harp	319	Sacred Harp Songbook, 1991 ed., 2004-05 through 2006-07	Faye Williams
Scouting	404	Badge applications, badges, awards, uniform parts, 1956 article in Boys Life magazine "How to build an orange crate canoe"	Kenneth Griffin
Howard Kitchens	477	U.S. Marine Corp patch & car sticker, "Little Boy" hand-lettered sheet on atomic bomb, letter to Auburn University president and Board regarding David Housel	Howard Kitchens
Stephen Johnson Collection	499	Ancestor items including books, clothing, news clippings, church bulletins, school & recital programs, store ledger, Masonic items, certificates, artifacts	Stephen Johnson
Veteran Personal Collections	525	Newspapers belonging to Mr. James Wallace Ray, PFC army - Atlanta Journal 8/31/1947, Atlanta Journal 09/1939, Atlanta Journal 9/20/ 1939, Atlanta Journal This Week Magazine 7/27, 1947. Hugh Haley Ector's WWII Memories. Documented July 8, 2001	Paulette Hayes Colley;
LaFayette High School	531	LaFayette High School Graduating Class photo 1947	Miriam Syler
Dorothy Pitts Talley	542	Lanett High School Reunion programs, 45 <sup>th</sup> and 50 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Hayes
Marion Goggins	545	County maps of Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina	Family

## WEST POINT IN THE EARLY 1900'S



While going through my grandmother's trunk recently, I found four copies of the West Point newspaper dated between 1900 and 1920. These copies are significant since all other newspapers of West Point are believed to have been destroyed in the great flood of December 1919. The newspaper apparently came out once a week. Here are some excerpts.

Stephen Johnson

### THE WEST POINT, GA AND LANETT, ALA NEWS, Thursday, Sept. 3, 1908

#### SHAWMUT MILLS START TOMORROW

New \$750,000 Cotton Duck Mill to get busy.

**Supt. Murphy** Optimistic as to bright future of the Ideal Mill Town.

#### RECORDS BROKEN BY LARGE ATTENDANCE

In West Point Public Schools Monday Morning.

**Supt. Thomas** Predicts Enrollment for Present Scholastic Year Will Reach 300.

The Langdale School. **Prof. Rorie** came back Saturday and will stay over until Monday when he will begin School at this Place. We hope he may have a good attendance. We do not think any place can beat Langdale for nice good teachers as **Prof. Rorie, Misses Hattie Guinn, Maud James, and Mrs. James Rutledge.**

Bon Ton POOL PARLOR is now Open and Ready for Business with three of the Latest Style Brunswick-Balk Collender Co. Tables. Everything will be conducted in the most gentlemanly manner. No drinking, betting, or profanity allowed...

A place where you can come and invite your friends to join you in a game of pool.

**Miss Lottie Lou Blackmon** has received first grade license in the examination for teachers In Chambers County, Ala. She is a graduate of the West Point public school.

\$100 Reward. I will pay \$100.00 for information leading to the arrest of and evidence to convict the party or parties who stabbed the mules and horse at my stable a few weeks ago. This is a chance for some one to earn \$100.00. August 26, 1908. **R.W. Scott.**



RE-ELECTION OF SCHOOL TEACHERS for next scholastic year. **Superintendent-W. P. Thomas.** **Principal-C.E. Aiken.** High School Teachers: **C. . E. Aiken,** Miss **Ira Lee Whitaker** and **Miss Laura Graham.** Grammar School Teachers: **Miss Carrie Gresham,** **Mrs. Elizabeth Christian,** **Miss Addie Parker,** **Miss Emma Adams,** **Miss Carrie Lou Griggs.** Music Teacher-**Miss Nettie Zachry.**

At the Vaudette Thursday—**CARMEN:** Beautiful Colored Picture From The Famous Grand Opera, “Music From Carmen” Special Pictures Friday and Saturday. The Vaudette is Sanitary being fumigated Twice a week. The Vaudette, Lynch and Cefalu, Owners. **Peter R. Cefalu,** Manager.

Dr. and Mrs. David Marx and son David, Jr. of Atlanta, spent the week end with Mr. And Mrs. Philip Hagedorn. Rabi (sic) Marx preached a fine sermon at the temple Sunday morning at eleven o’clock, on Peace.

**Ab Huguley** Poisoned by Paris Green - Last Wednesday evening at supper Mr. Ab Huguley noticed a peculiar taste to his coffee and advised the rest of the family not to partake of it, which was very fortunate for soon after supper he became violently ill and the physicians called told him he was suffering from poisoning from Paris Green. A sample of the coffee has been sent to the state chemist for analysis but has not yet been heard from. Mr. Huguley’s friends will be delighted to know his case yielded to the anti-dotes given and he is now able to be up again, although for a few days his case was considered critical.

West Point Boys Again Defeat LaGrange Team. West Point won another game from LaGrange Friday which ended in a score of 10 to 6.

Public Hack. All calls promptly answered. Reasonable prices and careful attention. Will appreciate your Patronage. When you need a hack don’t fail to phone 63. **Tom Story** - The Hackman.

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**THE WEST POINT, GA AND LANETT, ALA NEWS.**

Thursday, November 21, 1918

**FIGHT YESTERDAY ON THIRD AVENUE.** Causes Crowd to Seek Safety. There was much excitement on Third Avenue yesterday morning when two farmers got in a dispute that brought a pistol into service and two shots were fired...**A. W. Watkins** was shot in the arm, and pretty badly beaten up; ... The man who is said to have done the shooting was **Tom Watson,** and **his brother D. N.,** is alleged to have participated in the fight. The Watkins live near Fredonia, and the Watsons on the Nolan plantation. All parties implicated were arrested and gave bond and for their appearance.

Two More of Our Boys on Casualty List: The casualty list furnished Saturday includes the names of two more of our (?) **Smith** of Lanett, was seriously wounded. **Edward C. Newby** of West Point, wounded, degree undetermined.

**TWIN CITIES WANT POST OFFICE BUILDING:** Bids May be Invited By Architect. The war is over and Uncle Sam will resume work on government and post office buildings. Bids for the construction of the West Point-Lanett post office building were advertised for in the News before we decided to go over and lick Germany, but all the bids were to high and were rejected.

**(To be continued.)**



## Wealth and Cotton in Fredonia Area prior to 1861 Elaboration on Presentation made at Fredonia Heritage Day 2013

*H. M Holderfield*

In this article I would like to conclude a limited description of the Fredonia area begun in the previous edition of *The Voice*. You will recall that I examined the information in the 1860, 1850, and 1840 censuses, summaries published by John Peavy Wright as well as the actual censuses and The Chambers County Tract Book to identify patterns of habitation and wealth in the Fredonia area as defined in the 1860 census. Simply stated, I wanted to understand who came to this new land, who stayed and who prospered.

I estimated from locations of recognized households listed in the 1860 census that households could have been located as far as six miles away from the Fredonia cross roads. A six mile radius from Fredonia would inscribe more than 100 square miles which may be too generous an estimate of the village's area of influence. Recall also that Fredonia cross roads is situated at the eastern middle side of Township 23 Range 27 (Wards Mill) and that the 1860 census enumerator reported Fredonia households in portions of Township 24 Range 27 (present Stroud), Township 24 Range 28 (Standing Rock), and Township 23 Range 28 (east to the Chattahoochee River). I reported greater densities in households in the area north of the Fredonia cross roads than in south of that village. Please recall that of the 92 households enumerated in both the 1850 and 1860 censuses only seven reported a decline or no gains in property value in the decade. Having restated the above information from the January article, I would like to continue to examine dimensions of the local economy in the decade ending in 1861.

Surprisingly the names of the heads of households which claimed no growth in property value in the decade of the 1850's represented some of the oldest and more prosperous pioneer families. The heads of these seven households were: John Hurst, Margaret Cox, E. W. Barker, Sarah McKinney, Farr Trammell, Nancy Allen, and W. S. Page. The value of property in decline summarized in the two censuses would have been in large part the value of slaves. During this period John Hurst reduced his ownership from 15 slaves to 4 slaves; Margaret Cox, from 39 to 7; E. W. Barker, from 19 to 11; Farr Trammel, from 26 to 21; Nancy Allen, from 23 to 8; and W. S. Page, from 6 to 1. Please accept the caution that this information was self-reported. W. S. Page's reporting is inconsistent with information on the Slave Schedule where he lists 13 slaves in 1860. These families had not necessarily fallen on hard times. Three families experienced loss of male heads of households. Most were composed of the older citizens who possibly had begun to disburse the most valuable property, the slaves, to children. W. S. Page was the exception, being 58 years old.

These seven families reported owning 84 fewer slaves in 1860 than they had owned at the beginning of the decade. Not knowing age distributions or gender, only averages can be used to estimate the dollar value of these slaves. The average price for a slave was \$800 in 1860 dollars. The total decline of value of slaves held by these households in the decade could have been \$67,200 in 1860 dollars or \$2,016,000 in current dollars. This more than two million dollar valuation is probably conservative. In the census enumeration, these seven families reported that their property losses were only a total of \$11,198.

Prior to 1860 wealth was produced from the speculation, cultivation and sales associated with the international commodity crop, cotton. Chambers County, in general, and the area south, west, and east of Fredonia cross roads in particular, had deep rich piedmont soils and rolling terrain. In these directions of the compass, household land holdings were extensive. In The Chronicles of the Chattahoochee Valley Carl Summers published a table displaying the Fredonia area households in 1860 owning 9 or more slaves, acreage, and bales of cotton produced. When contemporary multipliers are applied to demonstrate current values of land, slaves, and cotton, the numbers demonstrate that the productive wealth of agriculture around Fredonia in this period was considerable. If you had the personal capacity and motivation, the best and extensive land, and adequate numbers of slaves, then this was the best of times to create wealth. In 1860 43% of the Fredonia households owned slaves. The slave population of the Fredonia area in 1850 was 451; in 1860 it was 758 individuals whose value in today's dollars would be conservatively in excess of \$17,000,000. Sixty percent of the household investment in 1860 in personal property, which includes all farm tools and animals, in the Fredonia area was in slaves. Even considering the reported losses, one could propose that all 92 families living in the Fredonia in 1850 and 1860 prospered during that decade. More research is required to absolutely track this missing value in slaves.

Land ownership was a component of household wealth. Land values in the Fredonia area could have been determined by different factors such as date purchased, quality of soil, presence of streams, hilly or rolling, etc. In 1850 the average cost of an acre of land in Alabama was estimated to be \$5.30; in 1860 the cost was \$9.20 per acre. Cross referencing the population census data with the agricultural census data for the planter households listed in Carl Summer's table produces 1860 land values among the thirty-five plantations which range from \$3.23 to \$8.33 per acre. Once again it may be suggested that most folks were under representing the value of their property to the government numbers taker.

According to Carl Summers' list, the thirty-five cotton producers who owned more than nine slaves owned a total of 22,215 acres of land. If the value of this land was average in terms of the average cost (\$9.20) of an acre of land in Alabama in 1860, then this land was worth \$6,131,334 in today's dollar value. This is a low estimate of land value because we must assume that all of this land was not average in its value. This statistic suggests that the larger plantations were holding undeveloped acreage, as an investment, which could yet be brought into production or sold for profit as the value appreciated.

If we examine the numbers reported by the five households owning the largest acreages which totaled 8,560 acres, we find the five owned 223 slaves and produced 490 bales of cotton. If we look at the five smallest plantations in terms of acreage, we find a total of 1,235 acres where an investment in 71 slaves produced 136 bales of cotton. The slave to bales of cotton ratio for the five largest landholders was 1 to 2.18; for the five smallest land holders, 1 to 1.915. Causal review would suggest that the smaller slave holders were more efficient than the large slave holders in their production of the bale of cotton. Larger scales of operation may reflect specialized functions and costs, but some factors were operating which allowed the smaller plantations to produce the bales with fewer slaves. More research is required.

In 1860 the Southern States of the United States produced 75% of the world's cotton. The cotton commodity bubble was still expanding and money was to be made. East of Fredonia cross roads, Joshua Adams' 125 bales of cotton would have been worth approximately \$225,000 in today's dollars.

Solomon Ward, the second largest land and slave owner, south west of Fredonia cross roads, reported the same production that year which would have had the same value, \$225,000. The thirty-five planters in Carl Summers' table reported a total of 1,345 bales of cotton which would be valued at conservatively \$2,300,000 in current dollars.

The regional 1850 and 1860 data do suggest that clouds were gathering on the bright horizon of the commodity cotton bubble. Cheap, fertile land and slave labor were essential to producing wealth. Land prices in Alabama were increasing; fertility of the cultivated piedmont soils was in decline. The price of cotton had declined from \$77.28 per 480 pound bale in 1850 to \$59.52 in 1860. The 43% of the households in the Fredonia area that had invested in slaves in the decade realized that the price of that labor was increasing. It is estimated that in 1850 the price of a prime slave field hand in the southeast was \$1,200; by 1860 the price was \$1,800. In 1860 the price of a prime field hand peaked at \$1,600 in Alabama but the slave with mechanical skills would sell for twice the value of a field hand. In 1860 the cotton producers of the Fredonia area would have been aware of the fluctuations in past decades of the value of cotton, land and slaves but they would have remained fully committed to continue to pursue wealth through cotton cultivation. War came and the bubble burst in 1861.

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## IMAGES IN QUESTION

The locomotive is off the tracks. We don't know where or when but believe this clear image to be from Chambers or neighboring counties. Notice, smoke is coming from the stack, multi-story brick building behind the stack on the left, an industrial brick round chimney is right of center and in far distance to left of cab/tree a church building with a bell tower. The derailment has just happened. Folks are milling about. Clothing of young woman in right foreground with tennis racket would date the image to probably late 1920's. Man behind tennis player is holding a baby. Does any one recognize old number 16? Image is from collection of the late Tom Carden in Double Head Community.

If this image had not been damaged, it would have been chosen for the Arcadia publication. This image of Cumbee Mill on Stroud Creek is one of our better photographs of a water grist mill, its wheel, wooden trough water race, and surrounding shoal and pasture. A woman with two young girls visits the old shoal area between the dam and the mill. The creek runs over and through the large outcroppings of granite in front of the woman and child. Clothing and styles of hair suggests a date of late teens or early 1920's. The woman and



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children are unnamed. The image is from a collection originating in the William Joseph Cumbee family. Ruben Cumbee lived across the road above the mill. It may be suggested that the girls are daughters of John Ruben Cumbee, Carrie Fannie (Finney) and Addie Anita (Robinson); the woman, Matilda (Teddy) Gross.



The annual dues of the **Chattahoochee Valley Historical Society** are due each year on the first of January. Dues are \$12.00 per individual, \$6.00 for any other member of the same household, and \$2.00 for any student who is still in school and is under 21 years of age. Other membership levels include **Benefactor**-\$250; **Patron**-\$100; and **Friend**-\$50. For any **NEW member only** who subscribes after September 1, their membership will be for the remainder of the current year and also the following year. In becoming a member you will receive a quarterly newsletter **The Voice** that will inform you of quarterly meetings, new publications, articles of historical interest in the tri-county coverage area and upcoming events.

Please make checks payable to C.V.H.S. and mail with your name and full address to Chattahoochee Valley Historical Society, Inc., 3419 20th Ave., Valley, AL 36854



An image of the flood in April 1929 on Third Ave. North in West Point, GA.



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