

FOOTPRINTS OF THE PAST

PRESERVING FUQUAY-VARINA'S HERITAGE

VOLUME 1 ISSUE 22 JUNE 2021

FUQUAY-VARINA MUSEUMS

FRIENDS PARTICIPATE IN NON PROFIT EVENT

The Friends of the Museums took part in the Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Nonprofit event on June 17, 2021. The presentation included our new membership tier and a personal contact with those non-profit members who might be able to avail themselves of this membership.

The groups present which might have records to be archived included the GFWC Junior Woman's Club who had been a member for two years.

Also included was the Lion's Club who have already archived many of their records, scrapbooks and photographs.

Promising to take this membership offer back to organizations were the American Legion Post 116, the Downtown Rotary Club and the Exchange Club.

This Non Profit membership proposes that in exchange for a \$100 annual membership to the Friends of the Museums, the museums will archive materials.

Archives may be restricted or may be open to research requests. This will be a valuable resource for the future.

Presently, many organizations have no archives or have materials in private hands, even lost and in unknown places.



After Hours Chamber of Commerce for Non Profits was attended by Betty Vaughan and Gail Woolard (left) and Orlean Newton and Shirley Simmons (right)

A number of individuals took personal or family membership materials. We are hopeful that we reached persons who had never considered becoming a member of the Friends.

The Friends also made available the Corporate Membership Proposal to a few of the business people who happened to be present. At this point, the board will be mailing the latter and application to as many businesses as are available, beginning with the Chamber of Commerce Members.

Our goal is to create an annual membership list which will provide some stability to the Friends of the Museums.

REOPENING OF MUSEUMS

The Friends have set tours by appointment between June 15 and Labor Day.

This offers the best of many worlds to individuals, families, and small groups as they will be able to negotiate the time and date of a tour. This is done by going to the web: fuquay-varina-museums.org and using the contact information to make the request.

Our first tour was a family of five who visited on Wednesday, June 16. They were planning one-day trips during this Covid time instead of taking longer trips. We enjoyed spending time with this family of Greenville.

A second tour for Wee Care Children has been requested and will be forthcoming. All such tours will depend upon docent availability. Some docents feel comfortable and some are not yet ready to participate.

Masks are required indoors, small groups requested and social distancing insisted upon. Our goal is to provide safety for ALL.

We note that this is in keeping with other museum re-openings. COVID procedures according to state and federal rulings have been in effect since March of 2020

COLLECTION NEWS

The family of Edythe Holleman is making arrangement with the Museums to donate some special artifacts from their grandfather which Edythe had kept in a special case. We are excited to receive this and making plans to incorporate it into some space by rotating some of our current exhibits.

Terry Tutor has made several additions to our railroad collection.

The children of Lynette Walters have donated items from her estate.

Tim Carroll has amassed some archival records from the Varina Station.

The Parker family is holding a stove which belonged to Dr. J. M. Judd for us.

Carl Clark has donated a large family collection which we hope to be able to use when space is available.

We are also collecting a number of interviews for our archives.

Note that space is very limited, in fact space is at CRITICAL MASS. The Friends have had an open request to the town for the entire Municipal Building for a number of years.

We invite the public and our membership to join us in pursuit of space to expand the displays. Should we turn down donations they will be lost forever so we hope not to make that mistake.

Our Long Range Plan calls for room to hold meetings or to arrange special presentation within the museums.

The museums are an asset to our town and a preservation effort for use by future generations. We suggest that it is now time for a Board of Supporters to be organized to help the 501 (c) 3 become self-supporting!

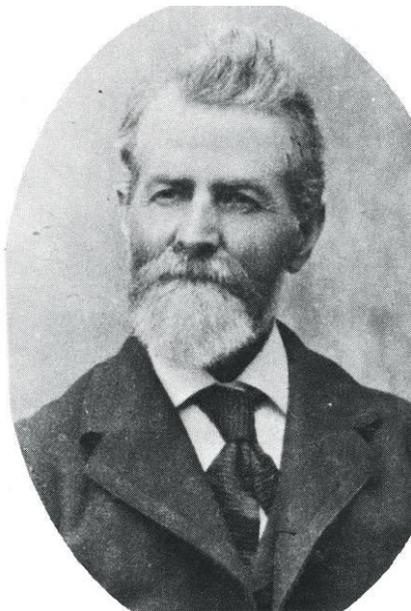
PUBLICITY NEWS

During the closure of the museum with COVID concerns, we have continued to do research and publish materials.

If you have not been reading the HISTORICALLY SPEAKING articles, please check our archives on the web site.

A total of 23 researched articles have been posted since March of 2020.

The most recent is a completion of the Ballentine Family story in our area. Each of these shares a number of pictures from our collection and related to the article.



William Marshall Ballentine



Betsy Ann Jones Ballentine

HISTORICALLY SPEAKING ARTICLES

- [Meet the Ballentines: Part III "William Marshall Ballentine Family"](#)
- [Meet the Ballentines: Part II "The Postmaster Family and more"](#)
- [Historic Building Leaves Our Town](#)
- [Meet The Ballentines: Part I "The Squire and Varina"](#)
- [Who Was She?](#)
- ["Like Father Like Daughter" Works, Too \(Part 2: Orlean Burt Newton\)](#)
- ["Like Father Like Daughter" Works, Too \(Part 1: Romie Burt, Sr.\)](#)
- [Museums Honor Two African American Doctors](#)
- [The Twin City Cream Center](#)
- [Rawls Family Named the Community](#)
- [Early Police in Fuquay Springs](#)
- [Two Remarkable Burton Men](#)
- [Our Early Fire Department & History](#)
- [Fuquay's First Football Team](#)
- [Wilton D. "Skinny" Ashworth: Oh, The Memories He Shared!](#)
- [The Varina Mercantile Building](#)
- [Fuquay-Varina's Dodd Family Connections \(Part 3\)](#)
- [Fuquay-Varina's Dodd Family Connections \(Part 2\)](#)
- [Fuquay-Varina's Dodd Family Connections \(Part 1\)](#)
- [A Second Special from Our Archives](#)
- [A Special Contribution from Our Archives](#)
- [New Research on Three Former Mayors](#)
- [Baseball Information Uncovered](#)

FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUMS, INC.
131 South Fuquay Ave.
Mailing Address P O Box 2034
Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Phone No: _____

Email Address: _____

Circle Type of Membership Requested

Individual:	\$50.00	Business (Small):	\$150.00
Family:	\$75.00	Corporate:	\$200.00
Non Profit Organization:	\$100.00	Industrial:	\$500.00

Amount Paid: _____

A 501 (C) (3) Non-Profit Corporation