

# Glimpses of Grayson

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Fall/ Winter

2012



The Grayson County Historical Society has moved! In November 2012, GCHS moved from its former location on N. Independence Ave. to 110 Courthouse St. in Independence.

The new location features over 700 square feet of space which will be utilized to display some of the photos, artifacts and other materials from our collection. Separate research rooms will be available and genealogical information will be easier to access.

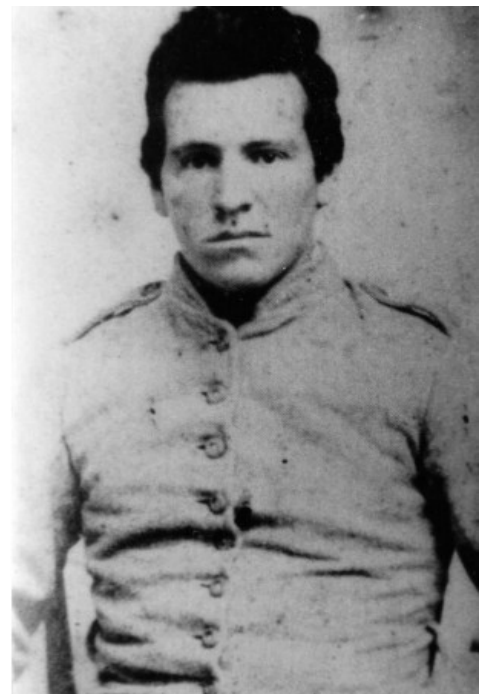
Stay tuned for an open house announcement! In the meantime, stop by and see our new space.

## New & Interesting



### CW 150 Legacy Project

In 2006, the General Assembly created the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission to plan, develop, and carry out programs and activities to commemorate the sesquicentennial (150 years) of the American Civil War. Throughout 2012, these programs and activities have been put on across Virginia. One such project is a partnership between the Commission and the Library of Virginia called the CW 150 Legacy Project. It's purpose is to identify and locate original source materials throughout the state that are related to the Civil War, such as letters, diaries, memoirs, discharge papers and select memorabilia, in order to scan and digitize them for both preservation and public access.



*Confederate soldier Barney Cannoy, Co. F  
"Grayson Dare Devils", 4th Virginia Infantry.  
Photo courtesy of Billy Cannoy.*

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## New & Interesting

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Archivists from the Library have coordinated with local Sesquicentennial Committees to bring scanning equipment to each locality. After an overwhelming response, the project has been funded through 2015. For more information see [www.virginiacivilwar.org/legacy/](http://www.virginiacivilwar.org/legacy/).

## Our Thanks to

Linda Russell DeWitt for her donation of *Glimpses of Russell Family History*. See New Acquisitions on page 4 for more information

Grayson National Bank for their hard work and participation in our first presentation of the series *Grayson County Communities & Institutions: Lessons in Change*.

## From our collection.....

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Above, the front page of a 1948 Sears Roebuck & Co. sales catalog.

At right, the first two pages of the 1953 Year Book of the Grayson County Home Demonstration Clubs.

## Gifts to GCHS

We are so grateful for recent gifts of cash donations, in-kind donations, supplies and other gifts from the following:

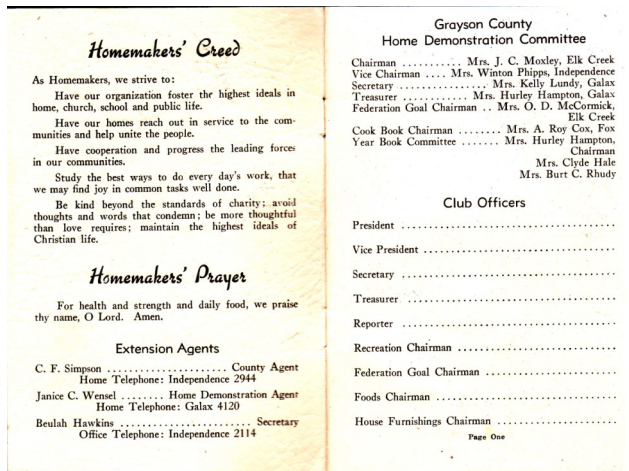
- Michael Sayers
- Ricky Anderson
- Mike & Barb Spears



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**In order to put more of your membership dues and contributions towards programming, Glimpses of Grayson will be sent electronically to members who have provided their e-mail address. Paper copies will continue to be sent to those who have not provided an e-mail address and those who request them. Our goal is to have all editions of Glimpses of Grayson available digitally by the end of 2013. Please send us your current e-mail address, or if you wish to continue receiving a paper copy, let us know at 276-773-3320 or [graysoncountyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:graysoncountyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com). Thank-you for your continued support of GCHS and it's mission!**



## **Letter from the President**

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*History is a cyclic poem written by Time upon the memories of man*  
~Percy Bysshe Shelley

What is Time to us? If you reflect on this question, you will realize we only perceive a state of “now” because we have memories of the days that have gone by. Without those memories, we would have no concept of a past or a future. To a person suddenly struck with amnesia, who remembers absolutely nothing, the world looks more or less the same as to a newborn child.

*Our perception of time is strictly a function of how we remember events!*

We are thankful for your memberships and donations during 2012. In January, we will begin our annual fundraising drive by sending notifications of membership dues. Before we ask you to join (or re-join) our society, here’s an update on where we’ve been and where we’re headed. We held several significant programs last year, including a Spring reception for the public “unveiling” of the Eleanor Roosevelt Dress, which remains on display at the 1908 Courthouse; and a wonderful Fall program on the history of the Grayson National Bank. We also resumed quarterly publication of our Newsletter, Glimpses of Grayson, which features a brand new format.

Meanwhile, work is underway at our new headquarters on Courthouse Street, which should look a lot better by late spring. We have much more room at our new location, including a designated area for genealogical research.

As for 2013, we again plan to hold several free programs, bringing in speakers to talk about a wide range of topics. We will continue our long-term project of assessing and cataloguing our collection of photographs and artifacts. Our long range goals include plans to improve our exhibits and their accessibility to the public.

So what do we need from you? First, we hope to see you at all of our programs. Look out for invitations via e-mail, phone calls, post cards or public advertisements. Second, we hope our annual members will re-enlist by filling out the form and paying the modest dues. For those of you who aren’t members, we hope you will consider joining. Your membership dues will go a long way toward helping us offer educational programming in the local school systems, free programs for the public, the conservation and care of our collections, as well as covering annual operating expenses.

Finally, we would hope everyone (including life members, who, of course, owe nothing in annual dues) might consider a contribution to our general operating fund. You can combine your membership dues and any donation on one check and mail it in the stamped envelopes we will provide.

We fully understand that the economy is still struggling, and that this isn’t the best time to ask for money. But we do hope that you view the Grayson County Historical Society – which collects, preserves, and disseminates local history, offers free programs, and supports other community endeavors – as worthy of your financial support.

Sincerely,

Amelia Bland Waller

## Upcoming Events

### **Christmas Social & Election of Officers**

Sunday, December 9th 2012, 5:00 PM

This year's Christmas Social and board election meeting will be held at the home of Jim & Amelia Bland Waller, with a potluck style dinner. All GCHS Members and their families are invited to attend. Bring a side dish or dessert and come visit with others who share your passion for the history of Grayson County! We will discuss the exciting things we have in store for the upcoming year as well as welcome any suggestions and ideas.

Directions to the Waller's home:

From Route 21 North towards Wytheville: From the intersection of Route 21 and Comers Rock Road (between the two gas stations), continue approximately one mile on Route 21 North. Turn right onto Country Lane, just past Bottomley Farms warehouse; go approximately one mile to stop sign. Turn sharp left onto Wagon Wheel Road, our driveway is a short distance on the right (up the hill). Home phone # is 276/655/4874.

### **Communities & Institutions:**

#### **Lessons in Change**

Our second presentation in this series will be held in conjunction with the Grayson County Cooperative Extension Office.

Check our website [www.graysonvahistsoc.com](http://www.graysonvahistsoc.com) for details as they become available.

## New Acquisitions

Linda Russell De Witt put an enormous amount of time and effort into creating this compilation of family documents that give a comprehensive look into the lives of several generations of the Russell family. The originally be-Anna Russell daughter of Rebecca Rus- the aunt of Fleming Rus- bought the family farm Some of the were over 200 and Mrs.



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documents longed to Shuler, the Phillip and sell, and James sell who Russell from her. documents years old, DeWitt patiently sorted and digitized each one, transcribing many. This book is an excellent tool for anyone interested in the Russell family or life in Grayson County between 1798 and 1969. It is available for reference in the GCHS office.



**CONNECT WITH US  
ON FACEBOOK**

*Do you have a story or thoughts to share about a community in Grayson County? Please share and they might be published in our next Newsletter! Send them to GCHS at [graysoncountyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:graysoncountyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com) or PO Box 529, Independence, VA 24348.*

## Recent Visitors to GCHS

Larry, David, and John Cox  
Charlene A Weaver  
Ethel Parks  
Theresa Hagy

Sparta, NC  
Maryland  
Sugar Grove, VA  
Frederick, MD

Bryan Scott (Pugh Family Research) Zephyrhills, FL  
Jackson & Sawyer Moxley Independence, VA  
Martha Books Abingdon, VA  
Deny & Gail Mullins Wise, VA



# Grayson County Communities and Institutions: Lessons in Change

GCHS partnered with Grayson National Bank for the first in an ongoing series of presentations and exhibits in affiliation with institutions, communities, and businesses throughout Grayson County. This series is intended to highlight not only the unique character and cultural history of this region, but also the major challenges that we all face during these difficult economic times.



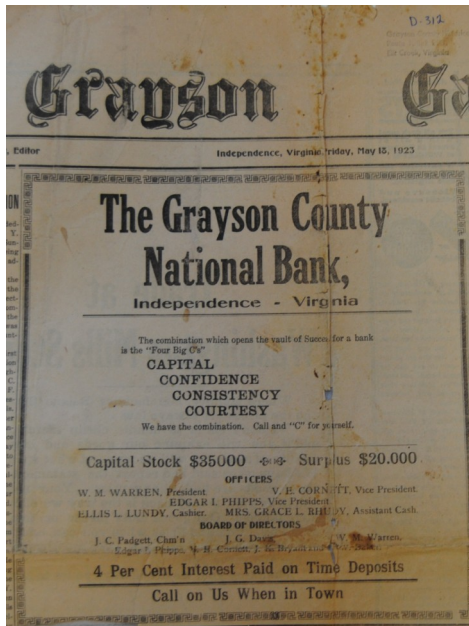
From left: Former GNB President Carl Richardson, GCHS Treasurer David Hauslohner, & GNB Chief Lending Officer Allan Funk



From Left: Nancy Stone, Theresa Lazo, & Vicki Hauslohner examine items from GNB's archives



From left: Mary Ellen Rhudy, Lib Rhudy, John Duvall



On Tuesday October 23rd, GCHS and Grayson National Bank co-hosted a presentation on the history of the bank and the important role it has played in the economic development of our community. Thirty three people attended the event. After an introduction by David Hauslohner, GCHS Treasurer, Allan Funk, Chief Lending Officer of GNB gave a brief talk about the bank's history as well as its future aspirations, using power point slides as a guide. Former Bank President Carl Richardson provided additional historical information. GNB also made available many ledger books, pictures and documents from throughout its history that were examined by attendees. GCHS displayed several old GNB newspaper ads from its archives, dating from as early as 1917, as well as biographical information for some of the earliest bank presidents. Current GNB President Jacky Anderson was present to greet attendees and answer questions, and light refreshments were served. The informal event provided the opportunity for community members to learn the history of this vital institution while engaging in conversation about common goals and challenges. The next event in this series will be held in conjunction with the Grayson County Virginia Cooperative Extension office.

A Grayson National Bank ad that appeared on the front page of the Grayson Gazette on May 13th, 1923, above.

At right, this Grayson National Bank Statement provided customers with a report on the condition of the bank, including an itemized list of it's resources and liabilities. It appeared in the July 6th, 1917 edition of the Grayson Journal.

BANK STATEMENT	
No. 10884	
REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE GRAYSON COUNTY NATIONAL BANK AT INDEPENDENCE, IN THE STATE OF VIRGINIA, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON JUNE 30 1917.	
RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts,	\$133,134.58
Notes and bills rediscounted (other than bank acceptances sold)	97,988.10
Overdrafts, secured, \$0, unsecured,	66,000.42
U. S. Bonds (other than Liberty Bonds of 1917)	1,000.00
U. S. Bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	5,000.00
Stocks of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription)	1,400.00
Furniture and fixtures	1,400.00
Net amt. due from approved reserve agts. in other reserve cities	1,400.00
Net amt. due from banks and bankers (other than included in 15 or 21)	2,085.48
Outside checks and other cash items	828.01
Fractional currency, nickels, and cents	30.21
Notes of other national banks	100.00
Federal Reserve notes	100.00
Legal reserve in vault and not amount due from Federal Reserve Bank	9,644.34
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	750.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$151,211.55</b>
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$35,000.00
Surplus fund	17,000.00
Undivided profits	\$1,000.24
Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid	2,564.85
Amount reserved for all interest accrued	2,101.20
Circulating notes outstanding	1,032.07
Demand Deposits Subject to Reserve	10,150.00
Individual deposits subject to check	62,407.23
Certified checks	47.54
Total demand deposits subject to reserve	\$62,454.55
Time Deposits subject to reserve (payable after 90 days, or subject to 30 days or more notice)	22,882.85
Certificates of deposit, other than for money borrowed	22,882.85
Total of time deposits subject to reserve	\$22,882.85
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$151,211.56</b>
Liabilities for redemptions, including those with Federal Reserve bank	\$27,068.10
Total contingent liabilities	27,068.10
State of Virginia, County of Grayson—ss I, Ellis L. Lundy, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. Correct—Attest: J. C. PADGETT W. M. WARREN V. B. CORNETT Directors Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of June, 1917. J. E. LUNDY, Notary Public. My commission expires April 18, 1921.	

# Help Support the Society

## GRAYSON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

The Grayson County Historical Society, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, chartered for the purpose of collecting, preserving and sharing the rich history of Grayson County, Virginia. The Society membership meets on the second Tuesday of March, June, September and November at 7:00 p.m. at a location to be announced. Members are also invited to the Society's annual picnic and Christmas dinner; date, time and location TBA.

Dues are assessed annually in January and are not pro-rated.

Individual Annual Membership (outside USA add \$5) ..... \$15.00

Family Annual Membership (outside USA add \$5) ..... \$20.00

Lifetime Individual Membership ..... \$200.00

Please complete and detach the form below, and mail with your check payable to "GCHS" to P.O. Box 529, Independence VA 24348.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

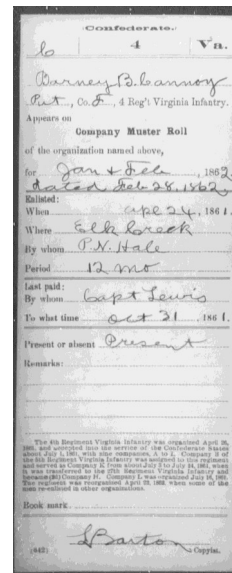
I am currently searching for information regarding these surnames in Grayson County:

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### Guidelines for Glimpses of Grayson

The Publicity Committee of Glimpses of Grayson has established the following guidelines for material submitted for publication:

- The committee reserves the right to accept or reject materials sent for publication and to edit all materials if necessary.
- Any material copied from a printed publication must be identified and accompanied by written permission of the author or copyright owner before it can be published.
- Materials will be placed in the society's archives unless otherwise specified.
- There is no charge for publishing queries for GCHS members.
- Be concise and be specific. Do not abbreviate. Be sure to include sender's name and address.
- All queries should be mailed to the society's post office box.
- The committee cannot assume responsibility for accuracy of data submitted.



Muster roll for Barney Cannoy



*GCHS attended both the 4th of July Celebration and the Fall Festival in Independence in 2012. Above, board member Dewey Lineberry at the GCHS booth during the Fall Festival.*

Fourth of July Book Sales-	\$264.50
Fall Festival Book Sales-	<u>\$181.65</u>
<b>Total Event Book Sales</b>	<b>\$446.15</b>

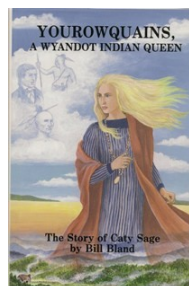
## Our books make great Christmas Gifts!

Pictured below are just a few of our selections. If you wish to order a copy of these or any of our other books, please visit our website at [www.graysonvahistsoc.com](http://www.graysonvahistsoc.com) or give us a call at 276-773-3320.



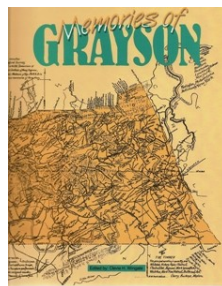
Grayson County:  
A History in  
Words & Pictures

\$42.00



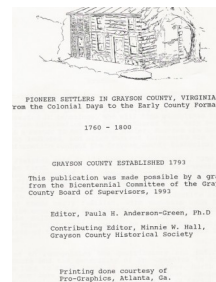
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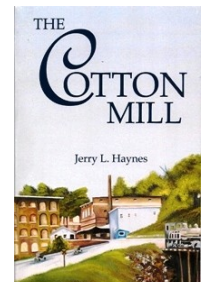
Memories of  
Grayson, Vols. 1,  
2, & 3

\$42.00 each or  
all 3 for \$105



Pioneer Settlers of  
Grayson County,  
VA

\$10.50



The Cotton Mill

\$19.69

## **Year End Summary**

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### **What we have accomplished in 2012:**

- **Revitalized Glimpses of Grayson Newsletter**
- **Begun development of an educational curriculum**
- **Reached new members via website & Facebook**
- **Printed the 6th Edition of Grayson County: A History in Words & Pictures**
- **GCHS office moved to new, larger space**

*Today's news is tomorrow's history.  
Help us preserve it.*

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