

Tishomingo County Historical & Genealogical Society (TCHGS)

2011 Annual Report

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Tishomingo County Board of Supervisors
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Re: Annual Report for 2011

This past year has been full of challenges and inspiring successes for the Tishomingo County Historical & Genealogical Society. As a funder, you've helped us continue our progress in restoring the old Tishomingo County Courthouse and to continue our work in operating it as the Tishomingo County Archives & History Museum.

The hard work and support of our members made it possible to complete the restoration of the historic Burnsville One-Room Colored School. Extensive work has been done in the Records Room. Through the hard work and dedication of RaNae Vaughn, working on-site two to three evenings per week, and from her home one to two evening per week, the archival records database is being brought up to date and the these items have found their way to a permanent file for easy storage and retrieval.

In 2012, we will continue our focus on securing National Monument status for the Burnsville One-Room School, provide adequate ADA-approved access to the Old Courthouse, complete phase I of the memorial brick program, prepare ourselves for the Battle of Iuka Sesquicentennial, and seek funding for interior repairs for the courtroom and for historical signage throughout the county.

Effective February 1, 2012, in an effort to better serve the county, we will be opening the facility on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. In order to do this, we must cut the hours of our part-time librarian/janitor, which will leave the facility with only one employee to maintain the office, library, museum, and gift shop three hours each day. We will employ a young person to assist our administrative assistant each Saturday. With restored funding, we would be able to extend our daily hours, thus allowing our school students the opportunity to return to our facility in order to gain knowledge and school credits. The extended hours would also be welcomed by the working public who are unable to visit us with our current limited hours. Our goal is to have the museum open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and then half a day on Saturday as well. It would be great to be able to be open on Monday as well, to serve the public, but with our limited funding we are unable to do so. Any assistance you could give us with this would be greatly appreciated by the Society and the public.

A full-time salaried managerial position managing the historical resources of our blessed Tishomingo County, Mississippi, on-site at the museum would help us increase our reach and impact tenfold.

I am proud of the organization's achievements over the past years and look forward to the opportunities ahead.

Respectively submitted,

Cindy W. Nelson
President, Tishomingo County Historical & Genealogical Society
Acting Director (Volunteer) Tishomingo County Archives & History Museum

Annual Awards

In February 2011, awards for both 2009 and 2010 were distributed at our 15th annual meeting held on February 17, 2011, at the Midway School. The following individuals/organizations were recognized for their outstanding service to historic preservation.

Award of Merit: 2009 *The Tishomingo County News—the Vidette and Belmont News*; 2010 Dr. Ben Kitchens.

Spirit of TCHGS Award: 2009 Mrs. Shelia Thorne; 2010 Herman and Avanel Harrison.

Preservation Patron Award: 2009 Gene Jourdan and Bancorp South; 2010 Tishomingo County Municipal School District, and 2010 Dr. Kelly Segars and First American National Bank.

Volunteer of the Year: 2009 Master Gardeners Club; 2010 James Cole.

Youth Volunteer of the Year Award: 2009 Meghan White; 2010 Shelia Thorne's local history class.

Budget and Finance

David Nichols, CPA, prepared the Society's 2011's monthly and annual financial reports. An internal audit was conducted by the Budget and Finance Committee.

One grant totaling \$2,000.00 was received from the Renesselaerville Institute for the Burnsville One-Room Colored School. One grant totaling \$1,000.00 was received from Tennessee Valley Authority.

In-kind donations were received from the following businesses/individuals:

72 Express LLC; Anonymous; Anita Augustine; B & B Camper Sales; Debbie Bowling; Debbie Brewer; Barbara Brown; Doyce Burney; Burns, Inc.; Burnsville Discount Carpets, Inc.; Bushwackers; Patsy Burns Callahan; Caring Hand Family Clinic, Inc.; Cheryl Clark; James Cole; Jean Crane; Debbie Enterprise, Inc.; Dust Catchers; Janice Ervin; Sarah Finch; First American National Bank; Peggy Goodlett; Harmony Homemakers; Carol Hendricksen; Patricia Hester; Mike Higginbottom; Iuka Battlefield Commission; Nelson Johnson; Jones Chapel C.M.E. Church; Beverly Jourdan; Kathie Kerr; Kris Lange; Corrie Linton; Harold Lomenick; Gary Matthews; Cindy Nelson; William Nettles; James Oaks; Charlotte Orick; Pam Oswald; Patsy Pace; Pilot Club; Jo Carolyn Potts; R. L. Qualls; Vickie Roach; Tina Sansone; Satellite Shop; Bobette Schooler; Jeffrey Schroeder; Kelly Segars; Martha Segars; Gilbert Short; Louise Sumrall; Sweet Blossoms; Anne Taylor; The Warehouse; Shelia Thorne; Christina Thornton; Timbes Tire & Exhaust; Tishomingo County Tourism Council; Town of Burnsville; Fielding Lewis Tyler RaNae Vaughn Mack and Jeanette Wadkins; J. Don Weathers; Judy Week; Terri Whitehurst; Brenda Whitfield; and Helah Wilson.

Operations at the archives and history museum are based on County allocations and available Society funds. The Society has consistently requested a budget of \$65,000 to adequately operate

the facility and manage the renovation needs; however, it has received \$20,000 each year for the past four years. TCHGS has provided an additional \$14,000 to \$16,000 in funds to operate the facility at a minimal level.

Total Operating Costs for 5-Year Period

The table below also includes receipts of purchases that were made and donated to facilitate operations at the Museum.

Year	Donated Purchases	Paid Expenses	Total Operating Expense
2007	\$3,234.24	\$32,770.08	\$36,004.32
2008	\$2,200.86	\$33,921.80	\$36,122.66
2009	\$1,758.99	\$33,068.38	\$34,827.37
2010 *	\$4,908.52	\$30,736.95	\$35,642.47
2011	\$2,230.58	\$48,374.10	\$50,604.68

*Data from TCHGS Donation Reports and David Nichols, CPA

Income Statement and Balance Sheet

Year	Revenue	Cost of Sales	Net Income/Loss	Assets & Liabilities
2007	\$36,007.57	\$33,217.92	\$438.84	\$29,403.32
2008	\$37,050.55	\$2,902.46	\$226.26	\$30,010.72
2009	\$36,961.23	\$2,449.93	\$1,442.92	\$31,557.81
2010	\$42,707.25	\$3,023.08	\$8,497.22	\$40,161.02
2012	\$45,850.50	\$11,766.15	\$369.05	\$40,316.55

* Data from David Nichols, CPA

Building and Grounds

Commemorative Brick—Fifty-four memorial bricks have been purchased. An architect has been hired to assist with the layout and preparatory work.

Landscape Improvements—The shrubbery on the east end of the historic building was an eye sore and fire hazard; it was removed and the lawn was greatly enhanced. TCHGS recommends installing a white plastic fence around the air-conditioning system outside on the East and West side of the building to hide the units which takes away from the character of the building.

Parking Lot Improvements—A letter of request was submitted to the Board of Supervisors on March 10, 2011, requesting assistance with ADA-handicap improvements. No response was received. Additional consideration should be given to redesigning the parking lot to allow for

safer parking and incoming and outgoing vehicles. Parallel parking could offer significant improvements in safety.

Sheriff's Office Floor—With the assistance of the Board of Supervisors, the Sheriff's Office floor was repaired nicely.

Yard Work—Jonathan Whirley has been attending to the grounds for the past three years at a discounted rate.

Civic Responsibility

Tishomingo Countians have always believed in an ethic of service and civic responsibility that includes promoting the common good of its citizens. Since the opening of the Tishomingo County Archives & History Museum, Tishomingo Countians have demonstrated their true character in unity, generosity, and civic pride. Volunteers have contributed in countless, extraordinary ways. The Board of Directors serves in a volunteer capacity.

Board of Directors

Jody Dawson came on board during 2011 as Financial Director. He replaced the position previously held by Dustin Lambert, who continues to work with the Society on a membership level.

Administration and Historic Preservation—*Cindy W. Nelson, Board President (1995)*

Budget and Finance—*Jody Dawson (2011)*

Community Liaison—*Shelia Thorne (2011)*

Marketing and Publications—*RaNae Vaughn (2004)*

Museum Collections and Management—*Harold Lomenick (2008)*

Programs and Exhibits—*Jan Switcher (2008)*

Special Projects—*Helah Wilson (2008)*

Volunteers

A total of 102 individuals donated 19,475.5 hours of service work to the Society in 2011.

Jack Alred (10); Mark Alred (16); Matt Alred (200); Jozlynn Arnold (1); Natalie Arnold (1); Brent Bonds (2.5); Hannah Bonds (1); Tommy Bonds (2.5); Allison Brewer (9); John Broadway (48); Blaze Brown (1); Chasity Brown (6); Martha Burcham (33); Heather Cartwright (7); Kayla Castile (12); Justin Cheaves (17); James Cole (107.5); Jody Dawson (5); Kris Deaton (6); James Earl Gaines (9); Brandon Hamrick (5); Gary Hubbard (9); Grady Hudson (9); Noah Johnson (1); Michael Johnston (5); Tracy Knauer (9); Karis Knickerbocker (1); Angel Linton (5); Corrie Linton (250); Scottie Linton (16); Stephanye Linton (8); Harold Lomenick (135); George Long (4.5); Larry Long (5); Hannah Marlar (1); Brandy McClain (175); Alvia McNutt (1); Elaine McNutt (1); Bradley Mills (16); Jacob Mills (8); Shirley Mills (8); James Monroe (54); Bob Nelson (19); Cindy Nelson (5700); Adam Norvell (7); Alivia Nunley (1); Ashley Nunley (28); Dawn Oats (51); Kelsy Owens (1); Mrs. Owens (1); Michael Parsons (2); Sky Patterson (7); Gary Phillips (19); Rebekah Phillips (106); Jeremy Pounders (8); Antow Powell (7); Billy Joe Recleasado (1); Jade Reclusado (1); Haley Rencher (20); Leslie Roach (16); Tina Sansone (13);

Are Smith (7); Audrey Smith (26); Claudia Smith (26); Janice Switcher (3264); Matthew Tawney (6); Rhiannon Tawney (7); Carolyn Terry (16); Henry Terry (8); Destiny Thompson (1); Shelia Thorne (145); Christina Thornton (3); Natalie Trimm (1); Kayleigh Tucker (7); Mike Tucker (8); RaNae Vaughn (5146); Chloe Voyles (8); Jennifer Voyles (40); Jeremy Voyles (40); Molly Voyles (4); Martha Wallace (227); Matthew Ward (24); West (1); Anthony Whirley (1); Matt Whirley (8); Paulette Whirley (10); Ricky Whirley (20); Helah Wilson (2842); Cora Wright (7); Students (148); Community Service (235.5).

Table 1 — Income Generated through Volunteerism

Year	# of Volunteers	Hours	Dollars
2004	2	6,944	\$121,867
2005	2	9,084	\$163,875
2006	2	7,011	\$131,597
2007	17	7,210	\$140,667
2008	17	9,336	\$182,145
2009	16	4,337	\$84,615
2010	22	15,933	\$310,853
2011	102	19,475	\$379,957
LTDF			\$1,515,576

Dollar Value of a Volunteer Hour: Bureau of Labor Statistics

More than \$1 million dollars in donated hours have been given to the Society by Tishomingo and Alcorn Countians. The dedication and commitment of these volunteers has not only been beneficial to the workforce, but in turn, it has allowed them to enhance their perceptive, imaginative, and expressive potential to market Tishomingo County.

The Tishomingo County Board of Education and the public school system work together with the archives and history museum to plan, promote, and support educational programs. History students receive credit for visiting and volunteering at the museum. Working to ensure that future generations will know about the history of Tishomingo County makes each and every volunteer feel as though they have been a real part of this community, working to maintain their traditions while simultaneously helping to create new traditions and preserve history. Perhaps the first and biggest benefit people receive from volunteering is the satisfaction of incorporating service into their lives and making a difference in their community and country. The intangible benefits alone—such as pride, satisfaction, and accomplishment—are worthwhile reasons to serve.

Outreach and Community Involvement

RaNae Vaughn submitted weekly articles to the weekly column, “Southern Cornerstones,” in *The Tishomingo County News* and in *The Belmont & Tishomingo Journal*. Another weekly column, “Historically Speaking,” is submitted to *The Daily Corinthian* on a weekly basis.

Various pictures were submitted to *The Tishomingo County News* and *The Belmont & Tishomingo Journal* for identification.

The Society and the Iuka Battlefield Commission work together to promote, emphasize, and preserve the Battle of Iuka.

The Society worked with the Tishomingo Economic Development Foundation and the Tishomingo County Tourism Council on promoting Tishomingo County tourism.

Camp Courthouse which is held each June was canceled due to inadequate funds and lack of air conditioning.

Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts participated in educational programs at the Museum.

Alcorn County Genealogical Society, Prentiss County Genealogical & Historical Society and Tishomingo County Historical & Genealogical Society united for a 2nd Annual Tri-County Genealogy Fair in Jacinto, the original county seat for Tishomingo County.

The historic courtroom was used for a wedding anniversary celebration, family reunion, and school reunion.

Collection Report

TCHGS is excited to report that the museum obtained a loan of the actual red uniform sashes that Confederate Brigadier General Henry Little wore during the Civil War. These sashes are on display in the museum and will be on site through the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Iuka festivities in September 2012. These sashes were loaned by Gen. Little’s g-g-g-g-nephew, Fielding Lewis Tyler, of Virginia Beach, Va., who will also be attending the Battle of Iuka’s anniversary celebration.

A total of more than 70 new accessions were received and processed via computer using the museum PastPerfect software. Cataloged library books are listed under “Library Accessions,” but archival and museum items included:

- Robert Russ Adams—Collection of arrowheads and Indian tools.
- Terry Barnes—Map of the northern section of Land District Map of Alabama dated September 30, 1834.
- Debbie Brown—Picture of John Marshall Stone; two pictures of Captain C. J. Hyatt; a photo of Linda Jane McKnight McKinney; a 1925 photograph of a Pyle-Bozeman wedding; and a funeral notice for Iuka citizen and former Governor John M. Stone.

- Charles Byram—Ident-o-matic camera and other photographic memorabilia, including black cloth used by Charles' grandmother, Sarah Jane McNutt Blunt; a movie camera in brown leather case which previously belonged to Sarah Jane McNutt Blunt; a mahogany Conley Safety, ca. 1890; a Gine Kodak Duo Splicer Outfit editing tool that was used to cement the film; an Argus C-3 camera that was sold to military men at PX and postal exchanges from 1939-1953 men in World War II; wooden three-prong tripod, ca 1939; Gene Autry western classic 78 record collection; Bell & Howell Air Chol silent movie camera; Bolex #8 16 mm silent movie camera, ca. 1936; Kodak Analysist II Sports Analyzer projector used primarily in sports; Telex Caramate 3500 projector used by schools; Victor 16-mm camera; two tripods; Polaroid 340 camera which belonged to Ruth Bolding; Adfa 616 Film Polaroid, ca. 1936, which belonged to Ruth Bolding; one pair of headsets; Dalite Versatol projector screen; Revere 8 movie camera which belonged to Ruth Bolding; 5 x 7 photograph of Charles Byram at age 33 (this first professional photo was made in 1958 in Roswell, N.M.); Utilo Extra Light Lens Shade; 125B flash bulbs; and several reference manuals, books, reference journals, and misc. magazines for use in ordering parts or identifying cameras.
- Joyce Cook—Picture of Belmont School.
- Stanley Cummings—Booklet of *The Civil War & the Battles of Corinth and Shiloh*.
- Russ Davis—Picture of Old Wright School near Paden, Miss.
- Myra Dean—High school diploma of Eunice Patterson; picture of the 1928 graduating class of Iuka High School.
- Donald Deaton—1949, 1950, 1951, and 1952 Iuka High School yearbooks.
- Linda Edmondson Kay's children—Door of the T. M. McDonald House that was once situated on Quitman Street in Iuka.
- Carter Haines—Picture of Robert W. Carter, World War I veteran; picture of an event in downtown Iuka with Mayor Robert W. Carter, Jr., in 1940s; picture of four women: Sallie Dean Carter, Ola Carter Pack, Gertrude Dean Patterson, and Virginia Carter Goyer; picture of three men on horseback (one was Robert Carter) with Iuka Methodist Church in background; picture of several young ladies on a picnic near Cole's Mill on May 6, 1901; and a picture of John Henry Carter.
- Nadine Loveless—Copy of *The Vidette* dated May 12, 1988.
- Bobby Nelson—Three glass interfit syringes.
- Cindy Nelson—1909 Sears & Roebuck catalog; painting of two children, one is playing the guitar.
- Scott Pilkington—Crinoid fossil rocks and Native American money rocks.
- Janice South—Old galvanized bottle warmer.
- Charles Sweeney—Paperwork for research including (1) 1890 copy of deed to W. J. Gregson for property purchased in Tishomingo County; (2) quit claim deed to Mrs. Kate M. Gregson, dated 25 Jan 1900; (3) W. J. Gregson family booklet; (4) 1844 court document for John G. Walker, Orange Co., N.C.; (5) family group records for William John Gregson, Baker Gregson, John G. Walker, Jacob T. Trolinger, George

Washington Gregson, George Washington Dowdy, Simeon Browning, Amos Gregson, William Gregson, and Robert Gregson; (6) Gregson family info from Historical Highlights of Graham, N.C.; (7) obituary of Miss Sallie Gregson in Alamance Gleaner dated May 2, 1881; (8) photocopy of article printed in *The History of Alamance* detailing Baker Gregson as Superior Court Clerk of Almanace Co., N.C., in 1848; (9) other miscellaneous photocopies. Donated photos include (1) William John Gregson; (2) Katherine/Kathleen Mariah Walker Gregson; (3) John Lawrence Gregson; (4) tombstone photo of William F. Gregson, Sr.; (5) tombstone photo of Kathleen Gregson; (6) Ora E. Gregson; (7) unknown home.

- RaNae Vaughn—(1) Wire spindle with approx. 450 prescriptions attached dated 1907; some of these are written on “letterhead” of the Model Drug Store of Iuka, Miss. Listed as druggists were Paden, Little & Co.; (2) tax form of Dr. A. E. Bostick of Iuka, Miss., purchasing controlled substances for his medical practice; (3) postcard of Dick Merrill; (4) Civil War card with photo of the Tishomingo Hotel.
- Phyllis Vuncannon—Picture of Iuka Colored School.
- Ricky Whirley—Antique hair crimpers.
- Scotty Skinner—Old school desk.
- Betty Young—Magazine from 1950 with article about Iuka’s 20th Century Club winning a contest on the “betterment” of their town from Kroger with a prize of a \$10,000; also donated various NASA posters.

Museum’s Exhibits

In July 2011, TCHGS established a thematic exhibit program.

The Lights, Camera, Action exhibit ran July 22 to October 11. This exhibit gave visitors an opportunity to view cameras and movie equipment used for acting and extra work in film and television, and in print media advertising. The exhibit featured part of a major collection of recent donations by local professional photographer, Charles Byram.

Visitors were encouraged to come by and get in the holiday spirit during the Holiday Festival which ran from October 12 to January 13. The museum showcased unique Christmas décor throughout.

Music, Sweet Music is the theme for the current exhibit which runs from January 13 to April 13. Music is one of those things that just gets better with time and never goes out of style. Local music is being featured alongside some interesting instruments.

Exploring the Past will be the featured exhibit for April 14 to July 14. The exhibit will allow visitors to learn about the past, including pioneer life. The exhibition will explore the lifestyles of families from early pioneer life to the 1970s.

The Museum will celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Iuka with special exhibits and programs from July 16 to October 16.

Events and Programs

The Tishomingo County Historical & Genealogical Society, a volunteer organization, continues to strive to preserve, protect, and share the heritage of different areas and aspects of the County with minimal funding. The museum's hours of operation have been maintained at 28 hours per week; however, as evidenced on our volunteer report, a few volunteers work during the night to handle the unstaffed work load of the Society and handling Museum care plans. Unfortunately, due to understaffing and the lack of day-time volunteers, our events and programs have felt the crunch. Four events were held in 2011 bringing in more than 300 visitors. They were the TCHGS Annual Meeting, Heritage Day, Living History Day, and Christmas Open House.

Events and programs are continuously reviewed in an effort to offer better and more worthwhile programs. The Society and its historical museum provide value to all of the County's communities by preserving everyone's heritage, not to mention the educational aspects of the Museum and activities for residents and visitors. The Tishomingo County Archives & History Museum benefits everyone, with increased commerce and goodwill. The facility is a source of pride for the community, and it is a local landmark structure in need of continual preservation.

Burnsville opened the doors to its Community Sparkplug project as it hosted the Mississippi Appalachian Community Learning Project's "Results and Learning Celebration" on November 3, 2011, at the Burnsville Area Chamber of Commerce. A total of 54 delegates from Maben, Burnsville, Byhalia, Crawford, Duck Hill, Kilmichael, Noxapaxter, Eupora, and Starkville attended to celebrate the completion of projects in these revitalized communities. Burnsville was chosen as the location for this event, giving the Tishomingo County Historical & Genealogical Society and the Town of Burnsville the opportunity to share their experiences in the restoration and renovation of the Burnsville One-Room Colored School.

Genealogy

In 2011, the book collection at the John Marshall Stone Research Library was inventoried and shifted to make room for added material. Another bookcase was added as well. The microfilm reader-printer was readjusted to better read and print from old newspapers and other publications available in this venue. Due to an increase of volunteer hours and a part-time library assistant, the back log of filing has been handled and maintained to a weekly manageable level. Visiting genealogists continue to visit the library to make use of the vertical files filed alphabetically by surnames.

Library Accessions

The following library books were cataloged and added to the collection in 2011.

- Monica Aday Ashcraft—*From Ireland to America: the lineage of John R. Flanagan, 1765-1840* (book).
- RaNae Vaughn—*Mississippi Court Records from the Files of the High Court of Errors and Appeals, 1799-1859* by Mary Louise Flowers Hendrix; *Pontotoc County, Mississippi Marriage Book, 1849-1891* by Hazel Boss Neet; *Mississippi Index of Wills 1800-1900* by Betty Wiltshire; *Civil War in Mississippi: Major Campaigns and Battles* by Michael Ballard; *Civil War Genealogy* by George Schweitzer; *Civil War on the Web: a Guide to the Very Best Sites* by Alice Carter; *New York Times Complete Civil War, 1861-1865* by Harold Holzer; *Civil War Research Guide: A Guide for Researching Your Civil War Ancestor* by Stephen McManus; *In Search of Your Confederate Ancestors* by J. H. Segars; *Tracing Your Civil War Ancestor* by Bertram Groene; *American Passenger Arrival Records: A Guide to the Records of Immigrants Arriving at American Ports by Sail and Steam* by Michael Tepper; *International Vital Records Handbook* by Thomas Kemp; *U.S. Military Records: A Guide to Federal and State Sources, Colonial America to the Present* by James C. Neagles; *Carter County, Tennessee, Marriages 1871-1920* by Eddie Nikazy; *Marriage Notices for the Whole United States, 1785-1794* by Charles Bolton; *Williamson County, Tennessee, Marriage Records 1851-1879* by Louise Lynch; *Funerals and Marriages Performed by Rev. Sidney Whitehurst, 1958-1986; Marriages Performed by Rev. G. P. Mayo, 1918 to 1957; Old Tishomingo County Mississippi Marriage Index, 1851-1870.*
- Linda Hester—Misc. copies of the *Mississippi Official and Statistical Register*, previously the property of J. O. Southward, Jr.
- Joey and Susie Holt—Three boxes of books pertaining to the Civil War.
- Cindy Nelson—*History of Tippah County History, Mississippi: the First Century* by Andrew Brown.

Gift Shop

New publications compiled by TCHGS volunteers that have been added to the Woodall Mountain Market Gift Shop inventory include the *1906, 1923, 1935, and 1941 Educable School Children*; and *Obituaries of Tishomingo County, Mississippi Vol. 1, A-B Surnames, 1845-1999*. Dr. Ben Kitchens' book, *Rosecrans Meets Price*, was edited by the Society and offered for sale along with associated Civil War t-shirts. TCHGS continues to assist the community by accepting consignment goods which allow both them and us to benefit from the net profit.

Various postcards depicting Eastport and the Mineral Springs Park were donated by Lloyd Murrah to sell in the gift shop.

Historic Preservation

Historic preservation throughout Tishomingo County is one of the goals of the Society. Work was accomplished as follows:

Burnsville Colored School—After receiving a small grant from the Mississippi Appalachian Community Learning Project (ACLP) for renovation, a team of volunteers quickly went to work to restore the schoolhouse. Due to the grant's requirements, work was required to be finished by the end of October 2011, and it was.

Midway School—TCHGS became stewards of the Midway School. We continue to work with the Midway Homemakers Club in the rental, upkeep, and utilization of the building. Approximately 2,062 (local and out-of-state) persons utilized the building in 2011.

Historical Markers—2012 is the year for emphasis on historical markers throughout the county. More than 25 interpretive markers have been identified and will be placed as funding becomes available.

Membership

There were 12 new individual members. Our current membership is 80. We added six new lifetime memberships—Anita Augustine, Ben Kitchens, Dustin Lambert, Leigh Segars, Mark Segars, and Scott Segars. Other lifetime members are: Dennie McRee, Cindy Nelson, W. R. Nettles, RaNae Vaughn, Carol Watson, and Brenda Whitfield.

Museum Needs Assessment

Many accomplishments were made during the year that will enable further use of the historic Courthouse Museum. However; there are problem areas that remain unfunded including:



Handicap Accessibility—Several years ago, the Board of Supervisors authorized construction of a concrete ramp with metal railing on the Quitman Street (south) side of the building in an attempt to make the Old Courthouse compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Rather than providing barrier-free access, the handicapped ramp is a physical and

a visual barrier to the building. It has an adverse effect on the integrity of the building because the ramp's scale and materials are inconsistent with the historic character of the Old Courthouse. The ramp does not have a curb; wheelchairs could roll off the edge of the ramp, possibly trapping the wheelchair occupant under the railing or causing other serious injuries. These ramps are rusted and reflect a poor image to the exterior of the facility.



In addition, the ramp forms a concrete-walled well next to the west side of the courthouse annex where moisture can be trapped, infiltrating the building, and causing foundation and interior damage.

Environmental Control System—The museum’s ventilation and cooling (HVAC) is in extremely poor condition and its replacement needs to be a top priority. The current HVAC units at the Tishomingo County Archives & History Museum are identified below.

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| 1. Downstairs west side of building | Pic 1 |
| 2. Downstairs east side of building | Pic 2 |
| 3. Upstairs annex (medicine room) | Pic 3 |
| 4. Upstairs middle room (Senator Cecil Summers’ room) | Pic 5 and Pic 6 |
| 5. Upstairs courtroom ceiling | Pic 5 and Pic 6 |
| 6. Upstairs courtroom ceiling | Pic 5 and Pic 6 |
| 7. Upstairs courtroom ceiling | Pic 5 and Pic 6 |



Pic 1 — East View



Second View



Pic 2 — West View

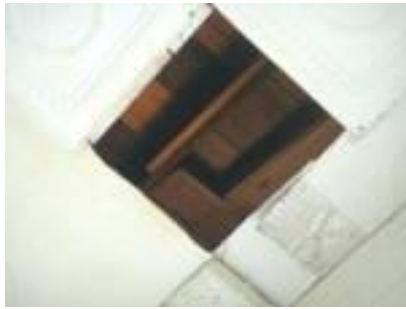
The units on the east side of the building need to be replaced. However, the replacement for the unit on the west side of the building, although an eye sore, will have to remain at that location. Due to the layout of the foundation, duct work cannot be run from east to west, unless installers bore under the floor, which is not possible due to a lack of crawl space. Another option that was considered was to run copper tubing from the interior unit to the other side of the building. However, considering the distance, the facility would most probably be faced with leaks and other problems. An architect should be consulted to properly address the area around this unit.



Pic 3 — Annex Unit



Pic 4 — Unit Located on Second Floor



Pic 5 — Attic Access to Unit



Pic 6 — Attic Access to Unit



**Pic 7 — Upstairs
Thermostats**

The access area to the attic has no stairs. Filters are not accessible, and units are not working properly.

Photographic Detail of Attic



New duct work and new insulation needs to be installed.

Stone Restoration—The stone curbs on the perimeter of the Old Courthouse property and around the raised planting beds on the north, west, and south sides of the building, as well as the stone walls in the north yard are important landscape features of the site. They are most probably original to the facility. As a result of the freeze-thaw cycle and other ground surges, many of the elements are now damaged, as follows:



Some of the curb blocks have rolled or become dislodged. Mortar is missing in many areas, and some of the stones are broken.

- The stone retaining walls on the north side of the property are in poor condition. The walls tilt precariously in some areas, and large cracks in the mortar and damaged stones make the walls unstable.
- Many unskilled repairs using inappropriate materials have visually and structurally marred the walls. These same conditions apply to the raised foundation bed walls on the north side of the building.

Security and Fire Protection—The acquisition of fire protection scanners and an upgrade to our current alarm system is mandatory in safeguarding the heritage that has been bestowed upon us. A CCTV system is needed which will provide a 16-channel DVR hard drive, which will be connected to a laptop in the library and a television in the business office. Eleven bullet cameras will be installed in individual rooms which house artifacts. Additionally, three additional door connectors, four additional motion detectors, and 15 smoke detectors will be added to the Museum’s existing panel. There is currently no fire protection in place.

Annex Roof Repair—Recent roof replacement did not include the annex roof, which leaks with all heavy rain storms. At least three times this year, the museum has had to rent steam cleaners to absorb the water from the carpeted floors.



Interior Wall Repair—The roof repair in 2008 has stopped moisture from doing further damage in the courtroom, but the existing damaged plaster has not been repaired. These damaged areas harbor mold that can easily spread throughout the building via air circulation. We are in need of a skilled plasterer who has extensive experience working on historic buildings to repair the damaged walls and ceiling in the courtroom, as well as the new damaged walls in the annex, due to recent leaks.

Molding Repair—The annex room has recently suffered from termite damage. Some boards need to be replaced.



The **double-leaf doors** on the north end of the entrance hall are deteriorating because of moisture infiltration that is a result of rain water splash on the exterior stone steps. To prevent further damage, a simple fabric awning should be considered for installation above the doors. A skilled carpenter with experience working on historic buildings is needed to repair the bottom rails of the doors, matching the existing materials and finishes.

Carpet Removal—The soiled and damaged carpets in the annex and the medical/home display room need to be removed. The library floor is believed to be concrete and can be painted. The rooms upstairs have wood flooring and can be painted.

Policies and Procedures

The Disaster and Risk Management Plan was updated on November 24, 2010. The Collections, Gift Shop, and Library Policies and Procedure Manuals were also updated. TCHGS bylaws were amended to include a change in membership categories and Board of Directors' criteria. The Strategic Plan was approved with no changes.

Publications

Four informative issues of the Society's newsletter, *Chronicles & Epitaphs*, were published with the editorial and layout expertise of Director RaNae S. Vaughn.

The book entitled *Rosecrans Meets Price: the Battle of Iuka, Mississippi*, by Ben E. Kitchens was edited by TCHGS and republished to benefit the Operating Account (after the publishing cost has been absorbed).

The following publications were either created or are in process:

- *Obituaries of Tishomingo County, Mississippi. Volume 1: A and B Surnames, 1845–1999.*
- *Obituaries of Tishomingo County, Mississippi. Volume 2: C, D, and E Surname, 1863–1999.*
- *Obituaries of Tishomingo County, Mississippi. Volume 3: F and G Surnames, 1868–1999.*

Tourism Impact

The economic value that our facility offers toward travel and tourism of Tishomingo County is significant. First and foremost is our Community Service benefit—it is the key to our existence. Secondly is the tax revenue that our facility generates from tourism. Interest in history and genealogy is North America's fastest growing hobby. A 2000 Maritz Marketing Research poll found that up to 60 percent of the American population is interested in their family history. Visitors at TCHAM reflect this interest. Museum personnel gladly meet out-of-town visitors

after hours to allow them to maintain their traveling schedule and to leave a positive impression of Tishomingo County.

Visitors tarry in Tishomingo County for a variety of reasons. Many of these people desire to visit the County to view the geographical area where their ancestors settled and to perform genealogical research. Others, who have no direct connection to Tishomingo County, enjoy touring the historic Courthouse and visualizing the way of life depicted of people who lived and served the County during earlier years. All out-of-town visitors are encouraged to dine, shop, and lodge within the County. They are given ideas, maps, and contact information to make their visit to Tishomingo County an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

During 2011, the museum and genealogy library hosted 1,400 visitors from 26 states including, Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, New Jersey, New Mexico, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, and Virginia. Along with the U.S. visitors, the country of Canada was also represented.

Tishomingo County Archives & History Museum 2012 Calendar

Date	Activity
January	National Hobby month
January 19	Board of Directors meeting, 6 p.m.
February	National Black History month; National History month <i>Chronicles & Epitaphs</i> published
February 5-11	Boy Scout Week
February 16	Board of Directors meeting, 6 p.m.
March	National Women's History month; Irish American Heritage month
March 11-17	Girl Scout Week
March 15	Board of Directors meeting, 6 p.m.
April	National Scots; Scots-Irish Heritage month National Poetry month; Confederate History month
April 19	Board of Directors meeting, 6 p.m.
April 8-14	National Library Week 2012
May	<i>Chronicles & Epitaphs</i> published National Museum month; National Military Appreciation month Asian Pacific American Heritage month; Jewish American Heritage month
May 5	National Scrapbooking Day [always first Sat. in May]
May 17	Board of Directors meeting, 6 p.m.
May 18	International Museum Day
May 28	Memorial Day
June [TBD]	Camp Courthouse, Ages 6-9; Great Outdoors month National Caribbean-American Heritage month
June 21	Board of Directors meeting, 6 p.m.
July	Family Reunion month
July [TBD]	Camp Courthouse, Ages 10-13
July 19	Board of Directors meeting ; 6 p.m.
August	<i>Chronicles & Epitaphs</i> published American History Essay month (8/1 — 12/15)
August 16	Board of Directors meeting, 6 p.m.
September	National Hispanic Heritage month (15 Sept – 15 Oct)
September [TBD] Mon. ; the 3 rd is Labor Day	Iuka's Heritage Day 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Iuka
September 10	National Swap Ideas Day [always Sept. 10]
September 20	Board of Directors meeting, 6 p.m.
October	National Family History month; National Genealogy month; National Archives month; Polish-American History month; Filipino-American Heritage month; German American Heritage month
October 8	American Indian Heritage Day/Fraternal Day [always 2 nd Mon. in Oct. or same as Columbus Day]
October 18	Board of Directors meeting, 6 p.m.
October [TBD]	3 rd Annual Tri-County Genealogy Fair
November	American Indian Heritage month; <i>Chronicles & Epitaphs</i> published
November [TBD]	Native American program
November 11	Veterans Day
November TBD	Board of Directors meeting, 6 p.m. [the 3 rd Thursday in 2012 falls on Thanksgiving Day.]
December 7	Christmas at the Courthouse (in conjunction with Iuka's Christmas Parade)