

SAMPLE STORIES

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FAMILY HOUSEHOLDS

500 words, and one photo FREE! Additional words @ 10¢, additional photos @ \$12.50. **Each word counts as one word** (including **a**, **and**, **it**, **for**, and **by**). The previous sentence contains 13 words. The only exception to the count each word rule is abbreviations: up to and including 4 letters/numbers or less = 1 word. 5 letters/numbers or more = 2 words (punctuation does not affect this).

JIM & SUE DAVIDSON

The Davidson family, Jim, Sue and Tony, moved to Washington in the year 1992. Before that they had been coming to the town for eight years for two or three weeks every year. James Christopher Davidson was born in Elk Grove Village, Illinois, to James Davidson and Maryann Hofmeister and has three sisters: Christine Lucas, Amy Reeves and Rita Carlen. Susan Elaine Godlewski was born in Schnectady, New York, to Theodore Godlewski and Genevieve Jackson and has two sisters: Janet Day and Maryanna Philippsen. Anthony Bartolone was born in Winfield, Illinois in 1978, to Salvatore Bartolone and Susan Godlewski. This is the story of how the family got here.



Jim and Sue Davidson

Jim and Sue Davidson were on their way to Florida for a cruise in 1985. Sue called the Chamber of Commerce in Atlanta and asked for information on "the oldest established town in Georgia other than Savannah." She received two brochures on Washington; a general brochure listing the highlights of the town and a brochure for Water Oak Cottage, a bed and breakfast. As soon as their car turned onto Robert Toombs Avenue, Sue knew that this was the town she wanted to live in. Her interests had always been the South and especially Civil War history. Jim thought the town was charming, but thought they would maybe retire there. Well, after eight years of going back and forth from Illinois, buying a house in Washington and getting a newspaper subscription, thanks to their son Tony, they finally made the move.

Tony attended the Washington-Wilkes Comprehensive High School and they all moved into the home of Woods Huff for three months while their house on North Alexander was being refurbished. Jim had quit his job as a computer technician after twelve years, and started working as a cowhand at the Barnett Angus Farm for nine months until he found work in his field. Sue started hanging out at the Chamber of Commerce and the local museums absorbing all the wonderful history of the area. After the first year, Dr. Turner Bryson, part-time Tourism Director for the Chamber, trained Sue to give step-on guide tours.

Tony moved back to Illinois, but Jim and Sue remain on North Alexander and as Sue says: "We'll never live anywhere else." Jim now works as an Industrial Electrician for Pliant Corporation right here in town and Sue works part-time and volunteers at the Chamber of Commerce, the Washington Historical Museum and Callaway Plantation. They attend the Episcopal Church of the Mediator where Sue likes to tell a different story: "I was kidnapped as a small baby, dragged up North and it has taken me thirty years to get back to my hometown - but I'm finally home!" Most people believe her and to those that challenge her she says: "Well, I may not have been born in the South, but I got here as soon as I could." (479 words)

CHURCHES, CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

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EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE MEDIATOR

The earliest settlers of Wilkes County brought their religious beliefs and practices with them. In those years, due to the lack of clergy, services were held in the homes of the faithful. This was true of the few followers of the Church of England, and continued in the decades following the Revolutionary War, which caused the Anglicans to form the Episcopal Church in America.



Episcopal Church of the Mediator

The Church of the Mediator, that was founded in 1868, under the leadership of the Reverend Joshua Knowles, first held services

in the Masonic Hall. The Mediator was admitted to membership in the Diocese of Georgia in 1868, as "a respectable congregation, including eleven communicants." The first church building of 1872 on West Main Street was destroyed in a fire in 1895. The new building is an exquisite example of the Victorian Gothic style, and was consecrated in 1896.

After World War II the parish revived, and in 1951 the Mediator became an organized mission again under the leadership of Jay Victor Nicholson.

The Church of the Mediator continues to carry on the tradition of providing a program of worship and services to the community.

All sorts of persons make up the fellowship of the Church of the Mediator that is a strong intergenerational and interracial voice in the heart of colonial Georgia. (217 words)
Submitted by Betty Staton.

MILITARY STORIES

100 words and 1 picture (in uniform) FREE! Additional words @ 10¢, additional pictures @ \$12.50.

MARSHALL ANDREWS POPE CIVIL WAR



Marshall Andrews Pope, grandfather of Cornelia Carol Cartledge

Marsh Pope was born in Washington, Georgia, Sept. 7, 1849, to Alexander and Cornelia Ball Pope. However, all of his military records reflect the year 1848. Having run away from home to join the Army when he was 14, he lied about his age.

He enlisted in the Confederate Army on September 10, 1864 as a private in Co. G, 7th Regiment, also called 3rd Kentucky Cavalry. He surrendered at Citronelle, Alabama, on May 4, 1865 and was paroled at Columbus, Mississippi, May 16, 1865.

He graduated from Washington & Lee and attended Jefferson Medical College.

He married Lola Beatrice Smith on March 5, 1896 in Washington and at the time of his death, March 13, 1914, he was Tax Collector for Wilkes County. (123 words)

(Note: Genealogical charts and tabular material cannot be accepted. Stories must be in flowing, narrative form.)