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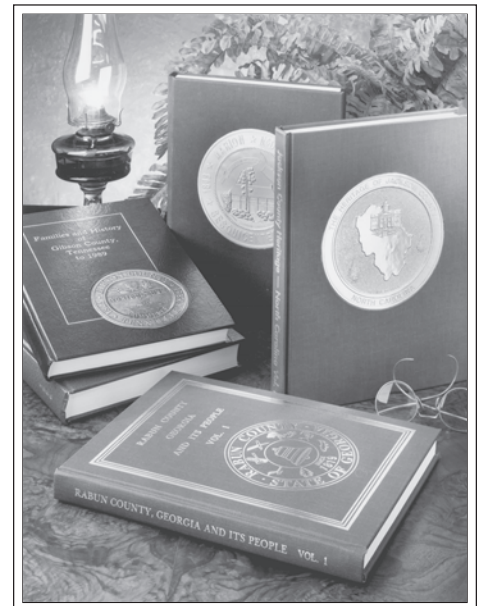
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**A new hardbound book sponsored by
The Greensville County
Heritage Book Committee
and published by County Heritage, Inc.
anticipated completion - late 2009**

- County Heritage, Inc. announces the publication of a new Greensville County Heritage book!
- We invite all residents, former residents, and those with roots in Greensville County to submit a family household history of 500 words and one photograph to be printed free!
- This is a rare opportunity for you to be a part of history.
- We will print only a limited number of these beautiful hardbound books. They will be 9" x 12", exquisitely gold stamped and embossed, matching other Virginia County Heritage books!
- Because this is a limited edition book, **only those who order and pay in advance are guaranteed to receive a copy.**
- These books will make excellent gifts for birthdays and holidays.



Sample Heritage Books

DEADLINE EXTENDED
FOR STORIES, PHOTOS & BOOK ORDERS:
MAY 1, 2009

SAMPLE STORIES

Use these articles to guide you in preparing your own stories!

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 is ignored).

DODD

It was a black letter day for Julius Caesar but a red letter day for Felix and Bobs Dodd on March 15, 1943, when their first daughter was born in Wilson, NC, even though they were already living in Emporia, VA. This daughter's first true memory was when we took our chairs outside of Miss Mary's Kindergarten, at the old Episcopal Church, and sat under the trees.



Julia and Ed Masters

Emporia and the people hold only good memories for me. I remember playing softball, football and dodge ball with the other children in our neighborhood. There was an unwritten rule in our area and everyone abided by it. You always went by the rules of the yard you were in at the time. You always listened to grown-ups whether you wanted to or not. I remember trips to King Rock after church with my daddy and my sisters, Linda and Martha and we would practice shooting snakes in the Meherrin River. I remember the morning daddy called us all outside because he had a flat tire. We all knew how to change a tire before we even got to school! Once I became a scout I went to Camp Holly Dell for two weeks every year for seven years. I still remember my leaders fondly.

After school, most days, we would rush for Jones Drug Store. Remember when people would see how many people could get into a phone booth? As I think back, I wonder how did we get so many people into a booth? That was with books too! On Saturdays a group of us would go to the movie. My allowance was spent that day as I paid fifteen cents to get in, five cents for a drink and five cents for popcorn. I remember Daddy introducing us to the town council meetings when it was in question on whether the maples on Hicksford Avenue should

be cut down. After football games we would go to the Emporia Diner.

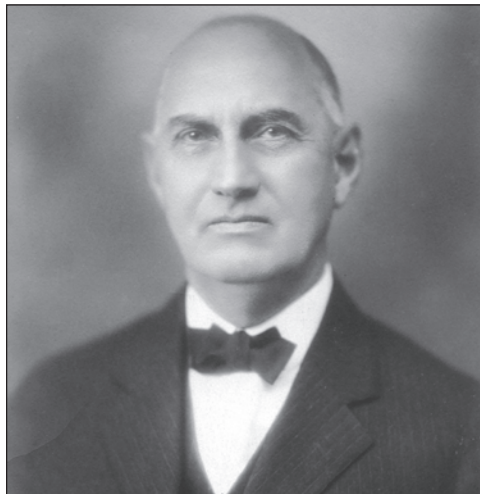
The slogan was, "Where Friends meet, greet and eat." The most popular order was a 'pine float.' Since I had a seizure disorder, I needed smaller classes to concentrate. So at the end of my tenth year, I went off to a fantastic school. After school I worked in our new hospital (Greensville Memorial Hospital), and loved every minute of it. After five years, I moved to Florida, and met my husband, now of thirty seven years, Ed Masters. And we had, Travis Griffin, Julia Anne, and Paul Nathaniel. Now we reside in Battleboro, NC, have five grandchildren and are advocates for NAMI and local mental health issues.

As I look back over my years only three question are utmost in my mind: What part of illegal do legislators not understand? Why does common sense/common courtesy seem to fit with dysfunctional? And, is God a female? **(479 words)** Submitted by *Julia Dodd and Ed Masters*.

WILLIAM RUFUS CATO

(1869 - 1965)

Political and Civic Leader - Mr. Cato's mercantile career, begun in 1889, included multiple retail properties, hardware, feed & grain store, cotton gin and tractor dealership. He founded and was first President of First Federal Bank (became First National Bank).



William Rufus Cato

He organized the local newspaper (now Independent-Messenger) and was its President from 1909 to 1929. For fourteen years Mr. Cato was a member of the Greensville County Board of Supervisors. He was chairman of the Greensville County Democratic Committee and served as delegate to the Virginia General Assembly from Greensville and Sussex Counties for six sessions. He served on the Town Council for forty years and was Mayor of Emporia from 1940 to 1946. Mr. Cato organized a store building Sunday School from which the Monumental Methodist Church developed. He was a member of its Board of Stewards, Board of Trustees and Superintendent of the Sunday School for many years. **(149 words)** Submitted by *Ruth N. Tillar*.

CHURCHES, CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

250 words and one photo FREE! Additional words @ 10¢, additional photos @ \$12.50.

PELHAMS U.M. CHURCH

Pelhams Church dates back to May 24, 1783 when land owned by Thomas Branscom was sold for five shillings to John Wesley. It was recorded by Peter Pelham, Clerk of Greensville County Circuit Court.

Other highlights in Pelhams Church history include visits from Bishop Ashbury in Feb. and April of 1798. The Bishop preached on Feb. 12, and attended a sermon and Sacrament on April 3.



Pelham's United Methodist Church

There is no definite record of activities which took place at the Pelhams Church for a period of years. However, there is an old roll book, which dates back to 1882. History shows that Pelhams Church doors have been kept open and although its membership is small, it is an active and self-supporting church. The Bicentennial celebration of the church was held Oct. 31, 2004, led by the Rev. Ken Thrasher. **(136 words)** Submitted by *James Webb, Emporia, VA*.

MILITARY STORIES

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

SP.4 STEPHEN M. HIGH



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Stephen Matthew High served in the U.S. Army from February 7, 1962 to January 29, 1964. He completed Basic Combat Training/Signal School at Fort Gordon, Georgia, and served 18 months in Europe.

"Buddy" as he is called by his family, lived on the Beef Road with his parents Mary and Horace High of Greensville County.

Stephen is now an entrepreneur in Hampton, VA. **(67 words)** Submitted by *Matilda Carter*.

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



“... and departing leave behind us, footprints in the sands of time.”

The Psalm of Life by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

You and your family are important to the Greenville County Heritage Book Committee. We cordially invite you to participate in the publication of our county heritage book.

I. Who is eligible to participate?

- A. Present residents of Greenville County.
B. Former residents of Greenville County.
C. Those with roots in Greenville County.

II. How much may I submit, and what is the cost?

A. Each household is encouraged to submit 500 words of family genealogy/history and one picture. (Heading, "submitted by" and source information are not part of the word count ... only the body of the article!)

-- or --

B. If your ancestors came to Greenville County by or before 1870, you may submit 1,000 words and 2 photos (per household).

C. Additional words are 10¢ per word. Extra photos are \$12.50 each. Double-wide or double-deep photos are also \$12.50 additional.

D. Abbreviations: Up to 4 numbers/characters = one word. 5 or more numbers/characters = 2 words. Punctuation is ignored!

III. What can I write?

A. Ancestors.

- 1. Why and when they came to Greenville County.
2. Dates and locations of births, marriages, deaths and burials.
3. Family stories.

B. Yourself and your family.

- 1. Childhood, school days, and other events.
2. Jobs, residences, hobbies and past-times.

IV. Topical articles (to be used at book committee discretion).

A. Histories of churches, clubs, and organizations.

1. Each allowed 250 words and one photo. Churches or clubs over 100 years old may submit a total of 500 words!

2. Additional photos see Paragraph II.C.
B. Communities and major topics. (Ask committee for details.)

C. Military service biographical sketch.
1. Each allowed 100 words and 1 photo.
2. Additional photo; see Paragraph II.C.

V. Article format.

A. Double-space type or word processing on bond paper. We cannot accept articles which are typed in ALL CAPS. Upper and lower case must be used! A hard copy must be included. We will also accept text on diskettes, using MS Word or Word Perfect.

B. Include at end of article:

- 1. Word count.
2. Sources, if available.
3. Name, address, phone number and email address of story submitter.
4. Caption to appear with photograph (see paragraph VI.C).
5. A list of all names, last, first, maiden or middle, please, typed on a separate sheet of paper and stapled to your story (see Paragraph IX.)

VI. Photograph directions.

Note: Do not submit original irreplaceable photos!

A. Types and size.

- 1. Glossy photos are best! Black and white are preferred, but we accept 35mm color and studio quality prints. Laser copies do not reproduce well, so please don't submit them! We will accept .jpg or .tif photos on a separate diskette or CD. "If sub-

mitting digitized scanned images, please scan at 300 dpi to preserve image quality." A glossy print of your photo must also be included!

2. The following are not acceptable: Xerox® copies, negatives or faded Polaroids.

3. Any size up to 8"x10".

4. All photos will be reduced to one column - 2½" wide by 1¾" high, with standard cropping as a bust shot. You must pay extra, as detailed in II.C., for larger sizes.

B. Identification.

- 1. Place an address label with telephone number on the back or (not as desirable) print this information lightly with soft lead pencil on back of photo.

C. Captions.

- 1. Limited to 10 words or less.
2. Type at end of article.

VII. Writing assistance.

- A. Contact committee members.
B. Sample Virginia County Heritage books may be seen at the Emporia Library. They are published by County Heritage, Inc., and will be helpful with writing your own story!

VIII. Restrictions.

- A. Articles cannot harm or embarrass another individual.
B. No genealogical charts or tabular material can be used.

IX. Index.

Please help prepare an every name index: List last, first, maiden or middle names. Type on a separate sheet of paper and staple to your story.

X. No email submissions. Sorry!

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My story is over the FREE WORD limit. Enclosed is \$

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In addition to my free picture, I want photos printed for \$12.50 each. QTY.

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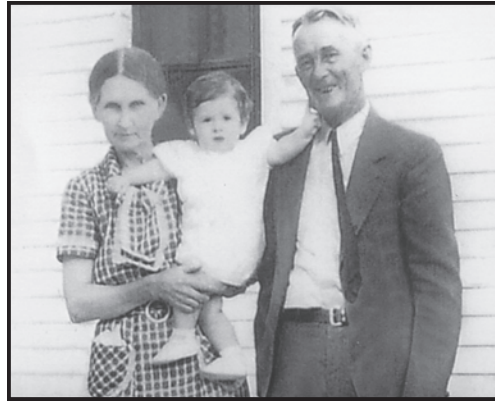
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