



Our history begins here. Let us start you on the journey.

New Stories, New Looks

While the History Center's main building remains closed to visitors, we've taken this opportunity to make some changes to the displays and stories we tell. In 2018, we completed our new Interpretive Plan that laid out our themes for the History Center. In large part, the story of Thomas County can be told chronologically, from Prehistory through the Civil Rights and Preservation eras. However, we also gave ourselves a framework to tell stories organized around a central topic or theme. This approach has inspired many of our updates.

In addition to new coats of paint in the Orientation Room and the MacIntyre Room, we've undertaken the first major redesign of the Davis Wing exhibits in many years. We've shared some of our progress on social media and our bimonthly emails and will continue to do so as we wrap up the work.

For this edition of *The Hourglass*, we thought that we might share some highlights from each space and give you a sneak peak at the stories we are exploring. You may be wondering, "when can I see this for myself?" The answer to that is still a little unclear. We want to be sure we are doing it carefully, thoughtfully, and in alignment with museum best practices. This means, we're choosing every word carefully, seeking out the most durable and appropriate housing for artifacts, and striving to present as complete a story as possible that introduces new voices and experiences.

We are also carefully monitoring local pandemic conditions. We've instituted new daily cleaning procedures for the History Center's historic buildings which are open to the public Monday through Saturday. As a small staff, we're doing all that we can to offer a safe and engaging environment for the

public and still protect the health and safety of the staff and volunteers. So, as of now, we do not have a firm date set for the re-opening of the Flowers-Roberts House and its exhibitions to the public.

We are accepting research appointments and have several volunteers who are graciously offering their time and expertise for behind the scenes projects. To view our progress videos, visit the History Center's You Tube channel. Follow us on Instagram for more behind-the-scenes content as well. Find us @ thomasvillehistory.

MacIntyre Room

Work in the MacIntyre Room has included patching damaged plaster and repainting the walls and built in display cabinet. Most of the previous artifacts and portraits have been replaced with new items from the MacIntyre Collection that help us tell the story of the MacIntyre family, and their contributions to the community, from the antebellum era through the 20th century.

Over the mantle, the portrait painting of Archbold T. MacIntyre, Sr., c.1850 holds a place of honor. This painting hung in Thomasville High School from 1925 until 1975 while it was in the MacIntyre Park building.



The Davis Wing Highlights

From our research into the History Center's institutional archive, the last major update to the Davis Wing occurred in 2006. Since then, we've acquired many new artifacts, learned more stories, and re-branded the organization. In line with that growth, it was time for the museum's largest gallery space to receive an update.

Taking it bay by bay, we've worked our way around about 2/3 of the exhibition space- repainting and rearranging. While we could not change any major structural elements, we could relocate some of our large exhibit cases and re-imagine the housing for several of our most interesting artifacts. As we've disassembled exhibits, Ephraim has also been able to catalogue and inventory additional artifacts so our online collections database continues to improve.

We've retired the two movable exhibit walls at the rear of the Davis Wing, giving us more space for large artifacts and more continuous storytelling.

The wall size Moller photograph of Broad Street is now at the front of the room. We gained more than 30 feet of exhibit space by moving the screen and have replaced it with vertical panels that we painted a bright gold and that will be dedicated to the County towns.



Our collection of Civil War flags are now in a freestanding exhibit that allows you to see both sides of the flags up close.

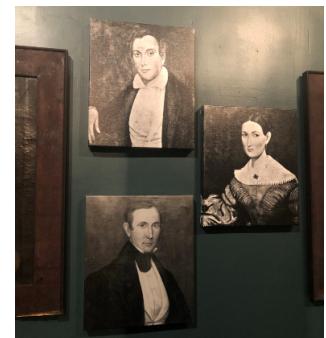


The fire alert system from the Thomasville Fire Department, formerly in the back right corner of the Davis Wing, has been moved to the hallway with the help of House to House movers. The slate panel took 3 people to move! The newly painted hallway will now highlight the Thomasville Fire Department and previously never-displayed artifacts.



Exhibit cases have been moved and turned to help direct the flow through the exhibit and to offer more storytelling space. One case will discuss enslavement in antebellum Thomas County which contrasts the gallery of Mifflin's antebellum planter portraits.

In addition to the six Mifflin portraits in our collection, we've identified 3 additional portraits that exist as negatives in the Hopkins collection which were likely also painted by Mifflin. These have been printed on canvas and added to the gallery as "Missing Mifflins."



Crate to Plate

The first ever Crate to Plate event, held on Thursday, October 15 was a resounding success. We are incredibly grateful for the patience, support, and enthusiasm of the community. We served 130 crates in just 1 hour. That's 260 meals! Without the help of our amazing volunteers, none of this would have been possible.

We are grateful to our vendors: JB Crumbs, Sweetgrass Dairy Cheese Shop, Liam's Restaurant, The Bread Wagon, Singletary's Flowers, Blackberry Patch, Georgia Crate & Basket, Co., Bird Dog Bottle, and more for their collaboration in building this unique event. It was the goal of our Board and staff to provide a taste of what our community has to offer and our partners certainly delivered. We hope you enjoyed the little surprises and special touches that we added to the crate to help make it a special and memorable experience. One of our favorite, and most challenging, parts of preparations was branding the crates. The Custom Brand Shop in Idaho turned our logo into a metal brand and we were able to add a unique and personal touch to each crate.

Because this was a drive-through event, we were unable to capture our usual photographs of everyone gathered together, but Claire Timm, Board member and official History Center event photographer, captured photographs of volunteers as we made final preparations. We also asked Crate buyers to send us photos of their picnics and dinner parties. If you have not yet shared photos from your Crate to Plate celebration, please email them to amelia@thomascountyhistory.org. Here are just a few of our favorite photos of the evening.



Photograph by Claire Timm



Row 1: Rhodes & Jay Flowers take a peak inside their crate; Andrea & Chip Hancock enjoy a picnic at the Ritz Amphitheatre; The Davis Family dinner party; Bill Lawson, Connie Middleton, and Janice and Tom Faircloth at the Ritz Amphitheatre; Row 2: Volunteers transport crates from the Davis Wing; Meme Hand & Anne McCudden loading up a crate; A special crate delivery for a sponsor; Twitty Titus and friends enjoy a picnic at Paradise Park.

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Top: Successful branding using our custom iron; Middle: heating the branding iron in the campfire; Bottom: floral arrangements by Singletary's that accompanied each crate. Photographs by Staff and Claire Timm.

Calendar Notes

Holiday Closures:

November 26: Thanksgiving

December 24-25: Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

January 1: New Years Day, Closed

Happy Holidays!

Wishing you and yours a safe, healthy, and restful holiday season. We thank you for all of your support during 2020 and look forward to continuing our growth in the New Year.

-- The Board & Staff of the Thomasville History Center

Upcoming Events:

December: Deck the Halls

See the Lapham-Patterson House decorated for the holiday season! (More details on page 10)

LPH Hours of Operation: Friday: 1pm, 2pm, and 3pm; Saturday: 10am; 11am; 1pm; 2pm, and 3pm. Members visit free!

December 4: At-Home Holiday Craft Kits available for pickup. Pre-orders begin soon.

December 5: Holiday Craft Workshop, (see pg 10), 10am-Noon. Registration Required.

Collections Spotlight

In the process of updating exhibits in the Flowers-Roberts House, we've been able to look in-depth at several of the artifacts on display. Some have unique and twisting histories that lead us down rabbit-holes of makers' marks and family histories, while others reflect the ordinary day-to-day life of past Thomas Countians.

In our work to update the MacIntyre Room, we incorporated items in storage and previously on display, highlighting items with definite ties to the MacIntyre family. One such item, originally labeled as a serving table, turned out to have a more unique story than we'd expected. At first glance, this looks like a simple end table, but a closer look reveals that this item has a hidden storage area under the lid. Inside are two lidded canisters which held tea leaves and two velvet lined depressions that held glass bowls. This type of table is known as a teapoy and was very popular in upper class circles during the 1800s. They are of Indian origin with the word "tea" actually being the Hindi word for "three-footed" as most of these tables have three legs, just like ours. The glass bowls were used for mixing the tea leaves with other ingredients as is done in Indian tea preparation.



The teapoy was donated to the History Center by the Estate of William F. MacIntyre, Sr. as a part of the MacIntyre Collection. Accession: 1972.059.1

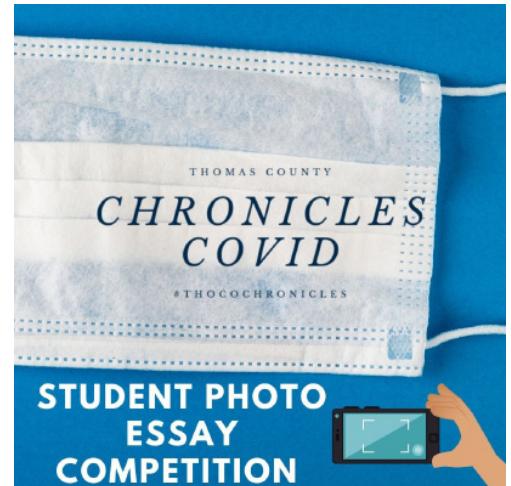
Thomas County Chronicles COVID

The Thomasville History Center's joint initiative with the Thomasville Center for the Arts, Jack Hadley Black History Museum, Pebble Hill Plantation, and Thomas County Public Library System continues to actively collect and document our community's experiences with the COVID-19 pandemic.

To make sure that this collection is as reflective of all experiences and perspectives our community has to offer, we need your help. As you celebrate this holiday season, we ask that you keep this project in the back of your mind. Are you planning a socially distanced Thanksgiving, a small outdoor gathering, finding food and paper product shortages in stores, or seeing a shop or business around town with special precautions? Snap a photo and share it with us using the online form at thocochronicles.org.

Student Photo Essay Competition: Submission Deadline is December 4

In September, the Chronicles partners launched a new academic competition for local 5th through 12th graders currently enrolled in in-person or at-home learning. The competition asked them to become photo journalists, documenting what they see across the community in relation to the ongoing pandemic. Students could choose from several different categories such as Public Health, Family, Celebrations, and Extracurriculars and were asked to describe how life has changed. Contestants will be judged in age divisions by the Chronicles partner organizations. Winners and honorable mentions will be added to the ongoing Chronicles collection.



28th Annual Pilau Dinner

Twenty-eight years strong and still a crowd pleaser! This year's Annual Pilau Dinner was business as usual for the History Center with a few key updates to help keep our volunteers, staff, and customers safe and healthy. Instead of offering our traditional eat-in tables for people to enjoy dinner on the grounds, we transitioned to a takeout only system with great results.

Your overwhelming support of this 28-year tradition set a new sales record of more than 1,300 meals. Given the historic circumstances, we are grateful for the community's support and our volunteers' dedication. The increased sales means that this will be one of our most profitable Pilau events. Funds raised will benefit the History Center's ongoing operations. We'd like to thank the event's founders, who would be proud of how the Annual Pilau Dinner continues to grow year after year.



Photograph by Jennifer Rhodes



Photograph by Claire Timm

As always, there are many people and community partners that we must thank for their support of this event and the History Center. First, we'd like to thank Thomasville National Bank for their generous sponsorship. Their support has provided a strong foundation for this event to continue to grow. We owe our thanks to Wylie Watt, Jr. for his organization of the event and to his volunteer cooks for their hard work. We've had rave reviews about this year's batch. Well done, cooks!

We were fortunate to have the use of a refrigerated truck from Harpers Seafood to help us maintain safe temperatures for the side dishes between portioning them up and packing them on the serving line. Having the ability to pre-pack most of the food saved us valuable time on the serving line and allowed us to get food out to customers faster. Our serving line volunteers and food packaging volunteers deserve a round of applause as well. They packaged more than 1,400 containers each of pickles and slaw in advance, and assembled around 1,300 to-go containers on the night of the event. We had extra help from students from the Thomas County Middle School and Thomas County Central High School MERIT programs. Special thanks to Claire Timm and Jennifer Rhodes for providing us with wonderful photos of this year's event.



Please join us in expressing our condolences to the family of Logan Lewis, who passed away recently. Logan was one of the stalwarts of the History Center's Annual Pilau Dinner. His help and expertise will be greatly missed.



Photograph by Claire Timm

Memberships

This list reflects Personal and Business members who have joined or renewed their memberships between **JULY 1, 2020 AND NOVEMBER 10, 2020**. Thank you for your support! For questions or corrections, please contact Amelia, amelia@thomascountyhistory.org.

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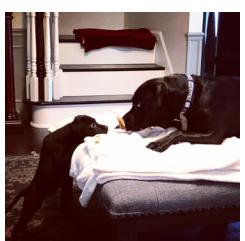
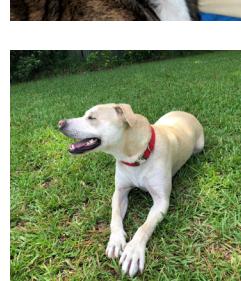
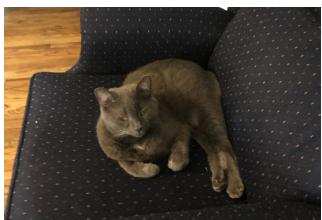
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Pet Memberships

This list reflects Stay at Home Pals and Trusty Sidekicks who joined or renewed their memberships in 2020. Thank you for your support! Not Pictured: Obie Wan, Princess Leia, & Bandito Herring-Linton; Lily Flowers; Charlotte & Becky Patz.

Stay at Home Pals



Row 1: Pinky Vereen, Ramona Vereen; Row 2: Sasha Owens, Dexter Gallo; Row 3: Milo Gallo, Blue Gibbs; Row 4: Gregg Gibbs

Memorial Trusty Sidekicks



Happy Powell with Margaret McKay Powell, mid 1970s

Doc Flowers, faithful companion to Langdon Flowers

Row 1: Rhodes Flowers, Flo Rich, Lewis Hughes; Row 2: Beck Edwards, Christmas Steele, Mr. Bean Steele; Row 3: Peanut McCudden, Max Patz, Katie Patz; Row 4: Memphis & Elvis Willers-Elwell; Ellie & Laney Garcia; Row 5: Wilson & Seve Braswell



Add your furry (or scaly!) friend to our member rolls by visiting thomasvillehistory.org/memberships.

Deck the Halls

Somehow, the pages of the calendar have flown by in a year unlike any other and it is time to start thinking about holiday decorations at the Lapham-Patterson House. As we have for the last few years, we have reached out to community members interested in adding a little holiday cheer to one of Thomasville's most unique historic homes.

The Thomasville History Center has asked past partners to decorate a mantle, tablescape, or complete Christmas tree (star to skirt) celebrating the unique history, culture, and natural habitat of the Red Hills region. Decorations may reflect the organization's mission or purpose and each display's creator will be identified for the public to see. The decorations will be on display throughout the Lapham-Patterson House for the duration of the holiday season.

Want to participate? Please submit a request on our website or give us a call and we will follow up with you to discuss the finer details. Those who have decorated before will receive priority being assigned a location so all interested participants are encouraged to reach out as soon as possible.

Decorations will be up from just after Thanksgiving through the New Year for visitors to the Lapham-Patterson House to enjoy while on tour. The House is open Fridays with tours at 1pm, 2pm, and 3pm, and Saturdays with tours at 10am, 11am, 1pm, 2pm, and 3pm.

Holiday Crafts

For Grown-Ups:

Saturday, December 5,
10am-Noon
Lapham-Patterson House
Registration & Masks
Required, \$15

Under the expert
instruction of Leslie
Johnson, we'll make fabric



ornaments at our next Hands-On Workshop. All materials will be provided. Each participant will also leave with printed instructions so that they can replicate the craft at home. Social distancing will be maintained to the best of our abilities and the workshop may be outside.

The Hands-On Holiday Workshop ornament activity will also be offered as a take-home kit for those who cannot attend in person for the same price. Complete step-by-step written instructions and an instructional video will be provided. Be sure to select the correct option at registration! Pickup begins December 7.

For All Ages: At-Home Kits

Visit thomasvillehistory.org to reserve your kits!
Available Starting December 4
Luminary Lights (\$5)
It's Beginning to Look A Lot Like
Christmas (\$10)

We're bringing the summer's At-Home Camp Kits back for the holiday season! Each kit will include all materials needed to craft holiday cheer at home. These activities are designed for all ages. Some may require grown-up supervision or help.

What Will 2021 Look Like?

Like everyone, we wish we had a crystal ball to forecast what 2021 will look like and to know when it will be safe to return to our regularly scheduled programming of in-person lectures, Do You Remember?'s, and workshops. 2020, and its roller coaster of emotions and events, took all of us by surprise. We are proud of our rapid reaction to the situation and re-imagination of our offerings and are looking ahead to 2021 with optimism and caution.

As much as we would love to plan for 2021 to be just like “normal,” we’re trying to be one step ahead and develop a program plan that continues to deliver enriching and engaging content while maintaining all of our safety as the COVID-19 pandemic continues. We will of course continue to provide social media glimpses into our archives, collections, and day-to-day adventures. We’ve got several ideas in the works, but we want to hear from you, our supporters and friends.

What do you want to see from the History Center in 2021? Complete and return the wish list below to the History Center and we’ll add your suggestions to our idea file. We’ve brainstormed a few categories based on things we already do or think we can do successfully. Feel free to add suggestions we haven’t thought of, or subjects you’d like to see us explore.



Program & Activity Wish List

Please return by mail to Thomasville History Center or complete the wish list online at [surveymonkey.com/r/56JDD7N](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/56JDD7N).

Lectures

Virtual (recorded or live)

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Do You Remember Livestreams or Slideshows

Mini-Podcast: brief audio and/or visual histories

Outdoor Movies

Crafts & Workshops

Take-Home Kits (we source all materials and provide instructions)

Grown-Ups

Youth

Digital Craft Instructions (for download)

Drop-In Craft Activities

Experiences

Walking Tours

Scavenger Hunts

Digital Games

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...I've always wanted to....

Save the Date:

2021 Annual Meeting

Tuesday, January 19

7:30pm

Via Zoom

This year, our Annual Meeting is going digital. Join us for a recap of the Thomasville History Center’s accomplishments in 2020, the election of new Board Members, and a brief presentation.

Don’t worry, we won’t ask you to turn on your cameras; just log on, and listen in! Voting will be handled in the chat box and poll feature.

Registration will open online soon. You’ll receive the meeting login and pass code by email.



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