

# Stone Mountain Historical Society Newsletter

## February 2017



### **Greetings**

We welcome our new and continuing members to a new year of better understanding of our past and we look forward to a successful year of research and fellowship at the Society.

We have a lot of plans in store so if you haven't renewed your membership please do so. Our 1871 Club has a firm footing and we have several projects under consideration. Thank you for your generosity! Also, please take note of a program on Shermantown at the DeKalb History Center next week that features many city residents that will tell the story of this historically important African American community. In 2016 we began a partnership with Café Jaya holding High Teas at the Wells Brown House on the first Saturday of each month. In 2017, the High Teas will be held on a quarterly basis so please make your reservation for Saturday April 1. Please consider making a reservation for a beautiful event that will hopefully spill out to the grounds this spring. We are also hosting a monthly social hour inviting our members and friends in to enjoy the house and see new additions to our collection. Join us on Friday February 24th from 4:00 pm to 6:00pm for Moscow Mules and a Look Alike Contest for Famous Russian Figures. Who says history can't be fun?

On a more serious note, 2017 is an important year for all Georgia's historical societies marking the beginning of the centennial of World War I. In the words of the U.S. World War I Commission: "World War I remains America's



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forgotten war, even though more Americans gave their lives during that war than during Korea and Vietnam combined, and even though it profoundly shaped the rest of “the American century.” Created by an Act of Congress in 2013, the 12-member Commission was appointed by the President and the leaders of the Senate and the House of Representatives, as well as the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the National World War I Museum. The Commission’s mission is to plan, develop, and execute programs, projects and activities to commemorate the Centennial of World War I (WWI) and will coordinate the activities of thousands individuals and institutions as they tell the story of the Great War.

### ***How Stone Mountain Can Celebrate the Centennial***

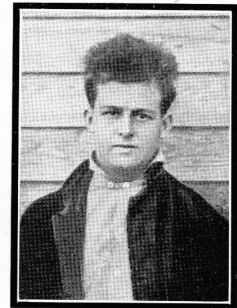
The Historical Society is actively engaged in telling the story of the Stone Mountain men and women who served in the Great War. With help from archivists at the National Archives, we have developed a list of individuals who served that were either born in Stone Mountain or were residents at the outbreak of the war. There are approximately 170 soldiers and one nurse and each of these individuals has a story to tell. Each has a service card that speaks to their specific service. Service cards are a better source than draft cards as many draft cardholders never served in the armed forces for a variety of reasons. This list is just a starting point as we learn more

## **WWI Veterans Living/Born in Stone Mountain**

John T Adcox  
William D Anderson  
William Barnett Anderson  
Robert B Anderson  
St Matthew T Arnold  
Sam Autry  
Dick Barrett  
Justice H Baxter  
Paul Bearding  
Edwin C Brady  
William H Brownlee  
George Walker Brownlee  
William C Bruce  
Thomas O Burdette  
Alvin E Burnett  
Henry J Caldwell  
Ludy Camp  
Henry C Campbell  
Samuel E Carr  
Dave Clark Jr  
Elmer Clark  
James Clark  
Charlie Clark

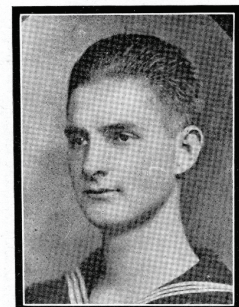
Mark L(yner) Lynch  
Theodore B Malone  
Grady H Mancrief  
Homer H Manning  
James Z Martin  
Joe Martin  
Joe C Martin  
Eddie Martin  
Johnnie C Mason  
Dan Mason  
William Mayo  
Ular McCart  
George McDaniel  
Julian McDaniel  
Elonza Middlebrook  
John M Miller  
Roy A Mitchell  
Grady H Moncrief  
Thomas Moon  
Walter G Moore  
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Edward M Nash  
Peyton M Norris

## **You Can Help Us Tell Our Local WWI Story**



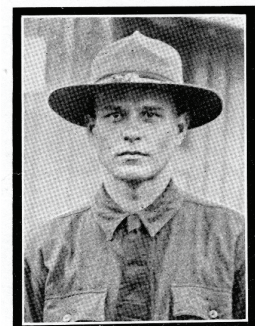
PVT. ROBERT B. ANDERSON  
Stone Mountain, Ga.

Private Anderson entered the service August 28th, 1918. He was attached to Company “G,” Replacement Regiment, Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Georgia. Private Anderson had been in the service only a few months when he contracted influenza, which resulted in his death at Camp Gordon, October 7th, 1918.



SEAMAN EDWIN C. BRADY  
Stone Mountain, Ga.

Seaman Brady entered the Naval service in May, 1917, and was stationed at Newport, R. I. Seaman Brady had been in service only a short time when he was made a Second-Class Seaman. He had made one trip to England and two trips to France as gun-pointer, before making the supreme sacrifice when the ship “Ticonderoga” was torpedoed and sunk, September 30th, 1918.



PRIVATE ROY MITCHELL  
Stone Mountain, Ga.

Private Mitchell entered the service July 16th, 1918. He was attached to the General Hospital, Medical Department, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Private Mitchell contracted pneumonia while he was visiting his home on a furlough, and died at Stone Mountain, Georgia (date of death not known).



Samuel Clarence Clay  
 William H Cone  
 William P Cook  
 John E Cothran  
 James W Dasch  
 Morgan E Dasch  
 Charlie Clark  
 Arthur B Davis  
 Grover Davis  
 Orbert L Dodson  
 Aron L Duren  
 Thomas S Echols  
 Henry Elder  
 Charlie W Fanning  
 Alonzo Field Jr  
 Henry A Ford  
 John Jutson Fuss  
 Rufus Montgomery Gibbs  
 Daniel H Goddard  
 John W Goldsmith  
 James H Goldsmith  
 Jewett W Goldsmith  
 Robert T Goldsmith  
 Richard L Goldsmith  
 Lorenzo D Gordon  
 Howard Lewis Hadaway  
 Harry Johnson Hadaway  
 William A Hadden  
 Thomas Hairston  
 Claude Vernia Hambrick  
 Lonnie L Harris  
 Dallas Harris  
 Alfred M Hay  
 Relfus Haynes  
 Jesse McCurdy Haynie  
 Tom J Hendrix  
 Edward Hendrix  
 Sumie Lee Hill  
 Marion E Hill  
 Daniel H Holcomb  
 Adna F Holcomb  
 Ed Holmes  
 James Theodore Homer  
 Felix Hope  
 Roy L Hughes  
 Carl A Hughes  
 Oliver F Ingram  
 Luther Jackson  
 Charles Herbert Jenkins  
 Charley Johnson  
 Jesse Johnson  
 Charles Howard Jones  
 Hardie Jones  
 Johnnie Jones  
 Wodies Jones  
 Dilmus T Kilgore  
 Thea Kimbrell  
 Joseph Albert Landman  
 Summey L Lanford  
 Robert M Lankford  
 Charlie C Leach  
 Arthur Howard Lee

Virgil Waite Osborne  
 Millard Coleman Partee  
 Henry D Peavy  
 Nathaniel Perkins  
 George R Peterson  
 William H Pomeroy  
 Minor B Pounds  
 Paul Pruitt  
 O E Pulliam  
 Ben E Ragsdale  
 Hoyett Ransom  
 George Clifford Ransone  
 Melvin Tribble Reagin  
 Tim W Reardon  
 John P Reardon  
 Tim W Reardon  
 Robert C Reid  
 Charles A Roberts  
 Obenton Robinson  
 Dewitt Rogers  
 George W Ross  
 Artis Scales  
 Sidney Scales  
 Frank Seaborn  
 Walter E Sexton  
 James A Sexton  
 James H Shaw  
 Alfred Grady Sheppard  
 Neal J Sheppard  
 Ephraim N Singleton  
 Luther J Singleton  
 Robert J Singleton  
 Charles Swift Smith  
 Clifford Smith  
 Fred Andrew Smith  
 Sam Smith  
 Harry Spivey  
 Elijah Andrew Stephens  
 Robert L Stephens  
 Gus A Taylor  
 Herman A Thomason  
 Isom Thompson  
 John A Thornton  
 Ben L Torrey  
 James Mercer Tribble  
 Marion J Tweedell  
 James B G Tweedell  
 John R Tweedell  
 Robert J Tweedell  
 William H Venable  
 Carl Waits  
 Oattie Dewey Walker  
 Patrick H Walker  
 Octor Hugh Wallace  
 Robert Fletcher Wells  
 William B Wells  
 Carl T Wells  
 Loy C West  
 Ples J Wilburn  
 Frank Wilburn  
 Eddie Williams  
 Joseph B Young

## Stone Mountain World War I Research Project

It is our intention to launch a research initiative on each for the centennial celebration and we are asking membership families and community members to help us in this endeavor. It is our hope that the photographs shown above of soldiers that lost their lives in World War I will get you interested. They are from a World War I Commemoration Book that is being mined by Georgia's WWI Commission for information about our state's WWI soldiers. Books such as these are a first step but as they were published during segregation they only present half the story, as African American soldiers were not honored as well as women. We can correct those omissions and provide a fuller and more richly developed history of all who served.

The Commission is also interested in locating the state's WWI memorials. We are placing this here to get the word out to help them inventory these important markers.

If you are interested in joining the research effort, know someone on the list, have a photograph, or just want to see how this develops, please contact Mary Beth Reed [mbreed@newsouthassoc.com](mailto:mbreed@newsouthassoc.com) or 770-498-4155 ext. 128



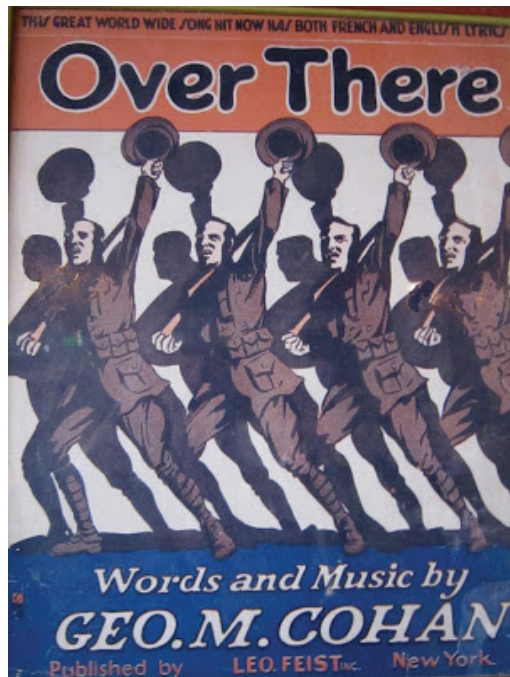
## The Great War Graham Rolls Recipe

*Makes 54 rolls...*

1 quart milk	1/2 oz. Yeast
2 oz. Syrup	2 lbs. Graham flour
1 oz. Salt	1 lb. Rye flour
1/2 oz. Butter	

The Nutter and Syrup to be thoroughly mixed, the yeast to be dissolved in the milk and poured into the mixture, add the rye flour mixed with the graham flour. Bake in hot oven.

Source: From Library of Congress



## “Over There”

by George M. Cohan

Johnnie, get your gun  
 Get your gun, get your gun  
 Take it on the run  
 On the run, on the run  
 Hear them calling, you and me  
 Every son of liberty  
 Hurry right away  
 No delay, go today  
 Make your daddy glad  
 To have had such a lad  
 Tell your sweetheart not to pine  
 To be proud her boy's in line

Over there, over there  
 Send the word, send the word over there  
 That the Yanks are coming  
 The Yanks are coming  
 The drums rum-tumming  
 Everywhere  
 So prepare, say a prayer  
 Send the word, send the word to beware  
 We'll be over, we're coming over  
 And we won't come back till it's over  
 Over there



It's almost time for  
Spring planting!

Share your Victory  
Garden Stories with  
the Historic Society.



### ***Events - Come Join Us!***

The History and Preservation of DeKalb's  
 Historic African American Communities:  
 Flat Rock and Shermantown, DeKalb  
 History Center Historic DeKalb Courthouse,  
 Second Floor  
 Thursday, February 23, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

The program will be a dynamic, multi-  
 layered mix of scholars, long-time  
 residents of these historically African  
 American communities, and theatrical  
 entertainment to bring the history alive!  
 Some of the topics for this symposium  
 will include life for African Americans  
 in these historic communities during  
 the Progressive Era to the present, Jim  
 Crow Laws, church life, education, civil  
 rights movement, and the challenges of  
 preserving these communities.

Registration includes a catered buffet  
 lunch. Call 404-373-1088, extension 26 for  
 information or to register by phone.  
 Individual tickets are \$30/\$40 (discount for  
 members)



## Planning a Small Event?

The Wells Brown House and grounds are beautiful in all seasons and are available for small gatherings. It is a perfect setting for an intimate wedding, bridal or baby shower, or meeting and we are happy to work with you to make sure your event is a success.

If you are interested, please call Rusty Hamby at (404) 771-4406



**Cheers!**

## Moscow Mules (and Look Alike Contest for Famous Russian Figures!)

Wells Brown House,  
February 24, 4:00-6:00 pm.



## CAFE JAYA HIGH TEA

**AT THE  
WELLS BROWN HOUSE!**

*Come join us as Cafe Jaya presents one of their marvelous high teas at the Wells Brown House on the first Saturday of April, from 3:00-5:00 pm.*

*Call Rory or Jeff at 678-439-JAYA to make your reservation.*

*Reservations are required but can be made that morning. Parking in adjacent lot.*