

COFFEE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Society News

The Coffee County Historical Society will hold our May membership meeting on **Saturday, May 10th at 1:00pm. The location is at the Coffee County Courthouse on the Square in Manchester. The address is 101 West Fort Street, Manchester TN. Our guest speaker is Mr. Alan Mayes.** Alan is the history columnist for the Tullahoma News. His presentation is about how to look for clues about local history events and people through photographs and locations.

Update on Grant projects: The Coffee County Historical society received a \$30,000 grant from the Tennessee State Museum for Capital Improvements. The ceiling and lights are replaced and they look great! We will now spend time reorganizing the museum as we move displays back into the museum rooms. Our goal is to have the museum back open June 1, 2025.

The Coffee County Courthouse will also undergo renovation in the first-floor main hallway with new plaster walls, ceiling tiles, lights, and a wood floor. This work is funded through Coffee County Government and the Tennessee Historic Commission capital improvement grant.

Welcome new members Clark Carden and Ken Sloat!



1944 Funeral of Marlin Parker

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The Historical Society and Museum will be closed on Saturday of Memorial Day weekend.

Remember the Men and Women who paid the ultimate price in defending and fighting for our Country.

Marlin Parker was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Parker. He was employed by General Shoe Corporation of Tullahoma before enlisting in the army in 1943. He was killed in action in France in November 1944.

Museum News

The Joanna Lewis Museum for Coffee County History will have a new display this summer on attending high school at the Manchester High School (later Coffee County High School) during the 1940s. Most specifically we will focus on post-World War II. If you have any stories from parents, grandparents you can share, we would love to record these. We are also looking for any items to display for this exhibit. Please let us know so we can make this a great exhibit.

Our Media Collection

The Coffee County Historical Society has put to good use an additional photo negative scanner and computer to speed up our process of scanning historic negatives of the Hugh Doak collection. We do need volunteers willing to scan and index these photos. If you are interested, please email or call us!

Publications Update

The Publications Committee is hard at work producing the information for a new Coffee County Chronicle about Beechgrove and Noah. This publication will highlight new research and information not included in previous quarterlies. Our goal is to have this publication ready by the end of June.

We have also started digitizing older quarterlies to preserve all that great information and research. The first two we have done are the 1975 edition of the Coffee County Quarterly on Beechgrove which is now available on our website <https://cctnhs.org/publications/>. The 1970 Coffee County Quarterly which is an indexed 1840 census is on our website also under the quarterly link in the publications pull down menus. We will be scanning more old quarterlies to provide our membership an opportunity to access these.

Civil War Books

Thank you to all who supported our society by purchasing our six-volume set of Civil War books that contain information about individuals who served from Coffee County. These volumes contain a great deal of important family information in addition to service records. We have sold out of volumes #1 and #4. Each book is \$5 or you can get the 4 available books and the missing two on a USB we will provide for \$25. Come by our office Monday-Saturday 9:00AM-1:00PM.

Genealogy Workshop

Coffee County Historical Society is in the planning stages to host a Genealogy Workshop this Fall in 2025. This workshop will help both beginners in researching their family and creating a family tree. It will also provide the latest information and innovations that are now available because of AI and DNA. You won't want to miss this opportunity so keep an eye out on our Facebook and webpage for specifics on this event.

Potatoes — Irish, 40c per bushel.

SCRAPS.

County court next Monday.

Several persons at the paper mill have the measles.

The Prohibition Club will meet next Tuesday night.

The train from Tullahoma was one hour late Tuesday.

Eggs are selling for twenty cents per dozen in this market.

We hear of several probable candidates for Representative.

The past week has been the mud-diast ever known in this section.

The spring session of Tullahoma High School will commence next Monday.

A wagon has been going after the school children this week, the mud being too deep for them to walk to school.

The chances for the shooting match for a Mason & Hamlin Organ, are being rapidly taken, and the contest will take place in a few days.