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Special points of interest:

- Now 61 members strong and growing.
- Pioneer Cemetery fence completed.
- Spring Members Meeting and Dinner a success. A big time was had by all!
- Postcards on sale.

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Spring Members Meeting

The first Annual General Meeting of the Fort Gaines Historical Society was called to order by the President, Bill Koch on April 14, 2007. The meeting was held in Hatchett's Drugstore courtesy of Ken and Ann Penuel, owners of the historic building. After welcoming special guest and member James E. Coleman, Bill intro-

duced the Board members and Officers of the Society. The nine Board members are Jean Turn, Cyndie Coleman, Julian Morgan, Betty Hanks, Ken Penuel,

Anne Lynn, Karen Klear, Bettie Campbell and Bill Koch. The Society's officers are Pres. Bill Koch, Vice Pres. Ken Penuel, Sec. Anne Lynn, (cont.pg3)



Sutton's Corner Museum



A grant application to One Georgia Authority was submitted to purchase the building and collection of the Sutton's Corner Museum. The project is sponsored by the Clay County Board of Commissioners. Fort Gaines Historical Society, Inc. would operate the museum and provide tours for the public to view the collection. It is anticipated that we will hear an answer from One Georgia within the next three months or so. Let's all keep our fingers crossed that we will have a successful grant application.

Pioneer Cemetery Project Completed

THANKS TO:

HISTORIC CHATTACHOOCHEE COMMISSION FOR THE GENEROUS SUPPORT PROVIDED THROUGH THE SEED/MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM

CITY OF FORT GAINES FOR THE WORK, DIRT CHEAP INC. AND SHERIFF ROGER SHIVERS FOR HIS HELP IN INSTALLATION OF THE FENCING AND SUPERVISION OF THE WORK

OF THE CITY CREWS, EQUIPMENT FOR CLEARING OF THE SITE AND PREPARATION FOR INSTALLATION.



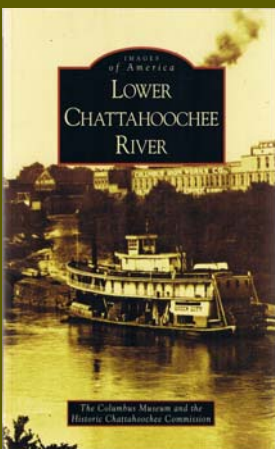
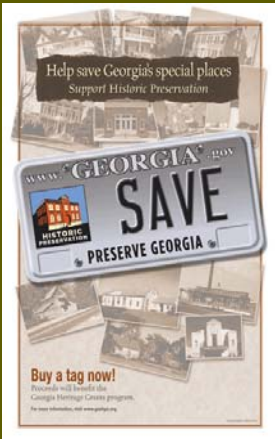
Georgia Historic Preservation License Plate Now Available!

Please consider ordering an historic preservation license plate when you renew. The new plate, which depicts an historic train station in Savannah, was announced by the Historic Preservation Division (HDP) of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR). More than \$20

from each \$25 license tag fee will go to HDP's Georgia Heritage Grant Program, which provides funding for local governments and non-profits to help preserve significant historic and archaeological resources.

To begin production of this plate, **1,000 Geor-**

gians must place an order for the tag by December 31, 2007. As of the middle of May, they needed 337 additional orders. **Order your license plate by downloading an order form from www.gashpo.org or by calling 404-656-2840.**



Historic Chattahoochee Book Out

The Columbus Museum and the Historic Chattahoochee Commission have just published a new book of local interest. Lower Chattahoochee River is part of their Images of America series. Drawing from a

wide range of private and public collections (some of them local), Mike Bunn, associate curator of history at the Columbus Museum, and Doug Purcell, executive director of the HCC, have selected over 180 of the best images that

document the river's place in the lower Chattahoochee Valley's history.

To purchase a copy, contact the HCC in Eufaula, Ala. at 334-687-9755 or contact Arcadia Publishing at www.arcadiapublishing.com. Cost is \$19.99.

Spring Members Meeting (cont.)

and Treas. Karen Klear. Committee and project reports were given concerning the Old Pioneer Cemetery, Sutton's Corner Museum, membership, and publications. Bill Koch announced a proposal for an antique show and Fort Gaines Birthday Party to coincide with next year's meeting. Fort Gaines was founded April 2, 1816 and a large Bi-Centennial party will be planned.

Following the meeting, the group of 40+ people enjoyed a beautiful potluck supper. The blessing was given by member Bill Starling prior to the meal.

The chicken for the barbecue was donated by **Rubo's Grocery Store**. Please thank Flint Houston for his generosity in supporting the Fort Gaines Historical Society.



Freelance Film Crew Visits



The Savage Tree Art Project, a collaborative group of professional artists from Atlanta, was in town the weekend of April 14th filming the Sutton's Corner Museum. As director Kristi Casey reports, the group takes a theme, culture or historical period and records it through the prism of many media. Their film and audio work for the museum could

be used as an interactive guide for tours, a film about the Museum, and could be compiled for a book. There are many other possibilities. The non-profit group donated their services to FGHS and the museum and all proceeds from distribution of the work product will benefit FGHS and the Sutton's Corner Museum.

**Postcards
Now On
Sale At the
Big Bad
Wolf
Saloon and
the Clay
County
Library**



Out of the Past

These are excerpts from The Sentinel the local Clay County paper printed at the turn of the 20th century. The editor was Josh Jones, father of Lamar Jones, grandfather of Fred Jones.

Dec. 15, 1899– MULES! MULES! One carload young, well broke Tennessee Mules

for sale cheap. VINSON and GREENE

Feb. 29, 1900– A part of the dam and one of the traces at Grimsley's Mill having been washed away by last weeks heavy rains, it will be two or three weeks before the mill is again put in operation.

Feb. 29, 1900– Allen's Big Original New Orleans Minstrels, numbering 60 people, traveling in their private cars, and showing under a commodious tent seating over 2000 people, is advertised to appear here Monday night. Admission 15 and 25 cents.

April 13, 1900– The Chattahoochee Brick Company made a sale a few days since of something over 200,000 brick to the Fort Gaines Oil and Guano Company.

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WANT TO JOIN US ? HERE IS HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

This membership entitles you to the following:

- **Quarterly Newsletter**
- **Annual Member's meeting and dinner invitation**
- **Participation in preserving, protecting and promoting our local heritage.**

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