

Anderson County Historical Society

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April Meeting:

Instead of our regular Thursday night meeting, we are meeting at the Morgan County Archives at the old Morgan County Jail in Wartburg at 10:00 am on Friday, April 29 where members of the Morgan County Genealogical & Historical Society will give us a tour of the archives. MCGHS members were responsible for renovating the old jail building and organizing and cataloging the county's archives, and their members serve as volunteers in the Archives.

First Families of Anderson County:

Anderson County Historical Society announces the First Families of Anderson County program. Membership is open to anyone who can prove direct descent from a person or persons living in Anderson County, TN before or by the 1830 federal census. The ancestor does not have to have been a permanent resident; however, proof of residency prior to 1830 is required. Each generation and residency MUST be documented through credible genealogical research.

For an application and explanation of suggested primary and secondary sources, contact Stephanie A. Hill at samhil2@aol.com. The cost to submit an application is \$15 per application. You may submit a separate application showing descent from each eligible ancestor. Upon approval by the First Families Committee, applicants will be issued a frameable, heirloom quality certificate. Upon submission, all applications and supporting documentation will become the property of the Anderson County Historical Society. Please do not submit original documents as they cannot be returned. All accepted applications will be published in future issues of The Pellissippian.

Submit application and fee to:

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The Coal Creek Miners Museum - now open in Rocky Top, TN

The Coal Creek Miners Museum is now open in Rocky Top, TN. Located in the old Bank of America building on Main Street next to Rocky Top City Hall, the first floor of the museum is now open from 10am-2pm Thursday, Friday and Saturday and free to the public. Current displays tell the story of the history of mining in the area, including the Coal Creek War and the end of the convict lease system in mining in the south, the Fraterville Explosion of 1902 and the Cross Mountain Explosion of 1911. Displays also depict the evolution of mine safety which was a direct result of the Fraterville disaster. Plans are to renovate the 2nd floor for more display space, but those plans are on hold due to lack of handicap access. The museum is working to raise the funds necessary to install an elevator and donations to the museum are accepted, although admission is free. Museum memberships are also available and information can be obtained at the museum or by contacting them through their web site at

 $\underline{\text{http://www.coalminersmuseumtn.com/contactus/}} \text{ or by contacting CCMM Board member Stephanie A. Hill at } \underline{\text{samhil2@aol.com}} \text{ .}$

Events:

Free Genealogy Class - "Google for Genealogy" Tuesday, May 10th, from 6-8pm

A free genealogy class entitled Google for Genealogy is being offered by the ACHS and Clinton Public Library on Tuesday, May 10th, from 6-8pm in the community room of the Clinton Library. Participants will learn how to effectively use Google in researching their family history. Seating is limited. Call the library at (865) 457-0519 to register. No laptops or tablets necessary.

2016 Genealogy Jamboree, Cumberland Gap, TN. June 9 - 11, 2016.

The Cumberland Gap Tennessee Genealogy and History Group will host the 2016 Genealogy Jamboree Cumberland Gap, TN. June 9 - 11, 2016. For more information, you may go to our web site at www.genealogyjamboree.us or our facebook site at www.facebook.com/genealogyjamboree or at our group site www.cgtghg.org

The Pellissippian:

The 2015-3 and 2015-4 issues of The Pellissippian are being processed and should be mailed soon.