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- To promote the preservation and restoration of buildings and other landmarks of historical interest within Walton County;
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- To foster and enhance the development, education, and sense of history which is unique to Walton County; and
- To secure cooperation and unity of action between individual citizens, businesses, and other groups as may be necessary to fulfill these purposes.

The Association depends upon the support of its members and the business community to accomplish its goals. Annual dues are \$25 for individuals, \$40 for families and varying amounts for donors as shown on attached Annual Donor/Member Application for 2024. Donor logos are also shown on the attached Donor page in the monthly newsletter.

Annual Member/Sponsor Application 2024; See attached.

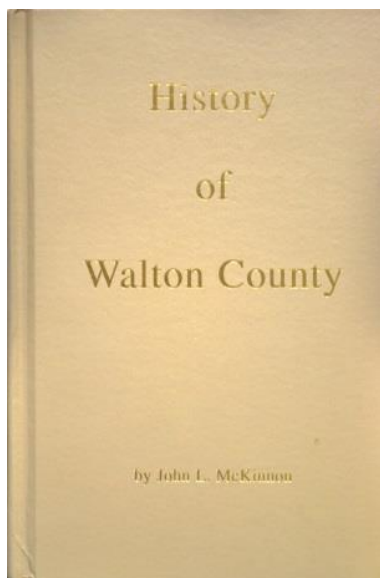
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- Automatic membership in the **Walton County Heritage Museum** and the **Walton County Genealogy Society**.
- Invitations to Quarterly Members Meetings
- **Discounts** on Special Events
- **The Museum Research Center:** Members get free copies of documents and use of the Genealogy Society computer when the Museum is open.
- **The Museum Gift Shop:** Members receive discounts on books, special publications, postcards, photographs, CDs, DVDs, videos, and gift items.
- Free **subscriptions** to the WCHA Newsletter.

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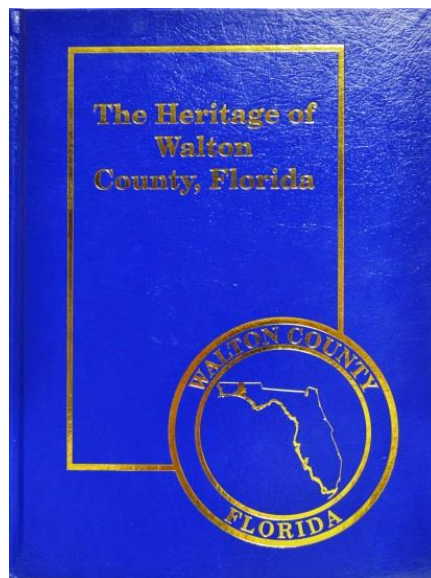


History of Walton County

by John L. McKinnon. The Museum has sold out of this book and it is out of print, but it is available at these links;

<https://dlg.galileo.usg.edu/georgiabooks/pdfs/gb0503.pdf>, and

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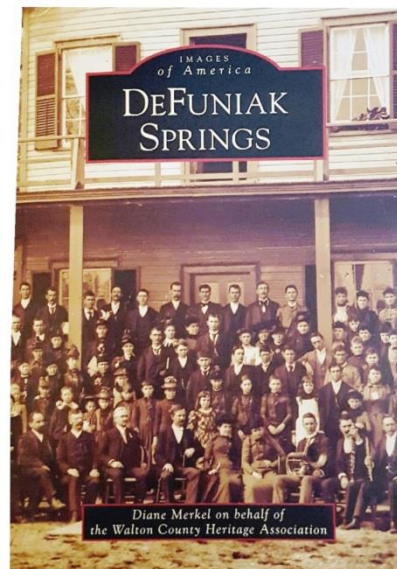
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* Additional gift of over \$2,000.00 (any amount in excess of that number) would be greatly appreciated. You may earmark this gift for a specific expense/purchase of gift items for our museum.

• All donor categories are entitled to membership in the museum and Genealogy Society and 10% discount on museum gift shop purchases.

• For all levels of Sponsorship, the Walton County Heritage Association, Inc. will acknowledge sponsors on our website, in our newsletter and on a permanent plaque in the Museum. Sponsorships are on an annual basis from January to December. This is an acknowledgement of your gift only and does NOT constitute advertisement or the promotion of any individual, business or organization by the WCHA.

Please mail your check and this form to:
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THANK YOU!!!

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In the past the city has generously supported us with cash donations of \$2,000.00 annually, but due to changing budget priorities, was unable to do so in recent years. We wish to recognize the city's generosity however, for its **in-kind** donation of the RR depot which serves as the Walton County Heritage Association, Inc., Museum and administrative facility. The city provides maintenance and up-keep on the facility, and payment of electrical, water and waste disposal services as well. The value of this facility to us is far in excess of \$2,000.00 annually, for which we are deeply appreciative. Thank you, City of DeFuniak Springs.

A Note From the Editor

Our New Walton County History project is going more slowly than we anticipated. Consequently we do not have another chapter ready for this newsletter. As in the past when that happened, we substituted material from other sources for our newsletter. In many instances it has been from the Walton County Heritage Book, which it is again this month. Our September article is about a Walton County family we all know. It comes from the Heritage Book, pages 163-164. As always, in the interest of making our articles as factual as we can to the extent of our knowledge, please let us know of any errors, mistakes, etc. you find in them. Thank you.

On another note, I must make an announcement that saddens me a great deal. For health reasons, I am forced to resign as editor and publisher of the newsletter, with this being my last one. I have thoroughly enjoyed writing and publishing it for the more than ten years I have had the honor of doing it. The task has been a labor of love for me, and I hope whoever replaces me will feel the same way about it, because the love of doing it will be their only compensation.

Sam Carnley

GAINEY FAMILY

Submitted by
Marie Hinson

Edited by
Sam Carnley

We were told that my great-great-grandfather lived somewhere in NC and was said to be a Cherokee Indian. His last name was Lizenbee (Lisenbee or Lisenby) and his wife was a white



*Millard Elmore Gainey, Raymond George,
Wilma, Agnes, Marie and Frances*

woman. As the story goes, my great- great-grandfather Lizenbee went to his sister's house and saw his brother-in-law beating her with an ax handle. He shot his brother-in-law and killed him, and went back to tell his wife he would have to leave the area. He told her he would send for her and their young son, Charles, when he found a place. He also told her he was changing his name to Gainey. He sent for her and the boy after about three years and he had settled in Walton County. We don't know how much of this story is factual, but we cannot trace our history back any further. So, I suppose it becomes Lizenbee then.

My great-great-grandfather, Charles Wilburn Gainey, was born on April 17, 1855. He married Delia Livingston in 1875 in Walton County. They had four sons. The oldest was my grandfather, George Washington Gainey, born December 15, 1876; Murdock J. Gainey, September 19, 1878; Charlie F. Gainey (Buster), March 22, 1881; and John A. Gainey (Coon), 1884.



*Charles William Hinson, Marie
Gainey Hinson, Chuck Hinson.
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My grandfather, George, married Esther Elephare Brannon (born January 7, 1883) on September 3, 1901. They had five children: Alice Ward, May 19, 1902; Alma Henderson, January 2, 1904; Edna Henderson, October 3, 1905; Millard Elmore Gainey, (may 19, 1914, and Bertie Adkinson, January 10, 1922.

The Gaineys settled in New Home Community. During World War II all the residents in that area were moved out and New Home became part of Eglin Reservation. While in New Home, they worked at turpentine stills, farming, and logging. My grandfather told us this story about a logging camp: The men took turns cooking for the crew. A young inexperienced man who had just joined the company took his turn. The crew left him alone at the camp to cook lunch while they went out to cut the logs. When they returned for lunch, every stump had rice on it. When asked why, he cooked so much rice, he told him he figured surely

every man could eat a cup of rice so he put a cup of raw rice in the pot for every man in the camp.

My father, Millard, married Wilma Louise Gandy, daughter of Willis Co. and Agnes Douglas Gandy, on December 24, 1935. She was 16 and he was 21. Her mother died at the age of 29, when mother was 12 and the oldest of eight children. Her dying request was to keep her children together. My granddaddy honored that request under very adverse conditions. He moved them in with his brother's family. This meant nine more people moved in with a family of seven in a two- bedroom house. My mother became a caregiver to her siblings.

In November 1945 we moved into our new house daddy built on what is now Millard Gainey Road.

My parents had four children: Agnes Esther (Roger Smith), Anna Marie (Charles Hinson), Frances Elizabeth (Clayton Thomas), and Raymond George (Anita Ellis deceased). Agnes and Marie were born in New Home.

Agnes and Roger have three children (Clark, Donna, and Debbie) and seven grandchildren.

Marie and Charles have one son, Charles, Jr. (Chuck.) who lives on Millard Gainey Road in the house his granddaddy (Millard) built in 1945.

Frances and Clayton have two children (Amy and Craig) and four grandchildren.

Raymond married Anita Ellis in 1968 and she passed away in 1987 at the age of 39. They have two children (Todd and Laura) and two grandchildren.

As previously mentioned, my mother was and continues to be a caregiver. My grandparents lived with us until both

their deaths in 1945 and 1953. Rev. Murdock Morrison, a Baptist preacher who had no family, moved in with us and mother took care of him. He had Parkinson's disease. She never complained about all she had to do. God has blessed her with good health even today at 85 years of age.

The family met a young man in Tennessee while on vacation in the late 1950s and he asked dad if he could come and visit us. He came the next weekend and dad enclosed the back porch, added a bath and made Larry Rogers a room, which he occupied for three years until he joined the service. He worked with my dad who was a masonry contractor.

After all the girls had married and left home and Raymond was in Viet Nam, mother met two young men from Eglin AFB. She asked them to come to church one Sunday and to our home for lunch. They accepted, and almost every weekend for a year, they were at my parents' home. When the girls and our families came home for the weekend, the two guys pitched a tent in the yard. They enjoyed being a part of the family. One was from Columbus, Ohio, and the other from Columbus, Georgia.

Our home was always open. During family reunions in May each year, the out of-town relatives stayed at our house. With so many in the house, the children slept on the floor under the dining table to keep from being stepped on! What fun making memories with all the cousins.

My dad passed away on September 30, 1973 at the age of 59. In June 1999, my husband Charles retired from East Central Community College in Mississippi and we moved home where our son and my mother are. We bought the 1945 King home on the corner of 11th and Live Oak and remodeled it. It's across the street from the First Baptist Church where we were married on September 29, 1961. We

moved in on May 22, 2000. We have come full circle and enjoy being home in Walton County where we hope to stay until the Lord calls us to our heavenly home.

*Submitted by: Anna Marie Gainey Hinson, 162 S. 11th Street,
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