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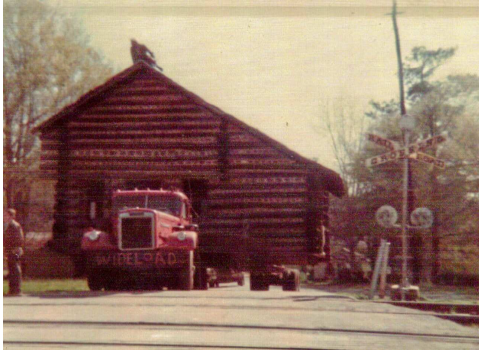
President's Passage

Well it has been a long time since the last publishing of the Chatter. As the President of the Andersonville Guild, I am still devoting more of my time to raising money to complete projects therefore, putting out the Chatter on a more limited basis. I want the Chatter to convey to the membership more about where we have been and where we are going. (Past, Present and Future)
We have completed several projects, which include reroofing of the blacksmith shop, completely rebuilding the forge unit, putting a new self-supporting floor system in the log building mentioned in the last Chatter and rerouting the natural water runoff so it will not harm the structure any further. We have also reroofed the church building thanks to a large grant.

Unfortunately the Andersonville Guild has suffered greatly from setbacks to our progress from theft and vandalism. Two local youths threw bricks through about half the windows on the passenger railcar as well as buildings owned by other residents. The boys have been caught and convicted. Further due to the high price of scrap copper Pioneer Park buildings have been broken into and the copper wiring stripped. Thankfully Mr. Jimmie Ferguson donated \$1,000.00 to get the park electrical system repaired and Wayne's Electric donated the time required to complete the work. Again, thanks to you both! We felt we should put dusk to dawn lighting in the park also. Our next step is to raise the money to place security cameras around as well. If you would like to help with this project please call.

The Andersonville Guild is doing its best to take disadvantages and use them as advantages. An example would be the guild's own program to collect and sell scrap metal to make up for as many shortfalls as possible. To date this program has raised several thousand dollars. So if you have any old scrap to donate, please call. We will clean it up and be raising money in the process. Remember; waste not, want not! Receiving the (CAP) grant has helped us show the needs of the Drummer Boy collection and the building, which is still spring-boarding the guild into a position to receive other grants for use in the Drummer Boy Museum. Currently Karen Austin and I are preparing to write another grant to help continue the process of conserving the artifacts of the Drummer Boy Collection. See Cynthia's article for more news!

We are always looking for volunteers for upcoming events and upkeep to the buildings and other assets. The caboose still needs the finish coat of paint and the stenciling replaced. At this point, it also needs pressure washing before the final coat of paint is applied. We have the paint and supplies on hand to complete the job. We just need workers. So please consider getting a group of volunteers together in the spring. Remember the guild is a volunteer organization so get involved.



Do you remember what year this picture was taken?



Fife and Drum reenactors marching in the parade during one of our big fundraisers, The Andersonville Historic Fair.

Other projects include getting the grist mill operational so we can grind corn into meal at the fair. We had the money donated to complete this project but we had to replace the Drummer Boy heat/ac unit instead. The only good thing about this situation was the unit was replaced with the type of unit recommended by our collection conservators.

Since the last Chatter was written we have had three successful events. Two of the successful events included the annual Poker Run and the Andersonville Historic Fair. Both events were held successfully and our revenues were fair. We actually had increased vendor participation for the fall fair. Several new vendors stated our venue would be a great place for a spring bluegrass festival. I would like the membership's feedback on this suggestion. The third event, which was wildly successful, was the Before Renovation Party for the rehab of the old Andersonville Baptist Church building. This has been a major renovation, not just a puff and powder job. We have completely rewired the entire structure, updated the kitchen so it is very nice and usable. As well as making the facility completely handicap accessible. This includes a new handicap accessible rear entrance and bathrooms. Now that the renovation is nearing completion, the board renamed this building, Village Hall.

Leon Holloway says the After Renovation Party is scheduled for Nov. 20th@7:00pm. Tickets for this party are available at Leon's Flower Shop and the Drummer Boy Museum. They are \$50.00/person. For those of you, who missed the first good time, here's your chance to join in the fun. Not to let the cat out of the bag, but we are going to open the door to the St. James Pennington Log Church so the party goers can view the inside of our next big project. Those, who bought \$100.00/person tickets already, have their place saved for this upcoming party. The more the merrier! Remember to keep our facility in mind for your next party or event.

Tours have been off due to the economy and the State of Georgia has cut \$5,000.00 from the operation of the Welcome Center. That is the entire revenue from the state. This really hurt! We have been forced to notify our board of director's we need to temporarily close the Welcome Center Building and move the welcome center materials into the Drummer Boy Museum building. By doing this we can save on utility expenses and staffing. Our revenues are still down and we have now slashed every expense for the daily operation of the guild. We need your help to keep ourselves afloat. I realize it is much easier to give money for specific purposes than the daily running of the business but if the business fails then all the good work stops. Please remember to give to the business expense fund.

Also membership renewal is coming up as of Jan. 1st 2011. You will find a membership renewal form at the end of the Chatter. Please cut it out and send it with your check so we don't have to waste money on additional postage by mailing additional membership renewal notices. Thanks for your continued support.

The Drummer Boy Civil War Museum

Dear Friends,

We have made many wonderful changes inside the Drummer Boy Museum. We had to replace the heat and air system so we were able to update it with a system that also cleans the air. The lighting over the uniforms has been updated and the lighting for the display cases will be finished by the end of December. Thank you to The National Society of Colonial Dames of America who gave us a grant that spring boarded this project and thank you to all that donated towards this and other projects.

We have started scanning the collection of diaries by Captain Albert Wilbur of the 16th New York Cavalry. Assistant Curator Henry (Skinnie) Ledford has enjoyed working on those diaries. A big thanks goes out to John Elliott. He donated a hand scanner to the museum so that we can start scanning the deciphered letters of Thomas T. Eckert. Chantel Dunham, Director of Development with the University of Georgia Libraries will be bringing a group of students in December to help us scan and transcribe those letters. We just can't wait to make this available to the public for viewing.

We are still working on trying to update the front of the building. Many a customer that has come into the Drummer Boy Museum has spoken to us on how amazing the collection is and how they weren't going to come in because the building is just ugly. They were glad they didn't just judge us by the outside of the building. We have estimated the cost at \$800.00. Crook's Paint Center will donate some of the paint, but we need more donations towards this project.

If you would like to be informed on the progress of all our projects and be able to see sneak peeks of our finds in the journals and diaries, you can find us on Facebook.

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Andersonville-GA/The-Drummer-Boy-Civil-War-Museum/95457936597>

Cynthia StormCaller
Curator
The Drummer Boy Civil War Museum



Pictured is the logo for the Drummer Boy Civil War Museum.

“Preservation ensures that future generations will have a past to appreciate. Preservation is more than just saving buildings, a house museum here and there. It’s about creating and enhancing environments that support, inform, and enrich the lives of all Americans.”
Richard Moe

Remember Our Upcoming Events

After Restoration Celebration - November 20, 2010 at 7pm

Holloway Holly Day - December 4, 2010 at 9am

Andersonville Heritage Run - TBA

Andersonville Historic Fair - October 1 and 2, 2011

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