

GARNER AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

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Our mission: Preserving the history of Garner and nearby crossroads, educating youth and promoting Garner's story in and outside of the community.



At Long Last!!!

At its meeting on September 3 the Garner Town Council approved the Planning Commission's recommendations regarding moving the Historic Depot building and caboose to a new and safer home in the Historic District of downtown Garner. As you may know, the lot is located at the corner of Pearl and Main Streets, within sight of the railroad tracks and next to the "Pearl Street Building," also known as the Town's Records Building. The Depot will be placed on a permanent brick foundation, and the caboose on a section of railroad track.

The Pearl Street Building is historically significant itself, as home for many years to Garner's first Volunteer Fire Department. The Garner Area Historical Society has been authorized by the Town of Garner to operate our first History Museum in the ca. 1902 Depot. Many thanks to our Town Council, Planning Commission, and Town of Garner Staff for working with GAHS in this endeavor. Stay tuned for more exciting information....

We're Glad to Spread the Word

The Executive Board members are ready and willing to speak to your civic, church, or community groups about the future Garner Depot History Museum and GAHS. We have made presentations to both the morning and mid-day Rotary Clubs and the Civitan Club of Garner. We would love to speak to your organization. Contact us at garnerareahistoricalociety@gmail.com.

Follow us on the Web: Garner-area-historical-society.org and on Facebook [@Garner History](https://www.facebook.com/GarnerHistory)

Our history mystery from last issue: One of the earliest families to settle our area whose members have lived continuously in or near Garner since the early 1780's has ancestors buried in seven different local cemeteries: Hayes Chapel Christian Church Cemetery, Garner, NC; Ebenezer United Methodist Church Cemetery, Raleigh, NC; Mt. Moriah Baptist Church Cemetery, Auburn, NC (Rt. 2, Raleigh, NC); New Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery, Garner, NC; Oakwood Cemetery, Raleigh, NC; Montlawn Memorial Park, Raleigh, NC; plus one other family-named cemetery. Do you know the name of these folks? It is the Bagwell family.

Our history mystery for this issue: Did you know that one of Garner's most prominent early citizens was shot, almost fatally, by one of his best friends? It was actually a hunting accident that took place in the woods near what is now known as Old Garner Road. The hunting party, made up of men from Garner and Raleigh, was crossing an embankment which caved in; one man stumbled and his gun went off, striking his friend. The very serious wound was described as "about four inches long and an inch in diameter." Both doctors from the Garner area, Dr. Buffaloe and Dr. Banks, were called to attend the wounded man, who did actually survive. Do you know who the wounded man was? Look for the answer in our next issue.

"Welcome Aboard" Capital Campaign Set to Begin

With the Depot move imminent, GAHS must now concentrate on funding the start-up of the museum. While the Town will be making exterior repairs, refurbishing the interior of the Depot and outfitting it for exhibits will be the responsibility of the Historical Society. GAHS will also be solely responsible for operation of the Museum. Please be on the lookout for information on how you can be a part of this important effort.

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*GAHS General Membership Meeting
Sunday, January 26, 2019, 2:00 p.m.
All Members Invited to Attend
Fire Department Training Building
Main Street
(White building behind Fire Station One)*

The Garner Area Historical Society is a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization. GAHS is a member of the Federation of NC Historical Societies, The NC Preservation Consortium, and the Garner Chamber of Commerce.