

# 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.*



## Fall 2021 Museum Opening Planned

The excitement is growing! The Garner History Museum at the Depot opening is planned for Fall 2021. Most large artifacts/furniture pieces have been moved from storage at the adjacent Pearl Street Building into the Depot. Many thanks to Jimmy Yeargan and his

Safety First crew for doing all the literal heavy lifting to get these pieces into the Depot building.



The members of the Executive Committee are now working on preparing the exhibits, which will include Garner's first Post Office, our early hometown doctors,



family life, farming and farm life, country stores, railroad memorabilia, schools and sports, communications, historic Garner businesses, a genealogy library and a gift shop. In future months, we will be

including rotating exhibits on other topics related to Garner's history. Stay tuned to our website and Facebook page for opening information.

## Student Members' Articles Published

Congratulations to two of our student members, Bethany Crawford and Luke Crawford, who have each had articles published in the statewide publication, Tarheel Junior Historian Magazine.

Bethany's article about "Garner: Growing Up Along the Tracks" was published in the Winter 2020 issue. Luke wrote about "Monumental Military Men: The Defense Industry in North Carolina", and his article was published in the Spring 2021 issue.

We are excited for these young historians and their accomplishments! They are the daughter and son of Troy and Jennifer Crawford of Garner.

## Recent Acquisitions

We are appreciative and excited that several folks with ties to this area have chosen to donate items of historical interest and significance to the Garner History Museum. Warner and Mary Powell donated several vintage yearbooks and other items from the collection of the late Coyte Lanier. Many Garner residents remember Mr. Lanier as the principal from their Garner Elementary school days.

Garner native Neal Moore donated several vintage photographs and yearbooks that belong to his father, Roy Moore, who graduated in 1950 from Garner High School.

Judge Ripley Rand donated the roll-top desk which had belonged to his grandfather, former Garner Mayor Walter Rand.

A book of WWII History and a military uniform were donated by Marilyn Allen of Garner, daughter of Leland Allen & Edith Wall of Garner. Mr. Allen served from 1944-1946.

These items will be on display in the Museum, and we are so grateful for the donors who gave them. Many thanks! If you have or know of someone who has historical items which pertain to Garner's history, please keep your Garner History Museum in mind for artifact donations. The value of your donation is tax-deductible.

## Buy a Brick, Support Your Museum

You have an opportunity to be a permanent part of the Garner History Museum at the Depot: purchase a brick! The Heritage Plaza will be located in a focal area surrounding the flagpole in front of the museum. This spot will be paved with engraved bricks in both the 4" x 8" size and the 8" x 8" size. This is a wonderful way to honor or memorialize people, businesses, or organizations important to you, or those important to Garner's history.

Brick forms are available for download from our



website, [Garner-area-historical-society.org](http://Garner-area-historical-society.org), or by calling the Museum to have a form mailed to you. You may leave a message at (984) 200-9612.

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## Does Your Group Need a Presenter?

If your civic or church group needs a speaker, we are glad to make a presentation about the Garner History Museum at the Depot. We would love to share our excitement with your members!

Contact us at [Garnerareahistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:Garnerareahistoricalsociety@gmail.com) or by leaving a phone message at (984) 200-9612.



## Who Knew?

A little-known fact about our Town Manager, Rodney Dickerson, is that he is an excellent photographer. Some of us are familiar with Rodney's wonderful wildlife photos, but he recently shared with us some pictures (above) of our Depot and Caboose. Thank you for sharing, Rodney!