

#### **Falconhurst**

Those who attended the May 21<sup>st</sup> WCGA meeting had a change in scenery. Instead of meeting at the office located in the Administrative Building, members went on a field trip to Falconhurst, the former home of Asa Faulkner. Today, Mr. Roy Davis resides and dedicates his life to preserving this beautiful 1848 structure that is a monument to times gone by.



Falconhurst, built by Asa Faulkner in 1848

Mr. Davis described some of the renovations he has done to Falconhurst over the years:

When my home of 50 years burned in 1996, I moved into Falconhurst, an 1848 antebellum home built by Asa Faulkner. I will spend what's left of my life restoring and repairing this wonderful little "mansion". I will remain faithful to its architectural heritage while at the same time upgrading to the comforts of today's lifestyle. I have expanded the

original Faulkner dining room table to be able to seat 18 guests. The upstairs bedrooms are furnished with antiques of the period; an elevator has been installed to reach the upper floor and attic. The dining room remains the next project: which measures 16x32. Several fireplaces have been refurbished and all work. The walls are 18" thick and the floors are 2" yellow poplar. The new "home theatre" boasts a 10x12 ft. screen and elaborate stereo system. Under construction is an elaborate Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ that will be the largest in TN. —Roy Davis, in an email sent to WCGA president, Cheryl Watson-Mingle

Members met Mr. Roy Davis at his home at 12pm on that Saturday, and Mr. Davis gave a very interesting tour of the mansion. Guests were also treated to a scrumptious lunch and exciting entertainment. The menu served at Falconhurst on May 21<sup>st</sup> consisted of:

Fried biscuits w/hot apple butter
Hoosier Meatloaf
Tuna Veronique over toast
Home fried potatoes
Green bean Medley
Spinach Casserole
Onion/Cheese casserole
Apricot Ritz
Wheat french bread

Dump cake Walnut Ice Cream Tea Coffee

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Mr. Davis also provided his guest some delightful entertainment through his many talents as a musician and ventriloquist. He played his Yamaha reproducing grand piano, a Grand Estey reed organ, and a Hammond organ.



Mr. Roy Davis playing the organ.

Other entertainment included a ventriloquist show done by Mr. Davis, who, along with his Charlie McCarthy dummy, assumed the role made famous by former radio and television personality, Edgar Bergen.



Mr. Roy Davis and his friend, Charlie McCarthy!

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Guests were also treated to a rarely seen Laurel and Hardy silent film entitled *Liberty*.



WCGA would like to thank Mr. Roy Davis for allowing the group to come to his home and for making the trip even more enjoyable through his friendliness and warm hospitality!

Upcoming Meetings.....

For the June 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, WCGA welcomes Don Martini as our guest speaker. Mr. Martini has done extensive research on some local families, including the Mansfields.

### **Future Meetings....**

**July 16<sup>th</sup>**, 2011-Guest speaker, Dena Croft-Sullivan on her book, *The Civil War Diaries of a Confederate Soldier* 

**August 20<sup>th</sup>**, 2011-Guest speakers, George and Charlein McGlothan, owners of Falcon Rest will discuss the Civil War

**September 17<sup>th</sup>**, 2011, Guest speaker, Jimmy Reedy will discuss the Native Americans' role in the Civil War.

FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN DOING THEIR OWN FAMILY RESEARCH, WCGA MEMBERS WILL WELCOMES VISITORS TO THE OFFICE EVERY FRIDAY FROM 1PM-4PM.

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### In Memory....

WCGA would like to commemorate 3 members who have passed on this year; Mr. Almetia Dunn Cunningham and Kenneth E. Filby.

Mrs. Almetia Cunningham was the co founder and former president of WCGA. Mrs. Ladye Jane Hunter had these words to say about Mrs. Cunningham;

The group also commemorates Mr. Kenneth E. Filby, who died April 3, 2011,

Kenneth E. Filby, 11 Oct 1918, Junction City, KS - 3 Apr 2001, Manhattan, KS, WW II veteran, married to Elrean E.Hedin, burial Elmwood Cemetery, Lindsborg, KS.



A Memorial Almetia Dunn Cunningham, 25 May 1927 - 30 May 2011

Warren County Genealogical Association has lost a staunch member. Almetia was a charter member and had been prior to that in the Warren County Historical Society and was a member of Friends of the Library, the people who put the Genealogy Department together in Magness Memorial Library. She worked diligently on Warren County genealogy and history. She co-authored the Warren County Cemetery Books of 4 volumes plus other accomplishments too numerous to list. She is buried in Fountain Grove Cemetery, Coffee County, TN with an infant son.

We will miss her.

