



The Buchanan Log

Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA

March 2011

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Next Event

BLH History
Lecture Series
Sun, Mar 20th
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Dr. Mark Cheatham
"Old Hickory's
Nephew: Andrew
Jackson Donelson"

Buchanan Log House
2910 Elm Hill Pike

President's Message

To each of you who attended our first history lecture at the Buchanan Log House on February 20th, a BIG thank you. Laura Carrillo and Carolyn Sullivan provided many interesting facts and stories of the Two Rivers Mansion and the McGavock family. This historical lecture program was established to "*highlight*" important historical sites and people in the Donelson-Hermitage area ... there's so much Tennessee history here. Please support the historical lectures with your attendance and by inviting your family, friends, and neighbors. The schedule of future topics is published in this newsletter and on our web page.

An analysis of our membership shows a decrease in the past year. Forty-eight of last year's members have not renewed for this fiscal year. Our dues' year is the same as our fiscal year ... July 2010 to June 2011. There's strength in numbers and we need renewals and plus new members. The success of the Buchanan Log House Chapter depends on support from our membership, our community, and our family, friends, and neighbors. Volunteers make us successful. We need you ... your interest, skills, and commitment to help preserve and interpret our

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The Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA, promotes and encourages active participation in the preservation of the Donelson-Hermitage area's rich historic, cultural, architectural, and archeological heritage through restoration and advocacy.

Chapter Officers:

President

Lu Whitworth

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2011 Calendar

Spring Clean-up

Sat, Mar 26, 2011
8:00 am to ?

BLH History

Lecture Series

Dr Mark Cheatham, "Old Hickory's Nephew - The Story of Andrew Jackson Donelson"

Sun, Mar 20, 2011
2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Spring Fling & Easter Egg Hunt

Sat, Apr 16, 2011
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

pioneer heritage.

Good news! The Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA has been accepted as a partner with Humanities Tennessee. Information about this organization may be obtained from their web page www.humanitiestennessee.org and clicking on Tennessee Community History Program. We are honored to be involved with Humanities Tennessee's Community History Program.

YOU are greatly appreciated, and your ideas and suggestions for programs and improvements are always welcomed.

Lu Whitworth, President
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Log House Spring Cleanup

Saturday, March 26, 2011

8:00 am - till?

Spring is right around the corner and just like with your own home, the Buchanan Log House also needs a good cleaning! Come join all your fellow members and volunteers; get to know others that you may not come in contact with at other times. We need you!! Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 26th at 8:00 am or as early as possible to help clean the Log House, Addison Museum, and the Craft Center.

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## Buchanan History Lecture Series

**"Old Hickory's Nephew - The Story of Andrew Jackson Donelson"**

**BLH Log House  
2910 Elm Hill Pike  
Nashville, Tennessee 37214**

**BLH History**

**Lecture Series**

Woody McMillin, "In the Presence of Soldiers"  
Sun, Apr 17, 2011  
2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

**Antique Appraisal**

Sat, May 7, 2011  
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

**Fish Fry  
& Silent Auction**

Fri, May 13, 2011  
4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

**BLH History  
Lecture Series**

James C. Hayden,  
"Belmont Mansion and  
the Adelia Acklen  
Story"  
Sun, May 15, 2011  
2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

**Annual Membership  
Meeting &  
History Lecture**

Sun, Jun 12, 2011  
2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

**BLH History  
Lecture Series**

Speaker - tbd  
Sun, Jul 17, 2011  
2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

**BLH History  
Lecture Series**

Speaker - tbd  
Sun, Aug 20, 2011  
2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

**Fall Folk Festival  
& Buchanan Market  
Place**

Sat, Sep 17, 2011  
10:00 am to 5:00 pm

**Cemetery Walk**

Sat, Oct 8, 2011  
3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

**BLH History**

**Sunday, March 20, 2011**

**2:00 pm to 3:30 pm**

Dr. Mark R. Cheatham with Cumberland University and a member of BLH's Addison Museum Preservation Committee will discuss the political and private struggles of Andrew Jackson Donelson. A significant figure of the nineteenth century, Donelson was a politician, planter, diplomat, newspaper editor, and vice-presidential candidate and is remembered most for his political and personal struggles with his uncle.

Volunteers are needed to help setup and breakdown chairs and tables and to serve refreshments. Call Lu Whitworth at 370-9415 or Bob Allen at 218-4580 if you can help with this exciting monthly history event.

Tours of the Log House will be available after Dr. Cheatham's presentation. Sponsored by Archive Lookup and Ellendale's. Refreshments and door prizes!

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**Buchanan History Lecture Series**

**"In The Presence of Soldiers"**

**BLH Log House**

**2910 Elm Hill Pike**

**Nashville, Tennessee 37214**

**Sunday, April 17, 2011**

**2:00 pm to 3:30 pm**

Woody McMillin will describe the WW II training maneuvers of seven US Army divisions that took place in Middle Tennessee from 1941-1945, which represented nearly 25% of all who served in the war. Woody's new book *"In the Presence of Soldiers"* contains more than one hundred photos and is a must read for all veterans and their descendants. Many artifacts, including mines, rifles,

### Lecture Series

Speaker - tbd  
Sun, Oct 16, 2011  
2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

### BLH History Lecture Series

Speaker - tbd  
Sun, Nov 20, 2011  
2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

### Decorating for the Holidays

Sun, Nov 27, 2011  
10:00 am to 4:00 pm

### Holiday Celebration Open House

Sun, Dec 11, 2011  
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm



helmets, gas masks, amunition, hats, emblems, etc. will be displayed; how and where they were used will be intertwined into many local and sometimes humorous stories.

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*Bring a friend to this new lecture series and mingle with your fellow history enthusiasts to learn more about the people and times that defined the Donelson - Hermitage area. Light refreshments will be served in the ambiance of the log house and the warmth of glowing flames crackling in the fireplace. Sponsorships for the BLH are available - call Bob Allen at 218-4580 or email [bob@archivelookup.com](mailto:bob@archivelookup.com) for more deals.*

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## Planning a Wedding Buchanan Log House Style

### Brides To Be Magazine

The Buchanan Log House has placed a beautiful ad in the February issue of Brides To Be magazine. This ad, which can be seen to the left, features our Log House



as an ideal venue for weddings and is distributed to 32,000 selected households. To obtain your personal copy of Brides To Be magazine, contact GCA Publishing at [www.gcanews.com](http://www.gcanews.com) or call 615-298-1500 or write to GCA Publishing, 2323 Crestmoor Road, Nashville, TN 37215.

## Volunteer Opportunities

Every non-profit organization relies heavily on the support and participation of its volunteers, and the BLH is no different. As a volunteer, you meet and make friends with others who share your common interests to preserve the BLH and help provide events and educational opportunities to the public.

Volunteer opportunities range from: taking part in BLH community events; being a "sitter" at weddings, meetings, and parties; leading educational tours; helping with event set up and break down; to serving on major committees.

### BLH Community Events:

Sunday, March 20, 2011  
History Lecture Series - Dr. Cheatham

Saturday, March 26, 2011  
Spring Cleanup at the Log House

Saturday, April 16, 2011  
Spring Fling & Easter Egg Hunt

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History Lecture Series - Woody McMillin

Friday, May 13, 2011  
Fish Fry & Silent Auction

Sunday, May 15, 2011  
History Lecture Series - James Hayden

Saturday, September 17, 2011  
Fall Folk Festival & Buchanan Market Place

Saturday, October 8, 2011

Cemetery Walk

Sunday, November 27, 2011  
Decorate the BLH for the Holidays

Sunday December 11, 2011  
Annual Christmas Open House

**Major Committees Needing Volunteers:**

Publicity & Public Relations  
Ways and Means (fundraising)  
Site Operations  
Building & Grounds

For more information regarding volunteer opportunities, visit our website at [www.buchananloghouse.com](http://www.buchananloghouse.com) or email Lu Whitworth at [mwhit1930@aol.com](mailto:mwhit1930@aol.com).

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## Mark Your Calendar

**Spring Fling & Easter Egg Hunt**  
Saturday, April 16, 2010 - 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Bring your kids to our very popular Easter Egg Hunt and have your picture taken with Easter bunnies. A plant sale will also take place during this event. For more information, contact BLH at [loghouse@buchananloghouse.com](mailto:loghouse@buchananloghouse.com) or call 615-871-4524.

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**Visit BLH Online Gift Shop**  
New Items Arrive Monthly  
[www.buchananloghouse.com/shop](http://www.buchananloghouse.com/shop)

BLH has many great gift items that will please your friends and family! You will find soaps, gift cards, apparel, artwork, books, caps & hats, cups, stationery, and much more.

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## Legislators No Show The 1866 Tennessee Precedent

One hundred and forty-five years ago, several Tennessee legislators staged a "no show" to protest the Fourteenth Amendment and prevented a quorum for a vote. Ultimately, Judge Thomas Frazier, who lived in the Buchanan Log House on Elm Hill Pike from 1867 until his death in 1887, was involved in the controversy ordering legislators to come to the Capitol for a vote or face deadly consequences.

Born in 1810 in Greene County, Tennessee, Thomas Frazier was educated in East Tennessee and became an attorney in 1836. In 1864, he moved to Rutherford County and was appointed Criminal Court Judge for Rutherford, Davidson, and Montgomery counties. He was of Union persuasion during the Civil War and did not want Tennessee to secede. In January 1866, Judge Frazier and his wife, Margaret, moved their family from Bedford County to Davidson County and on a deed dated January 1, 1867 purchased the Log House property from the James Buchanan estate. His descendants lived in the Log House until 1927.

After the war in July 1866, Judge Frazier was involved in a major political controversy. At the time, President Andrew Johnson wanted each state to ratify a proposed Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, which in effect would take away the rights of surviving Confederate Veterans. The Tennessee General Assembly met in an extraordinary session to register a vote. After several days without a quorum under the law because the amendment's opponents stayed home, no vote was taken to the frustration of the President. By orders of Governor, "Bloody" Bill Brownlow, the Speaker issued warrants for the arrest of those representatives not in attendance and the Sergeant-at-Arms went to their homes and arrested each of the missing gentlemen. The attorney for Representative Pleasant Williams of Carter County petitioned the Frazier Court for a Writ of Habeas Corpus, which after many arguments, was granted. Judge Frazier contended

that if there was no quorum to vote there was no quorum to arrest and detain the representatives as there was no Tennessee law supporting the Governor's actions.

Judge Frazier then ordered Sheriff Patterson and his Posse Comitatas, of which Edmund Whitworth was a member, to enter the Capitol with force, to affect the release of the illegally held representatives. In carrying out the orders, violence ensued and the entire community was highly excited at the audacity to defy the Governor and his henchmen. Afterwards, "Bloody Bill" stated the representatives were to be shot unless they showed up to vote. Bullets flew over their heads and were eventually scared into finally casting a vote.

As a result of more pressure by the Governor, in November of 1866, a warrant was issued for Judge Frazier's arrest as well as the arrest of the Sheriff and the Posse Comitates. All were brought before the House and viciously treated. The others were later released, but even after passionate arguments of honorable attorneys, E. H. Ewing, Edward H. East, John Brien and John Gaut, Judge Thomas Frazier was impeached and removed from office in June of 1867. Thomas's brother, Senator Beriah Frazier of Knoxville, was not allowed to have a vote at the trial.

However, the 1869 Legislature, declared the arrest and conviction to be null and void, and all of Thomas Frazier's rights were restored and he was elected to the same office in August of 1870. Ironically, Governor Senter, who had been one of Frazier's most ardent prosecutors, had to sign the commission to reinstate Frazier as Judge. After serving eight more years, Judge Frazier retired to the Buchanan Log House on Elm Hill Pike. Thomas Frazier's son Samuel married Fannie Whitworth, the daughter of Edmund and Miriam Whitworth, and the granddaughter of James and Lucinda Buchanan. They lived here at the Log House and Thomas Frazier's daughter Rebecca married John McCampbell and lived at the McCampbell house on Kent Road in Donelson.

After a rather tumultuous personal and political life, Judge Frazier died in 1887 and did not live to see his son James B. Frazier of Chattanooga elected Governor of Tennessee in 1902 and serving from January 17, 1903 to March 21, 1905 when he resigned to become Tennessee's State Senator where he served two terms. Thomas Frazier's wife Margaret continued to live at the Log House until her death in 1911. One of Judge Frazier's four sons, Samuel, married Francis Whitworth, a teacher at the Frazier subscription school and a granddaughter of James and Lucinda East.

Judge Frazier and his wife Margaret are buried in Chattanooga, but their son Samuel, his wife Francis, and their descendants are buried in the historic Buchanan Cemetery.

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## In Memoriam

### WILLIAM CARSON (BILLY) RIDLEY

April 16, 1926 - March 8, 2011

Billy is a descendant of two of Davidson County's pioneers, George Ridley (1739-1835) [buried in the Millcreek Baptist Church Graveyard] and Archibald Buchanan (1728-1806) [buried in the James Buchanan Cemetery]. Billy was a member and consistent financial supporter of the Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA, the Mud Tavern Group and other historical endeavors in the Donelson area. His interests in and contributions to the Buchanan-Ridley-Whitworth family history project is invaluable. His final resting place is in the Woodlawn Memorial Park, Nashville, Tennessee.

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