

Ellore Heritage Museum & Cultural Center, Inc.



MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

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Oyster Roast

Saturday, January 13, 2018, 6:00 pm

Tickets: \$30.00

Price includes oysters, hot dogs, and all of the fixings, dessert and drinks. Bring oyster knife and gloves.

Tickets Sold Out!



Fillies & Follies

Friday, March 23, 2018

7:00 pm — 11:00 pm

Location: Ellore Heritage Museum



Tickets: \$40.00

Contact a Board Member or
all the museum to purchase tickets.

November – December 2017 Contributions

Memberships

Individual

Kristine Carver
Diane Large
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General Fund

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Memorials

Darrel Anderson

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W. D. Fogle, Jr.

Furman Langley

R. S. Weeks, Jr.

Adair Fogle



Old Fashioned Victorian Christmas Trees

The Christmas trees at the museum are such a treat for every visitor. Thank you, Sally Jo Coulliette.



The Christmas Village

Dorothy Anderson shared a portion of her family's very special Christmas Village collection by decorating one of the windows in the gift shop. Kristine Carver and Pat Granger assisted with the set up. It has brought many smiles through this Christmas season. Thank you, Dorothy, for sharing Darrel's collection.

A Time Remembered

(Summers in a small southern town 1940-1950)

By Jean Linkins

There is something special about spending summer vacations in a small southern town. My story is just one of many that could be told about small towns in America. Elloree, South Carolina is my story.

My sister Jeanette and I could hardly wait for summer vacation to begin each year. In the summer of 1940 Jeanette was 9 and I was 6. Our summer trip meant traveling by train from Washington DC to Elloree. We transferred from one train to another in Florence, SC which added to our excitement. During WWII we shared the trains with army troops. During wartime, civilians could travel but only if empty seats were available. Soldiers often shared their seats with my mother, sister and me.

We arrived at the small station house in Creston where our grandfather, Dr. A.W. Browning, was waiting to drive us the 7 miles to Elloree. As we approached the town we saw church steeples in the distance and the old cemetery where many of our relatives were buried. On either side of the cemetery were fields of corn and cotton. We enjoyed picking cotton to take home to Washington.

Our grandparent's driveway was lined with huge pecan trees. We saw our grandmother sitting in her old rocking chair on the screened porch. She was waving to us. The small frame house was so welcoming with crape myrtle trees everywhere.

The downtown area was a one block commercial zone with stores facing across Cleveland Street. I especially remember the hardware store, meat market grocery store, Hall's Five and Dime, drugstore, post office, movie theater and the only gas station in town.

I must tell you about the drugstore. There was a long, polished stone counter with a soda fountain that served the best cherry colas. Large stools lined the counter and small tables and chairs were in the center of the room. My grandfather's office was in the back of the drugstore. (He was the doctor in Elloree for over 50 years but that's another story.)

Each day at noon Jeanette and I walked to the drugstore to have a cherry cola and to visit our grandfather in his office. We waited for him to take us on his country rounds to see his patients. As we rode to each house we sang all the songs we knew from hymns to current popular songs of WWII.

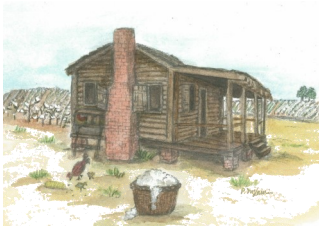
Our walks to pick blackberries were special times. Our grandfather's bird dogs followed us into the woods and waited patiently while we gathered the berries. Walking back to the house we shared stories and talked about our family. We looked forward to the family reunion that took place on one of the Sundays when we were in Elloree. The family reunion was a special time for all.

Watching as chickens were being prepared for dinner was an experience for any city child! The chickens were brought to the back porch and were cleaned and made ready for the cooking pan. A large table on the porch was filled with watermelons, cantaloupes, corn and other produce grown in the fields surrounding Elloree. The blackberries that we picked were used by our grandmother in her delicious cobblers. After dinner the family sat on the porch and talked for hours about family, friends and the wonderful town.

Also remembered was the swimming hold where we spent many summer afternoons with neighboring boys and girls and especially "the boy next door". There is always a boy next door in small towns. I guess you would call him the first love for both my sister and me. We made many visits to see his mother but really to see Francis.

It had been 45 years since our last visit to Elloree. On a beautiful day in October, 1997, Jeanette and I made one last visit to renew the old feelings we had been carrying for years. Driving into the town was like a flashback in time as if the years between visits never happened. Nothing seemed changed.

This article was take from a memoir written by Jean Linkins and was edited for space requirements.



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Calendar of Events

Oyster Roast : January 13, 2017



Fillies & Follies: March 23, 2018

Museum Hours: Wednesday - Saturday, 10:00 am -5:00 pm
Closed on major holidays.