

A regular meeting of the Collierville Heritage Commission was held January 13th, 2016 at 2:30pm at the Morton Museum of Collierville History, located at 196 N. Main Street, Collierville, Tennessee.

The following members of the Heritage Commission were present: Taylor Stamps, Joe Clayton, John Shepherd, Clarene Russell, Nancy Bassett, Mary Alice Brock, Cheri Kilmurray, and Kayla Smith. Jennifer Cordell, Betty Edmunds, and Mayor Stan Joyner were absent.

Staff members present were Assistant Town Administrator Josh Suddath, Museum Director Ashley Carver, and Collections and Special Projects Coordinator Brooke Mundy.

Also present was Mrs. Nancy Newby Perkins, Mr. Bob Perkins, Ms. Kai Taylor, and Ms. Hannah McDowell.

Mrs. Russell called the meeting to order.

Mr. Suddath introduced Mrs. Cheri Kilmurray and Ms. Kayla Smith, newly appointed to the Heritage Commission.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM November 11th, 2015

Mrs. Russell asked if there were any corrections or additions needed to the November 11th, 2015 meeting minutes.

Mr. Shepherd made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Mrs. Bassett. All were in favor, none were opposed. Motion is approved.

Presentation by St. George's Independent School Students

Ms. Carver stated the Museum is working with St. George's Independent School on a project to research life in Collierville between 1940 and 1945. The collaborative project will culminate in an exhibit at the Museum from April to June 2016. The students are looking to the Collierville Heralds, census data, and community members for assistance to learn how Collierville was shaped by WWII and how Collierville participated in the war effort.

Ms. Dowell stated their portion of the project concerns fashions of WWII and how any restrictions affected clothing at that time.

Ms. Dowell asked if anyone was familiar with and/or used the sewing patterns in the *Collierville Herald*, or did they use sewing patterns at all.

Mrs. Bassett stated that she thought everyone probably used sewing patterns at that time.

Ms. Dowell asked how WWII changed how one dressed, due to the restrictions.

Mrs. Russell stated that everyone had to have shoe stamps.

Mr. Stamps stated that anything having to do with automobiles was rationed, like tires, batteries, and gasoline.

Mr. Stamps stated that there was a bartering system in place, so one could trade goods for services. People had some money, but there was no product to buy.

Ms. Dowell asked if ladies clothing or styles changed as result of government restrictions.

Mr. Clayton stated people just wore what they had.

Mr. Stamps stated he remembers most about the gasoline restrictions. People had "A," "B," "C," or "D" stamps that they paid service stations with for gasoline. Dairy people had priority since Collierville was a dairy community, so they had priority over everyone else.

Ms. Dowell asked what the typical attire for women was at the time.

Mrs. Bassett stated that women did not wear pants, unless going to a farm, and especially not to church.

Mrs. Perkins stated that she remembers wearing dresses to school and when it was cold outside, you would put pants on under your dress, and wearing Jodhpurs and boots.

Ms. Dowell asked what the typical attire for men was at the time.

Mr. Clayton stated that he remembers wearing khaki pants and a white shirt.

Mr. Shepherd stated that he remembers people bought uniforms for small kids. Men wore suits on Sundays and work clothes, and sometimes overalls.

Ms. Dowell asked what would be considered fancy attire for men.

Mr. Stamps stated that most business people wore suits with wide ties. Vests with four were also popular.

Ms. Dowell asked what would be considered fancy attire for women at that time.

Mr. Clayton stated that the attire was referred to as one's "Sunday's best" or "Sunday Clothes."

Mrs. Perkins stated that people tended to save their clothes and not mess them up. When one came home from school, you took your school clothes off and put your play clothes on.

Mr. Shepherd stated that there was a clothing shortage in a way and money was tight. If one's father was in the military, the family got a small allowance for things.

Ms. Dowell stated they could use any pieces of clothing, accessories, or pictures, from this time for the exhibit.

Presentation by Mrs. Nancy Newby Perkins about Harrell's Drug Store

Mrs. Russell introduced Mrs. Nancy Newby Perkins, who grew up in Collierville on Walnut Street. Her mother and father were members of the Baptist Church, and her father, Mr. Newby, owned Harrell's Drug Store.

Mrs. Perkins presented the following items to the Commission and spoke about their significance:

- Journal that was found in the drug store, dated 1883
- Deed for Harrell Sundries, owned by Mary Collins, then sold to Bryan Kirkland in 1947, and then sold to Mr. Newby in 1949 for \$10,000
- Ice Shaver
- 15 pictures from drug store, including interior, store displays, and Mr. Newby
- Soda Bottles
- Ice cream serving bowls
- Camera with original packaging and directions
- Mechanical pencils from various Collierville businesses
- Promotional item from Sharp and Dunn
- Pestle
- Medicine bottles and labels
- Prescriptions from various doctors

Mrs. Perkins stated she would loan these items to the Museum for a possible exhibit and could find other items that may be needed.

Ms. Carver thanked Mrs. Perkins for presenting these items to the Commission.

Museum Director's Report

Ms. Carver stated 7,286 visitors came to the Museum in 2015, up 6.5% from 2014.

Ms. Carver stated this week the Museum is continuing the Lunch n' Learn program series.

Ms. Carver stated the Museum has a new temporary exhibition, "Slaves and Slaveholders from the Wessyngton Planation," from the Tennessee State Museum is now on view. Related to the exhibit, the Museum is offering guided tours each day at 11am, and has an archival program from 4th-8th grade students on select Saturdays.

Ms. Carver stated Ms. Mundy installed some of the items currently on loan by Mrs. Brock in a case in the Permanent Exhibit space.

Ms. Carver stated next Saturday the Museum is hosting Spotlight Saturday on Native American Culture, with help from the C.H. Nash Museum.

Ms. Carver stated the Museum invited the Collierville Chapter of the NAACP to hold their Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. program at the Museum on Monday, January 18.

Ms. Carver stated that Ms. Mundy is currently installing new art at the Community Art Galleries of Collierville. Art by Ms. Lauren Pigford will be at the Harrell Theatre, student art will be at Town Hall at the end of January, and artwork by Virginia Swick at the Museum.

Ms. Carver congratulated Ms. Mundy on her recent appointment as Secretary on the Tennessee Association of Museum's Board of Directors.

Mrs. Russell thanked Mr. Suddath and the Town for constructing the new parking lot.

Mr. Clayton asked Mr. Suddath about installing a plaque talking about Dr. McCall's house.

Mr. Suddath stated they would look into getting a sign with that information.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Russell asked the Commission if anyone had any business to bring before the Heritage Commission.

Ms. Mundy stated she had several donations for the Heritage Commission to consider. First, a book, "Lucius: Writings of Lucius Burch," donated by Mrs. Peggy Turnipseed.

Mr. Shepherd made a motion to accept the items, seconded by Mr. Stamps. All were in favor, none were opposed. Motion is approved.

Ms. Mundy presented two photographs donated by Mrs. Perkins:

- Framed Photograph: Collierville High School Senior Trip group photo, Washington, D.C., 1959
- Photograph, 8"x10": Coca-Cola Bottling Company "Top Ten Dancy Party," December 19, 1958.

Mr. Shepherd made a motion to accept the items, seconded by Mrs. Bassett. All were in favor, none were opposed. Motion is approved.

Mrs. Russell asked the Commission if anyone had any more business to bring before the Heritage Commission.

Mrs. Shepherd asked the Commission if any action is needed on the items Mrs. Perkins brought before the Heritage Commission.

Ms. Carver stated she would discuss with Mrs. Perkins scanning the photographs, documenting the memorabilia, and working on a temporary exhibit featuring the Harrell Drug Store.

Mrs. Kilmurray suggested getting Mrs. Perkins on video talking about the items from the Harrell Drug Store.

Mr. Suddath recommended that the Heritage Commission let Ms. Carver review the items and next month present those recommendations to the Heritage Commission.

Mr. Stamps made a motion for the Museum to review the items and present a plan at the February Heritage Commission Meeting, seconded by Mr. Clayton. All were in favor, none were opposed. Motion is approved.

Mr. Clayton stated the questions from the St. George's Independent School students demonstrate the importance of the Heritage Commission and being able to speak with people about the past and record the information.

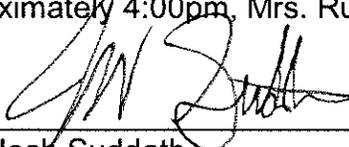
Mrs. Killmurray stated the Harrell Drug Store is an example of a business model that does not exist anymore. People like to know what businesses were previously on Town Square.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business or discussion, at approximately 4:00pm, Mrs. Russell adjourned the meeting.



Mrs. Clarene Russell
Chairman, Heritage Commission



Josh Suddath
Assistant Town Administrator