VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP DAY

Bringing History Alive... Online!

The Heritage Alliance

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INTRODUCTION

The Heritage Alliance of Northeast Tennessee and Southwest Virginia is pleased to announce our first-ever Virtual Field Trip Day! This is an opportunity for students to experience our interpretive programs and explore our historic sites online. Our staff will guide students through a fun-filled day of history and learning, all from the comfort of their homes!

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**EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS**

This program meets the following educational standards...

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The Chester Inn Museum

Restored Lodging Room Tour

How do historians use buildings, spaces, and objects to learn about the past? Students will find that out as we explore our restored 1890s lodging room!

Students will explore how travel has changed over time, learn about the people that stayed at the inn, encounter items that would have been found in a lodging room, and more. Students are encouraged to ask and answer questions during the live stream, and we will answer as many student questions as possible at the end of the tour.

During the tour keep an eye out for answers to the following questions:

1. Why would people be traveling during the 1800s?
2. How many people could sleep in the lodging room?
3. Where is the bathroom?
4. What would people be wearing in the late 1800s?
5. What are some differences between then and now?
The Christopher Taylor Cabin

History from the Second Story

The Christopher Taylor House is the oldest building in Jonesborough, and probably the most popular. In the early 1970s the house was relocated from its original site to its current spot on Main Street. Today it serves as a centerpiece in the town’s preservation story and a staple stop for students on field trips. This trip has the bonus of taking students to a spot that is often asked about but usually off limits: the second floor!

The house was completed around 1778, about a year before the town of Jonesborough was established. Mary and Christopher Taylor lived in the home with their family. Christopher fought in the American Revolution, serving as a captain under John Sevier at the Battle of King’s Mountain. After the war Taylor supported the proposed State of Franklin and became active in politics. Taylor was influential as a farmer, a political figure, and a wealthy landowner. Taylor also benefited financially as a slave owner, and upon his death his property—including land acreage and enslaved people—was split among his children and grandchildren, while Mary received a widow’s military pension.

**During the tour keep an eye out for answers to the following questions:**

1. *How many children did the Taylor family have?*

2. *Who is the most famous guest reported to have stayed at the home?*

3. *Where were the living room, kitchen, and bedrooms?*

4. *What part of the home dates back to the 1700s?*

5. *How was the building moved?*

6. *How is the building used today?*
Chuckey Depot Museum

The Chuckey Depot Museum is Jonesborough’s newest museum. The Depot was built in 1906 for the Town of Chuckey, which is located between Jonesborough and Greeneville. It served as Chuckey’s train depot until the 1940s. After that, it was a hardware store. It was moved to Jonesborough to save it from demolition. Today, the museum shares the history of Chuckey and the history of the railroad in Northeast Tennessee.

The railroad was very important to this area. Chuckey depended heavily on the railroad and all it could bring you.

During the tour keep an eye out for answers to the following questions:

1. What did a Station Agent do?

2. Before radio, how were messages delivered to trains as they passed the depot?

3. If you had freight or cargo that needed to be shipped, where would it wait in the depot before being loaded onto the train?

4. What kind of things could you ship by train?

5. What piece of equipment is used by the railroad to help inspect the tracks and make sure they’re safe?

6. What do we mean by the term “segregation?”
Jonesborough Town Tour

A Downtown Scavenger Hunt

As you walk Main Street, Jonesborough, look high and low for these little details on the buildings that you might not have noticed before. We’ll post a video on May 18 that talks about each of these details and why they’re so important. This little walk will take you a few blocks down Main Street. They are all on the main road on both sides of the street.
Now it’s time to think like a historian! Historians work with materials from the past in order to tell stories about people, places, and events from earlier times. But sometimes the answers aren’t always so obvious.

Let’s view a handful of historical objects from our museum collection. Sometimes it’s difficult to tell what an object is... can you think like a historian in order to figure out what the artifacts are?

**Questions to consider:**

1. *What is it made of?*
2. *Who made the object and why?*
3. *Are objects like this still used today?*
4. *If so, how have they changed or stayed the same?*
5. *Who would own or use this object?*
6. *What can we infer about the owner/user?*
7. *What does this object reveal about the person’s life?*
History Detectives

What do you think these items are? List your answers below...

Object #1 __________________________________________

Object #2 __________________________________________

Object #3 __________________________________________

Object #4 __________________________________________

Object #5 __________________________________________
Oak Hill School

Oak Hill School was built in 1886 to serve the community of Knob Creek. The building served local residents as a school and as a center for community events until the school was closed in the 1950s. The school sat unoccupied (except for a few bales of hay) until the expansion and development of Johnson City encroached. The property on which Oak Hill School was built was to become a retail shopping center. The property owners approached the Jonesborough/Washington County History Museum about saving the structure by relocating it to Jonesborough.

Today, Oak Hill School invites students to come for a day-long field trip and enroll in the class of 1892-93. Reading, writing, arithmetic, history, geography—even the pledge of allegiance—are all as they were prior to the turn of the last century. Our curriculum is based on the detailed 1892-93 diary of a Washington County School Superintendent. Students gain an understanding of the lives of their predecessors through this glimpse of a typical school day. Designed for a single classroom, a day at Oak Hill School is an experience students will treasure.
During the tour keep an eye out for answers to the following questions:

1. What materials did students use to learn their lessons?

2. How did the students learn?

3. What technology do we have in school today that they didn’t have in 1893?

4. Where did the boys sit?

5. Where did the girls sit?

6. What happens if you misbehaved?

7. How did you “tow the line?”

8. What games did they play for recess?
Old Jonesborough Cemetery

The Old Jonesborough Cemetery was established in the early 1800s by the Town of Jonesborough as a public burial ground. It originally consisted of the Rocky Hill Cemetery. In the 1890s, the African American community established their own cemetery known as the College Hill Cemetery. Today, we interpret both spaces as the Old Jonesborough Cemetery. The Heritage Alliance helps the Town keep the cemetery clean. Graveyard Gordon helps care for the historic markers by cleaning them and repairing them. The Cemetery is no longer open for burial.

During the tour keep an eye out for answers to the following questions:

1. Why is a Cemetery different from a Graveyard?
2. What are some of the symbols you see on the headstones?
3. Why did so many children die in the 1800s?
4. Did people used to go and have picnics in cemeteries?
5. What happened to Cadet Cox? How do we know what happened?
6. Why is it important to preserve cemeteries?
Bonus Videos!

Enjoy our bonus content which we’ll be posting after 2:00 p.m. on May 18!

# 1. Tour of the Chester Inn’s Attic - We’ve never given a tour of the attic before!

# 2. History of the Mystery Door at the Eureka Inn - Learn the important history behind this door that seems to go nowhere.
# 3. Loom at the Christopher Taylor House - Learn about our 18th Century loom!