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The Walton County Heritage Association was organized for four main purposes:

- To promote the preservation and restoration of buildings and other landmarks of historical interest within Walton County;
- To maintain the Walton County Heritage Museum to preserve the heritage of Walton County for the education and enjoyment of current and future generations by collecting, preserving, and exhibiting artifacts and information from the time of its original inhabitants to the present;
- To foster and enhance the development, education, and sense of history which is unique to Walton County; and
- To secure cooperation and unity of action between individual citizens, businesses, and other groups as may be necessary to fulfill these purposes.

The Association depends upon the support of its members and the business community to accomplish its goals. Annual dues are \$25 for individuals, \$40 for families and varying amounts for donors as shown on attached Annual Donor/Member Application for 2023. Donor logos are also shown on the attached Donor page in the monthly newsletter.

**Annual Member/Sponsor Application 2023; See attached.**

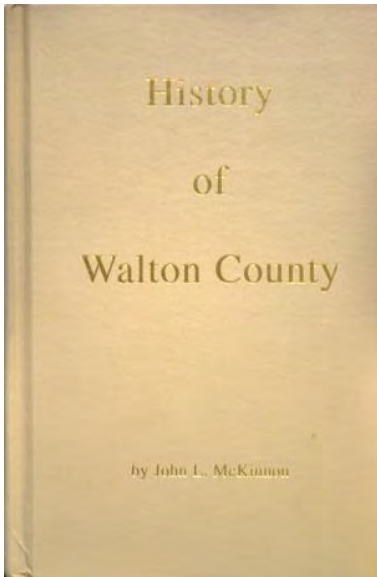
**Member Benefits:**

- Automatic membership in the **Walton County Heritage Museum** and the **Walton County Genealogy Society**.
- Invitations to Quarterly Members Meetings
- **Discounts** on Special Events
- **The Museum Research Center:** Members get free copies of documents and use of the Genealogy Society computer when the Museum is open.
- **The Museum Gift Shop:** Members receive discounts on books, special publications, postcards, photographs, CDs, DVDs, videos, and gift items.
- Free **subscriptions** to the WCHA Newsletter.

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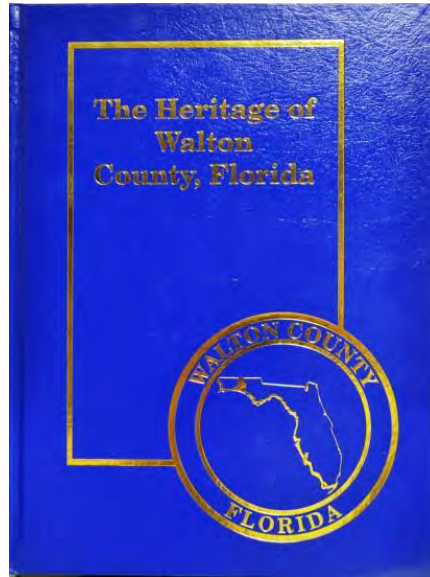
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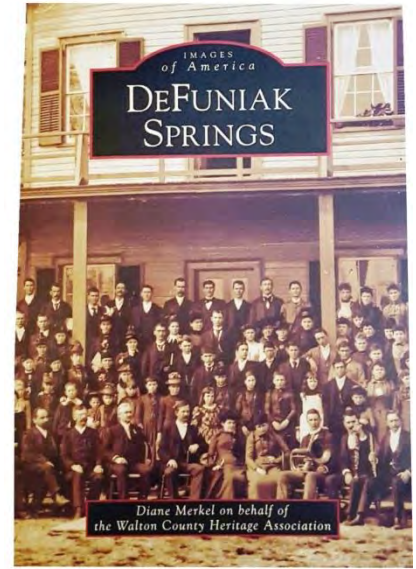
by John L. McKinnon. The Museum has sold out of this book and it is out of print, but it is available at these links;

<https://dlg.galileo.usg.edu/georgiabooks/pdfs/gb0503.pdf>, and <https://www.alibris.com/booksearch?mtype=B&keyword=history+of+walton+county&hs.x=0&hs.y=0>



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Price: (Reduced) \$40.00  
 Tax: 2.80  
 Shipping: 8.00  
 Total by mail **\$50.80**



**Images of America, DeFuniak Springs. Item code B06.**

By Diane Merkel. Price, including tax, **\$23.53.**

## MAIL ORDER FORM

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Qty	Description	Item Code	Price Each*	Amount
	The Heritage of Walton County, Florida	B13	50.80	
	Images of America, DeFuniak Springs.	B06	31.53	

\*Price includes tax at 7% and shipping of \$8.00 per item.

Total                     

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### Our Mission

The Walton County Heritage Association is a nonprofit organization that was organized for four main purposes:

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\* Additional gift of over \$2,000.00 (any amount in excess of that number) would be greatly appreciated. You may earmark this gift for a specific expense/purchase of gift items for our museum.

- All donor categories are entitled to membership in the museum and Genealogy Society and 10% discount on museum gift shop purchases.
- For all levels of Sponsorship, the Walton County Heritage Association, Inc. will acknowledge sponsors on our website, in our newsletter and on a permanent plaque in the Museum. Sponsorships are on an annual basis from January to December. This is an acknowledgement of your gift only and does NOT constitute advertisement or the promotion of any individual, business or organization by the WCHA.

Please mail your check and this form to:  
WALTON COUNTY HERITAGE ASSOCIATION, INC. 1140 Circle Drive, DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435.  
**THANK YOU!!!**

The Walton County Heritage Association, Inc., is a 501(C)(3) charitable organization as defined by the IRS Code. Gifts may be tax deductible as defined by the Federal Income Tax Regulations. To request a receipt for your tax-deductible membership in the WCHA, or donation, please contact us.

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## **OUR SPONSORS for 2024**

**We dedicate this page to our sponsors in recognition of their generous support of our mission.**

### **SPONSORS (\$100-\$499.00)**

**David Blutworth-\$100.00**

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(None at present time)

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(None at present)

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#### **City of DeFuniak Springs**



In the past the city has generously supported us with cash donations of \$2,000.00 annually, but due to changing budget priorities, was unable to do so in recent years. We wish to recognize the city's generosity however, for its **in-kind** donation of the RR depot which serves as the Walton County Heritage Association, Inc., Museum and administrative facility. The city provides maintenance and up-keep on the facility, and payment of electrical, water and waste disposal services as well. The value of this facility to us is far in excess of \$2,000.00 annually, for which we are deeply appreciative. Thank you, City of DeFuniak Springs.

## **A Note From the Editor**

Again, we depart from our plan to publish each chapter of the New Walton County History we are writing as each is completed. Unfortunately, we were unable to complete the next chapter in time for this month's newsletter. Alternatively, we selected a family history article from "The Heritage of Walton County, Florida," for your reading pleasure in this edition. As always, in the interest of making our articles as factual as we can to the extent of our knowledge, please let us know of any errors, mistakes, etc. you find in them. Thank you.

Sam Carnley

## **From WCHA President, Marie Hinson**

Although January was our official membership renewal month, we are still accepting your applications. We encourage you to continue your generous support of the Walton County Heritage Association, Inc. as in the past. Please see our Annual Member/Sponsor Application for 2024 elsewhere in this newsletter for renewal options. Whatever level of member or sponsorship you choose is very much appreciated and we thank you.

## Angus L. Campbell

Submitted by  
**Bill Steadly-Campbell**  
 Edited by  
**Sam Carnley**

Angus L Campbell was the 4th and youngest son of Daniel Douglass Campbell and Nancy McLean Campbell. He was born in Euchee Valley, Eucheeanna, Walton County, Florida on November 19, 1852. He was also the 15th child in the family. As a youth he was surrounded by a loving and caring family.

The family was self-sufficient, making or growing everything to meet their needs. The sheep were sheared, the wool carded, spun and woven into clothing or blankets. Corn meal, ground locally, provided their bread. Cattle, sheep, chickens and pigs provided fresh and smoked meat. This was supplemented with wild game.

Sundays were a day of rest. Children were not punished, no games played, no cooking and the only work was the care of the farm animals and fowl. Sundays were a day of rest, reflection and prayer. Most of the day was spent at church. The men and boys sat on one side of the aisle and the women and the children on the other.

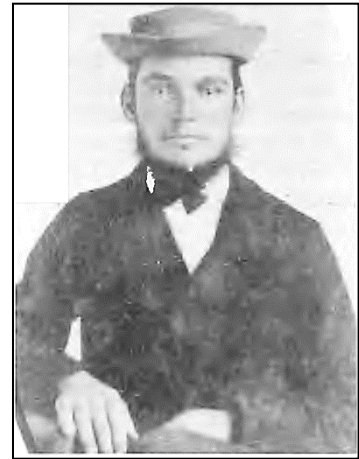
During the invasion by General Asboth's troops, enroute to Marianna, Angus and a young servant boy, rounded up as many horses and cattle as they could and drove them into the swamp areas to keep them out of the Yankee hands. Angus was a scout for the Home Guard, commanded by Captain John Gillis.

One of Angus' older brothers, Dr. Daniel L. Campbell was the company physician. The Federal troops did tear up the split rail fences, which they used for their campfires. The troops did kill and eat his favorite lamb.

When the troops left, they took the male servants with them and left the women and children. Angus was the only physically able male left at home. His father was in his 80s and blind (probably cataracts) so it fell on Angus' young shoulders to care for his family of mother, father, sisters and the remaining servants. The smoke house had been cleaned out; so food became the top priority.

Next, his father died in 1867 and he took over full responsibility for his mother. The other siblings deeded their shares of the estate to him for the care of his mother and unmarried sisters. He was then a fulltime farmer, but primarily a stockman.

It was open range in Florida. so rounding up cattle for marking in the spring was an arduous task with the cattle ranging for miles in any direction. Angus was an expert horseman. His favorite



Angus L. Campbell

mount was a buckskin which he named Traveler in honor of General Robert E. Lee's horse. He would drive the cattle to Freeport to meet the cattle boats. This would take a couple of days. They were paid in silver dollars. The saddle bags would be so heavy they could barely lift them.



Christian Currie Bowers  
Campbell

In 1880, Angus married Christian Currie Bowers, (B: August 11, 1860 - D: October 27, 1887). She was the daughter of James Bowers and the granddaughter of Giles Bowers, Sr. Dr. Daniel L. Campbell married Christian's older sister, Elizabeth.

They were blessed with three children, Sarah Jeanette Campbell, born September 10, 1882 died: December 5, 1975; James Bowers Campbell, born August 24, 1884-died: March 4, 1969 (became a Judge); Daniel Currie Campbell, born: 1886 - died: 1963 (became a physician). Then more heartaches, Christian's parents became ill with fever and she went to take care of them.

They had typhoid fever from the well water. Christian also became ill with typhoid and died October 27, 1887, leaving her husband and three children. The day before she died Aunt Abbie was cooking chicken and she begged for some chicken soup. It was her final meal. Fortunately, Angus's unmarried sisters lived with him and they lovingly cared for the three children. Each would become highly educated, with Sarah Jeanette graduating from Florida State College for women, James Bowers graduated from Stetson University and Stetson Law School, Daniel Currie graduated from the University of Tennessee and the University of Tennessee Medical School.

Angus was an active member and an Elder in the Euchee Valley Presbyterian Church. He also served on the Walton County School Board. His unmarried sisters died, Sarah, April 17, 1926 and Abigail, June 26, 1927. At that point he chose to live with his daughter and her family in Quincy. He also made extended visits to his son Judge J. Bowers Campbell who was then living in Ft. Myers. This was probably the furthest away from home he ever ventured.

He died in Gadsden County, outside of Quincy, on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 1933. He insisted on living in the country and considered Quincy a large town. He attended the First Presbyterian Church, Quincy, every Sunday until his death. He and Mr. May would sit in the front pew, directly under the pulpit, as Dr. H. A Love preached. His death was brought on by kidney failure and all of his children and grandchildren were at his bedside when he died.

His remains were returned to his beloved Euchee Valley Presbyterian Church Cemetery where he was buried in the family plot. The services were attended by both black and white. There were more mourners than the church could hold. As a parting tribute it was said that he never harmed any man. He was the last of the Daniel D. Campbell and Nancy McLean Campbell children. He was not very tall in stature (5'8") but he was big in heart.

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