

Beersheba Springs Historical Society
Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2018
4:00pm
Grace Chapel

I. Introductions of all members present. (Note: at the next meeting, members will have an opportunity to sign in so that BSHS can keep a record of attendance.)

II. Elizabeth Papel reminded members of the fifth annual Dash to the Door which is scheduled for July 7, 2018, at 8:00am (registration begins at 7:15am) to benefit the Beersheba Medical Clinic. The event will take place rain or shine.

III. The community Barn Dance will also be held July 7, 2018, at 6:00pm in the Big Red Barn. Volunteers are needed to order food and drinks, set-up and clean-up. Sally Spruill, Susan Snow and Bunny Hall volunteered to help during the meeting. Thank you!

IV. The Society is seeking a speaker for the Labor Day meeting. Please contact John Adams with ideas.

V. John Adams initiated a discussion about whether or not Art Camp should continue. Susan Snow said that the instructor was not available, and the children in Beersheba have other activities now that compete for their time. It was agreed that Art Camp would be discontinued. All present agreed that it was wonderful to know that the children of the community now have so many options for summer programming which did not exist when Art Camp was founded.

VI. Howell Adams informed the group that Kelly Baggett has had surgery. We wish her well!

VII. July 9, 2018, the Big Red Barn will host an event with Bill Lee, candidate for Tennessee Governor.

VIII. Terry Martin, a native of Gallatin, Tennessee, then gave a presentation about his book "Love's Young Dream: The Letters of Dr. Edward Noel Franklin to Miss Nannie Hillman - 1871" (April, 2018, Silver Goblet Press). Kenneth Thomson, Sumner County historian, assisted with the presentation. The book focuses on Nashville, Sumner County, and Beersheba Springs, and covers 27 letters and more than 90 photos from Dr. Edward Franklin, who cared for John Armfield in his final years. (It was also noted that Dr. Rothman, Chair of History at the University of Alabama, is writing a book about Isaac Franklin, John Armfield, and Rice Ballard which may be interesting to Society members). Dr. Franklin was writing to Nannie Hillman who attended Chigaray Boarding School in Philadelphia with Mary Noailles

Murfree. Mary Murfree lived at Lover's Leap in Beersheba and wrote many books there under the pseudonym C.E. Craddock. Her life is discussed in a state historical marker at the entrance to the Beersheba Assembly.

Mr. Martin signed and sold books at the conclusion of the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:40pm.