



# Northeast Georgia History Center

June 2015

## Summer Camp- 2015

### The 1940's in North Georgia

Session 1 - June 8-12

Session - June 22-26

9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. daily

Day campers, join us for hands-on experiences, museum theatre performances, living history demonstrations, and field trips as we explore the 1940's!

Just a portion of what you will experience:

- Hear the story of Beulah Rucker, local educator, in her own words
- Visit the Beulah Rucker Educational Center
- Perform a Radio Show
- Learn how electricity changed daily life in rural North Georgia
- Participate in Civil Defense Drills
- Experience the effect the war had on everyone with the reality of Rationing
- Plant a Victory Garden
- Swing to 1940's music

The Northeast Georgia History Center Summer Camp Curriculum is designed to be aligned with Georgia Performance Standards in Social Studies, Language Arts, Science, and Math.

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## Volunteer Spotlight

Dick and Brenda Young have worked as a team for 49 years. That's how long they've been married. And they work as a team at the History Center, where they serve on the reception desk.

Dick says he's been interested in history all of his life, and Brenda is a walking history book. She can trace her ancestry back to the Revolutionary War and is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. But she doesn't stop there. One of her great-great-grandmothers, at 16 years old, was a spy for the Confederacy during the American Civil War.

"She would listen to the (Union)

men at night from her bedroom window (in South Carolina) when they were talking around the campfire," she says. "She would write down what they said and give it to Confederate soldiers." So Brenda is a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Dick has lived in a number of places because his father was a career officer in the Navy, "and we followed him wherever he went," says Dick, who also served in the Navy, along with his son, Richard. Besides the son, the Young's have a daughter, Alycea Rae, and 12 grandchildren.

Dick, retired as a general contractor, and Brenda, a retired teacher, agree that preserving history is important because, as Brenda says,



**Dick & Brenda Young**

(in Cozumel, Mexico)

"the upcoming generations will never know what our forefathers went through...unless it's presented to them."

So thanks, Dick and Brenda, for helping the History Center fulfill its mission: to preserve and present the history of Northeast Georgia.

## Our Piano

If you have visited the History Center in recent weeks, you may have noticed the addition of a piano in the Founder's Hall. The Estey Piano & Organ Company was one of the most important players in the late 19th and early 20th Century Piano & Organ manufacturing business. Established in 1846, Estey was one of the few American manufacturers to survive over a century. For decades, Estey manufactured several lines of upright

pianos, player pianos and grand pianos.

Restored to its beauty and sound, this c.1890 Estey Parlor Grand piano was donated to the Northeast Georgia History Center, with the expressed instructions from its former owner, that it be sold to further the mission of the Center by using the proceeds from its sale to maintain and expand its collection of artifacts that tell the story of our region.



Please consider a donation to the Northeast Georgia History Center in the amount of \$5000.00 to make this beautiful instrument a part of your permanent collection!



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The Northeast Georgia History Center is a not-for-profit institution dedicated to preserving and sharing the history of the region. By maintaining a unique collection of historical items, presenting exhibits, conducting programs, enabling research, and partnering with other institutions in the region, the History Center strives to promote a greater understanding of the cultural, social, economical, and political history of Northeast Georgia.

## Calendar of Events

June 8-12	9:30 am-2:30 pm	Session 1 Summer Camp
June 9	7 p.m.	Forum— <i>Frontiers, Fraud, and Free Land</i>
June 14	1:00-4:00	Family Day— <i>Surveying the Frontier</i>
June 18	11:30 am-1:00 pm	Board of Director's Meeting
June 22-26	9:30 am-2:30 pm	Session 2 Summer Camp

## Items of Interest

Thank you to the following for their donations for our Membership Reception:

Longhorn

Ingles

Longstreet Café

Thank you to Outback for providing gift cards for our Forum door prizes!

We appreciate our local businesses!



### *Welcome*

#### *New Members!*

Robert & Sandra Hoffman

Kate & Matthew Cook

Jan Courter

Fran Lovell

Vita & Richard Anderson

Rev. Dr. Robert Maltzahn