



Historical Spotlight HENRY C. BURN COTTAGE

The earliest record of the Main Street property is the will of Epaphroditus Howle, June 28, 1861, to Mary J. Lucas his granddaughter. Next is the deed from Charles G. Williams and Mary J. Williams (Mary J. Lucas) to Max B Gandy dated January 11, 1874. This deed states that the property was conveyed to E. Howle by W.A. Carrigan. The heirs of Max B Gandy conveyed this property to Martha E. Burn Feb 20, 1882.

The cottage is now owned by Melissa Burch of Society Hill.

The original portion of the cottage style house contains four rooms. Two large rooms, which have plaster walls, picture molding, high tongue and groove ceilings and coal burning fireplaces, are located in front. Behind these rooms are two small bedrooms and a large hall. The dining room, kitchen and two porches were added by Henry C. Burn's son, Frank H. Burn, Sr., in 1919. Henry and Martha Burn were parents of nine children. Henry Burn had the carpenter shop built next to the house in 1882. This shop is the old antique shop and has served as carpenter shop, post office and grocery store. There were no undertakers in Society Hill and coffins were bought by the shop ready to sell, some had to be trimmed and some others were built in the shop. He had a blacksmith shop of the opposite corner from the carpenter shop. *Information provided by Darlington County Historical Commission, Darlington, SC.*

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Long Bluff Historical Society Meeting

- 2nd Thursday, 6:30pm at Depot

Town Council Meeting

- 2nd Tuesday, 6:30pm at Town Hall

Catfish Festival Meeting

- 2nd Tuesday, 5:30pm at Town Hall

Garden Club - 3rd Monday, 6:30pm at 454 S. Main

Lions Club - 3rd Thursday, 6:30pm at Town Hall

Welsh Ramblers - 1st Monday, 6:30pm at Welsh Neck Baptist

SH Library Adult Programs - Mondays at 5:30pm

Jacob Kelly House - 1st Sunday, 3-5pm

HISTORICAL TRIVIA

What year was St. David's Academy built on the hill?



HISTORICALLY SPEAKING...

As many of you may have noticed, there are several structures in Society Hill which have beautiful blue porch ceilings or historical steps. Do you know why? It is reflective of the Gullah Geechee people who were descendants of central and West Africa slaves. They painted their doors, window frames, shutters and porch ceilings blue as a means of protection. They believed that the color would act as a sort of repellent for "haints", or spirits of the dead, who may try to enter their homes. Haint blue can be found on the Town of Society Hill picnic shelter, the porches of the Adam Marshall House and the Burn cottage. Also, you can find it on the steps of Union Baptist Church.



LONG BLUFF HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARTWORK AVAILABLE

LBHS is raising money for future preservation projects. We have available 2 options of quality artwork which both reflect the history and beauty of Society Hill. A sketch look print on 14 x 18 cardstock is available for \$50. Also available is a new Hand Drawn Watercolor print of our 1865 Depot by Artist Billi French for \$40. Prints can be purchased on our website (longbluff.com) or by contacting Melissa Burch @ 813-323-1445.

These make lovely gifts for anyone that loves Society Hill!

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



First, let me begin with wishes for everyone to have a safe and productive 2019! 2018 was quite a busy year in Society Hill with many events and successes to be proud of.

2nd Annual Taste of Society Hill was a smashing success due to the hard work and efforts of so many in our community. We feel truly blessed and are getting ready for the 3rd annual TOSH. We hope to exceed our success of 2018 and provide an enjoyable evening of good food and great company.

The Historic Train Depot was also the location of the first Children's business fair. The youth of our area are really impressive and their talents shown brightly with their vision and plan for their enterprises.

The Town council welcomed its newest member with the addition of Tammy Gandy. We are excited to have a wonderful community supporter in Tammy and look forward to her involvement and support of Society Hill.

We also had the re-election of our Mayor Tommy Bradshaw. Mayor Bradshaw has been a true supporter of Long Bluff Historical Society and the Town of Society Hill in all ways. The town hall and picnic shelter saw a much needed external renovation after our curbs and sidewalks were improved previously and a new roof was put on our 1822 library. Things are looking good!

We had a new municipal judge sworn in with Mr. David Moyd. Congratulations!

Veterans Memorial park was again the site of a wonderful ceremony to honor our nation's heroes. Many new bricks will be in place soon to show our communities esteem for our veterans.

Zachariah Wines store was repaired by Long Bluff Historical Society to help preserve one of Society Hill's highly regarded properties so it may be appreciated for many generations to come.

The 2018 Catfish Festival was again a wonderful success. The parade and all festivities were enjoyed by all that attended.

I would like to thank everyone in our community and the surrounding communities for all of the support that has been shown and given to the Long Bluff Historical Society in 2018. We are looking forward to another amazing year of preservation of and education regarding our truly special historical properties in Society Hill.

Melissa Burch



TASTE OF SOCIETY HILL

Saturday, May 4, 2019

On Saturday, May 4, 2019, the Long Bluff Historical Society will host our annual Taste of Society Hill. We are looking for Sponsors and Vendors to help with this year's event. If you would like to participate please contact us right away. Proceeds to benefit Historic Preservation in Society Hill with on-going projects in the community.

Cost of the event is \$20 per person in advance/\$25 at the door, LBHS members \$15.00. Watch our Facebook page and website for further details. Again, if you would like to help with this event please contact us by calling 843-398-4710



LIGHT THE TOWN...

Congratulations to the winners of Society Hill 's Light It Up Christmas Decoration competition!!!

This years winners were:

- Judy and Allen Byrd for Southern Elegance
- Richard and Rhonda Gainey for Most Original
- Janelle Davis for Best Use of Lights
- Michelle and Brandon Wilson - Honorable Mention.

Each winner received a cash award along with bragging rights for a year. This event was sponsored by the Society Hill Catfish Festival Committee.



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Ads are \$20 for the next three issues, starting in April, 2019.
Contact Melissa to secure your spot - 813-323-1445.

SENIOR BINGO

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH, 2019 AT 3:00PM

Senior's 50 and up that live in the 29593 zip code are invited to play bingo and win prizes at the Society Hill Town Hall.

For information, please call 843-378-4251.

This event is sponsored by The Lions Club & Town of Society Hill.

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