

## The Blount County Historical Society



The Blount County Historical Society is a not-for-profit organization, and is the oldest such society in Alabama.

It serves as a funding foundation for Blount County institutions whose missions include the collection and preservation of County family histories and accomplishments, and related artifacts and relics.

Public meetings are held quarterly at the Blount County Memorial Museum and other locations throughout the County. These meetings feature lecturers, artists and authors whose work reflects local history and events.

Membership, which is open to anyone with a connection to Blount County, includes access to Ancestry.com and Fold3, two widely used genealogical web sites .

An online membership application is available at [www.blountmuseum.org/MailForm.pdf](http://www.blountmuseum.org/MailForm.pdf).



(above)Home School Summer Program

Besides programs for students and adults, the Museum is active in all aspects of County life, supporting Operation Grateful Heart and other civic groups, and archiving records and accounts of on-going activities.

Blount Countians are proud of their heritage, and are pleased to share a bit of their history and accomplishments with everyone. They are hard-working and patriotic and willing to lend a helping hand to others.



Murphree's Valley, north of Oneonta, Alabama

All in all, it's a good place to live and raise a family.

## The Blount County Memorial Museum



Located next to the Courthouse in Oneonta, Alabama, its mission is to r collect and displays family histories, artifacts and relics, and stories of the lives of its citizens, both past and present.

The Museum offers more than 500 Blount Family Books and over 1,000 family files.

In addition, the Museum's Bookstore and online shop provide books and articles that reflect the County's heritage and history.

The Blount County Memorial Museum is located at 204 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, North, Oneonta, Alabama 35121.

Museum hours are 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, Tuesday through Thursday.

More about the Museum and Blount County can be found at [www.blountmuseum.org](http://www.blountmuseum.org).

Contact the Museum Curator at 205-625-6905 or e-mail the Museum at [curator@blountmuseum.org](mailto:curator@blountmuseum.org).



*The museum has nine displays provided by County residents; these displays are rotated on a quarterly basis.*

*Its building is made of old brick from Howard College (now Samford University) in Birmingham, and is dedicated to the memory of its citizens who served in our country's wars. The museum is a resource center for local and visiting genealogists. There is a section for Alabama history, family histories, cemetery censuses and obituaries, early maps and manuscripts, as well as school and church records.*

## *Looking for Family Roots?*



*We have two volunteer family historians/genealogists helping at the museum. While they don't claim to know everything about everybody, they are knowledgeable about the County's early families and can provide assistance and suggestions to patrons who wish to learn more about their heritage and families in Blount County.*



*"We look to the sky, and our feet are firmly rooted to this land."*

*The museum also solicits submittals of family stories, history, and artifacts (on loan or contributed).*

*The Museum's website offers useful hints and tips to those new to family research. Visit it at [www.blountmuseum.org](http://www.blountmuseum.org). There's more information about the County, its natural resources and people, and places to rest and relax.*



Facebook serves as our guestbook. There's generally something of interest here, too, so look for BlountMuseum.

We'd also appreciate it if you would sign in here.



Mardis Mill Falls, one of the many scenic attractions of Blount County.



Swann Bridge, Cleveland, Alabama

The county is known for the many covered bridges it once had, although this number has now dwindled to just three. And, yes, "poke salat" and kudzu both are prolific here, as they are throughout the southeast.. Principal towns and communities are Oneonta (county seat), Allgood, Altoona, Blountsville, Brooksville, Cleveland, Hayden, Locust Fork, Susan Moore, and Snead.

Blount County is in north central Alabama, bordered by Cullman, Marshall, Etowah, St. Clair, Jefferson and Walker counties. It was named for Tennessee Governor W. G. Blount, who provided militia to Andrew Jackson for the Creek War of 1813-1814. Some of these men later settled here.



Principal industries are agriculture, mining, and timber. Animal life is abundant, with deer, turkey, waterfowl, quail, etc., lately augmented with both western and eastern coyote and armadillos. The Locust Fork tributary of the Warrior River offers rafting and canoeing opportunities that match the best in the country. Palisades Park offers picnicking, hiking, and rappelling, as well as facilities for meetings and seminars.