

## The Blount County Historical Society



The Society is a 501c(3) not-for-profit organization. Its mission is to collect and preserve County family histories and stories of their accomplishments, and related artifacts, relics and family lore. It is a major sponsor of the Blount County Memorial Museum.

Meetings are quarterly at the Blount County Memorial Museum and other locations throughout the County. Featured guests are lecturers, artists and authors whose work reflects local history and events.

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

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

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Located next to the Courthouse in Oneonta, Alabama, its mission is to record, archive, and display the history and heritage of the county. The museum collects and displays family histories, artifacts and relics, and stories of the lives of its citizens, both past and present.

Its services include educational programs, supports tours, and through its volunteers genealogists, provides assistance to family researchers with volunteer genealogists.

Books about County history and its families, as well as stories and lore, are available at the Museum and online at [www.blountmuseum.org](http://www.blountmuseum.org).

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.



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

Anon.

## 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.

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

The Museum's web site, 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 is a convenient way for our visitors to tell us what they liked about the Museum. There's also something of interest here, so we use this feature as our Guestbook. We'd appreciate it if you would sign in here.

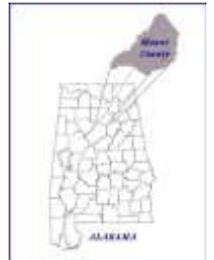


Madris Mill Falls, one of the many scenic attractions in Blount County.



The county is known for the many covered bridges it once had, although this number has now dwindled to just three, which are still serviceable following recent renovations by the State of Alabama. And, yes, "poke salat" and kudzu both grow prolifically here, as they do 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 had provided militia under Andrew Jackson for defending Alabama settlers during the Creek War of 1813-1814. Some of these men later became the first settlers in Blount County.



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.