

ASSOCIATION RECENTLY FORMED TO SAVE THE GAINES HOUSE

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In January 1862, the Battle of Fishing Creek (or Mill Springs in the North) had been lost by the Confederates. Immediately, the process of transporting the wounded and dying Confederates down the Cumberland and Roaring Rivers to locations in Tennessee where they might be cared for by local doctors, with the help of the local populace, was begun.



One of those cities on the Roaring River was tiny Gainesboro, in Jackson County. Many local houses adjacent to the river were used as temporary hospitals, including the Vanhooser-Putty House. Originally known as the

Gaines House, the house on the corner of N. Murray and Dixie Streets was occupied as a private home for most of its long history, until the late 1900s when it fell into decline.



In 2001, the house was purchased at auction by a group of concerned citizens, worried that the house would soon be lost to the wrecking ball or vandals. The front original portion of the house was then stabilized and some cosmetic work was done. However, much is left to do to maintain the property, which has seen so much of Tennessee's history.

The Gaines House Association was recently formed, consisting of members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and Tennessee Society Order of Confederate

Rose, along with local officials from Gainesboro, in an effort to complete the restoration of the house and preserve it for future generations.

More information is available about the Gaines House Association on the Facebook page of the same name. Tax deductible donations may be mailed to Gaines House Association, P.O. Box 462, Gainesboro, TN 38562.

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