

## COMMISSION APPROVES VETERANS' HALL TEMPORARY HOME

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**PUTNAM COUNTY** -- The new Putnam County Veterans' Hall will be housed temporarily at the Putnam Agriculture Extension building on Walnut Avenue following approval by the county commission earlier this week.

Last month, the commission agreed to establish a county archives and a veterans' hall and to hire Glenn Jones as the first Putnam County archivist.

Jones helped establish the archives and veterans' hall in Jackson County and has been attending the Tennessee Archives Institute for the past two years.

Back in February, Maurine Patton, the Putnam County historian, brought the need for a county archives and veterans' hall to the forefront by agreeing to donate land beside her house on West Broad Street for the purpose of an archives and Veterans Hall.

Putnam County Executive Kim Blaylock said a number of photos have already been collected for the Veterans Hall, and she asked for a temporary location for the Veterans Hall so Putnam residents can go ahead and see what it will look like.

"I think once we can get it up so people can see it, it will get more people excited about it," Blaylock said.

The veterans' hall will make its temporary home in a big conference room within the agriculture extension building.

As to when the veterans' hall and archives would get their own building, Blaylock said she's waiting on an attorney general opinion about the various county offices that are permitted to collect fees for an archives under state law.

A \$2 fee set up by the state legislature was designed to maintain public records and make them accessible to the public. That fee is already in place at the county clerk's office.

County officials are hoping funding from those fees as well as donations will assist in constructing the county's archives and Veterans Hall.

## PUTNAM COUNTY SOLDIERS HONORED IN VETERANS HALL

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Herald-Citizen Photo/Ty Kernea  
Archivist Glenn Jones straightens a photo Monday morning at the Putnam County Veterans Hall, which is housed in the Putnam Agricultural Extension building on Walnut Avenue. The hall displays photographs of soldiers from their military service, with some on display

from the Revolutionary War through the present-day military action in Iraq and Afghanistan.

**COOKEVILLE** -- Putnam County families can honor their heroes in a newly established Veterans Hall in the Putnam County Archives office.

Glenn Jones, archivist, has been hard at work contacting families in the area to collect information and photographs to display in the hall, which is housed in the Putnam Agricultural Extension building on Walnut Ave.

"We wanted a place to honor all the soldiers of Putnam County," Jones said. "People will be able to come and visit with their soldier. There is no memorial like this here. It really evokes strong emotions from people."

Putnam County Executive Kim Blaylock said, "We're real excited about this. Once it gets open and people see what all has been done, we'll have all kinds of displays there."

The hall will display photographs of soldiers from their military service, with some already on display from the Revolutionary War through present-day military action in Iraq and Afghanistan. To be eligible for display in the hall, the veteran must have a Putnam County connection, such as being born or buried in the county, having attended elementary or high school in Putnam County or having lived in the county for at least 20 years and plans on being buried here. Veterans may also qualify if they have lived in the county for 20 years and have been married to someone for at least 20 years that was either born in the county or attended school here.

Photos are displayed in a high-quality frame with acid-free matting. The display includes information on the veterans military service. Cost is \$35 for framing, or \$25 if the veteran died while in the service. Two 8x10 military photographs of the veteran are required.

To add a more personal touch, families can have a showcase prepared for their veteran. The showcase is presented in a large cabinet with the veterans picture, uniform, medals, family photos and other personal items.

"There's a lot of history right there," Jones said.

Cost for this display is \$500.

In addition to the display, each veteran entered into the hall will also have a file in the archives office that includes family photos, a family history and military history, along with any other information the family wishes to include. This file is made available to the public so that family history can be passed along to the next generation.

In a partnership with the Veterans Hall, the Herald-Citizen will soon begin publishing a Veteran of the Week featuring one of the veterans on display at the Veterans Hall. Photos of veterans or their families will be published in the Tuesday Living section, along with information about that veteran's service.

Jones said hours have not yet been set for the Veterans Hall, but will be announced soon. He's also working on plans for a Veterans Day celebration Nov. 11. For more information about the project, or to inquire about displaying your veteran's picture, contact Jones at 520-0042.

## VETERANS HALL A WORK IN PROGRESS

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Herald-Citizen Photo/Camille Fliss Bobby Beechboard and Patrick Walker construct a Veterans Hall showcase as archivist Glenn Jones talks with Putnam County Maintenance Director Dennis McBroom.



-- The Putnam County Veterans Hall will be dedicated in a public event Oct. 18 at the Putnam County Agricultural Building at 900 S. Walnut Ave.

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To add a more personal touch, families can have a showcase prepared for their veteran, including pictures, uniforms, medals, family photos and other personal items. Jones said 23 showcases have been purchased for the hall.

The large wood cases are being made by the Putnam County Maintenance Department, to help keep the cost as low as possible. Families purchase the showcases for \$500, to cover the cost of materials and construction.



Dennis McBroom, director of the maintenance department said, "We're proud to be involved in the project. I think it's a wonderful addition to the community and hope it goes over well. I've got a good feeling about it."

(Picture: Wayne Bilbrey and Barry Flatt with the Putnam County Maintenance Department apply clear coat finish to Veterans Hall showcase cabinets as Director Dennis McBroom looks on. The maintenance department is making each of the showcase cabinets for the Veterans Hall, which celebrates local veterans and their service to their country).

"And, as a veteran myself, I'm considering buying one, too."

McBroom served from 1982 to 1984 in the United States Army.

Jones made the first showcase, and that was used as a pattern by the maintenance department. It takes about four hours to construct the cabinets. After that, the nail holes are filled with wood putty and the wood is stained. Five coats of clearcoat are applied and mirrors are attached to the inside of the cabinet. Doors and recessed lighting are also installed.

It takes about four days to complete each cabinet, but several are in production at one time. McBroom said they believe all the showcases will be ready in time for the dedication Oct. 18.

This is only one project the maintenance department has assisted the Veterans Hall with. Prior to opening, the department installed new carpet and baseboards and painted the Veterans Hall. They also covered most of the existing windows to protect the photographs from sunlight and installed track lighting.

The dedication ceremony Oct. 18 will begin at 10 a.m. Refreshments and entertainment will be provided from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. At that time, a special dedication for the Veterans Hall will begin with presentation of the colors by the Tennessee Tech ROTC Color Guard. Joy Brown, 94, will portray Uncle Sam and recite "The Old Ragged Flag," and patriotic music will be performed by Tom Sandlin, Chris Roberts and Lori Judd. Veterans of all branches of the military will be recognized during the service. A tour of the new Veterans Hall will be provided after the service.

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### OUR VETERANS

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Sgt. Alexander van Aalten was killed in action April 20, 2007, while serving with the U.S. Army in Afghanistan. Pictured with his photograph are Shana van Aalten, wife, and parents Ed van Alten and Susan van Aalten. He joined the service June 10, 2004, and was stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., before being accepted to Airborne School and transferred to Fort Bragg, N.C. He was first deployed to Iraq in September 2005. He was deployed again Jan. 20, 2007. Sgt. van Aalten is the first Veteran of the Week to be honored by the Putnam County

Veterans Hall, at 900 S. Walnut Ave. A dedication ceremony for the Veterans Hall is set for Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. Herald-Citizen Photo/Camille Fliss, Cookeville, TN.

### PUTNAM VETERANS HALL DEDICATION TOMORROW

Friday, Oct 17, 2008: Herald-Citizen newspaper, Cookeville, TN



Putnam County Veterans Hall volunteer Betty Stark adjust veterans pictures in preparation for the dedication ceremony Saturday. The Veterans Hall has been established to honor all veterans of military service with a Putnam County connection. The event is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. with refreshments and entertainment. The ceremony is set for 11 a.m. at the Veterans Hall at 900 S. Walnut



Ave., inside the Agricultural Building. All veterans, their families and the public are invited to attend. Herald-Citizen Photo/Ty Kernea, Cookeville, TN.

## HALL HONORS LOCAL VETS

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Saturday, Oct 18, 2008



**COOKEVILLE** — There are holidays set aside to remember our nation's veterans throughout the year. Now there is a place to honor and remember veterans every day right here in Cookeville.

**(Pictured:** Admiring the showcase of Lance Corporal Lance Murphy Clark are (from left) Lance Corporal Clark's stepfather Dale Scott, state senator Charlotte Burks, Lance Corporal Clark's mother Susie Scott and Putnam County Executive Kim Blaylock. Herald-Citizen Photo/Ty Kernea, Cookeville, TN).

The Putnam County Veterans Hall was officially dedicated on Saturday with a patriotic ceremony at the Putnam County Agricultural Extension Building on Walnut Avenue. Veterans as well as family and friends of those who have served in the military with Putnam County ties were on hand to enjoy the festivities and see the hall.

"We have a lot of veterans here today from World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam and Iraq and Afghanistan," said Glenn Jones, county archivist. "They are really touched by this and really proud that we are doing something to honor the veterans. This is a lasting memorial for them.

Folks enjoyed strolling through the hall and seeing photos on display of veterans from the Revolutionary War through present-day military action in Iraq and Afghanistan. Showcases in the middle of the room created a veterans centerpiece of memorabilia with uniforms, medals and family photos. Some of those in attendance smiled and pointed while others were moved to tears during their tour of the hall.

"That room is moving," said Putnam County Executive Kim Blaylock during the ceremony. "There's a feeling that gets inside of you when you go in and look at those pictures and cases."

The veterans honored with the high-quality framed photos with acid-free matting or by the beautiful wood showcases, which are constructed by the Putnam County Maintenance Department, have some kind of Putnam County connection. The veterans were either born or buried in the county, attended elementary or high school in Putnam County, or have lived in the county for at least 20 years and plan on being buried here. Veterans also qualify if they have been married to someone for at least 20 years who was either born in the county or attended school here.

"I've been looking forward to the opening," said Karen Stephens, who is a descendant of Francis Marion Roberts, a Union soldier, who was from Tennessee. "We actually had a preview the other day. This shows they are really wanting to honor the veterans."

The dedication ceremony included the presentation of the colors by the Tennessee Tech ROTC Color Guard and included 93-year-old Joy Brown portraying Uncle Sam and reciting "The Old Ragged Flag" from memory. Patriotic music was performed by Southern Heart and veterans of all branches of the service

were recognized.

"It's been wonderful," said Jones of the ceremony. "It's the sacrifice of the military that we are really honoring here."

## **CELEBRATIONS PLANNED FOR VETERANS DAY**

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Monday, Nov 10, 2008

Veterans Hall volunteer, Michelle Parrot, puts the final touches on the showcase featuring Richard Fielding Cooke, a major in the War of 1812. The Veterans Hall will be open 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. tomorrow in honor of Veterans Day. Regular hours are Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 1-4 p.m. Herald-Citizen Photo/Camille Fliess-Mayberry, Cookeville, TN.



**PUTNAM COUNTY** -- Many people often confuse Veterans Day with Memorial Day. Although the people being honored on each day are similar, there is at least one important difference.

According to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, while Memorial Day is generally dedicated to honoring those who have died in service, Veterans Day is intended to thank those still living who have served during war or peace, however often the fallen are honored on this day as well.

Tuesday, Nov. 11, is Veterans Day and Putnam County has a variety of events planned to honor those who served.

"Veterans Day is a time for all citizens to remember and honor our nations veterans and soldiers," said Chuck Mateyka, Putnam County Veterans Service officer. "It has been our veterans who have won our freedom and liberty -- not our politicians, not our journalists, not our teachers, not our business leaders, not our farmers -- but it has been our veterans -- our soldiers, sailors, marines, airmen and coast guardsmen. They have sacrificed their time, comfort, wealth and in some cases life and limb to ensure our freedom and liberty. Not just our freedom and liberty, but they have sacrificed for the freedom and liberty of millions around the world."

The Veterans Memorial Building at 90 E. Spring St. in Cookeville will hold a service to honor all soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines who have served in the United States Armed Forces. The program will start promptly at 11 a.m. and include presentation of the national anthem, pledge of allegiance, special speaker Wane Christopher of the Air Force and Tennessee State Guard, laying of wreaths and firing salute and Taps. Special guests will be members of the 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment. Refreshments will be served.

Schools around Putnam County will also be honoring Veterans Day with special celebrations.

On Tuesday, Nov. 11, Monterey High School will hold its celebration at 8 a.m., Baxter Elementary School at 9 a.m., and Cookeville High School at 7 p.m. On Friday, Nov. 14, Algood Elementary School will celebrate at 9 a.m.

In addition, any person who has served in the U.S. Military is welcome to a free "thank you" dinner at Golden Corral from 5-7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 17.

"America is the greatest nation on earth and its veterans are its greatest citizens and best ambassadors,"



Mateyka said. "Everything we have in our country is owed to sacrifice of our veterans. If we fail in our remembrance and honor to our veterans we will lose what has made us great and we will end up giving our freedom and liberty away."

Picture: Several hundred people turned out for the Putnam County Veterans Hall dedication ceremonies on Saturday at the Putnam County Agricultural Extension Building on Walnut Avenue. One of the highlights of the ceremony was 93-year-old Joy Brown reciting "The Old Ragged Flag" from memory.

Herald-Citizen Photo/Ty Kernea: Saturday, Oct 18, 2008

For more information about Veterans Day events, contact the Veterans Building at 526-2432.

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Herald-Citizen Photo/Ty Kernea: Saturday, Oct 18, 2008



Several hundred people turned out for the Putnam County Veterans Hall dedication ceremonies on Saturday at the Putnam County Agricultural Extension Building on Walnut Avenue. Besides patriotic music and the presentation of the colors, refreshments were donated by local businesses and then prepared by Family Education Community members (from left) Liz Buttrey, May Reinbold, Judy Ramsey, Kitten Irwin and Jane Boyd.

Herald-Citizen Photo/Ty Kernea: Saturday, Oct 18, 2008





### **DAR AT THE VETERANS HALL**

Cookeville's Old Walton Road Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met at Putnam County Archives and Veterans Hall recently. Archivist Glenn Jones explained how it all came about in a presentation. This most impressive salute to the county's war veterans is being so well received and supported that it's growing beyond original expectations. Attending were Margaret Marcum, Jessie Watts, Dot Brodhag, Kandy Smith, Marguerite Grogan, Jennifer Golz, Gale Little, Geraldine Conner, Katherine Clark, Edity Toline, Carol Frankowski, Ronda Walker, Louise Judd, Ora Graham and Eunetta Jenkins, with guests Jill Stone, Ava Timoshuk, Betty Rains, Virginia O'Rear and Martha Broyles. Above, Old Walton Road Chapter DAR Regent Jennifer Golz (right) stands with Jones, who provide a tour and presentation of the Veterans Hall to chapter members and guests.

Wednesday, Jan 28, 2009: Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN

### **PATTON HAD PASSION FOR PUTNAM HISTORY**

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Saturday, Mar 07, 2009

**PUTNAM COUNTY** -- When Putnam County Historian Maurine Patton passed away in February, she left instructions her life's work would go to the care of the Putnam County Archives. Now, those files of family histories for people in Putnam County, as well as White and Overton counties, will be processed to be available to the public.



"She loved genealogy," said Glenn Jones, county archivist. "There's a lot of good material in there."



**(Pictured:** Mabel and her cousin, the late Maurine Patton, donated \$4,000 to the Putnam County Archives to purchase the solid cherry desk for the office).

Patton left her historical records, including numerous family genealogies, census books, cemetery records and African-American burial records for the area as well as lists of Civil War soldiers from Putnam County.

"We're hoping to get those things into a digital format so the public can access that information. There are thousands of family charts taken from obituaries over the last 40 years," Jones said.

"There's so much there we still need to look through."

Patton was a champion of preserving local history. She was first appointed county historian in 2004. Genealogy and necrology were among her hobbies.

In February 2008, Patton approached the Putnam County Commission about the need for a county archives and Veterans Hall to preserve historic records often stored in less than ideal conditions and scattered among county offices. The commission agreed and in March of last year, hired Jones to lead preservation efforts. The archives was funded through a \$2 fee on public records.

But with a slim budget, Patton and her cousin Mable Lane agreed to help get the archives going in style. The two donated \$4,000 which was used to purchase the solid cherry desk now sitting in the archives office inside the agricultural building on Walnut Avenue.

"It was a generous contribution that set the standard for other contributions that followed," Jones said.

Since that time, Jones has been working to begin archiving historic county records and established the Putnam County Veterans Hall, which honors service men and women with Putnam County ties.

Jones said Patton also bequeathed her home and land to the archives for use as a museum or storage space. He said the county commission will have to decide how to use the property. If it is not used for those purposes, it would return to the family.

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Maurine taught home economics at Lambuth College in Jackson for one year and in the Putnam County School system for more than 34 years. She was a champion of preserving local history. She was first appointed county historian in 2004. Genealogy and necrology were among her hobbies.

## VETERANS HALL OPEN SATURDAY

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**PUTNAM COUNTY** -- The Putnam County Veterans Hall is opening its doors Saturday for visitors as part of the Community Gardening Fair.

"We get calls all the time from people that aren't able to come by during the week," said Glenn Jones, archivist. "We try to open the veterans hall during special events and holidays so those that aren't able to come during the week can still stop by and see the veterans' pictures and displays."

Volunteers will staff the Veterans Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday while the Community Gardening Fair, presented by the Putnam County Master Gardeners, is taking place outside from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

The Community Gardening Fair is a two-day event that features a tree and shrub sale by the Putnam County Soil Conservation District and educational programs on gardening and proper tree and shrub planting.

The Cookeville Camera Club will also hold a photography display during the event.

All this takes place at the Putnam County Agricultural Building at 900 S. Walnut Ave.

The Putnam County Veterans Hall has regular hours of 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Friday. For more information, call (931) 520-0042. Photo courtesy of Betty Stark.

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### **DONATION TO THE VET'S HALL**

Staff members of Dyer Funeral Home recently purchased a military appreciation banner and donated it to the Putnam County Veteran's Hall. The banner is the first in a series of banners for America's armed services produced by Brave Hill Productions. From left are Ken Haney, Dyer Funeral Home funeral director; Glenn Jones, Veteran's Hall archivist; Roger Burke, Dyer Funeral Home general manager; and Patra Minocha, Brave Hill Productions designer. Herald-Citizen Photo/Ty Kernea, Cookeville, TN: April 2009.



### **LITTLE 'VETERANS'**

Highland Rim Academy kindergarteners recently toured the Putnam County Archives and Veterans Hall. Pictured in front from left are Claire McCarter, Seth Clayton, Joanna Willis, Emma Brown and David DeYoung, and in back from left, Mackenzie Nash, Grady Gammon, Clayton Barrett, Weston Stephens and Davis Robertson. The Veterans Hall invites school groups to tour the museum and can be reached for questions at (931) 520-0042.



## PUTNAM MEMORIAL SERVICE SATURDAY AT VETERANS HALL

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Friday, May 22, 2009

The American Flag is presented during a Veteran's Day ceremony outside the Putnam County Veterans



Hall on Walnut Ave. The Putnam County Archives will hold its annual Veterans Hall Memorial Service tomorrow at the archives and veterans hall parking lot, located on the west side of the Putnam County Fairgrounds. The event will begin at 11 a.m. and veterans from all branches of the military will be recognized during the service.

**COOKEVILLE** -- The Putnam County Archives will hold its annual Veterans Hall Memorial Service tomorrow at the Archives and Veterans Hall parking lot, located on the west side of the Putnam County Fairgrounds.

The event will begin at 11 a.m. and veterans from all branches of the military will be recognized during the service.

LifeSong will provide live entertainment from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., and Putnam County Executive Kim Blaylock will serve as the emcee. LifeSong will also perform the National Anthem and patriotic selections during the event.

Joy Brown, 94, will dress as Uncle Sam to recite "The Old Ragged Flag" and area Boy Scouts will present the flags of the different branches of the armed services.

The Cookeville National Guard will serve as the color guard.

Dinners for two will be awarded to the oldest veterans present, and the Putnam County Veterans Hall will be open with refreshments after the service is complete.

Sponsors of this year's event include Common-Sense Publishing, Coca-Cola, Helen's Restaurant, Cracker Barrel, Golden Corral, Shoney's, Fazoli's, Olive Garden, Outback, Ruby Tuesday, Cheddar's, O'Charley's, Sam's Club, KFC, Sara Lee and Longhorn.

For more information about the Putnam County Veterans Hall, call 520-0042, or stop by the office at 900 S. Walnut Ave. Wednesday through Friday from 1 to 4 p.m.

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Glenn Jones (left), Putnam County archivist, accepts a \$500 donation from Dean Hutson, owner of Common-Sense Publishing, for the Veterans Memorial Service being held Saturday, May 23, at 11 a.m., at the Veterans Hall, located at 900 S. Walnut Ave. Hutson said the donation was his way of showing appreciation for all of our veterans and active military personnel. Common-Sense Publishing prints Our Senior Times newspaper, Celebrations Magazine, Welcome Home and Our Journey Christian magazine.

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### ARCHIVE DONATION

Chris McCall, owner of D. T. McCall's in Cookeville, is pictured with Putnam County Archivist Glenn Jones and a safe that was donated to the archives by McCall. The safe is a welcome item, as the archives needed a secure and fireproof safe for treasured historic county books.

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### ANTIQUES SALE TO BOOST PUTNAM VETERANS HALL

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Wednesday, Sep 30, 2009



Getting ready are for an upcoming antique sale are, from left, Putnam County archivist Glenn Jones, Debbie Coleman with Cottage Antiques, Vivian Hall with West Side Antiques and Marlene Jorstad with Elizabeth's Cottage at the Market on the Square. The sale will kick off Friday at the Putnam County Fairgrounds. Herald-Citizen Photo/Ty Kernea

**PUTNAM COUNTY** -- An antique and collectibles sale to benefit the budding Putnam County Veterans Hall will kick off this Friday. There will be antiques from primitives, retro, shabby chic and cottage to vintage clothing, holiday, fine relics and more as the

sale will feature more than 40 vendors from the surrounding area.

Debbie Coleman of Cottage Antiques and Marlene Jorstad of Elizabeth's Cottage at the Market on the Square in Cookeville are spearheading the event. The sale will take place at the Putnam County Fairgrounds from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and from 1-4 p.m. Sunday.

"We're dreaming big," Jorstad said. "If this is as successful as we believe it will be, we would love to make this a semi-annual event. We think it would be great for Cookeville and the surrounding areas to have a destination event like this."

The show will be located in the enclosed pavilion under the grandstands on the north side of the Putnam County Fairgrounds. The admission price of \$3 will be donated entirely to the Putnam County Veterans Hall, which is currently in storage awaiting a move to the old county health department building on Dixie Avenue.

The hall was officially dedicated in October 2008 and has grown quickly to include more than 150 veterans with connections to Putnam County that are now honored in its displays. A special booth will be available at the sale if anyone wishes to donate items, and all proceeds from that booth will also benefit the hall. For more information or to arrange a pick up, call Putnam County archivist Glenn Jones at 260-3511.

## REMEMBERING PEARL



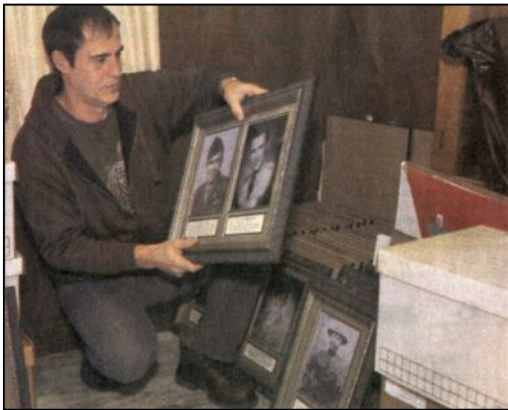
Herald-Citizen Photos/Ty Kernea Ben Fann, above, a World War II veteran who served with the Army Air Corps from 1942-1945 in the China Burma India Theatre, listens to a Dec. 8, 1941, recording of Franklin D. Roosevelt giving a speech while attending the Pearl Harbor memorial program at the Putnam County Veterans Memorial Building Monday. Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: Monday, 7 December 2009

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## COUNTY TO REVIEW VETERANS LOCATION

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Putnam County Archivist Glenn Jones sorts through some veterans photos piling up at the home of the late Maurine Patton, which is currently being used by Jones for office space. The county's archives and



Veterans Hall is awaiting a move to the old health department building, but county officials now think there may not be enough room to house the growing memorial. Herald-Citizen Photo/Ty Kernea

**PUTNAM COUNTY** -- Finding a home for the Putnam County Archives and Veterans Hall will be an item up for discussion once again. The county's land and facilities committee is set to review the issue this week after County Executive Kim Blaylock said there could be space limitations if the Veterans Hall moves into the basement of the old health department building sometime this year. More specific floor plans have since been unveiled -- including the addition of an elevator for the county clerk's office that would share the building -- and more study may be needed.

"With all the changes and time that's lapsed, I think we need to review the location," Blaylock told the county's planning committee Monday night. "Adding the elevator took space and it's been laid out specifically. It's looking like as soon as he (county archivist Glenn Jones) moves in he's going to be full again. We're at a juncture now, the contractors want this done by March or April, so if we're going to do something different, we've got to figure it out now."

Jones said he has been presented with one option so far that would involve moving the Veterans Hall into the old jail, which is now occupied by the clerk's office pending its move. But he said that would be a "bad plan" if renovations, which could take months to complete, are considered. The archives and Veterans Hall have been housed in a storage trailer since moving from its temporary home at the county extension building last summer. Jones said they were quickly running out of room at that facility, and the county commission approved their relocation to the health department. But the lease at South Walnut had expired before renovations at the health building were complete, and the archives had to vacate to make room for a soil conservation office. He currently uses the home donated by the late Maurine Patton for a makeshift office space and for the "Veteran of the Week" photos that run in the newspaper.



The Veterans Hall, which was first established in 2008, has collected more than 600 photos honoring soldiers -- from the Revolutionary War to those who served more recently in Iraq and Afghanistan. Dozens of display showcases, priced at \$500 a piece, have also purchased but currently are in storage, Jones said. The committee is set to meet at 5 p.m. Thursday in the county executive's room at the Putnam County Courthouse. A full recommendation is expected to be ready for the full county commission when it meets next Tuesday.

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### **COUNTY MAY BUILD HOME FOR ARCHIVES**

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Herald-Citizen Staff

**PUTNAM COUNTY** -- At least one thing has been decided -- the Putnam County Archives and Veterans Hall will likely not move into the county clerk's office once it is vacated this year. The Putnam County Commission's land and facilities committee voted against a proposal last night that would have relocated the Veterans Hall to that North Washington Avenue office. Instead, the hall will move into the old health department as originally planned, but that will only serve as temporary quarters for the growing memorial.

And if the full commission agrees to the idea next week, the committee will look into other property options around the city to possibly construct a new building. The Veterans Hall, established in 2008, will be nearly at capacity once it moves into the former health department, County Executive Kim Blaylock said. More than 600 veterans photos have been compiled so far and, even with a current home, the hall continues to grow.

"At that time we started planning for this, it was adequate space," committee chair and District 8 Commissioner Eris Bryant said of the health building. "We didn't anticipate how fast the archives were going to grow." A pair of county-owned properties were discussed as probable building site locations, including a lot donated by the late Maurine Patton. Land next to the county extension office and west of the Putnam Fairgrounds was also thrown in as a possibility. Any land used for the building project would likely have to be county-owned, although Archivist Glenn Jones said land donations within the city limits could gladly be accepted. The hall, which includes hundreds of photos and dozens of high-dollar display showcases, is currently located in storage and commissioners will be looking to find a permanent home as soon as possible.

"I'd really like to see us do this right," said District 1 Commissioner Larry Epps. "I don't mind if we have to wait an extended period of time, if it means we're going to do this the right way. As popular as this is, if it's something this county can be proud of, I think 10 years from now, people aren't going to be too upset that we may have waited six months to do something right." Architect Peter Metz said he would try to pull as much information together about both pieces of property by Tuesday's county commission meeting, and the full commission would have to give its approval before the project can move forward. Committee members had concerns about a portion of Patton's property possibly being located in a wetland, which would hinder any building development.

Renovations at the old health department, meanwhile, will continue. The Veterans Hall will occupy the basement portion of the building and the county clerk's office will have access to the remainder. County officials are anticipating a late March, early April move-in date.

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## **ARCHIVES, VETERANS HALL TO REOPEN ON LABOR DAY**

by Liz Engel

**PUTNAM COUNTY** -- It's been a date that's been months in the making, but an official grand opening has finally been set for the Putnam County Archives and Veterans Hall.

The old health department building, located on Dixie Avenue, has been under renovation for months in order to make room for the Veterans Hall, which will occupy the bottom floor, and the Putnam County Clerk's office, which will occupy the top floor, respectively. Interior work is finally nearing completion, and with that, plans are being made for the opening celebration.

Glenn Jones, county archivist, said citizens will be able to officially visit the veterans display for the first time since the hall moved into storage last summer, on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 5.

"Originally, the Putnam County Archives and Veterans Hall was located at the Putnam County Fairgrounds, but the archives ran out of room and another location was sought by the Putnam County Commission," Jones said. "Since the health department was moving to a new facility (on County Services Drive), the previous building became available. The county commission was charged with the task of finding a safe, fireproof and handicap-accessible facility and voted to place the archives in the lower level of the health department building."

Jones said he has received dozens of phone calls in recent weeks about the status of the project, which has been slow moving, admits architect Peter Metts. But, he says, there's now light at the end of the tunnel.

"This was an unbelievably tired building," Metts said of the old health department. "And there had to have been at least three or four additions, which weren't discovered until after all the demolition occurred. Then we added the elevator (for the county clerk). There were just so many things that surfaced from the point in time that the contractor was given the go-ahead, that had a lot to do with slowing the process down. But everybody involved has dealt with it as best they can."

At this point, Metts says about 95 percent of the work on the inside is complete. He was putting together a punch list this week, or a list of projects needing to be corrected, fixed or touched up, which will be reviewed by county officials before being submitted back to the contractor.

He said the contractor would then likely need a couple weeks to go back through. Paving and landscaping projects also remain outside.

But Jones said he looks forward to getting the veterans display up and running once again. The hall has been held in storage for over a year, and Jones has had to use the late Maurine Patton's home on Spring Street, which was donated to the county, as a makeshift office. Veteran of the week photos are taken there as scheduled.

Eventually, he says, a more permanent location will be necessary -- the county commission's land and facilities committee agreed in February that the old health department space will only be temporary quarters. More than 600 veterans photos have been complied so far and the hall continues to grow.

"Although the lower level is not large enough for any kind of future expansion, it was still necessary to find an immediate home for this outstanding memorial of the great men and women of Putnam County who have honored this great state and country," Jones said.

The Putnam County Archives and Veterans Hall and Putnam County Clerk's office will be located at 121 S. Dixie Ave., just south of the courthouse square and Spring Street. The Veterans Hall will be accessible through the backside of the facility, and there will be ample parking to accommodate visitors, Jones said.

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\*See Veteran Hall at: <http://www.ajlambert.com>

### **COLONEL HONORED**



Ed McCain, left, and Pam Copenhaur admire an exhibit at the new location of the Putnam County Archives and Veterans Hall. McCain was instrumental in gathering artifacts for the display case, which honors Col. Sidney Smith Stanton, Copenhaur's great-great grandfather. Stanton was killed in action during the Civil War and is one of many veterans honored at the hall. A grand opening celebration for the archives and Veterans Hall, which is now located at 121 S. Dixie Ave., will begin at 11 a.m. on Labor Day. See Sunday's Herald-Citizen for more information. Herald-Citizen Photo/Ty Kernea

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### **VETERANS HALL OPENS MONDAY**

by Liz Engel

**COOKEVILLE** -- After more than a year stuffed in storage, the Putnam County Archives and Veterans Hall is again spreading its wings.

The hall, the only one of its kind here, will reopen to the public at a new location on South Dixie Avenue in Cookeville on Labor Day. The celebration will start at 11 a.m. with a short veterans service with patriotic singing and music. Tours of the hall will be offered afterward.

Glenn Jones, Putnam County archivist, and volunteers were still unpacking boxes late last week -- the Veterans Hall has been in storage since July 2009 -- but the new space will allow for much more room, he said. And Jones has plenty of exciting ideas for the hall's second home in two years.

"I think it's just great that it's back to where the public can see it," Jones said. "Overall, this is a good location, it's safe and allows for easy access. There's so many things we can do. It's like a living history when you have it all displayed."

The archives includes historical records, court documents and more. The hall, meanwhile, contains authentic uniforms, photographs and other memorabilia from Civil War, World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan veterans. There are currently hundreds of pictures hanging from the walls and 45 independent wooden showcases. Ten more have been ordered and should be built this winter. The veteran's hall has grown exponentially since it first opened in 2008. There has been talk that this location will only be a temporary home.

"It's three times bigger" than the former location at the UT Extension building on Walnut Avenue, Jones said, "but it's still not enough space. But I think we've made it look good."

The grand opening Monday is open to the public, and Jones has extended a special invitation to members of the Putnam County Commission. Refreshments will be served, and a dinner for two certificate from an area restaurant will be given to the oldest veteran attending the service.

After the celebration, the hall will resume its former business hours and open from 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Jones hopes to eventually open on Saturdays -- and possibly seven days a week -- if he can secure the right volunteers.



The Putnam County Veterans Hall is located at 121 S. Dixie Ave., just south of the courthouse square, in the lower level of the former health department building, which now houses the Putnam County Clerk's office as well. Parking is available in the back.

For more information, call 520-0042.

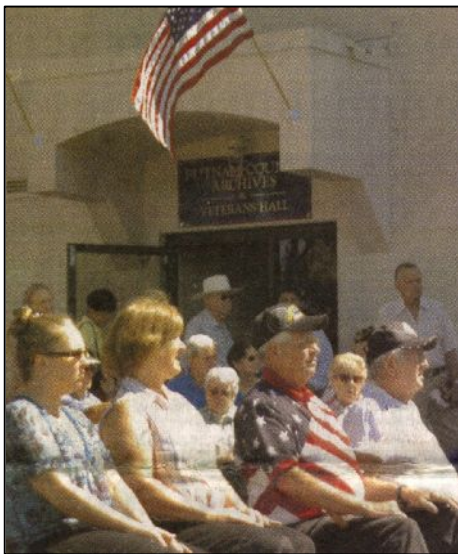
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### **VETERANS HALL MARKS NEW LOCATION**

by Buddy Pearson

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**COOKEVILLE** -- With American flags waving in the wind and patriotic music blaring, the grand opening of the Putnam County Archives and Veterans Hall had more of a Veterans Day feel to it than a Labor Day celebration. More than 100 folks showed up Monday morning to celebrate the new home of the Veteran's Hall, which is now located at 121 S. Dixie in the lower level of the former health department building.



(Picture: The Putnam County Archives and Veterans Hall celebrated its new location on Monday with a patriotic service. Among the 100 or so veterans and family members in attendance were (from left) Amy Johnson, Cathy Johnson, Vietnam veteran David Johnson and Korean War veteran Nelson Stewart).

"I think we had a good turnout," said Putnam County archivist Glenn Jones. "I think everyone enjoyed what they saw."

A brief service was held outside the hall as visitors said the Pledge of Allegiance and listened to the national anthem, God Bless America and God Bless the USA by Life Song. Putnam County Executive Kim Blaylock handed out gift certificates to

the oldest veterans in attendance. James Birch, a 92-year-old World War II veteran, was the oldest to attend.



Veterans and their family members were then treated to a tour of the hall which includes a plethora of memorabilia from the Civil War, World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan wars. Photographs, authentic uniforms and wooden showcases dedicated to certain veterans have already filled the space in the new facility.

(Pictured: Ruby Stewart and her daughter Karen Stevens look at the wooden case dedicated to Stewart's great-grandfather Francis Marion Roberts, who fought in the Civil War).

"A lot of people don't know what this is," said Jones. "I ask people everywhere I go if they have seen the veteran's hall. They will say 'we dance in there on Saturday night.' That's the veterans building."

The Veterans Hall is a memorial of the men and women of Putnam County who have served our country. We have pictures and showcases of their uniforms. It's a really nice thing to see."

The Veterans Hall was originally housed at the UT Extension building on Walnut Avenue.



But, the hall continued to grow and the artifacts were put in storage in July of 2009 until the new facility was ready.

"I think it's very important to have something like this in this town," said Ben Fann, an 89-year-old World War II veteran. "I don't have my uniform and I don't have my picture in there but it's good."

The hall is open from 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Jones encourages veterans and their family members to submit photos and memorabilia to the hall.

(Pictured: Cathy McCoin shows Karen Jones the wooden case she had dedicated to her husband Ed McCoin, a Vietnam veteran).

"What I really feel bad about is there were over 100 killed in World War II and we have only 30 pictures," Jones explained. "I'm afraid if we don't get them soon, they will be lost forever. If they didn't have any children or brothers and sisters, their legacy will be gone forever. We have a photo of one Vietnam veteran who was killed

and there were nine from Putnam County. We need to get the pictures of those soldiers who were killed in those wars before it's too late."



#### **VIETNAM VETERANS**

Vietnam veterans who attended the grand opening of the Putnam County Archives and Veterans Hall on Monday were (front row, from left) Robert Reed Jr., Orville Bryant Sr., Cyle Dillon, David Johnson, William Maynard; (back, from left) Duane Farnham, Paulette Farnham, Debbie Bates, the wife of the late Doug Bates, and Ed McCoin.

Photo by Buddy Pearson.



### **KOREAN WAR VETERANS**

Korean War veterans who attended the grand opening of the Putnam County Archives and Veterans Hall on Monday were (front row, from left) Cooper Allen, Sterling McCanless, Leonard Whitaker, Robert Reeves, Jarvis Matheney; (back, from left) Bill Shreckengost, Philip Smith, William McCaleb and Nelson Stewart.

Photo by Buddy Pearson.



### **WORLD WAR II VETERANS**

World War II veterans who attended the grand opening of the Putnam County Archives and Veterans Hall on Monday were (front row, from left) Arthur Daniel, William Huddleston, Luther Sliger, James Ragland, Bob Hayward, Ernest Robertson, Tom Pointer; (back, from left) Sterling McCanless, Berch Williams, Clarence Palk, Bill Medley, Bob Anderson and Ben Fann. Not pictured is Ray Presley.

Photo by Buddy Pearson.

## **LOTS OF CELEBRATIONS SLATED FOR VETERANS DAY**

by Megan Trotter



Tony Lee Nash, a volunteer with the Putnam County Archives and Veterans Hall, places flags outside in honor of Veterans Day. The hall will be open Thursday — and with extended hours — from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and everyone is invited to pay tribute to the men and women who have served and who are serving our country. The Veterans Hall is located at 121 S. Dixie Ave., in the lower level of the county clerk's office. Parking is available around back. Herald-Citizen Photo/Ty Kernea

**PUTNAM COUNTY** -- The main event in Putnam County for Veterans Day this year will be the open house and celebration at the Veterans Memorial Building at 90 E. Spring St. tomorrow, Nov. 11. The open house will be held from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., with a program beginning promptly at 11 a.m. This year's program will honor all soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines who have served in the United States Armed Forces. Refreshments will also be served.

A few of the other celebrations going on this week include:

- \* The Putnam County Archives and Veterans Hall, located at 121 S. Dixie Ave., will have extended hours Thursday in honor of Veterans Day. The hall will be open from 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
- \* The Jere Whitson Elementary School third grade class and the third and fourth grade chorus will present a Salute to Veterans in the school gym at 1 p.m. Nov. 11. All veterans and men and women currently serving are invited to attend and be honored at the program.
- \* Cornerstone Middle School in Baxter will hold a Veterans Day program at 9 a.m. Nov. 11, with speakers, poems and a PowerPoint presentation. A reception for the veterans will be held in the school library after the event. All veterans, families and public invited.
- \* Cookeville High School will hold a Veterans Day program at 7 p.m. Nov. 11 in the auditorium.
- \* A number of restaurants are offering free food to all veterans and active military such as Applebee's, which is offering a free meal, and Outback Steakhouse, which is offering a free Bloomin' Onion and non-alcoholic beverage. Hardee's will donate 20 percent of its sales from the Jefferson Avenue location from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday and from the Willow Avenue location from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday to Partners for Patriots to help provide disabled veterans with service dogs.
- \* A Sgt. Alvin C. York Veteran's Day celebration will be held at York State Historic Park in Pall Mall. Free. The event will include patriotic activities such as presentation of colors, a flag retirement ceremony, a 21-gun salute, patriotic music and a keynote address by George Edward York, the 87-year-old son of Sgt. Alvin C. York. Guests should gather at 10:30 a.m.

For information, call Claudia Johnson at (931) 347-2664 or go to [www.yorkgeneralstore.blogspot.com](http://www.yorkgeneralstore.blogspot.com).

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## **22 QUESTIONS: PUTNAM COUNTY ARCHIVIST GLENN JONES**

Putnam County Archivist Glenn Jones in front of the Putnam County Archives and Veterans Hall, which is in the basement of the County Clerk office on South Dixie in Cookeville.  
Herald-Citizen Photo/Ty Kernea



Name: Glenn Jones

Hometown: Baxter

Family: Single

First job: Tour guide at Center Hill  
Powerhouse

Current occupation (and since when):  
Putnam County Archivist. Been in that  
position since April Fool's Day 2008.

What I love about my job: When I finish putting together a display cabinet of a young soldier's uniform and his personal belongings who was killed in service, the appreciation of the family when they see it. It is very rewarding.

Part of my job I could do without: Trying to find adequate space for everything.

What drew me to this occupation was: There was a need to protect the records of history, so I went to Nashville and trained for archives.

Dream job: Thanks to God, Kim Blaylock and the county commissioners, I'm doing it.

When I'm not working I'm: Riding the countryside in my Jeep or motorcycle or two-stepping.

I'm most proud of: The Veterans Hall and what it has grown to be.

Something most people don't know about me: In 2011, I will be opening a reception hall and wedding chapel named Magnolia Hall -- old south charm with old southern elegance.

Favorite movie: Pearl Harbor

Favorite food: My mom's southern cooking.

My hero (and why): The members of the United States military because they are sacrificing their lives every day for our freedoms.

As a child, I thought I'd grow up to be: A famous actor.

What I watch on TV: Cold Case, CSI and the news.

Favorite childhood memory: Water skiing and picnicking on Dale Hollow Lake.

If I could do it all over again I'd: Record all of the old stories told by my grandparents.

I'd love to meet (living or dead): Marilyn Monroe and ask her who killed her.

Advice I'd pass on to future generations: Train for a job you would like. When you like your job, it makes you feel better about yourself.

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\*See more about Veterans Hall at History Putnam County, TN: <http://www.ajlambert.com>



### **ARCHIVES WILL PRESERVE YOUR OLD PHOTOS**

**PUTNAM COUNTY** – Family members looking to preserve framed or unframed family pictures ages 100 years or more can place those items in the Putnam County Archives and Veterans Hall.

Miss Douglas Lurlene Loftis wanted to keep photographs of her great-grandparents, Benjamin Bartlett Chaffin (1848-1926) and Francis Anderson Chaffin (1854-1894), in a safe place, somewhere she could visit with them. She was concerned about what would happen to them in the future, but was relieved when she read in a recent article that the archives was collecting and preserving such pictures.

“These old pictures are such a treasure,” said county archivist Glenn Jones. “They are priceless to the descendants. Each picture is connected to so many people from the Upper Cumberland area.”

These pictures were taken or drawn, it was expensive and the family took great care of them, Jones said. Usually there was only one picture made of the individual.

The Chaffins had 10 children, so only one inherited the framed pictures. The descendants of the other nine children likely would not even know the pictures exist, he said. Pictures can also get lost when belongings are auctioned off after a death in the family. Some people buy the pictures for the antique frame and throw away the irreplaceable image of someone’s ancestor.

Jones said a good way of preserving those items is to place them in the archives. For more information, call Glenn Jones at (931) 520-0042.

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## **QUARLES & BURTON SOCIETY DONATES MAP TO VETERANS HALL**

by Ken Whittaker

**PUTNAM COUNTY** -- Eunetta Jenkins of the Quarles & Burton Society points to the town of Quarles on surveyor Matthew Rhea's 1832 map of Tennessee, while Glenn Jones, Putnam County archivist, and Ken Whittaker of the Quarles & Burton Society look on. The map is being presented to the new Putnam County Veterans' Hall by the Quarles & Burton Society.

At the time that the map was published, Quarles was the commercial hub of the area and it sported a general store, a blacksmith shop, an ordinary where travelers could find overnight lodging and meals for themselves and their horses, the White Plains plantation and a post office. Area residents came to Quarles to purchase groceries, tools and supplies, to buy and sell horses, cattle and slaves, to hear political speeches, to get religion and to get married.

The nearest towns to Quarles were Monroe, Gainesboro and Sparta. Quarles was on the Walton Road where the county lines of Overton, Jackson and White converged. The town's name recognizes the Quarles family patriarch, Revolutionary War veteran William P. Quarles and his family. Quarles, a lieutenant in the Virginia Line during the Revolutionary War, an attorney, a judge and a militia officer, moved here with his wife, children, in-laws and slaves in December of 1809.

Rhea's map was the first map of Tennessee to be drawn from actual field surveys. This map was more accurate and it had more detail than any previously drawn map of the state.

Rhea traveled the state and drew the map from his own surveys and from the observations of others. He incorporated the locations of mountains, rivers, waterfalls, ferries, counties, towns, Indian villages, mineral deposits, iron works, furnaces and forges in his map. There was so much correspondence involved in the finishing of this project that Rhea asked the federal government for an exemption from paying postage on letters of inquiry relating to data needed for composition of the map.

In a letter to Congressman James K. Polk, dated Jan. 31, 1829, Rhea wrote that the map was nearing completion. In December of 1831, Rhea advertised for subscribers, people who would purchase a copy of the map in advance of publication. The advance purchase was \$8 per map. Then, after several years of work, Rhea's map of Tennessee was published in 1832.

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