



Coleman-Feaster-Mobley Newsletter

September 2026

**86th Annual Reunion is Saturday and Sunday
October 3rd and 4th**

October is almost here Y'all,
and it is truly one of the best
times of the year to be in the
Carolina Piedmont. Out
here, where faded asphalt
meets old red dirt, where
springs still flow free in
hardwood hollows, where
folks can tell you the history
of every weathered
clapboard building and
crumbling, wisteria-covered
chimney. So drop ya mouse
and get out da house.



John G. Wolling house. Photo curtesy of R.
Chicone, Jr.



Old Ragsdale Store. Photo courtesy of Bryan Greer.

Sunday Events

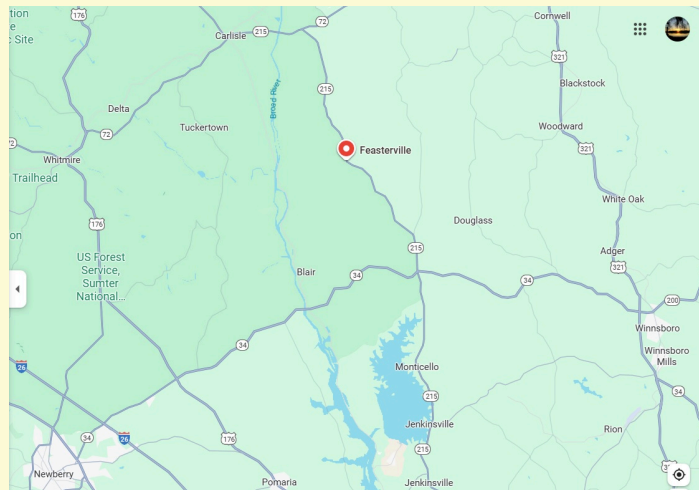
The Feasterville Grounds and Registration Tent will be open by 10AM. Tour the grounds of the Feasterville Academy, visit with friends and family, take a walk over to Liberty Church or down to the old spring. Of course, the high point of the Reunion is the food, served up under the old water oak. A table filled with home-cooked (or not, it's ok) main dishes, side dishes, desserts, and sweet iced tea. The secret to a covered dish dinner is the individual quality of each item, made with extra care.

The Association provides plates, utensils and napkins. Some tables and chairs will be available, but bringing your own is always a good idea. We have two bathrooms in the Boarding House.



Saturday Events

Come hang out with us Saturday starting at 9AM. We plan to visit some of the historic sites in the area, talk genealogy and history, and get the Boarding House and grounds ready for Sunday. Bring a lunch for this casual day in the countryside. If you have any specific requests or questions, contact us at the links below.



Location of Feasterville on Google Maps: [Feasterville, SC](#)

DNA and Family Connections

James Green our CFM Genealogist and Eddie Killian, President of the Fairfield Genealogical Society have been working on the Family DNA project and genealogy records. They can help find your family connections and who your ancestors are.

There will be a genealogy **presentation and dinner Saturday evening 7PM** at the Boarding House. For details and to reserve a spot, contact Eddie Killian at: robertekillian56@gmail.com

Some Highlights From 2026

The Fairfield County Museum



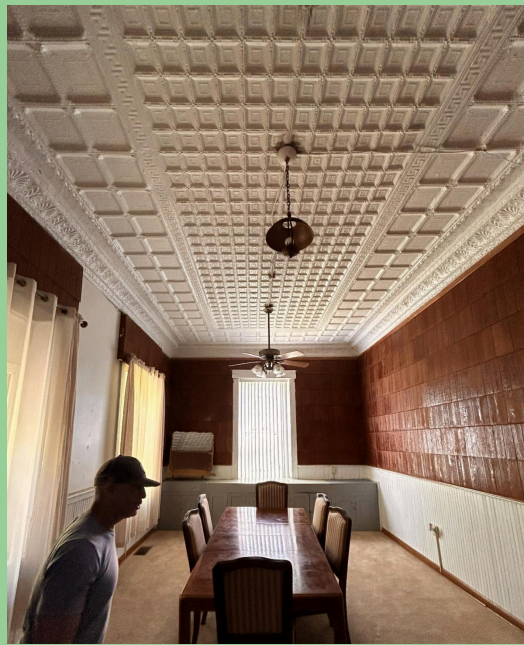
"For 39 years, Pelham Lyles has worked at the Fairfield County Museum in downtown Winnsboro, serving as its director for the past 29. During that time, she has written grants, expanded exhibits, launched oral history projects, brought Smithsonian traveling exhibits to Fairfield County, and helped thousands of county residents and visitors uncover pieces of their own family histories." Check out the entire story here: [Pelham Lyles retires from Fairfield County Museum | The Voice of Blythewood & Fairfield County](#)

Back in May of this year, local history buff Ken Feaster gave me a tour of some very interesting area history.

The former Buffalo Lick Hotel in Carlisle, SC (across the River and up the tracks from Shelton), built in the 1890s, and run by Shelton resident John G. Wolling in 1913. It's now owned by Ken Feaster.



The Buffalo Lick Hotel dining room. It was quite elegant in its day.



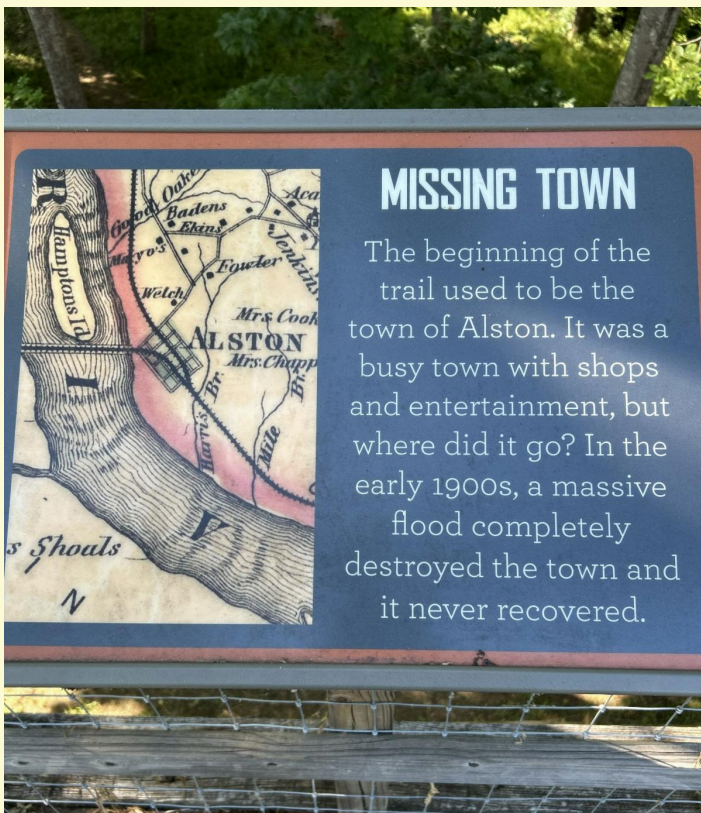
Ken showed me what's left of the old Carlisle Railroad Depot, which no longer sits at the center of town. It was moved to the outskirts long ago where it once hosted a popular night club called (of course) The Depot. There is a curious aura of romance and adventure that lingers around old depots. It's truly sad to see them slipping away.



Speaking of depots, Bryan, Pelham and I paid a visit to the proposed site for the relocation and restoration of the old Shelton Depot. The site is at the Alston Trailhead of the Palmetto Trail. Part of the Peak to Prosperity Passage.



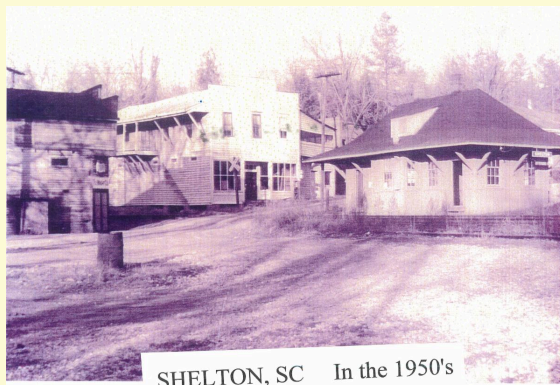
As you may know, Alston was the junction of the Greenville & Columbia Railroad and the Spartanburg & Union Railroad. It has a rich history with many similarities to Shelton (which is just down the road from Feasterville).



Top: Pelham and Bryan walking the old railroad bridge over to Peak.

Middle: Interpretive sign at the Trailhead.

Bottom: The old Shelton Depot awaiting its salvation (left) curtesy Jimmy Swearingen, and an old photo of Shelton (right).



SHELTON, SC In the 1950's

A Beautiful Old White Oak Tree

This great tree, growing about 30 feet from the north side of the old Schoolhouse, has been there for untold years. Even though it was leaning toward the building, No one thought much about it because the tree looked really healthy and strong. That was until just before the 2025 Reunion. While doing some grounds work, we noticed there were bees in the trunk. Then we saw why. The base of the tree had severe decay maybe caused by an infection or damage to the trunk long ago.

Some gentle pokes with a pocketknife revealed chunks of rotten wood and diseased bark. The supporting structure for the tree's large canopy was very hopelessly compromised. It was only a matter of a gentle breeze before it failed, and when it failed it was aiming straight for the Schoolhouse. Bob Blair and I decided to get an arborist out ASAP. They were able to take it down safely from the top to avoid damaging the building.

Unfortunately, this was another large and unexpected expense for the Association. But most importantly, we still have an intact Schoolhouse.





On a very sad note, one of the most important members of our Association has passed. **Rev. Dr. Theodore (Ted) Roosevelt Morton, Jr.**, 94, retired member of the South Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church, died February 6, 2026, at his home. He served as our Coleman-Feaster-Mobley Association Minister and Board Member. He was a driving force behind our Reunions and an active supporter of the Association through countless volunteer hours and financial donations. Not to mention, Ted was just a great friend to everyone. Did you know that he was awarded the "Order of the Palmetto" in 2019? Please take a moment to honor his life: [Dr. Ted Morton Obituary Feb 6, 2026 - Harley Funeral Home & Crematory](#)

Remember, the Coleman-Feaster-Mobley Family Association is a 501c3 organization and your donations are tax deductible. We have many expenses and repairs maintaining these historic buildings, properties and cemeteries. We really need and appreciate your support.

Please go to our website to donate or for lots of good information:
<https://fairfieldgenealogysociety.org/Family-Associations/CFM-Association/CFM-Donation.htm>

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**Thank you so much for supporting the Reunion
and this special, historic place**

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