

# BOND COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS

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## Letter From The Presidents

Greetings from both the Bond County Historical and Genealogical Societies. We hope this first issue will be the first of many to come. Our board has decided to move forward with a newsletter format rather than the old quarterly sent for so many years. The newsletter format will be e-mail only. Nelda Anthony set the bar rather high for over 20 years and Carlos Hawley continued to follow her format. Once established, this new format should allow for more publications and much better photos that we all enjoy.

Included in this mailing is your 2014 BCGS Membership Renewal Form. It is essential that you include your email address on your renewal form as subsequent Newsletters will be published in electronic format and delivered via email! If you forget or if you are a lifetime member, simply send an email to [info@bondcogen.org](mailto:info@bondcogen.org) requesting your email address be added to your membership data file. Since we are saving time and money by not servicing the copier or mailing cost, we are also adjusting down the annual membership dues for the Genealogical Society from \$22 to \$10 for a 2-person household.

As with all Societies, we need some new and innovative members and volunteers. If you have a good history story for future issues, let us know!

We feel we must mention our debt of thanks and gratitude to Dean and Nelda Anthony and Carlos Hawley for so many years of dedicated service to the society. Their passing away left a void almost impossible to fill. It is, however, our wish to move forward with both our societies.

Last year (2013), rather than have double meetings each month, we have met together and had fair attendance. We will soon begin setting the agenda for 2014. Please attend whenever you can. If you have any suggestions, please contact us. We really need better attendance for all of our programs to be successful.

With Regards,  
Kevin Kaegy Bond County Genealogical Society President  
Lester R Harnetiaux Bond County Historical Society President



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## **Bond County Genealogical Society**

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Bond County Genealogical Society membership dues are \$10 per 2-person household for the current year. A lifetime membership for a 2-person household may be purchased for a one-time payment of \$175. Members are eligible to vote and to serve as BCGS officers and appointees.

If you would like to become a member please send your name, address, phone number, email address, and the surnames you are most interested in researching with appropriate check or money order to:

Bond County Genealogical Society,  
P.O. Box 172, Greenville, IL 62246-0172

Membership forms also are available on our website. [www.bondcogen.org](http://www.bondcogen.org)

*"Leaders are the ones who keep faith with the past, keep step with the present, and keep the promise to posterity."*

*- Harold J. Seymour*



## **Bond County Historical Society**

### 2013-2014 Officers

President - Lester Harnetiaux  
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Burgess Twp - George Gobberdiel  
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Mills Twp - Kathy Brewer  
Pleasant Mound Twp - William Johnson  
Old Ripley Twp - Gerald Jenner  
Shoal Creek Twp - Tom Varner  
LaGrange Twp - Kevin Kaegy  
Mulberry Grove Twp - Jeannine Gobberdiel

Bond County Historical Society membership dues are \$15 per family for the current year. Lifetime memberships are also available. Members are eligible to vote and to serve as BCHS officers, directors & appointees.

If you would like to become a member please send your name, address, phone number, email address, and a check or money order for \$15 to:

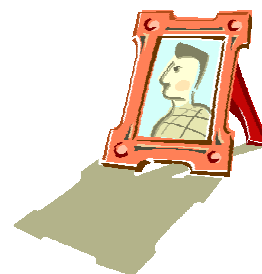
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## Monthly Society Meetings

For the calendar year 2013, it was decided that the two societies would meet jointly for Program Meetings. Meetings are generally the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Please check the Greenville Advocate newspaper, [www.bondcogen.org](http://www.bondcogen.org) or WGEL Radio (101.7 FM) for times and locations. Announcements will be made ahead of time whenever there is to be a business meeting for one or both of the two societies. Also, there will be no December meeting.

The Bond County Historical Society specializes in questions about the history of the county and communities. If you have questions about family history, burial sites, census records, birth records, or death records from Bond County, please contact the Bond County Genealogical Society instead.



***Invite a friend  
to an interest-  
ing and educa-  
tional program  
meeting!***

## 2013 Past Events

June 20, 2013 Pie & Ice Cream Social ft. Greenville Municipal Band

July 23, 2013 Rural Church History Program @ Pleasant Mound Methodist

October 2013 Historical Society Annual Dinner Meeting plus Elections

## 2014 Upcoming Events

April 2014 Hoiles-Davis Museum opens for the 2014 season

May 3, 2014 Historical Society Quilt Show (12th Annual)

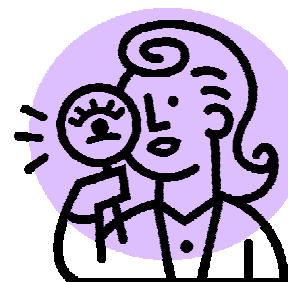
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*Share your  
ancestor's  
tale in the  
Bond County  
Genealogical  
Society  
News!*

## Uncharted Territory: What's Your Story?

"Uncharted Territory" are the stories found deep in your family tree. What's Your Story? Was your ancestor a Bond County native or did he pass through, stay briefly and then move on? Where did she live? What kind of work did he do? What clues did your ancestors leave to mark their path in, around or across this county?

Have you considered sharing your ancestor's tale in the B.C.G.S. News? If you have a story you'd like to share, please contact the editor. Please find submission details and guidelines on Page 11.



## **Hoiles-Davis Museum 2013 Displays**

*The Hoiles-Davis Museum is located at 318 W. Winter St. in Greenville, Illinois.*

The 2013 new museum exhibits included WGEL 101.7 FM (Bond County's first commercial radio station which went on the air December 1984), and recent Historical Society acquisitions, including American Legion Women's Auxiliary items, and an array of items donated by Sam **Bauer** including an 1830s ledger kept by his great-grandfather B. F. **Mayo** who came to Greenville in 1834.

The featured veteran in 2013 was Dr. O. W. **Stowe**. During WWII, Stowe served in the cavalry and following the war, he became a prominent local veterinarian, oft photographed with his own pet cats.

The ongoing exhibits on Pet Milk, the Civil War in Bond County, Hill's Fort and the War of 1812 in Bond County contained some new pieces, and new artwork and new vintage photographs were on display in the front parlor period room.

The museum is normally open on Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon and on Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. from April through October. It is located on the corner of Winter and Fourth Streets in Greenville. The museum will open for special tours. Please email [president@bondcountyhistorical.org](mailto:president@bondcountyhistorical.org) or call 618-664-1590 with details to arrange special openings. And don't forget to check out the Museum Gift Shop in person or online!

## **Hoiles-Davis Museum 2012 Displays**

The Hoiles-Davis Museum opened for the 2012 season on Saturday, April 14. The display committee received assistance with curating donations and exhibits from intern Evan **Teiwes**, a student from Greenville College's History Department, who also typed many exhibit signs. The 2012 new exhibits included the Pet Milk Company, the War of 1812 in Bond County, the newspapers of Bond County, Bass-Mollett House and Archer Hall, and some new artifacts in the Civil War room. A highlight was a Grand Army of the Republic banner for the Greenville chapter that was donated by the American Legion Post 282.

The Pet Milk display presented the history of the company and exhibited the impressive model factory which was placed in the museum for the 2012 season after several years of being in storage. The plant in Greenville opened in 1899 and was the oldest evaporated milk factory in the U.S. until its closure in 1980. The museum's model is the first one of the 3 built by Harold **Wright**, to be used in sales and marketing.

The War of 1812 display consisted of items on loan from the Illinois Society of the War of 1812. The exhibit showed off a spoon from the 1812 era, a spoon from the Revolutionary War era, and an 1812 era military or ceremonial saber.

The Bass-Mollet House and Archer Hall (Allen-Keith House) display honored two buildings that Greenville College decided to raze. The 119 year-old Bass-Mollet mansion came down, almost completely in one day, in late December 2011. Archer Hall was more than 100 years old and was torn down about two weeks after Bass-Mollett. Artifacts salvaged from both structures were provided to the Historical Society by the demolition company. Part 1 of a multi-part feature article on the Bass-Mollet House begins on page 8 of this issue.

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Continuing the tradition of showcasing a prominent Bond County citizen, 2012's subject was Gerald "Speed" **Jenner**. Jenner loaned the museum his WWII military uniform and a collection of photographs. He also shared personal and professional stories to be used in his exhibit. As a person who greatly values history and genealogy, Jenner has traveled to Europe researching his own family roots and has authored several historical and genealogy books, primarily concerning the Mt Nebo Cemeteries, Sugg Cemetery and the **File** family. He was instrumental in preservation efforts for those cemeteries. He has often since expressed his appreciation of the honor of being selected by the museum's display committee.

In addition to being selected as the Historical Society museum's featured citizen, Jenner also received a service award from the Greenville Women's Club on October 6, 2012 for his many years of community service. As the Greenville Advocate newspaper related in its October 2, 2012 issue, "[Mr Jenner] has worked with the Bond County Genealogical Society in locating and restoring several old cemeteries. He has written a book, The Story of Old Mt. Nebo and the Families Buried There. Proceeds from the book go to the cemetery and have paid for not only repairs to tombstones but for the payment of cemetery upkeep. Jenner is a long-time member of the Greenville Kiwanis Club, and was instrumental in starting a project to save the Ripson Bridge [between Old Ripley and Sorento]."

## Genealogical Society Library Changes!

In May 2012, the Genealogical Society Library collection was moved across the lower floor of the Greenville Public Library to a newly remodeled space. The Public Library Board and staff transformed a storage area into a well-lighted area with built-in shelving for the Genealogical Society materials, which was much appreciated. The room is designated in memory of Philip and Barbara **Morgan**, who established an endowment for the Library.

The Genealogical Society collection is now under the care of Jane **Hopkins**, who has been reorganizing the Family History section, putting the books in order by the family surnames. The other sections start with Bond County and general Illinois subjects, then other Illinois counties, and proceed to other states, finishing up with general genealogical materials from the DAR and US Adjutant General. There is a booklet in the Genealogical Library room which lists all the holdings.

The Genealogical Society Library is always ready to accept donations of family histories related to Bond County, as well as histories of towns in the nearby area. A 2012 library acquisition is a publication authored by Janice **Baldwin** (forward by Kevin **Kaegy**): Pleasant Mound – Fairview – Glimpses & Memories Of A Little Farm Town That Flourished.

The microfilm section of the collection includes the complete files of

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the Greenville Advocate and other Bond County newspapers. There is a microfilm reader/printer for convenient research access.

The Public Library building has wireless internet access so you can do supplementary research while you are there. The room is kept locked, so the key must be requested at the Circulation Desk. The Public Library's hours are posted on their website: [www.greenvillepubliclibrary.org](http://www.greenvillepubliclibrary.org)

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## **Online Genealogical Resources**

### **1940 United States Federal Census**

Ancestry.com calls it "the biggest thing to happen to family history in 72 years." The 1940 census streamed online with free access on April 2, 2012, making it the first Federal census to be available immediately in digital format and best of all, it is completely free to the public. Now fully indexed, you can search every name, state and territory using sites such as [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com) and [Familysearch.org](http://Familysearch.org). Simply search for your family member by name and you could find records that include details like address, age, occupation, income, education level and more. Almost 9 out of 10 Americans have a relative in the 1940 Census!

### **Illinois, Deaths and Stillbirths Index, 1916-1947**

Relatively new to [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com), this index is a searchable database which also pops up in "hints" on Ancestry tree records. There are plenty of transcription misspellings but to make up for that are the data fields of mother's maiden name, burial date and length of residence at time of death that may confirm the record is for the ancestor you are searching. Illinois Department of Public Health also provides a searchable Illinois Statewide Death Index for 1916-1950, but there are fewer informative data fields to see without ordering the entire death certificate.

[www.ilsos.gov/isavital/idphdeathsrch.jsp](http://www.ilsos.gov/isavital/idphdeathsrch.jsp)

### **FindAGrave**

[FindAGrave.com](http://FindAGrave.com) offers the opportunity to search more than 96 million grave records (many with images of the individual and of their final resting place). Simply

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search by either name or cemetery location and all appropriate search results are displayed in an easily-navigable list. FindAGrave covers the US, the UK and a number of other major countries, and it's growing all the time. Users can volunteer as photographers and photograph cemeteries and graves in their nearby area to contribute to the effort. With this volunteer program, there's a constant stream of new memorial listings being posted on FindAGrave so even if you can't find your ancestors now, you may well be able to very soon. What's even more exciting is that this site is free, so why not give it a try and see if it holds any information about members of your family tree!

### Illinois Regional Archives Depository (IRAD) System

The State Archives administers a system of Illinois Regional Archives Depositories (IRAD) on [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com) to manage the archival records of local governments. Local governments which have transferred records to the regional depositories include counties, townships, municipalities and school districts. County records include: records of births, deaths and marriages; land deeds, mortgage and tax sale records; assessors' and collectors' tax books; naturalization records, including declarations of intent; probate records, including wills and will records, case files, guardianship records; civil and criminal court case files, chancery court case files (including divorces), court proceedings, and insanity proceedings and records; miscellaneous county records, including almshouse/county home records and jail registers.

## Grave Matters

**Mount Auburn Cemetery:** A new flagpole was dedicated Memorial Day, May 27, 2013, at Mt. Auburn Cemetery at the intersection of Idler Lane and College Avenue in Greenville in honor of all the veterans buried there. Greenville American Legion Post #282 initiated the project because a flag was not flying at the cemetery. Several other Veterans organizations contributed to the flagpole and the engraved stone base, including VFW Post #1377, AMVETS Post #140, and the Lincoln Land Leathernecks division of the Marine Corps League.

**Montrose Cemetery:** The Lindly Family Monument dating from the 1850's near Montrose Abbey Mausoleum was damaged the night of March 3, 2011. A semi truck drove too far north up Fourth Street in Greenville, entering Montrose Cemetery. The driver attempted to turn around on a narrow cemetery road and brushed against the large granite sculpture, breaking off one of the angel's hands. The City of Greenville attempted to contact heirs of the Lindly family but none were found. The trucker's insurance company provided a monetary settlement, and for several months the Greenville Cemetery Board debated whether to replace the statue or repair it, as the statue is a unique work of art not easily replaced. A decision was made to repair the hand of the angel and this was done in early Summer 2012. Excess money from the damage settlement has been used to improve several roads through the cemetery during 2012. Several dead and diseased trees were removed in May, and many but not all of the rock and grass roads were asphalted in August.

## **The House That C.D. Hoiles Built, Part 1 of 3**

**By Kathy Brewer**

The Hoiles Mansion, later known as the Bass-Mollett House, was built by C.D. **Hoiles** in 1892. It was built along the National Road on the highest point in Greenville, reputed to be the highest elevation between Terre Haute, IN, and St Louis.

The house that originally stood on that site was constructed by the US Government and was used to house engineers who were surveying and plotting the entire country. There was a tall tower where the water tower now stands that assisted with this task.

Hoiles purchased the property for the new mansion, a carriage house, and 75 acres of manicured gardens. The house that stood there was rolled down the hill to its present location using logs and mules, and after being set on its foundation, was renovated into the craftsman shingle roof cottage style that we know today as Hoiles House.

C.D. Hoiles hired a Greenville-born architect/engineer who later was credited as being one of the inventors of the modern skyscraper. The architect, Flavius Morse **Crocker**, was a relative of Hoiles' mother, Elizabeth Morse **Hoiles**, the sister of Stephen **Morse**, who was married to Almira **Blanchard**. The Hoiles mansion was THE ONLY private residence he ever designed.

Built for a total of \$20,000, the same price as it cost to build the Bond County Courthouse at the same time, the home featured many innovations which are currently being used in "green" construction. The mansion's massive high-peaked four-gabled roof offered a tremendous amount of surface space. The reason for this was two-fold: one, it created a giant collector for runoff rain and snowmelt; two, it had massive exposure to sunlight in all four directions. The runoff was collected by an innovative internal guttering system

which routed the collected water to a giant copper tank that took up the entire 4th floor attic space – directly under the roof, and through which all 4 of the mansions massive chimneys passed. In the summer months, the water in the copper cistern was heated from the sun beating down on the expanse of roof (copper being a super conductor), and in the winter months, the heat radiating thru the massive brick chimneys servicing 8 fireplaces heated the water in the tank.

This tank, being located in the highest point of the house, then allowed the Hoiles mansion to be the first home in Illinois designed and constructed with indoor run-



Under construction photo courtesy Bill Davidson.



Grand Hall Turret photo courtesy Foundation for Saving Historic Greenville.

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## The House That C.D. Hoiles Built, Part 1 of 3

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ning HOT water; as the bathrooms and kitchen were on lower levels, the system worked by gravity flow. The home had full marble bathrooms with soaking tubs carved from one solid piece of marble, separate showers, flushable toilets, and, of course sinks. In addition to the marble, the bathrooms were also appointed with gold plated and carved ivory fixtures.

In addition, the Hoiles mansion was the first home in Illinois to be designed and constructed pre-wired for electricity.

The foundation of the home was thought to be created from huge white limestone blocks which were mined from an on-site quarry. During the demolition, it was found that only

the corner blocks were solid limestone; the others were limestone veneer over brick!



1892 photo courtesy Foundation for Saving Historic Greenville.

*"The House That C.D. Hoiles Built" will be continued in the next issue of the Bond County Genealogical Society News.*



Grand Hall Floating Fireplace photo courtesy Foundation for Saving Historic Greenville.

*The Hoiles Mansion was the first home in Illinois to be designed and constructed pre-wired for electricity.*



Music Room photo courtesy Foundation for Saving Historic Greenville.



Front Parlor photo courtesy Foundation for Saving Historic Greenville.

## In Tribute To Those BCGS Has Lost



*Dean and  
Nelda Anthony  
published the  
B.C.G.S.  
Newsletter for  
over 20 years!*

**Dean Anthony (Sep 21, 1918 - Jul 1, 2010) - BCGS editor, researcher, leader.** Dean Foulon Anthony, age 91 of Greenville, passed away at 8:25 a.m. Thursday, July 1 at Fair Oaks Nursing Home in Greenville, Ill. Funeral services were held 11:00 a.m. Saturday at Donnell-Wiegand Funeral Home in Greenville with Darryl Bolen officiating. Interment followed in Mt. Auburn Cemetery with full military honors. He was born in Edwardsville, Ill., the son of William Clem and Amy Pricilla Foulon Anthony. Dean and Nelda Nadine Neer were united in marriage on March 21, 1947 in Greenville and enjoyed over 63 years together. Dean served in the Army overseas and was a member of the V.F.W. Post 1377 and Amvet's Post 140 both of Greenville. Dean and Nelda researched over 100 cemeteries in Bond County, creating books and helping families for over 25 years. Dean served as President of the Bond County Genealogical Society, Nelda as a Secretary, and they published the B.C.G.S. Newsletter for over 20 years.

**Nelda Anthony (Feb 5, 1925 - Dec 9, 2011) - BCGS editor, author, researcher.**

Nelda Nadine Neer Anthony, age 86 of Greenville, passed away at 6:05 p.m. Friday evening, December 9, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital, St. Louis, Mo. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 14, at Donnell-Wiegand Funeral Home in Greenville with Darryl Bolen officiating. Interment followed in Mt. Auburn Cemetery. She was born in Greenville, the daughter of Stephen and Bernice Olivia Thorne Neer. Nelda and Dean are survived by their daughter Judith Ann, Mrs. Greg Rolves of Greenville, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Nelda and Dean were preceded in death by their son, Robert Dean Anthony, who died in a motorcycle accident in 1981.

**Carlos Hawley (Dec 24, 1926 - Jul 29, 2011) - BCGS editor, author, leader.** Carlos J. Hawley, age 84 of Greenville, died at 7:15 p.m. Friday, July 29 at Greenville Regional Hospital in Greenville, Ill. Funeral services were at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, August 3 at Young Funeral Home with the Rev. Larry O'Dell officiating. Interment was in Mt. Auburn Cemetery with graveside military rites by Greenville V.F.W. Post #1377. He was born in Highland, Ill., the son of Carlos C. and Ruth E. (Minges) Hawley. He married D. June Clymer on July 14, 1946 in Greenville. She died Feb. 13, 1997. He then married Dorothy E. Buchanan Davis on April 8, 1998 in Pocahontas, Ill. She survives. Carlos served as the president of the Bond County Genealogical Society for 3 years and was editor of the B.C.G.S. Newsletter for 5 years, right up until his passing.

**Martha Jenner (Jul 21, 1925 - Jun 20, 2012) - wife of BCGS author and director Gerald Jenner.** Martha Elizabeth Mollet Jenner, age 86 of rural Greenville, died Wednesday, June 20 of complications following abdominal surgery. She passed away just eight days short of her 60th wedding anniversary. A funeral service celebrating her life was held at noon Monday, June 25, at Mt. Nebo Primitive Baptist Church and interment followed in New Mount Nebo Cemetery. She was born to Michael William Mollet and Polly

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Amy Willeford at the family home. In 1952, she married Gerald Eugene "Speed" Jenner, the love of her life. Martha was devoted to her husband, her family and to her church. Over the years she wrote thousands of birthday, anniversary and get-well cards to family members, but also to people she sometimes barely knew — anyone who she felt needed to be lifted up by a letter. She could cram more words on a postcard than anyone else. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Jane Elizabeth Jenner Schlemper, in 2003.

## Submissions and Genealogical Queries

The B.C.G.S. News is published 2 - 4 times a year. Bond County Genealogical Society invites members to submit articles on Bond County families or histories, research techniques, announcements & queries. Typed submissions are preferred. Please E-Mail to the newsletter committee at [bcgs\\_editor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bcgs_editor@sbcglobal.net) or send to: Bond County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 172, Greenville, IL 62246.

All submissions are subject to editing. Your articles and photos shall remain your property. DO NOT send copyrighted material unless you hold the copyright or you supply proof of permission to print with your submission.

Genealogical queries with connections to Bond County in Southern Illinois are published free of charge to members (and non-members!) in our Newsletter (though members have priority on query space). Anyone is invited to submit the names and brief identifying information of ancestors they are researching, so that those researching the same persons can exchange information with them.

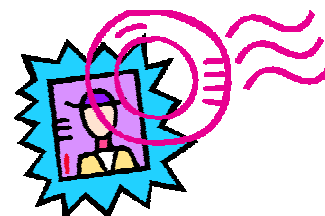
To make your query more effective, include dates, places and full names whenever possible. The query may also be published on our Web-site. You may E-Mail your queries to the newsletter committee at [bcgs\\_editor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bcgs_editor@sbcglobal.net) or send Snail Mail to: Bond County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 172, Greenville, IL 62246.

*SAMPLE QUERY: Researching Edmond DeMoulin, b 11 Jun 1862 Clinton Co IL, mov to Greenville Bond Co IL abt 1886, m1 Constance Vulliet, m2 Anna Diehl. dpl Los Angeles CA 1935. --Submitter's name, address, and email address*

**General questions for Bond County Genealogical Society and requests for Research & Library help should be emailed to [info@bondcogen.org](mailto:info@bondcogen.org)**

*Good queries  
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Simple—  
Concise*





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## **The Hoiles Mansion: 3-Part Feature Begins On Page 8**

Bass-Mollett House (originally known as the Hoiles Mansion): After it was donated to Greenville College in the early 1990s, it served a variety of uses, but gradually deteriorated. Unfortunately, no plan to restore it could be worked out, and eventually it was demolished on December 21, 2011; another

piece of Greenville history was irreplaceably lost. The site in the 100 block of East Beaumont Avenue has yet to be repurposed.

**Read the “The House That C.D. Hoiles Built, Part 1” inside this issue on Page 8.**



Bass-Mollett House 1970s photo courtesy Bond County Historical Society.



Bass-Mollett House Demolition photo courtesy WGEL Daily News.