

Suwanee Creek Chapter, NSDAR Historic Preservation Newsletter

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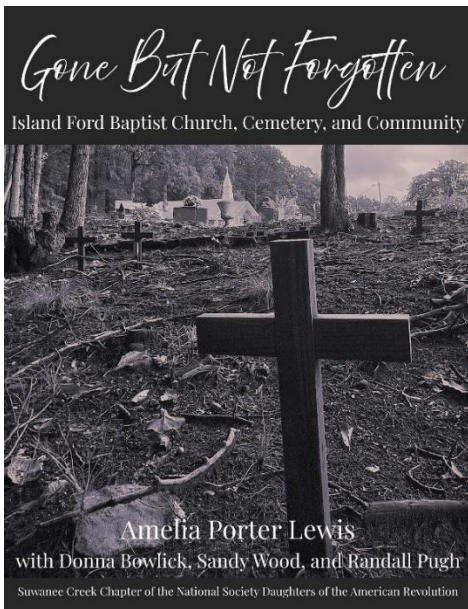
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Gone, But Not Forgotten



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Wreaths Across America

December, 2025 – Thanks to everyone who helped place wreaths at Island Ford Baptist Church Cemetery, Suwanee Methodist Cemetery, and Old Town Cemetery (where the goats graze).



L-R – Patty, Virgil, Christie, Donna, Sandy W, Sandy T, Debbie, Rebecca, Luanne. Not pictured: Sheila and Caron.



Digital Library of Georgia Grants

October 9, 2025 – Level Creek United Methodist Church's historic documents were delivered to the Digital Library of Georgia at the University of Georgia in Athens.



It was great seeing our friends at DLG Mary Willoughby on the left and Kathryn Manis on the right.

August, 2025 - We are so honored that two grant applications have been accepted and awarded by the Digital Library of Georgia.

Historic documents for Old Suwanee Baptist Church and Level Creek United Methodist Church will soon be available online.

At present, these documents may be viewed on-site at the churches by appointment.

Excellence in Historic Preservation Awards



Congratulations to this year's recipients of Suwanee Creek's Awards for Excellence in Historic Preservation, Janis Beavin and Amelia Lewis. Awarded April 2025.

We appreciate Janis Beavin for her friendship and for also for her dedication to preserving local churches' historic documents. Janis has transcribed over 500 images of documents dating from the early 1830s to early 1900s. These will soon be available online to aid in genealogical research.

We are grateful for Amelia Lewis who is not only a Suwanee Creek Daughter, but who also holds the position of Gwinnett County Historian. Amelia dedicates a great deal of time to preserving our county's history. She is currently writing a book about Island Ford Baptist Church.

Opportunities for Funding Historic Preservation Projects

If you know someone who would like to support Suwanee Creek Chapter's projects, please make checks payable to Suwanee Creek Chapter, NSDAR and

mail to: Rebecca Urquhart, Treasurer
8265 Union Hill Road; Canton, GA 30115

Upcoming projects:

- **clean headstones**
- **place flag holders and flags on veterans' graves**
- **Flags are planned to be replaced in April and October.**

Suwanee Town (where the goats graze)	6
Island Ford	29
Suwanee Methodist	18
New Prospect	32
Old Suwanee Baptist	32

Total flags needed 117
 10 packs of 12 @20.99 = 251.88
 x 2 (Apr & Oct)
 = 503.76 yearly



Super Tough 12"x18" US Stick Flag with 30"x3/8" Wood Staff - No Fray 12 Pack

Super Tough
 SKU: USA1218HF_ST_NF_12PACK
 UPC: 190140277575

1 pack of 12 \$29.99 (20.99 on sale)

It may be possible to purchase the flags locally. We're checking into that.

Endurance Gravestone & Monument Cleaner

from Atlas Preservation; Southington, CT
 (860)426-3111
atlaspreservation.com

sales@atlaspreservation.com

1 Case 6 qt spray bottles \$71.95 x 4 = 287.80
 1 Case 4 1 gal bottles \$134.95 x 2 = 269.90



Flags and Holders from United States Flag Store

New Stanton, PA
 877-732-2458
united-states-flag.com

Grave Flag Holder – Silver

Roventeur - SKU: FLGMEMR1000034598
 UPC: 190140442171

\$10.99 each

Ideas for Historic Preservation Projects

Several members are taking the Members Course, some as a refresher and some as new members. The online course requires the participant to plan and/or organize a project.

There are several wonderful projects that the chapter has on our radar. These are great opportunities to get to know each other by working on these projects together and it will benefit our community. No one is expected to work alone 😊

Let the leaders of these projects know if you'd like to help. Please let Donna or Terese know if you'd like to work on the projects without a leader and/or you may have ideas for other projects. 😊

Patriots Records Project

Join this easy and fun online project that you can work with from home. You'll receive credit for the number of entries you index. (There's a pin for that 😊) and you can enter your volunteer hours to help our chapter reach our goal 😊.

When you sign up, you'll receive information about getting started.

Log in to the national site: dar.org
Click on "Members' Website"
Enter your username and password.

CLICK – COMMITTEES

CLICK – PATRIOT RECORDS PROJECT

Scroll down to see a red box that reads "CLICK HERE TO PARTICIPATES IN SAPTURING A SLICE OF AMERICAN HISTORY"

You'll see "Volunteer Now." Fill in the information and click SUBMIT.

Ideas Include the following. Each are individual projects, but no one has to work alone. It's more fun to work together.

Bible Scanning Event

- Coordinate with the pastor of one of the churches that we're working with to plan a morning or afternoon event.
- Invite church members/community members to bring their family Bibles to be scanned.
- The Bibles never leave the owner's site. Scanning takes about 5 minutes.
- The project is to transcribe each Bible and contribute the photos and transcripts to the DAR Genealogical Records for preservation in the DAR Library.

Grounds – Arrange for cemetery cleanup
Commission Ground Penetrating Radar & arrange funding.
Arrange for cleaning headstones

Mapping – Form at GPS Team – Add GPS & headstone photos to the FindAGrave app
Arrange for drone photos of cemetery
Create a directory of graves
Directory Holder for display

Markers – Mark veterans' graves with flag holders and flags
Small headstone repair
Markers for identified unmarked graves

Historic Documents – Contact local churches that may have historic documents they'd like to preserve.
Scan documents (Donna can help).
Transcribe documents

Index the documents
Write a Digital Library of GA Grant
Publish historic documents online w/ permission from the owners.
Arrange for Archival Storage

Level Creek Cemetery

Update: This project is 95% complete thanks to Janis Bevin and Jenn Mielnik.

- HISTORIC DOCUMENTS OPPORTUNITY
- Index the names in the Documents

Old Suwanee Baptist Church

Update: This project is about 95% complete thanks to Debbie Kyle, Jenn Mielnik and Janis Bevin.

- HISTORIC DOCUMENTS OPPORTUNITY

Jackson Street Cemetery, Suwanee, GA

(4/25/2025 – C. B. may be interested in this site).

- Also known as Freeman Cemetery
Contact Matt Gore, Public Works Director, City of Suwanee mgore@suwanee.com to see what has already been done and about the opportunities to help.
- FindAGrave Cemetery ID 2486565
- Cemetery is on land sold in 1919 by J. H. Scales to "Colored People of Suwanee". Cemetery is probably much older. Many graves have only rocks or no markers. District 7, Land Lot 237, Parcel Number 40 (FindAGrave.com).
- It would be fun to research the people who rest in this cemetery.
- GPS could be applied
- Take photos of marked headstones
- The cemetery could be mapped.
- Determine veterans
- 82 memorials
- 12% photographed
- 4% with GPS

Old Shoal Creek

May be Shoal Creek Baptist Church Cemetery. Located on Old Shadburn Ferry Road. Near Amanda McKinnon's house. It is on Army

Corps of Engineers Property. Maybe we could investigate.

Historic Documents Preservation – the Dortch Journal (1851-1923)



July 2025 – Jennifer has agreed to move forward with this project. Donna and Christie will work with the Lineage Research Committee to prepare the documents for the Genealogical Records Committee.

All pages of the journal that have vital records may be included in contribution. Those pages will be part of the DAR Library's online collection.

March 31, 2025 – Cynthia House has completed transcribing the Dortch Journal. Congratulations Cynthia on a job well done!!

And congratulations on completing this as your Members Course Project!!

This journal was written by Mr. George Washington Dortch and it belongs to our friend and Prospective Member, Jennifer Wilder's (not sure how many greats) great-grandfather.

Mr. Dortch was instrumental in the building of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Henry County, Tennessee. The journal is a glimpse of farm life in 1889.

There is a collection of Mr. Dortch's journals in the library at the Southwestern Adventist University in Keene, Texas.

There are 185 pages of typed transcriptions of 114 images. Way to go Cynthia! And our sincere thanks to Jennifer for trusting us with one of her family treasures.

Next Steps...

After the journal is transcribed, with Jennifer Wilder's permission, we will:

- Publish Suwanee Creek Chapter Website
- Possibly offer to the Genealogical Records Committee.
- Jennifer is also planning to offer the transcriptions to the Southwestern Adventist University Library.
- **December 2024** – Journal returned to Jennifer by Donna.

Suwanee Town Cemetery



Lead – Patty Schisler

Where the goats graze 😊

- Also known as Shadowbrook Cemetery; Old Suwanee Cemetery
- FindAGrave Cemetery ID 2141144
- Corner of Lawrenceville-Suwanee Rd. and Buford Highway
- It would be fun to research the people who rest in this cemetery.

- 113 memorials; 92% photos; ~~1%~~ 79% with GPS

Next Steps....

Flags - Our plan is to replace flags at New Prospect each April in honor of Memorial Day

in May and each October to prepare for Veterans Day in November.



October 24, 2025 – Thank you Sheila Crumrine and Caron Burnett for replacing the flags where the goats graze.

April 25, 2025 – The Flag Team (Amanda, Christie, Donna, Luanne, Patty, Caron) installed new flag holders and flags and added GPS to many of the graves.



April 25, 2025 – Six Veterans identified:

Josiah S Bennett	CSA
Daniel Born	CSA
Austin Harris	CSA
Joseph Hope	WWII
Henry W Rhodes	WWI

Lewis K Rhodes WWI
~~Steve Suddereth~~ WWII
buried at Old Suwanee Baptist Cemetery

Plans are in the next few weeks to:

- place flag holders and flags
- start mapping
- add GPS and photos to FindAGrave

November 11, 2024 – Patty is planning to

- Add GPS to the FindAGrave app
- Map the cemetery
- Determine Veterans – 2 are marked



Old Suwanee Baptist Church & Cemetery

4118 Old Suwanee Road; Buford, GA 30518
(770) 945-5451 oldsuwaneebaptist.org



Lead - Amelia Porter Lewis
FindAGrave ID: 2217108

Above: The church's original 1828 Charter.

(photos from FindAGrave)

462 Memorials; 92% photos; 2% with GPS

December, 2025 – The historic documents are being proofread, formatted, and indexed. Our goal for completion is March 1.

October, 2025 – The historic documents have been transcribed. We have discovered several entries that recorded the names of enslaved men and women and the slave

owners.

These documents will be important to African-American genealogy research for this area.

September 27, 2025 – Headstones were cleaned, veterans graves were marked with flag holders and flags, GPS was assigned to graves. Several graves that could not be read before cleaning were legible enough to be added to the FindAGrave app.



What a fun day of service! Back row L-R: Michelle, Amy, Debbie, Terese, Donna, Christie, Marlene. Front row L-R: Kathryn, Jo, Stacey, Gail. Not pictured: Sandy



L-R: Patty, Sheila, Amy, Jo, Donna, Genevieve





Thanks to Gail Bricker-Stockinger, we were joined by the Sea Cadets and JR-ROTC.



A rainbow encouraged us.

Thank you!

August 1, 2025 – Facebook post to the Chapter's page.

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, September 27, 8:00 - 11:00.

As part of our partnership with Old Suwanee Baptist Church, we have several things planned for the morning.

Teams are needed for:

- Hospitality - water/snacks for workers
 - Cleaning headstones
 - Installing flag holders and flags on veterans' graves.
 - Map the cemetery
 - Use the FindAGrave app on your phone to add GPS and new clean headstone photos to the app.
- The address is 4118 Old Suwanee Road; Buford, GA. It's about 10 minutes from Suwanee Town Center.



It will be a great day of fun and service.

July 2025, A grant was submitted to the Digital Library of Georgia to place the church's historic documents online for preservation, genealogical research, and public access.

Information below is from online sources. We need eyes on the cemetery to confirm 😊.

Veterans at Old Suwanee Baptist Cemetery

31 Veterans:

Cleveland Adams – GA Pvt Co A, WWII
Samuel C Born – Pvt GA Militia, Indian Wars, Seminole
Rev James Harrison Braziel – CSA, Co C, 3 Batt, GA Sharpshooter
Cager Bennett Brodgon – S Sgt, Army Air Forces, WWII
Willard Earl Brodgon – US Army, WWII
Clyde Jason Compton – CPL, US Army Air Forces, WWII
Paul Marcus Crumley – Capt, US Air Force, WWII
Ralph Newton Crumley – S2, US Navy, WWII
Clifford Buman Earl – US Army, Korean War
William M Hamby – CSA, Co L GA Regulars
Robert S Hanson – CSA, Co A, 11th GA Infantry
Eli Landress – CSA, Co G, 42nd Regt, GA Infantry
(Captured at Vicksburg, MS 7/4/1873).
Arthur Ray Martin – SSGT US Air Force, Vietnam
Cline Alfred Martin, S1, US Navy, WWII
Moses Martin – CSA – Pvt Co A, 42nd GA Infantry
(Lost his let in the last battle of the war, Boonesville, NC).
Douglas H McDaniel – US Army
William Harold O'Kelley – A3C, US Air Force
Charlie Lewis Parker – GA Tec Fourth Medical Dept WWII Army
Richard Anthony Parker – PFC Co D 27 INF 25 INF DIV, Vietnam
Roy Freeman Puckett – TEXAS – Pvt 1865 SCV COMD UNIT WWII
Dewey Westbrooks Roberts – PFD US Army
Hardy Verner Roberts – CPL US Army WWII
John Arley Roberts – US Army WWII
Robert L Roberts – Pvt Co B 15th Machine Gun Battalion 5th Div;
(Killed in Action; France WWI)
William Wayne Roberts – GA PFC Quartermaster Corps, WWI
Olin Ray Stone – PFC US Marine Corp, Korea
Herbert L "Bill" Taylor – US Army WWII
Jerry Stewart Taylor – SP4 US Army
William Eugene "Gene" Vaughn – Pvt US Army WWII
J C Whiting – Pvt US Army, WWII
John Clive Wigley – US Army
Steve Suddereth - WWII

June 1, 2025 – From information gathered at FindAGrave.com – dbowlick

43 souls are buried at the cemetery in unknown locations

*** FindAGrave.com has possible locations for these.**

Billy Ray Adams	5 Feb 1931 – 21 Apr 1931
Howard Adams	2 Sep 1932 – 4 May 1933
Lucy Duram Boggs	1862 – 14 Mar 1932
Infant Braziel	unk – 11 Mar 1905
Jaunline Braziel	20 Nov 1933 – 20 Nov 1933
* Amos Elijah Brown	28 Jun 1883 – unk
* Fletcher A Brown	5 Feb 1905 – 1928
* Magdaline Dollar Brown	1885 - 1937
* Martha Brown	1860 - 1934
* Rezzie Doyle Brown	1922 – 4 Jan 1931
Royal J Brown	24 Sep 1920 – 1967
* Mary Frances Browning	Dec 1928 – 8 Jan 1929
* William Craig Bryan	1964 – 2019
Mary Ann "Polly" Charles Martin Calloway	Jan 1847 – unk
Rev Albert Dalton Canup	1 May 1884 – 14 Jan 1932
Floyd Canup	1909 – 21 Feb 1929
Omie Lee Coker Carney	10 Dec 1910 – 3 Dec 1931
James Madison Coker	1848 – 19 Jul 1938
John Sewell Crumley	unk – 22 Jul 1940
* Sallie Grace Brogdon	4 Aug 1918 – 23 Jun 1998
Edward Doss	1805 – 1851
Seleta Parker Doss	1811 – 1891
Elizabeth Duffy	Nov 1778 – Mar 1863
* Joseph P Duran	Sep 1870 – 29 Jun 1902
* Mary E Charles English	1860 – 23 Oct 1892
George T Greeson	18 Sep 1931 – 18 Sep 1831
Sham C Holcomb	1 Aug 1859 – 1 Nov 1936
Eli Landress	1840 – 1913
Carol Brogdon Martin	unk – unk
* Lassie Emma Hill	29 Sep 1890 – 3 Sep 1921
Maude Elizabeth Adams McElreath	20 Jun 1896 – 27 Sep 1976
Lorenzo Daniel Owen	1813 – 1855
Infant Reid	1 Jan 1931 – 1 Jan 1931
Alma Roberts	1913 – 1997
Paul Satterfield Jr	1 Feb 1922 – 28 Feb 1922
Julia A Smith	unk – Feb 1895
* Naiomi Michelle Taylor	26 Jul 1971 – 27 Jul 1971
* Wyomi Michelle Taylor	26 Jul 1971 – 27 Jul 1971
Joe G Vaughn	1968 – 20 Oct 1968
* Seaborn "Cebe" Williams	Nov 1868 – 29 Jun 1902
Sarah Elizabeth Wilder Yarborough	15 Jun 1876 – 30 Sep 1939
Willie W Yarborough	15 May 1877 – 24 Mar 1936

24 graves are from the 1800s

FYI – The oldest marked grave is Elizabeth Cleveland Coffee – born 22 Nov 1778 and died 6 Mar 1833.

21 have only funeral home markers

Ruth Johnson Adams
Ammie Bell Brown
Amos Elijah Brown
Fletcher A Brown
Magdaline Dollar Brown
Martha Brown
Paul G Brown
Rezzie Doyle Brown
Royal J Brown
Mary Frances Browning
Infant Chatham – Does this have a carved marker?
Edward Doss – Believed to buried here in unmarked grave.
Seleta Parker Doss – “” “”
Doctor Franklin “Frank” Hughes
Frances Etta Westbrooks Hughes
Norman R Hughes
Norman William Hughes – May need marker?
Maude Elizabeth Adams

Lorenzo Daniel Owen – no proof of burial; presumed to be between Carline (wife) & BG Owen (son; grave marked w/ field stones

Nancy Jane Martin Smith
William Albert “Bill” White
Johnny Worsham

22 markers @25.99 each = 571.78 + tax/ship
markeverygrave.com
6x9 black granite; names and dates only
There may be another source.

10 headstones possibly need repairs

The cemetery is beautiful and is very clean.

- 10 headstones repaired – approx. \$185.00 each = \$1850.00.

John H Ambrose	Headstone is broken
Seleta A Brown Ambrose	Headstone is broken
Unknown Braziel	Headstone is off the base
Garland A Burrell	Headstone is off the base
Winona Burrell	Headstone is off the base
Azileel Letha Cross	Headstone is off the base
Dora P Roberts	Headstone is broken
Addie Lucinda Fuller Stonecypher	Headstone is off the base

BUDGET:

5/6/2025 – 2 cases/24 bottles D2	\$420.70
8/1/2025 – 32 flag holders	351.68
24 flags (7 on hand)	41.98
Shipping free/ taxes	23.62
	\$417.28

April 1, 2025 – emailed Pastor Campbell regarding their interest in applying for a DLG grant.

February 3, 2025 – Donna Bowlick scanned the historic documents belonging to the church.

The documents are in line to be transcribed.

Book 1 – 1935-1949 – 100 images

Book 2 – 1832-1875 – 56 images

Book 3 – 1891-1918 – 149 images

Book 4 – Debbie Kyle 1919-1934 – 103 images

Book 5 – Misc Docs – 15 images

Total – 423 Images

November 5, 2024 - Amelia Lewis, Sheila Crumrine, and Donna Bowlick met with Pastor Tim Campbell to see their historic documents. Thank you, Amelia, for setting up the appointment. We discussed: from Amelia's email to Pastor Campbell)

- Scan and transcribe historic church documents. Including sharing with the various historical societies and groups to increase access to historical information about the church
- Oral interviews with church members
- Cemetery mapping and research
- Cemetery clean-up day

Level Creek Methodist Church



- Level Creek United Methodist Church Cemetery

- FindAGrave Cemetery ID 1979417
4844 Suwanee Dam Rd; Suwanee, GA
(770) 945-0205

October, 2025 – Level Creek's Historic Documents have been delivered to the Digital

Library of Georgia to be scanned.

Chapter Members are polishing and formatting the transcriptions and plan to deliver that part of the project to the DLG by March 1 or sooner.

July 2025, Grant was submitted to the Digital Library of Georgia to place the church's historic documents online for preservation, genealogical research, and public access.

April 2025 – Pastor Elaine is interested in applying for a Digital Library of Georgia Grant. Donna attended the required DLG zoom call 4/9/2025 to receive the instructions.

April 1, 2025 – emailed Pastor Elaine regarding their interest in applying for a DLG grant.

As of March 31, our incredible team of transcribers has made lots of progress with this collection.

Book 1 – Janis Bevin – Complete 55 images

Book 2 – J.B. – Complete 51 images

Book 3 – J.B. – Complete 42 images

Book 4 – J.B. – Complete 50 images

Book 5 – J.B. - Completed 80 images

Book 6 – J.B. – Completed 16 images

Book 7 – C.H./J.B. – 7 of 55 completed

Total 349 Images (238 complete)

Jan 2, 2025 – Genealogy Records Committee (This committee needs a chair). started transcribing October 2024.

Next appointment with Pastor Elaine is by phone September 18, 2024.

August 20, 2024 – Donna Bowlick met with Pastor Elaine Wilder.



Lead – Donna Bowlick

FindAGrave Cemetery ID 1979417

4844 Suwanee Dam Rd; Suwanee, GA

(770) 945-0205

675 memorials; 92% photos; 1% with GPS

CEMETERY OPPORTUNITY

- GPS could be applied to the FindAGrave app
- Research could be done on those buried in the cemetery.
- Determine veterans (May already have been done by the church family).
- The cemetery could be mapped.

August 20, 2024 – Pastor Elaine Wilder told Donna **there are two more cemetery locations associated with Level Creek Methodist Church.** These locations could also be addressed to add to the church's written history.

Next Steps....

With the church's permission,

- Publish on the Suwanee Creek Chapter Website
- Offer to publish and/or link on the Sugar Hill History Website
- Offer to publish and/or link on the Gwinnett Historical Society Website.

Island Ford Cemetery and Historic Documents



Location: 850 Island Ford Road; Buford, GA
347 Memorials; 92% photographed
(8% of locations are unknown); 308 with GPS
24 Veterans

We want to give glory to the Lord for the blessings of this project: blessings of guidance in leading us every step of the way; blessings of community, of bringing strangers together who have become friends; blessings of generosity of time, talents, resources, kindnesses; blessings of the opportunity to honor all those laid to rest at Island Ford Baptist Church Cemetery.

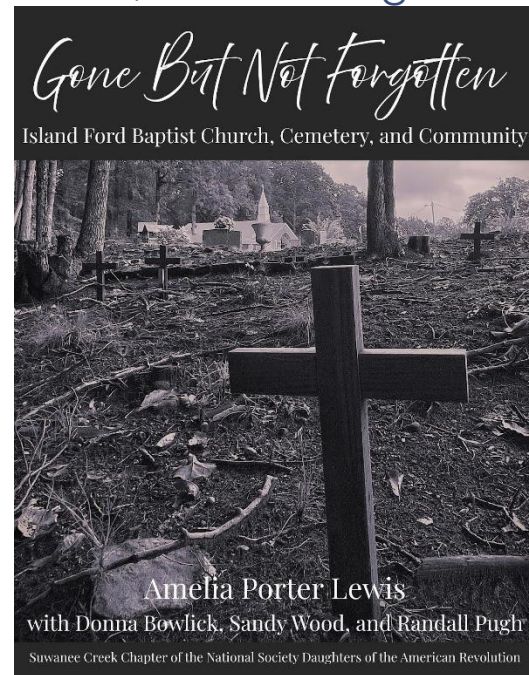
*It has been my blessing to be a member of the team.
Donna Land Bowlick, Historian,
Suwanee Creek DAR*

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Island Ford Baptist Church's Historic Documents are online.

Google: Digital Library of Georgia
Search: Island Ford Baptist Church

https://dlg.usg.edu/records?q=island+ford+baptist+church&search_field=both

**We have been blessed that most of our hopes
have been fulfilled. We are looking forward to:**

October 24, 2025 - Our dear friend, Mr. Jimmy King, placed a flag on his father's grave.



October 24, 2025, flags were replaced in preparation for Veterans Day. Above: L-R: Luanne, Sandy, Michelle, Jo, and Stacey. Not pictured: Donna.

April 25, 2025 – Flags were placed on veterans' graves.



Memorial Stone Installed

March 27, 2025 – We are so pleased to announce that the Memorial Stone that we have hoped for has been installed at the Island Ford Baptist Church Cemetery.

Thanks so much to a private donation from one who has such a giving heart. Your gift will be remembered as we honor those whose resting places have been forgotten.



November, 2024 - Memorial stone honoring those known buried, but with unknown locations has been ordered thanks to a private donation. (Nov., 2024).

Bible Scanning Event –

March 15, 2025 – Sandy Wood organized a Bible Scanning Event at Island Ford. Church members and community members were invited to come to the church fellowship hall from 10:00 – 2:00 to have their family Bibles scanned.

In this process, the Bibles are photographed and never leave the owner's sight. It takes about 10 minutes for each Bible.

The families received a digital copy of their Bibles through email.

As Sandy's Members Course project, the digital copies will be submitted to the Georgia State Society Genealogical Records Committee for submission to the DAR online library.

Completed

- Headstones cleaned
- Headstones repaired
- Markers purchased for known, but unmarked graves
- Veterans graves marked with holders and flags

- Cemetery mapped with the help of drone photos
- Cemetery directional markers placed

- Directory created and posted
- FindAGrave app updated with photos and gps
- The church's 228 historic documents (1832-1917) have been transcribed and indexed and can be seen on the Digital Library of Georgia Website. Search "Island Ford Baptist Church."

- The original documents can be viewed at the Gwinnett Historical Society.
- Research spreadsheets used to gather information about those buried in the cemetery and about those mentioned in the historic documents.

- Ground penetrating radar used to locate 74 graves in the main cemetery and 25 in the area known as the slave grave area.

- Sugar Hill Historic Preservation Society and Gwinnett County Oral History Partnership – Kim Landers conducted interviews with church family members and members of the Suwanee Creek Chapter.

- Amelia Porter Lewis conducted interviews with church family members for the Gwinnett Oral History Project and for research for the book soon to be published.

- DAR Historic Preservation Project Contest – Georgia Winner, Southeast Division Winner, 3rd place National Winner.

- Added as a Wreaths Across America Location, December 2024.

Island Ford Veterans

Revised April 25, 2025
29 Veterans

***We need three flag holders. (Wm Dispain, Grady Jones, memorial stone).**

Benjamin Martin Bagby Sr CSA
William Barker CSA
Joshua Brown CSA

Elias Burton Creek War
James William Dodd GA Pvt, Provost Guard Co
James M Dodd CSA

James Thomas Jones WWII US Army
Stephen Kile CSA
Frank Vinson King PFC US Army WWII

Donal Gene Phagan Sgt US Army
Benjamin Franklin Pugh Sr CSA
Bascom Myron Pugh WWII US Army

David Pugh CSA
Thomas Pugh CSA
Willard Johnny Rogers US Army

Keith Bradford US Marines
Michael Rogers US Army
Leroy Carlyle US Navy

Andrew J Garner CSA
Lewis Jackson Garner CSA
William Garner CSA

John Carlton Glover US Marines
Hutson William Moulder CSA

Grady H Jones
Carl Rape
William James Dispain

*4/1/25 added:
James S Burton, CSA
Sanford V Kelley, CSA
John R Burthorn, CSA – location unk

*Amelia Porter found source: Mary A Williams, Atlanta
Chapter #18, 1994.

New Prospect UMC Cemetery



- Photo from FindAGrave.com

Project Leader – Luanne Richardson

- We have formed an informal partnership with
the Family Cemetery Board
FindAGrave Cemetery ID – 1039378

Location: 2018 Buford Dam Rd; Buford, GA
FindAGrave.com
281 memorials
92% photographed
92% with GPS
31 Veterans

<https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/1039378/new-prospect-cemetery>

Next Steps

Our plan is to replace flags at New Prospect
each April in honor of Memorial Day in May
and each October to prepare for Veterans
Day in November.

October 24, 2025 – Flags were replaced on
veterans' graves. Pictured below: L- R: Luanne,
Joleen, Donna, Michelle, Stacey.



Veterans buried at New Prospect - 32 veterans

Name	Service	Location in the Cemetery
Amerson, Franklin D	Army WWII	R7, #3
Anglin, Charles Douglas "Church"	US Navy	R6, #23
Bagwell, John Blake	Air Force Reserves	R1, #16
Benson, Egbert Elias "Bert" Jr	US Army Air Force	R5, #4
Bowman, George G	CSA – Co C, Cobbs Legion	R3, #25
Braddock, Griffin Iven	US Navy WWII	R1, #15
Cole, Hutchins Bowman	WWII	R3, #14
Dollar, Walter James	US Army	R4, #8
Griffin Howard P	Air Force Vietnam	Obelisk
Donnie Jack Higgins	Vietnam (need TS photo & location)	
Hughes, Ernest W	US Army WWII	R1, #9
Hughes, Clifford Dylan	US Marines WWI	R5, #16
Hughes, John Wyndell Sr	US Navy	R2, #23
Hughes Jonathan Zachary	US Navy	R1, #20
Humphrey, William H "Bill"	WWII	R6, #8
Jones, James Earl (Tommy)	US Army, Gulf War	Obelisk
Kennedy, Larry Daniel	US Air Force Vietnam	R3, #3
Knight, William Cicero "W.C."	CSA – Confederate States Army	R7, #12
Lamberton, Edna M	US Army Nurse WWII	R4, #5
Morgan, Dock Starling	Marker, not grave	R5, #26
"One time founder of this church 1862-1935"		
Morgan, Dewey Winton	Medic WWII Europe	R1, #1
Morgan, Henry Grady	WWI Europe	R6, #3
Morgan, William	CSA	R5, #31
George Wilson Pass	WWII (need location)	
Pass, John Bothwell Sr	US Army	R4, #3
Pass, Thomas Jefferson	CSA	R6, #39
Prewitt, Morrison	US Army WWII and Korea	R4, #1
Puzey, Catherine Irene "Kate"	Peace Corp (died in service)	R8, #e
Puzey, Harry Lee	US Marines	R8, #4
Shirley, Hugh David	US Navy Persian Gulf	R2, #3
Thayer, Obee Ottis Jr	WWII	Obelisk(2
Oct 1940 – 13 Nov 1944; obit Atlanta Constitution 7 Sep 2002		
Thornton, CPL Douglas W	US Marine Corp	R3, #10

April 25, 2025 – Flags were placed on veterans' graves.



Completed

- Cleaned headstones
- Cemetery Mapped
- Research spreadsheets to gather information about those buried at New Prospect – women's names, veterans, family groups
- Veterans identified
- Flag holders and flags placed on veterans' graves
- FindAGrave app updated with photos and gps

Suwanee Methodist Church



Suwanee Methodist Church Cemetery Project Leader is Amanda McKinnon.

603 Scales Road; Suwanee, GA 30024

FindAGrave.com - Cemetery is listed as Suwanee Memorial Cemetery and is also listed as Suwanee Methodist Church Cemetery. Cemetery ID 2158872. (Photo from FindAGrave.com)

<https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2158872/suwanee-memorial-cemetery>

- 109 memorials; 94% photos; 86% with GPS
Veterans – 18

Next Steps

Our plan is to replace flags at New Prospect each April in honor of Memorial Day in May and each October to prepare for Veterans Day in November.

Suwanee Methodist Historic Documents Online

Thank you so much to the United Women of Faith of the Suwanee Methodist Church for your generous donation to the Suwanee Creek Chapter to be used for Historic Preservation.

June 30, 2025 – Thanks to our incredible team, the Suwanee Methodist Church's historic documents' transcripts are online.

https://dlg.usg.edu/records?q=suwanee+methodist+church%2C+suwanee&search_field=both

Google: Digital Library of Georgia
Search: Suwanee Methodist Church, Suwanee

Look for *Full Text

October 25, 2025 – Thank you Sheila Crumrine and Caron Burnett for replacing the flags at Suwanee United Methodist in preparation for Veterans Day.



April 25, 2025 – Flags were placed on veterans' graves.



Completed

- Cleaned headstones
- Cemetery mapped
- FindAGrave app updated with photos and gps
- Research spreadsheets to gather information about those buried at New Prospect – women's names, veterans, family groups
- The church's historic documents can be seen at the Digital Library of Georgia's website.
- The original documents can be viewed at the Gwinnett Historical Society.
- - HISTORIC DOCUMENTS OPPORTUNITY – Completed.
- Volunteers are needed to:
 - Proofread documents
 - Index the names in the Documents
- There are seven books in the collection: Sunday School Records and Church Registers.

SMC1 – Janis Beavin – Completed 110 images

SMC2 – Janis Beavin – Completed 67 images

SMC3 – Janis Beavin – Completed 29 images

SMC4 – Janis Beavin – Completed 29 images

SMC5 – Janis Beavin – Completed 61 images

SMC6 – Janis Beavin – Completed 66 images

SMC7 – Janis Beavin – Completed 66 images

Total Images 428

May 6, 2025 – all completed -

Thank you, Janis, for all your work transcribing historical documents. You have helped move these projects forward with your contributions of time and talents and we are grateful to you!

Proofreading – Thank you Becky Freedman proofreading documents in this collection!

Indexes – Thank you Jennifer Mielnik for sharing your talent and skills for indexing this collection!

SMC1 – Index Complete

SMC2 – Index Complete

SMC3 – Index Complete

SMC4 – Index Complete

SMC5 – Index Complete

SMC6 – Index Complete

SMC7 – Index Complete

COMPLETED: When the index is completed, we can offer the transcriptions and index to the Digital Library of Georgia to add to the digital files they already have.

This will be a wonderful addition to our chapter's website.

May 2025 – TBA – Replace American Flags on Veterans' graves

Veterans buried at Suwanee Methodist

18 Veterans

Daniel Baxter	CSA – Memorial stone; not buried here
Richard Baxter	CSA – Memorial stone; not buried here
William Baxter	CSA – Memorial stone; not buried here
Wiley Baxter	CSA
Morgan Brown	CSA
James Brown	CSA
Roberts Brown	Pvt WWI
James Cato	Sgt US Air Force
Paul Fisher	US Army
Edward Jackson	Revolutionary War Memorial Stone – not buried here
Frank Johnson	US Navy WWII
Robert Link	1 st Lt US Army
Edmond Merritt	US Navy WWII
David E Pierce Sr	US Marines – Korea
Robert Leo Puckett	
Raymond Shipman	US Army
Charles West	GA Pvt WWI
Russell Whidby	Pv2 US Army

Benson/Kile Cemetery



Suwanee Creek Chapter's work with cemetery preservation has been consistent and ongoing.

In 2019, The Suwanee Creek Chapter worked on the Benson/Kile Cemetery. Photo above from Terese Steinbach.

Calaway Cemetery



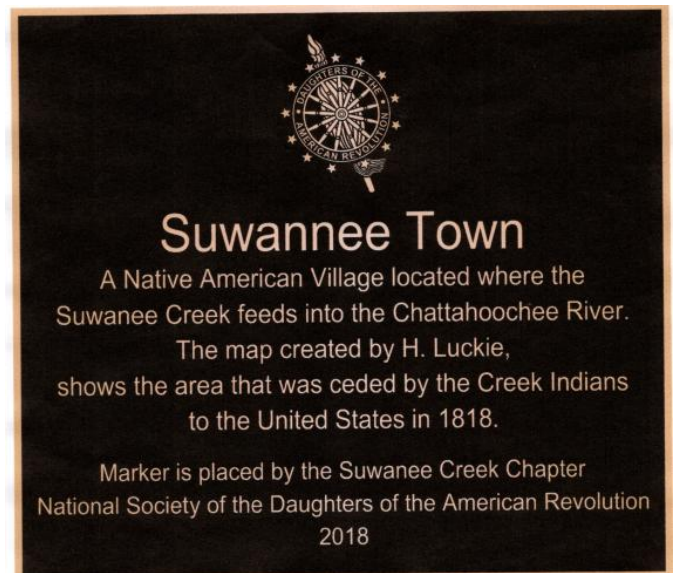
2019, Terese Steinbach organized Calaway Cemetery Preservations. Photo from 2019

Scrapbook.

Suwanee Town Historic Marker

November, 018, After two years of researching and gathering the documentation, Suwanee Creek daughters celebrated the 200th anniversary of the formation of our country by placing a marker at the site of Suwanee Town, the Native American village.

The marker is located at the site of the Indian village. Today the address is 2049 Wood River Lane; Duluth, Georgia. River Plantation neighborhood picnic pavilion.



Brown Family Cemetery



- Photo from FindAGrave.com

Location: Wood Lake Drive and Buford Dam Road; Buford, Georgia
Parcel 7352289

Our interest in this cemetery is that we believe that many people buried in the Brown Family Cemetery are mentioned in the documents belonging to Island Ford.

FindAGrave.com

19 memorials

100% photographed

1 with GPS

<https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2556130/brown-family-cemetery>

January 2025 – We do not have access to this property.

Mr. Randall Pugh shared that he grew up near this cemetery. "The Brown family owned all the land around it back down to the Chattahoochee River. Lake Lanier covers much of the old Brow property. Miss Rosa Brown, a spinster, inherited most of what was left in the Brown estate.

One of Mr. Pugh's distant relatives, "William 'Wild Bill' Pugh is buried there as well as Mr. Pugh's gggrand-parents, John and Lucinda Huggins Pugh. "Mary of the graves are unmarked which makes it difficult to research."

January 5, 2024 – Gave info about property owners to Gordon Benson. Gordon visited the location and met:

Scott Phillips, Vice-President of Operations
GPS Enterprises, Inc.
Mobile: 770-616-8821
Work: 770-945-0810
Work Fax: 770-271-8226
SCOTT@GPSENT.COM
1500 Highway 124; Auburn, GA 30011

November 14, 2023 – The property for the Brown Family Cemetery belongs to:
BDR Investments, LLC
1500 Highway 124
Auburn, Georgia 30011
(purchased 2013)

Recognitions

Preservation Hall of Fame

December 15, 2024 - The Suwanee Creek Chapter was honored to be awarded a 2024 Preservation Hall of Fame Award from the Gwinnett Historical Restoration and Preservation Board. There were five awards given and each received an award, and a plaque placed on the Hall of Fame at the Lawrenceville Female Seminary.

"Our chapter was nominated by Sugar Hill Mayor, Brandon Hembree. The honor stems from the work done at Island Ford Baptist Church. Donna Bowlick accepted the award on behalf of the chapter. Congratulations to everyone involved." - Regent Sheila Crumrine.



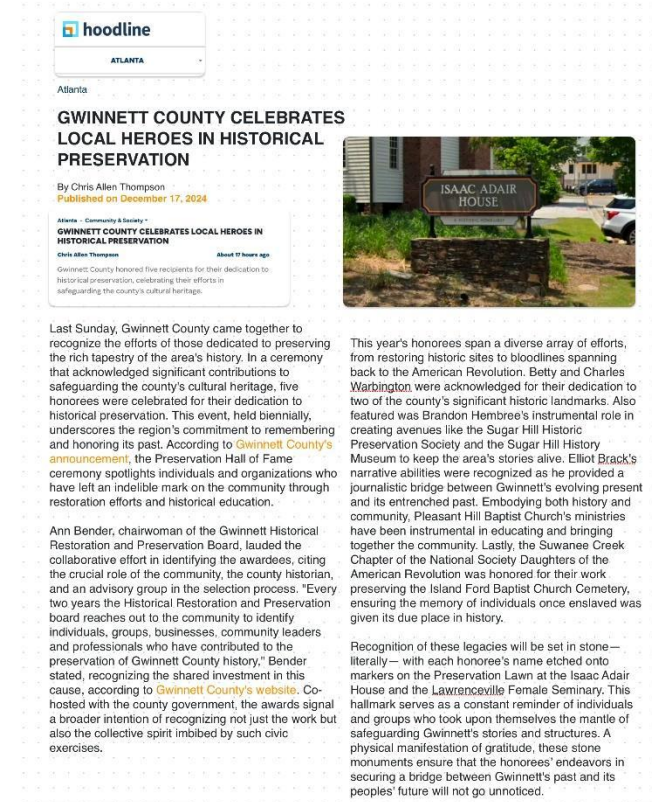
L-R Mayor Brandon Hembree, Donna Bowlick, Kathryn Baskin, Sheila Crumrine, Amy Koon, Amelia Lewis, Rebecca Urquhart, Debbie Noland.



Preservation Hall of Fame church is in Lawrenceville between the Female Seminary and the Isaac Horton House. There is a plaque with each awardee's name or organization engraved on it. Thank you, Kathryn Baskin, for the photo.



Article: "Gwinnettians honored for preserving history," Gwinnett Daily Post, Wednesday, December 18, 2024.



Article: "Gwinnett County celebrates local heroes in historical preservation," Hoodline Atlanta, December 17, 2024.

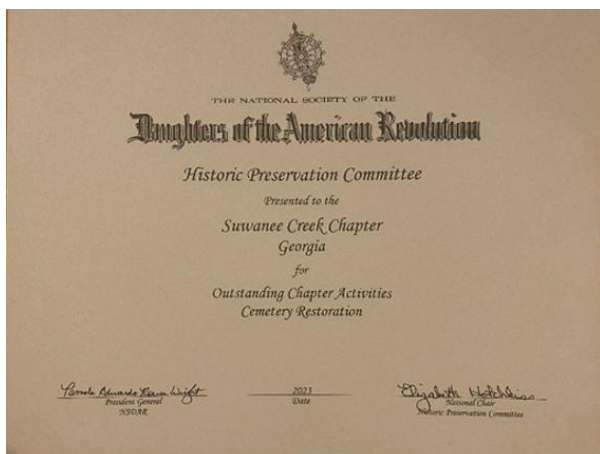
DAR Historic Preservation Project Contest Winner

Suwanee Creek was honored by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution as the Second Place Winner in the Historic Preservation Project Contest.

Also awarded was First Place recognitions in the Southeast Division and First Place in the State of Georgia.



Georgia State Conference March 27, 2024



The Phyllis & Marvin Hughes Preservation Award

December 15, 2022 – Suwanee Creek Chapter was honored to accept the Phyllis & Marvin Hughes Preservation Award from the Gwinnett Historical Society for partnership with the Island Ford Baptist Church Family.



Articles:

The Phyllis and Marvin Hughes Preservation Award," *Gwinnett Heritage*, 2023 Spring, Vol 52. No.1, p24-25.

"Sugar Hill History," *North Gwinnett Voice*, February 2023, p7.

"With the Chapters," *Daughters of the American Revolution Newsletter*, June 2023, Vol 23, No.3, p244.

Communications

Sent from Donna Bowlick
Suwanee Creek Chapter, NSDAR

TO: Suwanee Creek Chapter Members and
Prospective Members

New Prospect Board Members and Family:
Joanie Morgan, John Lamberton, Susan
Hughes Fincel, Gigi Maughon, Cyndie
Townsend, Andy Kennedy, Blake and Bonnie
Bagwell, Gordon and Helen Benson

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