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The mission of the Fairfield County Museum is to preserve the history of the county through the collection of significant artifacts and interpretation of the personal stories of its citizens. The museum not only serves as a repository of the county's rich heritage but also as an active resource for the education and cultural enrichment of our county's citizens and visitors. Housed within the building is a staffed genealogy research facility that assists those researching their Fairfield County ancestors.

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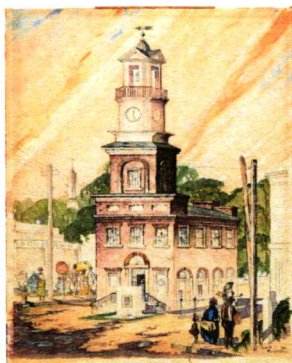
FAIRFIELD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM News

We're celebrating Spring of 2021 with a bounce in our step and a new look for our newsletter!

The COVID-19 pandemic has put all of us in a year-long slump, but we are looking ahead now with enthusiasm and optimism. We hope you'll join us on our trek back to normalcy!

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE MUSEUM?

We now have a 19th century doctor's buggy! Last fall, before the old Thomas store warehouse in Ridgeway was to be taken down, the family gifted this buggy to the museum. We'll let you know when we get it cleaned up and ready for viewing! For info on the Thomas store, click [here](#).



Gracing the cover of the new walking tour map is a Russell Henderson watercolor. Henderson (1890-1959) was a nationally known cartoonist-artist illustrating in Pittsburg, Chicago, Ohio, and Charlotte. As a distant relative of the late Mrs. Mary McDonald, he spent his last years in Winnsboro creating vignettes of Southern life as well as illustrating for *The State* newspaper. This original painting, donated to the museum by the Blackwell sisters, Betty Cloutier and Mary Kilby, is now displayed in the first-floor hallway.

The Means family cemetery in western Fairfield County is the burial site of the only state governor from our county, John Hugh Means, who died at Second Manassas in 1862. This past November, the vastly overgrown cemetery was cleaned up by volunteers Adam and Edward Clement, sons of Mark and Harriet Clement. Descendants of the governor, Dr. Robert Means and his family, toured the cemetery on a visit to Winnsboro just before Christmas, so the cleanup was certainly timely!

