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IMPORTANT NOTICE

THE COBB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY VOTE TO COMMERCIALIZE THE HISTORIC COVERED BRIDGE AREA BY APPROVING A MULTI-LANE HIGHWAY TO GO THROUGH IT. THE MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY MORNING AT 9:00 A.M., MARCH 11, AT THE COBB COUNTY COURT HOUSE.

YOU ARE URGED TO ATTEND THIS MEETING TO LET THE COMMISSIONERS KNOW HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT THIS PROPOSAL. THE ARTICLE BELOW, REPRINTED FROM THE MARIETTA DAILY JOURNAL GIVES DETAILS.

Connector proposal closes covered bridge

By Maggie Willis
Marietta Daily Journal Staff Writer

A plan for the final phase of the East-West Connector, which will include closing the covered bridge on Concord Road, was recommended to Cobb commissioners Tuesday by county transportation director John Wade.

Commissioners have pledged to make their decision on Wade's recommendation at the March 11 commission meeting.

The connector, which has been "in the works" for at least 15 years, will reach from the Thornton Road Extension west of Powder Springs to South Cobb Drive via Highlands Parkway just north of Interstate 285, if Wade's recommendation is accepted.

Wade said regardless of which route is selected, he recommends that Concord Road be closed at the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad bridge, removing traffic from the historic covered bridge.

Access into the South Hurt-Concord-Nickajack area will be provided by way of either a new connection under the railroad bridge at Nickajack Creek or by way of South Hurt Road, Wade said.

The final phase will continue eastward from the present termination point of Phase III, now being

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engineered, at Hicks Road just above Colonial Pipeline.

Crossing the pipeline and then the railroad, the four-lane, limited access, divided highway will hug the south side of the railroad above the covered bridge, then swing southeasterly above Southern Railway to connect with Highlands Parkway, now under construction, above Camp Highland Road.

Wade estimated construction costs at \$18 million. He suggested that two lanes could be constructed on a four-lane right of way as a temporary economy measure, but commission Chairman Earl Smith said he wants to do it right to start with.

Costs would include three bridges — at South Hurt Road at the railroad, Nickajack Creek, and Laura Creek — plus a pedestrian bridge for access to Concord Cemetery. Side roads and relocation of through-roads would include \$1.1 million for relocation of Concord Road, \$1.2 million for extension of Fontaine Road to North Cooper Lake Road, which will be relocated to intersect the connector northwest of Cooper Lake.

Commissioner Harvey Paschal questioned the southeasterly swing of the proposed route, since it would take several homes, but Wade said the alignment was necessary.

MEETING NEWS

The first meeting of the Society will be held on March 27, 1986, in the Community Room at King Springs Park on McCauley Street in Smyrna, at 8:00 P.M. Light refreshments will be served following the meeting and we urge you to bring friends and neighbors who might be interested in becoming a part of this organization.

The main purpose of this meeting will be to determine what direction the Society will take, where the interests of the members lie, and how and when we will go about setting up our program for the remainder of the year.

In future meetings we will have speakers who will enlighten us on a variety of subjects, and one of those we have already contacted is Ms. Moseley of the Georgia Archives Department, who has agreed to speak at one of our meetings.

So far twenty eight families have joined S.H.A.G.S., and although we certainly want more members, we are not disappointed because folks who are interested in history and family are a very select group. Too, we have not had the mass exposure which we need to get to a large number of people but perhaps in the near future, we will have it.

GET STARTED ON CHARTS

Enclosed with this issue is a blank Genealogical Chart to get you started working on your family history. This standard chart provides spaces for you, your parents, your grandparents, your great grandparents, and your great, great, grandparents.

If you already have a chart like this completed, or partially completed, we will appreciate your sharing it with the other members. Just send a copy of the chart to us, and it will be used in a future issue of "LIVES & TIMES." A copy of my chart is included with this newsletter.

Also included is a blank family sheet which will be helpful in preparing information on the families of brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, etc. in which you may be interested. If you need more of the sheets feel free to duplicate them, or you may obtain them from SHAGS at a price of 20 for \$2.00. That includes the postage to mail them to you.

If you have never done a chart, you can get started by filling it out from your own personal knowledge as far as you can. If your parents are available ask them about ancestors. If your parents are deceased and you have aunts or uncles who might shed some light on these folks, ask them.

There might be a Bible among some family members that would list births, marriages, deaths, etc.

If you know where any of your ancestors are buried, the headstones may give you dates of deaths, births, etc. Sometimes the stone will even give the place of birth, or a marriage date of which you are not aware.

There's hundred's of sources which may be helpful to you in discovering your family, and in future issues we will cover some of these.

If you are experienced in genealogical research, please feel free to prepare articles for this news letter to share with those who are new to it.

S.H.A.G.S. JOINS NATIONAL GROUPS

Applications have been submitted to the National Genealogical Society, and the American Association for State and Local History by the Smyrna Historical and Genealogical Society, and those memberships should be extremely helpful in getting our group off to a good start.

The American Association for State and Local History distributes a number of publications written especially for groups like ours, and they provide technical bulletins covering such subjects as collections policies, audio-visual programs, collections storage, identification and filing of materials, etc.

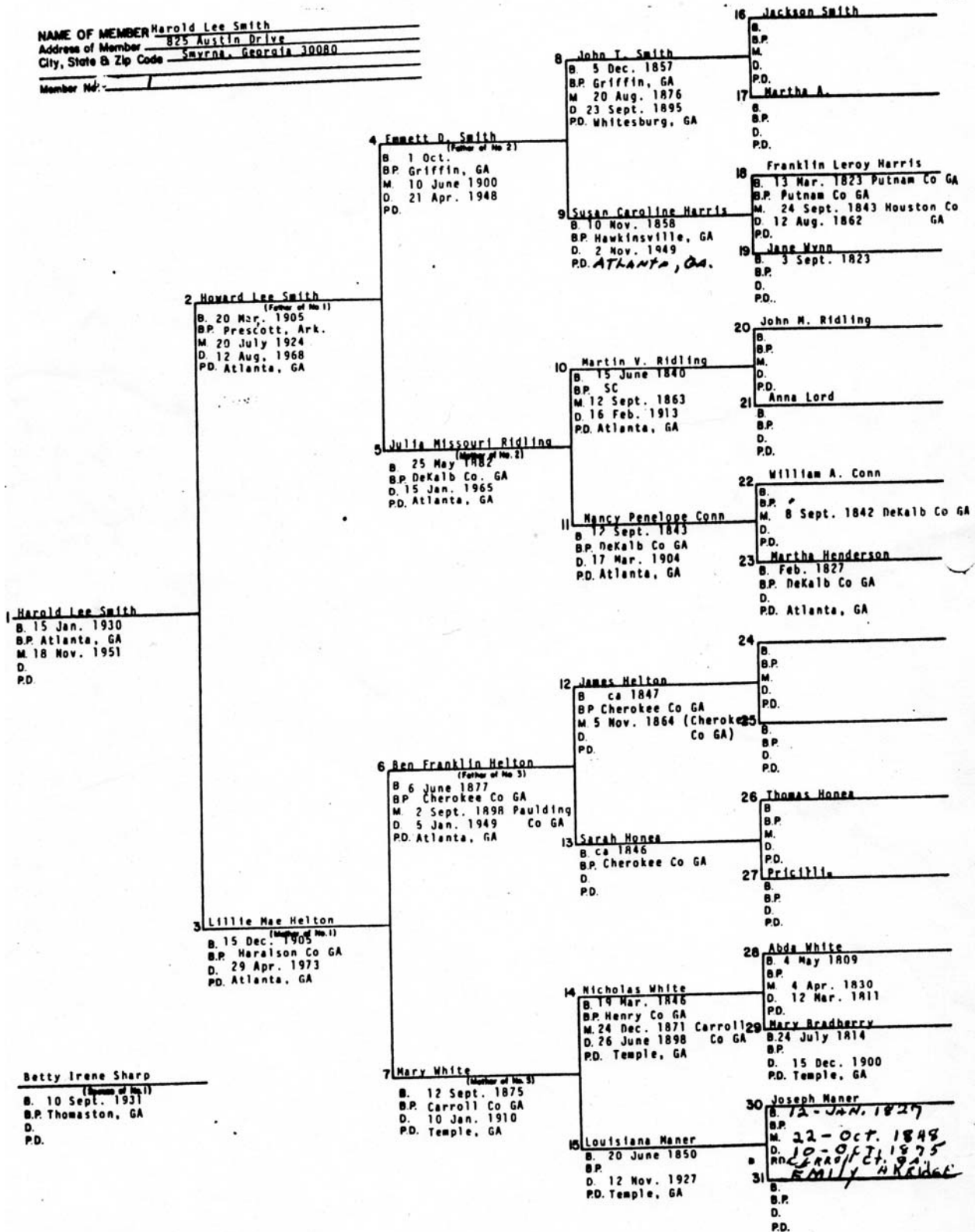
The National Genealogical Society has home study courses in genealogy, sells a variety of genealogical forms and publications and conducts national conferences and seminars.

We will pass along helpful information from these sources from time to time.

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Dear Friend of Smyrna:

Some of the earliest pioneers who came to Cobb County in 1832 and 1833 first settled in what is now the "Smyrna" area. The Concord Baptist Church, the first church in Cobb County, was organized near what is now the Crossings Shopping Center at Concord and South Cobb Drive. A thriving woolen mill, widely known for its blue jeans and cashmeres, was first started in the area around 1849. Prior to 1832 Indians raised corn and other crops on the land surrounding Smyrna. And "Smyrna Campground", organized by the Methodists in the 1840's, was known statewide for its religious activities. Relics of the War Between The States battles are still found from time to time embedded in the red clay soil in which the pine trees thrive.

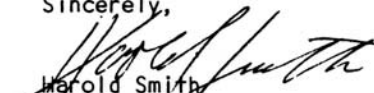
Smyrna is rich in history and heritage. Unfortunately, little has been done to collect, preserve, and organize what remains of Smyrna's past, so that future generations may enjoy it. With this thought in mind, we have recently received, from the Secretary of State of Georgia, a non-profit organization charter for the SMYRNA HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY.

Some of the activities allowed in the charter include the establishment of a library and museum, distribution of newsletters, books, pamphlets, educational seminars, periodic meetings, and many other things related to preserving our history.

In order for this organization to function properly it will need broad-based community support through memberships in the Society as well as those who are willing to contribute information and items of historical significance. We'd love for you to become a part of this effort, and hope you will consider this letter a personal invitation to become a MEMBER.

Your ideas and opinion for the establishment of a great organization will be enthusiastically welcomed and your suggestions will be appreciated. Let us hear from you. If you'd like more information, call 432-5528 during the day and 435-7549 in the evenings.

Sincerely,


Harold Smith
Former Smyrna Mayor

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