

## Cherokee County Historical Society Agenda Item – May 10, 2001

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To the Cherokee County Historical Society:

I am a history student at Smith College in Northampton, MA, and am extremely interested in conducting a study on the local history of the area. I would like to concentrate my studies in the town in which I reside– Woodstock-- and to build upon existing research. Attached is a detailed plan that projects the course I would like my inquiry to take.

Also, I would like to work under the Society's supervision in the following respect: a supervisor to whom I will be periodically responsible for reporting the status of my research, and to address questions I have about the area. This is to satisfy the practical requirements of my self-created internship, to provide proper documentation for my college, as well as to provide valuable direction and insight along the way. I also would like to request to be allowed use of the Society's archives, as I am unaware of the extent to which these are available for public use. Thank you for your time, I look forward to hearing from you.



**Objective:** To research the local history of Woodstock, GA, with the possibility of using my findings to conduct a later study on the potential of the individual in history.

**Specifics:** An introductory survey will be conducted in May with the purpose of establishing an inventory of existing compilations of the area's history. This will include reviewing the resources available at the Cherokee County Historical Society (if possible), archived materials in local museums, and local government archives in order to focus the study on a particular theme and/or specific time period. From this foundation, extensive research will be conducted for the remainder of the summer using but not limited to the following materials– Church birth/death records, marriage records, obituaries, archived newspapers/magazines, photo collections, area business records, town council records, seriation of local cemeteries, notary records, wills, petitions, and election records. Specific objectives will be re-evaluated as the study progresses.

The study will extend the duration of my 2001 summer term (mid May- September). A minimum of 20 hours a week will be allotted to research and analysis, as the study is intended to be intensive. Personal funding is to be provided by the Smith College Praxis Program.

I welcome any and all interest and assistance in the project. All information produced by the study will be made immediately available for anyone interested.

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