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Bringing local history to life: Living Heritage Museum hosts two-day teachers' seminar

ATHENS, Tenn. (June 25, 2010)—More than half a dozen educators gathered at the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum on Wednesday, June 23, to discover the myriad learning opportunities available to local history students of all ages.

During the “History at Home: Progress Comes to the Valley” conference, teachers enjoyed special presentations by the University of Tennessee’s Dr. Ernest Freeberg about the 1925 Scopes trial in Dayton, Tenn., as well as Thomas Edison’s invention of the light bulb. Regional museums—including the Ducktown Basin Museum, Sequoyah Birthplace Museum, Museum Center at Five Points, and Fort Loudon Historic Area—also shared information and materials with conference attendees. As a final treat, Executive Director Diane Hutsell led participants on a tour of the Living Heritage Museum.

The History at Home conference continued on Thursday, June 24, with more presentations and brainstorming sessions at the Etowah Depot Museum.

“Local museums, including the Living Heritage Museum, have so much to offer area teachers,” said Hutsell. “And a great number of educational resources are listed at our web site, www.livingheritagemuseum.com.”

Founded in 1982, the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum is a private, nonprofit organization housing more than 7,000 artifacts in 30 permanent exhibits that represent the culture and history of Southeast Tennessee from the 1700s to 1940s. The Museum also offers several changing exhibits as well as numerous special events and programs throughout the year and is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information or to make a donation, visit www.livingheritagemuseum.com.