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Living Heritage Museum seeking photos of general stores from yesteryear

ATHENS, Tenn. (August 11, 2010)—Community members' photos are being sought in preparation for the grand opening of the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum's newly expanded General Store exhibit.

"Many families have photo albums filled with meaningful images from our community's history," said Lisa Chastain, curator of exhibits. "We are hoping that people will want to share pictures of local general stores to enhance the exhibit."

Specifically, the Museum is seeking images from 1900 to 1960. Photos will be scanned, with the originals returned to owners. No appointment to bring in photographs is necessary.

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.

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