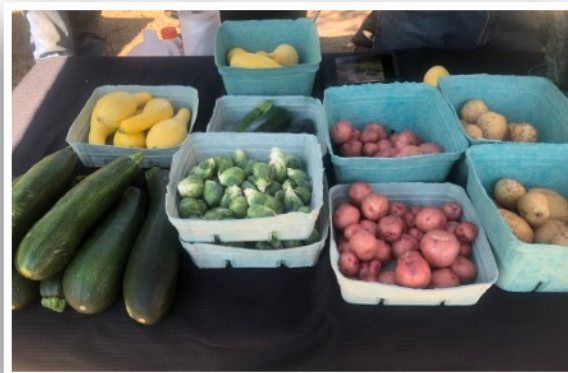


ARCHER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Whistle Stop News

Farmer's Market Tuesdays 3pm-7pm

On the Grounds of the Archer Railway Museum
16994 SW 134th Ave Archer, Florida



Farmers Market

We had our first Farmers' Market on the grounds of the Archer's Railway Depot Museum, Tuesday May 3rd. It turned out to be a great success for all.

Hanna Peterson with her first hand knowledge as a vendor, helped us to gather our first ten vendors. Since then the FM vendors have increased in number. The vendors will continue multiply with their produce. Our plan is to continue this event weekly **3pm - 7pm on Tuesdays** throughout the growing seasons.

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Alice McKinney Campbell

Thank you for writing the article about 'Sad Irons' 'Flat Irons' for the AHS Newsletter. (February 2022) At the age of 83 I am very familiar with Sad Irons. My grandma Alice McKinney Campbell born 1886 in Archer Florida was the mother of eleven children. Her husband Mose Campbell Sr., passed at the age of 59 leaving her with a large family to raise. She was a house wife and did a little farming with her husband before his death. She had no choice but to find work so she became the wash and Iron lady for the entire Maddox family including the founder of Maddox and all of his children/grands. The family would bring the clothes to her home and that home built in 1929 recently torn down for the new owner to get a new home by way of the City of Archer CDBG Grant. I have a picture of the home and her obituary.



never left one spot of dirt while ironing with SAD on those shirts. I remember clothes hanging over every inch of her home.



Alice is the granddaughter of Elbert McKinney born 1829 and buried at Bethlehem Methodist Episcopal Cemetery in Archer. He was enslaved on the Cottonwood Plantation working as the Blacksmith. You can find more information on the BME cemetery Facebook and website page. Alice passed away December 1977 and buried at Shiloh Baptist Church Cemetery.

Alice youngest daughter Jannie Campbell Rollins the last living child is 93 years old and live in the St Peter area of Archer. She remembers wearing the clothes that the Maddox children grew out of and this was a great help to grandma Alice. When grandpa Mose passed he left three young children in the house. The others out on their own. Jannie finished

high school, and went on to college, her sister Dorothy finished high school and became a Registered Nurse and their brother Richard Campbell finished high school and served in the Army.

by Roberta Lopez

I watched my grandma Alice boil the white clothes in a big black iron wash pot with homemade soap, dry on a clothes line until dry, bring them in and prepare the fire in the fireplace for the Sad Irons. She started the fire with wood no matter the season and place the Irons in front of hot coals. She would wipe the Irons until clean to remove all dirt. I remember how much she would sweat from the heat. Mr. Maddox son Chase wore white shirts every day and grandma Alice

Preservation Hame Horse Collar

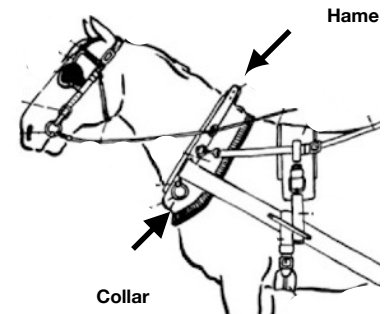
Hames are curved wooden (later metal) arms that are fitted into a groove on a neck collar. Two are needed one on each side of the Horse. They are held together, at the top and bottom by leather straps (hame straps).

Hame you ask? Every farmer knew what a Hame was during the late 1800's.

The Hame is part of the collar harness that distributes the weight evenly across the shoulder portion of the animal. This allowed the animal to move without stress and with more efficiency. Horses, Draft horses and mules's were an intricate part of the farm. The animal was measured carefully for a proper fit of the Hame. If not, damage to the horses could occur putting the entire farmer's crop at risk.

Preservation of artifacts is an important part of any Museum. This one that is shown will be displayed at our Museum. It is proudly stamped US Hame CO NO 1.

The Railway museum holds many artifacts that need **preservation, cataloging, and research**. This represents just one. If you have interest in helping with one of these projects let us know. We are always looking for volunteers who would like to be apart of this adventure.



by Linda McMahon

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We were especially happy to have local producers with honey, blueberries, potatoes, and cucumbers along with a variety of herbs. The vendors were pleasantly surprised at how well they fared and will be returning with more fresh produce. The season is just getting started and our goal is to provide a local market for growers. This market will also be available for those who have a backyard garden and find they may have excess to sell. We also want to high light our Railway Museum and the renovation that has taken place these past 2 years. It too will be open during the Market hours. We thank our members who have labored diligently to make this happen. We hope you will all come to the Market and bring your neighbor, and visit our Museum. Our vendor fee is very low. If you would like to be a vendor, call Linda McMahon 352.374.8240. or email lindamcm22@cox.net

Summer Hours June-August

Archer Railway Museum Open

Tuesdays 3-7pm

Saturday 10-2pm Call for Appointment 352.374.8240

If you would like to contribute a picture or article please contact us. We would love share them with the people of Archer and surrounding counties.

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