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*Margaret and Louisa Walker of Little Greenbrier, 1956*

## Seeing Double: GSM Regional Bibliography in Two Parts

Smoky Mountains researchers know that written and visual records on the region number in the thousands. Since the last *Colloquy* (January 2000), the editors have decided to split the printed bibliography into two parts. The first will cover the time period before the founding of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in 1934. The second bibliography will cover 1935 to the present. Initially, we are concentrating on the earlier period. Projected publication date for the first volume is 2002; the second and later installment will appear two or three years later.

Rationale: The sheer mass of references aside, splitting the bibliography makes sense from a historic perspective. The Smokies become a much different entity (geographically, culturally, economically and so forth) after formation of

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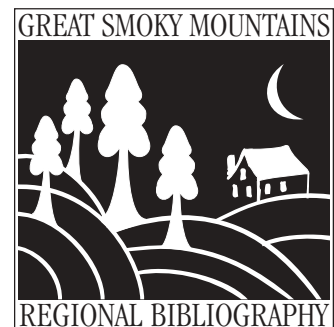


*Bertha Myers, 1952*

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the National Park. By concentrating on the pre-Park period, editors and contributors can bring together and highlight historic material that is elusive yet crucial to researchers.

The editors are making every effort to develop a comprehensive bibliography, including books, articles, government documents, maps, visual material such as films and photographs, and unpublished manuscript

collections. To date, the database for the pre-1935 years contains over 600 items. The first volume will also include a list of, in our judgment, the “best” books and articles written about the pre-Park period regardless of publication date. Each item will be fully described and annotated. If you are aware of material that should be included in the first bibliography, please contact us.

## What's New

### George W. Fry Collection, 1911-1985

George W. Fry, Superintendent of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park from November 1963 to July 1969, began keeping a daily diary as a fourteen-year-old schoolboy in Ephrata, Pennsylvania. His writings have resulted in an unpublished memoir entitled “George Fry: The Legend,” a copy of which has been donated to The University of Tennessee Libraries Special Collections. Detailing events from his childhood and college days in Pennsylvania to his retirement in Atlanta on June 30, 1973, he documents experiences with the National Park Service, including the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

### William Derris Slide Collection, 1940s-1960s

Dwain Caylor donated slides from the local area taken by William Derris of Townsend. Highlights of this collection include slides of Cades Cove, the Walker Sisters of Little Greenbrier, and various landscapes, including some of the Smokies' balds. Photographs in this newsletter are from this collection.



*Haircut in Wears Cove, 1953*



*Cable Mill*

### J. Fred Baumann Jr. Collection, 1839-1997

J. Fred Baumann Jr., the former president of the Appalachian Club, Inc., donated material collected over several years concerning the handling of property in the Elkmont community of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Materials include architectural drawings, correspondence, minutes of meetings, maps, membership lists, deeds, wills, agreements, and photographs.

### Coming Soon: Carson Brewer Collection Finding Aid

The Carson Brewer Collection of columns and related materials from 1945-1999 has been processed and is available to the public in The University of Tennessee Libraries' Special Collections. Look for an upcoming link for the finding aid on the Special Collections web page at [http://toltec.lib.utk.edu/~spec\\_coll/manuscripts/](http://toltec.lib.utk.edu/~spec_coll/manuscripts/).

## Lindsay Young Smokies Fund



Lindsay Young, prominent Knoxville lawyer, benefactor, and former Elkmont “rusticator,” has generously provided \$10,000 per year for three years to fund

*Bible hour,  
Mary Cordelia Dunn  
McCampbell,  
Townsend, Tennessee,  
1953*

The University of Tennessee Libraries’ Smokies project. The gift will be used to build the collection, including purchase of rare published material from out-of-print dealers and microfilm of archival holdings, and to fund travel to repositories to research manuscript collections.

One of the first items purchased from the Lindsay Young Smokies fund was a serendipitous find. While searching for out-of-print books on the Internet, we happened upon a 1936 scrapbook of photographs, drawings, and textile samples collected by Rosemary Moorehead at the Pi Beta Phi Settlement School in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, offered by a rare book dealer in California. Thanks to Mr. Young’s generosity, we were thrilled to acquire and preserve such a unique piece of Smokies history.

## Notable New Books on the Smokies

Margaret Lynn Brown. *The Wild East: A Biography of the Great Smoky Mountains*. University Press of Florida, 2000, 457 pages.

Daniel S. Pierce. *The Great Smokies: From Natural Habitat to National Park* The University of Tennessee Press, 2000, 254 pages.

Two recently published books, *The Wild East: A Biography of the Great Smoky Mountains* and *The Great Smokies: From Natural Habitat to National Park*, are the most significant treatises on the history of the Great Smoky Mountains since Michael Frome’s *Strangers in High Places*, first published in 1966. Remarkably, the two histories complement one another quite nicely.



*Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver, Townsend, Tennessee, 1958*



*Margaret Walker, 85 years old, killing a rattlesnake, 1956*

Pierce’s book focuses primarily on the efforts of local East Tennessee and Western North Carolina businessmen in concert with politicians, bureaucrats, and philanthropists to establish a national park in the Smokies. Brown’s work, conversely, outlines the human impact and environmental transformations that occurred as a result of the success of the park’s promoters in displacing the area’s human inhabitants to make room for the park. Both books draw heavily on previously unexplored archival material and probe into oft-neglected themes of Smoky Mountain history.

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## Spotlight on a Regional Collection: Berea College

Upon moving to Knoxville at the turn of the century, Edna Lynn Simms became fascinated with the “mountaineers” of the region. Writer and editor for several journals, she combined her skills and interests to author *The Roamin’ Man of the Mountains: A Sketch of Wiley Oakley*. Along with writing, she began collecting mountain relics. Beginning with a bread tray from Mr. Oakley and a flour sifter from “Aunt” Lydia Whaley, she began a collection of over 2,000 specimens. This collection, which comprised her Mountaineer Museum in Gatlinburg, now resides in the Berea College Appalachian Museum in Berea, KY. In addition to this collection, Ms. Simms also donated written material and scrapbooks, including a collection of note cards detailing gems of mountaineer dialect, to the Special Collections of Berea College.

A sample card, on widowhood, from Simms’ dialect collection:

A widow is usually a “widder-woman.”

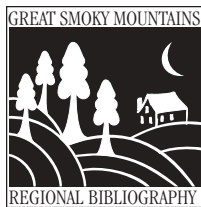
A widow who draws a pension is a “pension-widow.”

One old lady remarked: “Hit takes a mighty good man to equal a pension.”

Speaking of an old man who was known to be on the matrimonial market, she said: “Ah (aw) me, he’s too old and played out fer a woman to take to wait on....Why he can’t chaw a crust.”

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