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**East Tennessee Historical Society Honors Mary Sue Harris of Anderson County
With History Awards of Excellence**

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., June 18, 2015 – The East Tennessee Historical Society’s (ETHS) annual Awards of Excellence were presented at the organization’s Annual Meeting on June 4, 2015 at the Foundry on the Fair Site in Knoxville. Since 1982, the Society has been annually recognizing individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to the preservation, promotion, programming and interpretation of the region’s history. One Anderson County recipient was among the 27 awards presented.

- **Mary Sue Harris** received the ***Lifetime Achievement Award in Community History*** for her lifelong efforts to preserve the history of Anderson County. Since 1961, Ms. Harris has been actively involved in Anderson County history and has served as Anderson County historian since 1993. A certified archivist and genealogist, she has assisted thousands in tracing their roots in the county and throughout the region, has authored or assisted with several books, is a long-time member of the Anderson County Genealogical Society, and was inducted into the Anderson County Hall of Fame in 2013. In presenting the award, ETHS executive director Cherel Henderson remarked, “Mary Sue Harris has devoted her life to sharing her love of history with others. She is an inspiration to all of us who love history.”

About the East Tennessee Historical Society:

Established in 1834, the East Tennessee Historical Society has 2,000 members across the United States. Its active publications program includes the biannual genealogy magazine *Tennessee Ancestors*; the annual *Journal of East Tennessee History*; and *Newsline*, as well as other books pertaining to the region’s history. The Society also sponsors the Museum of East Tennessee History, East Tennessee National History Day, and the family heritage programs “First Families of Tennessee” and “Civil War Families of Tennessee.”

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