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**East Tennessee Historical Society Honors Greene County Initiative  
with History Awards of Excellence**

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., May 12, 2017 – The East Tennessee Historical Society’s (ETHS) annual Awards of Excellence were presented at the organization’s Annual Meeting on May 2, 2017 at the Foundry on the World’s 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 Greene County initiative was among the 27 awards presented.

- **Greeneville Greene County History Museum** received an *Award of Distinction* for their program “Mornings at the Museum,” a learning experience for third graders in which historical characters come to life, all played by local folks: President Andrew Johnson, Davy Crockett, Civil War soldiers, and Aunt Minerva as she hums a spiritual and talks about her ancestors and their paths from slavery to freedom. The educational day is made possible by volunteer efforts of dozens in the community.

**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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