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**East Tennessee Historical Society Honors Grainger County Initiatives
with Award of Excellence in History**

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., May 24, 2019 – The East Tennessee Historical Society’s (ETHS) annual Awards of Excellence were presented at the organization’s Annual Meeting on May 14, 2019, at the Foundry on the World’s Fair Site in Knoxville. Since 1982, the Society has annually recognized individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to the preservation, promotion, programming, and interpretation of the region’s history. Two Grainger County initiatives were among the 44 awards presented.

- The **Grainger County Historic Society** was awarded a ***Community History Award*** for their “Haints and History Night.” Now in its third year, “Haints and History Night” continues to draw large crowds for entertaining and informative walking tours. The event includes visits to such locations as the Olde Jail, the Nance House, and a replica of Andrew Johnson’s tailor shop. Funds raised help purchase supplemental history textbooks for Grainger County students.
- **Ken Coffey** was the recipient of an ***Award of Distinction*** for his book *Grainger County History—Stories That Need to Be Told*, which details the history of Grainger County from the time of the Cumberland Gap and the Wilderness Road to today. Presented in short snippets, the stories are easily accessible to all readers.

About the East Tennessee Historical Society:

Established in 1834, the East Tennessee Historical Society has 2,000 members across the United States. The Society 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.” 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. For more information on ETHS, exhibitions, or programs, call 865-215-8824 or visit the website at www.EastTNHistory.org.

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