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East Tennessee Historical Society Honors McMinn County Women with History Award of Excellence

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., May 19, 2016 – The East Tennessee Historical Society's (ETHS) annual Awards of Excellence were presented at the organization's Annual Meeting on May 3, 2016 at the Foundry on the World's Fair Park 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. A McMinn County initiative was among the 31 awards presented.

- **Lynn Perkinson and Darlene Smith** received the *Award of Distinction* for their exhibit. Lynn Perkinson and Darlene Smith combined their in-depth knowledge of local families with hours of research to produce an exhibit and program highlighting the history of black families and community life in McMinn County. The presentation discussed the tumultuous times they faced through the years and the important people and events that molded their lives and 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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