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East Tennessee Historical Society Honors Monroe County Initiative With History Awards of Excellence

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., June 19, 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 Monroe County initiative was among the 27 awards presented.

• **Fort Loudoun Association** was the recipient of an **Award of Distinction** from the East Tennessee Historical Society for their efforts to establish a library of research materials that span the site's history, from the Cherokee and colonial period to TVA's more recent Tellico Dam. The collection covers a broad assortment of materials and is open to the public, with a goal to serve students and researchers and further engage the community and region with its 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 a 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."