

# CHILTONIAN

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## QUARTERLY MEETING

The Chilton County Historical Society will hold its fall meeting on **Sunday, October 14th, at 2:00 PM at the Senior Connection** building.

The speaker will be our own **Colyn Moatts!** He will discuss his forthcoming new historical fiction book "***Between Chestnut and Yellow Leaf...***" See the article in this newsletter for a teaser.

The meeting is free and open to the public.

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## Newsletter Note

From the President

We are continuing this month's newsletter in a reduced size format. If you have subject matter or other material to contribute, **please contact me!** Note that we continue to have an opening for a dedicated Editor of the Newsletter! If you are interested or if you know someone who might be interested please contact me or talk to me at the meeting.

## *Between Chestnut and Yellow Leaf ...*

### **Being an Unauthorized History of The Union Reconstruction Era In Central Alabama**

Political, economic, and social ruin—the common consequences of losing a war. As a result of the U. S. Civil War, of all American citizens, only Southerners ever experienced such a loss. And many Southerners who survived the war didn't survive its aftermath: Union Reconstruction. They became pawns of political power brokers (both external and indigenous); most became impoverished; and, the Southern society is *still*—over 150 years later—sorting out some of the pieces of a “new” structure of social relationships.

But some of our ancestors did survive, either by hard work, force of wit and will, or by pure luck. *Between Chestnut and Yellow Leaf*—a new historical-fiction novel written by Colyn Moatts—chronicles the post-war experiences of two families—one family dirt poor, the other quite wealthy—in rural central Alabama. In varying degrees, they did survive Reconstruction (and beyond), but their struggles were exhausting and the price they paid was imposing.

Just in time for the County Sesquicentennial, Colyn will be our guest speaker at the October meeting and will give us a presentation on the background and writing of BC&YL.

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## Report on Sesquicentennial Activities

The Chilton County Celebration Committee has scheduled the week of Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> through Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 2018 as the Celebration Week, with Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> being the "main event" celebration, called the "Goosepond Gala," to be held at Clanton City Park. The website is:

<http://www.CelebrateChilton150.org/>

The Facebook page is

**Celebrate Chilton County 150<sup>th</sup>**

The above pages are being updated frequently with detailed information about the events and the schedule. Please refer to them for current times and places.

Also, please consider loaning interesting historical items for the Museum. Contact Derric Scott or Mr. Ivan Smith for information.

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