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Welcome to the February 2014 issue of The Boyhood Home of President Woodrow Wilson e-newsletter, an e-publication of Historic Augusta, Inc. This newsletter contains information about Woodrow Wilson and his family, tours, and special events.

## Celebrate Presidents' Day with a Tour - February 17



President Woodrow Wilson

Celebrate Presidents' Day on Monday, February 17 by touring President Woodrow Wilson's boyhood home at 419 Seventh Street in Augusta. Guided tours on this special day are BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE! Tours will begin on the half hour from 10 am until 4 pm. Children will enjoy fun activities including cross word puzzles and coloring pages. See the premier of "A Boy Never Gets Over His Boyhood," a video about Wilson's life after Augusta by Mark Albertin of Scrapbook Video Productions. Funding for this video was generously provided by the Porter Fleming Foundation and The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America in the



### Visit Us!

Guided tours: Thursdays-Saturdays, on the hour 10 am-4 pm. Tour lasts about 45 minutes.

Location: 419 Seventh Street, Augusta, Georgia

Admission: \$5 Adults, \$4 Seniors, \$3 Students K-12

### Group Tours

Are you planning upcoming programs and tours for your club, group, or school? Please keep us in mind! Group tours are offered to groups of 10 or more by appointment at a discounted rate per person of \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors, and \$2 for students K-12. Please call 706-722-9828 to schedule your tour.

### Quick Links

[Purchase Tour Tickets](#)

State of Georgia, State Grants Committee and Augusta Town Committee. For more information, contact the Wilson House at 706-722-9828.

## Wilson House To Undergo Further Repairs



Wilson House staff and volunteers preparing for plaster repairs in 2013

The Boyhood Home of President Woodrow Wilson will be closed for approximately one month following Presidents Day, beginning February 18th for additional plaster repairs. The house was closed for several weeks in 2013 while plaster was repaired on the first and third floors, as well as in the service building. This year, repairs will be completed on the second floor of the main house.

The Knox Foundation and The Creel-Harison Foundation have generously provided funding for this phase of the project. Not only will the plaster work be completed, but repainting will occur after the plaster has had enough time to cure and completely dry. Dillon Construction Services located in Irmo, South Carolina, the company that performed the 2013 work, will complete the plasterwork. Paint colors will replicate the original schemes that were determined by professional paint analysis when the original restoration was completed between 1999 and 2001.

Reopening is tentatively scheduled for March 27th.

## Letter from Glasgow Reveals Blockade Running During the Civil War

[Driving Directions to the Wilson House](#)

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James Woodrow, Uncle of Woodrow Wilson

The Wilson Family was caught up in the great American Civil War in many ways. Some of the more mundane occurrences during the war often go unnoticed in history books, which is why this letter is particularly interesting. Dated from Glasgow, Scotland on 6 April 1864, the letter was written by Alex Henry, (an uncle by marriage of Janet Woodrow Wilson) to her brother, James Woodrow, pictured above, who lived in Columbia, South Carolina at the time. The letter reveals that Thomas Woodrow, Jr. of Chillicothe, Ohio, the beloved brother of Janet Wilson and James Woodrow, had sent funds to their uncle, Mr. Henry, back in Scotland, for the express purpose of purchasing clothing and other goods in Great Britain on behalf of the family living in the American South. Mr. Henry suggests it would be prudent to divide the shipment into more than one part, since it would have to make it through the blockade of Southern ports in order to reach the Woodrows and Wilsons in South Carolina and Georgia. The shipment would first go to Nassau, and then be placed on blockade running ships.

Alex Henry was married to Sarah Williamson, younger half sister of President Wilson's maternal grandmother, Marion Williamson Woodrow. The letter illustrates the international reach the American Civil War had, and that the Woodrow Family remained in touch with their relatives in Great Britain for decades after their immigration to the United States in 1836.

The original is in the James Woodrow Collection held by the John Bulow Campbell Library at Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia. Transcription by Erick Montgomery, Historic Augusta, Inc.

[Read on to see a transcription of the letter from Alex Henry to James Woodrow.](#) >

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