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Welcome to the May 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.

## 100th Anniversary of Mother's Day in America



Woodrow Wilson's mother Jessie Woodrow Wilson

Responding to the idea, largely urged by Anna Jarvis, toward having a special day dedicated to the nation's mothers, President Wilson successfully lobbied Congress, and signed a proclamation on May 9, 1914, designating the second Sunday in May as "Mother's Day." Through his proclamation, Wilson asked Americans to honor mothers on this day, which had formerly been designated as a day of peace. Wilson helped transform the occasion into a new day of dedication, making a "public



### 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

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expression of the love and reverence for the mothers of our country." (Taken from comments made in 1914 by President Woodrow Wilson).

This May marks the 100th anniversary of Mother's Day in America. We remember President Wilson's public proclamation, as all Americans pause to give honor and respect to our mothers, for their contribution to our families, our communities, and to the nation!

## Object Spotlight: Dyer, Wadsworth and Co. Mantel Clock, Circa 1837-1843



A stately, triple-decker mantel clock, located in the study of the Wilson Home, bears a paper label which reads "Patent brass eight-day clocks manufactured by Dyer, Wadsworth and Co., Augusta, Geo." The mahogany veneered case contains a clock face with Roman numerals at the top, a spray of pink cabbage roses in the center, and a reverse painting on glass featuring a landscape scene at the bottom.

At the time of manufacture, the hub of clock making in the United States was Bristol, Connecticut. Clock works were often mass-produced in Connecticut and other Northern states, and then shipped to the South for assembly and sale. Thomas Dyer and Elisha Wadsworth, originally from Connecticut, assembled clocks in Augusta, Georgia from the late 1830s until 1843.

The clock pictured above was purchased from Ann Spivey Antiques by the Wilson House Furnishings Committee, chaired by Shara Overstreet, prior to the museum's opening in 2001. It has enjoyed pride of place on the mantel in Reverend Wilson's study ever since. We hope you will take a closer look at this rare Augusta survival the next time you visit.

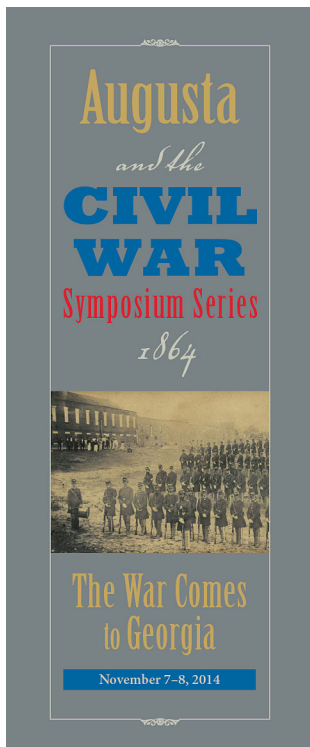
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# Save the Date: Augusta and the Civil War Symposium November 7-8, 2014



The fourth in an annual series of five Civil War Symposiums will take place at the Augusta Museum of History on November 7 and 8, 2014.

This year's theme, "The War Comes to Georgia," will be expressed through three lectures, object highlights in the museum's collection, and through a performance by the 8th Regiment Band, a reenactment band which hails from Rome, Georgia.

The keynote address will be given by Dr. Anne Sarah Rubin on her recent publication *Through the Heart of Dixie: Sherman's March and America*. Two other lectures include Dr. Russell Brown, who will talk on "William Henry Talbot Walker and the Battle of Atlanta," and Dr. Carolyn

Curry, who will present on her recent publication *Suffer and Grow Strong, The Life of Ella Gertrude Clanton Thomas 1834-1907*. For tickets and more information, contact the Augusta Museum of History at 706-722-8454.

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