



Welcome to the **May 2020** issue of The Preservationist, an e-publication of [Historic Augusta, Inc.](#) This newsletter contains information about upcoming programs and projects of Historic Augusta, Inc. and the Boyhood Home of President Woodrow Wilson.



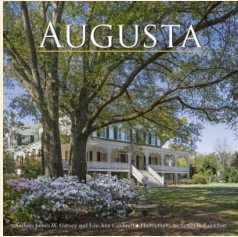
We regret to report the passing of **Mrs. William S. Morris III** on **April 28, 2020**. Sissie was one of Historic Augusta's original members and served as secretary to the original Board of Trustees in 1965. She was an advocate for many cultural organizations, including Historic Augusta, for which she served as an Honorary Trustee for a number of years. For more information on Sissie's life, use this link: <https://www.plattsfuneralhome.com/obituaries>

**Celebrate the Places That Matter to YOU!**



Throughout the month of May, Historic Augusta will be sharing exciting preservation projects, updates, and news as we celebrate **Preservation Month**. With both the **Downtown Loft Tour** and **Cotton Ball** postponed until

**The Perfect Gift for Mother's Day! Sunday May 10th**



Historic Augusta's 50th anniversary book, **Augusta**, provides an overview of the Garden City's history from the eighteenth to the twentieth centuries, with photographs both archived and current in full color. **\$54.**

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*All proceeds support Historic Augusta's mission and programs.*

Show your commitment to Historic Augusta and the [Boyhood Home of President Woodrow Wilson](#) during Preservation Month! Support our mission through renewing your membership, becoming a new member or event sponsor, or by simply making a donation. This

the fall, we will take this opportunity to regularly engage with our audience on our social media platforms including **Facebook**, **Twitter**, and **Instagram**, as well as our websites. We encourage you to share your images of favorite sites and buildings, stories about growing up in Augusta, or why historic preservation is important to YOU! Make sure you tag us in your posts, by using these hashtags:

**#historicpreservation #thisplacematters  
#preservationmonth #loveaugusta  
#supportdowntownaugusta #wilsonboyhoodhome  
#historicaugusta**

## Listen to Original Music Inspired by Jasmine Hill, House to be Relocated



**Jasmine Hill**, located on the grounds of the Green Meadows Golf Club, was listed on **Historic Augusta's Endangered Properties List** for **2009**. A rare example of a mid-19<sup>th</sup> Century suburban home in Richmond County, it was constructed in the early 1860s for George Schley (1809-1866). The house has remained vacant since Historic Augusta shined the spotlight on this significantly threatened historic resource, which is off Richmond Hill Road. Following the Schley's ownership, it was the long-time home of the family of William Henry Talbot Walker, Jr. (1856-1948). Recently, Historic Augusta staff found an original piece of sheet music inspired by the house and its location high atop the rolling hills overlooking the Savannah River Valley. The **Jasmine Hill Waltz**, written and self-published by Mr. Walker's wife, Carolyn Fowle Walker (1860-1933), is a ragtimey energetic composition that likely filled the halls of the house during many social events. To celebrate Preservation Month and the significance of this rare architectural gem, our new Programs and Marketing Director Robyn Macey played and recorded the piece for the delight of our members. Jasmine Hill has been purchased by a descendant of the Schley Family who intends to relocate the house to family property in Oconee County near Athens. Historic Augusta is looking forward to working with the owners to successfully prepare the house for its move and help document this rare feat once it is underway. To listen to the

can be done electronically through our [online store](#).

Share this electronic newsletter with friends and family so they also receive the latest event updates and news about signature projects or preservation threats. Together, we can preserve historic resources and show why This Place Matters!

# Save The Dates!

**September 10th  
Perfectly Aged  
Auction**

**October 2nd & 3rd  
Downtown Loft Tour**

**October 15th  
Cotton Ball**

**October 24th & 25th  
Walk With The  
Spirits**

### **Quick Links**

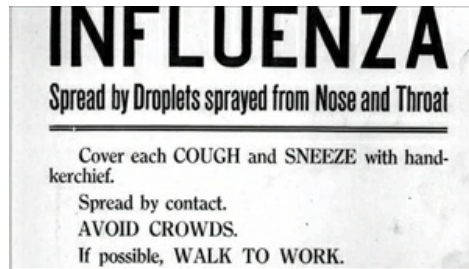
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Endangered Properties](#)

Jasmine Hill Waltz, and to view some photos of the house over the years, [click here](#).

## The 1918 Pandemic during Wilson's Time as President



The Pandemic of 1918 known as the "Spanish Flu" had many similarities to what we are experiencing today with COVID-19. [This video](#) is based on an article by Dr. Lee Ann Caldwell written in 2014 for [Augusta Magazine](#) during the one hundredth anniversary year of the beginning of World War I in Europe. Listen to Ann Macey as she speaks of the trials and tribulations of the time in Augusta and around the world when Woodrow Wilson was President of the United States, and the last pandemic raged. [Watch the video on our YouTube channel](#).

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