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East Tennessee Historical Society Honors Two Washington County Initiatives with History Awards of Excellence

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., May 15, 2017 – The East Tennessee Historical Society’s (ETHS) annual Awards of Excellence were presented at the organization’s Annual Meeting on May 2, 2017 at the Foundry on the World’s 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. Two Washington County initiatives by the Heritage Alliance of Northeast Tennessee & Southwest Virginia were among the 27 awards presented.

- **The Heritage Alliance of Northeast Tennessee & Southwest Virginia** were honored with a ***Community History Award*** for *Not Your Ordinary Dinner Party*. In a town specializing in history and storytelling, the Heritage Alliance has found yet another way to share history with the public. *Not Your Ordinary Dinner Party* featuring a delicious meal and world premiere play on the grounds of one of Jonesborough’s most historic homes. The play highlights true stories of triumph and tragedy from Washington County’s history. Proceeds benefit their educational programming. The **Heritage Alliance of Northeast Tennessee & Southwest Virginia** also received an ***Award of Distinction*** for *A Spot on the Hill*, an original, research-based play featuring “real stories of real people in a real cemetery.” In two years, the popular program has created new community awareness and an interest in history and has raised \$2,000 for cemetery preservation.

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 as 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.”

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