

# The New Greenville Mountaineer

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presents

## **BENNETTE'S MILL**

### **The Story of the SOUTHERN BLEACHERY and PRINT WORKS**

**SUNDAY**

**October 7th**

**3:00 PM**

**TAYLORS MILL**

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## **MILL CAPTURES THE PAST AND PRESENT**

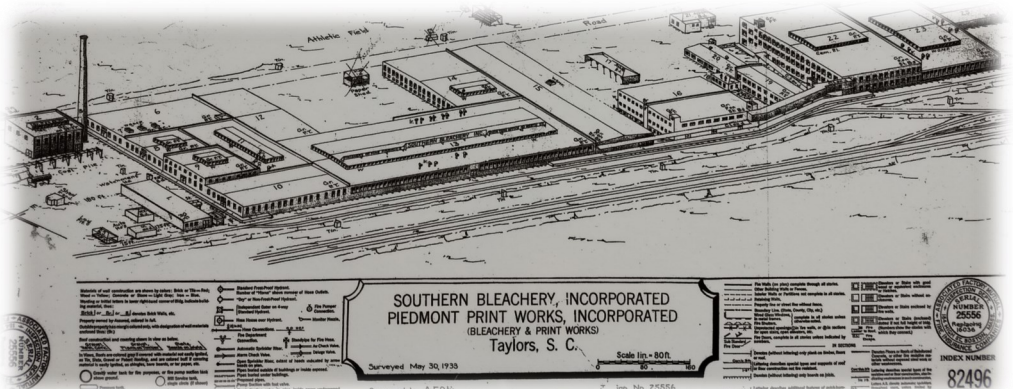
Two large textile developments shared the Greenville News frontpage headline in the spring of 1924. Additions to Dunean Mill, included a weave shed, twister building and 250 new residences. Down the road in Taylors, the Southern Bleachery was nearing completion with a capacity to produce more than 1.2 million yards fine cloth a week. Attached at the bottom of that front page was an advertisement from the Bank of Commerce calling Greenville "The Textile Center of the South".

If Greenville was the center of textile activity, then Taylors could lay claim to be the destination of healing waters. Long before the Southern Bleachery arrived Dr. Burwell Chick had established a summer resort and spa in the 1840's that tapped into the mineral waters of Lick Spring. A rail line and a national road would follow allowing for easier access through Taylors.

Designed by J.E. Sirrinc and built by the Gallivan Company construction at the bleachery got underway at the end of 1922. The anticipation of construction alone called for the hiring of 2 additional teachers and expansion of classroom space at the school. The bleachery would eventually expand and with the sale of extra land create The Piedmont Print Works. The two would merge into The Southern Bleachery and Print Works in the mid 1930's. More than 1,000 workers could be found in the 800,000 square foot facility that bleached and dyed fabrics and printed patterns for other materials. Expansion to the campus followed in the late 20's and into the early 50's.

Taylors may have been an outlier to the city center of Greenville, but the two places did share a common tie. The mills eventually closed. In Taylors it happened in 1965. Find out more about the origin of the Southern Bleachery and what has become Taylors Mill of today at the upcoming fall meeting of the Greenville County Historical Society on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 P.M.

Since 1962, the Greenville County Historical Society has met regularly to share stories of Greenville's past and to preserve the history of the county.



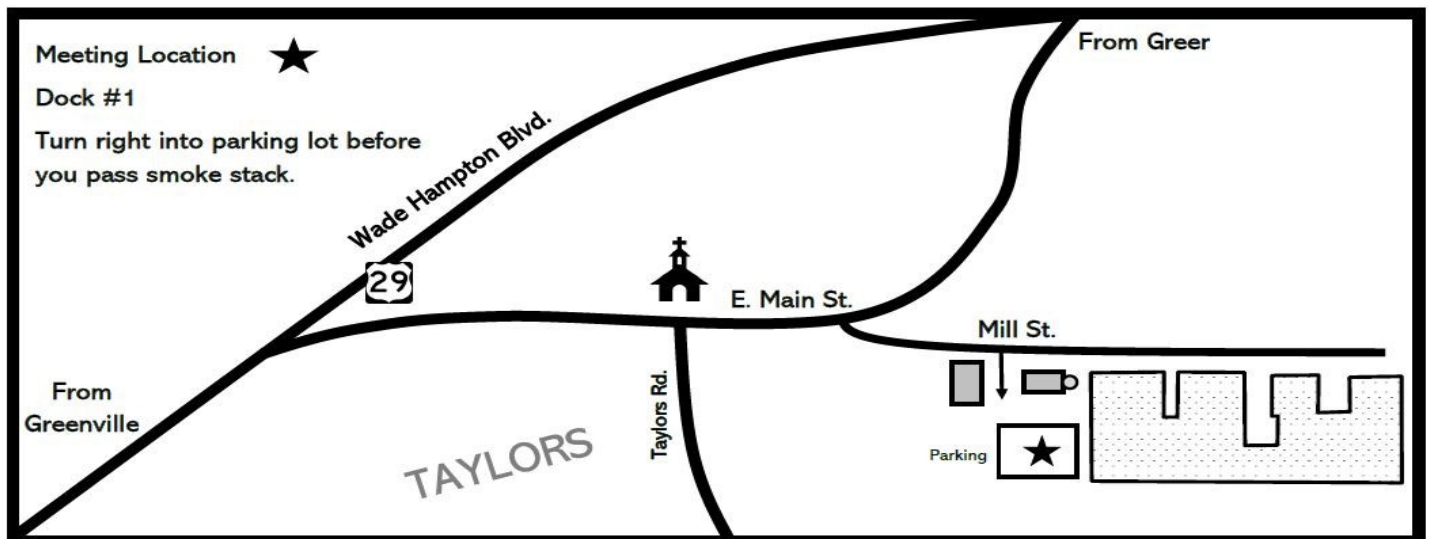
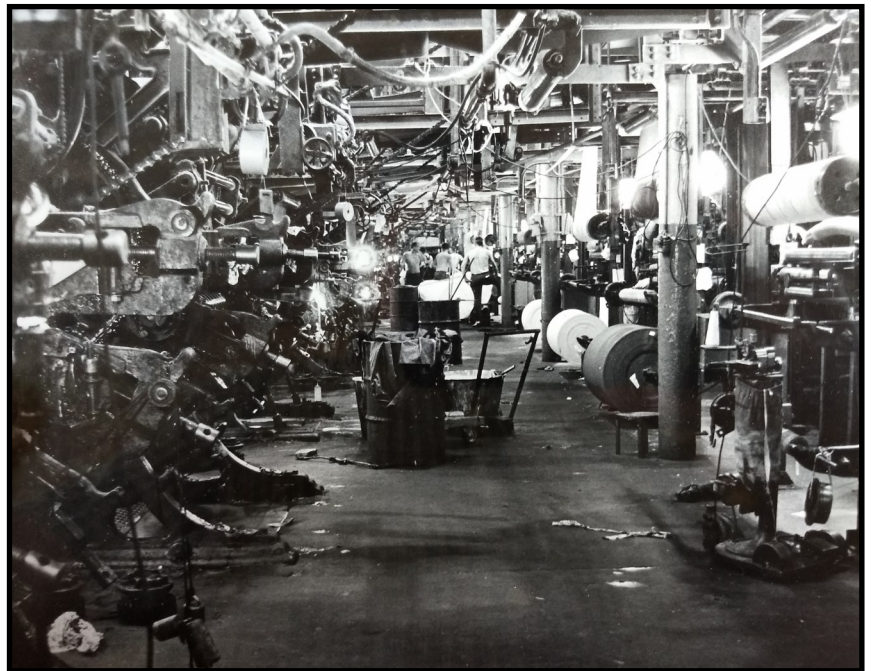
### WWI Items Discovered

Recently discovered in the collections of the Society are these medals and uniform pieces from a soldier who trained and served in the 30th Division at Camp Sevier. This month marks the centennial of "Old Hickory" breaking through the Hindenburg Line and defeating the German network of defenses, leading to the Armistice of November 1918. Letters from a soldier in Bravo Company 105th Engineers will be transcribed by the Society during the fall. Check in with our website to learn more in the months that follow.

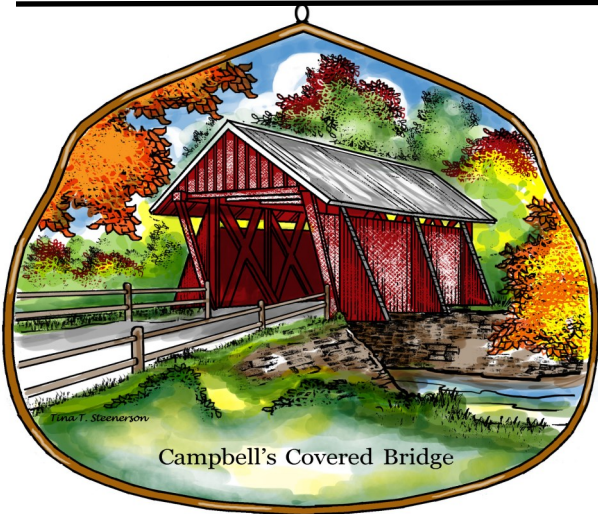


### Parking and Tour at The Bleachery

A reminder to those who attend our meeting next month. Taylors Mill has continued to serve as a fine example of adaptive reuse. The mill campus is quite large. If you have not been in a while you will notice some big changes. Turn right into Dock #1 and park around the building. Please wear comfortable shoes for the walking tour after our presentation. There is much more space available than there use to be as the photo on the right illustrates the complex nature of what worker conditions were like during the Bleachery's daily operations.



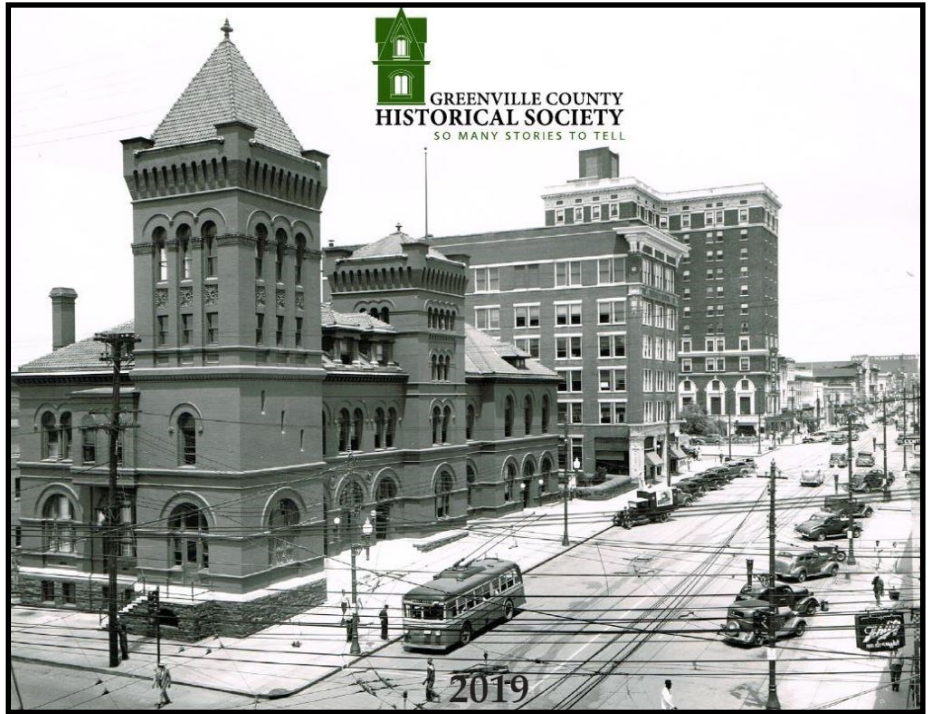




**2018 Heritage Ornament For Sale**

**\$20.00**

Campbell's Covered Bridge is the only surviving covered bridge in South Carolina. The 38-foot-long, 12-foot-wide, pine Howe truss bridge was built by Charles Irwin Willis in 1909 and was named for Alexander Lafayette Campbell, a local landowner and millwright. Today the bridge is owned and maintained as a park by Greenville County.



**2019 Calendar For Sale \$20.00**

Our 2019 Calendars will be on sale soon featuring examples of lost and saved history in Greenville County. You will be able to order the calendar online or contact us at the office by calling 233-4103 or emailing us at [info@greenvillehistory.org](mailto:info@greenvillehistory.org) for more details.

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