

COMING SOON!  
**Cache in on Brentwood History**  
A Treasure Hunt For all Ages



The game is soon to be afoot in Brentwood.

You may have heard the word geocaching but what is it? "Geocaching is an outdoor adventure treasure hunting game that uses Global Positioning Service (GPS) to direct participants to a hidden cache by means of a GPS coordinates and written clues." It sounds complicated when in actuality it is a self guided, fun family friendly activity.

The "Cache In On Brentwood History" geocache series has been developed by the Brentwood Historic Commission and consists of a series of geocache sites. The adventure will lead participants around the City and into its past. Participants will use a GPS enabled smart phone or device and provided coordinates and clues to track containers hidden throughout the City called geocaches. There will be an opening day event in the late spring. For those new to geocaching, free geocaching lessons will be available that day. After the opening event the coordinates and clues will be published on Brentwood City website and [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com).

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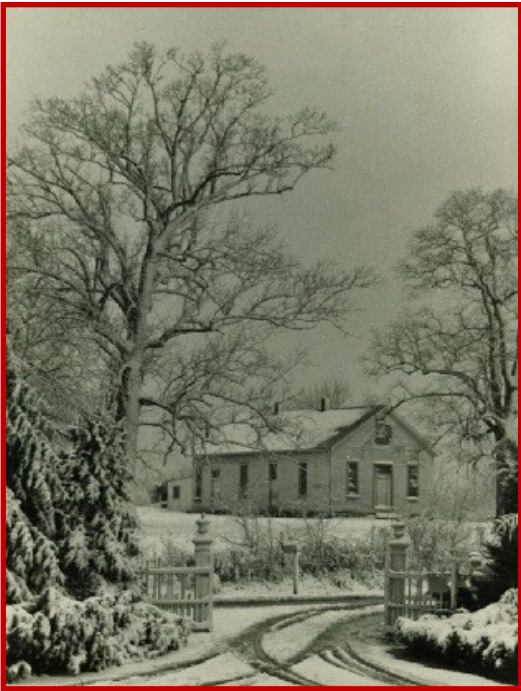
## Lipscomb Elementary Celebrates 150 Years!

The oldest operating school in Williamson County, Lipscomb Elementary on Concord Road in Brentwood, celebrated 150 years of operation in the fall of 2016.

Lipscomb Elementary or Lipscomb Academy as it was originally called opened in 1866 after the end of the U.S. Civil War. Williamson County possessed a strong academy education system before the Civil War, but the War years saw this system fall into shambles.

William Lipscomb, the brother of David Lipscomb who founded Lipscomb University in Nashville, stepped in and opened a log school house in Owens Station. (Owens Station is now part of Brentwood.) This school served residents as well as students from as far away as Kentucky and Alabama. Boarding students would live with neighbor families while attending school. Lipscomb Academy taught students from first grade through high school in its two rooms.





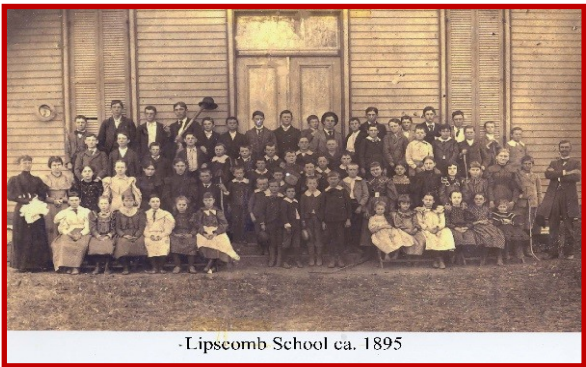
Lipscomb Academy



William Lipscomb

William Lipscomb left the school in the 1890's to become part of the faculty of David Lipscomb College and Lipscomb Academy became part of the Williamson County School System. The County School System continued using the original log building until 1948 when a brick building replaced it. The second building

lasted only ten years because it was destroyed by fire in 1958. The replacement for that building served Brentwood students until the 1990's when it was replaced by a new building with 38 classrooms; certainly, a big change from the original two room school house!



-Lipscomb School ca. 1895



Is it a real Poynor chair? Carole Crigger brought a chair from home for Mr. Warwick to evaluate. He explained to her that it was old, but not a Poynor chair.



Mr. Warwick graciously made himself available before and after his comments to answer questions from those in attendance.



Jodi Rall and Bridget Filipovic of The Brentwood Historic Commission answer questions about The Brentwood Room at the Brentwood Library.

Brentwood Historic Commission Hosted  
An Afternoon with Rick Warwick and Open House in The  
Brentwood Room of the Brentwood Library

The Brentwood Historic Commission recently hosted an education seminar. Rick Warwick, local historian and author, shared information about Richard Poynor and his famous chairs. Richard Poynor was born a slave, but gained his freedom and moved from Virginia to Williamson County Tennessee. Poynor became well known in the area as a master chair builder. His business was so successful that he was able to purchase a 150 acre farm. Mr. Warwick brought several examples of the chairs to show how the sturdy chairs are still in great condition today even after over a hundred years of use.

Mr. Poynor carefully crafted the chairs from maple and hickory wood. He drove dry rungs into green posts. When the green posts dried, they formed a tight hold around the rungs eliminating the need for hardware or glue. Poynor chairs are still highly valued as beautiful and utilitarian objects. They are held in the collections of several institutions including the Yale Art Department, the Museum of Early Southern Decorative arts in North Carolina, and the Tennessee State Museum.

After Mr. Warwick completed his remarks guests were invited to join members of The Brentwood Historic Commission in The Brentwood Room of the Library. Jodi Rall and Bridget Filipovic answered questions about the holdings in the room and led visitors through a scavenger hunt to discover some of the hidden “jewels” in the collection.



Many current Brentwood residents associate their days at Lipscomb Elementary with the popular principal, Jesse Frank. Mr. Frank infused the school with his philosophy that, “Every child can learn and will learn.” Students who attended Lipscomb Elementary when Mr. Frank was principal fondly remember having the opportunity to spend time on his farm during school field trips.



Students playing on the playground fire truck



Lipscomb Elementary today



They also reminisce about the full size retired fire engine Mr. Frank acquired and installed on the school playground.

150 years after Lipscomb Elementary was founded, current faculty and administration still espouse a long standing philosophy that says, “This School Loves Kids.” Let’s hope this philosophy remains strong for another 150 years!

Brentwood High School Defends History Bowl Title!  
February 23 at 7:00 pm —Snow Date is March 2  
Brentwood Municipal Center  
No Admission Charge

The Brentwood Historic Commission invites you to join teams from Centennial High, Fairview High, Franklin High, Independence High, Nolensville High, Page High, Ravenwood High, and Summit High as they try to defeat the 2016 History Bowl Champion, Brentwood High. This year’s event will be the Sixth Annual Sarah Bayrd American History Bowl. Former News Channel 5 anchor and current MTSU instructor, Chris Clark will emcee. Chuck Sherrill, Tennessee State Librarian and former Director of the Brentwood Library will pose questions.

Anne Dunn chairs the event. She explains, “The history bowl is similar to (the TV show) ‘Jeopardy,’ and is made up of a total of four fast paced rounds with the students buzzing in to answer.”

The top three teams take home prize money for their school’s social studies department.

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