



University of Alabama Summer Interns, *Making a Difference*

For the Foundation, the onset of summer signals the arrival of students serving through its partnership for Walker County with the University of Alabama's New College and David Mathews Center for Civic Life. The interns spend the summer working with various community partners throughout Walker County and immerse themselves in life in the area.

Currie Blackwell – *Senior, Capstone Rural Health Center*
 Hometown: Petal, MS
 Major: New College - Human Rights Law Minors: Public Relations and History

"When you immerse yourself into a community, your hope is to understand the region's culture. To get to know the folks who are your neighbors. To hear people's life stories over pimento and cheese sandwiches. To understand the ins and outs of every interaction you see happening before your eyes. But Jasper taught me sometimes- it's okay to not know the answer. I found myself seeing this summer as a way to focus more on people and less on the facts, to focus more on enacting the change and less on the 'perfection' of the product. Leaving is definitely bittersweet, but Jasper will be a reminder to me of the power that occurs when we place our power behind grassroots efforts, believe in the people we call neighbors, and truly advocate for the places we call home."



Currie, Andrew, Ellie and Brett

Andrew Rutledge – *Sophomore, Jasper Main Street*
 Hometown: Vale, NC
 Major/Minor: Nonprofit Management/Rural Development and Creative Media

"From my experience in Jasper, Walker County has cohesion and the feeling of community is strong. A lot of this must be attributed to local nonprofits like Jasper Main Street, the Health Action Partnership, and most of all, the Community Foundation. These local non-profits, along with civic groups like the Rotary and Kiwanis Club have been strong in encouraging civic engagement and pride in Walker County. While I am proud of the place I come from, it could learn a few lessons from what Walker County has achieved thus far."

Brett McCracken – *Senior, Walker County Center of Technology*
 Hometown: Madison, AL
 Majors: International Relations and Economics
 Minors: French and Civic Engagement and Leadership

"Our last 'community dinner' was at a local restaurant which was great because I feel like I got the true Jasper experience. All summer we have heard about how you will see people you know in restaurants and everyone will talk with each other. By the end of the summer, I saw two people from the community that I knew and talked with, which honestly made me feel like a member of Jasper. This summer has been great, and I am so thankful for all of the opportunities that are provided to all of us during this internship. I would love to be able to come back and do more work next summer if possible because I have genuinely enjoyed my time working in Jasper."



Ellie Cochran – *Senior, Walker County Health Action Partnership*
 Hometown: Cumming, GA
 Major/Minor: Religious Studies and New College - Environmental Management

"Jasper in particular reminds me of a semi-small town just north of where I grew up. Coal Mountain is where both of my parents were raised, as well as their parents, grandparents, etc. When I was younger, staying with my grandparents and going downtown to run errands with them often made me feel like I was on a movie set, pretending to live a quiet, small-town life. Being in Jasper reminds me of a similar feeling, but in a more beautiful and cozy setting. It seems as though you can choose how involved you would like to be, how much responsibility you would like to have within the community. Although I have never lived permanently in a small, close-knit community like this one, I really love it; everything feels familiar, and every single person that we have met has been incredible."

Emelil Bankhead Humphries—*The Legacy Continues*

By Brenda Beard



Emelil Bankhead Humphries

Often described as one of “the state’s shining stars,” the John Hollis Bankhead Sr. family is known for its political participation, philanthropy, community service, and dedication to individual human rights, which all remain relevant today.

Emelil Bankhead Humphries, the great-great granddaughter of John Hollis Sr., and the granddaughter of Walter Will was born in Jasper to John Hollis Bankhead III and his wife Martha Ann and raised here along with her siblings Jack, Ginger and Blossom.

We are proud to have one of the remaining “stars” of this family as a volunteer and consultant regarding family history. Emelil is dedicated to her family’s legacy, and her knowledge has played a significant role in the development and growth of the Bankhead House & Heritage Center, a “jewel of Jasper.”

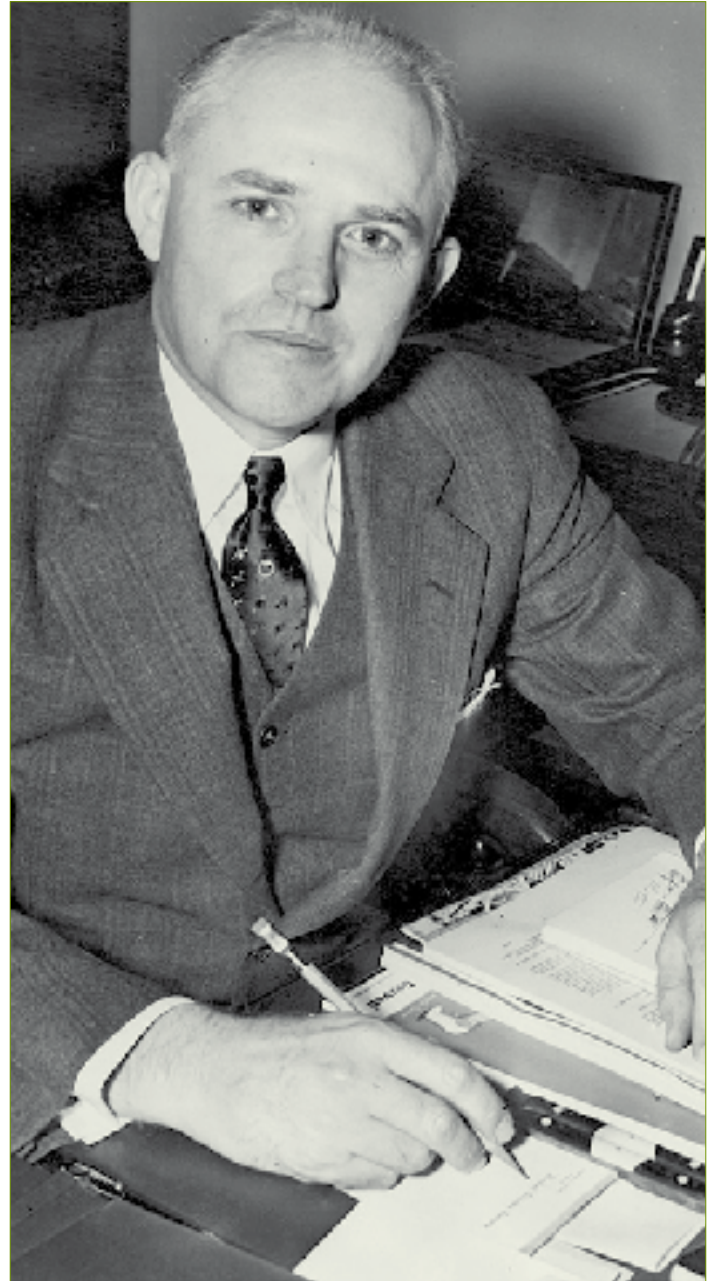
Throughout her lifetime she has been a community servant. She helped start Clean as a Whistle in 1989 under former Walker County Commissioner John Ed Roberts and you can still see this program at work today. In the 1990s she was a member of Project People, assisting those in need and has served as a board member for the Walker County Department of Human Resources.



Bankhead Family Clockwise: Martha Ann, Jack, Ginger (Odom), Emelil (Humphries) and Blossom (Nelson)

One of the areas of focus nearest to her heart is literacy as she has been a long time board member of the Carl Elliott Regional Library and has served as chairman for the past eight years. She assisted with founding Hope for Women serving as its treasurer. She remains active with this organization which provides assistance to women with life controlling issues such as drugs and alcohol.

Emelil continues to serve her family’s legacy of giving as an adviser of the Bankhead Fund, a component fund of the Walker Area Community Foundation. Originally founded as the Bankhead Foundation by Walter Will Bankhead it has a long history of providing assistance to our community. For many years she was a WACF grant review committee member.



Walter Will Bankhead (1897-1988)

Emelil is devoted to her family: husband William W. “Billy” Humphries Jr., son Will Humphries, daughter-in-law Amy Hannah Humphries, granddaughter Belle, daughter Sara Frances Dunagan, son-in-law Chase Dunagan, and grandson Brock Dunagan.

We are grateful to have her give of her time, talent and treasure to the Walker Area Community Foundation and the Bankhead House and Heritage Center. She is truly one of a kind and her family’s legacy continues through her.

HONORARIUMS: June 1 – August 31, 2018

Brenda Beard's Birthday
Camille and Fred Bush

Joette Brown
Brenda and Al McAdams

Kay Byars' Birthday
Jean Byars
Hazel Marlow

Pam and Kevin Callahan
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Corky Hagen

David Rowland
Corky Hagen

Carol Savage's Birthday
Jeanette Smith

Jeanette Smith – Top 50 over 50
Margery Birdsong
Corky Hagen
Carol Savage
Hugh Smith
Pete Smith

Alicia Stewart
Brenda and Al McAdams

Beth Stukes
Cristy and Lincoln Moody
Carol Savage

Thorne Kiddos - Beth, Larry, Becky, and Babs
Buddy Thorne

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Buddy Thorne

Betty Underwood's Birthday
Kay Byars
Hazel Marlow

MEMORIALS: June 1 – August 31, 2018

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The Bankhead House & Heritage Center 2018 Remaining Exhibit Schedule

The Magic of Music

October 2-December 28
Opening Reception: October 2, 2:00pm-4:00pm
Walk through our collection of instruments and music related items from local residents and marvel at the evolution of music.

SAVE THE DATE
Holiday Open House
Saturday, December 15
2:00pm until 4:00pm

Live Music

Saturday, Oct. 20 11:00am, 12:00pm and 1:00pm
Saturday, Nov. 17 11:00am, 12:00pm and 1:00pm

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- Hours: Tuesday-Friday 10:00am-4:00pm and the third Saturday of each month 10:00am-2:00pm
- Admission is FREE
- Please call ahead to schedule a tour appointment or groups of 10 or more people