

## **Mallory-Neely House and Tennessee Homecoming Collection**



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### **Scope and Content**

The Daughters of the American Revolution - Sons of the American Revolution - Children of the American Revolution (DAR-SAR-CAR) Chapter House of West Tennessee donated the contents of this collection to the Memphis and Shelby County Room in 1988. The collection is composed of materials collected from a 1986 scrapbook, created by the organization, whose headquarters were located at the former home of Daisy Mallory, the Mallory-Neely House. The scrapbook contained photographs, newspaper clippings, correspondence, and other documents detailing the organization's participation in "Tennessee Homecoming '86," a year-long, statewide celebration of Tennessee heritage and culture.

In Spring 1986, the organization completed a restoration of the Mallory-Neely House's boxwood garden. The organization also planted a Tulip Poplar tree given to the community by Tennessee Governor Lamar Alexander. The Chapter House also received a Certificate of Merit from the Tennessee Historical Commission for their contributions to the study and preservation of Tennessee's historical heritage.

In Fall 1986, the organization focused its projects on Benjamin Babb, a previous resident of their Chapter House. The group compiled a book, "Benjamin Babb from Virginia to Tennessee," and created an exhibit, "Benjamin Babb Years at 652 Adams: December 1864-July 1883." In August, the group participated in the 1986 Victorian Village Festival.

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## Topics of Interest

Adams Avenue  
Alexander, Governor Lamar  
Babb, Benjamin  
Black, Kermit  
Children of the American Revolution  
Crawford, Dr. Charles W.  
Crisci, Joan A.  
Crisci, Mrs. Roland  
DAR-SAR-CAR Chapter House of West Tennessee  
Daughters of the American Revolution  
Fisher, Mrs. James L. (Fisher, Jane)  
Frankum, Charles R.  
Frankum, Linda (Mrs. Charles R. Frankum)  
Jabbour, Dr. J.R.  
Mallory-Neely House  
Mallory-Neely House, Inc.  
McKelvy, Dana L. (Mrs. William R. McKelvy Jr.)  
Memphis Heritage, Inc.  
Memphis Homecoming '86  
Memphis Landmarks Commission  
Miles, Sue  
Morris, Shelby County Mayor William  
1986 Preservation Awards  
Schadt, Debby (Mrs. Stephen Schadt)  
Sons of the American Revolution  
Strong, Catherine  
Strong, Whitney  
Taylor, John  
Tennessee Historical Commission  
Tennessee Homecoming '86  
Tice, Helen, (Mrs. Robert D. Tice)  
Touliatos, Greg  
Trees by Touliatos  
1986 Victorian Village Festival  
Webb, Jessie Taylor  
Wurzburg, Mrs. Henry

## **Tennessee Homecoming '86 Program**

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### **1Program: Dedication Ceremony of the Boxwood Garden Restoration March 1, 1986**

**MNTH**

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### **The Changing Face of the Mallory-Neely House**

**Left:** 652 Adams Avenue in the 1800s, during Benjamin Babb's tenure there

**Right:** In 1986, showing the changes made by J.C. Neely, and most recently the restoration of the house

**MNTH**

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### **The unveiling of our dedication stone, by the project chairman, Mrs. Robert Tice March 1, 1986**

**MNTH**

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In trying to decide what the DAR/SAR/CAR Tennessee Homecoming '86 project would be, we, the members of the Mallory/Neely House, decided to restore the Rose Gardens at our Chapter House.

After consultations with experts and visits to the site by knowledgeable rosarians, it was their decision that our "Rose Garden Restoration" project would not be feasible. Pollution and shade were our enemies.

Well, as our forefathers did, we met our enemy, and although we didn't win the war, we did win our particular battle! That is how the "Boxwood Garden Restoration"

came into being.

We've worked, we've partied, we've spend our money,  
we've fought the 1986 drought, and our infamous poison  
ivy, we've fussed among ourselves, BUT, now that the  
restoration is completed, WE ARE PROUD!

Did I say Completed???

THE PROJECT FOR 1987 IS OUR LAWN!!

**MNTH**

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**The Dedication stone for the Boxwood Garden Restoration  
March 1, 1986**

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**In the center is Mrs. Stephen Schadt, Homecoming Steering Committee chairman.**  
**MNTH**

**16**  
**Mrs. William R. McKelvy, Jr. “Dana” – President of the Mallory-Neely House, Inc.**  
**MNTH**

**17**  
**Mrs. Robert D. Tice, “Helen” explaining what plantings would be included with the  
boxwood restoration.**  
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**Photograph of the reception following the Dedication Ceremony**  
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co-chairman was Mrs. James L. Fisher**

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**24**

**Photograph of the Mallory-Neely House, 1986**

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**26**

**Photograph of the front doors at the Mallory-Neely House, 1986**

**MNTH**

**27**

**Friday, April 11, 1986**

**The big day finally arrives! The firm of Trees by Touliatos arrives to begin the  
Boxwood Garden Restoration. It took 2 full days to finish, and just barely in time  
for the party.**

**MNTH**

**28**

**Photograph of Trees by Touliatos, discussing plans for the garden**

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**29**

**Out go the old boxwoods  
(we found old slave bricks under these old shrubs.)**

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**And in go the new boxwoods  
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**Would you believe Jane Fisher and Dana McKelvy?**

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### **The Finished Product**

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Tennessee State Tree**

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**60**

**Flyer: Dedication Ceremony for the Official Tennessee Homecoming Tulip Poplar**

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**61**

**Invocation  
By Dr. Robert D. Tice**

**Lord, we are indeed grateful to be able to gather here this afternoon to dedicate the planting of one of your creations – a sapling of a beautiful species that was long ago chosen as one of the symbols of our state. It is fitting that this young tree – so near the beginning of it's life – should grace the landscape of this beautiful home which reminds us all of an era past. Thus, as the young and the old come together here today we are again reminded of your infinite wisdom in establishing the ongoing cycle of life in your universe. We ask your blessing on this tree. Give it a long and beautiful life. We also ask that everyone responsible for this occasion – whether present here today or not – be blessed with these things we ask in your name.**

**Amen!**

**MNTH**

**62**

**Debby Schadt, Helen Tice and Dana McKelvy taking part in the planting of our new  
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**Our Homecoming '86 Tulip Poplar Tree, now at home at 652 Adams Avenue**

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**70**

**Beautiful music was made by Mrs. Roland Crisci, Harpist and  
Miss Joan A. Crisci, Violin**

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**The party following our tree dedication**

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**Program: 1986 Preservation Awards**

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**Program Insert: 1986 Preservation Awards**

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**Certificate of Merit**

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**Johnson, Jill. "Landmark Honored Doubly for Design," *Commercial Appeal*.  
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**Cover: Benjamin Babb from Virginia to Tennessee**

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**83**

**Flyer: "Benjamin Babb Years at 653 Adams: December 1864-July 1883"  
September 1986**

**MNTH**

**84**

**The Benjamin Babb Years at 652 Adams, was opened during  
Victorian Village Festival “Homecoming ’86 Project**

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**85**

**The Benjamin Babb Exhibit  
Clothes, letters, pictures, Mardi Gras invitations, all owned by the Babb family  
make up this display**

**MNTH**

**86**

**Miss Jesse Taylor Webb, a direct descendant of Mr. Babb, wearing an heirloom  
pendant and locket, jewelry of Mrs. Benjamin Babb**

**MNTH**

**87**

**2 young Babb descendants: Misses Whitney and Catherine Strong, playing in the  
nursery at the Victorian mansion**

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**Mrs. Miles, receiving the framed Victorian Village Festival poster for Mayor Dick Hackett**

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**Introduction of Miss Jesse Webb and Mrs. Robert Tice, compilers of the  
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**Mrs. Miles receiving Mayor Hackett's copy of "Benjamin Babb, From Virginia to  
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**Introduction by Mrs. Tice of her cousins, Misses Whitney and Catherine Strong,  
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**Whitney and Catherine receiving their copy of "Benjamin Babb, From Virginia to  
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**Presentation to Mr. Kermit Black, President, Memphis Chapter S.A.R. and Mr.  
John Taylor, President, Shelby Chapter S.A.R. of the “Babb Book”  
by Miss Webb and Mrs. Tice**

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**100**

**Getting prepared for the opening of the Festival! Notice the large sign in the  
background promoting the festival? That’s the Mallory-Neely House, our  
DAR/SAR/CAR chapter house!**

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**101**

**Notice that it wasn’t just the children enjoying the Puppet Show on our front porch.  
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