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

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., May 12, 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 Monroe County initiatives were among the 27 awards presented.

- **Richard William Holmes** was honored with a ***Community History Award*** for his work as Graves Registrar Officer for the Major William A. McTeer Camp No. 39 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, where he has located 83 graves in need of repair, marking, and/or registration in the SUVCW’s database. Holmes is also involved in identifying the last living Union veteran in each East Tennessee county.
- **Fort Loudoun State Historic Area** received an ***Award of Distinction*** for the new Ronald W. Black Memorial Research Library, which serves to make the park and its research collections accessible to the local community and the region. The library is dedicated to the memory of Ronald W. Black, one of the Fort’s original living historians who was for many years a volunteer and active member of the garrison.

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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