

# Volunteer Spotlight



Carolyn began volunteering with the archives in September 2019. But her experience in record repository work began long before. For 19 years prior to retiring and moving to Jonesborough, Carolyn worked at the Family History Library of the Mormon Church in Salt Lake City, Utah. There she worked in a variety of positions helping make accessible to researchers the largest genealogical collection in the world.

Born and raised in the Bay Area of northern California, Carolyn earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from San Jose State University and later attended nursing school at Fort Smith, Arkansas. After several years in the nursing field, she changed careers and began her work at the Mormon library.

At the archives, she has helped process Johnson City Law Court case files and is currently developing an index to Deed Book A, Washington County's first book of land records that was returned from Nashville June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. She notes that her archive volunteering "has allowed me to learn some very interesting facts and events of my early Washington County ancestors. I never thought I had any interesting family stories to relate about my family but after finding numerous court cases that they were involved in during the 1840s, all I can say is you would have to read it to believe it." Carolyn loves being a part of preserving the historic documents housed at the archives.

"The archives is definitely a valuable asset of Washington County history," she said. We would say that Carolyn Andrews is a valuable asset for the Washington County Archives.

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