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**East Tennessee Historical Society Honors Union County Cemeteries Association
With History Awards of Excellence**

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., June 18, 2015 – The East Tennessee Historical Society’s (ETHS) annual Awards of Excellence were presented at the organization’s Annual Meeting on June 4, 2015 at the Foundry on the 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. One Union County recipient was among the 27 awards presented.

- **Union County Cemeteries Association** received a ***Community History Award*** from the East Tennessee Historical Society for their Facebook media campaign to attract attention and uncover new information about Civil War veterans buried in Union County. The project has been featured on local television news and photos have appeared in *The Tennessean* and *USA Today* and has increased Facebook “likes” from 50 to 240 and added more than 210 Civil War veterans to their list.

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 *Newslines*, 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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