

THE MISSION OF THE WALTHOUR-MOSS FOUNDATION

“TO PRESERVE OPEN LAND, TO PROTECT AND IMPROVE WILDLIFE HABITAT, AND TO OFFER A PLACE FOR EQUESTRIAN PURPOSES”

## November 20, 2005 THE GINNIE AND PAPPY MOSS SOCIETY MEETS FOR THE DEDICATION OF GINNIE’S RIDGE



Moss Society members gather on November 20th for the 2005 meeting and dedication of Ginnie's Ridge. From left to right, Bil and Jan Taper, Terry and Charlie Cook, Nancy Rogers, Dick Webb, Marcia Bryant, Dick Rogers, and Don Bryant.

On November 20th over 125 members of the Ginnie and Pappy Moss Society gathered for an historic occasion. The event was the 2005 gathering of the Society and the dedication of Ginnie's Ridge. Set on the crest of a hill overlooking the land recently acquired from the Burns family, Ginnie's Ridge honors Virginia Walthour Moss, whose vision, leadership and personal philanthropy have been fundamental to the creation of The Walthour-Moss Foundation.

The weather was a bit chilly as the event began at noon under a large tent erected at the dedication site. The program began with a welcome to Moss Society members from chairman of the Foundation Board Dick Webb, who greeted all those present on behalf of the board. “As members of the Ginnie and Pappy Moss Society you have enabled the Foundation to grow

and continue to flourish. The Foundation is a special place and this is a special day. We are delighted you are here to share it with us.”

Mr. Webb was followed by Moss Society member David Carter who welcomed all on behalf of the 175 individuals, couples, organizations, foundations and corporations which make up the membership of the Moss Society.



David Carter welcomes those present on behalf of all Moss Society members



The site of Ginnie's Ridge and the 2005 gathering of the Moss Society on the 250 acre tract acquired in 2004 from Paul Burns and the Gregson/Johnson families

### THE DEDICATION

It was then on to one of the very special parts of the day's event, the dedication of Ginnie's Ridge. Rick Smith, who served as emcee for the Moss Society gathering, asked Cameron Slade, Ginny Thomasson and Tayloe Compton to come forward on behalf of Mrs. Moss and the Moss family. (Unfortunately, because of the uncertain nature of the weather, it was not possible for Mrs. Moss to attend).

Before the unveiling of the permanent markers, Rick spoke on behalf of the Foundation Board and all those present. “Today is a special day. We dedicate this place and in so doing honor a very special lady, Virginia Walthour Moss. It was the vision of Ginnie and Pappy Moss that put in motion the chain of events which created the Foundation. (continued on page 2)



Cameron Slade, Tayloe Compton and Ginny Thomasson unveil the permanent markers honoring Virginia Walthour Moss. (The plaques are reproduced on the right.)

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“It was the Mosses’ gift of land—over 2500 acres in all, covering a period of nearly three decades—which created The Walthour-Moss Foundation. We honor that extraordinary commitment here today.”

The fixture for the permanent markers was constructed by Neil Schwartzberg and David Dillard from “Foundation timbers” – the materials used to construct the fencing so common in the Foundation area. This handsome fixture will providing a fitting home for the permanent markers for decades to come.

**PAUL AND KATIE BURNS**

Rick then took a moment to recognize Paul and Katie Burns. The land where Ginnie’s Ridge is located is the Burns tract—215 acres—which the Foundation purchased from the Burns family in 2004. The land was owned and lovingly cared for by the Burns

**GINNIE’S RIDGE  
IN THE FOUNDATION NORTH COUNTRY**



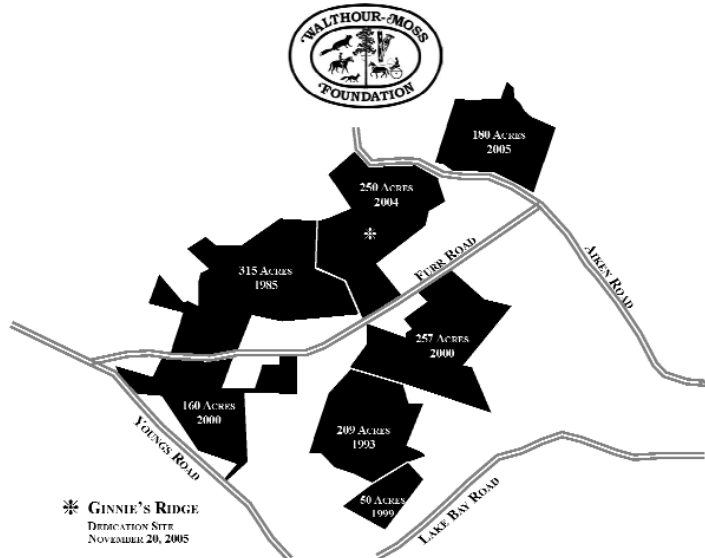
THROUGH THE SUPPORT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GINNIE AND PAPPY MOSS SOCIETY, 1421 ACRES OF OPEN LAND HAVE BEEN PROTECTED IN THE FOUNDATION NORTH COUNTRY AS OF NOVEMBER 2005. THIS CONTINUES A TRADITION OF COMMITMENT TO LAND PRESERVATION AND THE PROTECTION OF RARE AND PRECIOUS WILDLIFE HABITAT THAT BEGAN IN 1978 WITH THE FIRST GIFT OF LAND BY GINNIE AND PAPPY MOSS.

THIS SITE, LOCATED IN THE HEART OF THE FOUNDATION NORTH COUNTRY, HONORS VIRGINIA WALTHOUR MOSS, WHOSE VISION AND LIFE-LONG COMMITMENT TO THE PRESERVATION OF OPEN LAND HAS INSPIRED THE GROWTH OF THE WALTHOUR-MOSS FOUNDATION TO NEARLY 4000 ACRES.

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**THE NORTH COUNTRY  
LAND PRESERVATION HISTORY**

1421 ACRES PRESERVED AND PROTECTED AS OF NOVEMBER 2005



family for nearly 100 years. They thinned the forest and replanted longleaf pine through the years. They allowed the Foundation to construct trails and crossings and welcomed all to enjoy their land. When Paul Burns decided to retire and sell the land he made it possible for The Foundation to acquire it rather than see it go for development. It was a great privilege to have Paul and Katie Burns present for the dedication.



Katie and Paul Burns receive an ovation from members of the Ginnie and Pappy Moss Society as they are introduced following the dedication of Ginnie’s Ridge.

## FOUNDATION DIRECTORS EMERITI HONORED

The gathering of the Ginnie and Pappy Moss Society on November 20th also presented an opportunity to recognize and honor four very special individuals—four men who have contributed immeasurably to the Foundation during the first thirty years of its history. As Dick Webb said in introducing them, these four Foundation directors “have provided the leadership and vision which has, in many ways, brought the Foundation to where it is today. They are Martin O’Rourke, L.P. Tate, Tom Ross and Hank Wheeler.”

### MARTIN O’ROURKE

Marty O’Rourke, a member of the board for over 20 years, was the first to recognize the importance of the North Country to the Foundation. Marty lobbied

strongly for the purchase of the Johnson property in 1993—the acquisition which was the catalyst for all the subsequent acquisitions in the North Country.

### TOM ROSS

Tom Ross, Marty’s friend and neighbor for many years, also had a profound impact on the development of the North Country. Tom provided the financial expertise needed to run the Foundation’s first public campaign. He gave generously of his time and talent. Tom Ross’s contributions to the success of that first campaign laid the foundation for the dramatic expansion of the North Country which was celebrated on November 20, 2005.

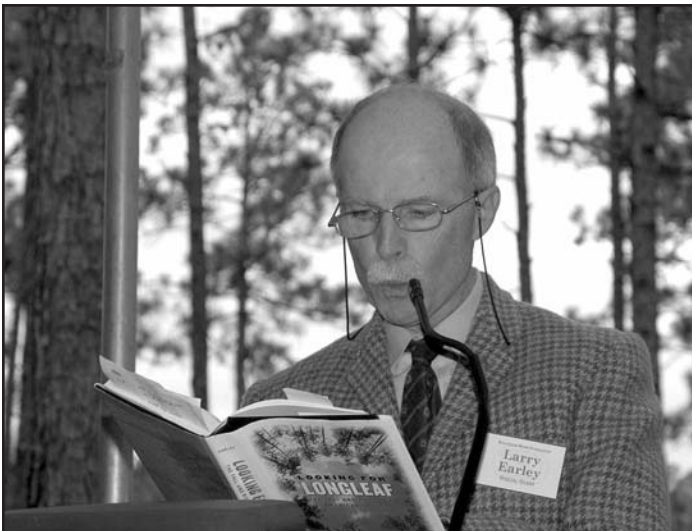
### L.P. TATE

L.P. Tate was one of the original directors of The Walthour-Moss Foundation and served the board for 30 years. L.P. was a close friend of Pappy Moss and whipped

in for the Moore County Hounds. A great horseman, L.P. Tate has been honored for just about every award given in the hunter/jumper world. In presenting the Director Emeritus plaque to L.P., Dick Webb called him one of the truly great friends of the Foundation and one of its “founding fathers.”

### HENRY WHEELER

In recognizing the many contributions of Hank Wheeler to the Foundation, Dick Webb noted that Hank brought to the board his experience in conservation, land preservation and wildlife habitat management. Hank also brought the expertise of those he knew in the field, including the staff of the North Carolina Gamelands and the US Fish and Wildlife Service among others. Hank was recognized as a true conservationist, whose thoughtful and gentle leadership has helped to preserve many rare and beautiful places.



**LOOKING FOR LONGLEAF  
THE FALL AND RISE OF AN AMERICAN FOREST**  
— *Against the backdrop of the magnificent vista at Ginnie’s Ridge, nationally-recognized author Larry Earley provided Moss Society members a glimpse into the past and the hopeful future of the Longleaf Pine forest in America.*

As a special treat for the 2005 gathering of the Ginnie and Pappy Moss Society, author Larry Earley discussed some of the themes raised in his book *Looking for Longleaf* and his assessment of the future of the Longleaf forest in the United States. Once covering over 90 million acres in vast Longleaf Pine savannahs—including much of the Southeastern U.S.—the Longleaf Pine was nearly wiped out completely in the beginning of the 20th century. These magnificent trees, prized for naval stores and construction, were ruthlessly bled for their tar by the turpentine industry and clear-cut by the timber industry. Today only small pockets of Longleaf Pine remain—less than 2 million acres in all—about 2% of the original forest.

But despite the grim history of the Longleaf in America, Larry Earley said he remains hopeful, in large part because of what he has seen being done by organizations like The Walthour-Moss Foundation to protect this wonderful species of tree and the eco-system which it helps to support. Preservation of existing forests, prescribed burning, selective thinning and other land management practices are bringing back tracts of Longleaf Pine and rejuvenating the forest. Larry’s presentation was informative and inspiring—and a perfect finish to the Moss Society gathering for 2005.

## Scenes from the 2005 Gathering of The Ginnie and Pappy Moss Society



Neil Schwartzberg and David Dillard put the finishing touches on the permanent markers honoring Virginia Walthour Moss.



It was a bit of a hike to the dedication site from the parking area at Magnolia Hill. While many chose to walk through the forest, some, like Dottie and Bob Greenleaf, availed themselves of the curbside service provided by Dominick Pagnotta and a crew of volunteers.



John Wilson receives a signed copy of Larry Earley's book. Each table had a "lucky chair," entitling its occupant to a copy of *Looking for Longleaf*, compliments of the Foundation directors. In addition, copies were offered for sale, all of which Larry autographed.



Cameron Slade spoke on behalf of Mrs. Moss and her family, expressing appreciation for the dedication of Ginnie's Ridge and for the ongoing commitment of the Ginnie and Pappy Moss Society to the preservation of open land.

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A catered reception followed the 2005 Moss Society event.

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❁❁ *Sustaining Members* are those generous Moss Society members who, having completed their original gift, have chosen to make a renewed Moss Society commitment of \$5000 or more to the Walthour-Moss Foundation. The ongoing support of **Sustaining Members** is helping to ensure that the Foundation continues to be a force for the preservation of open land and the protection of wildlife habitat in the Sandhills.

## LEGACY MEMBERS *of the Ginnie and Pappy Moss Society*

Angela and Greg Baldwin	Andrea and Dick Moore
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*Moss Society Legacy Members* are those thoughtful and generous individuals who have made a provision in their estate plans to benefit The Walthour-Moss Foundation. Legacy gifts have a far-reaching and lasting effect on the the future of this precious natural resource. They provide funds to enable the Foundation to acquire additional open land as it becomes available in the future. Legacy gifts also strengthen the Foundation's endowment, providing resources to maintain and improve Foundation land—year after year.

The Walthour-Moss Foundation is grateful to all of our Moss Society Members, Sustaining Members and Legacy Members. We have worked hard to ensure the accuracy of our current listing. However, if your name is listed incorrectly or was not listed, we sincerely apologize and ask you to please bring it to our attention.

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