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**East Tennessee Historical Society Honors two Jefferson County Initiatives
with Awards of Excellence in History**

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., May 9, 2018 – The East Tennessee Historical Society’s (ETHS) annual Awards of Excellence were presented at the organization’s Annual Meeting on May 1, 2018, at the Foundry on the World’s Fair Site in Knoxville. Since 1982, the Society has annually recognized individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to the preservation, promotion, programming, and interpretation of the region’s history. Two Jefferson County initiatives were among the 28 awards presented.

- **Indian Creek Productions & Tennessee Council for the Social Studies** received an *Award of Distinction* for the two-day teacher workshop “Cherokee Culture: Up Close and Personal,” which attracted teachers from across the state. Featured topics included Cherokee history and language, primary sources from lesson plans relating to the Cherokee in Tennessee, and stories connected to state social studies standards, as well as Cherokee food and dance.
- **Mossy Creek Foundation** received an *Award of Distinction* for being one of four East Tennessee locations chosen for the state’s inaugural Tennessee Downtown programs. The Mossy Creek Foundation has made great progress toward their goal to transform “neglected spaces into hubs of community, conveying the culture of Mossy Creek to the next generation,” through events, a hillside amphitheater, a Veterans Plaza, and an appreciation for downtown revitalization.

About the East Tennessee Historical Society:

Established in 1834, the East Tennessee Historical Society has 2,000 members across the United States. The Society 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.” 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. For more information on ETHS, exhibitions, or programs, call 865-215-8824 or visit the website at www.EastTNHistory.org.

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