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East Tennessee History Society Announces Hamilton County's Rita L. Hubbard Wins Excellence in History Award

Knoxville, Tenn., May 14, 2014 – The East Tennessee Historical Society's (ETHS) annual Awards of Excellence were presented at the organization's Annual Meeting on May 6, 2014 at the East Tennessee History Center. Since 1982, the Society has been recognizing individuals and organizations each year that have made significant contributions to the preservation, promotion, programming and interpretation of the region's history. One Georgia initiative was among the 21 honored at the event.

- **Rita Lorraine Hubbard** was honored with a *Community History Award* as the Author of *African Americans of Chattanooga: A History of Unsung Heroes*. The book covers early history, schools, notable people and places, national impact, medicine, celebrities, newspapers, lynchings and much more.

ETHS Executive Director, Cherel Henderson praised the award winner noting, "The work is a wonderful insight into the lives and achievements of African Americans in Chattanooga, Ms. Hubbard's work has received national, as well as local recognition, and we're pleased to recognize this contribution to East Tennessee history."

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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