Organization Name: Coffee County Historical Society

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Organization Mission: To preserve, record, and interpret the history of Coffee County, GA.

Social Innovation Statement: Among other initiatives, we are preserving and interpreting the experience of public school integration in the 1960s and 1970s. Understanding this era will help understand, or at least provide some context, for the racial disturbances we still see and experience in the present day.

Internship Semester: Summer 2021

Project Title #1: Coffee County Memory Project

Keywords: Research, Communication, Policy

SLS Priority Issue Areas: Equitable Development,

Priority SDGs: Decent Work and Economic Growth (8), Reduced Inequalities (10), Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions (16)

Project Background: The CCMP is an oral history project that captures peoples' recollections of the integration of the public schools in Coffee County, GA in the 1960s and 1970s. It is an ongoing project that started in 2015. We have collected over 100 interviews, and are currently researching events of the time through newspaper articles, archival photos, and other sources. So far two short plays have been written using material from the project, and a website has been created that highlights events of the time by playing edited selections of the interviews. A walking history tour of Coffee County application/website is planned. The intern would work with support from 4-5 people on the project, and could be responsible for one or more of the following: Interview transcription, photo archiving, website development, key word search capability development, digital archiving of yearbooks and other source documents, interviewing additional participants.

Project Timeline: The project is ongoing and will not be completed in 2021

Desired skills and qualifications: Communication (written and oral), web development, Minor database/Excel/Computer skills

Deliverables: Transcriptions; Website/application