



All Aboard!

The Liberty-White Depot Museum

A Project of the Summit Historical Society

Appreciation for our past, Preservation for our future.

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What is the history of the Liberty-White Depot? This building was built in place in Holmesville in 1907 as part of the Liberty-White Railroad, owned and operated by J.J. White, one of Mississippi's most successful early entrepreneurs. This railroad was used for hauling freight, lumber and passengers, but its use was discontinued in the early 1920s. The depot sat on land owned by descendants of the White family until just recently when it was given to the Summit Historical Society for restoration and use as a museum. A long time ago Summit had a depot, but it was torn down and removed. Summit is one of the only towns along the corridor of the old Illinois Central that no longer has a depot.

What is needed to turn this sow's ear into a silk purse? RESOURCES. If you can think of it we can use it, whether it be old tin for the roof, old bricks, old bead-board, cypress siding, volunteer labor, cash contributions, or if you see some people working and you just want to stop by and give a word of encouragement, that is also needed. Phase I of the Depot Project is rehabilitation of the Liberty-White Depot into a History Center and public meeting space; Phase II is a modern archive facility to house manuscripts, artwork and textiles. Please be patient and remember: Rome wasn't built in a day.

How can you become involved? Visit our website www.summithistory.com and send an inquiry or call 601-276-9551 and ask for David Feldman or project manager Ray Smith. This is a community project — you do not have to be a member of the Historical Society to participate, but we'd sure like to have you!

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