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March 'Storytellers' Features Murfreesboro's Historic Oaklands Mansion

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – Oaklands Historic House Museum in Murfreesboro is filled with Old South history where the story of Middle Tennessee prosperity and the Civil War is shared with almost 15,000 visitors each year. On July 13, 1862, Oaklands was the location of a raid by Tennessee and Texas cavalrymen, led by Col. Nathan Bedford Forrest, who forced a Union garrison of 1,200 soldiers to surrender.

The March 2015 episode of "Storytellers" on CityTV features Oaklands Executive Director James Manning and Education Director Mary Beth Nevills. The episode can be viewed on YouTube at <http://youtu.be/eOL0xL352-U>. Storytellers, hosted by John Hood, airs on Sunday, 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Monday, 7:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 a.m. and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The interview with Manning and Nevills features the following topics:

- The origins of Oaklands tie with the namesake of Murfreesboro. Colonel Hardy Murfree (1752-1809), who fought in the Revolutionary War, owned the land where the mansion was built.
- Colonel Murfree's daughter, Sally Murfree Maney inherited the land. Married to Dr. James Maney, the couple built a two-room house on the site of Oaklands in the early 1800s.
- Oaklands Mansion was on the verge of being torn down in the late 1950s until a group of ladies rallied to save it through fundraising efforts and an appeal to the City of Murfreesboro.
- For the fourth year, Oaklands has showcased the "Wedding Dresses through the Decades" exhibit. The exhibit received the 2013 Award of Merit from the American Association of State and Local History.

The mansion and visitor center is operated by Oaklands Historic House Museum. Oaklands Park is operated and maintained by the City of Murfreesboro. Oaklands Mansion, located at 900 North Maney Avenue in Murfreesboro, Tennessee is a nationally registered historic landmark. For more information on the mansion contact Oaklands at (615) 893-0022 or email info@oaklandsmuseum.org.

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You can watch “Murfreesboro Storytellers” on CityTV (located on Comcast Xfinity Channel 3 and AT&T Uverse channel 99). You can view the program online by visiting <http://youtu.be/2xglUXIZ2tq> or www.murfreesborotn.gov/storytellers.

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Photos attached captions:

CityTVs John Hood interviews Oaklands Historic House Museum Director James Manning and Education Director Mary Beth Nevills on City TV.

1. *L/R James Manning, John Hood.jpg.*
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