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**East Tennessee Historical Society Honors Hamblen County Man
With History Award of Excellence**

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., May 16, 2016 – The East Tennessee Historical Society’s (ETHS) annual Awards of Excellence were presented at the organization’s Annual Meeting on May 3, 2016 at the Foundry on the World’s Fair Park in Knoxville. Since 1982, the Society has been annually recognizing individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to the preservation, promotion, programming and interpretation of the region’s history. A Hamblen County initiative was among the 31 awards presented.

- **Dr. Marc E. McClure** received the *Research Excellence Award* for his research on Kiffin Rockwell. A question sparked by a date on a tombstone of Cocke County WWI hero Kiffin Rockwell started Dr. Marc E. McClure on a research path that has included visits to local sites connected with Rockwell, research into his family and military career, visits to out-of-state research facilities, and finally to a documentary film about Rockwell. In April, McClure screened the film in France, where Rockwell died a century ago.

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 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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