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**East Tennessee Historical Society Honors Rossville Documentary Project
With History Award of Excellence**

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., May 18, 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 Rossville initiative was among the 31 awards presented.

- **UCTV & Louis Lee** received the *History in the Media Award* for the documentary *Peerless Memories*. With photos and interviews with community leaders and former employees, the three-part documentary *Peerless Memories* focuses on the story of Peerless Woolen Mills, its founder Lafayette Hutcheson, Sr., and life in a southern mill town.

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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