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## **East Tennessee Historical Society programs to honor author Frances Hodgson Burnett**

**PROGRAM 1: *Wreath Laying at Grave of Eliza Boond Hodgson***  
Old Gray Cemetery, Knoxville  
Monday, November 16, at 11 a.m.

**PROGRAM 2: *Celebrating Frances Hodgson Burnett***, a Brown Bag Lecture by Penny  
Deupree, Burnett's Great-Granddaughter, with remarks by Jack Neely  
East Tennessee History Center  
Thursday, November 19, at noon

**ADMISSION: FREE**

(Knoxville, TN) Join the East Tennessee Historical Society on November 16 and 19 for two special programs commemorating the East Tennessee settlement of author Frances Hodgson Burnett, whose works include *Little Lord Fauntleroy* and *The Secret Garden*. It was in 1865 that the widow Eliza Boond Hodgson brought her five children, including the 13-year-old Frances, to America, settling first in Jefferson County and moving a few years later to Knoxville, where Frances began writing as a way to contribute to the income of the struggling family. The mother died in Knoxville in 1870 and is buried in Old Gray Cemetery. It was in Knoxville that Frances sold her first story, married her first husband, Swan Burnett, a medical doctor, and gave birth to her first child. The programs are free and open to the public.

At 11 a.m., November 16, the public is invited to join ETHS and members of the Burnett family for a wreath laying at the grave of Eliza Boond Hodgson, at Old Gray Cemetery, Knoxville.

At noon, November 19, Penny Deupree, the great-granddaughter of the author, will be at the East Tennessee History Center for a Brown Bag lecture based on family memories, photos, mementos, and life of the famous author. Jack Neely will open the program with remarks on the life of Frances Hodgson Burnett in Knoxville and her writing career. Neely is the executive director of the Knoxville History Project, contributing editor of the *Knoxville Mercury*, and the author of several books on local history.



The Brown Bag Lecture is sponsored by 21<sup>st</sup> Mortgage and is free and open to the public. The lecture will begin at noon at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay Street, Knoxville. Guests are invited to bring a “Brown Bag” lunch and enjoy the lecture. Soft drinks will be available. For more information on the lecture, exhibitions, or museum hours, call 865-215-8824 or visit the website at [www.EastTNHistory.org](http://www.EastTNHistory.org).

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