

Today in Columbus History:

On January 20, 1882, a story appeared in the *Daily Columbus Daily Enquirer-Sun* entitled "Sale of the White Sulphur Springs." It told how John M. DeLacy and Richard P. Tallman purchased the Springs in Meriwether County for \$6,500, cash and intended to re-open the resort in the summer.

White Sulphur Springs was a popular spot dating back to the at least the 1830's. It changed hands many times with each new buyer promising a better attraction. In fact, the previous owner (W. L. Tillman) only held the Springs for one season before selling out.

DeLacy and Tallman opened the Springs on June 1, 1882, as evidenced by another advertisement in the *Columbus Enquirer-Sun* of July 21, 1882. Patrons were able to partake of the waters as well as a variety of other activities including ten pins, lawn tennis, billiards, croquet and flying jenny (a DYI merry-go-round) along with music and dancing. All of this could be had for the low price of \$2 per day, \$10 per week or \$30 per month, children, and servants for half price.

Frequent advertising and lists of people provided more incentive for other to join in fun. Most days, you would arrive in the afternoon and spend the night. On Sundays, you could arrive in the morning and return to Columbus that evening, which made for a long day. The ads claimed that you could leave Columbus at 7am, arrive at the Springs at 10am, stay until 4pm and get home at 7pm. Giving you six hours of fun with six hours of travel.

However, the Columbus & Rome Railway ads provided a slightly different timetable. They had you riding the train between 7:30 am and 9:30 am, then riding the stage until 11:00am. Then back again on the stage from 3:30pm and the train home from 5:00 pm until 7:00pm. This cut the time at the Springs down to four and half hours and upped the travel time to seven hours.

Regardless, people still came. The paper noted several prominent Columbus citizens vacationing there in 1882. The June 13 *Enquirer-Sun* gave a list of those they were able to identify. Another article told of a chaperoned overnight trip for young people that went up on June 15.

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Our weekly snippets of Columbus history are usually based on a few days-worth of searching through the most popular sources for Muscogee County history. Meant to inspire readers to explore more about Columbus history, they are not exhaustive dissertations on the topic and may contain mistakes. If you have corrections or additional information, feel free to share them with the group.

Sale of the White Sulphur Springs.

Yesterday Mr W L Tillman, of this city, perfected the sale of the White Sulphur Springs, Meriwether county, to Messrs J M DeLacy and R P Tallman, of Hatchechubbee, Ala. The price paid was \$6,500 in cash. The purchasers will at once have the springs placed in first-class condition, and by next summer they propose to have them in full blast. In former days the White Sulphur Springs was one of the most popular summer resorts in the south, and Messrs DeLacy and Tallman intend that they shall be so again. These gentlemen are successful business men and are full of vim and enterprise, with the capital to carry out what they undertake. We expect to see this favorite old summer resort what it used to be again by the coming summer, and doubtless before many years have rolled around their popularity will even be greater than ever before—and this is saying a great deal. The railroad which it is proposed to build to that place will add greatly to the comfort of those visiting the springs and will cause many to go who have not heretofore been willing to undergo the fatigue of traveling several miles by private conveyance over bad roads.

Article on the "Sale of the White Sulfur Springs" from the *Daily Columbus Enquirer-Sun*, January 20, 1882, <https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/>.

OPEN JUNE 1, 1882.

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS,

Meriwether County, Georgia.

DeLACY & TALLMAN, Proprietors.

Situated four miles from the terminus of the Columbus and Rome Railroad, and north of the Pine Mountain, 1900 feet above the sea. Only 45 minutes staging. Atmosphere delightfully pleasant and cool. Embracing the following waters: White, Black and Red Sulphur, Chalybeate and Salts.

The Invalids and Pleasure Seekers' Home.

Persons afflicted with Rheumatism, Diarrhoea, Diseases of the Bladder, Dyspepsia or any cutaneous disease, will find these waters superior to any on the American continent. Ask your grandfather or grandmother about them. It was the home of the elite and fashionable southerner in the "ante-bellum." It shall be your home now. In addition to mineral baths for invalids, we have erected the finest Naiadatorium in the south, (28 by 72 feet), in which the beautiful art of human navigation is indulged in by the votaries of fashion. A depth of two, four and six feet of pure water, regulated so as to suit the ladies, children and gentlemen, obtainable at all hours. A gymnasium over water, a novelty peculiar to ourselves, gives to delicate persons that degree of exercise commensurate to health.

SPORTS FREE.

Ten Pins, Lawn Tennis, Billiards, Croquet, Flying Jennies and Club Rooms. Professor CARD'S Band the best in the south, has been secured for the season, and will furnish lawn and dance music each evening. Stables furnished with new and elegant turnouts. Accessibility—Leave Columbus on regular passenger train at 11 o'clock A. M. daily; arrive at Springs 3 o'clock P. M. Only forty-five minutes of staging over an elegant country road. Round trip tickets can be had at all stations in Alabama and Georgia. Fare for round trip from Columbus \$3.50, including stages, &c. In addition a train leaves Columbus three days in each week in the early morning for terminus of road, where we will connect our line, making it very pleasant and agreeable to the invalid, avoiding the heat of midday. A train will also leave Sunday morning for the White Sulphur for the convenience of business men who may desire to spend Sunday at the Springs. TERMS—\$30 per month; \$10 per week; \$2 per day. Children and servants half price.

Address all letters to Mrs W. J. CHAFFIN, Lessee,

Board for horses special terms.

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White Sulphur Springs, Ga.

Advertisement for the opening of the "White Sulfur Springs" under the management of Delacy and Tallman from the *Daily Columbus Enquirer-Sun*, July 21, 1882, <https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/>.

Columbus & Rome Railway.



COLUMBUS, GA., July 1, 1882.

ON July 3d and until further notice
Trains will run as follows:

No. 16.		No. 16.	
Trains North.		Trains South.	
No. 3	No. 2	No. 1	No. 4
Sundays only.	Daily Except Sunday	Daily Except Sunday	Sundays only.
A. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.
7 30	2 30	9 58	6 57
7 51	2 52	9 37	6 37
8 07	3 06	9 22	6 22
8 16	3 15	9 15	6 15
8 30	3 29	9 00	6 00
8 45	3 44	8 45	5 45
8 49	3 58	8 31	5 31
9 26	4 28	8 03	5 13
9 30	4 33	8 00	5 00
STATIONS			
Columbus Arr.			
Nances			
Fortson			
Hines' Tank			
Catula			
Kingsboro			
Hamilton			
Hod			
Arr. Chipley.			

A line of comfortable Hacks will run in connection with trains for all the Springs. Horses will be changed twice en route, insuring passengers a fast and comfortable ride.

Round trip tickets will be so'd from all stations every Sunday. Tickets good to return during that day only.

Stage arrives at White Sulphur Springs at 6 o'clock p m; Warm Springs at 7:30.

Leave Warm Springs at 5 o'clock a m; White Sulphur Springs at 6:30.

Sunday Stage arrives at White Sulphur Springs at 11 o'clock a m; Warm 12:30 p m.

Leave Warm Springs 2 o'clock p m; White Sulphur Springs 3:30 p m.

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Leave Columbus at 7 a. m. and get to Sulphur Springs at 10 o'clock. Leave the Springs at 4 o'clock and get back to Columbus at 7 p. m. Round trip \$2.50. Dinner at Springs, 50c.

RETURN HOME.

A Delightful Trip to the White Sulphur Springs.

The party of young ladies and young gentlemen who went to the White Sulphur Springs from this city on Thursday in search of pleasure, returned yesterday evening between five and six o'clock. They expressed themselves perfectly delighted with the trip and their treatment at the Springs. Everything passed off most pleasantly, and especially was the dance a most enjoyable occasion. The following couples composed the party:

P B Patterson and Miss Clara Beach.

Ernest Woodruff and Miss Claude Leonard.

George L. McGough and Miss Ida Beach.

J W Riddle and Miss Maggie Merritt.

G Y Tigner and Miss Maggie Hardee.

Young Garrett and Miss Wendt, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

J F Swift and Miss Annie Oslin.

The following young gentlemen accompanied the party: J N Pease, L F Woodruff, J T Starke and C G Johnson.

The party was chaperoned by Mrs G R Glenn.

Advertisement with times and prices and a story on an chaperoned excursion from Columbus in the *Daily Columbus Enquirer-Sun* on Saturday, June 17, 1882, <https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/>.

Mrs John Peabody and family are at the White Sulphur this season.

Mrs C M Walker is also summering at these popular springs.

Mr. Josiah Allen and lady have been at the White Sulphur some weeks.

Mr J S Jones, who has been quite ill, is recuperating at the White Sulphur.

Mrs J W Woolfolk went up to the White Sulphur Springs yesterday.

The charming Miss Maggie Braannon is at the White Sulphur Springs.

Mrs B H Crawford and her fascinating daughter, Miss Bennie, are spending a few days at the White Sulphur Springs.

Mrs J A Walker and Miss Willie Watt are to be found at the Chalybeate Springs.

There are several others away, but as they stroll about so much, we are unable to account for their whereabouts.

A portion of the society story "Where They Have Gone," listing Columbus folks visiting White Sulphur Springs in the *Daily Columbus Enquirer-Sun* on the August 13, 1882, <https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/>.

**Go to Sulphur Springs Sunday.
Round trip tickets at reduced rates.**

**Train leaves for Sulphur Springs at
7 a. m. and returns at 7 in the evening.
A pleasant place to spend Sunday.**

**There is no more delightful place at
which to spend the day than the White
Sulphur Springs. Train leaves every
Sunday morning at 7 o'clock, and re-
turns at 7 p. m.**

**It will be the popular thing to spend
Sunday at White Sulphur Springs this
summer. The schedule of the Colum-
bus and Rome Railroad makes it con-
venient for all to run up for a pleasant
day.**

Advertising sprinkled throughout page 4 of the *Daily Columbus Enquirer-Sun* on June 10, 1882, <https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/>