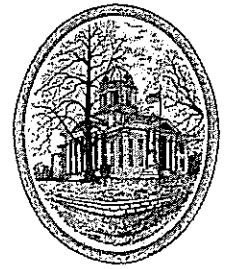




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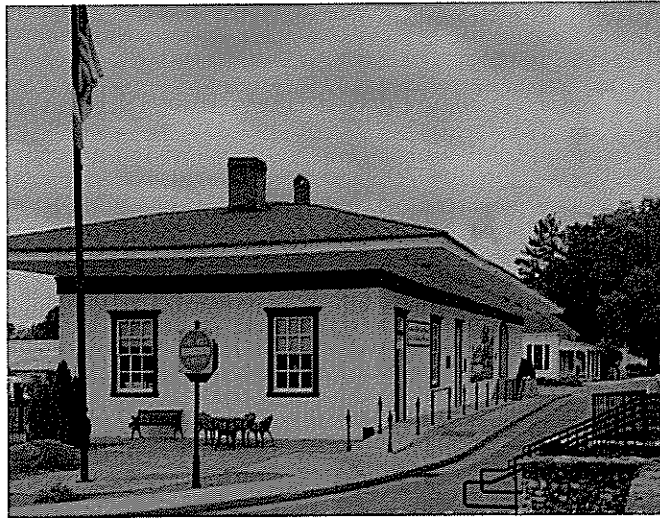
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CITY OF ADAIRSVILLE



1847 Train Depot

The City of Adairsville began as the Indian village of Oothcalooga, about 5 miles north of its current location. Located here was the home of the Adairs, who were descendants of some Scotch adventurers who settled among the Cherokees, married into their families, and were prominent representatives of the Nation at the time that the Cherokee lands were ceded to the United States.

Oothcalooga valley was called the "garden spot of the Cherokee country" by the pioneers who settled in it. After the departure of the Indians from the region, a small settlement about two miles north of the present town was called Adairsville, to compliment the Scotch Cherokee chiefs who had been friendly to the whites. As noted in a ledger kept by Augustus Trimble for the Hodge & Bailey store (circa 1837), whites and Indians were listed on the credit side of the ledger.

With the efforts of William Watts and Governor Towns, the railroad (Western & Atlantic) was brought to Adairsville, which caused the development of large machine shops, hotels, mills, blacksmith shops around the 1847 train depot. Being halfway between what is now Atlanta and Chattanooga also had an impact on the town's growth. Adairsville was incorporated as a town in February 1854.

During the Civil War/War between the States, the towns people were witness to what is now known as The Great Locomotive Chase where the steam locomotive General was stolen by Union spies and passed through Adairsville under pursuit by Confederate forces. Currently, the town celebrates a three day festival in remembrance of the Chase.

Although battles occurred in Adairsville in 1864, the town was not totally destroyed. When the Union forces were known to be approaching, a gun factory in the town was moved to Cuthbert, GA. After the Civil War, Adairsville was rebuilt and became a hub for the carpet and textile industry and for farm and transportation services, including its famous railroad. Some historical buildings are still intact, including the original train depot. Adairsville has over 100 historic sites listed in the National Register. Many of these buildings were designed and built by John Schmitz.



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LOCAL ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST TO EVHS MEMBERS

August 24th Summer picnic at the Tumlin Farm, Speaker will be Richard Wright

October 5th & 6th Anniversary of the Battle of Altoona Pass

October 11th EVHS Annual meeting at Grand Oaks 6:30 pm

December 8th Christmas party at Roselawn

EVHS website evhsonline.org Use this site to keep up with your organization.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2013

The Lifetime Achievement Award is the highest honor bestowed by the Etowah Valley Historical Society and is awarded at the October annual meeting of the Society. It is only given to those individuals who, over a period of at least 20 years, best achieves and represents the Society's mission of "promoting and enhancing awareness and preservation of the heritage and traditions of Bartow County". The nominees need not be a member of the Etowah Valley Historical Society. Any EVHS member may submit a nomination for the Lifetime Achievement Award by September 1, 2012. The written nomination should list the nominee's accomplishments and years of service in historic preservation. Nominations can be dropped off at the EVHS office, mailed to P.O. Box 1886, Cartersville, Georgia 30120, or e-mailed to either of the Co-Presidents - Joanne Smith (Joanne.Smith@gamcustom.com) or Dianne Tate (ddjbtate@aol.com). The Award will be given to only one person from the submitted nominees. If no nominees are submitted or the submitted nominees do not meet the designated criteria, the Lifetime Achievement Award may not be presented that year. Let your Board of Directors know who you propose should receive this honor this year.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS

The following EVHS members have passed. Their attendance, experience, participation and concern for our history will be sorely missed.

Jean Cochran Alan Riley Nathan Dean

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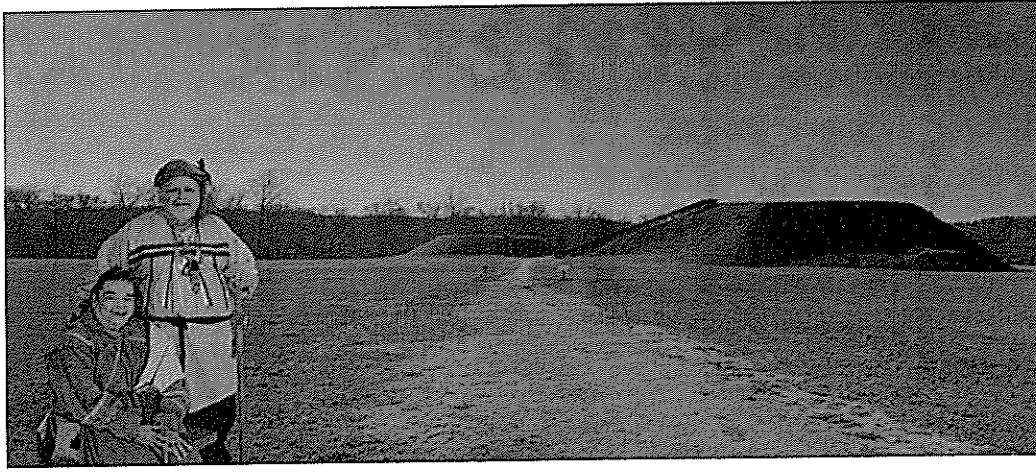
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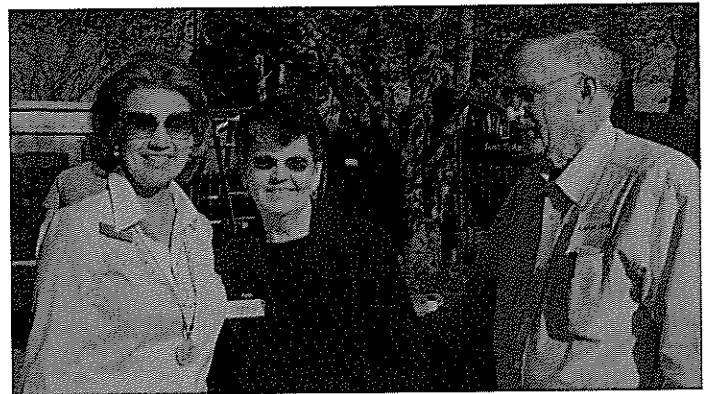
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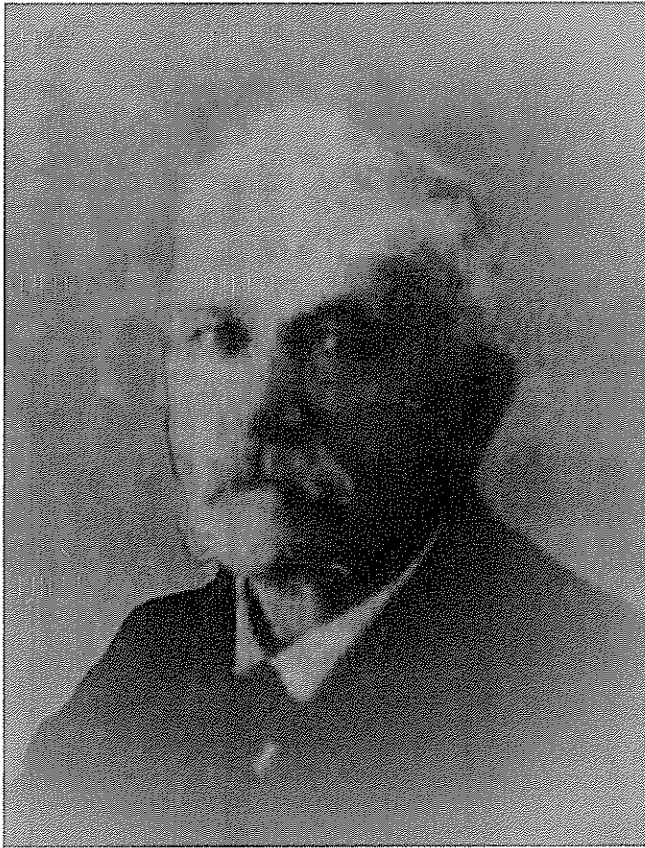


FUNDRAISER FOR THE FRIENDS OF THE ETOWAH INDIAN MOUNDS WAS A GREAT SUCCESS

On April 6, 2013, the Etowah Valley Historical Society co-sponsored a dinner and silent auction on the grounds near the Etowah Indian Mounds. A delicious meal of meat and vegetables that would have been available during the time that the Mounds were inhabited was provided by Johnny Mitchell's Smokehouse and enjoyed by all. Numerous donated items were sold to the highest bidder during the silent auction. Listening to the costumed Indian Storyteller and a guided hayride tour of the Mound area were additional activities enjoyed by the attendees.



JOHN SCHMITZ



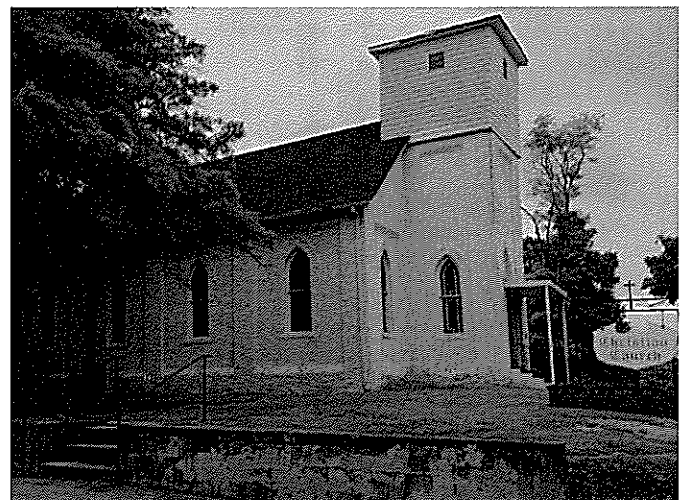
John Schmitz was born in 1844, in Germany, the son of John Wilham and Margarethe Schmitz. On August 15, 1862, he enlisted as Private in Co. H of the 26th Wisconsin Infantry. He stated he was 5 feet 7 inches, single, 18 years of age, and gave his occupation as carpenter. After the Civil War, he and his company were discharged on June 13, 1865. After the death of his wife in 1897, he moved from Wisconsin to a Union city in GA to start a new life with a colony of ex-Union soldiers. One of the goals of these colonies was to help the south rebuild, maybe a guilty conscience for the damage that had been done during the Civil War. John's service with the Union army had carried him through this area of Northwest Georgia. After the war and the death of his first wife, he returned to the area to help it rebuild.

John was married to Meta Sosebee in Forsyth County on August 14, 1889. She died in Adairsville on April 10, 1903.

While living in Univeter, Cherokee Co., GA, John built the Univeter hotel. In May 1899, he contracted for the sum of \$550 with J. F. Hargis, Chairman of the Building Committee for Kingston Baptist Church, to tear down a meeting hall at Univeter, ship it by freight and rebuild in Kingston, Georgia. John moved to Kingston where he later built the Methodist church, the school, the hotel and several homes. A common indication that John Schmitz worked on a building would be a small stain glass window located somewhere on the building.



Cherokee Baptist School



The Christian Church

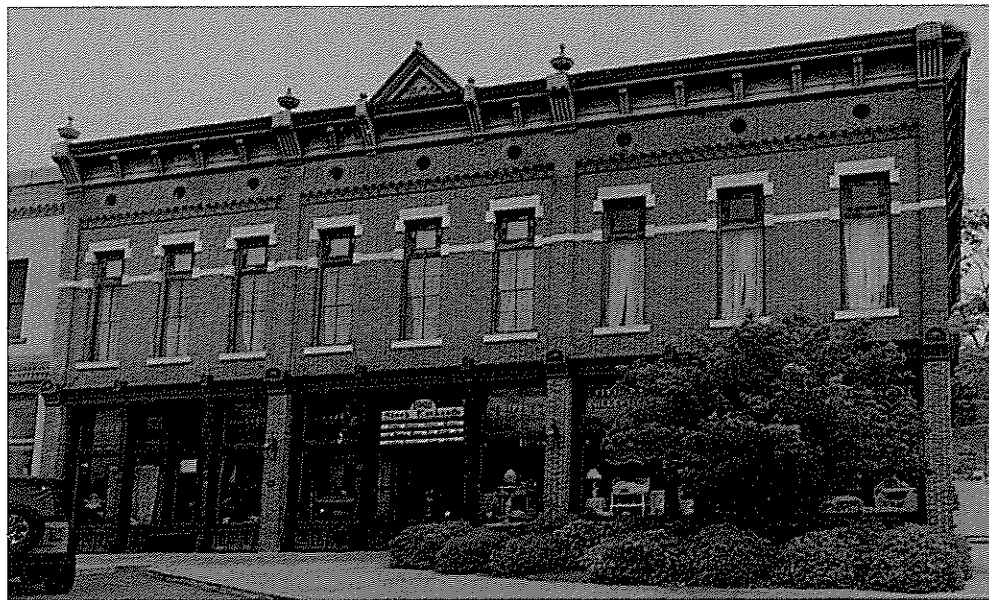
His son Fredrick Schmitz was born in Kingston on Feb. 10, 1900. He moved to Adairsville in 1901, where he built the two-story portion of the Cherokee Baptist School building which became part of the Adairsville High School. This building was torn down in 1976. The N.C. Anderson Mercantile Building which is on the intersection of Front and Gilbert Streets was built in 1902. He also built the Christian Church; and three business buildings for John C. Hilburn, W. C. Bogle, Jeff Bell and J Abb Price. He also



James Gaines home

designed and built many residential homes in Adairsville, including the three-story brick house on the corner of Summer and South Main which was built for James Gaines. Many of the fine homes that were built by John Schmitz are still in use today and stand as examples of his quality craftsmanship.

Mr. Schmitz married Alice Sander Gaines on April 25, 1905, for whom he had built a home on Railroad Street in Adairsville in 1904. Alice Died on May 10, 1914. In 1917, he moved to Milwaukee with his son Fred. John Schmitz died December 25, 1920.

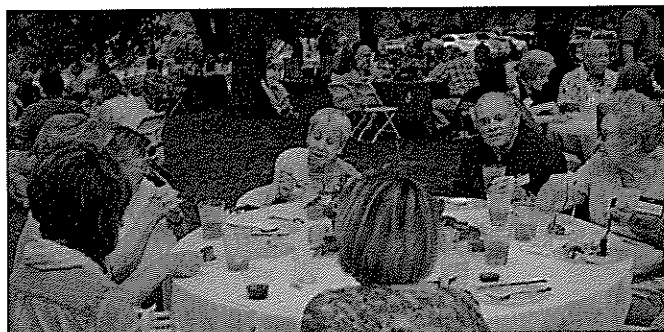
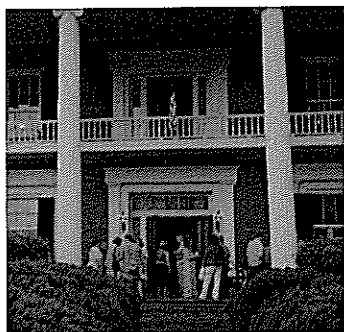


N.C. Anderson Mercantile Building

ENJOYABLE AND SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER

at Valley View to Benefit the EVHS Oral History Project

The fund raiser to support the work of recording the life stories of individuals relating to the era in which they lived was a complete sell out. Well over 120 people wandered the grounds and house at Valley View, which included three informative guided tours in addition to attendees wandering through the house at their leisure. The silent auction included a wide variety of donated items and several had friendly competition which raised the bids to better benefit the Oral History Project. Music by Stephen Lee and food supplied by Johnny Mitchel's Smokehouse supplemented the fellowship of the attendees.





THANK YOU INTERNS

FOR THE GREAT JOB WITH THE MAPS ON THE EVHS WEB SITE

If you have not looked at the Web site for EVHS you have missed the result of over twelve hundred hours of hard work that was needed to make the Web site so attractive and interactive. Thanks to Joe Head and all the others that made the internship project such a success. We wish we could show you the results but you will have to go on line at evhsonline.org to see for yourself.

2013 SUMMER PICNIC

The Tumlin farm will be the site of August picnic and lecture. Richard Wright, historian and researcher, will give a talk that connects Farish Carter, William Sherman and Lewis Tumlin and their relationship to the Etowah Valley. Mr. Wright is a expert on the Etowah River and the activities that have taken place along its banks. He is from Canton, Georgia.

This picnic will be free and open to the public, refreshments will be served. Everyone will need to bring their own lawn chair. Gather for refreshments and conversation at 6:30 with the lecture to start around 7:00.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Picnic at Tumlin farm

Nominations for Lifetime Achievement award.

Make sure you have paid your dues.

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