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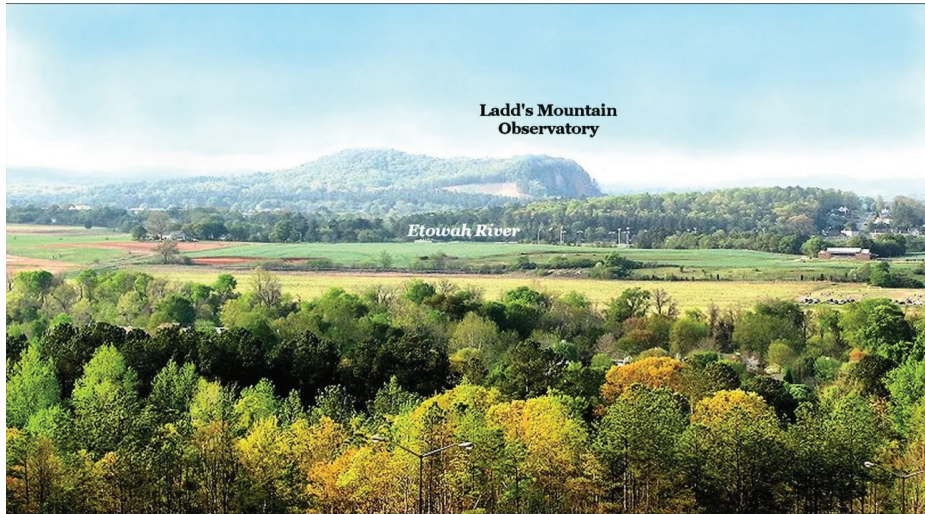
*Promoting and enhancing the awareness and preservation of the heritage and traditions of Bartow County*

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## Reaching for the Sky – Ladd’s Mountain



It was another beautiful, albeit chilly, day to hike Ladd’s Mountain on March 28th. Sixty-one EVHS members and guests registered for the event. After members signed their waivers, enjoyed morning refreshments of doughnuts, Chick-fil-A biscuits and java, the group hiked up the access road to the pinnacle. EMS paralleled the group, just in case, but good news? We didn’t lose anyone!



*Let the gathering begin*



*Laurie Porter, Dianne Tate, and Guests*



*Jim Smith guarding the EMS “gator”*

There, our own Keith Bailey presented, shared information to the crowd about the geology of this dolomitic limestone mountain, the story of the indigenous peoples who built the ceremonial fort on top in the 200-300 B.C. era, the mining industry of the 1800’s and the subsequent loss of so much of the same in the early 1900’s.

The view, as always, was incredible of the Etowah Valley itself – worth it just for this alone. Though the original Ladd’s cave was not visible from the top, much of this 2000+ foot cave system is still underneath the mountain.

\*In fact, a future project is .... EVHS is hoping to access the cave via bona fide “Cavers” to determine the status and hopefully “film” the interior of this cave for all to enjoy. TBA.



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Societies here in NW Georgia we are collaborating with and support.

- Save Acworth History*
- Adairsville Depot History Museum*
- Bartow History Museum*
- Cassville Historical Society*
- Cherokee County History Center*
- Euharlee History Museum*
- Funk Heritage Center*
- Gordon County History Society*
- Paulding County Historical Society*
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- Noble Hill-Wheeler Memorial Center*
- Stilesboro Academy*
- Marietta History Center*
- Kingston Women’s History Museum*
- Chieftains Museum / Major Ridge Home*
- Cartersville Welcome Center*

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Upcoming Events for EVHS**

- April 30** - *Alphabet Collins Lecture*
- May 16** - *Tumlin Gardens Spring Gala*
- June 6** - *First Public Open House at “In The Valley” in 77 years*
- June 21 and 28** - *Courthouse Open House*

Note: Some dates are subject to change.

**In Memorium**

*David Soulis*  
*Neal Shadden*

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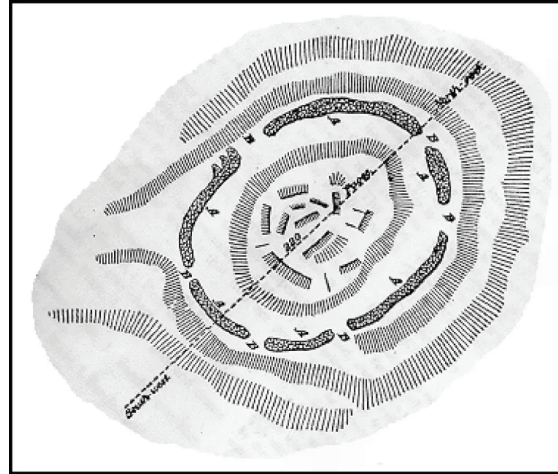
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Our appreciation to Board members and spouses who volunteered to help plan, administer, and oversee this terrific trip. If interested in participating, we are always in need of helping hands to help set-up these events. Please let us know if you have a few hours to help during these events.

\* We have Tumlin Gardens, the "ITV" Open House, and the Gold-domed Courthouse Tours coming up in May and June. Operators are waiting, yall!



Ladd's Mountain Stone Observatory



Keith's presentation



What a view!



Ted Porter's hiking stick was invaluable

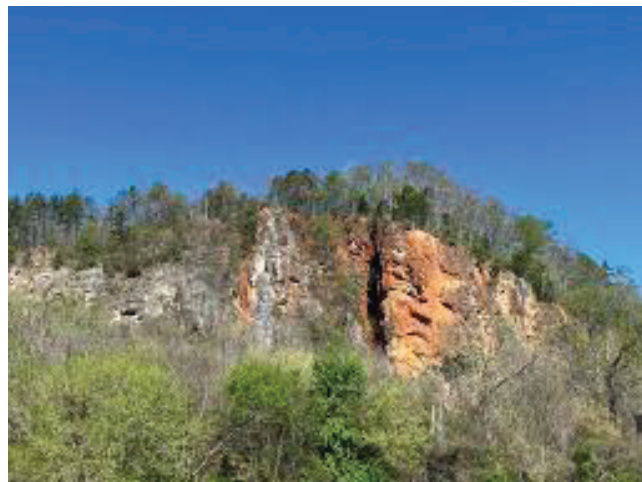
**Ladd's Mountain**  
—a Landmark of Industry, Geology & Ancient History

**Geology**  
Rising approximately 300 feet above the floodplain of the nearby Kiowah River, Ladd's Mountain is one of the most recognizable natural features in the Cartersville area.

**History**  
Early names associated with this property were "Quarry's Mt" and "Henrick's Mt," among others. In 1872, Alonza J. Ladd purchased the Peck Lime Works and thus, Ladd became the time-honored name of this mountain. After Ladd, the mine was sold to a local trio, Henry Harvey, Wilson Hardy & Billy Jackson. Ramford Baking Powder bought it, to follow, and in the 1940s, Barrow County acquired the mining portion of the property, while other parts were acquired by the Jackson & Lewis families.

**Mining**  
For several decades, dolomitic limestone was mined from the mountains, manufacturing lime, cement and plaster. An article in the Cartersville American newspaper on August 15, 1884, states:  
"There is no lime in the South so highly prized as the famous alabaster lime manufactured by 'A. C. Ladd'."  
Ground limestone was used for agricultural purposes, asphalt filler and by fertilizer manufacturers. The crushed stone was used primarily in road construction, concrete work and fluxing stone in furnaces. One variety of stone was used by the Coca-Cola Company being retorted, it was manufactured into carbonic acid gas. From the residue was manufactured epsom salts. Ramford refined it and sold it as baking powder; still a popular commodity.

EVHS developed a detailed informational brochure



Ladd's Mountain

**Ladd's Mountain**  
Ancient Peoples and the Mountain's Role in Human History

Ladd's Mountain is underlain by the Knox Group Longview formation of Cambrian and Ordovician age which was formed 500 to 470 million years ago and probably has a thickness of approximately 3,500 feet. It is characterized by chert and sandstones. The "mountain" was named after Alonzo C. Ladd, who bought the Peck Lime Works outside Cartersville and established A.C. Ladd Lime Company. It has been reported operations began in 1868 and continued until mid-1900's. Products from the mine were crushed stone, carbonate sand, agriculture lime, concrete, furnace flux, and decorative boulders.

**Native American Occupation**  
On this site and prior to their destruction, White archaeological sites on the eastern end of Ladd's Mountain reveal that the mountain served as a ceremonial and sacred place for Native Americans circa 1000 B.C. to 1000 A.D. The site included a stone wall enclosure atop the mountain's summit that would have been used for ritual activities, a stone covered burial mound located at the foot of the mountain that held a single individual, several elaborate items indicative of their status as an important leader, and a large cavern in the eastern end of the mountain in which Native American burials were found. Correlated together with the Ladd's site located to the southwest across the river, these sites were tied to the well-timed ceremonial orientation network that extended across the Eastern Woodlands of the US.

Prior to preservation regulations, the massive Native American stone works atop the summit were removed in the 1930's for use in constructing Georgia Highway 113.

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For more information please visit the website.

BHI developed and erected an informational sign at the crest

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# Bartow History News ... You Can Use

## Ga. History Markers

Fyi, in 1998, the Georgia Historical Society took on the challenge of erecting, replacing and maintaining state markers. The Moravian Mission marker just northeast of Adairsville is an important one in our area being replaced (upwards of \$500-5000). As well, Emerson's City marker is slated to be re-furbished.

## Gold-Domed Courthouse

Our 1903 Courthouse is currently being renovated with a power-washing, a fresh coat of paint, re-framing of historical prints and re-opening of upgraded office space. EVHS is planning Public Tours ... in June!

## Historical Society Collaboration

Did you know there are 17+ historical societies within throwing distance of us? So much history, so much interest in preserving our history. We encourage members to support other surrounding groups in Bartow, Cobb, Polk, Floyd, Paulding, Gordon, and Cherokee counties (see list on pg 2)

## Movie Contracts

We have acquired, from Bartow County, the existing agreements used to contract with film companies. This is in anticipation of movie companies wanting to come to our own "In The Valley" estate to film an Indian cabin, a beautiful barn, a quaint Chapel or pastoral setting.

## Unknown Soldier

Marietta Boy Scouts have upgraded the grave of the unknown soldier beside the RR Tracks at Allatoona with a beautiful new marker. Go by next time you're that way.

## History Books

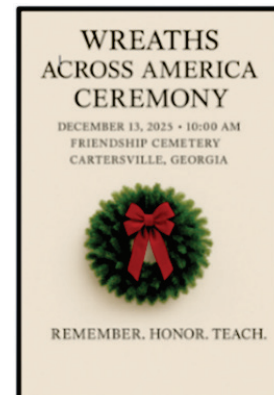
Fyi, EVHS has acquired several new Hx books: another Biography on General P. M. B. Young and one on the Stilesboro Academy. Also, did you know we have 12-15 popular area history books for sale at the office (or online)?

## Winter Newsletter follow-up(s) ....

Francis Adair author. We want to further identify the author of last newsletter's author of "Frances Adair". Nola Brown is our first Student member. A Senior NHS member at Cass HS, she loves history and the out of doors (has volunteered several times at "ITV") as well as she is a prolific musician. We are proud of Nola and want to acknowledge and appreciate her writing this article on Frances Adair.

## Wreaths Across America

The turnout to this December 2025 Friendship Cemetery event was tremendous with many, many groups participating in the clean-up, as well as the civic celebration. So many, that we weren't able to determine or enumerate all of them. To wit, we want to acknowledge other supportive entities: the American Legion Post 42 which provided the Honor Guard, the Gun salute and Taps. As well, thanks goes to Owens Funeral Home for supplying chairs and wreath stands. Thanks to all.



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# Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

*“Her will requests that ‘open house’ be maintained and extends an invitation to friends to visit this place, not to honor me, but that they may rest here as my guests.” - New York Times, 1935*



Can you believe – it’s been 77 years since “In The Valley” was last open to the public? Though, as noted, it was in Corra Harris’s will that the estate be left open for visitors, it takes money to maintain that. Forthwith, in 1949, the trust money ran out, public access to the estate was closed and up till now; it has only been open for events or by appointment. Well, we are ready to change that come Saturday, June 6th.

To get ready? A tremendous number of volunteers will be needed to ready the property: clearing brush, replacing decayed wood, replacing fencing, landscaping, planting, weeding, mulching, and air-conditioning. We still need to repair broken pavement, expand parking, finish clearing around the pond, adding a rail down to Corra’s Garden and add and maintain landscaping. We are ordering outdoor historic signage for visitors to peruse while awaiting cabin tours. And volunteers to help with parking and at the information booth. And we are recruiting more docents to help provide tours for our guests.

Plan? Not knowing how many people to expect, we will open to Bartow County, but market the opening earnestly and primarily to the Pine Log Community itself, who have been waiting the longest. Via Social Media, invites to area churches, road Signage and direct Flyers. Should be .... Exciting!

## More recent Workday Accomplishments?



*The Cass NHS team!*



*Split-railers are work!*

### **Trail Bridge(s) Project**



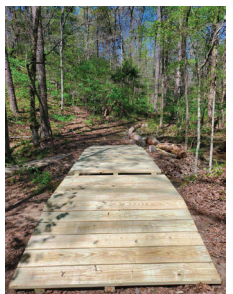
*Roger Lee and Keith Bailey installing Ga, Governor's Mansion rug in Library*



*Bridge # 1 – done!*



*24' Bridge # 2 - started*



*Bridge # 2 – done!*

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# Corra Harris

## Author, Correspondent, Lecturer, Thinker, Farmer

In honor of the owner and developer of EVHS's estate "In The Valley," the story of Corra Harris needs to be re-told. She was certainly an energetic, intriguing and yes controversial person, voted one of the 10 most influential women in Georgia History. Why? And what's the rest of her story?



### Corra Harris: A Voice of the New South

Corra Mae Harris (née White) was a prolific American novelist, journalist, and cultural commentator, born on March 17, 1869, in Elbert County, Georgia. She was one of the early women in American letters whose work gained national attention in magazines and books across the United States.

### Early Life and Background

Corra Harris grew up in rural northeastern Georgia on her family's Farmhill Plantation. Her formal schooling was limited — she attended local female academies but never graduated — and much of her literary development was self-taught. At age 17 she married Lundy Howard Harris, a Methodist minister and educator. Their early married life, including travels with him as a circuit rider (itinerant preacher), deeply influenced her later writing. They had three children, but only their daughter Faith survived into adulthood.

### A Literary Career Born of Necessity

Corra Harris's writing career began not with a novel but with a contentious letter. In 1899 she penned a response to a northern magazine's criticism of lynching. Her piece so impressed the editors of *The Independent* that they invited further submissions, launching her national career. Over the next three decades she became a prolific voice in American magazines, contributing hundreds of essays, short stories, and book reviews to major periodicals including:

- *Saturday Evening Post*
- *Ladies' Home Journal*
- *Good Housekeeping*
- *Harper's*
- *The Independent*

She also wrote more than two dozen books -- mostly novels, but also autobiographies and travel writing -- alongside a flood of shorter works.



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## Major Works and Themes

Harris's best-known work is *A Circuit Rider's Wife* (1910), a novel that draws on her life experiences and explores the spiritual and practical challenges faced by clergy families in rural America. The book became widely read and later inspired the Hollywood film *I'd Climb the Highest Mountain* (1951), starring Susan Hayward. \*EVHS has this film and plays this at events at her "In The Valley" home. Another movie, *Husbands and Wives* was a "silent" movie filmed in 1920, starring Vivian Martin and Hugh Thompson. \*this film is unavailable, despite extensive searchings.

Her writing was noted for its blend of homespun humor, Southern identity, and social observation. Though critics in her day sometimes labeled her fiction as domestic or sentimental, other readers and later scholars have found in her work a nuanced engagement with the cultural tensions of the early 20th century South -- especially around religion, modernity, and gender. Harris also ventured into journalism and nonfiction, becoming one of the first American women war correspondents during World War I, reporting from Europe for national magazines.



## Personal Struggles and Later Life

Her personal life was marked by hardship: financial insecurity during her husband's struggles with alcoholism and depression, his eventual suicide in 1910, and the later death of her daughter Faith. These events shaped her worldview and the emotional depth of her writing.

In 1913 she bought and renovated a Cherokee-period cabin near Pine Log, Georgia, which she called "In the Valley," and made it her home for the rest of her life. She built 7 rooms onto this cabin and added the rare but desired indoor plumbing. The library was built in 1914 and quarters for her staff to follow. A springhouse provided fresh running water and sheds and barns were built for the farm.

The estate -- later listed on the National Register of Historic Places -- became a symbol of her independence and creative autonomy. Her property eventually amounted to over 250 acres, was planted with wheat and vegetables and she also raised cattle and pigs. Because of her constant traveling, she hired staff to run the farm and helped many a family during the Depression years. She became one of the first individuals to have electricity in the NE part of Bartow County, stored in a "battery" (ie Delco) house. As well, she owned a fine car and hired a chauffeur (Bill Raines) to transport her to the nearby train station. Bosco, her Great Dane, was a constant companion, accompanying her to and from her study (library) she called the "Pot of Gold".



*Corra with personal assistants: Betty and Trannie Raines*

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## Legacy and Controversy

During her lifetime Harris was among the most widely known writers from Georgia, known for her storytelling and commentary on Southern life. However, her legacy is complex: early writings defending racist practices have drawn criticism in later decades, even as scholars revisit her work for its literary and cultural significance. Corra Harris's life and work reflect the complexities of a Southern woman writer engaging with issues of identity, community, and change during a transformative period in American cultural history. Her legacy -- both celebrated and debated -- continues to be studied by scholars of American literature and Southern culture. Martha Berry and Rebecca Felton visited there, Margaret Mitchell slept there. Her constant companions were the young Raines sisters, Trannie and Betty.

She continued writing into the early 1930s, contributing a regular "Candlelit Column" to the *Atlanta Journal* until shortly before her death. In recognition of her contributions, she was later inducted into the Georgia Women of Achievement.

## Memorial

Harris passed away on February 7, 1935 before she could build the memorial chapel she had had designed. She was buried on her Pine Log estate and her nephews had the chapel built over her grave site in 1936. Her will stated that she wanted this site to remain open to the public in perpetuity. However, her trust ran out in 1949.

## Archives

Ms. Harris's papers are archived at many various universities: KSU, Oglethorpe, UGA, Emory, Rollins and Harvard.

## Selected Works by Corra Harris

- *A Circuit Rider's Wife* (1910)
- *The Recording Angel* (1912)
- *A Circuit Rider's Widow* (1916)
- *My Book and My Heart* (1924, autobiography)
- *As a Woman Thinks* (1925, autobiography)



*Corra at Rollins College*



*Corra's original bedroom suite (today)*

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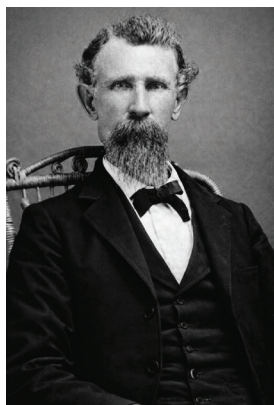
# Cities and Communities of Bartow County

A series on its 7 incorporated cities and 50+ communities

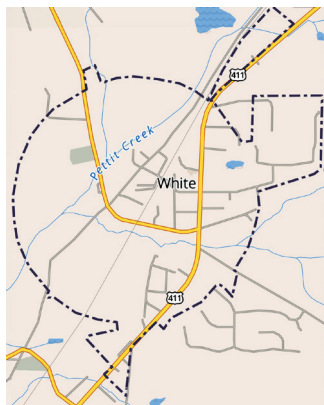
By Ted Porter

## The City of White – its Story

In the early 1800s, a Scotch-Irish family moved from NC to Habersham County, GA to Cass County. In about 1870, one of the sons, James A. White, moved from Pine Log to the east side of the old Tennessee Rd. in the community of Wofford's Cross Roads.



*James White*



*Wofford's Cross Roads site*

Subsequently, he built a store at the intersection of Calhoun Rd. (today's Richard Rd.) and Tennessee Rd. which housed the area post office. The "town" was named in the honor of this, the area's 1st Postmaster. Years went on, the community grew, the "Bank of White" was started, as did a blacksmith shop, a general store, a restaurant, a photography shop, and the Odd Fellows Lodge #309. It was not until August 12, 1919 that the Town of White was officially incorporated by the state of Georgia, its first mayor being Dr. W. B. Vaughn.

In 1906 - 1907, the Louisville & Nashville RR came thru the town, stimulating more growth. Interestingly, there was even a popular local passenger train called the "Short Dog" which traveled daily between Etowah, TN and Cartersville. The nearby Aubrey Manganese Mine provided significant employment to the area. In 1925, a devastating fire swept the town; an estimated loss of \$50,000. Cartersville F. D. arrived to help, but because the dry season had emptied the creeks, the pumper was useless. A terrible blow to White, but thankfully, no one was hurt.

Highway 411 was paved in 1936 and the bulk of the town then migrated east of the RR tracks. In the early 60s, Kingston Mills opened and accelerated the growth of industry of the town. It was in 1962, that the original charter was revised and the state legislature incorporated officially as the "City" of White.



*Wes-Mans restaurant is a staple in the area and was posed in the film; "The Fundamentals of Caring"*



*As well, Old Car City, USA, seen on CBS "Sunday Morning"*

Today, Toyo Tire has become a huge employer in the area, and development is accelerating up Hwy 411. From a population of 663 (2024), the "Friendliest Mile in Georgia" is really starting to develop.

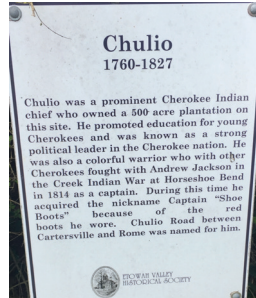
Reference: History of White, GA. Dupree et al. 1979

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## Communities around Bartow County – Their Stories

*\*see EVHS Website for more details or references*

**Aylmer:** Originally the homesite of Indian Chief “Chulio” (aka “Shoe Boot”), Charles Gilliam built a home at the north end of Hardin’s Bridge which also housed a school. This subsequently became a post office in the home of Thomas and Lula Lyon. Today this home is owned by EVHS member, Tony Martin. And is marked with an EVHS Historical sign.



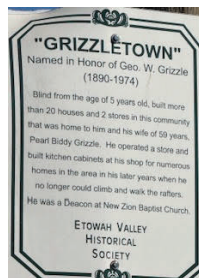
**Corbin:** The Corbin community is located around today’s intersection of Wilderness Camp Rd, Bell Ferry and Hwy 20. Settled and named for John Corbin in 1849, it had its own P.O., school and the Corbin-Kay Cemetery. It is also the location of the grave of Revolutionary War veteran Sgt. Benjamin Wofford.

**Folsom:** This village off of Hwy 140 (between Pine Log and Adairsville), was established in 1886 and named after Frances Folsom Cleveland, wife of Pres. Grover Cleveland. In its day, it contained several physicians, stores, agricultural mills and Cedar Valley Baptist Church. Infamously, it is purported that “Pretty Boy Floyd” was born in or near Folsom before moving to his boyhood home in Adairsville.



*(old) Downtown Folsom*

**Grizzletown:** Most unusual, cause it’s not the location in south Bartow County that is so fascinating, but the man it was named after; George Grizzle. Blinded as a child, George excelled despite his infirmity. He became a renowned carpenter, building two stores, upwards of 20 homes and a cabinet shop, using his other senses (hands and ears) to feel his tools and wood. So much so that EVHS helped erect a commemorative sign in front of his home area, located off the intersection of Hwy 293 and Groovers Landing Rd. in Acworth.



**McGinnis:** A former depot on the Cartersville & Van Wert RR in 1870, it subsequently served as a Post Office. Named after Van Buren McGinnis, a large landowner in the area, it is located near the intersection of Hwy 113 and Dry Creek Rd.

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# The Preservation Report

by Dianne Tate

It was more than 30 years ago, that the EVHS preservation committee made a commitment to make the community more aware of our lovely historic homes. In preparation for the first Tour of Homes, the committee proposed a home historic marker to further intrigue the community with dates, history, and architecture. In 1993 the first marker was placed on Erwin Street at the home of Lizette and Frank Entwisle with the assistance of Commissioner Clarence Brown, Mayor Alex Dent, EVHS President Guy Parmenter and Preservation member, Dianne Tate. The original marker is still visible at the home now owned by John Lewis.



The first home brochure was called an “awareness” program. A homeowner researched the date, builder or original owner, and any history gleaned through oral or family stories. As the years have passed, information that might have been lost is now captured in notebooks in the gold-dome courthouse office.

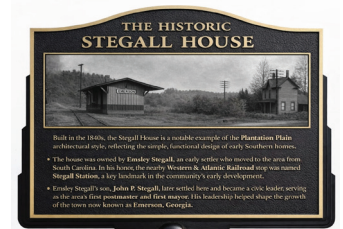
The program continues to be popular as our community grows and new families want more information on their home. It’s an ongoing project to assist homeowners with signage and update the notebooks with newly obtained information.

Members of the first preservation committee were: Emily Champion, Carolyn Parmenter, Susan Alexander, Linda Parmenter, Genie Certain and Dianne Tate. I think the ladies would be surprised and proud of the home and business information saved that could have been lost - now over 100 signs visible in our city.

For more information contact the EVHS office to get started with research or update your sign. And as you walk the city on a Spring evening, please note the dates and names associated with some of our earliest homes.

It’s history at the sidewalk!

Update! The Preservation group is (also) working with the City of Emerson, looking at opportunities to save and acknowledge historic homes in their town. Time and growth can let this get away before ya know it! Especially, there is a project afoot to maybe develop a Historical Marker (see prototype) for their famous Stegall House!



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## History Quiz

What movie was filmed at our Gold-Domed Courthouse, starring Reese Witherspoon and Colin Firth?



(Answer: See page 12)

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## M.W.H. “Alphabet” Collins – the Visionary

Born on March 21, 1895 in Indiana, Mallory William Halovale (aka “Alphabet”) Collins became the Farm Extension Agent in Bartow County in 1932, bringing with him 17 years of experience as a leading cotton plant breeder. From the outset, he focused on improving local agriculture by developing better seed stock for farmers. Within his first year, Collins launched a systematic cotton breeding program that, over the next nine years, significantly increased crop yields. His work proved highly effective: even though the county’s cotton acreage declined by 50% by 1943, total production remained extraordinarily high—exceeding one-third of the combined output of six neighboring counties.

Encouraged by these results, Collins joined with local leaders in 1943 to establish the Georgia Institute of Genetics (GIG). The Institute’s mission was to centralize the breeding, multiplication, and distribution of high-quality seed under strict control. GIG provided facilities for processing, storage, and handling, ensuring that farmers had access to reliable, affordable, and improved seed varieties. Its creation marked a major step forward in organized agricultural innovation at the local level.

Funding for GIG came entirely from private donations, including contributions from foundations, civic organizations, the Chamber of Commerce, and more than 60 local farmers. These funds enabled the purchase of 400 acres on Highway 20, where the Institute’s main operations were based. GIG remained active until 1967, when its Board of Trustees dissolved the organization and transferred its remaining assets to the Board of Regents. (today’s Georgia Highlands College, Cartersville campus)

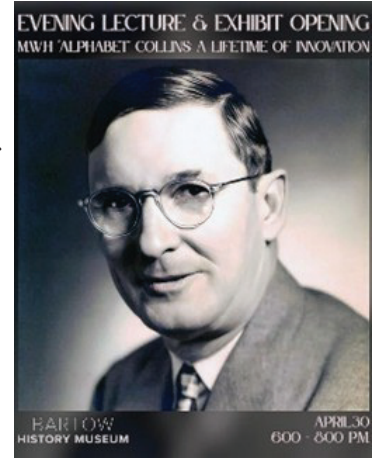
Collins’ contributions came during a challenging era for farmers. Mid-20th-century agriculture was labor-intensive and physically demanding, with limited mechanization and few external sources of improved seed. At a time when major commercial seed companies did not yet dominate the market, Collins’ work filled a critical gap. His breeding innovations significantly improved yields and offered much-needed support to struggling cotton farmers.



Beyond immediate gains, Collins’ influence extended into the broader evolution of agriculture. His work helped lay the foundation for modern seed improvement systems, including the Georgia Crop Improvement Association’s certification programs and the rise of large-scale seed companies. Crop yields have increased dramatically since his time, reflecting advances made possible by early pioneers like Collins.

Remembered as an extension agent, innovator, and collaborator, Collins was ultimately a “farmer of ideas.” His legacy lies not only in higher yields but in the lasting impact of his vision for agricultural progress. By turning ideas into action, he helped transform seed development and inspired future generations to build on his work. “Alphabet” Collins died in 1971 and is buried in Oak Hill Cemetery in Cartersville.

Note: The Etowah Valley Historical Society has sponsored a committee to honor Alphabet Collins on the Georgia Highlands College campus. For more information, contact the EVHS office or Mary Norton, chairperson.



## History Quiz Answer



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## America 250 Celebration



1776 - 2026. The 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America. Plans are afoot for EVHS to help celebrate this remarkable point in our countries' history at or around the 4th of July.

### EVHS Plans

The major way EVHS is planning to celebrate this event is via opening up our own Gold-Domed Courthouse to visitors the latter part of June. This will involve decorating the grounds and building with banners and recognitions. Tours will be given through the building, especially the beautiful Courtroom.

Another way is to acknowledge Bartow's connection with Revolutionary War veterans who resided in Bartow County, after the War. This usually was as a result of these vets migrating west from Virginia or the Carolinas after the War. So - kind of an exciting process.



### Revolutionary War Veterans Recognition

In concert with the Etowah Chapter of the D.A.R. (Daughters of the American Revolution), we have researched to find 11 veterans of this war who were either buried here or their families moved here and wanted to continue to recognize their family veteran buried elsewhere: (what is termed a Cenotaph.)

The 11 veterans noted here in Bartow County are as follows:

- Pvt. Charles Baker, NC. DAR # A004884. Gravestone on private land at Hwy 411 and 140, Rydal.
- Pvt. Hugh Brewster, SC/Ga: DAR #A133399. Buried in Dickerson Family Cemetery, Taylorsville.
- Pvt. Sheriff Brewster, SC/Ga: reference (SAR), Dickerson Family Cemetery, Taylorsville.
- 2nd Lt. William Marin Fain, NC: : DAR A038212, Cassville Cemetery.
- Pvt. George Adam Kiker, NC: DAR # A032705, Cassville County (exact whereabouts unknown)
- Maj. John Lewis, NJ/PA/Va: DAR #AO70030, Gravestone, Adairsville.
- Bartlett Farrell Milam, Patriotic Service: DAR #A078800, Oak Hill Cemetery.
- Sgt. Benjamin Wofford, VA: DAR #A127385. Corbin (off of Hwy 20).

Cenotaphs (buried elsewhere but memorialized in a local Bartow cemetery by family).

- James Dysart, NC: memorials by family at Pine Log Methodist Church Cemetery.
- William Dysart, NC: Pine Log Methodist Church Cemetery.
- \* this father and son were killed simultaneously at the Battle of Cowans Ford, NC.
- Sgt. Richard Gaines, NC/NJ: memorial by family; Kingston and Oothcalooga Baptist Cemeteries.

## Black History Month and Other Special Events

### “Memories Day” at Washington Carver Park at Lake Allatoona on Feb 28th.

- Becky Champion represented EVHS at this event.



### Cartersville’s 5th Annual Black History Parade

The parade provided an unforgettable experience, featuring floats, vintage classic cars, sleek motorcycles, eye catching Slingshots, electrifying performances by dance teams, the prestigious Divine Nine organizations, and show-stopping appearances from show-style bands.

- Dianne Tate and Judy Kilgore were there, dancing to the beat!



### Emerson’s New Webb Park

On March 25th, Emerson celebrated a ground-breaking for its new multi-use park. It will incorporate pickleball and basketball, have a play-area for kids, a walking track and benches for Emerson residents to enjoy. It is to be built in honor of a lifelong Emersonite, Mr. Terry Webb. Mr. Webb was on the Emerson City Council for 33 years, from 1983 to 2015 and is a proud member of Damascus Church. Congratulations!

Resolution 2025-003 states: “Mr. Webb served as an invaluable asset to the Council and the residents of the City of Emerson, bringing warmth, kindness and a smile that made everyone around him feel special.” The city of Emerson hopes this park brings a smile to his face and all who spend time at this park.



- Thanks to Diane Mooney for representing EVHS at this tremendous milestone.

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## EVHS Member News

**To our (20!) newest members! (since January 2026) – Welcome all!**

Summer Hullander and Joey Blalock	Cartersville	Kaylee and Brandon Copeland	Kingston
Terri Jones	Cartersville	Don Liotta	White
Shane Pinson	Cartersville	Donald and Faye Jones	Atlanta
Dani Knight	Cartersville	Sarah and Erich Ferreira	Cartersville
Kristi Spradley	Cartersville	Laura and Chris Yorba	Kingston
Russ and Tyra Ballard	Cartersville	Mary Ann Gaston	Cartersville
Ron Reid	Cartersville	Aja Styles	Kingston
Daniel and Madison Russo	Cartersville	Carol A. Winkle	Rome
Susan Wade	Cartersville	Lance and Susan Infinger	Cantonment, Fl
Mark Sullins - Doug's Place	Emerson	Andie Keiser and Brandon Wafrock	Cartersville

### News from the Boardroom

Fyi, your EVHS Board meets the 1st Tuesday of every month. We review EVHS finances, historical news of note, accomplishments at “In The Valley” and we discuss and plan upcoming events for our members.

Nine Boardmembers (see pg 2) with varying background, provide us with multiple talents, experiences and inputs. They end up being the backbone to “manning the booths” at each of our events. Thank you.

### News from our office

Have you met our one paid staff member? Susan Yark. Well, she is on duty Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 to 1:30. She processes paper and email correspondence, she deposits monies, she keeps track of membership and sends out our renewal reminders. She follows-up on phone calls and membership requests. She is invaluable and we appreciate her work to keep us straight!

### News from the ITV Team

And the team which donates upwards of 600 volunteer hours each year to oversee, check on, fix, plant and plan at “In The Valley”, to make it presentable to members and the public? That would be lead by ...

**Steve Ward** – Chief Mechanic. Steve keeps all the equipment in the house and sheds working.

**Joel Rowe** – Trail Boss. Joel checks on, walks the trail almost daily, taking out dead trees for his exercise.

**Keith Bailey** – Chief Archeologist. Keith’s family knew Corra Harris and has great stories to tell and share.

**Ted Porter** – Chief Landscaper. Ted colorizes ITV with native plants, as he thinks Corra would have liked.

### Election

The Annual Board Retreat was held in January. Long-time Co-Presidents Dianne Tate and Joanne Smith retired after 15 years - we thank y’all for your unending, dedicated, exemplary service to EVHS!

### Ted Porter was selected as the new 2026 President



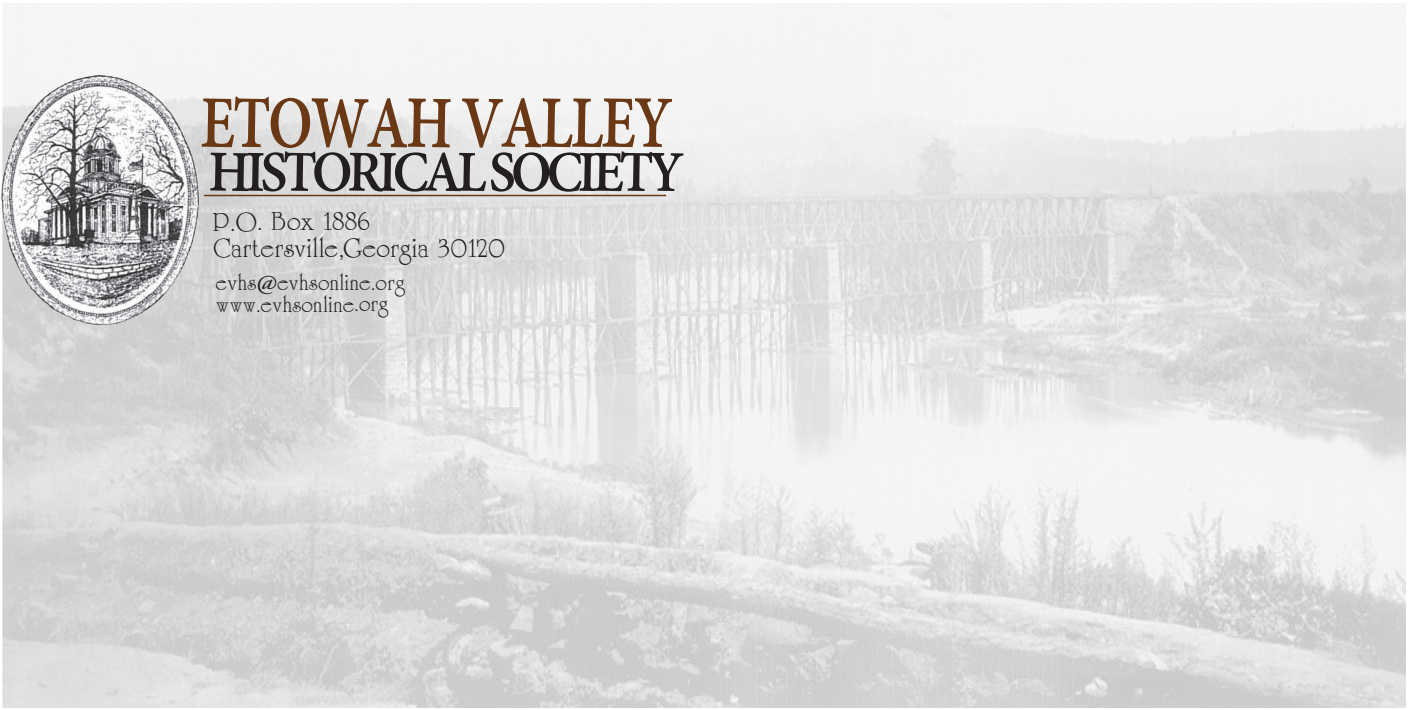
BIO: Emory-born, LaGrange-bred, Germany-middle-schooled, Jacksonville-high-schooled, UCF-graduated.

Ted retired after 41 years as a Respiratory Therapist and Hospital Manager, lastly as GNTC’s Director of Clinical Education in Rome. A long-time historian, he was a lil’ kid at Ft Benning when they raised the CSS Chattahoochee from the ‘Hooch. He has a particular penchant for the Civil War and WW II. He started at EVHS by “working Corra’s Garden”, subsequently, become part of the ITV Team, and a Master Gardener, ta’ boot. On the Board 2 + years, Ted is also the Newsletter Editor. And Chief Bottlewasher.



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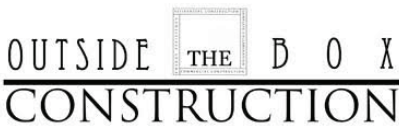
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