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"In The Valley" … Relives!



Yes, after 77 years, "ITV" re-opened to the public on June 6th, 2026. Over 180 people registered for the event, predominantly from the Pine Log and Rydal area. There were people who hadn't been there in 44 years, there were people who had heard of it, but never had the chance to see it thru the locked gates and there were those who had never heard of it until they saw the Invites on area Facebooks.



Becky Rowe & Becky Champion guide guests



Chapel



Nola Brown started Tours off at the Cherokee Cabin

Over 25 EVHS Volunteers manned the Information, Membership and Gift tables, directed traffic, provided tours on the trail and gave historical tours thru Corra Harris's 5 living quarters, Library and Chapel. Maps of the grounds were provided, Post cards of the original 1820 Cherokee cabin were made available, and a special (Children's) book of Foxes photographed on the grounds of "ITV" was even made available to the public.



And Coconuts Ice Cream was there!!



A very "special" couple visited. More to tell ..stay tuned!



Guests get a lil ride from Roger Lee

A visiting Tour company approached us and was interested in adding "ITV" to their NW Georgia Tours. And the Bartow Tribune published an extensive story on this huge Re-opening. More openings will be offered in the future as Volunteers can be made available. Exciting!

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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
Rockmart History Museum
Rome Area History Center
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

October 3 and 4 - *Allatoona Pass (Tentative)*
October 9 - *EVHS Annual Meeting. The Benham Place 5:30 pm*
December 10 - *EVHS Holiday Party (tentative at Roselawn)*
December 13 - *Christmas Open House at the Courthouse*

Note: Some dates are subject to change.

In Memorium

Laurette Strickland Smith
Connie Waits Evans

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Special Guests

The Harris Sisters … visit!

Yes, we were so honored to have the Great grand-nieces of Corra Harris (their GGrandfather was Corra's brother-in-law, Rev William Albinus Harris) visit "ITV" back in April. It had been a while! Susan hails from Pensacola, FL and Jeanne from nearby Carrolton, GA. Susan is supporting EVHS and "ITV" by becoming a member of EVHS. Cheers! Thanks to Steve Ward for giving them the tour of the campus.



The Harris sisters: Susan Infinger and Jeanne Smith

Dear Mr. Ted Porter and Members of the EVHS:

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the remarkable restoration work completed on the "ITV" historic property. Your dedication to preserving this important piece of your community's heritage is truly appreciated.

The care, craftsmanship, and attention to historical detail evident throughout the project have not only protected the property's legacy but also enhanced its value as a cultural and educational resource for future generations. Thanks to your efforts, visitors and residents alike can better understand and appreciate the history that shaped the community. My great great Aunt Corra was a remarkable woman of faith and courage.

Preserving historic landmarks requires vision, commitment, and countless hours of work. Your organization's stewardship serves as an inspiring example of how the past can be honored while ensuring its continued relevance for years to come.

Thank you for your hard work, expertise, and dedication to historic preservation.

With appreciation, ***Grace and Peace Susan I.(Susan Harris)***

New Members since Spring 2026 - Welcome!

Kevin & Dana McElwee	Cartersville
Montezuma Museum	Cortez, CO
Kim & Jim Fraker	Cartersville
Bill Phillips	Fairmount
Karen Boggs	Taylorsville
Shannon & Jack West	Cartersville
Jennifer & Michael Bryant	Adairsville
Macy Fowler	Cartersville
Kenny Reeves	Euharlee
Sean & Ashley Davis	Cartersville
Russell & Emi Thomason	Cartersville
Trinity UMC	Cartersville
April Chamlin	Charlotte, NC
Mia Gilstrap	Kingston
Heather West	White
Dellinger/Spencer	Cartersville
Michaela Ellison	Cartersville
Barry Cochran	Taylorsville
Suzanne Pearce-Tucker	Taylorsville
Rita Porter	Cartersville
Victoria Smith	Cartersville
James McCoy	Cartersville
Jared & Shira Whatley	Cartersville

EVHS Events Galore

Tumlin Gala

We are always so grateful for Lewis and Susan Tumlin for opening up their gardens for a Spring (May) tour of their lovely gardens. And enjoy some delightful refreshments and conversation. Thank you!



Magnolia Garden Club of Cartersville, Inc.

On June 4th, "ITV" was so pleased to host these ladies, actually a re-schedule from a downpour last year! Tours were given to 15-20 members and the gardens were highlighted. The Magnolia Garden Club presented "ITV" with a most-appreciated monetary gift, which will allow "ITV" to continue to expand its ornamentals as well as its shade plants inventory along "ITV's" 0.7 mile long trail, emphasizing Georgia's native plants. Thank you, MGC!



The Tour begins ….



The gardeners especially liked the deer sign!

Reinhart University

Historian Dr. Donna Little brought one of her special Creative Writing classes to "ITV" in June. After a tour for the 20 students, Dr Little lectured in the famous "Well" room, followed by lunch on the grounds.



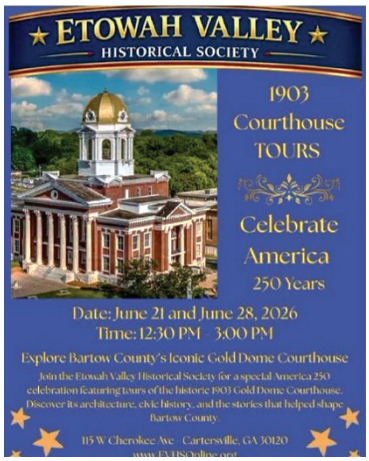
Pine Log Elementary School

49 faculty and staff drove the 4 miles over to "ITV", the first time all but 1 person had ever seen nearby Pine Log's historic Corra Harris estate. It was a challenge to "tour" five groups simultaneously. Especially on the hottest, most humid day on record (it seemed). But, PLES staff prevailed and enjoyed a nice lunch under the cedar trees, to start off their new 2026 school year with ...some local … Pine Log ... history!



The Gold-domed Courthouse Honors America250

by Dianne Tate



In January, 2026, the EVHS Board met to discuss its goals and programs for the upcoming year. At the top of everyone's list was honoring the 250th anniversary of our country. With committee input, we decided to identify Revolutionary War soldiers with family of burial sites in Bartow County. Additionally, we wanted to open the 1903 Gold-domed Courthouse, to share new research on the construction of this iconic county building.

With many thanks to our local DAR chapter, we identified eleven Revolutionary soldiers associated with Cass/Bartow county. It was interesting that most of those early patriots still had family in the area. The poster on the courthouse yard identified the soldiers and family members posed for commemorative photos. We also asked; "Might you also have a Revolutionary soldier in your family tree?" We had DAR friends available, as well as Sam and Gloria Graham, to assist with the right questions, paperwork, and help with research.

Open house Sundays would have been difficult without the help of the Bartow County facilities division. The courthouse was sparkling and the banners, bunting and flags were secure and proudly defining the 250 anniversary. Thank you - especially, Michelle Gill and the Harvey Evans team.



The Rev War soldiers



Kathy Gill & Amy Nation



Joanne, Diane, Patsy, and Cheri

We had a great attendance on both Sundays with David Archer in the courtroom, regaling guests with stories from earlier courtroom antics - a popular stop. EVHS board members were scattered throughout the office discussing the significance of the paintings, research books, and our mission to address and preserve history in Bartow county. Story boards quickly told the Gold-dome story and remain throughout the building.



Ah – so many stories to tell!



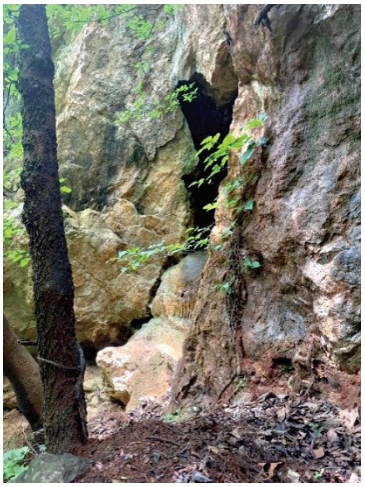
Too many to name assisted with making our salute to 250 years successful, but a special salute to Patsy Headrick and Judy Kilgore for their taste in decorations, treats, and hospitality. They helped to display the pride we all have in our county and heritage.

Our beautiful old buildings remind us of the early sacrifices citizens made to build iconic buildings that help define us. Come on by - you'll enjoy seeing the pride the county takes in that six-columned beauty and EVHS will welcome you with fun history facts! Happy Anniversary America- 250 years!

Ladd's Mountain … continues … inside!

by Joel Rowe

Most people familiar with Ladd's Mountain are aware that it once contained a large and reportedly beautiful cavern that has subsequently been all but mined away. There are a number of vestiges of this once grand cave in the form of remnant passages, solution pockets and calcite cave formations lying out on the open ground or on the exposed cliff face. The area is considered too dangerous for regular visitation due to the effects of the mining operation but EVHS was able to secure permission for me and one other highly experienced caver (Walt Cochran) to explore the area and capture video to share with other EVHS members.

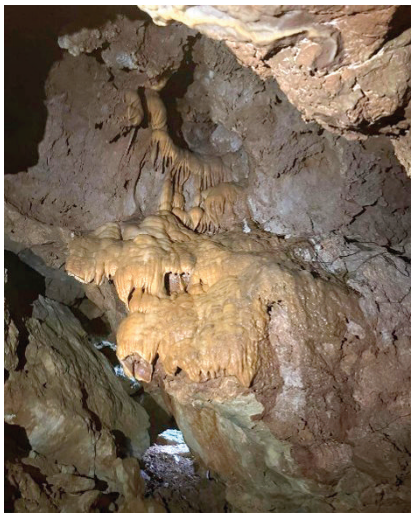


One entrance to Ladd's #1



Flowstone exposed from the mining operation

We made our first visit on May 21 and explored the edges of the mined area counterclockwise squeezing into any hole big enough to afford entry. Many small solution pockets and tubular passes were explored before reaching the first actual cave; Ladd's #1. For clarification, The Georgia Speleological Society requires a minimum of 35' of passageway to qualify for a cave. Ladd's #1 is the second longest of seven remnant caves at around 470' feet of surveyed length. It has two entrances and one requires a handline and somewhat sketchy 20' climbdown.



Calcifications inside



Old boiler on the way up

Judging by the volume and beauty of the calcite formation in this small cave, it certainly seems reasonable to assume that the main cave would have been quite the spectacle!

Phase two of the project is scheduled for this fall as the climb to access the other caves is a tangle of briars, brush and potentially snakes. At the conclusion of this project we intend to have a video that allows EVHS members to experience the unique geology and history of this fascinating area that would otherwise be unavailable. Stay tuned.

Towns and Communities in Bartow County

- a series on its 7 cities and innumerable communities!

by Ted Porter

Euharlee – its Story

At the juncture of Euharlee Creek and the Etowah River, lies the City of Euharlee. Euharlee was inhabited for thousands of years by Native Americans. The last Native American tribe to utilize the rich land and waterways for transportation and sustenance were the Cherokee.

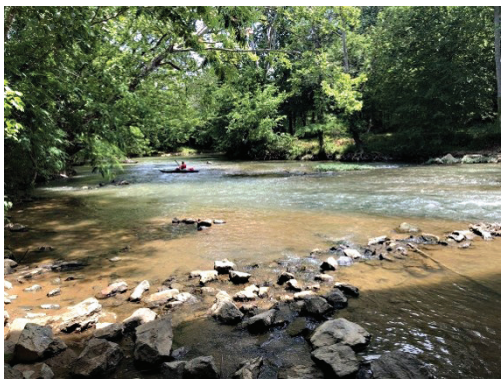
In fact, the name Euharlee is a derivative of a Native American word meaning, "She laughs as she runs." The phrase refers to the sound of the creek as it moves toward the juncture with the river. In 1832, the State of Georgia formed 10 counties from what had been Cherokee land, including Cass County, now called Bartow. Pioneers began settling around 1834 on the land due to its fertile soil and abundant water for power and irrigation. The settlement was initially called Burge's Mill, due to the construction of a mill on Euharlee Creek by Nathaniel Burge. Later acquired by the Lowry's, it was renamed Lowry's Mill. As the community continued to grow, expansion was found in the building of cotton gins, stores, churches, schools, and a militia courthouse.

In 1852, the town was incorporated as Euharleyville. Thomas W. Brandon, E. B. Pressley, Leonard Morgan, Allen Dykes, and B.D. Dykes were the first to serve as town commissioners. The population of Euharleyville reached nearly 2300 in 1852. Then in 1870, the town was chartered with the name Euharlee. Dr. Franklin R. Calhoun, Elihu G. Nelson, and Thomas Tumlin served as commissioners.

The historic covered bridge, which spans Euharlee Creek, was built in 1886 by Washington W. King, son of famed bridge builder and freed slave Horace King, and Jonathan Burke.







Agriculture has long been an important industry and way of life in Euharlee. Over the years, many families lived and worked on farms, and agriculture continues to be a vital part of our community today. In addition, churches and community organizations established in the 1800s are still active in Euharlee today. The Euharlee Farmers Club, established in 1883 is the oldest continuously operating farmers club in the world.

Today, the area around the mill is an active visitors center, with eating establishments, historical buildings, kayak rental facilities and annual festivals, making Euharlee an up-n-coming burgeoning area of Bartow county.



Nearby Plant Bowen is the 2nd largest coal-fired electrical plant in the US.

Communities around Bartow County – their stories

Aubrey

A native of Wales, William Aubrey settled on a farm south of White in 1873. It soon became a huge manganese mining area, a major employer. Aubrey Lake is just east of Hwy 411 and this area is soon to become a huge 2300 acre retail/residential area between I-75 and the city of White.

Cement

In the late 1830s, Rev. Charles Wallace Howard purchased land and built a grand home called Spring Bank next to Connesena Creek. Wallace discovered high-grade cement and he and partners opened the Howard Hydraulic Cement Company across the W & A RR. This cement was said to have been used in the Brooklyn Bridge piers. The "town" was granted a charter in 1889, a school was built and purportedly, Martha Berry studied there for a while. These ruins are visible from Hall Station Rd.



Center

In 1849, a George White conducted a study entitled, Statistics of the State of Georgia, which describes various mineral spring locations throughout the state. According to his notation of Rowland Springs, he was impressed with the area, hotel and quality of spring water. He comments that, "they are becoming every season the centre of fashion. Was this the origin of the "Center" name of this community at the end of Hwy 20 Spur? In 1910, land was donated by Andrew Lewis to establish the Center Baptist Church and the Center School was opened to follow. A number of family owned groceries (J. L. Davis, Howard Lewis, Rufus Shinall, Elrod's and Guyton stores) appeared between 1910 and 1950's. And the building of nearby Allatoona Dam in the late 1940s caused a boom in Center's growth.

Ford

Located about 5 miles SW of Kingston on the south side of the Etowah, this farming community was named after Joseph Ford. It supported a grist milling operation, a post office (1888 to 1907) and a school. The road to Kingston crossed" the Etowah River at a point called Island Ford, the name given to the large island in the river less than a mile north of Ford.



Gum Springs

Gum Springs is a north Bartow County agricultural community named for its abundance of sweetgum trees and the natural spring there. From 1879 to 1905, a post office existed in the home of Thomas J. Hendricks. The community section of the August 3, 1905 edition of The Cartersville News states "We have a thriving little village of one store and two dwelling houses". Gum Springs is in the area of Spring Place Road and GA Highway 140.

Honoring Alphabet Collins:

A Personal Reflection on Legacy, Mentorship, and Community History

by Judy Kilgore

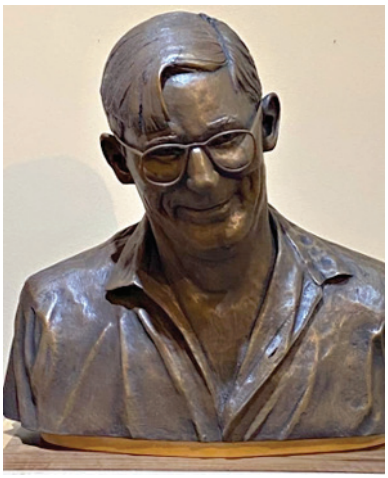
I first met Mary Norton in 2014, introduced by a mutual friend who sensed we shared a similar spirit for community work. That simple introduction became a turning point in my life. From the very beginning, Mary quickly became my mentor, steady, encouraging, and always willing to share her wisdom. After our first event together, she invited me to join the Etowah Valley Historical Society (EVHS), and that invitation opened the door to local history, service, community involvement, and later being asked to be a EVHS Board member.



Mary Norton at Rotary Club

Through my involvement with EVHS, I was asked to help with additional projects, and once again Mary created a team, which included me. She had retired from Georgia Highlands College a few years before I met her, but her connection to the campus and its history remained strong. One of the most memorable experiences she arranged was a site visit to the Georgia Institute of Genetics building beside the GHC–Cartersville Campus. It was a deteriorating building, yet inside those walls lived a story that mattered, a story Mary had carried with her for years.

Mary always wanted to find a meaningful way to honor M.W.H. "Alphabet" Collins, the founder of the Georgia Institute of Genetics. Collins was not simply a researcher; he was a visionary. His work to develop cotton seed varieties that produced more cotton per acre transformed agricultural production in northwest Georgia and influenced cotton yields far beyond our region. His belief was simple but revolutionary: seed quality mattered most. And he proved it.



Bust sculpted by Julia Knight

As Mary shared Collins' story with me, I began to understand why she felt a deep responsibility to preserve his legacy. She often said that Alphabet Collins deserved to be remembered by future generations, not only as a scientist, but as a man whose work shaped the agricultural economy of our region. Mary did more than talk about honoring Collins. She took action.

With her characteristic determination, she began reaching out to donors and community partners to commission a bronze portrait bust of Alphabet Collins. She worked closely with sculptor Julia Knight, whose artistry and sensitivity made her the perfect choice for such an important tribute. The finished bronze bust, now beautifully photographed and included in this newsletter, captures Collins' quiet strength and unwavering focus.

On April 30, following a well attended presentation at the Booth Western Art Museum, the bust was formally unveiled at the Bartow History Museum. Guests enjoyed refreshments, fellowship, and a shared sense of pride as the community honored a man whose work shaped our region. These photos reflect the warmth and significance of that moment.



Unveiling at the Bartow History

Mary also envisioned a reflection bench, an inviting place where students and visitors can pause, learn, and reflect on Collins' achievements. Both the bust and the bench will be installed on the Georgia Highlands College–Cartersville Campus, ensuring that Collins' legacy is visible and accessible for generations to come.

After the initial fundraising goal was reached, Mary continued forward with the same energy and conviction. She is now working to establish an endowed scholarship for future Georgia Highlands students pursuing agricultural studies. Her vision is clear: to honor Alphabet Collins not only with a physical tribute, but with a living legacy, one that supports students who share his curiosity, his commitment to innovation, and his belief in the power of agricultural science.

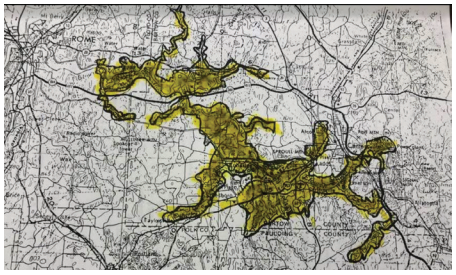
Mary has also taken Collins' story beyond EVHS and GHC. She is currently presenting his legacy to local Rotary Clubs, sharing the history of the Georgia Institute of Genetics and inspiring new audiences with the story of a man whose work quietly changed the world of cotton.

My own journey into volunteering and preservation began with Mary's mentorship, but it deepened through the story of Alphabet Collins. His work represents the best of what local history can teach us: that innovation often begins quietly, that dedication can reshape an entire industry. That one person's vision can leave a lasting imprint on a community.

Today, as EVHS and Georgia Highlands College work together to honor Alphabet Collins, I am grateful to have witnessed the early steps of that effort. I am grateful for Mary's guidance, her belief in preserving local history, and her determination to ensure Collins' legacy is not forgotten. And I am grateful that my own path—unexpected as it was—has allowed me to help carry that story forward.

Alphabet Collins changed the future of cotton. Mary Norton changed the future of my volunteer life. Both legacies matter, and both deserve to be remembered.

*Judy Kilgore will be coming off the EVHS Board in October after 7 years. She hopes her story will inspire someone to step in and volunteer or join EVHS as a board member.



History Quiz

What does this shaded area of Bartow County represent?



(Answer: See page 11)

Special Recognition of our Members

Sally and Louis Tonsmeire, Sr.



This couple has been a stalwart of EVHS, as well as to the community, for many years. This year, they were honored as Grand Marshalls of the 2026 Fourth of July parade. In 1976, Louis and Sally, saw an opportunity to encourage Bartow citizens to celebrate America's history. The enthusiasm, initially at the Church of the Ascension, soon spread. Their vision gave birth to Cartersville's 4th parade. Thanks to the Tonsmeires, this community still enjoys the parade, fireworks and fun at Dellinger park- 50 years later!

The Etowah Valley Historic Society salutes this beloved couple, still active in the community, and interested in the history of Bartow county.

Jodeen Brown



Pictured is artist, Jodeen Brown, in front of her original painting of Springbank. Many thanks to Jodeen for this printing, as well as the oval painting of the gold-dome courthouse- EVHS's logo. Jodeen is cute in Martha Mulinix's hat - pictured in the painting.

Jodie Hill's Hand- Made Candlesticks



Long-time member, Genie Certain, has recently donated candlesticks made from "ITV" lumber. What a find, what a great story to share with guests at "ITV". Cause as many know, Jodie even had a sawmill brought to "ITV" to re-do many of "ITV's" building.

Thank you, Genie!

New Caretakers

We are excited, as our new caretakers have moved in! After passing the test (!), we selected a young couple (Richard and Lacey Shellhorse) who we believe will be a great fit for "ITV". Richard works at Piedmont Cartersville Hospital in Maintenance – perfect for chores around the estate. Lacey works for Bartow County Elections and was brought up a mile down the road, on Mt. Pleasant, but had never seen "ITV"! Please welcome them next time you're out there and see them mowing tandem on these two Zero-turn mowers!

History Quiz Answer

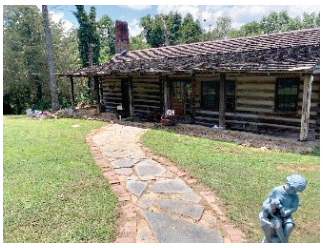


The Etowah Valley Historic District. The National Register of Historic Places listed these more than 40,000 acres between the Allatoona Dam in Bartow and Floyd County in 1975. At the time, the largest historic district in the country. Something every preservationist should be aware of.

(Other) EVHS History News … You Can Enjoy!

The Caretaker's Cabin – time for some rehab!

With a change in Caretaker's after 6 - 7 years, the "ITV" volunteers cleaned and painted and fixed, replaced and cleared this cabin and area surrounding. Thanks to many hours of volunteer work! * Bulletin. Just took down 8 more dead trees!



Caretaker's Cabin



One of two Family Rooms

New "ITV" Signage

The Board signed off on new Historical signs to be designed and placed in front of the Cabin, Library, Chapel and Barn. Looks good! Thanks to Keith Bailey for the design, implementation and installation of these. They are even set to have QR Codes inserted to allow guests to scan and go to Website!



Chapel Historic sign



Library sign

Fairview Methodist Church Cemetery

Some of our "ITV" Volunteers have helped to start clearing brush at this historically Black church in Rydal. The church has been closed for many years and few family members live near by to take care of over 100 gravestones. Our volunteers met up with some of the descenants and started the process. Thanks to Terry Alters, Keith Baily, Bill Phillips and Ted Porter.

* see History of this church on EVHS Website



"ITV" Team at Fairview Methodist Church

The famous Foxes of "ITV"

Not only do we have a new Children's Book of foxes at "ITV" … we have (had) one!



Debbie Royer shows off "ITV" Fox Book for sale



Yeah, and ya got caught too, didn't ya?

The Dysarts of Cass County and their Revolutionary War Connection

by Ted Porter

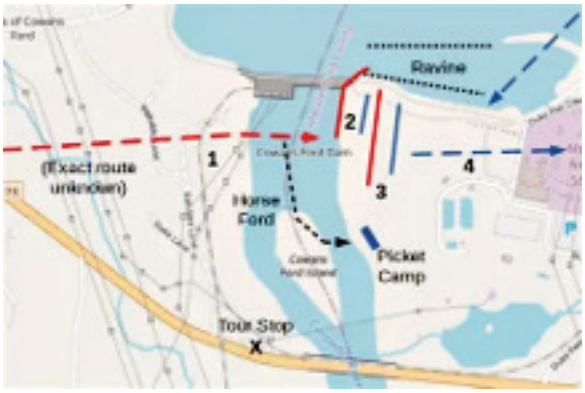
Today in Bartow County, there are many generations of the Dysart family. In fact, if you visit Pine Log Methodist Church Cemetery in Rydal (aka Pine Log), you will see 30+ graves of Dysarts. However two of the graves aren't … graves. They are called Cenotaphs. That is, "memorials to individuals buried elsewhere". * Sgt Richard Gaines markers at Kingston & Ooothcalooga are also Cenotaphs.

What makes the Dysart family Cenotaphs especially interesting and important are: they were father and son Revolutionary War soldiers. They were killed at the same time, in the same battle in North Carolina. And their family memorialized them two states away after their ancestor (Joseph Lowery Dysart) re-settled in Bartow County, Georgia in the early 1800s. Here's the story of the heroics of Joseph Dysart's Great Uncle William Dysart and his Great-Grandfather James Dysart, fighting as Patriots. We honor them as we celebrate 250 years of the founding of our country and tell some of the story of their last battle for our freedom.

It was after his defeat at the Battle of Cowpens (South Carolina) on January 17, 1781,that Gen. Cornwallis began to chase Gen. Greene's army towards northern North Carolina (aka the "Race to the Dan". He moved his troops and army train despite the heavy rain fearing any further delay would cause him to lose his chance of destroying Greene's army. General Greene ordered General Davidson to place his men at the various fords along the eastern bank of the wide Catawba River, to slow the British Army's crossing and allow the Continentals to escape.

Davidson dispatched a cavalry and infantry company to Cowan's Ford, to prevent a surprise crossing under cover of darkness. Davidson joined the detachment at Cowan's Ford, setting up camp a half mile from the river with pickets watching the crossing. Near daybreak, after a difficult march in which the British lost some of their cannon, Cornwallis's army reached Cowan's Ford. With very little hesitation, the British began crossing the swollen stream straight across along the wagon ford.





Cowan's Ford is located north of Charlotte, NC at the location of today's Lake Norman Dam

Davidson's forces immediately began to confront the Redcoats. The militiamen were picking off many British soldiers as they struggled in the water to reach the far bank. After the first elements reached the bank and formed a firing line, they began to fire a volley at the now retreating militia. Shortly after arriving on the scene, Gen. Davidson (of Davidson College fame) was struck from his horse by a rifle ball through the heart.

Among the Patriot militia were soldiers from the Dysart family, including James Dysart (born in Ireland) and his sons, William and John Dysart (born in Pennsylvania), from McDowell County (Dysartville). James and his sons served in the Southern Campaign of the American Revolution, participating in engagements such as Cowan's Ford. Their service contributed to the militia's efforts to resist British advances in North Carolina. A total of four Patriot Militia were killed in the firefight, including James and William and are believed to have been buried at night in a mass grave at the nearby Hopewell Presbyterian Church in Mecklenburg County.

The Dysart soldiers were veterans of the North Carolina Militia and DAR Patriot Ancestors. They exemplify the local militia's role in the Revolutionary War: often outnumbered and less formally trained than British regulars, they nonetheless played a crucial part in delaying enemy forces, protecting strategic retreats, and supporting Continental Army operations.



According to pension applications and family records, both men were present at Cowan's Ford on February 1, 1781, and fell in the fighting. (WikiTree) Their deaths were part of the broader American losses in the battle, which saw about 44 American casualties (including Davidson) against 4 British killed. (American Battlefield Trust)

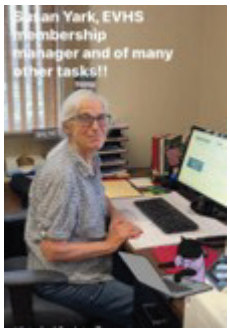
Burial and Commemoration

Today, their memory is honored in the Pine Log United Methodist Church Cemetery in Rydal, Bartow County, Georgia, where a Cenotaph marks both their names.

EVHS Office Mgr/Clerk opening – Interested?

After 4-5 years of faithful work in the Courthouse office, Susan Yark will be retiring this Fall. She has welcomed new members by phone and via e-mail, she has processed membership dues and maintained many databases that EVHS needs to track the organization's work. We thank her and wish her Godspeed.

So …. we are ALSO in need of a new Office person. This is EVHS's only paid position and involves working Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 08:30 to about 1:30. A nice P/T Retirement job for someone with experience with computer database skills. If interested, please notify the office asap.





Board Members

As well, we have several Board members rotating off their 3-year term this Fall. Interested in helping shape EVHS going forward? We meet once a month, discussing and planning Events for members and the community, maintaining the Website, writing the Newsletter, and keeping track of EVHS's Finances.

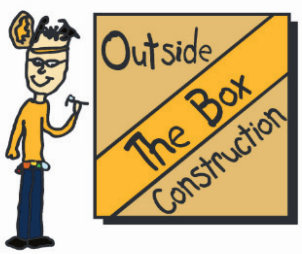
Not sure about being a Board member but want to participate? We need volunteers to help write the Newsletter and Website, to lead tours at "In The Valley" and more. Don't hesitate …. Operators are waiting!

Special recognition goes to these two companies who gave over and above to help EVHS out - excellent!

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Joshua Tree - Thanks to Josh and his team.
Cleared 8 dead trees off the property for us.

Out of the Box - Thanks to Don Liotta and his team.
They did a beautiful repair of our shed and barn!



Giving Tuesday Preview: “250 for America250” Membership & Sponsorship Campaign

As America prepares to commemorate 250 years, the Etowah Valley Historical Society is launching a special Giving Tuesday initiative that honors our shared heritage and strengthens the work we do here in Bartow County.
This year, EVHS invites our members, friends, and community partners to join our “250 for America250” Giving Tuesday Challenge. Our goal is to welcome 250 new Patron Members at $100 each by December 31. Reaching this milestone will provide $25,000 in direct support for “In the Valley”, educational programming, and the preservation projects that protect our local story.

Two Ways to Participate in America250

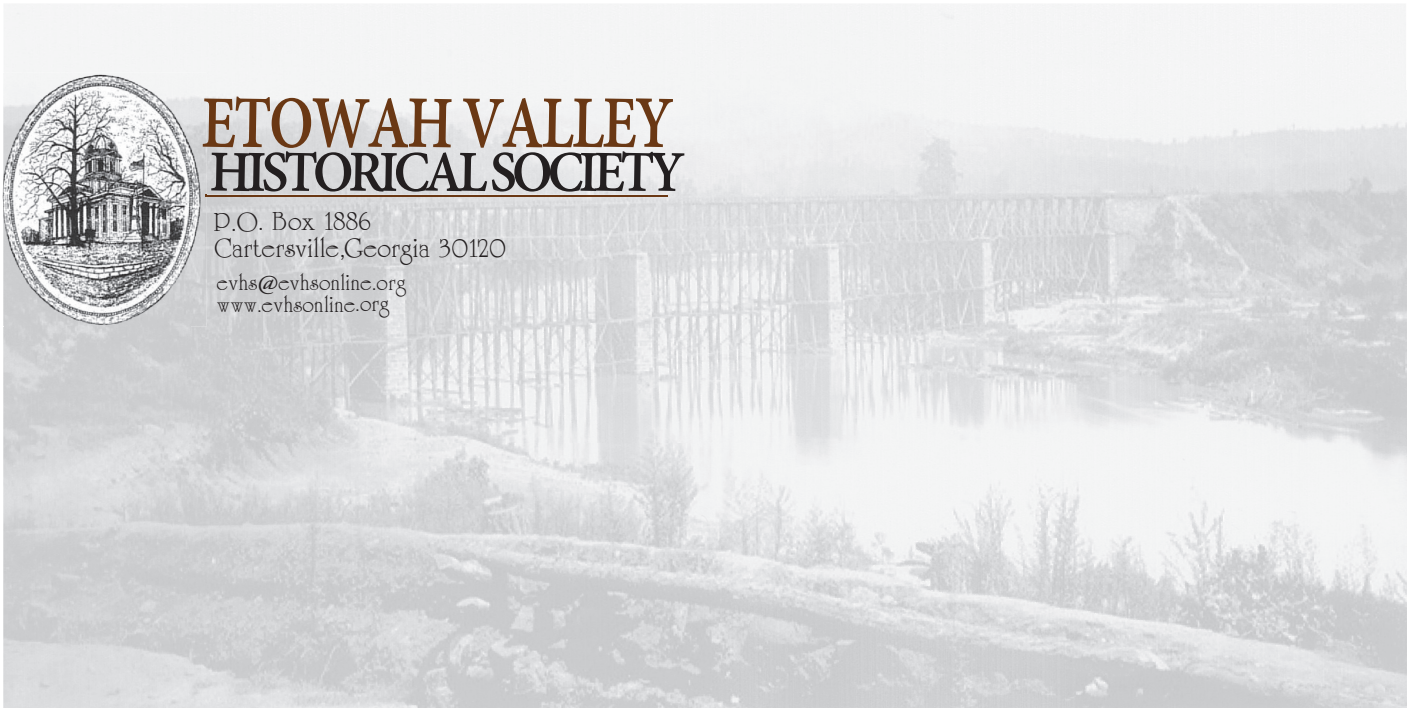
1. Become a Patron Member — $100
Patron Members provide essential support for EVHS’s mission. Your membership strengthens:
- Local preservation and restoration
- Educational outreach and community programs
- The “In the Valley” project
- Research, archives, and historical interpretation

Joining as a Patron Member is a meaningful way to celebrate America250 and invest in Bartow County’s future.

2. Become an America250 Business Sponsor — $250
In honor of this historic anniversary, EVHS is offering a special America250 Sponsorship for businesses, organizations, and community partners who want to stand with us during this important year.
America250 Sponsors ($250) receive:
- Recognition in the November Giving Tuesday newsletter
- Listing on the EVHS website throughout the campaign
- Acknowledgment at America250 themed programs and events
- Support directed to “In the Valley” and EVHS preservation initiatives
- Plus, receive a commemoration hat or tee-shirt for your contribution
- This sponsorship level gives local companies a dignified, visible way to demonstrate pride in Bartow County’s history while supporting the work that keeps it alive.

Why This Matters

- America250 gives EVHS a powerful moment to invite our community back into membership and to strengthen the foundation of support that carries our mission forward. Every Patron Member and every America250 Sponsor helps ensure that the stories, landmarks, and legacies of our valley continue to be preserved, taught, and celebrated.
- We look forward to sharing more details in our November Giving Tuesday edition — and we welcome early commitments from individuals and businesses who want to be part of this historic effort.
- Together, we can reach 250 for America250.
- You and others can say, “I am one of the 250.”



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