

# ETOWAH VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

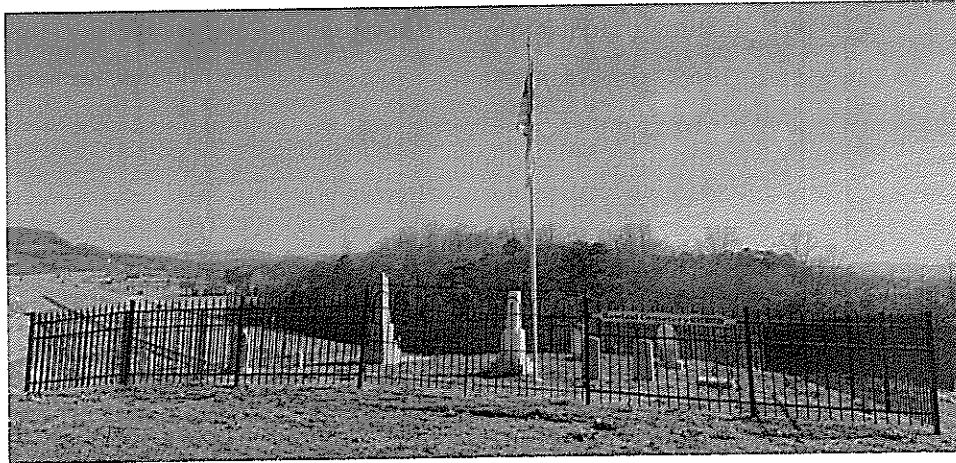


*Promoting and enhancing the awareness and preservation of  
the heritage and traditions of Bartow County*

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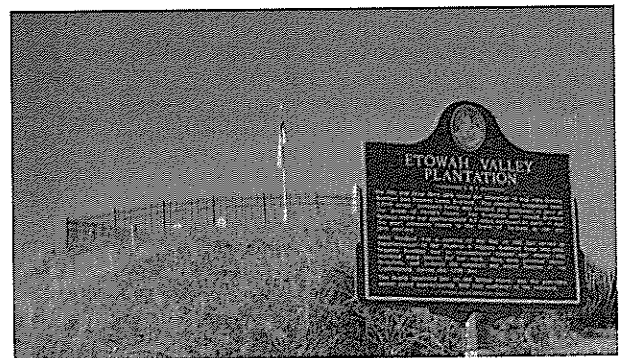
## ROWLAND CEMETERY: CLEARED AND REFURBISHED

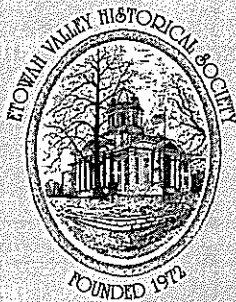
As the area was settled in the rural South of the 1800's, there were created isolated communities and family homesteads. The rural families, no matter their economic status, created their own family graveyards or cemeteries near their homes. The cemeteries were maintained by the families. Markers were often of wood or rocks, not like our current engraved stones. However, family members would know who was buried where within the cemetery. Due to the Civil War and the passage of time, many families left the rural South and nature took back the cemeteries and time lost the memories of those buried there.

Paul Dietrich, while on his journey to find the genealogy of his family, found that he was a descendant of Major John Sharp Rowland of Bartow County. He learned that Rowland had owned the plantation "Etowah Valley" south of Cartersville, and the "Rowland Springs Resort, north of Cartersville. It was noted that Major Sharp had served during the War of 1812 and had been employed by the Western and Atlantic Railroad as Superintendent at the time of his death in 1863.

Paul endeavored to find the graves of his ancestors. This search led him to an overgrown graveyard near the location of the Etowah Valley plantation house. After weeks of hard work, cutting down trees and clearing the undergrowth, Paul found the unmarked graves of his great, great, great grandfather, grandmother and aunt. Tombstones were obtain for these three relatives and an iron fence was placed around the graves, which had been the documented wish of his Grandmother Rowland. A flagpole was placed in the cemetery which flies the War of 1812 flag to honor Major Rowland's service in that war, as well as the "Etowah Valley Historical Marker" which gives a passerby a brief history of the family that once owned Etowah Valley Plantation.

EVHS would like to thank Paul Dietrich for his efforts to preserve this part of Bartow County history that had been slowly deteriorating and could have been lost to posterity.





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## LOCAL ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST TO EVHS MEMBERS

- April 6** Stilesboro Improvement Club BBQ to benefit the preservation of the Academy 5 to 7 pm
- April 6** Etowah Barbacoa dinner and silent auction to benefit the Etowah Indian Mounds 6:00 pm
- April 13** 48th Atlanta Steeple Chase At Kingston Downs.
- April 13** Beginners genealogy class at the Gold Dome Courthouse, 10 -2 Supply fee \$20 limited seating. Call EVHS office to reserve a seat. 770-606-8862
- April 16** Georgia Trust President to speak at the Gold Dome Courthouse 6:00 pm
- April 20** Civil War Comes to Kingston - Activities related to the Civil War in the Park in Kingston, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.
- April 20** Confederate Memorial Day Service at Stiles Auditorium, Cartersville, starts at 11:00 am, sponsored by the United Daughters of Confederacy.
- April 27** Confederate Memorial Day Service at Cassville Cemetery, at 9:00 am, sponsored by the Stiles Aiken Camp Sons of Confederate Veterans. Speaker Daryl Jean Gould.
- April 27** Booth Museum & Bartow History Museum will Host Civil War Comes Alive at the Booth 10:00 am - 5:00 pm.
- April 28** Kingston Woman's History Club will hold the 149th continuous Confederate Memorial Day Service at Kingston Baptist Church at 2:30 pm. Speaker Buddy Darden.
- May 13** Beginners genealogy class at the Gold Dome Courthouse, 10-2 Supply fee \$20 limited seating. Call EVHS office to reserve a seat. 770-606-8862
- June 8** Fund raising Party at "Valley View" for the Oral History Committee. For members as well as the public.
- October 5 & 6** Anniversary of the Battle of Altoona Pass
- October 12** EVHS Annual meeting at Grand Oaks 6:30 pm

## IN REMEMBRANCE OF OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS

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

Mary Wofford Morris  
Martha Hefner Mulinix

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# BARBACOA AT THE INDIAN MOUNDS

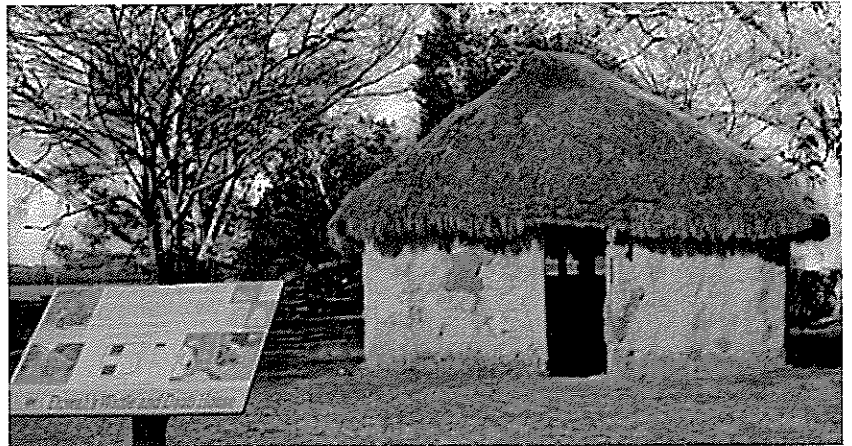
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Please Join us for Dinner at the Etowah Indian Mounds as we dine by the Torches!

EVHS and the Friends of Etowah Indian Mounds State Park will partner to host a dinner and silent auction to benefit the Etowah Indian Mounds. Proceeds go towards a new roof on the Wattle and Daub hut as well as other projects. The torches and bonfire will be lit and stories will be told.

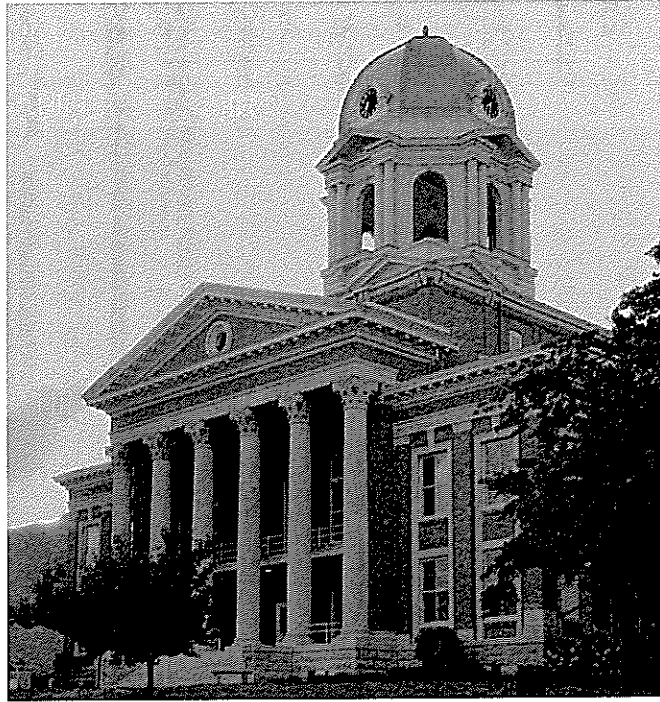
Dinner will be catered by Johnny Mitchell's. Cost is \$20.00 per person. Please make your reservation by calling the EVHS office at 770-606-8862. Seating is limited so please call early.



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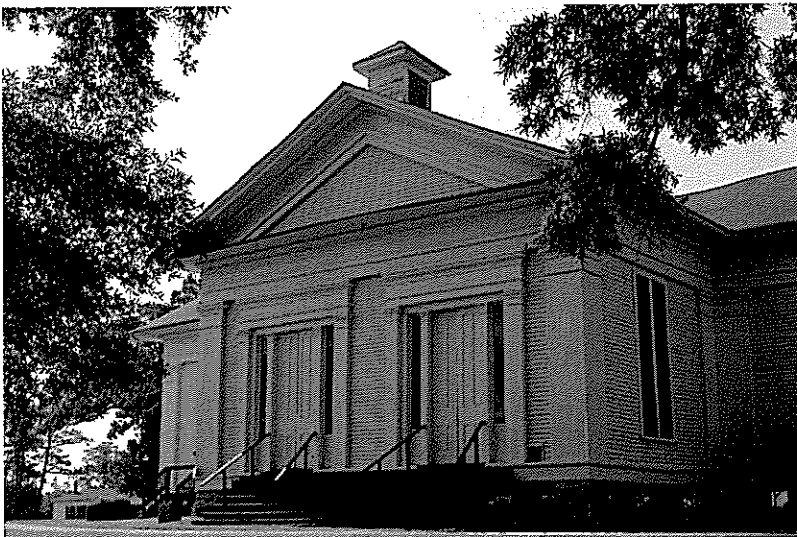
# APRIL LECTURE

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Please join EVHS as we host The Georgia Trust President and CEO Mr. Mark McDonald at our spring lecture in the upstairs Courtroom. Take this opportunity to come and tour the refurbished courtroom as well as the EVHS offices.

Mr. McDonald will speak on the Stilesboro Academy. EVHS will also take this opportunity to recognize the ladies of the Stilesboro Improvement Club. The meeting will begin on April 16th at 6:00 pm. Refreshments will be served. This event is free and open to the public.



## Stilesboro Academy 1859

Prior to the Civil War the state did not provide for public education. Consequently, in 1859, the settlers in the Stilesboro community decided to erect an academy for the education of their children. A public subscription raised \$5,000 to erect the school. In 1864, Federal troops occupied the school and the motto above the stage in Latin "To God and Country" which is the logo at West Point probably saved the academy from the torch. In 1939, the school was closed and the Ladies Improvement Club saved the building and continued the annual Chrysanthemum Show which is now in its 100th year.



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# THE ORAL HISTORY COMMITTEE IS PLANNING A BENEFIT AT VALLEY VIEW

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The EVHS Oral History Committee has been hard at work in 2013 recording interviews with a broad spectrum of people in Bartow County. The goal of the Oral History Committee is to preserve the life stories of individuals as representatives of the era in which they lived. This project began in 2005 and has a long list of likely subjects to be interviewed but the committee always welcomes suggestions from EVHS members for the names of additional individuals to be placed on this list.

The committee has already recorded interviews with 55 citizens, each of these interviews cost a minimum of \$250. When funds are depleted this committee has to go inactive from time to time. This is when EVHS members and friends must step up to support this project.

On June 8th the committee is hosting a benefit at "Valley View". This event will be open to the public as well as EVHS members. It will include a tour of "Valley View" as well as food, music and a chance to fellowship with members of EVHS. Put this fun event for a worthwhile cause on your calendar now and watch for details on ticket purchase as well as other details as it becomes available

Please contact Genie Certain (phone 770-383-3533) if you would like to volunteer to help make this project a success.

Co-chairmen Genie Jolly Certain and Trey Gaines head this committee which includes Joan Wade Carroll, Mina Harper, Mary Norton and Sally Tonsmeire.

Families, clubs businesses or individuals are encouraged to have an interview done on their own. The committee is glad to advise and facilitate your effort to do this, and would welcome a copy of your interview for the Oral History Collection. You may contact Genie Certain or Trey Gaines to discuss an interview for your person of choice. The Interviews on DVD's are housed at three locations: The EVHS office in the Gold Dome Courthouse, Bartow History Museum and the Cartersville Public Library. They are available for onsite viewing upon request.

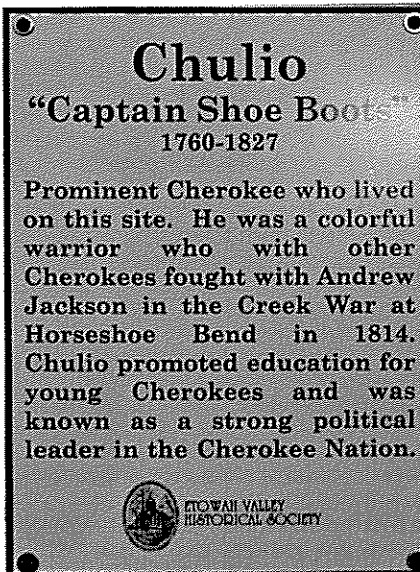
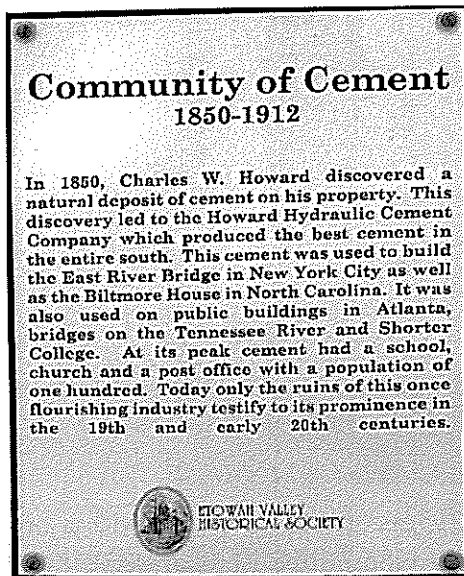
# DO YOU KNOW...?

## *Interesting Historical Tidbits*

Do you know where Cement Georgia is located?

Do you know whom Chulio Road is named after?

Do you know where Everett D. B. Julio is buried?



J.B Tate is on a mission to share this type of information with the citizens of Bartow County. About 10 years ago he started a comprehensive historical marker program regarding historical tidbits related to people, places or activities connected with Bartow County. For this program unique to Bartow county, he has the signs made, installs them at the appropriate location, then finds a sponsor to reimburse him for the cost of the sign, usually about \$142. This is a much more reasonable cost than the \$5,000 required for State historical signs.

J. B. is a past president of EVHS, is well as a recipient of their Lifetime Achievement Award, who now is a retired professor from Kennesaw State University. J.B. has plans to add many more signs in the future. Do you know the connection between Pretty Boy Floyd and Bartow County or interesting information on New Riverside Ocher, Petit Animal Preserve or Robert Benham? How about Otis Granger, Roland Springs, Walnut Grove, Lewis Cass, Farish Carter or even Frances Bartow, these are under consideration for future markers here in Bartow County.

Look to find the eleven signs already installed in the county and look for additional ones to be added in the future. Maybe you might even consider being a sponsor for these interesting tidbits of Bartow History that would be available for your children and grandchildren.

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# IN MEMORY OF MARTHA MULINIX

*by Mina Harper*

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Martha Hefner Mulinix was an exceptional person, a dear and vibrant expression of God's highest expectations. In the face of adversity, she made moral and valiant decisions, was bold and daring if need be. Socially, she was fun, interesting and an imaginative and gracious entertainer. In professional groups, she was most often the most meticulous, accurate, articulate, engaging and professional of those around her. She made her mark on the earth and left the world a better place for having existed.

Martha was born into a well to do family who owned a general store. Her mother was the post mistress, who operated the Post Office out of the same store. When the depression hit, her parents continued the customary practice of extending credit until harvest when bills were reconciled, but across the board, money dried up, people defaulted and Martha Hefner's family store went out of business. She remembers her mother destroying the ledgers showing who was indebted to them. At that point, her father was fortunate to find a job with the railroad, but it meant moving frequently. In spite of this, Martha was always an excellent student, learning to read at age four. When she experienced her first library, she chose to check out a difficult book and was refused because the librarian thought she was too young to read that book. At age eleven, she wrote to Berry School for Girls, obtained registration papers, filled them out and asked her father to sign them so she could attend Berry School for Girls. He said, "You can't go." She asked, "Why not?" He said, "You've not been baptized. If anything happened to you, your soul would be lost and I'd be responsible." She had to wait until age twelve, commit her life to God and be baptized. When she graduated with a high school and college degree, the Berry campus had been her home for more years than she had ever lived in one place.

Martha snagged her beau, Rufus Mulinix, a fellow student and friend of her cousin, telling him he had a date with her to the tea. This was to avoid going with another guy who assumed she would accompany him. The problem was that the other guy had not sent Martha the proper written invitation. Rufus never let go and they eloped with her parents' permission before graduating college. Berry College would have kicked her out if they had found out and she almost got caught. Her advisor had suspicions, was questioning her at a dance, but a young Mulinix, who by this time was attending the dance in his US Army uniform, swooped her away to dance.

Rufus served in India, Martha gave birth, became a teacher, later a counselor. As a counselor, she knew every one of the more than 600 students, created a file with detailed records on each and was admired by all the staff. She was in her prime, was used to being asked to present papers at conferences. Ill health and politics forced her out of her career in education. Her doctor had told her to either get a different job or another doctor.

Martha was defeated but determined. With profound faith in God, with the loving support of family and never doubting purpose in her life, she fell back on her literary and teaching skills. She started quilting classes and single handedly popularized the nearly lost art of quilting at the time in her environs. Being a teacher and historian, through classes in technique and historic patterns, exhibitions and demonstrations at historic places and arts and crafts shows, Martha quilted and led others to do the same, making works of art. Rufus, whom she called Mulinix, was by her side creating and selling handmade wooden quilt frames of a historic design, handed down by his own ancestors. Martha and Mulinix traveled in their motor home, Jonah, which introduced her first hand to the patterns and techniques of Amish quilting, the Pennsylvania Dutch, Hawaiian, repique, trapunto and other. She did a series of quilts inspired by the colors of the Grand Canyon. Martha and her group quilted in period clothing in the log cabin, Tullie Smith House, on the grounds of the Atlanta Historical Society. She helped to curate an exhibit of historic quilts at the Atlanta Historical Society Museum and chaired a large quilt exhibition for the Etowah Valley Creative Arts Council as well as for Barnsley Gardens. She was invited to exhibit and demonstrate at the World's Fair twice, was voted "most popular" of the exhibitions there. She wrote a chapter in the important book, *HISTORIC QUILTS OF GEORGIA* and was honored with EVHS's Lifetime Achievement Award, was also interviewed for the Oral History Archive of EVHS. The Martha Mulinix Annex to the Kingston Woman's History Club Museum attests to her importance in the creation of the museum and her promotion of historical awareness through her work with the club and museum. Although legally blind and losing her hearing, just weeks before her death, she finished her "Life's Story", written by popular request. She will long be remembered by the Etowah Valley Historical Society for her inspirational example, dedicated service and exceptional excellence.

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# THINGS TO REMEMBER

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April Lecture at Gold Dome Courthouse.

Oral History at Valley View in June.

Make sure you have paid your dues.

EVHS email is  
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Send your email address to EVHS

Beginning Genealogy classes in April and May

*www.evhsonline.org*  
*Use the above website to*  
*keep up with the activities of the*  
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