

# ETOWAH VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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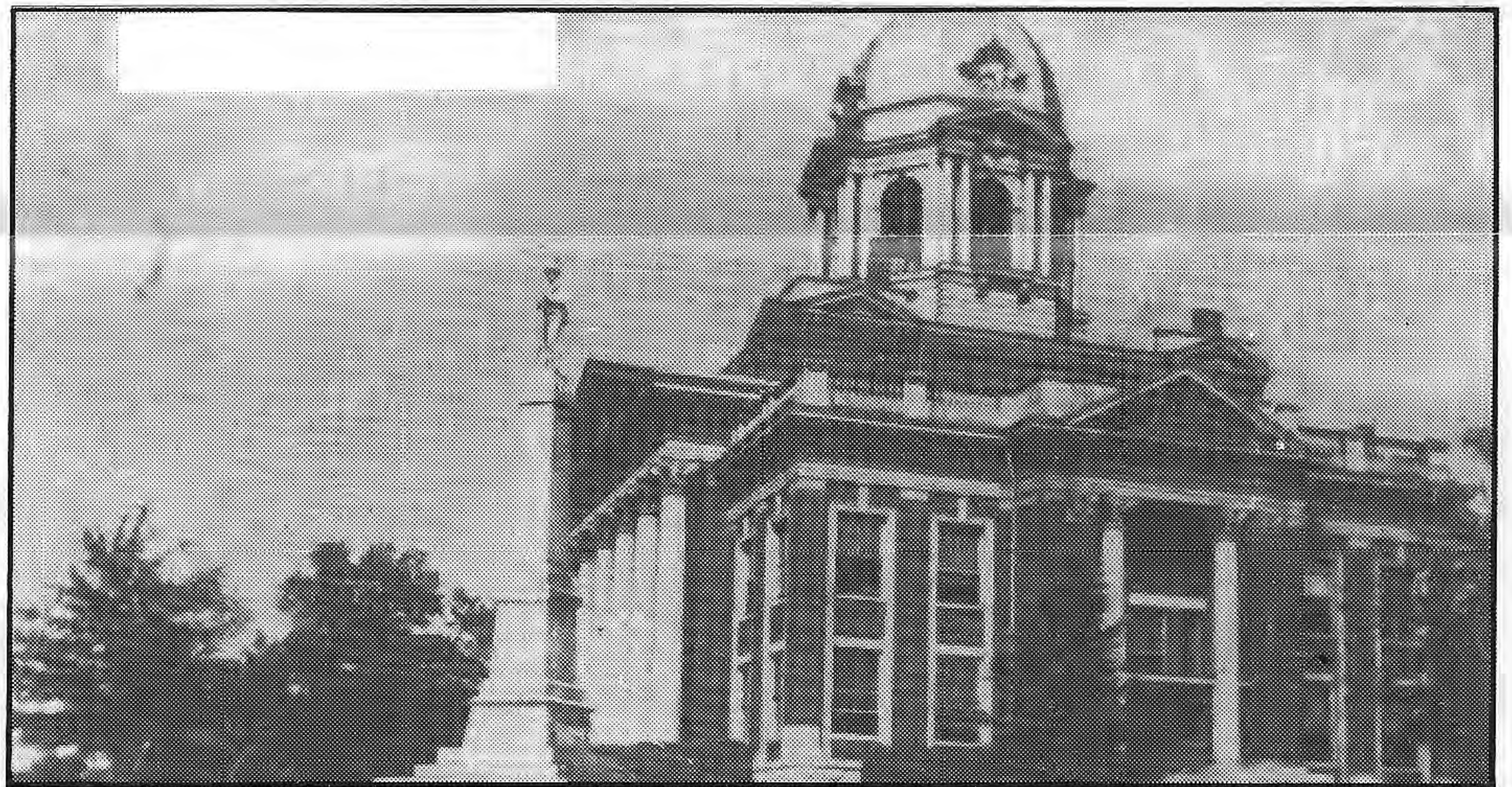
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## NEW COURTHOUSE IS NEEDED

Editors Note: This article appeared in The News and Courier on December 19, 1901. The article is based on presentments of the Bartow County Grand Jury, July term, 1900 and was originally titled "A Need That Is Long Standing".

the county by this court, to say nothing of the time lost by the city court of which we have made no estimate. We not only lose much valuable time, but it is often worse

The question of building a new courthouse has had the serious consideration of this body and has been considered by former grand juries, yet nothing has been done towards remedying the evils and inconveniences suffered by the courts, the tax payers and litigants. When the present courthouse was erected, more than twenty years ago, the business of the railroads was small compared with the present volume of business on the W. & A. Railroad. Comparatively few trains were run. Since then the E. & W. Railroad has been constructed and the business of the two roads necessitates a switch engine which is in use at all times of the day. These causes have rendered the present location entirely unsuitable. The business of the court is retarded almost hourly, thus daily causing much loss of time and consequently a loss of money. To continue the use of the present courthouse any longer than can be avoided is unquestionably bad business policy. It is estimated that the actual loss by delay from the railroads each day is not less than one hour, which is equal to \$13 per day and as the superior court alone holds at least fifty days in each year, this at \$13 per day, makes \$650 clear loss to



*Only a dream in 1901. Today the EVHS has its office in this beautiful old courthouse completed in 1903. This early photo courtesy of Diane Mooney.*

than lost, for the reason that the business that is done is sometimes unsatisfactorily and inaccurately transacted. The noise and confusion created by the passing trains may cause the jurors to miss many words of the witnesses, and thus may affect the property or the liberty, or may be the life of the citizen. Besides this, we do not regard this building as now constructed suitable for a courthouse. A building that is the property of every citizen of this grand old county should be made modern in its construction and its arrangements convenient and comfortable for the citizens. Let us keep pace with the times.

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## "Need" Continued

The counties west and north of us have outstripped us in the matter of public buildings. We submit it, are they more able to do this than we? Or are they more intelligent and progressive? We recognize the necessity, and we emphasize the word "necessity," of building a new



*Circa 1873. The old-old courthouse deserved a better fate. Progress and a growing need for increased rail traffic spelled doom for the intended occupancy of this grand old building. Hopefully the future will be brighter through efforts of the Downtown Development Authority and the Etowah Foundation.*

courthouse on a more eligible site in the city of Cartersville, and in our opinion the time has arrived when this work should be begun and we now recommend that the county commissioners levy and collect, in addition to the other taxes, a special tax of 25 cents on the one hundred dollars to be appropriated as follows:

First, the purchase of a suitable site for a new courthouse for Bartow County.

Second, the securing of suitable plans and specifications of a building to cost not less than \$25,000.

Third, the balance of the fund so raised to be expended in carrying on the building as far as can be done with the money on hand.

This amount, we believe, will get the building as far advanced as it will be carried this year, and the Grand

Jury for the next term will then make additional appropriations and tax levies for the further prosecution of the work. By these means we can secure the desired end without its becoming burdensome to the people. We further recommend the appointment and appoint the following named citizens, to-wit: T. J. Jolly, Dr. S. N. Mayson, Thomas C. Moore, Edward E. Freeman, James H. Gilreath as a special committee to co-operate with the county commissioners in carrying out as speedily as possible the objects of these recommendations and directions, the said commissioners and committee to have full power in the premises to promote and carry on to completion and to make such contracts for the construction of the building as they can legally make. These recommendations and directions are made by this body as we believe in the conscientious discharge of a public duty, believing that our citizens realize the necessity therefore, and that it is for the greatest good and that it will receive the hearty approval of all our thinking people. We further recommend that the county commissioners and the special committee hereinbefore mentioned proceed to dispose of the present courthouse and lot as soon as they can reasonably do so at a fair price, the proceeds of that sale to be applied to the building of the new courthouse, possession and use of courthouse to be retained until the new court house is completed, and ready for use. We levy for the year 1900 for the present expenses of the county 40 cents on the hundred dollars in addition to the special tax for building a new courthouse.

J. G. M. Montgomery, foreman: Oliver H. Richards, William S. Attaway, Ransom L. Griffin, John T. Owen, James H. Gilreath, David M. Taff, Eli Barrett, Joseph J. Jolly, William J. Hilburn, Zimri W. Jackson, Jefferson J. Murphy, George A. Stephens, Benjamin F. Pasey, John D. Thomas, Edward E. Freeman, Thomas C. Moore, James F. Martin, James O. Ligon, William M. Going, Julius P. Hawks.

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## BOOKS DONATED TO EVHS LIBRARY

In addition to those donating their time to keeping the EVHS office open on a daily basis, there are many unsung heroes who have donated books to the library over the past year. A tremendous thank you goes out to: Dorothy Ann Roth, J. B. & Dianne Tate, Woodrow Bradley, Joseph Mahan, Bill Junkin, Louise Wofford, J. B. & Wilma Jo Moore, Diane Mooney, Scott Parmenter, Robert Ford, Tom Akin, Jodeen Brown, Elizabeth Garrison, Mary Catherine Gaines, Richard Nix, Bill Scaife, David Parker, and Agness Counts.

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# NEW COURTHOUSE CORNER STONE

Editors Note: This article appeared in The News and Courant on May 1, 1902.

The laying of the cornerstone of Bartow County's new courthouse took place last Thursday, and the occasion was an interesting one and will be long remembered.

Representatives of nearly all the Masonic lodges in the county were present and a large number of people from different parts of the county gathered to do honor to the new temple of justice. There were at least six hundred people present.

The Masons met at the hall of the Cartersville Lodge at 11 o'clock and went from there to the Jones' building, in Bank Block, where a lunch was served. Afterwards they reassembled at the hall and at 1 p.m., received the Grand Officers. At 1:40 a procession was formed and the members of the order, about 150 strong, marched to the courthouse.

The ceremonies were opened with prayer by Rev. George W. Yarbrough. Then the proclamation was read by Grand Marshal J. J. Printup. Ceremonies then proceeded in order as per Akin's Manual.

Judge Thomas W. Milner delivered the welcoming address and spoke of what a proud consummation the building of the new courthouse should be regarded and it was hoped that justice would be dispensed with an even hand to the rich, the poor, the high and low alike.

Judge A. W. Fite followed Judge Milner in a very apt speech and said this was the house of every man in Bartow.

Grand Master Meyerhardt followed and made both a witty and a beautiful and impressive speech.

The exercises were interspersed with music—songs from the well known popular local quartet Messrs Joseph and John Calhoun, Paul Akin and Tom Milner.

The following are the names of the Grand Officers officiating in the ceremony: Max Meyerhardt, Sam P. Maddox; A. M. Puckett, Joe Bowdoin, George H. Gilreath, A. M. Foute, P. Allen, S. Anderson, E. Matthews, John C. Printup, John P. Adair, M. F. Word, E. F. Jones, John A. Gladden, G. Tyler, W. L. Collier, W. I. Benham.

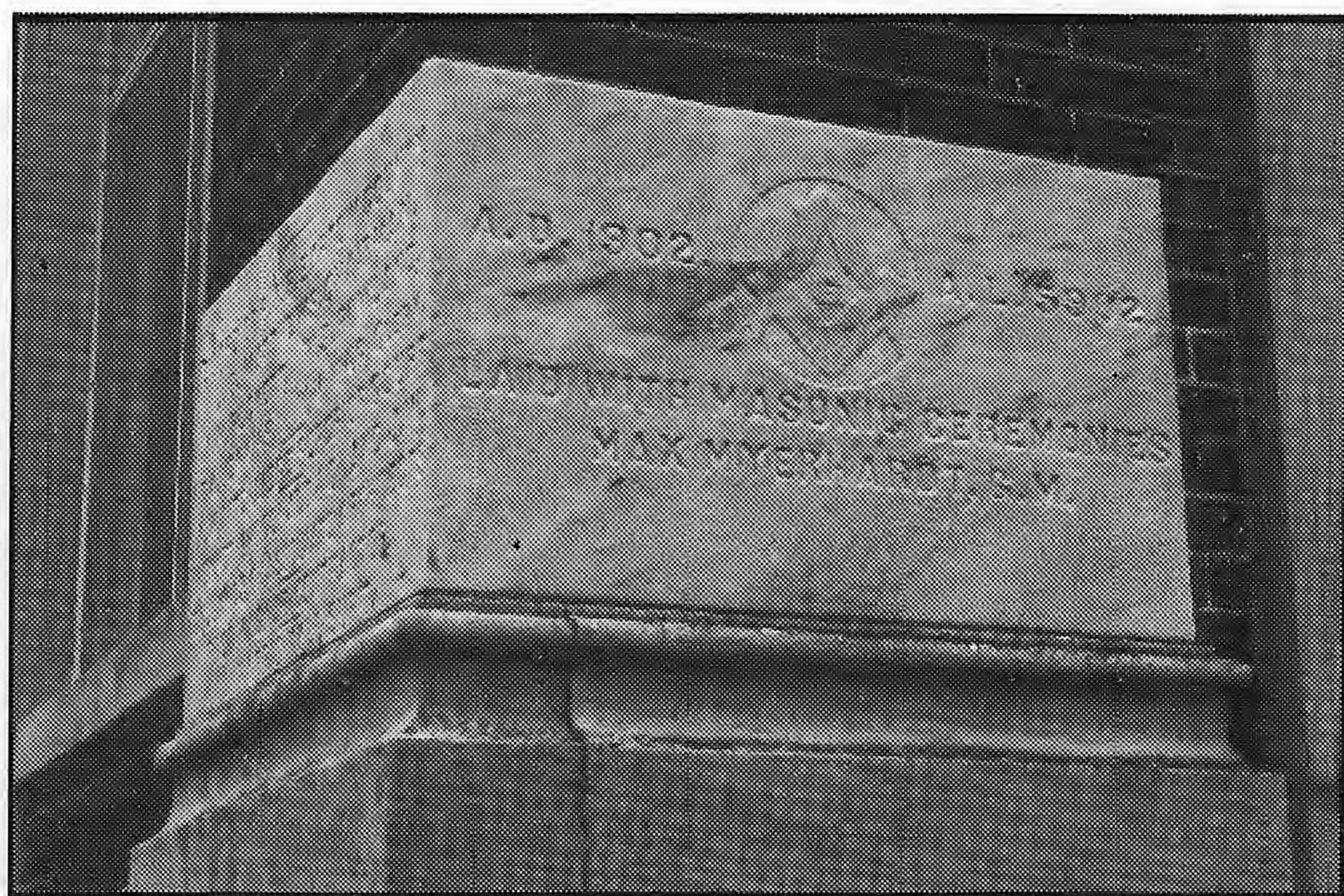
The following is a list of the deposits in the corner stone:

Request of county authorities, Bartow County, to most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia, for this ceremony.

Roll of officers and members of the Cartersville Lodge, No. 63, F. & A. M.

Copy of the News and Courant of February 13, 1902, containing the opinion of the Supreme Court of Georgia,

affirming judgment of the court below, refusing to enjoin in the erection of this building, by Freeman and Chapman.



Copy of the Courant American of January 31, 1901, containing the general presentments of the Grand Jury, recommending the building of this house, by John J. Calhoun.

Copy of the News and Courant of April 24, 1902 by Freeman and Chapman.

Copy of the Atlanta Constitution of April 24, 1902, by A. M. Foute.

Copy of the Atlanta Constitution of January 14, 1902 containing cut of this building, by D. B. Freeman.

Copy of the Atlanta Journal of April 23, 1902, by H. A. Chapman.

Copy of the Masonic Herald, Rome, by Max Meyerhardt.

Roll of officers Cartersville city government, 1902, by George W. Waldrop, Clerk.

Roll of county officers, 1902, by L. W. Reeves, Clerk of Superior Court.

Names of Cartersville businessmen who closed their places of business for this service by J. A. Henderson, Chief of Police, and J. R. Trippe.

Program of this day's service, by A. M. Foute, Secretary.

Names of state house officers, 1902, by A. M. Foute.

Copy of proceedings of the last Masonic Grand Lodge of Georgia, by Cartersville Lodge.

Copy of by-laws Cartersville Lodge, by Cartersville Lodge.

County bond, dated March 5, 1862, payable to Abda Johnson, signed by B. F. Godfrey, Clerk Superior Court, Arthur Haire, County Treasurer, by A. S. Johnson.

Silver coin of the United States, 1901, the year these

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### "New Court" Continued

foundation stones were laid, by A. S. Johnson.

Note of Confederate States, \$100, December 18, 1862, by A. S. Johnson.

Note of State of Georgia, \$1, 1863 by A. S. Johnson.

Message of Jefferson Davis, President Confederate States, 1863, by John H. Wikle.

\$50 bill Confederate States, 1864, by John H. Wikle.

\$20 bill State of Georgia, 1864, by John H. Wikle.

\$100 bill Confederate States, November 20, 1862 by O. D. Anderson.

Confederate States postage stamps, 10c., by Mrs. A. M. Foute.

\$20 bill Confederate States, November 20, 1862, by O. D. Anderson.

25 cent shin plaster, State of Georgia, signed R. J. McCamy, for Treasurer, by A. M. Foute.

\$500 bill Confederate States, 1863, and small silver coin, widow's mite, on one side, Lord's prayer reverse, by L. J. Blackman.

Small silver coin, 1773, by unknown.

Nickel coin, 1902, by L. B. Matthews.

Masonic apron, by Cartersville Lodge.

Akin's Lodge Manual and Masonic Law Digest, by John W. Akin.

Stone Cutter's Journal, Washington D. C., April 1902, by workmen about the temple.

Copy of "Southern Confederacy," September 10,

1862, Confederate money and the famous lines, written on a Confederate bill, beginning, "Representing nothing," etc., by John J. Calhoun.

Copy of song sung, "Fling Out the Flag," and the names of the quartet, Joe S. Calhoun, Paul F. Akin, Thomas H. Milner and John J. Calhoun, Jr.

The cornerstone bears on it the following inscription:

On one side—

A. D. 1902      A. L. 5902

LAID WITH MASONIC CEREMONIES

MAX MEYERHARDT, G. M.

On the other side is this—

BOARD OF R. & R. BARTOW COUNTY

L. B. MATTHEWS, CHAIRMAN

A. M. PUCKETT, W. D. ROWLAND

T. A. JENKINS, W. M. KING, CLERK

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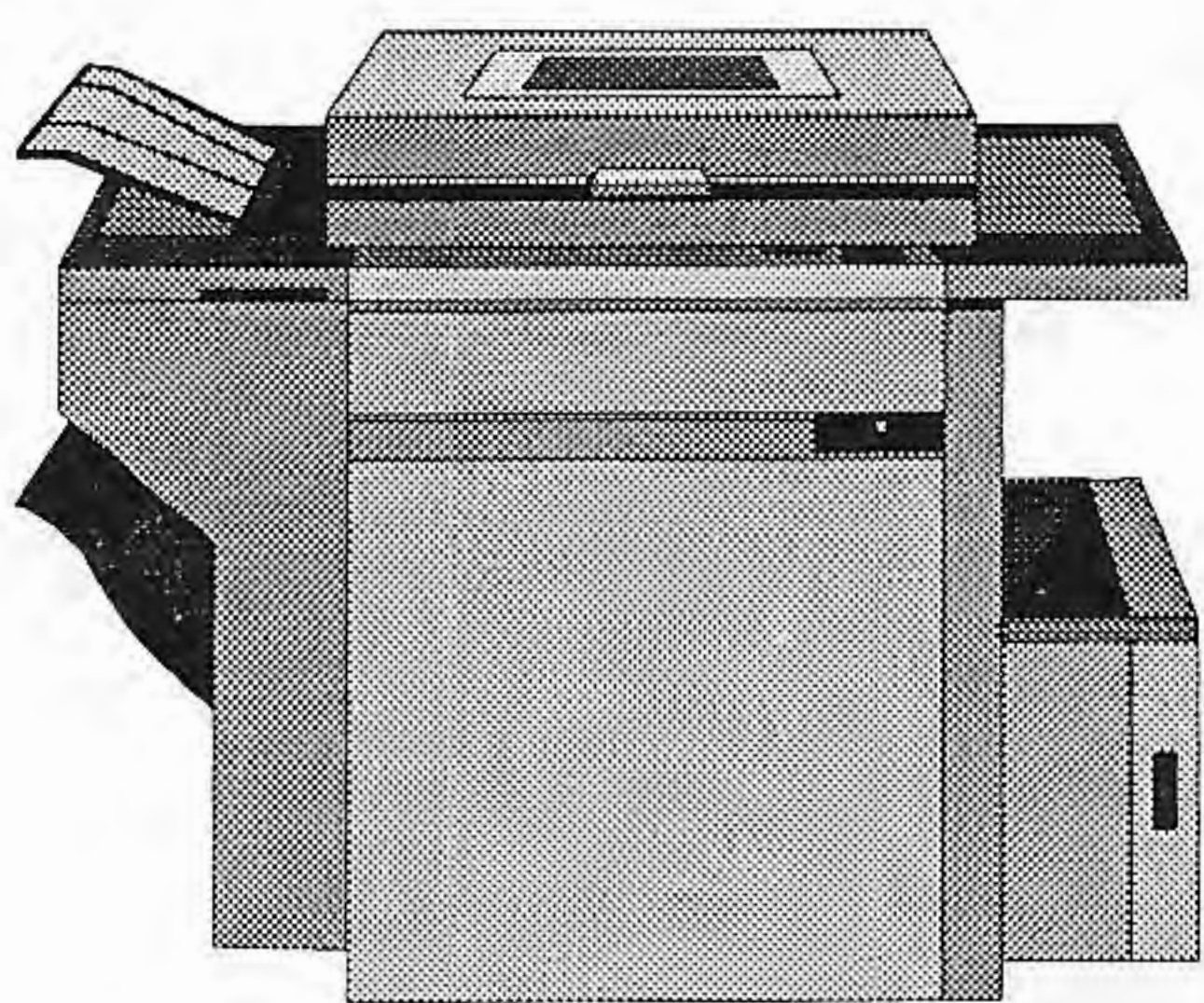
J. W. GOLUCKE & CO., ASSOCIATE ARCHITECTS.

FRED WAGNER, CONTRACTOR

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## EVHS OFFICE NEWS



A copier has been purchased for our office in the old Courthouse. We are now able to make copies for the Society Library of those old records, letters, articles, ect. that you have. Bring them by!

Additional microfilm pertaining to Bartow County has just been ordered. The following rolls will be available soon for viewing: Court of Ordinary Minutes 1853-1904; Administrators', Guardians and Executors Returns 1852-1856; Guardian Bonds 1858-1926; Homestead Records 1868-1951; Homestead Records 1875-1905; Deed Records 1837-1902 (including Indexes to Deeds thru 1962); Army Discharge Records 1922-1950; Confederate Roster 1861-1865; Official Service Records beginning 1917; Administrators Bonds 1858-1883; Ad-

ministrators Bonds 1880-1910, 1920; Tax Digest 1871-1899; Marriages 1836-1907;

The Board of Directors authorized the purchase of these items. However, several donations were made toward these specific purchases and others are welcome. Special thanks go to Linda and Dale Trentham, DiAnne Monroe, Richard Nix, Glenda and Mickey Collier, Paul and Rebecca Wilson, Jeff Trentham, Ronnie and Sandra Harris, Howard and Mary Alice Wilson, Marie Pate, Wayne Smith and Brenda and Harold Lowry.

Now available at the EVHS office is a roll of microfilm about the Nancy Creek Baptist Church compliments of Richard Nix. Available also is the Georgia Death Index on microfiche compliments of Linda and Dale Trentham.

Many thanks to all those who have helped to finance our library. All donations of books, microfilm, historical documents and money are appreciated.

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# NEWNAN TOUR

**Come join us for a bus tour to beautiful, historic Newnan on Saturday, April 22, 1995.**

Newnan-Coweta County Historical Society's 1995 Tour of Homes will open twelve impressive sites on the tour. Surrounding the historic Coweta Courthouse will be an arts & crafts and antique auto show. Also, there are many antique and gift shops in the historic area.

Don't miss an exciting and companionable day!

Newnan-Coweta Tour of Homes

Saturday, April 22, 1995

Leave Courthouse 8:30 a.m. - Return 6:00 p.m.

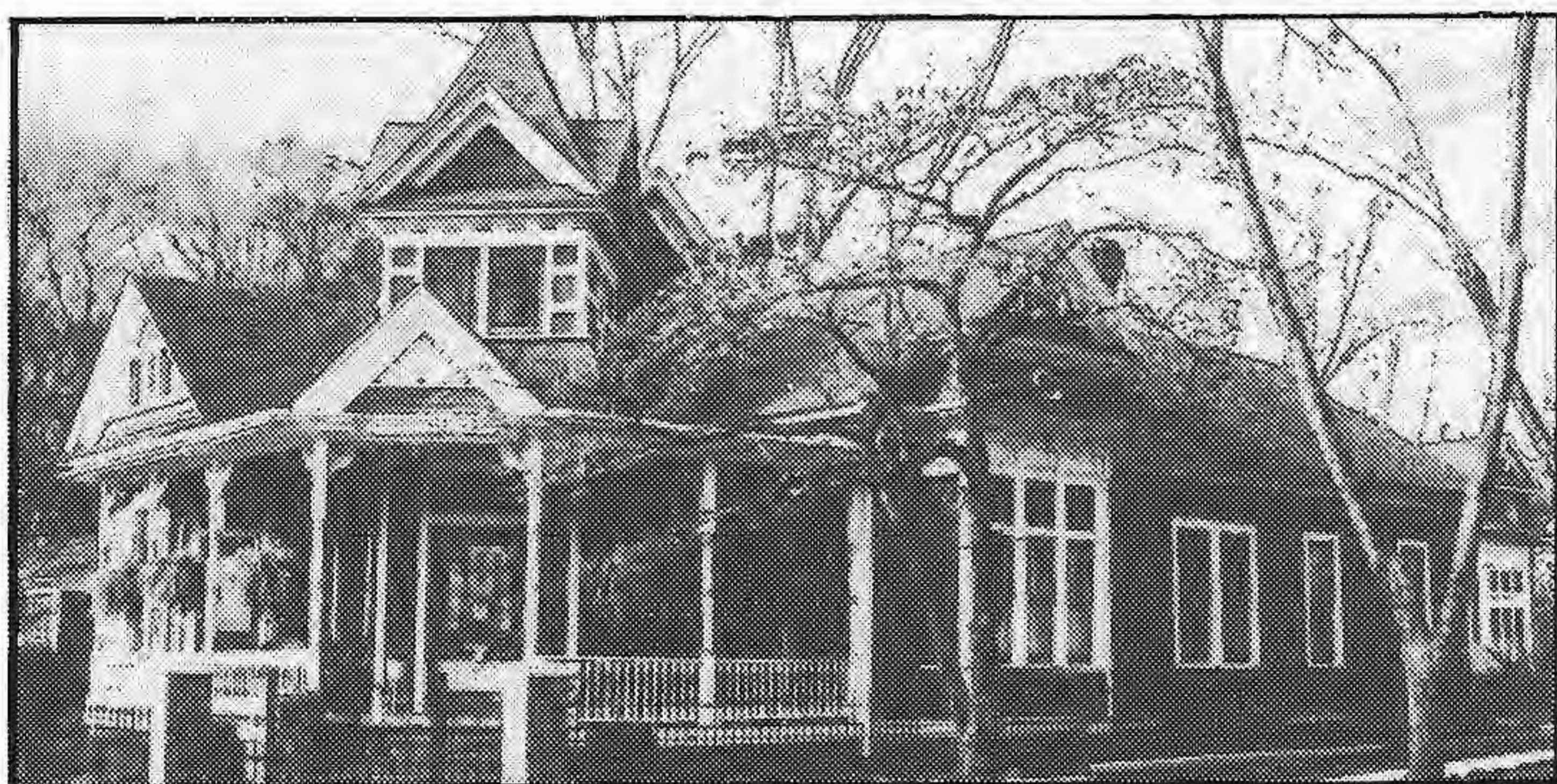
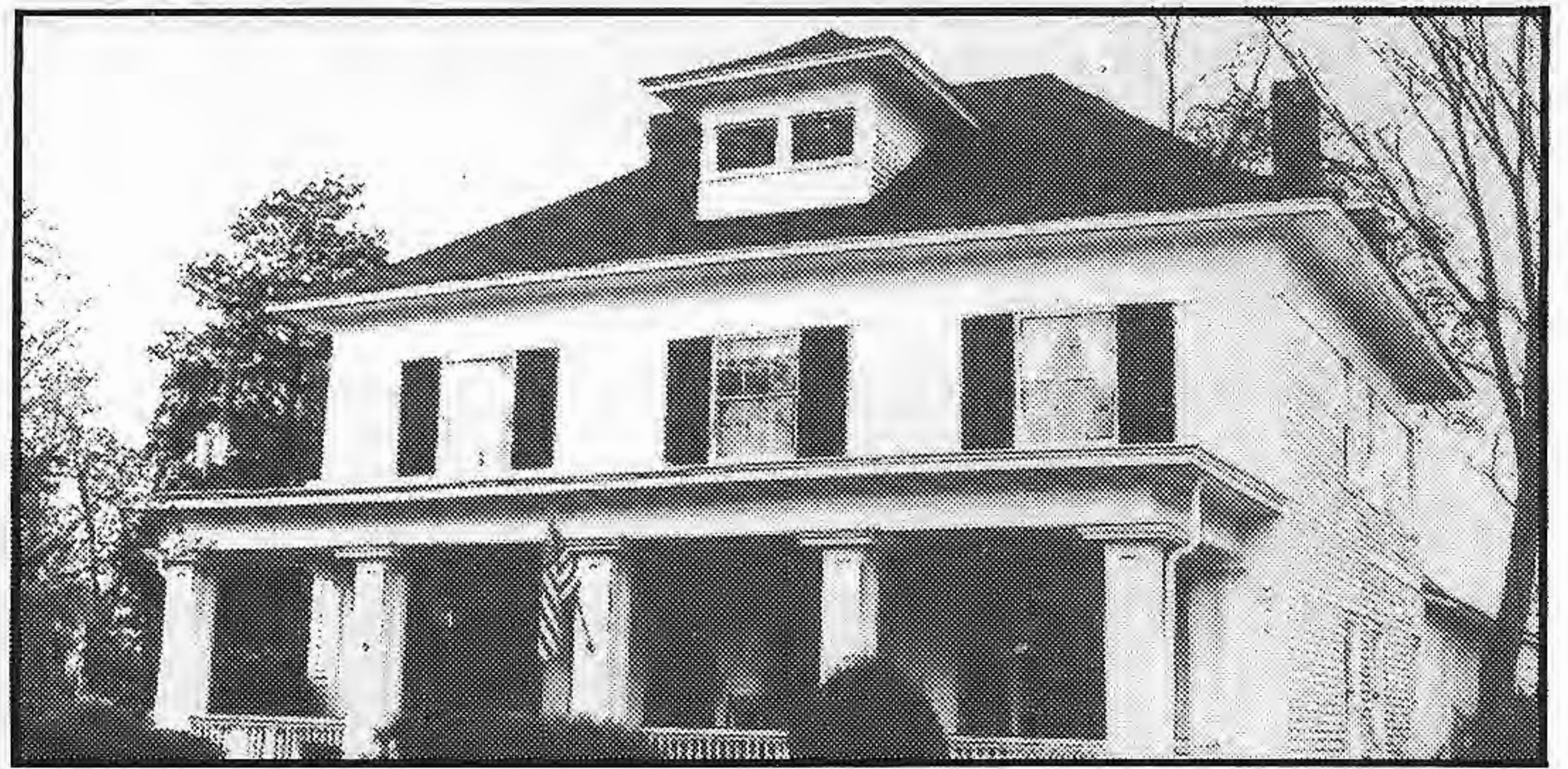
Tour Ticket and Bus Transportation \$20.50

Lunch on your own and enjoy gastronomical delicacies at local restaurants.

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**Interested?** Please call the EVHS office during regular office hours at 606-8862 to make your reservation. Deadline for registration is March 27, 1995.

Office hours Monday-Friday 1:30-4:30 p.m. and Saturday 1:00-5:00 p.m. Volunteers will be on hand to assist you with any questions about the tour. Your payment of \$20.50 will be required as a deposit.



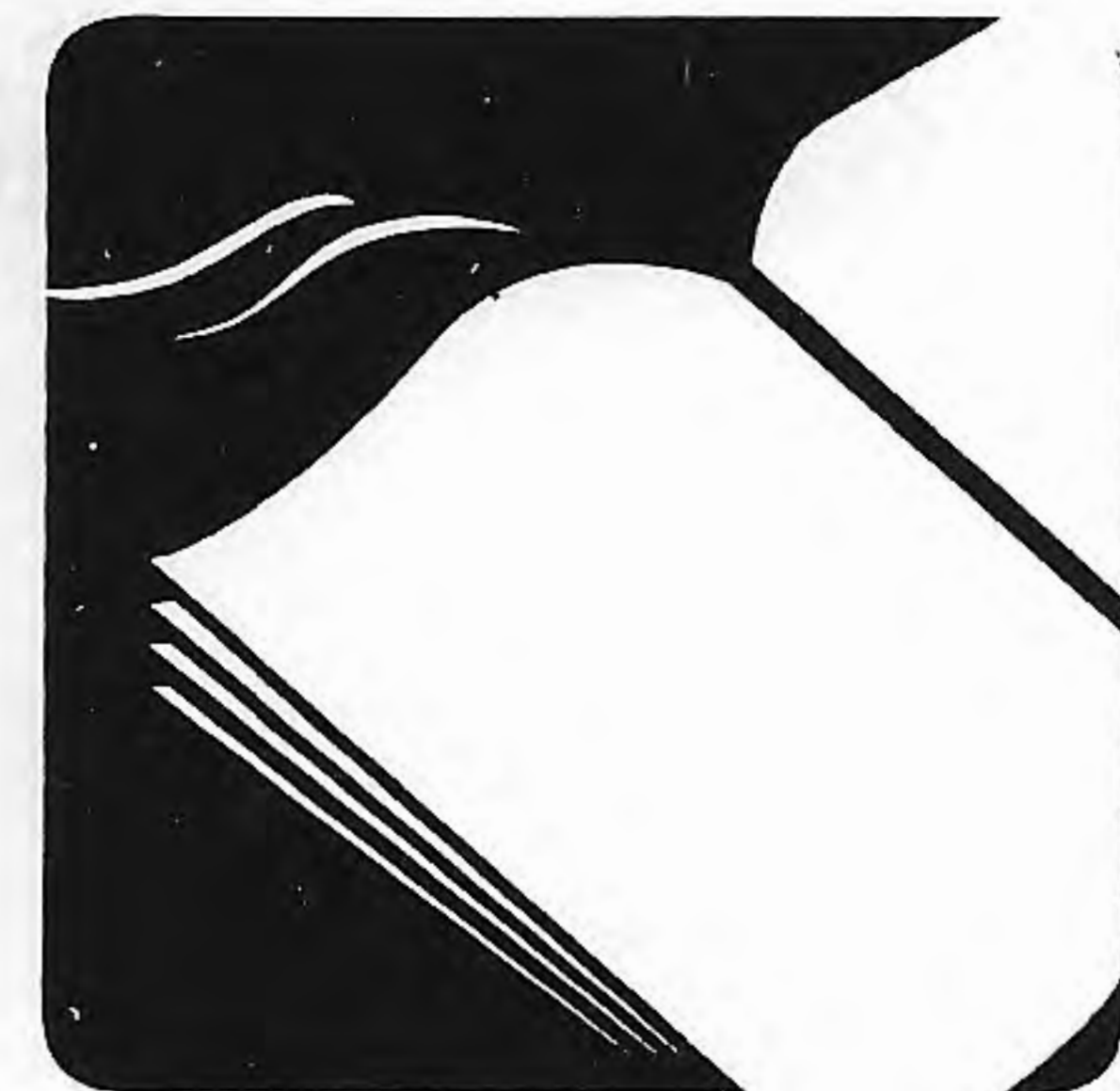


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# WANTED!

## THESE BOOKS FOR EVHS LIBRARY

Your society continues to seek donations of any book written about Cass/Bartow County or by a Bartow County author. In addition, school annuals, city directories, Georgia histories, county histories and genealogical books are needed. Specific books that we are seeking are listed below. Please check your bookshelves and consider donating to the EVHS Library so that all may enjoy.



Author	Title of Book
Barnsley, Godfrey	1805-1873 British Cotton Factor In the South
Aycock, Roger	All Roads Lead to Rome
Bright, Marion	Early Georgia Portraits
Bryant, Edwin	History of the Third Wisconsin Regiment
Brown, John P.	Old Frontiers
Cook, James	Governors of Georgia
Dewey, Maybelle Jones	Until Now
Daves, Jessica	A Pocket of Miracles
Epstein, Samuel & Beryl	The Andrews Raid
Felton, Rebecca	Country Life in Georgia in the Days of My Youth
	Memoirs of Georgia Politics
Floyd, Woodrow	Rising Waters
French, Samuel	Two Wars
Hemperly, Marion	Historic Indian Trails of Georgia
Harris, Corra	My Son
	Making Her His Wife
	In Search of a Husband
	Flapper Annie
	As a Woman Thinks
	A Circuit Riders Wife
	Eve's Second Husband
	Happily Married
	Justice
	The House of Helen
	The Jessica Letters
	From Sun Up to Sun Down
Henson, Allen L.	Confessions of a Criminal Lawyer
Hedley, F. Y.	Marching Through Georgia
Hargis, D. P.	Thrilling Experiences of a First Georgia Calvaryman
Holcomb, Walt	Sam Jones
	Best Loved Sermons of Sam Jones
	Popular Lectures of Sam P. Jones
Holland, Linwood	Pierce M. B. Young, Warwick of the South

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Howard, Alice B

Historical Sketch of Adairsville and Great Locomotive Chase  
Sunset Door Yards and Sprinkled Streets

Footnotes I

Footnotes II

For Kindred Hearts

Ingmire, Frances T.

Cass/Bartow County, Georgia Marriage Records 1838-1861

Jackson, Callie

History of the Stilesboro Improvement Club

Jones, Jenkins L.

An Artillery Mans Diary

Jones, Sam P.

Sam Jones Own Book

Sam Jones' Gospel Sermons

Sermons & Sayings by Rev. Sam P. Jones of Georgia

Sermons and Sayings by the Rev. Sam P. Jones of the

North Georgia Conference

Sam Jones' Late Sermons as Delivered by the Great Preacher

Sam Jones Sermons

Hot Shots

Sam Jones Great Pulpit Series, Vol. IV

Johnston, James H.

Western and Atlantic Railroad

Landon, Melville D.

Kings of the Platform and Pulpit

Lawrence, Una Roberts

Lottie Moon

Mellenchamp, Josephine

Senators from Georgia

Malone, Henry T.

Cherokees of the Old South

Moorehead, Warren King

Etowah Papers

O'Niel, Charles

Wild Train

Pittenger, William

The Great Locomotive Chase: A History of the Andrews Raid  
into Georgia in 1862

Price, Eugenia

To See Your Face Again

Rome Area Heritage Foundation

A Plan for Barnsley Gardens

Sherman, William T.

Memoirs

Shingler, J. S.

Lightning Flasher and Thunderbolts

Smith, Charles H.

Fireside Sketches

From the Uncivil War to Date

Peace Papers

Bill Arp's Scrap Book

Bill Arp, A Side Show of the Southern Side of the War

Smith, Theodore

Rev. Sam P. Jones' Sermons

Stiles, William Henry

The History of Austria (two vol. set)

Radetsky, Tellacic and Kossuth

Connection Between Liberty Eloquence

Address Delivered Before Georgia Democratic Statewide

Convention Assembled at Milledgeville, July 4, 1856

Stuart, George R.

Sam Jones, The Preacher

Talmadge, John E.

Rebecca Felton, Nine Stormy Decades

White, George

Historical Collections

Wills, C. W.

Army Life of an Illinois Soldier

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# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mr. & Mrs. Marion Antonio, Cartersville, GA  
Mrs. Frances Appling, Cartersville, GA  
Mr. H. R. Colbaugh, Cartersville, GA  
Mr. & Mrs. Mike Collier, Acworth, GA  
Ms. Carolyn L. Creager, Cartersville, GA  
Mr. Bob Dunegan, Cartersville, GA  
Mr. & Mrs. Ron Harris, Cartersville, GA  
Mr. & Mrs. Bradford Hughes, Cartersville, GA  
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Mr. Ray L. Kinnamon, Cartersville, GA  
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Dr. & Mrs. Donald Swanson, Cartersville, GA  
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Silvia, Cartersville, GA  
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Taylor, Rydal, GA  
Dr. Boyce Thomas, Newnan, GA  
Mr. & Mrs. Ken Topham, Cartersville, GA  
Mr. Jeffrey B. Trentham, Cartersville, GA  
Mr. & Mrs. Mike Urbano, Acworth, GA  
Mr. & Mrs. Don Voyles, Cartersville, GA  
Mr. & Mrs. William Wheeler, Cartersville, GA  
Mr. & Mrs. David White, Cartersville, GA  
Mr. & Mrs. George Willis, Cartersville, GA  
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Wilson, Cartersville, GA  
Mr. & Mrs. Herschel Wisebram, Cartersville, GA

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*This newsletter is dedicated to the memory of  
Mr. Curtis W. Ingram and Mr. Joe P. Cowan.*

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