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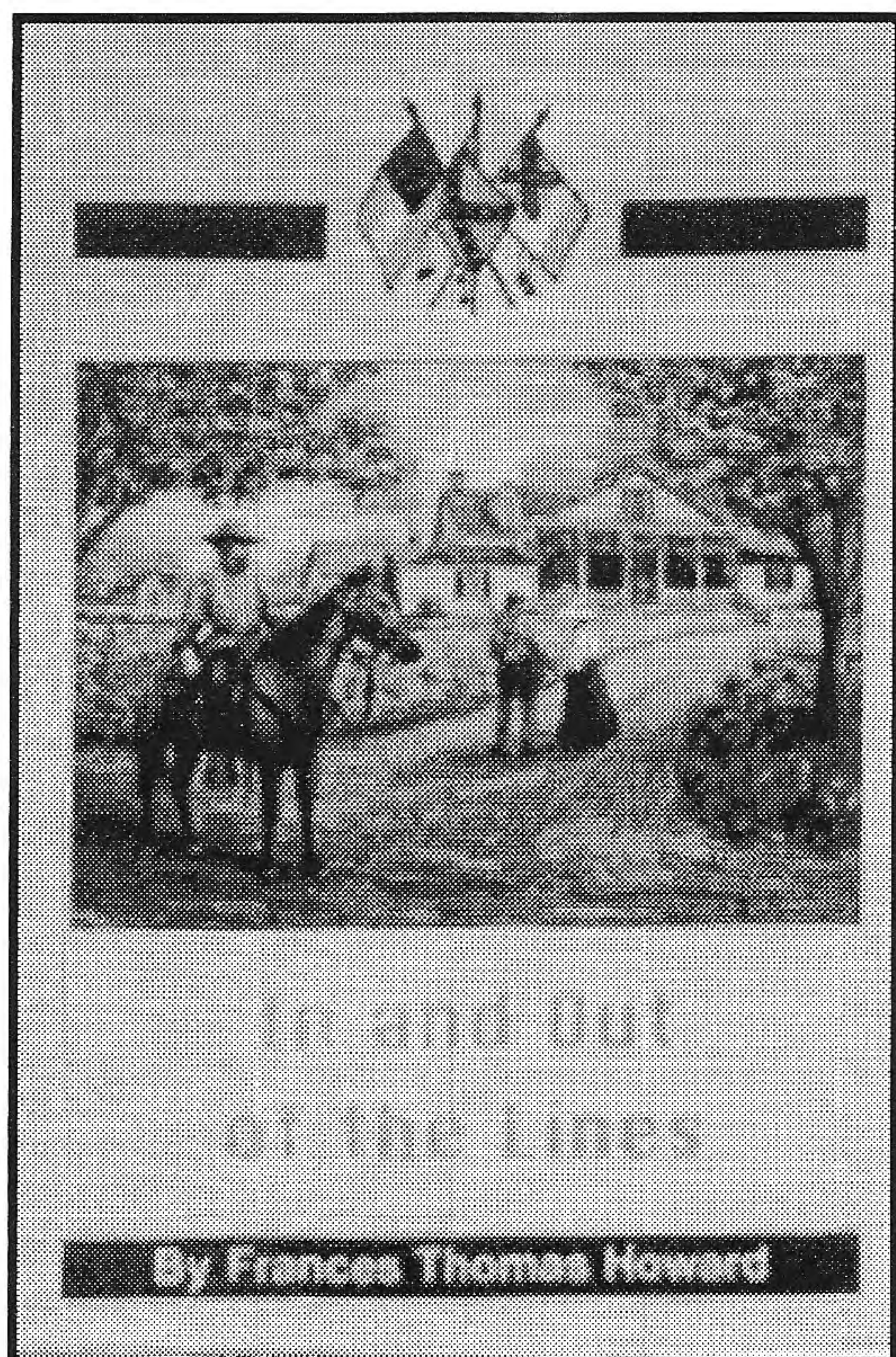
ALLATOONA BATTLEFIELD UPDATE

Congratulations to Robert and Company of Atlanta, the firm selected to prepare a Comprehensive Preservation Plan for the Allatoona Battlefield. Robert and Company has been involved in a number of planning and restoration projects throughout our state.

Some of these include the Heritage Park and Lost Mountain Master Plan in Cobb County. For the state of Georgia, they have completed Master Plans at the Tallulah Gorge State Conservation Park, the Magnolia Springs State Park, the Stone Mountain Park and Jekyll

Island. Other jobs include the Callaway Gardens Master Plan and the Andersonville Trail Master Plan.

The planning team began work in March and expects the project to be completed in six to eight months. We are indeed indebted to the National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program for the \$20,000 grant awarded the EVHS for this worthy project. The planning team of Robert and Company will be on hand to update the membership at our October Annual Meeting.



IN AND OUT OF THE LINES NOW AVAILABLE

This is a fascinating and true account of the Howard family's fight for survival during the Civil War. The book was written in 1870 by Frances Thomas Howard, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Charles Wallace Howard. It was not until 1905 that this book was actually published, with very few copies of the book remaining today. The reprint of this book is now available in soft cover and includes pictures of the Howard family and their home, Spingbank. The book's cover includes an artists painting of Springbank, prepared especially for the EVHS by local artist and EVHS member, Jodeen Brown. Thanks to J. B. Tate and Michael Garland for there work on this project. Books are available at the EVHS office at a cost of \$18.00 each. If you order by mail, please add \$3.00 for shipping.

"UNCLE BUD" KEYS

Editors Note: This article was written by Col Thomas Spencer and taken from the July 28, 1947 edition of The Weekly Tribune News. Thanks to Sonny Roberts for contributing this article. Note that the Howard Home mentioned in this article no longer exists.

Maybe you have known Mr. M. M. "Uncle Bud" Keys for a long time. Maybe you need an introduction to this fine old gentleman. Maybe you did not know that "Uncle Bud" is one of the few living persons who saw the casket containing the remains of old Abe. "Uncle Bud" isn't the kind that runs around looking for publicity- or the sensational.

Through the kindness of one of the readers of the Tribune News, I was introduced to "Uncle Bud". I think this introduction brought on this exclusive article for your fine paper. Fact is-I think we have what is often called a "scoop". Be that as it may-let's talk about "Uncle Bud".

In the sixties-M. M. Keys was living in the old Howard home-on the north banks of the Etowah and just a few feet west of the present highway 41. The Howard house was a roomy affair-having had something like fourteen rooms. From that home went William Keys-father of "Uncle Bud" to join the Confederacy. He, and his brother Hillman Keys, volunteered for the "duration". Both saw active and hard service and both were captured by the Federals.

The Key brothers were sent north-William to hellish Camp Douglas near Chicago, and brother Hillman to Camp Chase, just outside Columbus, Ohio. History has recorded all to well of the hell and filth of a Yankee prison. Hillman died at Camp Chase, September 30, 1864, and is buried in the Confederate Cemetery there. His grave number is 260. William managed to survive the hell of Douglas-and to be released just after the war.

The horror a Federal prison during the War Between the States, is something best left unsaid. However, to show you the hardships undergone by the Keys brothers, it might be in order to state that at Camp Douglas in February of 1863 there were 3,884 Confederate prisoners and of this amount 387 died. In the same prison-built for 2,500 prisoners, in the month of September of 1864, the month William Keys arrived there, there were 7554 men jammed into a space for 2,500.

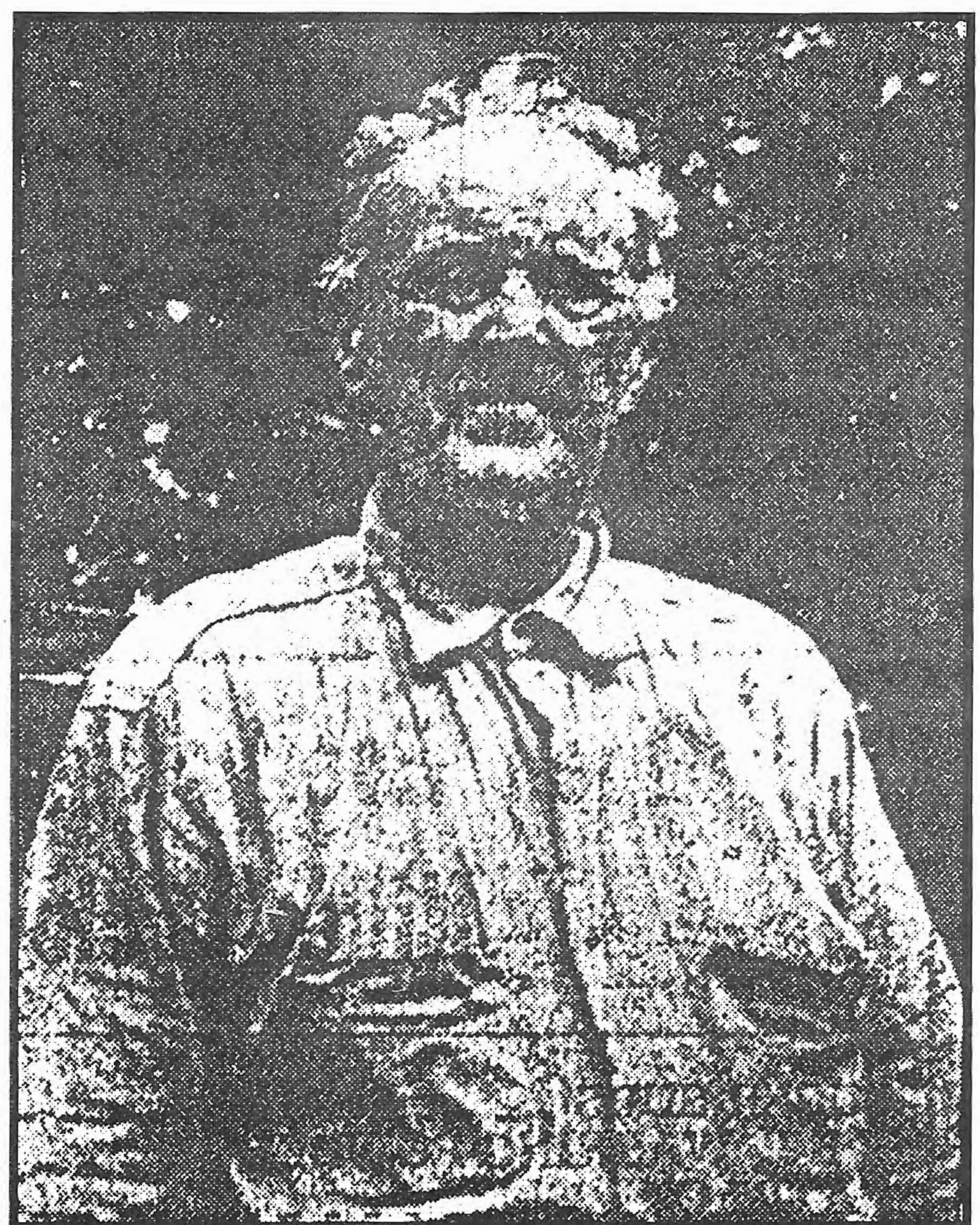
Hillman, sent to Camp Chase arrived there in early

September of 1864. At that time 5,310 were jammed into a space made for less than 3,000. However, in the month of September only 46 died. Of this number was Hillman Keys, uncle of "Uncle Bud" Keys. In February of 1865-there were 9,416 Confederates crammed into a space made for less than 3,000. During February 499 died. (These are official records).

But let's get back to Bartow County. As we know, Johnston retreated out of Cassville on the night of the 19th of May 1864. The Keys boys were in that retreat. On the 20th the Federals took over all of Bartow County. The Howard house then was in Federal lines. In a few days the Federals took over the Howard house, there to stay until old Sherman cut loose on his infamous "march to the sea".

"Uncle Bud" Keys saw the Confederates burn the bridge over the Etowah. Saw the Federals move in-and build the fortifications mentioned in a previous article. Heard the battle at Allatoona and saw the dead brought over the Etowah-and buried near his home. He saw the guns cross-going south-sinking almost out of sight in the Etowah. He saw the Allatoona dead piled "like logs" on "flat" cars-and buried along side the Puckett cemetery.

Federals used the Howard house as a hospital and



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headquarters. The Keys had the use of two rooms. "Uncle Bud" tells me that the "Yankees were kind to us." Maybe the Keys family did live a little better than some of their neighbors-for the Federals usually had plenty of food to pass around. In early November of 1864, the Keys family was to move-sent by the Federals to Indianapolis, Indiana. They were told it was "better to go north-out of the line of marching armies."

Uncle Bud's mother, with three children, and the wife of Hillman Keys, with one child went to Indianapolis. They were kindly treated and given quarters near the state capitol. Sending men and women from the South to the North was nothing new. This had been done on large scale by Sherman-who sent hundreds of women out of Georgia-to keep those women from making supplies for the Confederacy.

It is a peculiar fact-that on Tuesday, November 8, 1864, men of the Federal army voted for Abe Lincoln-'right' in the Howard house in Bartow County. And it is a peculiar fact that one of the "little Reb's" was at that time going from Bartow to a place where on a Sunday in 1865, that boy would look at the still form of old Abe. One must remember that after Abe Lincoln was killed, that a bitterness arose against the South-plus a lust to kill anyone who ever served in the Confederacy or who ever lived in the South.

Abe Lincoln was shot on April 14th, and died the following day. There was a clamor from every city, town, hamlet, and state in the North, that the body of Lincoln be brought through that town, city hamlet or state.

Lincoln's body took a circuitous trip from Washington to Springfield. It took from April 20th to May 3rd to make the trip.

On Sunday, April 30, 1865, the body of Abe Lincoln arrived at Indianapolis, Indiana. The streets were lined with people who wanted a last look at the man who had been their leader through the four years of the hell of war. Placed in the capitol, the body was viewed by thousands. One of those to see the body was M. M. "Uncle Bud," "Little Johnnie Reb" Keys. It was a quick look by a curious boy-but a look that has lasted down through the years. "Uncle Bud" was seven years of age at that time. No human being could ever forget such a sight.

Today-Mr. M. M. Keys is one of the few human beings-now living-who saw the body of "Old Abe". One must remember that Mr. Keys was a son of a Confederate soldier at that time-and in "enemy" territory. Not far to the north-his father William Keys- was still in a Federal prison.

On August 28th of this year, the Grand Army of the Republic, will hold its last reunion-and in Indianapolis, Indiana. Maybe it would be a fine gesture if the people of Bartow County went around to see "Uncle Bud" Keys-supply him with transportation to Indianapolis, and let him go back to the "enemy" city where on a Sunday of 1865, he saw all that was mortal of "Old Abe" Lincoln.

Well-maybe-this is a "scoop," or maybe not. But a true story of Bartow's "Uncle Bud" and "Little Johnnie Rebel" of the sixties.

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 12 - Friday - Dinner Meeting at the "Weston C. Hardy Home" in Cassville, residence of Mr. Mack Watkins. Program: Dr. Gerald J. Smith, author of "One of the Most Daring Men": The Life of Confederate General William Tatum Wofford.

September 14 - Sunday - Family Tree Climbers Meeting. Sam Jones Church Fellowship Hall at 2:00 p.m. Program: Louise Smith.

October 4 - Saturday - Annual Meeting. Location to be announced. Program: Presentation of the Allatoona Pass Comprehensive Preservation Plan by Robert and Company of Atlanta.

October 12 - Sunday - Family Tree Climbers Meeting.

Sam Jones Church Fellowship Hall at 2:00 p.m. Program: Dr. David Parker on "Bill Arp".

October 15 - Wednesday - Meeting - Location to be announced. Program: History of Dueling, by Frank Wheeler, Archivist for the Georgia Historical Society.

November 1-2 - Saturday & Sunday - "Come Harvest Our History" Tour of Homes.

November 9 - Sunday - Family Tree Climbers Meeting. Sam Jones Church Fellowship Hall at 2:00 p.m. Program: Lisa Ellis on "Researching Census Records".

December 5 - Friday - Christmas Party and Dinner at Roselawn.

"WHAT'S NEW"

BOOKS, BOOKS, AND MORE BOOKS!

THE GENERAL, THE GREAT LOCOMOTIVE DISPUTE by Joe F. Head

This book was originally printed in 1990 by the Bartow History Center. Joe has now revised his book adding more information and now featuring "Bartow County, Georgia, The Heart of the Chase". Thanks to EVHS Vice President Joe Head for allowing our society to participate in the reprinting of this very popular book. Your copy is available at the EVHS office for only \$7. Get yours today!

HISTORIC BARTOW COUNTY, CIRCA 1828-1866

Originally published by the EVHS in 1981, this very popular book highlights the antebellum structures of Bartow County. Our current inventory is depleted and EVHS members Lizette Entwisle, Alonna Howell and DiAnne Monroe are working diligently to update and re-publish this very important resource.

BARTOW COUNTY, GEORGIA MARRIAGES 1837-1920

The EVHS Family Tree Climbers has adopted this book as its newest project. Member, Wilma Cantrell, is working hard to coordinate the project.

OAKHILL

The tentative title of a new book highlighting Cartersville's Oak Hill Cemetery. The book will include an organized listing of each burial, the cemetery's history and biographical sketches of the early settlers buried there whose lives impacted our community and nation. Mary Siniard, Linda Trentham, Richard Nix, Carolyn Parmenter and many others are working to make this book a reality.

This newsletter is dedicated to the memory of
Mrs. M.W.H. "Helen" Collins
Mrs. Harold E. "Marjorie" Towslee
Mr. Paul Dean Gurley

CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE

MARCH 11, 1997

Forty-one people gathered at the Bartow County Library to hear DiAnne Monroe speak of the little-known train wreck between the locomotives "Senator" and Chiefton", occurring on Sunday night, September 13, 1863, near Stegall's Station now Emerson. Her program titled "Stegall's Station...1863...On the Road to Chickamauga," included a special guest, EVHS member Donald H. Monroe, of Birmingham, Alabama. Don provided a first-hand account of the wreck as passed down by his great-grandmother. The voice of Don's

father, the late O. H. Monroe, was also heard on tape describing the events as once passed down to him.

The dead from this awful wreck on the old Western & Atlantic Railroad were buried in Marietta at a site near the City cemetery, thus establishing the large Confederate Memorial Cemetery which exist today. More on this fascinating piece of history will be presented in a future newsletter. Many thanks to DiAnne for her excellent presentation which was well researched and presented.

CLEAN-UP AT ALLATOONA PASS

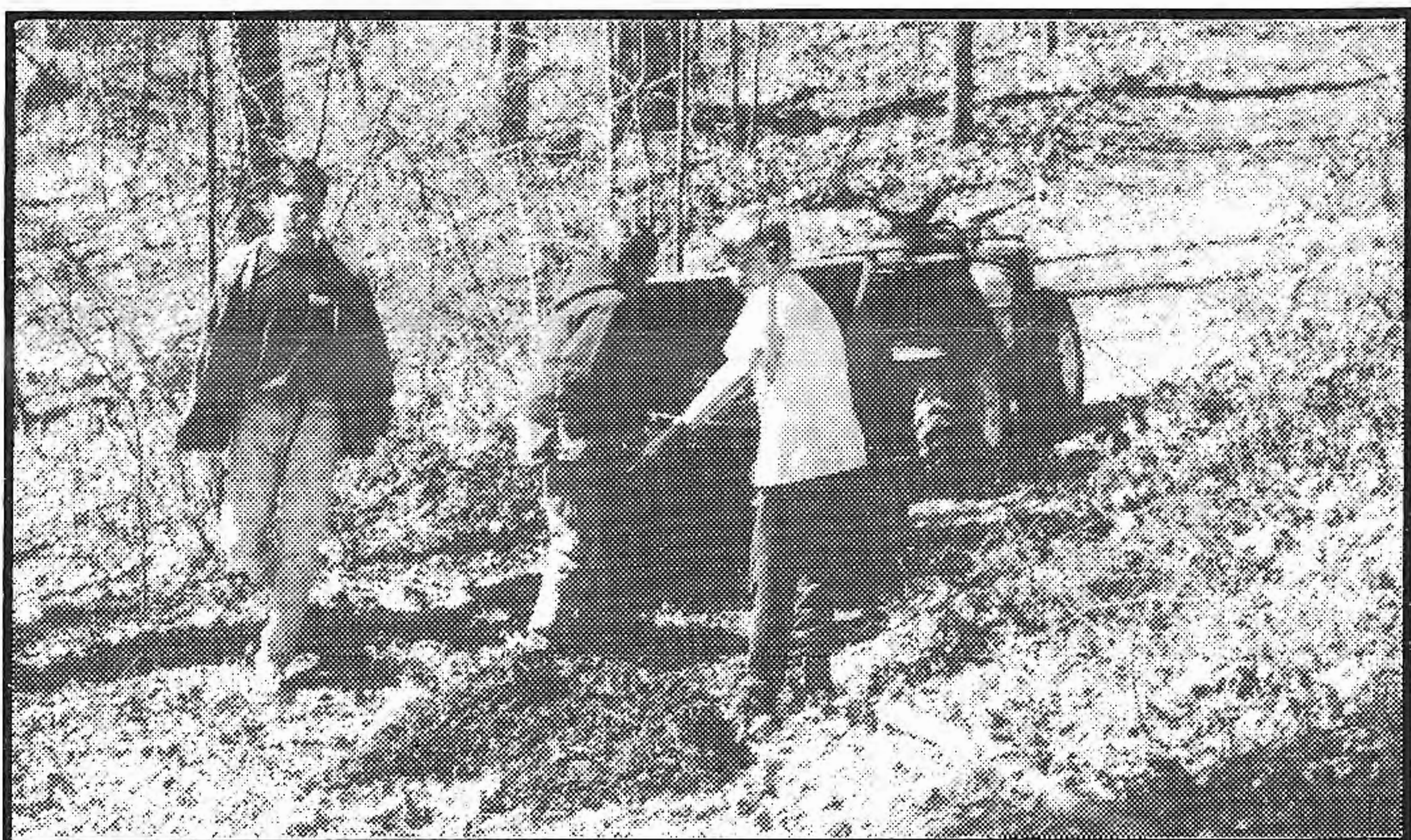
Recently, Boy Scout Troop 1040 under the direction of Scout Leader Miles Chesley, participated in the Allatoona Pass Cleanup



Andres Bolivar, Clay Howell, Andrew Parmenter. Adults (L-R): George Crim, Gary Fox, Guy Parmenter, Photo by troop leader, Miles Chesley.



Scouts (L-R): Lance Mooney, Richard Watts, Nathan Fox, Kenny Asario, Ethan Foster, Patrick Chesley, Scotty Crim, Jeffrey Foster, Adam Mooney.



(L-R): Clay Mooney, Clay Howell, Scotty Crim.



Seated (L-R): Jeffrey Foster, Clay Howell, Ethan Foster, Andres Bolivar, Ken Foster. Standing (L-R): George Crim our ghost-a Confederate Surgeon, alias Bill Scoife.



(L-R): Jeffrey Foster, Ethan Foster, Patrick Chesley.



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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

APRIL 15, 1997

The Etowah Valley Historical Society (EVHS) held a regular membership meeting on Tuesday, April 15, 1997, at the Bartow County Library.

Guy Parmenter greeted the members and guests and called on Tricia Simmons to report on the progress of the "Come-Harvest Our History" Tour of Historic Homes to be held November 1 & 2, on West Cherokee Avenue and upper Cassville Road. Guy brought the membership up-to-date on the progress of the Allatoona Pass Project, and Wilma Cantrell passed out invitations to Kingston's Confederate Memorial Service. Guy also announced that the Society is collecting Georgia county histories for the library in the EVHS research facilities which are located in the historic 1903 Bartow County Courthouse. A wish list of books which would be greatly beneficial to researchers was distributed and a request for them or for money with which to purchase them was made. The EVHS facilities are open Mondays through Fridays from 1:30 to 4:30 and on Saturdays from 1:00 to 5:00; the telephone number is 770-606-8862.

Joe Head announced the new edition of his book The General: The great Locomotive Dispute is now available. The additional text stresses the events of the chase which occurred in Bartow County. Copies for purchase were made available at the meeting. Additional copies may be purchased at the EVHS office.

Joe introduced the speaker of the evening, Paula (DeDe) Yow, Ph.D., Professor of English at Kennesaw State University. Dr. Yow received her bachelor's degree from Agnes Scott College and her doctorate from the University of Georgia. Bartow Countian Jessica Daves was the subject of the talk. Ms. Daves served as



Editor-In-Chief of Vogue Magazine in New York City from 1946 until her retirement in 1963.

Ms. Daves' great-grandfather was one of the founders and first president of Georgia Tech. Her two grandfathers were Methodist ministers and her father W. W. Daves served as superintendent of the Cartersville Public Schools from 1891-1906. Her brother, Francis Marion Daves, an architectural graduate from Georgia Tech, designed the Westminster Schools in Atlanta as well as the present Cartersville High School. He is also the author of *Cherokee Woman*. She herself went one year to Agnes Scott College.

In the 1920's Jessica visited her aunt, Jessie Hopkins, in New York City. Later, she went to Detroit and wrote advertising copy. In 1933 she started at Vogue in New York, becoming editor-in-chief. In 1960 Jessica Daves was the only woman named to Esquire's "Decisive Dozen". She also received the French Legion of Honor and Italy's Honor of Merit. Who's Who in America listed her among its elite, as well as "The Fashion Group" who recognized outstanding writing, editing, photography and design. Moreover, she visited in the home of the famed designer Christian Dior. In 1967 Ms. Daves published *Ready Made Miracle*, a history of the fashion industry; for 1920 she noted "skirts reach nine inches above the ground."

Ms. Daves was married in later life to another writer and literary critic, Robert A. Parker. Both are buried at Oak Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Head presented Dr. Yow with a copy of *Images of America, Bartow County, Georgia*, compiled by Michele Rodgers, in appreciation of her interesting talk.



Vice-President Joe Head presenting Dr. Yow with a copy of Images of America, Bartow County, Georgia.

FROM CORRA HARRIS

The following two sketches were provided by J. B. Tate for the enjoyment of our members. The first is about Bill Raines, a retired local farmer, who once lived with and worked for Mrs. Harris as a young man. The second concerns a Pine Log Indian Cave, and was written by Corra in 1934.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I desire to recommend Bill Raines to any possible future employer. I have know him since he was a very young child. He has worked for me, off and on, since he was seven years old. And with the exception of two years he has been constantly employed by me since he was seventeen. He is upright, joyfully energetic. He will repay any trust with fidelity. This has been his record with me. He is not dependent upon affection, but upon respect and confidence. His devotion is not to his employer, but to his own standards of hard work, energy and he is the only man I ever had who could be trusted to do his job well and faithfully without supervision. He has a keen practical intelligence, which takes the place of superficial learning. He is unusually gifted in the care of stock. He is the best automobile driver I ever had on all kinds of roads, in city traffic and in every emergency—cautious, swift in making his decisions and has never

had an accident, except once when a woman ran into him with the car standing still. His manners are polite at all times. After years of test I have never known him to take the car out without my permission or knowledge, either night or day. He is a shrewd trader with his employer, but will absolutely keep his word and play the game fair.

He hates city life, but I could heartily recommend him to take care of a country estate, park, lawns, garden, cows, horses and cars. He is meticulously clean physically, healthy & strong. He is very high tempered and has a gay spirit. During all these years his good will, his loyalty and politeness have never failed. He is secretive, not given to confidences, nor intimacies even with his employer, but he is the only man I ever had who has the courage to tell the truth even when he is to blame.

This has been his record with me for seven years. He does not drink or smoke. He is fond of the girls and is never questioned here on this point because his girl friends are always the nicest girls within his reach. Any man, or woman who employs him will be fortunate. He deserves better wages than the average man gets in the position he holds, because he is far above the average in willingness to serve with loyalty and energy.

A SKETCH OF PINE MOUNTAIN CAVE:

Ten years ago Mr. Henson was rabbit hunting on a creek that runs through Mr. Tom McHugh's land. The rabbit disappeared through a small hole, which evidently opened into a cave. The hole was large enough for the small hound to pass through, but barely. Mr. Henson realized that the hound was in a cave by the sound of his barking. The incident was entirely forgotten until three years ago. Then Mr. Monk Henson and Mr. John Quintin were passing that way, remembering the hole, examined the place. They found that an opening to the cave had been sealed up with rocks, very cunningly and carefully laid. It was only by pulling at them that they found that this was the work of men. And they were able to pull all the rock out and leave a round hole about four feet in diameter. The chamber within was about ten by eight feet, but it was practically filled with top soil. And Mr. Henson pulled a bone out of it which proved to be the

thigh bone of a man.

This was the beginning of a mad rush to the cave, a search with picks and shovels for gold. Numerous skeletons were found, beads, copper earrings and copper breast plates, a four legged clay pot, and many other things were found. Much damage was done before thoughtful people in the community realized the possible cultural worth of the contents of the cave, which proved in fact to be two caves. The second chamber is practically intact and had a huge stone rolled before the entrance. This was not explored, except enough to find that it also contained Indian relics, because the air was bad. No one really knows what this second chamber contains.

It was at this time, in 1931, that a very accomplished archeologist from the North (Dr. Warren K. Moorehead, Andover, Massachusetts) was ravaging the Indian mounds of Georgia (Etowah Mounds), and he was known to be on his way to investigate this cave. The day before

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he arrived Mr. Tom McHugh was persuaded to seal up, again, the original opening to the first chamber. This time with cement and rock and the archeologist was not permitted to approach it. No one has entered the cave since it was sealed.

Emory University took an option for six months on the contents of the cave, but was unable to raise the money necessary to do the excavation and has long since given up the option. This option by Dr. Con's acknowledgement has expired.

Three or four citizens of this community are anxious to obtain funds and an expert archeologist to explore this cave. No one here has either the money or skill to do it. The only conditions they demand are: that whatever is found in the cave shall be placed in one collection and known as the Pine Log Indian Relics, or some similar name. One at least of these citizens, probably two, ask for a few duplicates of the things found there. They ask that the cave be guarded until it is thoroughly explored, especially the second chamber, which is practically untouched. They wish to hold this collection either in the State Capitol in Atlanta or somewhere in Bartow County, hereafter to be designated.

THE FAMILY TREE CLIMBERS NEWS

WOOD-I am looking for information on William Wood b. SC and Rhoda _____ b. GA. They are listed in the 1850 census in Cass County and would like any other information that is available on them. **Marilyn Cain, 3413 Butterfield Coach Rd., Springdale, AR 71764.**

ABERNATHY-POOLE-I am researching Francis Marion Abernathy in the mid 1850's and his parents, Daniel and Sarah Cole Abernathy. Any information on these families would be appreciated. I am also researching George W. Poole (1860? - 1870-1891) and his wife Mary. **Janet Green, 255 Brittany Drive, Canton, GA 30115.**

SMITH-I need help in finding information on William G. Smith and Julia Hayes Smith around 1855. Williams brother was Rev. J. Edgar Smith of Rome. **Orville K. Smith, 3852 Ivy Lane, Lilburn, GA 30247.**

Got a query? Leave it at the desk in the EVHS office and we will try to help.

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