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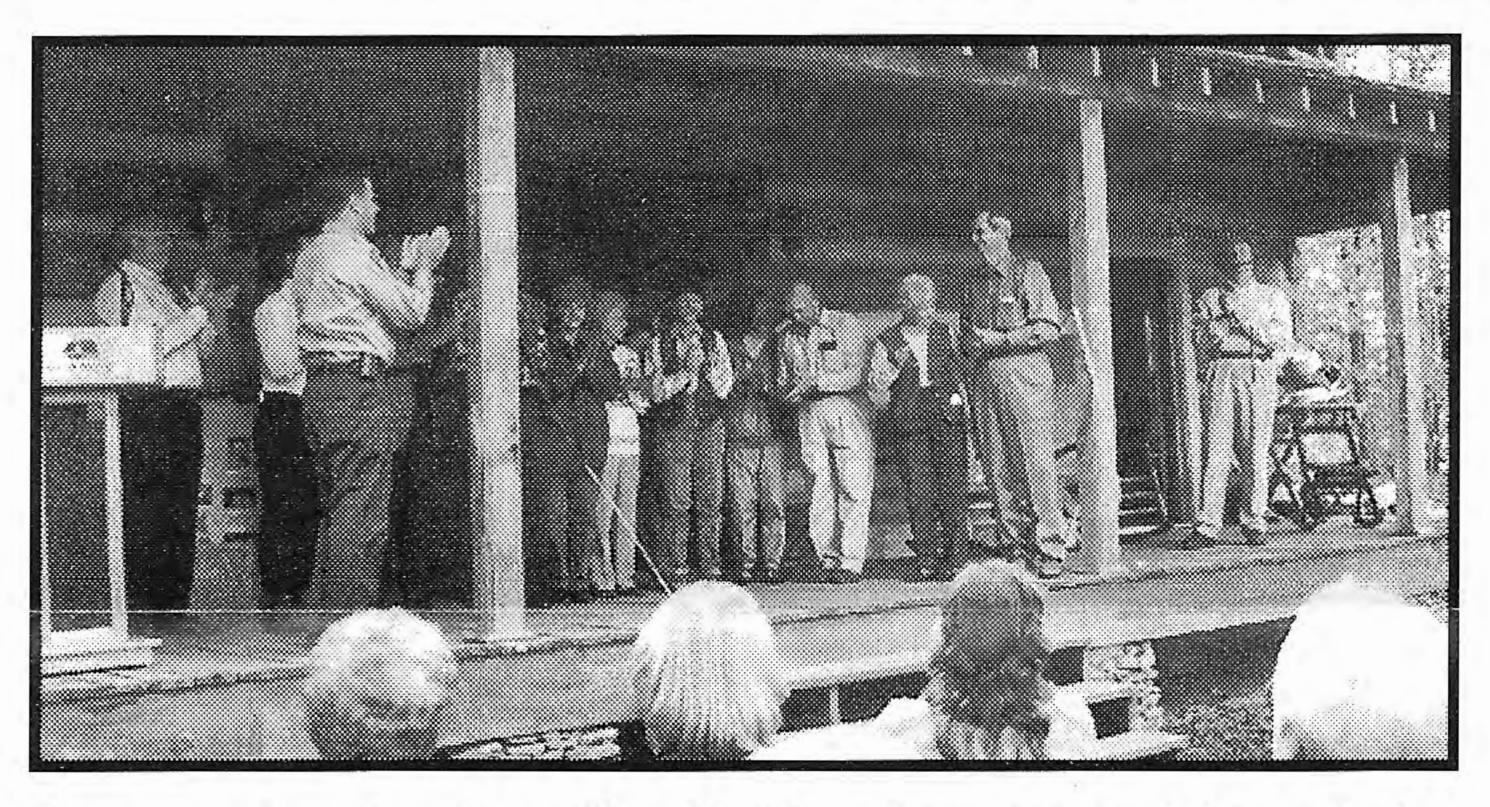
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# MISSION ACCOMPLISHED... BEHOLD THE COMPLETED VAUGHAN CABIN



Everyone applauds as Sherlin Vaughan (second from right), the cabin donor, completes the ceremonial ribbon cutting. This project began as a joint venture between the EVHS and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources at Red Top in April, 1993. Sherlin's wife, Marie, stands at his side.

Vaughan House Dedication Ceremony Red Top Mountain State Park 2:30 pm October 18, 1997

Ribbon Cutting and Commencement ...... Vaughan Family All guests are invited to a reception at the cabin following the ceremonies...

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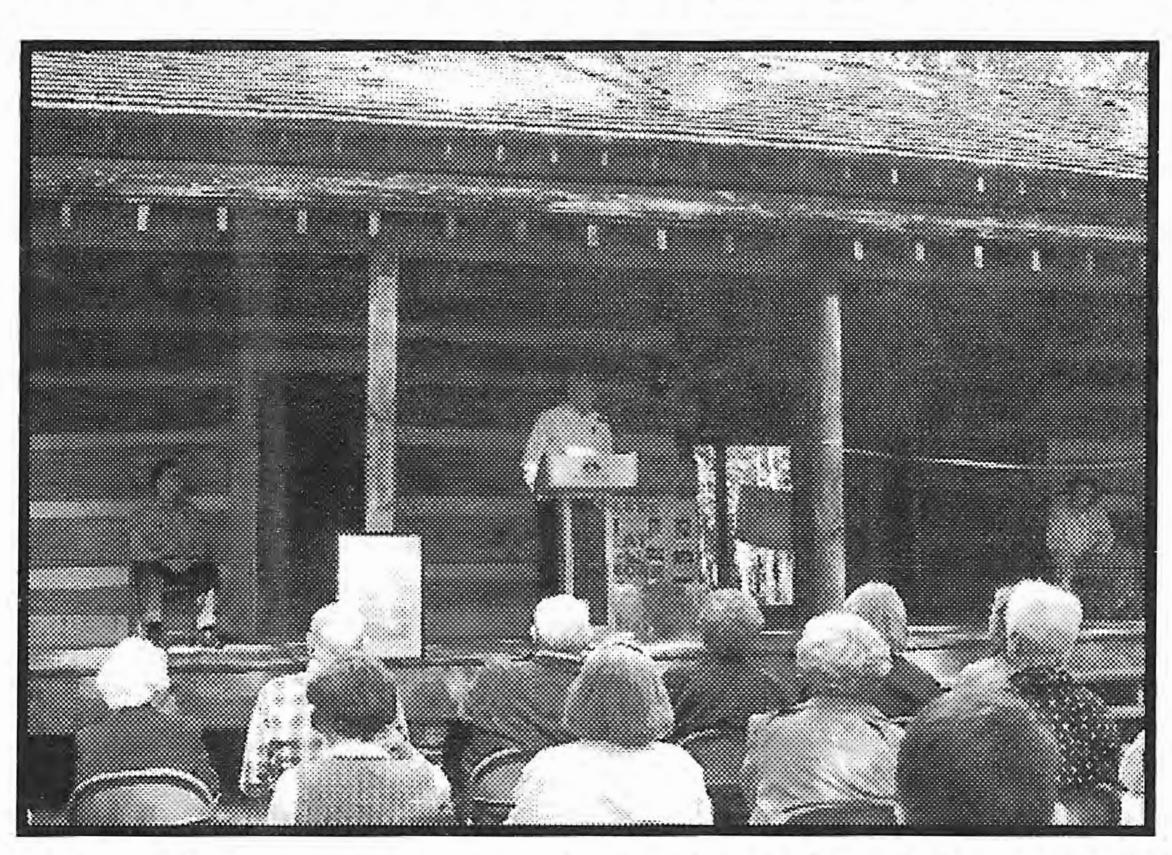
The 1997 Tour of Homes, chaired by Trisha Simmons, raised nearly \$7000. These homeowners are extremely proud to have shared their homes. Each homeowner was presented a framed tour brochure at a reception at Roselawn. Shown here are (L-R) Vandi White, Harry White, Emily Burgess, Susan Barrett, Tony Antonio, Candy Antonio, Linda Jolly and Joe Jolly.

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# The Society donated much time, energy and effort, not to mention over \$5000 to preserve this piece of Bartow County History.

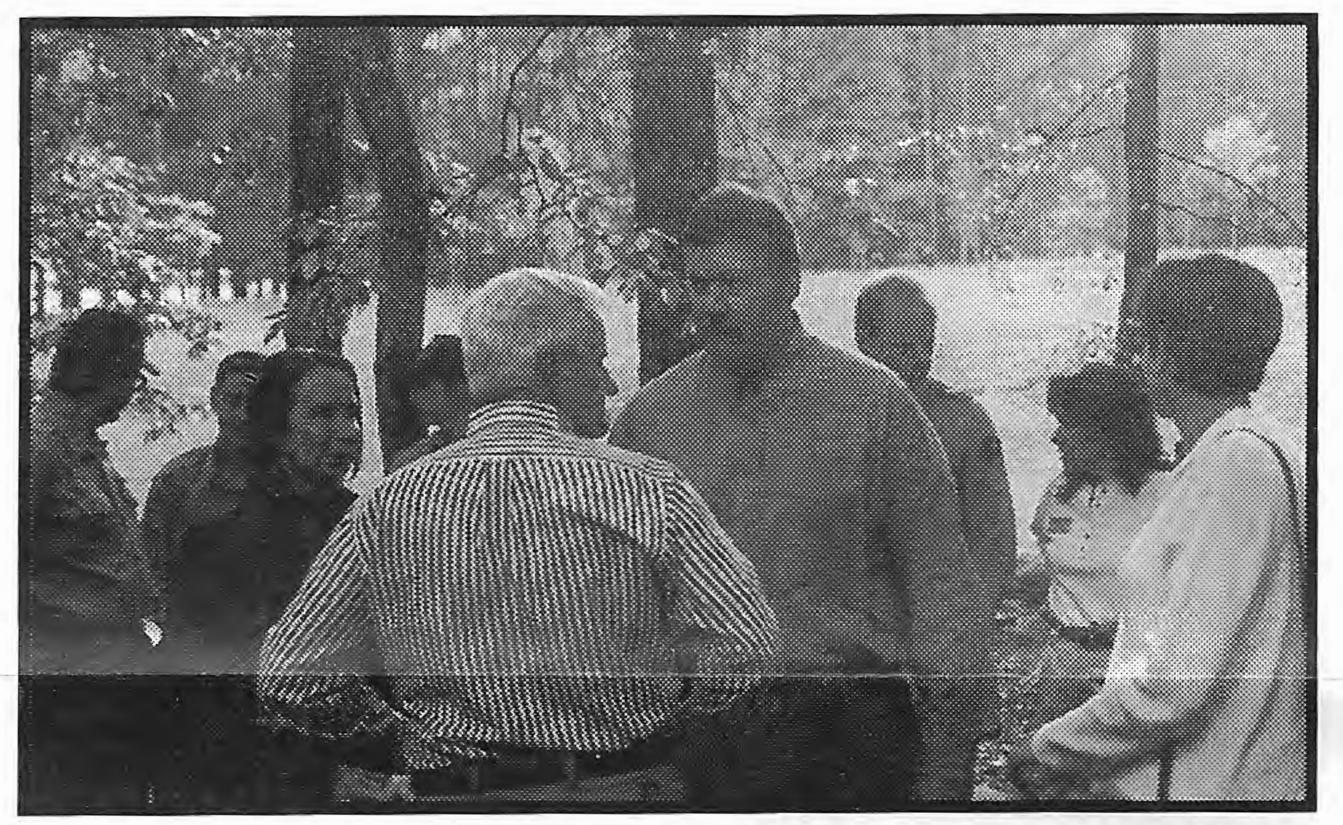


A beautiful new sign tells the cabin story.



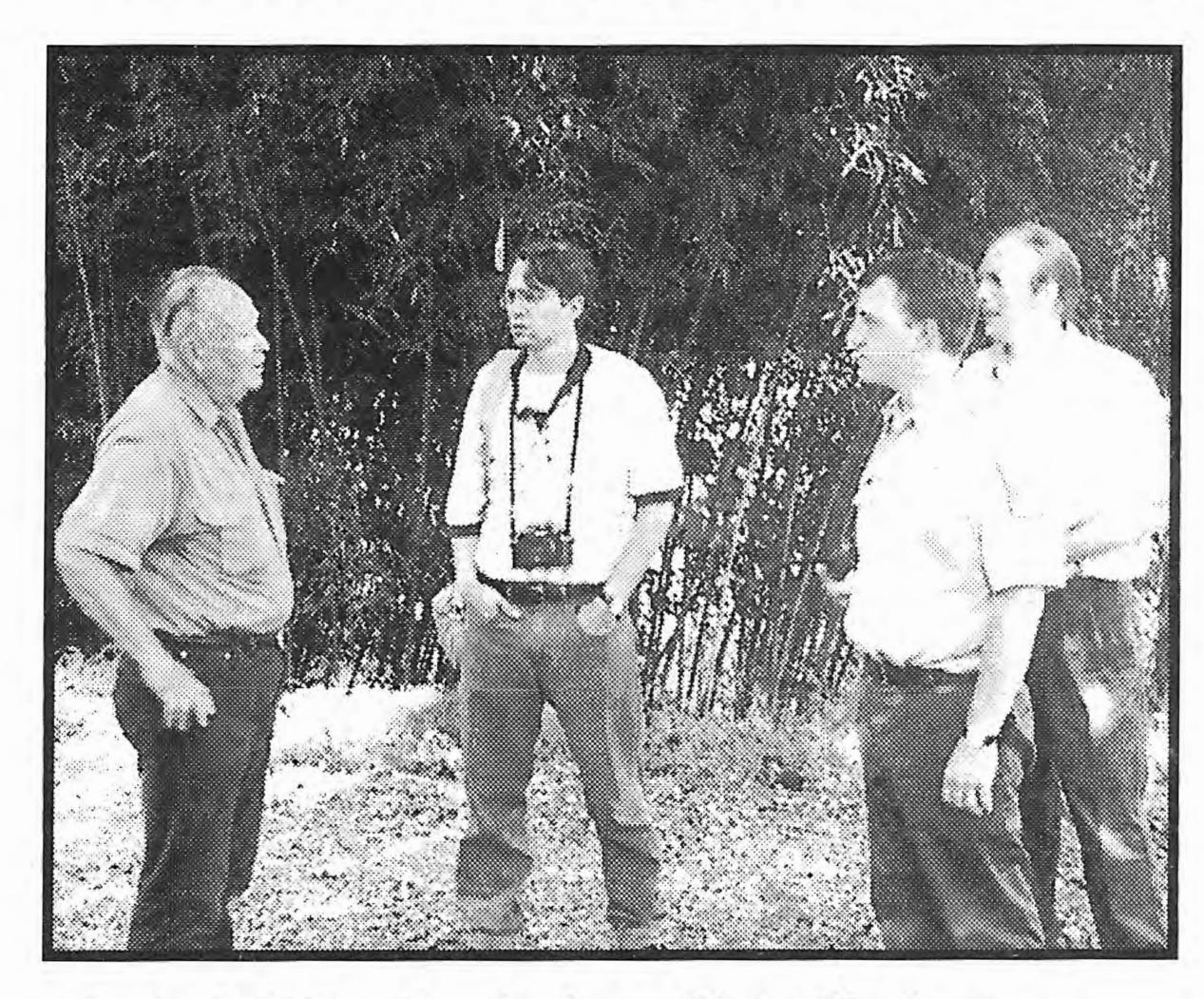
Guy Parmenter speaks on behalf of the EVHS.





DNR Lodge Park Operations Manager and EVHS member, Billy Hanson (center) was with the project from day one. He taught us alot about cabin construction. His wife, Cathy, stands to his right.

## WASHINGTON PAID US AN OCTOBER VISIT



(L-R) Bill Scaife—Author, Chris Shaheen— ABPP, James Hamilton—Red Top Mountain State Park Manager and Michael Garland— EVHS Allatoona Battlefield Committee member.



Author Bill Scaife (left) and Chris Shaheen of The American Battlefield Protection Program at Allatoona Pass. Behold one of our new trail signs in background.

## ENGINEER MEETS A GHOST

Editors Note: The following is an excerpt from an article written by Herbert G. Monroe for the October 28, 1934 edition of The Atlanta Journal Magazine. Thanks to Mary Siniard for contributing this article.

The most terrifying experience that ever befell Engineer E. L. (Polly) Milam, of Marietta, during his fifty-seven years of railroading, was a meeting with a ghost in the Allatoona Mountains, back in 1880.

"I've been in several bad wrecks," said the engineer, whose memory is remarkably clear for his 73 years, "but running into that spook was worse than all my wrecks."

Mr. Milam was born on May 25, 1861, in Laurens, S.C., and began his railroad career in 1877, when he was only 16 years of age. He worked first for the old "East & West," running between Cartersville and Cedartown, Ga., and then got a job "braking" with the old State Road, now the N. C. & St. L. October 12 marked his fifty-fourth year of service with this line.

"I was a brave lad when I first started braking," he declared. "Air brakes were unknown and the track was crooked and treacherous through the lonesome and fore-boding mountains, but nothing happened to give me a fright until the night I met the ghost."

"We were coming south with a little freight train and had topped a grade to dip into Allatoona, when it was discovered that the train had broken into two. It was shortly before midnight, and I was ordered to go back and flag a train that was following us. With my pistol in my right hand and my red and white lanterns in the left, I hit the ground and ran back up the hill. I stopped in the middle of a cut that was about 60 feet deep and some 400 feet long.



A sketch of the soldier's grave referred to by Mr. Milam.
Taken from Allatoona Pass:
A Needless Effusion of Blood by Bill Scaife.

"There was a soldier's grave at the north end of this dark and scary looking cavern and I had heard of strange things having been heard and seen there. So I stopped in the middle of the cut because I did not want to pass this



"An Unknown Hero" or quite possibly the ghost. The soldier's grave referred to by Mr. Milam was moved around 1950 to a site a half mile south of the Pass. Photo by Robb Helfrick in The Civil War in Georgia.

grave. There I stood in the dark, my pistol in my hand. The train had coupled up and gone on, leaving me alone out there in the mountains where anything could happen in those days."

"Well, a few minutes after the exhaust of my train had faded into the night, I was horrified to see something that looked like a man with a sheet thrown over him, come out of the dark, near the north end of the cut, and slowly approach me. Scared almost to death, and not knowing what to do, I just stood there and watched the 'thing' come toward me. When it got within sixty feet of where I stood, it slumped wearily down to the ties."

"It just sat there, as though tired out, while I pondered what to do. Finally I spoke to it, but it said nothing. I spoke again, but only the sound of my voice echoed in the dismal cut. I didn't know what to do! The lanterns were jingling in my hand and my teeth were rattling like dried peas in a pod."

"Then something seemed to shove me toward the thing. When I reached it, I touched it with the back of my pistol hand. I'll never forget the sensation as long as I live! It was cold and still and in less time than it takes to tell it, I was tearing wildly down that track. I ran over a mile and a half before the train that I was to flag overtook me!"

I asked Mr. Milam if he ever found out what the ghostly thing was?

"I don't know what it was," he answered. "Lots of railroad men claim to have seen 'boogers' in that cut.

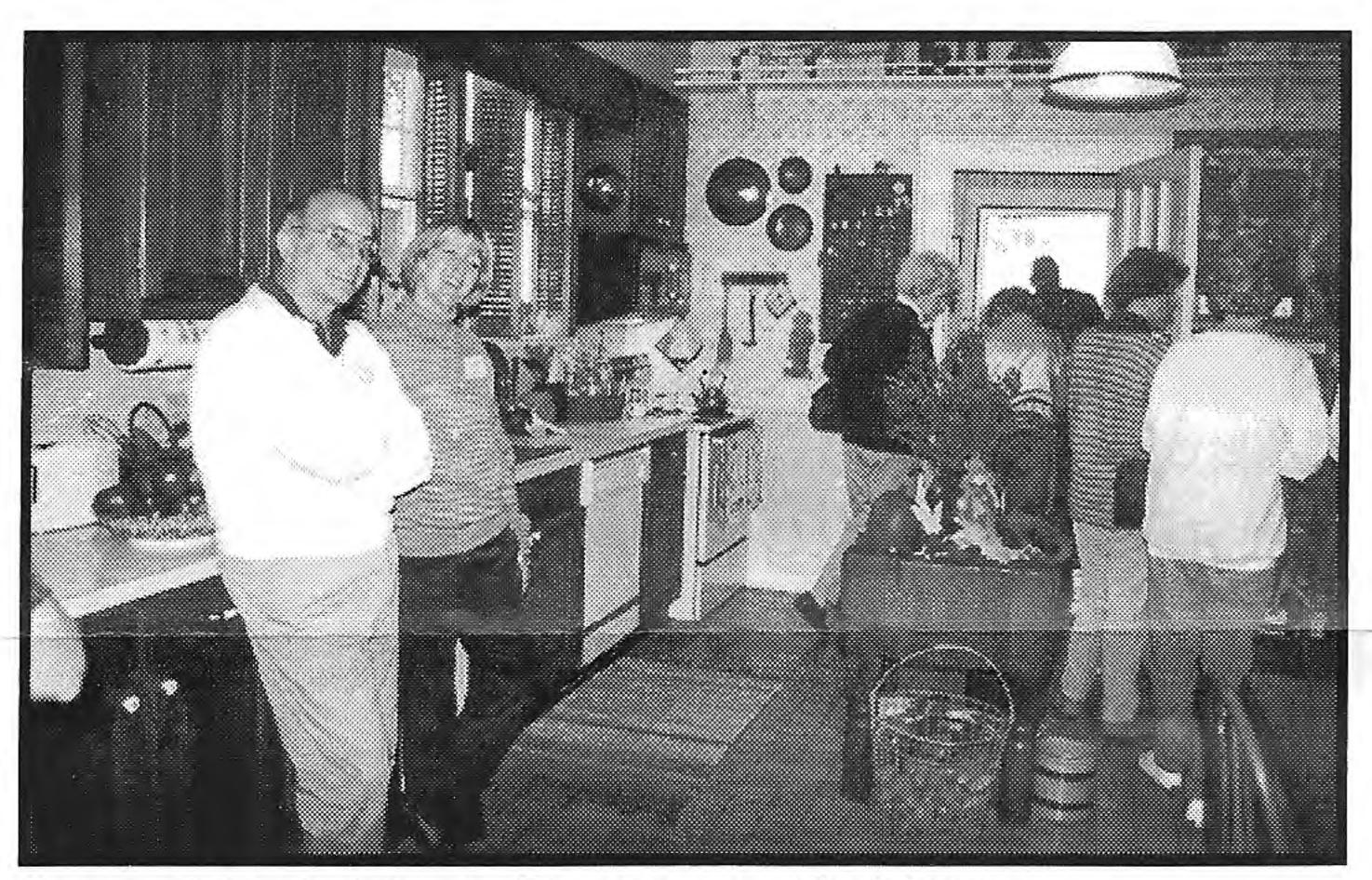
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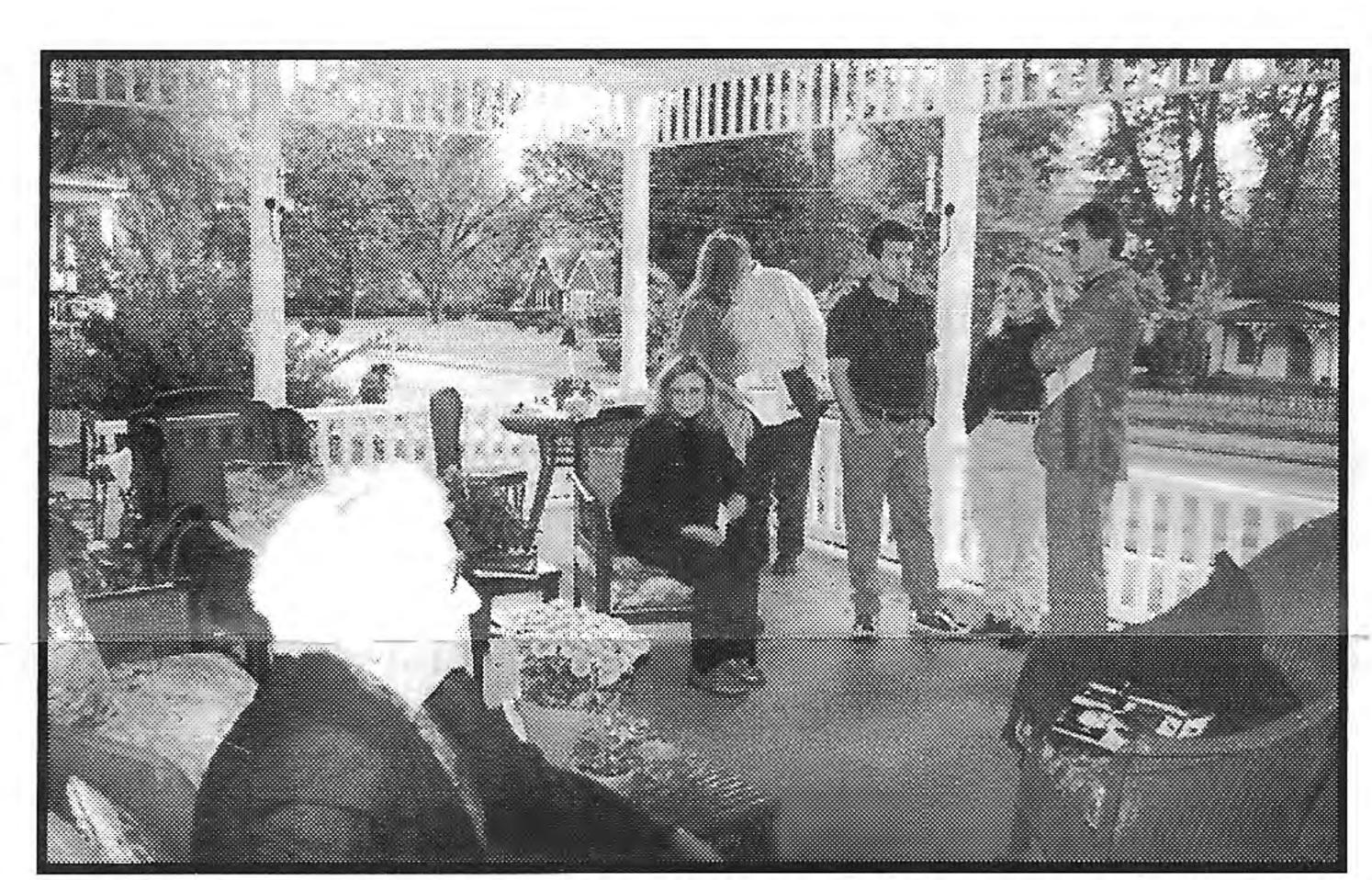
Joe and Linda Jolly (R) await new guests in the foyer of the Gilreath-Jolly home.



Emily Burgess (center) tells all about antiques at the Veal-Smith home.



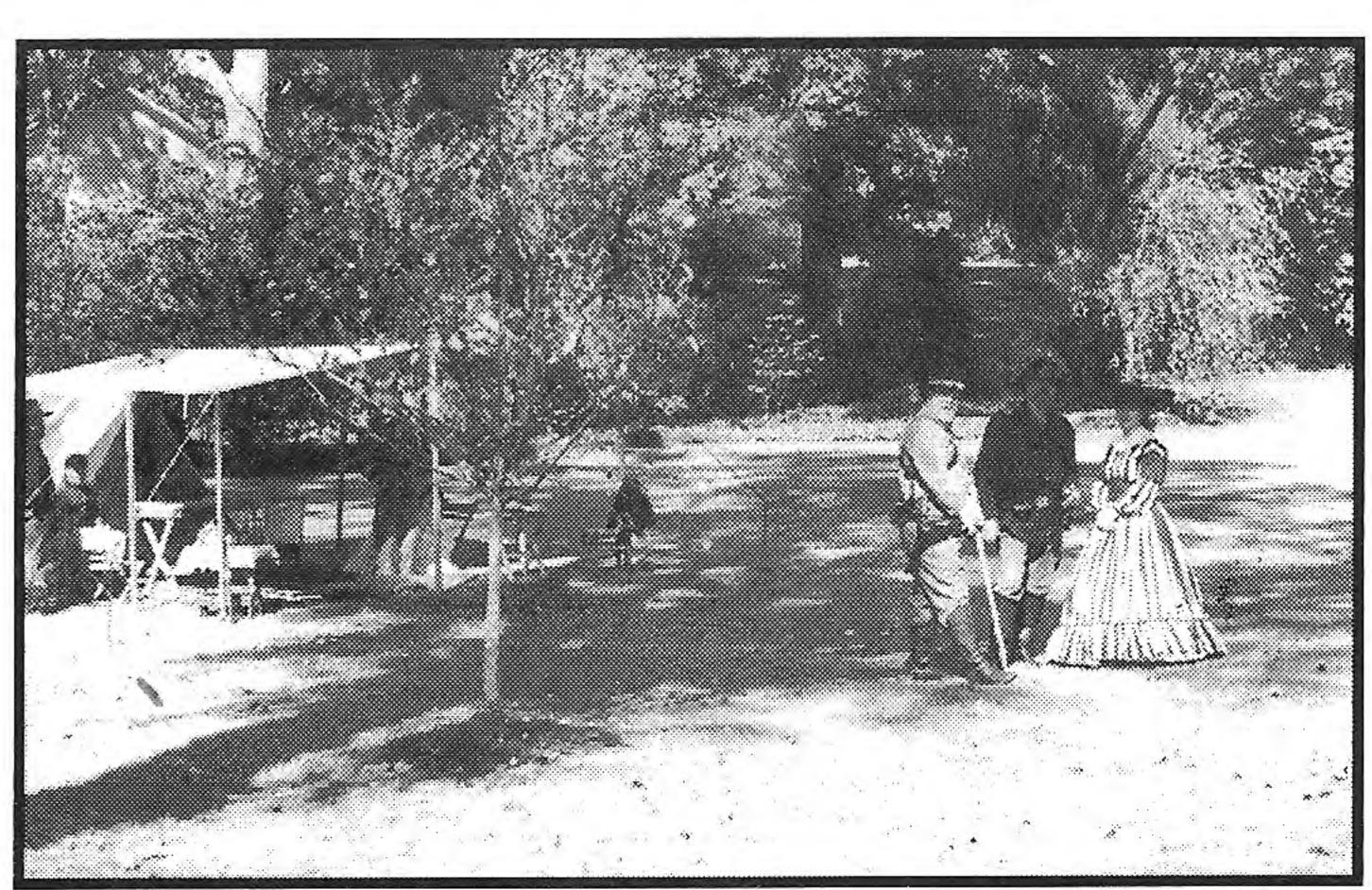
Tony and Candy Antonio (L) enjoy a wonderful tour.



Many gather on this large and well-decorated front porch at the 1900 Baptist Parsonage-Barrett home.



Lydie White (L), daughter of Harry and Vandi White, is a perfect hostess as she tells all about an upstairs bedroom in the Milam-White home.



Both Union and Confederate alike fraternize in the yard of the Milam-White home. EVHS member, Barry Colbaugh, seated far left. The three re-enactors to the right are (L-R) Alan Bowen, Bob Crowe and Diane Mooney.

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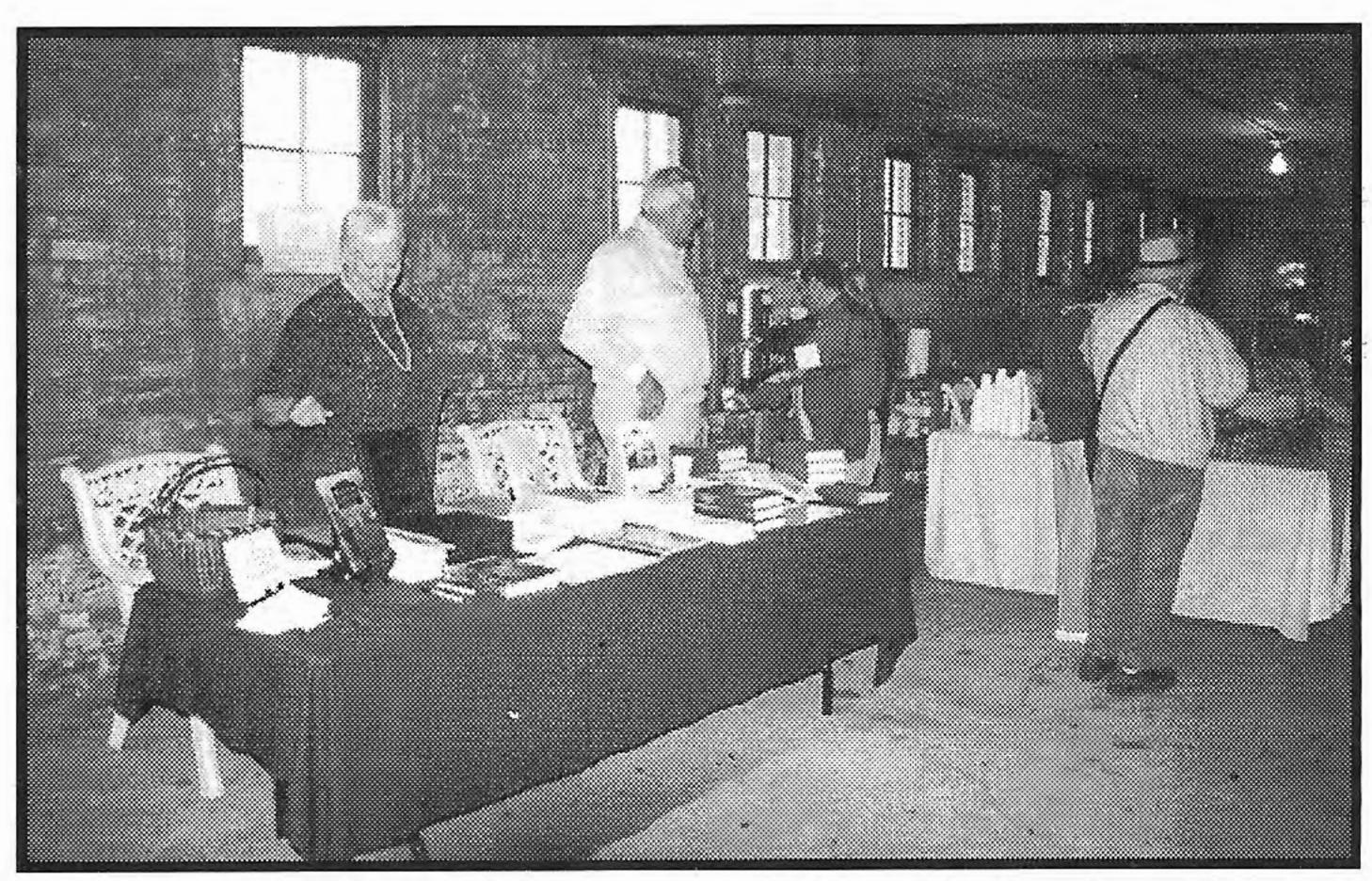
Back at the EVHS office, Commissioiner Clarence Brown greets (L–R) Margaret Ann Smith, Dot Potter and Helen Gronwall, all residents of Lake Arrowhead.



741 Tickets were sold for this year's tour. Seen at the 1903 Courthouse are (L-R) Floy White and Ellen Thomasson, Director of ticket sales.



Sally Rogers again donated her artistic talents in the form of line drawings for each home which were seen in the tour brochures. The orginals were matted and presented to each homeowner at a reception at Roselawn. Sally also included note cards with the line drawings on them. (L–R) Mary Siniard, Linda Jolly, Joe Jolly, Sally Rogers, Emily Burgess, Tony Antonio, Candy Antonio, Susan Barrett, Harry White, Vandi White.



Refreshments and Book Sales were available at the Roselawn Carriage House following the Tour. Our Tour Leader, Trisha Simmons (L), can be seen proudly displaying our books.



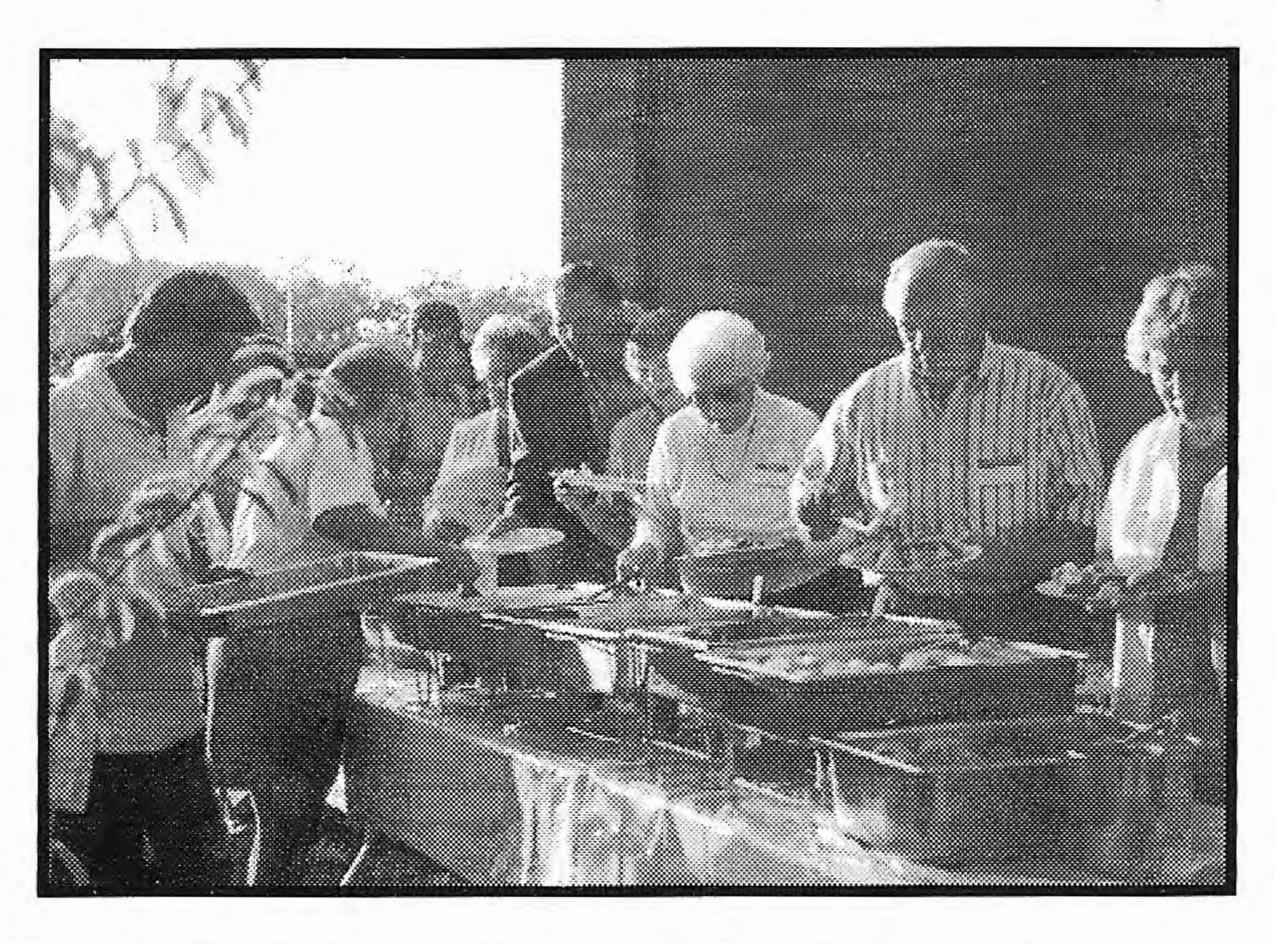
Our tour sponsors were Phoenix Air; Julius and Terry Shaw; Bartow Paving Company; Corwin, Tilley and Deems, P.C. and Henderson-Bowen Companies. Pictured standing at the reception at Roselawn are (L-R) Lynn and Barry Henderson representing Henderson-Bowen Companies and Deborah Davis representing Phoenix Air. All sponsors were presented plaques of appreciation.

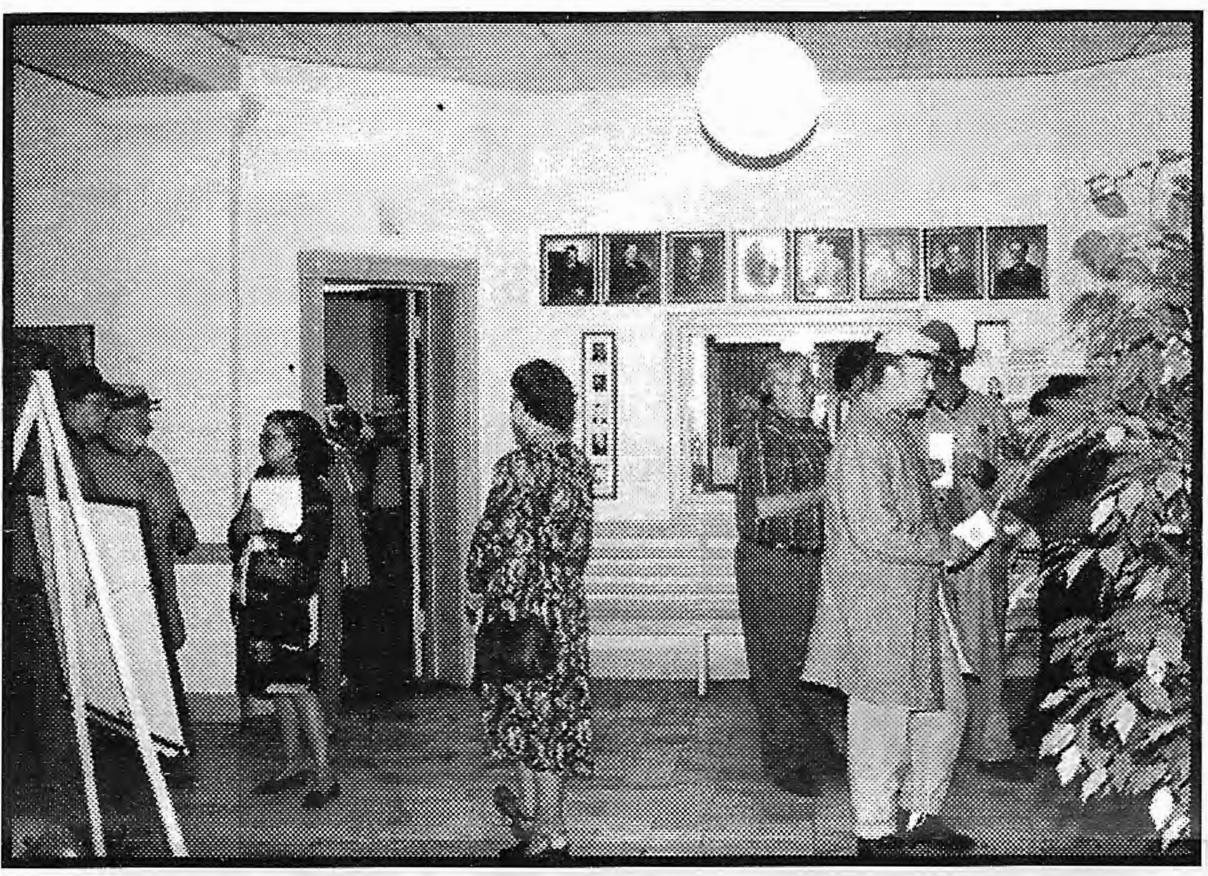


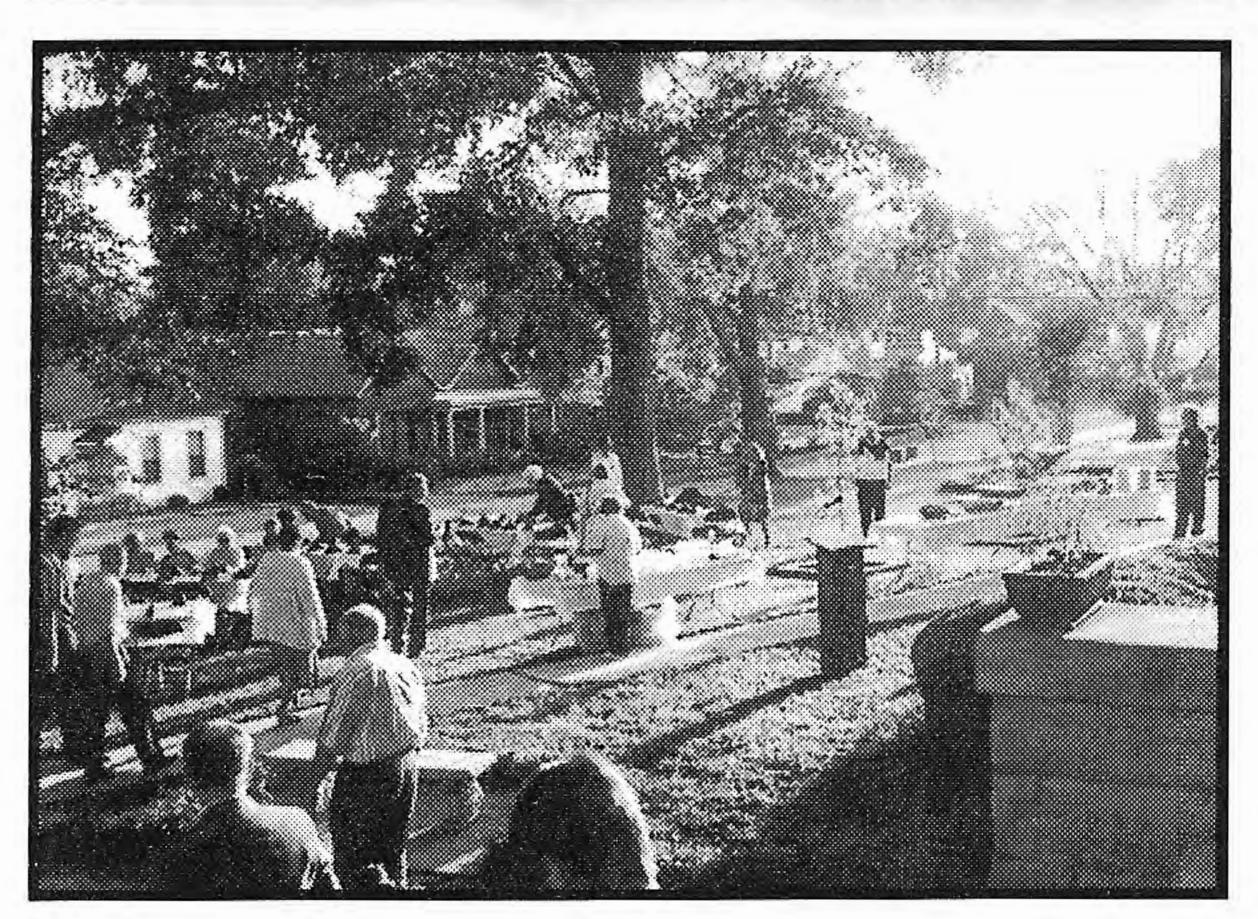
We can't say enough about the outstanding job done by Tour Chairman, Trisha Simmons. Her organizational and planning skills really paid off. (L-R) Susan Barrett and Trisha Simmons. Their smiles tell all.

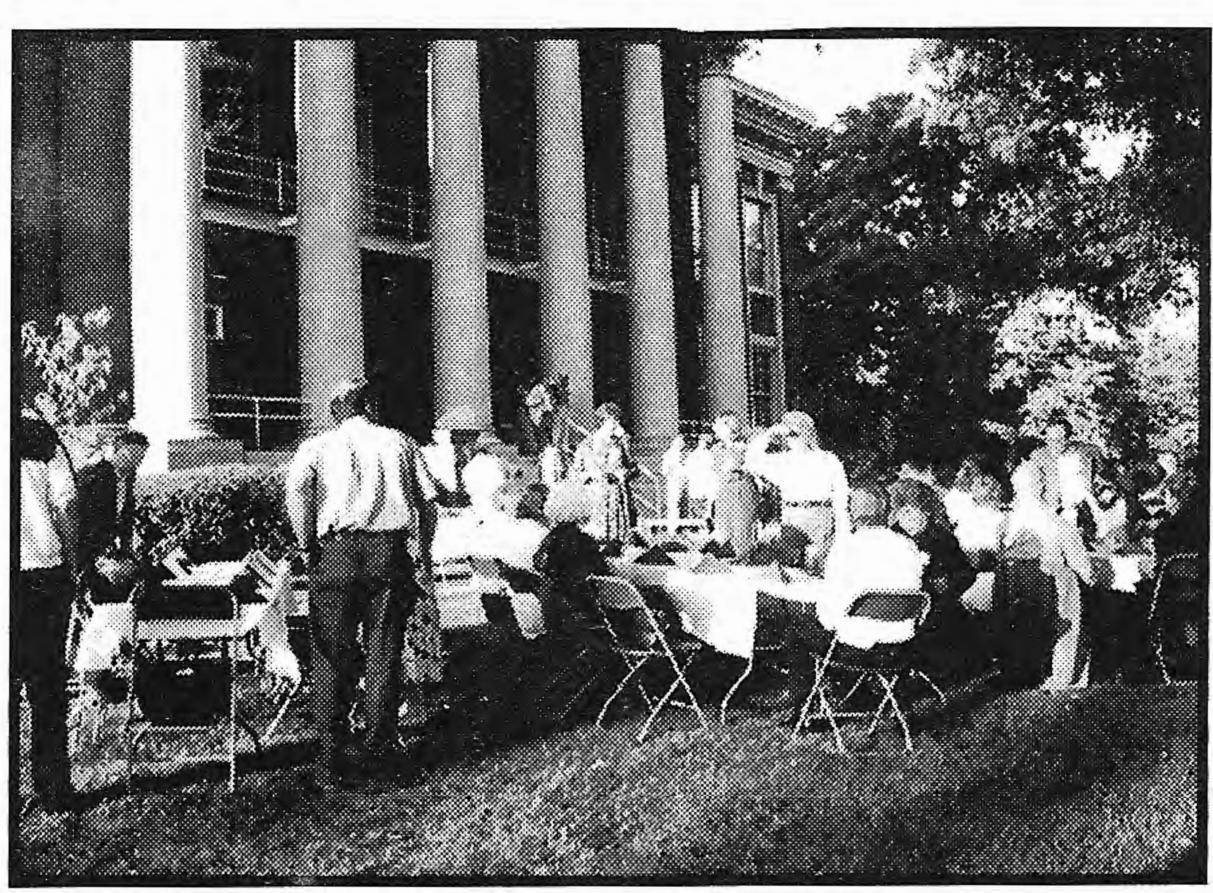
#### MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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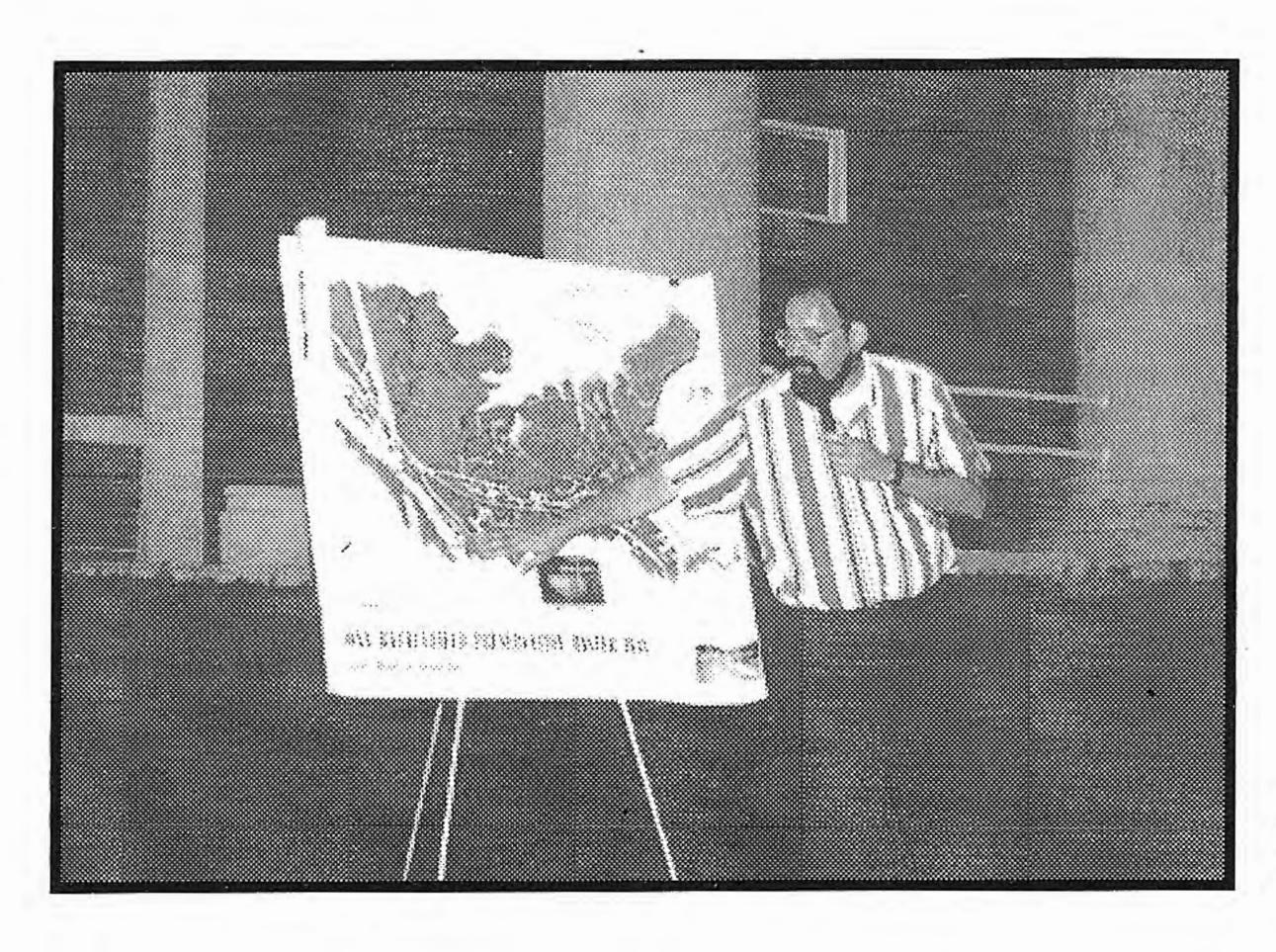
It was a beautiful afternoon as over sixty five members and guests gathered at the EVHS office for our annual business meeting and dinner. Following a reception in the old Courthouse lobby, everyone adjourned to the front lawn for a delicious dinner served by Unique Catering.

Afterwards, President DiAnne Monroe called the meeting to order, and immediately praised the organization for twenty five years of continuous service to our community. Margaret Knight and Lizette Entisle were recognized as two of the remaining founders of the EVHS.

Board Chairman, Guy Parmenter, was called upon to introduce the program for the evening which consisted of a review of the Allatoona Pass Comprehensive Preservation Plan. On hand was Civil War historian and author, Bill Scaife, who presented an overview of the battle. Bill closed by introducing Ron Huffman of Robert & Company, the firm preparing the plan. Ron displayed maps of the battlefield, thoroughly highlighting the planning efforts to date. Work on the plan is continuing with a completion date of early, 1998.

Fellow member, John H. Cobb, Jr., was on hand to present the Society with a copy of his research on a bond issued by Bartow County in 1866, which he had recently acquired. What had led him to do this was the fact that his great grandfather's signature was among the seven signatures found on the bond. His complete report will be printed in a future newsletter.

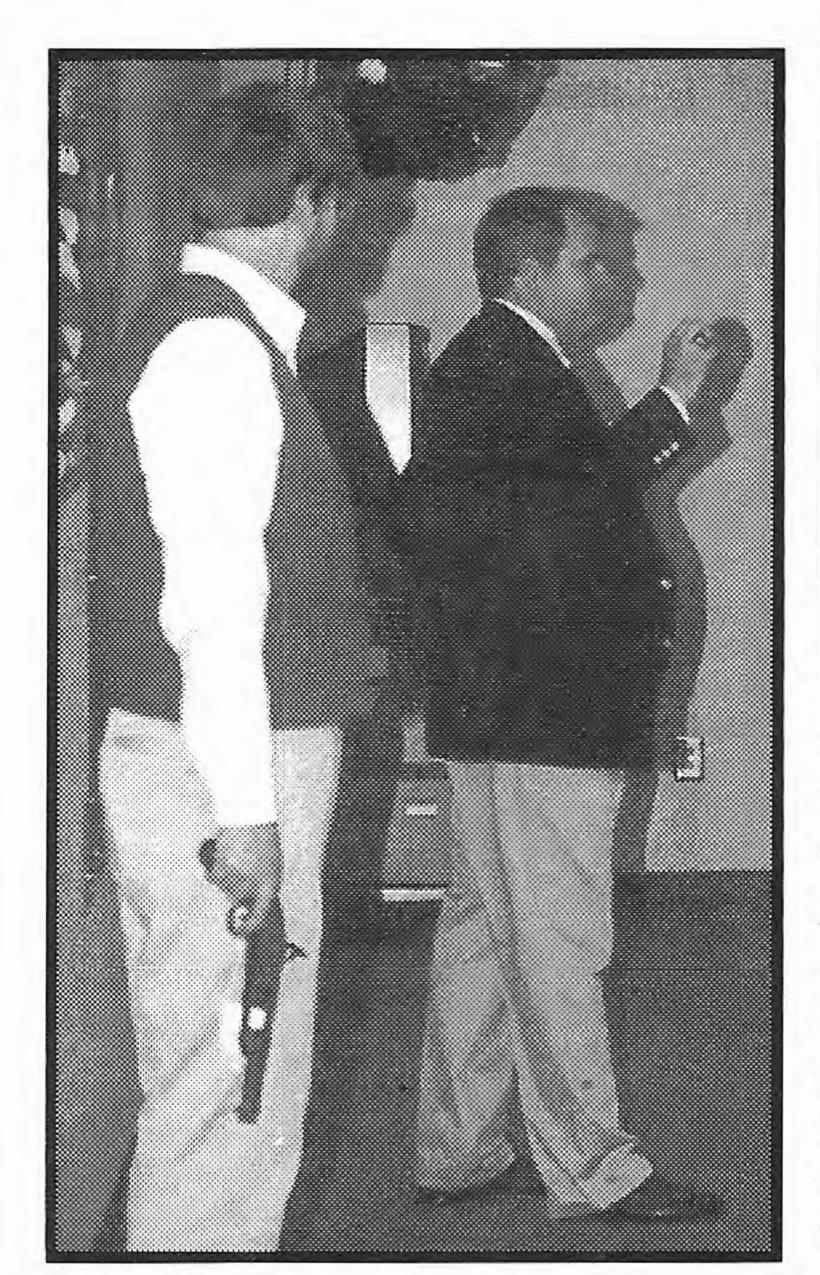
Before concluding the meeting an election was held to replace three board members whose terms were expiring. Those members were, Guy Parmenter, Emily Champion and Trisha Simmons. The three new board members elected unanimously were, Carl Etheridge, Glenda Collier and Michael Garland. Board Chairman, Guy Parmenter, thanked all the officers and board members for a very successful year.

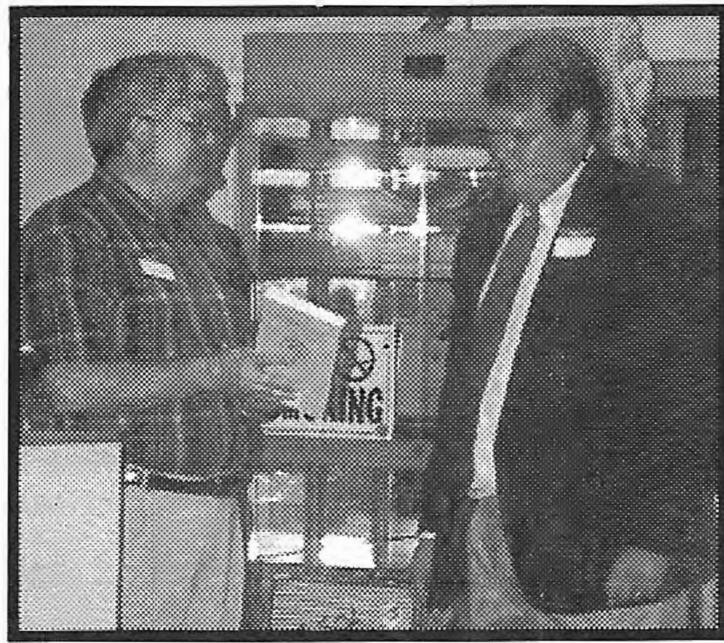


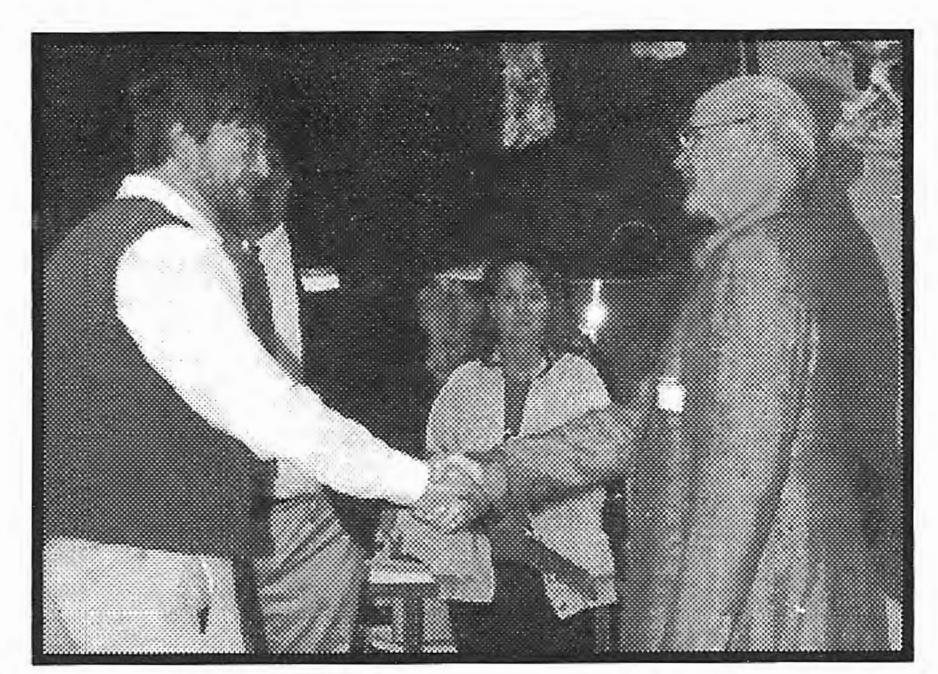
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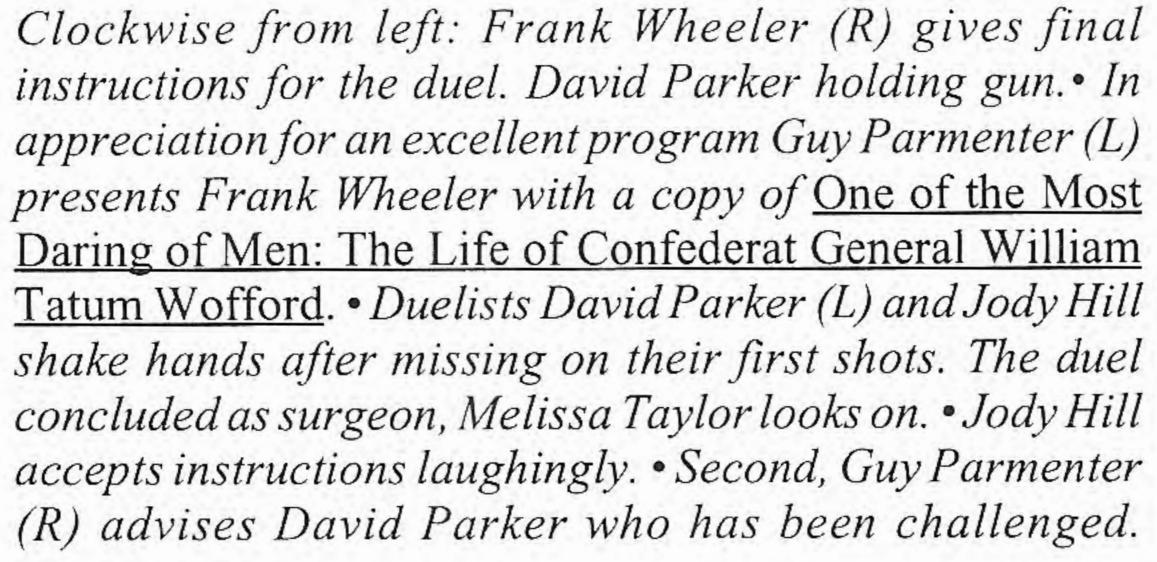
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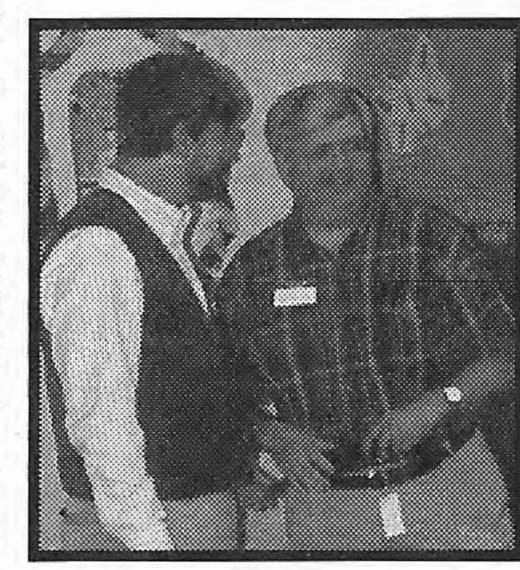
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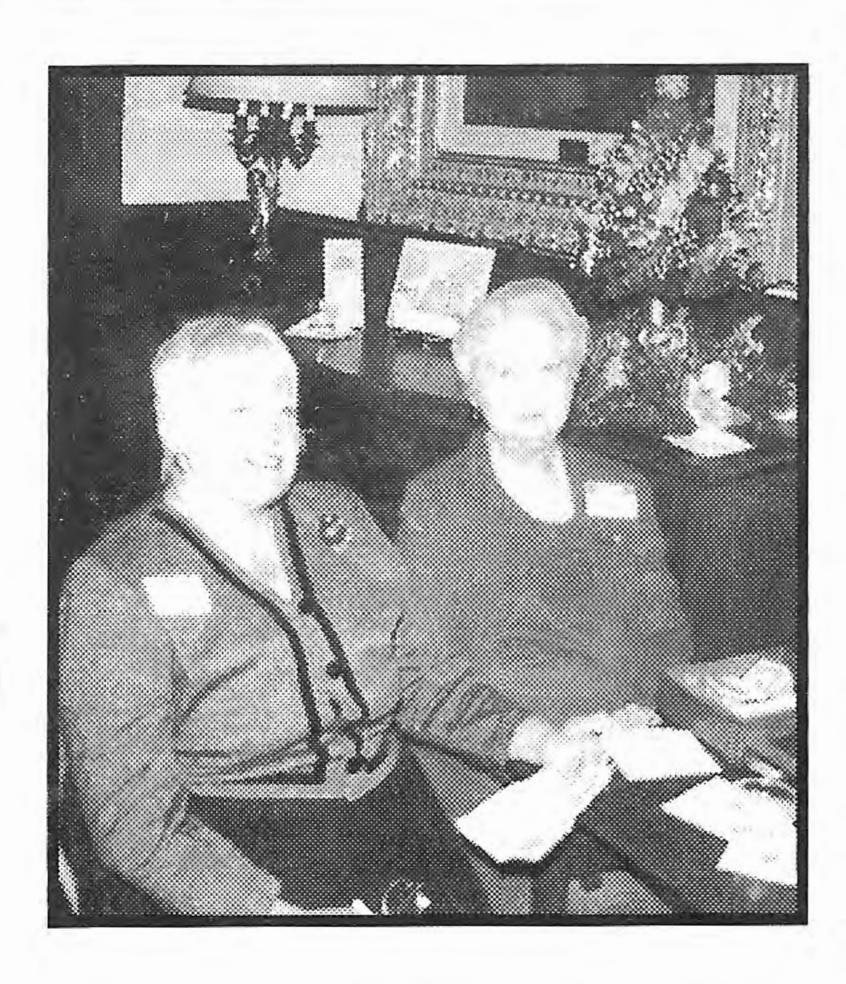


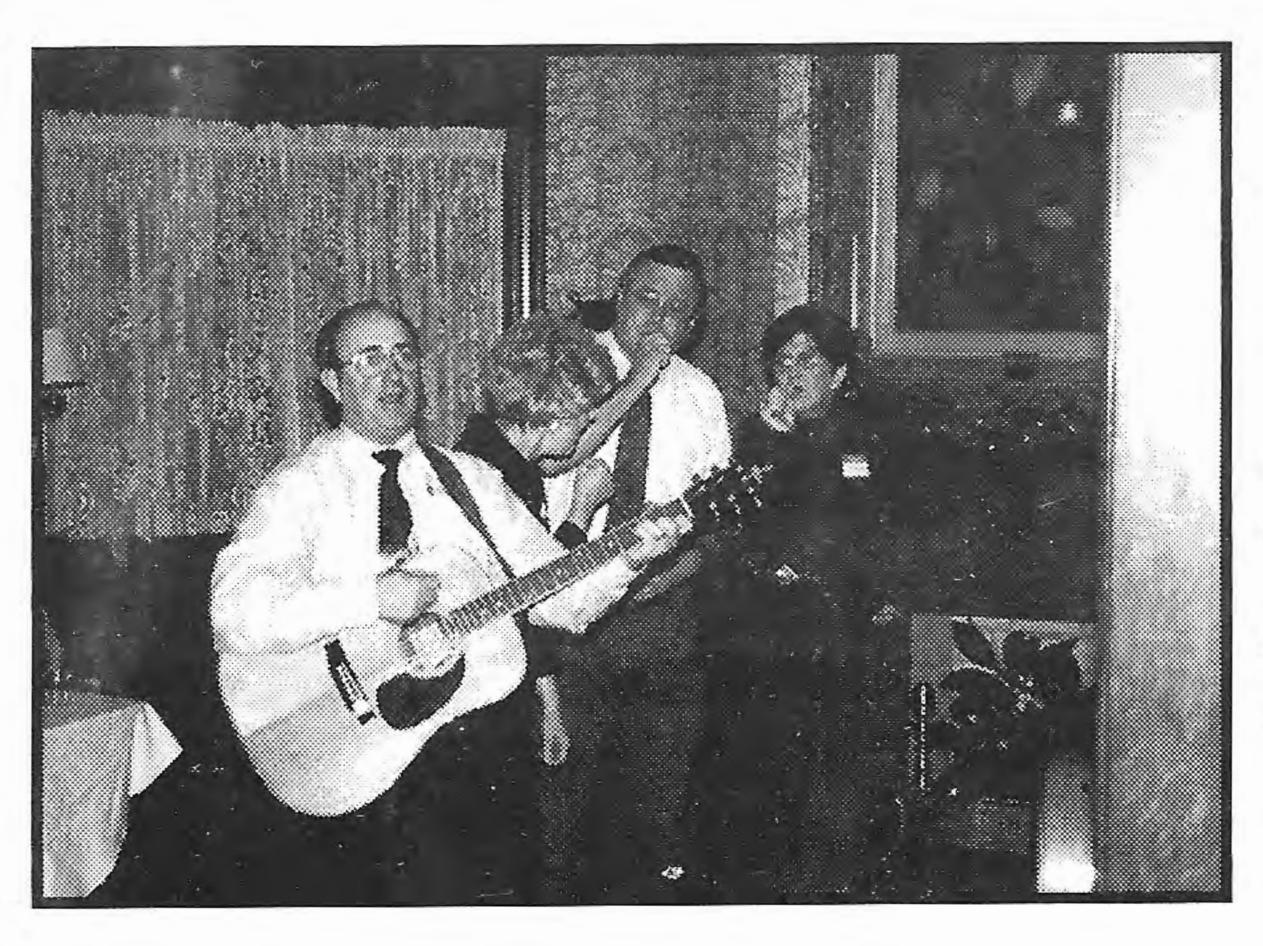


A small but enthusiastic group gathered at the Bartow County Library at 7:00 p.m. for a most enjoyable evening. Frank Wheeler, Assistant Director and Archivist for the Georgia Historical Society, thoroughly entertained the group with his program, "The History of Dueling". Whether bravery or vanity, gentlemen quite often settled their disputes by squaring off with pistols in hand. But before the final shots could be fired, a proper code of standards had to be followed, administered by seconds, usually friends of the combatants. Some duels were fought with sabers. Mr. Wheeler did an outstanding job describing many famous duels and by calling on the audience to participate in a mock duel. Dueling became illegal in Great Britain in 1819 and died out in the United States before 1900 as state after state passed laws to stop dueling.

Earlier in the day, Frank met with the Society's office committee chaired by Linda Trentham. Advice was given on the preservation of photos, books and documents. We are extremely thankful for his advice and guidance.

Do not miss a workshop which will be held at the Bartow County Library on Saturday, March 28, 1998. It will be titled "Don't Let Them Become Extinct". This workshop will cover the basic principals involved in the care and storage of documents, photos, books, leather, metal, wood and cloth. Frank Wheeler will return along with Gordon L. Jones, Curator of Military History at the Atlanta History Center. EVHS members will be charged \$15 and non-members, \$20 for this one day seminar which will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Registration will be limited to fifty persons.





# CHRISTMAS AT ROSELAWN

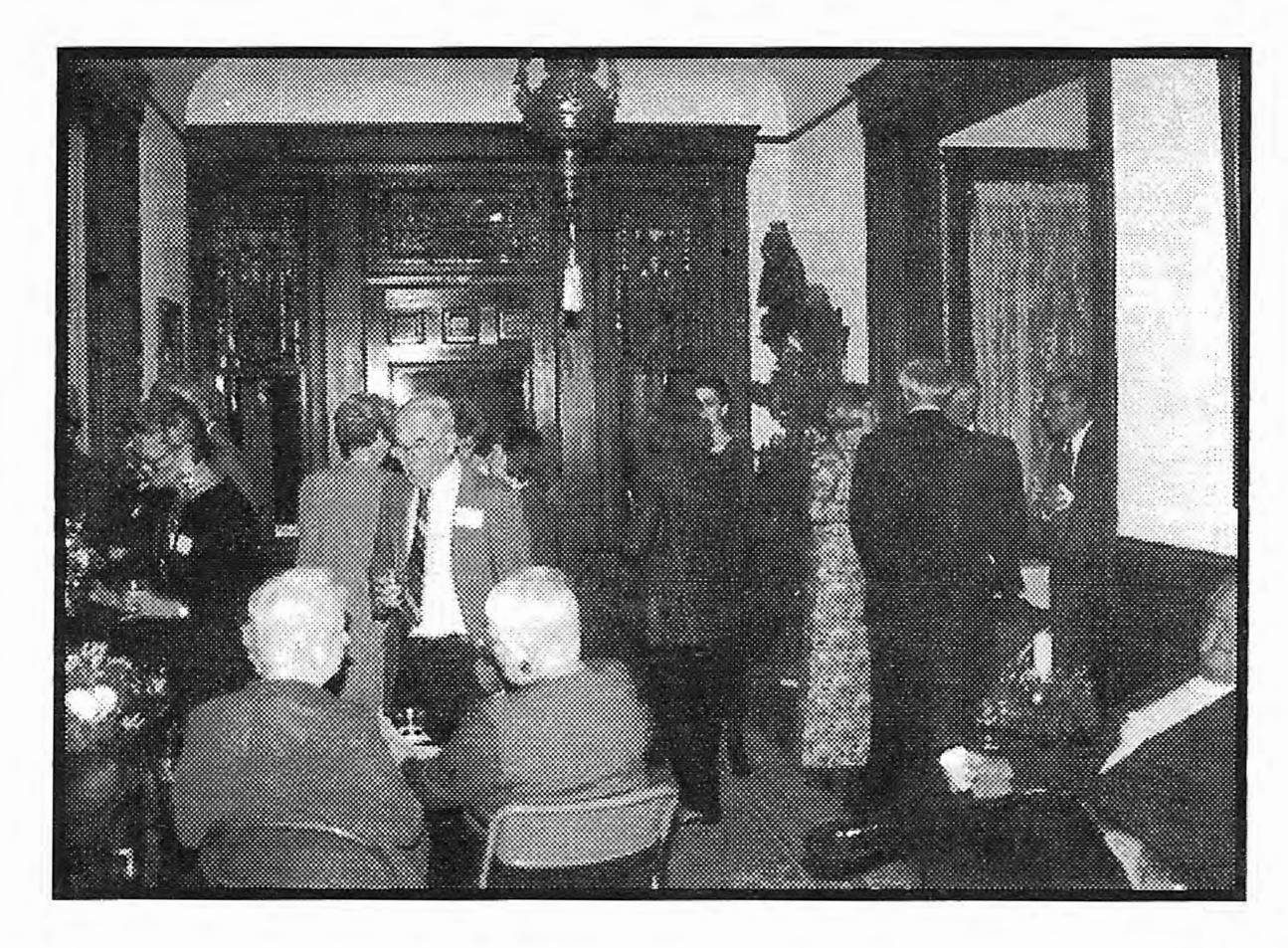
LEFT: (L-R) Trisha Simmons and Vice President Emily Champion greet arrivals.

RIGHT: Back Porch Singers (L-R) Ashley, Judy, Jim and Jan

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"Christmas at Roselawn" continued





Approximately 105 members of the Etowah Valley Historical Society gathered Saturday night, December 6, to celebrate the Christmas season with it's annual holiday dinner.

Festivities were held at the historic Roselawn mansion which had been lavishly decorated with greenery, white tapers and traditional bows. Mary Siniard, director of the museum, greeted the guests at the front entry.

An elegant buffet was provided by Charlotte Monroe of Unique Caterers. Tables for dining had been set up throughout the main rooms of the house.

After dinner, music and entertainment was provided by the Back Porch Singers. This animated group has been singing together and performing in the area for over 20 years. Members of the group include Ashley Schubert on guitar, Jan Crawford on base, Judy Barnes on guitar and Jim Haigler on banjo. They include numbers in their performance made popular by the Kingston Trio and popular folk singers of the 60's era. Thanks to EVHS Vice-President, Emily Champion, for planning this memorable event.

This newsletter is dedicated to the memory of Mrs. William B. "Dot" Quillian, Jr.

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