

# ETOWAH VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## Salute to Mining Tour "A Huge Success"



*Jim Dellinger presents a fascinating history of mining in Bartow County.*

The Salute to Mining Tour of Homes was A HUGE SUCCESS! Bartow County's oldest industry came alive as Mr. Jim Dellinger filled the courtroom at the 1903 Courthouse on Friday evening, November 5th to present

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## Changing of the Guard



*EVHS outgoing President Carl Etheridge is to be commended for his leadership during the past two years. Seen with Carl is incoming President Kathy Shubert.*

## Book Fund at \$6,300

New donations were received from Carl and Helen Smith and also from Mickey and Glenda Collier. An additional donation was given in memory of Mr. Gatewood Etheridge from individual members of the EVHS Board of Directors. Several previous donors have made additional contributions. They are DiAnne Monroe, Michael Garland, Carolyn Parmenter and Guy Parmenter. Additional books purchased through the fund can be found inside. Donation/pledge cards are available by calling the EVHS office. Remember, the goal is \$10,000.

## Dates to Remember

February 13<sup>th</sup> - EVHS President Kathy Schubert will address the Genealogy Meeting at 2 P.M. in the Sam Jones Fellowship Hall. She will review everything you ever wanted to know about our Society. A must for new members.

February 15<sup>th</sup> - Robert Williams, Library Director and Curator of Rare Books at Kennesaw State University will speak to the membership at 7 P.M. at the Bartow County Library. Mr. Williams is both knowledgeable, and humorous and will prove to be one most entertaining speakers you will ever hear.



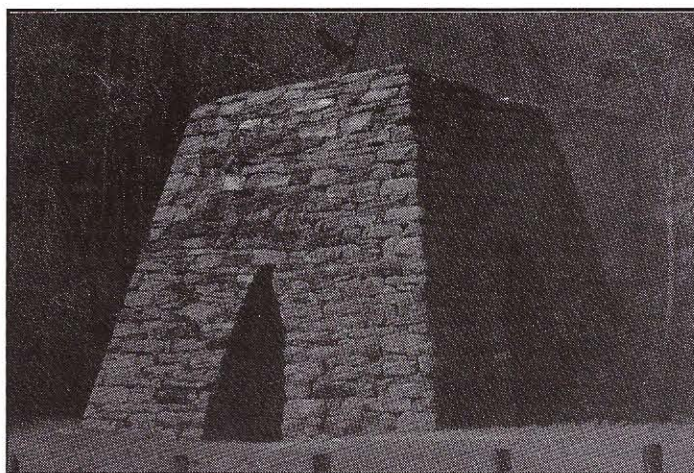
# An Interesting History of the Iron Industry of Bartow

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article was written for the February 10, 1888 edition of the Cartersville Courant by D. W. K. Peacock. The newsletter staff has, however, taken the liberty to make minor changes to clarify points of fact. We feel this article is most enlightening as we wrap up the 1999 Tour of Homes.

In the year 1837, when I was a small boy, and the red man roamed over the hills of North Georgia, my father, with his family, came to this country on a visit in search of health. While here, he, in company with a settler, went to see a set of iron works, taking myself and one of the sons of the settler with them.

These iron works were then in full operation and it was only a small bloomery, located at a point where the road running from old Cassville, in this county, to Canton, Cherokee County, crosses Stamp Creek, where there are yet evidences of the bloomery in existence. This enterprise was commenced and built up by Jacob Stroup and his son, Moses, together with a small colony; all being from North Carolina and known as North Carolina Dutch. A few of these people yet remain. They were noted for their simple but industrious and charitable habits.

In the manufacture of iron at this place the plan was simply to gather up the loose iron ore which was abundantly scattered broadcast on the surface of the adjacent country, hauled with wagons to the furnace, and then, after heated sufficiently, it was hammered into iron; suitable for ploughs, horse shoes, nail rods, wagon tires, etc. After the iron was made it was taken by wagons and peddled out all over the country in exchange for the products of the country on which the colony lived. Of course, they sold some for money, but the amount was small. The great advantage they enjoyed was the privilege of regulating the prices of their products and the prices of the articles for which they exchanged those products. In those days, when there were no railroads, no fast trains or cheap rates, they practically had a monopoly and were not interested about the tariff, the internal revenue, or any of the important questions which now occupy our attention. I, however, well remember this state or condition lasted for years, and the people were happy and contented and believed they had the best country in the world.



*The River Furnace below Allatoona Dam bears witness to a once thriving iron industry. This furnace is the largest of five remaining in Bartow County.*

In 1845, the Western & Atlantic railroad ran its first train to Cartersville, and about that time Hon. Mark A. Cooper, from Middle Georgia, came to this county and purchased one half the interest of Moses Stroup in a small furnace on Stamp Creek and the lands attached to it, about 130 acres. They later interested Leroy M. Wyley, originally of Georgia, then of New York, to join them, forming the firm of Cooper, Stroupe & Wyley. They soon built a new furnace on Stamp Creek, near the old bloomery, and began the manufacture of castings of all kinds. They then came down the Etowah River and erected a rolling mill and nail factory. About the same time John Lowther, an Irishman, erected a small furnace on Allatoona Creek and began to make pig iron. He afterwards associated with him Mr. Thos. P. Stovall, of Augusta, the son-in-law of Hon. Mark A. Cooper. These gentlemen afterwards sold out to Messrs. Moore and Thomas, of Tennessee, Mr. T. F. Moore, now of Acworth, Ga., being one of that firm, and it was at this furnace where he laid the foundation of his present independence.

About the same time Dr. John W. Lewis of South Carolina moved to this state, and being a man of great energy and sound practical judgment, investigated the subject of manufacturing iron. He says he went to Iron Mountain, Missouri, and other points noted for their rich iron deposits, but found nothing so satisfactory to his mind as in Bartow County. He then invested on Stamp Creek and erected a furnace for the manufacture of pig iron and associated with him a Mr. Jones, after which their firm was Lewis & Jones. He then associated with him B. G. Pool, and they built the

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Lewis & Poole furnace. Each of these furnaces made fortunes for their enterprising owners. About the same time some other parties, whose names now escape me, erected still another furnace, which was purchased by Samuel M. Earle, of South Carolina, and by him sold to Messrs. D. S. and F. M. Ford. These gentlemen also made a success of their business.

Much of the iron produced by these furnaces was sold to the rolling mill of Messrs. Cooper, Stroupe and Wyley, and much of it shipped to Chattanooga, after the completion of the W. & A. Railroad to that point, and from there transported to the Western markets by the Tennessee River.

In the early fifties I think the firm of Cooper & Wyley, having previously bought out the interest of Stroupe, had some disagreement as to the management of their business, and had accumulated a substantial debt. Their property was to be sold under and by virtue of an execution from the United States District court and was bid on by Andrew Baxter, now a resident of Atlanta, for the Hon. Mark A. Cooper who had the financial backing of numerous friends. If I am not mistaken, Hon. Mark A. Cooper applied to the Legislature of the State, then sitting at Milledgeville, and obtained the charter of the Etowah Manufacturing and Mining Company, organized this company and operated under that charter until 1862. In 1847 the old firm of Cooper, Stroupe & Wyley erected the then most magnificent mill in North Georgia for the manufacture of flour. If my memory serves me, their capacity was three hundred barrels per day.

In 1857 the Etowah Company built a railroad from the W. & A. Railroad at a point on the north side of the Etowah River to their rolling mill on said river, a distance of about three and a half miles, and about the same time, I think, 1857, they erected what is known as the River Furnace, which, in that day, was the largest in the state.

The Etowah River at this time, and for years, was a busy scene. There were from three hundred and fifty to five hundred employees at all times engaged, the payrolls were heavy, and money flowed freely.

In 1862, Messrs. Quinby and Robinson, a couple of gentlemen from Memphis, Tennessee, came to this point, entered into negotiations with Mark Cooper, and finally purchased the entire property and re-organized the company. I think they stocked it at one million dollars, Messrs. J. W. Latrop, J. L. Villapougn and Messrs. Cleghorn and Cunningham, and others, of Savannah, becoming stockholders. Of the organization of the company I know little, but have learned they entered largely into the manufacture of war material for the Southern Confederacy.

Referring back to the operations of the Hon. Mark A. Cooper, and his management of this great property, said he: "I had but little means at the time I purchased the property at the marshal's sale, but I had many friends. To these friends I applied and obtained material aid, which enabled me to pay for and operate the property, and when I sold to Messrs. Quinby & Robinson, in 1862, I paid my outstanding liabilities." And my recollection is he sold for four hundred and fifty thousand dollars. It is true, this sale was made and paid for in Confederate money, but by reference to the table of values at that time, on a gold basis it would have left him a handsome amount of money on hand as profits. Now I hear many persons who are not familiar with the facts assert that no one save, perhaps, Dr. Lewis, ever made a success of the iron business in Bartow County, when the proof is to the contrary. The truth is, Lewis & Jones, Lewis & Poole, D. S. & F. M. Ford, Moore & Thomas and Mark A. Cooper, as well as Mr. John Lowther, all made money in the manufacture of iron. Some of these gentlemen are now alive and can, if necessary, testify to this truth; but, on the other hand, there were some who made failures, and I have yet to find any business where all succeed and none fail.

Soon after the war Mr. Hugh McNeal, of Pennsylvania, came to this county and purchased the Bartow property, on the W. & A. R.R., four miles south of Cartersville, where he erected a furnace of about forty tons capacity. The Rogers furnace was erected a few years later. This furnace was located at Rogers station on the W. & A. R. R., three miles north of Cartersville. About the same time Messrs. Moore & Thomas revived one of the old furnaces on Stamp Creek, and Messrs. Stiles & Miester and B. G. Pool and others did the same thing with two other old furnaces and all went to work with an energy which bid fair to conquer success. But these three last named were at least twelve miles from railroad transportation and consequently labored under the difficulty of transporting all their iron that distance to the railroad and all their supplies back the same distance. At the same time the ore was distant from these places from one to three miles, because they persisted in trying to use the old furnaces run by water instead of erecting new furnaces near the ore and running them by steam and near the railroad, thus saving the enormous expense of wagon transportation. Yet each one of these located under all their disadvantages would, if well managed, have made money for the operators because iron was high and purchasers for their products were abundant.

The Bartow furnace was for several years under the able management of Mr. McNeal, very successful. The

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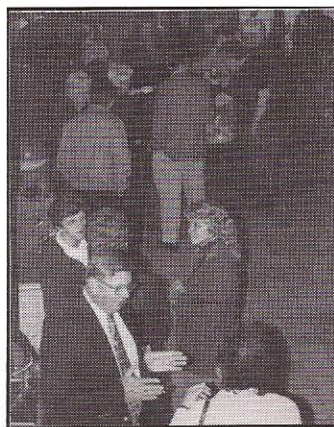
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an opening night address. Former EVHS President, DiAnne Monroe, was given the honor of introducing Jim to the audience. He is a graduate of Georgia Tech and serves as Chairman of the Board for Dellinger Management Company which includes both New Riverside Ochre Company and Chemical Products.

Jim first covered the iron industry from Jacob Stroup's first iron furnace in 1838 to the sometimes humorous mining exploits of John Hodge during World War II. Iron ore was the first mineral commercially mined in this county, but was soon followed by manganese (used to harden steel), ochre, limestone, graphite and barytes.

Manganese was first mined in the late 19th century by A. O. Granger. Others such as Joel Hurt and even Holmes Neel followed. Mr. E. P. Earle of New York City first spotted ochre in the clay banks which bordered the railroad while riding by train through Emerson. Mr. Earle was involved in the building of the Empire State Building. The Georgian Peruvian Ochre Company was soon born with Mr. Lee Womelsdorf as manager. Of additional interest was the mining of limestone at Ladd's Mountain. Much of the early "fizz" in Coca Cola came from this mining operation.

Jim also added a little family history as he described how his grandfather, William C. Satterfield, founded New Riverside Ochre Company in the early 1900's. This was followed by the fascinating story of how his father, Ray Dellinger, met his mother, Evelyn Satterfield. Ray came from Oklahoma to become very successful in the mining industry locally and was instrumental in helping to form Chemical Products in 1934. Over 134 people had been thoroughly entertained as Mr. Dellinger's Salute to Mining Address concluded. But the evening was not over, as the crowd gathered downstairs in the lobby for hors d'oeuvres and refreshments.



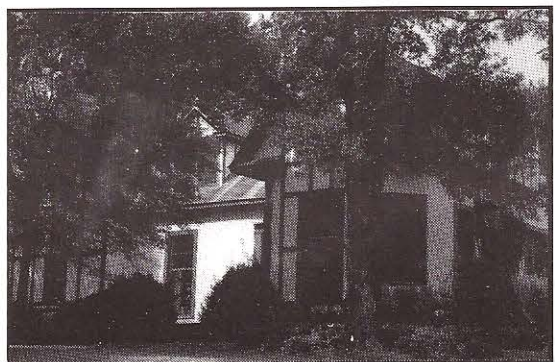
It was quite obvious Jim's speech had ignited much excitement and enthusiasm in the tour which would begin the following morning and carry over though Sunday. The Cope/Dellinger Home (c. 1914) and the Young/Granger/Evans Home (c. 1840) would prove excellent choices for this year's tour.

## and the tour continues on Saturday to...

**Cope/Dellinger Home** - The Harris Cope-Dellinger Home was built by Griffin Smith, Sr. in 1914, a prominent builder in his era who left Cartersville with several substantial structures such as the 1903 Court House.

Prior to becoming involved in the mining industry in Bartow County, Harris Cope achieved considerable fame as the head football coach at the University of the South at Suwanee, Tennessee. The 1902 season was his signature year when his team beat seven teams in ten days. Among the teams defeated were Georgia Tech, University of Georgia, Auburn, University of Mississippi and the University of Texas.

When Harris Cope left the coaching profession, he became involved in mining and was successful until the 1929 Stock Market Crash and the Great Depression crippled his mining venture. In 1930 Mr. Cope exchanged his home for a smaller home owned by W. J. Weinman who was also in the mining industry. From 1930 to 1943 the Weinman's altered the house by adding a den on the lower level with a bedroom above it on the second level. Also, a sleeping deck was added on the South side to the second level. In 1943 Ray Dellinger acquired the house and five acres and added a three-car garage to the property. Jimmy and Judy Dellinger became the new owners after the death of his parents. In 1984 they added a large family den to the home as well as a large breakfast room. The gardens are a more recent addition. Another interesting feature is the 1914 Carriage house. The original structure had a lower floor for two carriages and a hayloft upstairs. The lower floor was renovated in 1943 into servants quarters. From 1953 to 1984 it was used to store old furniture. In 1984 a screen porch was added with a staircase to the old hayloft and it became the family poolhouse.



**Young-Granger-Evans Home** - The Young-Granger-Evans Home is located at the end of West Main Street on the crest of Granger Hill. The original house was a two room structure built by James C. Young (Circa 1840) and underwent a major renovation when A. O. Granger moved to Cartersville and purchased the property in 1889. During the Civil War, Private Granger had been General W. T. Sherman's military secretary and confidant and became familiar with the Cartersville area while Sherman

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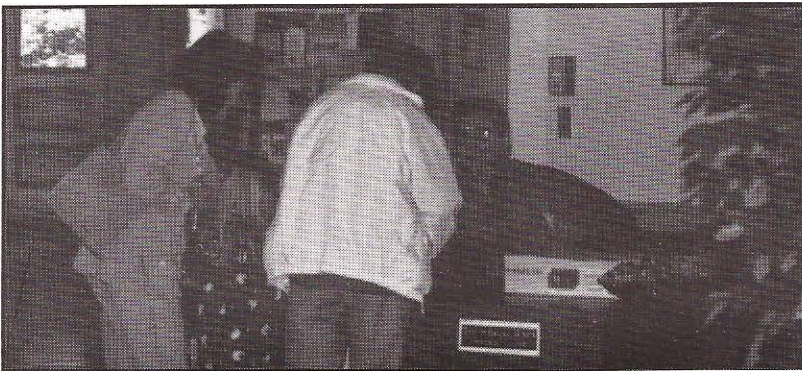


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was in Kingston, Georgia, planning the infamous "March to the Sea."

Mr. Granger was involved with the mining industry and over the years enlarged his home, eventually adding an observatory which held the second largest telescope in the South. During this period the house had three stories containing twenty-six rooms. The second floor had four bedrooms each with an arched, formal sitting room. The third floor was a gymnasium with hardwood floors. There were two staircases on the third floor, one led to the observatory and the other to a trap door to the roof. On top of the roof was a large wooden platform from which the observer had a commanding view of Cartersville. It was from this observation deck that the Grangers were inspired to call their home "Overlook."

The James Smith family purchased the home from the Granger estate and added a beautiful sunken garden to the property. Mr. and Mrs. Max Scheuer were the next owners along with their son, Adolph. After the death of Mrs. Scheuer the house was rented out for several years. One of the boarders in this period wrote a song "The Lonesome Cattle Call" which was sung by Eddie Arnold and added to his fame as a country singer.



*Cole Law selling tickets in the lobby of the 1903 Courthouse.*



*(l-r) Bonnie Floyd, Mary Ann Davis and Trisha Simmons discuss business at the Young-Granger-Evans home.*



*(l-r) Mary Helen Collier, Laurie McAfee, Lauren McAfee, and Sally Barrett at the Cope/Dellinger home.*



*Carolyn Parmenter and Robert Wilson stand watch at the front entrance of the Cope/Dellinger home.*



*Ernestine Young Jones stands inside the Cope/Dellinger Home.*

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## EVHS CALENDAR

- Feb. 8 Board of Directors Meeting  
Tuesday 5:30 p.m. EVHS Courthouse Office
- Feb. 13 Genealogy Committee Meeting  
Sunday 2:00 p.m. Sam Jones Fellowship Hall  
Speaker: Kathy Schubert
- Feb. 15 Membership Meeting  
Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Bartow County Library  
Speaker: Robert Williams, Kennesaw State University  
Director of Library and Curator of Rare Books
- Feb. 16 Newsletter Update mailed
- Feb. 17 Preservation Committee Meeting  
Thursday 2:00-4:00 p.m. EVHS Courthouse Office
- March 12 Genealogy Committee Meeting  
Sunday 2:00 p.m. Sam Jones Fellowship Hall
- March 14 Board of Directors Meeting  
Tuesday 5:30 p.m. EVHS Courthouse Office
- March 15 Newsletter mailed
- March 16 Civil War Roundtable Meeting  
Thursday 7:00 p.m. Bartow County Library
- March 16 Preservation Committee  
Thursday 2:00-4:00 p.m. EVHS Courthouse Office
- April 9 Genealogy Committee Meeting  
Sunday 2:00 p.m. Sam Jones Fellowship Hall
- April 11 Board of Directors Meeting  
Tuesday 5:30 p.m. EVHS Courthouse Office
- April 18 Membership Meeting  
Thursday 7:00 p.m. Bartow County Library  
Program: Preservation Committee Projects
- April 19 Newsletter Update mailed
- April 20 Preservation Committee  
Thursday 2:00-4:00 p.m. EVHS Courthouse Office
- May 9 Board of Directors Meeting-Board Planning Meeting  
Tuesday 5:30 p.m. EVHS Courthouse Office
- May 14 Genealogy Committee Meeting  
Sunday 2:00 p.m. Sam Jones Fellowship Hall
- May 17 Newsletter mailed
- May 18 Preservation Committee Meeting  
Thursday 2:00-4:00 EVHS Courthouse Office
- May 18 Civil War Roundtable  
Thursday 7:00 p.m. Bartow County Library
- June 2&3 Hosting Georgia Trust Ramble
- June 11 Genealogy Committee Meeting  
Sunday 2:00 p.m. Sam Jones Fellowship Hall
- June 13 Board of Directors Meeting  
Tuesday 5:30 p.m. EVHS Courthouse Office
- June 15 Preservation Committee Meeting  
Thursday 2:00-4:00 p.m. EVHS Courthouse Office
- June 17 Membership Dinner Meeting-Home of Corra Harris
- June 21 Newsletter Update mailed

## A HOLIDAY GALA AT ROSELAWN



*The "Sensations" quartet from Shorter College entertained members at our annual Christmas Party and dinner, December 11th.*

*(l-r): Katherine Fraiser, Kelly Connell, Rachel Greene, and Kathleen Infinger*



*(l-r) Joe Head, Debbie Head, Beverly Moore, and Julie Quatrano were among approximately 90 members attending.*



# ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

## October 2, 1999

On Saturday evening, October 2, our Society held its annual business meeting and dinner on the grounds of the historic 1903 Courthouse. It was a wonderful evening, as about 65 members and guests toured the EVHS office and research facility. This proved to be a great opportunity to greet old acquaintances and meet new friends.

Following dinner, President Carl Etheridge called the meeting to order, then introduced Mr. Drew Tonsmeire as our speaker. Drew, who serves as president of the Cartersville-Bartow Chamber of Commerce, gave us his insight into the future of Bartow County as it pertains to development and growth. He was particularly pleased to talk with our group because so much knowledge about handling future growth comes from studying our past. President Etheridge thanked Mr. Tonsmeire for attending and presented him with a book as our token of appreciation. Carl next highlighted the accomplishments of the 1998/1999 year. Among those were several preservation projects including the completion of the Allatoona Battlefield Comprehensive Preservation Plan. The EVHS also loaned its expertise to the continued preservation of downtown Euahlee. We also have worked with the City of Emerson to preserve the pre-civil war Stegall home. The Society has continued to keep the office and research center open throughout the year and has expanded the library holdings through book and cash donations. Numerous meetings were held during the year to keep the members informed and to broaden their knowledge of our history. These were accomplished through the Civil War Roundtable, the Genealogy Committee and general membership meetings such as the one tonight. Carl was quick to praise all those who had worked on all the various committees to make the past year so successful.



*(l-r) Speaker, Drew Tonsmeire and President Carl Etheridge*

Carl recognized the officers and directors who had served so well. A big thanks went out to Vice President Emily Champion and to Treasurer Denise Conner. Those directors whose three year terms had expired were Rosemary Clabo, Diane Tate and DiAnne Monroe. Nominations for new directors were presented by President Etheridge on behalf of the Nominating Committee. Candidates presented were Ed Hill, Wilma Cantrell and Guy Parmenter. Being no other nominations from the membership, all three were unanimously accepted by the members present.

The meeting closed after reminding everyone of the December 11th annual holiday gathering at Roselawn.

## New Bookfund Purchases

All Roads To Rome  
History of Harmony Grove-Commerce, Jackson County, Georgia 1810-1849  
A History of Madison County, Georgia  
Official History of Catoosa County, Georgia 1853-1953  
The Story of Wilkes County, Georgia  
Historical Notes on Jackson County, Georgia  
Thomas County During the Civil War  
The Cemeteries of Greene County, Georgia  
History of Greene County, Georgia 1786-1886  
Cobb County, Georgia Cemeteries, Volume I  
An Index for the 1860 Georgia Federal Census  
Virginia's Eastern Shore, A History of Worthhampton and Accomack Counties, Volume I  
Virginia's Eastern Shore, A History of Worthhampton and Accomack Counties, Volume II



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Rogers furnace only ran a short time but with fair prospects. Alas! the great financial panic of 1873 precipitated by the failure of Messrs. Jay Cook & Co., of New York, paralyzed all these efforts so effectually they were unable to recover and get on a solid basis.

These enterprises were all scarce of capital. Thus the manufacture of iron was brought to a stop, not because the ore of the best quality did not exist, nor because there was not charcoal and stone coal to be had in abundance, but because the panic of 1873 caused the men thus engaged to fail. This and this alone deterred others from engaging in that business.

Since the panic of 1873, many of the owners of iron mines have been successfully engaged in mining and shipping our ore. The Dade Coal Company have purchased largely of these ores, and I am informed they ship annually about two thousand cars from Rogers' Station. Col C. M. Jones & Co., ship from one to three thousand cars annually from Stegall's Station. A company also shipped largely from the Bartow property until it became involved in litigation.

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*Proud homeowners such as Don & Connie Evans were essential to the tour's success. A special thanks to the Evans and to Jim & Judy Dellinger, our other proud homeowners.*

This newsletter is dedicated to the memory of  
Mrs. Donald L. "Katherine" Hatcher, Miss Julia Qullian, Mr. William H. Miller  
and Mr. Benjamin R. Maxwell

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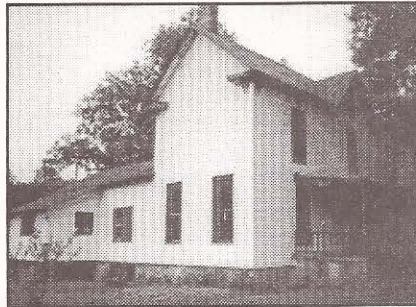
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*The objective of the Etowah Valley Historical Society is to promote and enhance the awareness and preservation of the heritage and traditions of Bartow County.*

### IN SEARCH OF OLD PHOTOS...STEGALL HOUSE



Stegall House

The old Stegall house facing Highway 293 in Emerson is in need of total restoration. The EVHS along with the City of Emerson is seeking old photos of the house in hopes of securing a National Register nomination. This antebellum home was originally built with only one story by Emerson's founder, Emsley Stegall. Emsley's son, John P. Stegall, added a second story in 1889. The architectural integrity of this home has been tarnished by the current front porch. It is obviously not original to the 1889 changes and the rear wing of the house appears suspect. Most grant money for restoration projects such as this require a home to be eligible for or listed on the National Register. If you can help with old photos or any documents relating to the history of the Stegall house, please contact the EVHS office. Since 1998

members have been working with Emerson City Manager, David Parris, to save this house.

### EVHS PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Under the direction of Dr. Jeffrey A. Drobney, Assistant Professor of History at Kennesaw State University (KSU), the EVHS and the City of Cartersville, through the use of KSU interns, plan to establish locally designated historic districts in the Old Town, East Cartersville and downtown areas. Ongoing preservation of these historic districts would fall under the direction of a Preservation Commission appointed by the city of Cartersville. The EVHS Preservation Committee began initial discussion with Dr. Drobney this past November. Since then, Cartersville and downtown officials along with representatives from the various neighborhoods have joined in to complete this important initiative.



Dr. Jeffrey A. Drobney at the November Preservation Committee meeting in the EVHS office.

### GEORGIA TRUST RAMBLE

We are excited to report that the 9000 member Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation has selected Bartow County for its Spring 2000 Ramble. Not since June 1990 has the Etowah Valley Historical Society had the opportunity to showcase our community's historical sites to such a prestigious group. Cartersville's own Robert Benham, Chief Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court, serves on the Trust's Board of Trustees. We are expecting up to 250 Trust members to take part in this event being held June 2nd and 3rd. The Georgia Trust for Historical Preservation, founded in 1973 and headquartered in Atlanta, promotes an appreciation of Georgia's diverse historic resources and provides for their protection and use to preserve, enhance and revitalize Georgia's communities.

Mary Norton is serving as committee chairperson for the Etowah Valley Historical Society. Typically, meetings have focused on the selection of sites for the Ramble. However, some of the other planning considerations are meals and refreshments, registration support, written tour materials, publicity, transportation and volunteers. Following the Ramble in 1990, Greg Paxton, now President and CEO of the Trust, was quoted as saying..."Our members had a memorable weekend and continue to comment on the wealth of beautiful homes, gardens and historic sites that were opened to them. The Georgia Trust needs its membership and when an event is so well organized for them we certainly reap the benefits". The Ramble is open to any member of the Trust. Applications for membership in the Trust are available in the EVHS office.



Chairman Mary Norton (Standing) facilitates the discussion about the Ramble at the home of June Hudson. (Dining table, L-R) Jennifer Wiggins, Cheree Parker, Lizette Entwisle, Sandy Layton (Ga Trust), Renee Dooley (Ga Trust), Ann Tillman. (Far right table, L-R) June Hudson, Michael Garland, Bob Norton. Not Shown are Pam Coffey, Delean Brandon, Jody Brandon, Leslie Rohland, Jennifer Youree and Guy Parmenter (Photographer)



## KSU SPRING LECTURES SERIES CO-SPONSORED BY EVHS

The Center For Regional History & Culture at Kennesaw State University is pleased to announce "**Faith of Our Fathers: That Old-Time Religion in Northwest Georgia**". This spring lecture series features noted authors and scholars, Dr. Wayne Flynt (Feb. 24), Dr. Kathleen Minnix (Feb. 27), Mary Hood (March 23) and Dr. Catherine Badura (Apr. 2).

One of the most important and least explored facets of history in Northwest Georgia has been religion. Fortunately, scholars are beginning to address this gap in our understanding of the past. "**Faith of Our Fathers: That Old-Time Religion in Northwest Georgia**" is a program of public lectures that will bring four examples of this new scholarship to the people of Northwest Georgia in the Spring of 2000. See the EVHS Calendar below for dates, locations and times.

## NEW MEMBERS

Woodrow H. Bradley  
Clarence & Carol Brown  
Vic Freeman  
Todd & Laura Harper  
June Hudson

Courtney Hultman  
Robin Layton  
Faye Leatherwood  
Charles & Tina Long  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Maher

Mr. & Mrs. Ross Mynatt  
Gene & Mary Ann Shandor  
Jim & Joyce Shurling  
Glenda Sloan  
Mary Tinkler

Jack Welchel  
Doris Wofford

## EVHS CALENDAR

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| Feb. 24  | KSU Spring Lecture Series<br>Thursday 8:00 p.m. KSU Science Bldg. Room 109<br>Speaker: Dr. Wayne Flint<br>Lecture: "Baptizing Souls and Culture; Southern Religion and Georgia Baptist"             | April 8-9   | Vaughan Cabin - Red Top Mtn. State Park<br>Saturday & Sunday 10:00 a.m.<br>Event: Civil War Encampment                      |
| Feb. 27  | KSU Spring Lecture Series<br>Sunday 2:00 p.m. Roselawn<br>Speaker: Dr. Kathleen Minnix<br>Lecture: "Sam Jones, the Irreverent Reverend"   | April 9     | Genealogy Committee Meeting<br>Sunday 2:00 p.m. Sam Jones Fellowship Hall   |
| March 12 | Genealogy Committee Meeting<br>Sunday 2:00 p.m. Sam Jones Fellowship Hall   | April 11    | Board of Directors Meeting<br>Tuesday 5:30 p.m. EVHS Courthouse Office  |
| March 14 | Board of Directors Meeting<br>Tuesday 5:30 p.m. EVHS Courthouse Office  | April 15-16 | Vaughan Cabin - Red Top Mtn. State Park<br>Saturday & Sunday 10:00 a.m.<br>Event: Dogwood Days/Pioneer Skills Demonstration |
| March 15 | Newsletter mailed   | April 18    | Membership Meeting<br>Thursday 7:00 p.m. Bartow County Library<br>Program: Preservation Committee Projects                  |
| March 16 | Civil War Roundtable Meeting<br>Thursday 7:00 p.m. Bartow County Library  | April 19    | Newsletter Update mailed  |
| March 16 | Preservation Committee<br>Thursday 2:00-4:00 p.m. EVHS Courthouse Office  | April 20    | Preservation Committee<br>Thursday 2:00-4:00 p.m. EVHS Courthouse Office  |
| March 23 | KSU Spring Lecture Series<br>Thursday 8:00 p.m. KSU<br>Speaker: Mary Hood<br>Lecture: "How Religion has Figured in the Georgia Folk of Her Stories"   | May 9       | Board of Directors Meeting-Board Planning Meeting<br>Tuesday 5:30 p.m. EVHS Courthouse Office                               |
| April 2  | KSU Spring Lecture Series<br>Sunday 2:00 p.m. Roselawn<br>Speaker: Dr. Catherine Badura<br>Lecture: "Revisiting the Legacy of Corra Harris: Religion, Church, and <i>The Circuit Rider's Wife</i> " | May 14      | Genealogy Committee Meeting<br>Sunday 2:00 p.m. Sam Jones Fellowship Hall   |
|          |   | May 17      | Newsletter mailed   |
|          |   | May 18      | Preservation Committee Meeting<br>Thursday 2:00-4:00 EVHS Courthouse Office   |

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