



# ETOWAH VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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



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Organizers of the 138th Anniversary of the Battle of Allatoona Pass have been busy planning for the annual community event, scheduled for October 5th & 6th this year. Pictured during a meeting on July 25, 2002 to discuss details of the event are, Back Row: Col. Ken Padgett, Georgia Division of Reenactors; Interpretive Ranger Roy Queen, Red Top Mountain State Park; Vice President David Parker, EVHS; Park Superintendent James Hamilton, Red Top Mountain State Park; Chairman Tom Johnson, Friends of Red Top. Middle Row: Helen Flowers, Friends of Red Top; Allatoona Pass Committee Chair Ed Hill, EVHS. Kneeling: Jim Dale, Allatoona Texas Monument Committee; President Guy Parmenter, EVHS; and Randy Flowers, Friends of Red Top. Not Pictured: Diane Mooney, Clayton-Mooney Home and EVHS; Newsletter Editor Chantal Parker, EVHS; Tony Dooley, Georgia Division of Reenactors; and Pappy Harmon, 20th Georgia Reenactors.

## D.O.T. Historians to Visit EVHS

Monday, November 4, 2002

Join us as we welcome historian Lisa Crawford and archaeologist Terri Lotti, who will discuss their work with the Georgia Department of Transportation

## Battle of Allatoona Pass

138th Anniversary Celebration Features  
the Dedication of a Monument to Texas Troops

A Civil War encampment, infantry and artillery demonstrations will highlight the 138th anniversary of the Battle of Allatoona Pass on Saturday and Sunday, October 5 and 6. The event is sponsored in part by the Etowah Valley Historical Society, who adopted the battlefield as a preservation project seven years ago and continues to maintain and improve the historic site. Festivities will also include the unveiling and dedication of a monument to Texas troops who participated in the battle on October 5, 1864.

Organized tours of the battlefield at 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. on Sunday will include stops at the demonstration sites. Tours will last approximately ninety minutes, and visitors are advised to dress comfortably for hiking. Leading the tours are James Hamilton, superintendent at Red Top Mountain State Park, and Bill Scaife, historian and author of *Allatoona Pass: A Needless Effusion of Blood*. The area of the Star Fort is now accessible and will be open to visitors, but no formal tours of the area will be conducted.

The historic Clayton-Mooney House, which served as a field hospital during the battle and still bears bullet holes and blood stains, will be open for touring on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All visitors to the event are invited to a complementary buffet lunch, sponsored by the EVHS, to be served on the front porch of the Mooney home on Sunday.

A special feature to this year's event is the unveiling and dedication of a monument at Allatoona honoring the Texas troops of Matthew B. Ector's Confederate Brigade, commanded by General William H. Young. The monument is the second one to be installed on the battlefield. The first, erected last year, honors the troops of General Francis Marion Cockrell's Missouri Brigade.

The campaign to secure the funds for the monument is headed by Clay Williams, of Abilene Texas, whose great-grandfather and great-uncle fought in the battle; Jim Dale, of Waleska, Georgia, a local historian and researcher; and Chuck Carlock, of Abilene, author of *The Tenth Texas*

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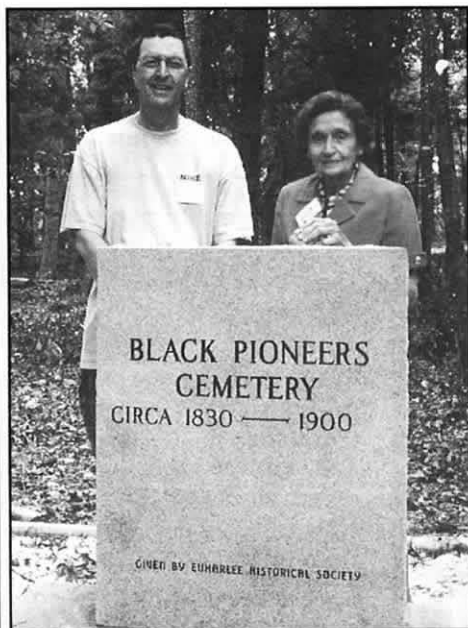
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The EVHS office and research facilities are located in the 1903 courthouse at 115 West Cherokee Avenue in downtown Cartersville.

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## Euharlee Remembers Early Pioneers



*Project Manager Larry Wills was instrumental in bringing the Black Pioneers Cemetery Project to fruition, as was Euharlee historian Mary Ellen Taff. Both are members of the Euharlee Historical Society.*

In a major effort to preserve an almost forgotten aspect of Bartow County's history, the Euharlee Historical Society, with the assistance of EVHS Cemetery Preservation chair Carl Etheridge, spent the summer restoring and preserving a cemetery where some of Euharlee's earliest pioneering African-Americans are known to be interred.

The project was celebrated with a memorial service and the unveiling and dedication of a marker honoring Euharlee's "Black Pioneers" on Saturday, August 17, 2002. Among the 75 to 80 visitors attending the ceremony were descendants of families known to be buried in the cemetery, including Mary E. Goode and Helen Goode Long, who led the procession to the marker and performed the unveiling.

Carl's involvement with the project dates back to his presidency at EVHS, when he was contacted by Euharlee Historical Society president Mary Ellen Taff in 1998. Once contacted, Carl undertook the task of locating and marking the approximately 200 unmarked graves dating from the 1830s. EHS member and project manager Larry Wills coordinated the efforts to clean up the cemetery, removing trees and brush which had been allowed to grow up since the last known burial in 1900. Small slate stones purchased by EHS now mark the graves that Carl was able to identify.

The cemetery is located in a forested area between the Euharlee Baptist and Euharlee Presbyterian Churches on Covered Bridge Road.

## Authors Luncheon Features Cassville & Allatoona Scholars

Jim Rongers, whose research of pre-Civil War Cassville was introduced at an EVHS meeting in April 2002 (EVHS Newsletter, Vol. 43, May 2002), was among the authors speaking at the Cassville Heritage Association's Annual Authors Luncheon on August 17th. Rongers's map of Cassville on the eve of the Civil War makes extensive use of his research, which he hopes to soon make available in manuscript form.

Other authors at the luncheon included Cassville native Herman Bearden, author of *History of Cassville Baptist Church 1832-2000*, and



*Pictured left to right: Cassville Heritage Association member and emcee for the luncheon Mike Bryson and authors Herman Bearden, Larry Stephens, and Jim Rongers.*

Marietta resident Larry Stephens, author of *Hold the Fort...I Am Coming! The Battle of Allatoona Pass*.

The Cassville Historical Association Authors Luncheon is held annually in August, and is the association's only fundraiser. All monies benefit the preservation of Cassville Cemetery.

# Memories & History Recalled at Munford-Birdsong House

## Membership Meeting

August 31, 2002

You can go home again! And that's just what the EVHS did when it held its August meeting at the historic Munford-Birdsong House, once the home of EVHS, now the home of Angela and Bill Birdsong, located in Powder Springs. Even rain couldn't dampen the homecoming atmosphere of the thirty or more members who attended the meeting, and who were graciously welcomed inside when rain forced the cancellation of plans to eat outdoors.

Following dinner, everyone gathered on the front porch for an informal discussion of the home's history, led by Angela and Bill. Jean Cochran and Louise Rogers figured prominently in the discussion, with their memories of people and events associated with the house. EVHS member Kay Borden offered some history of descendants related to the home's original owner Lewis Martin Munford. Kay is descended from the family of Serena Dillard, who married Lewis Munford. Kay also displayed a Civil War era map showing the original location of the home and the movement of troops in its vicinity.

Picture albums of the house before and after restoration, and during its move from Bartow County, rounded out the Birdsongs' story of how they found and began restoring the house. The Birdsongs weren't interested in purchasing an old house when they found the 1859 Victorian nestled in a five acre wooded lot, but as Bill explained, "some things are meant to be." About ten years after the home's removal to Powder Springs, it fell into foreclosure and remained vacant for almost two years, "which was long enough for us to meet, get married, and find it."

Bill and Angela have owned the home for only about a year, and have been members of EVHS for less than that,

ever since they stumbled upon the Tour of Homes in November 2001. Since then, they have acquired and entertained a whole new family of friends through EVHS. And their

*Angela and Bill's enthusiasm for their new home and their new friends was especially evident when they received a Historic Awareness Sign, presented by EVHS.*



*The atmosphere at the Munford-Birdsong House was like an old-fashioned homecoming, with visitors relaxing on the inviting front porch, amid the peaceful wooded setting of the Powder Springs home.*

patient and loving restoration of the Society's former home was rewarded by those new friends, who presented the couple with a Historic Awareness Sign during the meeting.

EVHS is grateful to know that their former home and headquarters is in such good hands, and wish Bill and Angela continued happiness in their new old home. ☺

## EVHS Welcomes New Members

Kevin & Diane Affolder, Cartersville  
Ariel & Sally Conlin, Cartersville  
R. Means & Peggy Davis, Acworth  
Everett Roberts, Cartersville  
Rose Taylor, Cartersville  
Virginia Yates, Cartersville





# R. H. JONES & SONS MANUFACTURING CO.

## BUGGIES, CARRIAGES, WAGONS AND MATERIAL

Robert Harris Jones was one of Cartersville's most illustrious citizens. Born in 1828 in Elbert County, Georgia, the son of Rev. Samuel G. and Elizabeth Jones, he followed in his father's footsteps and became a Methodist minister at the age of 21. In 1853, he moved to Cartersville, where he started a carriage business and preached in a number of churches in the area.

"He carried into his ministry the same energy and power that made him successful in all his undertakings," wrote a friend after Jones's death. "He never let an opportunity pass to do work for the Master, and there are hundreds who have been awakened and converted through the instrumentality of his earnest, fervent preaching. He was indeed a true soldier of the cross."

When the Civil War began, Jones and five of his brothers joined the 22nd Georgia Volunteer Infantry Regiment, often cited as the only case in which six brothers served in the same Civil War unit. Jones, elected colonel of the regiment, was wounded at Chickahominy, and again at Malvern Hill, shortly after raising his sword to lead his troops into battle, shouting, "Men, I don't ask you to go where this don't flash." At Sharpsburg he was shot twice; the second ball passed through his left lung, leaving him with an injury from which he never fully recovered.

Although he continued to preach occasionally, the wound ended Jones's active ministry. He spent the postwar years reorganizing and expanding his carriage business, which in a few years was the largest and most prestigious in Northwest Georgia.

The essay below notes that Jones "belongs to the family which has turned out several of Georgia's most successful men." It should perhaps be noted that among those "successful men" was his nephew, evangelist Sam Jones, who at the time this piece was written was just beginning his rise to fame.

R. H. Jones died in 1897 and is buried in Oak Hill Cemetery.



*R. H. Jones*

The following article is reprinted from the 1883-1884 City Directory for Cartersville, which, incidentally, lists R. H. Jones as residing on the corner of Bartow and Church Streets. The EVHS library contains a fascinating published collection of documents edited by Dorothy Jones Morgan, "A Very Personal Glimpse of the Civil War Era, 1849 to 1863, as Told in Letters and Documents of My Great Grandparents, Col. Robert Harris Jones, and Wife Lucintha Elizabeth Cotton Jones.

The carriage is one of the primeval human devices. Two-wheel vehicles were in use before either printed, carved or painted records. Chariots are named in the book of Exodus, painted on the Egyptian tombs and carved on the ruins of Assyrian palaces. As in the case of many other things, the modern carriage has been brought to its present perfection at a comparatively recent date. Covered vehicles were not in fashion till late in the seventeenth century, and the spring is an invention of little over one hundred years ago.

If there is one thing which distinguishes the American from all other nations more than another, it is the elegance, lightness and strength of our four-wheeled vehicles. Some of the best examples of American carriage building are offered by men who have risen from obscurity to wealth, success and reputation by their own energy, industry and intelligence. Such an instance is that of the extensive manufacturing company of R. H. Jones & Sons, of Georgia, one of the oldest and best known in the land. The works were established in Cartersville by R. H. Jones in 1853, who still remains at the head of the business.

Col. Jones is a Georgian by birth, learned his trade in Alabama, where he afterwards engaged in the business for himself before he came to Georgia. In February, 1884 [sic], the present company was formed on a paid in capital of \$35,000—this will be increased this year to \$50,000 to meet the cost of new machinery and new buildings necessary if they expect to meet the demands for their goods. In January, 1879, he built in Rome an extensive repository and factory, one of the main buildings of that city. This branch is attended to by Mr. R. L. Williams, one of the principal stockholders in the establishment.

In 1883, they bought the mills at Stamp Creek, this county, in the midst of 320 acres of the finest timber in the world for their purposes. Here they established their machine shops, and work about fifteen men—have a saw mill and all machinery for making the wood material—they have the finest water-power in the State, 27 feet head—they also have fine flour mills run by the same power. The headquarters in Cartersville, where the institution was started, have long since grown too small, and are insignificant compared to the younger branches. The lot covers 130 x 200 feet. It is in contemplation to take down the buildings to make room for one of the best equipped carriage factory buildings in the country, with every improved machine known to the manufacturer.

At present, they employ about eighteen hands here. These men have most of them learned their trade in the house, and have an unsurpassed experience in their various departments. The house makes every kind of buggy or other four-wheeled carriage; they carry in stock a large assortment of different styles of buggies, phaetons, surrys, etc., also hack wagons, and one and two-horse farm wagons. They make a specialty of fine work, sell throughout Georgia, in Tennessee, South Carolina, and Florida, where hundreds of letters from livery men, doctors, farmers, and such, who put the vehicles to the severest test, say the Jones

work surpasses all others. They use strictly the very choicest material, and sell all work under a twelve months' guarantee. They can duplicate the work of any factory in the United States in price, quality and finish. In this immediate section they get a better price for their goods than competitors.

In conclusion, it would be proper to say that Colonel Jones, the president, belongs to the family which has turned out several of Georgia's most successful men. He organized and carried the Twenty-second Georgia regiment into the Confederate service. He was wounded at Seven Pines, Malvern Hill, and permanently disabled at Sharpsburg. He is a member of all the great orders—Masons, Odd Fellows, etc. He takes an active interest in the public welfare; is a leader in all schemes devised for the advancement of the community; he bears the mark of his assiduity to work in the loss of a finger; he is a member of the National Carriage Builder's Association, and President of the Southern Association: he is ably seconded by his son-in-law, W. B. Sadler, as secretary and treasurer; by his son, L. G. Jones, and by his nephew, R. L. Williams. His son, John W., graduates this summer from Oxford College, and will take an active part in the concern. Too much it would be hard to say in praise of this reliable, enterprising firm, who richly deserve the patronage of this Southern country. If you want any kind of four or two-wheeled vehicle, write for their catalogue and prices. ☺

## Join the EVHS Speakers Slate

EVHS is looking for individuals with knowledge of local history and other related topics, who would like to be included in a slate of speakers to be called as guest speakers/lecturers by organizations and schools in the community.

The "EVHS Speakers Slate" would include the topics covered by individuals who participate. Speakers names may or may not be published, depending on the amount of privacy each participant wishes to maintain. The slate will be published in local media and on the EVHS website. Organizations requesting a speaker will have to contact EVHS, who will then contact the speaker.

If you have a favorite local history topic which you would be willing to share with the community as a guest speaker, contact David or Chantal Parker at 770-606-8494, or email [evhs@evhsonline.org](mailto:evhs@evhsonline.org).

What you give to the community today makes a difference in our community tomorrow. ☺

# EVHS History, By-Law Changes, and Election of Directors Highlight Annual Business Meeting



*Valley View was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1972, and is currently owned by the Norton Family.*

Thirty years of promoting and preserving local history will be celebrated during the EVHS Annual Business Meeting on October 5, 2002 with a return to Valley View, the historic home where it all began.

Nestled in the rolling hills of the Etowah Valley, Valley View hosted the first meeting, in 1972, of a handful of people passionate about preserving the historic resources of the area. Since then, following incorporation, the Etowah Valley Historical Society has grown to a membership of over 500, whose influence extends throughout the county and, in some cases, beyond.

All EVHS members are encouraged to attend this 30th anniversary celebration of the society's founding, to enjoy the fellowship of friends and acquaintances, and to tour and hear the history of this beautiful private home, with its boxwood gardens.

Business will include a proposed change to the by-laws allowing the annual business meeting to be held on the first or second Saturday of October each year. The by-laws currently state that the meeting shall be held on the first Saturday of October.

The reason for this change is to allow Society members to participate more fully in events associated with the anniversary of the Battle of Allatoona Pass. The Society has assumed a significant role in these events, which generally fall on the first weekend in October. This change will allow flexibility in the scheduling of the annual meeting, so that it does not conflict with the Allatoona events. Members will vote on the proposed revision to the by-

laws during the meeting at Valley View. If approved, the change will become effective with the 2003 annual meeting.

Members will also be voting for new directors to the board of the EVHS. Outgoing directors are Guy Parmenter, Ed Hill, and Mary Norton. The nominating committee, chaired by David Parker, will present the slate of nominees to the membership at the annual meeting.

In addition to the above business, the meeting will include the annual Awards Presentation, which recognizes volunteers and others, whose accomplishments have helped carry out the mission of our Society.

Cost of the catered dinner is \$12. For reservations, call 770-606-8862. ☎

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## *Allatoona, continued from page 1*

*Cavalry Regiment in the Civil War 1861-1865.* To date, the campaign has raised almost \$5,500 toward the \$6,400 purchase price of the monument. The dedication is scheduled for Saturday, October 5, at 3:30 p.m., with keynote speaker Chuck Carlock. A memorial service will be conducted on Sunday at 12:30 p.m.

Ector's Brigade was formed during the reorganization of Gen. Braxton Bragg's command in November 1862, which resulted in the Army of Tennessee. Gen. Matthew Duncan Ector was the original commander and served until he was wounded in July 1864 at the Battle of Peachtree Creek. General William H. Young was given command of the brigade, which consisted of his own 9th Texas Infantry plus the 23rd Texas Cavalry (dismounted), and the 29th and 39th North Carolina Infantry regiments.

At Allatoona, Young's brigade suffered 43 killed, 147 wounded, and 11 missing out of about 400 troops. Young lost his left foot to enemy fire, had his horse shot from beneath him, and was captured during the battle. Regiment commander General Samuel French reported, "Most gallantly he bore his part in the action." Held prisoner at Johnson's Island, Ohio, Young was not released until July 24, 1865.

The Battle of Allatoona, fought on October 5, 1864, was one of the bloodiest battles of the Civil War, with a record 30% total casualties. In comparison, the Battle of Sharpsburg, considered the bloodiest single day of the war, saw only 18.5% losses.

To contribute to the Allatoona Texas Monument Campaign, make your checks payable to the Etowah Valley Historical Society and mail to EVHS, PO Box 1886, Cartersville, GA 30120. Please be sure to write "for Texas Monument" on the check and address the envelope "Attention: Michael Garland."

The 138th Anniversary of the Battle of Allatoona Pass is sponsored by the Etowah Valley Historical Society, the Georgia Division of Reenactors, Red Top Mountain State Park, Lake Allatoona Corps of Engineers, and Dennis and Diane Mooney. ☎



# Community Outreach is Goal for New Courthouse Centennial Committee

The 1903 Courthouse will celebrate its 100th anniversary on January 12, 2003, and EVHS is forming a committee to handle details of the year-long celebration.

EVHS members who would like to participate are invited to join the new Courthouse Centennial Committee, being chaired by Chantal and David Parker. EVHS committees are also encouraged to participate by assigning a representative who would bring that committee's special interests to the project.

"We need people with ideas, who are willing to put some time and energy into promoting EVHS and the county's history in the community," said David.

Ideas already on the table include: Utilizing members and non-members with specific knowledge of local history for a series of public, reception-style lecture events; uniting with other organizations for special co-sponsored events; greater participation in established community events; and working closely with local media to promote history and preservation through articles and interviews, and to publicize special events.

EVHS is also developing a list of persons willing to go out in the community to lecture to organizations and in the schools. "This is a great opportunity for EVHS to reach out to the community through our members who have specific knowledge of local history," David said. "EVHS has a lot to offer the community, as a whole and as individuals."

"We also have a few special events we're planning to



sponsor, but we're not ready to release that information just yet," David said.

If you are interested in joining the Courthouse Centennial Committee, or would like more information about the project, or if you would like your name included in the slate of EVHS sponsored speakers, contact David or Chantal Parker at 770-606-8494 or email [evhs@evhsonline.org](mailto:evhs@evhsonline.org).

## Family Tree Climbers Seek Information

The EVHS Family Tree Climbers are attempting to help some folks locate their Bartow County ancestors. If you have information about the subjects of the queries below, email Linda Cochran at [lindagenealogy@yahoo.com](mailto:lindagenealogy@yahoo.com), or write to: Family Tree Climbers, Etowah Valley Historical Society, P.O. Box 1886, Cartersville, Georgia 30120.

**PEARSON:** Searching for information on Evan Pearson, who was a baptist preacher in Bartow, Floyd, and Cherokee Counties in the early 1800s. He taught the Cherokees at Echota before the removal. I have been unsuccessful in getting a lot a data about this elusive preacher.

*Jim Pearson, Eugene, Oregon*

**CRAIG-BURNETTE:** Harley Craig was my great-grandfather. I am trying to find information on his life in Bartow County. He was close friends with the Saylor boys of Barnsley Gardens. Any information on the Craig or Burnette family of Adairsville, GA would be helpful.

*George Ann Redd, Adairsville, Georgia*

**CARLISLE-MCCREARY-WILSON:** Chantal Parker is seeking information about William Madison Carlisle and related families (Jesse L. McCreary & Polk D. Wilson) who lived in Crowe Springs from about the 1860s to the 1920s. She is researching a home in that area known as the Carlisle Home Place. William Carlisle was a builder and contractor who constructed homes and other buildings in Bartow County and Atlanta. He is also supposed to have built Best's Chapel in Crowe Springs. Any information would be helpful. Contact her at [parkerhome@mindspring.com](mailto:parkerhome@mindspring.com).

### Membership Dues

EVHS membership dues are due by October 1, 2002. Pay by mail, or at the annual business meeting on October 5.

## DR. PIERCE'S FAVORITE PRESCRIPTION

Just for fun, the editors thought our readers might enjoy this advertisement for "Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription" that ran for some months in the 1889 edition of *The Cartersville Express*. The ad began:

"My Wife is a Terror!" said a mild-tempered man in our hearing. 'She snaps and snarls and spansks her children, and finds fault continually. I can't bear it any longer.' Don't be too severe on her, my friend; you little realize her sufferings. She has lost her former sweet disposition, and ill health is the cause of it all. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription will make her well."

The vegetable tonic was hyped as "powerful and invigorating...a legitimate medicine, carefully compounded by an experienced and skillful physician, and adapted to woman's delicate organization."

Yeah, right.

Specifically, the tonic claimed to cure a variety of female-specific complaints, including "unnatural suppressions" (whatever that is), and was offered as a "cure" for "overworked, worn-out, run-down, debilitated teachers, milliners, dressmakers, seamstresses, shop-girls..." in other words, professional women.

Interestingly, the product is advertised to men. ☺



*This Newsletter is Dedicated to the Memory of Louise Wofford & Lucille White.*

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