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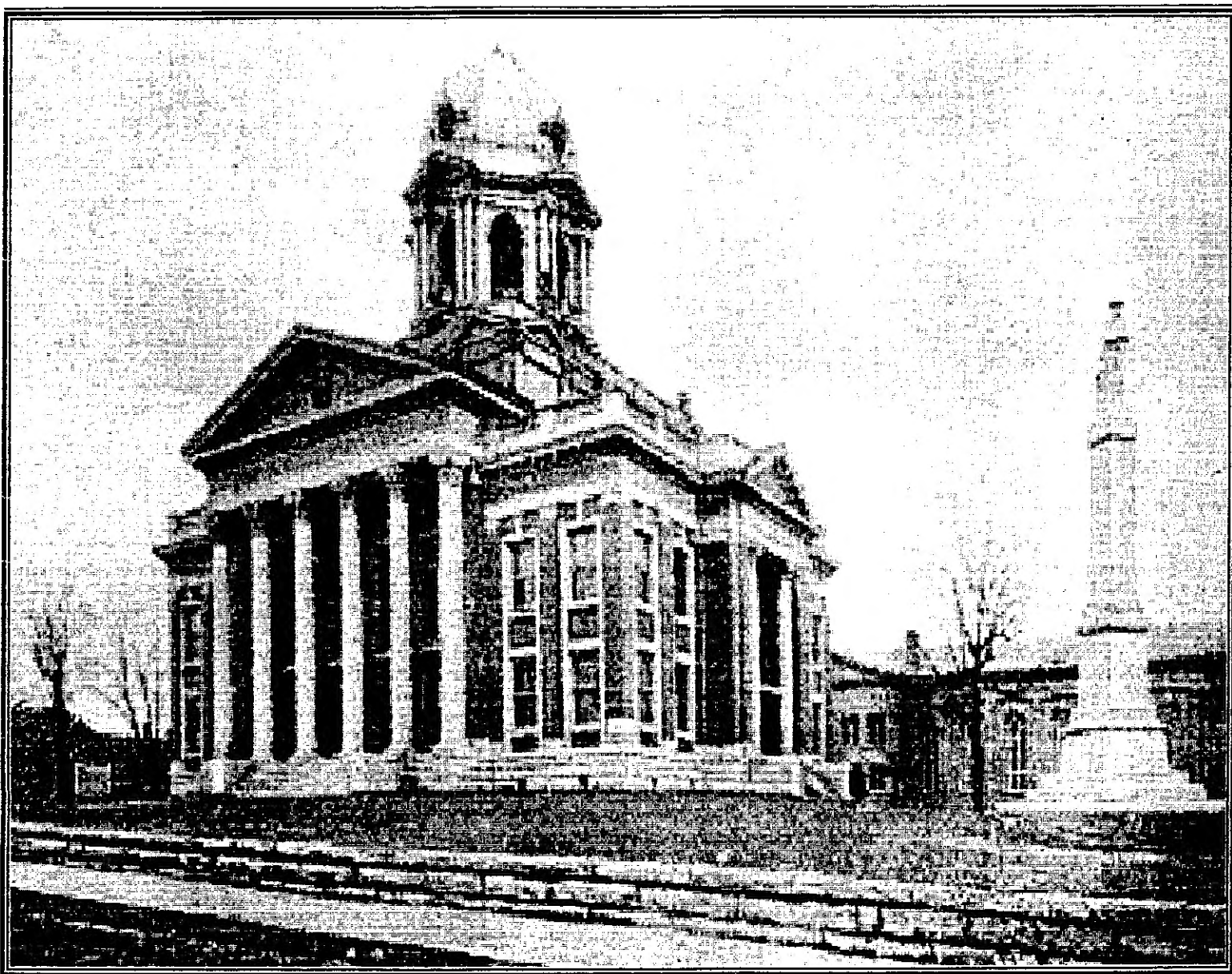
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PRESIDENTS COLUMN

Dear Members:

In September I was approached by a couple of members of the Board to determine if I would be interested in the position of President. Whatever fears or doubts I harbored in my decision at that time has been erased with the enthusiastic support I have received from the Board and other members of our organization. I have every reason to believe that we are committed to a series of projects and programs that will serve us well and make us proud.

The primary focus this year will be in the area of Historic Preservation with a concerted effort to create a Historic District in the areas of the City that would qualify. The January meeting will be devoted to learning the advantages that a Historic District would bring to our community. This will be a meeting designed to elicit maximum participation from those in attendance. We have invited people who have experience in Historic preservation to share their expertise and experience with us.

One of the projects for this year is to have an Essay Contest with selected students in area schools to write on subjects of local Historic interest. The students will use a combination of primary and secondary sources to complete their essays. The best essays will be printed in future Newsletters along with a nominal cash awards to the winners.

One of the most important items on our agenda is to have a number of committees to subdivide the work of our organization. The Board has created the following committees: HISTORIC PRESERVATION, GENEALOGY CEMETERY, PUBLICITY, MEMBERSHIP and a combined committee that includes the YEARBOOK/SCRAPBOOK AND NEWSLETTER. The Cemetery Committee has indicated that cemetery records for the county are nearing completion and should be ready for publication in the spring or early summer.

One final item of mutual interest. It is possible that the advisory council for the "TRAIL OF TEARS" NATIONAL MEMORIAL will meet in Bartow County in March. Should our County be chosen as the site for the conference the Historical Society will offer to host a reception. The Chief of the Cherokees, Wilma Mankiller, will participate in the conference as representatives of the Five Civilized Tribes

J. B. Tate

COURTHOUSE RECORDS OF BARTOW COUNTY

Judi Barnes
History Class, May 1978

The original Courthouse was located in Cassville, Georgia. Bartow County was then known as Cass county. Cass county was named after a northern statesman, Lewis Cass. when the Civil War began it seemed inappropriate to have the County named after a northern person. Consequently, the County was renamed Bartow in honor of General Bartow who was the first General from Georgia killed in the war. When General Sherman marched through Georgia, he ordered the City of Cassville to be destroyed. The Courthouse burned to the ground and there are only four books that were saved. These were the Land Deed Books listed alphabetically as this was the system used in the 1800's and continues to this day to be alphabetically filed. The filing of Deeds and other Vital Documents is done through microfilming.

ORDINARY'S OFFICE (JUDGE OF PROBATE COURT):

MARRIAGE BOOKS: Began 1837: to present:

Recording of all marriages, designated as White and Colored until 1972. Prior to 1900 the only information recorded was name, date of marriage and who performed the ceremony. After 1900 information included the above as well as parents names, address, and other vital information such as date of birth and place of birth.

WILLS: Began 1836 to present:

Wills were handwritten into the Will Books on file in the Ordinary's office. In 1936 files were begun with the original copy of the Will being filed in the Ordinary's office. Wills were then typed into the books and now are xeroxed for the records.

CONFEDERATE ROSTER: Dated from 1860

Names of volunteers from Bartow County, Rank: discharge with the reason for discharge; if killed; Company volunteers served with; place of death and cause of death.

DEATHS: 1919 To present:

Name, address, parents names, places of birth of parents, place of birth of deceased, age, date of birth, marital status, cause of death, race, sex of deceased.

BIRTHS: From 1919

Same data as with Deaths plus the doctor's name who delivered the child.

MINUTES: 1853 TO PRESENT

All proceedings, and petitions pertaining to estates are kept in the Minute Books from 1853 to present.

LUNACY RECORDS: 1916 to present

Petitions for committal to mental institutions including name of the petitioners or petitioner, name of lunatic, name of doctor, the final decrees of committal.

RETURN RECORD: 1860 to present

Administrators of wills appointed to distribute estate of deceased when no will existed. Listed all belongings of deceased, including slaves and other property, at date of death.

HOMESTEAD RECORDS: From 1874 to 1949

Petitions for homesteading on government property.

ORDINARY'S DOCKET: From 1893 to present

Lists of all estates filed with the Probate Court.

PLAT BOOK: 1870 to 1914

Description of land with County Survey Book showing boundaries, land lots, owners.

APPRAISAL BOOK: 1856 TO 1923

Appraisal and distribution and sales of all property in the estates of deceased.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION, GUARDIANS, TESTAMONY: BEGAN 1924 to present:

Purpose of this record is to record appointments for property distribution.

1974 ORDINARY'S OFFICE BECAME PROBATE COURT IN OFFICIAL TITLE

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE RECORDS:

From 1891 to present **CIVIL JUSTICE DOCKET**

Contains all Civil Court proceedings for offenses such as horse stealing, horse rental, all peace warrants recorded, all Criminal Warrants issued for damages up to \$200.00 are recorded. Also contained is the Term of Court; Attorneys; parties involved; style of case; date summons for appearance were issued; Constable's entries and comments; Judgements rendered and the amounts of judgments; date of execution.

CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT:

BARTOW SUPERIOR COURT CRIMINAL DOCKET: 1882 to present:

Contains all criminal offenses, name of defendants; offense charged with; disposition; Example- 1882 a person would be charged with Larceny From the House - which today is termed: Burglary. Information included the names of the attorneys, disposition of case with final outcomes.

PHYSICIANS REGISTRATION BOOK: 1881 To present

Name of physician, resident, place of birth, authority - (how the man became a physician, by degree of medicine, or legislation); when degree was granted, by whom, and this was sworn by a physician. In 1847 The State of Georgia passed Legislation requiring medical college degrees for all those desiring to practice medicine in the State of Georgia. Those physicians who were in a lawful and active practice prior to 12-24-1847 were allowed to continue. There were approximately 9 physicians who had listed under "Authority" Legislation.

REGISTER MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS: From 1881 to present:

Date, name, residence, place of birth, authority, (Diploma, License or Act of Legislation). I could not determine the difference in the two registers except possibly those who were registered perhaps were NOT all practicing physicians.

SOLDIERS DISCHARGE RECORD: Began 1918 to present

In 1918 this register contained all vital information on the soldiers, date enlisted or inducted, where this happened, place of birth, color of eyes, color of hair, height, age when enlisted, occupation prior to enlistment or induction (usually listed farmer), when and why discharged - most stated "service no longer needed". Type of discharge; rank of soldier at time of discharge; qualifications such as Horsemanship or Marksmanship; some listed: Horsemanship - Never Mounted. Action seen by soldier, battles, engagements, skirmishes, expeditions; knowledge of any vocation - most listed farming; wounds received in service; physical condition when discharged; Typhoid Prophylaxis completed - answered yes or no; Character of soldier - good or bad, listed No AWOL: Remarks- in this section it usually stated "Entitled to pay".

RECORD OF LIQUOR DELIVERIES: 1916 ONLY

Listed consignee, address, consignor, address of consignor, date of delivery, to who delivered, place of delivery, kind (beer, whiskey, rye or brandy), amount of delivery - (usually 2 quarts, one listed 13 dozen beers). There were several entries without names or other vital information - it is my contention these were the ministers..... for medicinal purposes only. There were many female names in the register. In order for a man to receive more liquor - which was allotted - he would sometimes list his wife's name - and many of these women in the Record of Liquor Deliveries in 1916 were members of the local Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU).

SURVEYING BOOK 1870: I found this one book in the Ordinary's Office which has land lot plats drawn by hand into the book. Church Street was then called "Baptist Church Street", it contained the description of the property and the amount of the fee for surveying.

NEWSPAPERS:

There are some old papers allegedly from the middle 1800's that are being laminated for preservation, the oldest papers found were dated 1869 to the present. These papers are bound and give a good summary of the growth and problems of Cartersville and the County over the last 110 years.

REGISTER OF DENTISTS: 1856 to present

Name, address, date, from where the authority comes to practice - (i.e. medical degree, license, diploma or Act of Legislation).

PISTOL TOTERS LICENSE BOOK: 1911 TO PRESENT

I could not locate the original books. From 1911 the books show the name of the person who is authorized to carry a weapon, and all vital information relative to this person, whether there has been any criminal activity in the person's past.

THERE WAS A "CASS INFERIOR COURT" FROM 1855 TO 1868 . . . these records were not found and perhaps were also lost when the Courthouse was burned.

Our THANKS go to Judi Barnes for allowing the Etowah Valley Historical Society to use the work she has done in the Bartow County Courthouse.

OLD CASSVILLE POST OFFICE



The old Cassville Post Office, located at 1813 Cassville Road in the Cassville Community is a unique example of the rural postal buildings that were widely built during the post Civil War period between 1870 and 1890. The building's exterior has had little modification to it's original design. The gabled single story three room building with it's front shed porch and vertical board and batten siding is in a good state of preservation. The interior's original beadboard walls and ceiling are still visible, although partly covered over in the work area, some of the original hardware remains as well as the original bronze post office boxes. A fireplace originally heated and provided a place for cooking but has since been removed. Electricity and gas were installed when available and plumbing was added approximately seventeen years ago.

Cassville is recognized as having the oldest Post Office operation in the State of Georgia, dating back to July 12, 1833, when Chester Hawks was appointed Postmaster by Presidential decree. At that time, the Post Office was believed to be located between Hawk's store and the bank, one block southeast of where it sits today.

It was typical in this period for the Post Office to move along with the appointment of the Postmaster. Normally, it was located in the appointee's home or place of business according to John Sorenson, historian with the U.S. Postal service in Washington.

The site where the old Post Office is located was the setting of a harness/carriage shop before the Civil War and was owned and operated by H. H. Holmes. This harness/carriage shop was destroyed by General Sherman's Union forces. Immediately after the War, a new building was erected and used for a wagon shop. However, it was later destroyed by fire.

John McTier inherited the site from his brother-in-law, H. H. Holmes. He then built the Post Office/home for his widowed sister, Mrs. Sallie L. Bruce sometime in the 1880's. As was common in the late 19th century, she lived in the rear of the building and served the public from the front, 7 days a week and at odd hours if the situation warranted. Mrs. Ruby Green Stuart recalled that she came to the Post Office and smelled the aroma of Mrs. Bruce's lunch or dinner, which she was cooking in the fireplace in the middle of the building. 95 year young Mrs. Bessie Bishop also remembers these aromas when she as a young lady would go to the Post Office.

When Mrs. Reba Allen purchased the building and site in 1942, it was the first time the site had been out of the McTier family. The Post Office remained at this site, with the exception of two brief periods (1915 to 1925 and 1934 & 1935) when it was located across the street in the general store and one block south in Layton's store.

Mr. McTier was one of the substantial citizens of Cassville at that time. John McTier owned both sites that were donated for the colleges before the Civil War. He was instrumental as County School Superintendent in getting schools in Cassville. Mr. McTier helped rebuild Cassville after the Civil War by financing construction in the area. He died at the age of 88 and is buried at the Cassville Confederate Cemetery. His contributions to the community as a farmer, blacksmith, postmaster and deacon in the Baptist Church have left their mark in Cassville through those he helped and through the old Post Office building as it stands today.

Mrs Sallie L. Bruce married young, moved to Cedartown and had one son, H. E. Bruce her husband, died one year after their marriage and she returned to Cassville where she remained Postmistress for 26 years until her death July 14, 1915. Her obituary reads " For twenty-six years she was the Postmistress of Cassville and in that capacity came to be known as one of the most accommodating, obliging and faithful servants of the government, prompt in all her reports to the government and diligent in the distribution of mail for the patrons of her office." Mrs. Bruce is buried in the Cassville Confederate Cemetery.

In 1989 the U. S. Postal Service moved out of the building. There exists tremendous social, cultural and historical significance in the Old Post Office site and building. It was the place where everyone congregated to find out local news, gossip, events, etc. It also served as the communication link between businesses and families. This building has become a vital part of the heritage of the Cassville Community.

To Honor Mr. John McTier, Mrs. Sallie Bruce and the service rendered from this building, a nomination has been made to include this site on the National Register. The nomination is a tribute to the community of Cassville and will preserve an ideal long since vanished.

The Etowah Valley Historical Society would like to thank Mrs. Vanessa Meeks, former postmaster at Cassville, for providing the completed nomination materials to us for reprint in our newsletter. Also, a special thanks to those who make this nomination possible and contributed to this preservation project.

Mrs. Reba Allen - owner and retired postmaster

Mrs. Vanessa Meeks - former postmaster

Mrs. Bessie Bishop - niece of John McTier

Mr. Danny Mackay - architect, Chegwiddden, Dorsey & Holmes

Mr. Doug Cochran - real estate

Mr. Dennis Thompson - surveyor for Gilbert & Maulsby

Mr. Melvin Bagley - past President Cassville Cemetery Assoc.

Mrs. Bonnis Willis - past President Cassville Community Club

Mr. David Stephens - owner Cass Grocery

Hon. Congressman Buddy Darden and staff

Mr. Richard Goodlet - Coosa Valley Regional Development Center

Ms. Kitty Houston - Coosa Valley Regional Development Center

POSTMASTERS, CASSVILLE, GEORGIA

CHESTER HAWKS	JULY 12, 1833
GEORGE S. BLACK	JULY 24, 1841
ROBERT H. PATTON	DECEMBER 31, 1844
FREDERICK HUNT	DECEMBER 14, 1848
THOMAS A. WORD	AUGUST 16, 1852
ARTHUR HAIRE	SEPTEMBER 15, 1852
JOHN A. ERWIN	AUGUST 15, 1857
MARY F. BROWN	OCTOBER 26, 1865
ROBERT B. SMITH	DECEMBER 2, 1875
SALLIE L. BRUCE	DECEMBER 21, 1887
MONA L. CONYERS	NOVEMBER 6, 1915
BERTHA LAYTON	OCTOBER 21, 1921
JOHN C. McTIER	JUNE 12, 1925
NELLIE SLOAN	SEPTEMBER 6, 1934
CORINE M. SHINALL	AUGUST 22, 1949
PARLIE M. CALDWELL (acting)	JUNE 7, 1953
REBA M. ALLEN	JULY 13, 1956
MARTY BENZEL	APRIL 7, 1979
ELIZABETH P. KENNEDY	FEBRUARY 20, 1982
S. VANESSA MEEK	FEBRUARY 28, 1987

ETOWAH VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL MEETING
OCTOBER 5, 1991

The Etowah Valley Historical Society held their annual meeting on the lawn at "Malbone", the lovely home of Julia and Frederick Knight on Saturday October 5, at 5:00PM.

President Jimmie Davis called the meeting to order and welcomed every-one. The following guests were introduced: Dr. Ann Ottesen, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Curry, Mr. and Mrs. Art Vogle and Ms. Melody Nottingham. Jimmie read an invitation to a tea on December 1 at the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Belew. She also announced that the Superior Court of Georgia would hear a case at the Noble-Hill School on October 23. The Society will host a luncheon at Roselawn.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Laurette Smith distributed the annual financial report and announced that the Society is in good shape.

Board chairman Guy Parmenter recognized the outgoing officers and thanked them for the job they had done .

J. B. Tate spoke about the Indian Conference he attended in Oklahoma. Next year's conference is to be held at Red Top Mountain Lodge and he suggested the Society sponsor a reception for them.

Larry Gregory, chairman of the nominating committee made his report. Michele Rodgers and Jean Belew's names were placed in nomination for the board member vacancy. Guy Parmenter distributed the ballots and Susan Taylor and Emily Champion counted the ballots. Michele was elected.

Margaret Stiles Knight introduced the speaker, Dr. Ann Ottesen, head of Shorter's Northwest Georgia Regional Studies Program. She was educated and received her degrees from New York University and is a Historical anthropologist. Her subject was the Cherokee Nation. There were always seven clans to a village with a seven-sided Council House made of wattle and daub. The men hunted and the women farmed crops of corn, beans and squash. After the harvest a series of harvest rituals were held for seven days. Dr. Ottesen said she liked the Renewal Ceremony. The clans clean everything and made new clothes. They go to the river with the priest, take off their clothes and float down the river; get out and put on the new clothes and start afresh.

The meeting adjourned and everyone was invited into the house for a lovely buffet dinner prepared by Unique Caterers.

Margaret J. Ragsdale
acting secretary

ETOWAH VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE BOARD

BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 18, 1991

Attending: Helen Collins, Larry Gregory, Helen Miller, Margaret Ragsdale, Susan Taylor, Guy Parmenter, and Michele Rodgers.

Susan Taylor was appointed secretary pro-tem. Larry Gregory nominated Guy Parmenter as Chairman of the Board of Directors.

This motion was second and was carried by an unanimous vote.

After a general discussion a move and a second was made to install the following officers for the 1991/1992 term:

Jean Belew, Secretary
Denise Conner, Treasurer
Emily Champion, Vice President
J. B. Tate, President

There was a discussion about the direction of the board and the new slate of officers and the possibility of visiting neighboring organizations in order to get new ideas.

There was an agreement to meet next Tuesday, October 22, 1991 at 8:00AM at Quality Inn Restaurant to discuss the possibility of having a dinner meeting and/or a general program meeting on a bimonthly basis. It was also agreed that the board of directors and the officers would meet monthly on specific date, time and place.

A general discussion was made about committees for the following:

Publicity, membership, program, cemetery, genealogical, scrapbook/yearbook and activities. The program committee should be chaired by the Vice President. Jean Belew has agreed to head the genealogical committee. This discussion was tabled until the Tuesday meeting.

meeting was adjourned at 9: AM

Susan Taylor, Secretary Pro-tem

ETOWAH VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE BOARD

BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 22, 1991

Board Chairman Guy Parmenter called the meeting to order and presented a set of By-Laws of the Etowah Valley Historical Society Inc. to each member, and asked the secretary, Jean Belew for the minutes of the meeting of October 2nd and October 18. The correction to the October 2nd minutes should read that the members receive notice 60 days before the October annual meeting, Susan Taylor made the motion and Lawrence Gregory second, all approved. The minutes of October 18 were approved as read.

Guy then asked about the Georgia Supreme Court that was convening in Cassville week next. Margaret Ragsdale reported she had talked to Jimmie Davis and the Etowah Valley Historical Society would not be involved in the luncheon at Roselawn.

Discussion followed on committee chairmanships and J. B. Tate, President said he would be working on these and would appreciate all the help he could get from all of us.

It was agreed that the board meetings be the second Tuesday of each month at 8 AM at Quality Inn.

There will be a Christmas Dinner on November 30th 1991 at Roselawn.

The dates for the general meeting for 1992 are

February 8th,

Dinner meeting on April 11 at Jere and Denise Connor's

June 13,

Dinner meeting on August 8th at Frank and Lizette Entwisle's

Dinner meeting on October 3rd annual meeting

Larry Gregory made a motion that the Etowah Valley Historical Society also have a preservation committee, Michele second, motion carried.

Larry to be the board member assigned to this committee and a chairman to be selected. J. B. suggested we have the meetings in members homes that the attendance is better when we meet in homes.

Meeting adjourned 9:08 AM

Members present: Michele Rodgers, Susan Taylor, Larry Gregory, Denise Connor, J. B. Tate, Guy Parmenter, Helen Collins, Margaret Ragsdale, Jean Belew

Jean Belew
secretary

ETOWAH VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE BOARD

BOARD MEETING November 12, 1991

Board Chairman Guy Parmenter called the meeting to order at 8 AM at the Quality Inn on November 12, 1991.

Jean Belew read the minutes of October 22 meeting and they were corrected as follows, the Christmas Dinner planned for November 30th will be on December 6, at 7:30 PM at Roselawn. Denise Connor, Treasurer gave her report \$ 3,039.13 in regular checking account, (2) C D 's are \$5,375.45 and \$5,412.15 and (1) Money Market account \$3,591.43, these came due on October 15, 1991.

Denise has ordered membership cards and dues/due cards.

J.B. stated that he would like to see the Society sponsor an Essay Contest with Bartow County as the topic, and prizes of 1st place \$75.00, 2nd place \$50.00, and (4) \$25.00 prizes for local history with-in the schools. All agreed that this is a project needed for the students to get involved and learn more of their local history. Margaret Ragsdale made a motion we have the Essay Contest and Emily Champion second the motion. J. B. will contact the principals. He also contacted the Cherokee Historical society about their newsletter, and after looking into some other newsletters remarked that our newsletter was as good if not better than some of the ones he had seen.

Denise asked how to let members know about Christmas dinner and she was asked to send invitations.

Guy appointed Emily to be the program chairman.

Denise said that Lizette Entwisle will have the members at her home in the summer.

There was no action taken on the Civil War Group from Rome that plays civil war music. They charge \$500.00.

Cemetery Report was given by Margaret Ragsdale, she said that the Oak Hill Cemetery has been completed and the Cemetery Committee has gone to Barnsley Gardens and are working on Sunset Memorial.

Susan has contacted the Caterer for the dinner and she has asked Emily to Contact Larry Monroe as to what she would like on the menu.

The committees are Publicity, Membership, Newsletter/Scrapbook/Yearbook, Genealogy-Jean Belew/Susan Taylor, Cemetery- Mary Sinard, Essay Contest - J. B. Tate, Preservation - Larry Gregory.

Jean Belew made a suggestion that all records be copied, also those at Roselawn in the event of fire, etc.

In inviting members into the Society they should have a sincere desire to help preserve our heritage and a desire to be a constructive member.

We must make new guest feel welcomed when they come to our meetings.

Guy is to send a list of all members he has to the board members.

An agenda of each committee is presented at each board meeting, and committee description to be passed to each new in-coming committee member.

Meeting adjourned 9:05 AM Members present: J.B. Tate, Guy Parmenter, Margaret Ragsdale, Denise Connor, Susan Taylor, Larry Gregory, Emily Champion, Jean Belew.

Jean Belew
secretary

ETOWAH VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE BOARD

BOARD MEETING December 10, 1991

Board Chairman Guy Parmenter called the meeting to order at 8 AM at the Quality Inn. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Treasurer Denise Connor gave the treasurer's report, adding that she had a bill from the Coosa Valley Regional Development Center for a map being used in the cemetery search in the amount of \$2.50. Denise was advised to pay this bill. In her report she announced that three books on Historic Bartow County had been sold at \$30.00 each and that Kathryn Harper had made a cash donation of \$50.00 to the Society, and Mr John Edwin Davis of Atlanta had made a cash donation of \$100.00 to the society, that she had collected a total of \$640.00 for the Christmas Dinner. Thank you notes were sent to Mrs. Harper and Mr. Davis.

Guy presented an inventory of furniture and other miscellaneous items belonging to the Etowah Historical Society that is housed at Roselawn and said that the insurance on this comes due on December 24. It was questioned what should be done for the up keep. Margaret Ragsdale made a motion that we get a place of our own and Jean Belew second it. A committee was appointed as J. B. Tate, Helen Miller, Margaret Ragsdale, and Larry Gregory to locate a place.

Next order of business was from Larry Gregory who presented his Historic Preservation Committee report as to what this committee will consist of. Five members will serve with the current President as one, and the goals will be historic sites, documents, and traditions in Bartow County.

The next board meeting will be January 14th and January general membership meeting will be January 21st at 7PM at the Cartersville-Bartow County Library. J. B. to have his committee chairmans already appointed at this work session. J. B. reported that Mary Siniard thinks that the cemetery listing can be finished very shortly.

J. B. also reported that he had talked to the Principals about the Bartow County History Essay's and this matter will be taken up after the first of the new year 1992.

J.B introduced the speakers Tom and Kathy Scott. Tom is with Kennesaw College. Tom wears many hats and is presently President of the Cobb County Historical Society. Kathy explained the meaning of Certified Local Government.

Guy said he would like to see the Goodyear Plant at Atco have a Musuem and it should be placed on the National Register of Historic Districts, if no one is working on this.

Guy gave thanks to Emily Champion on the Christmas Decorations and a great party.

Meeting adjourned; Members Present: Guy Parmenter, J.B. Tate, Helen Miller, Larry Gregory, Margaret Ragsdale, Helen Collins, Denise Connor, Susan Taylor, Michele Rodgers, Tom and Kathy Scott and Jean Belew

Jean Belew
secretary

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

MARY SINIARD, CHAIRMAN

Etowah Valley Historical Society's Cemetery Committee is excited and pleased with the progress we have been able to make. At present we have completed (6) of the (16) Quadrants in Bartow County, and many of the cemeterys in the remaining quadrants are complete.

Lisa Ellis continues to do a fanastic job with the computer print-out as we record.

The publication of a cemetery book is something that Bartow County should have had years ago. These cemetery records are essential at this particular time due to the growth and building in the county. We have viewed already cemetery's being destroyed, and cemetery's being isolated from main road through construction of new roads, if this is allowed to continue many of these cemeterys will be lost unless recorded and fenced in. Let us all work together to insure our cemeterys are forever. Everyones help is needed please call-

Mary Siniard
Cemetery Committee Chairman

GENEALOGY COMMITTEE

JEAN BELEW AND SUSAN TAYLOR , GENEALOGICAL RECORDS COMMITTEE

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THE ETOWAH HISTORICAL FOUNDATION HAS SOME CASS/BARTOW COUNTY RECORDS.

KINCANNON: Need proof of parentage between George Kincannon born, 1751 and John Kincannon born 1795: Jean Belew, 500 Mt Pleasant Rd NE, Fairmount, Ga. 30139

CROCKETT: Any info on the lineage of David and Elizabeth Crockett, David died in Bibb County Ga. in 1834. What was the maiden name of Elizabeth?, they came to Georgia from Mecklenberg Co. NC

David was a patriot of the Revolutionary War and a brother to Robert from Mecklenberg NC and Giles county, Tn. This is NOT the (Alamo) David. Jean Belew, 500 Mt Pleasant Rd NE, Fairmount, Ga 30139

LINDSEY: (Lindsay) (Linzey), John Lindsey, married Lettie Cleghorn ca. 1800. The family of James Cleghorn was living in Cass County Ga. in 1850. The Lindsey family settled on the Pumpkinvine Creek area of Paulding County, Ga. need any info you might have. Jean Belew, 500 Mt Pleasant Rd NE, Fairmount, Ga. 30139

MAULDIN: Any information on the Mauldin families, especially Rucker Mauldin who came to Murray County Georgia from Gwinnett county about 1832 and from SC before that. Larry Gregory, P.O. Box 1044, Cartersville, Georgia 30120

Susan, tell me the fastest way to have my family tree traced? Jean, all you have to do is run for public office.

NOW DON'T STOP READING WE HAVE A LOT MORE TO FOLLOW

SHAW: Need information on George Thomas Shaw, Sr. for the years 1830-1860. He married a lady whose last name was Ward, given name not known. He also had a son named George Thomas, Jr. who married Martha Ann Westbrook.
contact: Mr. Johnnie Shaw, Rt. 4 Box 2798, Summerville, Georgia 30747.

JOLLEY / JOLLY: Information concerning the Jolley/Jolly family in the 1800's
Please contact, Mrs. Sammy Reeves, P.O. Box 2207, Newnan, Ga. 30263 and
Grady Golden. 7013 Blueberry Ridge N.W. , Acworth, Ga. 30101

WOODALL / WOODDALL: Mrs Emily Woodall is looking for any genealogy information concerning the Woodall or Wooddall family. Please contact
Mrs. Emily Woodall , 702 Richards Road, White, Georgia 30184

HAYES: Mrs David M. Grosh is looking for information on her great, great, great grandfather James Hayes, who was a Bartow County landowner in the early 1800's. She also needs information on her great, great grandfather Newnan T. Hayes, who was in the Civil War.
Please contact: Mrs D. M. Grosh , 16 Burton Ct. Bay Harbor, Rehobeth Beach, Delaware, 19971

Ancestor Chart

Name of Compiler _____

Address _____

City, State _____

Date _____

Person No. 1 on this chart is the same person as No. _____ on chart No. _____.

Chart No. _____

b. Date of Birth
p.b. Place of Birth
m. Date of Marriage
d. Date of Death
p.d. Place of Death

4 (Father of No. 2)

b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d.

2 (Father of No. 1)

b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d.

5 (Mother of No. 2)

b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

1

b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d.

6 (Father of No. 3)

b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d.

3 (Mother of No. 1)

b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

7 (Mother of No. 3)

b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

(Spouse of No. 1)

b. d.

8 (Father of No. 4)

b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d.

9 (Mother of No. 4)

b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

10 (Father of No. 5)

b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d.

11 (Mother of No. 5)

b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

12 (Father of No. 6)

b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d.

13 (Mother of No. 6)

b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

14 (Father of No. 7)

b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d.

15 (Mother of No. 7)

b.
p.b.
d.

16 (Father of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. _____)

b.
m.
d.

17 (Mother of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. _____)

b.
d.

18 (Father of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. _____)

b.
m.
d.

19 (Mother of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. _____)

b.
d.

20 (Father of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. _____)

b.
m.
d.

21 (Mother of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. _____)

b.
d.

22 (Father of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. _____)

b.
m.
d.

23 (Mother of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. _____)

b.
d.

24 (Father of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. _____)

b.
m.
d.

25 (Mother of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. _____)

b.
d.

26 (Father of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. _____)

b.
m.
d.

27 (Mother of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. _____)

b.
d.

28 (Father of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. _____)

b.
m.
d.

29 (Mother of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. _____)

b.
d.

30 (Father of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. _____)

b.
m.
d.

31 (Mother of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. _____)

b.
d.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Lawrence Gregory, Committee Chairman

PROPOSED FUNCTIONS OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE:

This committee shall;

1. consist of five members, one being the current President
2. have the following goals;
 - a. to identify, research, and list as many historic sites, items, documents, traditions of Cartersville and Bartow County as possible.
 - b. to recognize and encourage those individuals or groups who are or have been involved in a restoration or preservation project.
 - c. to research and draft a proposal for a walking tour of the downtown Historic Districts, and a driving tour of Bartow County sites.
 - d. to research and publish a guide that identifies and discusses the sites on those tours.
 - e. to make information available about loans and grants that may be available to those involved in a preservation project.

Lawrence Gregory
Committee Chairman

MEMBERSHIP

DO YOU JUST BELONG ?

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed, or are you just contented that your name is on the list ?

Do you take an active part to help the group along, or are you satisfied to be the kind to 'just belong'?

There is quite a program scheduled, that means success if done, and it can be accomplished with the help of everyone.

Think this over, member, are we right or wrong ?

Are you an active member, or.... Do you "JUST BELONG" ?

Unknown

If you can help, we appreciate your willingness, if you can't we understand also.

Thanks to Bill Belew, jr for scanning the Bartow County Court House on our front cover of this newsletter, Bill is owner of Simplified Computing, System Design, Consulting, and Installation and Training. He is one of our newest members, and will be a great help in our future newsworks.

Thanks to all behind the scene members who make this letter worthwhile.

JUST REMEMBER WE NEED YOUR IN-PUT TO MAKE IT WORK.

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ANNUAL DUES ARE PAYABLE IN OCTOBER.

WARREN AKIN

Warren Akin was born October 9, 1811 in Elbert County, Georgia. He was admitted to the bar and moved to Cass County in 1836. In 1840 he was a Whig Presidential elector.

On May 5, 1845 he married Eliza Hooper who died two years later. They had one child, Eliza.

On October 12, 1848 he married Mary Frances Verdery, daughter of Augustus N. Verdery of Floyd County, Georgia. They had 13 children, of whom 4 died before the end of the war and six grew to maturity.

In 1850 he represented Cass County in the state convention that approved the Great Compromise. In 1859 he ran against Joe Brown for governor and lost.

Like most of the delegates from the mountain and foothills counties to the Georgia convention of secession, he was opposed to secession but when it came to pass anyway, he supported the State and the Confederacy.

He represented Bartow County in the State Legislature from 1861 to 1863, and was Speaker of the House. He was instrumental in changing the name of his County from Cass to Bartow.

During the war, he, his wife and children wound up as refugees in Elbert County Georgia among his relatives.

In 1863 he was elected to the Confederate Congress from the 10th District. The Congress convened in Richmond May 2, 1864.

His letters to his wife and to friends are a good first-hand account of the way of life during the latter stages of the Civil War. The impact of the runaway inflation of Confederate currency and the utter confusion as Sherman marched through Georgia is reflected. Their home in Cartersville was burned by Sherman's army.

Akin's letters to his wife border on the uxorious. (Webster - excessively fond of one's wife.) He continually asked her to write more often, but with trying to keep up with young children and several slaves in a strange place, she complained that she didn't have time.

In the Confederate Congress, he was opposed to secret sessions, and long-winded debates, and short meeting hours when there was much work to be done, which was all the time.

He was a Methodist preacher, and preached to the Georgia soldiers who were camped near Richmond. He was a trustee of Emory College.

After the war, he returned to practice law in Cartersville and died December 17, 1877. His wife died October 17, 1907.

"Letters of Warren Akin, Confederate Congressman" edited by Bell Irwin Wiley, Wiley, Professor of History, Emory University, University of Georgia Press, 1959.

Contributed by
Terry Rush

PRESIDENT TATE CLEANS GRAVESITE OF REVOLUTIONARY WAR PATRIOT

The Etowah Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution met on Sunday, January 12 at the Cartersville-Bartow County Library to honor the memory of the remaining seven (7) past Regents, by dedicating bronze markers, that have been placed at their grave sites, Mrs. Harriett Hutchins Smith Aubrey was regent 1914-1916 - Mrs. Helen Loulie Lumpkin Strickland, regent 1917-1919 - Mrs. Octavia Hutchins Aubrey Howard, regent 1922-1923 - Miss Aileen Florence Jackson, regent 1949-1950 - Miss Margaret Carter Warlick, regent 1968-1970 - Mrs Florrie Wylie Dillard, regent - 1956-1957, 1976-1978 all buried at Oak Hill, Mrs Carrie Boyles Hale, regent 1946-1949 is buried at West View Cemetery in Atlanta . Mrs. Lois Sachs Noble , Etowah member buried at Oak Hill, her son Joe Noble gave a special tribute to her. Introduction and Greetings were brought by Mrs. Wrenshaw Belew, regent, Etowah Chapter DAR- Responses by the National Historian General NSDAR in Washington DC and Honorary Georgia State Regent, Mrs. James J. Leitch, The National Treasurer General National Society Sons of the American Revolution, Louisville, Kentucky , Col. Robert B. Vance Sr. - Etowah Valley Chapter Sons of the American Revolution, President David George Brennan of Acworth,- Abraham Musick Society National Society Children of the American Revolution, President, Barbara Kinsley Belew- Etowah Chapter Chaplain, Mrs Hansel Abernathy,- Georgia State Chairman for marking Revolutionary War Soldiers graves and Historic places, Mrs. C. E. Hughes from Brennan, Ga. Etowah Chapter Historian Mrs. William McKinley Belew II presented gifts to the special guests. Mrs. Leitch and Mrs Jerry Winkle did the dedication, Also in attendance was the Regent of the Joseph Habersham Chapter DAR in Atlanta, Mrs. Robert B. Vance Sr. and Regent of Abraham Baldwin Chapter DAR Brennan, GA., Mrs. G. E. Lenoeus. The group then continued to Oak Hill Cemetery and were met there by Jane Dillard, daughter-in-law of Florrie Dillard. Special tribute was given at the gravesite of Lois Noble. The group then went to the gravesite of Patriot Charles Baker, Revolutionary War Soldier buried in NE Bartow County on private property of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Bradford. Thanks was extended to them for allowing us to enter their property. With umbrellas over heads and water squishing underfoot the 26 members, friends and guest paid honor to the memory of a Patriot of long ago. Mrs Ernest Garrison a Third great granddaughter of Charles Baker gave a summary of his military life and it appeared in the program book. The President of the Etowah Valley Historical Society, J. B. Tate, the secretary of the Etowah Valley SAR, William McK Belew II and Mrs Belew made sure on Saturday that the path was cleared to the gravesite. Mrs Leitch commended the Regent, Mrs Belew for her project and the Etowah Chapter for being behind her in marking all the past regents graves. She said to her knowledge we are the first to do so, and that the National Society is proud of The Etowah Chapter. The group then went to the home of Bill and Jean Belew for refreshments. The DAR objectives are Historic Preservation, Promotion of Education and Patriotic Endeavors.

ETOWAH

HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

P.O. BOX 1368 CARTERSVILLE, GA 30120 382-3818

The changes in Cartersville over the last century are being chronicled in a book to be published by the Etowah Historical Foundation. Cartersville: Then and Now will feature old photos showing various buildings and locations in downtown compared with those same sites as they are seen today. In some cases the changes are dramatic, in others, barely noticeable. In addition to photos, the book will feature a brief history of each building. Some of the structures date to the late 19th century and it has been difficult to trace their histories. Information concerning a number of these buildings is being sought by the Foundation. Information is needed for: The Davis Hotel, Legion Theatre, All businesses along Wall Street, Smith Gin, The Scheuer Building (now Allen's Florist on Main Street, the Gilreath Hardware building, Galt's (later Leachman's) Garage, the Walton Building, the Cowan Building, The East Side School, the old Stein's building, Greyhound Bus Station (on Main Street), old Western Auto Building, Cartersville Auto Supply, and the 4-Way Lunch. Anyone with information should contact Sonya Evans at the Foundation (382-3818).

NOBLE HILL- WHEELER CENTER

The Noble Hill- Wheeler Memorial Center celebrated the holidays by displaying 17 Christmas trees that represented the 17 school centers of the period when Noble Hill was in operation as a school, between the years of 1923 - 1955.

Each year selected teachers and students from the Bartow county and Cartersville City School systems decorate the trees. This year's participants included Delores Beavers, Mary Carreathers, Carolyn Crawford, June Hill, Emogene Johnson, Mary Alice Johnson, Queen Lowe and their various classes.

Choirs from New Hope Baptist Church and Alexander United Methodist Church also joined in the celebration by singing Christmas Carols on the day the decorations were complete. Community members attended and refreshments were served.

ROSELAWN

GEORGIA SUPREME COURT JUSTICES PRESIDE IN BARTOW COUNTY IN COMMEMORATIVE SESSION

The seven Justices of the Georgia Supreme Court sat in session in Noble Hill School, Cassville, on October 23, 1991, much as they did over 100 years ago when the first case over which the Supreme Court presided was heard.

Associate Justice Robert Benham of Cartersville handled the planning and execution of this important visit to Bartow County and specifically asked that Jimmie Davis plan a luncheon for the justices and their entourage at Roselawn. He wanted the Historical Society to fund the luncheon and receive the guests.

Society members Jean Belew, Helen Collins, Mary Ann And Jeff Davis, Margaret Ragsdale, Mary Siniard, Susie and Dan Wheeler and Boyd Pettit, volunteered to work with Jimmie on this historic event.

Roselawn was waxed and polished from top to bottom with the cost to wax the reception rooms paid by the Etowah Valley Historical Society. The Roselawn volunteer organization assumed the cost of cleaning the second and third floors.

While the Board of the E.V.H.S. voted unanimously to pay for the luncheon, it was felt that it would be an insult to the local Bar Association if they were not invited to host and fund the luncheon. When offered to them they did, indeed, wish to host this distinguished group. Accordingly they assumed the responsibility, and 65 people were served with the catering handled by the Cartersville Country Club. The chefs and staff provided beautiful and delicious food on the banquet table and numerous smaller tables overlaid with imported linens. Jimmie Davis planned the table decor using her late husband's antique law books from the late 1800's, interspersed with red and gold autumn leaves and fruits. At the time Judge Davis was admitted to the bar he had purchased the law library of a once prominent Cassville attorney, from his widow, and the library included the leather bound books.

The visiting justices thought it fitting that these books, once owned by a Cassville attorney whose name hand written in the beautiful spencerian script and clearly visible, were used at such an occasion. All invitations to the event were handled by the Chamber of Commerce staff and they joined the City and County officials in making the guests feel welcome.

Historical Society volunteers were seated as hosts at each of the tables. The luncheon was well executed and letters from the visiting justices have been most complimentary in appreciation for our hospitality at Roselawn.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 5, 1991 - ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AT MALBONE, HOME OF FREDRICK & JULIA KNIGHT

OCTOBER 18, 1991 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

OCTOBER 25, 1991 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

NOVEMBER 12, 1991 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DECEMBER 6, 1991 - CHRISTMAS PARTY AT ROSELAWN

DECEMBER 10, 1991 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

JANUARY 14, 1992 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

JANUARY 21, 1992 - MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT CARTERSVILLE LIBRARY

FEBRUARY 11, 1992 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

FEBRUARY 18, 1992 - MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT CARTERSVILLE LIBRARY

MARCH 10, 1992 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

APRIL 14, 1992 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

APRIL 1992 - MEMBERSHIP MEETING (PLACE AND DATE TO BE DETERMINED)

MAY 12, 1992 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

JUNE 9, 1992 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

JUNE 1992 - MEMBERSHIP MEETING & DINNER AT HOME OF JERE & DENISE CONNER (DATE TO BE DETERMINED)

JULY 14, 1992 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

AUGUST 11, 1992 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

AUGUST 1992 - MEMBERSHIP MEETING & DINNER AT HOME OF FRANK & LIZETTE ENTWISLE (DATE TO BE DETERMINED)

SEPTEMBER 8, 1992 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

OCTOBER 3, 1992 - ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AT PLACE TO BE DETERMINED

NOTE: YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEET EVERY SECOND TUSEDAY AT 8:00 AM
AT THE CARTERSVILLE QUALITY INN RESTAURANT

