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SPRING BANK

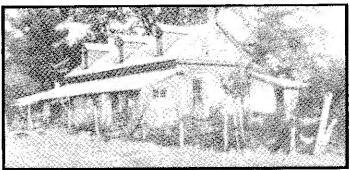


Photo by Beverley M. DeBose, Jr. From White Columns of Georgia



"Spring" Photo by Charles Morgan

Enduring since the 1830's when it was built by the Rev. Charles Wallace Howard on today's Hall Station Road between Kingston and Adairsville, the deserted old

mansion was destroyed by a fire of unknown origin on the afternoon of Friday, February 1, 1974. Generations of Howards resided in the old house, strolled through its once famous gardens and studied at the Howard School established there in 1850. The founder's two sons, breaking family ties with their New England kin, went at the outbreak of the Civil



"Giant Oak at Spring Bank" Photo by Charles Morgan

War to fight with the Confederacy, and Mr. Howard himself, at the age of 52, organized a volunteer company and followed, never dreaming that his own parlor one day would become the surrender site of the Confederacy's last armed troops in Georgia.

Older than the ruins of famed Barnsley Gardens, the

venerable Spring Bank House was the direct outcome of a horseback trip made in the early 1830's by Mr. Howard with W. H. Stiles, who later established the community and academy of Stilesboro, and wealthy young English merchant Godfrey Barnsley. A Presbyterian minister, Mr. Howard was also a talented geologist, agriculturist, speaker and writer, and led his horseback party to Northwest Georgia from Savannah largely to study the government's problem of removing the Cherokee Indians from this area.

Howard built Spring Bank a few years after that trip. By 1852 his school, taught principally by himself and Mrs. Howard and later by his daughters and a noted French artist named Julio, had opened enrolling students from many prominent North Georgia families.

Many of these students enlisted in volunteer Confederate Army units at the outbreak of the War between the States in April, 1861. Howard himself, affectionately known to his men as "the Old Captain," organized the 63rd Georgia and followed, leaving his wife and daughters to manage the plantation.

That spacious home in the spring of 1864 was center

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of a tragedy never satisfactorily documented, though compellingly related in Medora Field Perkerson's book, "White Columns in Georgia," when Rose and Julia Murchison, daughters of a nearby family, visited the Howard ladies against strict orders of Colonel Sampson, commander of the Federal forces encamped at Kingston. As punishment both were arrested and jailed in a Federal prison at Louisville, Ky., where they were cruelly mistreated. Rose Murchison was released at the end of the war in April, 1865 without money or passage home; the Masonic order in Chattanooga paid her railway fare to Dalton, from which place she walked 50 miles home. Julia, swearing the oath of allegiance to the Union to obtain treatment in Ohio for what had been diagnosed as tuberculosis, was shot and killed on the road in an attempt to make her way home again.

The Howard ladies spent some time at the home of English noncombatant Godfrey Barnsley during the war's darkest crises, but had returned to their own plantation in time to see Confederate General William T. Wofford and Federal Army General Henry M. Judah meet in Spring Bank's parlor to effect peaceful surrender of Georgia's last 7,000 armed troops on May 12, 1865.

Ofinterest is the stay of French artist Everett Dubose Fabrino Julio, who taught art for a time at Spring Bank, died there of tuberculosis and was buried in the family cemetery. Most widely known of his paintings was "The Last Meeting of Lee and Jackson on the Eve of Chancellorsville," signed "E.B.F. Julio"; material furnished by Adairsville writer, poet and historian Mrs. Alice B. Howard cites his headstone inscription in the Howard cemetery as reading simply "JULIO-Died Sept. 15, 1879."

After the Civil War the Reverend Howard founded the Howard Hydraulic Cement Company, operating six kilns which reduced local rock to commercial cement. One of these old stone furnaces still stands today across the Hall Station Road from the original home site, furnishing a crude monument to the industry and initiative of its builder.

Owned since the 1930's by the Lindsey Boston family of Kingston, the weathered old Spring Bank home might one day have been renovated to something like its former state, as so many historic structures have been restored during recent years, but for the finality of its destruction by fire.

Roger Aycock

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"AN EARLY HISTORY OF THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION"

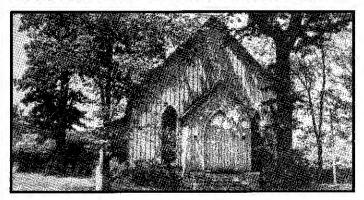


Photo courtesy of Carolyn Parmenter

Written by the Rev. W. R. McConnell, May 4, 1886, who at that time was the Minister in Charge of the Episcopal Church of the Ascension.

Owing to the fact that there were no Parish records in existence at the time at which the writer of this sketch took charge as Missionary of Ascension Church, he is confined to the meager reports of the Convention Journals; and for several years at a time, no reports at all were sent up from the Mission when, during such periods, it was without a Minister.

The history of our little Church has been one of continual struggle for existence under adverse circumstances but we are sustained by the hope that, with God's blessing, we shall in due time see the results of the work begun more than forty years ago, when the sainted Elliott consecrated an humble building in Cass County (Cass County became Bartow County December 6, 1861) as 'Ascension Church'.

The following is an extract from Bishop Stephen Elliott's Convention address for 1844: "On the 6th of November, I made a visit to Etowah River, Cass County, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Scott. We were encouraged to take incipient steps for the formation of a Parish in the most interesting country. I preached on the morning of the 8th of November at the Pettis Creek Baptist Meeting House and it was determined among the friends of the Church in that quarter, that we should erect a Church, a Parsonage and a School House at a point central to this rich farming neighborhood. Fifty or sixty acres of land were immediately procured, partly by gift and partly by purchase, and the materials for building are probably by this time upon the spot. The Rev. Mr. Scott has been most active in this advancement of the Church into a country hitherto untrodden by an Episcopal Clergyman,

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and continues to superintend the erection of the building in progress. A Church organization will take place as soon as the Summer shall bring together the gentlemen interested in the undertaking."

More buildings were erected and the Church was consecrated as Ascension Church by Bishop Elliott, June 22nd, 1845, the Rev Owen P. Thackara, Deacon, being the Missionary in charge. On September 13th, 1846, Mr. Thackara was at that place advanced to the priesthood by Bishop Elliott. The Rev. Carter Page gave occasional services before Mr. Thackara took charge of the Mission. The Rev. W. H. Clarke, who officiated a few times at the mission in 1860 spoke of the Church as being little more than a summer colony from Savannah.

The Rev. Messrs. Thompson L. Smith, W. J. Perdue and R. W. B. Elliott (later Bishop of Western Texas) were connected with the mission for longer or shorter terms. During Rev. Mr. Elliott's connection with the work, services were held once a month at the Academy in Cartersville and on the evening of the same day at the residence of the late W. H. Stiles, Esq.

In course of time, Cartersville had grown from an ordinary railroad station into a flourishing town and it was determined to dispose of the country Church and property and with the proceeds and other funds erect a church in that place. A sale was effected and with the proceeds and funds contributed by parties in Macon, Augusta, Savannah, and New York, the present neat and commodious building was erected. This was chiefly accomplished through the efforts of Rev. S. J. Pinkerton. The first services were held init during the month of April, 1874. It was consecrated as Ascension Church by Bishop Beckwith, November 6th, 1875, the assisting Clergy being the Rev. W. C. Williams, D. D., the Rev. R. C. Foute, the Rev. S. Barnwell and Rev. John R. Joyner, Rector of the Parish.

The following persons constituted the Vestry at the time of consecration and their names are appended to the instrument by which the property was turned over to the Bishop and his successors in office: Wm. S. Latta, Senior Warden, H. H. Hall, Junior Warden, P. H. Shelman and William H. Stiles, Vestrymen. The Rev. H. K. Rees succeeded the Rev. Mr. Joyner and served the Parish for a while.

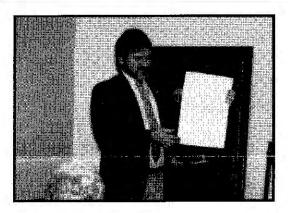
After the resignation of Mr. Rees, the Parish was without a Minister for nearly two years, when the present incumbent, in Deacon's orders, took charge of it, No-

vember 4, 1883. At the time when I came to this work, Messrs. Latta and Hall, Wardens, were the only members of the Vestry. In course of time a full Vestry was organized that consisted of Messrs. Latta and Hall, Wardens, and Messrs. J. A. Baker, W. H. Stiles, Jr., George H. Gilreath and S. O. Williams, Vestrymen.

On April 24th, 1886, the Rev. W. R. McConnell was ordained Priest by Bishop Beckwith, at St. Luke's Church, Atlanta; the Rev. W. M. Beckwith and Rev. C. C. Leman assisting in the laying on of hands.

The present Vestry consists of H. H. Hall, and J. A. Baker, Wardens and George H. Gilreath, W. H. Stiles, Jr., and W. H. Bowers, Vestrymen.

W. R. McConnell



Larry Gregory is shown briefing the Polk County Historical Society at its headquarters in Cedartown about projects currently undertaken by the EVHS.

Guy Parmenter assisted Larry in this one hour presentation to 23 members of the Polk County Society on Tuesday evening, February 23rd.

KNEE DEEP IN ANCESTORS

That is the program being co-sponsored by the Cartersville-Bartow County Library and the Etowah Valley Historical Society. Betty Wolf of W. H. Wolf Associates in Alpharetta will present information on researching ancestry and what is involved in publishing historic books. Her presentation will be at the Library on Thursday, March 25th at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. For more information and to make reservations, call Rita Linker at the Library, 382-4203. Be sure to mark your calendar now since no further notices will be sent.

HISTORIC LEWIS HOUSE



Photo by Alonna C. Howell

Editors Note: We thank the Rome News Tribune for allowing us to reprint this June 3, 1957 article published under the title "Historic Lewis House Stands Above Flowing Adairsville Spring". We must report that this house was torn down in late 1982, not long after the above picture was taken for publication in "Historic Bartow County 1826-1866". All that remains today is a portion of the foundation and the memory that another historic and notable structure is gone forever.

The house built by Baylis Washington Lewis about the year 1836 still stands above the fabulous spring which supplies Adairsville with water, and is one of the oldest and most interesting structures in its section of Bartow County.

Located one-half mile from the Adairsville city limit, it is plainly but beautifully constructed of heart lumber with deep hand-made brick underpinning. Four large front rooms are divided by a hall wide enough to be used for a livingroom; the dining room and kitchen are separated from the front part of the house by a narrow breezeway.

The walls and ceilings of the entire house are of 10 or 12 inch boards handplaned with such skill that only the closest examination reveals the markings of the plane. On the kitchen and dining room walls, the lovely wide boards run up and down in contrast to the horizontally placed boards in the main section of the house.

Baylis Washington Lewis, of Rutherford County, N. C., son of Major John Lewis and Ann Earle Lewis of Abemarle County, Va., having learned of a large white settlement and fertile cleared lands near Guntersville, Ala., set out on horseback to search for a permanent homesite. Traveling via Pendleton, S.C. on the Washington-New

Orleans post road he did not encounter a single white man from the time he entered Georgia until he was near his destination in Alabama. Cherokee Indians still inhabited this portion of the state and in their cabins he spent the nights of his journey. He slept on beds made of cowhides and a cowhide was his covering.

On the western rim of the Oothcalooga Valley Mr. Lewis came upon a cleared four-acre field overlooking a great rushing spring-a picture he carried with him for the duration of his stay in Alabama. While there he learned that a Mr. Memminger of Augusta had drawn in a land lottery, the 160 acre tract containing the field and spring of his dreams which he subsequently purchased for \$500. The cleared field had been under cultivation by the Indians for many years-a fact proved by the land being free of tree stumps which had long since rotted, the redmen having no tools with which to remove them.

Lewis immediately cut a road along Oothcalooga Creek and began sewing and preparing lumber for this home. On completion of the house a large brick smokehouse was added and a boxwood garden planted in front.

He then returned to North Carolina and brought his father, Major John Lewis, to the new home in Georgia where he died in 1840. His grave in Oothcalooga Cemetery is marked with a stone inscribed "A Soldier of the Revolution" and bears a bronze tablet placed by Oothcalooga Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, of Adairsville and Etowah Chapter of Cartersville. The following year Baylis W. Lewis married Frances Gaines, daughter of James and Margaret Clore Gaines of Hen-Ford-on-the-Gimlet-Run, Laurens District, S.C. Their five children were reared at "Lewis Spring." Only one of the five married-John Prince Lewis, whose descendants live in Cartersville.

During the War Between the States Adairsville was an important railroad and telegraph station and here also was a gun factory. It appeared that the officers of the invading army during the Georgia campaign had planned to occupy this locality for a stay of some duration. A camp site was selected near the Lewis house and the big spring, and enemy soldiers overran the property taking corn and other grain to feed their horses, and burning the rail fences for their camp fires.

Mrs. Lewis did everything possible to save their carefully hoarded food from the soldiers. The children kept

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watch at the windows, and all-including "Mammy" Hannah's four pickaninnies-would be demurely seated on crocks of preserves, sacks of meat and other food when the invaders entered. Sometimes she put the children to bed and hid the food with them. The Yankees dare not touch a one of them.

"Mammy" Hannah was credited with saving the house from the torch during General W. T. Sherman's mad burning spree. She had a severe case of "pink eye" and was in a darkened back bedroom when the soldiers ordered the women and children out of the house. Mammy Hannah refused to budge saying she couldn't bear the light on her eyes. After spending some time in futile threats the soldiers departed leaving the household intact.

The Lewis family was luckier than most in the path of the armies. They had a cownamed Cherry which eluded the foraging soldiers and Mrs. Lewis saved a fine injured horse abandoned by the swiftly moving Yankees.

The "old Lewis place" now the property of Mrs. J. M. Veach and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jarrett, has lost its handsome old boxwoods, its ancient oaks, but a beneficent black walnut tree still bears a crop of table nuts in the fall, an old moss rose still flies its pink banner of spring, and the fabulous spring still flows 3,600 gallons of pure cold water each minute-enough to supply Adairsville for all needs and thousands of gallons to spare.

Alice Howard

BOARD MEETING

Your Board of Directors met at the Bartow County Library on Thursday evening, February 25th, for a planning session. Facilitating the discussion was Dr. Tim Cremens, Department of History Chairman, Georgia State University. Board members will be meeting several times during March to establish short and long term goals for the Society.

Feel free to contact any officer or director with your suggestions.



Photo by Guy Parmenter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President J. B. Tate announces that Dr. Joseph B. Mahan, Jr. will allow the Etowah Valley Historical Society to reprint "A History of Old Cassville, 1833-1864." This book was last printed and sold by Cass High School in 1976. Dr. Mahan is currently updating information in the book. We hope it will be ready for reprint in the near future.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

February 16, 1993

The Etowah Valley Historical Society held its February membership meeting at the Bartow County Library. Vice President Lance Barry presided over the meeting which began at 7:30 p.m., with 42 members present. A moment of silence was given in memory of EVHS member Eloise Shropshire who recently passed away.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Rosemary Clabo, Secretary. The treasurer's report was given by Denise Conner. The Cemetery Committee reported two more cemeteries have been documented.

Lance introduced David Archer, our speaker, who spoke on Ancient and Prehistoric Indians. The Paleo Indians were the first known Indians of this area dating back 10,000 years. A map was shown with 23 burial

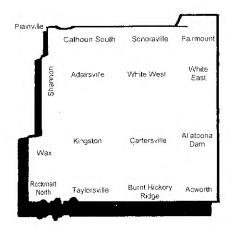
mounds charted. These mounds were in the areas of Pine Log, Two Run Village, Pumpkin Vine Creek, Euharlee, and the Etowah Mounds. An Indian fort village was discovered below the dambut was flooded with water before it could be fully studied. David showed slides of areas that had been studied and artifacts that have been found. Large rocks were once found on top of Ladds Mountain arranged in a circular design indicating that this was once a ceremonial ground. David also showed slides of other historic places that do not exist anymore.

After a very interesting program, Etowah Valley Historical Society members enjoyed refreshments and fellowship.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Mary Siniard reports that her committee continues to work diligently towards a summer publishing date for our cemetery records book. Very few cemeteries are left to survey. However, your help is needed to complete the task.

Below is a complete list of cemeteries of which we are aware. These cemeteries are divided by quadrants as depicted in the Bartow County map also shown below. Please review this information and advise soon of any cemeteries not included.



General Map of Bartow County Divided into sixteen quadrants.

TAYLORSVILLE Raccoon Creek Church Stilesboro Cemetery Shiloh Stidham Henderson

Stidham Henderson Taylorsville Burge Family Sproull

McCormick Hawkins Old Salem

SONORAVILLE Cemetery south of Gordon County Just into Bartow County Glade Mr. Pleasant Happy Hollow-

Happy Hollow-Barton Family Cemetery Mostellar

WHITE WEST Hayes

Linn-Lewis
Corra Harris Grave
Cumberland
Towes Chapel
Pleasant Valley
Dewey
Hendricks Adoock

Hendricks Adcock
Best Chapel
Crowe Springs
Wofford Crossroads
Stephenson
White Cemetery
William Aubrey Grave
Cemetery pear Clear Cree

Cemetery near Clear Creek and Spring Creek south of White west quadrant and near Adairsville quadrant

Cassville Mt. Zion McEver

CARTERSVILLE

Unknown off 411 near Atlantic Steel

Pettit Creek Baptist Church Cemetery

Dobbs Cemetery

Peeples Valley Cemetery

Guyton

Smith Cemetery-Samuel Smith Macadonia Church Cemetery

Pleasant Grove

Friendship or Puckett

Benham Oak Hill Mt. Zion Tumlin

Sunset Memory Garden

Atco Leake

Rowland Family Harges Family

BURNT HICKORY RIDGE

Lucas

Mt. View Church Etowah Valley Church

Emerson Wades Chapel

FAIRMOUNT

Lewis Warlick-Starr Finley

Finley Richardson Erwin

WHITE EAST

Millers Chapel Bufford-Burford

Olive Vine Church Cemetery

Vaughan

Pleasant Olive Church Cemetery
Oak Hill Church Cemetery
Fairview Church Cemetery
New Hope Cememtery

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PLAINVILLE

SHANNON Dry Creck

Barnsley Garden

<u>WAX</u>

Pleasant Hill Gore Springs Rogers Road Adams-Snowder

ROCKMART NORTH

Bethel Church Mt. Taber Bethlehem Old Alabama Road Cemetery Davis Chapel

CALHOUN SOUTH

Oak Grove Church Oothcalooga Church Poplar Springs Pickard Cemetery

ADAIRSVILLE

East View
B F Shaw
Snow Springs
Stoners Chapel
Ward
Number Six

Loveless

Roy Stoner Family Cemetery James M. Shaw

Sherman

Mt. Carmel Church Green Cemetery Barnsley Grave Barnsley Cemetery Connesena Church Howard-Spring Bank

KINGSTON

Wooley Kingston

Mt. Pisqah Church

Reynolds

Macadonia Church-Chuilo Road

Oak Grove Church Cemetery

Arnold Corinth

Euharlee Cemetery-

Presbyterian

Zion Hill Church Cemetery Cemetery Near Milam Bridge

Brandon Family

Drummer Swamp (need name)

Howard Cemetery

Euharlee Baptist Church

Cemetery Mt. Tabor

Cemetery Committee Continued...

Pine Log Methodist Church Cemetery Rydal-Edmondson-Baker

Upshaw Valentine Smith

ALLATOONA DAM

Stamp Creek
Shinall Cemetery
Rowland Springs
Kay Cemetery
Chitwood
Center Cemetery
The Church of God of the
Union Assembly, Inc.
Floyd Cemetery
Goodson

Macadonia Cemetery

Bethany Cemetery Corbin-Kay Johnsey-Leachman Knight Cemetery Wofford Grave-

Revolutionary Soldier

Alexander Goddard

Fields Chapel (Highway 20)

<u>ACWORTH</u>

New Hope

Cemetery near Allatoona
Landing beside railroad

Mt. Zion Cemetery

Iron Hill

Allatoona Universalist Church Cemetery

These are cemeteries given to us with their approximate locations. They do not show up on existing maps nor can they be found otherwise. Help us locate each.

Brown Family-Cassville Hargis Family-Burnt Hickory Road **Underwood Family** Slaughter Family-Fairmount Road **Bowdoin Family** Blackwell Baptist Church-near Folsom Hardin Family Cemetery Lusk Family-Woodall Road near White Weems Family Cemetery Murcherson-Kingston Road Christian Church-near Adairsville Daniel Family-on 140 east of Cumberland Church Byrd-near Stilesboro Pine Grove-by 411 south of Interchange Village Denman Family-on 140 West of Rock Creek toward Cumberland Church Terhine Family-almost demolished Shelman Family

Please contact Mary Siniard with your information at 387-5162.

BARTOW HISTORY CENTER

The current exhibit on display is a "Tribute to Girl Scouts" which will run through March. The feature exhibit for April and May will be "Office Hours." On display will be office equipment of the past such as vintage typewriters and adding machines.

Welcome New Members:

Mr. Vincent Trinka

Mrs. Jodeen Brown

Mr. J. M. Jolley

Mr. & Mrs. Bubba Thompson

Mr. Robert Ford

Mr. & Mrs. Barry Henderson

Dr. & Mrs. Harvey Howell

Mr. & Mrs. Anthony McStatts

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Vickers

Dr. & Mrs. Don Evans

HISTORIC AWARENESS SIGNS

Attention Historical Society members! If you live in an eligible home (at least fifty years old), set an example for the entire community by purchasing and displaying your sign. Brochures are available through committee members: Dianne Tate, Emily Champion, Lizette Entwisle, Lib Jackson, Carolyn Parmenter and Linda Parmenter. Volunteers are welcome. Remember, you do not have to be a Society member to display a sign.

NEWSLETTER

Help! We need additional interesting articles about Bartow County. These could include newspaper clippings, diaries, letters, family histories, family trees, church histories or your own personal experiences. Contact any committee member to include your article in an upcoming newsletter. Assistance in preparing your article is only a phone call away. Committee members are Susan Taylor, Guy Parmenter, Linda Parmenter, J. B. Tate, and Anthia McStatts. Many thanks to those EVHS members who have contributed thus far.

CROSSROADS

The response to this program on Cable Channel 4 has been tremendous. We hope that many of our viewers will become members of the Society. To capture the interest of viewers, a short commercial is being developed. The viewing audience will be advised where to write for more information about the Society. The newest show on Cherokees in Bartow County is currently being aired. Copies of this and previous programs are available from Channel 4 at a cost of \$20 each.

Call 382-3000 to order your copy and advise them how much you enjoy the program.

Genealogy

William S. Bates, 1485 Mayfield Road, Alpharetta, Georgia 30201 seeks information on the Kay family; also need information on William C. Rhodes, born ca. 1870, Georgia W. Smith, born November 2, 1838 and Lemuel Ross born September 19, 1838.

Jack & Syble Brawner, 675 Boca Ciega Pt., Bl. So., ST. Petersburg, Florida 33708 seeks information on Joel and J. J. Brawner: also the King Family

Joe N. Carver, 230 Cedar Creek Road N. W., Cartersville, Georgia 30120 needs information on the Allen and Carver family from Yancey and Haywood County in North Carolina.

Martha A. Franklin, P. O. Box 848, Panacea, Florida 32346 seeks information on Samuel Joseph Franklin.

Hairrett Frye, 750 Hillpine Terrace, Atlanta, Georgia 30306 seeks information on John J. Forrester and A. K. Forrester.

Betty Hames, 415 Nottingham Drive N. E., Marietta, Georgia 30066 is researching John O. Elliott, William McCrary, Redvine or Redwine family, Allen family, King family, Hardin family, Southern family and the Green Family.

Debbie Jacobs, 3894 Williams Street, Clarkston, Georgia 30021 is researching the Amos family.

Claude D. Newby, 404 Wall Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84103 seeks information on John or Jasper King. Jasper was born in Georgia ca. 1845.

Pat and Robert Robertson, 2107 Crow Valley Road, Dalton, Georgia 30720 seeks information on John and Elizabeth Robertson. They married in Cass County in 1839. Need information also on Sally Robertson Joiner, Elizabeth Condre and Susan Condre Dunaway.

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