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## Lizette Entwisle

Receives Lifetime Achievement Award



Ed Hill, President EVHS presenting Lifetime Achievement Award to Lizette Entwisle

The 2004 EVHS Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Lizette Entwisle at the annual EVHS Christmas Dinner held at Rose Lawn on Dec. 4.

The award is presented yearly to individuals who best represent and achieve the society's mission of "promoting and enhancing the awareness and preservation of the heritage and traditions of Bartow County over a period of twenty or more years." The winner need not be a member of EVHS.

Lizette was a charter member of EVHS 32 years ago and served several terms on the board of directors and chaired numerous committees. She served as a volunteer in the EVHS office in the courthouse and worked in the first two EVHS offices in the Mumford House and the Wofford-Hall-White house.

She has been co-editor of two Bartow County history books, one in 1981 and the other in 1993.

She was instrumental in having the First Presbyterian Church placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Lizette was a foundering member of the EVHS Preservation Committee which has conducted the Tour of Homes since the early 1990's. Her home has the first EVHS Historical Awareness sign and was the site of our 1992 annual meeting.

This was the third time that the Lifetime Achievement Award was presented. Previous winners were Mary Ellen Taff in 2002, and Martha Mullinax in 2003.



After passing thru Cartersville in May of 1864, Union General William T. Sherman gave orders that the railroad cut at Allatoona should be fortified. The area was soon a storage area for military supplies.

By October 1864, the Confederate Army had been pushed out of Atlanta and embarked on a strategy of attempting to draw Sherman's army out of the city towards Tennessee. General Samuel G. French was ordered by General John B. Hood, who had been placed in charge of the Confederate forces in Georgia shortly before the Battle of Peachtree Creek, to capture the forts at Allatoona Pass, fill in the railroad cut and destroy the railroad bridge at Cartersville.

Not knowing that the forts at Allatoona had been reinforced during the previous night by Union soldiers from Rome, French arrived on October 5, 1864 and positioned his men. After demanding a surrender and getting no reply, French ordered his men into battle at about 10:20 a.m.

At noon, the Confederates were on the verge of victory when French received a report (later proved false) that Union reinforcements were on the way. Already running low on ammunition and fearful of being cut off, French decided to withdraw and by 1:30 the Confederate withdrawal was underway.

In just a few hours, 706 Federal soldiers and 847 Confederates were either killed, wounded or missing. The total of 1603 out of the 5301 involved, ranks as

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#### ALLATOONA PASS (continued)

one of the highest percentages in any battle of a very bloody war. At least 22 of the dead never left Allatoona Pass. The unknown hero is buried just south of the Pass along the railroad tracks and 21 others are buried in the backyard of the Mooney home, formerly the Clayton house.

Over the years the area was neglected and was badly overgrown when EVHS adopted the battlefield as a project. Volunteers cleared underbrush, trails were built and marked and interpretive signs were placed along the trails. Bartow County paved the parking lot and Boy Scouts built walkways and mulched trails. The Corps of Engineers built stairs on one side of the cut to make it easier for visitors to reach the Star Fort. A memorial area was built with markers to the 11 states (both Confederate and Union) involved in the battle and with monuments to the troops of Missouri and Texas.

Visitors travel to the Pass from as far away as Texas, Canada and Virginia and most are very appreciative of the job that EVHS has done. Recently a visitor from Texas and another from Illinois visited to see the names of the brothers of their grandmothers. Both brothers had been killed at Allatoona while fighting as Confederates from Missouri. Both names are listed on the Missouri monument.

EVHS volunteers still maintain the trails and the area is well used by Bartow residents, although many people who reside in Bartow County remain unaware of its existence.

If you would like to have more information on the battle of Allatoona Pass, you can purchase the book, Allatona Pass-A Needless Effusion of Blood, by William Scaife, a Bartow County resident, from the EVHS office. The book, written by Bill and published by EVHS in 1995, is an excellent account of the battle and events leading up to it.

## FRIENDSHIP CEMETERY

n February 26, 1843 the Friendship Presbyterian Church was organized at a site along the present Route 293 near the Etowah River. The site was donated by Arnold Milner for a church and cemetery for family and friends.

Some ten years later, the church moved to its present location in Cartersville on the corner of Bartow and West Main Streets and became known as the First Presbyterian Church. Friendship Cemetery continued to be used as a burial site for more than 100 years.

The book, Cemeteries of Bartow, Formerly Cass Counties, published by EVHS in 1973, lists a total of 89 graves on the site. However, Carl Etheridge, EVHS cemetery chairman, believes that the actual number of persons buried there was much higher.

According to the book, 3 people were buried in Friendship in the 1840's, 7 in the 1850's and 8 in the 1860's. The last 2 burials were in 1960. The book listed 16 names without a date of death.

The most common recorded names in the cemetery are Puckett and Jones. Seven people with the last name of Puckett were buried there from 1864 to 1905. Seven Jones' were interred but the only burial date recorded was in 1921. Six Milners were interred between 1846 and 1877. Arnold Milner, the donor of the property, was buried there on April 24, 1852, three weeks shy of his 66th birthday. Richard Milner, the first pastor of the Presbyterian Church, was buried at Friendship in November 1855.

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#### FRIENDSHIP CEMETERY (continued)

The property was neglected for many years and became greatly overgrown. For years many of the motorists traveling on Route 293 between Cartersville and Emerson were unaware that the brush and shrubbery covered a cemetery.

In 2002, EVHS adopted Friendship as a project and began the task of clearing the site. EVHS volunteers, with the help of a brush fire which cleared off much of the underbrush and with the help of volunteers from the Presbyterian Church, made a great deal of progress. When Bartow County brought in work details, real results were attained in removing the many dead trees and other debris.

EVHS volunteers are still cleaning up the site, but the property is almost ready for its next phase of preparing walking trails, putting up a sign and erecting a fence.

## **GENEALOGY** WORKSHOPS

enealogy has become the number one hobby in I the World and number two in the United States. It is a time consuming project but the rewards are great.

EVHS would like to make genealogy a pleasant experience for the beginner and a learning experience for those who have been working on their family history but who have become frustrated.

A series of workshops have been scheduled for January, February, and March to help those who need help with their family lines. The workshops will be led by instructor Linda Gossett Cochran, Linda has over 40 years of experience in family research and is a member of the EVHS board of directors. Workshops will be held in the EVHS office resource rooms located in the historical Gold Dome Courthouse. Workshops are open to the public at no cost. Materials will be made available by EVHS.

January 22

Beginner's Workshop 10 am - 2 pm

Basics on how and where to start your family tree. Learn about census records and courthouse records. Have your questions answered.

February 5

African American Workshop 10 am - 2 pm

Basic steps on getting started with your genealogy. How to obtain information from the Freedman's Bureau about your ancestors. How to locate your ancestors on the census records.

#### GENEALOGY WORKSHOPS (continued)

February 19

Native American Workshop 10 am - 2 pm

A must if you are of Native American descent. Learn how to locate your ancestors on the Guion Miller rolls and the Dawes rolls.

March 12

Beginner's Workshop 10 am - 2 pm Repeat of the January 22 workshop

March 26

Native American Workshop 10 am - 2 pm Repeat of the February 19 workshop

Call and register so that proper preparations may be made. Call the EVHS office at 770-606-8862 and leave your name and line you are researching.

## OFFICE TRAINING RKSH

## Hear Yell Hear Yel

n Saturday, January 29th at 1:00 p.m. in the EVHS office, we will be holding long-needed workshop/orientation for the OFFICE VOLUNTEERS! All volunteers and anyone else who is interested in becoming a volunteer are urged to be there!

CAN YOU GIVE 3 TO 4 HOURS A MONTH? The EVHS office in the 1903 gold-domed Bartow

County Courthouse is kept open Monday through Friday from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Without volunteers we could not open the office. We have visitors from all over Georgia and many other states who travel many miles seeking information about their ancestors and the history of Bartow County.

Members with knowledge of the content and procedures of the office are developing a helpful and interesting program. COME AND JOIN OUR GROUP!

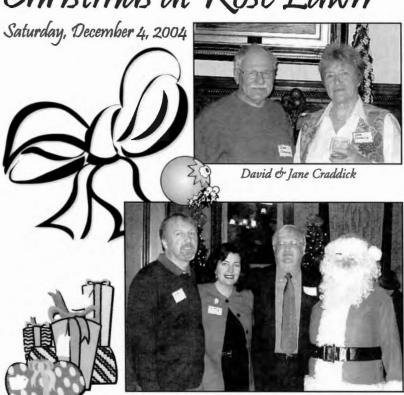
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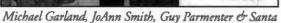
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OFFICE VOLUNTEERS are needed. See the article in this issue, contact either Tricia Simmons, who is in charge of the training sessions, or Linda Trentham, office manager. Our office number is 770-606-8862.

# Christmas at Rose Lawn







Linda Trentham, Rebecca Wilson, Paul Wilson & Ashlee Blackburn



Diane & JB Tate with Edna & Carl Etheridge



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