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"COME HARVEST OUR HISTORY" 2005 TOUR OF HOMES

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The biannual EVHS "Come Harvest Our History" Tour of Historic Homes is just around the corner and members of the EVHS Preservation Committee are hard at work making plans for the event that not only helps raise funds for EVHS projects, but also brings awareness of what is being done in Cartersville and Bartow County to preserve this rich heritage for future generations.

This year's "Come Harvest Our History" is planned for Nov. 5 and 6 and will begin at the Euharlee Commissary on Covered Bridge Road in historic downtown Euharlee where tickets can be purchased. Shuttle buses will pick up participants and take them on the tour.

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MALBONE
Sketched by Sally Rogers



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"COME HARVEST OUR HISTORY" 2005 TOUR OF HOMES

Two historic homes off Euharlee Road - Valley View and Malbone - and one renovated home in Euharlee as well as the Euharlee Presbyterian Church will be featured on this year's tour. A special addition to the tour will be the opportunity to view the historic buildings of the Granary, Courthouse and Calaboose in downtown Euharlee. Another historic event in Bartow County happenings on Saturday, November 5 will be the annual Stilesboro Chrysanthemum Show held at the nearby Stilesboro Academy from 11 A.M. until 8 P.M.

A number of facts involving the history of EVHS are connected with this year's tour. The meeting to organize EVHS was held at Valley View in 1973. The original name of the organization was Etowah Valley Society for the Preservation of Historic Sites. Among the Charter members of the group were Dr. and Mrs. Robert Norton, Sr., owners of Valley View at that time and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stiles, owners of Malbone at that time. Valley View was one of the homes featured on the tour in 1983.

Be sure to make plans to attend "Come Harvest Our History" this year and discover many interesting features about the three homes, their owners and the pre-civil war church.

Tickets for the tour will be \$15 or \$12 in groups of ten and are available by calling EVHS at 770-606-8862. Tickets will also be available at the Euharlee Commissary on the days of the tour.

Members of the Historic Preservation Committee of EVHS are John Lewis, chairman, Lizette Entwisle, Dianne Tate, Emily Champion, Susan Alexander, Lisa Hamilton and Genie Jolly Certain.

Members who wish to volunteer to help with the tour may call Genie Certain at 770-383-3533 or Dianne Tate at 770-388-7944.

INVENTORY OF HISTORIC SITES PROJECT

A number of volunteer work teams have emerged to assist in the inventory of historic sites in Bartow County. Our goal is to complete the "hands on" phase of the project by December 1, 2005 since Bartow County needs to have their Comprehensive Planning documentation to Coosa Valley RDC by November, 2006. This will give us enough time in the spring to possibly complete a detailed survey of historic sites not included in the 1991 Survey and complete a report of our findings. (We will need to secure funding in order to complete this phase of the project).

Volunteer Work Teams are currently active in the following communities/areas:

- ATCO • Cassville • Olde Town in Cartersville • Downtown Historic District in Cartersville • Cartersville sites not included in Olde Town and the Downtown Area • Euharlee • Kingston • Emerson • Stilesboro/Taylorsville • Mining Sites • Bridges • Caves

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INVENTORY OF HISTORIC SITES PROJECT *(continued)*

EVHS members who have a love of history and research will enjoy working on this project. Not only are we identifying new historic sites in the County, we are identifying individuals who have a special story to share with the community. Next year EVHS hopes to focus efforts on developing an Oral History Series.

If you are interested in getting involved in this initiative, please contact Michael Garland at 770-382-3361, ext. 120 or email Michael at mgarlan@bellsouth.net or michaelg@wcpas.com.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Dean Wood, Chief Archaeologist of the Leake Dig, gave a very interesting and informative talk to an appreciative audience of EVHS members and guests at the Etowah Indian Mounds Museum on Tuesday, July 26. Following his presentation, Dean answered questions from the audience.

The Leake site has long been known to archaeologists, but with the imminent widening of the highway thru the site, it became increasingly important to record the site's history.

Excavations began at the site, located just west of Ladd Mountain on both sides of Highway 61 and 113, in November, 2004. Operations at the site will be concluding shortly. Analysis and interpretation will continue for another eighteen months.

It is now believed that the Etowah Valley was home to nomadic peoples as long ago as at least 14,000 years. The Leake site has been dated to the Middle Woodland era, 100 B.C. to AD400. The Leake civilization preceded that of the Etowah Indian Mounds. Compelling evidence exists that the dwellers at the Leake site were connected to other native populations across the eastern U.S. through trade and shared religious beliefs.

Faint traces of buildings, some as large as thirty feet across, have been discovered and thousands of artifacts have been uncovered, including pottery shards, arrow heads, stone tools, animal bones, pieces of effigies, etc.

Dean Wood has been involved with Etowah History since 1973 when he worked at the Etowah Indian Mounds. He was educated at West Georgia and the University of Georgia and is a Registered Professional Archaeologist.



Ed Hill, president, presents a book to Dean Wood, Chief Archaeologist of the Leake Dig following Wood's speech to EVHS members at the Etowah Indian Mounds Museum on July 26, 2005. On the right is Carl Etheridge, EVHS director, who participated in the dig located along State Highways 61 and 113.

DUES ARE DUE

EVHS operates on a fiscal budget which runs from October 1 until October 1, therefore dues are due on the first of October each year.

Prompt payment will be appreciated. Payment should be mailed to: Etowah Valley Historical Society, P.O. Box 1886, Cartersville, Georgia 30120

Dues are only: \$15.00 per individual
\$20.00 per family
\$30.00 per club or organization
\$100.00 or more per corporation
or patron

FOLSOM, GEORGIA, BARTOW COUNTY 1896-1897

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Editor's Note: The following article was written by the late Mrs. Alice B. Howard. Unfortunately, we do not know when this article was written or in what publication it was first published.

"Folsom" is a little hamlet about seven miles east of Adairsville and partly situated in Cedar Creek Valley. It has about 200 inhabitants and three stores: Adcock and Bros., Lewis and Sons and L.F. Hill. There are two physicians, Dr. Bradley and Dr. Dykes, two blacksmith shops and a first-class horse trader, two flour mills, three corn mills, a wool-carder and a sawmill. There is a Baptist church, of which Rev. A.J. Buford is pastor. The city government has adopted the silver platform at a ratio of 16 to 1. It may not be amiss to say that we have 16 pretty girls to 1 ugly one and reversing the sexes 16 ugly boys to one possibly handsome." The above quotation is from "Folsom Chips" in the semi-weekly news of 1896.

Folsom was named for the wife of President Cleveland. She was Frances Folsom, daughter of the President's law partner. After her father's death, she became the President's ward. It was during Cleveland's administration that a "star" mail route was established to deliver mail to Folsom. Misses Lydia and Hannah Adams received and dispensed the mail in a tiny building in the "heart of Folsom".

An excerpt from another column written by "The Truth Teller" March 1, 1896 reads as follows: "The people of this section have grounds to feel proud of the sixth district citizenship. Some of her sons have reached the highest pinnacle of intellectuality, some of whom remain with us and others who have gone forth to illumine other communities. Among those who are writing their names on the bright pages of fame are Kirby Anderson, a brilliant lawyer; Mr. William Stephen, once a citizen of Cartersville, now in the far west; George Hendricks, the Ordinary from the sixth district; F. M. Durham, once a citizen here; A. W. Fite, Judge of Superior Court, cradled in this district;

C. B. Vincent, a neighbor and many others."

From the November 12, 1897 edition of the semi-weekly news: "This village continues to boom. Work on the big flour mill is rapidly pushed to completion..in a few weeks the whistle will be blown and the rollers made to grind. The next movement is the erection of a school house. Everyone interested in education is requested to meet at Folsom Saturday, to discuss the question and reach a decision whether to build the school here or near the church." "Indications point to a radical change among the farmers here. They are sowing their land in wheat, which conveys the impression they are abandoning raising five cent cotton. It is well they are, for it is a great calamity to those trying to pay debts two or three years old, meet the prices and taxes and have to put up with starvation prices."

"Why not have as the next thing on the docket here, the building of a railroad and the building of a hotel?"

Also from clippings dated 1897 and stored in a box by the late Mr. Joe Newton, father of Mrs. W. C. (Retha) Casey comes this item: "A full line of dry goods and groceries are to be found in Folsom's three stores - Lewis & Son, J. B. Adcock & Bros. and Mosteller & Scott. We have daily mail and Mr. Alley Linn says he will build an electric car line from here to Adairsville. Just a few more men like Squire Linn is what we need." Also a clipping from 1897 a few weeks later: "Everything here is peaceable and quiet. There is probably less outlawing in Folsom than any town in Georgia."

Among the weddings in the news of 1896-97: Miss Ida Littlefield married Dr. Field of Farmville at the home of the bride's father, Capt. Mike Stoner, April 1, near Adairsville. Will Burns married Miss Lizzie Stoner. Miss Della Anderson, a charming and intelligent lady, married Mr. Ed Winfrey in Rome, at the home of Mr. A. A. Adcock. Mr. Ollie Bennett married Miss Edwards. A runaway marriage occurred. The couple had made the attempt not once, but several times...love finds a way. Miss Fulton and Will Norton both of Calhoun were

happily joined in wedlock by Squire Murphy at the residence of Dr. Dykes. Mr. Jim Murphy and Miss Brown of Calhoun were married by Rev. Mr. Buford."

During the years 1896-97, the news revealed the fact that typhoid fever was rampant in the valley. Dr. R. S. Bradley and Dr. Dykes were kept busy attending patients. Dr. Dick Bradley was the brother of Adairsville's Dr. Jim Bradley, who with Dr. J. P. Bowdon, were instrumental in eradicating typhoid from Adairsville when the water works system was installed.

A "Miracle" reported: "A few days ago Albert Smith, age 10, met with a horrible accident in having the threshing machine engine belonging to Mr. Chesley Whitworth and Littlefield to run over him. The engine weighed over 4000 pounds and passed over the lower part of his abdomen. It was a

miracle he was not killed. No serious injuries were sustained and the boy is now able to be out."

Among the community names best remembered are: Mosteller, Newton, Boulineau, Murphy, Campbell, Dooley, Hill, Darby, Elrod, Pickard, Green, Dinning, Hill, Linn, Lewis, Burns, Adcock, Perkins, Goss, Reagan, Blalock, Anderson, Martin, Whitworth, Littlefield, Osborne, Bartown, Stephens, Adams, Dykes, Bradley, Cline, and Tedder.

These items from the columns "Folsom Chips" made interesting reading for the residents of Cedar Creek Valley. They probably got their "culture" from current books, such as, "The Diary of Mrs. Kitty Trevlyan", the books by Hugo, Dickens and others. Magazines were "The Smart Set", "Harpers" and "Peterson's Magazine". Perhaps "St. Elmo" was published about that time.

Submitted by Ed Anne Smith Monroe

NATIVE AMERICAN GROUP ORGANIZED

As a result of Linda Cochran's native American genealogy series held last spring, a new EVHS group has been formed. The group is headed by Manual Abernathy and meets the third Thursday of each month in the EVHS offices in the gold domed courthouse. Currently, Bobby Bagley is teaching the members ten words of Cherokee each month. The group is open to any EVHS member interested in native American culture. It is not necessary to have native American blood in your veins to become a member.

CASS TO BARTOW

In November of 1861, a bill was introduced in the Georgia House of Representatives to change the name of Cass County to Bartow County in honor of the South's first fallen hero. Earlier that year, on July 21, 1861, during the Battle of Manassas, Bartow was the first officer of either army to be killed on the field.

Colonel Frances Stebbens Bartow was a lawyer, legislator and soldier. He was born in Savannah on September 6, 1816 and served two terms in the State Legislature and one term in the Senate prior to the war. Frances was a strong advocate for Georgia's secession from the Union.

He resigned from the Confederate Congress to enlist in the Confederate Army and was instrumental in the selection of grey as the color for the confederate uniform.

Married to Louisa Greene Berrien, he was buried in Savannah. A monument on the Manassas Battlefield marks the spot where he fell.

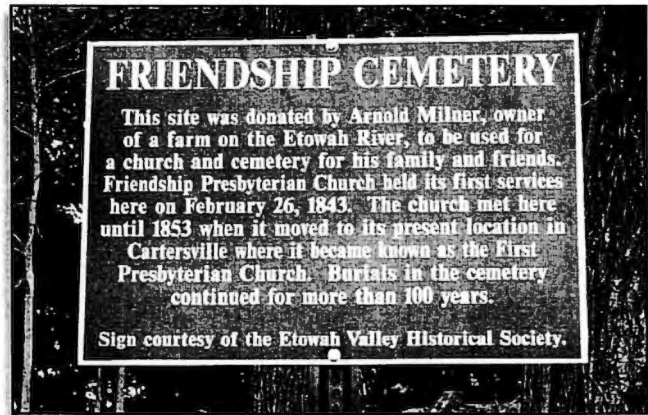
Colonel Bartow's picture can be viewed on the EVHS website. www.evhsonline.org

IN MEMORIAM

This issue is dedicated to the memory of **Rosemary Clabo**, a longtime member of EVHS who was serving both as an office volunteer and as recording secretary to the board of directors at the time of her death, July 17, 2005.

REMEMBER THESE DATES

November 5 and 6, 2005
December 3, 2005



The sign pictured above was recently erected on behalf of EVHS at Friendship Cemetery by EVHS president, Ed Hill and Carl Etheridge, EVHS director and cemetery chairman.

In case you are looking for Volume 53, we accidentally skipped the number.



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