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INVENTORY PROJECT UPDATE

In April, 2004 a group of EVHS members came together to begin inventorying historic sites of Bartow County. Since Bartow County was scheduled to update their Comprehensive Plan in 2006, EVHS offered to take the lead in identifying and recording Bartow County's rich archaeological, architectural, and landscape resources using the Georgia DNR 1991 survey as a baseline. When possible, EVHS partnered with historical organizations throughout the County including the Euharlee Historical Society, the Bartow History Center, the Stilesboro Improvement Club, Noble Hill-Wheeler Memorial Center and the Cassville Heritage Society.

On Wednesday, December 21, 2005, the first phase of this project came to an end with the presentation of a Final Report to Commissioner Brown and Steve Bradley. A team of 45 community volunteers donated 1655 hours to survey the 1290 original historic sites. The community work teams identified the following:

- 994 of the historic sites surveyed in 1991 are still in existence
- 70 historic sites are no longer in existence
- 298 historic sites were difficult to identify
- 316 new historic sites were identified

In January 2006, the work teams will be creating a list of priority community historic sites as well as recommendations for the county to consider in the 2006 Comprehensive Plan. If you are interested in getting involved in the next phase of the Inventory Project, please contact Mary Norton at 770.607.9359.



The results of the Historic Sites Inventory were presented to Bartow County Commissioner Clarence Brown and Steve Bradley at the courthouse on Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2005. Pictured, left to right (standing) Carolyn Parmenter, Dianne Tate, Steve Bradley, Ed Hill. Seated are Commissioner Brown, and Mary Norton, Inventory Coordinator.

CHAIN GANG HILL

SUBJECT OF NEXT MEETING

The November 1, 1943 issue of LIFE magazine brought unwanted publicity to Bartow County. The article about Governor Arnall's efforts to reform the infamous Georgia penal system featured the Bartow County work camp near Cartersville and contained nearly a dozen pictures. Joe Head, local historian and author, will

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address EVHS members on the subject of the local prison camp which was the focus of the LIFE article. The meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 19 in the historic court room of the 1903 gold-domed court house at 7:00 p.m.



ALLATOONA PASS

HOSTS TWO EVENTS

Red Top Mountain State Park and EVHS observed the 161st anniversary of the battle of Allatoona Pass on Oct. 1st and Oct. 2nd.

EVHS members acted as tour guides, directed traffic, distributed free water and sold books pertaining to the battle.

More than 30% of the participants in the battle, which took place Oct. 5, 1864 were listed as either dead, wounded or missing. One of the highest such percentages of the entire war.

The battlefield has well-marked trails with interpretive signs and is open to the public.



*Civil War Re-enactors Line Up At The 161st Anniversary
Observation Of The Battle of Allatoona Pass*

Cub Scouts, their parents, and leaders learned about the history of their area on Nov. 19 in an event organized by Scout leader, Gary Ross.

Attendees saw demonstrations by civil war re-enactors and participated in guided tours of the battlefield. Ample opportunity was given for questions, which were many.

EVHS members assisted in the planning of the event and helped to conduct tours.

AUGUSTUS CRAWFORD TRIMBLE HOUSE

ONE OF BARTOW'S HISTORIC SPOTS

BY COL. THOMAS SPENCER

Editor's note: This article is the second in our series of articles written by Thomas Spencer in the late 1940's and 50's. His articles about Bartow County sites of historic interest, were published in the Cartersville and Atlanta newspapers.

From *The Weekly Tribune-News*, Cartersville, Georgia, May 13, 1948

Lets go north - pass through Adairsville - turn east on the road just south of the Fitten home - continue until you arrive at the Poplar Springs Church (once Oothcalooga) - then turn sharply to the left - go about two miles - and on the left, atop a hill, you will see the old Augustus Crawford Trimble house. Here the hardy pioneer, Augustus Trimble once lived. And, here is one of those famous old Southern homes, famed in song and story. Here was gracious living and here is history.

Two miles - or a little more than that distance to the east - is the spot on which once stood the city of Old Adairsville - and here it was that Augustus Trimble built his tavern. This spot is on the present highway 41, and just a few yards inside the limits of Bartow County. The Trimble house is also well within the limits of Bartow. On this very spot - on May 17th of 1864 - was fought the battle of Adairsville. Cheatman's battle line ran through the spot on which the tavern stood.

Kind and fine - Miss Ella Trimble - grand-daughter of Augustus Trimble - let me look through the "day book", or "ledger" of the Trimble business, and there I found entries where prominent men and women of Bartow (then Cass) charged merchandise of all kinds. We find the names Jonathan and Samuel McDow and many others who helped build Bartow County. Miss Ella Trimble's father, William W. Trimble, son of Augustus, was in Joe Wheeler's famous cavalry of the sixties, being a member of the First Regiment of Volunteer Cavalry. This is the 1st Georgia Calvary.

FOUGHT WITH JOE WHEELER

William W. Trimble of the First Cavalry, fought with Wheeler to the east of the present highway 41.

One will remember that Wheeler formed the rear guard of Johnston's army as they came into Bartow County. During the battle at Adairsville - late afternoon of the 17th day of May - Wheeler was on the right of Johnston's army - and his path that night led along the road by the Augustus Trimble house. No doubt but that William stopped for a meal - as did other confederates.



Augustus C. Trimble

As the battle at Adairsville raged - many Confederates were wounded or killed. Some of the wounded were moved to the Trimble house, and several died there. Two of those Confederates now sleep near the house in unmarked graves. Some day - and very soon - lets make an effort to mark these graves. These Confederates were of the famous First Georgia.

Wheeler passed the Trimble house the night of the 17th of May - and early the next morning again

AUGUSTUS CRAWFORD TRIMBLE HOUSE *(continued)*

fought the Federals his attack being from southeast of the Trimble house - and toward highway 41. He again made an attack on the morning of the 18th of May, just below the Fitten house.

YANK SUPPLIES CAPTURED

On May 24th - the 1st Georgia, of which William Trimble was a member charged into Cassville, there to capture trains and much in the line of needed supplies. Later William Trimble was assigned to work within the Federal lines - and again he visited the Trimble house.

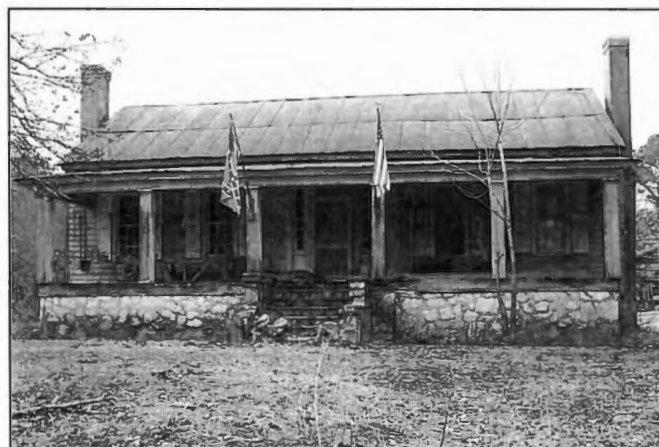
Much of the progress of Bartow County is due to such pioneers as Augustus Crawford Trimble. Much of the early history was made by this man who came to a county still occupied by Indians and all the hardships of settlers coming into virgin territory.

As I rode from Adairsville to the Trimble house I could but dream of the wonderful years - and of those gallant men and women who came to live in a new land. A land away from the hustle and bustle of our cities. Atop the hill before arriving at the Poplar Springs Church I saw the iron fence which enclosed all that is mortal of the Trimbles.

Came the fatal and hellish days of 1864 - when Federals trying a "pincer" move against Joe Johnston

and his Confederates, all but enclosed the Trimble home with thousands of men in blue. Johnston had moved to Adairsville - thence to Cassville. To the east of the Trimble home passed the Army of Ohio of the Federal army. To the west and mostly on 41 highway route - the Army of the Cumberland passed. Away over to the west McPherson's Army of the Tennessee passed.

The Trimble house was spared - mostly because of the fact that it did not happen to be in the direct line of march - and because non at the Trimble "angered" old Hell-War Sherman. Today it is but a memory of yesterday - though a sweet memory - why not mark it?



Trimble Home (Picture taken by Michael Garland on December 29, 2005)

DR. WHEELER HONORED

Dr. Susie Wheeler was announced as the 2005 Winner of the Etowah Valley Historical Society's Lifetime Achievement Award at the annual October meeting of EVHS held this year at Noble Hill - Wheeler Memorial Center.

The award is given to a person who, over a period of at least twenty years, has represented the society's mission of "promoting and enhancing awareness of the heritage and traditions of Bartow County".

Presenting the award, Ed Hill, President of EVHS, said the "Dr. Wheeler is one of the most respected people in our community." Dr. Wheeler worked more than 40 years in education in Cartersville and Bartow County and was largely responsible for the preservation of the Noble Hill

School. The school was built by Dr. Wheeler's husband's grandfather and one of the first students was a young Susie.

She is proud of her role in working with the integration of schools in Bartow County.

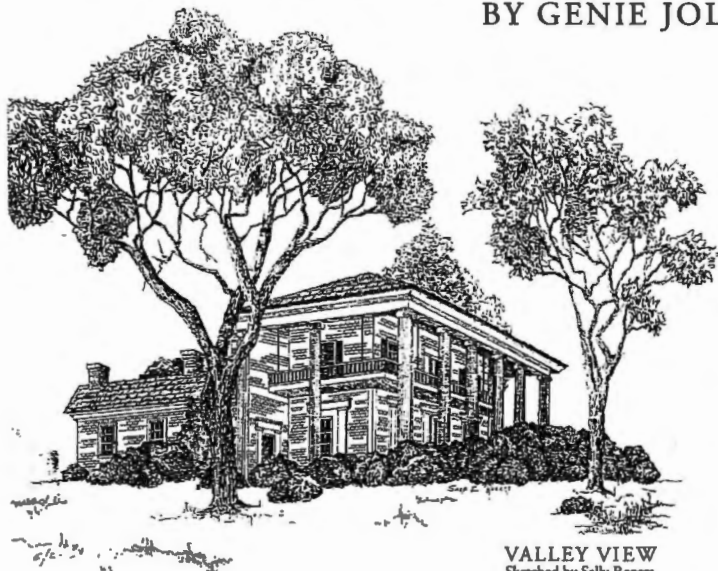
Although membership in EVHS is not a requirement for winning the Lifetime Achievement Award, Dr. Wheeler has been a long-time active member of the Society.



Dr. Susie Wheeler

SUCCESSFUL TOUR OF HOMES HELD

BY GENIE JOLLY CERTAIN



VALLEY VIEW
Sketched by Sally Rogers
Birthplace of EVHS

The 2005 Tour of Homes, sponsored by the EVHS, was a huge success due to the graciousness of the home owners and the hard work of all the volunteers, especially the host and hostesses.

The homeowners, Bob and Mary Norton, Frederick and Julia Knight, Sammy and Veronica Carden and members of the Euharlee Presbyterian Church under the leadership of Jackie Costlow, in the best spirit of Southern hospitality, opened their homes and the church to visitors throughout the

two day tour. A record number of tour-goers garnered the largest revenue of over \$9,000 for EVHS projects.

A big thank you is due the City of Euharlee for their hospitality and help during the tour. The city, under the direction of City Manager Frankie Harris and City Clerk Liz Dempsey, provided apple cider and cookies to all those attending. The Euharlee Covered Bridge Players assisted the tour committee in holding open the Euharlee Militia Courthouse and giving information on the other historic buildings and the covered bridge.

Sally Rogers' sketches graced the tour brochure. Corporate sponsors - New Riverside Ochre, Shaw-Hankins Insurance Services, Century Bank of Bartow County, Bartow Paving and Phoenix Air - provided financial support.

The Preservation Committee, under the leadership of chairman, John Lewis, did a wonderful job of pulling all the details together for a memorable tour. Every one who contributed from putting up a poster to telling a friend about the tour to serving as a hostess, should take great pride in a job well done.

Homeowners who opened their homes to the 2005 Historic Tour of Homes were honored at the annual EVHS Christmas Party at Rose Lawn on December 1st.



Mary Norton, shows her award, which was presented to Mary and her husband, Robert, by Genie Certain.



Sammy and Veronica Carden are shown with Dianne Tate, who presented their award.

Frederick and Julia Knight, who had also opened their home for the tour, were unable to be present at the dinner.

LONG RANGE PLANNING SESSION TO BE HELD IN FEBRUARY

The EVHS board of directors will meet for a session devoted to future plans for activities of the Etowah Valley Historical Society.

If you have any thoughts on future plans, please contact any board member so that your ideas may be considered.

IN MEMORIUM

Warren Sims, Jr.
Sam Smith

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A MORE ACTIVE MEMBER?

There is a lot going on at EVHS and we could use your expertise and time in many of our activities. Don't sit back and wait to be asked, please volunteer. We will train you if you need assistance.

DUES ARE DUE

Annual dues of \$15/individual, \$20/family, \$30/club or Organization, \$100 or more per corporation or patron were due effective Oct. 1. If you have not yet paid, please remit to our treasurer. Your support is needed.



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