



# ETOWAH VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



*Promoting and enhancing the awareness and preservation of  
the heritage and traditions of Bartow County*

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## EVHS PRESIDENT PRESENTS EMILY CHAMPION WITH HER LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Etowah Valley Historical Society honored Emily Champion with the presentation of its fifth Lifetime Achievement Award during their annual meeting held on October 7 on the lawn of the gold-domed courthouse. Emily was honored for her long service to the community including her service to EVHS as a committee member, committee chairman, board member, officer, office volunteer, and as a charter member of the preservation committee. She heads the historic signs program and has served on every tour of homes.

A resident of Cartersville for nearly 50 years, she has also served the community as a teacher, director of the Bartow County Training Center for mentally challenged children, and Girl Scout leader. She has also been active in Service League, Red Cross, and Methodist Women's Circle.

The Lifetime Achievement Award is awarded for at least 20 years of service to Bartow County, representing and achieving EVHS's mission of promoting and enhancing the awareness and preservation of heritage and traditions of Bartow County. Past winners have been: Mary Ellen Taff, Martha Mulinix, Lizette Entwisle, and Dr. Susie Wheeler.



*Emily Champion receives her Lifetime Achievement Award from EVHS president Ed Hill at the annual meeting held on the lawn of the gold-domed courthouse.*

## NATIONAL REGISTRY PROGRAM SCHEDULED

If you wish to know how to document a historic house and are interested in historic preservation, the National Register, and the benefits of being registered, you are invited to attend a workshop to be held at Georgia Highlands on Saturday, February 24, 2007 at 10 am.

Speaker for the event, which is sponsored by EVHS, will be Gretchen Brock, National Register Coordinator for the Historic Preservation Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

The event is open to the public at no charge.



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# OPEN HOUSE AT ALLATOONA PASS

EVHS members Diane and Dennis Mooney opened their home to the public during the 162nd anniversary observation at Allatoona Pass on October 8 & 9. The pre-civil war home, complete with bullet holes in the walls, blood stains on the floor boards, and 21 bodies buried in the backyard, was used as Federal Headquarters prior to the battle, and as a hospital for the wounded of both sides.

The event, co-sponsored by the Etowah Valley Historical Society and Red Top Mountain State Park, featured home tours, cannon and rifle demonstrations, and tours of the field. All of the activities were free and bottled



*The Mooney home at Allatoona Pass*

water was free to everyone. EVHS members who assisted at the event included Joanne Smith, Guy Parmenter, Ed and Lois Hill, Trey Gaines, Linda Cochran, Ruth Higley, James Hamilton, and Gary Wehner.

## VOLUNTEERS HONORED

The EVHS office volunteers were the honored guests of the EVHS board of directors at a luncheon held at Valley View on Saturday, September 23. In appreciation of the long and faithful service by the volunteers, the directors prepared and served lunch.



*Marian Fisk, office volunteer; Dianne Tate, board member; Carolyn Parmenter, office volunteer at Valley View following the luncheon*

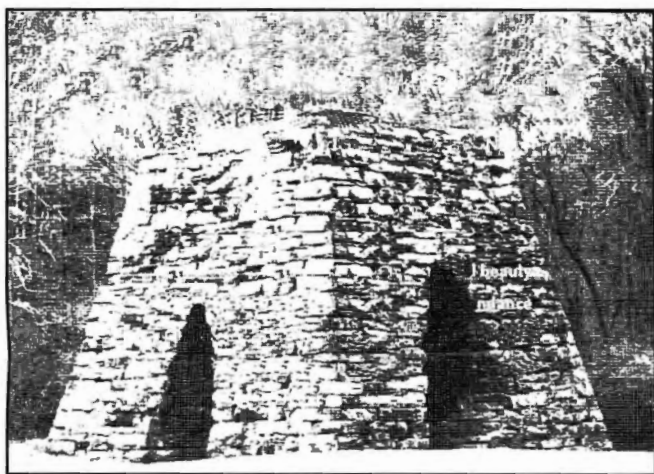
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## AWARD-WINNING HILLS OF IRON SCHEDULED

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Hills of Iron, the salute to the iron industry of Bartow County, was first held in 2001 under the sponsorship of EVHS and Red Top Mountain State Park. The event continues to grow and this year will be held on March 17, 2007.

EVHS continues to play a major role in this event.



## FELTON TO BE SUBJECT OF TALK IN MARCH

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**A.** Louise Stamen, author of the book *Loosening Corsets, The Heroic Life of Georgia's Feisty Mrs. Felton*, will speak in Cartersville on March 14, 2007 in a program sponsored by EVHS. Rebecca Felton, a resident of Cartersville, was the first female United States Senator.

## MONUMENT DONATIONS FOR ALLATOONA PASS

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EVHS continues to receive donations for additional monuments at the Allatoona Pass Battlefield. Presently, monies have been given for monuments to honor the soldiers from Illinois and Iowa. Checks have been received for the Iowa monument from the Polk County Historical Society; Clive, Iowa; and from another individual in Iowa, and for the Illinois Monument from the Sons of the Union Veterans in Waukegan, Illinois. Although neither fund is close to their goal, it appears that we may have an Illinois monument in the not too distant future.

## GENEALOGICAL CLASSES SCHEDULED

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**L**inda Cochran, genealogist and secretary of the EVHS board of directors, has scheduled a course in beginning genealogy to be held at the EVHS offices in the historic gold-domed courthouse in Cartersville. The course will start February 17, 2007 and is free to members and non-members.

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- July 7 Zimeriah Jackson is contracted to build a new Methodist church.
  - July 11 Plans are announced for the Bartow Iron Furnace to reopen.  
A Sheriff's Building is being built right next to jail.
  - July 14 Dr. W.W. Leak bought the "old Methodist church" at auction.
  - July 21 Stilesboro Institute gives 3 evening performances by students.  
Bartow population 20,000: Cartersville 8,000, Kingston 500 to 700, Adairsville 300 to 500.
  - Aug 18 City council is berated for poor sidewalks on west side of the city.

**1872** *(papers not available)*

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**1873**

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- January 2 Fireworks nearly blow up a store on Main Street.
- February 6 Foundation for Episcopal church being laid.
- February 13 There is a mass migration of blacks from South Georgia to the west.  
Cartersville has a total of 4 churches and 15 saloons.  
Trainloads of U.S. troops pass through Cartersville on their way south.
- February 20 The old city hall is available for sale. It could be used for a hotel or saloon.
- March 4 40 Swedes arrive at the train depot. Their destination is Bartow Iron Works.
- March 27 Bartow County has 5 iron furnaces, one foundry, and one machine shop.
- April 10 Episcopal Church is being framed.
- April 17 Excellent articles on Cartersville and Bartow County, the Etowah Dragoons, and the Hook & Ladder Fire Department.
- April 24 City council paid \$.50/ton for iron ore taken from Oak Hill Cemetery.
- May 1 Col. Dent dies at his home.
- May 24 Cartersville has 4 white and 3 black churches and 14 saloons.
- May 29 City Council passes an ordinance that a train can block a city street for only 5 minutes.
- June 5 Lottie Moon and Miss Safford are going to China as missionaries.
- July 17 New three story brick hotel is to be constructed on site of Skinners pre-war hotel.
- July 24 Cartersville proposes a new stock law (swine).
- July 31 Col. Tumlin struck iron ore on his property.
- August 24 Silver mine founded at Stilesboro
- September 4 5 iron furnaces exist within 5 miles of Cartersville.  
There is a ball at Col. R.M. Stiles to celebrate the completion of his new home.
- September 11 A drunk man passed out on the railroad track and is killed by a train.  
Due West Academy doubles in size.
- November 20 Cartersville is the largest city north of Atlanta, with a population of 4,000 and 100 business houses.
- December 4 A.C. Safford sends a letter from China.  
Osages scalp 24 Comanche.

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## INVENTORY COMMITTEE ACTIVE ON SEVERAL FRONTS

Under the direction of Mary Norton, the Inventory committee is hard at work in several areas, including oral history, a Power Point presentation, historic garden survey, the National Register workshop, and Native American sites.

## EVHS CHRISTMAS PARTY AT ROSE LAWN

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*Louis & Sally Tonsmiere, Bobbie Edwards, and Dianne Tate  
enjoy the fellowship at Rose Lawn*



*Rose Lawn was beautifully decorated for the EVHS Christmas Party*

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## ALLATOONA ALTOONA ALTONA

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Does the name Allatoona derive from a Native American name, the town of Altoona, Pennsylvania, or the town of Altona in Germany? Speculation in Altoona, Pennsylvania is that the name is Native American for "high lands of great worth", but it is more widely accepted that when that town was originally founded in 1849 as a site for the railroad shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad, an engineer from Denmark suggested the new town be named for the Danish\* town of Alatona, site of the world's first railroad repair shops.

The site of Altoona, Pennsylvania included two iron furnaces. Many people in Georgia believe that those ironworkers who moved from Pennsylvania to Georgia brought the name with them.

*\*Altona is now part of Germany (near Hamburg).*

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## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

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Mr. & Mrs. Richard Cook

John Conyers, Jr.

Bobbie Edwards

Matthew & Danae Gambill

Joe Guion

Dale & Leslie McCrary

Lorena Pal

Gary Ross



# SOUTHERN SCOT-IRISH HERITAGE

**B**illy Kennedy, well-known Irish speaker and author, addressed an appreciative audience at the Resource Center lecture hall on October 17. A large number of Southern whites can claim to have Celtic blood in their veins. Although many were fully Irish, most of them were Scots who had moved to Ireland.

The program was sponsored by EVHS and the Bartow History Center.



*Billy Kennedy, Irish author and lecturer, was the speaker at the October meeting.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

February 17, 2007  
Genealogy for Beginners

February 24, 2007  
Preservation Workshop

March 14, 2007  
Speaker on Rebecca Felton

October 6, 2007  
Annual Meeting

October 6 & 7, 2007  
The Battle of Allatoona Pass

December 1, 2007  
Christmas Party



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