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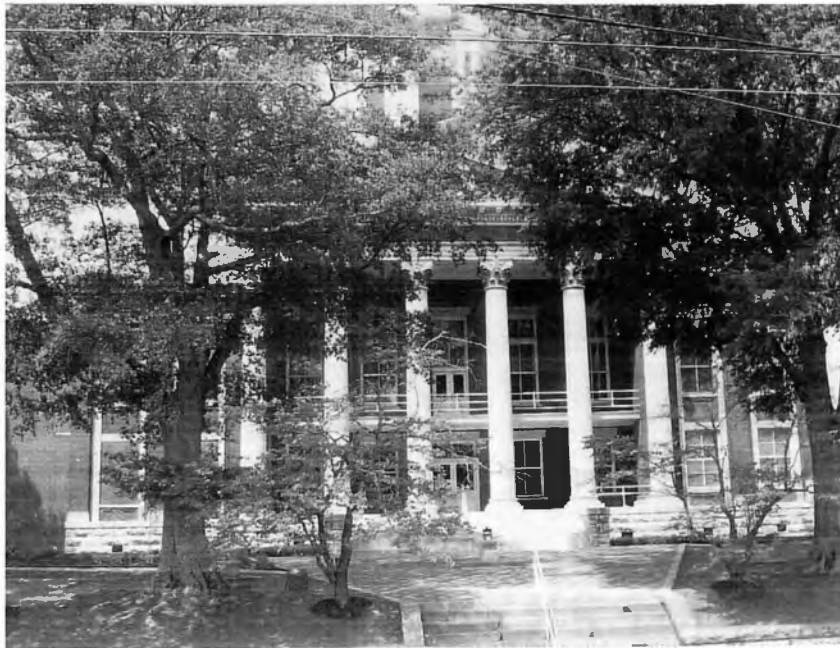
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ANNUAL MEETING AT 1903 COURTHOUSE

The 2007 annual membership meeting will be held on the lawn of the Gold-Domed Courthouse at 6:30 PM, October 6. Following dinner the meeting will be moved indoors into the historic building which houses the offices of the Etowah Valley Historical Society. Reservations may be made by calling the EVHS office at 770-606-8862 prior to 2 PM on Thursday, October 4.

Four directors will be elected (three for a full three year term and one to a one year term to fill an unexpired term). The highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the Lifetime Achievement Award, which is awarded to an individual who, over a period of at least twenty years, has contributed greatly to the fulfillment of the EVHS mission statement of promoting and enhancing the awareness and preservation of the heritage of Bartow County.



THURSDAY, OCT. 4

Deadline for Annual Dinner Meeting

2:00 PM

Call 770-606-8862

SATURDAY, OCT. 6

Allatoona Pass Turnover Ceremony 11 AM

Artillery Demonstrations

Home Tours of Mooney House

Rifle Demonstrations

EVHS Annual Dinner Meeting on the Lawn

6 PM 1903 Gold-Domed Courthouse

Election of Directors

Lifetime Achievement Award

SUNDAY, OCT. 7

Dedication of Mississippi Monument 11 AM

Artillery Demonstrations

Home Tours of Mooney House

Rifle Demonstrations



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HISTORIC GARDEN MEETING AT ROSELAWN

The Historic Garden Inventory Work Shop met at Rose Lawn on May 30th. Staci Catron-Sullivan, Director of the Cherokee Garden Library, and Mary Ann Eddy, a manager with the Department of National Resources, joined the group to review the surveys completed by the different survey teams. Documentation on sixteen gardens is in the process of being completed. Staci and Mari Ann were very complimentary of the group's work and stated that Bartow County was a role model for other communities in the state. Staci plans to submit an article about the group's work to the Southern Garden History newsletter that has a mailing list of more than 3000.

A "Wrap Up The Project" meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, September 18, at the home of Mary and Bob Norton. If you are interested in learning about the historic garden survey, please contact Mary Norton at 770-607-9359. Those involved in the survey believe that this program will be ongoing since new gardens continue to be discovered.



Shown at Rose Lawn reviewing the completed Historic Garden survey are Norma Tidwell, Staci Catron-Sullivan, Mary Ann Eddy, Jane Drew, and Sandra Howell.

MEMBERS' DISCOUNT

EVHS members receive a 10% discount on all items purchased from the Society.

MISSISSIPPI MONUMENT DEDICATION TO BE HELD

Sunday morning October 7, at 11 AM, a granite monument honoring the soldiers from the state of Mississippi who participated at the Battle of Allatoona will be dedicated at the Memorial Garden at the Allatoona Pass Battlefield. It will join those monuments from Texas and Missouri which were previously erected.

Gary Wehner, Monument Chairman for EVHS, will be in charge of the dedication ceremony that will honor the soldiers from Mississippi who participated in the battle.

EVHS is spearheading fund raising efforts to raise funds in order that all eleven states who were represented will be honored. It is hoped that next year both Illinois and Iowa will have monuments dedicated.

J.B. TATE IS SPEAKER AT EVENT HONORING P.M.B. YOUNG

J.B. Tate, a past president of EVHS, was the principal speaker at the dedication of a monument to the youngest general to serve in the Civil War, P.M.B. Young, a native of Cartersville.

The monument was sponsored by the Stiles-Akin Camp 670 Sons of Confederate Veterans. The event was held on Saturday, August 18 at Oak Hill Cemetery.

ALLATOONA PASS DUTIES TURNED OVER TO RED TOP

The ceremony to officially turn over the Allatoona Pass Battlefield from the Etowah Valley Historical Society to Red Top Mountain State Park will be held on Saturday, October 6 at 11 AM. The Etowah Valley Historical Society will continue to be active at the Pass by serving as advisors to Red Top, participating in events such as the annual observance of the Battle and fund-raising for the Memorial Park.

STUDENTS DO POORLY IN HISTORY EXAMS

The National Assessment of Educational Progress recently released results of tests given to 29,000 students in grades 4, 8, and 12. The results do not bode well for future preservation efforts.

Thirty-four percent of the 4th grade students tested ranked below basic while only 16 percent were ranked proficient. The results were even poorer for the 12th grade students; 53 percent were listed as below basic and 10 percent were considered as proficient.

Two percent of the 4th graders were listed as advanced. Just 1 percent of the 12th graders were listed as advanced.

INFORMATION FURNISHED BY GEORGIA BATTLEFIELDS

The following article was originally published in the Tribune News in January 1942 about the co-founder of Young Brothers and was furnished by Diane Monroe. Parts of the article have been omitted.

WILLIAM W. YOUNG PAID GREAT TRIBUTE BY LEADING SOUTHEASTERN DRUG PAPER

Active at 77, Well Known Druggist Attends
To All Details of Local Business

The January issue of the Southeastern Drug Journal pictures a fine picture likeness of Dr. William W. Young on the first page, and carries the following well-deserved tribute to the well-known druggist on the inside page.

It was near the end of the War Between the States--it was the beginning of the South's darkest hour. The roar of the cannon from the Battle of Cassville, Georgia could be heard with ominous clarity on that day in 1863 when Sarah Watts Young took her children in flight to South Carolina from one of the richest farms in Bartow County, two miles west of Cartersville, Georgia. Her husband, James C. Young, of course, was doing his part in the defense of his southland and "The Cause".

The Young farm lay in that ill-fated ten-mile strip of earth flanking the W&A Railroad from Chattanooga to Atlanta, over which both armies fought fiercely and which suffered more from the war than any other section. Because the slaves were devoted to her, Mrs. Young was able to get away with her family, but was forced to leave almost everything else behind.

She fled with a two-week old son, William Watts Young, who was born on December 8. That was the beginning of the eventful life of the veteran co-owner of Young Brothers Drug Company of Cartersville, Georgia, now 77 years old, one of Georgia's venerable and truly veteran druggists, a man whom we are honored to present as our cover subject this month. G.W. Young, a younger brother by three years and also a widely known and respected druggist, is the other partner in this honorable old firm, which has been in the same location--in the same store building--for 51 years.

But that was only the beginning of life for Will Young and the aftermath of the war yet to come--these poverty-stricken years of the South in which he was to grow to manhood. "When my father brought us back from South Carolina, what had been a beautiful and prosperous place, was desolation," he explains.

"I have often heard my father say that there was not a living thing fit to eat within five miles on either side of the W&A Railroad from Chattanooga to Atlanta, and just why we escaped starvation, I don't know. I grew up in the aftermath of that catastrophe and I, for one, am convinced that the worst depression we have had was a May picnic compared to it! For pure desperation, it was tops," he declared.

For several years, the Youngs, like their neighbors, scarcely had enough to eat or clothes to wear. His father sold part of the farm, but because of the changed conditions he could never get started again and soon died. There were four boys and eight girls--four of the children died in infancy.

"My mother tried to carry on with the help of some of her former slaves (some of them stayed on with us until they died, and my mother often received letters from those who went away, which she always answered," Mr. Young recalled.

However, she finally sold the balance of the farm and moved to town--to Cartersville. In the meantime, Will Young attended Cartersville grammar and High School and had worked four years in drug stores--first with

D.W. Curry in Cartersville and then with J.R. Wikle & Company, who bought out Mr. Curry. He later went to Rome, Georgia, to work again for Mr. Curry, who had moved there. He also lived in Virginia for a time before settling in permanently in Cartersville. In 1891, Wikle & Company became dissatisfied with their location and decided to sell out. Mrs. Young loaned her two sons, Will and his younger brother, G.W., enough money to buy out the store, and they operated the store since that time.

"That was before I had received my pharmacist's license, and I wouldn't advise anyone else to proceed this way--however, with hard study and close application to business, I managed to pull through, and went to the State Board of Pharmacy in September of 1894, received my certificate, no. 220," Mr. Young recalls.

Being a licensed pharmacist and having a partnership to his credit, Will Young, the following month, October 4 to be exact, took himself a bride, Jessie Winifred Smith, youngest daughter of Major Charles H. and Octavia Hutchins Smith.

Major Smith was the famed "Bill Arp"--writer for the Atlanta Constitution and several other papers, and author of several humorous books, among the best known being "The Uncivil War to Date", "Bill Arp's Scrap Book", and "Fireside Sketches".

They have three girls and a son. The eldest daughter, Caroline, who has been the very competent bookkeeper for the store for years, and "of what success we have had in business have--*original article's text illegible*--is hers" comments Mr. Young. She graduated from Cartersville High School and later attended Lucy Cobb Institute in Athens, Georgia. The second child, Mrs. R. S. Munford is a successful kindergarten teacher, and is much loved in the community, also graduated from Cartersville and attended Lucy Cobb. The third child, Charles W. Young, graduated from Cartersville High School and attended Georgia Tech. He is an artist and has been connected with Faste and Davies in Atlanta for several years.

The third daughter, Octavia, graduated from Cartersville High School and then from Agnes Scott College in Atlanta earning a Gold Medal Award given for proficiency in mathematics. She is now teaching mathematics and physics in the Cartersville High School.

"I am very proud of my children", Mr. Young justly states. And is equally and justly proud of "his children" who started their drug career as boys employed in his store, and have gone out into the drug world of the Southeast to become successful in their own right. Each will attest to the fact that this early training under the guiding hands and wonderful examples of Bill Will and G.W. Young had virtually everything to do with their drug success in later life.

Will Young likes people--people like Will Young. He always has been active in city and church work in his city, and is an elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Cartersville, the church his entire family attends. He was a member of the now defunct Knights of Pythias, has been an active member of the Cartersville Rotary Club since its organization and served as its president. He served his county as Commissioner for two terms. G.W. Young is also active in civic, church and community affairs. He served Cartersville as mayor for two terms. Will is a member of the Georgia State Pharmaceutical Association and while in recent years he has not attended the convention, his influence is felt in association affairs in all of Georgia drugdom--through his host of friends, acquaintances, and his former employees.

Will Young began his life in the shadow of the cannons at Cassville--in the midst of an holocaust which crushed the Old South. He lived through its horrible aftermath of famine and want, and survived without rancor and without bitterness. He has lived and is living a successful life, a light that has been--and is--a light and a guide to sons of the New South following in his footsteps in pharmacy and manhood, a life that is a kindly example in times which may be compared in graveness with that time in 1863 when Sarah Watts Young took her two week old son, the rest of her family, and fled a beloved home to find refuge from war's awful path. There are few like him--this man, William Watts Young. Mark him well.

MEMBERS VISIT THE INDIAN MOUNDS

Members of the Etowah Valley Historical Society and their guests visited the top of the highest mound to see the sunset following their meeting on August 18. Although the temperature was in the low 90s at the base of the 63 foot mound, a cool breeze blowing across the top made conditions very comfortable. The climb was preceded by refreshments and a very interesting talk on the plight of the Native Americans in Georgia following the arrival of the Europeans. Doug Mabry, Research Director of the Trail of Tears Association, compared the different treatments of the Native Americans by the English, French, and Spanish.



Doug Mabry, Research Director of The Trail of Tears Association, addresses EVHS members at the August meeting held at the Indian Mounds.

DUES ARE DUE

The EVHS fiscal year runs from October 1 until September 30. Your prompt payment for the upcoming year will help EVHS to continue its efforts to promote and enhance the awareness and preservation of the heritage and traditions of Bartow County.

Dues are: Individual \$15, Family \$20, Club or Organization \$30, Corporate or Patron \$100.

Please send your check to Etowah Valley Historical Society, P.O. Box 1886, Cartersville, Georgia 30120.

ORAL HISTORY

Individuals interested in interviewing and videotaping family stories for future generations have a new resource available in Cartersville. Earnestine Young-Jones and Cheryl Kennedy, long time residents of Bartow County, have started a new business "Cartersville Voice and Video". You may reach them by calling 770-387-1783 or 678-794-1503.

If you would like your family history to be included in the EVHS Oral History Series, please contact Trey Gaines at 770-382-3818 ext. 286.

THIS ISSUE IS DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF DR. SUSIE WHEELER

TOUR OF HOMES

The EVHS Preservation Committee has scheduled the 2007 Historic Tour of Homes from 10 AM to 4 PM on Saturday, November 3 and noon to 4 PM on Sunday, November 4. The tour will begin at the historic 1903 Gold-Domed Courthouse, where free transportation will be available. Tickets will be \$15 per person and will be available from members of the Preservation Committee and in the EVHS office inside the Gold-Domed Courthouse.

"This bi-annual tour is designed to bring attention to the preservation efforts that are taking place in Cartersville," said Preservation Committee member, Dianne Tate. "It is exciting to see what is going on in Olde Town, Cartersville's first historic district, and to see what can be done with these wonderful historic homes."

The Tour of Homes is the main fund-raising effort of the Etowah Valley Historical Society. For information on the Tour and ticket purchases, you may call the EVHS office at 770-606-8862 and leave a message on the answering machine.

IN AND OUT OF THE LINES

The third EVHS printing of this local book has been received from the printer. The book is available in our courthouse office for \$20 or \$18 with member's 10% discount.

This book was originally published in 1905 and recounts the adventures of a local woman, Frances Thomas Howard, during the Civil War.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Joanne Cone

Robert Emmet Story Davis

Lars & Jennifer Ennerberg

Linda Leachman

Marlene Poole

Steve Williams

FRONTIER WOMEN

Billy Kennedy, world renowned journalist, will return to Cartersville on the 18th of October. Once again his visit will be co-sponsored by EVHS and the Bartow History Center. He will speak at the old Floyd County building (directly behind the History Center).

Kennedy will speak on the subject of Frontier Women, The event is open to the public and is free.

IN MEMORIUM

John Jolley

Ellen Thomasson

Dr. Susie Wheeler

2005 Lifetime Achievement Award Winner

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you can spare a few hours per month, one of the best ways to serve EVHS is to work as an office volunteer. Our office is open Tuesday thru Friday from 1:30 to 4:30 and on the first and third Saturdays from 1 to 5. There is a special need of volunteers for Saturday afternoons. This is a very important job and needs conscientious workers. We will train.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 6
ANNUAL MEETING
GOLD-DOMED COURTHOUSE

October 6 & 7
THE BATTLE OF ALLATOONA PASS

October 18
FRONTIER WOMEN
Billy Kennedy will speak on Frontier Women

November 3 & 4
TOUR OF HOMES

December 1
CHRISTMAS PARTY AT ROSE LAWN



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