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LOST

by Michael Garland

AUGUSTUS TRIMBLE HOUSE

After nearly 170 years, history has finished with the Augustus Trimble house. Built in the late 1830's by pioneer citizen Augustus C. Trimble, the house was destroyed by a fire of unknown origin on May 5, 2009. The house played a significant part in the attacks at Adairsville on May 17-18, 1864, being used as a field hospital. Two Confederate soldiers died here and are said to be buried in unmarked graves close to the site. The home had passed from the Trimble family decades ago and had been neglected for years, but would have been an ideal candidate for restoration. This was one of the few remaining pre-Civil War structures in the north end of Bartow County, but was the most significant because of its proximity to the battle at Adairsville. See the EVHS newsletter from January 2006 for additional information about the Trimble house.



*Augustus C. Trimble house
(Photo taken in December 2005)*

FELTON-COLLINS HOUSE

Cartersville and Bartow County's last remaining structure connected to the Felton family was demolished in May of 2009. Five generations of the Felton family had occupied the home since being acquired in 1847 by Captain John Felton.



*Felton-Collins House
(Photo from "Historic Bartow County")*

WHIT LOWE HOUSE

Built in 1856, the Lowe home had stood on Cedar Creek Road as the lone survivor in an area facing much development until it was torn down in the summer of 2008. One of approximately 88 structures included in the 1981 edition of "Historic Bartow County," it now joins the group of 16 known to be lost.



*Whit Lowe House
(Photo from "Historic Bartow County")*



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MAY LECTURE MEETING

By Dianne Tate

The Etowah Valley Historical Society enjoyed their May lecture meeting at the Etowah Indian Mounds. Guests arrived early to enjoy touring the mounds and seeing the new daub and wattle hut depicting early Mississippian period living. Many discussed the hut and gave credit to past EVHS president, Carl Etheridge, for building the hut, a huge contribution to the historic site.

Many thanks to Mina Harper and Sally Tonsmiere for preparing a meal based on Indian ingredients. All enjoyed the pumpkin soup and comments were made about the addition our food committee has made to our lecture meetings this year. Great pains have been made to make sure that our refreshments complimented the lecture topic and give attendees a feel for the food from another era or country.

The key speaker was introduced by J.B. Tate, program director for EVHS and a Georgia Trail of Tears member. J.B. gave speaker, Jeff Bishop, President of the Georgia Trail of Tears, lots of credit for advancing the Trail documentation in Georgia and leading research on fort sites. The speaker gave an overview of early Indian occupation in Georgia with many point examples of Mississippian period artifacts. He concluded his presentations with an announcement that Georgia is now included in the official national trail system. In the future, you will see the signs in Georgia documenting the Trail and historic sites on the Trail of Tears. Thanks were given to many who worked to make Congress recognize and fund this Trail.

The night concluded with announcements about the Tour of Homes this November with appeals to anyone interested in helping as a host in a historic home or with publicity prior to the Tour. Also, the society will be looking forward to the annual meeting in October and the annual Christmas dinner at Roselawn.

Mr. Bishop was given a book on the history of Cassville with many thanks for his trip to Cartersville. Also, thanks were given to the Etowah Indian Mounds for hosting the event.

Attendees at the recent EVHS meeting pose in front of the daub and wattle house constructed by Carl Etheridge, a past president of EVHS



Mina Harper and Sally Tonsmiere, members of the Board of Directors



Earl Williamson, board member Wayne Rice, Ann Cummings, Bob Bagley

TOUR OF HOMES NOVEMBER 7 & 8

The 2009 biennial tour of homes will be held the first weekend of November and will feature homes on Cherokee Avenue. It will be a walking tour, but van service will be available for those unable to make the walk. The tour has always been popular with those persons who enjoy meeting with the owners of historic properties.

The first EVHS tour was held in 1994 with a Tour of Homes and Churches. The 1995 tour was a Tour of Historic West Avenue Homes. Since then, the tours have been held every other year on the first weekend of November. The tour is the main fundraiser for the Etowah Valley Historical Society.

NEW MICROFILM MACHINE PURCHASED

A new state-of-the-art microfilm machine is now in operation in the EVHS office. The new machine prints thru an office computer and provides the user with clearer copies, more quickly than the older model it replaced. EVHS now has two microfilm readers in use. The new machine replaces an out-of-date model for which replacement parts were no longer available. EVHS currently has 270 rolls of microfilm that can be used on the new machine, as well as the older machine, to view old newspapers and other records.

Larry Posey instructed prospective and experienced volunteers in the operation of the new machine at a workshop conducted by Trish Simmons in the EVHS office.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

P. Cole Law/The Law Firm

Georgia H. Fox

Lee Kary

James & Betty Tipton

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' SNEAK PREVIEW OF NEW BARTOW HISTORY MUSEUM

On Thursday, April 28, the Board of Directors of the Etowah Valley Historical Society took a tour of the future home of the Bartow History Museum, located in the completely renovated old courthouse (circa 1867-873).

Because the noise of passing trains made it nearly impossible to hold court, the gold-domed courthouse was constructed. Court moved to this new location after its completion in 1903. Over the years, the old courthouse has been used for a variety of businesses, including a skating rink. It has been vacant for a number of years and many local residents feared it would be lost.

The building will be the home of the Bartow History Museum once their fund raising campaign is completed. A total of \$500,000 is needed to equip the new facility. Persons wishing to donate to the new museum may call Trey Gaines at the Bartow History Center.

Editor's note: The following was printed in the September 8, 1949 edition of the Tribune.

SUNDAY MOVIES VOTED OUT WITH MARGIN OF 67 BALLOTS

TABULATION FINDS 667 AGAINST, 600 FOR MOVIES ON SABBATH

A margin of only 67 ballots yesterday ended Sunday movies in Cartersville.

In a close race that saw the opposing sides battle it out to the final wire, opposition forces backed by the Cartersville Ministerial Association tabulated 667 votes to 600 votes cast by those in favor of Sunday movies.

The outcome of the election becomes effective immediately according to City Attorney Colquitt Finley, who said that the law does not specify when the results shall begin, but that it is a general procedure to start immediately after an election of this type.

Approximately 1000 registered, qualified voters failed to vote. The books show some 2200 persons qualified and registered to vote.

City Council granted authority in June to theatres here to operate on Sunday, following presentation of a petition by J.L. Martin, local manager. A counter petition sponsored by the Ministerial Association, necessitated, under state law, the referendum.

THEATRES BOW TO PEOPLE

Immediately after the result of the special election became known late Wednesday, Mr. J.L. Marlow, Manager of the Grand and Legion Theatres, which had spear-headed the campaign for Sunday movies issued the following statement:

"Please state for the Grand and Legion Theatres, that we cheerfully accept the mandate of the people as represented by their ballot at the special election on Wednesday."

"We do want to sincerely thank everyone for turning out and casting their ballot on this vital issue."

"We are, indeed, proud to be a part of Cartersville's business life and we will continue operations on each afternoon and evening, except Sunday, offering to the public the same high-class programs in the future, as we have in the past."

"We also desire to publicly thank every citizen who voted for Sunday movies and who aided us as we endeavored to present this issue to the people of our community."

The Weekly Tribune-News, Cartersville, Georgia Thursday, April 23, 1953

SUMMER HILL HIGH PLANS CONCERT

The Summer Hill High School Chorus (colored), will appear in recital Thursday evening, April 30, at the Douglas Street Elementary School Auditorium. Appearing before white citizens only, will be the chorus of 40 voices, girls' glee club, boys' glee club, and soloists.

The performance will be given for the benefit of the Athletic Department which lost all of its equipment in a recent gymnasium fire.

The program will begin at 8:00 p.m.

All white citizens are cordially invited to attend. Tickets will be on sale at various points in the city, to be announced later.

Editor's note: In our January issue, we carried the welcome news that the Cora Harris home had been turned over to Kennesaw State University

The following article was printed in the September 1, 1949 issue of the Tribune

CORA HARRIS OLD HOME PLACE CLOSES TO PUBLIC; TIMBER CLEAR

All the timber having been removed from the famed country place of the late Cora Harris, located four miles north of Pine Log, the one-time Bartow County showplace, has been formerly closed to the public.

This acreage is now the property of Mrs. E. J. Smith, the former Trambie Raines, one of the daughters of the famed Widow Raines. She is said to have acquired title to it recently from the heirs of Mrs. Harris, and she and her family will continue to reside there in the future, after making certain changes to suit their convenience. During the war years, Mrs. Smith worked at the Cartersville plant of E-Z Mills.

The timber rights to all properties of the late Mrs. Harris were secured by the Holly Springs Lumber Company of Cherokee County. The managers of that company are reported to have paid to the heirs of Mrs. Harris above twenty thousand dollars for this privilege. Practically all of this timber has already been removed, the Tribune further learns.

REMOVAL OF BODY POSSIBLE

While there is nothing definite on the suggestion, it has been advanced by certain heirs of Mrs. Harris that at a later date, plans may be completed to remove the body of the famous author from its present resting place, in a tomb built according to her written specifications on her once famed home place, "in The Valley," above Rydal, to the cemetery at Oxford, where sleeps the remains of her equally distinguished husband, the late Reverend Harris. In 1935, it was learned from a reading of her will, that she had made provisions for keeping her place open to the public, until such a time as her administrators and heirs thought it best to close the estate.

In fact, provision was made in the will of Mrs. Harris to turn certain areas of her property over to local organizations, which she named in her will, in case they saw fit to assume certain responsibilities, but since they never did, Mrs. Smith assumed that responsibility. She kept the place open until recently and thousands of people from all over the nation made pilgrimages to this famous literary shrine.

PERSONAL EFFECTS CARRIED OFF

Her heirs, and the representatives of heirs, have visited the scene during recent months and are reported to have removed, as was their privilege under the terms of Mrs. Harris' will, practically all the furnishings and personal affects which had been left intact since the death of the famed authoress.

The house itself was of logs, built around an original log house occupied by Chief Pine Log, one of the last Cherokee chieftains. It is 18 miles north of Cartersville.

As stated above, Mrs. E. J. Smith of Rydal and her sister, Mrs. Mur-Ray Upshaw, had kept the house open after Mrs. Harris' death in 1935. Mrs. Smith, the former Miss Trvania Raines, and her sister, the former Miss Betty Raines, had been wards of Mrs. Harris.

WROTE 20 READABLE BOOKS

Mrs. Harris, who wrote some 20 books besides her top seller, "A Circuit Rider's Wife," set up a trust fund to maintain the house for as long as the fund lasted. Mrs. Smith wrote that the fund had been used and the house had been given over by the trustee bank to three nephews of Mrs. Harris. They requested it be closed.

Mrs. Harris was herself the wife of circuit-riding minister, Reverend Lundy Harris. Her book, drawn from her own experiences, although not written as an autobiography, caused a sensation in the Methodist Church.

1902 EDITION OF THE SEARS & ROEBUCK CATALOGUE

(Editor's note: The 1902 issue was republished in 1969, the information below was that issue)

The 600,000 copies issued in 1902 by the "cheapest supply house on earth" plainly state the company policies.

*OUR ONLY TERMS
ARE CASH WITH ORDERS*

*NO ORDER WILL BE
ACCEPTED FOR LESS
THAN 50 CENTS*

In 1902, many items cost less than \$.50 (men's cotton hose were \$.15 per pair, ladies' were \$.05 per pair, a butcher knife with a 5 inch blade was \$.12, a bottle of maple syrup was \$.35, a one quart can of ready-mixed house paint was \$.28).

The catalogue contained 72 pages in the Watch and Jewelry department. No wrist watches were listed but you could purchase the works and tools for watch making. Prices for men's pocket watches ranged from \$.94 to \$72.50. Ladies' watch prices ranged from \$2.75 to \$37.50.

Guns and hunting equipment took up 41 pages, while fishing supplies filled only 4 pages. Bathing suits took up little more than a half column (highest price for a ladies two-piece suit was \$3.50).

A total of 31 pages were devoted to buggies and horse supplies. A grocery delivery wagon was \$.10 more than a milk wagon at \$59.85. The highest price for a buggy whip was \$.85.

Straight edge razors could be bought at \$.60 up to \$1.75.

Clothing took up 80 pages, while shoes were listed on 16 pages. Men's form-fitting union suits cost \$.80 while ladies paid \$5.75 for an elegant, genuine Parisian style dress hat. Furs were listed for both men and ladies. A man could buy a Northern Racoonskin Coat for as much as \$50.

Prices for a coal furnace ranged from \$47.70 to \$79.20.

THE BATTLE OF ALLATOONA PASS TO BE REMEMBERED OCTOBER 3 & 4

Although there will not be a dedication of a monument this year, there will be battlefield tours and artillery and cannon demonstrations.

The original battle took place on October 4, 1864, when Confederate troops, led by General Samuel French, attacked the entrenched Union soldiers, under the command of Brigadier General John B. Corse. Thirty percent of the soldiers who participated were killed, wounded, or listed as missing in action in the brief battle which lasted only a few hours. This was one of the highest casualty rates of any battle which occurred during the very bloody United States Civil War.

The Etowah Valley Historical Society began the task of clearing brush, building trails, erecting signs, and other such maintenance in 1995. After 12 years of maintaining the property, EVHS turned it over to the Red Top Mountain State Park.

REMEMBER EVHS IN YOUR WILL

Submitted by John Lewis

Making a gift to the Etowah Valley Historical Society through a last will and testament is easy. Individuals should instruct their attorney to add a provision to their will naming EVHS as a beneficiary of their estate. The following language is appropriate:

I give, devise and bequeath (insert dollar amount or % of the estate) to the Etowah Valley Historical Society (tax # 58-1368875), a not-for-profit corporation organization and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia or its successor organization. Said Trust is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and contributions to it are deductible under the provisions of federal income, gift and estate tax laws.

Individuals who made EVHS a beneficiary of their last will and testament are asked to provide an attorney's letter or a copy of this page from their will so EVHS can acknowledge the donor's generosity and properly plan for its future.

CEMETERY CLEANUP

The Spring Clean-up of the Friendship Cemetery was held on Saturday, April 15. Volunteers armed with strong backs, chain saws, clippers, and trash bags were busy for several hours picking up trash and fallen branches and clearing fallen trees.

The old cemetery is located north of the bridge that crosses the Etowah River north of Emerson. It was the original site of the First Presbyterian Church in 1843. The church was moved to its present location in the early 1850's, but burials continued at the original site as late as 1960.

ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 9

This year's annual meeting of the Etowah Valley Historical Society will again be held at Grand Oaks. Last year we moved from the lawn of the 1903 courthouse because of repairs being made to the building, to the lovely Grand Oaks and were very pleased with both the cuisine and the surroundings.

Ray Thacker, an EVHS member and owner of Grand Oaks, promises that all will be done to ensure us another enjoyable evening.

After the President of EVHS presents the annual report, the evening will be highlighted by the announcement of the winner of The Lifetime Achievement Award. This award is given to an individual that best represents 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. Past winners of the award include Mary Ellen Taff (2002), Martha Mulinix (2003), Lizette Entwisle (2004), Dr. Susie Wheeler (2005), Emily Feaster Champion (2006), J.B. Tate (2007), and Guy Parmenter (2008).

This year's event is being held on a Friday evening rather than on the usual Saturday. It is believed this will make the event more accessible to the Society's members.

IN MEMORIAM

Mary Ellen Taff

ORAL HISTORY TO BE PART OF GEORGIA LITERARY EVENT

The oral history committee will conduct a program at the 11th Annual Georgia Literary Festival scheduled for October 16 and 17. The event will be held for the first time in the city of Rome. Four writers with north Georgia connections will be honored at the Festival.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 3-4
ANNIVERSARY of the BATTLE of ALLATOONA PASS
Allatoona Pass

October 9
EVHS ANNUAL DINNER MEETING
Grand Oaks

October 16-17
GEORGIA LITERARY FESTIVAL

November 7 & 8
TOUR of HOMES

December 4
CHRISTMAS PARTY
Rose Lawn



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