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the heritage and traditions of Bartow County*

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THE ETOWAH VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY SALUTES ITS LATE PRESIDENT, ED HILL

Ed Hill, dedicated historian, presided over his last year as President of the Etowah Valley Historical Society, in one of the society's most successful years.

Under Ed's leadership in 2010, EVHS offered several programs giving public access to historical information, offered a tour of historic Valley View, welcomed Joe Dabney to present his new book and gave donations to other historical institutions in support of their preservation projects.

In February, EVHS informed citizens on the state of historic preservation in Bartow County. This program focused on the compendium of a three year EVHS documentation project which recorded data with photos of local historic sites. These records preserve history, are important for inclusion in state archives and for documenting locations eventually to be placed on the National Registry of Historic Places. The records also consist of settings that have been lost. One such locale, the Felton home, which was in the NE corner of Tennessee Street and Felton Road, was used as a Civil War field hospital.

Hill continued to manage the purchase and installation of monuments for the Battlefield Park at Allatoona Pass. In May, he presided at the Alabama Monument Dedication. In October, he presided at the Minnesota Monument Dedication. These events establish two more of the thirteen planned monuments, one to commemorate each of the thirteen states whose soldiers fought at the Battle of Allatoona Pass. Before EVHS turned the restored park over to the parks service, Hill and friends created and maintained it. They continued to maintain a nearby pre Civil War cemetery, Friendship Cemetery, on Highway 293 near Emerson.

October marked the time of the Annual Meeting at which Hill received the Lifetime Achievement Award for his long years of service to historical awareness and preservation. Missing in December was Hill in his tuxedo welcoming everyone to the Christmas party at Roselawn. Ed and his many talents will be greatly missed.

EVHS wishes to thank the Hill family for Ed's dedicated years of service.



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MONUMENT DEDICATION

On Saturday, October 9, a monument to those soldiers from Minnesota who participated in the battle at Allatoona Pass was dedicated. The new monument was placed in the memorial area at the Allatoona Battlefield. It joined the monuments of Alabama, Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Mississippi, and Texas.

Kelvin Ritchy, Site Manager for Red Top State Park, delivered opening remarks. EVHS member, Tom Gaard from Clive, Iowa, who led the drive to raise funds for both the Illinois and Iowa monuments, was the principal speaker for the event. Eric Peterson, Deputy Commander for the Sons of Union Veterans for Georgia and South Carolina, was in charge of the impressive dedication. Ed Hill served as Master of Ceremonies.

Following the dedication, Diane Mooney opened her pre-civil war home to the visitors.

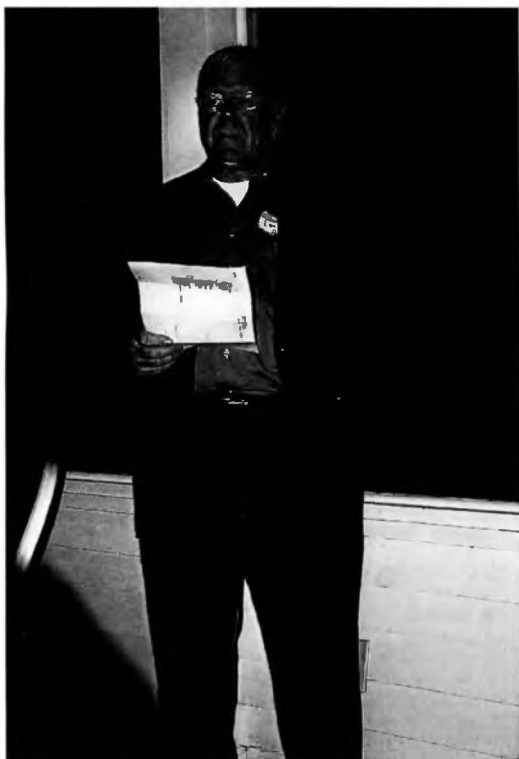
BATTLE ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED

The 146th anniversary of the battle of Allatoona Pass was remembered at a two-day event held at the battlefield the first week-end of October. The event was sponsored by EVHS and Red Top Mountain State Park.

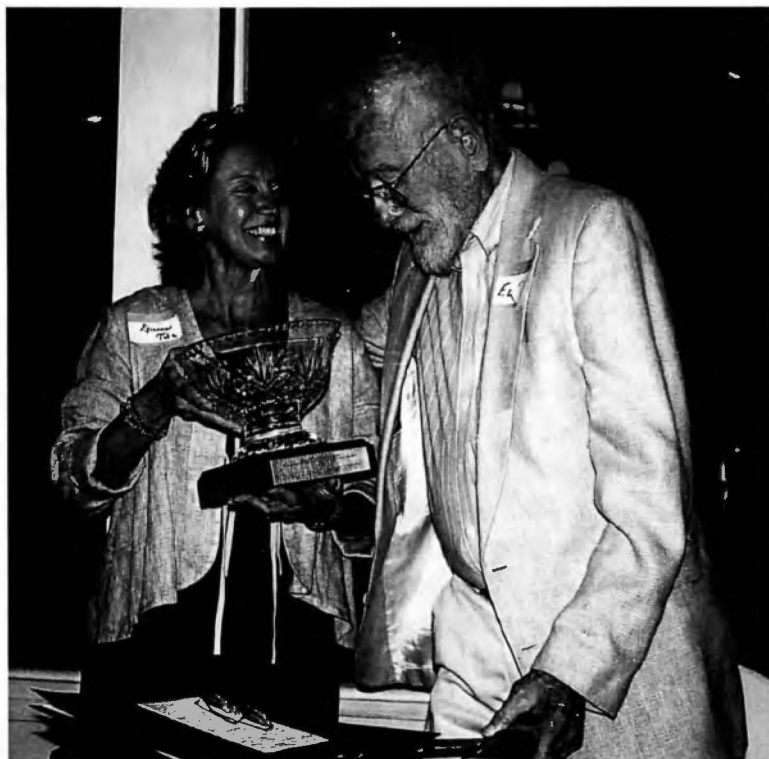
Visitors were able to view cannon and rifle demonstrations, signal flag demonstrations, tour the battlefield, view encampments and to hear descriptions of the battle. EVHS members who participated were Lois Hill and Joanne Smith who sold books on Allatoona and distributed free water, Guy Parmenter who served as a guide and Ed Hill who gave talks about the battle.

ANNUAL DINNER OCTOBER 8 GRAND OAKS

The annual dinner meeting of the Etowah Valley Historical Society was held on Friday, October 8, at the elegant Grand Oaks on Main Street. EVHS member, Ray Thacker, provided a memorable evening. After dinner, members heard the report of the Nominating Committee. Three board members, Bob Redwine, Larry Posey and Guy Parmenter were re-elected to three-year terms. Treasurer Larry Posey gave a report. A special thank you to Ray Thacker and his staff for a wonderful evening.



*Larry Posey, Treasurer,
reported on finances.*



*EVHS Vice President, Dianne Tate, presented
President Ed Hill with the society's
Lifetime Achievement Award.*

LAKE ALLATOONA DAM

Certainly, one of the major events in Bartow County has been the creation of Allatoona Dam. Built for flood control, the dam across the Etowah River now furnishes recreation for boaters, campers, fishermen, hikers and other outdoor enthusiasts. Unfortunately, the rising waters covered historic homes, factories, and even two gold mines. This article is a compilation of parts from articles from the local newspapers and from the private collection of J.B. Tate.

DAILY TRIBUNE-NEWS, OCTOBER 8,
1949

ETOWAH VALLEY HISTORIC AREAS TO BE OBSERVED BY GROUPS

Marietta.-Scenic beauty and historic interest of the Etowah Valley of Georgia has long been recognized as outstanding. Completion of the Allatoona Dam and the filling of the reservoir this winter will cover home historic sites, and others, surrounded by water, will present a much altered appearance.

As a farewell to these sites, the Kennesaw Mountain Historical Association is sponsoring a Seminar, to be held Friday and Saturday, October 14 and 15, with lectures on the history of this section, and field trips to the sites. Friday the group will meet at Kennesaw Park Headquarters, two miles north of Marietta on Highway No. 41. Topics and speakers are as follows: Historical Association Objectives, Col. Chas. A. Collier,

Atlanta; Documents in Emory University Library, Assistant Librarian, Richard B. Harwell, Emory University; Colorful History of the Etowah Valley, Prof. Joe Mahan, University of Georgia; Early Industry In North Georgia, Dr. E. M. Coulter, University of Georgia; Civil War Research, Dr. Bell Whiley, Emory University. Round table discussion will follow each topic.

Saturday, the group will meet on the Battlefield at Allatoona, Georgia, Col. Thomas Spenser lecturing. Then Wilbur Kurtz will guide the group on a tour of the remains of the Cooper and other iron works in the Basin. In addition to the sites above, which will be affected by flood waters, Archeologist, Joseph R. Caldwell of the Smithsonian, directing archeological research in the basin, will lecture to the group at the Etowah or Tumlin Mounds.

To complete the tour, visits will be paid to Etowah Cliffs, the Stiles home and Valley View, the Sproul/Fouche home. Interesting architecture and lovely grounds of these are illustrative of the golden period of the south. The public is invited to attend lectures and field trips.

DAILY TRIBUNE-NEWS, JAN.4. 1950

ALLATOONA IS THE THIRD DAM TO FACE RAMPAGING OLD ETOWAH

By Colonel Thomas Spencer

At last, the mighty waters of the historic Etowah River will be tamed. No more-will the all too often-turbulent waters of the Etowah run wild over farms and home. The new Allatoona Dam will see to that. Maybe we should call the new dam the Pacifier.

Back in the fifties there were two dams across the Etowah. One was above the present new Allatoona dam and one below it. It was in those days that good, honest, old Mark A. Cooper was busy developing Bartow's iron industry. Old Mark had his financial difficulties-but he also had friends. Hence Bartow's famous "friendship" monument. (Once along the Etowah-but now in place in the public park at Cartersville)

DAILY TRIBUNE-NEWS, JAN.19, 1950

ALLATOONA WATERS COVERING OLD MILL, VILLAGE ON ETOWAH

By Col. Thomas Spencer

When my map, covering sites of Historic Bartow, was printed in The Tribune January third I promised you some old, and rare, pictures of

places being covered by the waters of the Etowah as the Allatoona Dam stops the flow of the mighty Etowah. With this article appears two pictures -taken from old wood cuts showing Etowah and village, also the Etowah Flouring Mill.. The old Flouring Mill stood almost exactly on the spot where the New Allatoona Dam was built. Some of the remains of the old mill were destroyed with the start of the dam.

Parts of the buildings at the Rolling Mill were still visible several weeks ago. All these sites with the exception of part of Cooper Furnace will be under water. Many of those who read the article of January 3rd happened to be in that "roaring mob" who rushed to see the dam on Sunday January 8th. One reader wrote. I went to see the New Allatoona Dam after having read your article in the Tribune- not knowing that I was going to be traffic jammed almost to death."

The other letter "We get our news in the Tribune-and Sunday our off-day- I took my family to the New Dam ". Etc.. etc. It is interesting to note in the dairy of Jenkins Lloyd Jones, a private in the Sixth Wisconsin Artillery Battery of the Federal Army, that Yanks from the battery, located on the north banks of the Etowah where the old W & A coursed the Etowah, took many a refreshing bath in the waters in the waters of the mill dam." This refers to the lower dam-the one west of the present New Dam.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS AT ROSELAWN

Members enjoyed our Annual Christmas Party at Roselawn on December 3rd. The house was beautifully decorated by Roselawn director Jane Drew and her staff. Catering was provided by Ray Thacker. Entertainment was provided by keyboardist Stephen Lee. Thank you to all who participated in making this year's event so memorable!



OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

At its first meeting of the new fiscal year, the EVHS board of directors re-elected Ed Hill as President, Dianne Tate as Vice President, Joanne Smith as Secretary, and Larry Posey as Treasurer.

THANK YOU TO OUR OFFICE VOLUNTEERS FOR ANOTHER YEAR!

Genie Certain
Linda Cochran
Annette Cockrill
Bill Devine
Bonnie Floyd
Mina Harper
Lois Hill
Ann Jones
Eleanor Linn
Emily McClurg
DiAnne Monroe
Bob & Trudy Redwine
Wayne Rice
JoeAnn Rogers
Leroy & Jan Sheperd
Patricia Simmons
Laurette Smith
Norma Tidwell
Linda Trentham
Dr. Carolyn Ward
Carole Umbarger

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Donald Bickman
Frankie & Sandra Cline
Robert & Barbara Jackson
Ray and Lola Nation
J. C. Norton
Maria Sessoms
Roland and Virginia Stokes
Teresa Turner
Jacquelyn & Don Voyles

MICROFILM OF NEWSPAPERS FROM 1840 THRU 1950 AVAILABLE

Microfilm of old newspapers are available in the offices of the Etowah Valley Historical Society located in the gold-domed courthouse. Two film readers are available to enable researchers to view and/or record the microfilm

IN MEMORIUM

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