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the heritage and traditions of Bartow County*

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JERE FIELD WHITE, SR.

September, 1923, October 2, 2011

Superior Court Judge Jere Field White passed away on October 2, 2011, having served Bartow County and North Georgia for more than 20 years. He served as Solicitor General/District Attorney before being elected Superior Court Judge in 1976 and was re-elected to the post three times. Judge White is remembered as a fair man on the bench, that his decisions were well thought through. He was considered a consummate Southern gentleman who had a very positive influence on the legal system and judicial system of the Cherokee Judicial Circuit.

Judge White was also highly regarded for his interest in the history of Bartow County. As an active member of the Etowah Valley Historical Society, he served as President from 1986 - 1987 and Vice-President 1987-1988. Judge White was widely known and will be well remembered for his humorous anecdotes as well as his insightful presentations relating to the history of the Gold Dome Courthouse. On several occasions he assisted with the EVHS Tour of Homes by conducting tours of the 1903 Courthouse and the beautiful courtroom.



He was president when EVHS suffered the fire at the Wofford-Hall-White house on Cherokee Avenue. The damage to the house made it un-repairable so EVHS moved its meetings to the old Elizabeth Street Courthouse and then later the 1903 Gold-domed Courthouse.

A Memorial Service was held October 6, 2011 at the First Presbyterian Church in Cartersville. His love of history and his contributions to Bartow County will be treasured for years to come.

Note: Judge White's oral history with Attorney David Archer is available at the EVHS office.

BUSINESS MEETING

Friday, October 7th, 2011

The 2011 annual meeting of EVHS was a dinner meeting at Grand Oaks located at 302 West Main Street in Cartersville. After the dinner there was a presentation of the annual report, committee reports and election of board members. Fifty one people were present for the dinner. If you did not attend you missed an enjoyable evening.



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40 YEARS AND STILL GOING

2012 will be the fortieth anniversary of the founding of The Etowah Valley Historical Society. The first EVHS meeting was held at Valley View in 1972 with 24 charter members. Currently we have members from Alabama, Florida, Indiana, Iowa, Texas, Virginia, as well as Bartow County and many other areas of Georgia.

Times are hard and funds are tight but the Society needs each and every one of us to become current with our dues. Dues are a major portion of our operational budget. The members of the society have made many accomplishments over the last thirty nine years; let us strive to continue in their footsteps.

Dues for the 2011-2012 year should be submitted by October 1, 2011 and are now being accepted. At \$15 per person, \$20 per family, \$30 per club or organization, and \$100 or more for corporations or donors, the EVHS is a low cost investment in the betterment of our community. Dues can be paid at the scheduled meetings or by sending your check to Etowah Valley Historical Society at P. O. Box 1886, Cartersville, Georgia 30120.

Do not wait. "Git it done" today.

THE BATTLE OF ALLATOONA PASS

Saturday and Sunday, October 1st & 2nd, 2011

The battle of Allatoona Pass was fought on October 5, 1864. The Etowah Valley Historical Society, The GA Dept of Natural Resources at Red Top Mt. State Park and the Georgia Division of Reinctors have once again celebrated the anniversary of the battle on Saturday and Sunday, October 1st and 2nd.

This was a great opportunity to learn more about this battle through this living history event featuring live firing infantry demonstrations and artillery demonstrations. Historians were on hand to enhance your visit.

KINGSTON PICNIC

Friday August 12th, 2011

Kingston was alive with visitors on Friday, August 12, 2011. EVHS had over 100 visitors that came to enjoy the summer picnic in Kingston. Supper was served in the newly remodeled Kingston Depot Restaurant. Guest were welcomed by Mayor Dexter Jones, and Charlie Pecchio presented an overview of the plans to develop Kingston. Afterwards, the attendees toured the following sites in downtown Kingston.

The EVHS board of directors would like to thank each of these people for making the evening a pleasant and informative event.



Cathy Pecchio explained the history of the Station Master's house.



Charles Pecchio explained the restoration needed on the Desoto Hotel.



Larry Posey explained the background and purpose of the Railroad WYE



Jeanette Perkins Graves opened her remodeled home Grand Gables "to the group."



Joan Manis of "Governor's House" served a wonderful buffet.



The Kingston Woman's History Club opened its museums for a Look at Kingston' Past.



LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Etowah Valley Historical Society Lifetime Achievement Award was created in 2002 to annually recognize individuals who represent and achieve the Society's mission of "promoting and enhancing the awareness and preservation of the heritage and traditions of Bartow County". Only those individuals whose contributions span twenty years or more will be considered as Candidates. They need not be a member of EVHS to be eligible.

For more information and the award's guidelines and nomination process, contact a Board member.

MARY ELLEN TAFF

In May, 2002 the first Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Mary Ellen Taff.

Spanning over two decades, Mrs. Taff's contributions to the preservation of local history included founding the Euharlee Historical Society and establishing the Euharlee History Museum. She was instrumental in the publication of "The History of Euharlee" and is directly linked to the preservation of the Euharlee Covered Bridge, one of the last remaining covered bridges in Georgia



MARTHA MULINIX

In September, 2003 the Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Martha Mulinix.

As a historian, museum curator, and educator for most of her life, Mrs. Mulinix fits the mission of this Award to a tee. Mrs. Mulinix is a former president of the Kingston Woman's History Club, and has been a member for over fifty years. She was instrumental in the collection and preservation of artifacts for the Kingston Civil War Museum, which she helped found, and the heritage museum, named in her honor. Mrs. Mulinix's interaction with the community and those who know its history shaped her mission and prompted to publish "We Remember Kingston," a collection of essays recounting Kingston's past.



LIZETTE ENTWISLE

In December 2004 the Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Lizette Entwisle

Lizette was a charter member of EVHS in 1972 and served several terms on the board of directors and chaired numerous committees. She served as a volunteer in the EVHS office in the courthouse, and also worked in the first two EVHS offices in the Munford House and the Wofford-Hall-White House. She was co-editor of two Bartow County history books, one published in 1981 and the other in 1993. She was instrumental in having the First Presbyterian Church in Cartersville placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Lizette was a founding member of the EVHS Preservation Committee which has conducted the Tour of Homes since the early 1990's. Her home has the first EVHS Historical Awareness sign and was the sight of our 1992 annual meeting.

DR. SUSIE WHEELER

In October 2005 the Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Dr. Susie Wheeler.

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 its first students was a young Miss Susie.

She was 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 Wheeler was one of the most respected people in our community.



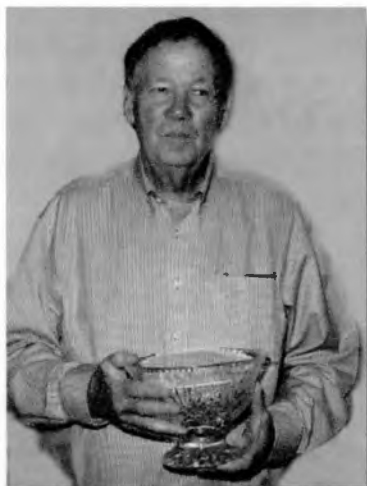
EMILY CHAMPION

In October 2006 the Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Emily Champion.

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 headed the historic signs program and served on every tour of homes. A resident of Cartersville for nearly 50 years, she also served the community as a teacher, the Director of the Bartow County Training Center for mentally challenged children, and a Girl Scout leader. She was also active in Service League, Red Cross, and Methodist Woman's Circle.

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J.B. TATE

In October 2007 the Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to J. B. Tate

Mr. Tate is a past president of EVHS who also served the Society as program chairman. He was an Associate Professor of History at Kennesaw State University. He has long been active with the Trail Of Tears and has served as an advisor to the Board of Directors for the Georgia Trail of Tears organization. Tate was the individual largely responsible for the inclusion of the Spring Bank plantation in Bartow County's Greenspace program. The 37 acre site, located north of Kingston, was the home of the Howard family. The home burned in 1974 but remains of the Spring, the rock retaining wall and the family cemetery still exist. He was also active in the preservation of both the Allatoona Battlefield and the Friendship Cemetery.

GUY PARMENTER

In October 2008 the Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Guy Parmenter.

Guy Parmenter has long been a leader of civic organizations, starting with his presidency of the Jaycees and more recently of the Rotary Club as well as being active in the Chamber of Commerce and other organizations. He has served EVHS in many capacities as either President or Chairman of the Board for a period of twelve years. He was a driving force behind many prominent EVHS programs including the Vaughan Cabin, Courthouse office, and Allatoona Pass.

He currently serves on the EVHS Board of Directors and as an advisor to Red Top Mountain State Park on their activities at Allatoona Pass.



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JODIE HILL

In October 2009 the Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Jodie Hill

Jodie has contributed to Rose Lawn, the Vaughn Cabin, and the Bartow History Museum. However, he is best known for his purchase and restoration of In The Valley, the former home of Corra Harris. Mrs. Harris was a famous writer, - writing books, novels, short stories, as well as becoming the first female war correspondent and a newspaper columnist.

Jodie recently turned over In The Valley to Kennesaw State University, who will preserve it for future generations.

ED HILL

In October 2010 the Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Ed Hill

Ed Hill was a past president of EVHS, Chairman of various committees as well as a member of the Board of Directors. Ed was a dedicated historian, and his efforts led to the preservation of the Allatoona Pass Battlefield site, as well as the Friendship Cemetery. Before EVHS turned the restored park over to the Georgia Parks Service, Hill and friends created and maintained the site. This group continues to maintain a nearby Pre-Civil War cemetery, Friendship Cemetery, which is on Highway 293 near Emerson. Ed managed the purchase and installation of monuments for the Battlefield Park. Thirteen monuments are planned for the park, one for each of the thirteen states whose soldiers fought at the Battle of Allatoona Pass.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday, December 2nd, 2011

The EVHS annual Christmas Party will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Rose Lawn, located at 224 West Cherokee Street, Cartersville.

Deadline for dinner reservations for the Friday night event will be Wednesday, November 30th. Reservations can be made by calling the EVHS office at 770-606-8862.

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