

ETOWAH VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Summertime has been a quiet time in the life of the Etowah Valley Historical Society. However, dedicated members have been continuing projects and initiating others since the Spring meeting held on May 29.

Some of the Society's summertime activity and plans for the year ahead will be told in detail at the Autumn meeting, scheduled for Saturday, October 2 at 3 P.M. at Munford House.

The Autumn meeting is designated in our by-laws as the annual meeting for the Society, at which time board members are elected to fill vacancies. This year only one vacancy will occur, that of Emmie Nelson. Chairman Ben Maxwell has appointed Anne Gray, Lib Sowell and Millie Pierce as a nominating committee to provide a candidate for filling this spot on the board.

With the end of our year we are reminded that it is dues paying time again. Please be prepared to pay at the October 2 meeting. If you cannot be present, it would be greatly appreciated if you would forward your check to Mrs. M.W.H. Collins, treasurer, Box 313, Cartersville, GA. 30120. (Individuals-\$10, couples-\$15).

We are pleased to announce the following generous gifts to the Society:

Mr. and Mrs. Haines Hargrett and Fulton Federal Savings and Loan Association, in memory of Judge J.L. Davis, provided generous funds that were used to purchase an oil painting of a Western scene with Pike's Peak in the background and set in a handsome gold frame.

In response to a request by President Jimmie Davis, Mr. and Mrs. James Lacey of Fairmount will give the Society one of the beautiful handmade rugs made by their Lacey-Champion Company. They will graciously allow Mrs. Davis to select one suitable for Munford House.

As a setting for the oil painting by his sister, the late Miss Margaret Warlick, that he gave the Society, Louie Warlick has donated a handsome gold frame. Mrs. Virginia Poindexter Harris gave a wrought iron plant stand.

Other acquisitions: Three drawings of ladies in period costume and set in elegant Victorian frames have been purchased for the stairwell of the entrance hall. One early American chandelier has been hung in the kitchen. A museum rack for displaying photos and newspaper articles has been purchased.

Thirty members of our Society joined with other Bartow Countians in hosting Open House at Rose Lawn on September 18 and 19.

We are indebted to K.C. Hudgins for an 1880 copy of the original Blue Back Spelling Book, and to W.H. "Bill" Johnson for two volumes of "Lee's Lieutenants" by Douglas Southall Freeman.

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Mr. & Mrs.

We are grateful to Bon Maxwell, Eva Parris and Colin Cameron, who hosted a wine and cheese tasting party at Munford House in late spring in honor of our younger contingent. As a result, we obtained 28 valued new members.

As a result of kindnesses and considerations rendered during the illness and death of Mrs. Arthur Franks, Mr. K.C. Hudgins of Atco and Judge Jere White received a large number of post cards that had been collected by Mrs. Franks and her sister, Mrs. Baker during the years 1906-1912. Judge White and Mr. Hudgins have graciously turned these post cards over to our Society for whatever use we desire. Some of these have romantic themes, some of Cartersville scenes, some are humorous, etc. All are illustrative of the times and provide interesting looks at a long-ago period. Vice president Bob White and Martha have incorporated these post cards in two large volumes, and they will soon be loaned to the Cartersville-Bartow County Library where they will be exhibited to the public for a time and later will be placed in Munford House.

Millie Pierce, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, has worked all summer getting our gift shop "Roselawn Little House" open and ready for business. She has lovely gift items, lamps, chairs, antiques, Civil War maps, "Historic Bartow County", etc. Open each Friday from 10 to 4; or contact Roselawn caretaker on other days. Shop the Little House for wedding gifts, Christmas gifts, etc. We need your business; we also need your assistance in keeping shop. Please call Millie and offer your help.

The cemetery census committee has been active: Jewel Sewell and Mentz Ward have completed listings on the Taylorsville city cemetery, and Paul and Margaret Franklin have completed the Rowland Springs and Johnsey-Leachman cemeteries. Margaret advises that the following cemeteries were done by others at the dates shown and that these listings are available to the society: Old Friendship Church (partial), Stoner's Chapel (1976), Howard (1980), Olive Vine (1980), Benham (1978), Lewis (1976), Kingston (1966), McLin or Glade Church (1975), Euharlee Baptist (1975), Cassville (1967), Bethlehem Methodist (1978), Pine Log (1981). Margaret says one of her friends in the Polk County Historical Society has offered to obtain listings at the McCormick or Sproull's cemetery, also Connorsena, Mt. Carmel, Old Salem and Euharlee Presbyterian. Nine members who volunteered to undertake censuses have not reported completions.

President Jimmie Davis is working with Anne Collins in the hope of acquiring documents and pictures pertaining to Rebecca Latimer Felton, first woman U.S. Senator. Anne has given her permission to contact the University of Georgia, asking them to lend papers to us from their Felton collection. She will also allow copies of certain documents she is giving to Roselawn to be made for our museum use.

Your Society has purchased from the University of Georgia and presented to the Cartersville-Bartow County Library microfilm copies of 11 issues of The Georgia Pioneer, published in Cassville in 1840-1845. Also purchased from the Henry Huntington Library in San Marino, Calif. and the Georgia Historical Society in Savannah two copies of the Georgia Pioneer to be framed and placed in Lunford House. The local library already had all known copies of the Cassville Standard on microfilm, and now they have on microfilm all known copies of the Georgia Pioneer that are in existence.
