

ETOWAH VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

1983

The annual meeting of the Etowah Valley Historical Society will be held Saturday afternoon, October 1 at 3 o'clock at the Cartersville Civic Center. Please note change of place.

The annual meeting of the society is the date on which vacancies on the Board of Directors are filled by election. A slate of candidates will be presented this year by a nominating committee consisting of Millie Pierce, Helen Norton and Mrs. W.E. Penfield. The places to be filled are for the expired terms of Ben Maxwell and Clyde Jolley. It is understood that there will be several names submitted for nomination by mail to the president who received them within the prescribed 45 days in advance of the annual meeting.

Featured speaker on October 1 will be Ed Reed, superintendent of New Echota State Park. Mr. Reed will speak on the latter occupancy of this area by the Cherokee Indians.

There will be a social hour following the business meeting.

DUES FOR 1984 MAY BE PAID AT THE OCTOBER 1 MEETING !

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23 is the date when our Society undertakes its long-awaited FALL TOUR OF HOMES. Chairman Jimmie Davis and her committee have worked long and hard to put together an attractive tour of the splendid antebellum homes and structures in the lush Etowah Valley.

Homes and other structures on the tour will be the Wofford-Hall-White House (tour will begin here), the C.M. Jones-Hall House, Ryals-Davis House, Clarendon, Stilesboro Academy, Rose Cottage, Valley View, Jackson-Myers House, Field-Tumlin House and the First Presbyterian Church.

Hostesses in each house will be dressed in period costumes. Musical selections will be presented at all points on the tour.

Tickets for the tour will be on sale at the Wofford-Hall-White House October 1 at \$12.50 each. Groups of 15 or more may obtain advance tickets at \$10.00 each by contacting Mrs. J.L. Davis, Old Alabama Road, Cartersville.

In addition to Mrs. Davis, committee members for the Fall Tour include Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Taylor, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Norton, Miss Dorris McCormick, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hood, Mrs. J.R. Shellhorse, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Entwisle, Mr. Joe Myers, Rev. and Mrs. Steve Bacon, Miss Minnie Saggus and Mrs. Susan Howard.

The Georgia Historical Society, Savannah, Ga., has given our Society a copy of the Cartersville City Directory of 1959. Perhaps some of our members have early city directories or phone books they would like to donate to our library. We would also like to obtain old school annuals of Cartersville, Stilesboro, Euharlee Adairsville; any annuals over 50 years old.

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The Society is deeply indebted to Stan Taff and Kathryn Brock for two outstanding collections of Indian relics. President Bob White has mounted these collections on suitable boards and they will be exhibited at the Civic Center at the annual meeting, after which they will be permanently displayed in the museum at Wofford-Hall-White House.

Congratulations to our fine treasurer, Dr. Warren Akin, IV, who has been recently named special assistant to Governor Joe Frank Harris with special emphasis on liaison between the Governor and his appointed committee that will define educational goals. Warren, who is on leave from his post as assistant professor of English at Floyd Junior College, spent two months during the past summer attending a seminar on Southern Literature at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The seminar, sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities, was conducted ~~by~~ by Dr. Louis Rubin, an outstanding authority of Southern literature.

And congratulations to Grace Davis, who is enrolled in graduate school at Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. Grace is working towards a master's degree in the field of fine arts.

The old red brick building on Cherokee avenue that served in its time successively as Cartersville West Side School, Cartersville High School and Cartersville Junior High School, is no more. Built in 1887 to be Sam Jones Female College, it never fulfilled its original mission. But for three quarters of a century most of Cartersville's students trooped through its halls on their way to getting an education, and it would be safe to say that they retain fond memories of the hulking old building.

Thanks to Mayor John Dent, our society has possession of the corner stone from "Sam Jones Female College". It is presently at Childs Marble Company yard on Tennessee road for a cleansing process.

Inside the cornerstone wrapped in oilcloth were newspapers, letters, the address of Major Charles H. Smith, a Sam Jones Song Book, bills from the contractors of the building, and one small clay marble.

The museum committee tried valiantly to save all the items in the time capsule, but the only salvable items were the newspapers, the two letters and the marble, which is in great shape! These items saved are now on display in the museum.