

NEWSLETTER - SPRING 1983

The Spring meeting of the Etowah Valley Historical Society will be held at Wofford-Hall-White-House Saturday afternoon, May 14 at 3 P.M. Featured speaker for the meeting will be our own Michael Garland. Michael, a life-long resident of Bartow County, is a student at Berry College. He has an avid interest in Civil War history, especially as it applies to our area, and his subject for this occasion will be "A History of Barnsley's Gardens, or Woodsland as it Was Originally Called."

Officers and Directors of our Society are happy that memberships have picked up greatly since our move to the Wofford-Hall-White House in Cartersville. If you have not sent in your membership dues for 1983 won't you please get on the bandwagon today? Send your check to Dr. Warren Akin IV, treasurer, 112 N. Erwin St, Cartersville. (\$10 for individuals, \$15 for couples). If your copy of this newsletter is marked "complimentary" it means you will want to get your dues in to Warren.

An Ad Hoc committee, composed of citizens of the town and county, is busy planning a week-long series of events to commemorate the 250th anniversary of Georgia's founding and the 150th birthday of Bartow County (also the 100th birthday of the Euharlee Farmer's Club.) Lonnie Howell, Bob White, Clyde Jolley and Avery Holland from our Society are on this committee. These events, to be held the week before July 4, will include our Society's sponsoring a group of mini-tours of historic homes and landmarks of the county under the direction of Lonnie, and a week-long "open house" at Wofford-Hall-White House.

Bob White is working hard to get our museum in readiness for the Georgia-Bartow County Birthday celebration. He needs authentic Civil War relics, Indian relics, group photos (plain and clear ones) over 50 years old, Civil War letters, original landdeeds, etc. Put on your thinking cap! Would it not be better to donate that prized relic to the Historical Society where many can appreciate it rather than hold on to it and risk the chance that a later generation of heirs might carelessly consign it to the city dump?

The Society is pleased to acknowledge and is grateful for generous cash contributions from the following: James R. Dellinger, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knox, the State of Georgia, Mr. and Mrs. Lex Jolley, Mrs. St. Clair Goolsby, Mrs. Millie Pierce, Miss Lucinda Chitwood, Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Gray, Robert M. White, Mrs. Christine Dodgen, Ann and Warren Sims, Louis Warlick, and the Bartow County Bank.

Bushels of thanks to: Lucinda Chitwood and Rachel Geolsby for an upright vacuum cleaner; the heirs of Ellen Soper^{of} for face panels and two net and lace valances; Cile White for an antique floral print; Terry Lewis for one half the cost of our security system; Jimmie, Grace and Jeff Davis for the state flag for our museum; Dr. and Mrs. Robert Norton for the old fashioned boxwoods that grace the front yard (and to the Etowah Garden Club for planting them); and the family of Keturah White Marshall for two frames, one with mirror intact, one pine chest of drawers with mahogany veneering now being restored, and one walnut whatnot also at the restorers. Eva Parris gave a hand-crocheted antimacassar that is being used to cover a discolored place on our walnut candle stand. (Currently we have no gentlemen wearing macassar oil on their hair so we can use this gift elsewhere than on the back of a chair !)

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Some 150 of our townspeople enjoyed the fast-paced, professional fashion revue produced by Ben Stein the evening of April 24 at the Wofford-Hall-White House for the benefit of our Society. Five beautiful models paraded through all the downstairs rooms showing off a cornucopia of the latest styles from STEIN'S Department Store.. We are grateful to Ben for his fine display of generosity. Much praise goes also to Colin Cameron of Winn Dixie Stores,, who furnished wine ~~and~~ ~~champagne~~ for the refreshments. Laura Summey and her ways and means committee took care of the promotion of the event in great style, and Eva Parris and her committee, as always, saw that the refreshments were enjoyable.

President Bob White is pleased to announce that Elizabeth Howell, one of our new members, has assumed the co-chairmanship of our membership committee.

From Chairman of the Board Jimmie Davis: "We need funds to pay for soft board wall attachments for the museum's rooms, so that pictures, etc. can be attached for ease of viewing. We also need funds to pay for the sanding of the floors of four museum rooms; this will complete restoration of the house in keeping with our commitment to the city. All contributions (tax exempt) will be greatly appreciated."

After the appearance of James and Betty Mathis, who spoke on their book "Cemetery Records of Jackson County", at our winter meeting, there seems to be an increased interest in recording cemetery records in our own county. A report of activity up-to-date by Margaret Franklin, secretary of our committee follows:

Cemeteries completed by members and friends:

Rowland Springs, Johnsey-Leachman, Gore Springs, Adams-Snowden, and Unknown near Floyd County Line by Margaret and Paul Franklin.
Rowland Family and Pettit Creek Baptist Church by Paul Franklin and Bill Johnson.
Baker; Pine Log Church and Stephenson by Elizabeth and Ernest Garrison.
Brandon by Clyde Jolley and Mr. and Mrs. Phil Brandon.
Benham by Lucy Mulcahy and Sarah Smith. Cassville by Lucy Mulcahy, James Edwards and Cassville Cemetery Association.
Richardson by Susan and Michael Howard. Finley and Fairview Church by Susan Howard. Erwin by Susan and Miriam Howard.
Taylorsville by Jewel Sewell and Menta Ward.

These cemeteries have been cataloged by others with permission granted for us to use as we see fit:

Stoner's Chapel, Howard, Olive Vine Church,, Lewis, Kingston City, Glde Springs,, Unknown near Mr. Tabor, Euharlee Baptist, Bethlehem Methodist, Reynolds, Old Salem, Connesena Church,, Mt. Carmel Church, Upshaw, Arnold Hill, Buford-Burford, Chitwood, Aubrey, Old Macedonia, Valentine Smith, Partial listing of Old Friendship Church.

Members of Our Society have agreed to record marker data from the following cemeteries but as yet have not reported:

Center Church, Church of God near Center, Vaughan, White City, McCormick-Hawkins, Smith, Mt Pleasant Church, Bagwell, Stiles, Spreull, Oak Grove, Barnsley Church, Denman, Daniel, Oethcaleoga Church, Leak, Mt. Zion Church, Thurmond and Dickerson.

On March 9 Margaret spoke to the P.M.B. Young Chapter, U.D.C. on the cemetery records of this county.