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NEWSLETTER

ETOWAH VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SUMMER 1983

The Summer meeting of the Society will be held Saturday afternoon, July 30 at 3 o'clock at the Wofford-Hall-White house, 1311W. Cherokee avenue. Guest speaker will be Libby Forehand, acting manager, Etowah Mounds State Park. Miss Forehand, a Cordele, Georgia native, holds a B.S. degree in history. She has been employed at the Indian Mounds for five years as an interpretive ranger. She will speak on the lifestyle of the Mound Builders and will touch on the history of later occupants of the mound area. She will also tell us something about the activities currently carried on at the Mounds Park and in the museum there. There will be a social hour after the meeting.

The Annual meeting (Fall meeting) of the Society will be held the first Saturday in October (October 1) in accordance with the by-laws of the corporation. The chairman of the board of directors will appoint a nominating committee that will present nominations for filling two vacancies on the board. Additional nominations may be made in writing only and sent to the president within 45 days prior to October 1. At the Annual meeting the members present will vote on candidates proposed by the nominating committee and those nominated in writing.

Thus far, this summer has seen a great deal of activity at 131 West Cherokee avenue: one wedding, two receptions, the establishment of a museum, and the hosting of a week-long celebration of Georgia's 250th birthday and Bartow County's 150th. Scores of people helped to make these activities succeed, and to improve the handsome facilities we enjoy. We are going to try to name all these people, realizing that we may not be able to list all people who have been helpful.

The mini-tours, originated and conducted by Vice President Lonnie Howell helped to acquaint several scores of Bartow Countians with some sixty historical sites in the "Empire County of Georgia". Lizette Entwisle and Clyde Jolley helped Lonnie host the tours. Many thanks to County Commissioner Frank Moore and County Clerk Steve Bradley for furnishing transportation.

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Gifts and Loans:

Ray and Ozella Cain gave a Civil War muzzle loading rifle, a shoe last, a cow bell, a curry comb, a buggy wrench and a cross-cut saw in memory of their son, Billy. In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Young they gave a corn sheller, and iron wash pot and stand a pair of steelyards. They left on loan a beautiful handmade quilt, a pair of hand-embroidered pillow cases and a crocheted pot lifter. The quilt is done in the rare snowflake pattern.

Terry Lewis has given us a telephone and has had it connected.

Mrs. Tom Boston has given the museum two accounts ledgers dated 1831 and 1832; the 1831 ledger is bound in cowhide and the calligraphy is thrillingly clear, mentioning many Bartow county residents of that period.

Mrs. Ralph Bradley has donated to the museum a butter mold and butter paddle.

Jackie Davis left on loan three books, one slave lock, one cotton card and one straight razor with case.

To all these members and friends we give a big Thank You. By your gifts we feel that together we are performing a needed service to the county in making available to the public items of significant historic interest.

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Ben and Frances Maxwell have made contributions to the Society in memory of Mrs. Mamie Quillian and Mrs. Earl Dent. Rilla Reagan, Helen Collins and Millie Pierce have made contributions in memory of Mrs. Frances Dent Henderson.

Judge Tom Pope and Ed Reed, director of New Echota, assisted by Harold Harper and Jimmie Davis, have been enthusiastically assembling the Quillian loom. Some missing pieces are being hand-carved by Judge Pope. Louise and Joe Ben Jenkins have seen the loom and believe it to be 150 years old or more and a real treasure. Louise will thread the loom when all pieces are complete and ready for weaving.

Among pieces of the loom were found quilting frames, rope bed side rails and a rope bed wrench.

Honoring Jimmie Davis, who hosted a dinner party for them and 38 visiting color marketing designers from across the country, Carriage Carpet Mills of Calhoun gave our Society \$250.00.

We sincerely appreciate the support the museum received from Mrs. Image G. Johnson and Dr. Susie B. Ller of the black community. Their display was very neat and attractive.

During the week-long "Ivory Bartow" celebration Millie Pierce opened the Wofford-Hall-White House each day and hung out the flag. Serving as hosts were Jimmie Lewis, Sandy Howell, Jean Whatley, Lucinda Chitwood, Emily Gilreath, Avery Holland, Mary Lee Henson, Pat Mansfield, Betty Eberhardt, Ella Reagan, Margaret Franklin, Frank Entwisle, Mrs. Lindsay Johnson, Anne Sims, Emily Champion, Susan Howard, Bob and Martha White, Helen Collins, Opal Munn, Dan and Paula Finholster, Dorris White, Dick, Harold and Ann Choate, Evelyn Martin, Louise Hood, Laura and Sue Smith, Elizabeth Howell, Pauline Colyer, Frances Maxwell, Mrs. Webersdorf, Jackie Detamore, John and Marie Conyers and Frederick and Julia Knight. Thanks to each of you. Elizabeth Howell and Susan Howard arranged for staffing the house.

The museum committee, consisting of Bob White, chairman and Harold Harper, co-chairman, and Susan Howard, Michael Garland, Paula and Dan Finholster, Margaret R. Gale, Margaret Franklin and Gene and Berlene Farbis, did an excellent job in setting up our museum. To be interesting, artifacts in the museum must be changed at intervals, and the committee would appreciate donations of pre-Civil War, Civil War interest; these and Indian artifacts are badly needed.

Thanks to Willis Bradford ~~for the~~ attractive Identification Board.

Thanks to our members who made available items for display at the museum on a loan basis, and special thanks to Lewis and Dot Shropshire for the loan of pictures and maps of the Battle of Allatoona.

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Thanks to the Etowah Garden Club for the care of the lawn and grounds. Thanks also to Millie Pierce and committee, who moved the gift shop to our headquarters; it is most attractive. And thanks, too, to Helen Collins, who is filling in for Dr. Warren Akin as treasurer while Warren is attending a seminar at the Univ. of North Carolina.

The old Inferior Court records have been moved to the room adjacent to the museum. Two tables and four file cabinets are urgently needed to pursue the study of these old and historic documents that is planned for fall and winter..