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ETOWAH VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WINTER NEWSLETTER

1982

The entire membership of our society has been greatly saddened by the passing of our first president, Judge Jefferson L. Davis, who departed this life on December 16, 1981.

Judge Davis practiced law several years before being named to the Superior Court judgeship of the Cherokee Circuit. During these years the electorate honored him by sending him to the House of Representatives in the Georgia General Assembly for two terms, and to one term in the state Senate. He was judge of the Cherokee Judicial Circuit from 1956 to 1975. From 1975 until his passing he served as Administrative Judge for the Seventh Judicial Circuit.

Judge Davis was one of a small group who was instrumental in having the Etowah River District placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Out of this effort came the Etowah Valley Historical Society, an organization that benefited greatly by the wise council and diligent efforts of Judge Davis, who, throughout his distinguished career demonstrated a real and continued interest in historic preservation.

The Cartersville Bar Association, in the presence of his family and many distinguished guests, honored Judge Davis' memory in a memorial service Wednesday, February 3, at the Bartow County courthouse.

Mrs. Eloine ("Jimmie") Davis, the current president of our society, carries on the tradition of service to preservation ideals initiated by her late husband. Additional survivors are their children, Cartersville attorneys Ronald L. Davis and Jefferson L. Davis, Jr. and Miss Grace Davis. We sympathize with the family in their great loss.

The Winter meeting of the Etowah Valley Historical Society will be held at Cartersville Civic Center at 3 P.M. Saturday, Feb. 20.

Professor J.B. Tate of the History Department of Kennesaw College will bring a program on the Cherokee Indians. This program will consist of a slide show and lecture describing the life of the Cherokees in this area, the hardships they endured on the Trail of Tears, and the considerable accomplishments they made in their new Oklahoma home. Professor Tate is a native Oklahoman with a lifelong interest in the Cherokees. Some of us have seen this program and it is truly a fine presentation. You won't want to miss it.

Elected to our Board of Directors at the Autumn, 1981 meeting were Lonnie Howell, Susan Howard, Louise Hood and Jim Agan. Additional directors are Ben Maxwell, John Dent and Emmie Nelson. The Board of Directors, Ben Maxwell, Chairman, re-elected last year's officers to another term. In addition to Eloine "Jimie" Davis, president, these are Bob White, vice president; Margaret Ragsdale, secretary; and Helen Collins, treasurer. We look forward to an interesting and progressive year under their leadership.

About HISTORIC BARTOW COUNTY, our all-color book, the December issue of SOUTHERN LIVING said "It's a job well done, and other counties interested in such a project right contact the Etowah editors to see how they did it." Another fine review of our book appeared in the Rome NEWS-TRIBUNE.

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Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jolley made contributions in memory of Mrs. Janet Myers and Smith Mansfield.

Thanks of the Society are extended to Millie Pierce, Dot Quillian, Lonnie Howell and Frank and Lizette Entwistle for the super job they did on selling "HISTORIC BARTON COUNTY". As of this date 988 books have been sold. After paying the printer \$13,000 we have in the book account \$9298, of which \$2331.47 is still due on the printing account and is being withheld until the remainder of 95 books are delivered to us.

Through the efforts of our representatives in the Georgia General Assembly, Representative Joe Frank Harris and Senator Nathan Dean, we received a grant of \$500 from the State Department of Natural Resources. This grant is being administered by the City of Greenville.
