

ETOWAH VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
NEWSLETTER
WINTER 1982-83

Have you paid your 1983 dues yet? If not, get your check in the mail right away to our treasurer, Dr. Warren Akin, IV, 112 N. Erwin Street, Cartersville, and be ready to get in on the good things that are going to happen at 131 W. Cherokee Avenue : (\$10 per single membership or \$15 for couples.)

The winter meeting of the Society will take place in our new home, the Wofford-Hall-White House at 131 W. Cherokee Avenue on Saturday, January 29 at 3 P.M. Featured speakers will be James A. and Betty Ann Waddell Mathis, the authors of the 385 page volume "Jackson County, Georgia Cemetery Records." V.C. Mathis of Emerson is an uncle of this couple. Especially invited are Society members and others who are interested in compiling Bartow County cemetery records.

We are deeply grateful to Mayor John Dent and the Cartersville City Council for turning over to us the Wofford-Hall-White house at a nominal rental. This beautiful old home was built in 1869 by John W. Wofford, a first cousin of James C. Wofford, who was the grandfather of Paul Gilreath, Jr. and Eva Parris. John W. Wofford later moved to Kansas City, Mo. and became a distinguished judge there. Later owners of the house included W.H. Howard, the great grandfather of Horace Howard, Jr., and Mrs. Gaz White and her daughter, Mrs. Evans Strickland. Gaz White, Sr. was the first Ford car dealer in Georgia. The Harvey family, of which Mrs. Sam Howell, Sr. was a young member, rented the house from the Halls for a period when they moved here from Rome.

Chairman of our Board Eloine "Jimmie" Davis has spent many long hours of work - including much mopping and scrubbing - getting our new home ready for occupancy, and already it is showing the inimitable "Jimmie Davis touch". We deeply appreciate her efforts, and look forward to the first meeting there.

The expense of decorating the new home at 131 W. Cherokee and the cost of moving our considerable effects from Munford house have rendered our bank account impotent. Already having given special contributions for these purposes are Dr. and Mrs. Harvey Howell, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Maxwell, Mrs. J.L. Davis, Mrs. Rowland White, Mrs. Bill Dodgen, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hood, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Gray and Mrs. and Mrs. Frank Entwistle. However, more funds are urgently needed. Your tax deductible contributions to the Society will result in providing a jewel-like facility here in the center of Cartersville

In connection with the move from Munford House, the Society expresses thanks to the following persons for contributions of time and materials: Clyde Smith for contributing heart pine flooring and window weights from historic Summerland, which he recently razed; Paul Grant gave a one-horse power motor to fix the ailing furnace; Lamar Pendley inspected the furnace and replaced the motor without charge; John Manning donated the time and material in hanging a portion of the wall paper border; and Jack Jolley furnished a considerable number of hours of labor. President Bob White donated stamped envelopes for a mailing to prospective members..

President Bob and "Buck" Harper want to obtain Indian and Civil War relics for our museum. To prospective donors and lenders: A competent burglar and smoke alarm system is now in place at our 131 Cherokee Avenue residence. Your prized relics would be as safe there as in your own home.

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To Be Named

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To Be Named

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RECENT ACQUISITIONS: Cile White has given the Society an antique walnut picture frame with gold leaf liner; also, the original marriage certificate, embellished with lovebirds and garlands, linking Lena Gilreath and Walter White in Marriage October 15, 1884. Sara Hebble gave a white damask tablecloth that was given to her by Cecilia and Maggie Shellman, the daughters of Cecilia Stovall Shellman, who was General Sherman's sweetheart during his West Point days. Paul "Borgie" Gilreath gave the marriage certificate of Paul Gilreath, Sr. and Mary Lou Wofford dated April 23, 1895. Dean Cox of Young Brothers Drug Store gave the Museum several Confederate bills. Anne Gray gave the Society a Legislative Manual for 1913-14 and the Dickens novels "Oliver Twist" and "Little Nell".

The beautiful antique mirror given the Society by Mrs. Wilbur Ham has been repaired and will be hung in the East parlor. And the handsome brass student lamp, a gift from Cile White, has been refurbished, polished and re-wired; it was made by Rowland White from a chandelier that once hung in the Howard-White house on Howard Heights.

Jimmie Davis, Cile White and Bill and Fensley Penfield, who comprise the Acquisitions committee, are still interested in obtaining quality gifts and loans for furnishing our new home. Gifts are tax deductible and will be show-cased in a lovely setting.

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Wanted: Copies of Newsletters for all of 1979, Winter of 1980 and Winter of 1981. If you have any of these please call Clyde Jolley at 382-5263.