

ETOWAH VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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ALLATOONA PASS BOOK SIGNING



Rosemary Clabo and Author, Bill Scaife on front porch of the Clayton-Mooney house.

The Clayton-Mooney home was the site of the EVHS book signing in honor of William R. "Bill" Scaife on Sunday, September 10th. Bill's newest book, *Allatoona Pass, A Needless Effusion of Blood*; has been well received by the public. In attendance were over eighty people.

Many thanks to Bill Scaife for allowing our Society to co-publish this book with him. Thanks also to Dennis and Diane Mooney for once again opening their home to us.

In addition to Bill's new book, the first comprehensive work on the Battle of Allatoona Pass, he has authored

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SECOND ANNUAL TOUR OF HISTORIC HOMES

The second annual Tour of Historic Homes will be held Saturday, November 4 from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Sunday, November 5 from 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tour six magnificent homes on West Avenue, Cartersville to see beautiful turn-of-the-century architecture. Delight in stories that historians and homeowners have carefully researched.

Tickets will be \$10 on the day of the tour and \$8 in advance. Groups of six or more will be \$8 each. Members of the EVHS and the public will be notified when and where tickets are available.

The tour will begin at the historic 1903 Courthouse. Shuttle vans will provide transportation to and from the homes. Parking will not be available along the tour route.

Committee chairperson, Lynn Henderson, and her

committee are to be commended for their excellent work. Serving with Lynn are Diane Mooney, Susan Wade, Callie Pogue, Terri Whittenburg, Angie Wilson and Tricia Simmons.

Others that have given of their time and talents are Sallie Rogers who's artistic talent produced line drawings of each home on the tour. Dan Latham, Preservation Planner for the Coosa Valley RDC and Michael Wyatt of the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation teamed up to identify the homes' architectural style and unique features. DiAnne Monroe and Carolyn Parmenter have been researching the history of each home. Many thanks to all these people. If you would like to volunteer your time to this tour, contact Lynn Henderson or any member of her committee. Host and hostesses will be

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Bill Scaife discussing his new book with Gerald Cox.

the following books: Confederate Surgeon, The Campaign for Atlanta, Hood's Campaign for Tennessee, The March to the Sea and War in Georgia.

Following the book signing, many people stayed to tour the Allatoona Pass battlefield site. Bill Scaife led the group, drawing on his expertise to describe the action there on that fateful day in October, 1864.

Your copy of Allatoona Pass, A Needless Effusion of Blood, can be obtained from the EVHS office for \$16 (softcover) or \$28 (leather).



The battlefield tour begins.



A crowd gathers to hear Bill describe the action at the eastern fort.

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needed in each home as well as people to act as historians for each home. Other volunteers will also be needed for various other job duties.

This year we have corporate sponsors who have generously donated \$500 each. They are Target Stores, Henderson and Bowen Companies, Enforcer Products Inc., Phoenix Air and Corwin, Tilley & Deems, P.C. As you talk to the owners and representatives of these fine companies, be sure to give them our thanks.

And let's not forget all the wonderful homeowners who have so graciously volunteered to open up their homes to the public for this year's tour. Without them, this tour would not be possible. The various homes to be featured and their owners are as follows:



1929 Backus-Dellinger Home. Residence of Gay Dellinger.



1905 Spier-Sager Home. Residence of Walt and Margaret Ann Sager.

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Circa 1885 Hall-Archer Home. Residence of Russell and Daneise Archer.



1901 Monfort-Lowry Home. Residence of Harold and Brenda Lowry.



1905 Neel-Choate Home. Residence of Zim and Martha Choate.



Circa 1870 Jackson-Shaw Home. Residence of Julius and Terry Shaw.

OFFICE NEWS

The EVHS office continues to attract many visitors from both the membership and the public. Most are researchers but many are tourist looking for sites of historic interest. We are constantly increasing the research material and very soon we will double our space with the acquisition of another adjoining room. Each time you see Commissioner Clarence Brown, thank him for allowing us to utilize the 1903 Courthouse.

We should be really thankful to all those donating their time to help keep the office open. They are: Dorothy Anne Roth, Louise Smith, Laurette Smith, Linda Trentham, Sydney Jolly, Norma Tidwell, Pete Rogers, Trish Simmons, Emily Champion, Carolyn Parmenter, Frank Entwisle, Lizette Entwisle, Martha White, Ellen Thomasson, Joretta Scott, Larry Hyde, Pat Mansfield, Bill Dysart, Harold Harper, Jerry Simmons, Glenda Collier, Richard Nix, DiAnne Monroe, Barry Colbaugh, Rosemary Clabo and Jean Cochran.

Please call the office at 606-8862 if you would like to volunteer your time to keep the office open.



Andrew Parmenter enjoying his visit to the office library.

ALLATOONA PASS



Agreement being signed between the EVHS and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. (L-R seated) Diane Mooney, David Grabensteder - local Corps Manager, Carl Etheridge - Corps Ranger and EVHS member. (Standing L-R) Larry Gregory and Guy Parmenter.

The Battle of Allatoona Pass was fought October 5, 1864 and was considered one of the bloodiest battles of the Civil War. Confederate artillery began its bombardment of the heavily fortified Federal forts at Allatoona Pass at 6:30 a.m. General French's Confederate force consisted of 3,276 men compared to General Corse's Federal command of 2,025. By mid-afternoon, the Confederate assault was over and the Union army still held Allatoona Pass. Casualties on both sides were high, a total of 1,603 men killed, wounded or missing. The casualty rate at Allatoona Pass would ultimately prove to be the highest of any battle in the Civil War for the time engaged.

The Civil War Sites Advisory Commission established by the U. S. Congress advises that there were about 10,500 Civil War armed conflicts ranging from major battles to minor skirmishes. The Commission identified 384 such conflicts which represented the primary military campaigns and operations of the Civil War. The sites on which these conflicts occurred are found in 25 states and the District of Columbia. Georgia has 28 of these battlefield sites, however, many both in Georgia and nationally, have been lost to development in whole or in part. We are excited to report that the Allatoona Pass Battlefield is among our nations 384 premier battle-

fields sites. In fact, the Commission further grouped Allatoona Pass in the top 149. Few, if any, Civil War sites contain more original landmarks, earthworks and undisturbed physical features. The Etowah Valley Historical Society is proud to do our part in preserving our nations battlefield sites for generations of future Americans. As reported in the March/April newsletter, we have entered into an agreement with the U. S. Army Corp of Engineers to highlight the history of Allatoona Pass through a trail system with interpretive signs.

Members of the Society and non-members volunteers have worked since early June clearing brush and trees at the Pass. Over 350 man hours have been put into this project to date. Plans are for the trails to be completed and the signs to be constructed by the end of May, 1996. The Corps of Engineers has already expanded the parking lot at the south end of the Pass to accommodate the many visitors



Work goes on at Allatoona Pass.

expected upon completion of this project.

Our work has drawn much attention. Inquiries have been made by both the National Park Service through the American Battlefield Protection Program in Washington D. C. and the 10,000 member Association for the

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Preservation of Civil War Sites in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers locally and in Mobile have been and will continue to play a major role in the preservation effort. Without them, this project would not be possible. In addition, both the Georgia



Ed Hill working hard to remove small trees and undergrowth.

Department of Natural Resources and the Georgia Civil War Commission have provided input and desire to stay abreast of what we are doing.

Some of those who have volunteered in the clearing are Dennis, Dianne, Clay, Lance and Adam Moony; Guy and Andrew Parmenter; J. B. Tate; Carl Etheridge; Barry Colbaugh; Larry Gregory; Ed Hill; Tim Fortune; Jerry and Trisha Simmons; Gary Keys; Joe Head and Patrick Nelson. Volunteers assemble in the Allatoona Pass parking lot around 8:15 every Saturday morning. Please join us. For more information, contact Diane Mooney or Guy Parmenter.



Clay Mooney feeding the chipper.

Judges' Portraits And Historical Posters Hung In Courthouse

The Preservation Committee of the Etowah Valley Historical (EVHS) has hung ten poster size antique pictures of Bartow County scenes in the 1903 Historic Courthouse's main floor halls. These include a covered bridge over the Etowah River, the Sam Jones Tabernacle, a drawing of Kingston on May 14, 1864, two different iron furnaces, Etowah Rolling Mill and Village which is now covered by Lake Allatoona, the Corra Harris Home which had also been the home of Chief Pine Log, the Granger-Evans home depicting the house when its observatory was in place, Allatoona Pass circa 1864 and Cartersville's Main Street circa 1920s.

The committee still seeks additional portraits of the Cherokee Circuit's Superior Court Judges who served since its inception in 1832. These portraits are also being hung in the 1903 Courthouse. Anyone with information about any of these, please call EVHS's offices at 606-8862 or write to EVHS at Post Office Box 1886, Cartersville, GA 30120. Office hours are from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

The Preservation Committee of EVHS consists of Dianne Tate, Chairperson, Emily Champion, Lynn Henderson, Lizette Entwisle, Jackie Voyles, Susan Alexander and Carolyn Parmenter.



MEMBERSHIP MEETING

April 27, 1995

The Etowah Valley Historical Society (EVHS) held its regular meeting at the Cartersville-Bartow County Library the evening of April 27, 1995. President Larry Gregory presided and welcomed members and guests.

DiAnne Monroe shared copies of several articles she had recently acquired on General William Tatum Wofford, C.S.A. General Wofford was one of Bartow County's greatest men to serve in the Confederate Army. He was born in Habersham County, Georgia, on June 28, 1824 and died near Cassville on May 22, 1884. He is buried in the historic Cassville Cemetery. DiAnne also reported that EVHS member Bob Ford of Falls Church, Virginia was looking for any information about General Wofford. He is currently writing a book about Wofford and the 18th Georgia Regiment.

Guy Parmenter announced that the log cabin should be finished by October 4. Donations of furnishings are welcome. Filming is being done on the reconstruction at Red Top Mountain State Park and a future Crossroads program will be completed about the cabin.

Furthermore, Guy reported that an agreement with the Corps of Engineers has been reached on the Allatoona Pass Project. Trails are to be cleared, some landscaping performed and signs put in place. All this will hopefully be accomplished by volunteers on weekends and evenings.

Carl Etheridge of the Corps of Engineers spoke on cemeteries on federal property. There are approximately seventeen cemeteries in Cherokee, Cobb and Bartow Counties on government property. His recent interest is the Floyd Family Cemetery in Bartow County Park near Allatoona Dam. Several hundred graves may be there, and it is thought to be the cemetery of the town of Etowah which now lies beneath Lake Allatoona. Plans are to test the site for confirmation and preservation.

Joe Head, vice president of EVHS, introduced the speaker, Dr. Gene Huck, former Academic Dean of Kennesaw State College. He related information about the Glover Machine Company of Cobb County and the locomotives they built. Glover Machines built approximately 200 smaller than normal locomotives, many of which were sent to other countries to be used as work trains in industry and agriculture. The business was closed in 1920 and the building can still be observed on Cobb Parkway South. Only three restored trains are known to exist today. One may be seen on the Square in Marietta.

Joe Head thanked Dr. Huck on behalf of the EVHS by presenting him a gift of A History of Old Cassville by Dr. Joe Mahan.



Presenting Dr. Gene Huck with A History of Old Cassville. (L-R) Guy Parmenter, Larry Gregory, DiAnne Monroe, and Dr. Huck.



President Larry Gregory addressing membership.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

July 15, 1995

On July 15, 1995 on a very warm Saturday afternoon, the Etowah Valley Historical Society (EVHS) gathered for a dinner meeting with Butch and Melissa Walker at their home which includes Rogers' Mill (formerly Jones' Mill) on Pettit Creek. The Walkers have restored the original home and are preserving the mill. Joe Head, EVHS Vice-President, thanked Butch and Melissa for hosting the meeting and also welcomed the members and guests.



After being introduced by Joe Head, Butch Walker spoke about the history of the turbine, water-powered mill. The mill is thought to have been built before 1875 and was in operation until 1909. Charlie Jones, a brother to the famous evangelist Sam P. Jones, operated the mill during the turn of century and it was then that the concrete dam was built. Before that time, a wooden dam held back the waters of Pettit Creek. The mill was dormant until 1934 when Clark Rogers purchased it and brought it back into operation. Both corn meal and flour were ground there.

Payment was made by giving a portion to the miller who then bagged it and sold it at the mill. Rogers' Mill was in operation until 1971. The mill has been featured in a Crossroads program and in the EVHS newsletter.

DiAnne Monroe spoke about the EVHS Civil War Committee's Round Table and its significance to the Society. Bartow County was an important part of the war, and events occurring here should be documented and preserved. Any member of EVHS is invited to become a member of this committee.

Larry Gregory, EVHS President, reminded everyone to come by the 1903 Historic Bartow County Courthouse and visit the EVHS's offices which are open from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Saturdays. Members and guests were also invited to view the portraits in the courthouse hallway of former and current Superior Court Judges of the Cherokee Circuit, which the Preservation Committee has begun to collect, as well as the poster-size historical photographs of Bartow County sites.

Diane Mooney introduced Bill Scaife and his wife, Ollie. Mr. Scaife spoke about his recently published book, Allatoona Pass, A Needless Effusion of Blood, in which the Etowah Valley Historical Society shared publication. The author's grandfather, Dr. William L. Scaife, was a Confederate Surgeon and served at Allatoona Pass during the battle. The book is a thorough documentation of events prior to and during the battle which took place in south Bartow County on October 5, 1864. Copies of this important work are available at the EVHS office: \$16 for the soft cover and \$28 for the gold embossed, British Green Leather Limited Edition. Mr. Scaife autographed the members' books after the meeting.

Everyone enjoyed a delicious, catered dinner on the lawn while being entertained by the music of the Country Gentlemen. Afterwards, many delighted in touring the home and mill and walking to the location of the concrete dam.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ms. Marsha Arrington, Arlington, VA
Coldwell Banker Homestead Properties,
Cartersville, GA

Mr. Henry Aydelott, Cartersville, GA

Mr. Tom Barnes, Cartersville, GA

Mr. Ken Brown, Cartersville, GA

Ms. Shirley Dandelake, Jacksonville, FL

Mr. & Mrs. John B. Gibbs, Buies Creek, N.C.

Ms. Anne Kline, Cartersville, GA

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Pogue, Cartersville, GA

Ms. Mary E. Smith, Cartersville, GA

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas H. Warlick, Orlando, FL

Mr. Joseph Webb, Cartersville, GA

SEEN THE VAUGHAN CABIN LATELY?



This newsletter is dedicated to the memory of:

Dr. Joseph B. Mahan, Jr.

Mrs. Frank D. "Billie" Smith

Mr. Dan W. Wheeler

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