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4TH OF JULY 2012

As we celebrate the 4th, we should pause to remember the Revolutionary War Soldiers that lived and are buried in Bartow county. In 1776, what is now Bartow County was considered to be untamed wilderness inhabited by savage Indians. It would be another fifty years before this area would be open to white settlers. The 1840 census list five Revolutionary Service Pensioners living in Cass County.

Charles Baker (1762 - April 26, 1850) is buried at the Baker's family cemetery between Pine Log and Rydal

Hugh Brewster (January 31, 1759 - July 2, 1854) is buried in the James Dickerson Family Cemetery near Taylorsville.

Reuben Edwards (1758 - ?). No other information found.

Benjamin Harris (1759 - ?). No other information found.

Major John Lewis (1757 - November 4, 1940) is buried in Oothcalooga Baptist Church Cemetery.

The following Revolutionary War Soldiers are also known to be buried in Bartow County.

Sheriff Brewster (May 8, 1763 - 1839) is buried in the James Dickerson Family Cemetery near Taylorsville.

Benjamin Wofford (1768 - March 2, 1836) is buried in the Wofford Family cemetery off of Highway 20 near Stamp Creek.

Two hundred and thirty six years have passed since the American Revolution began, but we are here today because of the efforts of the Revolutionary War Soldiers. If you have any additional information about these listed here or know of any others that need to be added to the list, please contact the EVHS office.



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LOCAL ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST TO EVHS MEMBERS

"Like" Etowah Valley Historical Society on Facebook. Join Facebook and visit the Etowah Valley Historical Society page to get up to the minute details of current activities, look at pictures as well as join in discussion of current activities.

July 14 - EVHS sponsored Genealogical class.

Linda Cochran will be teaching a genealogy class on researching Native American History. Contact Linda at the EVHS office for details.

September 1, 2012 - Deadline for nominations for Lifetime Achievement Award for 2012

October is the month that annual dues are collected. Continue to support EVHS with your contributions

October 6th & 7th - Anniversary of the Battle of Altoona Pass
EVHS Members will be at Altoona Pass with Rangers from Red Top Mountain State Park to show and tell about the battle site.

October 12th - EVHS Annual meeting at Grand Oaks, 6:30 pm.
Membership dues are collected as well as the cost of your supper. Keep up with the activities of your Historical organization, as well as an evening of socializing with your friends.

October 20th - EVHS sponsored Genealogical class
Linda Cochran will be teaching a beginners genealogy class. Contact Linda at the EVHS office for details

November 3rd & 4th - Tour of Homes.

"In and Around Main" is the theme of this year's tour of homes. The preservation committee has been working hard to make this tour their most successful ever. The bi-annual tour of homes is a major source of funding for EVHS. Please support EVHS by volunteering to help with the tour or by buying tickets to take the tour.

December 7th - EVHS Christmas Party at Roselawn

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2012

The Lifetime Achievement Award is the highest honor bestowed by the Etowah Valley Historical Society and is awarded at the October annual meeting of the Society. It is only given to those individuals who, over a period of at least 20 years, best achieves and represents the Society's mission of "promoting and enhancing awareness and preservation of the heritage and traditions of Bartow County".

The nominees need not be a member of the Etowah Valley Historical Society. Any EVHS member may submit a nomination for the Lifetime Achievement Award by September 1, 2012. The written nomination should list the nominee's accomplishments and years of service in historic preservation. Nominations can be dropped off at the EVHS office, mailed to P O Box 1886, Cartersville, Georgia 30120, or e-mailed to either of the Co- Presidents - Joanne Smith (Joanne.Smith@gamcustom.com) or Dianne Tate (ddjbtate@aol.com).

A nominee must meet the award criteria to be considered for selection by the Etowah Valley Historical Society's Board of Directors. The Award will be given to only one person from the submitted nominees. If no nominees are submitted or the submitted nominees do not meet the designated criteria, the Lifetime Achievement Award may not be presented that year.

This award was first introduced in 2002 to honor all those individuals still living that have worked tirelessly with historic preservation. It was an idea that had been considered for many years, however it took the urging of EVHS member Genie Certain, to make it a reality. The first recipient was Mary Ellen Taff on May 18, 2002 Followed by Martha Mulinix (2003), Lizette Entwisle (2004), Susie Wheeler (2005), Emily Champion (2006), James B. Tate (2007), Guy Parmenter (2008), Jodie Hill (2009) and Ed Hill (2010).

Let your Board of Directors know who you propose should received this honor this year.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Don't Ignore It, Restore It

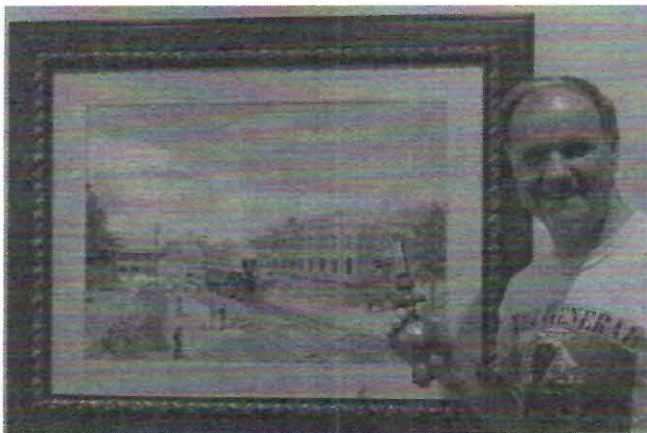
Cartersville has designated five historic districts that include more than 600 properties. Take the time to look at the beauty around town.

The Township of Etowah now has a historic marker, visit EVHS on Facebook to see who has worked on this project.

HEART OF THE CHASE

On June 9th, there was a bus tour of the Great Locomotive Chase in Bartow County sponsored by EVHS, Bartow History Museum and the Cartersville-Bartow Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Thirty-three people met at Emerson Elementary School to begin the Heart of the Chase Tour. The first stop was at Allatoona Pass for a short visit of the battle field site, and a discussion of the layout of the railroad in 1862. Dianne Moony gave an overview of the battle and the effort to preserve the site as well as information about the monuments to the soldiers that fought in the battle. The second stop was at the newly erected marker for the town of Etowah, J.B. Tate was there putting the finishing touches to the marker display and gave a brief history of the marker. The bus then traveled up the river to the Cooper Iron Works furnace. Joe Head discussed various points of interest relating to the railroad as the bus traveled. The next stop was the Cartersville Depot and Friendship Plaza. A box lunch was served at The Bartow History Museum. The tour then traveled by Cass Station on its way to Kingston. Larry Posey explained the importance of the Kingston rail Wye and the ladies of the Kingston Woman's History Club opened their museum to further explain the role of Uriah Stephens "The Voice Of Resistance" in the great Chase. The tour continued to the railroad depot in Adairsville. The staff at this museum shared more information about the Chase in Bartow County. This short narrative cannot do justice to the information given to the people on the tour. A Special Thanks goes to Trey Gaines, Joe Head and all the other people on the tour that shared their knowledge of Bartow County's role as the Heart of the Great Locomotive Chase.



MAJOR JOHN SHARPE ROWLAND

Born August 6, 1795, Rutherfordton, NC,
Died September 18, 1863, Atlanta GA.



John Sharpe Rowland came from a military heritage. His father, Thomas Rowland, served in the Revolutionary War. John volunteered during the War of 1812 and served in the 3rd regiment, South Carolina Militia. Major John S. Rowland was accorded the title of "Major" during his middle years to honor the high esteem and many accomplishments and contributions that he made to the state of Georgia during his lifetime.

In November 1816, he married Miss Frances Machen Lewis of Spartanburg, SC. They had eleven children, four of whom died in infancy. In 1839 he purchased land in Cass County (now called Bartow) Georgia and built a sizable plantation of over 1,300 acres which was called "Etowah Valley". In 1843, he purchased over 2,000 acres in Cass County (Bartow) and in addition to his already successful plantation, built the most exclusive resort in the State of Georgia called "Rowland Springs". Governor and Mrs. Joseph E. Brown were frequent guests there.

As was noted in the Editorial Correspondence of the Augusta Chronicle - August 18, 1849, p. 2,

"Think of Rowland Springs as the scene of a Fancy Ball. The time is still fresh on the memory of the living, when the spot was ignorant of human tread, save only when some wandering savage paused on his war or hunting path to slake his thirst in one of the many cool and delightful springs which gush out of the surrounding hills. As if touched by the wand of enchantment, it has all at once become a resort for the fashionable, and a retreat for the invalid. Scarcely a day passes that does not bring along with it large additions to the crowd, already assembled, and the pleasant grounds in the vicinity are thickly interspersed with the beauty and fashion of Carolina and Georgia, beguiling the time with healthful exercise, and inhaling the pure atmosphere of this mountain region."

In August 1861, Major Rowland was appointed Superintendent of the Western and Atlantic Railroad, which ran between Atlanta, Georgia and Chattanooga, Tennessee and held this position until his death in 1863. It was during his tenure as Superintendent that Andrew's Raiders stole the General from Big Shanty, Georgia and "The Great Locomotive Chase" ensued.

John Sharpe Rowland was lowered into his grave on the 20th of September, 1863 when the cannons were booming at the Battle of Chickamauga and the roar could be heard at the time....

Information submitted by Paul Dietrich; Located at Find A Grave website.

MAJOR JOHN S. ROWLAND

OF CASS COUNTY, GEORGIA

From PORTRAITS OF EMINENT AMERICANS NOW LIVING: WITH BIOGRAPHICAL AND HISTORICAL MEMOIRS OF THEIR IVES AND ACTIONS.

By John Livingston. Vol. IV. 1854

The traveler, as he passes through the portion of the State of Georgia known as the "Cherokee Country" will be struck with the fertility of its soil and the general outlines of beauty presented by a valley, which still retains the euphonious sound of its Indian title, Etowah; and, as his eye wanders over the landscape, he becomes aware that the hand of man, seldom an improver of the works of Nature, has here followed out her general laws, and acting in conformity with her plans, has added to, in place of detracting from, the pleasing features of the scene. Improvements, so called, have not always this effect, and it is from this fact that we find throughout the land Gothic castles usurping the place of the Grecian temple, and Byzantine structures receiving upon their airy domes the winters snows and elevating their slight minarets where the blustering blast of Boreas are rudest and sweep with their fullest forces; or, on the other hand, the solemn Egyptian pile casting its sombre shadow athwart the southern sunny plains. But here the eye is offended by no such incongruity. The unities are preserved, and edifices erected for the accommodation of man with the appurtenances, are in conformity with the general aspect of nature. should he ask the name of the plantation which has attracted his attention by its tasteful arrangement, and unison with its surroundings, he will be informed that it bears the same appellation as the vale into which he is descending, and is called "Etowah Valley"; that it is considered one of the most handsomely improved places of the State, and is the property of Major John S. Rowland, of whose life we propose to present a brief sketch.

His parents were both natives of that mother of Presidents and of States. Virginia; his father, Thomas Rowland, descended from an ancient family of Wales, who had emigrated thither when it was a colony, having been born in Hanover County on the 8th of September, 1750; and his mother being a Miss Mildred Lewis, of Albermarle County--- a family well known throughout the state as amongst its earliest settlers. About the close of the Revolutionary War his parents moved to Rutherford County, North Carolina, then a frontier settlement, where his father took an active part in its defence against the traitorous attempts of the tories and their savage allies. It was amid those stirring scenes that John S. Rowland, the subject of this memoir, was born, on the 6th of August. 1795, which places him at the time we write, in this fifty-eighth year. In 1810 his father removed to Greenville District, South Carolina, where at the age of seventeen he engaged in teaching an English school, by permission of his parents. Whilst occupied in inculcating knowledge to others, he employed in obtaining instruction for himself, and acquiring such information as would qualify him to succeed in the pursuits of after life. When he was but nineteen years of age, he received the appointment of deputy collector of the revenue or direct tax for the district of Pendleton, SC, an appointment highly flattering to the character and standing of so young a man. He performed the duties of this office until the War of 1812, when a call

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having been made within his State for volunteers for the defence of his country, he resigned his post, and joining the army served until the close of the war. At its termination, he returned to the place of his nativity, and in the latter part of the year 1815 was engaged in the office of clerk of the county until November, 1816, when he became united in marriage with Miss Frances M. Lewis, a daughter of Joel Lewis, Esq., of Spartanburg District, SC. Of the issue of this marriage four sons and three daughters are now living. He continued a resident of this district until 1839, filling many of its offices, and acted as a member of the Committee of South Carolina in 1832. The stormy epoch of Nullification, himself a strong Union man. In 1839, he purchased the fertile tract of land in Cass country, which we have spoken of at the commencement of our sketch, where he has since devoted himself to agricultural pursuits, and made his residence one of the most handsomely improved places in the State, giving evidence of a cultivated taste which his unbounded means has allowed him to gratify to the fullest extent. In 1840, he purchased the property known as the Rowland Springs in Cass county, then entirely unimproved and in a forest. Here he displayed his usual good taste in improving the place handsomely and extensively. These springs are still his property, and have become one of the most fashionable watering places in the South.

Major Rowland is decidedly a self-made man. the education he possesses was obtained by his own exertions, when at the age of seventeen, he received permission to teach school. Whilst in this occupation, he applied himself to study, devoting his leisure moments to the acquisition of the various branches which would qualify him for business; and in ful-filling the duties of this office as deputy collector he pursued what has been termed

"The proper study of mankind - - Man."

In this position he obtained an insight into character which very few situations allow, and making good use of his habits of observation found essential benefits arising from the prosecution of his duties. In the army, a larger field was opened to him, and here too he learned many lessons that accrued to his advantage in after life.

During his father's life, he received no pecuniary assistance , and had to depend entirely upon his own exertions. After his death he inherited the small sum of five hundred dollars, which became the nucleus of his present fortune. But he possessed that which was better than money, a strong constitution, habits of industry, and self-reliance; with these he had boldly pushed his way through the world, and now finds himself in the middle stage of life with all which should accompany that age.

"Such as honor, riches, troop of friends."

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Dues are due by October, make sure that you are up to date.

Support your Society with dues and attendance at sponsored events.

Join EVHS on Facebook, Keep up with the activities of your Society. Share pictures and old memories.

The EVHS website is being upgraded and reorganized look for new features soon.

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