



# ETOWAH VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

*Promoting and enhancing the awareness and preservation of the heritage and traditions of Bartow County*

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## EVHS Cookbook Sold Out

A group of energetic EVHS ladies with a vision to preserve Bartow culinary heritage took on an ambitious project to publish a first-ever cookbook containing local recipes and family stories. This is truly a local keepsake treasure and offers yet another document to preserve Bartow history and birthed a family heirloom to proudly hand down to rising generations.



What began as a 2016 successful Valley View event by popular gift idea for the 2018 Christmas brisk and became an exciting project among the Society with demand practically exhausting inventory before the books arrived. Five hundred copies were printed and upon arrival over 400 had been pre-sold. As of the annual Christmas banquet the book was fully sold out!

The committee exhibited strong leadership to make the cookbook a reality. Detailed planning and the use of an on-line software allowed recipes to be submitted and managed remotely with the printer. Great detail was expended to design the book, promote sales, account for orders, collect funds, track shipping, keep it on schedule and delivery to coincide for the 2018 holiday season release.

Great appreciation is extended to the sponsors who covered the printing costs allowing the sales profits to benefit the EVHS general fund.

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## Upcoming Events for EVHS

**February 26, 2019** – *A Taste of Africa*, Alexis Carter - Callahan, Stiles Auditorium, 320 West Cherokee Ave, Cartersville, GA 6:00 PM (Sample cultural foods) Open to the public (CVB) - Reservation required.

**March 5, 2019** – *Bartow's Tunnel Mining Age*, Stan Bearden and Joe Head. Komatsu. Tuesday Reception at 6:00 PM, Program at 6:30 PM. Open to the public.

**March 23, 2019** – *Ladd's hike encore*. Departs from County Maintenance Shop off Burnt Hickory on Ladd's Mountain Road, SW. Arrival/Registration at 9:00 AM, hike departs at 9:30 AM. Members only event.

**April 4, 2019** – *A. O. Granger Home*, Ed Carlton, Great - Great Grandson. Cartersville Library. Reception Thursday at 6:00 PM, Lecture at 6:30. Open to the public.

**May 5, 2019** – *Bartow History Scholar Middle School Quiz Bowl*, Sam Jones Church, Celebration Hall, 2:00 PM. Open to the public.

**May 18 & 19, 2019** – *Saltpeter Cave Exploration* (tentative dates) Previous registrations will be honored first for time slots and then open to membership. Members only event.

**October 5 - 6, 2019** – *Allatoona Pass*. Open to the public.

**October 11, 2019** – *Annual Membership Dinner*, Grand Oaks. 6:00 PM reception. Members only event.

**November 14, 2019** – *When the World Came Crashing Down, DeSoto's Expedition (Part 1 Encore)* Jim Langford, Cartersville Library 6:00 PM Reception. 6:30 PM Program. Open to the public.

**December 6, 2019** – *Christmas Dinner*, Rose Lawn. 6:00 PM Arrival  
Note: Some dates are subject to change.



## Rolling dues are due

EVHS reminds members that dues are now due according to the anniversary month that you joined. Notices are being mailed out or emailed to individuals. If you have received a notice and not yet renewed, please do so now by mailing your check or going online.

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[www.evhsonline.org/membership](http://www.evhsonline.org/membership)



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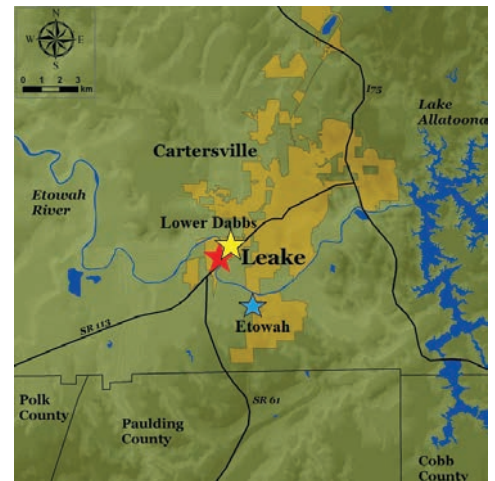


EVHS is excited to announce that several more articles are now uploaded to the Bartow Author's Corner on our web page. Listed below are two previews of the four new articles. Please visit the EVHS web site at [evhsonline.org](http://evhsonline.org) and click the Bartow Author's Corner to read these and other articles.

## 2016-17 Native American Lower Dabbs' Dig



Following up the 2015 field trip picnic to Walnut Grove and a previous article on the Dabbs' Dig progress located on the property of John Dabbs, Dr. Terry Powis and students from Kennesaw State University have produced a companion article describing a second 2016-17 dig and findings related to the excavation on the banks of the Etowah River. According to Dr. Powis the lower Dabbs' dig



completes the excavation. Between the two digs, six field schools were held and over 120 KSU students participated from 2012 to 2018. Among the major findings is that the lower dig can be associated with the Leake site, but is dated prior to de Soto's expedition while the upper dig fell within the time frame of the expedition.

## Emerson's Empire Mill



Bartow County was once home to more than a dozen grist mills powered by creeks such as Pumpkinvine, Pettit, Two Run and Allatoona. However, perhaps the county's most legendary mill was the Empire mill, also known as Willerford mill and was served by the famed locomotive Texas following the Civil War. David Ibata, editor of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railroad Preservation Society's newsletter has written perhaps the most complete summary of the mill's history. He does a thorough job tracing its history and local family connections. As a courtesy, David has offered EVHS the rights to publish his

article on the old mill that once existed south of LakePoint Sports on highway 293.

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# EVHS Kicks Off Learn and Play Program at LakePoint Station

In keeping with the EVHS mission to preserve Bartow County history and involve local youth, Carl Etheridge (EVHS member) addressed 125 students on Native Americans in the Etowah Valley Region at LakePoint Station in October. Three bus loads of excited students from Floyd County's Model Middle School learned about Native American life from the



Mississippian period through the Cherokee occupation and Trail of Tears removal in Bartow County. His program consisted of a lecture, power point, artifact exhibits and a live demonstration of musical instruments and weapons used by Indians from the Etowah Valley. Students particularly enjoyed watching the primitive weapons demonstration using the atlatl spear and dart blow



gun. Carl motivated the students, got them engaged, captured their attention and earned several rounds of applause. Following the program all students were released to enjoy LakePoint Station attractions including; clip and climb, putt putt golf, laser tag and lunch from St Angelo's Pizza.



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## EVHS Announces Speaker's Bureau

If you are involved in a civic club, church or school that is in need of a speaker, EVHS may be your solution. We are now in a position to offer a number of Bartow history topics delivered as brief lectures suitable for luncheons or featured programs ranging between thirty minutes to one hour. Please let your friends, work colleagues and neighbors know of this new EVHS resource.

See our website for details under "Get Involved" tab to find the Speaker's Bureau link or call the office to request speakers.



*Joe addresses the Retired Men's Club on Camp Foster*

Joe Head presented Rev. Sam Jones Forgotten Legacies at the Library for the Daughters of the Confederacy. The program examined his Female College and legendary Tabernacle.

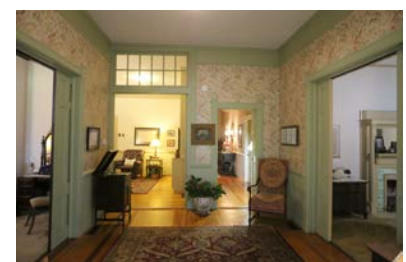
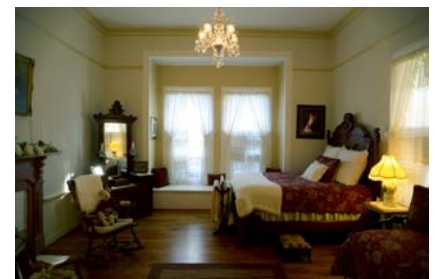
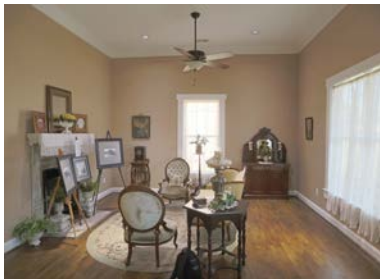




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# Adairsville's Society Hill

## 2018 Tour of Homes





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# Allatoona Pass Remembered

EVHS partnered with Friends of Red Top Mountain October 6 and 7 to host the annual Battle of Allatoona remembrance weekend. Guy Parmenter points out areas of interests to visitors during Saturday's event.





# Annual EVHS Meeting at Grand Oaks

Co-President Dianne Tate addresses EVHS membership on Friday, October 12 at Grand Oaks. Among her remarks was a year in review regarding activities, programs and fundraising. A special recognition was extended to Mina Harper for her work with African American history initiatives. Several special upcoming events were mentioned including the Cookbook project, Adairsville Tour of Homes and Salt Peter Cave tour. Wayne Rice was recognized for his long service as a Board member as he "retires" and two new Board members, Mark Matthews and Judy Kilgore, were elected to serve 3-year terms.







*Adairsville 2018 Tour of Homes*



*Lake Point Station  
Learn and Play Lectures*

*Cass Middle School Lectures*



*EVHS History Quiz Bowl*



*EVHS Cookbook*



*July 4th Mulinix Picnic*



*EVHS History Quiz Bowl*



*Allatoona Pass*







*Ladd's Mountain Hike*



*Alphabet Collins*



*Spring Bank/Cement, GA Picnic*

*KSU Intern*



*Annual Membership Dinner*



*EVHS Christmas Dinner*



# People of the 2018 Tour of Homes





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# EVHS Christmas Dinner





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# The Ghosts of Glen Holly

By Lisa Russell

In the Lost and Drowned Town of Etowah, Georgia

Rising from the red clay-stained waters of Lake Allatoona, Glen Holly teases a few times a year. When the water retreats, a home place appears. War, fire, nature and water have finished their work to dismantle the mansion. Gone are the vineyards, orchards, and gardens, but the Cooper family has kept the legacy alive. Out of miry shadows lost history materializes.

Mark Anthony Pope, III wrote the comprehensive book, **Mark Anthony Cooper: Iron Man of Georgia**. Pope's book paints the landscape of the Cooper story. His cousin Barry Wright, III focused on the details and his great-grandfather in, John Paul Cooper: Georgia Giant in the Revival of Cotton during the Early 1900s. Wright's work and his generous gift of sharing his family papers add living color to the sepia past.

Wright remembers his childhood visits to Glen Holly. His grandfather, Frederick, told tales of the family patriarch, "The Old Major," and his eccentric Uncle Eugene and Aunt Rosa. He then introduced his grandson to Glen Holly.

Mark Anthony Cooper built Glen Holly on a hill upriver from The Etowah Manufacturing and Mining Company. Eugene Cooper, Mark Anthony's only surviving son described Glen Holly in an 1885 Atlanta Journal article: "Glen Holly was beautiful place, nestled on the ragged crags overlooking the sparkling, laughing waters of the Etowah."

Decades later, TVA built a dam to impound those laughing waters, covering the remains of Etowah and Glen Holly. Sherman did his best to erase the manufacturing town. Two fires obliterated the family home. Fire, war, and water may have suppressed this Bartow treasure, but the Coopers continue to conjure the ghosts of Glen Holly.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers started work on the Allatoona Dam project in 1941, but World War II halted all work. Once the project resumed in 1946, a number of sites were identified to be at risk of being covered by the rising waters. The old village site of Etowah was ground zero for submersion. Glen Holly and the Village of Etowah were mostly located on the northeast side of Allatoona Dam and not entirely around the Cooper furnace that still stands today. Several other sites also fell victim to rising waters. Among those were the Allatoona Pass rail community, Abernathyville or Old Macedonia, two iron furnace sites, mining sites, several cemeteries including the Cooper family cemetery and Glen Holly, home of Major Mark Cooper.

Wright walked Glen Holly with his grandfather listening to stories and took a canoe to the "island" as a teen. But it was not until he grew up and received a box of family papers and photographs that he began to understand, "I got a sense of the house, orchards, gardens, outbuildings as actual history. For the first time, my family history was real." Wright continued, "The descriptions and conversations I'd read in the letters and accounts now made absolute sense." Trips to Glen Holly woke his mind: "I could see The Old Major cultivating his apple orchard, including two varieties named for Cooper. I imagined Uncle Eugene planting the dozens of peach trees his nephew, John Paul Cooper, had bought him." Wright stirred up the past and shadowy stories of Etowah and Glen Holly have found new life.

In 2012, Wright paddled toward Glen Holly with his daughter in a small canoe and kayak. In the winter, the Lake Allatoona is low and he was able to see what remained of his family's home place. He found chimney brick scattered on the red clay knoll and much of the stone wall that surrounded the property remained albeit submerged in most places.

Wright picked up pieces of the past—glass, china and something dated and special. Wright reported, " One fragment, the spout of a glass pitcher, had the date 1838 still intact and showing." The Cooper family kept their past intact by recording their history. Besides the mounds of correspondence, documents, and images - they had their stories. Wright's visits to Glen Holly and hours of research prove the family stories are true. In the process of rediscovery, the ghosts of Glen Holly were summoned.

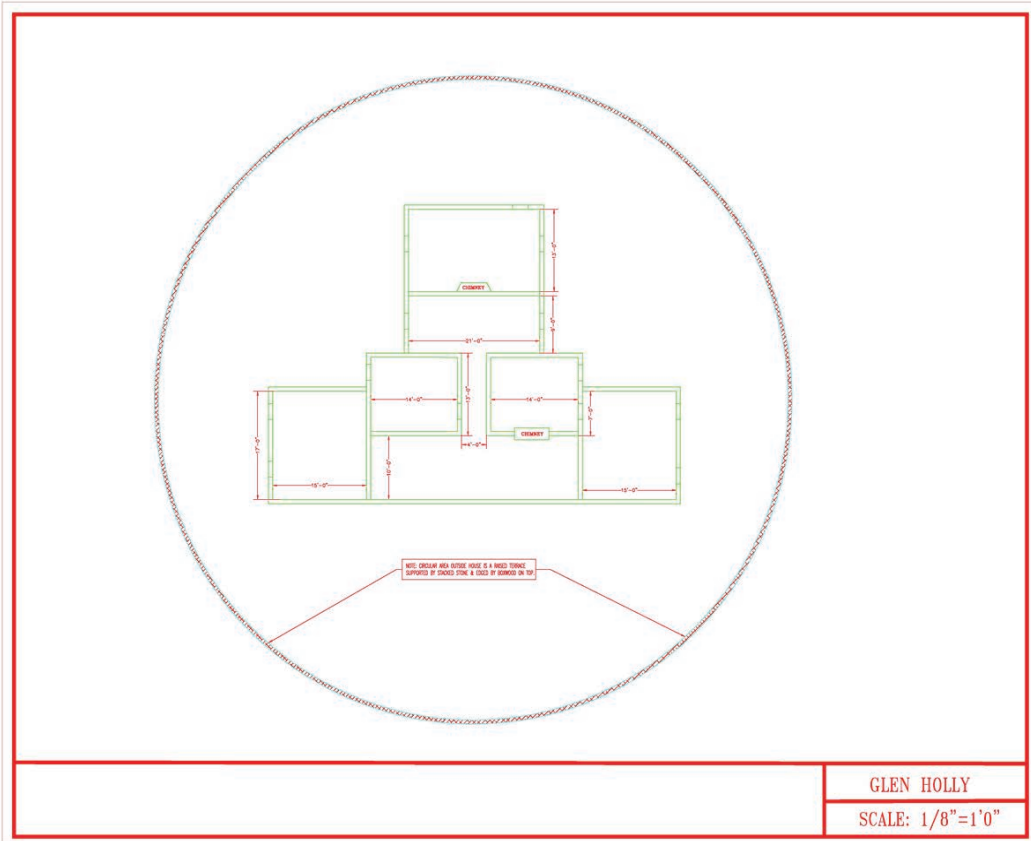
When Mark Anthony Cooper left his political career to build an iron business and establish the town of



Etowah, he picked a prime piece of real estate in town to build the Cooper home place, Glen Holly. He built up the river away from the noise of the Iron Works. The Etowah River was in view and watered his orchards, vineyard, and gardens. It was surrounded by outbuildings that served as smaller homes for family members. The center piece, the home was surrounded by a stone wall, survives under the waters of Lake Allatoona.



Remnants of the rock wall surrounding the Glen Holly home place during low water



Above is the Glen Holly Floor Plan



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Since there are few pictures of Etowah, we rely on records of past residents. The town is described by J.W. Joseph as having a boardinghouse and twelve dwelling houses. There were two hundred acres of farmland and four acres of vineyards. There were private log homes.

The private residence for the owners, Stroup and Cooper, were located up the river at a distance from the mills, to get away from the noise of machinery.

Cooper's furnace worked forty-five weeks a year and produced up to thirty tons of pig iron each week. The price of iron at the time was brought up to twenty-five dollars per ton. In modern terms, Etowah Mining Company would have grossed about \$21,000 per week. Once one of the busiest places in the entire South, Etowah grew into an industrial town with hundreds of workers and included slave labor.

Originally constructed in the late 1830s by Moses Stroup and his father, the iron furnaces were the early industrial parks of Bartow (then Cass) County. In 1847 Georgia congressman Mark Anthony Cooper and a financial partner, Andrew M. Wiley, purchased the furnace and many related businesses from Moses and worked together to build Etowah.

The manufacturing town grew to two thousand people at its peak and contained a rolling mill, flour mill, carpenter shop, foundry, spike and nail mills, a hotel and workers' homes. Etowah had a spur track connecting to Western Atlantic Railroad (W&A) that Cooper financed himself.

The railroad had an engine called Yonah. It not only shipped freight to Etowah Crossing—Yonah played a role in the Great Locomotive Chase during the Civil War.

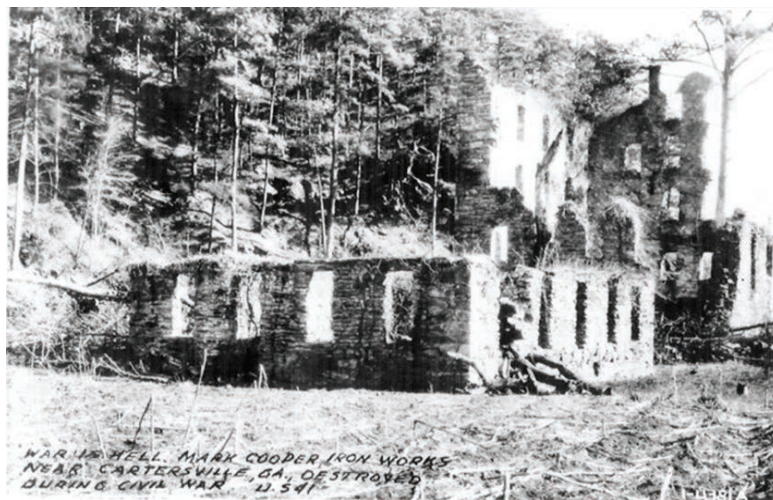
The products made and shipped from Etowah were pots or hollow ware, tools, cannons, spikes, nails, pig iron and other molded or rolled iron. The rails for Cooper's beloved railroad were first manufactured in Etowah. Cooper was selling products world-wide. Georgia did not have a market for iron, but he diversified and sold other products.

Etowah always struggled financially. Cooper said the flour mill was profitable. The Cooper mills produced flour in a five story flouring mill and by 1849 was producing fine flour. Cooper's flour was touted as the finest flour – "fit for a queen." In fact, Major Cooper sent several barrels to Queen Victoria. Later, he received a letter from the Queen's secretary saying, "The flour had arrived in good condition and Her Majesty had enjoyed the bread made of it and thanked Major Cooper for his kindness." The Old Major priced his flour for profit as he undercut local markets selling at cost.

According to a 1988 article in North Georgia Journal, Etowah had it all. "The thriving little town had a combination school and church; a boarding house; a bordello; a bank; a post office; a brewery; a company store; and log houses for the workers and their families." In 1852, Etowah had a population of 1,832. This may not seem very large, but the county seat, Cassville, was the largest settlement, with a population in this same year of 1,794.

*Readers are invited to visit the EVHS website and access the full 15 page article under the Bartow Author's Corner link. Lisa Russell has done a magnificent job to draw the waters back from this lost and forgotten war torn community that once thrived prior to the Civil War. She has brought it to life once again with fresh information from Cooper descendants and reminded us of the many impacted lives that were displaced or washed away by the construction of Lake Allatoona. Lisa declares the story of Glen Holly is not over and the next chapter is just opening, "The Ghosts of Glen Holly Future."*





**Sample photos of Etowah Village Ruins**

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## EVHS Board Meeting

EVHS Board meets at the home of Jim and Joanne Pugh in January to plan events for 2019. Check the web site Events Tab for coming evens and watch for announcements. (Not pictured: Joanne Pugh and Sally Tonsmeire.)





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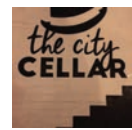
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