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1000 Strong

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

As EVHS prepares to celebrate its 50th Golden Anniversary, it has grown from a humble beginning of just over two dozen charter members in 1972 to over 1000 members in January 2022. The strength of our fellowship has been motivated by a keen interest in local history, ambitious programming, member engagement and desire to preserve and educate our citizens about the heritage of Bartow County.

ETOWAH VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY 1972 – 2022, Part 1

By Guy Parmenter

Welcome to the first of a three-part series exploring the history of our Society during this 50th anniversary year. Look for part two and three in upcoming newsletters.

The Etowah Valley Historical Society (EVHS) was founded September 30, 1972 at Valley View and originally named the Etowah Valley Commission for the Preservation of Historical Sites. Robert Stiles suggested the name change and it was approved at a meeting on October 13, 1973 at the Ryals-Davis home.

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The purpose of the Society was initially to preserve historical sites in the Etowah Valley area for future generations. Subsequently the Society's first project was to establish boundaries for an Etowah Valley Historic District partnering with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and the Coosa Valley Area Planning and Development Commission. After several years of hard work, the Etowah Valley District was added to the National Register of Historic Places on June 30, 1975. It included approximately 40,000 acres and is recognized as one of the largest Districts on the National Register. On May 22, 1976, EVHS and the citizens of Euharlee celebrated the completed restoration of the Euharlee Militia District Courthouse. This project was initiated by the Society and greatly supported by the Euharlee

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Upcoming Events for EVHS

March 22, 2022 – Women's Month Jessica Davis Lecture, Sam Jones Church. 6:00 PM. Open to public.

April 23, 2022 – *DeSoto/DeLunar Spanish Expedition Seminar by Jim Langford*, Cartersville Public Library. 6:00 PM. Open to public.

May 15, 2022 — *Middle School History Quiz Bowl*, Sam Jones Church. 2:00 PM. Open to public.

June 4, 2022 – *50th Anniversary Gala Dinner*, Jody and Delean Brandon home.

October 1, 2022 – Allatoona Pass Tribute.

October 9, 2022 – Annual Membership Meeting, Valley View. Members only.

December 2, 2022 – *Holiday Christmas Party*, Rose Lawn. Members only.

Don't forget to renew your dues



EVHS reminds members that dues are renewable according to the anniversary month that you joined. Notices to renew are now sent out via email and hardcopy letter to your postal address. You may renew on line or mail a check to the office at PO Box 1886. EVHS remains a most affordable and outstanding value.

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In Memoriam

Wayne Rice, former EVHS Board Member Fred Scott Myrtice Knight

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African American History Initiative Co-Chaired by Mina Harper Alexis Carter - Callahan community. By 1979, the Society's membership had grown from an initial 27 to 72. Membership and board meetings during the early years were primarily held at members' homes. The spring and summer meetings of 1979 however were held at the Fulton Federal Community Room on the southwest corner of Bartow and Main Streets. Interest in being a part of the Society was growing.

On December 19, 1979, the Society officially moved into the Munford ancestral home which was also known as the Oscar Peeples Home. The house was located on Atlantic Steel property at the southeast corner of Old Grassdale and Peeples Valley Roads. It was built for Lewis Martin Munford by Zimri and Milton Jackson in 1859 prior to the Civil War. EVHS member John Dent persuaded the Atlantic Steel Board of Directors to allow the Society use of this old home as its headquarters. He



Former EVHS Office and home of Wofford - Hall - White families

also persuaded them to make a substantial donation toward repairs and updates. John was serving as Mayor of Cartersville and was a past member of Atlantic Steel's Board of Directors. In 1981, EVHS published its first book, "Historic Bartow Co, 1828-1866" and beginning in August of that year sold well over 1000 copies. In advance of the publication, several EVHS members created a slide show of the old antebellum homes to be featured in the book. The presentation was well received by numerous civic and social groups throughout Bartow County. EVHS sponsored two different bus tours around that time, one was to Putnam and Stewart Counties. Tour destinations were the Uncle Remus Museum, Providence Canyon and Westville. With this new home, the Board of Directors requested the membership donate both money and period furnishings. Numerous families and individuals donated generously. The Munford Home was great for small gatherings such as Board meetings and small socials. However, it had disadvantages such as location and the inability to hold large gatherings. During the Spring of 1982, the Society established a gift shop in the Rose Lawn Little School House, which operated for several years between one and two days per week. It was staffed by volunteers and raised money for the Society.

The year 1982 closed with an October Tour of Homes and a move from the Munford Home to the Wofford - Hall - White House, located at 131 W. Cherokee Avenue and owned by the City of Cartersville. Mayor John Dent persuaded the City Council to allow its use. The Jackson Brothers built this home for John W. Wofford in 1869. He later moved to Kansas City, Missouri and became a distinguished Judge. Other owners included W. H. Howard and A. G. White, Sr. Terms of the lease were one dollar a year with EVHS maintaining the property. This location was more convenient and served our purpose well. Space upstairs allowed for a museum, with social gathering space downstairs plus a kitchen. Both members and friends pitched in donating labor and materials to update the house. With a growing membership, we still on occasion found it necessary to use the Civic Center on W. Main at Lee Street or the Stiles Auditorium in the old Cherokee Avenue Elementary School to hold meetings. Maintenance costs at times stretched the financial resources of the Society so it was necessary to rent out the House for weddings and other social events. The retired Men's Group began using our facility on Fridays in 1984 for their meetings. About the same time, The Etowah Garden Club took over the landscaping duties. The interior and grounds were immaculate and were well recognized on July 25, 1985 when Atlanta's 11 Alive television station broadcast live from our Society's home with EVHS member Pat Mansfield serving as host. Two years earlier in July 1983, The Board of Directors unanimously endorsed an application to list the Grand Theatre in Cartersville on the National Register of Historic Places. Many more endorsements would come in the years ahead.

Around 6 PM on the evening of January 29, 1987, the Society's home caught fire. Most of the damage occurred upstairs. It was determined that squirrels had caused damage to the wiring. The Society lost very little as insurance covered the cost of restoring the furnishings and other items. Unfortunately, the City of Cartersville made the decision not to repair the house which was later sold as is and moved from the site. Thank goodness EVHS installed a Central

Station Burglar and Smoke alarm in the house before moving in. Bartow County later acquired the old home site along with several structures facing Cherokee Avenue in order to build the Frank Moore Administration Center. Without a home, EVHS president, Judge Jere White, along with the Board of Directors, determined that all furnishings should be permanently loaned to Rose Lawn, owned by Bartow County. The Board realized that maintaining and furnishing houses was quite expensive and a new path forward would need to be carefully thought out. For the remainder of the 1987 fiscal year, Board meetings were held at Rose Lawn and membership meetings in the old Elizabeth Street Church owned by Bartow County. The Society did manage several member tours, one being to the Swan House on September 17, 1988. The following month, the Board met with our member, Lucy Cunyus Mulcahy, in reference to selling reprinted copies of the 1850 Census of our County as a fundraiser. The Board agreed and shared in both printing costs and profits. During 1989, the Board discussed the fact that we were an informational society with a goal to stimulate interest to promote historical preservation in our community. We were and still are called upon quite often to support preservation causes with both guidance and money, but more diversity is yet to come in the years ahead.

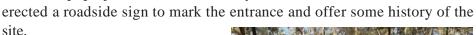
More information on the Munford House can be found on the EVHS website under the "Get Involved" tab. From there go to "EVHS Newsletter Archives" and look for Volume 44-2002.

Forgotten Cemetery Gets a New Life

In the summer of 2021, Eagle Scout Candidate, Trinity Atkins (Troop 24G), approached EVHS for assistance in approving her project to clean up the long forgotten



Puckett/Friendship Cemetery. The property is located south of Cartersville on Hwy 293 across from Chemical Products Corp. The pre - Civil War burial ground has suffered from a lack of presence, vandalism, no caretaker, no apparent owner and slowly being reclaimed by the natural woodlands to be completely unrecognizable. About 20 years ago former EVHS president Ed Hill led a clean up project for this cemetery and



Assisted by her family, fellow Scouts and friends, Trinity has made a substantial improvement to the cemetery by recovering the walking trail, installed wooden power poles as path borders, cleared brush from all the graves/markers and erected a metal sign to mark the trail entrance. Trinity completed her project in November, 2021.



The property around the cemetery from the 293 railroad underpass bridge south to River Road and between 293 and the

upper railroad has been sold for warehouse distribution facilities. Trinity's project was a timely initiative that made the developers aware of its historic presence.

Congratulations Trinity. EVHS is proud to have approved your project and for making a contribution to Bartow preservation.



EVHS Supports Wire to Wire Charity Run

EVHS participated in supporting a Wire to Wire (W2W) community charity run, Shoes for Kids, on Saturday morning October 30. The Society was asked to set up a "water station" on Indian Mounds Road. Approximately 140 runners participating in either a 5K or 10K event passed by the water station. "Water boys" were Keith Pye, Becky Champion and Jordan Paul. Runners also received a complimentary EVHS membership treat in their bag at the end of the race.



EVHS Serves Up History Water



Former EVHS Board Member Passes

Wayne Rice graduated from Cartersville High School, West Minster in Texas, and Central Wesleyan College in South Carolina. He had a degree in counseling from West Georgia and was working on his P.H.D when he retired. Wayne pastored a church in Piedmont Alabama and was the interim pastor at Life Point in Cartersville. He was a member of Cedartown Exchange Club, Etowah Valley Historical Society and retired from Polk County as an Educator.

New History Introduced

After more than two years, EVHS returned to its lecture series on February 3, with the highly anticipated, Historic Train Wrecks of Bartow County. Hosted at Sam Jones Methodist Church, approximately 150



people turned out in spite of heavy rains to learn about a new chapter in our county's history.

According to presenter Joe Head, the rail history of Bartow County has been an over looked topic, and perhaps the most neglected piece of that history is the tragic era of train wrecks and loss of life. The early rise of the railroad and its contribution to the development of Bartow history clearly stands among the pillars of Bartow history.

The 90-minute lecture showcased 175 years of selected wrecks from 1847 through 2020. The presentation featured a stunning pictorial of wreck



photos and stories that described an age of rail development and associated tragedies.

Additionally, the lecture honored the Wreck of 1920 with several families that were descendants from various wrecks mentioned. Attendees were treated to "Train Tunes" by fiddler, James Satterfield, homemade brownies, decorated train cookies and an HO scale model train display by James Hamilton.

The program was sponsored by Brian and Tara Nix of Your Outdoor Vision.





You can read the entire article on Historic Train Wrecks of Bartow County by visiting the EVHS website and clicking on the Bartow Author's Corner.

















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Bartow County's Mound Legacy





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REVIEW



Ladd's Mountain Hike



NFL First Pick makes history in



"History Hunters" Metal Detecting Group Started



Saltpeter Cave Trip

Battle of Allatoona Pass Tribute



Cherokee Period Notching at ITV

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Bartow County Transfers "In The Valley" to EVHS

Historic Newspapers of Bartow Country

Bartow County's Destroyed Treasure

Joel M. Sneed

This photograph offers stark evidence of the mining destruction done to what once concealed a trove of hidden natural wonders deep within a legendary mountain and Native American burials, stone ceremonial site and ancient animal remains.

Dominating the landscape to the southwest of Cartersville at the community of Ladd's is Quarry Mountain, rising some 340 feet above the surrounding countryside. Presenting itself as a scar visible for miles, this was the scene of quarrying activity for almost a century following the Civil War. Twelve entrances in the quarry face and one in the floor of the quarry presently access eight relic caves with a total of nearly 2,000 feet of passage, which at one time comprised a single cave with



Ladd's Mountain aerial view 1981 (photo courtesy of Joel Sneed)

one natural entrance. The existing passages along with those that were quarried away would have made Ladd's Cave the longest in Bartow County. Evidence of massive calcite formations is to be found on the quarry face and among the debris on the quarry floor, but the main – and most beautiful – part of the cavern has been quarried away.

The history of quarrying activity at Ladd's is the story of the destruction of a magnificent cave in size and variety of formations. Mining benefited from a short-term gain at the expense of intrinsic value of a natural wonder by destroying a cave that held many rooms, formations, colors and deep caverns. Within a year after the end of the war, mining and quarrying operations began, initially on a small scale producing lime for agricultural purposes and later cement and plaster as well by one Alonzo C. Ladd.

In the early 1900s the Ladd operation was purchased by the Rumford Baking Powder Co. of New Jersey, who used the high magnesium lime in making baking powder. Sometime during this period the rock at Ladd's was used to produce the "fizz" in Coca-Cola. By 1911 crushed stone was being produced, and by 1960 work ceased at the site.

Several sources attest to the cave's one-time beauty and size. In 1893 J.W. Spencer, the Georgia state geologist, wrote about the quarrying at Ladd's, noting that "this mountain is pierced with caves...which contain large and beautiful stalactites." A 1900 letter stated that the cave was "nearly filled with stalactites...", and a geologist wrote in 1936 that "the walls and roof of the caverns are nearly covered with an adornment of stalactites."

The quarrying at the mountain had an adverse effect in that not only was a beautiful cavern destroyed, but archaeological and paleontological resources there were also negatively impacted. A Native American presence in this area over a long period of time is well documented. The Etowah Indian Mounds, built during the Mississippian period (A.D. 900-1450), are only two and a half miles from Ladd's, and that is the primary site where evidence of Native Americans in the area can be seen today.

But at the mountain and adjacent to it evidence of early Native Americans is also important. On the southwest edge of the mountain lies the prehistoric Leake site, which was a major cultural center during the Middle Woodland period; dates obtained here range from 300 B.C. to A.D 650. On the summit of the mountain are the remains of a stone structure that was evidently a ceremonial site, and an apparent burial mound, named the Shaw Mound, once existed on the southern spur of the mountain. These two features, along with the cave, were likely all associated with the Leake site, the cave perhaps even being at least a part of the reason for the location of the village site.

The determined age of the archaeological sites at Ladd's correlates with the time frame that several caves in Bartow County were utilized by the native population, mainly for burials. While no human remains from the Ladd's site are available for study today, and the cave itself, except for the few relic passages, has been destroyed, evidence exists that early peoples were interred in the cave. An undated card in the Archaeology Department at the University of Georgia reads, "Cave at Ladd's lime works near Cartersville with entrance walled up". Nothing was recorded about the cave; the

reason for its designation as an archaeological site; or even the types of materials comprising the wall, which could give an indication of its age and purpose. It could be surmised that the cave had been walled up by the Native Americans, as



Ladd's Quarry Operation, Circa 1950

other nearby caves had been. note attached to accession card at the United National States Museum (U.S.N.M.) accompanying fossil faunal material collected from the cave in 1885 states that human bones had been removed from the same deposit.

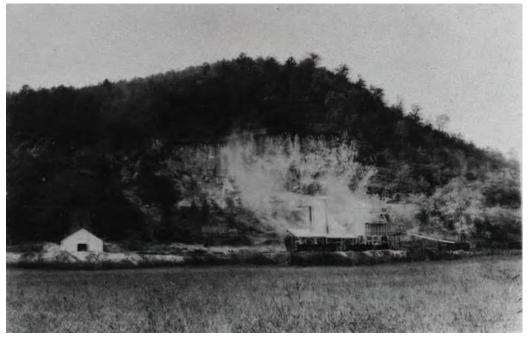
One other reference that must be mentioned is an 1894 article about a suite of cave burials in the Kentucky-Tennessee-Georgia area. The statement is made that "In Bartow county [sic], Georgia, a human skeleton was found in a cave in a

limestone bluff walled in..." While not stating what cave this was nor in what part of the county it was located, Ladds among the known burial caves in the county is the only one that would be considered as being in a bluff.

The earliest known collection of fossils from Ladd's Quarry was made in or prior to 1885. In that year, John P. Rogan of Cartersville made two separate shipments of fossil materials to the United States Geological Survey (U.S.G.S.), which subsequently furnished them to the U.S.N.M. The first shipment consisted of two boxes that were delivered to the U.S.N.M. on July 8, 1885, and were described as a "stalagmitic deposit containing bones of mammals, taken from Ladd's Limekiln Quarry, Bartow County, Georgia." A second shipment by Rogan was made on October 17, 1885.

After the discoveries were made at Ladd's, it is perhaps a bit surprising that a paleontological investigation was not initiated there, particularly as the site began to come under such a barrage of destruction. The reported find of human

and mastodon remains, especially, in an assumed relationship with each other, should have triggered some interest. It was after quarrying activity at Ladd's began to wind down and eventually cease altogether that a discovery in 1963 heralded the onset of intensive paleontological work at the site. Dr. Lewis Lipps and various Shorter College students under her tutelage, assisted by Dr. Clayton E. Ray of the Smithsonian's Dept. of Vertebrate Paleontology, collected and catalogued thousands of fossils from the quarry in the 1960s, followed by work by Dr. J. Alan Holman of Michigan State



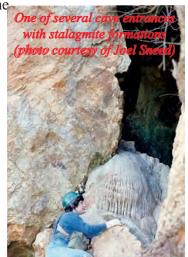
University in the 1970s and 80s.

From the fossil material collected and processed over the years, 90 vertebrate taxa have been identified, consisting of 11 amphibians, 22 reptiles, 49 mammals, and eight birds. Of these, 20 are no longer found in the area and

12 are extinct. Age determinations have shown dates of 10,290 and 10,940 years before the present (YBP). The paleontological significance of the finds made here are second in the state only to the nearby Kingston Saltpeter Cave.

Unfortunately for later generations, immediate financial gain to be realized by quarrying overrode any considerations of the cave's value due to its geological, paleontological, or archaeological resources. Had thought been given to the value of the cave as a resource, this would have provided a wonderful tourist destination for the County.

For further details of this and other caves in the county, consult Bartow County Caves: History Underground in North Georgia, available in the E.V.H.S bookstore.



Ed Carlton Donation

Following the 2019 EVHS lecture on A. O. Granger (General Sherman's Secretary) Mr. Ed Carlton, Great Great Grandson donates Granger's Civil War sword and daughter Sarah's evening gown to the Bartow History Museum.



A. O. Granger's House

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EVHS Reaches the Summit



In spite of delays, disagreeable weather and COVID set backs, EVHS was able to pull off the Ladd's Hike once again. Approximately sixty members braved the trail to visit the original site of a former Native American rock structure

that served as an astronomical observatory and ceremonial worship center for the Mississippian culture. Members were able to enjoy the view from the cliff vista, see fall colors and hear remarks about the mountain's mining history. Members learned of the mountain's relationship to the Leake Mound site and how Native Americans regarded the area as a blessed and sacred pilgrimage place as a result of natural resources and climate.







In mid January EVHS invited our membership to offer input regarding event planning and how we might celebrate our 50th Anniversary. 128 members responded to the survey. (In some instances participants skipped questions) Below are the results.

1. Which two field trips would you like to most see repeated?

* Ladd's Mountain Hike	32/25.00%
* Salt Peter Cave	29/22.66%
* Upper Stamp Creek	64/50.00%
* Allatoona Dam tour	57/44.54%
* Open House or Garden Party	60/46.88%
* Other	16/12.5%

2. How many programs (events/lectures/field trips) would you like for EVHS to offer in 2022?

* 3	9/7.14%
* 4	42/33.33%
* 5	20/15.87%
* 6	27/21.43%
* 7	21/16.67%
* Other	7/5.56%

3. I would be interested in celebrating the EVHS 50th Anniversary with which of the following?

* A Grand Gala Dinner and optional fundraiser	58/50%
* A small reception	38/32.76%
* Would not attend	7/6.03%
* Other ideas	13/11.21%

4. Are you interested in visiting or attending a program at the Cherokee Period former home of Corra Harris in Rydal (North Bartow County) also known as "In the Valley?"

* Yes	106/84.13%
* No	20/15.87%

EVHS History Hunters

Our EVHS metal detectors have chosen a name for the group (History Hunters) and proven to be a hearty band of relic seekers. On Saturday January 8th the fellowship of hunters braved the 38 degree morning chill and ventured up to

"In the Valley" (former Rydal home of Corra Harris) and began to detect the property. In less than 3 hours they unearthed discoveries that painted the story of a previous agriculture site with many artifacts that centered around farm implements. (Mule shoes, broken plow parts, set of Ford keys, metal harness buckles, pull chains and gardening tools) However, some of the more valuable finds included a half dozen US coins from the 1960's, costume jewelry, bullets, glass ice cream churn and a part from a pistol.

If you would like to participate in our happy band of metal detectors or have your property detected by the EVHS History Hunters, contact Gale Palmer at galep52@yahoo.com



Pictured L/R: Alex Yaulsin, David Jones, Avrea Ward, Linda Pye, Keith Pye, Gale Palmer, Jack Bowen, Allen Bowen (not pictured Mike Ward)



Lockett found at ITV



WWI Company F Infantry Badge unearthed by Mike Ward on Joe Rowland property



Gale Palmer, Coordinator of the EVHS Metal Detector's group displays her finds at the Rowland property. By mid morning she had discovered a collection of metal farming parts found in a field.



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