

EVHS Begins Clean Up and Repairs at "In The Valley"



By late Spring 2023 EVHS will have a fresh event site for Society members to enjoy and a possible venue for public events. Plans include a schedule to hold open houses, meetings and periodic tours at "In The Valley (ITV)."



updating, roof leaks, termite damage, trash had to be hauled off and many doors

Volunteers and some contracted services life for the historic property. Among other hand rails, electric trenched to the flag pole for future events, repairs to the heavy overgrowth cut back and a deep caretaker has been secured and living on the

Upon walking the grounds, a smothered among thick woods, vines, and ivy. Similar to South America, the rock garden has work.

Beginning late July 2022 a handful of volunteers began recovering the Cherokee Period Cabin and former home of Corra Harris. The property had been idle for over a decade leaving considerable updates, maintenance, overgrowth, and clean up to be done. The lack of attention left the buildings and grounds in a rather cluttered, decayed and neglected condition. Electric service had become faulty throughout the buildings, plumbing needed





thresholds/floors had to be repaired, loads of and windows were non-operable. have made significant progress toward new improvements made thus far include: new library/study, an electric hub installed at the drive, added basement post, carpentry repairs, cleaning in the primary buildings. Also, a property to service grounds and surveillance. rock garden was discovered embedded deep finding an ancient dwelling in the jungles of continued to be revealed after several days

Efforts continue at several locations including accessing the pond, barn, and the spring house. EVHS has an exciting project and opportunity unfolding. We hope you will choose to participate in some role. More can be learned about the history of ITV by visiting the EVHS website home page and clicking on the "In the Valley" link. If you wish to join the ITV volunteers contact the office at 770 606 8862.



Etowah Valley Historical Society 116 West Cherokee Avenue Cartersville, Georgia 30120 Phone: 770-606-8862 Email: evhs@evhsonline.org Website: www.evhsonline.org **OFFICERS**

Co-Presidents Dianne Tate Joanne Smith Pugh

Vice President Joe Head

Secretary Myra Ramsey

Treasurer Steve Ward

DIRECTORS

2023 Joe Head Diane Mooney

Becky Champion Joanne Smith Pugh Dianne Tate

2024 Judy Kilgore Mark Matthews Brandon Bryson

ADVISORS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Retired Supreme Court Justice Robert Benham Michael Garland Debbie Head Mary Norton Guy Parmenter Larry Posey

SAVE THE DATE Upcoming Events for EVHS

March 16, 2023 – Women's History Month - Bandy Chenille Lecture, Susan Gilmore. Cartersville Library.
TBD – Ladd's Mountain Hike. Members only.
May 7, 2023 – Quiz Bowl.
TBD – Native American Dig Lecture/Tour. Walnut Grove.
August 2023 – Allatoona Dam Tours. (2) Members only.
October 7th & 8th 2023 – Allatoona Pass.
October 13, 2023 – Annual Meeting. "In The Valley."
December 2, 2023 – Annual Christmas Banquet.

Note: Some dates are subject to change.

Don't forget to renew your dues

E V H S reminds members that dues renewable according are to the anniversary month that you joined. Notices to renew are now sent out via email and letter to your hardcopy postal address. You may renew on line or mail a check to the office at PO Box 1886. EVHS affordable remains а and most outstanding value. Individual \$20 Family \$30 Club/Organization \$50 Patron \$100 Corporate \$150

In Memoriam

Mr. James Ray Dellinger, Jr.

EVHS COMMITTEES

Allatoona Pass Battlefield Co-Chaired by Guy Parmenter Joanne S. Pugh Diane Mooney

Bartow History Scholars Chaired by Joe Head

Social Media Chaired by Debbie Head

Historic Awareness Signs Chaired by Dianne Tate

Historical Inventory Co-Chaired by Mary Norton Michael Garland

Newsletter Co-Chaired by Joe Head Jeffrey Williams

Oral History Co-Chaired by Susan Tumlin Judy Kilgore

Photography Co-Chaired by Joe Head Jeffrey Williams

Preservation Chaired by John Lewis

Geospatial (digital maps) Co-Chaired by Tim Poe Monique Autry

Tour of Homes Chaired by The Preservation Committee

IT Committee Co-Chaired by Joe Head Tim Poe

African American History Initiative Co-Chaired by Becky Champion Alexis Carter - Callahan

"In The Valley" Volunteers

























EVHS Volunteers Uncover Hidden Garden























Christmas 2022 at Grand Oaks

EVHS members enjoyed a festive Christmas dinner and social on Friday December 2, at Grand Oaks. The evening began with a reception, tour of the home and brief remarks by co-president Dianne Tate followed by grace returned by the Rev. Louis Tonsmeire. The evening also served as an opportunity to toast the 65th Anniversary of Louis and Sally Tonsmeire prior to dinner. Everyone enjoyed the splendidly decorated home (all three levels) that donned colorful yuletide trimmings and abundant ornaments.





















EVHS Volume 116, February 2023















Speaker's Bureau

On November 7th, Stan Bearden and Joe Head guest lectured to 50 students at Red Top Middle School on the history of mining in Bartow County. Joe discussed the digital map gallery, iron furnaces and previous mining community of Bartow where LakePoint Sports is today. Stan spoke more broadly about historic county ore deposits, products made from Bartow ores and age of rock formations found in Bartow County.





Guy Parmenter, left, addressed Wednesday Rotary of approximately 25 attendees regarding EVHS 50th Anniversary

> On January 17th, Joe Head presented his Historic Train Wrecks of Bartow County lecture to the SOC.





Joe Head preps Cartersville Middle Quiz Bowl Team Candidates

In November Joe Head presented his "Historic Train Wrecks" lecture at a Georgia Highlands College luncheon to a group of higher education retirees from across the state of Georgia.



(Among other institutions in attendance were KSU, Emory, Georgia Highlands, Clayton State, North Georgia Tech, Georgia State, Georgia Perimeter)



History Hunters

Our History Hunters are back in action with a recent hunt at the ITV campus. Also, our Hunters detected a burned out property near Wilderness Camp Road. Nine detectors participated led by Gale Palmer. Among other finds items included coins, bracelet and door hardware.













EVHS Appreciates our Patrons and Corporate Sponsors

Name

Daneise Archer Marsha Arrington Linda & Robert Baker **Rick & Melissa Bell** Cathy Benham-Freeman Ed & Connie Bostick Gary & Thonya Boston Jo Ann & Eddie Branton Hugh Bray Carol & Clifford Cagle **Raiford & Patricia Cantrell** Tony Martin & Genie Certain **Becky Champion** Thomas & Deborah Cole Kevin & Cortni Cooney Gene & Pat Covington John & Lori Cummings Al & Lynne Cunningham Neal Davies David & Betty Dundee Paul & Deborah Eberhard Jim Edwards Don & Connie Evans, Sr Michael & Susan Fields Gary & Elizabeth Fox Garth Gherardini Doug & Susan Gilmore Danny & Jayne Gibbs Candler & Susan Ginn Steve & Wanda Gray SMSgt Dwight Harley Joe Frank & Elizabeth Harris Wesley Harris Jason Hazelwood Joe & Debbie Head Barry & Lynn Henderson Lois Hill John & Kerry Howard Shepherd L. Howell Frank & Vicki Jenkins Parnick & Tina Jennings

Patron Members





Corporate Members

	Name	Company
	Dean Bagwell	Bartow Farm Bureau
	David Cline	C & C Exterminators
	Richard Drews	Century Bank
	Sam & Debra Franklin Sar	n Franklin Home Furnishings
	Robert Gittens	
	Lara Jeanneret	Lara J Designs
	Brenton Kiomall	_
	Michael Howren	Storage Key
	John & Diana Nash	
	Brandon Thompson	Thompson Plumbing
I	· ·	

Name

Frank & Faye Johnson Saunders & Vicki Jones Phil Kent Judy Kilgore Margaret Knight Lara & Ricky Ledford Melinda & Jenilee Lemmon William & Rebecca Lowry Rick & Joan Moore Marty Mulinix Bob & Janet Neel Dolph & Susie Nelson **Bob & Mary Norton** Tina O'Brien Peter Olson Ann Monroe Owen Gale & Ernie Palmer W.J. & Cheri Parker Boyd Pettit Joanne & Jim Pugh Trudi Redwine Chip & Traci Shropshire **Robert & Leslie Simmons** Mary Siniard Glenn & Jacqueline Stimson **Billy Stroup** John Sweitzer Dianne Tate Nathan & Karen Thompson Joe & Betty Jane Tilley Lewis & Susan Tumlin Sam & Emily Tumlin Terry & Luanne Tumlin Gary & Kelley Turner **Jackie Voyles** Margaret Rose White Harry & Vandi White Paul & Rebecca Wilson **Rickey & Connie Woods** Virginia H. Yates Steven Zuber & Sherre Hawkins

Sequoyah's Treaty and the 1832 Migration of some of Cass County's Cherokees to Oklahoma Monique Autry Clouse



Those of us who live in Bartow County are familiar with the names like Adair and Pettit for which Adairsville and Pettit Creek were named. However, few realize these families had Cherokee heritage that would come to influence their removal. Many of us may have wondered who they were and what happened to them. In the book *Cherokee Planters in Georgia 1832-1838: Historical Essays on Eleven Counties in the Cherokee Nation of Georgia*, historian and genealogist Don L. Shadburn gives us an account of what some of the Adairs, Pettits and other prominent families owned and where they lived along the rivers and creeks of Bartow County. This inventory is derived from a registry made when they emigrated to Cherokee lands west of the Mississippi River.

Most people know about the tragedy of the Trail of Tears and how thousands of Cherokees were forcibly removed from their homes and sent to land west of the Mississippi. Most people do not know about the previous treaties that facilitated the voluntary migration of a handful of the Cherokees, including some members of the Adair and Pettit families. For the Cherokees in Georgia, there were actually two different migration events that preceded the Trail of Tears. One was 1832, and the other was 1836 after the Land Lottery but before the Trail of Tears removal. In this article we are focusing on the 1832 event.

George Washington adopted a policy to encourage the "civilizing" of the Indians and to promote

acceptance into white society. However, Thomas Jefferson in the Compact of 1802 promised the removal of all Cherokee claims in Georgia.

In 1817 approximately one third of the Cherokee People moved to Indian Territory west of the Mississippi. They wanted the freedom to pursue their traditional lifestyle and not be coerced into white society. They had signed a treaty that traded land in the southeast United States for what is now Arkansas. These were known as the Old Settlers. Included in this group was Sequoyah, the man who invented the Cherokee syllabary.



Cherokee Corn Crib

Disputes with neighboring tribes and encroachment of white settlers left them wanting to move farther west. So, in 1828 Sequoyah went with a delegation to Washington, DC to sign a new treaty that exchanged land in Arkansas for land in Oklahoma. This Treaty of May 6, 1828 has become known as "Sequoyah's Treaty".

In hopes that most of the Cherokees would follow suit with the Old Settlers, The Treaty of 1828 had a provision that encouraged more Cherokees to move west. As an incentive, following the first year of arrival, rifles and other objects were promised as well as financial assistance for the relocation. Compensation for farms and property left behind was paid to the Cherokees and white men with Indian families that registered. That same year in 1828 gold was discovered 30 miles east of New Echota, setting the course of more intense efforts to separate the Cherokees from their land. The state claimed jurisdiction and named the area Cherokee County that year.

Due to the matrilineal clans of the Cherokees, white men married to Cherokee women were also required to take their families west. Children of white women and Cherokee men were not considered to be Cherokee, so would not be accepted in the clans or expected to emigrate. There were many families with European surnames that were considered to be Cherokee, usually because the fathers or grandfathers were traders to the Cherokee nation or government agents that had close contact with the Cherokees. Also, as a result of this intermarrying, these families had wealth that the typical Cherokee did not have, and frequently owned slaves as well. Other well-known examples of this are chiefs, John Ross and Joseph Vann.

In February 1832, several Cherokees or men with Cherokee families began registering in Pine

Log and Hightower (Etowah) for this program with Agents Montgomery, Scudder, Dawson and Davis.

Following is a list of the items that were registered for compensation by a few of the families in Cass County as they left to settle in the west.

Samuel Adair Jr.- Feb 18, 1832:

Where Nicholson cleared on Two Run [Creek]: One field of 28 acres \$140.

One other improvement at Hightower Town, one old cabin \$6; 17 acres of good upland \$102; 60 peach trees, 12 acres of upland half cleared, (\$3 each); One other improvement: 6 ½ acres cleared bottomland (bad fence) at \$6, 10 apple trees, 19 peach trees first quality, 24 other peach trees (total \$486.75).

One other improvement on the east side of Hightower: 2 cabins, 1 house, 1 lot, 5 1/2 acres good upland at \$6, 11 peach trees.

Another improvement at Petit's Mill Creek: 4 houses, 2 lots, 21 acres low ground, to be placed to the credit of Benjamin Pettit's heirs.

Total \$393.75, including Polly Adair's improvements on Oothcaloga Creek "not far from Andy Adair's mill".

Joel M Bryant:

Three separate valuations were made Feb 16, Feb 27 and April 1832 as follows:

Improvement on Two Run Creek: one good dwelling cabin with two plank floors, good stack chimney 22 by 20 feet, \$50.

Kitchen, smokehouse, 2 corn cribs, 2 stables, springhouse, barn, 80 acres cleared highland at \$6, garden, 212 peach trees, 1 other lot: total valuation \$760.

Another improvement on Two Run: one dwelling cabin, corn crib, smokehouse, 2 lots 2 ½ acres lowland at \$7, 9 ¾ acres upland at \$6, 38 peach trees, 1 lot: valuation \$122.75.

Another improvement known as Spanish John's old place at Woodward Town [on the Oostanaula River in Floyd County]: one double cabin, good roof & entry between, good chimney, \$40.

Another valued at \$33.

Another dwelling without chimney, \$25.

One hewed log wall \$35, corn crib \$12, stable \$5.

12 ¹/₂ acres upland at \$6, 5 acres of upland at \$6, 15 acres partly cleared at \$3, 10 acres of old ground at \$4, 8 acres of old ground at \$5, 4 acres of field, no fence, at \$2, 2 lots, one yard lot, 12 apple trees at \$1 per tree, 21 apple trees, small, at 25 cents each, 106 peach trees at 75 cents per tree.

One old house with good roof, one other improvement known as Ashes old place (viz) – cabin two storied high, good chimney and roof, \$40; one good cabin, \$20: one loading cabin \$10; $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres old ground, fenced in at \$4 per acre; 9 acres upland at \$4, 66 young peach trees at 75 cents; total amount for improvements: \$679.25.

Bryant's improvements where John Elliot and Samuel May reside [in Cass county]: dwelling house of hewed logs, shed and good roof and floor, stack chimney, stone, back wall & jams, \$35; dwelling house \$35, kitchen, corn crib, dwelling, \$50; outhouse, kitchen, hewed log dwelling, \$50; corn cribs and 3 stables, \$38; smokehouse, cabin, 36 acres land cleared, \$302; 13 acres cleared, plus 6 other acres cleared, \$152; 19 apple trees, 46 peach trees, \$53.50.

Edmund Crutchfield's place: cabin, 10 acres upland, 8 peach trees;

Joseph Crutchfield's place: saw and grist mill, two story framed house 50 x 30 feet, pair of mill stones, bolting cloth and chest, all timbers of oak, \$750; one old house piazza, chimney, stone jams, hearth and back wall, two stories high, and one old smokehouse, \$40; corn crib, cabin near the mill, 2 lots, \$26; 28 acres of cleared land, plus an additional 28 acres, \$208; 172 peach trees and 6 apple trees, \$130.50.

The Shop or Copeland place on the Oostanaula River: mill from the saw and grist mill place \$70; framed house, 34 by 18 feet; double cabin, old corn crib, 2 acres lowland, \$37; apple nursery, 7 peach trees, hog style and spring house \$15.25.

Joseph Crutchfield's homeplace on Oostanaula River: large new house, 26 by 18 feet, framed shed, sealed and weatherboarded, \$400; large new smokehouse, 2 kitchens, a garden lot, \$55, stable lot and gate, 2 lots around garden and yard, \$12; 2 corn cribs, wagon shed, 2 other houses, \$65; 3 stables. \$24; turnip patch, small lot, 22 peach trees, \$14.50; 104 peach trees, 7 acres upland, \$120; 17 acres river bottomland, \$136;

29 ¹/₂ acres river bottomland \$236; 2 acres bottom land partly cleared \$23.

Katy Pettit [wife of Thomas Pettit Sr]:

Improved on [Pettit's] Mill Creek: one new hewed log house 26 by 22 feet wide, two stories, covered with good walnut shingles, good floors and doors, two brick chimneys (one with two fireplaces), all done in good workman-like order, worth \$313.50.

Kitchen, 2 outhouses, Negro house, smokehouse, corn crib, 3 stables, 3 lots, one other outhouse, 9 ½ acres of good lowland at \$8, 62 acres of highland at \$5, 20 acres of highland at \$5, 30 apple trees (\$45), 70 peach trees (\$70), 100 peach trees at 75 cents each, 2 ½ acres of cleared land at \$5, total valuations \$1,125..

She enrolled herself from the Hightower on November 23, 1831, with 5 blacks.

Thomas Pettit Jr.:

February 18, 1832; improvement at the Hightower Missionary Place: two story log house, 2 rooms below and above, and a garrot floor with a kitchen attached, all with good brick chimneys and baking oven to the kitchen, the cracks lined and plastered with lime., \$633; well, well house, meat house attached, \$50; double smokehouse, \$20; stable, cabin, corn house, \$60; 5 lots, \$32; 5 ½ acres of upland at \$6, 7 acres of bottomland at \$8, one ditch 40 rods long at 50 cents per rod; 32 apple trees at 50 cents each; and 22 peach trees at 75 cents each; total valuations: \$1,011.50

He claimed another improvement attached to the above, known as Blacksmith William Thompson's: double house with brick chimney, \$65; platform and kitchen, one other cabin, stable, 3 lots, well and 8 acres of upland (\$32) plus an improvement claimed by Jesse Smith (\$39). Pettit enrolled himself and family (5 in all) for emigration, making his mark before agents Scudder and John Dawson.

Peggy Pettit [widow of Benjamin Pettit]:

No valuations reflected on this roll. She enrolled herself and family (7 in all) on April 2, 1832, making her mark before agent Montgomery. Benjamin Pettit first enrolled this family on November 12, 1831 from the Hightower, but evidently died soon after emigrating. A muster roll of Cherokees emigrating in 1832 under Benjamin F Currey carries Pettit's name aged 25-50 years, with 1 female the same age, 3 males under 10 and 3 females under 10.

Ellis F. Phillips [son of Joseph Phillips and Ruth Harlan]:

Improvements by Joshua Robbins on the Hightower River, 3 miles below the saltpeter cave, worth \$130; another improvement on the Hightower known as Betsy Roe's [Rowe's] place, \$88; separate improvement of the river valued at \$468.25; and adjoining improvement, \$47.50; another improvement "where they resided," includes a schoolhouse, \$2.50; total valuation \$391.50. Enrolled himself (signed by Joshua Robbins) on February 17, 1832, before agents Montgomery and Davis.

Other improvements: his home place with a double house (\$200). Kitchen and brick chimney (\$70), one old cook house, \$12, one other house, \$10, smokehouse, garden lot, stables, 6 apple trees, \$76; 11 peach trees, one draw well, one yard lot, \$22.

Another improvement on Town Creek (Squirrel's Place): 15 acres upland at \$3 per acre; 16 peach trees at 50 cents each; 90 peach trees at 25 cents each.

One other improvement on Town Creek [Pumpkinvine Creek].

1832 was an eventful year for the Cherokees of north Georgia, as things were escalating very quickly. The other four "Civilized Tribes" (Seminole, Chickasaw, Creek, and Choctaw) agreed to remove themselves, but the Cherokee Tribe remained and fought in the courts to stay. Also, that year Cherokee County was being surveyed into sections and land lots by the state of Georgia for the Land Lottery of 1832. Cass County was one of the counties established in 1832. Immediately after the lottery, Cherokee County was divided further into 10 counties, (and eventually into the counties we know today). One county kept the name and is still called Cherokee County to this day. The land lots, districts, and sections used for the lottery are still used in real estate legal descriptions.

As a consequence of the Cherokee removal, Cass County was established, but at the expense of uprooting full-blooded Native Americans from their homelands including well-known families that held kindred Cherokee ancestry.



Cherokee County Map - 1832

Map Credit: Wyndell O. Taylor and Bernice O. Taylor

EVHS wishes to thank and acknowledge our 2022 Giving Tuesday Donors

Funds raised will be used for repairs and upkeep of "In The Valley" Cherokee period property.

Giving Tuesday and Year End Gifts 2022

\$1000+

Gary Boston Joe & Debbie Head In Memory of Jodie & Blanch Hill for saving ITV.

Kent Porter

\$500-\$999

Wanda Gray Beth Tilley Connie & Rickey Woods In Memory of Huey Timms

\$200 - \$499

Annette CockrillIn Memory of Margaret B. Smith Ann Cummings Rick DrewsCentury Bank Melissa Ferguson Wesley Harris Dr. Rick & Joan Moore Guy Parmenter Paula & Brian Purtymun Dr. Joe & Audrey Rowland John Sweitzer John TateIn Memory of JB Tate and Honor of Dianne Tate

\$100 -\$199

Betsy Brown Tom & Debbie Cole James Crystal Lucinda Eaton Inman & Carolvn Fairchild Michael Garland Candler & Susan Ginn Mina Harper Mr. & Mrs. Joe Frank Harris party at ITV Lois Hill In Memory of Ed Hill Shepherd & Sarah Howell Frank & Vicki Jenkins Tony Martin Bob & Janet Neel Brian & Tara Nix Bob & Mary Norton Ernie & Gale Palmer Joanne & Jim Pugh Sam Franklin Home Furnishing Center Tom & Kathleen Scott Dee & Mark Simonton Scott & Lora Warner Margaret Rose White Virginia Yates Jeanne Young

Up to \$99

Pete & Janet Alday In Memory of Jerry & Patricia Lynn & Terry Alters Ed & Connie Bostick Lynne Brown In Honor of Bob & Mary Norton Chris Bruno Randall & Gail Cobb Annette Coultas Barbara Cousins Robert & Mary Elliott Tom & Kathy Francesconi Neal & Elizabeth Freeman Alma Gaddis Tom Hall SMSgt. Dwight Harley Dawn Heisler David & Judy Howard Ellen & Ed Kinsel Leigh Layton Lisa Lipscomb Ronald & Barbara Manning Margaret & Jerry Mathison Faye McCord In Memory of Larry Thompson Deenie McKeever Kip Monroe In Memory of DiAnn Monroe Justin Morris Tom & Dianne Myers J.C. & Patricia Norton Jim & Melinda Pierson Larry Posey Keith & Linda Pye Teryy & Myra Ramsey Debi Royer Jacqueline & Glenn Stimson Louis & Sally Tonsmeire Dr. Andy Tripp Lucile Ussery Jacquelyn Voyles Steve & Patty Ward Martha Wellsandt Louisa White Herschel & Ruth Wisebram Susan Yark Pat Young Steve Zuber

EVHS Thanks Our Matching Sponsor





ETOWAH VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

P.O. Box 1886 Cartersville,Georgia 30120 evhs@evhsonline.org www.evhsonline.org

Inside...

- Clean Up and Repairs at "In The Valley" page 1
- "In The Valley" Volunteers page 3
- EVHS Volunteers Uncover Hidden Garden page 4
- Christmas 2022 at Grand Oaks page 5
- Speaker's Bureau page 6
- History Hunters page 7
- EVHS Appreciates Our Patrons and Sponsors page 8
- Sequoyah's Treaty and the 1832 Migration of some of Cass County's Cherokees to Oklahoma - pages 10 - 14
- Giving Tuesday Donors page 15



EVHS Appreciates Our Sponsors

Platinum Sponsor

vrtersville_ County, GA **CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU**







Grand Oaks

Patron Sponsor





Brian and Tara Nix Your Outdoor Vision

