



# ETOWAH VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

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## 2023 Annual Meeting Held at “In the Valley”



EVHS members gathered at the historic ITV property on Friday October 13 to celebrate its annual meeting. Dianne Tate and Joanne Smith welcomed over 100 attendees. Members enjoyed Varsity hotdogs, toured the campus, heard an update on the property revitalization and 2023 review of Society activities. Genie Certain announced Bob and Mary Norton as recipients of the EVHS Lifetime Achievement Award. Joe Head recognized Cass Middle School 2023 Quiz Bowl Coach Justin Carver, Dr. Kate Matheny, KSU Archives and ITV volunteers who participated on one or more of the "All Call" work days. Each volunteer was presented with a custom hand turned pen made from cedar wood found on the property.





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# SAVE THE DATE

## Upcoming Events for EVHS

**December 1, 2023** – *Annual Christmas Banquet*. Grand Oaks. Members only.

Anticipated Events for 2024:

Ladd's Mountain Hike. Members only.

KSU Spring Native American Dig Lecture/Tour. Walnut Grove.

Allatoona Dam Tours. Members only.

Allatoona Pass. Open to public

Annual Meeting. Members only

Annual Christmas Banquet. Members only

EVHS welcomes a new Corporate Member:

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**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.



Individual	\$20
Family	\$30
Club/Organization	\$50
Patron	\$100
Corporate	\$150

**Your membership renewal date is now printed in the address field on the back of this newsletter!**

## In Memoriam

Suzanne Holley  
Bonnie Floyd  
Barry Wright

## EVHS COMMITTEES

*Allatoona Pass Battlefield*  
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## List of ITV Volunteers

Shane Barker  
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ITV Cedar Pens





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## The Heart of the Chase Diorama Dedicated



*Dave Smith HO Modeler explains diorama details to Roxann Luttner and audience*

Honoring the memory of Mr. Paul Luttner (Gaithersburg, Maryland), EVHS dedicated the "Great Locomotive Chase in Bartow County" diorama at the former Cartersville Depot. Joe Head shared Paul's "backstory" with EVHS followed by his "Heart of the Chase" lecture to a packed house. The lecture was presented at the Bartow History Museum Lunch and Learn program. He made the case that Bartow should recognize the portion of the Chase in Bartow County as the most thrilling and colorful action occurring during the raid. Attendees then walked to the Depot for the diorama unveiling. Roxann Luttner delivered remarks regarding her late husband, the donation of Paul's HO gauge collection and his passion for model railroading. Dave Smith, HO modeler also spoke on how he approached building the diorama, solving restrictive space issues to include all the details about Bartow's role in the Great Chase.

Also, a special thanks to the following people for making the diorama possible: James Hamilton, Diane Mooney, Jeff Williams, Steve Ward, Bryan Funck, Darin Capes and Mike Floyd.







## EVHS Supports International Archaeology Day

As Jim Langford looks on, Ann Cummings greets Bill Davidson, namesake for the W. W. Davidson KSU Scholarship. Approximately 100 people attended the dig with over two dozen EVHS members included. The dig site project is led by field school professor Dr. Terry Powis. Many EVHS members contributed to the scholarship fund.





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## “ITV” Donors and Volunteers Enjoy Sneak Peak



On Saturday, June 3 over 65 key "ITV contributors" (Gala, Giving Tuesday and All Call Work Volunteers) attended an exclusive drop-in reception between 10:00 and 2:00. Guests walked the campus to see improvements completed over the past year enjoying refreshments and fellowship. Features included: freshly graveled drives, expanded parking, repaired roof, cleared rock garden, upgraded tractor road, tractor restoration, restored signage, 2 vintage farm equipment displays, picnic area, cleared brush at spring house, recovered flower planters and much more.









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## Wire 2 Wire Running Club Visits “ITV”



On Tuesday May 30th Cartersville’s well known running club, Wire 2 Wire led by David Matherne and Matt Terry ran the trails, hills and open campus at In the Valley. Approximately 34 hard core distance runners did a 3K Fun Run through the property followed by a short business meeting, picnic dinner, lecture and tour of the main buildings conducted by Joe and Debbie Head.





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## More “In The Valley”



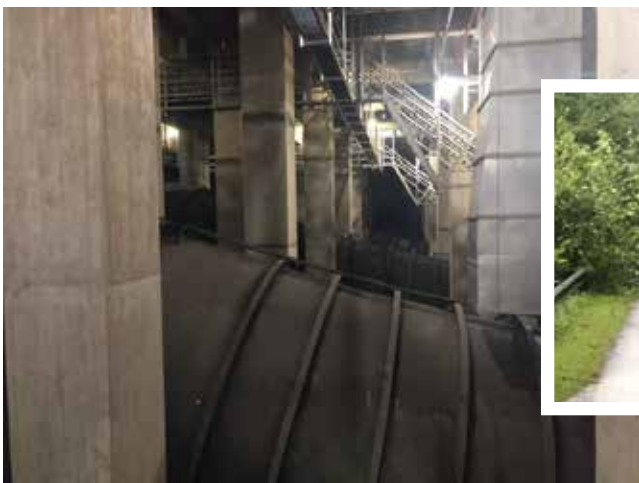
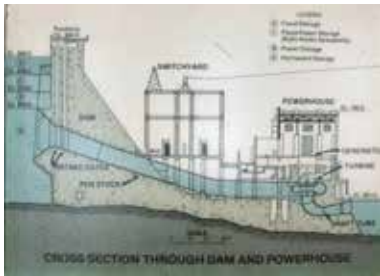


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## 2nd Annual Allatoona Dam Field Trip



EVHS members enjoyed tours at the Allatoona Dam on August 1, 2 and 10th. Not even heavy rain and downed trees could keep EVHS from visiting the Dam on August 10th. (Thanks to Lance Barry who arrived early at the gathering site and called to alert us. Allatoona Dam crews and Bartow County personnel swung into action in time to have the road open for our tour)





## TOTA and EIM Update

EVHS members and other interested parties attended the annual JB Tate Memorial Lecture at the Etowah Indian Mounds on Saturday July 8th. The Georgia Chapter of the Trail of Tears Association (GTOTA) and Georgia Department of Natural Resources (GDNR) updated attendees on the Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). Speakers addressed the removal and disposition of EIM artifacts from the museum and how the space

is being imaged for future use.

Additionally, EVHS continues to work with the DNR and National

Trail of Tears Association on the signage placement for a historic maker to commemorate the location of Fort Means stockade that held local Cherokees prior to removal.



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## Dicksie Bradley Bandy

Women's History Month was celebrated in March 2023 at the Cartersville Library with Susan Gilmore's presentation on Dicksie Bradley Bandy: Leader in the Transformation of a Cottage Tufting Industry to Carpet Manufacturing. Read her full article now posted on the Bartow Author's Corner.





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# What's Shakin' in Bartow County?

Joel M. Sneed

It was a typically hot August night, Tuesday the 31st, in 1886. In the small town of Pine Log, Georgia, worshippers had been listening to the preaching of Rev. J.N. Sullivan at the Pine Log Methodist Church. The air was thick, everyone tired as the evening wore on, and the Rev. Sullivan was apparently disappointed in the lack of response to his sermons during this week of revival. In his frustration he fell to his knees and cried out to the Almighty, "Lord, if it takes it to move the hearts of these people, shake the grounds on which this old building stands."

As he was uttering his prayer, the grounds of the church were suddenly shaken. The building shook perceptively. People were understandably terrified and many rushed to the altar to pray. Some dashed out of the church to spread the word about what had just transpired. Many stayed in the church throughout the night, praying. Religious fervor like never before was evidenced among the populace, with both attendance and contributions increased.

In Cartersville a similar occurrence was reported in *The Cartersville Courant* (pg. 2, col. 2) of September 2nd: "A meeting was in progress at the African-American Baptist church. The meeting had progressed some time and the preacher did not perceive any interest being felt by his hearers. He finally prayed to Almighty God to prevail and do something to show the derelict audience that there was some supreme power. He made a most earnest plea that a sign of some sort be made to convince them of that fact. The prayer had hardly left his lips before the windows of the building began to rattle and the house to roll. The preacher led the hosts out of the building instantaneously, some falling out of the windows. In the jam many persons were slightly hurt and one boy had an arm broken. One elderly woman jumped out of a window and succeeded in bruising herself up considerably and cutting a deep gash over her forehead."



## Center of the Shaking

Simultaneous with these events, a large earthquake, centered near Charleston, South Carolina, was triggered. Striking at 9:51 P.M., the earthquake caused tremendous damage and loss of life in Charleston and the surrounding area. The estimated strength of the quake has been calculated to have been 6.9 to 7.3 on the Richter scale, that measurement scale not known at the time. Some 100 deaths were recorded in Charleston alone from the quake, which was one of the most damaging ever in the East Coast of the U.S. and which had been felt over more than half of the country. About 2000 buildings in Charleston were either damaged or destroyed.

This, then, was the cause of the shaking at the Bartow County churches that happened concurrently with two preachers invoking the power of God. Even after the cause was realized, it is said that the people of the area remained in their "readjusted" faith in the Almighty, and demonstrated that by a more faithful church attendance and giving

## Shock Waves Felt Close to Home

Damage from the earthquake was noted in many cities and towns in the Southeast. In Georgia, reports were made of damage in Atlanta, Augusta, Macon, Covington, and Canton. In addition to the happenings at the two churches noted above, Bartow County had its share of stories related to the quake, with *The Cartersville American* (pg. 3, col.1) of September 8th reporting that "somebody claims to have felt an earthquake shock nearly every night



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during the past week.” The same issue of the paper related an incident with one person in Kingston: “Our quiet little burg was considerably shook up on Tuesday night the 31st. Squire Burrough had retired and was dozing. His house is near the African-American Methodist church, and when his house began to shake and tremble he jumped up and run and opened the door and Rev. Watson quoted his text in a strong voice. ‘Awake thou that sleepest and arise from the dead.’ Squire said he began to feel alarmed, and for a while he could not take in the situation.”

Alice Butler “Topsi” Howard relates in her book, *Sunsets, Dooryards, and Sprinkled Streets*, about damage to one large home in the north of the County. “Thistledale”, also known as the Hamilton House, was built around 1850 by Charles H. Hamilton. Hamilton had fought in the Mexican War and at one point had been captured and retained in the home of Gen. Santa Anna. While there, Hamilton admired the home, made a plan of the house, and later reproduced the home for himself just north of Adairsville. The walls were 18” thick and made of brick, and Howard relates how the Charleston earthquake had caused large cracks to form in the walls.

Back in Cartersville and vicinity, “much consternation prevailed among the people, in many instances whole families, slightly clad, congregated in the middle of the streets. The African-Americans generally were uncontrollable and participated in considerable yelling and praying. For some time after the shock a great hullabaloo was kept up by the residents and they all thought the world was coming to an end. In many instances their condition was indeed pitiable.

“Our people were never more horror-struck and men that were never known to pray fell to their knees and began invoking the blessing of the Lord. It certainly was an awful time and well calculated to bring a person to the consideration of the serious side of life.” (*Cartersville Courant*, *ibid.*)

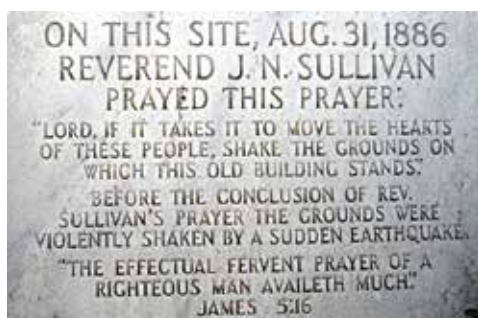
### Other Local Evidence of Quakes

While the Charleston quake of 1886 is by far the better known of quakes in the Southeast due to the damage wrought over such a large area, other tremors have been felt on occasion, both before and after, but little damage was noted and therefore little record is extant. One familiar to this writer, of an unknown date, produced destruction of a natural feature in the north of the County.

A tributary of Oothkalooga Creek, Trimble Branch is a small stream emanating from the base of a hill amidst a jumble of large rocks. Such was not always the case, as this jumble of rocks was once a large archway over a passage that led into the hill. Native Americans were familiar with this lovely sight, chert flakes and Middle Woodland points having been found adjacent to the branch. More recently, local residents were known to have canoed into the passage for a short distance, reporting two large rooms before the waterway “sumped”, the roof coming down to the water’s surface and preventing further traverse.

In an interview of April 10, 1986 by this writer, Mrs. Elizabeth Trimble Hartley related that her father, George Layton Trimble, grew watercress in the pond there in the 1920s and 1930s, selling it to “fine hotels” in the North. The watercress was packed in barrels and stored in his ice house. She stated that in the late 1800s her father, as a boy, would go into the opening in a small canoe, and as a little girl years later she would throw rocks into the entrance and listen to the echo as the water ripples hit the walls inside.

It is not known when the arch fell, but certainly it was after the 1930s when watercress was cultivated there. Mrs. Hartley had no knowledge of when that would have occurred. This writer would be pleased to receive any information that could shed light on this issue.





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## Call for ITV Tools Successful

EVHS wishes to thank our membership for continuing to step up for a "Call For Tools" to be used at "In the Valley."



*Above Bill Popham stands with his contribution of a utility cart, leaf blower, weed eater and other items.*



*Thank you Tommy Hall for the donation of a dozen folding chairs, weed eater and plastic storage boxes.*



*Thank you to Brad & Larry Posey for a trailer and P/U truck load of tools, shop supplies (all not shown)*

### **Among others, thanks to the following for various contributions:**

Larry Posey, Bill Lyerla, Ted Porter, Steve Ward, Joe Head, Dave Elvers, Kent Porter, Mike Ward, Lynne Brown and Elmer Womack

Note: At this point we are well equipped with most hand tools. However, we are still in need of battery powered (drills, circular saw, blower, stapler, brad gun) limb saw, an eight or ten foot trailer, and golf cart or gator. (Contact Steve Ward at [bigsteve1103@gmail.com](mailto:bigsteve1103@gmail.com) or Ted Porter at [rtrski@aol.com](mailto:rtrski@aol.com), Joe Head at [jfhead68@bellsouth.net](mailto:jfhead68@bellsouth.net))



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## Battle of Allatoona Pass Revisited

On Saturday and Sunday, October 7 & 8 the Battle of Allatoona Pass was remembered. Union and Confederate re-enactors came together to pay tribute to the most fierce and bloody battle that occurred in Bartow County with 1500 casualties suffered on both sides. EVHS partnered with Red Top Mountain State Park Rangers, Friends of Red Top and the Army Corp of Engineers to stage the site. Re-enactors demonstrated cannon firings, held lectures, troop drills, pitched camp and skirmished on the same grounds where the battle actually happened. Thanks to Diane Mooney for representing EVHS's role in the annual event.





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## County Road Department Does Heavy Lifting at ITV



EVHS greatly appreciates the Bartow County Road Department for heavy equipment and resources to expand and upgrade parking space, driveways and removal of solid waste. A special nod to Commissioner Steve Taylor, County Road Superintendent Joe Sutton, heavy equipment operators Kirk Ledford, Cody Copeland and other county personnel.





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## EVHS Visits Historic Tidwell Home

Dianne Tate and Joanne Pugh welcomed the attendees to an evening filled with music, lavish refreshments, fellowship and a grand tour of the 1860's Tidwell historic home.

Michael and Justine Tidwell graciously shared their historic Cassville Road home on Saturday September 23. Michael addressed the membership saying that preservation is important and as owners of the property they only serve as temporary caretakers until the next generation steps up to continue the watch. The Tidwells were presented with two beautiful art pieces painted by Mina Harper, former owner of the home. One in particular was the log cabin cook's house, now no longer in existence, but preserved from her memory of when she once lived on the premises.







## EVHS Lifetime Achievement Award



EVHS presented Bob and Mary Norton the EVHS Lifetime Achievement Award at the recent Annual Meeting held at “In The Valley” on October 13, 2023. Genie Certain reflected on their long support, hosting many EVHS events at Valley View Farm, Oral History Project and documentation of historic sites in Bartow County. Bob and Mary are the first “couple” to ever receive the coveted Lifetime Achievement Award. Becky Champion presented the honorees with a hand turned bowl made from a piece of burl wood found on their property.



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## Members Continue to Contribute Articles

It has been a while since we recognized our authors. We encourage you to visit the EVHS web site and click on the Author's Corner to read articles submitted over the past two years.



1. The National Road - I 75 and Bartow County
2. New Cave Found in Bartow County
3. Friendship Cemetery
4. Middle Woodland Religion in Bartow County
5. Historic Train Wrecks of Bartow County
6. An Analysis of a Middle Mississippian House
7. Stand Waite
8. What's Shakin' in Bartow
9. Dicksie Bradley Bandy
10. Clay in the Homestead
11. Mississippian Period House in the Etowah Valley

Dr. Lance Barry  
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Trinity Atkins  
Bryan Moss  
Joe Head  
Tristen Griffin  
Terry Sloope  
Joel Sneed  
Susan Gilmore  
Tristen Griffin  
Joey Case

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## Congratulations to EVHS Treasurer Steve Ward



At the July Euharlee Historical Society's Annual meeting, Barbara Ford announced that Steve Ward received the "Volunteer of the Year" award. Steve is also an EVHS rising star regarding his contributions toward the restoration at "In the Valley" and his volunteer spirit among many other Society programs.

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## EVHS Reinstalls Cemetery Sign

Steve Ward and Joe Head replace former Friendship Cemetery sign that went missing during the construction of new warehouses on 293 and River Road south of Cartersville. The sign is now placed in a more secure location near the cemetery. FCL Builders, graciously funded the replacement and has added a small visitors parking space next to the sign for convenient access to the cemetery.



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***Giving Tuesday/End of Year Giving Kicks Off In November***

*Your gift to EVHS directly supports the historic "In the Valley" property and educational mission.*



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