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Code-Talkers Lecture and Reception a Rousing Success!

In honor of our Veterans for Memorial Day, EVHS hosted a lecture at the Cartersville Library on May 23rd. 87 members and the public arrived to a fabulous spread of food and refreshments and listened to Wanda Patterson, Trail of Tears specialist, speak on the story of and the value that Navajo Indians provide “coded” communications to the Marines in the Pacific Theater of WWII. 461 Navajos served, 13 were KIA and none of them ever gave up the Code.



Myra and Susan facilitated the Registration



The Refreshments were marvelous, as Judy & Kate noted

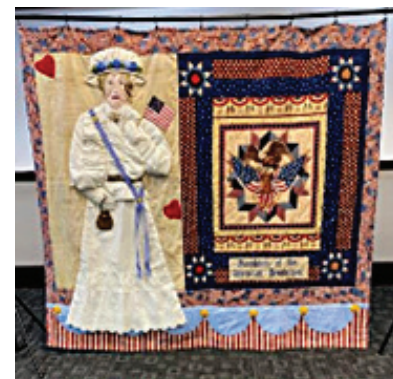
Ms. Patterson is an accomplished specialist on this subject and generated many follow-up questions at the lecture ending. She also brought her National prize-winning D.A.R. Quilt for everyone to see - beautiful.



Dianne Tate introduced Wanda Patterson



The Code-Talker Memorial at the Navajo Reservation in Window Rock, Arizona



Wanda Patterson's Prize-winning D.A.R. Quilt



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SAVE THE DATE

Upcoming Events for EVHS

August 1 - "We The People" Exhibit in concert with the Booth Museum. Booth Museum 5:00 PM

August 29 - "Mid-Century Modern" architecture lecture. Cartersville Library 6:30 PM

October 4 - Annual EVHS Meeting at "ITV." 4:00 PM Dinner by Scott's BBQ

October 5 - 6 - Annual Battle of Allatoona Pass Anniversary

December 5 - EVHS Christmas Party. Savoy

Note: Some dates are subject to change.

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**



Looking for Volunteers to man the Office!
Come by, visit and see how you can help answer calls and be available to the answer questions from the public

Don't forget to renew your dues

E V H S 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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The Story of the King Bridge Builders

by Becky Champion

It was a cool, albeit sunny, Sunday afternoon on March 2nd when 64 interested members of the EVHS, Euharlee Historical Society and the public gathered at the EHS Museum in Euharlee to hear the fascinating story of former slave, Horace King, his son Washington King and the King family, bridge builders in Georgia and the Southeast. Including Bartow County's own famous Euharlee Covered Bridge.



As we celebrate African American Heritage Month, join us as Andrew Bramlett of the Kennesaw Historical Society shares the inspiring story of the renowned bridge-builder and architect, Horace King.

Born into slavery, Horace King and his owner, a contractor, became prominent covered bridge builders in Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi. Freed before the Civil War, King and his sons formed a business that helped build a better Georgia. King designed and oversaw the construction of bridges, stores, houses, and college buildings until his death in 1885. King's children continued to work at the company that became known as the King Brothers Bridge Company.



Andrew Bramlett, a young fellow from the Kennesaw Historical Society has really made it a mission to research this story and has presented this in story form several times. One could sense his passion for the King family and their extraordinary accomplishments

Andrew Bramlett discusses Euharlee's historical bridge



Dianne Tate, Dana Rieske, Barbara Ford & Becky Champion



EVHS always puts on a grand table of refreshments!

Thanks go to Becky Champion, EVHS Board Member for arranging for this lecture. Thanks to the Chipley (ie Pine Mountain, GA) Historical Center, the Euharlee Historical Society for hosting the lecture.

What's Been Happening at EVHS's "In The Valley" Historical Estate?

by Ted Porter

"ITV" Spring 2024 WorkDay #2

May 2nd brought another Workday at "In The Valley" by a small, but dedicated work crew. Several fallen trees were chainsawed and stacked, more piles of brush were hauled to the Dump, the area around the Picnic area was weed-eated and an area in Corra's Garden was tilled and seeded with more wildflowers.

New plantings include: several azaleas at the Front Entrance, a Hazelnut bush to go along with the Granny Apple Tree and Brown Turkey Fig tree out in the Pasture area, Hostas were added to the slope along the frontage road and Native plants along the Trail. Getting there!



Clockwise from left: Steve Ward, Keith Pye, Diane Mooney, Mike Ward and Dave Elvers. Thank you!



The Yellow and Red roses are doing well (deer haven't gotten them!), as are the Red Pokers in the left foreground.



And as a direct result of last year's gardening, this row of Orange (Ditch) Lilies and Wildflowers really puts a pop on the fenceline!

Corra Harris Home Window Project Status

The EVHS voted to approve the spending the \$14,000 that was raised on Giving Tuesday, 2023 (thank you very much!) to replace the windows in the Sunroom of the cabin. Joe Head is following up with a local restorer and 84 Lumber to replace these later this Summer. This will better seal the home from insects and such. In the meanwhile, as shown below, these are sealed with plastic sheeting.

EVHS submitted Grant Requests from both the Historical Trust and 84 Lumber, but to no avail.



Other Accomplishments of Note

- * According to Chief Mechanic, Steve Ward, the 1956 Ford Model 600 has been upgraded (new tires and carburetor) and ready to plow. Or at least go!
- * A portable A/C unit has been loaned for use in the cabin for Summer and other .. er' rather, warm .. meetings.
- * "ITV" has actually had at least three pop-in-visitors this Spring, to drive by, see the location and either attain on-the-spot tours of said property (Ted or Steve happened to be there working) or subsequently called the office to plan a tour. This re-iterates the pent-up desire by many in the public to enjoy this gem of NW Bartow County.
- * see need below.

Future Plans and Projects!

- * The Cabin and Library needs to have some re-chinking done.
- * The team wants to pull out the "Buggy" (and the Garden Club wagon), clean these up and show them off.
- * Per Paul Pugliese's (County Ag Agent) recommendations, continue to expand the Fruit Orchard (need to add another Apple and a Peach tree, other?) to allow the Public i.e. kids to see where fruit comes from!
- * Keep clearing Corra's Garden area. We plan to till it up completely and overseed with Wildflower seed.
- * Train Volunteers to become available as Tour Guides (ie Docents) for Visitors wanting to see the Estate. We hope to place a sign at the Entrance, that will provide directions to call to make an Appointment for Tours for groups or individuals, as a way to start this process.

Getting there with our members' help!

History Quiz

Can you guess what this arrow was used for and where it happens to be located in Bartow County?

Answer on page 11.



The 2024 Ladds Mountain Hike

by Mark Matthews

Well, the weather held out and a group of historians and hikers showed up at the base of Ladd's Mountain on April 13th to learn about this mountain's historic formation. Not sure how many times the EVHS has provided this opportunity to members and to the public, but it's always been popular.

After morning coffee and biscuits, the ONLY way to start a hike, the event was kicked off by Dianne Tate and Joanne Smith with an overview of the Native Americans who lived on and around this pinnacle. And local Geologist Extraordinaire, Stan Bearden, explained the origins of this limestone mountain and the mining thereof.



Stan Bearden explains the history of Ladds Mt



Some of the hikers (to be unnamed) musta had something in their coffee!



Quite a view of the Etowah Valley from the top



A gathering of 78 hikers

As well, he explained the sedimentary depositional environments for the rocks in this part of Bartow County. From the vantage point of Ladd Mountain the drastic change in topographic relief provided the best placement of east-west Ga Hwy 113 to Cedartown along the trace of the Emerson-Talladega fault. Perpendicular to the fault Ga. Hwy 61 toward Dallas climbs in elevation between Phoenix Air and Taylors Salvage as it crosses the thrust fault. Not visible from field trip location, the same is the case for north-south trace of the Cartersville fault along US Hwy 411.

Empire Mill Exploit

by Ted Porter and Bill Popham

It was early this Spring when a group of interested historians gathered at Bill Popham's (member of EVHS) home on Puckett Road in Emerson. Permission had been granted by a nearby neighbor to traverse his property down to Pumpkinvine Creek where it was known the "Empire Mill" had once been quite the landmark. As well, the famous Texas locomotive (see photo below) was the "yard" locomotive for the Empire Mill!

The group searched the area, finding a likely site where the mill could have been located. Creek floodings, change in the banks obscured any specific evidence (i.e. foundations) of said mill. Despite no conclusive evidence, it was an exciting morning for all with a celebratory lunch at Doug's to follow. Further investigation is sought.



The "hunters"! (David Archer, Kenny Darnell, Bill Popham Murl McCoy, Doug Biddy, Hal Raper, Ted Porter, Joe Head)



Empire Mill with a spur track from the W & A to the mill



The purported location of the Mill



Four decades after its role in the April 12, 1862, Great Locomotive Chase, the Texas, renumbered 212 and shorn of its name, is pictured on a branch line at Emerson, Ga., in 1903. L. E. Menkee photo, Kenan Research Center at Atlanta History Center, Wilbur G. Kurtz Sr. collection



Rails on property paralleled the road to the creek

A Blast ... from the Past!

by Ted Porter

It was about 10 pm on September 20, 1885 when a “terrible explosion” occurred outside the home of Rev Sam P. Jones home in Cartersville. Apparently, it was decided the noise was the sound of a “torpedo” (a popping device placed on railroad tracks to warn trains of fog or danger) in the neighborhood and nothing more was done. However, the next morning a servant went to the Carriage House, found it broken into, and upon further investigation, it was discovered that the floor of the house had been shattered, including 2 x 10 sleepers. As well, a 2’ fuse was found lying on the floor. Rev. Jones seemed to discount the incident and apparently, not followed up.

Meanwhile, two days later, a certain Augustus or Adolphus Tobias “Tobe” Jackson of Cartersville, was arrested for selling whisky in Macon, Ga and bonded. No further information is available in this regard.

It was about 5 months later, on January 22nd, 1886, that a much more violent incident occurred at the home of Bartow County’s Tax Commissioner, Aaron Carter. Mr. Carter’s home sat on West Church St near the W & A RR, according to the City Directory. It was about 11 pm, when a tremendous explosion occurred in the front of the Collins home. The porch was destroyed, all the windows were blown out and 100’s of roof shingles were blown away. Thankfully, no one was injured.

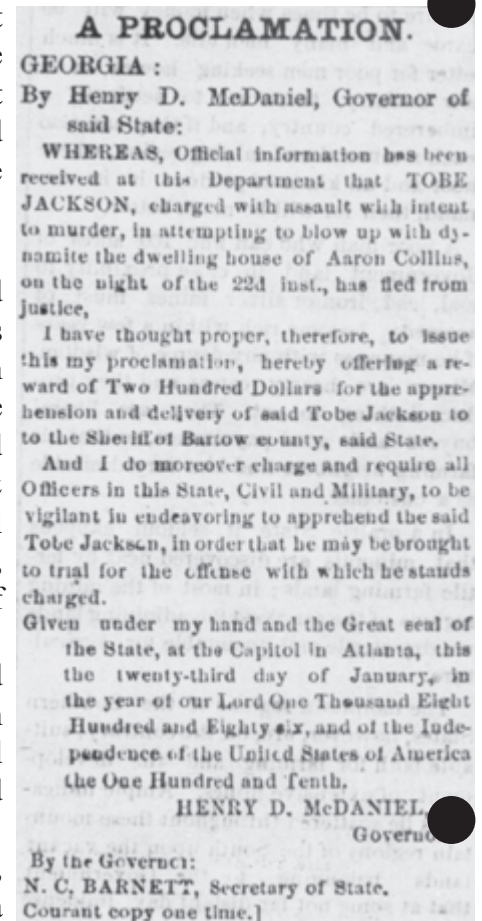
What in the world? A bombing in the late 1800s in peaceful Cartersville, Ga? Yes, and this story came to light after a distant relative from Texas recently contacted the EVHS and said that she was a great niece of a certain Tobe Jackson. She gave a synopsis of the story and said she was trying to find out more about him, his link to Cartersville and his ancestry. So, the search began. And though few individuals seemed to have heard this story before, turns out that it was all written up in the Cartersville Courant newspaper, as well as numerous other newspapers around the country, back in the late 1880s. Towhit, it was also discovered that, not one, but 2 books on the subject have recently been published on his story: “Tobe” by Skye Driggs, 2022. And another book by Vicki Crowe and Brandi Ritchie entitled “The Tale of Tobe Jackson”, 2023.

Here's What Happened

So, back to the story. Well, turns out that “Tobe” was immediately suspected as the “bomber”. Why? Well, Tobe was in the business of selling whisky, ie what is termed an “illegal” Blind Tiger business. Not only had Rev. Sam Jones spoken adamantly against alcohol, but Bartow Conty had voted the county dry, and yet Tobe continued to sell whisky, not a good scenario. Towhit, he had only recently escaped from incarceration after being charged with breaking this internal revenue law & hitting a witness (a Mr. Bagwell). The posse learned that Tobe was at the Stegall house, but before he could be (re) captured, he lit out the back door. The next day, bloodhounds were acquired from Captain English’s Convict Camp and a reward of \$200 offered by Governor McDaniel.

- Per the Macon Telegraph newspaper, January 28, Major Simpson stated “Well, we haven’t caught Tobe Jackson yet, but we are bound to capture him in time”. “We caught the three men who tried to blow up Sam Jones house several months ago, and we’ve got the evidence to convict them”. The three men arrested were: Sam Jackson (Tobe’s brother), Jim Beard & Bud Jones.

- 12 February, 1886 per the Abbeville Press & Banner in South Carolina, Tobe, the alleged dynamiter was tracked about 30 miles into north Georgia



mountains. It was noted that one afternoon after the chase had “flagged”, the chasers looked off in the distance and saw Tobe with the (\$2000) bloodhound sitting at his side. Foiled again!

Well, nothing else was heard for a while and then on March 17, the Atlanta Constitution announced that “Tobe Jackson, the Dynamiter” had been seen in Atlanta. But again, he disappeared. Nevertheless, the hunt continued and a month later, on April 17th in Waco, Texas, Jackson was apprehended, lodged in jail and awaited extradition to Georgia. Jackson denied the charges and in fact “claimed to be a warm, personal friend of the Evangelist Sam Jones”. Turns out, a Deputy Marshall Ed Murphy had been tracking him all along and claimed that it was thru him that the authorities in Waco had arrested him and he was due a \$200 reward. Though Tobe Jackson thought he could secure release thru a habeus corpus hearing, the “arrival of an evil genius in the shape of Deputy U.S. Marshall E.C. Murphy of the Northern District of Georgia” foiled his plans. On the return trip to Georgia on Apr 29th, however, Tobe tricked the guard, slipped out of his chains and made his escape out the train window. Well, the crowds went wild, so to be speak, as his friends in Cartersville found out of his escape and “were exuberant”. But yet again, Tobe was recognized on May 5th while traveling on the train to Calhoun and re-arrested, by a Deputy Marshall Garrison. Upon his return to Cartersville, it was said that upwards of 500 people were awaiting at the train depot, cheering him – for he was quite the sensation!

The Trial & Sentence

Now, it was the 8th of August, 1886 before Tobe Jackson finally went to trial. The Rome Courier received a letter from Tobe denying guilt or anything to do with the bombing; in fact, he claimed to have 5 witnesses as his alibi. Nevertheless, a jury found him guilty and Judge Fain of Bartow Superior Court sentenced him to 8 (+2) years. And according to the Atl Constitution, “he can boast of being one of the most notoriously and extensively known men in the state.” After the trial, Tobe again tried to escape and was close to success, but he was subsequently taken to the Dade County (Cole City, Georgia) Coal Mines to work out his sentence. But wait – there’s more! The Collins Dynamiting trial wasn’t over yet, as several others were suspected of being complicit: Tobe’s brother Sam Jackson, Gus Baker, his brother Dr. Thomas Baker and Jim Beard.

Forthwith, Tobe was returned from the mines to participate in yet another trial involving a shooting of a Bryant Strickland. On November 2nd, all the suspects escaped the Cartersville jail except Tobe Jackson, who stayed put. Other interesting, but complicated developments occurred while this was all happening. Another trial was set for the other individuals involved with both the bombing and another killing. Tobe’s brother, Sam, was found guilty in the bombing and sentenced to 6 years in the penitentiary.

The Final Escape

13th of February, 1887, “The Notorious Tobe Jackson Escapes from Jail” per “The Macon Telegraph” along with his brother Sam. Efforts had been effected to re-capture him but little else was noted of same. In fact, he was NEVER re-captured. Instead it was heard that Tobe had become rich out West, having won the affections of a wealthy rancher’s daughter and living under an assumed name. His brother, Sam, apparently went to work for the railroad in Tennessee where he lost a foot (thus the ongoing name “Peg”) from a RR accident. Nothing more was heard of Tobe for several years, except for the rumor that he was “living in Texas under an assumed name” and “is on the road to success” according to the Times Democrat (New Orleans). It was the

18th of January of 1903 when the Atlanta Constitution headlined ... “Dead Burglar Again Names (sic); this time identified as Tobe Jackson, of Cartersville, Ga”. Tobe was killed by a Patrolman Tom Mann. A Mrs Richardson of Tumlin St was said to have positively identified him though there is another theory that he was actually a Harry Belmont, crook and post office robber. Or was he one and the same?

Well, either way, the body was buried by Undertaker Charles Swift in Hollywood Cemetery (Atlanta), where his



“THAT NEW KID IS TAKING HIDE-AND-SEEK SERIOUSLY ... HE’S BROUGHT IN BLOODHOUNDS!”

DEAD BURGLAR AGAIN NAMED

This Time He Is Identified
as Tobe Jackson, of Car-
tersville, Ga.

Again the supposed burglar who was killed by Patrolman Mann has been positively identified, and this time as being Tobe Jackson, of Cartersville, Ga. Mrs. W. H. Richardson, of 50 Tumlin street, and C. A. Gable, of 27 Poplar street, both

father and other family members were buried. *btw, Hollywood Cemetery was a very “popular” cemetery back around the turn of the century but today, much of the older section is unkempt and very difficult to identify headstones. We have not been able to track his ancestry very far, though his father (Isaac Washington Jackson) and family are listed in the census records of 1860 in Bartow County. But all in all, Tobe Jackson (or Harry Belmont or another alias, William Smith or ..) was quite the fascinating character with quite the story. So much intrigue with exciting escapes and continued questions!



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The 1903 Courthouse Clock "Hand"

by Dianne Tate



Recently, several EVHS Board members were escorted up into the Courthouse bell tower. Several were able to view the original bell from Meeham in Chattanooga and all heard the deafening ring of same.

Also located in the dome area is the Courthouse clock, visible for many blocks. The original hands deteriorated years ago and were replaced, but EVHS member Faye McCord received one of the hands in appreciation for her many contributions to the community. Previously framed and in her law office, she donated this to EVHS in the Spring of 2024.

The accompanying photo includes the clock hand as well as the Courthouse sketch by Jodeen Brown (1993), which has also been used as EVHS's logo for many years. Come by the office and view this valued piece of Courthouse history!

Bartow Author's Corner

Recent articles have been added to the EVHS website's "Author's Corner collection." The Author's Corner is a platform for any person to publish historical research about Bartow County. Submissions must qualify according to guidelines posted on the landing page. There are seven topical categories: Native American, Early Pioneers, Civil War, Business and Industry, Politics - Community & People, African American and Resources & Geography. Ninety five articles are currently published. Over three dozen authors have contributed articles.

Emerson's Empire Mill (AKA: Williford, Milner, Amelia, or Jones Mill?), Joe Head

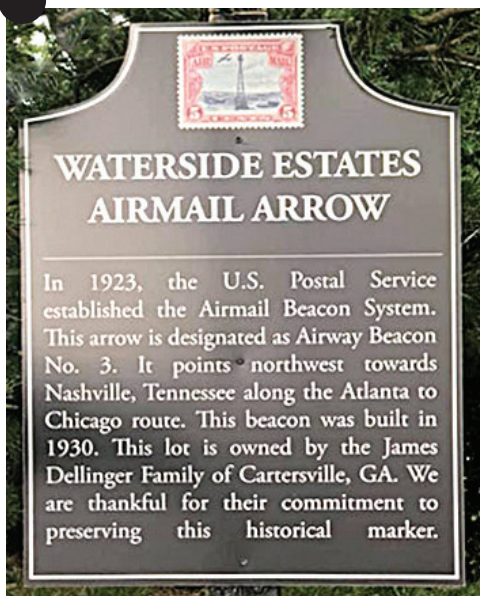
A deep dive into a tangled ownership lineage with a recently discovered journal offering a young girl's personal testimony to life at the mill. It further reveals the mill's little known connection to the famed locomotive Texas. (Posted under Business and Industry category)

Treaty of New Echota Signed in Old Cass County, Joe Head

A brief reflection and awareness that the Trail of Tears had a closer tie to Bartow (Old Cass County) than realized. (Posted under Native American category)

Books for Sale at the EVHS

History Quiz Answer



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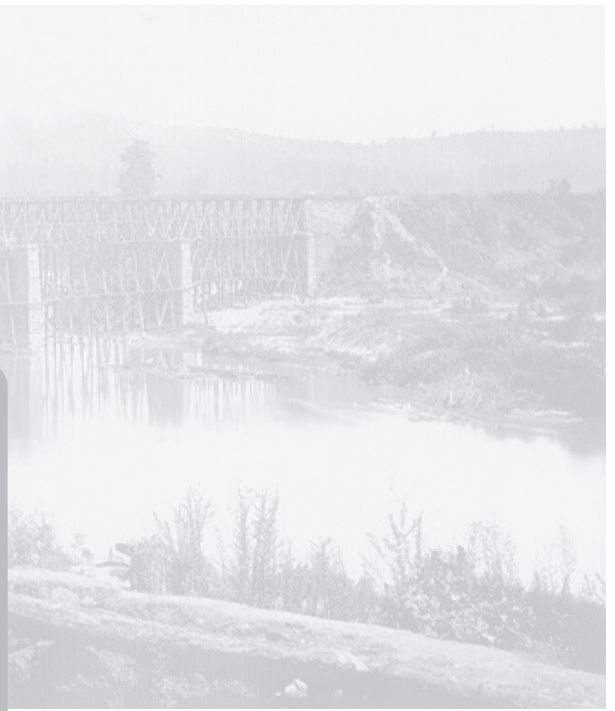


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