



# The CCHS *Newsletter*

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## *The Carroll County Irregulars Relive the Richmond Campaign*

The Carroll County Irregulars will report on their springtime Civil War campaign for 2014. The Irregulars, a small group of Carroll County Civil War enthusiasts, have made annual trips to major Civil War battlefields for the past twenty years. They plan the trip as if they were preparing for the real thing— studying maps, preparing battle plans, issuing general orders, and hiring local guides who are experts on the particular areas and actions.

This spring they relived the Richmond Campaign. The actual Richmond Campaign encompassed the areas around Lynchburg, Petersburg, Five Forks, and Appomattox and took almost a year. The Irregulars spent three days with Robert E. Lee “Bobby” Krick, Historian for the National Battlefield Park. They started at Lynchburg and drove to Petersburg, Sailors Creek, and Five Forks spending a day at each battle site. They also fought the battles of Crater and Darbytown Road before ending up at Appomattox. Dr. Crews great-grandfather was captured at Darbytown, exchanged, and later surrendered at Appomattox Courthouse.

The trip from Appomattox back to Carrollton, although not as bad as the original trip home after the War, caused some of the Irregulars difficulties. Very stormy weather caused cancelled flights to be replaced by overnight drives in rental cars, ending in multiple trips to the Atlanta airport to pick up cars and luggage.

The report of this year’s campaign will be delivered by Dr. Jack Crews, Dr. Peter Worthy, and Robert Carter. Join us for the “classified” details.

*The Public is invited. Light Refreshments will be served.*

*Carroll County Historical Society's Meeting  
Tuesday, June 17th at 6:30 PM  
Stallings Community Center Lions Parks Room*

## Georgia Trust Spring Ramble in Cartersville

Have you ever rambled? Our board members Gwyn Chesnut and John Carter Clay did just that with the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation in Cartersville, May 17 and 18, 2014. Our Society is a member of the Georgia Trust and the cities of Carrollton, Villa Rica and Bowdon are Georgia Trust and Main Street cities. The Trust sponsors two Rambles each year— one in the Spring and Fall. The Spring Ramble is their annual meeting, a time to review activities of the past year and look ahead to the coming year.

Cartersville is the county seat of Bartow County and both the city and county are very preservation minded along with their other five cities. Preserving their identity is a part of who they are and gives their city and county a purpose. Most people associate Cartersville with the Etowah Indian mounds, the Civil War, and the Booth Western Museum.

Activities began with breakfast under the “Bridge” at the Bartow County History Museum, their historic 1896 county courthouse. Then everyone met at Sam Jones Memorial United Methodist Church to watch a slide show of preservation projects that the Trust has worked on around the State and the “Places in Peril” (list of the 10 historic properties most in need of help in Georgia). The central project of the Trust is the on-going restoration work on Historic Rhodes Hall - the Trust headquarters and only remaining old Castle House on Peachtree Street in Atlanta.

Then, we heard former Georgia Supreme Court Judge Robert Benham give a spirited speech on the history of Bartow County. The Judge is quite a speaker. He is a very short African-American man who grew up in the county and was told along the way that if he worked hard he could make it; and sure enough he did make it all the way to Georgia’s highest court. After the annual meeting was over, we were free to ramble the historic properties open for tours. We were given coupons to use as our lunch ticket at one of the downtown cafés. Across the street, we visited with the folks who own and operate Young Brothers Pharmacy. They have restored the first and oldest outdoor painted-wall advertisement for Coca-Cola. It had 25 layers of paint that had to be removed to reveal the original paint colors and design. Then we walked around town and stopped in the old Western and Atlantic Depot where Sherman planned his famed “March to the Sea” before setting fire to the depot. All that remains is the passenger station which is used as the Cartersville Visitors Center.

We then visited the Cherokee Ave. neighborhood and Rose Lawn House Museum. The house was named for the 200 rose bushes that bloom along its fences and walkways. The house belonged to evangelist Sam Jones., a native of Cartersville who held revivals. He was offered a large place to hold revivals if he would commit to come to Nashville four times a year; and that place is the Ryman Auditorium, former home of the Grand Ole Opry. The Sam Jones house was just a simple cottage until 1895 when that house was raised and a Queen Ann Style first floor was constructed underneath. Across the street is the 1865 Lottie Moon House. Lottie was a missionary to China for 39 years and many Baptist churches supported her. This house was built as the First Baptist Church of Cartersville. During the Civil War, Union forces stayed here and it was used as a hospital unit. After the war, it was re-built and later turned into a home for Lottie.

That evening, dinner was held at the Booth Western Museum. This museum is well worth the time to visit. It has two floors and 4 main galleries. Its sculptures and paintings tell the story of America’s Western Frontier, and the 4 years of the Civil War. We saw a painting that Steve Pendley from Carrollton did. Nothing compares to seeing original works of art. The casual dinner was really nice and gave us time to talk to other people on the Ramble.

The next day on our way home, we went to see the covered bridge in the small town of Euharlee (uh-harley), a Native American word meaning “she laughs as she runs” - harking the name of the sound of Euharlee Creek. The town has two churches, a modern middle school and a number of old homes and buildings including the Covered Bridge Store and Mercantile, and the Euharlee History Museum. During the Civil War, saltpeter was collected from a bat cave here to provide nitrate used in the production of gunpowder. The big news for this little town is that they have acquired grants to rebuild the old grist mill on the original foundation next to the bridge. We learned that the present store owner at one time worked at Martin & Hightower Funeral Home here in Carrollton. The covered bridge, one of the oldest in Georgia is of the Horace King design like our own Moore’s Bridge that once crossed the Chattahoochee River in Banning during the mid-1800s.

The Next Ramble will be in the Fall in Americus. Rambles are a lot of fun and give an opportunity to visit and learn about many interesting places in Georgia’s Main Street cities.