The Antebellum years in and around Cartersville were defined by exploration and new beginnings. Cassville prospered as the Cass County seat.
Historic Timeline of Cartersville, Georgia & Bartow County

1861
- Cass County is renamed in honor of Col. Francis S. Bartow, the first Confederate commander to die in battle – First Battle of Bull Run
- Wayside Home hospital opens at Kingston Aug. 1861

1862
- The thrilling escapade was immortalized as The Great Locomotive Chase, in the 1956 Walt Disney film
- The General Locomotive is stolen in Big Shanty by Andrews’ Raiders
- Mark A. Cooper sells Etowah Iron Works to the CSA as a major supplier of munitions

1863
- A cavalry skirmish at Woodlands May 1864 is later reported in Harper’s Weekly
- CSA Col. Richard G. Earle warns the Barnsley Estate and is killed by a sharpshooter
- Col. Earle’s grave at Barnsley Resort
- Woodlands drawing at Barnsley Gardens in Harper’s Weekly July 2, 1864

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- CSA Gen. Johnston tricks Gen. Sherman into dividing his army at Adairsville, giving advance to attack by Hood’s and Polk’s Confederates at Cassville
- Johnston is baptized on eve of intended battle at the request of his wife
- Hood and Polk urge Johnston to abort plans, he regretfully relinquishes his dominant position there

1865
- April 23, 1865 Kingston ladies hold first memorial service for CSA Soldiers
- May 12, 1865 at Kingston, Gen. Wofford signs to surrender the last Confederate troops east of the Mississippi

Georgia Secession Convention is held. Gen. William T. Wofford is one of three Cass County delegates who altogether voted against seceding.

Farish Carter, for whom Cartersville is named, dies in Milledgeville.

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The chase pursued in Allatoona Pass, Etowah, Kingston and Adairsville.

May 20 – W&A rail bridge destroyed by CSA when retreating Cartersville, rebuilt in 4 days by Corps of Engineers

May 19-23 Gen. Sherman headquarters at Kingston, develops plans to avoid Allatoona Pass & plans for March to the Sea

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The Blue & Gray in Bartow – America’s Civil War
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1872
- Cartersville teacher Lottie Moon hears call to become a Baptist missionary to China; upon departure she gets word from Cartersville Baptist Women that they will support her financially

1873
- Bartow County Courthouse completed in Cartersville, the new county seat
- Rev. Sam Jones buys “cottage” in Cartersville, wife Laura plants roses

1879
- Artist Everett B.D. Julio dies and is buried at Rev. Charles Wallace Howard’s SpringBank plantation in Kingston ten years after creating his masterwork, *The Last Meeting of Lee and Jackson*

1885
- Master craftsmen Washington King builds the Euharlee Covered Bridge in 1886
- 1889 – Summer Hill school for African Americans is established in Cartersville

1886
- 1892 – Rev. Sam Jones returns to Rose Lawn after Nashville’s Union Gospel Tabernacle (aka Grand Ole Opry) is opened in his honor

1889
- The first Coca-Cola wall sign is painted by a syrup salesman on the side of Young Brothers Pharmacy in downtown Cartersville

1894

Reconstruction and Foundations of Faith
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1895 - Cartersville son Major General P.M.B. Young dies in New York follow post-Civil War career in U.S. Congress, and serving as consul-general to St. Petersburg, Russia and minister to Guatemala and Honduras.

1896 - Rose Lawn, two-story home of Rev. Sam Jones is lifted at a cost of $110, an ornate new floor and basement was constructed underneath expanding the home into an 18-room mansion befitting Jones elite guests.

1903 - Rev. Sam Jones dies and is laid in state at the Capitol Rotunda in Atlanta, 20,000 people attend funeral in Cartersville.

1904 - A favorite of film scouts, the Bartow County Courthouse is completed.

1906 - Tornado destroys roof of Godfrey Barnsley’s Manor Home, Woodlands estate continues in disrepair.

1910 - Local novalist Corra Harris pens *A Circuit Rider’s Wife*, which later inspires “I’d Climb the Highest Mountain,” film starring Susan Hayward. In 1917, Harris becomes the first female war correspondent to go abroad in World War I.

A New Century

Charles Arthur Floyd is born in Adairsville, Georgia; later arrested at age 18 for a payroll robbery, soon dubbed “Pretty Boy Floyd” and named Public Enemy No.1.

A New Century
1911 – Kingston burns as fire breaks out at the Kingston Inn, and uncontained burns the wooden business district buildings; Kingston was then reconstructed with bricks.

1912 – Stilesboro Improvement Club holds first Chrysanthemum Show.

1914 – Adairsville Sans Souci Club begins as a women’s social club, soon opens public library and adopts other civic concerns.

1915 – The Dixie Highway is born giving rise to commerce and enterprising residents selling hand-tufted chenille and souvenirs.

1918 – The Baptist WMU named its annual Christmas offering for international missions in tribute to Lottie Moon; ultimately this offering began when the Cartersville Baptist women gave money to support Moon’s work in China.

1922 – Cartersville native Rebecca Latimer Felton sworn in as first female U.S. Senator.

1924 – The Noble Hill Rosenwald School opens in Cassville – the region’s first school built for educating African American students.

**Around World War I**
1930 – Rudy York becomes star baseball player for ATCO Mill, advances to 13 seasons in MLB with four teams including the Detroit Tigers where he passed Babe Ruth’s homerun record with 18 hit on August 1937

1931 – The 4-Way Lunch opens in Cartersville, and remains a successful diner today despite never installing a telephone

1939 – A séance in Adairsville reveals the identities of two “unknown” Civil War soldiers buried three miles south of town; This strange, but true, account was recorded by local historian Alice B. Howard

1950 – Allatoona Lake opens and George Washington Carver State Park opens on its Bartow County shores as the first public recreational facility for African Americans in Georgia

1954 – Excavation of Etowah Indian Mounds begins

1956

First Kiddie Day Parade held in downtown Cartersville – The tradition continues today with support of the Cartersville Kiwanis Club

Historic Timeline of Cartersville, Georgia & Bartow County

The Great Depression Ends
1962 – Summer Hill graduate Jackey Beavers co-writes “Someday We’ll Be Together”, which becomes #1 hit for Diana Ross & The Supremes

1968 – The first Great Locomotive Chase Festival is held in Adairsville

1974 – Identity of Adairsville’s “unknown Civil War soldiers” are confirmed as they spoke from the grave in 1939; Tice Furrow and Jack Kirby are finally laid to rest in East View Cemetery

1976 – Bartow County holds it’s first Arts Festival at Rose Lawn in September

1977 – Interstate 75 is completed with the final stretch opening south of Cartersville

1982 – Cartersville native Joe Frank Harris elected Governor of Georgia
**Historic Timeline of Cartersville, Georgia & Bartow County**

1987 – Adairsville becomes first city in Georgia to be placed in its entirety on the National Register of Historic Places, thanks to the Sans Souci Club History Committee.

1988 – German Prince Hubertus Fugger purchases Barnsley Gardens and restoration begins.

1989 – Cartersville native Robert Benham is elected to the Georgia Supreme Court and becomes the state’s first African American Chief Justice.

1991 – Cartersville-Bartow County Convention & Visitors Bureau opens.

1992 – Cartersville native Wayne Knight appears as “Newman” on TV series *Seinfeld*.

1993 – The Atlanta Steeplechase moves to Kingston Downs in Bartow County.

**Late 1980s – Early 1990s**
Historic Timeline of Cartersville, Georgia & Bartow County

1996
Cartersville hosts Belarus Men’s Gymnastics team in pre-training for 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta.

2003
The Booth Western Art Museum opens in downtown Cartersville.

2005
Summer Hill Heritage Museum opens, celebrating achievements of a traditional African American neighborhood in Cartersville.

2009
Tellus Science Museum opens in Cartersville.

2013
Terminus Wake Park, the largest cable driven wake park in the country, opens at LakePoint Sporting Community in Bartow County.

2014
Perfect Game Baseball begins at LakePoint Sporting Community.

A New Millennium