Georgia’s First National Historic Register City – Adairsville holds the distinction of being the first city in Georgia to be listed in its entirety on the National Register of Historic Places, accepted to the register on December 4, 1987.

Strange but True: The Last Civil War Soldiers Buried in Georgia – Adairsville historian and noted author Alice Howard conducted a séance in 1939 which led to the discovery of unknown soldiers Tice Furrow and Jack Kirby, both buried where they were shot during the Civil War. Exactly 110 years after the soldiers died, they were formally laid to rest in Adairsville’s Eastview Cemetery on May 15, 1974, during a ceremony that was officiated by Georgia’s Secretary of State and was attended by historical groups, state and local officials and regional media.

Birthplace of Pretty Boy Floyd – Adairsville physician Dr. Dick Bradley delivered Charles Arthur Floyd on February 3, 1904. Floyd ended up living a gangster’s life – wanted for bank robbery, highway robbery and murder and was pinned with the infamous Kansas City Massacre (which he denied). In July 1934, he was named Public Enemy No. 1 and three months later died at the hands of the FBI. Pretty Boy Floyd has been immortalized in music, literature and film.

The Sans Souci Women’s Club – Adairsville is home to one of Georgia’s earliest Women’s Clubs, formed in 1914 for the purpose of playing cards. Though the name “Sans Souci” means “carefree,” their regular meetings quickly led to the civic pursuit of financing and building Adairsville’s first public library. Today, ladies meet monthly to share a meal and to support the community through college scholarships, historic preservation and many other projects of great care.

Character’s Famous BBQ – People drive to Adairsville from as far away as Huntsville, Alabama, to enjoy this BBQ Pitmasters champion’s (Season 5 – two episodes) food served with no frills. The inconspicuous location is in a local flea market on US 41, just north of the intersection with GA 140 (specifically at 6415 Joe Frank Harris Pkwy, Adairsville GA). Call ahead if making a drive 678-481-6701 – It’s worth it!
**SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT**

**Barnsley Resort** – Imagine enchanting 160-year-old gardens with hundreds of heirloom roses in bloom adjacent to the majestic ruins of the 1840s manor house. This is the centerpiece of a magnificent resort renowned for its luxurious accommodations, restaurants, Fazio golf course, spa and sporting activities and special event venues.

**Manning Mill Park** – This recreation park includes a 1.4-mile lighted walking trail surrounding a five-acre lake, adjacent to lighted baseball/softball fields, a playground, gymnasium, tennis courts and a large covered picnic pavilion. The park is located at 163 Manning Mill Rd, Adairsville.

**HEART OF THE MATTER**

Adairsville is centrally located on I-75 Exit 306 at the halfway point between Atlanta and Chattanooga. The town is also less than a 30-minute drive to these neighboring community attractions: In Cartersville – Booth Western Art Museum, Tellus Science Museum, Terminus Wake Park, Etowah Indian Mounds State Historic Site, LakePoint Sporting Community, Red Top Mountain State Park, Allatoona Lake; In Calhoun – Calhoun Outlet Marketplace and New Echota State Historic Site; and In Rome – Berry College and Oak Hill & The Martha Berry Museum, Chieftains Museum and the Rome Tennis Center at Berry College.

**LOCATION, MEDIA & VISITOR SERVICES**

The Cartersville-Bartow County Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) is the Destination Marketing Organization serving Cartersville, Adairsville, Emerson and all of Bartow County, Georgia. Founded in 1991, the CVB’s mission is to foster and sustain the economic development of Bartow County, Georgia and its municipalities through generating the influx of tourism revenue. The CVB manages the Georgia Regional Visitor Information Center inside Cartersville’s Historic Train Depot, Clarence Brown Conference Center, George Washington Carver Park and Pine Acres Retreat. For information call 770-387-1357 or visit online at www.visitcartersvillega.org.

**Adairsville Depot History Museum** – This original W & A Railroad depot was constructed in 1847 and portrays the renovations of the late 1800s, including hand-hewn beams, fireplaces and the original bay window of the telegraph office. Visitors today may be greeted by a “historian hostess” from the Sans Souci Women’s Club while viewing museum exhibits depicting the town’s history.

**19th Century Courthouse** – This small courthouse included the Marshall’s office and featured two jail cells each measuring approximately 3’ x 9.’ A public outhouse was located next door.

**Public Square Opera House Dinner Theatre** – Housed upstairs at the 1902 Stock Exchange, the Opera House stages period performances reminiscent of small town life and wholesome entertainment. Reservations are required and the theatre’s schedule celebrates love and romance at Valentine’s Day, music and more at Mother’s Day and traditional Christmas themes on several weekends in December.

**HISTORY**

Founded in the 1830s, Adairsville was named for Scottish settler Chief John Adair. The town square seen today was developed by William Watts who brought the W & A Railroad to his land. Adairsville’s most-noted historical event made famous in film by Walt Disney occurred April 12, 1862, during the Civil War’s Great Locomotive Chase. In May 1864, the town survived the Gravel House Battle. The 1940s chenille textile industry brought “spreadlines” to Adairsville and commerce flourished on the Old Dixie Highway.

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