

Bettye J. Broyles
History of Rhea County Tennessee
Rhea County Historical and Genealogy Society



This book is in honor of Bettye Jeane Broyles whose guidance and devotion to detail made the publication of the *History of Rhea County Tennessee*, possible. She worked tirelessly to assure the most complete and accurate account of the history of the county.

Bettye Jeane Broyles was born on August 16, 1928, in Birmingham, Alabama, to Howard M. and Iva L. (Locke) Broyles. She graduated from Red Bank High School in Hamilton County, Tennessee, in 1947, and from the University of Chattanooga in 1955.

She was employed as an archaeologist by the Illinois State Museum from 1955-1959; The Universities of Georgia (1959-1960); and North Carolina (1960-1962). In 1963 she became working for the West Virginia Geological Survey's Section of Archaeology from 1968-1976. Following her stay in West Virginia, Bettye worked in the University of Mississippi from 1977-1982. She then retired and returned to her home state of Tennessee.

Having enjoyed an outstanding career as an archaeologist and published author on archaeological excavations, Bettye turned her attention to genealogical research. For more than ten years she has researched and published several books on Rhea and Meigs Counties. She was elected president of the Rhea County and Historical and Genealogical Society in 1986, and was appointed Rhea County Historian in 1987. Bettye's extensive knowledge of the early history of our country and its pioneers made the task of preparing these books easier. All of those who worked with her are most appreciative.

For her deep concern for historical accuracy, her devotion to completing the two Rhea County history books, and her caring perseverance, we affectionately dedicate this book to Bettye Jeane Broyles. The Rhea County Historical and Genealogy Society

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