

# Hartwell Project Historical Documents Needed

Hartwell Dam and Lake will soon celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is looking to the public for help in preserving its history. A collection of photographs and other documents will be selected for an exhibit that will travel to each of the six counties that make up Hartwell Lake. This exhibit is being made possible by a generous grant to the Hartwell Lake Marketing Alliance by the Hart EMC Roundup Foundation.

The exhibit steering committee is looking to the general public for historical information such as photographs, documents, newspaper articles, letters, etc. concerning Hartwell Dam and Lake's history. Two dates have been scheduled to examine and copy relevant historical information provided by the public. The first event is scheduled at the Hart County Public Library on January 14, 2012 between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. The second event will be held at the Anderson County Library on January 21, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

David Coughlin, an author and historian, will be available to examine and assess the historical information provided. Those items that can be identified as historically accurate and relevant to the dam and lake's history will be scanned and then cataloged for archival purposes. If the owner agrees to sign an acknowledgement and consent form then the information may be used in a book Mr. Coughlin is writing on Hartwell Dam and Lake's early history. Those individuals interested in seeing their information cataloged for research should contact Gretchen Torrence at 706-436-3572 to register.

The resources collected will eventually go on permanent display at the Hartwell Project Office Visitor's Center located on U.S. Highway 29 just southeast of Hartwell, Georgia.