Byron Herbert Reece Farm & Heritage Center

Georgia's Appalachian Poet/Novelist

Reece wrote the words of his legacy in four lines:

From chips and shards, in idle times,
I made these stories, shaped these rhymes:

May they engage some friendly tongue

When I am past the reach of song.

Byron Herbert Reece was a hill and bottomland farmer who cultivated words and harvested poetry, and, from his labor, he became the voice and the soul of a region known as Appalachia. The farm consists of the remaining 9.3 acres of the Reece family property and is dedicated to enhancing both the knowledge of and appreciation for his writings and honoring his way of life, with particular emphasis on his love of nature and his attachment to farming.



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Visit the Byron Herbert Reece Farm and learn how nature and farming inspired a mountain man to write great poetry and novels. Step back in time to a simpler way of life... tour the farm with the help of a self-guided brochure, walk around the farm in Hub Reece's footsteps, wander through the museum and browse the gift shop.

Welcome Center & Gift Shop

Byron Herbert Reece, known to locals as Hub Reece, helped build the house which now serves as the Welcome Center, Gift Shop and Museum. The



Museum features examples of Reece's manuscripts and photographs as well as some of his furniture and personal effects.



The Main Barn

This type of barn is known as a Double Crib Barn and was found on Applachian farms from Kentucky to Arkansas. Today, the eight (8) cribs house exhibits and interpre-

tation on Feeding the Family, Tools of the Trade, Beasts of Burden, The Milk Cow, Grabblin' in the Garden, High on the Hog and Endless Task of Upkeep.

Mulberry Hall

Built by Reece, it was more than a study where he wrote, often offering a place to read or muse surrounded by shelves with hundreds of books, some from admirers. Occasionally he would entertain a visitor in this simple space.





Pavilion

New to the site is a space for gatherings, not uncommon to those that often took place in the mountains when Reece was alive. Arrange to have your wedding, reunion, family or company picnic at the Pavilion.

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