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**Charlie Hunter, left, is a descendent of the man who built the Hunter-England House, and James Bennett, right, restored the old home at the Union County Farmers Market.**

Photo by Mark Smith

and the disassembled cabin – basically just a pile of very old logs – was moved to a Union County Fire Station and stored for a number of years.

Time did as it is wont to do and passed, and several years later, a man named James Bennett appeared on Paris' radar after someone told him, "Hey, I know a guy that can restore a log house."

Paris was skeptical that the old pile of logs could be restored, but he contacted Bennett anyway, and the rest is historical.

"Lo and behold, what you see today, a master craftsman came up, and how he did this – we were here watching him and still don't know how he did it," said Paris. "He is a magician with wood and old things and log cabins, and so he did a fabulous job of restoring this house to as close to what it could be."

Paris related another story

about meeting Georgia State Rep. Terry England by chance, and how the representative said he was the great-great-great grandson of Daniel England.

He said Terry told him that a man named Akins actually built the cabin for Daniel, and that the shutters on the windows were a defense against American Indians, as was a cellar in the original house.

This discrepancy might have been due to a construction delay or renovation that was mentioned by Farmers Market Manager Mickey Cummings.

Cummings said that construction of the cabin was interrupted because the builders had to leave to march the local Native Americans to Oklahoma on the Trail of Tears.

Paris said Terry also told him that there was a brother, Richard England, who farmed the property upon which the Georgia Mountain Research

and Education Center sits today.

"So, the one that owned this (house) is Daniel, his brother is Richard, and then behind Richard's farm at the experiment station was the Zell Miller family," said Paris.

Former Gov. Zell Miller, who passed away in March, was cousins with American military legend Eric England, who passed away in April, and Eric is related to the same Englands who built the Hunter-England House.

The theme celebrated at the Farmers Market that day was local heritage, which Cummings said was especially fitting for the dedication of the Hunter-England House because it showed "our rural roots and our agricultural heritage."

Paris also thanked Kathryn Litton for providing the stones for the steps to the front porch of the historic home.



**A great many Hunter-England descendants gathered for the June 16 dedication of the historic Choestoe home.**

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