

THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

P. O. Box 276
Brewton, Alabama 36426

NEWSLETTER

April 6, 1973

NOTICE OF MEETING

Our April 17th meeting will be a type of victory celebration in the form of a Garden Party, to be held at 6:30 p.m. in the garden behind The Leigh Place (the first courthouse built at Brewton). There will be plenty of parking at the present courthouse parking lot, the vacant lot next to Garrett's Flowers, and in the First Baptist Church parking lot. A buffet meal will be served, catered by Mrs. Wilbur Parker, Brewton's gourmet cook. All who have tasted or heard of Mrs. Parker's dishes and homemade breads will want to be present. This meeting will be open only to members and their guests. In order that we will know how many people to prepare for, please promptly return the enclosed postcard indicating whether or not you will attend, and if so, how many guests you will bring. There will be only a short business session. In place of a program, those interested will be given a guided tour of the old record room in the courthouse where old newspapers and documents are stored. You may rest assured that a good time will be had by all!

At this time we have 130 members on roll. A current listing of our membership will be enclosed with this newsletter, along with a listing of the institutions to which free copies of our first quarterly have been mailed. If we have overlooked any institution or organization to whom you feel we should send a quarterly, please advise and it will be done. Also, we would appreciate it if you would call any mistakes in the membership list to our attention.

ERROR CORRECTION: Last month's newsletter contained an incomplete sentence which took away some of the meaning from the story being told of John Wesley Harden. If you are preserving your monthly newsletter you will want to add at the top of page three the words "They learned." To complete the sentence--They learned from Col. Chipley, the Railroad Superintendent, that Mr. Swain had gone to Pensacola and had an engagement to gamble with some of the gamblers there that night.

DID YOU KNOW That the present village of Wallace was first named "Florence," but when the application was made for a post office it was refused because there was another Florence, Alabama. It was then named "Miriamville" and when Major Wallace built a mill there he changed the name of the village to "Wallace."

Century, Florida was named Century because the name was changed from "Teaspoon" to Century at the turn of the century.

We have had an inquiry from Mrs. F. N. Hale, hostess for the Jefferson Davis Shrine and Confederate Memorial Gardens in Jackson, Mississippi, seeking information on Newland and Ramsey Mayson (or Mason) who owned property in Pollard in 1870 or earlier. Newland Mayson was a Confederate soldier who lived at Pollard and is reputed to have built the two houses that look alike across from the railroad depot. She is trying to qualify for Daughters of American Revolution. If you can help her, her address is Biloxi, Mississippi 39531.

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Membership List April 4, 1973

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DATA CONCERNING STEAMBOATS THAT PLIED THE ESCAMBIA/CONECUH RIVER

Note: This is not to be considered a complete listing.

- CELESTINE - screw propelled, built 1883 at Newburg, New York, 23 tons,
registered at Pensacola, Fla.
- ECHO - 1826-1830, 154 ton, built 1826 at Pittsburg, Pa., home port Mobile.
- ENTERPRISE - sunk Mobile 9/22/1858, built 1856
- OKALOOSA - screw propelled, 46 ton, built 1886 at Milton, Fla., registered Pensacola.
- FLANDERS -
- NELLIE - iron hull, screw propelled, 61 tons, 1879 at Camden, N.J., registered
Pensacola.
- DIXIE - stern wheel, built Geneva, Ala. in 1907, 27 tons, registered Mobile.
- V.H. WRIGHT - sidewheel, 21 tons, built 1890 at Ft. Washington, Fla., registered
Pensacola, 41 feet long, 12 feet wide, 4 D.
- HERCULES - side wheel, built 1839 at Pittsburg, burned 1/3/1842 near Tuscahoma,
161 ton, LaVergy Master.
- SHARRET -
- FLORIDA - side wheel, built 1827 at Cincinnati, burned near Cahaba 4/14/1828,
24 ton, John Duncan, Master, and principle owner. Major Alexander -
Pope on board with 10,000 (not known if currency or metal) belonging
to U.S. and \$400.00 of his own. Loss of boat and cargo from \$60,000
to \$100,000. One life lost.
- MAGGIE - screw propelled, 19 tons, built Mobile 1893, registered Mobile,
home port Mobile, formerly U.S. Engineer "Maggie."
- UNDINE - 18 ton, screw propelled, built 1900 at Key West, Fla., registered
Key West, Fla.
- JUMBO - screw propelled, 14 ton, built 1883 at Bay Point, Fla., registered Pensacola.
- FLORENCE - stern wheel, 86 ton, built 1837 at Pittsburg, Pa., home port
Apalachicola, Fla., no record after 1839.
- HELEN - built 1850 at Jeffersonville, Ind., 292 ton, home port Mobile, burned at
Mobile 5/12/55
- SHAW - sank at Brooklyn, Ala. on Sepulga River in 1847, presumed to be the John
Shaw, 189 tons, side wheel, built Hamburg, Ill. 1840, first home port
New Orleans, disposition unknown.
- CYPRESS -
- CAPT. FRITZ - stern wheel, 99 tons, built Moss Point, Miss. 1892, registered
Pensacola.
- EDNA C. -
- BELLE - presumed to be Belle of the Bends, stern wheel, 12 ton, built 1907 at
Columbus, Ga.
- VERNON - stern wheel, 61 ton, built 1897, Geneva, Ala., registered Pensacola
- SAUNDERS -
- BALDWIN -
- MONARCH - tug, screw propelled, 143 ton built 1883, Charleston, S.C.
registered, Pensacola
- SEA KING - tug
- BRITANNA - tug, screw propelled 66 tons, built 1883 in Baltimore, Md.,
registered Pensacola.
- E.E. SIMPSON - iron hull, built 1877 at Camden, N.J., registered Pensacola,
screw propelled, (sea-going tug)
- MARY LOUISE - iron hull, screw propelled, 87 tons, built 1871 at Philadelphia,
registered Pensacola
- BIG NELLIE - tug, stranded on sand at Pensacola where she was blown inland by the
hurricane on Sept. 26 or 27, 1906.



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The Tug Nellie
blown inland by
the Hurricane
Sept. 26 and 27
1906.
Pensacola, Fla

INSTITUTIONS TO WHOM FREE QUARTERLIES ARE SENT

The Brewton Standard
The Tri City Ledger
The Evergreen Courant
The Atmore Advance
Lauren Rogers Library and Museum of Art
Mobile Public Library
Birmingham Public Library
Brewton Public Library
Flomaton Public Library
Atmore Public Library
Evergreen Public Library
Evergreen Public Library
University of Alabama
Auburn University
Troy State College
University of South Alabama
University of West Florida
Jefferson Davis Junior College
Alabama Historical Commission
State Department of Archives and History
Evergreen High School
T.R. Miller High School
Brewton Middle School
Brewton Elementary School
A.C. Moore School
Freemanville School
Rachel Patterson School
Huxford School
McCall School
North Brewton School
Flomaton High School
W.S. Neal School
Escambia County Elementary-Middle School
Escambia County High
Atmore Junior Division School
Atmore Senior Division School
Oak Grove-Pollard School
Byrnesville School
Carver High School
Century Elementary School
Century High School
Flomaton City Schools
Castleberry High School