
* THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY *
* P. O. Box 276 *
* Brewton, Alabama 36426 *

* Newsletter

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* Editor

* Mrs. Carolyn Pugh McLendon

NOTICE OF MEETING - The February meeting will be held on February 19, 1974, in the Jefferson Davis Junior College Student Center at 7:00 p.m. with Professor N. Read Stowe, archaeologist with the University of South Alabama presenting a program entitled "Archaeology in South Alabama." He has some slides for our viewing also. Many of you will recall that Professor Stowe was with us for our Fort Mims pilgrimage. He is in charge of the Fort Mims excavation and more recently is undertaking the salvaging of artifacts from an early 1700 French village on Dauphine Island. Mr. Stowe is an enthusiastic archaeologist and I am sure we will all enjoy hearing him.

ANNUAL DUES OF \$5.00 ARE PAYABLE BEFORE MARCH 31st. So many renewals have been sent in this month that we decided not to list them. An up to date paid membership list will be published with the April newsletter.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS: Brewton-Mrs. W.A. Lovelace, Mrs. W.M. Girlinghouse, Mrs. Ben T. Sankey, Mrs. Pauline Duke, Mrs. E. M. Brewton, Mr. Ben L. Martin, Mrs. Charles R. Stone, Mrs. Marie McDonald, and Mr. John Dana Williams; Atmore-Mrs. Alice D. Currie; Flomaton-Mrs. James Hart; Out-of-county: Mrs. Eleanor Davison Phillips, Tallahassee, Fla.; Mr. R. P. Brewton, Mobile; Mrs. Joseph R. Murphy, Mobile; Mr. Jerry Wood, Rome, Ga.; Mrs. Dorothy Eby, Milton, Fla.; Mrs. Lavona Palmer, Thatcher, Arizona; Mrs. Fred Dees, Eight Mile, Ala.; Mrs. H.P. Meadows, Montgomery, Alabama; and Mrs. Percy O. Corbin, Blountstown, Fla. That is 20 new members, making a total membership of 241!

OFFICERS for 1974-1975

President - Floyd Currie, Atmore
Vice President - Bert M. Campbell, Jr.
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A special thank you to all of you who have expressed in writing and in person your appreciation for and enjoyment of the newsletters and quarterlies. Your encouragement means a great deal to me. I don't consider myself to be bragging when I say that I have the WORLD'S LARGEST CHEERING SQUAD!

The publicity that Tom Gardner of The Brewton Standard, Buddy Smith's South Alabama Review and Ruth Warren's Titles and Tales of The Mobile Register have given to our efforts has helped us to reach the successful stage of which we are now so proud. We couldn't ask for better friends!

History contributions:

Mrs. Evelyn Weaver Jernigan - list of Civil War Heroes

Mrs. Rochelle Larkin Garrett - copy of her program entitled "The Dark Ages of Education in Escambia County"

Mr. W. T. Rice, Flomaton - "A Short Story of Pollard in 1902"

OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS:

Book - entitled "William Barret Travis, His Sword and His Pen" by Martha Anne Turner, published 1972 by Texian Press, Waco, Texas - Price \$12.00.

EUFULA PILGRIMAGE - Ninth Annual Pilgrimage, April 4-7, Antique Show and Sale April 5-7, for further information write Eufaula Heritage Association, P.O.Box 486, Eufaula, Ala. 36027.

WESTVILLE 1850 VILLAGE - Lumpkin, Ga., open daily, holding a Historic Gardening Conference sponsored by Westville Historic Handicrafts, Inc. endorsed by The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., April 20, 10:00 a.m., write Box 848, Lumpkin, Ga. 31815.

QUERY - Would like to correspond with or interview descendants of John J. Elliott (b.1838 son of Michael & Elizabeth "Betsy" Sanders Elliott) m. Amanda Martin 26 March 1867. Both living in 1880. Their children were: (1) Sarah A. (b.1868) m. Michael Cooper 2 Aug.1888, Santa Rosa County, Fla. (2) Mary (b. 12 Mar.1870 not listed with family in 1880) (3) Jerry R. (b.1872) (4) Amanda (b.1876). Correspondence invited. Reginald McFarland, P.O.Box 353, Harvey, La. 70058.

Census and Marriage Records for Sale: Washington County, Alabama
Marriages 1825-1873 with Several Marriages 1802-1805; Index of Deeds 1818-1838, 8 1/2 x 11 mimeographed on bond paper, paper cover, limited supply, \$7.50 per copy postpaid, also - 1840 Index to Florida Census, 8 1/2 x 11 mimeographed on bond paper, paper cover, \$7.50 per copy postpaid.
Mrs. Lester E. Taylor, 2706 West Road, Mobile, Alabama 36609.

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* the Junior College will bind Volume I *
* if we have a minimum of \$25.00 in orders. *
* Notify Miss Janel Redditt at 867-4832 *
* if you want to have yours bound. *

A SHORT STORY OF POLLARD IN 1902

by

W. T. Rice, Route 1, Flomaton, Alabama

At this time Mance Coleman was operating the Hotel in Pollard. Later Mr. Coleman turned it over to Preacher R. W. Brooks, and also, at this time H. D. Finlay owned a store in Pollard on the West side of the railroad. His father, W. A. Finlay, owned a store on the east side of the railroad. Both stores were old wooden buildings, but were later replaced with brick. At this time there were no trucks in reach of Pollard, so Mr. Finlay had to haul his goods from the depot to the store with horse and wagon. I well remember when the driver would drive up to the store, go in the store, and while he was gone that horse would pull up, turn and back up until he would get the wagon in the right place to unload the wagon. Old man Bob Fortner operated what he called a flat boat to carry people across the river. People who lived in the Mt. Carmel community who wanted to come to Pollard to trade with the Finlays used the flat boat. H. D. Finlay furnished supplies to most all farmers who lived in a radius of 12 miles from Pollard. During these days soda water was put up in glass bottles as they are now, but with different kind of stoppers. The stoppers were made of cork or rubber and shaped like a nickel, and had a heavy strong wire attached at one end. You could not pull the stopper, you had to push it down in the neck of the bottle, and then drink.

On a Sunday evening at the close of church services a young man walked up to a lady and said, "Miss, may I have the exquisite pleasure of rolling the wheels of conversation around the axle tree of your heart tonight?" The man's name was Cartwright.

Editor's Comments

Mr. W. T. Rice was born on December 12, 1888, and is according to his letter "near blind." We appreciate Mr. Rice's interest in helping us preserve our local history. Thank you, Mr. Rice, for inspiring us!