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The Escambia County Historical Society

P.O. Box 276, Brewton, Alabama 36426

Mrs. Carolyn Pugh McLendon,

Editor

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NOTICE OF MEETING - January 20, 1976 - 7:00 p.m. (Tuesday)

BREWTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

PROGRAM - Mrs. Jonathan R. (Harriett) Miller  
will show and narrate films of the  
Bi-Centennial Fashion Show put on in  
October by the Brewton Civic League

Mrs. Miller, one of our busiest members, has graciously agreed to give us a private showing of the film strips made of the Bi-Centennial Fashion Show. Many of our members took part in the fashion show and others contributed yesteryear fashions to be worn and displayed in the show. It is not a filming of the entire program and according to Mrs. Miller will only take about 15 minutes. Mrs. Miller came to Brewton about four years ago with her husband, Dr. Jonathan R. Miller, a chemist with Container Corporation of America, and their son, Jonathan, and have added another son, Matthew, to their family since coming to Brewton. Much time and love have gone into the old home on Evergreen Avenue which they purchased and restored, also installing an old iron fence across the front of the lot. The Millers are active members of the Brewton Universalist Church and are both active in the civic organizations of Brewton. Harriett has done an excellent job as our Recording Secretary for the past year as well as becoming tremendously involved in preparations and plans for each of our social functions this year. Brewton is very fortunate to have this young couple making Brewton their home. This is our Annual meeting for the Election of Officers for the next two years. You will want to be present to assist in this important function.

CHECK YOUR MAILING ADDRESS - Be sure to advise us of any change in your mailing address. We send out our newsletters and quarterlies "bulk rate". If the address as shown is not correct the post office throws your copy in the trash can--sad but true!

Dues of \$6.00 for the year are now due and may be mailed to P.O. Box 276, Brewton, Alabama 36426 or paid to Gladys Byrd, Membership Secretary, or Carolyn McLendon, Editor.

DECEMBER QUARTERLIES LATE, and are being mailed with this newsletter. Your editor makes apology for getting the December quarterly out late and hopes that you all understand that all of the events of the past three months for the Society and other activities were the cause--not disinterest or lack of enthusiasm on the part of the Editor. We still need a volunteer for the indexing of the four 1975 quarterlies. Bert Campbell has done a fine job on this in the past, but cannot handle it for this year.

NEW MEMBERS - Charles Minchew, 101 Davison Street, Brewton;  
Mrs. Helen H. Williamson, 628 Belleville Ave., Brewton;  
Mrs. Margaret Weaver, 722 Shofner St., East Brewton;  
Mrs. Bernice Wessnar, P.O.Box 609, Flomaton, 36441;  
John Richard Campbell, 750 New York, Melvourne, Fl.32904;  
J. Vernon Brantley, Route 3, Repton, Al.36475.

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP - 290. This Society has become one of the largest organizations in Escambia County, second only to the teacher organizations and the larger churches. We have made great strides toward becoming all of the things that an historical society within a county is supposed to mean. Through the network of historical societies throughout this nation, the celebration of the bi-centennial year of our nation has been made more meaningful by making the people of the area aware of their great heritage and inspiring pride for our forefathers and their accomplishments in our behalf.

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T. R. MILLER MILL COMPANY, INC.  
LOGGING HISTORY

By: Ed Leigh McMillan,  
1965

In the early days of the T. R. Miller Mill Company's history logs were taken or brought to market and to the mill by way of river, streams and log ditches. Because the same waterways were used by various persons and companies it was necessary that those persons and companies have a log brand or mark to identify their logs and timbers and that the brands or marks be put on the logs and timbers before they were put in the waterways to be floated to market. The timber and log brands could be recorded in the office of the Judge of Probate in each county through which the logs or timbers were floated.

The letter "C" was the brand which was indented in the ends of logs owned by the T.R.Miller Mill Company before floating them to the mill.

All square timber that was manufactured by this company was marked by a timber marker, an instrument with a sharp cutting-head, which would cut the mark in the timber and also cut on one side the dimensions and length of the stick of timber. All marks were made in Roman numerals. The T.R.Miller Mill Company brand was referred to as "90" and the numeral made constituted nine 'x's written as follows:



If a stick of square timber 12" x 12", 40 feet long, was manufactured by this company it would be marked as follows:

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--Contributed by Ed Leigh McMillan,  
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