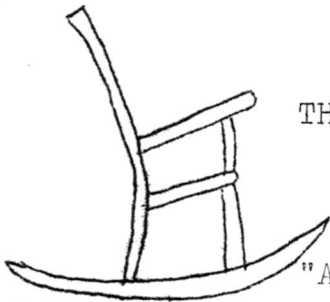


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"An Empty Rocker"

Annual Dues-\$6.00

Note change of time to 7:30 p.m.

Place: Brewton Public Library

Speaker: Mrs. M.G. (Annie) Watters

Topic: "ATMORE - HALF A CENTURY AGO"

Nothing needs to be said here about Mrs. Annie Waters' ability and enthusiasm as a historian because she has become well-known in this field including receiving in December, 1975 an Alabama Historical Commission Award of Merit. She has done everything she could possibly do to further the aims of this Society and still hopes that a History of Escambia County, Alabama will be published in book form during her lifetime which is her reason for doing all the research that she has done. Her presentation entitled "Atmore-Half a Century Ago" will include some humor, pathos, items regarding some of our Atmore members, the growth and work of the people of Atmore. Come and bring a friend. The public is always welcome.

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THE EMPTY ROCKING CHAIR above signifies the fact that here in Escambia County the R.S.V.P. (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) and the Escambia County Historical Society have robbed many rockers of their occupants. President Carter in proclaiming May as "Older Americans Month" recognizing the 33 million Americans over 60 who can and are "providing our youngsters with an awareness of their heritage, and with a sense of family continuity. And older Americans can pass on to their children not only the knowledge and wisdom that comes with age, but also the values that guided our forefathers in building a great republic." The Escambia County Historical Society salutes our members over 60 and recognize that without these members there would be no Escambia County Historical Society. We also recognize that without the tireless efforts of the R.S.V.P. in assembling and mailing our publications that we would be unable to carry on this meaningful work.

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MUSEUM FUND - At present we have in our Museum Fund Savings Account which is set aside for museum purposes \$18,048.61 and have firm commitments for another \$1,100.00. Since the April 18th newsletter the following donations have been received:

Regular Donations:

Twentieth Century Club, Atmore - \$25.00  
First Southern Federal, Atmore - \$50.00  
Ms. Patricia A. Ellis, Brewton  
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ROBBINS AND MCGOWIN COMPANY

News of the Big Store

(Copied from STANDARD GAUGE, September 22, 1904, Headlines were large and it did not appear to be an ad. Contributed by Mrs. Annie Waters, 1976.)

Miss Kruger, an expert trimmer from St. Louis, will arrive today to be in charge of our millinery trimming department.

Our fall stock of Stutson hats are in. The assortment is larger this year than usual, and anyone who wears a Stutson hat can get the style best suited for them.

Have you seen the new "Buster Brown" suits for small boys? We have them and ever other style of attractive clothing for children. You can get a catalogue telling all about our boys clothes by applying for same.

We handle the celebrated Hart, Schoffner & Marx handmade all wool clothing. Absolutely the best in make and way ahead of anything else in style. It beats cheap tailoring two to one. You can get one of these suits as low as \$15.00.

We are the sole agents for Ballard's Obelisk Flour.

Mr. M. Abrams, who has charge of our Tailoring Department, served his apprentice in Germany, where they have to learn every trade very thorough. He cut for several years in New York City, and late of Atlanta. If you want the best tailoring in the State you can get it in Brewton. Better place orders early as we are already rushed.

Stock of Children's School Shoes complete. You get honest

shoes at this store, and the cost is not any more in most instances.

Mr. Smith, recently of LaFayette who is now with us, is an expert on grading cotton, and as he is from the farming section may be of some service to you in giving information about the staple.

We have bought most of the cotton that has come to Brewton so far, which is proof that we pay most for it.

Don't send away for anything to wear as you can buy to as good advantage from this store as anywhere. If it's the cheapest or finest you want we are prepared for you.

Buy early and get first choice.

--Contributed by  
Annie Waters, 1976

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EXCERPT FROM "THE ALABAMA STATE GAZETTEER AND BUSINESS DIRECTORY"  
published by the Southern Directory and Publishing Co.,  
Lynchburg, Va., 1881, page 214

BREWTON.

Escambia County. -L. & N. R.R.

Five hundred inhabitants. Is an enterprising little place on the above road, eight miles south of Pollard, the county seat, eighty from Mobile, and one hundred and six from Montgomery; has express and telegraph offices, several saw and grist mills near, and several churches and schools. Pine forests surround the place and the exporting of timber is the leading industry; cotton and corn are the leading crops.

Arends Mary Mrs, genl mdse  
Blackshire D W & Bro, general mdse and saw mill  
Dugan James F, genl mdse  
Hairston J T, genl mdse  
Harold G C & Bro, genl mdse and mill  
Lyons S N Mrs, genl mdse  
McMillan Jas, saloon  
Scott T S, saloon

BROOKLYN.

Conecuh County.

Is located in the southeast corner of the county, on the Conecuh River. The population is about 200. The cutting of timber is the principal industry. The Conecuh is not navigable but it is utilized by the lumberman for rafting their logs and square timber to Pensacola.

Amos B M. groceries  
Feagin A P, physician  
Kennedy W D, grocer  
Robinson A J, gen mdse

--Contributed by The Editor.