



THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
 (a non-profit organization)  
 P.O.Box 276  
 Brewton, Alabama 36426  
 Annual Dues - \$6.00

Carolyn Pugh McLendon, Secretary and Editor

\* DEDICATED TO PRESERVING THE HISTORY OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY AREA

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NOTICE OF MEETING: Tuesday, January 23, 1979, 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Thomas E. McMillan Museum in Fine Arts Building on campus of Jefferson Davis State Junior College

PROGRAM: BREWTON'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SPEAKER: Mrs. W.M. (Fannie Jo) Roberts

We look forward to hearing Mrs. Roberts (better known as Fannie Jo because of her friendly and outgoing disposition) give in her gracious and inimitable style the history of Brewton's Presbyterian Church of which she has been a member since moving to Brewton in 1937. Mrs. Roberts is the widow of William N. (Billy) Roberts who owned and operated Roberts Motor Company until his death. Mrs. Roberts, who formerly taught school, continued to operate the business for several years after his death. Come and bring a friend, the public is always welcome. Refreshments will be served.

DEDICATION OF FINE ARTS BUILDING AND THOMAS E. McMILLAN MUSEUM -  
 The dedication has been set for Sunday, February 18, at 3:00 p.m., make a note on your calendar and plan to attend. Invitations will be sent to the Society's membership. A brief ceremony will be held in the newly-named and dedicated Patterson Auditorium, and open house will be held in the Fine Arts Building following the ceremony. In addition to the museum which is in the center of the Fine Arts Building, the painting center in the north end of the building and the ceramics center on the south will be open. Several special displays will be placed in the museum by local people. The slate of dignitaries for the ceremony is incomplete at this time.

1979 DUES - \$6.00 are DUE. A statement is attached so that you can place it as a reminder in your unpaid bill file. Some have already paid their dues and the notation "79" will appear on their mailing label. If your mailing label has an asterick (\*) in the bottom right-hand corner your 1978 dues are also unpaid. Since we were behind in the quarterly publications no names were deleted this year--only a few were left unpaid. Please get your dues current before the end of March.

New Members: Ray Walker Murphy, Box 866, Andalusia, Al. 36420  
 Mrs. W.F. Bean, 2629 Green St. Jacksonville, Fl. 32204  
 Kayo Stanton, Box 205, Century, Fla. 32535  
 John Brewton, 714 Jones Avenue, Monroeville, Al. 36460.

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HERITAGE 76 and JUNE-SEPTEMBER, 1978 QUARTERLY - Mailed out on January 9, 1979. The index to the marriage record in the quarterly will be published later as an error in the original courthouse index was found after the stencils were typed. The DECEMBER, 1978 QUARTERLY is being typed and should be ready for mailing before the end of January. Hopefully, by June, 1979 we will have all publications up to date and indexed.

HERITAGE 76 - 350 copies were given to The Escambia County Historical Society to be mailed to all persons, colleges, schools and libraries on its mailing list by Mr. Tom Gardner who is owner of The Brewton Standard and publisher of Heritage 76. The delay in mailing was occasioned by the fact that it could not be mailed bulk, non-profit rate with the current advertisements in it, so we let them "age a bit" making them even more appreciated by our group. Bound copies of Heritage 76 are available from The Brewton Standard for \$3.00 plus mailing charges if mailed. This was Mr. Gardner's bicentennial effort on behalf of his readers and in making this gift of copies to historians the valuable information contained therein will be preserved and cherished for years and generations to come. Mr. Gardner received an Alabama Historical Commission Award of Merit in 1977 for his efforts in publishing this area's history.

QUERY - Mrs. Leslie W. (Norma Green) Watson, 2515 Anaconda Trail, Maitland, Florida 32751 has paid a memorial for certain persons which will be listed in our memorials later, and needs the following information for the list:

1. First name of Baggett who married Elizabeth Weaver. Her sister, Sarah married William J. Brewton.
2. Name of 1st wife of James Hart Davis whose children were Solomon, James, Alex and others. He fought in the Civil War.

All lived in Conecuh County, Alabama in the 1800's.

If you can help Mrs. Watson who has been a member of this Society for several years, please do so.

GENERAL FUND - Balance 1/10/79 -----	\$ 393.08
MUSEUM FUND - Balance 1/10/79 -----	\$ 1,950.04
Transferred to College for Museum -----	199,810.99
Total raised for Museum - -----	\$201,761.03

MEMORIALS:

MR. DAVID BRENT MILLER

By: Mrs. David B. Miller

MR. A. W. MOYE

By: Mrs. Gladys Chavers

MR. JAMES ELWOOD CHEATHAM II

By: Mrs. E. P. Yeldell

MR. WILEY OTIS DEWBERRY

By: Mrs. E. P. Yeldell

MR. DAN S. ROBERTSON

By: Mrs. Carolyn P. McLendon

REV. ALEXANDER TRAVIS

By: Frank Currie and all people related to  
Rev. Travis wherever they reside

MEMORIALS (continued)

MR. HECTOR WILLIAM CURRIE, SR.

By: Frank Currie and from surviving members  
of the immediate family

ACCESSIONS TO MUSEUM

Acquisitions and Loans now in Museum

ED LEIGH McMILLAN COLLECTION (long term loan)

Over 300 items of historical and archeological interest

CAROLYN PUGH McLENDON

63 books and periodicals

MURIEL BREWTON of El Paso, Texas

Early map of Brewton before 1883

Early deeds and papers of Edmond T. Brewton

ESCAMBIA COUNTY and BREWTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

220 volumes of early newspapers

Brewton Banner 1883-1888

Brewton Leader 1892-1893

Conecuh-Escambia Star 1881-1887

Laborer's Banner 1900-1902

Escambia-Baldwin Times 1885-1887

Standard Guage 1890-1904

Flomaton Journal 1938-

Atmore Advance 1932-

Atmore Spectrum 1904-1910

Atmore Record 1914-1922

Escambia Record 1923-1924

Pine Belt News 1896-1917

Brewton Standard 1906-

Flomaton Enterprise 1908

Atmore Record 1921

Baldwin-Escambia Times 1888

Escambia Times 1885-1886

Brewton Blade Jan. & Feb. 1882 only

MRS. KATHLEEN MANASCO

Papers of Dan Gillis 1894-1896

Pictures of Walker and Francis Snowden

MISS MARY BRANTLEY, Atmore

Confederate \$10 bill

MISS LULA PEARL NEAL

Early card of Cedar Creek Mill (picture)

MRS. NORMA BURGESS CARROL, Raleigh, N.C.

Early coin silver spoon

3 volumes of Genealogical Records

MR. AND MRS. FRED DIXON

5 volumes of Civil War Books

JOSEPH PETE DAVIS (loan)

50 Cal. Civil War Springfield rifle

Accessions to Museum (continued)

DAVID MYERS (loan)  
1872 Springfield rifle

JOHN WHITE  
Copy of map of Pollard

ROBERT CRENSHAW (loan)  
Natzi Flag from World War II

DR. OTIS LITTLE  
Minutes of Bethlehem Baptist Association 1852-1868

NORRIS LODGE, F&AM, #201, Brewton (on loan)  
Early Mason ledger  
early books on Masonry

RITA JANE BOYKIN  
Early algae collection pressed around the term of the century

MRS. BERNICE JOHNSON (loan)  
Mother of Pearl handle knives  
Collection of early school books

MRS. OSCAR GORDON  
Print of Regal Splendor  
6 plants for the lobby

MRS. JOHN DAVID FINLAY (memorial gift)  
5 flags--Spanish, French, English, Confederate Battle, American

MRS. JOHN DAVID FINLAY (on loan)  
Butter mold made of wood  
Confederate canteen carried by W.J. Jackson, 15 CRC  
Cannon ball

HOYT BECKHAM  
Several hundred items from the files of the  
Luttrell Hardware from 1896-1922

MRS. GEORGE EDWARDS  
tin type of W.W. Robertson  
Civil War pass to return hom from the army  
1868 tax receipt with slaves still listed as property

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MEMORIAL TRIBUTE BY  
Frank P. Currie to his  
Ancestors, Hector William Currie, Sr. and Rev. Alexander Travis

My father, Hector William Currie, Sr. was born at Clay Hill, Alabama (Clarke Co.) September 4, 1874 of Scotch and French parents. His father was Daniel A. Currie (Scotch) and his mother, Barbara Fontaine (French). Her people came to Virginia before Napoleon was born.

H.W. Currie went to the Atlanta Business School and came to Escambia County as a bookkeeper for the John "Capt." Fuller saw mill at Foshee. He met and married my mother, Carrie McConnico. When the mill closed they moved to Atmore. Here he invited his

father to come down and go in business with him. The Peoples Bank was formed and my grandfather became President. My father was an advancing merchant and owned several farms. The Peoples Bank went bankrupt during the panic of 1913, and he lost his home, business and farms.

He was forced to start anew and chose the milling business. In 1917 he established a cotton gin and formed Atmore Milling & Elevator Company. He fathered ten children, seven sons and three daughters. Each of us was offered a college education. He had lots of business ability, and never gave up despite many reverses. I learned lots from him and respected him very much.

ALEXANDER TRAVIS - Escambia County was carved out of Conecuh County, and it is fitting, I think, that Alexander Travis of Conecuh should be recognized. He is my maternal great, great grandfather and was an itinerant Baptist preacher who rode horseback to serve the Lord. He established the First Baptist Church of Pensacola, the First Baptist Church of Montgomery, and a number of small churches in Conecuh and Escambia counties.

Colonel William B. Travis was his nephew. In the company of Jim Bowie, Davy Crockett and about 200 brave fighters, Santa Ana was held at bay, despite all being killed, until Sam Houston could organize an army and defeat him at San Jacinto. The great state of Texas was saved and admitted to the Union in 1845.

--Frank P. Currie  
Frank Currie Gin Company  
McCullough, Alabama 36552

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BOOK AVAILABLE - PAST HORIZONS, VOLUME 1 - \$ 7.50

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P.O. Box 1665

Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401

200 Photographs, 4 maps, 88 pages, complete index, soft cover, features all major landmarks in Tuscaloosa, Northport and the University of Alabama, is a complete reference book to the old houses of Tuscaloosa County. In 1826 Tuscaloosa became the capital of Alabama and held this distinction until 1846. During this period more than 35 beautiful antebellum homes were built, many of which are featured in "Past Horizons."