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NOTICE OF MEETING: TUESDAY, October 23, 1979, 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: THOMAS E. McMILLAN MUSEUM on campus of
JEFFERSON DAVIS STATE JUNIOR COLLEGE
SPEAKER: MRS. M. J. (PEGGY) BRACKEN, JR.
TOPIC: HISTORICAL QUILTS, COVERLETS AND BEDSPREADS

Peggy Bracken who has been one of this counties favorite and most industrious ladies for many years, in presenting her program on Historical Quilts, Coverlets and Bedspreads, will have on display several very old quilts and spreads as well as pictures to enhance the program. One of the quilts is over three hundred years old called a "crazy quilt" which Mrs. Bracken describes as "just gorgeous." She invites those attending the meeting to bring any old quilts or spreads, or patchwork designs that they might have to the meeting to share with the group.

NEW MEMBERS: Mrs. J.T.Hart, Rt.1, Andalusia, Al. 36420
Amos J.Wright (Editor, Dr. Jazz Press, Poetry, Readings,
Workshops), P.O. Box 1043, Auburn, Al. 36830.

MARCH/JUNE, 1979 QUARTERLY was mailed out on Friday, October 12, and contains considerable Brewton family and Brewton, Ala. histories. The Retired Senior Volunteers (RSVP) worked several days mimeographing and assembling them for mailing. Without the RSVP our publication efforts, both the quarterly and monthly newsletters, would have failed long ago and we are grateful to them for caring enough to see this worthwhile project through over the years. Hopefully the September/December issue can be gotten out before the end of the year and get us current again. We need a volunteer to index the 1978 quarterly.

HISTORY OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY, ALABAMA - Through the concern of the Escambia County Commission we are off to a good start in having a history compiled. The Commission had budgeted to the Society for this purpose \$10,000, one-half to be paid in 1980 and one-half in 1981. So great was their concern that they told us this would not have to come out of the oil revenues, the legislation for which has been contested by some of the oil companies. This initial grant is for the compilation of the history which will probably take two years, after which we will have to raise funds for its publication. Mrs. Annie C. Waters has set up the following committee for interviewing prospective authors and assisting with the actual work on the history: J.W. Caldwell, Chairman, Annie C. Waters, Co-Chairman, Dorothy Ptomey, Flomaton, Miss Mary Brantley and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Currie, Atmore, and J. Vernon Brantley, Repton. Acting as Advisors to the committee will be Harry Weaver, H. Eugene Pettis, John T. Powell, and Carolyn P. McLendon. The Committee will contact and begin to interview authors soon.

John T. Powell, Museum Curator and exhuberant archaeologist has proven the location of a 1814 to 1821 U.S.Military battle site near the campus, complete with a trench, possibly a skirmish with Seminole warriors. Several musket balls, hat plates, etc.have been found on the site.

ALABAMA TRUST FOR HISTORICAL PRESERVATION has been formed as a branch of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Lee Sentell, P.O.Box 85, Decatur, Alabama 35602, is the President. This group is to assist in co-ordinating all the Alabama preservation groups as well as the two state agencies--the Alabama Archives and Alabama Historical Commission, and assist in getting favorable legislation for preservation endeavors. Individual dues are \$10.00, organization \$25.00, sustaining \$50.00.

HOUSE MARKERS AVAILABLE - If you own a building listed on either the National Register or the Alabama Register, you are eligible to display a landmark medallion purchased at cost through The Alabama Trust for Historical Preservation. The attractive satin-finished eight-inch historical house marker features the original Alabama State Seal with the "map and tree" design, Cost to Alabama Trust members \$30.00, non-members \$35.00. Send check, name and address, Name of the Landmark house, and state whether it is a single structure and whether it is in a registered district.

GOOD PUBLICITY is always appreciated and our local newspapers have always seen that we get the best publicity for all our endeavors, and well as our local radio stations, and this has contributed greatly to our success. Sunday, October 7, 1979, The Mobile Press-Register, "Titles & Tales" Columnist Ruth Warren had this to say about our organization:

"The Escambia County Historical Society, a powerful group of county enthusiasts, has completed its museum which is open to the public. The society is collecting funds and information to publish a history of Escambia County. Contributions and/or information may be directed to: Mrs.Annie C.Waters, Route 5, Box 471, Brewton,Al.36426."

POLLARD LIGHT GUARDS historical papers have been donated to the Society for the museum and for use in the book by Louis M. Finlay,Jr.,P.O.Box 131, Jackson, Al.36545, including a deed from John E.Finlay to Pollard Light Guards dated March 5, 1892, resolution by the Pollard Light Guards regarding the subscriptions for the Pollard Armory, for which a total of \$852.25 was raised, and a list of the contributions to the Members Fund for the Armory. A list of the donors follows.

MEMBERS FUND

Donations to Pollard Light Guards by members for the purpose of building "Armory" which shall constitute the "Members Fund."

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| G.G. Egg | \$51.75 | W.N.Harper | \$51.74 |
| C.Y.Mayo,Jr. | 93.95 | C.L.Wiggins | 25.00 |
| W.A.Finlay | 25.00 | W.A.Johnson | 5.00 |
| J.L.Jernigan | 5.00 | G.J.Hamac | 5.00 |
| C.E.Moore | 2.50 | Peter Waldo | 5.00 |
| C.J.Troutman | 5.00 | T.S.Sowell,Jr. | 1.00 |
| H.D.Finlay | 2.50 | J.G.Rupert | 5.00 |
| G.L.Sturdavant | 5.00 | J.M.Franklin | 5.00 |
| N.J.Sturdavant | 1.00 | E.Liles | 50.00 |

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| G.G.Egg) Plans for building, | - | \$20.00 |
| W.H.Harper)10% on \$234.98, | - | 23.49 |
| C.Y.Mayo,Jr.) Balls for Tower | - | 10.00 |
| P.M.Lea \$93.95 | Harry Henderson | 1.00 |
| C.L.Wiggins 25.00 | W.W.Downing | 5.00 |
| Cash from State 99.50 | T.S.Sowell | 1.00 |
| W A.Finlay "lot" 25.00 | W.W.Pridgin | 1.00 |
| W.A.Johnson 5.00 | C.W.Robbins | 1.00 |
| J.L.Jernigan 5.00 | J.T.Fountain | 1.00 |
| J.G. Jamac 5.00 | J.E.Martin | 1.00 |
| J.E. Witt 5.00 | A.V.Buck | 1.00 |
| J.A.Williamson 5.00 | T.S.Sowell,Jr. | 1.00 |
| From Wallace Squad 11.00 | W.W.Malone | 1.00 |
| C.E.Moore 2.50 | R.S.Martin | 1.00 |
| Peters Waldon 5.00 | Miss Emma Rankin | .50 |
| C.J.Troutman 5.00 | J.W.Posey | 1.00 |
| Jas. McMillan 5.00 | W.J.Holland | 2.50 |
| J.B.McLellan 5.00 | N.R.Leigh | 5.00 |
| M.F.Brooks 2.00 | J.M.Padgett | 5.00 |
| E.S.McMillan 5.00 | Lunkery G. Gauss (?) | 2.50 |
| W.T.Mayo 2.50 | Lonestin Bros. | 2.50 |
| J.W.Wilkinson 5.00 | J.F.Statting | 5.00 |
| R.B.Morris 1.00 | Spicks & Sheffield | 2.00 |
| I.F.Goodson 3.00 | H.D.Finlay | 2.50 |
| Sundries on ceiling 11.00 | J.G.Rupert | 5.00 |

INVICTUS

William Earnest Henley

Out of the night that covers me,
 Black as the Pit from pole to pole,
 I thank whatever gods may be
 For my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance
 I have not winced nor cried aloud.
 Under the bludgeonings of chance
 My head is bloody but unbowed.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears
 Looms but the horror of the shade,
 And yet, the menace of the years
 Finds, and shall find me, unafraid.

It matters not how strait the gate,
 How charged with punishments the scroll,
 I am the master of my fate;
 I am the captain of my soul.