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NOTICE OF MEETING: August 26, 1980, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

Place: Thomas E. McMillan Museum on campus of
Jefferson Davis State Junior College

Program: Slide-Cassette program on
"150 YEARS OF ARCHITECTURE IN ALABAMA"

This slide cassette program on 150 Years of Architecture in Alabama was prepared and developed by The Alabama Institute of Architects and The Alabama Historical Commission and has been borrowed for us thru the Brewton Public Library. We feel that these slide programs present themselves so well that it is almost as pleasurable as making a tour of the sites. Such classic architectural structures as Gaineswood, Rosewood, Sturdivant Hall, etc. should be included. Students studying architecture will be especially interested in this presentation. Mrs. Gladys Byrd, Vice President of the Society, will have charge of the program.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21- The Executive Board at its July 22nd meeting acting on the request of Society members who felt that many area people would come to attend a Sunday afternoon meeting decided to have our September meeting on Sunday, September 21, at 2:00 at the Thomas E. McMillan Museum. Many of our members live too far distant to come to the Tuesday night meetings of the Society. We also hope to have many visitors who will want to view the Museum and Archives while here for the meeting. Plan ahead to be with us on Sunday, September 21st at 2:00 p.m.

WORK HAS BEEN GOING ON! During the last week John Powell, Museum Curator, has really put some hours and diligent effort into getting the Historical Society's valuable collection of area, Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia and Florida history and genealogical books, files, microfilm, documents, newspaper volumes, official courthouse records, etc. into the proper order again. Two additional office spaces have been allotted to the Museum Area for properly housing and displaying the Escambia County Historical Society's collection of reference materials. Proper directional signs will be placed in the entrance to the museum. All of the area history books have been conveniently catalogued and placed on the bookshelves in the Curator's Office. The Luttrell Hardware records and back issues of the Escambia County

Historical Society Quarters and newsletters have been neatly arranged on storage shelves in proper sequence, along with some of the courthouse records and placed in the office adjoining the Curator's office. Further down the hall in a larger office a microfilm reading room has been set up with the several cabinets of historical files belonging to the Society, the general history books, the old newspaper volumes and other official county records that were loaned to the Museum by the Escambia County Commission, the microfilm camera, microfilm reader, microfitch reader, and the microfilm census records placed in it. A small table has been provided also in the room for sitting to read the records, newspapers etc. Our Escambia County Historical and Genealogical Reference Center is now set up as a valuable archives of this type should be and we can be justifiably proud to send researchers and students over to the Museum for this purpose. Another 20 books have been donated to the Society this month. Soon our archives will be second to none for doing area research. We commend Dr. George McCormick and the college administration for giving us this extra space and John Powell, Curator, for the many hours spent in getting these valuable records set up in a manner befitting such a unique collection.

NEW MEMBERS: Mrs. Maye McCall Gillen, P.O. Box 884, Destin, Fla. 32541
John Foshee Watson, Watson Realty, P.O. Box 2254, Mobile, Al.
Santa Rosa Co. Library, 805 Ala. St., Milton, Fla. 32570

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS PAID SINCE July 14th:

Col. and Mrs. J. M. McLellan
Mr. and Mrs. Bert Campbell
Alfred H. Mitchell
Mrs. W. S. West, Sr.
William T. Jackson

Mrs. Betty Ludlow
Joel Bostic

GIFTS FOR THE MUSEUM RECEIVED THIS MONTH:

From Robert E. Davis of Prattville, Al. certain documents pertaining to his family, and his recently published book "A Family History of Stanton, Simmons, Godwin, Hale and Williamson of Monroe, Conecuh and Escambia County."

From Miss Rita Jane Boykin, an old pedal sewing machine that is being cleaned and put into working order.

From Mrs. E. P. Yeldell, an early 1920's dress and evening bag.

From L. B. Hale, an old accounting book in memory of James A.

Williamson.

From Samuel S. Foshee of Houston, Texas, a book entitled "Fouche, the Man Napoleon Feared" by Nils Forssell. Mr. Foshee writes that this man Joseph Fouche (Foshee) born in 1759 in France whose forebears were sea captains and who embarked upon an influential political career, was no ancestor of his but an interesting character. The name Fouche comes from a French noun meaning "harvesting".

MEMORIALS MADE TO THE MUSEUM FUND:

IN MEMORY OF MRS. W. T. (MABEL HOSKINS) BINION, who came to Brewton as a young teacher, met and married W. T. Binion. She took time out from her teaching career to have two children, then returned to the classroom while her children were still young and remained as

a dedicated and beloved teacher in the Brewton Elementary School until her retirement. She was a member of the A.D.K. teachers sorrority and of the First Baptist Church of Brewton. One of her outstanding characteristics was the pride she took in the accomplishments of her children in their musical careers. She is sadly missed by all who knew her.

By: Mrs. Frank Luttrell
Mrs. Myrtice P. Robinson, Atmore

IN MEMORY OF J. VERNON BRANTLEY (a memorial tribute was published in the July newsletter)

By: Rev. J.W.Caldwell

IN MEMORY OF SHERIFF E. S. McMILLAN, who was born in Santa Rosa County, Fla., Sept. 7, 1854. He removed with his family to Pollard, Ala. in 1870, and on attaining his majority began work with his father as a teamster, then as a clerk in the business house of McMillan & Wiggins. In 1884 he associated himself in partnership with C.L. Wiggins in a mercantile business in Pollard which he disposed of and engaged in the logging business. In 1890 he purchased a grocery store in Brewton which he conducted successfully. He was appointed Brewton City Marshal on Feb. 6, 1891, and later was elected Sheriff of Escambia County beginning his term on Aug. 17, 1892. He was subsequently killed in the line of duty by a black outlaw called Railroad Bill on July 3, 1895. His widow, Kate Leigh daughter of N.R. Leigh and Kate Burnett Leigh, and his two children, Ed Leigh and Malcolm McMillan, survived him. He was a faithful member of the Methodist Church and belonged to the K. of H., K. of P. and Masonic orders.

By: Ed Leigh McMillan II (his great-grandson)

RECORDS AND MICROFILM NEEDED FOR ARCHIVES AND REFERENCE CENTER:

1. Roll 4 of Microcopy 721 from Publications Sales Branch of National Archives containing The Territorial Papers of the United States, The Territory of Mississippi 1798-1817 - cost for roll - \$13.00
2. Electrostatic copies of pages 681-769 of American State Papers, Military Affairs (Volume 1) containing Document #164 pertaining to Fort Crawford - Cost \$13.35
3. COMPILED SERVICE RECORDS OF CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS WHO served in organizations from this area, to be purchased from National Archives at a cost of \$13.00 per roll:

<u>Microcopy #311</u>	<u>Military Unit</u>
Rolls 4 - 8 (5 rolls)	Second Cavalry
Rolls 21 - 23	Sixth Cavalry
Roll 34	Fifteenth Cavalry
Rolls 118 - 132 (15 rolls)	Fourth Infantry
Rolls 252 - 254 (3 rolls)	Sixteenth Infantry
Rolls 296 - 301 (6 rolls)	Twenty-third Infantry
Roll 302	Twenty-third Battalion, Sharp Shooters

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<u>Microcopy #311</u>	<u>Military Unit</u>
Rolls 326-331 (6 rolls)	Twenty-ninth Infantry
Rolls 373-377 (5 rolls)	Thirty-eighth Infantry
Rolls 477-479 (3 rolls)	Sixty-second Infantry
Rolls 398-401 (4 rolls)	Forty-second Infantry
Rolls 480-483 (3 rolls)	Sixty-third Infantry
<u>Total rolls - 55 @ \$13.00 - \$715.00</u>	

OUT OF PRINT BOOKS NEEDED FOR ARCHIVES AND REFERENCE CENTER - If any of you have any of these you would like to contribute to the archives and reference center or know where any of these books might be acquired by the Society, please let us know and the price if possible. A tax deductible receipt can be given for any books donated:

Indian Place Names in Alabama by W.A.Reed, 1937
Cornbread, Creoles and Cajans by Peter Vranon, 1938
Makers & Romance of Alabama History by B.F.Riley
Alabama As It Is, by B.F.Riley, 1887
Glimpses of the Panhandle by H.W.Bell
History of Clarke County, by Graham, 1923
McGillivray of the Creeks by Caughey
The Life of John Wesley Hardin, 1896
John Wesley Hardin by Lewis Nordyke
John Wesley Hardin by Leon Florin
The Fastest Gun in Texas by Plenn & LaRoche
Sketches of Alabama History by Dubose, 1901
Alabama History by Joel Campbell Dubose 1908
Memoirs of Andrew Jackson
History of Alabama, Wm.Garrett Brown, 1900
10 Volumes Photographic History of Civil War by T.F.Miller and Robert S.Lanier, 1912
History of Baldwin County, 1971 by Kay Nuzum, Baldwin Times
The Alabama Confederate Reader by Malcolm McMillan, 1963, University of Alabama Press
History of Alabama by A.B.Moore, 1934, University Supply Store
Alabama - A Guide to the Deep South
Alabama, by A.B.Moore, 3 volumes, 1927
Story of Alabama, 5 volumes, 1949, by Owens, Lewis Historical publications Company, Inc.
Memoirs of Florida, Volume 1, Rowland H.Rerich, 1902, Southern Historical Association
History of Escambia County, Florida, 1930 by H.C.Armstrong
The Alamo, by John M.Myers, 1948, E.P.Dutton & Co.
Dead Towns in Alabama, by W.Stuart Harris
A Survey of the Older Church Cemeteries in Chambers Co., Ala., 1954 by Nella J. and Jefferson A.Chambers, Chattahoochee Valley Historical Assn., West Point, Georgia
The War of the Rebellion (130 volumes)

"The acceptance of responsibility denotes an intention to fulfil that responsibility regardless of the risks and sacrifices necessary, and whether all of the aspects of the responsibility are pleasing. Kitchen help that only bakes pies and sweeps floors are not in demand."