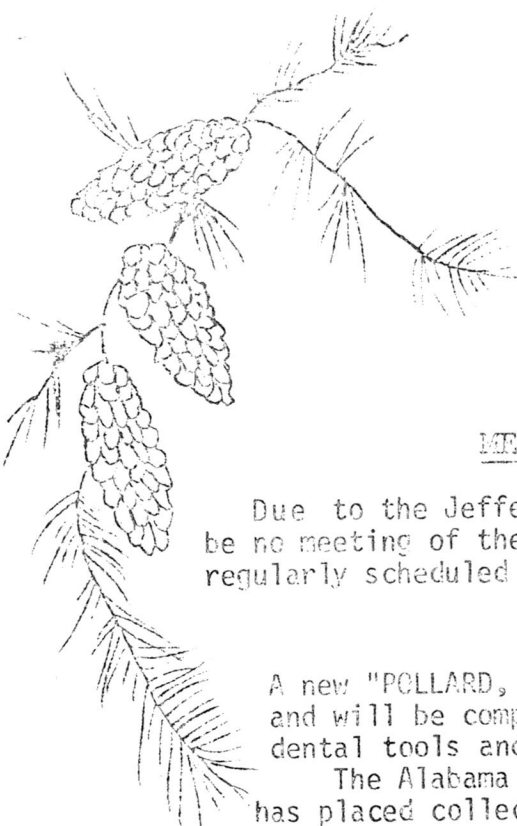




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MEETING INFORMATION

Due to the Jefferson Davis Birthday Meeting of June 2, there will be no meeting of the Escambia County Historical Society until its regularly scheduled time in July.

MUSEUM NEWS

A new "POLLARD, C.S.A." exhibit is in the process of being installed and will be completed shortly. The museum is still seeking antique dental tools and equipment for an exhibit about early dentistry.

The Alabama Department of Archives and History in Montgomery has placed collections of Indian trade materials, Colonial period artifacts, and Civil War weapons and equipment on permanent loan in the Thomas E. McMillan Museum. These objects will be placed on exhibit and will remain here on an intermuseum exchange basis for public viewing and education. We thank Mr. Milo Howard, Director of Alabama Archives and History, and Mr. Robert Cason, Curator of Collection for that institution, for their generous assistance and courtesy.

MEMORIALS

The following memorial gifts and remembrances have been received by the Society:

In loving memory of Mrs. Lannis Elliott Shelton, by Mrs. Barry L. Emerich:
A Rare book, Horace Greeley's The American Conflict: A History of the Great Rebellion in the United States of America 1860-1864: Its causes, Incidents, and Results: Intended to exhibit especially its Moral and Political phases with the Progress of American Opinion respecting Human Slavery from 1776 to the close of the war for the Union, (Volume one, with portraits of Generals (both Union and Confederate), statesman and other eminent men: views of places, etc., from official sources) O.D. Case & Company, 1864, Hartford, Conn.

In Loving Memory of Mrs. Percy (Agnes Johnson) Watson, by Mrs. Barry L. Emerich. The book, Alabama Records, Volume 239: Clark County, compiled by Kathleen Paul Jones and Pauline Jones Gandrud. 100 pages contains Tract Books 1 & 2, wills, Estate Settlements 1832-1839, military pension records, etc.

In Loving Memory of H. Floyd McGowin by Mrs. Barry L. Emerich. The book, Alabama Records, volume 243 Butler County, compiled by Kathleen Paul Jones and Pauline Jones Gandrud.

In Loving Memory of Thomas E. McMillan and Miss. C.B. McKee, by Miss. Ruth Barrow of Andalusia, Ala.

To the Alabama History Room, Given by, Mrs. Margaret Caldwell, in memory of Rev. J.H. Caldwell: Rev. Caldwell's collection of historical files, including: Ashton Family; Archives Department, Correspondence; Old Beulah Cemetery, Conecuh County; History of Brewton by James M. Davidson;

Battle of Burnt Corn; Brewton Flood, April, 1975; First Brewton Courthouse-picture; Brewton-Pringle Family; Book Committee, Escambia County Historical Society, 1979-80; Centennial-Conecuh County and Escambia County; Catawba Cemetery; Catawba Springs Church; Church History--Miscellaneous; Civil War-Miscellaneous; Old Claiborne Cemetery, Monroe County; Coleman Family; Democracy; The Everton Publishers; Escambia County Historical Society-By-Laws, Incorporation Charter Members; Elim Baptist Church; Escambia County History by Ed Leigh McMillan; Fannie Community; Fort Crawford; Fort Mims-Montgomery Hill; Judson College Catalog, 1860; Joseph J. Jackson; Jackson Family Papers; Keego Rocks, report on; Norvelle R. Leigh; Robert L. Locke; Ben L. Martin family; Maps; Museum contract with college; Museum Council; John M. Newberry, 5/28.1860; Pollard; Parker Family; Robertson; Southern Normal School, Alabama Register; Sons of Confederate Veterans; Steamboats; Rev. Alexander Travis; and United Confederate Veterans.

The Historical Society has a varied supply of reference materials. At present, we are very much in need of monetary memorials to help obtain and place Historical Markers in Escambia County. These markers are expensive, running from \$200. to \$500., according to the type of marker. As a Historical Society, it is our duty not to neglect this any longer.

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MEMORIAL BIOGRAPHIES

Mrs. Leslie E. (Lennis Elliot) Shelton

Mrs. Leslie E. Shelton, daughter of Noah Everett Elliott and Julia Blair Elliott, was born on December 27, 1925, at the home of her grandparents, Thomas E. and Frances Harrelson Blair in the Travis Community of Escambia County, Alabama. She lived in Montgomery all of her life, but was active each year in helping to keep up the Blackwater Cemetery in the Bradley Community and made many visits to friends and relatives here over the years. Her career in Civil Service at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery consummated in her retirement, but shortly thereafter she resumed her work until her fatal illness. Mrs. Shelton was an active member of the Aldersgate United Methodist Church of Montgomery. Burial was in Leak Memorial Gardens on April 16, 1981. She was survived by her husband L.E. Shelton, one sister, Jean M. Whorton of Montgomery, Ala., one son, Dr. Leslie E. Shelton, Jr., one grandson, Franc Shelton, of Kerrville, Texas, one granddaughter, Catherine Lennis Shelton, and one brother, William E. Elliott, of Prattville, Ala. She was well loved by all who knew her and will be sadly missed. The people of Escambia County, Alabama owe her a debt of gratitude for her dedicated work in recording for posterity the burial sites of this county.

H. Floyd McGowin

Mr. McGowin, a native of Brewton died Friday in Greenville, April 24, 1981. Mr. McGowin began work for W.T. Smith Lumber in Chapman in 1924, and served as president of the company from 1934 to 1966 when the company was sold. He was president of the National Lumber Manufacturers Association and the American Forest Products Industries and director of the Southern Hardwood Producers. He was named lumberman of the year for 1958. McGowin served as a trustee of the Southern Research Institute and was chairman of the advisory committee of Lumberman's Underwriting Alliance.

He was a director of the Waterman Steamship Co., and Louisville, and Nashville Railroad and the Merchants National Bank of Mobile, Ala. A graduate of the University of Alabama, McGowin did graduate work at Columbia University and Oxford University in England.

A graveside service for Mr. McGowin was held Saturday, April 25, 1981, at Union Cemetery in Brewton, Ala.

James Stewart Foshee

James Stewart Foshee was born near Millidgeville, Georgia in Hancock County August 22, 1792. He married Martha Nancy Parker in 1820. They arrived in the Roberts Community near Brewton, Alabama in 1821. They had four children, Harriet, Martha, John William, and David Jefferson. His wife, Martha Nancy died in 1839. He then married Cassaline Amanda Clements and they had three children, James Polk, Mary Elizabeth (Mrs. T.R. Miller) and Stewart Joseph. James Stewart Foshee died in 1860 and is buried beside his first wife, Martha Nancy Parker in the Foshee Cemetery near Brooklyn, Alabama.

His first wife, Martha Nancy Parker, was the sister of John, Noah, Peter, and Samuel Parker. Her sister, Sarah, was the wife of Miles Herrington. The Parker brothers settled in the Roberts area in 1817. Martha Nancy Parker was the daughter of Samuel Parker and Mary Polly Parker of Hancock County, Georgia. She was the granddaughter of Sarah Gordy and John Parker who served in the Army of the Delaware during the War of Independence.

At McMillan Home

Historical Society holds Davis Party

The Escambia County Historical Society entertained at a Jefferson Davis Birthday Party at 7 p.m. June 2, at the home of Mrs. Thomas E. McMillan.

The party was held at poolside of the McMillan home, where a large arrangement of blue hydrangeas centered the serving bar. The cloth covered serving table held an eperge arrangement of white gardenias and daisies.

The invocation before dinner was given by the Rev. M.C. Waters. The buffet dinner menu included barbecued chicken, baked beans, assorted salads, assorted relish trays, vegetable casseroles, assorted desserts and iced tea.

Mrs. Gladys Byrd, president, presided over the program of the evening. The musical portion of the program consisted of a number of songs of the era of Jefferson Davis, beginning with "Dixie". Lee was accompanied on the organ by his mother, Mrs. Aquilla Simmons.

Floyd Currie of Atmore gave an interesting and instructive talk on the life of Jefferson Davis, ending with some personal notes about descendants of the Confederate president. The program closed with "The Star Spangled Banner" sung by Lee Simmons.

Members and guests present were Mrs. Gladys Byrd, Mrs. Emily Finlay, Mrs. Henrietta Till, Mrs. Bertha Barron, Mrs. Jimmie Knox, Mrs. Bessie P. Luttrell, Mrs. Mary Frances Tidwell, Mrs. Mary Ethel Ward, Miss Marjorie Davidson, Mrs. Hazel Teal, Miss Lula Pearl Neal, Miss Alma Dailey, Mrs. Myrtise P. West, Mr. and Mrs. W.L. Waller, Mrs. Jewel Williamson.

Mrs. Gertrude Heengs, Mrs. June Martin, Mrs. Hazel Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Ray Bethea, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hayes, Miss Mary Brantley, Mrs. Martha Kirkland, Mrs. Catherine Brooks, Mrs. Kate R. Adkisson, the Rev. and Mrs. M.G. Waters, Mrs. Pauline Duke, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hildreth, Mrs. Dumas Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. John Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Currie, Mrs. Sylvia Koon, Mrs. Mary Marjorie Lambert, Miss Merlie Booker, Miss Eleanor Booker, Mrs. Georgia Hart.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Northcutt, Mrs. Alice Till Beall, Mrs. Vivian B. Jones, Miss Rita Jane Boukin, Mr. and Mrs. E.H. Hoopes JR., Robert Hoopes, Mrs. and Mrs. Aquilla Simmons, Avery Simmons, Lee Simmons, John David Finlay Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Barry Emerich, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Brown, and Mrs. Thomas E. McMillan.

See You In July!