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ESCAMBIA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Meeting

The Escambia County Historical Society will hold the monthly meeting December 15, 7 p.m., in the Museum. This will be our Christmas Program. It is entitled "Christmas Gift." Remember last year? This year should prove to be even more fun. If you want your gift from under our tree, be sure to be there! For our refreshments, each one is asked to bring your favorite finger food. This is what we have done in the past and we prove what good, creative cooks we have in our midst. The public is invited.

MYSTICISM

"There are more things in heaven and
earth, Horatio,
Than are dreamt of in our philosophy."
--Shakespeare

Tribute

MRS. M. C. (KATIE BRANTLEY) PITTMAN

Mrs. M. C. (Katie Brantley) Pittman was born in Monroe County, Alabama, on February 16, 1892. She was born to Lula Dees and Thomas Henry Brantley. She finished school in Repton, Alabama, and lived there until her marriage.

Mrs. Katie B. Pittman was married to Mr. Martin Cleveland Pittman on April 18, 1915, and they lived in Brewton, Alabama, until the National Guard was called to duty for World War I on June 19, 1916, in which Mr. M. C. Pittman served as Major in the Rainbow Division. They lived in Montgomery, Alabama; Macon, Georgia; Bay Minette, Alabama; and Houston, Texas prior to his discharge. They then made their home in Atmore, Alabama and later moved to Brewton, Alabama, where she resided until it became necessary for her to be admitted into a nursing home in Foley, Alabama. They had three children: Middleton Cleveland Pittman, Katie Lou McLeod, and Mary Frances Gause.

Mrs. Katie B. Pittman loved her home, and was very meticulous in all she did, taking great pride in keeping an immaculate house. She was a wonderful wife and mother, and set very high moral standards for herself and her children. She was a devout Christian, attending the First Baptist Churches of Repton, Atmore, and Brewton, and attended the W.M.U. of these churches regularly. She loved flowers and had great pride in always keeping flowers blooming in her yard and arrangements in her home. She unselfishly shared these lovely flowers with others, by the beautiful arrangements she placed in the church, and in taking arrangements to other people. She had many talents, and arranging flowers was one of them. She spent much of her time in preparing food to take to the less fortunate than she, and to the sick. Preparing food beautifully was another of her talents. Mrs. Katie B. Pittman was a member of the Civic League of Brewton, Alabama for many years.

She loved her family very dearly, and provided a loving and Christian atmosphere for them. Mrs. Katie B. Pittman died on August 23, 1981, in the Foley Nursing Home, Foley, Alabama. Her funeral services were held on August 25, 1981, in Brewton, Alabama, and she was buried in Fort Crawford Cemetery, Brewton, Alabama. She is survived by one son, Middleton Cleveland Pittman of Pensacola, Florida; two daughters, Mrs. Katie P. McLeod of Pensacola, Florida; Mrs. Mary Frances Gause of Bay Minette,

Alabama; two sisters, Mrs. Nancy B. Carter of Atmore, Alabama; Mrs. Rhonda B. Stuart of Bay Minette, Alabama; five grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

New Members

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Ray Bethea

Mrs. Patricia Hart

Query

Roger G. Coleman is hunting the burial place of James Flatcher Gillis, born September 30, 1910 and died October 9, 1911. Stacey Gillis is buried in Mason Cemetery in Dixie. The grandparents of Roger Coleman are John D. Gillis and Magnolia Barnhill. If you have any information, send it to

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3017 Bakam AVE S.W.
Birmingham, AL 35211

Notice of Dues

The dues for 1982 are \$7.50.

Memorials

Send your memorials to. . .

Mrs. Elvira McMillan
Drawer No. 649
Brewton, AL 36427

HAPPINESS

"The happiest heart that ever beat
Was in some quiet breast
That found the common daylight sweet,
And left to Heaven the rest."
--Cheyney