



Escambia Echoes



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HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MEETING

The ESCAMBIA County Historical Society will hold the monthly meeting March 23, Tuesday Night, at 7:00 p.m. This will be held in the Thomas E. McMillan Museum at Jefferson Davis Junior College.

The speaker will be Bob McMillan, the chairperson for the revitalization of down town Brewton. He will tell us how to preserve Brewton's past and lay progress for the future of the city. The public is invited.

"Memory is the treasure-house of the mind wherein the monuments thereof are kept and preserved."

Fuller

MUSEUM NEWS

The Thomas E. McMillan museum will house a showing of the paper-making and screen printing works of Mr. Duncan Stewart, a professor of art at the University of West Florida in Pensacola. On March 25, Mr. Stewart will be giving demonstrations of paper-making and silkscreen printing at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. at the museum. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Over 1000 persons toured the museum during last month's showing of the "Treasures of the Orient" exhibit. We were pleased to have many tours consisting of elementary and high school students from this area and in Florida.

The museum is continuing to seek individual items and equipment pertaining to photography. This will be placed in an exhibit entitled "Memories through the Lens" on a permanent basis in the museum.

POLLARD MARKER INSTALLED!

By the time you read this, there will have been placed a historical marker for Pollard at the junction of the Old Pollard Road

(Old Highway 29) and U. S. Highway 31. The marker was placed on March 15, and its text reads as follows:

SITE OF POLLARD - Located 1½ miles south, town of Pollard established 1861 at juncture of Alabama & Florida and Mobile and Great Northern Railroads named for Charles T. Pollard, founder of the Alabama & Florida.

One of largest military training camps of Confederacy located here during Civil War. Also site of major Confederate stores depot. Town suffered much destruction in Union raids of December 1864 and March 1865.

Served as first county seat of Escambia County from 1863 until 1883 when county government moved to Brewton.

This marker will be located on the East side of U. S. Highway 31 near its junction with the Old Pollard Road. The placement of this monument is the first in a series of such markers planned for erection in Escambia County through the combined efforts of the Escambia County Historical Society, The Alabama Historical Association, and the Thomas M. McMillan museum.

MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF

LESLIE WARREN WATSON

Leslie Warren Watson was born in Georgiana Butler County Alabama on May 29, 1910 to Dr. Robert Hunter Watson and Myra Irene Cook. There were three brothers William, Hunter, Hilton.

He attended school in Georgiana, College Auburn Alabama and married Norma Green November 11, 1934 at Greenville Alabama. One daughter Claire was born August 21, 1936 in Selma Alabama. Two grandchildren, Susan Sorrells was born in Tampa Florida July 21, 1959, Steve Sorrells in Winter Park Florida August 2, 1963.

Leslie owned Dr. Pepper Bottling Plant Troy Alabama for 20 years. He sold plant and established Watson Sales Company for states of Alabama and Florida. He was president of Alabama Bottlers Association and Troy Kiwanis Club in 1948. He served on board of directors Alabama Bottlers Association and Florida Bottlers Association. Also on National Marketing Board of Dr. Pepper Company Dallas Texas. He was selected "Man of the Year" by Alabama Bottlers Association in 1971. He also served on Board of Stewards First Methodist Church Troy. His hobbies were hunting and fishing.

He died April 10, 1980 in Orlando Florida. Funeral services were held in Troy Alabama and Winter Park Florida, Burial in Glen Haven Memorial Park Winter Park Florida.

Survivors are - Norma Green Watson, Claire Watson Thompson - Susan Sorrells, Steven Sorrells. Brothers - Hunter, Hilton.

ERBIE CECIL GREEN

Erbie Cecil Green was born in Castleberry Alabama July 9, 1887 to James Rankin Green and Clara Brewton. His grandparents were William Pickney Green and Ann Trice Castleberry, William Johnson and Sarah (Sally) Emily Weaver. Great grandparents John Weaver and Maria Price, Emanuel Brewton and Caroline Bacon. Brothers and sisters Albert, Madie, Arthur, Hassett, Sally, Inez, Cartledge, Laura, Annie, Lizzie.

He attended School in Castleberry Alabama and was agent and telegraph operator for L and N Railroad. They moved to Pollard Alabama in 1926 then to Georgiana Alabama 1931. He retired and moved to Haines City Florida.

He was a member of the First Methodists Church Castleberry, Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star. He also served on school board in Castleberry.

Erbie married Norma Cleo Davis October 4, 1906. There were five children Norma, Frances, Cecil, Annie, David. His hobbies were hunting and fishing. He also gathered all the children in the neighborhood around him. They called him Daddy Green.

He died in Haines City Florida October 15, 1969. Funeral and burial in Haines City.

NORMA CLEO DAVIS GREEN

Norma Cleo Davis was born in Castleberry Alabama October 23, 1890 to James Daniel Davis and Frances Baggett. Grandparents Solomon Watkins Baggett and Elizabeth Susan Weaver. Great grandparents John Weaver and Maria Price. Sisters and brothers, Frances, James, Madie, David, Leroy, Charlie, Gertrude.

She attended school in Castleberry Alabama married Erbie Cecil Green October 4, 1906. There were five children Norma, Frances, Cecil, Annie, David.

They moved to Pollard Alabama in 1926, Georgiana Alabama in 1931. Then retired and moved to Haines City Florida.

She was a member of the First Methodists Church Castleberry Alabama, Eastern Star in Castleberry and Pollard. Her hobby was Flower gardening.

She died in Haines City Florida January 30, 1979. Funeral services and burial Haines City Florida.

Memorials given by
Norma Green Watson
Susan Sorrells
Steven Sorrells

IN MEMORY OF

James Rankin Parker
Helen Wood

By Rita Jane Boykin

"Death is the golden key that opens the palace of eternity."

Hilton

NOTICE OF DUES

The yearly dues are due by March 31, 1982 or you will be dropped from the society. \$7.50.

Send memorials to

Mrs. Elvira McMillan
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Brewton, Alabama 36427

HAPPY SAINT PATRICK DAY