



MEETING Tuesday, January 25, 1983
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Thomas E. McMillan Museum
Speaker: Mr. John Eddins, Perdido, Alabama
Topic: History of Wine Making in Alabama

Mr. John Eddins of Perdido, Alabama is owner of the Perdido Vineyard and Winery. He will give us the history of wine making in Alabama and the legislation of wine making and operation of the winery.

Dues: Your 1983 dues are payable now. Send \$7.50 to The Escambia County Historical Society, P. O. Box 276, Brewton, Alabama 36427.

Museum News: The exhibit gallery is undergoing a massive renovation. We have (the museum has) on indefinite loan from the Archives and History in Montgomery a large number of civil war confederate military goods, including weapons, leather goods, and a confederate colonel's uniform. The museum is excelling in their search for civil war sights in this area. The new gallery will be emphasizing military and colonial history. We apologize to the public for the fact that the museum is in a state of flux because of remodeling but the end results will be worth the wait in terms of what we have available for the public viewing.

A sad note: Ms. Mary Brantley of Atmore passed away on December 12, 1982, in Atmore. Ms. Mary will be sorely missed by all of us. She was a faithful and a charter member of your society. Ms. Mary was an author and a historian. She has had two books published. A tribute is included in this newsletter.

A memorial Tribute to Mary Brantley: Miss Mary Brantley, noted historian and author, died of an apparent heart attack in an Atmore Hospital Sunday, December 12. She was born and reared in Burnt Corn, the daughter of the late Henry and Jean Betts Brantley, and received her early education in the schools of Conecuh and Monroe Counties.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon 2:00 o'clock at the First United Methodist Church of Atmore with the Rev. Marcus Chandler officiating. Burial was in the Puryearville Cemetery near Burnt Corn, Alabama.

In her passing, Atmore lost an outstanding citizen. Educator, author, genealogist, historian, speaker, club worker and church worker, she was always interested in the betterment of her city and community.

Ms. Brantley received her A. B. Degree from Alabama College for Women (now University of Montevallo) and furthered her education with graduate work at the University of Alabama. She is listed in Who's Who, Alabama, 1972 edition; Alabama's Distinguished, 1974; and Personalities of the South, 1974.

Teaching first graders has always seemed to be one of the more responsible positions on any faculty. With complete dedication she taught this most important group for fifteen years in Birmingham and for twenty-seven years in Atmore.

One of her dreams was to write books following her retirement. After four years of intensive research, this dream was fulfilled with the publishing of her first book, Early Settlers Along the Old Federal Road, in 1976. Five years later her second book, From Cabins to Mansions, was published. She also compiled two booklets, Poetry for the First Grade and Recollections and Reflections of Childhood.

Miss Brantley was a dedicated Christian and active member of the First United Methodist Church of Atmore. As a long-time member of the Twentieth Century Club of Atmore, she was interested in local, district and state club activities. She was especially interested in the club's main project, The W. R. Holley Memorial Library. She was active in The Joy Riders, a Senior Citizens' organization, and in the Escambia County Retired Teachers' Association. She was also a member of the Escambia County Historical Society.

She is survived by two sisters, Miss Imogene Brantley of Atmore and Mrs. Clyde Marshall of Monroeville, Alabama; four nephews, Clyde Marshall, Jr., of Monroeville; Rayford Marshall of Jackson, Alabama; Paul Brantley of Pensacola; Claude Brantley of Montgomery, other relatives and her many friends.

December 12, 1982, was not the end of Miss Mary Brantley's life. Her influence will live on in the hearts of her family and her friends, especially those who live in Escambia, Monroe, and Conecuh Counties. It will live on, too, in the hearts and lives of a host of her former students.

Historical Society held Christmas Party: The annual Christmas party of the Escambia County Historical Society was held Tuesday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the McMillan Museum.

The Christmas program featuring readings from various countries was presented by pupils of Mrs. Hermine Holzborn of Jefferson Davis Junior College. Those participating were Teresa Graves, Shon Jernigan and Kim Bandy.

Following the program a Christmas supper was served. Long tables, draped with white cloths and centered with Christmas figurines, sat on red Christmas mats.

Guests were served buffet style in the lounge after which they returned to the tables in the exhibit room. Interspersed throughout the lounge were large poinsettias and red candles in brass candle holders. The menu served included chicken casserole, congealed salad, hot dinner rolls, cake and coffee.

Thirty members and visitors attended the holiday occasion.

Appreciation is expressed to all of you who helped with our Christmas Party. To those who brought food and to Hermine Holzborn of J.D.J. College who gave us a Christmas Program featuring Christmas Legends presented by three of her students, Shon Jernigan, Kim Bandy and Teresa Graves.

Memorials:

For Mrs. Alice Teal Larkin

By Miss Rita Jane Boykin
Mrs. Thomas McMillan
Mrs. Joy Lynne Brown
Mrs. Gladys Byrd
Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Hurd
Mrs. W. Emmett Brooks
Mr. and Mrs. Charles McDaniel

For Mrs. Marie Padgett Miller

By Miss Rita Jane Boykin
Mrs. Thomas McMillan

For Miss Mary Brantley

By Mr and Mrs. Floyd Curry
Miss Rita Jane Boykin

For Mr. Jim Follin Smith

By Mrs. Thomas McMillan
Miss Rita Jane Boykin

For Mrs. Leona Harold Miller

By Miss Rita Jane Boykin
Mrs. Thomas McMillan

