



Escambia Echoes

Newsletter/Escambia Historical Society

August 1983

MEETING: Tuesday, August 23, 1983

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Thomas E. McMillan Museum

SPEAKER: Mrs. June Martin - A Patriotic Program

Mrs. June Martin is one of the youngers matron of our Society. She has always been very gracious and eager to help us with our programs and parties.

June attended Blue Mountain College in Mississippi. She took speech lessons from the late Ernestine Hutto for several years.

She is married to Bob Martin of Keego. They have four children. She is very active in the Catawba Springs Baptist Church. She worked for the Brewton Standard as society editor. Her program will be a patriotic program in memory of Ernestine Hutto.

The members of the society and public are invited to come at 7:00 p.m. at the Thomas E. McMillan Museum at Jefferson Davis Junior College.

History of Escambia County. The manuscript for the History of Escambia County, Alabama is now in the hands of a publisher and is expected to be available to the public about the first of November. The hard back book will be approximately 700 pages with an index and about 60 pictures. Part One covers the events of the area that is now Escambia County from 1788 to 1982; Part Two contains partial genealogies of 90 pioneer families.

The Historical Society is now taking prepublication orders at \$22.50 each, plus \$2.50 postage. After November 1st, the price will be \$25.00 plus \$2.50 postage. Get your order in early as there will be a limited number of copies of this First Edition.

The author, Annie Crook Waters, is a fifth generation native of Escambia, two sets of her ancestors having arrived here in the days of the Mississippi Territory. A retired public school teacher, Mrs. Waters attended Howard College (Samford University) and Troy State University. She has engaged in extensive research in genealogy as well as history.

She is the wife of a Baptist minister, charter member of the Escambia County Historical Society and has served the society as historian and trustee.

Mrs. Waters has written numerous articles for our Historical Quarterly. She is the mother of three children.

Mail your remittance to:

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Brewton, Alabama 36427

Memorials: To James Padgett Luttrell by Elvira McMillan
Jeanette & Gere Hopkins
To Ann Smith McClellan by Elvira McMillan
To Dan Allan Currie by Rita Jane Boykin

Fort Crawford Marker. The Historical Marker has been ordered for Fort Crawford. The marker will be erected on a site located near the junction of Highways 41, 31, and 29 in East Brewton, Alabama. It will be placed in the immediate proximity of Fort Crawford Park and the site of the fort itself.

Query. Lynn Logedon Williams, 2014 Windy Meadow Drive, Sugar Land, Texas 77478, would like to correspond with descendants of Mark Brewton Williams, and his parents, Lewis McLaurine Williams and Billie Muriel Brewton. His mother's father, Joseph Alvin Brewton, born in Goldonna, La, and John Brewton born in Alabama married to Olivia Gunter.

Book Available. A new Family History for the South. The Ptomey Family of Alabama, including the families of Blankenship, Melton, Kyser, and Cowart, written by Kyser Cowart Ptomey, 5358 Dumfries, Houston, Tx, 77096. \$25.00 per copy plus \$1.50 postage.

To A Pair of Trousers (From July Newsletter).

The trousers belong to William Malpus, a native of Ireland. He lived on Big Escambia Creek about 3 miles from Flomaton. The trousers were hand spun and woven. He wore them in the war. They were sent to the Archives in Montgomery and are still there.

Mr. Malpus died at age 90 and his wife, Mary was 104 years old when she died. She is buried in the Pollard Cemetery and on the gravestone it reads "In Memory of Mary Malpus, died at 104 years." Her daughter, Elizabeth, married a W. R. Emmons. She was born January 9, 1793 and died in 1873. Elizabeth's daughter, Betty was the second wife of Nicholas Baggett, and mother of Reverend Ned Baggett.

Ask the Unanswerable. Of course, we really shouldn't worry our pretty little heads about such things. But the imponderables of life keep tripping us up in our lifelong journey to awareness.

Many of the following questions are unanswerable to be sure, but the sheer mental exercise is enough to keep the blood coursing, the heart pounding, the spleen venting, the appendix loafing and every sinus cavity draining. Don't you ever wonder . . .

Who alphabetizes the telephone book?

Why do you thank the cop who has just handed you a speeding ticket?

Why do bread crumbs cost more than bread?

Why do 6½ ounce Cokes taste better than the ones in any other size of bottle?