
ESCAMBIA ECHOES

March, 1984

MEETING: Tuesday, March 27, 1984
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: Thomas E. McMillan Museum
PROGRAM: Joanna Jones

Mrs. Frank (Joanna) Jones will present the March program on the Vine and Olive Colony of Marengo County. Don't miss this colorful segment of Alabama history.

BOOKS

The History of Escambia County, Alabama, by Annie C. Waters, continues to sell. Copies of the 670 page hardbound book are available at the Probate Office in the courthouse or may be ordered by sending \$27.50 to: Escambia County Historical Society, P. O. Box 276, Brewton, Ala. 36427.

Also available are copies of Headstones and Heritage: McFarland and Shelton. They may be obtained at the McMillan Museum on the Jefferson Davis Junior College campus or by mailing \$15 to the Society at the above address.

QUERIES

Ross family

I need information on my father's people. My grandfather was Joseph Ross and his wife was Katie Joiner Ross. They died in Mobile in the early 1920s. They were buried around Flomaton, Ala., or Century, Fla. I would like to know if anyone has the records of these cemeteries. I would like any information I could get on the Ross family.

Edwina Ross
Box 554
Thomasville, AL. 36784

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ANCESTRY RESEARCH: Scots ancestry traced by Edinburgh-based researcher at reasonable rates. For details contact K. Cadenhead, 259 Conrey Drive, Auburn, AL. 36830.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:

We're happy to report that history book sales are great! Also, memberships are coming in every day. Remember, dues of \$7.50 for 1984 are now payable. If you haven't paid your dues or bought your copy of the history, why not make a note to do so right away?

MEMORIALS

In memory of

ANN MONK STRAIN

by
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Leigh McMillan II

MRS. GERTRUDE ASHTON

by
Rita Jane Boykin

J. M. MAYS

by
Rita Jane Boykin

In Memoriam
James E. Shofner

James E. Shofner, Regency Tower Hotel, Lakeland, Fla., died Feb. 7, 1984, in Eustis, Fla. He was born in Louisville, Ala., and was the eldest son of Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Shofner. Some "old timers" will remember his father Dr. Shofner as a great Methodist preacher in the Alabama Methodist Conference, who was also founder of Downing Shofner School.

After high school graduation in Brewton, James Shofner began his career as Assistant Cashier of Bank of Brewton. He was a World War I veteran, serving 2 years in army of occupation in Germany. Later he moved to Lakeland, Fla., where he was trust officer in the Central Bank and Trust Co. During the 1928 Depression, he accepted position as credit manager with the Gulf Fertilizer Co., in Tampa, Fla. While living there he enjoyed many years as a Pirate in the Gasparilla Krew and was a member of PBOE organization for 50 years. During 1950 he retired to Leesburg, Fla., and spent 10 years as Assistant to the Clerk of the Circuit Court in Tavares, Fla.

He is survived by a sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bergman of Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla., a daughter, Mrs. Kent Champion, Greenville, Miss., several nieces and nephews.

Friends who wish to remember him may make contribution to the Harry Anna Crippled Childrens Home in Umatilla, Fla., or to the Methodist Childrens Home in Enterprise, Fla.