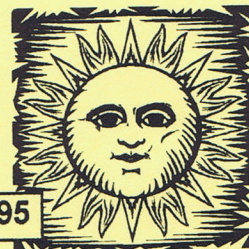




ESCAMBIA ECHOES



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ESCAMBIA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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Alabama's only vice president of the United States was Willaim Rufus King.

King, a native of Sampson County, N. C., moved to Alabama in 1816 and was a founder of the city of Selma, and the one who gave the city its name. He also helped draw up Alabama's first constitution at the time it petitioned for statehood.

He was later elected one of the State's first two U. S. Senators, and served three terms in that position before being named ambassador of the annexation of Texas.

In 1852, King was nominated on the Democratic ticket as the running mate of Franklin Pierce, and they won by a landslide. In failing health, he went to Cuba in the hope of regaining his strength. Unable to do so, and failing rapidly, he became the only vice president to be sworn in outside the United States. The cere-

*"The little cares that fretted me,
I lost them yesterday.....
out in the fields with God"*

mony was held March 24, 1853 in Cuba. A few days later, knowing that the end was at hand and wanting to die at home, he returned to Selma, where he died April 18, 1853. His will can be found in Dallas County Will Book B.



Interested in working in the Alabama Room? Let us know.

MEETING NEWS

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Meeting place: Jefferson Davis Community College; Thomas E. McMillan Museum

Meeting date: Tuesday May 23, 1995

Meeting time: 3:00 P. M.

Hostesses: Rita Jane Boykin and Doris Atkins

Program: Our Program Chairman has a wonderful program planned for us, MUST COME! We certainly enjoy the programs that Mr. Huff works hard at planning—we appreciate you very much Mr. Huff.

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The Escambia County Historical Society mourns the loss of Mrs. Catherine Brooks. We have lost a dear friend and a devoted trustee.

The families of Mrs. Myrtise West and Mrs. Catherine Brooks have sent cards of thanks for the flowers sent by The Escambia