



# ESCAMBIA ECHOES



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**ESCAMBIA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**P. O. BOX 276 BREWTON, ALABAMA 36427**

## **HISTORY OF 1867 LOG HOUSE**

The log house is a preservation project of the Flomaton Research Club. Donated by Roger Green and Mike Edwards, it was moved from its original sits (behind the IGA Food Store in Century, Florida) to Flomaton Lions Park during May, 1972.

Relocating the log house in Lions Park was engineered by L. D. Weaver. The restoration was done by J. R. Collins with assistance from the ladies of the Research Club.

The house was built by Hiram H. Renfroe, his brother Warren, and an Indian in 1867. Logs were hand hewn, wedged, and pinned. The original chimney was made of stick, dirt, and native ironstone as is the present one.

The cypress shingles were cut from regional trees by a local sawmill. The rail fence is constructed as were fences in the 1800's. The simulated well is also made of native ironstone and covered with cypress singles.

Hiram and Deliah Jane Leslie were married January 10, 1867; he was 23, she was 19. They were the parents of 10 children, including one set of twins; all of whom were born and reared in this house. Lonnie, the first born, arrived in 1867 before

the walls were completed. It is of note that these 10 children were born over a period of 24 years.

During the typhoid epidemic of 1897, the Renfroes fled from this house to a safer area near the river's edge. They returned to the log house, and members of the Renfroe family resided in it for a span of 96 years until the death of Hiram and Deliah's daughter "Miss Leona" in 1963.

A local resident recalls that a Wright Brothers' plane landed in front of the house in 1912.

It is hoped that you will pause quietly as you tour the log house and be able to hear the crackling of the falling timbers that Hiram, Warren, and the Indian brave felled 128 years ago to build this house.

**THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY INVITES NEW MEMBERS. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HOLDING AN OFFICE IN THE SOCIETY. WE NEED WORKERS! IF INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT US.**

## **MEETING NEWS**

The Escambia County Historical Society will meet Tuesday, October 24, 1995 at 1:00 P. M. Members and guests should meet at the Thomas E. McMillan Museum at Jefferson Davis Community College's Brewton Campus. The group will then leave for a "Fall Field Trip" to the Teddy Community in Northeast Escambia County. Transportation will be provided. Those attending should dress comfortably and wear good walking shoes. Mrs. Ann Biggs Williams will accompany the group to give comments on the area. She has graciously invited the group to her home. This will be a interesting and enjoyable trip, we appreciate Mrs. Ann Biggs Williams for her hospitality.

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**NOTICE: YOU MAY START NOW PAYING 1996 DUES.**

**THERE WILL NOT BE A MEETING OF THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY IN NOVEMBER. THE DECEMBER MEETING WILL BE A CHRISTMAS PARTY**