

# ESCAMBIA ECHOES

MARCH 1996

ESCAMBIA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
P. O. BOX 276 BREWTON, ALABAMA 36426



## FEBRUARY MEETING

The society met in February at McMillan Trust. We extend a "thank you" to Mrs. Elvira McMillan for inviting us there and to all of the employees for being so gracious to us. Those of you who missed this meeting really missed a treat! There is so much history recorded there! Speaking for myself, there just was not enough time to look at every thing that I wanted to.

The building is beautifully decorated, and we were given a tour of it along with some history of the house.

When you have a little extra time, call and set a time that you can go there, you will be happy that you did.

Also we express our gratitude for the delicious refreshments which were provided for us.

This meeting was very informative and pleasant. You will not want to miss another meeting, we plan much activity and fun in the coming year!

### MONTHLY REPORT ON THE ALABAMA ROOM AT JDJC FROM ANN BIGGS WILLIAMS

Since January 2, 1996, there have been 40 visitors who have registered in the Alabama Room at the Jefferson Davis Community College's Brewton campus library. These visitors came locally from Alabama and also from Florida, Colorado, and Texas.

The majority of visitors were engaged in genealogical research and recorded the following family names that were being studied: Brooks, Burnham, Bush, Colvin, Davis, Hill, Hoomes, Jackson, Jemigan, Johnson, Kennedy, Kent, Langley, McCormick, Maddox, Miller, Morris, Nelson, Parker, Penton, Steward, Taylor, Tippin, Wiggins, and Windham.

Two visitors were engaged in historical research. In January, a Dr. Michael Thomason from the University of South Alabama came to take photos of the mastheads of older county newspapers to

use in a photography display on the timber industry at the turn of the century.

In February, a writer, Mr. Willie Drye from Port St. Lucie, Florida used the newspapers from 1935 to 1945 for World War II ear research.

Virginia Coleman, a JDJC student, volunteered approximately ten hours in Jan. and Feb. in the Alabama Room recording bibliographical information on the society's books and stamping the books with an ownership stamp that identifies the books as belonging to the "Escambia County Historical Society." The library staff then typed a three page listing of these 167 books.

As previously reported, the college library will be closed for spring holidays March 25-29, 1996.

### MEETING NEWS

#### Meeting Time

Tuesday March 26, 1996  
3:00 p. m.

#### Meeting Place

Jefferson Davis Community College  
Thomas E. McMillan Museum

#### Program

Barbara Jones will give some "tips" for genealogy searching

#### Host and Hostess

Dwight Miligan and  
Jane Howington

*We will make plans at this meeting for a trip to Rickards Mill located in Monroe County.*

*Alabama, so mark your calendar now and don't forget, because this will be a real fun trip!*

IF YOU DO NOT BELONG TO THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY THEN JOIN NOW! WE INVITE YOU TO THE MARCH MEETING. WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN CHANGING THE MEETING DAY? WOULD ANOTHER DAY AND TIME BE MORE CONVENIENT FOR YOU? LET US HEAR YOUR COMMENTS. DO YOU HAVE INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE TO PUBLISH IN THESE PUBLICATIONS? WE NEED ACTIVE MEMBERS—LET US HEAR FROM YOU. BE A PART OF PRESERVING THE HISTORY OF YOUR COUNTY AND CITY.

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