

# ESCAMBIA ECHOES

Escambia County Historical Society P. O. Box 276 Brewton, AL 36427

July, 1996

## MEETING NEWS

MEETING DATE:  
JULY 23, 1996

\*\*\*\*\*

MEETING TIME:  
3:00 P. M.

\*\*\*\*\*

MEETING PLACE:  
JEFFERSON DAVIS  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE-  
THOMAS E. McMILLAN  
MUSEUM

\*\*\*\*\*

PROGRAM:  
MACK BROOMS  
FROM TROY STATE  
UNIVERSITY  
THEY HAVE BEEN  
COMMISSIONED BY  
THE ALA. STATE  
HISTORICAL COM-  
MISSION TO LO-  
CATE OLD GRIST  
MILL AND SAW  
MILL SITES IN THE  
AREA. MR.  
BROOMS WILL BE  
SPEAKING TO US  
ABOUT THIS AND  
SEEKING PERSONS  
WITH KNOWLEDGE  
OF SAME. PLEASE  
ATTEND!

\*\*\*\*\*

HOSTESSES:  
RITA JANE BOYKIN  
MINNIE SMITH

## *The Following is a Letter Recieved From one of Many users of the Alabama Room From: Sara Harms-Plano, TX.*

Dear Mr. Seward,

Thank you so much for  
your letter of June 18  
and sending me the

volume  
contain-  
ing some  
informa-  
tion on

De-  
Loach;  
also, for  
adding  
my  
name to

your  
membership list. I will  
look forward to each of  
your publications.

My sister, who is a  
writer and has done  
extensive research on  
the Civil War, visited  
the Alabama Room at  
the Jefferson Davis  
Community College in

June 1994. We would  
have liked to have spent  
at least a week there  
reviewing all the news-  
papers, and other arti-  
cles, but

we had  
only al-  
lotted  
two days  
in Brew-  
ton so  
spent  
some  
time in  
the Ala.

Room,

visiting with relatives  
and taking down narra-  
tives, and at the court-  
house. We did find a  
"jewel" in the Ala.  
Room in one of the  
1906 newspapers. My  
mother had told us the  
story of her father's  
death from the time we  
were babies...and there



*The wise man guards against the fu-  
ture as if it were the present.*

was the narrative of his  
shooting on the front page  
all most word-for-word as  
my mother had told us.  
She also had the story of  
his death told to her, since  
she was born 5 months  
after his death. We felt  
the newspaper article was  
a remarkable find and had  
such gratitude for those  
who made the Ala. Room  
available.

I hope to bring histories  
current from my last full  
time effort when I spent  
most of 1985 researching  
and compiling seven fam-  
ily histories. I now have  
more tools available for  
research; especially, Inter-  
net, so hope to tie up  
some loose ends then sub-  
mit to the Family Tree  
database for others re-  
searching same family  
names to share. My sister  
and I plan to write several  
family short stories; one  
on our great-grandfather,  
O'Banjan Jacob Snider  
who was one of Captain  
John DeLoach's volun-  
teers. When we finish we  
will send to the Escambia  
County Historical Society.

## DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

THE PREAMBLE EXPLAINS WHY THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS FELT IT NECESSARY TO CRE-  
ATE THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE. THE MEMBERS FELT THAT IF A PEOPLE FELT  
IT NECESSARY TO SUCEDE, IT SHOULD AT LEAST EXPLAIN ITS REASONS.

I TRUST THAT YOU WILL OBTAIN A COPY OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE AND  
RE-READ IT!

EDITOR: Barbara Jones-1401 Shoffner Street-E. Brewton, AL 36426