

# ESCAMBIA ECHOES

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## MEETING NEWS

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### MEETING

DATE:

JULY 22, 1997

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### MEETING

TIME:

3:00 p. m.

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### MEETING

PLACE:

JEFFERSON

DAVIS

COMMUNITY

COLLEGE

THOMAS E.

McMILLAN

MUSEUM

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## ESCAMBIA COUNTY

The Mound Builder. The Indian. The Timber and Cattle Man. The Farmer.

These are the four periods on which the foundation of Escambia County may be divided to sum up its early existence.

Scientists in 1916 called the area the "Tidewater Region." According to them, the geological history of this part of the Tidewater Region had been a succession of upheavals, substances and inundation's by the waters of melting glaciers.

Igneous rocks found far below the present surface, makes them believe that the flat farm and timber land was formed by glaciers.

After the land formed, man came. How long after, no one dares to even guess. At the dawn of history, however, it was Indian country. How he came into possession, his-



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torians do not know. They only know how he lost it.

The history of Escambia dates back to Civil War days. The county was created by an act of legislature Dec. 10, 1868. Its territory was originally part of Baldwin and Conecuh

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Counties, and was made a part of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Alabama, and was made a part of the Fifth Chancery District of the Southern Chancery Division of Alabama.

This area has been the heated debate of many colonial arguments and the flags of five countries have been its color.

The County is bound on the North by Monroe and Conecuh Counties, on the East by Covington, on the West by Baldwin County, and on the South by Florida.

The area is 95 and seven-tenths miles long from East to West and 18 miles wide from North to South.

Escambia County, like many of its town and villages, is of Choctaw origin. When interpreted in its broader sense means "Place where you might gather cane," or it might mean "cane therein."

Not all historians credit the origin of Escambia to the Indians. Some claim the Spanish christened it two centuries ago.

The early culture of the Indians found here is depicted in the records of Hernando DeSoto, who journeyed through this county in 1540.

This County has offered remarkable wealth, untapped by the American Indian, to the people who settled Escambia county.