

ESCAMBIA ECHOES

MEETING: OCTOBER 27, 1998. OUR OCTOBER MEETING WILL BE A FIELD TRIP TO JAY VILLA PLANTATION IN NEIGHBORING CONECUH COUNTY. WE WILL MEET AT 12:45 P.M. AT THE THOMAS E. MCMILLAN MUSEUM AT THE FINE ARTS CENTER AT JEFFERSON DAVIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO CAR POOL TO JAY VILLA PLANTATION AND BEULAH CEMETERY. WE WILL LEAVE PROMPTLY AT 1:00 P.M. We will have information sheets to pass out.

Our speaker at the September meeting was MRS. RUTH THOMPSON, who spoke on the history, restoration and current use of "The Magnolia House" in East Brewton, Alabama. She showed slides and pictures which we all enjoyed and thank her for the presentation.

We would like to welcome new members to the Escambia County Historical Society and hope they will be with us often at the meetings: Sara Murphy (she joined at the September meeting) and Douglas Williamson (Mr. Williamson is writing a history of the Williamson family centered around the direct descendants of Samuel David Williamson).

--Lygia Dawkins presented the Society a booklet on the Edges Family. The title is "Sedges Have Edges, and So Do We--a History Workbook for the Jesse Edge Family" prepared by Mary Ellen Wexler. This will be put in the Alabama Room Vertical File.
--The Society has purchased two books that will be placed in the Alabama Room: Historical Atlas of Alabama, Volume I, Historical Location by County, Edited by W. Craig Remington and Thomas J. Kallsen, 1997 and Researching in Alabama A Genealogical Guide. Revised Edition by Marilyn Davis Barefield, 1998.

PLEASE NOTE!!!!!!THERE WILL NOT BE A MEETING OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY IN NOVEMBER. OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY WILL BE THE SECOND TUESDAY IN DECEMBER -- DECEMBER 15TH. SOCIETY MEMBER WILLELLEN W. ELLIOTT HAS INVITED US TO HER HOME IN EAST BREWTON, ALABAMA FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARTY. PLEASE BE SURE TO LOOK FOR MORE DETAILS IN THE NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

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TWO NEW INTERNET ADDRESSES:

Address for the Society's web page is now: <http://www.ancestry.com/societyhall/pages/sochall-450/>
Address for the ALGENWEB Escambia County site is now: <http://users.net1/cuttstree/escambia/gendex.html>

In a recent meeting Mrs. Ann Biggs-Williams discussed an item of interest to us all--there has been an effort to use statistical sampling to count Americans in the 2000 census. In an article in USA Today Washington dated 08/24/98 (The Nation's Homepage), the 71 page opinion puts a stop to Census sampling and means the delicate issue of how Americans are counted will likely head to the Supreme Court this fall. "The use of statistical sampling to determine the population for purposes of apportioning representatives in Congress among the states violates the Census Act" the judges ruled.

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- OCTOBER 25--DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
- OCTOBER 27, ESCAMBIA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING---
FIELD TRIP TO JAY VILLA PLANTATION AND BEULAH CEMETERY
- NOVEMBER 3, ELECTION DAY
- NOVEMBER 11, VETERANS' DAY
- NOVEMBER 26, THANKSGIVING DAY

VOLUNTEER ARE STILL NEEDED TO HELP IN THE ALABAMA ROOM.

NOTE FROM EDITORS: If you did not receive your copy of the JULY JOURNAL please let the Editors know.

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