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MEETING FEBRUARY 23, 1999 AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE FINE ARTS CENTER IN THE THOMAS E. MCMILLAN MUSEUM AT JEFFERSON DAVIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

Welcome New Members & Guest
We would like to welcome new members: Juliaette C. Findley Doris C. Graves. Our visitor this month was Frances McGraw Hardy.

February 23, 1999.
Our speaker will be Dorothy Raymond, Geologist. She will speak on the earthquake of 1997. She will present the results of an earthquake intensity survey she and other geologists conducted and will show slides of the areas affected by the earthquake. Please try to

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come to the meeting. Les and Jean Shelton will serve refreshments.
News from January meeting.
Resignation from Lynn as Secretary was read and accepted by membership present, Bill Williams was approved by membership for balance of this year. The **COOKBOOKS ARE HERE.** We have two new books: (1) Descendants of John Parker 1740-1793 and His Wife Sara Gordy 1743-1825 of Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and Georgia--donated by Wayne M. Brown, (2) Remembered Names--Forgotten Faces - The Death of a Plantation by T. N. Searcy and donated by Mr. Searcy. These books will be in Alabama Room. It was approved at the meeting for the Society to join Alabama Gen. Society and Alabama Historical Association. Society President thanked the membership for payment of dues. Mr. Les Shelton was guest speaker and talked to us about the history of the book Headstones and Heritages-Cemeteries of Escambia County. Mr. Shelton is one of the three authors of the book. His presentation was very interesting. If you were not there, we are sorry you missed it.

Newspaper articles.
I hope that all of you read The Brewton Standard's Forgotten Trails by Lydia Grimes, Genealogy Columnist. I find them very interesting and informative. She writes information that I am sure those of you doing research would find helpful.

--You may wonder why I write articles I have read in a Pensacola Newspaper--but as you can see, these are interesting:: "Make this the year to identify your ancestors"--it goes on to say "Ever wonder how many ancestors you will have if you search back 10 generations? In

each generation, the number doubles. For instance, we all have two parents, four grandparents, eight great-grandparents, and 16 great-great-grandparents. By the time you reach the 10th generation-you will have identified 1,024 great-great-great-great-great-great-great grandparents!" This was taken from Janice Palmer's Southern Roots on February 7--Another article: on February 9--Commentary by Jacqueline Young tells us about "Workshop teaches students about their family history." Some items of interest from the workshop:" It is never too early to introduce students to their family history, learn about family traditions...For example, at a holiday meal, how are family members seated around the table? What kinds of food are served? Who carves the meat? What jokes are repeated from year to year? Answers illuminate the history of a family." "Folklife is an often overlooked source of history that can also be used to involve students in documenting local history." Oral history is a method for preserving family as well as community folklore. Students should be encouraged to interview older family members and community folklore as soon as possible because when we lose these tradition bearers, we lose these their wisdom and knowledge.

LOOKING AHEAD
Feb. 23 Escambia County Hist. Soc. meets
Mar. 8 Heritage of Alabama meeting at 7:00 P.M. in the Fine Arts Center Jefferson Davis Community College
Mar. 23 Hist. Soc. Meet--Joyce Bodiker from Escambia County's Family History Center Speaker
Mar. 28 Palm Sunday
Apr. 27 Water powered mills in Escambia County AL & NW FL

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Enclosed is my check/money order in the amount of \$. Please send me copies of the Escambia County Alabama Historical Society Cookbook (First Edition) at \$10.00 per copy plus \$1.50 shipping and handling.

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Membership is open to any individual interested in the history of Escambia County. Membership dues are \$7.50 per individual per year and are due January 1 each year. Please clip, complete and mail the following form with a check to the Escambia County Historical Society, P. O. Box 276, Brewton, AL 36427.

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