

ESCAMBIA ECHOES MARCH 1999

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

Guest speaker for our March 23 meeting will be Mrs. Joyce Bodiker, Director of the Family History Center, located in Atmore, Alabama. Mrs. Bodiker will speak on "Using the Family History Center for Genealogical Research" and "Using the U.S. Census." Family History Centers are located throughout the world to help members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and others search for the records of their ancestors. We are blessed that a center is located in Escambia County. All centers coordinate their efforts with the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, which has over two million rolls of microfilm containing copies of original records from more than a hundred countries. They include vital, census, church, land, and probate records and other records of genealogical value. Refreshments will be served by Mrs. Elvira McMillan.

February meeting:

Mrs. Dorothy Raymond, our guest speaker, gave a very interesting presentation of results of an earthquake intensity survey she and other geologists conducted.

Mr. George Turner, Publisher of the Brewton Standard, presented five copies of "A Pictorial History of The Brewton Area".

Mrs. Doris Bruner was recognized for her nomination as Brewton Citizen of the Year for 1999. Another Brewton citizen was selected 1999 Citizen of the Year, but the Society wanted to recognize Doris' work for the Society and Escambia County with this nomination.

We had a large attendance of members and several visitors.

If you are lucky enough to have a copy of "Headstones and Heritages", Les Shelton, one of the authors, is usually in attendance at Society meetings and will be happy to autograph your book if you would like him to, -- come to our meeting(s) and bring your book.

Mr. Wayne Brown who was kind enough to give the Society "Descendants of John Parker 1740-1793 and his wife Sara Gordy 1743-1825 of Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and Georgia" explained that practically all the Parkers in Escambia County are related, the book is intended to cover the Parkers in Escambia, Covington and Conecuh Counties, but that most all in East half of Escambia (or their ancestors) are in the book.

LOOKING AHEAD

Mar 23	Escambia County Historical Society meeting
April 2	Good Friday
April 4	Easter Sunday/Daylight Savings Time begins
April 12	Heritage Book meeting 7:00 P.M. at Museum, Jefferson Davis Com. College
April 27	Escambia County Historical meeting "Water-powered Mills of the Escambia-Conecuh River Valley"
May 17	Heritage Book meeting and Writer's Workshop 7:00 P.M. at Jefferson Davis Com. College

--Tentative date for a "Spring Wildflower Walk" is Tuesday March 30. Darryl Searcy, the Society's wildflower expert will lead wildflower treks in the Teddy area of Escambia County. Details will be finalized at the March 23 meeting. Members who miss the March meeting but would like to attend the wildflower walk, please phone Ann Biggs-Williams at 334/867-2445 for details after March 23.