

ESCAMBIA ECHOES APRIL 99

MEETING APRIL 27, 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 April 27 meeting will be Dr. John C. Phillips, Research Archaeologist and Instructor with the University of West Florida Archaeology Institute in Pensacola, FL. Subject will be "Water-powered mills of the Escambia/Conecuh River Valley". His talk will focus on the water-powered mills in the Escambia/Conecuh River Valley and how water-powered technology, uses, and site distributions reflect changes in the way people adapted to this land in the late 18th, 19th and 20th centuries. Refreshments will be served by Louise Stone and Lynn Wixon.

Mrs. Joyce Bodiker, Director of the Family History Center, located in Atmore, AL was our speaker in March. She gave a very interesting and informative presentation on using the Family History Center for Genealogical Research and using the U.S. Census. Family History Centers are located throughout the world. All centers coordinate their efforts with the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. At this time Center hours are: Thursday 6-8, Friday 3-7, Sunday 2-4. We plan to have more information at a later time and will pass it on.

March 30, 1999 some of the members went on a wildflower trek at Teddy, AL. Darryl Search, the Society's wildflower expert, and Mike Williams, Teddy landowner, led two groups. They had a great time and we will give you a lot more information in the upcoming Journal.

We would like to welcome new members: Aubrey L. Watson, Loretta Sue Stokes, Patricia Ann Glass, George Criswell, Michael S. Herring and Betty Celani.

Two new family history folders on the Davidsons and the Jordans have been added to the Escambia County Historical Society Vertical Files. Family surnames are filed alphabetically and interspersed with other folders in the files located in the Alabama Room at JDCC.

We received a complimentary copy of "Swinging Thru the Branches; The Davidson Family" which is Volume I, Issue 1, dated September 1, 1998 from Geminijazz, a desktop publishing company in Albuquerque, NM. Caroline Stafford is editor. This newsletter includes info on Alabama Davidsons.

Mary Jordan Crary donated a copy of "The Jordan Family History" written by Cleo Jordan Ansley and updated by Mrs. Crary.

Our new Reader-Printer, located in the Alabama Room at JDCC, is now operational.

We are in process of getting "History of Escambia County Alabama" and "Headstones and Heritages" reprinted. We have had a donation toward our book fund and appreciate this very much.

Info: Heritage Book Series--Heritage Publishing Consultants, Inc. of Clanton, AL is publishing the only statewide, county series of family history books on Alabama. The series began in the fall of 1996 and is scheduled to be completed in late 2000 for each of our 67 counties. Along with the historical notes of the county, families with Escambia County roots may contribute family stories and photographs for free inclusion in the book. For a pamphlet for more info and guidelines you may write: Escambia County Heritage Book Committee, P.O. Box 472, Brewton, AL 36427. Submission deadline is July 31, 1999.

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LOOKING AHEAD

- Apr 27 Escambia County Historical Society meeting
- May 3 Heritage of Alabama meeting 7:00 P.M. JDCC
- May 9 Mother's Day
- May 15 Armed Forces Day
- May 17 Heritage Book Committee Meeting & Writer's Workshop 7:00 P.M. at JDCC
- May 25 Escambia County Historical Society meeting-Jerry Fisher, President of Alger-Sullivan Historical Society will share historical photos
- May 30 Memorial day (Observed May 31)

--The 52nd annual meeting of the Alabama Historical Association will be held in Montgomery April 23 &24.

COOKBOOKS are available. If you would like one or more please let us know. This is a fund raising item.