

# ESCAMBIA ECHOES

## FEBRUARY 2000

**ESCAMBIA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING WILL BE FEBRUARY 22, 2000 AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE THOMAS E. MCMILLAN MUSEUM LOCATED IN THE FINE ARTS CENTER OF JEFFERSON DAVIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE, BREWTON, ALABAMA.**

**FEBRUARY MEETING.** The topic of the February meeting of the Escambia County Historical Society will be the book, *The Heritage of Escambia County*. The deadline to submit your stories for this series is fast approaching on March 31, 2000. *Lydia Grimes*, local genealogist and newspaper columnist who serves as Family Coordinator for the Heritage of Escambia County, Alabama project will be on hand to share some of the stories and answer any questions you may have about the project. Although the Heritage Book is not a project of the Escambia County Historical Society, the book certainly seeks to preserve the history of our county and members are encouraged to submit stories about their family history, or town, church or community history. It is not necessary to purchase a book to submit a story. This is a special way to memorialize those family members who have passed on before us. *Hostesses* for the February meeting will be Clara Jackson and Doris Seward.

**NEW MEMBERS:** Sharman B. Ramsey, Ruthie Findley, Mary Ann Hawthorne, Linda Ragan Giles, Mr. Giles. We welcome you to our Historical Society and hope you can attend our meetings.

### **JANUARY MEETING.**

--**AMENDMENTS** to the Bylaws of the Escambia County Historical Society were read at the January meeting and will be voted on at the February 2000 meeting.

--**DUES INCREASE.** Membership dues will increase to **\$10.00 per year effective March 1, 2000.** For those of you who have paid dues for year 2000, no additional money needs to be paid this year. For those members who might not have paid their dues for this year should pay \$10.00 if not paid prior to March 1. Increase in postage and printing necessitate this increase. Motion was made, seconded and passed by members present at the January meeting and this will be made an amendment to the Bylaws.

--**COOK BOOKS** Price has been reduced to \$7.50.

--**Dr. Susan McBride, President of Jefferson Davis Community College and Mr. Jeffrey Faust, Head Librarian at Jefferson Davis Community College** were at the January meeting and told the members of their support for the Society and hope for the good working relationship to continue between the Society and College.

**NEW OFFICERS** of the Escambia County Historical Society for 2000-2002 are as follow:

President:	Wilellen W. Elliott
Vice President:	
Secretary:	Lynn Wixon
Treasurer:	Bill Williams

The Society would like to thank the outgoing officers for the tremendous job they did during their office term.

**INFORMATION FROM YORE LORE,** February 2000 issue (Genealogical Newsletter of Baldwin County)  
"Folklorist Joey Brackner with Alabama State Council on the Arts is undertaking a survey of historic Alabama gravehouses, and ceramic grave markers in an effort to slow their disappearance.

Gravehouses are wooden structures, usually with gabled roofs that cover graves in country cemeteries.

Pottery gravemarkers are found throughout Alabama but especially in areas where there were once family-run potteries. These markers have fallen prey to lawn mower-slung rocks.

Brackner would like to document and photograph as many of these as possible before they are dismantled or broken and will appreciate any help from you. If you are aware of either, you can contact Brackner at 334/242-4076, ext.



**QUERIES:** We have received three queries. Members are urged to give them any assistance they can. They have given permission for name and address to be included in our Newsletter:

Milton E. Adams, 5309 Helene Drive, Charleston, SC 29418 (e-mail: aufan58@yahoo.com)

-desires information on McCurdy, Mayo and Cobb

Mary Ann Hawthorne, 4816 Friendly Street, Pace, FL 32571 (e-mail: hawthorne@pcola.gulf.net)

-desires information on John Weaver, Marie Price, John Holland and Hawthorne

Ruthie Findley, P. O. Box 1133, Century, FL 32535 (e-mail: lakuykendall@hotmail.com)

-desires information on Findley, Daughtery, Hawthorne and Murphy

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

February 22 Escambia County Historical Society meeting

March 8 Ash Wednesday

March 17 St. Patrick's Day

March 28 Escambia County Historical Society meeting

**FAREWELL.** This will be the last newsletter from Editors Louise Stone and Lynn Wixon. We would like to wish you all well in the future and tell you that it has been a pleasure and honor to publish the Newsletters and Journals for the Society for the past two years.

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**Please use the following when sending in your dues**

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL / APPLICATION**

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