

ESCAMBIA ECHOES

MARCH 2000

ESCAMBIA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY WILL MEET MARCH 28, 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.

MARCH MEETING. Kathryn M. Flynn, Extension Specialist/Associate Professor with the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences of Auburn University will be the guest speaker. She will discuss the Sepulga River from a historical perspective as well as water quality issues.

The Sepulga River is a principal tributary of the Conecuh River. The Conecuh River traverses Bullock, Pike, Crenshaw, Covington, and Escambia Counties, Alabama for 235 miles and then the Conecuh River becomes the Escambia River in Florida where the remaining length is another 65-1/2 miles. (These mileage statistics come from the Story of Alabama, a History of the State by Marie Bankhead Owen). The Sepulga River enters the Conecuh River upstream from McGowin's Bridge, located on Highway 29, north of Brewton. The rivers provided transportation for transporting goods like timber, pumpkins, and cotton to Pensacola. In 1840, the USS Shaw, a side wheeler steamboat hit a snag and sank in the river after it had unloaded in Brooklyn, Alabama and reloaded with cotton and traveled downstream where it met its fate.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

FEBRUARY MEETING. Lydia Grimes, local genealogist and newspaper columnist who serves as Family Coordinator for the Heritage of Escambia County, Alabama project was guest speaker and her enthusiasm for the project was very evident and I hope that a lot of you are submitting your information for the book. Deadline for information for Escambia County is March 31, 2000. Mail to: Escambia County Heritage Book Committee, P.O. Box 472, Brewton, AL 36427. Surrounding Alabama County Heritage Book deadlines and mailing addresses are:

Conecuh County-May 31, 2000. Mail to: Conecuh County HBS, Post Office Box 1012, Evergreen, AL 36401.

Baldwin County-March 31, 2000. Mail to: Baldwin County HBC, P.O. Box 2064, Foley, AL 36536.

Covington County-May 31, 2000. Mail to: Covington County HBS, P.O. Box 973, Andalusia, AL 36420.

Monroe County-May 31, 2000. Mail to: Monroe County HBS, P.O. Box 1715, Monroeville, AL 36461.

For other county deadlines, check out the website for Heritage Books:

<http://www.mindspring.com/~awillcut/heritage.htm>

As of the time of the February meeting "stories" have been received on the following: AARONS, ALBERTSON, BARTON, BETHEA, BLACKMAN, BLACKSHEAR/BLACKSHER, BLAIR, BOYKIN, BRACKIN, BRIDGES, BROWN, BRYERS, BUCK, BUTTS, CAPPS, CASTLEBERRY, CHAVERS, CHEATHAM, CLARK, COLEMAN, COOK, CULLIVER, CURTIS, CUTTS, DAVIS, DAWKINS, DEAN, DIXON, ELDER, ELLIOTT, EMMONS, ESTELL, EVANS, FAY, FLANNIGAN, FLEMING, FOSHEE, FUQUA, GIBSON, GODWIN, GRAY, GREENE, GRIMES, HAMMAC, HANBERRY, HAROLD, HAVEARD, HAWKINS, HELTON, HILBURN, HOOMES/HOLMES, HOWARD, JACKSON, JOHNSON, JONES, JORDAN, KELLER, KENDRICK, KIRBY, LEWIS, LINDSEY, LOGAN, LUFKIN, LUTTRELL, LYNN, MALPUS, MAYO, MENDENHALL, MERRITT, MILES, MOORE, MURPHY, MCCARTER, MCCOY, MCGOWIN, MCNEILL, NICHOLSON, O'BANNON, ODEN, ODOM, OWENS, PADGETT, PAGE, PRESLEY, RABB, RILEY, ROBERTSON, ROBY, RODGERS, ROWSER, SANFORD, SEWARD, SMITH, SOWELL, STEELE, STOKES, STRAUGHN, THOMSON, WATSON, WILCOX, WISE, KING, BAUER AND SCHAD. Remember, you can submit a story on your 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.

NEW MEMBERS: Judith R. Jolly, Faye M. McBurney and Jeanette S. Wilson. We welcome you to our Historical Society and hope you can attend our meetings.

BYLAWS: Amendments to the Bylaws of the Escambia County Historical Society were read and voted to accept. Dues increase to \$10.00 per year effective date of March 1, 2000 will also become a part of the Bylaws. Life membership of \$100.00 remains.

Please use the following when sending in your dues