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The Newsletter of the Escambia County Historical Society
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THE NEXT MEETING

*YOU ARE INVITED TO THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY HISTORICAL
SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY .*

Date: December 6, 2003
*Location: The Ritz, located on the Boardwalk in downtown
Brewton. (on St. Joseph Street)*
Please park in the rear of the building.
Time: 11:00 A.M.

*Meats, rolls, and drinks (tea, water and coffee) will be furnished, but
we ask that you bring your favorite holiday food/covered dish.*

-If you need additional information please call:

251/867-3903
251/867-6037
251/809-0948 or
850/675-6744 (Milton telephone)

*Our Christmas luncheon was at the Ritz in 2002; it is a convenient
central downtown location and we hope that each of you will be able
to attend.*

*If you are not able to join us, we hope that you and yours have a very
Merry Christmas and Happy and Prosperous New Year.*

THE OCTOBER MEETING

The program for the October meeting was a visit to Turtle Point Environmental Center. With Darryl Searcy serving as our guide, Historical Society members enjoyed walking along the wooden boardwalk at Turtle Point, which takes visitors through the wetlands of Big Escambia Creek. The views of the creek from the boardwalk are especially beautiful and there are “botanical signs” posted along the rails identifying special plants of the area.

Located at Hurricane Park in Flomaton, the Center is an award winning project which provides opportunities for both students and citizens of Escambia County to “develop an understanding of the Ecology of Big Escambia Creek, the Conecuh River Basin, and surrounding wetlands” (from “The Turtle Point Environmental Science Center” website at <http://dgonza365.tripod.com/turtlepointSC/id2.html>). This website notes that Turtle Point “serves approximately 5,000 Kindergarten through Sixth graders each school year.” The Center is open to the public.

NEWS FROM THE PAST

Newspaper Transcriptions Courtesy of Larry E Caver

Newspaper Transcriptions From The Conecuh-Escambia Star

August 21, 1879:

Married, in Meriden, Conn., on August 9th, at the residence of T.M. SMITH, Esq., Thomas T. WRIGHT to Miss Katie McINTYRE.

Mr. Neil McCORVEY, of Monroe County, Alabama, departed this life on the 11th instant. He was 74 years of age; he lived for many years a devoted Christian, being a member of the Presbyterian Church...

The Hon. N. STALLWORTH brought in the first bale of new cotton on the 18th instant, for which he received 10.6 cents per pound. By this it will be seen that the Evergreen market opens at better prices than the Greenville market.

Mr. Robert RABB, of Evergreen, killed recently a large rattlesnake, seven feet in length and said snake was the possessor of seven rattles and a button.

Mrs. M.E. COOK, of Marengo County, is visiting her brother, Jos. H. THOMAS, of Evergreen. She is accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. A.B. SPINNEY, of San Francisco, California.

Notice!

Do you want to purchase a fine lot of chickens? If so, call on M.W. ETHERIDGE, Evergreen, Alabama.

August 28, 1879:

Married, in this county, on 24th instant, Mr. William M. LANE to Miss Martha DANIEL.

Died, in Evergreen, Ala., on 23rd instant, Mrs. A.V. KENNARD.

September 18, 1879:

We are requested to give notice that the dedication of the Methodist Church at Brewton, Escambia County, will take place on the first Sunday in October. The dedicatory sermon will be preached by Rev. J.M. BOLAND at 11 o'clock, a.m.

Married, in this county, on the 14th instant, C.D. HENDERSON to Miss Alice V. BELL.

Col. J.F. TATE's school opened on the 15th instant, with 60 pupils, and a number more will enter soon.

It is with emotions of deep sorrow that we announce the death of Mr. H.P. HANDLY, the proprietor of the Wilcox ***Banner***. His death occurred at the residence of his father, Mr. C.S. HANDLY, in this place, on last (-) and was the result of a contusion upon the left side of the head, producing paralysis of that entire side of the body... Mr. HANDLY was a printer of considerable experience and a young man of about thirty years of age... -Wilcox ***News***

Newspaper Transcriptions From The Conecuh-Escambia Star

September 25, 1879:

Mrs. John VAUGHN, of Washington Point, Florida, died in Brewton on the 22nd Instant.

Mr. and Mrs. E. JOINER, living on Cedar Creek in this county, are an aged couple... They were married in 1811 and came to this county from South

Carolina in 1821... They have (-) living grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They have been members of the Baptist Church for near 40 years.

October 9, 1879:

Died, in this county, on 8th instant, Frederic Lamar, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Haskew PAGE.

State of Alabama, Conecuh County, Probate Court, October 7th, 1879

In the matter of the estate of O.F. NUNALEE, deceased. To Sarah GODBOLD, wife of Thomas GODBOLD, and Delphy Ann WIGGINS, wife of James H. WIGGINS, who reside in the State of Texas, and are heirs of said estate. You will take notice that Wilson A. FOUNTAIN, the administrator de bonis non with the will annexed of said estate, has this day filed his petition for the sale of the lands thereof for distribution, and that the 12th day of November 1879 is set for the hearing of said petition, at which time you can appear and contest the same if you think proper to do so. –F.M. WALKER, Judge of Probate

Newspaper Transcriptions From The Escambia & Baldwin Times (Brewton, Ala)

October 12, 1887:

Died, on October 2nd, with palsy, Mrs. Caroline TOWNSEND, near Flomaton, in the 52nd year of her age. She leaves four children to mourn her loss.

Died, at his home in Escambia, Alabama, on September 3, 1887, Gibbert M. CRUIT, in the 72nd year of his age. He came from England to Alabama in early life and married Miss Louisa GALLASPIE, of Baldwin County, who survives him with seven children (*not named*)...

October 19, 1887:

James SEARCY, who it will be remembered, was crazy and was kept in jail here for some time, died at the Asylum last week.

October 26, 1887:

Married, on Wednesday, 19th instant, at the residence of the bride's father in Brewton, Ala., Mr. E.S. McMILLAN, of Pollard, to Miss Katie LEIGH, of Brewton.

(Bromley, Ala.) Tuesday at quarter after 12 o'clock, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Louis DOLIVE, Mr. George WALKER, of New Orleans, and Miss Marcilliet DOLIVE were united in the holy bonds of matrimony.

JEFFERSON DAVIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE LIBRARY (Leigh Library on the Brewton Campus) HOURS/ALABAMA ROOM HOURS - Spring 2004

Leigh Library will be closed on

- ② Monday – January 19 for the Martin Luther King Holiday
- ② Monday – February 16 for a local professional development day
- ② Monday, March 22 – Friday, March 19 for Spring Holidays

Regular hours for the library are:

- ② 7:30 AM – 8:30 PM - Monday – Thursday
- ② 7:30 AM – 2:00 PM - Friday
- ② The library is not open on weekends.

For more information concerning the library and the Alabama Room, please call **251-809-1584** or e-mail at <library@jdcc.edu>.

<u>Books for Sale</u>	Mailed	Regular Price
<u>A History of Escambia County</u>	\$55.00	\$50.00
<u>Headstones and Heritage</u>	\$40.00	\$35.00
<u>Escambia Historical Society Cookbook</u>	\$10.00	\$ 5.00

Get in Touch with Us

Address: Escambia County Historical Society, P. O. Box 276, Brewton, AL 36427; **Phone:** 251-809-1612; **Email:** Ranny1@earthlink.net

Membership: \$10.00. Clip the following form and send to Treasurer: Peggy Bracken, 602 Edgewood Drive, Brewton, AL 36426.

Membership Renewal/Application Form

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First	Middle	Last
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Address _____

Street	City	State	Zip
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Phone _____

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