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THE NEXT MEETING

Date: January 27, 2004

Time: 3:00 p. m.

Place: The Thomas E. McMillan Museum on the JDCC Campus

Program: **The Society's Annual Meeting to elect officers.** All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting. Votes will be cast to elect new officers to fill the following positions for the 2-year period 2004 - 2005:

President
Vice-President
Newsletter-Journal Editor
Treasurer
Recording Secretary
Curator-Historian
Librarian and Publicity Chairman

Also on the Program: Susan McBride, President of Jefferson Davis Community College, will address the issue of relocating the Alabama room from the library to the Museum, presenting the provisions the college is planning for accommodating the materials in the Alabama Room on the campus.

The Alabama Room

- ② The proposed Floor Plan for the Arrangement in the Museum to include the Alabama Room Materials and the display cases is contained on page three of this Newsletter.

From discussions with Dr. McBride, Darryl Searcy, President of the Society, notes these points about the proposed plan to move the Alabama Room:

1. There is a need for more security with regard to certain artifacts that are currently displayed for public view and use (bound volumes of local newspapers).

The College is proposing and preparing that the collection be moved to a secure room located on the same hallway as the History Department and next door to the storage area recently made available to the Historical Society. The Society would have immediate access to the Collection should and whenever the need arises.

2. The Alabama Room Collection will be moved to the same building as the Historical Society offices and meeting rooms; occupying the space now used by the Museum.

Ample space is being made available to the Historical Society to accommodate the computer and computer desk, small file cabinets, old ledgers, vertical files, microfilm storage cabinet and the associated reader and printer; not to mention the part-time person who would oversee the security and maintenance of Historical Society property.

The College has some resources available and has plans to hire a person on a part-time basis to work with the collections at the Museum Room. This person will work on a regular schedule and be available by appointment to view the original newspaper articles should the need arise. Of course, everything is on microfilm and it should be expected that little or no need would arise to view the original document. At this time the College will welcome for interview any candidate(s) we have who wish to apply for the part-time position.

3. There is a current movement within the City of Brewton to establish a Visitor-Welcome Center. The creation of such a Center would house a number of the displays that now stand in the museum room. The Center would be prepared to hire a staff of its own.

4. Under current agreements the College has the right to house the Alabama Room Collection at any location convenient to the College so long as that location is on the JDCC campus.

There is no stipulation that the Historical Society Collection must be maintained in the Library Building.

5. The Library needs more space for student use.

The College Library and its staff have accommodated the Alabama Room for some 30 years.

6. There are ample parking facilities in front of the Museum.

Having all the materials located in the same space with parking immediately in front of the building is an advantage.

<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

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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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