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The October Meeting

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 24 at 3:00 P.M.

Place: The Thomas E. McMillan Museum on the Jefferson Davis College campus.

The Program: Election of Officers

Dues: Don't forget that January is the month for paying dues for membership for the coming year. A blank form for dues and membership information is placed at the end of this newsletter.

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Upcoming Events for ECHS

The February Program

Frances Robb, independent scholar and member of the Alabama Humanities Foundation speaker's bureau will present "Snapshots and Snapshooters."

The following information on the speaker and her program comes from the Alabama Humanities Foundation:

"Snapshots, the most familiar way we image our lives! Snapshooters: most of us! Since snapshot photography developed (no pun intended) in the late 19th century, the democratic idea of putting cameras in the hands of everyone who wants to point and shoot has revolutionized our visual imaging of family and friends. Instead of the infrequent formal studio portrait, a profusion of snapshots documents the lives of ordinary Americans.

"Snapshots are visual testimony of our personal lives. They capture aspects of our shared culture: our proudest and happiest moments, so similar to those of other Americans (new baby, new car, graduation, vacations): the "casualizing" of American domestic life-ways; and the importance in modern society of leisure spent with family and friends. The program will help participants better understand the significance of their accumulations of snapshots in understanding their personal histories and the histories of their families, neighborhoods, communities, state and nation.

"Program participants will be asked to bring a few snapshots. After a slide talk which features mostly Alabama snapshots, there will be discussion and sharing. This presentation is part of the Alabama Humanities Foundation (AHF) 2005--2006 Speaker in the House program.

"Frances Robb is a native of Birmingham, Alabama. She is a graduate of Birmingham Southern College and holds M.A. degrees from the University of North Carolina and Yale University. She taught art history and humanities at Texas Christian University, the University of North Texas, and The University of the South at Sewanee.

"When Robb returned to Alabama with her family in 1986, she began a love affair with historic photographs. Since then, she has been curator for numerous exhibitions, lectured, presented workshops, and served as a consultant to museums, libraries and archives in Alabama and the Southeast. She is

completing a book on the history of photography in Alabama and has another in the works on dating and identifying family photographs. As you might expect, historic photographs today illustrate her presentation.”

Other Events

Symposium on the 1830's Removal of the Creek Indians

The Landmarks Foundation will present a symposium entitled, ALABAMA FRONTIER: CULTURAL CROSSROADS V at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts on Saturday, January 28 from 8:30 a. m. – 4:00 p. m. The symposium, sponsored by the Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery in cooperation with the Alabama Humanities Foundation and the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, is the last of a five part series of symposiums focusing on the historic Creek Indians of Alabama. The historians and archaeologists who are the speakers will turn their attention to the 1830s Removal of the Creeks from the state in this program.

Jacob Lowery of Greenville, S. C., who presented a program to the Escambia County Historical Society last February, has sent this reminder of the background of the Indian Removal.

“The Creek Indians inhabited much of what is now the state of Alabama and large portions of Georgia when Europeans began their explorations and competitions for control of the North American continent. A highly civilized composite of clans, towns and personalities, the Creek Confederacy dealt with these foreign intrusions and, following the Revolution, with the Americans. By the 19th century, however, Native Americans, African Americans and Euro Americans made up a population that was struggling for control of the rich lands, a combat that resulted in the removal of the Creeks across the Mississippi River to the western territories.”

In addition to the speakers on the program, there will be an exhibit of a collection of McKenney and Hall Indian Prints on loan from Mr. Lowery.

- ② A registration fee includes a light breakfast, lunch and refreshments throughout the day. For further information and applications, please call Landmarks Foundation/Old Alabama Town, 334-240-4500 or 1-888-240-1850.
- ② Since the date for the meeting is so close, those interested should probably call and ask that a registration form be sent to them as soon as possible.

Genealogical Seminar

We have the following information from Jane Clark of the Monroe County Heritage Museums concerning the genealogical seminar to be conducted on Saturday, February 4 at the Old Monroe County Courthouse in Monroeville. Late registration and coffee is from 8:30 - 9:00 a. m. The actual program starts at 9:00 and extends through 3:00 p. m.

TOPIC: SWEET HOME ALABAMA: Records, Research and Future Adventures in Alabama History & Genealogy.

- Session I: Early Alabama: Mississippi and Alabama Territory, early statehood through Antebellum Days (Includes an overview of resources – materials and repositories.)
- Session II: Civil War and Reconstruction. (Includes war and reconstruction records.)

- Session III: New South to World War I. (Includes 20th century resources and repositories.)
- Session IV: End of World War I through World War II to Present. (Includes 20th century military records, repositories and internet research.)
- *PowerPoint presentation on Samford University's plans for IGHR and BIGHR programs.

PRESENTER: Elizabeth C. Wells, B.A., M.A., M.L.S., Special Collection Librarian, Samford University, Birmingham, AL.

REGISTRATION: Fee: \$ 20.00 - Mail To: Monroe County Heritage Museums, Attn: Jane Ellen Clark – Genealogical Seminar, P.O. Box 1637 Monroeville, AL 36461 OR call (251) 575-7433, Fax :(251) 575-2513 or E-mail: mchm@frontiernet.net to make reservations.

These further notes from Jane:

- ② We need an accurate registration number, as each participant will receive seminar notes which include copies of PowerPoint screens used in the program.
- ② Please advise us when you register if you are interested in having instruction by a local volunteer on records in our Monroe County Probate Office records vault. If there is sufficient interest, we will try to arrange this for about one hour from 1530 to 1630 at no additional cost to you. Space is limited, and will be available to those who request this and register early.
- ② Following the seminar, there will be a short presentation of continuing plans for organization of the Southwest Alabama Sons of American Revolution chapter. Mike Wells, former state President of Alabama Sons of the American Revolution, together with several current members of other SAR chapters will be prepared to work individually with anyone who needs assistance with completion of their lineage paperwork for membership application submission.

2006 – The Year of Outdoor Alabama

Governor Riley has declared 2006 The Year of Outdoor Alabama, a campaign, created by the Alabama Bureau of Tourism & Travel designed to encourage travelers to visit the state's beautiful outdoor destination, experience outdoor adventures in Alabama and participate in outdoor expos throughout 2006. Nearly 1300 events are listed in the 2006 Alabama Calendar of events. Also available is a brochure titled 100 Alabama Adventures which lists more than 100 adventures in Alabama. There is also an Alabama Vacation Guide that is a 160 page magazine style book with statewide accommodations and attractions. To order the publication call 1- 800-ALABAMA or visit www.800alabama.com

The Chautauqua Assembly 2006

Dates for this year's assembly are Tue. Feb. 23--Sun. Feb. 26.

The following information comes from the WEB page listed.

"The Original Florida Chautauqua opened on February 10, 1885 in DeFuniak Springs, Florida after many months of planning. In 1920 in its 36th season, the Florida Chautauqua came to an end. The Florida Chautauqua Assembly was officially brought back to life by Ms. Diane Pickett on February 10, 1996, after a hiatus of more than 75 years. Much like the original Assembly, the lecture topics for the current Assembly include history, health, art, and current events, along with entertainment from performers across the country. Special evening vespers are also held on the Lake in much the same way they were more than 100 years ago. For more info on this year's program, go to <www.florida-chautauqua-center.org>."

Part of the program for the Assembly 2006 will include a Living History Re-enactment of an Encampment and a Skirmish for re-enactors of the Civil War. The skirmish will be on Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 p. m.

The Antiques Roadshow

From the January 16, 2006 Mobile Register:

“Is there treasure in your attic? Start looking, because the popular PBS program, Antiques Roadshow, which routinely tells participants whether they've found trash or treasure in their basements, attics and outbuildings, is coming to Mobile in a few months. As part of the show's summer tour of six cities, the visit to Mobile will be on July 8. The other cities are Tuscon, Ariz.; Salt Lake City, Utah; Milwaukee, Wisc. Philadelphia, Penn.; and Honolulu.

“Anyone living within a 50 mile radius of Mobile can submit photographs of his or her furniture pieces now for consideration. Select pieces will be chosen for appraisal and may be featured on the TV show. The show's producers are looking for a few large furniture pieces from each city on the tour.

“Antiques Roadshow, one of PBS' most-watched programs in prime time every season, airs locally at 7 p.m. on Monday's on public t.v.

If you have something to submit, go online at www.pbs.org/wqbh/pages/roadshow to fill out a form and to upload up to three digital photographs, each no more than 1 megabyte in size. If that's too much of a technological hassle, just send a photograph of your piece and a summary of its history via U.S. Mail to Antiques Roadshow Furniture, 125 Western Ave., Boston, MA 02134.

“All submissions must be made by April 7. You are asked to include a return address and a daytime telephone number. Photographs will not be returned. Only large pieces of furniture will be chosen but they won't even consider clocks or pianos.”

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Membership: \$15.00. 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	
Address				
	Street	City	State	Zip
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