

December 16th Meeting is the ECHS Christmas Party

Bring your favorite Christmas Dish of Finger Food and enjoy visiting in one of Brewton's fine old homes, Saturday Dec. 16, at 2:30 p. m.

Gerome and Donna Bracken have graciously offered their home at 414 Belleville Ave. as the site for this year's Christmas party.

The house was society member Frank Luttrell's childhood home. Frank's son Alex Luttrell has provided us with the information on the history of the house which appear in this newsletter.

Built for and occupied by Oscar and Mollie Luttrell, was designed by noted Montgomery architect Frank Lockwood sometime around 1905 to 1911.



Don't forget the **Christmas party on Saturday, December 16 at 2:30** at the Brackin Home on Belleville Avenue.

Notable architectural features of the home include coffered ceiling.
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*Bring your Favorite Holiday Dish
Finger Food Please*

Minutes for October Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance and Greetings to Members and Visitors.

Vice President Darryl Searcy led members in the pledge and greeted members and guests. President Ann Biggs- Williams was unable to attend.

Business:

(1) Paul Merritt reported that Alan Robinson has agreed to serve on the committee to research bronze plaques to recognize historic sites and buildings in the county. Alan's father and grandfather were master brass makers.

Paul reported that he has found a company that will make suitable bronze plaques that would cost \$750 each, including shipping and handling. The committee will do further research for design and cost comparisons.

(2) Darryl reported the need for a volunteer to verify sites of entries in the "oldest grave sites" contest. (3) Jerry Simmons showed the copy of the Conecuh County Census for 1850 which has been donated to the Alabama room by Buddy Mitchell.

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Mollie and Oscar Luttrell with son Frank at home

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Dues due in January

Annual membership fees are due in January—when you write the check for your own membership, why not make a Christmas gift for a loved one of a year's membership—only \$15.00.

A form is printed on the last page of this newsletter—just fill out, clip and mail.

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Minutes

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Announcements: (1) Leila Greenburg will give a presentation at the Brewton Public Library on the third Thursday of November. (2) Anyone interested in participating in the Christmas parade should contact the Brewton Chamber of Commerce. (3) The Hildebrandt family believes that members of the family may have lived on Route 2 (HYW 31 S) and would be interested in information concerning this family history.

News of Members: (1) Susan Crawford, Annie Smith, and Jacque

Stone attended the fall meeting of the Alabama Historical Society in Marion, Alabama. (2) Mary Catherine Luker celebrated her 90th birthday recently and will be home soon having been hospitalized suffering from pneumonia.

The Program: Emily Mims gave a history of Atmore's fall festival, Williams Station Day. Her presentation included some interesting details about the history of Atmore itself as well as the development of the festival.

Hostesses: Susan Crawford and Willellen Elliott provided refreshments at the end of the meeting. o

December Meeting

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ings, original pine floors, seven fireplace mantels of tiger oak with colored tiles, a dining room china cabinet which is period to the home, an original glass window (noted for being wavy and having bubbles), original doors, and walls, three bricks thick.

Other homes in Brewton designed by Frank Lockwood include: (1) the Sowell/Gordon home on Sowell Road (believed to be built by /for C. L. Sowell), later owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Gordon, Sr., now owned by Beverly Howell Clifton, and (2) the John R. Miller, Sr., home on Belleville Avenue (circa 1914 – 1915), now owned by Mr. and Mrs. John R. Miller, Jr.

The Builders and First Owners: Oscar Forney Luttrell and Mollie McGill Oden Luttrell

Oscar Forney Luttrell, the builder and first owner of the Luttrell House, moved to Brewton in January 1889 to help organize (with C. L. Sowell, Sr.) the Bank of Brewton. Oscar served as cashier and was later named vice-president and director, offices he held until his death.

Oscar was born in Oxford Alabama in 1859. He was named Forney after Colonel William Henry Forney, commander of the 10th Alabama Infantry in the Civil War. Oscar's father was a member of that regiment. Oscar attended Oxford College and was certified to teach in the schools in Calhoun County.

In 1893 he married Mollie McGill Oden of Odena (Talledega County). Mollie Oden attended the public schools of Sylacauga and Anniston, and graduated from Oxford College. Before her marriage she taught music and foreign languages (Spanish and French) in the Talledega and Calhoun County Schools.

After their marriage, the Luttrells resided in Brewton until 1907 when they moved to Sylacauga. They returned to Brewton in 1909. Both Oscar and Mollie contributed to their church and to the social, cultural, and civic life of the community.

Oscar Luttrell was a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the Knights of Pythias, the George Granberry Music Study Club, and the Brewton City Board of Education. He also played a bass horn in the Brewton City Orchestra and sang in the Methodist Church choir.

Mollie Luttrell was a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the George Granberry Music Study Club. She served as president of the Ladies' Aid society, the Woman's Missionary Society and the local Parent-Teacher Association, which she helped to organize. She was also a member of the Charles Dickens Literary Study Club, the Eastern Star, and a sponsor of the local Girl Scout Unit. She also sang in the Methodist Church choir.

Oscar and Mollie Luttrell raised their sons Oden, Frank, and Forney, in this home and occupied it until their deaths. Oscar Luttrell died in 1922 and his wife Mollie in 1940. After Mollie's death, their son, Oden, lived there with his first wife, Ruth, until her death in early 1949. Oden remarried and moved to Sylacauga in late 1949.

Others who have owned the house include Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McIntyer. Mr. McIntyer, a Presbyterian minister died shortly after moving into the house but Mrs. McIntyer lived there many years.

In 1986, Bert and Dean Wiggers purchased the home and did much to restore it.

Gerome and Donna Brackin, our hosts for the Society December Meeting/Christmas Party, presently own the home. o

January Speaker
John A. Jackson with the
Baldwin County Department
of Archives and History will
present the ECHS program on
January 23, 2007

Bits and Pieces

Winners of the "Oldest Gravestone" contest are Debbie Wilson, whose marker of Grice, dated 1848, was the oldest submitted. Debbie wins a copy of Headstones and Heritages, and will be presented with the book at the Christmas meeting December 16.

Don Sales was the second place winner with an Emmons marker dated 1868. He will be awarded a gift membership for 2007 at the Christmas Meeting, too.

Thank you both for your entries!

The World War II diary of Harvey H. Luttrell has been donated to the museum by Terrence Breckenridge, current owner of the Old Luttrell Hardware Building in downtown Brewton. The diary which was dated from December 6, 1917 to April 18, 1919 was discovered in the Luttrell Hardware Building during renovation.

The Alabama Cemetery Preservation Alliance (ACPA) met Saturday, December 9th, 2006 at the Historic Depot in Evergreen, Conecuh County, Alabama.

There was a Cemetery Preservation Mini-Workshop in the afternoon at the Old Historic Evergreen Cemetery. Then they went to Old Historic Evergreen Cemetery - for hands-on demonstrations

ECHS member Alan Baker was officially sworn in as state representative for District 6 of the State of Alabama recently. Alan's wife Kaki held Alan's father's Bible as



Winning entry above—by Debbie Wilson

Second place entry below—by Don Sales



he took the Oath of Office at the Escambia County Courthouse in Brewton.

Alan's father Ollie Baxter Baker had passed away nearly 20 years ago, but the Bible was a way of having his Dad's presence there for the ceremony. Alan's Mother and his brother Baxter Baker were also present.

Alan is the first in his family to venture in to politics. We send him off to Montgomery with our best wishes.

If you served during World War II, overseas or in the home front, share your story with Alabama Public Television (APT). You can submit your info online at Alabama Public Television's website,

www.aptv.org/alabamaWW2 or write to this address: Alabama's World War Two, Alabama Public Television, Suite 400, Birmingham, Al 35205.

Tell APT your name, branch of service, where you served, and any other details you would like to share. You can also let them know if you have photographs from the war years you could share. Don't forget to include your address and phone number.

In September 2007, public television audiences will see the Second World War in a way that has not been told before. Ken Burns presents *The War*, a new documentary film series shot partially here in Alabama. In conjunction with these event, APT is preparing to tell the story of Alabama's role in the critical years 1941--1945.

No other state has made as large a contribution to America's defense as Alabama. APTV is excited to tell that story to everyone.

The Society has received a generous donation from the Canoe Study Club in honor of Vice-President Darryl Searcy who presented a program to the Canoe Study Club recently. As a gesture of thanks, the Canoe Study Club decided to make donation in appreciation in Darryl's honor. Darryl is an excellent ambassador for the Society as he speaks around the area about the natural history of our county.

Mrs. Jackie Marky of Brewton is the new Escambia County rep for the Alabama Cemetery Preser-

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Queries

Monyette Hall Ellington is looking for info on her great grandfather who was a teacher in Brewton from 1900-1920. His name was **William Oscar Hall**. I gave her a number of suggestions and might try to talk to some of the retired teachers who might have info on the early black schools.

Alabama: Immigration of our ancestors? A gentleman named **Barry Ewell** is developing an article and presentation on what motivated our ancestors to immigrate or move from one state to another during the 1700, 1800 and early 1900's. "I realize this topic could go many directions and take many book volumes," according to Ewell.

The article and presentation is primarily targeted at genealogists. The information is designed to help them understand clues and hints for researching family that come from the choice of relocation our ancestors made.

He seeks to give genealogists sound reasons to consider but at the same time give them directions to consider when reviewing their ancestors and

movement throughout the United States into Alabama.

Ewell asks can anyone "direct me to any articles, web pages, that can help me review this topic from the genealogist perspective for Alabama?"

"My father, Rupert E. Hilderbrandt (born in 1917) was a plumber by trade. My mother Ellen Mae was a beautician, but I don't know if she worked in Brewton. I have no idea how long my parents lived in Brewton after I was born. My younger brother was born in Ft. Lauderdale FL 18 months later."

Hilderbrandt is looking for information about Horky's Trailer Park. "My parents did not run the trailer park, probably just rented a lot, according to Hilderbrandt. If anyone has knowledge that can help, please email
John_Hilderbrandt@merck.com

Ron Hovis writes, I am a "72 year old Creek Indian seeking information on Hovis Family Tree. I can recall in my grandfather's house a picture of a woman in Indian clothing with long

braided hair I have no idea what happened to the photo or who she was. as far back as I can remember I was told by my family that I was a 4th (fourth) blood American Indian."

"I am seeking info on Mary Jane Hovis, born about 1850 in N.C. or Alabama. Married to John Adams Wilson, who was full blood Creek."

"Have info on Hovis surname in Maryland back to late 1700s over 60 pages. I will be glad to send it to you if you will send me your email address. Willing to share with anyone else working on the Hovis name."

"Can you point me in the right direction where I might find out more about my Indian heritage if I should actually have one; if I do I will be very proud."

"Thank you in advance for your kind attention and assistance."

Contact: Ronald F. (Ron) Hovis, 19806 Scott Hill Drive, Hagerstown, Maryland 21742, or HOVRON@aol.com

Bits and Pieces

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vation Alliance. She may be reached at 251-867-0888 or E-mail grnmamarky@magbelle.com

Please contact Jackie if you know of any abandoned cemeteries in the county.

There is a new map for purchase about Escambia County. The book, [Family Maps of Escambia County, Alabama](#), by Gregory A. Boyd is 328 pages with 92 total maps. There are 3 maps for the 29 Congressional townships that make up Escambia

County. Each Township has a Historical Map, which includes waterways and railroads. The Road and Historical Maps also include City-centers and cemeteries that can be found at NationalAtlas.gov. There is also a Surname/Patent index of the County.

The book is constructed with plastic spiral binding and acid-free paper. The cost is \$36.95. For more info, see www.arphax.ocm or write to Arphax Publishing Co. 2210 Research Park Blvd, Norman, OK 73069 or phone 405-366-6181.

Did You Know?

- **Alabama** has a birthday coming up as it became the 22nd state on **December 14, 1819**

- **Escambia County** was formed by an act of the Alabama Legislature on **December 10, 1868**

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Mid Evil Times Were Toughest

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is some world history supposedly based on essays by high school students from around the country. The essays were compiled by a Mobile history teacher in the early 1980s. Originally done by BILL SELLERS, Mobile Register Editorial Page Editor.)

"In midevil times most of the people were alliterate. The greatest writer of the time was Chaucer, who wrote many poems and verse and also wrote literature. Another tale tells of William Tell, who shot an arrow through an apple while standing on his son's head."

"The Renaissance was an age in which more individuals felt the value of their human being. Martin Luthor was nailed to the church door at Wittenberg for selling papal indulgences. He died a horrible death, being excommunicated by a bull.

"It was the painter Donatelli's interest in the female nude that made him the father of the Renaissance. It was an age of great inventions and discoveries. Gutenberg invented the Bible. Sir Walter Raleigh is a historical figure because he invented cigarettes.

"Another important invention was the circulation of blood. Sir Francis Drake circumcised the worth. With a 100 foot clipper."

"The government of England was a limited mockery. Henry VIII found walking difficult because he had an abness on his knee.

"Queen Elizabeth was the 'Virgin Queen.' As a queen she was a success. When Elizabeth

exposed herself before her troops they all shouted 'hurrah.' Then her navy went out and defeated the Spanish Armadillo."

"The greatest writer of the Renaissance was William Shakespear. Shakespear never made much money and is famous only because of his plays. He lived in Windsor with his merry wives, writing tragedies, comedies and errors. In one of Shakespear's famous plays, Hamlet rations out his situation by relieving himself

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the king by attacking his manhood. Romeo and Juliet are an example of a heroic couplet. Writing at the same time as Shakespear was Miquel Cervantes. He wrote 'Donkey Hote.' The next great author was John Milton. Milton wrote 'Paradise Lost.' Then his wife dies and he wrote 'Paradise Regained.'"

"During the Renaissance America began. Christopher Columbus was a great navigator who discovered America while cursing about the Atlantic. His ships were called the Nina, the Pinta, and the Santa Fe.

"Later the Pilgrims crossed the ocean, and they were called the Pilgrim's Progress. When they landed at Plymouth Rock, they

were greeted by Indians, who came down the hill rolling their war hoops before them.

"The Indian squabs carried propoises on their back. Many of the Indian heroes were killed, along with their cabooses, which proved very fatal to them.

"The winter of 1620 was a hard one for the settlers. Many people died and many babies were born. Captain Joan Smith was responsible for all this."

"One of the causes of the Revolutionary Wars was the englisb put tacks in their tea. Also, the colonists would send their parcels through the post without stamps.

"During the War, Red Coats and Paul Revere was throwing balls over stone walls. The dogs were barking and the peacocks crowing. Finally, the colonists won the War and no longer had to pay for taxis.

"Delegates from the original thirteen states formed the Contented Congress. Thomas Jefferson, a Virgin, and Benjamin Franklin were two singers of the Declaration of Independence. Franklin had gone to Boston carrying all his clothes in his pocket and a loaf of bread under each arm. He invented electricity by rubbing cats backwards and declared 'a horse divided against itself cannot stand.' Franklin died in 1790 and is still dead.

"George Washington married Martha Curtis and in due time became the Father of Our Country. Then the constitution of the United States was adopted to secure domestic hostility. Under the

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Rough times during Midevil days

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Constitution, the people enjoyed the right to keep bare arms."

"Abraham Lincoln became America's greatest President. Lincoln's mother died in infancy, and he was born in a log cabin which he built with his own hands. When Lincoln was President, he wore only a tall silk hat. He said, 'In union there is strength.'

"Abraham Lincoln wrote the Gettysburg address, while traveling from Washington to Gettysburg on the back of an envelope. He also signed the Emancipation Proclamation, and the Fourteenth Amendment gave the ex-Negroes citizenship.

"But the Ku Klux Klan would torch and lynch the ex-Negroes and other innocent victims. On the night of April 14, 1865, Lincoln went to the theater and got shot in his seat by one of the actors in a moving picture show. The believed assassin was John Wilkes Booth, a supposedly insane actor. This ruined Booth's career."

"Meanwhile in Europe, the enlightenment was a reasonable time. Voltaire invented electricity and also wrote a book called 'Candide'. Gravity was invented by Isaac Newton. It is chiefly noticeable in the Autumn, when the apples are falling off the trees."

"Bach was the most famous composer in the world, and so was Handel. Handel was half German, half Italian, and half English. He was very large. Bach died from 1750 to the present.

"Beethoven wrote music even though he was deaf. He was so

deaf he wrote loud music. He took long walks in the forest even when everyone was calling for him. Beethoven expired in 1827 and later died for this."

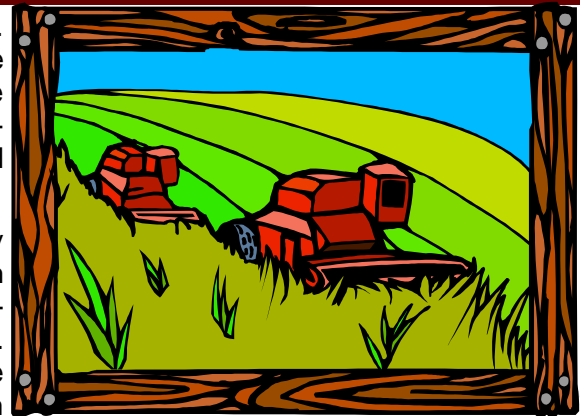
"France was in a very serious state. The French Revolution was accomplished before it happened. The Marseillaise was the theme song of the French Revolution, and it catapulted into Napoleon. During the Napoleonic Wars, the crowned heads of Europe were trembling in their shoes. Then the Spanish gophers came down from the hills and nipped at Napoleon's flanks.

"Napoleon became ill with bladder problems and was very tense and unrestrained. He wanted an heir to inherit his power, but since Josephine was a baroness, she couldn't bear him any children."

"The sun never set on the British Empire because the British Em-



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pire is in the East and the sun sets in the West. Queen Victoria was the longest queen. She sat on a throne for 63 years. Her declining years and finally the end of her life were exemplary of a great personality. Her death was the final event which ended her reign.

"The 19th century was a time of many great inventions and thoughts. The invention of the steamboat caused a network of rivers to spring up. Cyrus McCormick invented the McCormick Reaper, which did the work of a hundred men. Samuel Morse invented a code for telegraphy. Louis Pasteur discovered a cure for rabies. Charles Darwin was a naturalist who wrote the 'Origin of the Species.' Madame Curie discovered radium. And Karl Marx became one of the Marx Brothers.

"The First World War, caused by the assassination of the Arch-Duke by a sniper, ushered in a new era in the annals of human history."

And I thought I knew it all! o

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Architect Frank Lockwood

(Ed. Note: The following information concerning Frank Lockwood is taken from the Spring 2002 edition of the magazine Alabama Heritage, which contains several articles with photos on the career and heritage of this noted Alabama architect.)

Frank Lockwood, who designed not only the Luttrell/Brackin house but others in Brewton, was born in Trenton New Jersey in 1866. Gifted with a fine voice, he seemed destined for a career in music; however his mother decided he needed to pursue a career that would give him more financial security. She encouraged him to pursue a career in architecture.

Although some magazine and newspaper articles about him claim that he graduated from Princeton University and studied at the Pratt Institute, there is no clear evidence that he

attended these institutions or had any training in architecture other than training as an apprentice.

His first contact with Alabama came when he was assigned by the New York firm he had joined in 1889, to oversee a project in Anniston. He moved his family, his wife and their daughter, to Anniston. He seemed to like the South and when the project was completed, he settled in Columbus, Georgia and started an architecture firm there with his brother.

Eventually the firm received an assignment to design a building in downtown Montgomery. He liked the city and soon after finishing this project, he moved to Montgomery, opening a branch of his Columbus firm, Lockwood Brothers.

In 1905 he received the much

sought after commission to design the renovation and expansion into two new wings of the state capital building. Although his first two designs were rejected, he eventually submitted a plan which was accepted. The new wings were constructed beginning in 1906 and successfully completed in 1914. As a result, Lockwood was now considered one of Alabama's top architects.

In addition to the designs for the expansion of the state capital, other institutions he designed buildings for include the University of Alabama and Huntingdon College and the design for the original building for Sidney Lanier High School in Montgomery.

His last project to design a major

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Expedition sets out to find lost Bottle Creek Indian mounds

This is a picture of Tom McMillan, Jacob Lowrey, and Dr. Greg Wasselkov with the Delta Explorer in the background as they prepare to launch for a Search and Explore of the lost Indian Mounds reported at Bottle Creek in the Tensa Delta.

(Picture courtesy Jacob Lowrey)



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institutional building is held to be his finest design, that for a post office and federal courthouse in Montgomery. Completed in 1931, the building is now only used for court houses and offices, the post office having been relocated. Renamed in 1992 as the Frank M. Johnson, Jr., Federal Building, United States Courthouse, the building is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

THE BREWTON/LOCKWOOD CONNECTION

Lockwood also designed many residences, not only in Montgomery but in many other cities and towns in Alabama. Of course, most of his residential designs were done in Montgomery.

Although noted for the beautiful interiors of these homes, Lockwood is said to have had one failing. He loved big fireplaces but often they would not draw properly. There is the story that an independent mason made a good living by contacting owners of Lockwood designed homes after their completion and "offering his services." (Spring 2002 edition of Alabama Heritage)

In doing research on his childhood home, designed by Lockwood for his grandparents Oscar and Mollie Luttrell, Frank Luttrell, Jr., and his son Alex have supplied the following information about Frank Lockwood buildings and homes in Brewton.

THE FOLLOWING DWELLINGS IN BREWTON CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO FRANK LOCKWOOD:

The Luttrell/Brackin Home (414 Belleville Avenue)

Built for Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Luttrell in early 1900's

* Later owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. John Oden Luttrell (1940-1949)

* Used as Church of Christ at some point in time

* Mrs. McIntire was a long time owner

* Owners Bert and Dean Wiggers did much to restore home (1986 – 2004)

* Current owners: Jerome and Donna Brackin

The Sowell/Gordon House (170 Sowell Road)

* Believed to have been built by/for C. L. Sowell

* Later owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Gordon (probably junior. and senior)

* Current owner: Beverly Howell Clifton

The John R. Miller Home (600 Belleville Avenue)

* Built for Mr. and Mrs. John R. Miller, Sr. around 1914 or 1915

* Current owners: Mr. and Mrs. John R. Miller, Jr.

THE FOLLOWING DWELLINGS ARE SAID TO HAVE A LOCKWOOD CON- NECTION BUT THIS CANNOT BE CONFIRMED:

The Lovelace/Miller Home (511 Belleville Avenue)

* Built for Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Lovelace

* Home burned to the ground and was rebuilt on the same foundation

* Current owners: Mr. and Mrs. J. Richard Miller, III

The Foshee/Boyd/Miller/Kelly Home (510 Belleville Avenue)

* Built for Mr. and Mrs. Sam S. Foshee around 1917

* Later owned by Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Boyd

* Later owned by Ollie Gilmore

* Later owned by Mr. and Mrs. David Miller

* Current owners: Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Kelly, Jr.

The Brewton Chamber of Commerce Pamphlet claims another home was designed by Frank Lockwood

*** The McMillan Home (430 Belle- ville Avenue)**

* Built by D. P. Liles for Mr. and Mrs. Ed Leigh McMillan in 1932

* Current owner: Elvira Tate (granddaughter of original owners)

Newspaper articles discussing the Escambia County Courthouse report that Brewton's second courthouse was designed by Lockwood and Smith.

(Frank Lockwood formed a partnership with Benjamin Bosworth Smith in 1899. In 1904 the partnership was dissolved and the two former partners were bitter rivals over the commission to design the expansion of the state capital. In the competition for the design commission, Lockwood came in first and Smith second in a divided vote of the com-

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mittee composed of the Alabama Supreme Court Justices and the ranking state officials. The Justices

overruled the votes of the other members of the committee and many accused the committee of making a decision based on “political intrigue.” – information taken from the Spring 2002 issue of Alabama Heritage.

Escambia County Courthouse

* Built by F. M. Dobson in 1901 – 1902

· Demolished in 1960 – 1961 after the new courthouse was completed and occupied. o

Closure to long-awaited wish

Civil War veteran's family places marker

Stories and photos
by **Adam Prestridge**
Publisher
Atmore Newspapers, Inc.

The Atmore Advance - On November 11, 2006, the family of Theodore R. Barlow gathered at Williams Station Cemetery in Atmore for the dedication of a marker for his grave as part of their family reunion.

In addition to the marker for Pvt. T. R. Barlow, Co. D, 7 Ala Cavalry, the Williams Station Cemetery garnered a new cemetery plaque beside the entrance. The Atmore Area Chamber of Commerce purchased the plaque.

Tony Ging was instrumental in getting the maker for Barlow which was his great grandfather. John Gar-



all the guests and had a few words to say about Barlow.

Tony Ging, great-great grandson of Barlow, was on hand to unveil the gravestone and had a few good things to say about the day.

“I am so glad we were able to honor him like this,” Ging said. “I was the one who started looking up his history and I did not know it would turn out to be

such a big event. I am excited to see all these people out here.”

All those people tallied to about 60 in attendance. Barlow was part of Company D 7th Alabama Cavalry.

At the service, Daughters of the Confederacy Sara Rikard and Mary Beth Majesty spoke on behalf of Bar-

rad spoke as a representative of the city on the life of Barlow, as well as some of the history of Williams Station Cemetery.

The Sons and United Daughters of Confederate Veterans converged on Williams Station Cemetery Saturday morning for a special celebration. It was the memorial service for Pvt. Theodore R. Barlow.

The two groups gathered with the family members and friends of Barlow for the service. Barlow's great-great grandson Brian Bruley welcomed everyone to the event and Atmore City Councilman John Garrard recognized



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low and a confederate flag was presented to Dorothy Beck on behalf of the Barlow family.

Tony Ging, a descendant of a Confederate cavalryman, was prepared to give his great grandfather a proper funeral.

As he stood in the wooden entranceway to Atmore's historic Williams Station Cemetery late one afternoon, the quietness was broken by the whistle of a passing train amid the rustling of dry grass. Ging's family doesn't know exactly where grandpa is buried, but they know too well of the heavy burden it has been on their hearts by not having a place to pay their re-



spects for the past 105 years.

Ging said at the Atmore city council meeting earlier that afternoon, "I'm now in the process of ordering a headstone for great grandpa Barlow."

Ging approached the council requesting permission to place a headstone for his great grandfather, T.R. Barlow, a Confederate soldier with the

7th Alabama Regiment, in Williams Station Cemetery.

"We know Williams Station Cemetery is over there, but not often do we have people come by wanting to tend to a relative that is buried there," Atmore Mayor Howard Shell said. "There certainly is no problem. It is recorded that Mr. T.R. Barlow is indeed buried in Williams Station Cemetery."

Ging's request was unanimously approved, lifting a heavy weight off the hearts of Barlow's descendants, who have visited the cemetery for years. Prior to his death, John Barlow, the son of T.R. Barlow, frequently visited the cemetery attempting to remember where his beloved father was buried.

"He (John Barlow) used to go to the cemetery thinking he could remember where the grave was," Ging said. "His daughter (Dorothy) said he left there very sad every time because he could not remember where he was buried. That was a theme I kept hearing from all of the family. They felt like they didn't have a place to go visit."

This is not the first time Ging, a 62-year-old, semi-retired chemist, has assisted his family with marking the grave of a loved one. Just last month, his attempts to mark the grave of his other great grandfather, Civil War veteran Thomas J. Lisco Jr., were fulfilled when he received his tombstone in Morgan Cemetery in Molino, Fla.

Following Lisco's funeral, one of Barlow's granddaughters, Aggidean Dagen of Pineville, Fla., Ging's mother's cousin, asked him to assist her with doing the same for grandfather. He obliged to her request.



"I did not realize how it made everyone feel," Ging said. "My mother (Kathleen Lisco Ging) said that she felt that her granddaddy had just been thrown away because she didn't know where they were buried. They knew the cemetery, but they just didn't know where the graves were. There were no markers there."

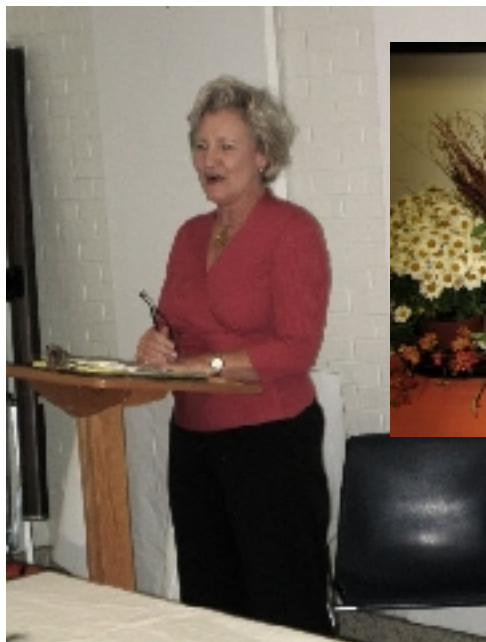
Ging said he's got a lot of satisfaction out of helping his family.

"I think I've got as much out of it as they have," he said. "I'm 62 years old and I haven't done anything to mark the graves. I feel like I'm just as guilty as they are. There's enough guilt for all of us. It has made me feel good because they can now relieve the guilty they have because the graves will be marked. My satisfaction is relieving the embracement they had."



After tying up some loose ends with final paperwork required for placement of the headstone, Ging will join his family for a funeral in Williams Station Cemetery later this year.

October Meeting Snapshots



Emilie Adams speaking at October meeting



A beautiful centerpiece



Willellen and Susan overseeing their sumptuous spread



Darryl Searcy relaxing—Ann Biggs-Williams isn't around to see this



Mmm mmm good—refreshments shore are good!!

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