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The June Meeting
Tuesday, June, 25, 2019
McMillan Museum
Coastal Alabama Community College
Brewton Campus
3:00 p. m.



The Program:
A Presentation by Brewton Mayor Yank Lovelace on the
Lovelace Family and
His Postcard Collection on Brewton.

Yank was elected Mayor of Brewton in October 2012. He is the Executive Vice –President of BXS, a successful insurance group with offices across the region. His agency has been ranked by Business Alabama Magazine as one of the top

10 in the state.

Although born in Pensacola in 1951, he grew up in Brewton, attending local schools. He graduated from high school at Marion Military Institution in 1969 . After Marion Institute, he attended both Suwanee, the University of the South, and the University of Alabama. At that time his father owned People's Insurance in Brewton and Yank came back to work in the insurance business. He later changed the name of the company to Escambia Insurance Agency and branched out to other areas, opening offices in other places under different names.

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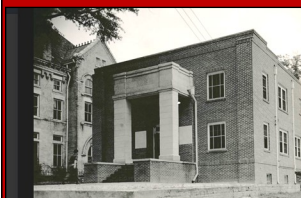
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Note: This is the picture of the courthouse annex before the old courthouse was torn down. The annex was redone to match the new courthouse.

The July Meeting
Tuesday, July 23, 2019
Program: David Jordan, Circuit Judge of
Escambia County, will present a program
on his role as circuit judge.



Brewton Baseball Club - 1901 - Back Row, L to R: W. Y. Lovelace, Mgr.; H. P. Rankin; Smith; Frederick; Strong; Harold. Front Row, L to R: Capt. Boykin; H. C. Rankin; Miller; Verneville; C. R. Rankin.



**Brewton
Courthouse
Annex**

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The Program

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As mayor, he has been active in working for the community. He founded Coastal Gateway Regional Economic Development Authority and has served on various boards in the city including the United Way, Greater Brewton Chamber of Commerce and John L.

Fisher Center. He and his wife, Sally, are members at St. Stephens Episcopal Church.

Hank is a student of the history of Brewton and has an extensive collection of historic postcards which he will share along with the history of the Lovelace family.

Brewton History Through Photos and Post Cards: Samples with Comments from the Yank Lovelace Facebook Page



Blackshear Home in Alco

Blackshear home in Alco when it was new and occupied. It is a burnt out shell now.

Jean Allen commented: I remember singing Christmas carols in that home as a child. That was the largest and most beautiful Christmas tree I had ever seen.

Pam Jones added the comment: I went there to be tutored in algebra and geometry (never my strong suit). Miss Martha [Blackshear] was brilliant!



Blackshear Home in later years when unoccupied.

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Residence of Senator E. M. Lovelace.

The mayor commented: This home was purchased from the Lee family and moved to what is now the parking lot next to the Presbyterian Church on Belleville Ave. in 1911 by my grandfather. I lived here until I was six years old. It burned in 1958.



Post Card with label, Residence of C. H. Conoley, Brewton, Ala. Now the Leigh Place

From the mayor: My father was born in 1910 on the second floor of this home, which is now the Leigh Place. He was born in the office now occupied by Paul Owens.

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This Post Card is Labeled Parker Avenue, Looking South, Brewton, Ala. Parker Ave is now Belleville Ave. The Leigh Place is on the right. The Brewton Collegiate Institute is on the Left.



Post card showing Belleville with children playing in the street. Kimberly Feagin Padgett commented: My Granddaddy, Herschel Weaver, said that when he was a little boy in school there and one of the children needed a little first aid treatment, they would go across the street to "Mrs. Leigh's house." She would tend to them!

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Arends House, Brewton, Alabama
Comment on the Facebook Page: Later this hotel was named the Brewcambia. It was located on St Joseph St.
Card mailed in 1909.



Post Card with Bird's Eye View of Brewton
Comment by Yank: Mailed in 1910. Notice the number of RR tracks.

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**Rail work on St. Joseph Ave. Brewton
Postcard Date 1908**



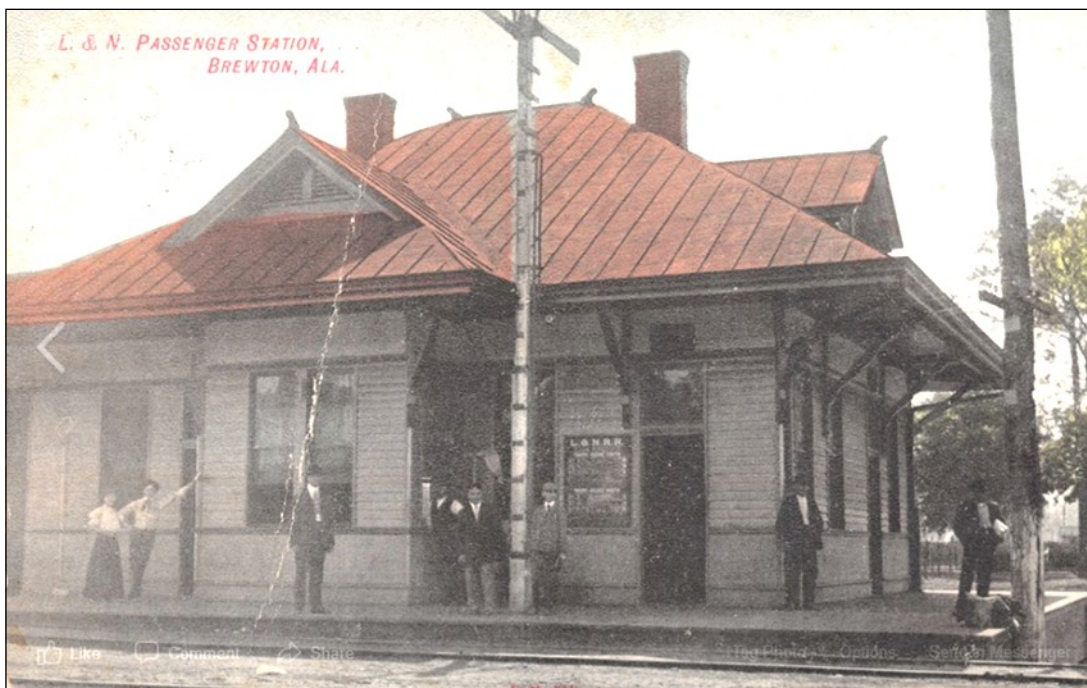
L & N Depot, Brewton, Ala.

Mailed Jan 27, 1910. Message on back: This is a classy little place. Lots of good looking girls. The stenographer at the mill is fine. She wrote 2 letters for me yesterday & I am sure going back & find about a doz for her. I have been to the P Office this a. m. Sure better be a letter there this eve. Norman.

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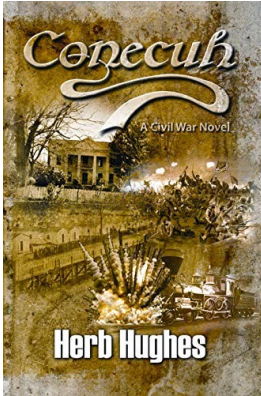


L & N Depot, Brewton. Linda Turk Frazier commented: How well I remember that old train station & I can still see the " Humming Bird" train flying through town.



Brewton Post Office, first floor right side

News and Announcements



New Book Available on History of Conecuh County

Conecuh by Conecuh County native Herb Hughes, is the story of a real life Conecuh County Civil War Soldier.

From the author's description of the book: Conecuh readers will recognize local places and, in some cases, actual historical people

in this fictional story based on the life of a real Conecuh Guards soldier. The story overlays the actual events in the life of Confederate Caleb Garner from Sapulpa as he travels north to fight the Yankees and then south to return home.

Caleb Garner marched off to war in 1862 with Company E of the 4th Alabama Conecuh Guards infantry regiment and after the war was listed by his company as having been killed in battle. A simple request for war records 145 years later revealed something entirely different. Thus began the quest to find out what might have really happened to him.

News from the Vietnam Veterans Virtual Wall of Faces Project Alabama Needs to Find Only One More Photo to Have Completed the Alabama Portion of the Virtual Wall of Faces to Match the Names on the Vietnam War Memorial.



On June 16, 2019, the Auburn High School Veterans Project Facebook Page posted: We need only ONE more picture to ensure each of Alabama's 1210 fallen heroes of the Vietnam War are all represented on the Wall of Faces. Please share and help us find a photograph of PFC Richard Clark from

Tallassee to ensure his face is never forgotten. Today, he is buried in Notasulga. To submit a photo, visit: <https://www.vvmf.org/submit-aphoto/>.

#AlabamaVeterans #VietnamWar #NeverForget



Richard Ellis

Auburn High School Veterans Project Honored Escambia County Native on June 14, 2019

Today we honor William Richard Ellis of Brewton, Alabama, who would have celebrated his 70th birthday today. Staff Sergeant Ellis fell in combat during the Vietnam

War on November 14th, 1970. He served with Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne. He had been in Vietnam less than two months when he fell in combat in Thua Thien Province.



Jacque Stone and Ann Biggs-Williams pose with Sean Dietrich and Jamie Martin Dietrich at the Annual Writer's Symposium, held at Alabama Coastal Community College, Monroeville in April, 2019.
Sean, author of the popular blog "Shawn of the South" presented an ECHS program of readings from his work in August 2017.

A Gallery of Significant People from Escambia County



**Hank Locklin
(1918-2009)
(Brewton)**

**Country
Music Star**

Born on Feb. 15, 1918 in McClellan, FL, a small community on the Alabama-Florida line, attended school at Munson, FL. In 1970, married Anita Crooks of Brewton, Alabama and the couple lived in Brewton throughout his later years.



**Herriford John
Williams
(Brewton)**

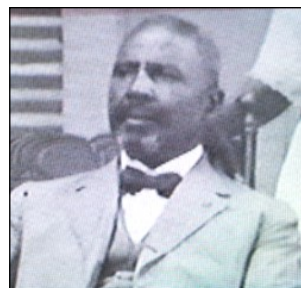
**Businessman-
Community Activist**

Born in Brewton, in 1935, was a 1953 graduate of Southern Normal School. Became the first African-American to own Macdonald Franchises in Houston. The 80th Legislature of Texas paid tribute to him in 2007.



**Herbert Barnes
(1910-1988)
(Coach-Teacher)**

Born in Fayette County, Alabama. In 1943 was hired as vocational agriculture teacher for Escambia County High School in Atmore. Head Football Coach was called to military service in 1944 and Barnes became temporary coach. For his four years as "temporary" coach (1844, 1945, 1946, 1947), he lost only one game.



**James A. Dooley,
Sr.
(1865-1930)**

**Educator-Founder of
Southern Normal**

Born in Heart County, Georgia, was traveling in south Alabama and saw lack of educational opportunity for black children. Founded Southern Normal in 1911

This Gallery is continued from the last newsletter and will be continued in future issues.



**Howard H.
Patterson
(1872-1945)
(Atmore)**

**Businessman-
Civic Leader**

Patterson was born in Nova Scotia; family came to Florida where Patterson met and married Harriet Carney, the daughter of William Carney, founder of the Carney Mill Company in Atmore. Patterson took over management of the company in 1911 at Carney's death. Greatest contribution to county was development of the agriculture industry. He adopted a company policy that land destroyed by lumbering be improved and left ready for farming.

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