

# ECHOES



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**The August Meeting Scheduled for  
Tuesday, August 25, 2020  
Has Been Canceled.  
The Brewton College Is Now Open  
for the Fall Term.  
The Museum and Alabama Room Are  
Still Closed.**

## News from the Museum and the Alabama Room

There is still no date for reopening the Museum and Alabama Room. Classes have begun at the college. On campus classes are mainly those in the medical field and the majority of classes are virtual.

Don Sales reports that with the help of Tom McMillan and college staff he has been "sprucing up" the Museum and Alabama Room. As part of this process, additional book cases have been added to the Alabama Room.

Don also reports that he has been in contact with excellent potential speakers for society programs for the future when ECHS is able to meet again.

The Museum and Alabama Room are still available to individuals who contact Don Sales for an appointment. Address: P.O. Box 276, Brewton, AL 36427; Phone: 251-809-1528; E-mail: <escambiacohistoricalociety@gmail.com>.

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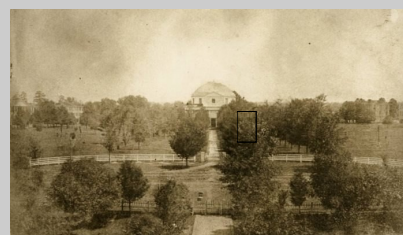
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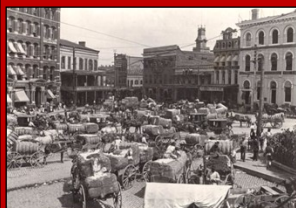
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**A view of the  
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Alabama  
Quad in 1859.  
All buildings  
were de-  
stroyed by  
the Union  
Army in  
1865.**



**Old Main,  
Auburn, 1883**



**Cotton to Market,  
Montgomery, 1900**

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**HANK LOCKLIN**  
Country Music's Timeless Tenor

COMING THIS FALL

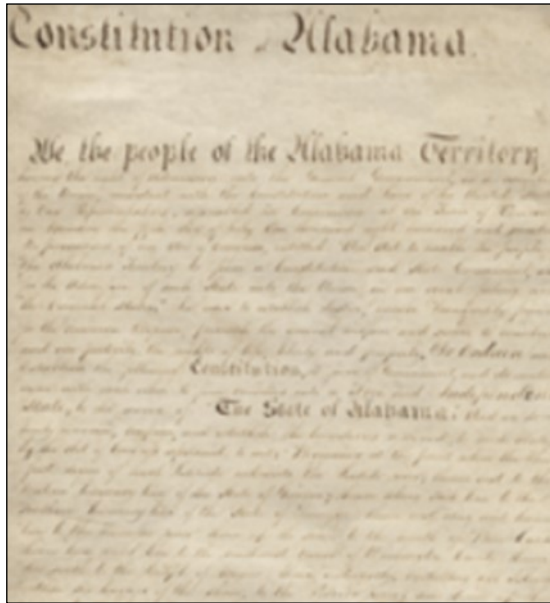
**WSRE PBS**

**Remember, the film "Hank Locklin:  
Country Music's Timeless Tenor," will  
premier on PBS this fall. The film is being  
produced by PBS member station  
WSRE in Pensacola.**

# From This Week in Alabama History at the Alabama Department of Archives and History

## Week of August 2 - August 8

**August 2, 1819**



The first Alabama constitution is adopted, paving the way to statehood in December. Known today as the Constitution of 1819, to distinguish it from five subsequent constitutions, it was considered a model of democracy at the time. It granted, for example, suffrage to all adult white males without regard to property ownership or other qualifications



**Admiral  
Farragut**

**August 5, 1864**

The Battle of Mobile Bay begins. U.S. Admiral David Farragut, with a force of fourteen wooden ships, four iron-clads, 2,700 men, and 197 guns, overpowered Confederate defenses guarding the approach to Mobile Bay. Farragut's victory removed Mobile as a center of blockade-running and freed Union troops for service in Virginia.

He is remembered for his order at the Battle of Mobile Bay usually paraphrased as "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead" in U.S. Navy tradition.



**Isaac Vincent**

**August 7, 1882**

Isaac "Honest Ike" Vincent is elected to an unprecedented third term as State Treasurer. Thanking the Democratic Convention that had nominated him two months earlier, Vincent promised that he would "endeavor in the future, as I have in the past, to guard and advance your interests as faithfully as I would my own." January 31, 1883, Gov. Edward A. O'Neal reported to the Legislature that Treasurer Vincent had absconded from office and that state funds totaling more than \$200,000 were missing.



**42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry  
Division**

**August 5, 1917**

Members of the Alabama National Guard Brigade, which had been federalized in 1916, are discharged from guard service so that they can be drafted into the regular army. Once drafted, the guardsmen were assigned to their former units, and one of these, the 4th Alabama, would become the 167th U.S. Infantry Regiment and serve with distinction in France during World War I as a part of the famed 42nd "Rainbow" Division.



**Hattie Hooker  
Wilkins**

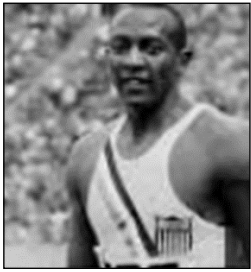
**August 8, 1922**

Hattie Hooker Wilkins of Selma becomes the first woman to win a seat in the Alabama legislature. One of three Alabama women to run for legislative office that year, Wilkins was the only successful candidate, beating out incumbent J. W. Green for a seat in the House of Representatives. Wilkins served only one term, choosing not to run for re-election in 1926.

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**Jesse Owens**

**August 3, 1936**

Lawrence County native Jesse Owens wins his first gold medal at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin, Germany. Owens went on to win four gold medals in Berlin, but German leader Adolf Hitler snubbed the star athlete because he was black. Today visitors can learn more about Owens at the

Jesse Owens Memorial Park and Museum in Oakville, Alabama



**Holland Smith**

**August 7, 1946**

Lt. Gen. Holland "Howling" Mad" Smith retires from the Marines after a forty-year career. A veteran of World Wars I and II, the Russell County native became known as "the father of amphibious warfare," and was honored for his years of service by being retired as a full general.

### The Week of August 9 - August 15



**Depiction of Meeting of  
Weatherford and  
Jackson.**

**August 9, 1814**

The Treaty of Fort Jackson is finalized after warring Creeks, under the leadership of William Weatherford, aka Red Eagle, surrender to Gen. Andrew Jackson and cede their lands to the federal government. This event

opened up half of the present state of Alabama to white settlement.



**Julia Tutwiler**

**August 15, 1841**

Julia Tutwiler is born in Tuscaloosa. Tutwiler, president of what later became the University of West Alabama, worked to secure the admittance of women to the University of Alabama, to reform Alabama's prisons, and to expand educational opportunities for women.



**Hugo Black**

**August 12, 1937**

President Franklin Roosevelt appoints Alabama senator Hugo Black to the U.S. Supreme Court. Black's nomination was soon confirmed by his Senate colleagues, but before

he took his seat on the court that October he was compelled to address the nation by radio in order to respond to controversy about his membership in the Ku Klux Klan in the early 1920s. Black served on the court until 1971, retiring just a few days before his death.

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## Week of August 16 - August 22

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**Richmond  
Hobson**

### August 12, 1870

Spanish American war hero Richmond Pearson Hobson is born in Greensboro, Alabama. Hobson later represented Alabama in the U. S. Congress and was active in the prohibition movement. He was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor in 1933 for heroism during the Spanish American War and became a Rear Admiral in 1934. Hobson died in 1937.



**Emma  
Sansom**

### August 22, 1900

Confederate heroine Emma Sansom dies in Texas. In 1863 sixteen-year-old Sansom helped Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest cross Black Creek near Gadsden as he pursued Union forces led by Col. A. D. Streight. Later in 1863, Sansom was awarded a gold medal by the Alabama legislature for her actions.

February 25, 1813, it gave Congress the power to collect income tax.

The cartoon below by Thomas Nast is from Harper's Weekly for February 9, 1878. The figure of a woman has a sign around her neck labeled "Income Tax" and represents the opposition to income tax proposals during the nineteenth century, considered to be a "weighty burden upon the economic prosperity of peacetime" (<https://www.harpweek.com/>).



**Dixie Graves**

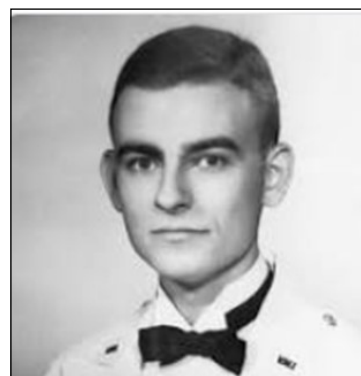
### August 20, 1937

Dixie Bibb Graves takes her seat in the U. S. Senate to become Alabama's first female senator. Only the fourth woman to serve as a U. S. Senator, Graves had been appointed by her husband, Gov. Bibb Graves, to succeed Hugo Black, who had been appointed to the U. S. Supreme Court.



### February 17, 1909

With a unanimous vote by the legislature, Alabama became the first state to ratify the 16th amendment to the Constitution of the United States. When the amendment went into effect on



**Jonathan Daniels**

### August 20, 1965

Civil Rights worker Jonathan Daniels, a white Episcopal seminary student from New Hampshire, is shot and killed in Loundes County. Special Deputy Sheriff Tom Colman, an ardent segregationist, admitted to the shooting, but was acquitted by an all-white jury.

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# From This Week in Alabama History at the Alabama Department of Archives and History

## The Week of August 23-August 29

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### August 23, 1864



**Battle of Mobile Bay, by Louis Prang. At left foreground is the CSS Tennessee; at the right the USN Tecumseh is sinking.**

1864, used it to keep the U.S. Navy out of Mobile Bay, while letting blockade runners in.

The Battle of Mobile Bay ends with the Confederate surrender of Fort Morgan. Alabama had seized the fort from federal control in January 1861 and then turned it over to Confederate forces, which, until August



**Martin Luther King and Robert Graetz**

tored Trinity Lutheran Church, a black congregation. Graetz and his family were away from home when the dynamite blast occurred.

### August 25, 1956

During the ninth month of the Montgomery Bus Boycott, the home of Montgomery minister and boycott activist Robert Graetz is bombed. A white West Virginian, Graetz pastored Trinity Lutheran Church, a black congregation. Graetz and his family were away from home when the dynamite blast occurred.

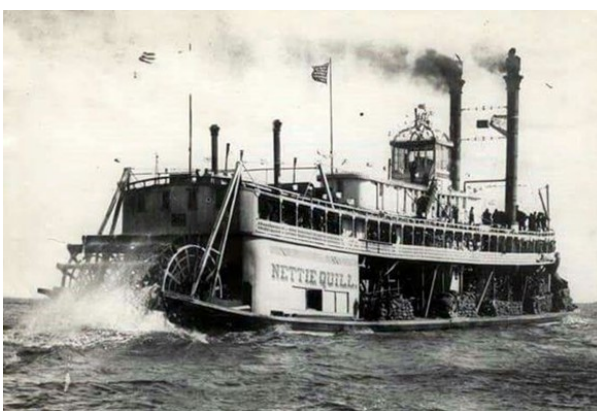


**George Wallace**

### August 25, 1919

George C. Wallace is born in Clio. Four-time governor of Alabama, three-time candidate for U.S. president, George Wallace early in his career epitomized white resistance to Civil Rights demands in the 1960s. Almost killed by a would-be assassin in 1972, Wallace later recanted his segregationist views and was re-elected governor largely due to votes of African Americans.

## Queen of the Alabama, the Nellie Quill



**The Nellie Quill**

In the article "Nettie Quill Was Queen of the River," Kevin McKinley tells the history of this famous steam/paddle boat: Built in 1886, her principle trips were between Mobile and Selma and the principle cargo was cotton and passengers. When the river was high, she made trips to Montgomery.

The Nellie Quill had one of the longest careers in Alabama River history, over twenty-five years. In 1915 she was sold to a Monroe Louisiana firm and renamed Monroe. She was taken to New Orleans where during a storm she sank in the Mississippi River.

Article from the *Tri-City Ledger*.

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