

Flomaton Centennial Scrapbook

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warning that likely saved lives.

Exacerbated by the already swollen creeks and streams the water had nowhere to go but over the flood plain, in which Flomaton is built. Downtown is barely a few feet above the normal flood stage of Escambia Creek.

The Pea River in Coffee

**Big Escambia Creek
Historic Flood Levels**

- (1) 25.90 ft on 03/31/1929
- (2) 20.40 ft on 09/30/1998
- (3) 19.70 ft on 03/09/1998
- (4) 19.40 ft on 04/14/1955
- (5) 19.26 ft on 09/27/1939

County also ing. By all accounts, Flomaton was extremely fortunate that no fatalities were noted. §

flooded Elba, with perhaps more destruction than occurred in Flomaton.

Newspapers across the U.S. reported varying estimates of death and destruction with as few as none to over 1,000 people having died as a result of the flood-



(Left) 1890s flood

This Hendricks home was located across from present-day Flomaton High School, after one of the recurring floods from Big Escambia Creek.

According to NOAA, this is what might be expected from a flood from Big Escambia Creek:

- 25.5 severe flooding in [downtown] Flomaton will gradually subside as the creek level drops below 25 feet.
- 25.0 most of [downtown] Flomaton will become flooded as the level rises above 25 feet.
- 17.5 residential flooding will occur in Flomaton and some evacuations will likely be needed.
- 16.5 flooding of highway 31 near the Flomaton high school will subside as the level drops below 16 feet.
- 16.0 flooding of highway 31 near the Flomaton high school will begin as the level rises above 16 feet.
- 14.5 flooding of lowlands in the area will gradually subside as the creek drops below 14 feet and continues to fall.
- 14.0 some homes north of highway 31 may become affected by flood water as the level rises above 14 feet.
- 11.0 minor overflow of low lying areas will occur and water may enter the yards of a few homes in the area.

<http://ahps.srh.noaa.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?wfo=mob&gage=flma1>