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The Next Meeting

Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2002; **Time:** Meet at Burnt Corn Creek Park at 2:30 with the Program beginning at 3:00; **Location:** Burnt Corn Creek Park. Meet at the small parking lot across from the Ideal Café;
Refreshments: Light refreshments by the Creek Side. **Hostesses:** Melissa Emmons.

Note: The walking tour is eight tenths of a mile. Members should plan on bringing an umbrella in case of rain and good walking shoes. Ladies should consider wearing slacks instead of skirts to avoid problems with bugs and mosquitoes. Hats, baseball caps, sun screen, and sunglasses are all good items to bring.

The September Meeting

Visitors and Members met at NDI in the Brewton Industrial Park and were given a tour of the facilities. Everyone was impressed with the courtesy and efficiency of the NDI Staff, the quality of the facilities, and the beauty of the products.

Joe Gordy, NDI President, met with the group at the end of the tour and answered questions. Historical Society Members and Guests were served soft drinks, courtesy of NDI, and given \$10.00 gift certificates, good for purchases at The Cracked Pot, which sells NDI products. Society President Darryl Searcy presented Joe Gordy with a copy of the History of Escambia County, and Lynn Wixon presented Mr. Gordy with a certificate of appreciation. He also received a year's membership in the Historical Society.

Future Meetings:

November: The Society **will not meet** in November.

December: A Christmas Lunch on Saturday, December 14 in the lobbies of the **Woodfin Patterson Auditorium** on the JDCC Campus.

Burnt Corn Creek Park

The City began to develop the Park in 1987, when it began to purchase land beside the Creek where there had once been industry and businesses but now there were only abandoned buildings and equipment.

Although the City knew the area was in a flood zone, plans were made to construct a park with plants and structures which were withstand the climate and flood conditions. The plans stressed that the Park would coexist with nature by cultivating natural vegetation that grew in swamp and wetland conditions so that the vegetation could survive the 24-36 hours during which they would be under or in flood waters.

Fall Semester Hours for the Alabama Room

The **JDCC Library and Alabama Room** will be **closed**

- **September 2** for **Labor Day**
- **November 11** for **Veteran's Day**
- **November 25-29** for **Professional Development Days** and **Thanksgiving Holidays**
- **December 16-January 7** for **Christmas and New Year Holidays**.
- **The library will reopen on January 8, 2003.**
- **Contact the library to check on hours open by phone at 251-809-1584 or email <library@jdcc.edu>.**

Regular hours for the library and Alabama Room for the **Fall Semester** are **Mon-Thurs: 7:30 AM–8:30 PM; Friday: 7:30 AM– 2:00 PM.**

Query

Members **Geraldine Lee** and **Sarah Ashton Murphy** are interested in writing a **history** of **Mildred P. Kennedy**. Through the **children** of her **two marriages**, she has **descendents** with the following surnames: **Ashton Barron, Brewton, Coleman, Craker, Dixon, Downing, Godwin, Harold, Holley, Jernigan, Maddox, Malone, Mantel, Scott, Seller, and Snowden.**

Geraldine and **Sarah** believe that telling **Mildred's story** is important because of the connections with all of these families who are a vital part of **Brewton history**.

Geraldine and **Sarah** know that **Mildred's first marriage** was to **Daniel Coleman** and that sometimes this **husband** has been **mistakenly** reported as **Jesse Coleman**, but that has been disproved. Her **second marriage** was to **James Snowden, sr.**

The **children** of **Mildred Kennedy** and **Daniel Coleman**, who were married on **March 13, 1835**, are: **Amanda**, who married **Elisha C Godwin**; **Martha A.**, who married **Edmund Troup Brewton**; **Henry C.**, who died **CSA**; **James William "Bill"**, who married **Jessie Ghent**; **Caroline**, who married **Bryant Downing**; and **Mary S.**, who married **John Haler Mantel II.**

The year after **Daniel Coleman's death**, **Mildred P. Kennedy Coleman** married **James Snowden, Sr.** (1845). Their children are: **Elizabeth, "Lizzie,"** who married **Silas Gaines Maddox**; **Julia Ann**, who married **John Samuel Scott**; **Walker A.**, who married **Fannie Frank Walker**; **Charles H.**, who married **Hattie Cannon**; and **Thomas B.**, who married **Hattie B. Avant.**

Geraldine and **Sarah** wish to know if any of **Mildred Kennedy's** descendents have any **photographs** or any **other data** or **material** relating to her, which they would be willing to share (copies only).

Geraldine can be contacted at the email address [<EvHLee@aol.com>](mailto:EvHLee@aol.com)

<u>Books for Sale</u>	Mailed	Regular Price
<u>A History of Escambia County</u>	\$55.00	\$50.00
<u>Headstones and Heritage</u>	\$40.00	\$35.00
<u>Escambia Historical Society Cookbook</u>	\$10.00	\$ 5.00

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Peggy Bracken, 602 Edgewood Drive, Brewton, AL 36426.**

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