

THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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NOTICE OF MEETING - February 18, 1974 at 7:00 p.m.
Jefferson Davis Junior College Student Center

Program: "Our Heritage - Brewton,
A Special Place to Live"

Speaker: Carolyn Pugh McLendon

Public cordially invited and welcomed.

Meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month.

"NAME THE NEWSLETTER" CONTEST - To give our newsletter proper prospective, we have decided to name it by having a contest. The contest is open to members and friends of the Society. Entries must be submitted in writing before March 1st to P.O.Box 276, Brewton. A Committee will be set up to decide the winner and a prize will be given to the person submitting the winning entry.

MEMBERSHIP NOW 282! New members for this month are: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Guy, Montgomery; Mr. and Mrs. W.N. (Bill) McGehee, Evergreen; Dr. David L. Payne, Columbus, Miss.; Mrs. Margaret Riley, Brewton, and Rev. Tad de Bordenave, Brewton. A complete list of members is attached to this newsletter. Please check your mailing address for errors. The quarterlies are mailed by third class mail and will not be delivered if your address is incorrect.

BOOKS AVAILABLE - These books have been recommended by members of this Society as being excellent reference material.

"The Hartsfields of America," order from Mrs. Nell Clover, Rt. 7, Box 445C, Tyler, Texas 75701.

"Like a Straight Pine Tree" by D.A. Avant, order from L'Avant Studios, P.O.Box 1711, Tallahassee, Fla. 32302.

"Gillis History" by Clayton G. Metcalf, 408 N. Rawls St., Enterprise, Al. 36330, price \$15.00, descendants of Duncan Gillis and Nancy McCaskill, other names include: Box, Campbell, Clark, Cole, Cook, Corry, Cox, Davis, Dickerson, Dixon, Douglass, Evans, Gentry, Gillies, Harris, Humphries, Hutchins, Johnson, Jones, Laird, Lewis, Lowery, McCaskill, McDonald, McLean, McLeod, McSween, Melton, Mitchell, Morrison, Murchison, Powell, Seat, Smith, Talley, Walker, Wall, Wicker, Wickersham, Wilborn, Wood, Yarbrough and Young as well as many others.

"A Century of Progress - Statesboro 1866-1966" published by Bullock Herald Publishing Company, Statesboro, Georgia, in 1969.

"Florida Pioneers" available through L'Avant Studios, P.O. 1711, Tallahassee, Fla. 32302 for \$33.00 includes among others the following families: Avent-Avant, Yarbrough, Britt, Glenn,

Carpenter, Gilmore, Catlett, Gaines, Davis, Culver, Gamble, Gilmore, Hunter, Massey-Masseis, Peake-Peek, Comer, Lockett, Pearson, Major Lawrence Smith family, Taliaferro, Tatum, Boyce, Townsend, Pearson-Zimmerman, Underwood, and Wood.

"1850 Census of Monroe County, Ala." is now available in book form. Monroe County is one of the oldest counties of Alabama. There are about 6,000 names recorded. This book is complete with a Surname Index. The 1850 Census is the first census record which lists the members of the family with the age, place of birth, occupation and value of property. Census records are only available on microfilm in large libraries. You may now get a copy of the Monroe County 1850 Census Record in book form by writing Mr. Charles J. Torrey III, P. O. Box 713, Fairhope, Ala. Price \$13.50.

QUERY: Mrs. Leslie W. Watson is still seeking any information on a Conecuh County family - James Davis who married Elizabeth Weaver. Their son, James Daniel Davis (born 1862, died 1938) married Francis Baggett. When did they come to Alabama and from where? Brothers, Sisters or parents?

BI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION! Your Society has named Rev. Tad de Bordenave to act as Chairman for the Brewton area to co-ordinate and plan bi-centennial activities. Our President, Floyd Currie, is Chairman for the Atmore area. When these people ask for our assistance in this, let's all get in behind and push--Spirit of 176!

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(on his back, on a scaffold) when he was nearly 90!
Paderewski played magnificent piano at 79!
John Wesley preached daily at 88!
Alfred Lord Tennyson published "Crossing the Bar"
at 80!
Booth Tarkington wrote 16 novels after 60. (He was
almost totally blind.)
Benjamin Franklin went to France to serve his country
at 72, and wrote his autobiography when he was over 80!
AND don't forget Grandma Moses!