



PINTLALA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION



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Notes from President Jim Edwards:

Here's hoping the New Year finds you in good health and with a joyous spirit. The coming year for the Pintlala Historical Association will be an exciting one.

Kerry Brown, program chairman for our January meeting, tells us that PHA will hold its second annual covered dish supper January 19th at 6:30 (sharp!) in the Fellowship Hall of the Pintlala Baptist Church. Delicious dining, door prizes, topped off with a message from Mrs. Jessie Powell are sure ingredients for a night of fun! Mrs. Powell, from the neighboring community of Hayneville, will be sharing humorous recollections of growing up in rural Alabama. This is an evening you will not want to miss! Bring a guest or two (and your supper!) as we usher in the new year in the Pintlala Historical Association.

Do not forget Association dues for 1991 are due this month and they are \$ 8.00 per family for the new year. It will be \$13.00 for new members.

Board Members - There will be a Board meeting February 10th at 2:00 P.M. at the Library. Please mark your calendars. Notices will be sent out.

We need volunteers for research. Support from the membership is the backbone of any organization, so let's all pitch in in 1990.

NOTE! I have to refer to "Southern by the Grace of God" by Michael Andrew Grissom-- Both Kerry and Jim said, "Our second annual covered dish supper" --

Quote: "Southerners have such an affinity for tradition that we seem to get as much kick out of starting tradition as we do in keeping them. How do we know it will be an annual event until next year or the next? Well, never mind. It's going to be a tradition."

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NEW MEMBERS:

James Bozeman, 336 East S. Blvd, Montgomery, Alabama, 36105
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TREASURER'S REPORT:

Previous Ending Balance (12-31-89)		\$1,354.23
<u>1990 Activity</u>		
<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	
\$897.00 Dues & copying paper	\$142.57 Kerry Brown (Postage & Printing)	
	25.00 Ethel Todd (Copying paper)	
	136.37 Kerry Brown (Postage & Printing)	
	39.44 Ethel Todd (Pictures/Pintlala School)	
	114.40 Kerry Brown (Postage & Printing)	
	10.00 Ala. Dept. of Archives & History	
	24.30 Ethel Todd (Copying paper)	
	182.75 Kerry Brown (Postage & Printing)	
<u>\$897.00</u>	<u>\$674.83</u>	

Current Ending Balance (12-31-90) \$1,576.40

1991

Fully paid

Margaret Chambless
Mrs. T. M. Fowler
Frank Hawthorne
J. D. Ivy
W. Clanton Mosley
Frances Norman
Hilda Smilie
James Bozeman
Harmon Williams

Owe \$3.00 because of
partial early payment
J. W. Carter
Col. William Gilbert
Mrs. Donald Hall
Jack Hornady
Mildred Lamar
Will Hill Tankersley

*** Every family not listed above owes \$8.00 for 1991 dues because of increase in annual membership, primarily to cover the soon-to-be increase in postage rates.

We welcome Alan Davis as our new secretary. We deeply appreciate the excellent job Catherine Sellers did as secretary during the past year.

Thank you, Laurie Sanders, for donating the book Pike County Alabama Tomb Records, published by the Alabama Archives and History Department and sponsored by the Pike County Historical Society.

We are attempting to compile information on those from this area who were involved in any way in the War Between the States. If you have any information - names, dates, burial places, anecdotes - please get the information to Lurline Hall or Ethel T. Todd.

Whiskey Log- In the days of whiskey distilling, bootleggers would hollow out fireplace logs, hide their whiskey, and replace the ends of the logs. I wonder how long 'revenoors' were fooled or if any logs were inadvertently burned.

Post Offices (con't)

Hickory Grove Post Office

Postmaster	Date
William Coleman	March 2, 1831
Franklin Armstrong	August 21, 1833
J.W.Wood for Samuel Williams	August 31, 1833
Wm.Coleman - Armstrong (?)	
BRW (?) \$400	November, 1837
William Moncrief	August 18, 1843
Thomas C.Armstrong	January 20, 1852
George K.Williams	January 13, 1855
John (?) Coleman	July 19, 1855
George N.Powell	July 22, 1857
Discontinued	July 25, 1866

Hickory Grove - Dead town once located in southwestern Montgomery County, 22 miles southwest of the city of Montgomery. A post office was established here prior to 1835, while the town first appeared on the state map in 1838. It disappeared from the map c.1892, when "Davenport" first appeared in the immediate vicinity (see Davenport). It was named for a grove of hickory trees on the village site.

Moseley History

A recent letter from Thomas B.Moseley of Clifton, Texas says: "Sometime in the relatively near future I will begin compiling information for my second book concerning the Moseleys and their descendants. For those interested in their family genealogies to be included, I would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible.....If there are as many as thirty or forty people who are willing to advance \$47.00 each, then I can feel safe in getting the publisher lined up and moving forward with the second book" Thomas B. Moseley, Rt.2, Box 47A, Clifton, Texas 76634.

The Pintlala Historical Association extends sympathy to the family of Mrs. Lois King Osborne, who died December 12, 1990.

BETHESDA BAPTIST CHURCH (Con't)

by Catherine Sellers

I am sure the members of Bethesda Church were not oblivious to the War, however it is not mentioned in the minutes. It is easy to assume that the Association requesting churches to support a missionary to the soldiers camps.

No minutes are on record from September 1869 to 1877. Elder J. W. Orme, who was supplying the pulpit in 1875, wrote a brief history to cover some of the transactions of this period. He, with the assistance of Elder B. A. Jackson, conducted a protractive meeting beginning on the third Sunday in August 1877 and the church really revived. There had been no preaching in 1873. During this revival a number of people came forth for baptism. Included in the number were Sharps, Mays, Bells, Scippers, Carrs, Carneys, Sprouses, Watsons, Staggers and Allens. It was at this time that Thomas Boyd and Calvin Stephens united with the church. Both became pillars of Bethesda church. Thomas Boyd served as Clerk from 1877 until March of 1883 when J. M. Bell was elected. He served in the capacity of Clerk pro tem in 1884 to 1914 when he tendered his resignation. At the time D. D. Boyd was elected.

Calvin Stephens was 21 when he became a Deacon of Bethesda Church and was a constant member until the time of his death in 1880. The tribute paid to him recorded in the minutes says that in his death the church lost one of its greatest lights to the cause of Christ, a most earnest and faithful Advocate of the Sunday School, one of its strangest earthly pillars, the Community one of its very best citizens.

The Boyds were very active and dedicated in the support of the church. It was a Boyd delegation: G. W. Boyd, Walter Boyd and J. T. Boyd, elected to the meeting of the Association in Montgomery in 1890 and the Boyds were willing and able to serve in many ways on numerous occasions.

The Church met with Elder F. C. Plaster on December 28, 1891 to make arrangements for moving the church to a more suitable place, to aid in a larger congregation. The old building had been repaired in 1878, again in 1883, but was in bad need of more repair. The place decided upon was at Sprague Junction on the Alabama Midland Railroad. A building committee with G. A. Boyd, Chairman, was appointed. Others named to serve were Walter Boyd, and H. F. Sharp with J. A. Watson and T. R. Stacy assisting.

Two acres of land were donated for the building site by D. C., T. B. and J. B. Walter. The deed was recorded in the Probates Office, February 10, 1892.

The dedication service conducted by Elder Plaster was on March 19, 1892. This simple, wooden structure served as the meeting place until the church was dissolved. The last minutes recorded by the clerk, D. D. Boyd, are dated November 13, 1921.

Today, no building stands on either location site of Bethesda Church. The first building at Ada was sold to Mr. W. V. Bell for \$50.00. Many brethren had boldly proclaimed the Good News from God's Word on these spots. Souls were saved and Christian converts became beacons of light wherever they went.

The cemetery at the Sprague location is well kept by the McLaney family who owns the property. The oldest grave marker bears the name Katie Walter; b. 1888, d. 1889; daughter of J.B. and Emma Walter. Three years later, her mother, Emma, was laid to rest in the same plot. Other markers include: Boyd, McLaney, Larkin, Morse and Stephens.

Descendents of some of these families who served diligently to keep the faith alive in South Montgomery County still live in the vicinity. Mrs. D. D. Boyd, widow of the last Clerk, was a member of Bethesda Church. She was baptised in Ada pond, October 3, 1920. Some members were baptised at Ramer Baptist Church in 1920. Mr. Boyd gave the records to her son, the late David A. Boyd. His wife, Sara Law Boyd, presented this valuable material to the Pintlala Historical Association. It is good to know that these records through 1900 are on microfilm at the Baptist Historical Commission at Samford University Library, Birmingham, Alabama.

In view of the moral decay that surrounds us today can we imagine what the reaction of a meeting of the Bethesda Conference would be? On October 27, 1860, in accordance with the recommendation of the Association, the brethren resolved to meet at the church on Friday before the first Sabbath in November to observe the same as a day of humiliation and prayer to our Heavenly Father to avert the evil now threatening the country and again the 1st and 2nd day of June.

Let us resolve to Watch and Pray, 'til the Master comes.

CHURCH DEED

State of Alabama
Montgomery Co.

Know all men by these presents that we, D.C. Walter &
T.B. Walter & J.B. Walter

For and in consideration of the love and interest we bear toward the Missionary Baptist denomination and especially the members of Bethesda Church, Ada, Alabama, in Montgomery co. We do hereby give, grant and convey unto the said denomination and members the following described real estate to wit: Two acres of land lying South West of Sprague Junction near the Alabama Midland R.R. North of a Slough running across the Rocky Mount Road East & West. Said two acres of land is to run parallel with the Rocky Mount Road North of a bridge across said Slough Said land shall ly on the East Side of the Public Road between said public Road and the Alabama Midland R.R. The Rocky Mount Road on the East Side is to be the West line of Said two acres. And the said two acres is to run Seventy yards East of the Rocky mount & 140 yards North & South parallel with the Rocky Mount Road and is to run Seventy yards South of the Center of a Church to be built on said land. And Seventy yards North of the Center of Said Church. And be it known that Said land is donated for the purpose of Erecting a Missionary Baptist Church there on and as soon and whenever said Church ceases to be used as a Church as above mentioned for the white people of the Community of Spragues Junction Said two acres of land Shall then and in that event be vested in and to the undersigned. Now then and in that Event the Said denomination may have and hold the aforegranted premises to the said the Missionary Denomination their heirs and assigns forever. And we do covenant with the Said denomination their heirs and assigns that we are lawfully Signed in fee of the above granted premises that they are free from all Incumberences. That we have a lawful right to grant and convey the same to the said denomination their heirs and assigns and that we will warrant and defend the titles to the Said denomination their heirs and assigns forever against the lawful claims and demands of all persons. In Witness whereof we have hereunto Set our hands and Seal. This the 6 Day of January 1892.

D.C. Walter L S
T.B. Walter L S
J.B. Walter L S
E.C. Walter L S
Emma Walter L S

Bethesda Church - Con't

The State of Alabama

Montgomery Co. Ala.

I, G W Boyd, A Justice of the Peace In and for Said County in Said State Hereby Certify that D. C. Walter, T. B. Walter and J. B. Walter whose names is Signed to the foregoing Conveyance and who is known to me and acknowledged before me on this day that being informed of the Contents of this Conveyance they Executed the same voluntarily on the day the Same bears date.
Given under my hand, This the 6 Day of Feb. 1892.

G. W. Boyd J P

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The State of Alabama

Montgomery County

I, G W Boyd a Justice of the Peace do hereby Certify that on the 6 Day of Feb. 1892 Came before me the within named E C Walter and Emma Walter known to me to be the wives of the within named T. B. Walter and J. B. Walter who being Examined Separate and a part from there husbands Signed the Conveyance of there free will and accord and without fear constraint or threats on the parts of there Husbands. In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand the 6 Day of Feb. 1892.

G. W. Boyd J P

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This deed was received in the Probates office for Record Feb the 10 1892
And Recorded in Vol 29 Page 22

F. C. Randolph

Judge of Probate

Charges \$1.25 cts

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In the first portion of the history of Bethesda Church you will remember Volney Noble, a member of the building committee who was appointed to take the old subscription list and endeavor to collect the money due to pay for the building, a thankless job. We have been furnished with a photograph of Volney Noble but unfortunately such pictures do not make good copies and we decided not to use it. Recently, however, we learned of a new method by which photographs can be processed and then copied successfully. We hope to have the picture of Mr. Noble in the newsletter soon.

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CORRECTIONS: October Newsletter, Pg 3, Line 1. There were two books of Minutes of Bethesda Church given to PHA and also a third book which is a combination Role book and Minute book, making a total of three books.

Page 3, Paragraph 4, Line 2: According to Ricky McLaney, Emily Waller was a Norman. Her middle initial in the church minutes reads "M" and was copied as written. It is possible that the "M" stood for a given name rather than her maiden name.

We are glad to see that you are reading the Newsletter closely. Keep up the good work by letting us hear from you.

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