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ATTENTION!!!

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, July 16, at 2:30 at Old Alabama Town (Landmarks) in Grange Hall. Mrs. Mary Ann Neeley, Director of Landmarks, will be our speaker. It should be a most interesting meeting and we hope everyone will plan to attend.

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT:

At our April 16th meeting Kerry Brown was elected vice-president and Gary Burton was re-elected parliamentarian. Our congratulations to them.

I'm sure everyone has heard the news by now of the plans of the City of Montgomery and State to go forth with a bypass to bypass the present bypass. Plans are to locate this road 5 to 7 miles from the present bypass. This would bring the proposed interstate connector within a mile or so of the Pintlala Community. This means urban development inches closer to us here in southwest Montgomery County. Each member of our Association must be watchful to make sure that our historical areas are not swallowed up by the rush of land developers in their haste to push urbanization to areas the new bypass will open up.

Our many thanks to Ethel Todd and Lurline Hall in their writing and editing of the Newsletter. (And ours to Julianne Hataway, Mamie Sellers, Susan and Kerry Brown.)

Jamie Henry, Chairman of Committee of Historical Interest, should be contacted by anyone who knows of an area that should be marked and maintained.

Don't forget our picnic this summer. This will be discussed at the July meeting. I'll be looking forward to seeing each of you at Landmarks on North Hull Street.

JIM EDWARDS

Former Montgomery County Superintendent of Education, William Silas Garrett, talked at our April meeting. He reminisced about growing up in Pintlala and assisting Dr. Shackelford and Dr. Tankersley with some "marvelous operations".

He attended first grade at Grange Hall and remembered the first principal of the consolidated Pintlala School, Ben Copeland. He recalled being taught by, among others, Miss Annabel Fuqua, Mrs. Kitty McIntyre, Miss Bonnie Frost, and Mr. L. R. Scarborough. He recalled the dirigible, "Los Angeles", flying low over the school.

Mr. Garrett outlined some of the advances made by the Montgomery County schools during his tenure in office. He said that when he retired, the Maintenance Director gave him the old bell used at Pintlala School. He agreed with the efforts of the Pintlala Historical Association to try to preserve the original architecture of the school.

The April Newsletter from the Lowndes County Historical Society is most interesting. It lists the contents of Session Book No. 1, Hayneville Presbyterian Church; Lowndes County marriages - 1831-1846, and continues from last publication the contents of Will Book "C", 1884-1893, pp. 280 - 326.

Thanks to John A. Reddoch we have on file a history of Hickory Grove Cemetery from 1840 to 1976 written by Charles D. Powell.

Mary Clyde Meadows has given us three excellent snapshots of Grange Hall, ca 1960.

We have for our files an interesting monograph: "History of Private Schools in Alabama" written by Eloise Adair Barnes (Mrs. Rawdon Barnes). She mentions Strata Academy, Barnes School, Highland Home College, Grange Hall, and Hooper Academy.

Archives and History continues its ArchiTreats for the remainder of the year. These programs are from 12 to 1 on the third Thursday each month. No admission charge. For further information call 261-4361, ext. 31 or 51.

August 17

"The Folk Music of Alabama and Its Contribution to American Music"
Hank Willett, Regional Representative,
Gulf and Southern States, National
Endowment for the Arts

September 14

Architecture: "Jewels and Hidden
Jewels of Alabama"
Robert S. Gamble, Architectural Historian,
Alabama Historical Commission

October 19

"Alabama Graveyards and Unearthly Landscapes"
Joey Brackner, Folklife Manager,
Alabama State Council on the Arts

November 16

"The Tombigbee Watershed in Southeastern
Prehistory"
Ned Jenkins, Park Manager
Alabama Historical Commission

December 21

"Christmas Celebrations in the South"
Mary Ann Neeley, Director, Old Alabama Town

IN MEMORIAM: We have recently lost two of our pioneer citizens of Southwest Montgomery County.

Mrs. Ethlene Barnes Bell, 98, was the last survivor of 12 children of J.M. Barnes, an educator, farmer, and preacher. Elkanah Barnes, her grandfather arrived in Montgomery County in 1819 and became one of south Montgomery county's leading landowners and business men. Mrs. Bell and her husband, H.V. Bell, lived for many years in the Ada-Grady community. Mrs. Bell was named a County Commissioner in 1951 when her husband died in office. She was the first woman to serve on the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners.

Mrs. Viola Edge Hall, 96, mother of Richard and Charles Hall, died May 24. She was a remarkable humanitarian and truly a gentlewoman of the old school.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: W.J.III and Mary Evelyn Edwards, Lt. Col. Wm A. and Mary C. Gilbert, Mrs. Florence Post, Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd D. Smilie, Mr. & Mrs. James F. Shackelford, Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Powell, Mrs. Carolyn Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. Meade Guy, Mrs. T. M. Fowler, Dr. and Mrs. Leroy Priest, Mrs. Hilda Reynolds Smilie, Mr. Wm S. Garrett and Mr. and Mrs. W. Clanton Mosley.

100 YEARS AGO: An interesting tidbit from the Advertiser Files 100 years ago (1889). Quote: "The intelligent people of the Farmer's Alliance, a good and well-regulated body, point to some mistakes people make. 'It is a mistake: to join in a group through avariciousness or selfishness, to stay away from meetings, to remain silent in meetings and then complain, to depend on the Alliance to buy what you can produce yourself, to go to the law with a brother before you make an honest effort to settle the question, to be continually criticising.'"

RODGERS ANCESTRY: Hugh I. Rodgers of Columbus, Ga. and a member of our group asked that we include the following information in our Newsletter:

The Roots and Shoots of an Alabama Family: Some Ancestors and Descendants of John Griffin Rodgers (1858-1933) and Emma James Rogers (1863-1932) of Montgomery, Butler and Escambia Counties Alabama. 140 pages, photos, index, notes, documents. \$16.50 plus \$2.00 postage. Order from H. I. Rodgers, 4315 Cheshire Bridge Rd., Columbus, GA 31909.

Documented research on the ancestors of this couple include the families of Rodgers, Rogers, Rogers, Willis, McQueen, Hartley, Routon, Watts, Rust, Comer, Moss. Known descendants to 1988.

INFORMATION PLEASE! Ricky McLaney wants information on Samuel Williams; Isaac Williams, son of Samuel; and Elizabeth Tabitha Williams Norman, daughter of Isaac.

A most interesting article concerning one of our pioneer families of Lowndes and Montgomery Counties appeared in the Alabama Bible Society Quarterly, October, 1954.

REV. JAMES MCKEENE GREENE AND JULIA HOWARD GREENE

MRS. JULIA HOWARD GREENE, age ninety-eight, widow of the Reverend James McKeene Greene of the Alabama and Virginia Methodist Conferences, and one of the oldest residents of Montgom-

ery County, Alabama, died July 1, 1954, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank McLean, Hope Hull, Alabama. Burial was in the Howard Family Lot in Oakview Cemetery, Lowndesboro, Alabama.

Mrs. Greene was born January 3, 1856, at Lowndesboro, the daughter of Joseph Henry Howard and wife, Rebecca Elizabeth Powell, and the granddaughter of Rev. Mark Howard and his wife, Julia Malone, for whom she was named. The Powell family homesteaded in Montgomery (now Lowndes) County in 1818 near the Alabama River, and the Howard family homesteaded just across the river in Autauga County about the same year. Rev. Mark Howard was one of the founders and served as Minister of the old Asbury Church located about four miles southwest of Autauga-ville, Alabama. He was also one of the organizers and leaders in the Methodist Protestant Church when it separated from the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On June 10, 1885, Mrs. Greene was married in the Lowndesboro Methodist Church to Rev. James McKeene Greene, son of John Fletcher Wesley Greene and his wife, Caroline Howard Capps, of Opelika, Alabama. He was the grandson of the Revolutionary Soldier, McKeen Greene and wife, Frances DuBose, one of the most prominent French Huguenot families of Georgia and South Carolina. Rev. Greene's other grandparents were Rev. James William Capps and wife, Flora Margaret Kelso, who homesteaded about two miles southeast of Opelika in the community now called Wataula (Wataula). As far as is known, Rev. Capps assisted in "notching up" the first cabin ever used in that region of the state as a house of worship and preached the first sermon. The present church at Wataula is located on the same site as the original church.

Rev. Greene joined the Alabama Methodist Conference in 1883 after having attended Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical School at Auburn, Alabama, and taken graduate work at Ohio Wesleyan University. He served as Pastor of the Methodist Churches at Plantersville, Columbia, Forest Home, Mon-

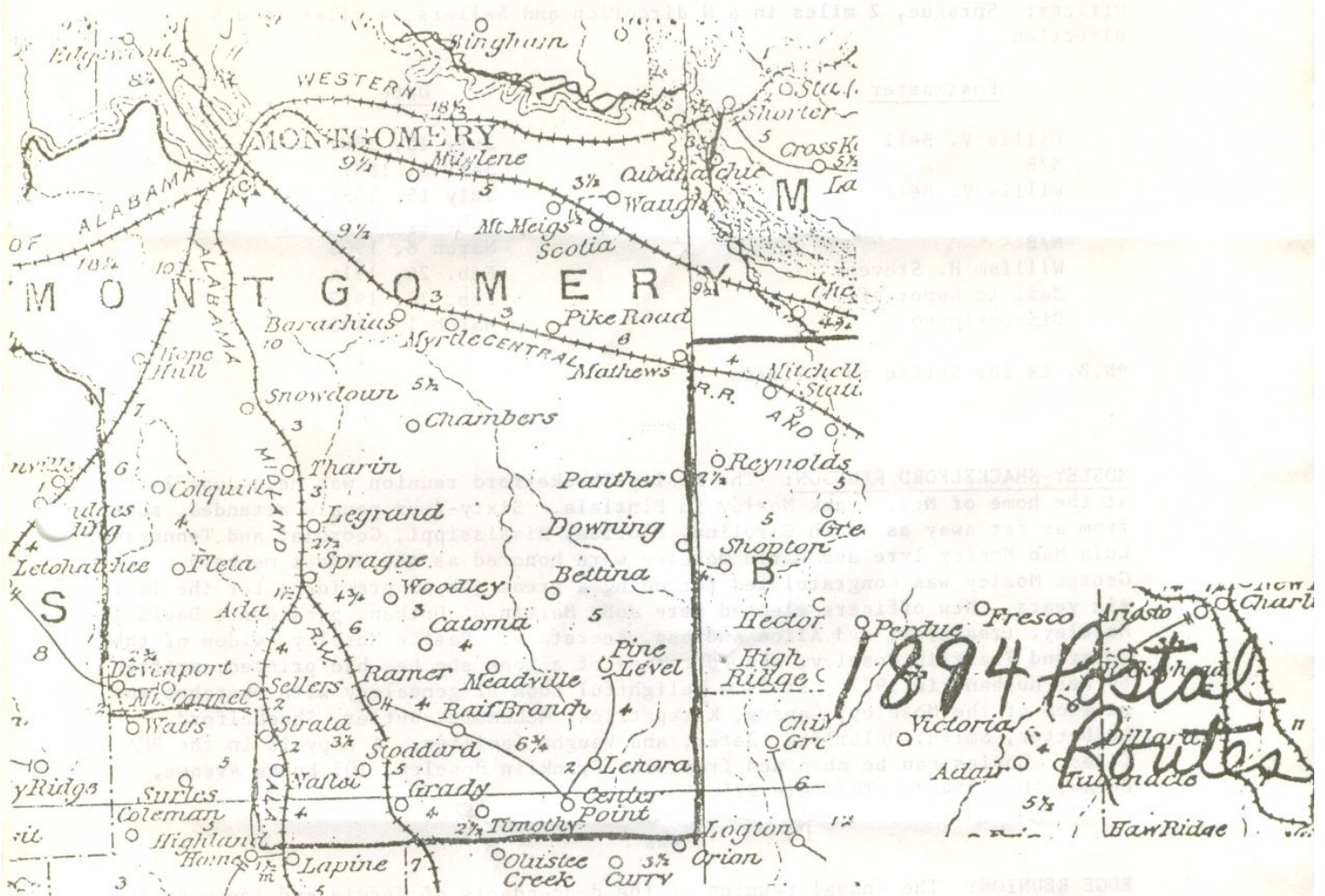
terey, Demopolis, Suggsville, Phenix City and Newton; then in 1898 he transferred to the Baltimore Conference, serving Roanoke, Virginia, Alderson, West Virginia, and Berryville, Virginia. In 1905 he returned to his native state where he served as Vice-President of the Tuscaloosa Female College. In 1908 he came to Montgomery and served as President of the Alabama Bible Society for three years. Transferring back to the Virginia Conference, he served Accomac, Belhaven, Hollywood, Prospect, Heathsville, Amherst and Concord, Virginia. He died on April 12, 1922, while serving as the Minister at Concord and was buried next to his son, James M. Greene, Jr., in Blackstone, Virginia.

Rev. Greene and his wife, Julia, had the following children: Julia Howard (Mrs. Frank McLean), Hope Hull, Alabama; Bessie Louise (Mrs. William Blackwell Hawthorne), Hope Hull, Alabama; James McKeene, Jr. (died in 1917), and Dr. John Howard Greene, of Mobile. Their seven grandchildren are: James Greene Hawthorne, Assistant Comptroller of the City of Montgomery; William Blackwell Hawthorne, Jr., Engineer with the Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D. C.; Frank Howard Hawthorne, attorney with Martin, Blakey & Hatch Law Firm, Montgomery; John Blair Hawthorne, farmer at Hope Hull; Julia Hawthorne (Mrs. Peyton A. Thomas) of Montgomery; John Howard Greene, Jr., druggist in Mobile; and Myrtle French Greene. Mr. Greene was closely related to the late Rev. Raleigh Greene of the Alabama Conference, and Mrs. Susie (John Allen) Jones of Opelika. Mrs. Greene was the aunt of Henry Howard, William R. and Alphonso Meadows, Mrs. Aline (Dr. Robert) Hagood, Mrs. Edna (Walter) Stone, all of Lowndesboro, Mrs. Elise (Earl) Cocke of Atlanta, and a great aunt of Frank Howard, Head Coach at Clemson College, South Carolina, and many others.

Rev. and Mrs. Greene and their forebears have added much to the early religious, cultural, social and historical life of Alabama and the Southland.

POST OFFICES: Laurie Sanders has done a beautiful study of the post offices of Montgomery County. Frances Mason Cruise used this as the basis of her report to PHA on the post offices of southwest Montgomery County.

We are including an 1894 map of Postal Routes made by J.M. Garrett, County Engineer. (Incidentally, Mr. Garrett was an uncle of W.S. Garrett. His first wife was Lucy Tankersley and his second wife, Mary Barnes.)



We plan to include information on these post offices in succeeding Newsletters and begin with Ada.

Ada is a settlement in southwestern Montgomery County, 17 miles south of Montgomery. It was named in honor of Ada Bell, wife of Willis Bell, an early settler here who operated a general store and cotton gin.

The earliest record showing a post office at Ada was a list of Ada postmasters showing Willis V. Bell, July 15, 1881. (A form requesting a post office establishment at Sprague was also signed by Willis V. Bell, dated 1891).

POST OFFICES (Con't)

On November 6, 1913, a site location report was submitted by Willis V. Bell. Information on report showed: Situated in NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 17, Township 13, Range 18, Montgomery Co., Ala. 21 Miles on south side of Alabama River, $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Pintlala Creek. P.O. on east side of creek. Nearest Post Offices: Sprague, 2 miles in a N direction and Sellers, 4 miles in a S direction.

<u>Postmaster</u>	<u>Date</u>
Willis V. Bell	July 15, 1881
N/B	Jan. 8, 1887
Willis V. Bell	July 15, 1887
N/B	Feb. 1, 1895
N/B	March 8, 1908
William H. Stevens	Feb. 26, 1914
Mail to Ramer eff.	Feb. 20, 1922
Discontinued	March 15, 1922

*N.B. is for Notice in Bulletin

MOSLEY-SHACKELFORD REUNION: The Mosley-Shackelford reunion was held June 24th at the home of Mrs. Frank Mosley in Pintlala. Sixty-four people attended, some from as far away as South Carolina, Florida, Mississippi, Georgia, and Tennessee. Lula Mae Mosley Tyre and David Moseley were honored as the oldest members. George Mosley was congratulated for doing a great job as president for the last six years. New officers elected were John Martin of Dothan, president; David Moseley, treasurer; and Alice Andress, secretary. Pattie Moseley, widow of the Reverend Franklin Moseley, showed copies of a book she has had printed, written by her husband in 1927. It is a delightful book of genealogy with sketches and stories of the Moseley, Canady, Kirkpatrick, McLemore, Butler, Shackelford, Ledbetter, Smith, Delbridge, Jeter, and Vaughn families. A copy is in the PHA files. Copies can be obtained from Mrs. Franklin Moseley, 107 Eutaw Avenue, Eutaw, AL. 35462. They are \$25.00.

EDGE REUNION: The annual reunion of the descendants of Jessie and Annie Smith Edge was held June 24th in Greenville, Alabama. Approximately 52 people were in attendance, coming from California, Michigan, Tennessee, Florida and Alabama. A picnic lunch was enjoyed and much family information exchanged. The Edges were early settlers of Strata and Sellers.

The National Grange was founded in 1867 by Oliver Hudson Kelley. It is still active in many parts of the United States. The Alabama Granges declined in the early 1900s and were superseded in 1921 by the Alabama Farm Bureau.

In 1891, a meeting of the State Grange was held at Pintlala. A program book indicates that there was a Grange at Union Academy and one at Mt. Carmel. Below is a copy of the officers of the State Grange for 1891-92. The main speaker was Dr. Edward M. Shackelford of Troy. His very lengthy address was mainly confined to the "Free Coinage of Silver". It was in 1896 that William Jennings Bryan made his famous "You shall not crucify mankind upon a cross of gold" oration. Dr. Shackelford's speech is a most interesting revelation of the problems facing this country in 1891. We will try to include it in a future Newsletter.

The Minutes Book and program are in the possession of Davis and Marjorie Henry.

Officers of the State Grange.--1891-1892.

MASTER.	
HIRAM HAWKINS.....	Hawkinsville.
OVERSEER.	
J. M. STEVENS.....	Zoe.
LECTURER.	
EDWARD M. SHACKELFORD.....	Troy.
STEWARD.	
W. W. WHIDDON.....	Dothan.
ASSISTANT STEWARD.	
GEO. H. SHACKELFORD.....	Colquitt.
CHAPLAIN.	
L. F. GORRE.....	Deatsville.
TREASURER.	
W. J. ROUNTREE.....	Selma.
SECRETARY.	
FRANK SHACKELFORD, JR.....	Colquitt.
GATE KEEPER.	
CUE SELLERS.....	Mt. Carmel.
CERES.	
MISS FLORENCE GILMER.....	Selma.
FLORA.	
MRS. A. M. WHIDDON.....	Dothan.
POMONA.	
MISS M. L. STEVENS.....	Zoe.
L. A. S.	
MRS. M. A. SELLERS.....	Mt. Carmel.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.	
A. B. COLQUITT.....	Colquitt.
J. F. DAWSEY.....	Dothan.
W. J. ROUNTREE.....	Selma.

*** Note: Colquitt was the mailing address for Pintlala.

PINTLALA GRANGE:

The following is a list of officers and some of the members of Pintlala, Grange No. 175, State of Alabama. Names of other members will be published in subsequent Newsletters.

<u>Pintlala</u>	<u>GRANGE NO. 175</u>	<u>State of Alabama</u>
Organized by W. C. Menefee	Names of Charter Members	Oct. 22nd, 1873

Worthy Master, Jas. G. Gilchrist
Worthy Overseer, B. J. Bonham
Worthy Lecturer, C. S. Linthicum
Worthy Stewart, H. W. Tankersley
Worthy Assistant Stewart, W. A. Killough
Worthy Chaplain, A. W. Moseley
Worthy Treasurer, W. S. Stokes
Worthy Secretary, F.M.T. Tankersley
Worthy Gate Keeper, A. Durden
Ceres - Mrs. B. J. Bonham
Pomona - Mrs. R. Tankersley
Flora - Mrs. W. S. Stokes
Lady Assistant Stewart, Mrs. M. J. Killough

Members: Jno. J. Killough
W. W. Lewis
Mrs. E. A. Linthicum
Mat. Shackelford
E. Durden
J. J. Moseley
Mrs. E. Moseley

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 1989
6:00 P.M.

PINTLALA BAPTIST CHURCH

Given for
Families & Guests of Members

Bring one or two dishes --
Meat, Vegetable, Salad or Dessert
Enough to feed your group plus
Some extra

Call Alice Carter at 281-3708
After 5:30 P.M. to make a
Reservation

See you there for fun
and history swapping!!

PINTLALA SCHOOL REUNION: The students of Pintlala who graduated in the classes of 1964, 1965 and 1966 recently held a reunion. April 29 was the date and the location was, of course, Pintlala School. Students, families and friends met informally at 4:00 P.M. to get re-acquainted and tour the school grounds. Class-mates were honored to have two teachers in attendance: Mrs. Ethel Todd and Mrs. Marie Moore. Conversations and faces brought many grand memories to mind.

At 7:00 P.M. everyone gathered at the lunchroom where a meal was catered for the teachers, 60 students and their spouses. The reunion clearly illustrates the bond that is so prevalent among residents and past residents of the Pintlala Community.

50 YEARS AGO: 1939 - From the Advertiser files: Cures from the Evangeline Country or Louisiana are outlined.

Tea from pigs' toenails will vanish pneumonia.

Shingles are treated with blood from a black cat's tail.

A wife may prevent bad luck by refusing to iron the tail of her husband's shirt.

Fathers make hard-run horses breathe down children's throats to cure whooping cough.

Put bread and soda on a wart.

1989 dues are OVERDUE! If you cannot remember whether or not you have paid, call Ricky McLaney, 288-1057, at night. We need your help and support.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Pintlala Historical Association
c/o Pintlala Public Library
175 Federal Road
Hope Hull, AL 36043

\$5.00 registration fee + \$5.00 annual dues.
Note: All members of a household are included.

Mr., Mr. and Mrs., Mrs., Ms. _____

Other household members: _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone (home) _____ (office) _____

Interest Areas: _____

If you are interested in genealogy please indicate family surnames _____