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APRIL MEETING: April 22, 1990, 3:30 P.M. Pintlala Baptist Church

## NOTES FROM PRESIDENT JIM EDWARDS:

The April meeting is moved to the 4th Sunday in April on the 22nd instead of our normal 3rd Sunday due to Easter. Our meeting time will be 3:30 instead of 2:30 due to a conflict.

Will Hill Tankersley will be our guest speaker. He will talk about Sam and David Manac (Moniac) and the Federal Road.

At the Board Meeting on February 11th, it was voted to raise annual dues to \$8.00 per family starting in January of 1991. This will be pursuant to approval of the membership. The Board also discussed having a covered dish supper - this time with a program. This will be discussed at the April meeting. Gary Burton brought up the subject of recruiting new members, especially among the young people. We are looking for a theme for future meetings that would be of interest to young people - possibly on the War Between the States. Please let the Board know your feelings on this as we plan for our future programs.

Also at the April meeting Mr. Dwayne Cox of Auburn University will speak briefly on his work on an Alabama Agriculture and Rural Life Records Project. They collect, preserve, and make available for research historical archives and manuscripts related to agriculture and rural life in Alabama. These include diaries, ledgers, photographs, correspondence, and other historical documents.

## LOOKING BACK:

At our last meeting Jim Edwards gave an interesting and instructive program with readings from "The History of Devenport" by Charles Powell. Thanks, Jim, for an informative session.

## PINTLALA SCHOOL:

On March 22, 1990, Mr. Ray Scott represented the Pintlala Historical Association at a meeting of the Montgomery County Board of Education. The Board is considering extensive renovations to Pintlala School. Mr. Scott gave to the Board a letter from PHA and made a personal plea to the Board to try to preserve the architecture of this historic school, opened in 1923. Efforts are being made by PHA to get the school placed on the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage buildings. Thank you, Mr. Scott.



## THE FEDERAL ROAD:

On February 25, 1990, Blair Robertson, staff writer for the Montgomery Advertiser, had an article entitled "Opening the Southern Frontier". The article is about the Federal Road and Mr. Robertson quotes from the book, Federal Road--Through Georgia, the Creek Nation, and Alabama, 1806-1836 by Henry deLeon Southerland and Jerry Elijah Brown. As the Federal Road is very much a part of our history, we are giving excerpts from Mr. Robertson's article with credit to the authors of this great book.

"The Federal Road--its name alone offers an air of distinction and importance.

Important, yes. Built in the early 1800's, the Federal Road wound its way through the South, connecting Washington City with America's flourishing new port, New Orleans. The road also played a major role in mobilizing troops in the War of 1812, and its construction led to a major war with the Creek Indians.

And distinguished? Well, yes, distinguished for being possibly the longest stretch of bad road in American history. There was enough mud to swallow a stage coach, tree stumps protruded everywhere, mosquitoes hovered and swarmed like rain clouds and, if passengers were not busy enough fending off attacking Indians or panthers or rattlesnakes, they might just happen upon a band of highway robbers known for painting their faces and holing up in Turk's Cave in Conecuh County not far from the road.

Although the road plays a major role in practically any record of 19th century history in the South, there had been no detailed account of its significance until now, with the publication of Federal Road--through Georgia, the Creek Nation, and Alabama, 1806-1836 by Henry deLeon Southerland, Jr. and Jerry Elijah Brown.

The story of the Federal Road is the story of the men and women who struggled to pass over it. They delivered the mail; they transported military supplies; they were British and French and American; they were nobility and indigents all thrown together on a road that everybody despised.

The much maligned road veered southwest near Mount Meigs and never made it to the area that is now Montgomery, but a connector road was promptly built, bringing settlers and droves. When they got to that spot, "it was like arriving in heaven because the conditions along the rest of the road were just so bad," Dr. Brown said.

Wrote traveler Thomas Hamilton in 1831, "I have had occasion to say a great deal about roads in these volumes, but I pronounce that along which our route lay on the present occasion to be positively, comparatively and superlatively the worst course of my peregrinations."

The Federal Road was first a horse path built to deliver mail in the South. It grew into a wider "war road" around 1811, when conflicts with the British intensified and American Soldiers needed a road to move supply wagons and cannons from one post to the other.

But the expansion project only served to further elevate cultural tensions that had been mounting for a century between Indians and the white man. The book describes the awkward division among the Creeks, in which some Indians opted for the modern ways of the white man while others clung to customs that were in grave danger of being smothered by the mass intrusion from the north.

Only students wearing star-spangled blindfolds," the authors declare in the introduction, "can ignore the brutality that made the section safe for white travel and settlement--or pretend that the ultimate price was not paid by the Creeks."



THE FEDERAL ROAD -- (con't)

Although the story of the Federal Road is tainted with dark moments of oppression and outright slaughter, the authors manage to introduce doses of triumph and humor.

"I contend that this book offers nothing but a cross-section of life and that's what the Federal Road did," Dr. Brown said.

To study the Federal Road is really to get a CAT scan of the Southern frontier."

In an 1832 sketch, Sol Smith tells the story of a man killed in a race when his horse crashed head on into a tavern. But the crowd that gathered, he wrote, seemed mysteriously placid:

"Has a doctor been sent for?" inquired one of our party.

" 'I reckon there ain't much use of doctors here,' replied another of the crowd. 'Burnt Brandy couldn't save either of 'em, man or hoss.'

" 'Has this man a wife and children?' inquired I.

" 'No children, that I knows on,' answered a female, who was sitting on the ground a short distance from the dead man, smoking composedly.

" 'He has a wife, then?' I remarked. 'What will be her feelings when she learns the fatal termination of this most unfortunate race.'

" 'Yes,' sighed the female, 'it was an unfortunate race. Poor man! he lost the whiskey.'

" 'Do you happen to know his wife? Has she been informed of the untimely death of her husband?' were my next inquiries.

" 'Do I know her? Has she been informed of this death?' said the woman.

'Well, I reckon you ain't acquainted about these parts. I am the unfortunate widder.' "

While there are accounts in the book about high-class dinners of venison and champagne, there is no avoiding the destruction of disease--Alabama was long known as "Yellibama" for its deadly association with yellow fever--and the scourge of whiskey that was everywhere and was especially debilitating to the Indians who flocked to this new found elixir.

But the road would eventually disappear. Just as the fax machine and jet airplanes have altered the way we travel and communicate today, the advent of the railroad and the telegraph in the mid-1800s would soon make the Federal Road unfashionable and inefficient.

Messages that once took weeks to deliver a few hundred miles were now only seconds away. And as technology advanced, that devilish and hated road became more and more obscure, until it was eventually smothered by weeds and young saplings.

Today, only traces of the Federal Road can be found, stretches of mud and logs lost among four-lane highways and expanding suburban communities.

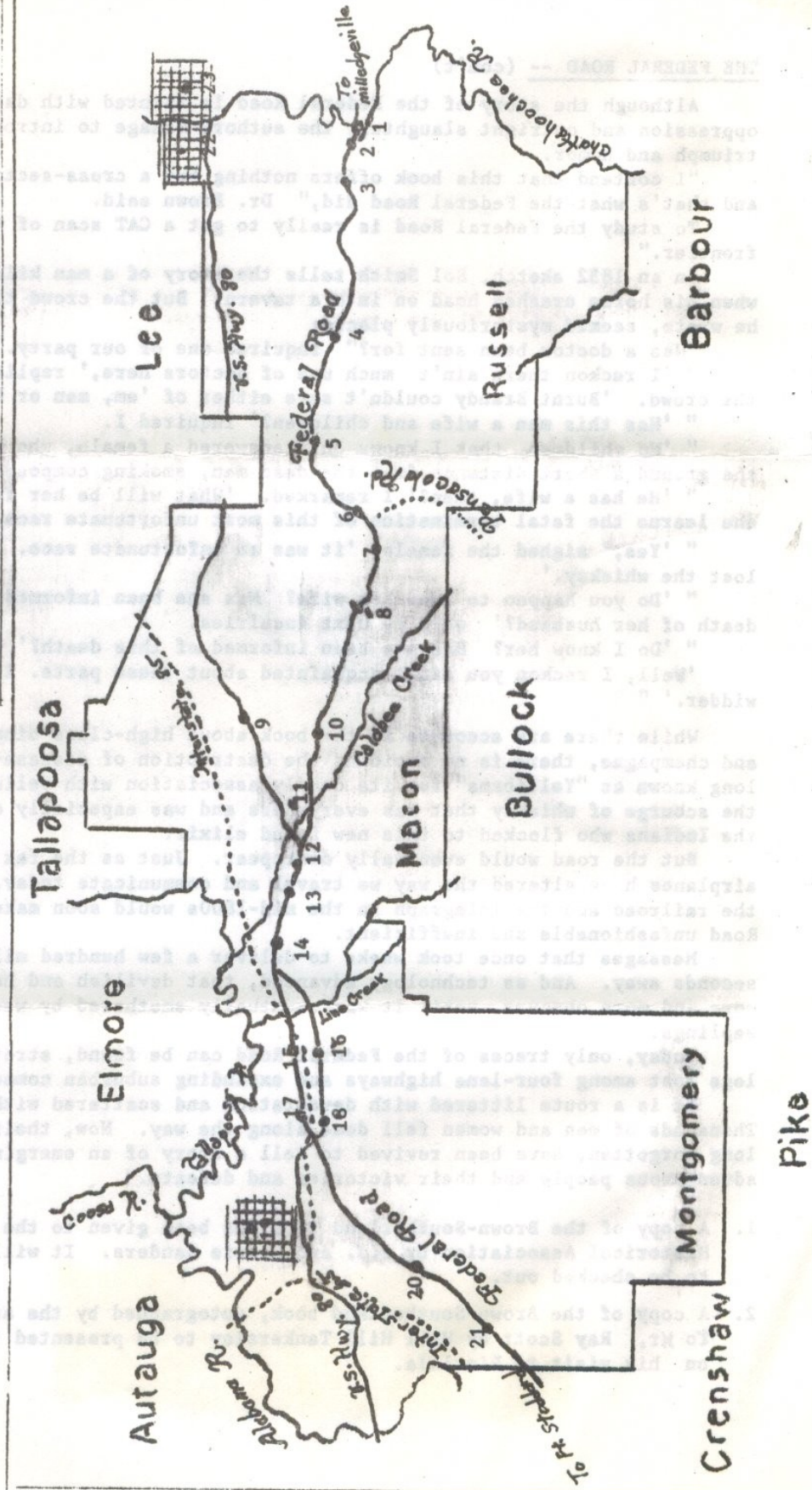
It is a route littered with devastation and scattered with history. Thousands of men and women fell dead along the way. Now, their voices, once long forgotten, have been revived to tell a story of an emerging nation, an adventurous people and their victories and defeats."

1. A copy of the Brown-Southerland book has been given to the Pintlala Historical Association by J.J. and Laurie Sanders. It will be available to be checked out.
2. A copy of the Brown-Southerland book, autographed by the authors, was given to Mr. Ray Scott by Will Hill Tankersley to be presented to President Bush on his visit to Pintlala.



THE FEDERAL ROAD  
THROUGH THE CREEK NATION, 1832

1. Joseph Marshall's Ferry
2. Fort Mitchell
3. Capt Anthony's Tavern
4. Sandfort
5. Uchee
6. Fort Bainbridge
7. Creek Stand
8. Warriorstand
9. Tuskegee
10. Fort Hull
11. Battle of Calabee Creek
12. La Place
13. Polecat Springs
14. Shorter
15. Lucas Tavern
16. Waugh
17. Old Milly's (Evansville)
18. Mt. Meigs
19. Montgomery
20. Snowdoun
21. Manacks
22. Phenix City
23. Columbus





# WHERE DID THAT NAME COME FROM?

Another book given to the Pintlala Historical Association by J.J. and Laurie Sanders is Place Names in Alabama by Virginia O. Foscoe. We are giving the information on communities in Southwest Montgomery County that are included in this book:

ADA - Settlement with discontinued post office in Montgomery Co. Named for the wife of Willis V. Bell, the first postmaster, appointed in 1881.

DAVENPORT - Settlement in Lowndes Co. Recorded on an unidentified 1892 map of Alabama. Designation sometimes spelled DEVENPORT. Named for Jack Davenport, a local merchant.

HOPE HULL - Settlement with PO in Montgomery Co. First MCGEHEE'S SWITCH, a stop on the Mobile and Montgomery RR honoring Abner McGehee, a prominent planter. Shortly afterward, McGehee named the town for Hope Hull, a Methodist circuit rider who had influenced McGehee while he was growing up in GA. PO est. in 1882.

LETOHATCHEE - Settlement with PO in Lowndes Co. Named for a nearby creek, whose designation means 'wooden arrow creek', from Creek li 'arrow', ito 'wood', and hachi 'stream'. PO est. in 1858.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY - Created by act of the MS territorial legislature on Dec. 6, 1816. Originally included land now in Elmore Co. and Autauga Co., among others. Now bounded on the north by Elmore Co., on the east by Macon Co. and Bullock Co., on the south by Pike Co. and Crenshaw Co., on the west by Lowndes Co., and on the northwest by Autauga Co. Named for Lemuel Putnam Montgomery of TN, a major killed in the Battle of Horseshoe Bend by Creek Indians on March 27, 1814. Original co. seat was Fort Jackson Town, on land now in Elmore Co. It was replaced as seat of justice in 1817 by the city of Montgomery.

MOUNT CARMEL - Settlement with discontinued PO in Montgomery Co. Named for the local Mount Carmel Methodist Church, the sanctuary having been built in 1830 but the organization dating from c. 1820. PO est. in 1872.

PINTLALLA CREEK - Stream rising in Montgomery Co. and flowing into the Alabama River between this co. and Lowndes Co. PILTH-LAU-LE in Benjamin Hawkins's "A Sketch of the Creek Country in 1798 and 1799". The name seems to have been derived from Creek pithlo 'canoe' and a form of the verb meaning 'to pull' or 'to seize' that occurs in halatas 'I pull' or 'I seize.'

Also known as MANACK'S CREEK in honor of Sam Manack (or Moniac), a part Indian landowner.

SELLERS - Settlement with discontinued PO in Montgomery Co. Named for the family of William Sellers, the first postmaster, appointed in 1890.

SNOWDOWN - Settlement with discontinued PO in Montgomery Co. Named by William Falconer for Mount Snowdown in Wales. PO est. in 1859.

SPRAGUE - Settlement with PO in Montgomery Co. Named for a conductor on the Atlantic Coast Line. PO est. in 1892.

STRATA - Settlement with discontinued PO in Montgomery Co. The name is the geological term for a bed formed of layers of sedimentary rock. PO est. in 1849.



GRIST MILLS IN SOUTH MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALABAMA SUBMITTED BY Marguerite Reynolds  
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\*The first pioneers in the South Montgomery County area had no mills with which to grind their corn; so they hollowed out a bowl in a heavy piece of wood, cut a pestle from a hickory stick, and then set up a strong forked post in which they rested the pestle handle. With this crude machine, the pioneers would then pound the corn into coarse meal or grits.

When grist mills finally came into operation, the farmers could carry their corn to the mills and swap a bushel of corn for a bushel of meal. If the farmer wanted his bushel of corn ground he had to pay a toll of one-half peck of meal or one-eighth of the corn. (The ground corn made more meal than the original amount of corn.) There was usually a store near the mill where the farmers would congregate to exchange news and yarns.

Many roads, not only in Alabama, but throughout the United States, were named after the miller in that particular area, or as a description of the mill itself, such as Butler Mill Road, Old Mill Road, New Mill Road, etc.

Some of the mills we discovered while searching for the site of Butler's Mill are as follows:

1. Butler's Mill - Butler's Mill was located on what is now known as Butler Mill Road. The site on which it stood is about 500 feet North of the intersection of Butler Mill Road and Fleta Road. Mrs. John Boyd of Fleta, Ala. stated that she had been told that Mr. Butler came from Virginia, bringing his mill rock with him. He was buried with his mill rock marking his grave, but it has since been removed.
2. Chesser Mill - This mill was originally operated by Gib Amason, and later by J. W. Amason, Sr. The location was on the right side of Hilby Road (County Road 70), about three-fourth's of a mile west of the intersection of Paulk Road and Hilby.
3. Hanse Mill - (The spelling has been changed to Hansey.) This Mill was located by the side of Ramer Creek on the Hansee Mill Road about four miles southeast of Snowdown. In all probability, the mill was purchased by Walter Ingram and later moved about one and a half miles further down the road. (See Ingram and Hobbie Mills).
4. Howard, Charlie - This gentleman owned a mill situated on Hickory Grove Road one and a half miles west of Bethlehem. This location is now in Beat 16, but at the time it was in operation, it is believed that the Beat had a different number.
5. Ingram, Walter - Mr. Ingram operated a cotton gin, a grist mill, and a store about one and a half miles south of Ramer Creek on Hansee Mill Road. He was married to a Courtney and had three daughters and a son: Kenneth - married L.B. Underwood, a young physician from Legrand, who was killed in an automobile accident about fifteen years after setting up practice in Andalusia; Martile - married a Smith; Lilita - the youngest child; Courtney - the only son who, at last report, was living in Mobile. The Grist Mill and all other property owned by their father was later sold to William Lofton Hobbie.
6. Hobbie Mill - In 1919, William Lofton Hobbie, known as "Will", purchased property consisting of a cotton gin, grist mill, and a large two-story white house on the left side of Hansee Mill Road going south (see Ingram, Walter). The store and another dwelling were on the right side of the road, directly across from the cotton gin. "Will" was married to Katherine Jolley, who grew up in an area near Mt. Meigs. "Will" and Katherine had no children but "Will" moved his father, mother, sisters and brothers into the family home to help run the businesses. The two-story family house



## GRIST MILLS (Con't)

burned down in 1929, and then, in 1944, the gin and mill burned down as well. The buildings on the right side of the road were undamaged. In fact, the store is still in operation at this time by Mr. Hobbie's sister-in-law, Mrs. Walker Hobbie, nee Norma Livingston.

7. Porter Mill - This mill was owned and operated by Robert Alonzo Porter, son of Vincent Porter. Robert married Joanne Bell, known as "Jodie". The mill was situated on the left side of Liberty Church Road one mile west of the intersection of Butler Mill Road and directly across from the house where Robert Sharp now lives. Mr. Porter and Miss "Jodie" had several sons and one daughter, "Nell". "Nell" married John Flyn Reynolds on July 3, 1919 and had two daughters, Jodie and Helen. In the early 1920's, Mr. and Mrs. Porter's house burned down, but the mill was spared since it was located some distance from the house. Mr. and Mrs. Porter moved to Montgomery for a short period of time before moving into the house with their daughter, Nell, and her family, where they remained until their deaths. Flyn Reynolds died on March 5, 1926. An addition was made to the back of the store operated by Reynolds and the Porter Mill was then moved into this building. Mr. Porter was the miller there until his death in 1939. His daughter, Mrs. Reynolds, continued to operate the mill for several years, but it was finally closed as the demand for ground meal diminished. The mill was purchased by Dan Murrell of Hope Hull, Ala., and was used to grind feed for cattle.

8. Reynolds Mill - Jesse Ephram Reynolds married Katie Elizabeth Sealy on June 17, 1911, after which he rented the Porter Mill and grocery store from Mr. Porter and a house for his bride from Mary and Jim Porter (Mr. Porter's brother and sister-in-law). The house was located approximately one-half mile west of the grist mill, on the same road. Mr. Reynolds operated the mill for only two or three years and then moved to Hope Hull. Mr. Robert Porter then resumed operation of the mill.

9. Bozeman Mill - During the 1930's, Mr. Robert Bozeman, "Bob", operated a mill and a garage on the corner of Hayneville Road at Legrand. He and his wife and four pretty little daughters lived in the old school house that had been converted into a home. The mill was powered by a Buick V-8 engine - truly a mechanic's mill! Mr. Bozeman also added an exhaust whistle which worked on a crank. On Saturdays, he would blow the whistle which could be heard over a four mile radius, thereby letting the residents know that he would be grinding. The Mill's specialty was ground cow feed, course grits, meal, wheat and wheat flour. Several factors contributed to the mill's closing: The Norman Bridge Road was being graded and reconstructed, thus limiting its use for a year or two; the government placed a ban on selling or trading meal, etc. unless a preservative was added. The mill is now stored in a barn at the home of Mr. Bozeman's daughter, Mrs. Bobby Nell Williams of Legrand.

\* Susan Kirkman Vaughn, Life in Alabama

Compiled and submitted by William Ernest Reynolds and Marguerite R. Chambless.



SELLERS BURIED IN MOUNT CARMEL CEMETERY  
SOUTHERN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALABAMA

Infant of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Sellers - May, 1911  
Hattie Sellers Norman - December 27, 1889 - February 19, 1956  
Richard Webb Norman - December 24, 1877 - May 10, 1959 (husband of Hattie Sellers Norman)  
Henderson Hartley Norman - April 9, 1919 - January 3, 1957 (son of Hattie)  
Edwards, George C. - October 12, 1871 - November 11, 1934  
Lozonias Sellers - May 6, 1879 - March 1, 1956 (wife of George C. Edwards)  
T. B. Norman - July 30, 1878 - November 22, 1934  
F. M. Norman - January 29, 1859 - October 6, 1919  
Will George Sellers - September 28, 1907 - May 5, 1909 (son of Will & Eula Sellers)  
Florence Durden - July 8, 1855 - May 4, 1909 (wife of Edwin Durden)  
Edwin Durden - January 2, 1855 - October 10, 1919  
Cue Sellers - 1856 - 1924  
Mattie A. Sellers - 1859 - 1927 (wife of Cue Sellers)  
Harriett S. - January 9, 1829 - October 17, 1890 (wife of J.A. Sellers)  
Bena P. Sellers - 1867 - 1950  
James H. Sellers - 1852 - 1899  
Marie Edwards - 28, 1906 - June 6, 1908 (daughter of G.C. & Lozonias Edwards)  
Infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Edwards - 1911  
Belvedere Elizabeth - January 18, 1858 - April 27, 1918 (wife of A.G. Norman)  
Annie Lee Norman Sellers - August 23, 1881 - March 18, 1921 (wife of Hayden E. Sellers)  
Hayden E. Sellers - September 27, 1882 - March 13, 1960  
Thomas Duncan, M.D. - August 16, 1866 - November 17, 1938  
Zeverah Sellers Duncan - 1874 - 1943 (wife of Dr. Thomas Duncan)  
Thomas Sellers - August 19, 1898 - Oct. 10, 1898 (son of T. Duncan, M.D.)  
John William Sellers - December 30, 1899 - October 7, 1900 (son of Thomas Duncan, M.D.)  
Letitia S. Sellers - December 20, 1887 - November 24, 1948  
William W. Sellers - September 13, 1855 - March 26, 1931  
Nannie Jones Sellers - December 20, 1871 - February 19, 1953 (wife of Wm. W. Sellers)  
Private James M. Sellers - age 22, died June 13, 1943 (son of A.C. & Ruth M. Sellers)  
Anderson C. Sellers - November 4, 1884 - October 2, 1951  
Ruth M. Sellers - February 11, 1892 - November 12, 1929 (wife of Anderson C. Sellers)  
W. J. Sellers - August 18, 1845 - July 2, 1921 (Co. K, 53 Alabama Cavalry, CSA)  
Alabama Pool - October 19, 1855 - February 26, 1895 (wife of W.J. Sellers)  
James A. Sellers - September 26, 1819 - July 28, 1878  
D. H. Sellers - August 25, 1848 - April 13, 1874 (son of J.A. & H. Sellers)  
Levinia Brooks - May 16, 1835  
James L. Harwell, minister - July 30, 1858 - December 2, 1915 (son of Levinia Brooks)  
Martha J. Sellers - May 17, 1837 - June 5, 1871 (wife of Anderson M. Sellers)  
Georgia A. Bussy - July 26, 1851 - December 8, 1901 (wife of Anderson M. Sellers)  
Anderson M. Sellers - January 8, 1829 - October 9, 1894  
Elmer Sellers - 16 days (infant son of A.M. and Georgia A. Bussy Sellers)  
Thomas A. Sellers - January 2, 1877 - January 27, 1887 (son of A.M. & S. A. Sellers)  
Alfred T. Sellers - February 5, 1868 - August 3, 1868 (son of A.M. & M. J. Sellers)  
James A. Sellers - January 2, 1865 - August 30, 1872 (son of A.M. & M. J. Sellers)  
Mary M. Sellers - November 9, 1874 - May 11, 1878 (dau. of A.M. & G.A. Bussy Sellers)  
Carrie G. Sellers - December 11, 1883 - August 8, 1884 (dau. of A.M. & G.A.B. Sellers)  
Luther Moore Sellers - November 2, 1878 - September 18, 1884 (son of A.M. & G.A.B. Sellers)  
Justus Sellers - 6 days (infant son of A.M. & G.A. Bussy Sellers)  
Colon J. Sellers - July 17, 1876 - August 16, 1878 (son of T.J. and M.L. Sellers)  
Earnest Euell Sellers - February 23, 1884 - June 15, 1952  
M. A. Brady Sellers - November 8, 1883 - (Wife of Earnest Euell Sellers)  
Infant of E. E. Sellers - August 19, 1906



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Thomas J. Sellers - June 8, 1848 - October 31, 1931 (husband of Mattie L. Bonham)  
Mattie Lou Titie Sellers - December 21, 1852 - October 5, 1921 (wife of T.J. Sellers)  
Ronald Earl Sellers - October 23, 1896  
Mattie Stalling Sellers - May 21, 1891 - April 10, 1955 (wife of Ronald E. Sellers)  
Callie Guy Morrison - July 21, 1879 - May 4, 1944 (wife of Walker Morrison)  
Walker Morrison - September 9, 1870 - December 26, 1947  
Anna Callen Morrison - October 24, 1859 - January 7, 1925 (wife of Walker Morrison)

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#### HAWTHORNE FAMILY HISTORY DONATED TO PHA

We have received from Frank Howard Hawthorne a copy of his beautifully done Kissin' Kin and Lost Cousins. It is a genealogy of the Blackwell, Capps, Chadwick, Cox, Cowling, Day, Dubberley, DuBose, Fair, Featherstun, Greene, Gullatte, Hawthorne, Hester, Howard, Lynne, Malone, May, Meadows, Murphy, Page, Penn, Powell, Slayton, Smith, Van Brunt, Whatley, Wilkinson, Wille, Wynne and Yuratich families with a foreword by Dr. Edwin C. Bridges, Director, Alabama Department of Archives and History. Thank you, Frank.

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#### RECOGNITION

A letter from the Montgomery Area Council On Aging, dated March 20, 1990, informs us that Mrs. Ethel Tankersley Todd has been selected as one of Montgomery 10 Seniors of Achievement for 1990. It is an honor well deserved and we of PHA extend our congratulations and best wishes to one of our own.

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#### THANKS, Y'ALL

The staff of your PHA Newsletter wishes to thank each of you who contributed information of any kind to make the past newsletters so very interesting. We also thank those of you who have relayed compliments on the letter from time to time. Your input is important! Send in your information on churches, schools, stores, mills, professional people, families and historical places. Let's make our memories part of the recorded history of Montgomery County.

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

We also desperately need people willing to help with research at the Court-house and the Archives & History building. We need you either to do research or to teach those who are willing to work but do not know the methods. We need factual material on Montgomery County. Please respond if you can help.



Doris Thomas of Luverne read the article by Catherine Sellers about Bethlehem in the fall newsletter and has graciously sent some very interesting information via Laurie Sanders. Doris was quite complimentary in her comments about Catherine's history. She has sent us a copy of the 1838 minutes of the first Ebenezer Baptist Association meeting which will be placed in the file. It was at this meeting that a number of Primitive Baptist Churches elected to begin a new association rather than compromise on the missionary issue which divided the church. A copy of page 6 from these minutes is included showing that Bethel and Bethlehem Churches were among those in the Association. Bethel was by far the largest church represented. (See following page for list of churches)

Of additional interest in this list are the post offices which are mentioned. Bethel was addressed at Pintlala and Bethlehem at Tiara. We assume H. Grove to be Hickory Grove since the W.J. Pouncey so addressed lived in that vicinity. Laurie Sanders reports that Zephaniah John was named postmaster at Tiara on November 22, 1837 but the location of the postoffice is not known at this time. This document may be the earliest evidence we have found of a post office called Pintlala. If anyone has other information which may predate please bring it to the library or to a meeting.

Thanks to Mary Ann Neeley of Landmarks we know that Zephaniah John, first postmaster, owned property in Township 13, Range 18.

#### TIARA POST OFFICE

<u>Postmaster:</u>	<u>Date:</u>
Zephaniah John	Nov. 22, 1837
Charles Waller	Jan. 16, 1851
Leonard Waters	Mar. 16, 1852
Discontinued	Apr. 23, 1852

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#### PINTLALA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION RECEIVES MAP

Will Hill Tankersley has donated an elucidating map: "Historic Roads and Trails in Alabama". The legend, roads, and trails are color-coded and the map is framed. It will be on display at our April meeting and then in the Pintlala Branch Library. Thanks, WHT.

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#### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Hightower - Montgomery  
 Mrs. Nannie Rutherford - Birmingham  
 Mr. J. D. Ryals - Ft. Deposit  
 Mrs. Kathlyn Folmar - Goshen  
 Mrs. Doris Thomas - Luverne

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A copy of page 6 from minutes of first Ebenezer Baptist Association meeting showing that Bethel and Bethlehem Churches were among those in the Association. / 838

State of the Churches					
Churches	Counties	Delegates Names	Sum. Mo.	St. Meetings	Contributions
Bethel	Montgomery	Th. McGold, G. W. S. to, M. S. to, A. H. to, J. H. to, J. H. to	150	4	\$5.00
Bethlehem	"	E. M. Bussard, H. Barnes, W. Boyd	67	2	5.00
Mt. Pleasant	"	B. B. Spear, A. Evans, J. A. Spear			3.00
Ebenezer	Butler	H. B. S. to, J. S. to, G. W. M. S. to	15	1	1.50
Sweet Water	"	Thos. Daniel, J. H. S. to, J. H. S. to	50	2	5.00
Friendship	"	J. R. Daniel, M. M. S. to, B. M. S. to	87		2.20
Port Dale	"	J. H. S. to, R. H. S. to, L. S. to	31	1	5.00
Harriet	"	W. D. S. to, R. B. S. to, J. H. S. to	73	3	3.00
Bethlehem	"	J. H. S. to, G. H. S. to, L. S. to	25	2	5.00
Mt. Zion	"	J. H. S. to, W. S. to, R. S. to	25		5.00
Harriet	Lowndes	J. H. S. to, D. S. to, L. S. to	26	2	4.00
L. Providence	"	G. H. S. to, T. S. to, J. S. to	47	1	4.00
Bethlehem	"	J. H. S. to, A. S. to, D. S. to	68		4.00
Good Spring	"	R. S. to, M. S. to, R. S. to	57		3.00
Swan Creek	Milcox	J. H. S. to, J. S. to, L. S. to	48	3	4.50
Bethesda	"	A. S. to, J. S. to, M. S. to	25		1.50
Antioch	Autauga	J. H. S. to, R. S. to, E. S. to	11	4	7.00
Union	"	T. S. to, L. S. to, H. S. to	117	2	5.00
Individual contributions			927		62.50
W. J. P. S. to					1.00
A. M. S. to					1.00
E. Daniel					1.00
A. S. to					4.00
Extra contributions					35.50
					101.40

Absentees marked thus (x) before the name



#### POST OFFICES:

We continue our information on post offices from research by Laurie Sanders with the Colquitt post office (originally located near Newell Brothers).

#### COLQUITT

In March, 1890, Alfred B. Colquitt filed application for establishment of a post office at Mr. A. B. Colquitt's Store, Montgomery County, Alabama.

Application was mailed to A.B. Colquitt in care of Postmaster at Morganville, Alabama.

The proposed post office name requested was Pintlala. The name acted upon and accepted was Colquitt. It was to be a "Special Office", to be supplied from Morganville, its distance 6 miles in a West direction.

Other info from application:

It will be situated in S.W. qtr of Sec 16, T14S, R17W, in Montgomery County, Ala. It will be near route from Montgomery to Mobile on which mail is carried seven times per week, but not directly on route which is six miles in distance.

Nearest post offices: Morganville - 6 miles in West direction  
Legrand - 7 miles in So East direction  
Devenport - 9 miles in South direction  
Alabama River-14 miles on east side of proposed office  
Pintlala Creek- $\frac{1}{2}$  mile on West side of proposed office

Proposed office is "a village" and the population to be supplied in the area is 800.

Signed: Alfred B. Colquitt,  
Proposed Postmaster

Certified by:  
H. A. Belser, P.M. at Morganville

Dated: March \_\_\_\_\_ 1890

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#### CAPITALS OF ALABAMA

The following information was sent in by Mrs. Hal Lamar. It is pertinent to our discussion at the January meeting about the capitals of Alabama.

Copied from 1946 copyright edition by F.E. Compton & Company Encyclopedia, page 99 of book "A", quote:

"Admission to the Union in 1819.

The territory of Alabama was organized in 1817 and was admitted to the Union as a state on December 14, 1819. The territorial capital was at St. Stephens. The first state legislature met at Huntsville, but the capital was moved in 1820 to Cahaba at the junction of the Cahaba and Alabama rivers. The town was several times damaged by floods, and in 1826 the capital was moved to Tuscaloosa. In 1847, it was again moved, to Montgomery."

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#### ANDERSON FAMILY REUNION (Correction)

A note from Lewis Jones asks that we correct the information given in the October Newsletter about the 1990 meeting of the Anderson family. The reunion will be held this year at the Panama Street Church of Christ, 444 South Panama St., Montgomery. The date is Saturday, July 28, 1990, gathering before lunch, eating picnic style and then going into fellowship, etc.

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## WHAT'S FOR DINNER?

The following information comes from a cookbook Dining Room and Kitchen, by Mrs. Grace Townsend, Copyright, 1891. This section is entitled: Bills of Fare, and was submitted by Mrs. Catherine Sellers.

"The following arrangement of bills of fare for one week in each month for the year, will be found very convenient to ladies doing their own cooking. A frequent reference to these pages will, we feel sure, save the housewife much worry over the question "What shall we have for dinner?" Soup as a regular dinner course is always in order, following raw oysters, when in season.

Fresh fish as a separate course, comes next in order.

Fruits in their natural state are too much neglected at the tables of most people.

The meals suggested below are planned with special reference to the ordinary routine of the week; to the saving of labor and fuel, and to interfere as little as possible with the work of the day.

SUNDAY. Breakfast - Hominy, fruit, rolls, broiled lamb chops, radishes, French fried potatoes, preserves, coffee.

Dinner - Bacon garnished with boiled eggs and sliced beets, roast lamb, mint sauce, currant jelly, new potatoes, green peas, lettuce, strawberry shortcake, cheese, wafers, coffee.

Supper - Rolls, sliced lamb, raw oysters, canned fruit, cakes, tea.

MONDAY. Breakfast - Sago, fruit, corn cakes, broiled ham, poached eggs, warmed potatoes, coffee.

Dinner - Roast Pork, apple sauce, asparagus, new potatoes, lettuce, cherry pie, fancy cakes, fruit, nuts, raisins, coffee.

Supper - Popovers, lobster with lemon, baked rhubarb, cake tea.

TUESDAY. Breakfast - Cracked wheat, fruit, crumb cakes, fried tripe, potatoe balls, jam, coffee.

Dinner - Asparagus soup, mince pie, new potatoes, tomatoes, pickled beets, lettuce, rhubarb pie, cream puffs, cheese wafers, coffee.

Supper - Tea biscuit, honey, dried beef, cabbage, salad, fruit, cake, tea.

WEDNESDAY. Breakfast - Rice, fruit, flannel cakes, breaded veal cutlets, curried eggs, potato cakes, coffee.

Dinner - Cream of barley soup, baked pig, mashed potatoes, fried parsnips, lettuce, lemon pudding, jelly cake, cheese wafers, coffee.

Supper - Buttered crackers toasted, cold pressed chicken, radishes, lemon fritters, strawberries and cream, cake, tea.

THURSDAY. Breakfast - Oatmeal, fruit, long breakfast rolls, broiled porter-house steak, hominy croquettes, coffee.

Dinner - Chicken soup with egg sauce, whole potatoes, spinach, lettuce, young onions, sweet pickles, orange float, caramel cake, cheese wafers, coffee.

Supper - Soda biscuit, currant jelly, cold chicken, olives, floating island, cake, tea.



BILLS OF FARE (Con't)

FRIDAY Breakfast - Sago, fruit, fried frog legs, fried potatoes, corn  
gems, boiled eggs, cakes, coffee.

Dinner - Lobster soup, baked fish, baked macaroni, mashed potatoes,  
asparagus, lettuce, bread pudding, oranges, figs, cake, coffee.

Supper - Graham gems, sardines with lemon, Saratoga chips toast,  
cake, fruit, tea.

SATURDAY. Breakfast - Hominy, fruit, graham bread, veal cutlets, fricas-  
seed potatoes, preserves, coffee.

Dinner - Boiled ham, with vegetables, chili sauce, lettuce,  
onions, hot peach pie, cake, cheese wafers, coffee.

Supper - Buttered toast, cold ham with hard boiled eggs, hot  
rusk, honey, fruit, cake, tea."

Catherine muses, "I wonder what cholesterol levels they had!"

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**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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If you are interested in genealogy please indicate family surnames \_\_\_\_\_

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