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MEETING OCTOBER 20, 1996 2:30 PINTLALA BRANCH LIBRARY

PHA OCTOBER PROGRAM

The Pintlala Historical Association October program will be a field trip to the home of Carolyn and Phil Snow, the studio of Clydetta Fulmer and the house built by Dr. George Sankey. Our meeting place will be the Community Room of the Pintlala Library. Please note the change of location. Meeting time will be 2:30. In case of rain the program will be at the Library.

Bring a friend or a member who has not attended in some time. We need new members and active participants. If you have ideas for meeting topics I am certainly open to new ideas!

Alice Carter, Program Chairman

PINTLALA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION ENDS TENTH YEAR

We end our first decade of historical activities and look forward to going into the 21st century. These years have been great!

Dr. Lee N. Allen, Editor of the Newsletter (book) published quarterly by the Alabama Historical Association has written asking for information on our association. The following brief summary of our goals, objectives, and activities is being sent to him. We were limited to 250 words. As I went back through our forty Newsletters for the ten years, I realized that it would take many more words to cover our fun times. However, a brief summary is appropriate.

PHA Summary cont.

of Incorporation and By-Laws of the Pintlala Historical Association were adopted.

The Articles of Incorporation of PHA state:

The purpose of this Association in brief:

1. To bring together those citizens of southwest Montgomery County, Alabama who are especially interested in our history.
2. To discover and collect materials which illustrate the history of the area.
3. To provide for the preservation of such materials and for its accessibility.
4. To disseminate historical information and to mark historical spots.
5. To cooperate with the Alabama Historical Commission and the Alabama Department of Archives and History.

There were eighty-one charter members. Quarterly meetings are held, with speakers on the history of the area and field trips to historic spots. A quarterly newsletter - sent to all members - is published.

As we end our tenth year, we have 115 families as members, covering ten states. We have instigated and followed through on reclaiming and listing historic cemeteries and continue to work on this. We were able to get Pintlala School on the Alabama Register of Historic Places and placed an historic marker (with help from alumnae). We are in the process of researching and planning a marker for Manac's Taverns on the Old Federal Road. Sam Manac married Elizabeth Weatherford. Their son David (Moniac), who grew up in Pintlala, was the first American Indian and the first Alabamian to graduate from West Point. We are researching and planning a marker with the Butler's Mill Rock.

We have an alcove at the Pintlala Branch Library, with books and files on the history of the area. We have shared genealogical information with people over the United States. We continue to grow.

HISTORICAL ALCOVE AT LIBRARY

Those of you who have visited the Pintlala Branch Library know that PHA now has its own nook. Thanks to Lurline Hall, our files are in good order. We welcome donations of books that tell of the history of Alabama and especially southwest Montgomery County (even elementary text books). We would like to get copies of old deeds,

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

Mr. Edward Pattillo, Curator, Alabama Supreme Court Library, is seeking information on Samuel Hoffman, b 1854 (Va), moved to Montgomery, Alabama in 1896. He was an artist and the Supreme Court has three portraits done by him. The only information Mr. Pattillo has is that he was buried in a family cemetery in Hope Hull in 1931. Any clues? Call Ethel Todd - 288-3225 or Alice Carter - 281-3708.

Requests for Information cont.

Jim Shackelford, 3465 Cedarbrook Circle, Trussville, AL 35173 would like to find graves of Eleazor Jeter and Ann Mosley Jeter.

Nancy Sansom, H.C. Rt. 2, Box 307, Minter AL 36761 wants information on Sansom and Turk Families - Phone 227-8802.

Sherry D. Alexander, Rt. 1, Box 288F, Montgomery, AL 36104, Phone 613-1879 wants information on William Barrett Travis of Alamo fame.

Bobbie H. Chase, 2805 47th Street #801, Philadelphia, PA 19131 wants information on John Dean and wife Nancy Mathis Dean.

D.L. (Dan) Crosby, Rt. 2, Box 421, New Caney, Texas 77357 (713-354-1163) has sent information for our files on Mason Moseley. Much of it is excerpted from books by Thomas Moseley and Carl V. Wright, both of which are in our files. Mr. Crosby will help anyone interested in this research at no charge.

PROVERB SIMPLIFICATION EXERCISE

1. An ignoramus and his/her lucre are readily disjoined.
2. In the absence of the feline race, certain small rodents will give themselves up to various pleasurable pastimes.
3. A plethora of culinary specialists vitiate the liquid in which a variety of nutritional substances have been simmered.
4. Impetuous celerity engenders purposeless spoilage.
5. Illegal transgression has no remuneration for its perpetrators.
6. A winged and feathered animal in the digital limb is as valuable as a duet in the shrubbery.
7. One of the warm-blooded class avis who is governed by promptitude can apprehend the small, elongated, and slender creeping animal.
8. Provide the privilege of affranchisement, or I will feel that life is not worth living.
9. A condition characterized by tardiness is more desirable than one that is systematically marked by eternal absenteeism.

IN MEMORIAM

Our sympathy goes to the family of Harold M. Newell who died August 16, 1996. He was a charter member of PHA. He was responsible for the construction of hundreds of miles of interstate highways and secondary roads throughout the south.

Our sympathy also goes to the family of Charles F. Bibb, who died October 9. He was a charter member of PHA.

Our sympathy goes to the family of Marilyn Elgin Freeman. Her parents are Caroline and Julian Elgin, charter members of PHA.

ANSWERS TO PROVERB SIMPLIFICATION EXERCISE

1. A fool and his money are soon parted.
2. When the cats away, the mice will play.
3. Too many cooks spoil the broth.
4. Haste makes waste.
5. The wages of sin are death.
6. A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.
7. The early bird gets the worm.
8. Give me liberty or give me death.
9. Better late than never.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Hope Hull, AL 36043
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Mr. & Mrs. William Moore
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Athena, GA 30605
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INTERESTING BOOK DONATED TO PHA

Bill and Elizabeth (Tweet Garrett) Moore and Mary Dixie Dozier have donated an interesting book for our PHA Library. Those Gallant Georgians Who Served In The War Between The States was researched and written by Jimmy E. Arnsdorff and Published in 1994. The author stayed at the Moore's home for fifteen years while he did research in the University of Georgia Libraries. The book contains maps, pictures, statistical information, and background studies of the south.

We appreciate this valuable addition to our archives.

INFORMATION ON GRAVES (BIBB) CEMETERY

Thanks to J.P. Henry, Jr. we have an update on another historic cemetery which is located on property he has bought in the Hope Hull area. He says there is one marker with the following names and dates:

BIBB

Lt. Richard Stephen Bibb
1843-1863
Killed at Chickamauga, Ga.

Elizabeth Spiney Bibb
1819-1892

Richard James Bibb
1812-1894

Mary Charity Bibb
1838-1905

Martha Bibb Graves
1850-1873

3 children of Payton & Isobel Thorp Bibb

The cemetery is located on Willow Springs Road. Take left on Richardson Road, south to Willow Springs. Cemetery is approximately 1/2 mile on left. It is enclosed in an overgrown iron fence and is maintained by Confederate Veteran Comp 692.

We need volunteers to research Bibb Graves and his wife, Dixie Bibb Graves (his cousin). Please!

In our next Newsletter we will include materials on the Bibbs and their property from the abstract made for Jamie and Jean Henry. Perhaps, by then, we will know more about Bibb Graves and Dixie Bibb Graves.

LETTER REVEALS LIFE IN STRATA IN 1888

Mrs. Wynette Tucker Welch, Rt. 1, Box 194, Luverne, AL 36049 is researching Davis, Warner, Williamson, and Suggs families. She visited our library and left a copy of the following letter which is a sad commentary on life in this area over 100 years ago. We appreciate her sharing it with us.

Life in Strata in 1888. Letter copied as written.

Strata, Ala.
July 17, 1888

Mrs. Laura Harris

Dear Cousin

I have not received and answer to the letter I wrote to you several days ago. But I will write to you to let hear of the death of our little Claud. He died today was a week ago. He had been sick a month, but was taken serious last sunday evening was a week ago with congestion of the brain. he could walk and talk some. he had been walking ever since last winter.

Eugenia has been sick two months but she had got able to go to the garden till last monday she was taken worse. she has not been able to sit up since. she is better now than she has been in a week.

Ethel has the sore eyes very bad.

we have had a great deal of rain this summer the crop is sorry. There is to be a picnic at Bethlehem next Saturday. There was one at Union Academy last wednesday was a week ago. one at Sardis schoolhouse last Friday. There is to be one at Ebenezer next Saturday.

Annie Janes family is well. Aunt Martha and her children was here last Saturday night was a week ago. she has six children. Her Babys name is Sanford Lee. he is nearly four years old. Uncle Jim suffers a great deal with risings. Callie his baby has them on her head and face. she is nearly two years old. she was just one month older than Claud.

Willie Williamson is nearly grown. he is large to his age. Rusia (?) Jordon has a girl. Lou (?) Findley has a boy two weeks old. Elza Williamson has four children two girls and two boys. Willis & Tom is his boys names. Sivert (?) and Pearl is the girls names. Walter's family is well. Billies baby cannot walk. he is sixteen months old. he has light blue eyes fair skin and light hair. he is nearly all the time laughing if he is well. Annie Janes baby has light brown hair blue eyes fair skin and is fat as a pig. her name ia Alma Eugenia.

I will close. Write as soon as you get this.

From your Cousin

Fannie Williamson

DR. THOMAS DUNCAN

DR. THOMAS DUNCAN REMEMBERED

Thanks to Vera Kraus and Thomas Ray, we have the following information on Dr. Thomas Duncan, long time physician in Fleta and southwest Montgomery County.

NOTABLE MEN
OF
ALABAMA

PERSONAL AND GENEALOGICAL
WITH PORTRAITS

HON. JOEL C. DuBOSE, *Editor*

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1904

DR. THOMAS DUNCAN, physician, Fleta, Ala., was born in Crenshaw county, Ala., Aug. 16, 1866. He is the son of John A. and Catherine (Norman) Duncan; father native of Tuscaloosa county, Ala.; and the mother, of Wilmington, N.C. The Duncan family were early settlers of Alabama. John A. Duncan died at the age of eighty-one years. He was a farmer. He was a private in the Confederate service during the entire Civil war. There were, of his family, ten children, seven of whom are living. Dr. Thomas Duncan is the second youngest of the family. He was reared on the farm, receiving his early education in the common schools, with two years at Ft. Deposit, Ala. He then engaged in teaching, possessing a first grade teacher's license, taking his first position as assistant in the schools of Ft. Deposit. He then went to Manningham, Ala., where he built an elegant school house, and was principal of the Manningham high school for two years. He entered the Medical college of Alabama at Mobile in 1889, and was graduated from it in March, 1892. He began the successful practice of his profession in the southern portion of Montgomery county. He was appointed by Gov. William D. Jelks, March, 1903, a member of the board of revenue of the county from the Fifth board of revenue district, in which body he is now serving. He is also in favor of all progress consistent with economical administration of county affairs. He is an earnest advocate of the improvement of public highways. Since his appointment he has not missed a meeting, and takes a deep interest in the affairs of the county. He was married, Sept. 7, 1892 to Zererah (Zeverah) Sellers, a native of Montgomery county, Ala. Miss Sellers was a teacher in the public schools of the county. Three daughters are living: Ala-Lu, (Alalu), Lucille, and Beuna Mae. Dr. Duncan is postmaster at Fleta, appointed under President Roosevelt's administration. He also owns a plantation at Fleta, on which he lives. He has it stocked with fine cattle and blooded horses, in which he takes a great interest. He has an elegant barn, and takes a general pride in the development of his farm. He has a natural love for farm and country life. He encourages the small farmers to owning and occupying their own farms and homes. In connection with his practice, he is the physician for Walter Brothers convict farm at Sprague Junction, near Fleta.

Dr. Thomas Duncan continued his medical practice at Fleta until his death on November 17, 1938. Zeverah Sellers Duncan died in 1943. Alalu Duncan married Briggs Dillard and they had three sons, Thomas, Briggs and William. Beuna Mae and Lucile Duncan were teachers in the Laurel, Mississippi, schools for many years. Beuna Mae Duncan, who left a substantial bequest to the Pintlala Library, married John Sellers. Dr. Duncan's medical office was donated to the Landmarks Foundation and is now located in the Old Alabama Town historic district. The Thomas Duncan home still stands near the intersection of the Pettus and Union Academy Roads. It has been partially restored by the present owners.

A STORY FROM SNOWDOWN - 1883

Copied from Montgomery Historical Association

THE SNOWDOWN SHOOTING CLUB DINNER

From Montgomery Daily Advertiser, July 25, 1883.

It is refreshing to all who endure the heat of the city to breath the pure, fresh air and enjoy the exhilarating effects of a visit to the county. In common with a special train load of ladies and gentlemen from the city we had the pleasure by the courtesy of the Snowdown Shooting Club, of spending the day yesterday at Pleasant Grove, the picnic grounds, immediately on the Montgomery Southern Road.

The occasion was the annual dinner of this club, with the accompanying shooting match, which is always regarded as the event of the season.

At 8:30 a.m. the special train chartered by the club steamed from the depot, and was soon rapidly speeding away over the narrow gauge road, and in about an hour, allowing for stoppages

The Snowdown Shooting Club Dinner cont.

to receive additions to our company along the route, reached Pleasant Grove. There had already arrived many young ladies and men from the vicinity, gathered in the merriest mood and anticipating the enjoyment to the utmost of the pleasures of the day. The guests received a cordial welcome from members of the club and were soon made to feel at home and accommodated themselves to the arrangements for their entertainment. The spacious platform was filled, a string band from the city supplied appropriate music, and the enjoyment of the devotees of the dance was complete.

With dancing and music, and social intercourse, and the trial of skill between the crack shots of the club, the time was pleasantly beguiled until the announcement of dinner--and such a dinner as only the Snowdown Shooting Club can produce, and for which they are so justly and widely noted. The savory meats were barbecued to perfection, and could not have been surpassed by professional cooks whose genius and capabilities have been developed in the elite establishments of many of the cities. And the celebrated stew, the Snowdown Club's appetizing specialty! It would tempt the anchorite to eat, and was the subject of universal praise. All this and more added to the elegant variety of cake and pastries, made up a bill of fare that was heartily enjoyed by the Club's appreciative guests.

Not less than five hundred people were present, of both sexes, including a considerable number of the best citizens and elegant ladies of Montgomery. The arrangements for the occasion were complete, and a delightful day was anticipated and fully realized. The hospitable members of the Club and people of the vicinity devoted themselves to the wants of their guests and none failed to be the object of their attentions--the ladies, of course, first on the list.