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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone had a wonderful 4th of July!

The time has come for some volunteers to step forward within the Pintlala Historical Association to fill a couple of officer positions that are being vacated at the end of this calendar year. If you are interested in serving, please contact me, or any of the present officers. When someone calls you from the nominating committee, please agree to serve. Our nominating committee will be named at the July meeting. They are to present a slate of nominees to be voted on by the entire association in October.

My career with the State of Alabama will be over by the time you receive this newsletter. I am retiring with 27 years of service; which has been both rewarding and frustrating. But the best part of my job has been that it has literally taken me into every county and city in this State. I have called on politicians, businesses, chambers of commerce, leadership groups, civic clubs, etc. All of this just gives me a greater appreciation of where home is. We complain about this and that, but for me, there is no better spot in Alabama than Sprague Junction! A second career starts for me July 1st as the Director of Economic Development at the Butler County Commission for Economic Development in Greenville.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the July meeting. Bring a friend or two. They could become our newest members.

JULY PROGRAM

PINTLALA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION will meet on Sunday, July 20, 1997 at 2:30 pm. Our program will be a tour of the Alabama State Capitol. We need to meet just inside the Dexter Avenue entrance to the Capitol at 2:30. This is the entrance with all of the steps, and is the only entrance open on Sundays. Those who would like a ride may meet at Pintlala Baptist Church at 1:55. Vans, including the church van driven by Gary Burton, will depart at 2:00 pm. Please be on time, as we do not want to hold up those waiting at the Capitol!

See you on the 20th of July at the Dexter Avenue entrance to the Capitol. Bring friends if you like!

LASSITER FAMILY REUNION

The family of the late Frank Grant and Annie Merle Lassiter held their 1997 family reunion June 28, in Pike Road, Alabama, at the home of Glenn and Jo Newell Lassiter. There were 69 persons present from Decatur, and Ackworth, Georgia, Crestview, Florida and Alabama towns of Florence, Tuscaloosa, Quinton, Auburn, Opelika, Mobile, Pike Road, Hope Hull, and Montgomery. Everyone enjoyed seeing Jo's beautiful handmade quilts, and Glenn's garden and orchard. Glenn had prepared a special treat: fresh apple sauce made from apples grown in their orchard. The group relished updating the family history and welcoming the newest member, Austin Rigsby.

MOSLEY (MOSELEY)-SHACKELFORD REUNION HELD

On June 28th, around 60 descendants and many children of Mosleys and Shackelfords gathered at Pintlala Baptist Church for their annual reunion. As always, Betty and Clanton Mosley and their family did a great job of organizing the event, and making it a memorable day. Clanton had arranged a display of family memorabilia. Memory time was devoted to Thomas Gilchrist Shackelford, Jr., Henry David Mosley, and Wilbur Clinton Clanton Mosley - all super achievers.

PHA APRIL MEETING AND TOUR

The April PHA tour to Providence Presbyterian Church, the McIntyre home, the McLaney Cemetery and the Boyd-Ekwurzel Cemetery was most interesting. Bobbie Bozeman Williams, Providence member, gave a thorough history of the church and PHA members shared their ties to the church which has served LaGrand and surrounding communities since 1828. Ricky McLaney described the McIntyre home; PHA members drove North to the stately old home, turned around in its circular driveway, and headed to the McLaney Cemetery. There, Ricky McLaney gave a history of the cemetery where his family is buried at Sprague. At the final stop, Thomas Ray shared the history of his Boyd and Ekwurzel relatives at the cemetery, which is located on property owned by David and Anne Latham. We appreciate the Lathams cleaning the cemetery for our tour.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Mr. & Mrs. Allen H. Boyd Route 1, Box 355 Hope Hull, AL 36043 284-4980

Mr. & Mrs. Mark T. Jones Route 1, Box 445A Hope Hull, AL 36043 288-6228

IN MEMORIAM

Pintlala suffered a great loss with the passing of Col (retired) Harry S. McDonnold in April. The family has our heartfelt sympathy.

DONATIONS TO PHA LIBRARY

W. Clanton Mosley has given to our PHA Library the second volume of Thomas Moseley's genealogy of the Mosley (Moseley) family in the USA. This volume contains information on the Mosleys from this area and is a valuable addition to our files. Clanton also copies at Archives the minutes and membership list of Old Bethel Church at Pintlala. We hope to get this bound and in the files soon.

INQUIRY ABOUT DEAN AND SELLERS FAMILIES, 1855

Bobbi H. Chase, Philadelphia, PA, asked that we publish the following.

In Feb. 1855, Montgomery County, Ala., Daniel Dean of the same county named James A. Sellers as one "my securities or my official Bonds as guardian" to a trust that Daniel set up for his children. How is James A. Sellers related to Daniel Dean? Please respond to Bobbi H. Chase, 2805 N. 47th St., #807, Philadelphia, PA 19131.

We hope that someone can provide that information!

BOYD-EKWURZEL CEMETERY (by Thomas Ray)

Members of the Pintlala Historical Association visited the Boyd-Ekwurzel Cemetery on April 20, 1997. This cemetery is located just off Duncan Road near Sprague, Alabama. It is situated on land that was originally the home place of two of the early settlers in this county, Walter and Letitia Bussey Boyd. The property was later acquired by their daughter and son-in-law, Sarah Lyon Boyd Ekwurzel and Otto Gustav Ekwurzel. Both couples are among those buried there.

Walter Boyd, the son of Edmund and Susannah Thurmond Boyd, was born in Edgefield, SC on December 3, 1796, during the presidency of George Washington. Letitia Bussey Boyd, the daughter of Dempsey and Sarah Lyon Bussey, was also born in Edgefield, SC, on May 8, 1800.

Walter and Letitia Bussey Boyd were married in 1818 South Carolina, and came to Montgomery County in 1822. They are parents of 16 children. Walter was one of the founders of the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church. He was a successful farmer and served for a time as Justice of the Peace. Walter Boyd died January 29, 1844. Letitia Bussey Boyd married Thomas Butler, owner of the grist mill on Pintlala Creek, on October 15, 1845. After Thomas Butler's death in 1855, Letitia returned to the old home place that she and Walter Boyd had established. There she resided until her death on April 20, 1864.

Sarah Lyon Boyd Ekwurzel was born April 17, 1840. She married Otto Gustav Ekwurzel, a native of Sweden.

The Ekwurzels were originally from Germany and the German name was Eichwurtzel. Some of them went from Germany to Sweden as German soldiers during the Thirty Years War between Germany and Sweden in the 1600s.

Otto Gustav Ekwurzel, the son of Anders Benjamin and Anna S. Mansdotter Ekwurzel, was born October 18, 1833. Otto Gustav, a sister and several cousins came to the United States on the same ship in 1849. He lived for a while at Washington Court House in Washington County, Alabama. He was later apprenticed to a confectioner in Mobile and then came to Montgomery and opened his own confectionary business. It was at that business that he first met Sarah Lyon Boyd.

In July 1862, he enlisted in Company H of the First Alabama Partisan Rangers. That unit later became the First Alabama Cavalry. He was taken prisoner in August 1863 and was confined in Federal Prison in Camp Morton, Indiana.

He and Sarah Lyon Ekwurzel were parents of 11 children, including seven who are buried in this cemetery.

Otto Gustav Ekwurzel died April 29, 1881. Sarah Lyon Ekwurzel died May 22, 1924, and was the last person buried in this cemetery.

Others buried in this cemetery include Dempsey B. Boyd, a Confederate veteran and the third child of Walter and Letitia; Martha King Boyd, wife of Dempsey B. Boyd; Anna Jackson Boyd, first wife of James Thomas Boyd; and Fannie Smith Boyd, second wife of Walter Boyd who was a grandson of Walter and Letitia.

THE PHA NEWSLETTER

Thanks to Sandra Lassiter for serving as new editor of the PHA newsletter! She or Julianne Hataway may be calling on you to solicit contributions, so be thinking of your favorite story of historical interest. And special thanks to Lurline Hall and Ethel Tankersley Todd for providing over a decade of delightful material! They may *think* they've retired, but they've only been promoted to "consultants."

EARLY MONTGOMERY COUNTY MARRIAGES

Many thanks to Dorothy Stanaland Samuel for sharing her research and copies of Montgomery County Marriages between 1817 and 1823. The listing is set up by name of groom, name of bride, and name and title of the person performing the ceremony. In addition, there is an index of brides, with a cross reference to the page listing. This information was planned to be included in our July newsletter, but because of technical difficulties (not being proficient on the new computer!) printing is being postponed till a later edition. The material is being provided to the Pintlala Historical Association, and will be available at the Library.