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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope that each of you had a blessed holiday season - our thoughts and prayers are especially with those who suffered losses during that time.

We look forward to the New Year with hopeful hearts and enthusiastic expectations as we plan some of the projects proposed this year for the Pintlala Historical Association. Some undertakings that have been suggested are focusing on the years 1900 - 1999, and recognizing the contributions to the community by businesses in this area during that time, researching area schools, churches and clubs that have operated here during the last century, and honoring any of our area residents who attain their 100th birthday. That information will be documented in the 1999 issues of our newsletter. Please give any suggestions you may have to me or any board member. We need your help to make our final year of this century a memorable one for the Pintlala Historical Association!

JACK HORNADY
President, PHA

Pintlala Historical Association will meet on Sunday, January 17, 1999 at 2:30 in the Fellowship Hall of Pintlala Baptist Church. Members will provide the program by bringing old photographs. Pictures from Southwest Montgomery County are preferred, especially those showing buildings. Be prepared to tell what or who is in each photograph and the approximate date of the photo. Please limit the number of photos that you plan to share - 5 at the most. If you know of other people who might have pictures of scenes of our area, ask if they will come share them or allow a member to bring them. We are interested in seeing what is available for possible publishing. (Copies of your original photos would be made before using.)

I am depending on YOU to make this program a success - remember our "Bring an Heirloom" program? You provided wonderful material, so let's do it again! Please have your information ready for show and tell!

HEARTFELT SYMPATHY: Our heartfelt sympathy goes to the Hall family of the Mt. Carmel Community in the loss of their lovely, vivacious daughter, Darlene Hall Neeley. Darlene was a talented musician and, like her mother, Lurline, she was a gifted writer. She had three children and seven grandchildren and will be sorely missed. The Hall's also lost their only remaining aunt and uncle. Mrs. Arnelia ("Neelie") Edge Hudgens, 90, of Montgomery, and her brother, Mr. R. J. Edge, 94, of Mt. Carmel, were the last of that family's nine children.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are delighted to receive the following new members since printing of the last newsletter:

Mr. & Mrs. D. C. Boyd
1411 Old Sellers Road
Sprague, AL 36069

Mrs. Bernice Garner McCown
109 Dickens Drive
Coppell, TX 75019-2106

INQUIRY

Let's try to help one of our new members with her request. Mrs. McCown writes, "My interest is the TALLY/TALLEY family that was in that area as early as 1818-1819. I have been researching this family for many years and now find that my line connects to the following:

Reuben Talley b. ca 1782 Edgefield Co., SC., d. by 1840 Butler Co., AL. m. Anna Moseley

John Talley b. ca 1786 Edgefield Co., SC., d. 1840 Montgomery Co., AL, m. (1) Mary Moseley, (2) Margaret Carr/Kerr

Nathan Talley b. ca 1790 Edgefield Co. SC, d. Dec 1858 Winston Co., MS, m (1) Winifred Moseley, (2) Sarah _____. (3) Martha Jane _____.

I need names of the children of these families and any other information. Will respond and share."

OCTOBER 98 TOUR OF OAKWOOD CEMETERY

Do you know the difference between a "relict" and a "consort"? I didn't - until I participated in Mary Ann Neely's wonderful walking tour of Oakwood Cemetery on October 18, 1998 for our PHA members! Miss Neely's comments on marker inscriptions, such as these, and her tales of the residents' romance, triumphs, tragedies and intrigue were simply fascinating. No wonder she considers Oakwood Cemetery, as she tells her more youthful tour groups, to be the "liveliest spot in town!"

JANUARY IS THE TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO THE PHA. PLEASE PLAN TO PAY THE ANNUAL DUES, \$10.00, TO OUR TREASURER, THOMAS RAY, AT THE JANUARY 17 MEETING. OR, IF YOU PREFER, MAIL A CHECK TO:

**THOMAS L. RAY
ROUTE 1, BOX 441
HOPE HULL, AL 36043**

ALSO, HE NEEDS TO GET YOUR NEW "911 COMPLIANT" STREET ADDRESS. MANY THANKS!

HERITAGE OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, by Mary Lillian Rosier

A new book entitled, "The Heritage of Montgomery County," is planned for publication. It will be one of a series of books for each county in Alabama. Some books have already been published for a few counties and some are in the process. Two of the members of the Pintlala Historical Association, Joyce Nicoll and Mary Lillian Rosier, attended a meeting on December 11th of the Montgomery Genealogy Club. Most of the attendees are members of the Montgomery Genealogy Club. **The next meeting will be held at 1:00 P.M. January 15, 1999 on the 10 floor of the AUM Library.** Those interested are encouraged to attend.

This Montgomery County book will be Volume 51 of the 67 volumes. A 68th volume will contain the index of all the family and place names in the entire series.

Each family household is invited to write a family story and submit a photograph to be published free of charge. Each church, club and organization will have the same opportunity. Anyone with roots in the community is eligible. The article should consist of not more than 500 words and one photograph for your ancestors after 1890. For stories concerning people prior to 1890 (considered pioneer histories) you may submit an additional 500 words, or a total of 1,000 words, and a second photograph. A charge of 15 cents per additional word will be applied for articles exceeding those limits. You may write several articles on different subjects.

In addition to family stories, articles are needed concerning churches and clubs, which are allowed 250 words and one photograph. Major topics are allowed 600-750 words and one photo at committee discretion. A writing workshop will be held, date to be announced later.

I can think of some items of interest and would appreciate if some of you would volunteer to write an article about the Volunteer Fire Department, the Pintlala Public Library, the Bethel Cemetery, other family cemeteries, and all of our churches. Please contact me at the next meeting or call me and let me know of your area of interest.

A brochure outlining directions, etc., will be available at the January 15 meeting at the AUM Library. Those who are interested but cannot attend may notify Mary Lillian Rosier to obtain a copy. If some would like to attend, perhaps we can ride together. Give Mary Lillian a call at 284-2314.

1861 DEED FOR "FREE PUBLIC SCHOOL"

(The information about this deed was provided by Bobbi H. Chase, 2805 N. 47th Street., #807, Philadelphia, PA 19131. Thank you, Bobbi! According to "oral history" during my 40+ years in this area, it describes the approximate location of the long closed "Union Academy." But I distinctly remember that Fleta Masonic Lodge members annually served delicious barbecue at or very near that site. Thomas Ray's mother attended school at Union Academy and he remembers entering the old building and writing on its blackboard. If you have any information about the Union Academy - its students, teachers, years of operation, and ESPECIALLY any pictures - please let Sandra Lassiter or me know, and we'll get that information in the PHA Newsletter. Many thanks! Julianne Hataway)

Following is a deed in hopes it will be considered of interest to the readers of the Pintlala Historical Association Newsletter. The deed is of double interest since it not only documents land being donated for a "free public school" in Montgomery County, but the timing of the donation on July 28, 1861 may be of greater interest.

In January 1861 Fort Sumter had been fired on by South Caroline troops and five states had seceded from the Union. In February 1861 another state had seceded from the Union and the Confederate States of America provisionally organized at Montgomery, Alabama, and Jefferson Davis was elected and inaugurated as President of the Confederate States. By the time the Deans, Sellers and Pools donated land for the school, many Civil War battles had been fought.

Is it possible that, with the war on everyone's mind, sons and relatives enlisting, that the Deans, Sellers, and Pools were attempting to conduct as normal a life as possible by tending to everyday affairs? One can only speculate.

It would be interesting to know if a school was ever built on the donated land.

Montgomery County, Alabama Deed Book 13, pgs 236 - 237, Daniel Dean et al to Trustees of Township 13:

Daniel Dean and his wife A.J. Dean, James A. Sellers and his wife Harriet Sellers and Alfred Pool and his wife Letitia Pool for the sum of \$1 sold to the Trustees of Township 13 of Range 17 for the free public school of said township the receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge do hereby grant, bargain, sell, enfeoff and confirm unto the said Trustees and to their successors in office for the following described parcel of land to wit by Daniel Dean and wife as follows: Two acres in the NW corner of Section 15, Township 13, Range 17 being two acres long, North & South, & one acre wide, East and West, and by James Sellers and wife one acre in the north east corner of Section 16, Township 13, Range 17, being two acres long, North & South, and a half acre in width, East and West, and by A. Pool and wife two thirds of one half of an acre in the south west corner of Section 10, Township 13, and Range 17, being one and a half acres in length and of width sufficient to contain one half acre, the whole amount of the said tracts containing three and one half acres all together to have and to hold the aforegranted premises to the present Trustees of said township and their successors in office as long as said land is kept for the use and benefit of a school in said township and where it ceases to be of use any longer as a location for a school house for said township, it then reverts back to the present owners as though this instrument had never existed. Otherwise, it is to remain the property of the Township forever. Signed July 28, 1861.

GENERAL JAMES HOLT CLANTON, CSA

James Holt Clanton, soldier, lawyer, politician, Brigadier General, CSA, was born January 8, 1827, in Columbia County, Georgia and died September 26, 1871 at Knoxville, Tennessee; son of Nathaniel Holt and Mary (Clayton) Clanton, the former a native of Georgia, removed to Alabama, settled in Macon County in 1835, represented his county in the House in 1838, and in the State Senate in 1853, the latter a relative of Gen. Henry D. Clayton; grandson of Holt and Catherine (Newsome) Clanton, the former a Revolutionary soldier serving 6 years in the Virginia Continental Line, who moved to Darby's Hill, north of Augusta in 1801, and of Charles and Hannah (Doggett) Clayton of Columbia County, Georgia, the former a planter of that county who married first the daughter of a Capt. Garmany of South Carolina; great-grandson of John Doggett, a Revolutionary soldier, and a lineal descendant of Benjamin Doggett, an early Episcopal clergyman of Virginia. Gen. Clanton was educated in the Macon County schools and entered the State University, but soon after, volunteered for the War with Mexico as a private in Capt. Rush Elmore's Company of Col Bailie Payton's Regiment. On the expiration of this service, he re-enlisted in the Palmetto Regiment, but reached Mexico after the occupation of the capitol. He returned home and practiced law at Tuskegee in the office of David Clopton; attended the law school of Judge Chilton, and was admitted to the bar in 1850, and located in Montgomery. In 1855, he represented Montgomery in the Legislature, and in 1860 was a candidate for elector on the Bell and Everett ticket. He opposed the secession of the State from the Union, but entered the service as captain of a mounted company when Alabama seceded. He served first on the Florida coast. In 1861 he organized his command to a regiment and was chosen its first colonel. The regiment was known as the First Alabama Cavalry. He was ordered to Tennessee and opened the Battle of Shiloh, being engaged the second day.

He resumed his profession in 1866 and was attorney for the State of Alabama in the matter of the Alabama and Chattanooga railroad case. He was shot that day in the streets of Knoxville by David M. Nelson, following a heated argument concerning remarks made in court that day. (The story handed down in the Clanton family is that Nelson, a Yankee, accused Gen. Clanton of being "yellow" during their argument, and that Clanton challenged Nelson to a duel to prove he was not "yellow." Outside on the street, as they paced their distance of steps with their backs to each other, Nelson turned and shot Clanton in the back.)

The above is copied from handwritten notes in the personal Clanton file.



Pictured above are Mary Lillian Rosier (Gen Clanton was her great-great uncle), Richard William Rosier, Margaret Clanton, and Lucille Clanton Shirlev.

Gen. Clanton was buried from the Capitol building in Montgomery, Alabama. All State offices were closed to pay respects. He was buried in the Oakwood Cemetery. In 1960, his first gravestone was replaced and a new one, considered more appropriate, was erected by the Old South Historical Society. The inscription reads:

"James Holt Clanton, 1827 - 1871, Brigadier General, C.S.A. Leader of Democratic and Conservative party of Alabama, bulwark of his people against radical reconstruction, knight without fear and without reproach."

Another story handed down within the family tells that General Clanton single-handedly ran the clack "carpetbaggers" out of the State following the Civil War. He seemed to have been a fearless daredevil.

Gen. Clanton was survived by his wife Panthenia (daughter of Gen. James and Eualina Ross Abercrombie), James A. (who later died single in El Paso, Texas in 1902) and other children Mollie, Thomas, Holt, and three others (sexes unknown) who all died young.

Legend has it that Gen. Clanton left his wife penniless and that people of Alabama raised money to build his widow a house at 225 South Hull Street, Montgomery, Alabama. It later was owned by the Old Southern Life Insurance Company, and sold to the Retirement System of Alabama (RSA). RSA donated this and the Ware-Farley-Hood house and part of the cost to move them to the Landmarks Foundation. The Cottage Hill Foundation moved the Clanton home to 521 Herron Street. In 1989, the Landmarks Foundation moved the kitchen wing, located off the back porch of the house, to the north block of Old Alabama Town. A photograph in the April 17, 1993 issue of the "Montgomery Advertiser" shows the completed house which has two rooms with two front doors, a common fireplace, and a covered porch.

Clanton, Alabama was named in honor of General Clanton.

On Growing Old

"You don't have to worry much about avoiding temptation as you grow older - it will avoid you."

"Growing old is no more than a bad habit, which a busy mans has no time to form."

And my favorite, by Douglas MacArthur:

"In the central place of every heart there is a recording chamber. So long as it receives messages of beauty, hope, cheer, and courage -- you are young. When the wires are all down and your heart is covered with the snows of pessimism and the ice of cynicism, then, and then only, are you grown old."