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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: An Event, A Procedure, and An Opinion

1. The Bartram Trail Conference is hosting a very unique event on October 25, a Saturday. Featuring William Bartram's travels through Alabama, the all-day conference will be a stem-winder. We are indebted to Alice Carter for making the arrangements for the PHA to participate. The site will be the State Capitol Auditorium. Details on how to be a part of the event are elsewhere in this newsletter. The experience will constitute our quarterly meeting. William Bartram, the famous naturalist, has direct relevance to those of us who live in Pintlala. On his way to Mobile, Bartram dissected the heart of Pintlala by traveling on the trail which would become the historic Federal Road. Thomas Jefferson, who commissioned the construction of the Federal Road, was also a friend of Bartram. Of course, they shared botanical interests. When Jefferson moved temporarily to Bartram's area in order to escape a yellow fever epidemic in Philadelphia, he located near Bartram's garden. The two friends remained correspondents for many more years.

2. Thomas Ray has astutely called to my attention that a nominating committee should be named soon. A few positions of leadership must be filled. Because of the nature of this month's program, we will be unable to entertain the report of the nominating committee. Consequently,

persons being considered for service will be nominated in the January meeting and, if approved, will begin serving immediately.

3. I have an opinion about the importance of history. Henry Ford once opined, "History is more or less bunk." (Interview with the *Chicago Tribune*, May 25, 1916) Obviously, if you are successful and busy counting your money, it is easy to surmise that history is irrelevant. My premise is this: Those who appreciate are history prone to be more grateful than those who arrogantly see no need for it. It is humbling to think that others who preceded you often paid the price for the quality of life we enjoy today. Maybe arrogance not ignorance prevents us from learning more about our heritage.

GARY BURTON
PRESIDENT, PHA

PHA OCTOBER 2003 PROGRAM: Please read carefully - PHA October meeting has been changed to SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2003 AT 8:30 am at the Alabama State Capitol Auditorium. We will be participating in the Bartram Trail Conference rather than meeting locally in Pintlala on the third Sunday.

William Bartram was a naturalist from Philadelphia who came south to study the plants of this geographic region. He traveled the Federal Road which took him to Mobile. It has been documented that Bartram passed over the Pinchona Creek in Pintlala in 1775.

In order to bring the best available scholarship on Bartram to PHA members, we want to take YOU to the Bartram Trail Conference. You have two options:

1. Attend from 8:30 am to 11:00 am - cost \$10.00, paid by PHA.
2. Attend from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm - cost \$15.00; \$10.00 paid by PHA, you pay \$5.00.

The first presenter will be Pintlala resident Mark Dauber. His topic will be *The Lost Alabama Landscape of William Bartram*. He will be followed by Brad Sanders speaking on *The Cahaba Lily*. Other conference topics scheduled for Saturday are:

11:00 to 12:00 -- Dr. Kathryn Braund, Auburn University, *The Eagle-Tail Standard of the Creek Indians* and Dr. Craig Sheldon, Auburn University, *Where Bartram Sat: Creek Indian Architecture*.

12:00 to 1:00 -- Box lunch for those staying all day and paying \$15.00.

1:00 to 3:00 -- Greg Lein, *The Bartram Canoe Trail in Southeast Alabama* and Scott Couch, Joe Turnham and Ray Vaughan, *Bartram's Trail in Tuskegee National Forest*.

3:00 to 3:30 -- Break

3:30 to 4:30 -- Author round-table and questions (features a variety of books on Bartram)

Reservations are necessary; if not already made, call Alice Carter, 281-3708 immediately.

If you need transportation let Alice know. See you October 25! (Thanks to Alice Carter for arranging another great program!)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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HEARTFELT SYMPATHY: PHA members extend heartfelt sympathy to the families of our members and friends who have recently lost loved ones, including the families of Miss Samantha McGinty, Mrs. Clara Mae Noble, Mrs. Carolyn Shelton, Mrs. Margarete Boyd, Mrs. Julia Lanham, Robert Osborne, Clarence Lassiter, Mrs. Nancy Cauthen, John Wilbur Boyd and Werner Hostettler.

WELL WISHES: We hope that Virginia Sellers, Scho Sellers, Thomas Ray, Leslie Williams, Kitty Lewis, Scott Garrett, Ray Morgan, and those who are not up to par soon feel MUCH better!

SHACKELFORD-MOS(E)LEY FAMILY REUNION: The 2003 reunion of the Shackelford-Mos(e)ley Family Association was held on June 28th in the Fellowship hall of the Pintlala Baptist Church. Over 40 attendees came from Georgia, South Carolina and Florida as well as several parts of Alabama. The SMFA includes descendants of George Shackelford (1779NC - 1852AL) and his wife Annette Jeter (1806SC - 1870AL) and Edward Moseley (1771 VA or NC - 1834AL) and his wife Martha Butler (1775SC - 1831AL) who were pioneer settlers of the Pintlala Community in the late 1810's. Bettie Shackelford and Miriam Chesnut Cochran (84), both of Birmingham, were the oldest representatives of the two families while Ross Shackelford of Trussville and Elizabeth Whitlaw (2) of Aiken SC, were the youngest. Descendants of other Montgomery County pioneer families (Jeter, Bonham, Butler, Robert S. Moseley, Robert D. Moseley, etc.) are welcome to attend these reunions. This year four descendants of Robert D. Moseley attended with their spouses (Robert D. Moseley's son Elisha married Edward Moseley's half-sister Lydia) Curt Ledbetter of Montgomery attended to promote the preservation of the old Concord Methodist Church Cemetery in Lowndes County where several Ledbetters are buried (Sophronia Jane Ledbetter married Madison Shackelford). Memory Time included a presentation on the Pintlala Grange in which the Shackelfords and Moseleys were active from the 1870's to the 1890's. As usual, attendees enjoyed a delicious covered dish lunch. (Many thanks to W. Clanton Mosley!)

McGINTY'S GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY: James ("Hot Shot") and Clarise McGinty were honored by their children and grandchildren at the Pintlala Baptist Fellowship Hall for their 50th anniversary in August 2003. The beautiful decorations included numerous displays of pictures of the couple, their friends and family, and their children and grandchildren. Especially precious were the pictures of Samantha, the honorees' beautiful teenage granddaughter, who had tragically lost her life in a recent car accident.

Thanks to Mary Ann Venable and Rae Calvert for the following articles! Rae said that this is the "Manac" who owned the land both on Pinchony Creek (Manac's Tavern") and on the Alabama River (northern Lowndes County). Part of the Palmer (Murrell) land was leased from Manac for 99 years.

SAMUEL MANAC (MONIAC) Below, **Samuel Moniac** gives his deposition to **Judge Harry Toulmin**, relating how he came to realize a war against the whites was impending.

From "History of the Mississippi Valley, Volume II" by Modette

"Among the evidences of **Tecumseh's** visit and agency in exciting the Creek war, and inducing the Creeks to takeup the hatchet as allies of Great Britain, the following affidavit of Samuel Moniac, a respectable and wealthy half-breed Creek, may be taken as one which is corroborated by undoubted testimony, viz:

The Deposition of Samuel Moniac, of lawful age, a Warrior of the Creek nation

Mississippi Territory, Washington District:

About the last of October, 1812, thirty northern Indians came down with **Tecumseh**, who said he had been sent by his brother, the **Prophet**. They attended our council at the **Tuccabache**, and had a talk for us. I was there for the space of three days; but every day, while I was there, **Tecumseh** refused to deliver his talk; and, on being requested to give it, said the sun had gone too far that day. The next day I came away, and he delivered his talk. It was not until about **Christmas** that any of our people began to dance the war-dance. The **Muskhogeas** have not been used to dance before war, but afterward. At that time, about forty of our people began this "northern custom;" and my brother-in-law, **Francis**, who also pretends to be a "prophet," was at the head of them.

Their number has very much increased since, and there are probably now more than one half of the **Creek nation** who have joined them. Being afraid of the consequences of a murder having been committed on the mail-route, I left my house on the road, and had gone down to my plantation on the river, where I remained some time. I went to **Pensacola** with some steers; during which time my sister and brother, who have joined the war party, came and took off a number of my horses, and other stock, and thirty-six of my negroes. About twenty-two days ago I went up to my house on the road, and found some **Indians** encamped near it, and I tried to avoid them, but could not. An Indian came to me, who goes by the name of **High-headed Jim**, and who, I found, had been appointed to head a party sent to **Autossee** town, on the **Tallapoosa**, on a trip to **Pensacola**. he shook hands with me, and immediately began to tremble and jerk in every part of his frame, and the very calves of his legs were convulsed, and he would get entirely out of breath with the agitation. This practice was introduced in May or June last by "the **Prophet Francis**," who says that he was so instructed by the **Spirit**. **High-headed Jim** asked me what I meant to do. I said that I would sell my property, and buy ammunition from the governor; and join them. He then told me they were going down to **Pensacola** to get ammunition, and they had got a letter from a **British general**, which would enable them to receive ammunition from the governor; that it had been given to the **Little Warrior**, and was saved by his nephew when he was killed, and by him sent to **Francis**. **High Head** told me that, when they went back with their supply, another body of men would go down for another supply of ammunition; and that ten men were to go out of town, and they calculated on *five horseloads for every town*. He said they were to make a general attack on the American settlements; that the Indians on the waters of the **Coosa**, **Tallapoosa**, and **Black Warrior** were to attack the settlements on the **Tombigby** and **Alabama**, particularly the **Tensas** and **Fork** settlements; that the **Creek Indians** bordering on the **Cherokees** were to attack the people of Tennessee, and that the **Seminoles** and **Lower Creeks** were to attack the **Georgians**; that the **Choctas** also had joined them and were to attack the **Mississippi** settlements; that the attack was to be made at the same time in all places, *when they had become furnished with ammunition*.

I found from my sister that they were treated very rigorously by the chiefs; and that many, especially the

women, among them **two daughters** of the late **General McGillivray**, who had been induced to join them in order to save their property, were very desirous of leaving them, but could not.

I found from the talk of **High Head** that the war was to be against the whites, and not between the Indians themselves; that all they wanted was to kill those who had taken the talk of the white, viz: the **Big Warrior**, **Alexander Curnells**, **Captain Isaac**, **William M'Intosh**, the **Mad Dragon's** son, the **Little Prince**, **Spoke Kange**, and **Tallasee Thicksico**. They have destroyed a large quantity of my cattle, have burned my houses and my plantation, as well as those of **James Curnells** and **Leonard M'Gee**.

(Signed) **Samuel (his S. M. mark) Moniac**

Sworn to and subscribed before me, one of the United States judges for the **Mississippi Territory**, this 2d day of August, 1813. **Harry Toulmin**

(A true copy) **George T. Ross**, Lieutenant-colonel of Volunteers

Transcribed from photocopy of original.

Recorded: Deed Record C
Clarke County, Alabama

David Moniac to Margaret Tait Deed

This indenture made Eighth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight-hundred and thirty-six, between **David Moniac** of the County of **Baldwin** and State of **Alabama** of the first party and **Margaret Tait** of the County and State aforesaid, of the second part,

Witnesseth that the said **David Moniac** for and in consideration of the sum of six thousand five hundred dollars, to the party of the first part, in hand paid, doth hereby bargain sell and convey unto the party of the second part, her heirs and assigns in fee simple and forever the following the following land and parcels of land, to wit: the North East subdivision of fractional Section numbered nineteen township number four, Range three East containing one hundred and fifty two acres and also the West half of the North West quarter of Section numbered nineteen township number four, Range three East containing Eighty acres, which lands my plantation is and has been o, d for years, and which lands described, I, the said **David Moniac**, do hereby covenant and promise to be free from all encumbrances and that the right is in me and that I have full right to sell and convey the same to the party of the second part and hereby warrant the title to the same to the party of the second part, her executors, heirs and assigns forever against me, my heirs, executors and assigns and against all right title of all and every person whomsoever either in law or equity.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and placed my seal in presence of the day and date first above written.

David Moniac (seal) **Margaret Staple**
Enoch Parsons

The State of Alabama Clarke County personally appeared before me **Terrell Powers**, Clerk of the County Court of the State and County aforesaid the above named **Enoch Parsons** one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing Deed who being first duly sworn deposeth and saith that he saw the above named **David Moniac** whose name is subscribed thereto sign seal and deliver the same to the said **Margaret Tait**, that he, this deponent subscribed his name as a witness thereto in the presence of the said **David Moniac** and that he saw **Margaret Staple** sign the same in the presence of the said **David Moniac** and in the presence of each other.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th October 1836 **Enoch Parsons Terrell Powers Clk**

Recorded 13th day of October 1836

Addenda to the Paper Published by the Writer on June 28th, 1877:

By **J. D. Driesback**, July 9th, 1883

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Alabama Historical Reporter (note: some of this is repetitive)

March 1884

Among the names of prominent white men who mingled their blood with that of the Red man, is the same of **Wm. Moniac** (a **Hollander**) who came with a remnant of **Natchez Indians** to the **Creek nation** in 1756. He took a **Tuskegee** woman, **Polly Colbert**, for his wife, who was the mother of **Sam Moniac**, who married **Weatherford's** sister. He and **Sam Moniac** were men of fine sense and indomitable courage, strict integrity and enterprise, had considerable influence over the **Indians**, went with **Gen. McGillivray** to **New York** to see **Washington**, was presented by **Washington** with a medal, which was buried with him at **Pass Christian** in 1837. He was the father of **Maj. David Moniac** who was killed in the **Florida war** in 1836, and of whom **Gen. Jessup** said, that he was as brave and gallant a man as ever drew a sword or faced in enemy. He (**David Moniac**) was a nephew of **Weatherford** and **David Tate**, and a graduate of **West Point**. His descendants are highly respected citizens of **Ala.** and **Miss.** His wife was a cousin of **Oscelola the Florida chief**, who commanded the **Florida Indians** when **Maj. Moniac** was killed. **Moniac** had resigned his commission in the **U. S. A.** many years before the **Florida war of 1836**, and entered the army as a private in the company from **Claiborne, Ala.**, but soon rose to the rank of **Major by Brevet**, and was in command of 600 **Creeks** and **Choctaws** when he was killed. His mother was **Weatherford's** sister, which would lead to the conclusion that **Weatherford** sprang from heroic stock, and his uncle, **Gen. McGillivray** was said by **Judge John R. Campbell** to be a regular descendant of a noble Scotch family of a heroic clan in **Scotland**.

William Moniac, a **Hollander**, the father of **Sam** married **Polly Colbert**, a **Tuskegee** woman who was the mother of **Sam Moniac**, who married **Elizabeth Weatherford**. He went to **New York** with **Alexander McGillivray**; he was presented by **Washington** with a medal which was buried with him at **Pass Christian** in 1837; they had three children; **David**, **Alexander**, and **Levitia**; **David Moniac** under the treaty of **New York** was graduated at **West Point**. He was a **Major** and commanded 600 **Creeks** and **Choctaws** against the **Seminoles** in the **Florida War of 1836**. He was killed, 13 bullets piercing his body. A braver man never lived. **Levitia** or **Vicey** married **William Sizemore** of **Baldwin County, Alabama** who was a son of **Dixon Bailey's** sister, a mixture of **Creek** and white blood. He became a wealthy planter on the **Alabama River**, and has many descendants. **Major David Moniac** married **Miss Polly Powell** (or **Mrs. Saunders**) and had two children; **David Alexander** and **Margaret**. **David Alexander** was Sheriff of **Baldwin County, Alabama** and served one of two terms. He died in 1880. **Margaret** married **S. J. McDonald** and had several children.

Elizabeth married **Samuel Moniac**, who was son of **William Moniac**, mentioned above. There were three children by this marriage, named as follows: **David**, **Alexander**, and **Levitia**. **David** was the **Major Moniac** who was killed in the **Florida war in 1836**. The Grand-mother of **Major David Moniac** was the daughter of the **Creek Chief William Colbert**, from whom the **Colbert Shoals**, on the **Tennessee river**, took its name.

1846 – The “First” Pintlala Baptist Church

*(Prepared for the Pintlala Historical Association meeting on July 20, 2003
Presented by Gary Burton, Pastor, Pintlala Baptist Church)*

It is a little known and obscure fact that there was a forerunner of the current Pintlala Baptist Church which was founded in June of 1960. However, a careful reading of the minutes of the Alabama Baptist Association for 1846 indicates that, while meeting with the Providence Baptist Church of Dallas County, the petition of a Pintlala Baptist Church requesting membership was honored. The day was Friday, October 9. How long the church existed before constituting on July 19 is not known. However, this commentary is provided:

“Constituted on the 19th of July last, Good state of religious feeling in the community, and hope ere long to see many added to the church. Prosperous Condition. Asks the prayers of the Association.”

After the 1837 division of Baptists, which found its focus in the Bethel Baptist Church of Pintlala, those who embraced a missionary approach to the gospel were excluded and started a new work near Allen’s Hill. Now almost a decade later, could it be that the same nucleus of people comprise the newly constituted church? The Bethel Church, having adopted a Primitive Baptist theology, thus rejecting any missionary impetus, would continue for several more years. In addition the Federal Road as the main artery of travel, wound its way through the heart of Pintlala and would have passed about a mile south of Allen’s Hill near the Bethel Church. The clerk of the Pintlala Baptist Church was listed as J.H. Cogburn. Cogburn also served as a delegate to the 1847 associational meeting along H. Holmes and A.B. McWhorter, both of whom did not attend the meeting.

The work, although begun with euphoria and unrealistic expectations, was quite small. The church would struggle and experience a demise within a few years. As a matter of fact, subsequent years with the Alabama Baptist Association reveal no statistics or delegates. In 1847 the church had 9 members, one black and eight white. In 1848, T.D. Armstrong is serving as pastor of the church with this caveat: “only occasional preaching. Communicates nothing of

special interest. Craves the prayers of the Association.”

By 1849, the Missionary Board of the Association stated that the Hickory Grove and Pintlala Churches were “destitute of preaching” and that a brother D.P. J. Murphy was engaged for \$150 per year to supply both churches on a half-time basis.

Having no consistent leadership, the Pintlala Baptist Church survived only a short time. By 1850 no mention is made of the church.

JULY PROGRAM: Highlights of the July 2003 program were the unveiling of the Historical Marker for Grange Hall and Grange Hall School and looking at the array of grange era items that had been graciously been lent by Mr. and Mrs. James P. Henry, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Davis Henry for display at the Pintlala Library.

PHA MARKER FUND: The PHA Marker Fund is somewhat depleted after financing the beautiful historic marker for the Grange Hall and the Grange Hall School. With the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons approaching, what better way to memorialize or honor a special person than to send a tax deductible contribution to the PHA marker fund. A list of those honored in that way will be printed in a later newsletter.

SPECIAL THANKS TO NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTORS: Rae Calvert, Mary Ann Venable, and Gary Burton submitted interesting articles for our October 2003 newsletter. Laurie Sanders sent in copies of articles written by Miss Mildred shortly before her death in 1978; we plan to publish those, plus one of Gary Burton’s articles in the next newsletter. Mamie Sellers sent in additional information about the Mt. Carmel Cemetery that had been compiled by Thomas Ray. We certainly appreciate these contributions, and encourage other readers to send information and articles to Sandra Lassiter or Julianne Hataway.

HISTORY IN THE MAKING: Many of us remember when Hope Hull was the home of Mr. Fred Hooper and his thoroughbred racing stable. Some of us cheered when his horse, *Hoop, Jr.*, piloted by the legendary jockey, Eddie Arcaro, thundered across the finish line first in the 1945 Kentucky Derby. Now, once again racehorse winners are bred and raised in Hope Hull! Bobby G. Pruitt, owner of the Flying P Ranch, garnered two of the top three prizes in very first running of The Alabama Belle, a stakes race for Alabama bred fillies and mares, at Louisiana Downs. *Comalagold* finished first and *Nell’s Niner* won third. CONGRATULATIONS, BOBBY!

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT MT. CARMEL CEMETERY: This information is provided (as pages 9 and 10 of the newsletter) so it can be added to the original list.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR MT. CARMEL CEMETERY LIST

A big "thank you" to Thomas Ray for this input to the Mt. Carmel Cemetery list. Please take the sheet of new information and attach it to the list published recently. We hope that others will submit their relationships, additions and corrections. At some future date these will be incorporated into the master list and it will be reprinted. Send any information that you may have to Mamie M. Sellers, 3343 Drexel Rd. Montgomery, AL, 36106 or they can be submitted by email to mmsres@bellsouth.net.

1. Alford, Thomas-1st husband of Betty Jean Cleghorn Moore
2. Boyd, Wilbur Lee-son of Peter Boyd
3. Brady, Alice Ekwurzel-2nd wife of Thomas B. Brady, granddaughter of Walter & Letitia Bussey Boyd
4. Brendle, Mae Jones-wife of Cecil brendle
5. Duncan George W.-son of John A. & Catherine Norman Duncan
6. Duncan, Jane-daughter of John A. & Catherine Norman Duncan
7. Duncan John A.-husband of Catherine Norman Duncan, Confederate veteran, Company C, 24th Battalion, Alabama Cavalry
8. Duncan, Lafayette-husband of Mary Emma Ekwurzel Duncan, son of John A. & Catherine Norman Duncan
9. Duncan, Mary E.-granddaughter of Walter & Letitia Bussey Boyd
10. Duncan, Mattie-daughter of John A. & Catherine Norman Duncan
11. Duncan, Otto L.-1st husband of Pauline Faircloth Duncan McDowell, son of Lafayette & Mary E. Duncan
12. Duncan, Pierce-son of John A. & Catherine Norman Duncan
13. Duncan, Thomas, M. D. -son of John A. & Catherine Norman Duncan
14. Duncan, William E.-1st husband of Beatrice Stockard Duncan Woodard, son of Lafayette & Mary E. Duncan
15. Duncan, Willie-son of John A. & Catherine Norman Duncan
16. Ekwurzel, Sarah Augusta-granddaughter of Walter & Letitia Bussey Boyd
17. Poole, Letitia -daughter of Walter & Letitia Bussey Boyd
18. Ray, Ben Gue-husband of Mary Emma Duncan Ray, veteran of World War 1, 3rd Division U. S. Infantry in France & Germany

19. Ray, Mary Emma Duncan-wife of Ben Gue Ray, daughter of Lafayette & Mary E. Duncan
20. Scaife, Myrtie Nolan-June 19, 1920-October 5, 1997
21. Sellers, John Allen-husband of 1st Letitia S. Sellers & 2nd of Beuna Mae Duncan Sellers
22. Sellers, Martha J.-daughter of Walter & Letitia Bussey Boyd
23. Sellers, Mineola King-2nd wife of Hayden Sellers
24. Turnipseed, Etta Cleghorn-wife of Fred Turnipseed, daughter of Julia M. Cleghorn
25. Watson, Lura Scott-wife of Walter Prady Watson
26. Watson, Walter Brady-husband of Lura Scott Watson, son of Walter Rice & Lillian Brady Watson
27. Watson, Walter Rice-husband of Lillian Brady Watson

Corrections & Omissions:

1. Brady, Virginia W. (Thweatt) (Omitted)
Dec. 4, 1871-July 29, 1917, 1st wife of Thomas B. Brady
2. Brady, Thomas B.-date of death Jan. 13, 1952 (not July 29, 1917)
3. Duncan, John William-name listed twice
4. Duncan, Otto L.-date of birth July 27, 1889 (not July 27, 1839), date of death Apr. 11, 1917 (not Apr. 1, 1917)
5. Norman, Eubritta Sellers-(Omitted) May 20, 1885-Jan. 7, 1971, wife of William Caffey Norman, Sr., daughter of William Joseph & Alabama Poole Sellers
6. Norman, Henderson Hartley- date of death Jan. 3, 1957 (not Jan. 3, 1857)
7. Norman, William Caffey, Jr.-date of death April 19, 1978 (not July 19, 1978)