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Students and Teachers on porch of Grange Hall School, Pintlala, Alabama, ca. 1900



Students and Teachers on porch of Grange Hall School, Pintlala, Alabama, ca. 1900, George Adkin Mosley, standing on first step, lower right with fancy tie, photo courtesy Linda White

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Montgomery County is approaching her Bicentennial. We will mark our 200th year on December 6. The county was legislated into existence by the General Assembly of the Mississippi Territory in 1816. One of the earliest public officials at the county level was the Sheriff, Phillips Fitzpatrick. Even today the local official who interfaces the most with the public could be the County Sheriff. From Phillips Fitzpatrick to today's Derrick Cunningham, our county has witnessed the election of many sheriffs who devoted themselves to the keeping of the peace and the enforcing of the law.

Our program on April 17 will feature Lt. Clarence Brannon of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department. Over the past few years Lt. Brannon has researched and compiled *History of the Montgomery County Sheriffs 1817-2016*. I cannot wait to hear his overview complete with anecdotes and wonderful backstories. Of course, one of Pintlala's sons, George Adkin (Addie) Mosley, was the County Sheriff (1939-1955) and is highlighted in this edition of the newsletter. I will be on the edge of my seat ready to learn more about Montgomery County. We will also welcome Sheriff Cunningham who has committed to attend.

Wikipedia is instructive with this summary: A sheriff is generally an elected county official, with duties that typically include policing unincorporated areas, maintaining county jails, providing security to courts in the county, and (in some states) serving warrants and court papers. In addition to these policing and correction services, a sheriff is often responsible for enforcing civil law within his/her jurisdiction.

Perhaps you will understand when I say that it is a privilege living in the county beyond the city limits. Yet I want to be more than a resident of the county; I want to be a responsible citizen too. I think that begins with knowing some basic history.

Gary Burton, President, garyburton1@charter.net April 2016

April 2016 Program

The PHA will meet on Sunday, April 17, 2016 at 2:30 in the Fellowship Hall of Pintlala Baptist Church. Our speaker will be Montgomery County Deputy Sheriff, Clarence Brannon. Deputy Brannon will present a program on *History of the Montgomery County Sheriffs—1817-2016*. This program ties into the 200th anniversary of the founding of Montgomery County. Brannon's career as a law enforcement officer began in 1969 with the Montgomery Police Department from which he retired in 1989 as a Sergeant. Law enforcement continued to call Brannon and he has worked at the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office where he has served under four different Sheriffs: Mac Sim Butler, Dan Jones, D. T. Marshall and now Derrick Cunningham. Under Sheriff Cunningham, Brannon's interests and talents have merged into a project combining his love of history, genealogy and law enforcement. As a good detective, he has used all of his training in uncovering life details of past Montgomery County Sheriffs.

Our special guest on April 17th will be Montgomery County Sheriff Derrick Cunningham.

See you and any friends whom you would like to bring at 2:30 on April 17th!



Montgomery County Deputy Sheriff, Lt. Clarence Brannon

January Meeting

Robert Thrower presented a thought-provoking program on his family from the Wind Clan, Poarch Band of Creek Indians. Prior to our program several members accompanied Robert to the site of Sam Manac's store/tavern on the Federal Road in Pintlala. Robert and his wife Dana honored the spirit of his sixth great grandfather, Sam Manac, with a ceremony of the Dancing Feather. Robert had never visited the place once belonging to his great grandfather times six!

The peacefulness and tranquility of the pastoral site were enhanced by the sounds of chirping birds and lowing cattle as Robert tied a feather onto a tree branch in memory of Sam Manac. We were honored to bring Robert and Dana to his ancestral property.







Robert Thower, January PHA Meeting, photos courtesy Charles Murrell

2016 DUES

If you have not paid your yearly membership dues of \$15.00, please see Ina Slade at the meeting on April 17th to keep current with your commitment to Pintlala Historical Association.

NEW MEMBERS

The Pintlala Historcial Association is pleased to introduce new members as of January 2016:

- Bob Bradley, Deatsville
- Brad Collins, Hope Hull
- Randall Culp, Montgomery
- Jane Eads, Wetumpka
- Dr. and Mrs. Robin Embry, Pintlala
- Jennifer Epperson, Montgomery

- Karen A. Green, Ramer
- Brenda Kennedy, Wetumpka
- Scott McKenzie, Fleta
- Steven Scott, Montgomery
- Wilson Scott, Montgomery

Thank you for your interest in the local history of southeast Montgomery County! We look forward to your participation and suggestions.

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George Adkin Mosley



George Adkin Mosley, date unknown, photo courtesy Linda White

The following articles and photographs are either transcribed or scanned from the privately published *Mosley: A Family History* by Clanton Mosley, January 1995. Photographs credited to Linda White are from her archives relating to her grandfather, George Adkin Mosley.

George Adkin, the second child and oldest son of Anderson William and Sallie Clanton Ballard Mosley, was born February 27, 1893 at the family home under the magnolia tree (where Carol Jean Mosley Ivy presently has her home). He was named for his grandfathers, George Washington Ballard and Adkin McLemore Mosley. His nickname was "Addie". His brothers and sisters called him "Brother". Nephews and nieces later called him "Uncle Brother".

George Adkin attended the Grange Hall School in Pintlala and went on to attend Barnes High School in Montgomery. He attended college at Auburn for a year but returned home to help his father with the family enterprises (farm, store, cotton gin, saw mill and grist mill).

George Adkin met his wife, Blanche Luckie, through his sister Estelle who was dating Blanche's half-brother. The four attended parties together. The Luckie family lived near Tabernacle Methodist Church where Blanche played the organ although she was a member of Liberty Church of Christ. George Adkin and Blanche were married in Montgomery on May 28, 1914. Their sons were born in the old Mosley home under the magnolia tree, George Adkin Jr. on May 22, 1915 and Glynn Luckie on November 9, 1916. A daughter, Doris Maxine, was born on April 28, 1919 in a house across the road from Mosley's store. Another daughter, Sarah Ellen, was born on October 18, 1922 in another house across from the store.

George Adkin took a job with Pintlala School where he was in charge of transportation and the school buses. In 1922, he took a job with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department as a night jailer and, eventually, as a deputy. In 1923, George Adkin sold this house to his brother Carrol and sister Lula Mae and moved to 712 St. Charles Avenue in the Capitol Heights section of Montgomery.

George Adkin served under five sheriffs and became the Chief Deputy in 1936. In those days the sheriff could not succeed himself. The law was changed but Sheriff Haygood Patterson decided not to seek reelection. In 1938, George Adkin was picked by Montgomery Mayor Gunter as the Democratic candidate for sheriff and was readily elected. He served four terms as sheriff until 1955. In 1940, he was instrumental in getting two-way radios installed in all the cars in the sheriff's office. He was a member of the Sheriff and Police Officer's Association and the Montgomery Lions Club.

In 1947 George Adkin appointed his son George Adkin Mosley, Jr., to serve as his Chief Deputy. George Adkin, Jr. served as Chief Deputy until 1954. During George Adkin's sixteen years as sheriff, the city of Montgomery covered a small area and most of the law enforcement was provided by the 21 employees of the Sheriff's Department. One of George Adkin's big cases involved the arrest, conviction and electrocution of a man who murdered a nurse near the Masonic Home in Montgomery.

In 1955, George Adkin was employed as bailiff for Circuit Court Judge Eugene Carter in Montgomery.

When he retired in December 1960 after 38 years of service to Montgomery County, George Adkin was surprised with gifts and a reception from is colleagues.

The hardest experience for George Adkin was the death of his youngest child, Sara Ellen, on July 31, 1940. While she was in the hospital being treated for cancer, Sara Ellen wanted very much to be near her pet Pekinese. Of course, dogs are not allowed in hospitals. However, George Adkin arranged with the doctors for Sara Ellen to be moved to a room near a rear entrance so the dog could stay with her.

Family members remember the good times at barbecue cookouts hosted by George Adkin. Many of these were held at his home at 3125 South Hull Street in Montgomery. George Adkin enjoyed outdoor activities like hunting and fishing. He and Blanche spent much of their retirement time at their retreat on Ridge Creek north of Montgomery.

It was on a hunting trip in January 1963 to Georgiana, Alabama, with his son George Adkin, Jr., his grandson John Adkin, and nephews Durward and Harold Newell that George Adkin collapsed from a stroke. His last words were "Something has happened to me that has never happened before". He died in the Georgiana hospital at 2:15 a.m. on Sunday, January 3rd. The funeral was held the next day at White Chapel in Montgomery. Although there was little time to announce the death, the funeral director said it was the largest turn out he had seen. Friends sent 127 floral arrangements. George Adkin was buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Montgomery. His widow Blanche died on January 31, 1988, and is buried beside him.



Victim's Death Frees Admitted Assailants

This is the second in a series of stories from the files and memory of Alabama sheriffs.

By G. A. "ADDIE" MOSLEY As Told To

Stuart X. Stephenson

There are many interesting and exciting stories in our files here at the County Jail, but one of the strangest developments in a big case concerned complete confes-sions by five armed robbers—and the case never went to trial because of the death of the victim! This is the story of Pvt. Kyle

W. Gentry, who was stationed at Gunter Field—the victim of a nasty hold-up on the night of Aug. 14,

The soldier was invited to join the party of five, three men and two girl companions at a local cafe. After a few rounds of drinks, the group got into a car and drove

Pvt. Gentry was found along-side a road, badly beaten up. He had been struck about the head and robbed of everything he had on

his person. After careful nursing, Gentry re-covered. He gave us little to go on, except he had been "impressed" with one of the girls. At least he

remembered her name as Mickey."
With this scant bit of information, my son, George, began the rounds of all the cafes, and "s pots" throughout the area. It appeared to be a lost cause—until the name Mickey Ferguson was brought into

Mickey Ferguson was brought into the picture. Here, indeed, was a lead. The Ferguson girl was pick-ed up and questioned.

She readily admitted she was in a party with four others who had peked up the soldier, beaten him up and rothed him. It didn't take long for Mickey to reveal the ident-ity of the others. They were Betty Nelson, James Jinright, Melvin Evans and James Brazzell. The Evans and James Brazzell. The latter was able to make bond but the others remained in jail for nearly a month, awaiting trial on a charge of armed robbery and

attempted murder.

Four of the group admitted in written statements of their participaion in the soldier attack and an oral admission was made by he fifth member of the party. Meanwhile Gentry recovered. He

was riding a motorcycle near Gads-den, and crashed to his death a few days before the trial was sched-

uledto begin.

Even with the admissions from the five attackers the case was dismissed because the proof was not available—no one to testify that he was attacked and robbed.

The death of soldier Gentry was a big break for this quintet of admitted law-breakers. We have heard nothing what-ever from any of these people since

they were freed.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1940.

Sheriff Mosley Praised On His Office Records

State Examiners Find Everything In Order In First Audit

The office of Sheriff G. A. Mosley received a high rating and a clean bill of health in the recent report of the State's assistant examiners of accounts. It was the first examination of the records and accounts of the office since Sheriff Mosley assumed his duties on Jan. 16, 1939. The report, made public yesterday, covered his administration to March 31 this D'ear.

During this period of about 14 1-2 months the sheriff's office handled mearly 8,000 cases and collected \$36,-286.40, of which \$31,015 was paid over to the Board of Revenue of Montgomery County. The balance went to the courts of this and other counties in the State.

Of these cases, 1,485 were handled for the Circuit Court, and included civil, criminal, and executions; 3,540 for the Court of Common Pleas; 860 for the Chancery Court; 1,445 cases handled from other counties; 68 cases for the probate court, and 524 for the grand jury. It was also estimated that the sheriff's office served 2,000 subpoenas in grand jury cases.

The examination included the verification of all receipts and disbursements, also the checking of all court not remain in Jail long enough for orders and executions. The report a meal, and were not included in said that all amounts found due were this report, it was pointed out. Meals paid as evidenced by recorpts attached, served during the year totaled 111,054 to the file copy of the examiners' re- at a daily per capita cost of approxi-port to the governor. The examination mately 15 1-2 cents. was made by W. H. Yessick and W. T. Miree

"In conclusion," the report read. "we would like to add that the records in the sheriff's office were in excellent condition, very neatly kept,

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SHERIFF MOSLEY

in order and balance." The examiners especially thanked Mrs. Virginia B. Rangeley, office deputy at the courthouse, and O. S. Shivers, supervisor of the jail, "for their assistance and cooperation rendered us while the examination was in progress."

In addition to the examiners' report, Sheriff Mosley announced that 2.694 prisoners were admitted to the county jail and served meals during the 12-month period ending July 31. There were other prisoners admitted by the city during the year who did

LET'S RETAIN G. A. (Addie) MOSLEY AS YOUR SHERIFF



G. A. (ADDIE) MOSLEY Candidate For

SHERIFF OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Subject to Action of Democratic Primary, May 5, 1942.

Your Vote and Influence Will Be Appreciated TO THE VOTERS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY:

It is due you to know who and what I am. I was born near Hope Hull in this County in 1892. I attended the public schools of the County, afterwards attended Barnes School in the City. I am married and the father of four children. Nineteen years ago I became a Field Deputy Sheriff, and continued as such until 1936 when I was appointed by Sheriff Haygood Paterson Chief Deputy Sheriff. I continued as such until 1938 when I was elected Sheriff without opposition. I have sought conscientiously to perform the many duties of my office without fear or favor, having full regard for the individual rights of every one.

It is a time honored and sound principle of the Democratic Party that a public official who has been faithful to his trust during his first term of office merits a second term. I feel that upon my record as your Sheriff I am justified in asking for a second term. I submit herewith an endorsement of my candidacy by some of my friends that appeared in the public press of this City on the 13th day of March,

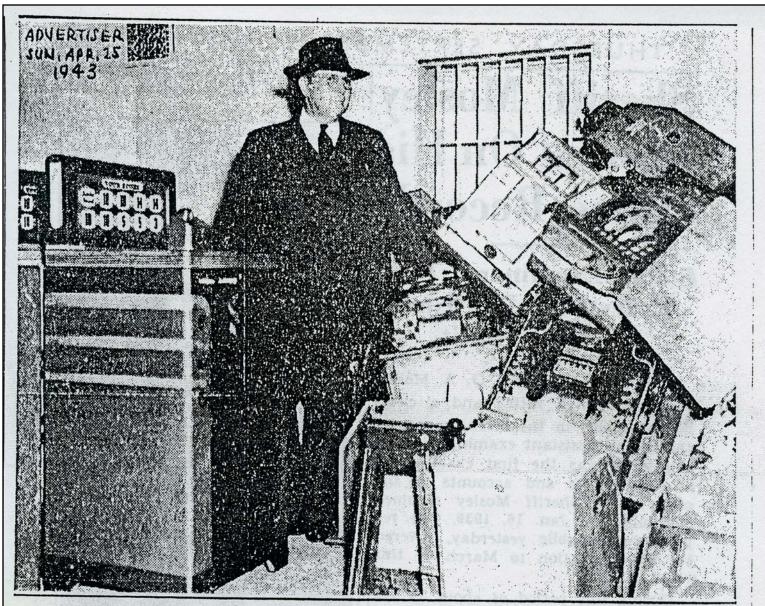
1942. Sincerely yours,

(Paid pol. adv. by G. A. Mosley, Montgomery, Ala.)

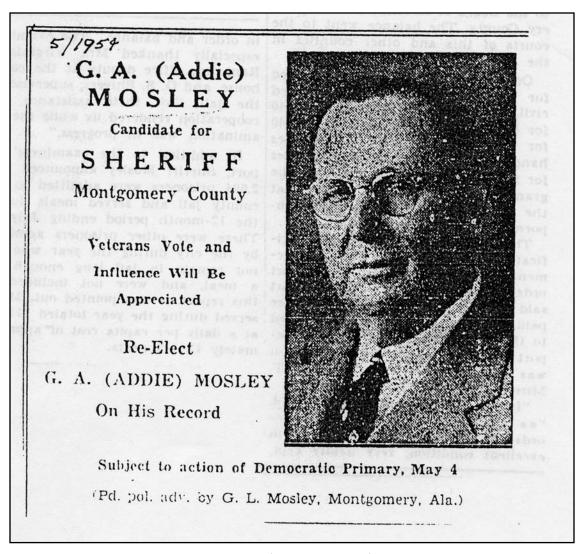
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THEY MAY BECOME BULLETS—Sheriff G. A. Mosley with some of the slot machines seized from storage and transferred to the county jail. County Salvage Chairman E. W. Norris will try to have them consigned to the scrap pile. (State News Bureau Photo).



1954, Mosley Campaign Card



Montgomery County Courthouse where Sheriff Mosley's office was located, late 1940s, photo courtesy Linda White

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Sheriff Addie Mosley on duty, date unknown, photo courtesy Linda White

Nominated



SHERIFF ADDIE MOSLEY

Butler Decides Against Runoff With Mosley

Congratulates Sheriff On His Renomination For Post

Sheriff Addie Mosley yesterday was assured a second term in the Montgomery office upon the announcement of Sim Butler, runner-up in the three-man contest in Tuesday's primary, that he would concede the election to the incumbent, thus dispensing with the necessity of a runoff June 2. Mr. Mosley fell short of a majority by 418 votes.

Mr. Butler, who received 3.156 votes to Sheriff Mosley's 4,934 votes, previously stated his intention of calling a second primary to decide the election but, at the same time withheld his official statement pending discussions with his managers.

Sheriff Mosley Is Named Bailiff

Sheriff Addie Mosley will take a \$5,400 pay cut at the end of the year.

The long-time sheriff will become bailiff to Judge Eugene Carter in Montgomery County Circuit Court succeeding Max Butler, Democratic nominee for sheriff, who defeated Mosley in the primary.

The sheriff's yearly salary is \$9,000 but the bailiff's is \$3,400.

Mosley has been sheriff for 16 years and was a deputy before that.

It took a runoff between Mosley and Butler before he was beaten.

Mosley was selected for the post because of his long experience with the courts.

Butler will resign his post to become sheriff in January since he is unopposed in today's general election.

Announcement of the appointment was made by Judge Carter, who said, "Mosley is admirably qualified to hold the position of bailiff."

Date and source unknown from Mosley: A Family History



Montgomery County Circuit Judge Eugene Carter Swears in Addie Mosley as his Circuit Court Bailiff, date unknown, photo courtesy Linda White

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G. A. Mosley Retiring As Circuit Court Bailiff A request from G. A. Mosley for retirement Jan. 1, was granted by the Board of Revenue today. Mosley, currently bailiff for Judge Eugene Carter's court, has been with the county more than 22 years, of which 16 years was spent as sheriff. His retirement pay will be \$116.66 per month.

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1960 George Adkin Mosley Retirement Reception,
photo courtesy Linda White
L to R: Circuit Clerk John Matthews, Bailiff Mosley,
Solicitor William Thetford, Court Reporter W. H.
Lewis, Register George H. Jones, Judge Eugene Carter
presenting retirement gift and Circuit Judge Walter B.
Jones. Retirement gift was a new suit, tie and hat.



G.A. Mosley Retirement Reception, photo courtesy Linda White

President W. Tom Jones called the attention of the Board to the fact that its friend, George A. Mosley, was retiring after thirty-eight years of service with the County. The following Resolution was introduced by President Jones, duly seconded by all members and unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That it is with deep regret that we record the retirement from service with the County of our long time friend, George A. Mosley. A distinguished citizen of this Community, Addie Mosley served Montgomery County for thirty-eight years throughout the time of his long career. He never forgot that people were human beings and had rights as well as duties; he conducted himself with fairness and equity and yet with the necessary firmness required by his office. His service in every capacity was outstanding; he made Montgomery an excellent Sheriff and faithful public servant - his long distinguished and honorable record is something that his friends can join with him in being proud of. To you, Addie Mosley, our friend, we wish every continued success and a long and happy life.

Let this Resolution be spread upon the permanent records of the County's minutes, and copies of this Resolution be made available to the mediums of the Press.

Done on this 12th day of December, 1960.

W. Tom Jones, President

W. C. Gray, Member

L. R. Grimes, Member

Carrol By Mosley Mamba

Paterson,

ATTESTED.

H. W. Suddath, Clerk

Ex-Sheriff Addie Mosley Taken By Death At Age 69

George A. (Addie) Mosley, re-ley, is a member of the County tired Montgomery County sheriff Board of Revenue. and bailiff, died in a Georgiana Mosley retired in December of hospital early Sunday morning, 1960, after completing six years following a heart attack. He was as bailiff, having previously held 69 and had served in the Mont-the office of county sheriff for gomery County Sheriff's Dept. 16 consecutive years. He had for 32 years.

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He was a member of the Sheriff and Police Officers' Association for a number of years (See MOSLEY, Page 2A)



G. A. (ADDIE) MOSLEY Dies After Attack

and of the Montgomery Lions Club. He was a graduate of Barnes High School here and at-

tended Auburn University.

Mosley was married to the former Blanche Luckie of Montgomery. Their three children are all city residents.

Funeral services will be held from White Chapel Monday at 12:30 p.m. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery. (Other details may be found in the obituary column.)

WHITE CHAPEL H S. DURDEN-G. E. VICKERY

MOSLEY, George Adkins, 69, a lifelong - resident of Montgomory and a resident of 3125 South -Hull-St., died-in-a-Georgiana hospital at 2:15 a.m. Sunday after a brief illness. Surviving are the wife, Mrs. Blanche Luckie Mosley, Montgomery: two sons, G. A. Mosley Jr. and Glynn L. Mosley, both of Montgomery; ... a -- daughter, ... Mrs. James L. White; Montgomery; three brothers, Dr. Hugh Mosley, Atlanta, Ga., Wilbur C. I -Mosley, Birmingham, and Car-... ol B. Mosley, Montgomery; four sisters, Mrs. Carrie Newell, Mrs. B. C. Armstrong, Mrs. J. T. Chesnutt and Mrs. Mae Tyre, all of Hope 'Hull; two grandchildren, Linda White and John A. Mosley, both of Montgomery. The funeral will be held from White Chapel Monday at 12:30 p.m. with Ministers Gene Arnold and Levoy Bevins officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery. Pallbearers will be W. D. Jones, Pat Cahalin, Julian Romeo, F. L. Bibb, T. W. Jenkins and Walter J. Bamberg. Honorary pallbearers will be all Montgomery county and city officials. MTGY ADY 1/7/68

Addie Moseley Funeral Held Here Today

Funeral services for George A. (Addie) Mosley, retired Montgomery County sheriff and bailiff, were scheduled from White Chapel Funeral Home teday at 12:30 p.m. with ministers Levoy Revins and Gene Arnold officiating. Burial is in Greenwood Cemetery. Mosley died in a Georgiana hospital early Sunday morning follow ing a heart attack. He was 69.

Accompanied by relatives and friends, Mosley was on a hunting trip when he was stricken shortly after arriving in Georgi-

A native of Montgomery, Mosley had lived here all his life with 32 years service in the Montgomery County Sheriff's Dept.

Retiring in December of 1960, Mosley served six years as barliff and previously was county sheriff for a period of 16 consecutive years. He had also served eight years as deputy sheriff and eight years as chief deputy sheriff.

Instrumental in equipping and installing two-way radios in all cars in the sheriff's office around 1940. Mosley was also influential in the passage of legislation to create a fingerprint and identification office.

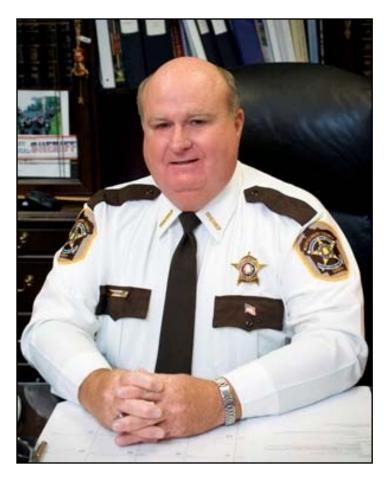
Membership was held by Mosley for a number of years with the Sheriff and Police Officers' Association and also the Montgomery Lions Club. He was a graduate of Barnes High School and attended Auburn University.

Married to the former Blanche Luckie of Montgomery, survivors in addition to the widow are two sons, G. A. Mosley Jr. and Glynn L. Mosley; a daughter, Mrs. James L. White, all of Montgomery; three brothers, Dr. Hugh Mosiey, Atlanta, Ga.; Wilbur C Mosley, Birmingham; Carol B. Mosley, Montgomery: four sisters, Mrs. Carrie Newell, Mrs. B. C. Armstrong, Mrs. J. T. Chesnutt and Mrs. Mae Tyre, all of Hope Hull, two grandchildren, Linda White and John Mosley, both of Montgomery.

Pallbearers will be W. D. Jones. Pat Cahalin, Julian Romeo, F. L. Bibb, T. W. Jenkins and Walter J. Bamberg. Honorary pallbearers will be all Montgomery County and City officials.

In Memoriam

While this newsletter was being edited news came that retired Montgomery County Sheriff D. T. Marshall had passed away. Marshall served as the 35th Sheriff of Montgomery County. He held that position for 16 years after a 20-year career with the Police Department, City of Montgomery. He had been a resident of the county, residing on Old McGehee Road. Marshall was always helpful to county residents.



D.T. Marshall 1950-2016



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