Peggy and “Crazy” Dow Spent the Night At Manack’s Tavern/Store (Pintlala), November 1811

We are Journeying to That Land
PEGGY DOW, AGED 35.

from whose there is no return!
LORENZO DOW, AGED 39.—(1816)

Lorenzo and His “Rib”

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

This newsletter contains a potpourri of information for those interested in Pintlala and southwest Montgomery County. Keep in mind that this is the bicentennial year for the county and that we are approaching the Bicentennial for the state and capital city (December 1819) Here are some of matters of interest:

1. Because our quarterly newsletter is on our website (www.pintlalahistoricalassociation.com), we are receiving an increase in inquiries from around the nation. I forward them to Alice Carter who gets in touch with the sender and usually ends up researching the inquiry and responding very quickly. This year alone has witnessed interests from Virginia, Colorado, Georgia, California, Maine, and Alabama.

2. The PHA is beginning the process to refurbish the final historical marker, the one commemorating the Grange Hall. We hope to begin talks soon about a new marker recalling the influence of William Bartram, the great naturalist, whose travel through modern-day Pintlala pre-dated the Federal Road.

3. The Gathering will receive intense promotion this month. Please read other materials in this edition. The first event will be held in Pintlala on Saturday, April 29.

4. The Mildred Smith project continues to advance thanks to Jerrie Burton who is typing the Smith articles in every spare moment. Please read her update elsewhere in this edition.

5. Please invite your friends to join. Have you renewed your membership?

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April 2017 Program

Pintlala Historical Association will meet on Sunday, April 23, 2017 at 2:30 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall of Pintlala Baptist Church. Our speaker will be our own Gary Burton. He will present a program on Methodist circuit-rider Lorenzo Dow. Gary prepared this paper for presentation at the Alabama Department of Archives and History in conjunction with the Montgomery Landmarks Association’s series, Cultural Crossroads. This series has had fourteen programs and is supported by Alabama Humanities Foundation, an affiliate of the National Foundation of the Humanities. Gary’s presentation was very well received by those attending the Crossroads Symposium in February. Please come to hear about this interesting and colorful “preacher”. Invite friends and neighbors to attend.

Many contend that Lorenzo Dow was the first Protestant preacher in what became Mississippi and Alabama. He was a Methodist, but the Methodists never fully embraced him. Lorenzo Dow was known for his eccentricities, but he was also a person of substance. Thousands flocked to hear him. He was well connected. In 1816 Dow and his wife, Peggy, spent the night in Manack’s Tavern on the Federal Road, in the heart of current-day Pintlala. There was not a more unique character in the Mississippi Territory.

Rev. Lorenzo Dow Preaching to “Jerks”
The Gathering Year

A Montgomery County Bicentennial History Project

Do you live in or have strong family ties in the Pintlala/Hope Hull/Snowden area?

A Gathering Event will be held at the Pintlala Baptist Church, 73 Federal Road, Hope Hull, on April 29, 2017 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. What are we looking for? Stories, photographs, objects, and documents that you are willing to share about the people, places, and events where you live. Examples of things we want to know about include:

- Where did you live? Do you have pictures of your family and house?
- Where did you go to school? Who were your favorite teachers?
- Who were the folks seen as community leaders?
- How has the community changed? What is gone that used to be there?
- Where did you go to church, who did you see, what did you eat?
- Did you grow your own food? Does your family have a special recipe that has been passed down?
- Were there official clubs and organizations in your community?
- Were there unofficial clubs and organizations in your community?
- Where were the important gathering places?
- Where did you shop? Were there stores and restaurants in your community?
- What did you do for fun?
- What was life like living on a farm or in a rural community?
- Where were the exciting events in the community? A regular event (pig roast, decoration days) or an incident everyone talked about?
- Do you have any family mementos that have been handed down that are meaningful?
- Anything else you think we need to know!

We will have voice recorders to record stories (please allow about 20 minutes), scanners, and cameras to digitally document items you bring in to share (we will not keep any items). All recordings will be housed online in the Alabama Places and Spaces collection at Auburn University https://omeka.lib.auburn.edu/collections/show/1

For more information on upcoming events visit our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/Montgomery-County-200-1414874671887550/ (search for Montgomery County 200). This project is funded in part through a grant from the Alabama State Council on the Arts and in cooperation with the following organizations:

Pintala Historical Association
Update to Mildred Smith Papers on the PHA website - Jerrie Burton

Much work has been done to retype the copies of Mildred Smith’s weekly articles and post them on the PHA website. The most recent additions or ones with changes (as of March 21, 2017) are in red and previously listed records are in green. Thanks to Judy Burton and Jerrie Burton who are working on this monumental task. We welcome anyone who would like to type a few, or many, of the copied articles. Who knew that young David Latham won a the state meat animal contest and was able to travel to the big city of Chicago in November 1952, or that in October 1952 approximately 125 dairy farmers who were producers of Grade A milk had membership in the Montgomery Area Milk Producers Association, or that in April 1952 the rates for residence phones were $4.50 for a private line; $3.75 for a two-party line; and $3 for a multi-party line? Learn more from the Mildred Smith Papers at www.pintlalahistoricalassociation.com

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

PHA is pleased to welcome Mrs. Norma Stubbs Pogue of Prattville as a new member of our organization. She and her son, Jerry Pogue, are interested in speaking to anyone who might have information on the following families: Stubbs, Bozeman, Dillard and Anderson (Nancy Jane Anderson). If you can help her, she would be delighted to speak with you!

REMINDER

The Pintlala Historical Association is dependent on membership dues. Please consider paying $15.00 per household for 2017 dues if you have not already done so. Thank you for your support and interest. Ina Slade will be at the April meeting to receive your dues. Alternately, you may mail dues to the address on back page of this newsletter.
Maximillian C. Armstrong, 1780-1858:
First Postmaster in Montgomery County
By Robert Armstrong, Mathews, Alabama

Maximillian C. Armstrong, son of Martin Armstrong and his wife Mary Ann, was born in South Carolina in 1780. The men of his family have a long history of military service. His great grandfather, Joseph Armstrong, came to the American colonies in 1731 from Northern Ireland and served as a colonel in the Pennsylvania militia during the French and Indian wars. Maximillian’s grandfather, Colonel John Armstrong served in the North Carolina militia during the American Revolution of 1775-1783. Maximillian’s father Martin, served as a Lieutenant of Horse, Roebuck’s Regiment, Captain Moses Woods Company of the South Carolina Militia during the Revolution. After the war ended, Martin Armstrong moved to Georgia according to Volume 47, History of Warren County Georgia. Records of the Fulsom Creek Baptist Church in Hancock County list Martin as serving on the church’s building committee in 1799. Georgia land records indicate that Martin owned over 2500 acres in Hancock, Jones, Baldwin and Warren counties at the time of his death in 1810. These properties were sold after his death and his children moved to the vicinity of Mt. Meigs, Montgomery County, Alabama in 1817.

Maximillian C. Armstrong married Elizabeth Veasey in Hancock County, Georgia on December 25, 1806. The Christmas day wedding was performed by Justice of the Peace, William McClelland. The couple ultimately became parents of eight children during the years 1807 to 1819. The family included only one daughter and eight boys with James W. and Maximillian, Jr. born as twins in 1818. This birth date is evidence that Maximillian, Jr. and James W. would have been the first of Maximillian, Sr.’s children to be born in Montgomery County, likely in what is now the Pintlala area.

Prior to Maximillian’s arrival in Montgomery County in the Alabama Territory of 1817, he continued his ancestors’ patriotic service in the military. He served during the War of 1812; his first assignment was as 3rd Sergeant in Jones Company of Georgia Cavalry, under Captain John R. Gregory. Later he served as a sergeant in the Troop of Light Dragoons, 9th Squadron of the 5th Regiment again under the command of Captain Gregory.

Armstrong’s Alabama Years

Maximillian Armstrong came first to the Mt. Meigs vicinity of Alabama around 1817 along with brothers James Woodson Armstrong, John C. Armstrong and sister Miriam Armstrong Vickers. On August 21, 1818 Maximillian was appointed to serve as Post Master at Manack’s Tavern in the Pintlala area of Montgomery County. Two months later on October 19, Armstrong purchased 160 acres of land in Section 10, T14, R17. This is located on the east side of what is now Highway 31 at Beulah Branch. This location surely made his work at Manack’s Tavern more easily accessible. The property was later sold to Sam Quarles who is shown on a map of early settlers of this area of the county. Armstrong was a founding member of Bethel Baptist Church in Pintlala as learned from church minutes signed McArmstrong. He served as church clerk beginning with his minutes dated 1819 and his last minutes were dated February 26, 1826. Armstrong requested a letter of dismissal from Bethel in November 1826. His request was denied, but two months later in January 1827 the dismissal was granted. John Pouncey replaced Armstrong as clerk at Bethel.

Family research indicates that Armstrong also owned land in Lowndes, Crenshaw, and Butler counties plus
land in Tennessee. It is not clear what happened to the Tennessee property after the Civil War. Family lore relates that Armstrong was robbed on a trip to Tennessee. How long Armstrong served as Post Master at Manacks is unknown but by April 12, 1828, he was received by letter into the Sweetwater Primitive Baptist Church near Honoraville in Crenshaw County. About 1830 Maximillian, Sr. moved to neighboring Butler County to an area known as Yellow Shanks which had a reputation as a rowdy place providing gambling and horse racing to its residents. He is documented in the 1830 Butler County census as a resident of that place; around 1837 he was listed along with his wife Elizabeth as members of Friendship Primitive Baptist Church in Butler County; the 1840 Butler County census includes Armstrong; an 1853 Butler County Tax List indicates land ownership by Armstrong in T7, R16, Section 15 and an 1856 Real Estate Tax Book includes Armstrong as a Butler County land owner.

Armstrong family records report that Maximillian C. Armstrong died in either Butler or Crenshaw counties. He is thought to be buried in the Armstrong Family Cemetery located in Crenshaw County near the Mulberry Church and cemetery. The Mulberry Church has an overgrown burial ground behind the church which has a fieldstone marker with “Armstrong” carved into it. This is separate from the Mulberry Cemetery. Local residents report that the original church at Mulberry was Pleasant Home Church. Today the Mulberry Church sits on a hill overlooking a 20 to 30 acre lake created by beavers that have backed up water from an artesian well. If one looks into the lake water a concrete rectangle is visible and is likely to have been where Mulberry Church members were baptized. The Mulberry Church and cemetery next to it are now composed of an African American congregation.

It is ironic that at the time of his death in May 1858, Armstrong was producing rum from two stills. His years as Post Master at Manack’s Tavern in Pintlala and time living in the rowdy Yellow Shanks community must have made him aware of the market for alcoholic drink and the profit that it could bring. The water source necessary for production was found at Mulberry.

The grave markers in the old Armstrong burial grounds at Mulberry at some point were destroyed. The author of this article placed new markers in this section a few years ago in hopes that they will remain visible. Maximillian Armstrong, Sr. and Maximillian Armstrong, Jr. share a headstone in the Crenshaw County countryside.

Sources:

Armstrong Family Timeline by Will Howard, Birmingham, Alabama
Minutes, Bethel Baptist Church, Pintlala, Alabama
Maine Visitor’s Search for Missing Moseley Marker

By Alice Carter

The PHA received an inquiry on January 21, 2017 from William (Bill) Moseley of Hallowell, Maine seeking permission for his family members to visit the Mosley, Luckie, Supples, Tankersley Cemetery on Tabernacle Road, Pintlala, Alabama. He is the son of Max Moseley who for many years was Sports Editor at the Montgomery Advertiser.

Of course the Pintlala Historical Association has no authority to grant permission for visitors to any cemeteries, but we do try to assist readers of our website to locate their ancestors who may possibly be buried in our local area. Bill found the MLST cemetery on his own, then contacted me to help him find a marker for his ancestors, Margaret Vann and Robert D. Moseley. I remembered seeing the marker, which was placed in the cemetery as a memorial to the Robert Moseley couple by the late Clanton Mosley of South Carolina. He had organized a memorial service at the cemetery on June 15, 2006. Gary Burton had participated in the service but he, too, could not remember the stones location. After several unsuccessful trips to the cemetery in hopes of finding the marker, I contacted Clanton’s daughter, Mary Beth Whitlaw, to see if she had knowledge of the marker. She put me in touch with her mother, Betty Mosley, widow of Clanton. She provided a general area in which to search.

Bill Moseley returned to Maine and Gary and I continued the search. Late one afternoon we probed the ground with pitchforks and Gary selected a small, bare, sandy spot to search. Eureka! His pitchfork made that “thud” sound we wanted to hear. We dug about two inches deep and there we spotted “Margaret.”

How strange that the marker had just totally disappeared within a three year span of time. Betty Mosley knew that she had seen it while in Pintlala for Jean Mosley Ivy’s funeral in August 2014. That was the key and Bill Moseley was delighted to locate his ancestors. PHA member, Will Carter and his farm workers, Harrison Matthews and Cody Russell dug the marker out of the ground, placed clay gravel beneath it and packed the marker back into place making it several inches above ground. Hopefully we won’t lose Margaret and Robert again!
Note of Introduction: Many years ago I enjoyed a visit in the home of Jamie and Jean Henry who gave me the piece which has been transcribed here. The article tells about the early life of Baptists in the county. The following November 1923, markers were installed at the sites of the four original churches in Montgomery County. The site of the old Bethel Church in Pintlala was one. Gary Burton

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BAPTIST WOMEN OF STATE PERFORM FINE WORK

Mrs. T.W. Hannon

Light was a missionary force of creation, the beginning of organization, the first command of the Creator, and His medium through His Son, Jesus Christ, as the light to redeem the created from the darkness of sin. In obedience to Christ's last command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Alabama Baptist women as well as men have proven true to duty, opportunity and labor.

At the first state convention organized near Greensboro, October 2, 1823, were enrolled four of the twenty churches from Montgomery County, from whence came Montgomery Association, October 2, 1882, and its Women's Missionary Union, August 17, 1899, $325 raised and expended for employment of missionaries, the women responsible for half of the delegates, present, with seven, Woman's Missionary Societies reported, though the women were not enrolled nor given other privileges of the body only visitors until 1918, when they were so honored by the organizations of the association, state and south.

Pioneer Days

Antioch, 14 miles northeast of Montgomery on Mt. Meigs road, was constituted by Rev. James McLemore on June 5, 1818, among the members John Ray and Green Pinkston and Patsy Conyers Ray, his wife; Bethel, 16 miles southwest of the city on Mobile road, February 13, 1819, by Rev. James McLemore and Electius Thompson. "Brother Eliza Talley and sister Penelope (Talley) received by letter, and Kitt, a man of color, by experience;" Elim, 6 miles northeast of the city, on Upper Wetumpka road by James McLemore and Electius Thompson, June 19, 1819, of the members Arnold Edwards and the two McLemore brothers, James and William and

Antioch Baptist Church
June 8, 1818
Organizers: Rev. James McLemore, Green Pinkston, John Ray
Site marked, November 4, 1923
their wives, Evelina Pinkston and Elizabeth Harper. Mrs. Eugene Ballard and Miss Alma McGaugh, officers of the union; and Rehobeth, at the Fork, 18 miles northeast of the city, site on Dawson plantation, Wares Ferry road, by Rev. Lee Compere, 1819-1828 (Holcombe, Owen Brannon) first pastor, Elder R.S. Daniel, married Mary Barton, of its members William J. Larkin, Dr. Robert J. Ware and his wife, Mary White, later Gulliver Dawson and Margaret Bradford, his wife, Mrs. L.G. Dawson, our assistant superintendent, and Mrs. W.H. Samford, state president.

Wetumpka church, May 26, 1821, was constituted by Elder Pressley Doster and Samuel Ray, among the members Nancy Gray and Mattie Taylor, Judge Cabot Lull, 70 years; followed by First Montgomery, November 19, 1829, by Rev. Lee Compere and Fields Bradshaw and of the members first baptized was Mrs. Mary Harriss, daughter-in-law of Alabama historian: Col. Albert J. Pickett, baptized by Rev. Alexander Travis, pioneer missionary; Hickory Grove, November 1844 by Elders J. Robertson and Thomas Armstrong, of the members Asa Dean and his wife and Bryan Sloan, D.S. Hurst, clerk for 30 years, Rev. J.C. Fonville, grandfather of our first church master builder and pastor, Rev. C.A. Stakely, his wife Jesse Davis having served at one time as president of church union, founded 1835, 17 years and that of the state 13 years, and of the south 8 years.

In 1819 Autauga county joined our convention union from which society came Prattville with Mrs. S.A. Smith our superintendent 8 years, our president 22 years succeeded by her daughter, Mrs. McQueen Smith, descendants of the great founder, inventor, and Christian philanthropist, Hon. Daniel Pratt; Ramer was founded by Rev. B.A. Jackson, J.R. McLendon, M.R. Rushton who gave our union Mrs. M.V. Bell and Miss Olive Rushton, 9 years secretary.

Glowing And Gloom

Education now became a power with the founding of Judson College, Marion, 1836, one of the most noted in the country, and Central and Tuskegee Colleges and years after W.M.U. Trading School. Alabama with the rest of the associations included, says Riley, public attention brought the advanced and indifferent into contact, declared cardinal Baptist truth and exhibited work done by Baptists. The women shared in all and dispensed witty sideboard and decanter with contents served to its guests influencing the 1836 report on temperance and ever afterwards, with the continued religious and moral uplift of the blacks among them. Mrs. H.W. Priest was sent by the Alabama Association as a missionary to Africa followed by Mrs. Martha Crawford and Rev. B. Harwell to china, later his children, Miss Willie Kelly, Mrs. H.W. Provence, Mrs. W.Y. Napier, MIss Addie E. Cox and many others. At old Bethel church, July 22, 1837, came the split of the missionary and anti-
missions forces in Montgomery County and Alabama Association, where had labored the historian, Holcombe, Travis Ellis and Moderators Rev. L. C. Davis and John Robertson.

Notify Northerners

The power of any man of that day, Dr. Basil Manly, first president of the State University, and Dr. Tolbert formed the convention committee to notify Northern Baptists that as Abolitionists they had no right to question the virtue nor piety of slave owners their publications being broadcast over their section and Europe. This condition continuing to prevail brought withdrawal from the triennial convention and that of Southern Baptists was organized in 1845, Augustus, Georgia, with 13 Southern states, their money contributions given as before to missionary and other benevolent purposes but their pulpit and pockets opened to Adoniram Judson, the great pioneer who did much wonderful work in translating the Bible into the Burmese language.

The women ever faithful to the (erection and preservability of church buildings) and care of their pastors, the log churches of 1819 were now changed to frame ones to accommodate whites and blacks with separate entrances and seats for them. Caesar Blackwell's freedom was purchased by the convention, to preach to the blacks in Tuskegee, the present city of their world's institution, Doc Philips refusing his withered words, "I'll never leave you, Mars Jack, and if free, dese niggers won listen to my preaching;" as the Indian Warrior said to Lee Compere, "No Great Spirit. Paleface say His son died on tree to save Injun," then silently shook his head and with his braves silently filed away.

War and Reconstruction

With Dr. H. Talbird as president and I.T. Tichnor, secretary, 1861, launched the Southern Confederacy at Montgomery, Jefferson Davis, president, 400,000 of the flower of Southern manhood enlisted against the mighty Union forces.

Montgomery Association

From Alabama December 13, 1819 came Montgomery Association, 1882, R.M. Cunningham, moderator; J.I. Lamar, clerk; Rev. B.A. Jackson, R.H. Crumpton, J.H. Dickson, Presbetery, and these churches, First Montgomery, Adams Street, Mt. Lebanon, Elim, Salem, Bethany, Wetumpka, Deatsville, Mt. Hebron, Union, Prattville, Friendship, Fitzpatrick, later Coosada, Hickory Grove, and Steep Creek, the great object as ever missions, education, and benevolence. The moderators, H.C. Taul, B.A. Jackson, G.G. Miles, W.B. Davidson, Eugene Ballard, and L.W. Brassell and other clerks, J.C. Pope,
A.J. Preston, L.D. Davant, A.S. Barnes, and the ministers with the present ones, Rev. C.A. Stakely, T.C. Fleming, C.h. Bolton, F.M. Barnes, S.W. Andrews, J.M. Blankenship, M.L. Harris, W.H. Bancroft, A.W. Briscoe, W.H. Kamplain, J.E. Franks, W.R. Countryman, D.W. Bosdale and Leon Boone have always manifested by word and act unchanging interest in the work. The W.M.U. Was organized August 11, 1899, with Mrs. L.B. Stratton, president. State W.M.U., Mrs. J.C. Chaney, superintendent and Mrs. H.W. Province, secretary and treasurer, with these constituent members, Mrs. J.C. Stratford, Mrs. A.F. Dix, Misses Annie Pyron and Mollie Worrell, Mrs. F.B. Gordon, Mrs. George Harrison and Mrs. M.B. Henry. With hundreds of officers and thousands of members and the present list is Mrs. T.W. Hannon, superintendent; Mrs. McQueen Smith, assistant; Miss Olive Rushton, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Albert Winterath, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Robert Ellington, leader Young People's District superintendent; Mesdames Lula Clements, E.E. Gresham, Oscar Blackburn, G.C. Turnipseed, W. H. Gholson; Literature, Personal Services, White Cross and Tithing Secretaries Mrs. John Savage, B.P. Crum, V.A. Hays, W.B. Crumpton

**Glowings**

The convention now numbers 2,000 churches in 76 counties, with 1823 contribution of $325 raised to $407,355.21, with creditable gifts for the $4,000,000 pledged to the 75 million campaign. The association with its 23 churches raised from $4 in 1819, Elmore, Autauga, Bullock, Lowndes, Pike, and Crenshaw, to Montgomery in 1882, $2,000 increased in 1922 to $26,490.32 and the W.M.U. From 1899 gifts of $475.93 to $11,490.20 with $175,000 pledged and partly paid in for the campaign for missions, education and benevolence.
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