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JANUARY MEETING: January 17, 1993, 2:30 P.M. Pintlala Baptist Church

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT:

The arrival of 1993 reminds us that we are a privileged people. If you have ancestral or emotional roots in the Pintlala area, then you know how indebted we are to those who have lived here before us. You and I comprise the only organization in existence which is exclusively committed to the preservation of the history of Pintlala and Southwest Montgomery County. Those who are driven by a profound sense of destiny also have a deep appreciation of history. Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. affirmed this maxim when he said, "When I want to understand what is happening today or try to decide what will happen tomorrow, I look back." Together we have the responsibility of inspiring a deeper level of interest in our history. Let's be passionate about it! Bring a neighbor or friend to our meeting on January 17.

GARY BURTON, President

SPEAKER FOR JANUARY 17th MEETING: Mr. David Reed, president of the Tabernacle Historical Association, will be the speaker at the January 17th meeting. He will give a history of Tabernacle Church and outline the goals of the Association. Mr. Reed's ancestors were residents of the Pintlala area and attended Tabernacle Church. His grandmother was Patty Sanderson Reed.

WHO AM I? At our October meeting Dr. Andrew Turnipseed entertained us with a most interesting and informative talk. His thesis was "Who am I?" He pointed out routes early settlers took in coming to this area. These settlers were of many derivations - English, French, Welch, Scotch-Irish, Mixed Indian blood, and many others. These diverse groups bear on the heritage of our present population. He spoke of the Civil War and emphasized that the main cause of the War was economics. He told many anecdotes of early settlers in this area - one being that, except for one vote, Wetumpka would have been the capitol of Alabama.

NEW OFFICERS: We welcome our new officers and board members. Jack Hornady, Parliamentarian, became vice-president. In January we will have a name from the nominating committee and election of a new parliamentarian.

DUES ARE DUE! Yes, dues are due for 1993. See Hattie Smith and pay your dues so as not to miss one copy of the Pintlala Historical Association's Newsletter. Or mail to her: Mrs. Glenn Smith, 1802 Sprague Junction Road, Sprague, Alabama, 36069

PHA MEMBER MAKES NEWS: Will Hill Tankersley, a charter member of PHA was selected for the Citizen of the Year award given each year by The Montgomery Advertiser and The Alabama Journal. An interesting account of his achievements (too numerous to mention here) appeared in the Sunday Montgomery Advertiser on December 27, 1992. A copy is on file at the Pintlala Library. Congratulations, Will Hill. Pintlala is proud of you. Before we could go to press, Will Hill was also mentioned in the January 6, 1993 Montgomery Advertiser for his part in procuring a monument commemorating Taylor Field, a small abandoned airport, located on Ray Thorington Road east of Montgomery and used for training pilots during World War II.

APOLOGIES TO MARION SANKEY GREGORY: We are sorry, Marion! You did send a listing of the Sankey Cemetery. ETT did write you a 'thank you'. The listing is in this Newsletter.

THE DOCTOR'S MILIEU: At right is pictured the interior of the office of Dr. Thomas Duncan, well-known physician of Fleta and surrounding communities. The office was originally located on the Duncan property at Fleta before being moved to Old Alabama Town.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1992

The Wit & Wisdom of Ben Franklin

"He who falls in love with himself—will have no rivals."

"There are three faithful friends: An old wife, an old dog—and ready money!"

"Creditors have better memories than debtors."

"To find a girl's faults, praise her to her girl friends."

"Love your neighbor—but don't pull down your hedge."

"Rich widows are the only second hand goods that sell at a first class price."



By MICKEY WELSH/Staff

Christmas past

Blanche Payne explains uses of medical instruments in an Old Alabama Town doctor's office. Old Alabama Town buzzed with yuletide cheer Sunday afternoon as the three-block area of restored buildings was opened for its annual "Look at Christmas Past." Visitors enjoyed sights, sounds, smells and tastes of 19th century celebrations.

PINTLALA SCHOOL MAKES NEWS: Pintlala School, under the direction of Mrs. Janice Anderson, publishes a monthly paper. The October edition gave an account of Dr. Kathryn Thornton, astronaut, returning a picture of the school that was "spaced out" on the space shuttle Endeavour.

In November, Pintlala School was the first school in America to be designated an "Equality School" by the National Coalition for Equality in Learning. Congratulations to the staff, parents and students.

ON-GOING PROJECTS:

Map showing cemeteries in southwest Montgomery County - Alan Davis, coordinator

Manac's Tavern - everybody!

Story of many doctors from this area - Vera Kraus

Historical Marker for Pintlala - Jamie Henry

Effort to get Hope Hull Women's Club building on Historic Register - Carolyn Elgin

Bethel Cemetery - Pintlala Baptist Church (Baptist Men's Organization)

Please give suggestions for projects that will make the history of southwest Montgomery County a vibrant reality. We have made a great start. Dream about a book on this historic area.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Dr. and Mrs. Richard A. Jackson
10618 Endicott Lane
Houston, Texas 77035

Interests: Moseley, Anderson, Smith, Boleo, Westbrook, Willingham, Talley, Sallee, Banks, Bradley, Moore, Blackshire, Hurley.

BOOK ON GEORGE GRANBERRY McLENDON (1807 - 1895)

We have received an interesting and well-documented book on the life of George B. McLendon, compiled by Robert Garrett McLendon, Jr., P.O. Box 12775, Gainesville, FL 32604.

Elder George Granberry McLendon was the son of Josiah and Mary Granberry McLendon. In 1857 he and his family were in Ramer where he organized the Ramer (Ramah) Baptist Church. He and his son, Jonathan, were charter members of Ramer Lodge #243, F. & A.M.

Bob McLendon would like information on the 53rd Regiment, Ala. Vol. Partisan Rangers.

MORE HISTORY PRESERVED: On December 5, 1992, the Advertiser-Journal had a great picture of Dorothy Samuel and Jack Hornady. They were shown presenting historical documents from the First Presbyterian Church to Ricky Best, archivist for the Auburn University at Montgomery Library. Some of the records date back to 1824. Dot and Jack have been working on this project for some time. It is good that these records will be preserved and available for the use of historical scholars.

MOSES' MONEY TREE: Remember we reported in the July 1992 Newsletter about Moses Sellers planting his nickles at the Mt. Carmel Methodist Church when he was a small boy? It seems the non-existent tree is producing! Cecil Brendle found a penny in the churchyard recently and presented it to Moses stating that inflation had taken over and devoured the remaining 4 cents.

SANKEY CEMETERY - BUTLER MILL ROAD
MONTGOMERY CO., ALA.

Dr. John T. Sankey
Dec. 27, 1825 - Sept. 18, 1906

Rebecca H. Sankey
April 19, 1828 - March 3, 1908

Frank Emmett Sankey
Feb. 27, 1869 - April 8, 1915

Maggie Mallory Sankey
Aug. 29, 1874 - Aug. 22, 1952

George L. Sankey, M.D.
Aug. 11, 1852 - Jan. 3, 1931

Mrs. Eddie L. Sankey
July 3, 1861 - May 16, 1938

William Daniel Sankey
Dec. 24, 1864 - Feb. 29, 1928

Carrie L. Sankey - Wife of W. D. Sankey
Sept. 21, 1866 - May 20, 1894

Ellen Armisted Sankey - Wife of W. D. Sankey
1880 - 1971

Laura V. Sankey
Feb. 18, 1838 - Dec. 26, 1896

Maggie P. Sankey - Wife of W. P. Fleming
Oct. 14, 1860 - July 24, 1929

George - Son of F. E. & M. M. Sankey
March 28, 1902 - Jan. 6, 1910

Evelyn Sankey Cook
Jan. 30, 1906 - Nov. 28, 1932

Leroy Sankey
June 14, 1901 - Oct. 31, 1912

Patricia Joy - Daughter of J. L. & L. H. Sankey
Nov. 28, 1929

Hal L. Sankey - Son of G. L. & E. L. Sankey
Jan. 9, 1886 - Aug. 27, 1935

Eddie May - Daughter of Edward H. & Bettie H. Grant
Oct. 5, 1894 - July 28, 1895

Bessie H. Sankey
Nov. 7, 1888 - Nov. 27, 1969

Frank E. Sankey
April 10, 1904 - March 9, 1987

Katherine Clyde Sankey
Sept. 25, 1890 - July 16, 1973

Laura Virginia Sankey
June 21, 1893 - May 8, 1977

John Leonard Sankey
April 21, 1895 - Feb. 22, 1977

For those of you who missed
Mary Halliburton's poem,
"At Shiloh", here it is tho'
lacking the pathos of Mary's
rendition. Used with her
permission.

GARRETT PARNELL
April 21, 1838
to
April 30, 1862
2nd Ga. CALVARY
He died a soldier
at the age of
24yrs 9days
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This grave marker is in a family plot located off the Federal Road in Pintlala, Alabama. The small cemetery is well-kept with short trimmed grass. A light rain trickles down the white stone. Yellow-green grass surrounds the marble headstone as it leans precariously against a rock. The inscription is only faintly visible. I trace lightly over the letters, with my finger. As they reveal themselves to me, a vision slowly emerges.

Where did the lady come from? And the man with her? I first see her ankle-length black skirt and black button-up shoes. A black bonnet shields her face. Her grey hair is rolled in a knot at the back of her head. She stands at the side of the grave looking down, and I notice that she is very small. She has long sleeves cuffed at the wrist and clutches a white lace handkerchief in her withered hand.

A tall, thin somber-looking young man in a faded black suit holds her arm. His knee-high brown boots are covered with dried grey clay. I see others in the background, but they are not distinct. My mind will not accept what I see. The rain comes harder, and I turn away. Glancing back, I see no one. Raindrops, like tears, run down the small white marble slab.

CONTEMPORARY POEM
By Mary E. Halliburton
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AT SHILOH
"He Died A Soldier"
(from his headstone)

A bugle sounds the charge.
A rebel yell rips from my throat.
Hooves thundering, pistols drawn,
we charge the open ground.
My brother rides ahead.

I feel the energy and strength
of my horse. My friend carries
my weight with ease. We jump
a ditch, a fence. Guns shoot
and cannons boom.

Shots whistle past my ears.
My brother shouts my name.
The world explodes
and thunder pounds inside my head.
I see black smoke and blue-grey sky.

My left hand clutches
the reins, as my horse lies
dying. A tree stump smolders
where my leg used to be. Dear God,
where is my leg? I see only red.

Later, when I awake, pain
is my partner.
Where is my brother?
Did my brother fall?
There is no mention of his name.

I cannot stand the flies and blood.
The spring air smells of death.



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Markers on the Highways

By

Peter A. Brannon

The placing of the marker at Moseley's Store on the Mobile Road, some twelve miles south of Montgomery, reminds me that the traveler through Alabama may learn much of Alabama history if he drives with his eyes open. The Francis Marion Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, placed on Sunday, June 12, at the point where the Federal Road of 1805 crossed our present State Highway No. 3, U. S. No. 31, a steel embossed board, to tell the traveler of this incident in our past. In addition to this one, there are many more.

The board at Moseley's Store calls attention also to the fact two miles west was Manac's Tavern. Sam Manac was a Dutch-Indian who lived before 1800 on Pinchona Creek where the trail crossed that stream and who also had a plantation at the mouth of Pintlala Creek and Alabama River. Manac's wife was William Weatherford's aunt. The home on Pinchona has figured quite much in our early history. Here, in 1802, a boy was born to this couple. They named him "David" for David Tate, his relative and the son of John Tate, the British Army officer who was living at our present Montgomery during the American Revolution. David Manac, or as the U. S. Army records call him, "Moniac," was the appointee from the Alabama Territory to West Point Military Academy in 1817. He could neither read nor write, but at the end of six months' tutoring under a teacher in Washington City, he passed the examination and entered the Academy. He graduated at the end of five years but resigned from the army. In 1837 during the Seminole War in Florida, he re-entered the army, was promoted to major, and killed at Wahoo Swamp.

The Federal Road, which the marker locates, is the oldest roadway in Alabama. The treaty of agreement for the Natchez Trace was made two years prior to that of the Federal Road but the former was never improved. The first appropriation for highways in the South West was made for this road in 1811. For the most part, the road now is abandoned. It enters the state at Fort Mitchell, traverses Russell County, Macon, Montgomery, Lowndes and parts of Wil-

cox and Monroe counties. The main way went to St. Stephens by Fort Claiborne, but a branch crossed at Tensas over Mims' and Hollinger's ferries (the latter at the end of Mannahubba Island on the Tombigbee River). The Baldwin County Historical Society has placed a marker at Fort Montgomery, the present Tensas post office, and the U. S. Daughters of 1812 have put one at Fort Mims on Little River. The Fort Montgomery site is on the Monroeville to Bay Minette road, state highway number 59. Fort Mims was two miles west.

On this same road, east of Montgomery, you may find that marker which tells where LaFayette slept on April 2, 1825. Mrs. Walter Lucas had a tavern west of Line Creek (which the Indians called "Okfuski") and here that concourse of more than a thousand militiamen and Indians, who were escorting the French traveler, stopped on their journey to Montgomery. The traveler today will find the spot just north of the pavement, sixteen miles east of Montgomery on U. S. 80 and State highway No. 8.

A boulder superimposed with a bronze tablet is eight miles north of the pavement, after you have traveled twenty-three miles toward Tuskegee from Montgomery. Turn left at Shorter, just at Pinkston's Gin House, and drive by Milstead railroad station one mile east to the great bend of the Tallapoosa River. Marking the site of Fort Decatur of 1814, this stone from the bed of the river two miles above, is a silent sentinel to preserve the memory of those North Carolinians who built that stockaded earthwork to which John Sevier came in the summer of 1815. The tablet on that stone tells that it was here that "the aged frame" of the venerable Revolutionary hero laid down never to rise again. General Sevier lay buried on the top of the hill to the east for three quarters of a century, and then they carried his dust on to Knoxville in Tennessee. Through the generosity of B. E. Walker, the Alabama Anthropological Society, who marked Fort Decatur, have enclosed the stone with the iron fence which so long protected the old patriot's grave stone.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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\$5.00 registration fee + 8.00 annual dues.
Note: All members of a household are included.

Mr., Mr. and Mrs., Mrs., Ms. _____

Other household members: _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home (home) _____ (office) _____

Interest Areas: _____

If you are interested in genealogy, please indicate family surnames _____

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