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JULY MEETING: July 15, 1990, 2:30 P.M.

Pintlala Baptist Church

NOTES FROM PRESIDENT JIM EDWARDS:

Our July meeting will be the 15th at 2:30 at Pintlala Baptist Church. Let's all make our plans to attend. Summer is vacation time, especially July, but the meeting of the Historical Association is also very important - so make your schedules so you can be with us on the 15th.

Our thanks to Will Hill Tankersley for the most informative and very interesting program on the Old Federal Road, the Creek Indians of the area, and the Manac family at our April 22nd meeting.

Anyone having historical information or data they feel would be of interest to the association, please give a copy to Ethel Todd so it can be published in the Newsletter.

A nominating committee will be appointed at the July meeting for selecting officers for 1991.

Anyone having suggestions for meeting programs please let a board member know so it can be considered for the future.

Jim Edwards, President

GUEST SPEAKER:

Our speaker for the July 15th meeting will be Mrs. Jane Weeks, Executive Director of the Alabama Indian Affairs Commission, 669 South Lawrence Street, Montgomery, Alabama. This Commission serves more than 24,000 American Indians in the State of Alabama. Her subject will be "Alabama Indian Affairs". She will be introduced by Mrs. Catherine Sellers.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Mr. & Mrs. Dan Fuller, Box 387, Hope Hull, AL 36043

Mrs. Rae Venable Calvert, P. O. Box 52691, Houston, TX

Mr. & Mrs. Frank P. Lathrop (Anderson), 1802 Warwickshire, Houston, TX 77077

Mrs. Claudia Taylor Johnson, 1827 Austin St., Montgomery, AL 36110

Mr. Gerald B. Taylor, 2216 Shady Lane Drive, Huntsville, AL 35810

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FEDERAL ROAD FACTS:

Mary Lillian Rosier has given to PHA a well thought-out and well-documented paper, "Historical Facts About the Old Federal Road". We hope at a future date she will present this paper at an Association meeting.

Mrs. Rosier has also given for the Library files an old ledger with this note: "This account book was found in October, 1969, in the former Frank Anderson home, which still stands. It was in the drawer of a very large break-front type cabinet which was later built into the home of Mary Lillian Rosier on land formerly owned by Frank Anderson. The dates of the accounts begin August 9, 1897 and run through September 2, 1901. The names of many older families and their items of purchase are recorded in this book. It is interesting to note the prices of merchandise during these years. Many of the descendants of these families have relocated while many still reside in this area. MLR April, 1990"

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FAMILY REUNIONS:

The Mosley (Moseley) - Shackelford family reunion was held Saturday, June 23, 1990, in the ancestral home of Mrs. Frank (Ruby) Mosley. Over 50 attended, some coming from Georgia, Florida, and South Carolina. The family travelling the longest distance to attend was Lt. Col. Clyde Mosley, his wife, Laurie, with Nathan and Karen, who came from Mt. Holly, N.J. Lula Mae Mosley Tyre was the oldest member in attendance.

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Reminder: The Anderson family reunion will be held at the Panama Street Church of Christ, 444 South Panama Street, Montgomery. The date is Saturday, July 28, 1990, gathering before lunch and eating picnic style - then meeting.

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The Edge family reunion was held June 30 in Greenville and brought together approximately 50 descendants of Jessie & Annie Smith Edge of Strata and Sellers.

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The Reverend Gary Burton quotes an unknown source: "There is an irony about family reunions. People come from the four corners of the earth to see people who remind them of the reason they moved to the four corners of the earth."

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IN MEMORIAM:

Mr. Jessie Matthews Taylor, 97, died May 19, 1990. Mr. Taylor was for a number of years caretaker of Pintlala School and bus driver from the Mt. Carmel area to Pintlala. He and his family lived in the Grange Hall. Mr. Taylor was much loved by the students and faculty of the school at the time he was there. For many years Mr. Taylor would return to the Pintlala Community on voting days to vote and to visit with old friends. His son and daughter are members of this Association.

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Justus Rawdon Barnes, Jr., died May 26, 1990. He was the son of Rawdon, Sr. and Mary Lydia Crenshaw Barnes. He grew up on the family farm in LeGrande. His mother was from Pintlala.

Rawdon attended Pintlala School, Lanier, and graduated from the University of Alabama with a B.S. in Journalism. He was in the Field Artillery in World War II and spent three years in Germany. Part of his tour was in active combat and part as editor of the Stars and Stripes. On his return to Alabama he married Eloise Adair and they spent three years in Talladega with the Daily Home. He was publisher of Opelika Eagle for seven years and published and owned the Tri-County News in Americus, Ga. He then worked for the Montgomery Advertiser. His most important job was Personnel Director of the Alabama Development Office.

Joe Azbell aptly wrote of him in the May 31, 1990 Montgomery Independent "He (Rawdon) had a sort of easy-going, low-key, Gary Cooper way about him. He smiled easily and liked clean decent humor. Rawdon was a family man who seemed to disappear into another world when he left work....Everyone will miss Rawdon, a self-made man, a conservative thinker and a true believer in the work ethic. You don't have many good guys like Rawdon Barnes around. He had a distinction. When he was publisher of the Opelika Eagle, he was the youngest in the state."

Rawdon and his family were members of the Pintlala Historical Association.

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Dorothy Samuel sent to us the following interesting information on John Ben Shepperd who was a member of this Association.

John Ben Shepperd was born October 15, 1915, in Gladewater, Texas. He was the son of Alfred Fulton Shepperd, Jr. and Bertha Phillips. He married Mamie E. Strieber of Yorktown, Texas on October 6, 1938. They had four children. One son, Alfred Lewis Shepperd, is an attorney in San Antonio, Texas and is the Governor of the Pilgrim Edward Doty Society.

John Ben Shepperd served as Secretary of State of Texas, was an Attorney General of Texas, was president of the National Association of Attorney Generals, and held many other high and varied honors.

He died March 8, 1990. His death was noted by the New York Times and U.S.A. Today.

He was a descendant of Revolutionary soldiers Eleazor Brach, Elijah Anderson, and Benajab Doty. His great grandfather, William Shepperd, married Georgia Elvira Anderson and they were early settlers of Montgomery County, Alabama in the Pintlala Area. After the death of William, Elvira Anderson accompanied some of her children on their move to Texas.

Dorothy Samuel notes: "John Ben will be greatly missed by his many friends. He was a gentle man with a fine sense of humor and a deep appreciation for the greatness of the people who helped build this country and the hardships they suffered in the process. He had hoped to come to Montgomery County for a family reunion and to visit the places that he had heard his family speak of, but that event can never come to pass now and it leaves us with deep regret that we won't be able to share it all with him."

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#### CORRECTION:

Moses Sellers has asked us to correct a listing on those buried in Mt. Carmel Cemetery. His brother, James M. Sellers, is buried in the National Cemetery in Tunisia, North Africa. The marker in the Mt. Carmel Cemetery is a memorial marker and should read: "Private James M. Sellers - age 22 - died June 13, 1942 (son of A.C. and Ruth M. Sellers)".

#### DAVIS FAMILY DATA:

Mrs. Shirley Davis Lathrop of Houston, Texas, has joined our Association. She writes that she is a descendant of Elijah Cumbie Anderson. She says, "As best I can determine, Sarah Jane Anderson was the third child born of the union of Elijah C. Anderson and Elizabeth Sansom. Sarah was first married to Tarver and from this marriage was born a daughter, Virginia. Nothing further is known of Mr. Tarver or his fate. On February 8, 1880, Mrs. Sarah Jane Tarver and William Edmond Davis were married in Chilton County, Alabama. I would like to find the parents and siblings of William Edmond Davis as nothing of his family is known..... I have much data on Davis families who lived in Pintlala/Fleta area and are buried in Bethlehem(Cemetery). I am computerizing this data and will make it available to anyone interested." Mrs. Davis, 1802 Warwickshire, Houston - 77077-4127, enclosed some family group sheets and they have been placed in the Anderson file at the Library.

#### SANDERSON FAMILY STUDY:

Rae Venable Calvert has sent to P.H.A. a family study on the Sanderson family. It is in the Library files.

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

We still need volunteers either to do research or to teach the methods to those who are willing to help gather factual material on Montgomery County.

#### PHA RECEIVES GAVEL:

At the April meeting Ethel Tankersley Todd gave to the Association a handsome gavel inscribed "Pintlala Historical Association, January, 1987."

#### SHACKELFORD, LEWIS AND TARVER ESTATE RECORDS:

Frank Hawthorne has given to PHA copies of Probate Records regarding the estates of George Shackelford (1852), Edmund Lewis (1856) and H. T. Tarver (1883). We are including these in this Newsletter and copies will be on file in the Library.



In the Matter of Estate  
of George Shackelford,  
deceased.

In Probate Court,  
Montgomery County, Ala.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE ABOVE

Minutes 9, page 145. Feb. 20, 1852.

This day came Francis Shackelford and presented to the Court a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of George Shackelford, deceased. And it appearing that said George Shackelford was a resident citizen of Montgomery Co., and left as his next of kin and heirs at law his widow, Annette Shackelford and his childre, Rebecca Williams, wife of H.G.Williams, George W. Shackelford, Francis Shackelford, all of full age, Mary Shackelford, Joseph Shackelford and Martha Shackelford, minors under 14, Madison Shackelford, Ann Shackelford and Martha Shackelford, minors under 14, all residents of Montgomery Co., except Rebecca Williams, wife of H.G.Williams, who resides in Tallapoosa Co., and John M. Rives, an infant child of Penelope Rives, deceased, who was the daughter of said dec'd. and who resides in Texas.

Ordered that Feb. 26, 1852, be set for hearing, that citations be issued to all of said heirs, and that J.J.Stewart be appointed guardian ad litem for said minors.

Minutes 9, page 170. Feb. 24, 1852.

The citations having been returned duly served by the Shff. on said resident heirs, and the guardian ad litem coming into open Court, representing his said wards, from the testimony of Thos. S. Mays, J.J.Knox and Wm.M. Jackson, it is ordered, adjudged and decreed that said paper writ-

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In the Matter of Estate

of Edmund Lewis,

deceased.

In Probate Court,

Montgomery County, Alabama.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE ABOVE

Minutes 14, page 161. Jan. 21, 1856.

Ordered that Benjamin Lewis be appointed Administrator of the Estate of Edmund, Lewis, deceased.

Minutes 14, page 352. Sept. 4, 1856.

This day came Benjamin E. Lewis, Admr. of the Estate of Edmund Lewis, dec'd. and filed his petition in writing under oath, praying for an order of sale to sell certain real estate belonging to said dec'd. for the purpose of making a division among the heirs at law and legatees of said dec'd., alleging that same cannot be fairly and equitably divided among the heirs at law and legatees, to-wit: W. 1/2 of N. W. 1/4 Sec. 3, T. 13, R. 17 (and other lands) and praying for an order of sale to sell said lands for the purpose of making an equitable distribution among the heirs at law.

It is ordered that Oct. 21, 1856, be set for hearing. And from said petition it appears that the following named persons are the heirs at law and legatees, to-wit: Myra A. Lewis, widow of said dec'd., & the following named children: Benj. E. Lewis, Admr., Elizabeth Ricks, wife of Alfred Ricks, Jasper Lewis, Almira Pool, wife of Robert Pool, all of full age, Washington Lewis and Penelope Lewis and William Worth Lewis, minors under 14, residing in Montgomery Co., Ala.

In the Matter of Estate  
of H. T. Tarver,  
deceased.

In Probate Court,  
Montgomery County, Alabama.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE ABOVE

Administrator's Record A, page 238. Aug. 19, 1882.

Sophonra Tarver, widow of said intestate, having in writing relinquished her right to administer said estate, it is ordered, adjudged and decreed that Letters of Administration on the estate of said dec'd. be granted to Ed Durden, Jr.

Record W, page 789. Sworn to on Dec. 22, 1883, before F.C. Randolph, Probate Judge.

Petitioner, Ed Durden, Jr., avers that he is the Admr. of Estate of Hamilton T. Tarver, dec'd., which estate owes debts to the amount of \$900. incurred by said Tarver in his lifetime, and that no personal property belongs to said estate to pay said debts. That said Tarver died intestate, seized and possessed of 30 acres off of the S. end of S.E.1/4 of S.E.1/4, 30 acres off of the S. end of S.W.1/4 of S.E.1/4, all in Sec. 33, T. 14, R. 17 and N.E.1/4 of N.E.1/4 Sec. 4, T. 13, R. 17. That the heirs of said decedent are his 2 children, Cora and Belle Tarver, minors over 14, who reside with their mother, Sophonra Tarver, in Montgomery Co. That power has been assigned to said Sophronia, widow of said dec'd. Prays that said lands be ordered to be sold to pay said debts.

Minutes 32, page 28. Dec. 22, 1883.

Ordered, adjudged and decreed that Jan. 31, 1884, be set for hear-



Pintlala Historical Association has received a copy of a most interesting and well-documented book for our Library entitled Justus McDuffie Barnes, Alabama Educator. It is a reprint of an unpublished thesis by Thomas Furman Cauthen and printed with permission of Nell Hawkins Cauthen by Alabama Christian College in 1977. The book is not only about "Mack" Barnes, but is a detailed study of Strata Academy and Highland Home College as they entwined with the lives of many of the early settlers of this area.

There is a note of sadness. Rawdon Barnes, Jr. had gotten a copy of this book to give to the Pintlala Historical Association. His wife, Eloise, found it after Rawdon's death, and has sent it on to us.

This book will be on display at our July meeting and then put in our files.

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Legend has it that after an election Alabama's defeated politicians retire to a spot called Buck's Pocket to lick their wounds and recuperate. Did you know that there is a Buck's Pocket State Park situated in De Kalb, Jackson, and Marshall Counties ? We are attempting to find the meaning of "Buck's Pocket ".

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Bright and early on Saturday morning, June 30th, a safari organized by Vera Sellers Kraus went to a peaceful old cemetery off Liberty Church Road. Those buried there are Deans, Durdens, Suggs, Humphries, Bonhams, Luckies, Andersons, Carver, Porter, and Reynolds. A complete listing with dates will be in our next Newsletter.

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#### DEVENPORT POST OFFICE:

<u>Postmaster</u>	<u>Date</u>
Joel J. Devenport	April 11, 1881
N/B -----	July 1, 1884
N/B -----	Feb 1, 1895
N/B -----	March 21, 1900
Renza M. Guy	Sept 11, 1901
Changed to Lowndes County	Oct 7, 1901



### Senior Citizen Lament

Everything is farther away now than it use to be. It is twice as far to the corner, and they have added a hill I've noticed. I've given up running for the bus. It leaves faster than it used to leave. It seems to me they are making the stairs steeper than in the old days, and have you noticed the smaller print in the newspaper? There is no sense in asking anyone to read aloud. Everyone speaks in such low tones I can hardly hear them. The material in dresses is so skimpy now too, especially around the waist and hips and it is all but impossible to reach down to put on my shoes.

Even people are changing. They are so much younger than they use to be when I was their age. On the other hand, people my own age are so much older looking than I am. I ran into an old classmate the other day and she had aged so much she didn't recognize me. I got to thinking about the poor thing while I was combing my hair this morning, and in doing so I glanced at my own reflection.

Confound it — They don't even make good mirrors like they use to any more.