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JANUARY MEETING: January 21

2:00PM

PINTLALA BAPTIST CHURCH

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. What an eventful 1995 we had! The busiest hurricane season on record and we in Montgomery County had to get involved too. The morning of October 5th left a "kick in the stomach" type of feeling when we viewed damage to our house and debris scattered everywhere. Well, eight pulpwood truckloads later and the burning of many brush piles - - - BRING ON SPRING. That morning the words "it couldn't be done" rambled through my mind about being able to clean my place, Mother's and the family cemetery. Only when I ran across this poem did it put into words what must have driven me to get things back in order. These words, I thought, worthy of sharing with you all:

"IT COULDN'T BE DONE"

Somebody said that it couldn't be done,
but he with a chuckle replied
that "maybe it couldn't" but he would be one
who wouldn't say so till he'd tried.
So he buckled right in with the trace of a grin
on his face. If he worried he hid it.
He started to sing as he tackled the thing
that couldn't be done, and he did it.
Somebody scoffed: "Oh, you'll never do that;
at least no one ever has done it";
but he took off his coat and he took off his hat,
and the first thing we knew he'd begun it.
With a lift of his chin and a bit of a grin,
without any doubting or quiddit,
he started to sing as he tackled the thing
that couldn't be done and he did it.
There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done,
there are thousands to prophesy failure;
there are thousands to point out to you, one by one,
the dangers that wait to assail you.
But just buckle in with a bit of a grin,
just take off your coat and go to it;
Just start to sing as you tackle the thing
that "cannot be done," and you'll do it.

By Edgar A. Guest

Ricky McLaney, President

JANUARY PROGRAM:

The program for the January 21, 1996 PHA meeting will be a tour of the *Made In Alabama* exhibition at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts. **We will meet at Pintlala Baptist church promptly at 2:00 pm.** Those who gather there can share rides or ride in the church van. **We will leave at 2:10 pm to drive to the Museum. Our tour there will begin at 2:45 pm.** You may meet our group at the Museum if you desire. If you choose to go directly to the Museum, be there no later than 2:40.

We can not wait for late-comers at the Church or Museum. It is absolutely necessary that our tour begin on time as other tours are booked after ours is completed.

It is an interesting exhibition and one that you will enjoy. Bring a friend! See you on the 21st at 2:00pm.

THE OCTOBER TOUR:

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The October 15th tour included the Tankersley-Todd house and McGehee Cemetery. Many compliments have been circulating about the attractive and inviting house of Ethel Tankersley Todd. Alice Carter, Alice Bonnell and Will Carter, along with Ethel, presented a most interesting explanatory introduction at the entrance to the house. Then each went inside to explain various items of interest while Will took on the task of telling of the functions of each outbuilding. The antiques and family artifacts were like those found in many old homes, as we toured each room from the "casket door" at front to the well beneath the house at the rear. Many of us heard for the first time about the early Pintlala water system.

The McGehee Cemetery has now emerged as a thing of beauty. It is completely accessible with a road built by the County leading directly to it and nothing to prevent visitors from walking through any part of it. The commentary by Frank Hawthorne was very informative as he pointed out the general vicinity of where those, who sleep here now, once lived.

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DUES ARE DUE: We welcome 1996 with our usual reminder that dues are due. Our treasurer is Thomas Ray, You may bring your check for \$8.00 to the meeting on the 21st of January or mail it to him at Route 1, Box 441, Hope Hull, AL 36043. Don't forget - we meet promptly at 2:00PM and leave at 2:10 so try to be ready to give Thomas your check for 1996 dues.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Mr. & Mrs. James McGinty
Route 1, Box 60
Letohatchie, AL 36047
Phone: 288-2823

Mrs. Mary C. Stewart
5739 Calmar Drive, Apt. 5
Montgomery, AL 36116
Phone: 279-6494

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BACK NEWSLETTERS AVAILABLE:

We know that some of you missed your October Newsletter. Remember Opal? The blame lies there. If you would like a copy, call Lurline Hall, 281-3399 or Ethel Todd, 288-3225 and we will see that you get one. If you fail to get called about meetings please let us know.

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OLD HOUSES SAVED:

In our October 1994 issue we wrote that a piece of Alabama history was available free. Ray Scott had come into possession of the old house once owned by Mrs. Molly Tarver. In November of 1995, Dr. & Mrs. Frederick Bush (PHA members) had the house moved to their property on U.S. 31, across from Llewellyn Duggar, and plan to restore it.

Frank and Sandra Lassiter have bought the old Thompson house, (built in the early 1900s) originally owned by Mr. Frank Lassiter's sister and more recently by Danny Fuller. It is now back in the family and Frank & Sandra are restoring it.

Two more relics of our past have found happy homes.

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PHA MEMBERS HONORED:

In the December 1995 issue of "Field and Stream" magazine, Ray Scott was honored as one of the 20 people in American history who have done the most to influence outdoor sports. He joins such people as Theodore Roosevelt and author Rachel Carson.

Recently Will Hill Tankersley was honored by the Southern Industrial Development Council as Alabama's Volunteer of the Year. He was recognized for his dedication and many hours of time freely given to assist in the creation of new jobs, the enhancement of the quality life and over-all betterment of the Montgomery area.

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SOUTH MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

With goals of research and preservation, this new society will meet the second Sunday of January, April, July and October at 3:00PM, Ramer Library. Patrick McIntyre is president. AMD

MOSLEY(MOSELEY)-SHACKELFORD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER RECEIVED:

Those of you interested in information on either of the above families need to get on Clanton Mosley's mailing list. He and Betty are authorities!

Clanton is planning a gathering of descendents of Robert Moseley (1735-1796) in Edgefield, S.C. in 1996. Write to Clanton Mosley, 202 Fernway Drive, New Ellenton, S.C. 29809.

CORRECTION REQUESTED:

Please make the following pen & ink change in the October 1995 Newsletter, in the report on "OUR PIONEER ANCESTORS" Subject: William Calvin Sellers, page 11, paragraph 1, line 6 (last line): Elisha should read Elijah. Correction requested by Mrs. Ronald Sellers, Jr., researcher & author.

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WELCOME NEW OFFICERS:

Did you notice the names of our new officers on the front page? We welcome Thomas Ray as our new treasurer. He will be receiving dues at our meeting in January. And we welcome Dorothy Samuel as a board member in place number 4. We wish them well as they begin 1996 with new responsibilities.

We also wish to thank Hattie Smith for her dedicated service for the last 4 years. A job well done!

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TIME CHANGE:

Please, please, please don't fail to notice the time change for this meeting only. We will meet at 2:00PM instead of 2:30 as we usually do. Sign the book, get your name tag and be ready to roll when the signal is given. This trip will be interesting.

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OCTOBER TOUR TAPES:

Due to "technical difficulties" tapes of the October tour are not available at the present time. We hope to have the problems corrected soon. If you turned in a blank tape, we will notify you when your tape is ready. We regret the inadvertent delay.

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TIPS: Do you know where the word TIP came from? Once, long ago, it was customary to slip a little cash to the staff of a restaurant before a meal to insure prompt service. TIPS is an acronym for "To Insure Prompt Service".

THE DUNCANS OF FLETA AND MOUNT CARMEL:

Looking back over the listing for Mt. Carmel Cemetery, a number of Duncans are found to be buried there. The following is a list of the Duncans who are all a part of the same family. Some Duncans are not buried there and these are designated with an asterisk.

1. John A. Duncan - husband

Catherine Norman Duncan - his wife

Children:

- 1-1. LaFayette m. Mary E. Ekwurzel
- 1-2. Pierce - nm
- 1-3. Mattie - nm
- 1-4. Jane - nm
- 1-5. Thomas D. m. Zeverah Sellers
- 1-6. Mary m. James Thomas Boyd *(buried Sprague cemetery)
- 1-7. James m. Georgia Bonham *(Huntsville)
- 1-8. Willie - died age 12
- 1-9. George - nm

Grandchildren:

- 1-1-1. Otto L. m. Pauline Faircloth (she is buried in Pike County)
- 1-1-2. Mary Emma Duncan m. Ben G. Ray
- 1-5-1. Thomas D., Jr. died when an infant
- 1-5-2. John William " " " "
- 1-5-3. Alalu m. Briggs Dillard *(Montgomery)
- 1-5-4. Lucile nm
- 1-5-5. Buena Mae m. John Sellers
- 1-7-1. Dr. Morris Duncan *(Florida)

Great Grandchildren:

- 1-1-1-1. Edrie Carolyn

Thanks to Thomas Ray, the great grandson of John A. and Catherine Norman Duncan, grandson of LaFayette Duncan and son of Mary Emma (Duncan) and Ben G. Ray.

Other Duncans buried at Mt. Carmel but kinship undetermined:

Oliver Duncan - husband

Mary S. - wife

A. F. Duncan - husband

Margaret E. - wife

For other information such as dates of birth and death, see the listing for Mt. Carmel cemetery in PHA files.

Code: m = married

nm = never married

BOYD - EKWURZEL CEMETERY

Located .1 mile off Duncan Road, Approximately
1 mile from Duncan Road and Sprague Junction
Road Intersection (which is about mile
from Sprague Post Office at Highway 331)

Recorded on March 21, 1982 by
Laurie Sanders -, Cynthia Betts, Marie Betts
Charlie Betts and Melissa Lenn Betts

ROW I - Graves # 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

1. Clarence Ekwurzel

Born May 18, 1869

Died Aug. 29, 1870

2. Anna L. Ekwurzel

Born Dec. 29 1857

Died Feb 5. 1873

"None Knew thee but to Love thee"

3. Infant of

O.B. and S.L. EKWURZEL

No name - no dates

4. Infant of

O.B. and S.L. EKWURZEL

No name - No dates

5. Otto Gustaf EKWURZEL

BORN Oct. 18, 1833

Died April 29, 1881

"FATHER"

"An honest man's the noblest work of God"

#5 Next to #6 - Same type marker

6. Sarah Lyon EKWURZEL

Born April 17, 1840

Died May 22, 1924

"MOTHER"

7. William E. EKWURZEL

BORN Nov. 6, 1871

Died Sept. 3, 1882

8. Charles Oscar EKWURZEL

Born Feb 2, 1867

Died Nov 19, 1905

Son of Otto Gus and Sarah EKWURZEL

"God gave; He took; He will restore -
He doeth all things well -"

ROW II Graves # 9-10-11

9. Mattie Boyd

Born Sept 12, 1861

Died Jan 5, 1869

Daughter of D. and M. Boyd

10 and # 11 next to each other - 4 sided marker

10. Walter Boyd

Born Dec. 3, 1796

Died Jan 29, 1844

Born in Edgefield, S.C.

"FATHER"

11. Letitia Boyd

Born May 8, 1800

Died April 20, 1864

Born in Edgefield, S.C.

"MOTHER"

10 - # 11
* Above listed on 4 sided monument

Side I - FATHER Side II MOTHER

Side III: "Dear Parents, tho' we miss
you much we know you rest with God."

Side IV: "They steer'd their course to the
same quiet shore, not parted long,
and now to part no more"

Row III Graves # 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

12. Martha Boyd

Born Feb 22, 1827

Died Sep-? ? 1873

Wife of D. Boyd

12 tombstone has been broken and repaired -
Death date difficult to read -

13. Demisy Boyd

Born Sept 9, 1822

Died May 26, 1899

Aged 76 years 8 mos 17 days

" Though our loss is great we trust
'tis your eternal gain "

14. Anna L. B. Boyd

Born Dec 4, 1851

Died Apr 15, 1884

Aged 32 years 4 mos 11 days

Wife of J. T. Boyd

15. RUFUS K. BOYD

BORN March 31, 1878

Died January 4, 1881

Son of J. T. and E. B. Boyd

16. SIDNEY E. BOYD

Born Nov 1, 1875

Died Oct 3, 1877

Daughter of J. T. and A. E. B. Boyd

Row IV

17. FANNIE BOYD

Born April 10, 1857

Died Aug 8, 1886

Wife of W. Boyd

" Was a devoted wife -

Died as she lived, a Christian

18. Fannie Boyd
Infant—

Born Sept 2, 1885

Died Sept 4, 1886

Little Fannie,

Daughter of W. and Fannie Boyd

"From which she took her flight
with the angels above"

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Contributed by Mrs. J. J. Sanders (Laurie)

Pages from Bill Hawthorne's

Autograph Book

May 10, 1929

Dear Billy,

You are my youngest child, so, of course, I am very fond of you. However, in spite of your young age, you are also one of my very best pupils, and I shall always remember you with best wishes.

Annie Mae Lewis

Annie Mae Lewis, Kittye Brown McIntyre and "Aunt Mary" were teachers. Hilda Reynolds was a friend.

Here are some pages from Bill Hawthorne's autograph book with messages from teachers and friends at Pintlala school. Bill must have been an exceptional student as both teachers and friends remarked that he was the "smartest boy in the class". One friend remarked, "You are smartest one in the class

Dear Billy:

I shall always feel that I have a first claim on you since you began your school career in my room. I have only happy recollections of your third grade days—good attendance, good work, good conduct—in fact, an ideal pupil. So, I can't forget the beautiful flowers you were always bringing to make our room more attractive. I shall watch your future development with great interest. You may ever be sure that I am wishing for you all that is great and good in life.

With love,

Kittye Brown McIntyre

and Hartley also". Some of the friends from the 1930s, who wrote were John Taylor, Sammie Hall, Eugene Huffman, Sam, Mary, & Nannie Gaye Pettus, Mirian Chesnutt, Jimmielyn Campbell, Nell Rowe, Wilfred Cauthen and Lula Fry. Teachers: Miss Benson & Miss Frost.

My dear Bill:

It's with great pleasure that I'm looking forward to having you as my little boy next year. I'm sure you will not disappoint me. I know you can do good work. I have done good, and will continue to do better work. With lots of love

"Aunt Mary"

Dear Betty:

I have known you for a long time. You have proved to me a good, nice, and sweet boy. Remember me a long as you live. I hope you will have good luck all through your life. I hope you will always be as smart as you are now.

Lilla Reynolds

Our thanks to Mary Hawthorne

RELATIVE TERMINOLOGY

Conversation on the subject of who is related to whom often bogs down over terminology.

Your first cousin, of course is your parent's brother's (or sister's) child. However, the first cousin's child is not your second cousin, as is sometimes thought to be the case, but your first cousin once removed. The child of the first cousin once removed is your first cousin twice removed, and his child your first cousin three times removed.

Your second cousin is your grandparent's brother's (or sister's) grandchild. That second cousin's child is your second cousin once removed, his child your second cousin twice removed, and so on.

And your third cousin? It's your great-grandparent's brother's (or sister's) great-grandchild. The third cousin's child is your third cousin once removed, his child your third cousin twice removed.

Siblings--have parents in common. Brothers and sisters are siblings.

Grandnephew (or grandniece)--the grandchild of your brother or sister.

Great-aunt (or great-uncle)--the sister (or brother) of your grandparent.

Great-grandaunt (or great-granduncle)--The sister or brother of your great-grandparents.

Stepfather (or stepmother)--the husband of your mother (or the wife of your father) by a subsequent marriage.

Stepchild--the child of your husband or wife by a former marriage.

Stepsister (or stepbrother)--the child of your stepfather or stepmother.

Half sister (or half brother)--the child of your mother and stepfather, or of your father and stepmother, or of either parent by a former marriage.

In-laws--your connections by the law of marriage (as distinct from relatives by blood); in particular, your husband's or wife's relatives and your own brother's wife or sister's husband.

Ancestor--the person from whom you descend "directly," such as a grandparent or great-grandparent.

Descendant--the person who descends "directly" from you, such as a grandson or great-granddaughter.

Lineal relations--those in the "direct" line of ascent or descent, such as a grandfather or granddaughter.

Collateral relations--those relatives who are "linked" by a common ancestor, such as aunts, uncles, and cousins.

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OLD SAYINGS: Do you remember any "sayings" that your parents or grandparents used to quote? If so send them in; we will print them. Here are a few to help refresh your memory:

If the mare trots, the colt can't walk.

Every old crow thinks it's the blackest.

An apple doesn't fall far from the tree.

When there is a ring around the moon, count the stars in the circle to tell how many days will pass before it rains.

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IN THIS ISSUE: Duncans buried in Mount Carmel Cemetery, Boyd-Ekwurzel Cemetery, Molly Tarver house, Thompson-Lassiter house, Autograph book of Bill Hawthorne.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Note: All members of a household are included.

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Other household members: _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone (home) _____ (office) _____

Interest Areas: _____

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

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