

PINTLALA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Next Meeting:
July 24th—2:30 p.m.
Pintlala Baptist Church



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Charles Edward Crenshaw, II and Sons



Center: Charles Edward Crenshaw II, (Big Daddy to his family) and his four sons who served in World War I, L to R: Colonel Allen Crenshaw, Lieutenant Oscar Crenshaw, Lieutenant William Crenshaw, Captain Fred Crenshaw

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President's Message - "Major Steps Over Several Months"

- **Please note the change in our customary meeting time for July elsewhere in this publication.**

Over the last few months much has been accomplished to enhance our mission to promote local history. Consider the following:

- Discovery of a photograph of the Old Bethel Baptist Church. On Saturday, February 26, I received a call from Alice Carter who was researching old photos from the Iva Garrett Henry album in preparation for an article on the Shackelford family. Alice told me that she thought she had located a photo of the Bethel Church. At her home we studied the photo and compared it to a drawing by Franklin Shackelford Moseley. It proved to be an almost perfect match. Eureka! While many others had probably seen the unidentified photo many times, Alice was perceptive enough to make the connection. The album is in the possession of Patsy Davis who was generous in sharing the original for duplication. Check out the photo in this edition of the newsletter.



Old Bethel Baptist Church Removed by Dr. Frank Shackelford in 1922

- Another great accomplishment was the article about the Shackelford family by Alice Carter. It proved to be a well researched overview. We are learning more and more about the rich legacy of those who settled this part of Montgomery County.
- Lyn Frazer, Montgomery County Archivist, is a strong friend to PHA. She has connected us with a turn-of-the-century photo album belonging to Mary Fleta Shackelford Fennell. The back story is provided by Alice Carter in this edition along with representative photographs.
- The final report from Dr. Greg Waselkov and team related to their recent archaeological exploration of the Manac (Moniac) Tavern site on the Old Federal Road can be found on the PHA website. It provides further confirmation along with an analysis of the artifacts found with a compelling historical narrative. www.pintlalahistoricalassociation.com.
- I enjoyed researching and writing a two-part article, *The Reverend Hope Hull: The Father of Methodism in Georgia and His Influence in Montgomery County, Alabama*. Although the Reverend Hull never made it to Alabama, we continue to be the recipients of his life and work.
- Seventy-six graves were discovered in Hope Hull last year. This discovery will provide the basis for our presenter and program this month. This report will be provided on our website in a few days. You will not want to miss this significant slice of early local history.

Gary Burton, President

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New Members

Mr. William Wolf, Auburn, AL and Mr. and Mrs. Tim Wilsford, Pintlala, AL.

July 2011 PHA Program

The PHA will meet on **Sunday, July 24th at 2:30 p.m.** at the Fellowship Hall of Pintlala Baptist Church. Please mark this date on your calendar. Scheduling problems have necessitated a change in our normal third Sunday meeting time.

Our July program will be presented by V. Stephen Jones, Cultural Resources Technician in the Office of Archaeological Research at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. During the time period of July through December 2010, Mr. Jones was involved with the excavation and relocation of a previously undocumented cemetery in Montgomery County just north of the Hope Hull community.

The cemetery relocation project was initiated by current landowners, ALFA Properties, Inc. The property on which graves were found is located between Highway 31 and I65 South. Other than ALFA, most recent land-owners have included a Jones family and Fred W. Hooper. However research into land records in Montgomery County indicate 19th century owners were Benajah Smith Bibb and his heirs. Pertinent to our interests, it is worthy to note that Bibb was brother of William Wyatt Bibb, first governor of Alabama. The land was referred to as the "Judge Bibb Plantation." The acreage has traditionally been used for agricultural purposes. With the encroachment of industrial development in the area, the land has been re-zoned for that purpose. Two marked graves, written references to tenant cabins and an attendant cemetery led to research and the exploration of the property.

Our speaker, Stephen Jones, led the fieldwork and documentation necessary for the removal and relocation of 76 human interments to Forest Hills Memorial Cemetery in Snowdown, Alabama. He will share this intriguing discovery and process with our organization on July 24th.

Shackelford Irony

By Alice T. Carter

The last PHA newsletter (V. XXV, # 2) featured an article on the Shackelford family of Pintlala. The line of Frank and Jane Watts Shackelford was discussed and included their child George Henry Shackelford, (1863-1935), m.1st Claudia Magdalen Davis; m. 2nd. Hermione Huckabee. (Hermione was the sister to Sadie Crenshaw, wife of William Crenshaw, mentioned in Lee Barnes' article on the Crenshaw family.) George was father of Henry Francis, Clarence Watts, Davis Leroy and Mary Fleeta who married Benjamin King Fennell of Leighton, Alabama located in Colbert County.

Ironically, about two weeks after the publication of the newsletter, Gary Burton received a call from Lyn Frazer, Montgomery County Archivist. She had just received a photograph album from Mark Fennell of Leighton, Alabama. The album had belonged to Mary Fleeta Shackelford Fennell. Ms. Frazer had read the PHA newsletter and wondered if any of the PHA members would be interested in examining the album and help her in identifying any of the unmarked images.

In late May, Margery Henry, Gary Burton and Alice Carter traveled to the County Archives office to view the album. There were 21 images included, with seven identified by the group as Pintlala residents. Six images were not identified. Six images were labeled as members of the Holmes family, unknown to the group, but believed to be from Lowndes County.



Examining the Mary Fleeta Shackelford Fennell Album: Alice Carter, Margery Henry, Lyn Frazer on May 23, 2011.

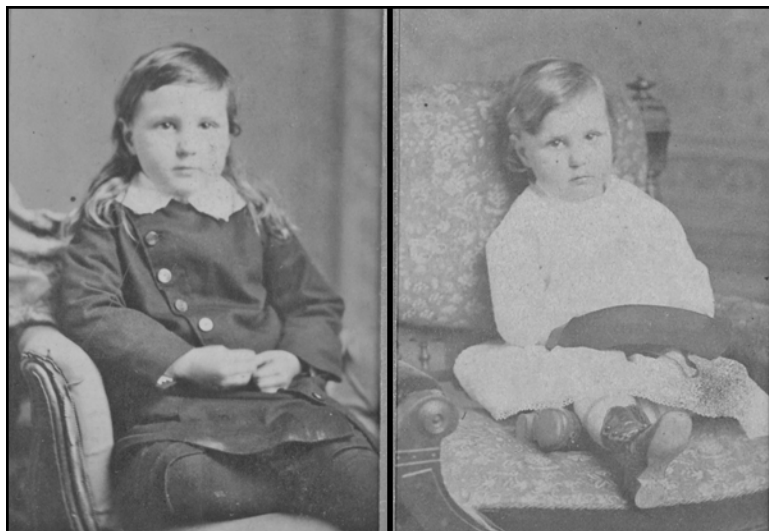
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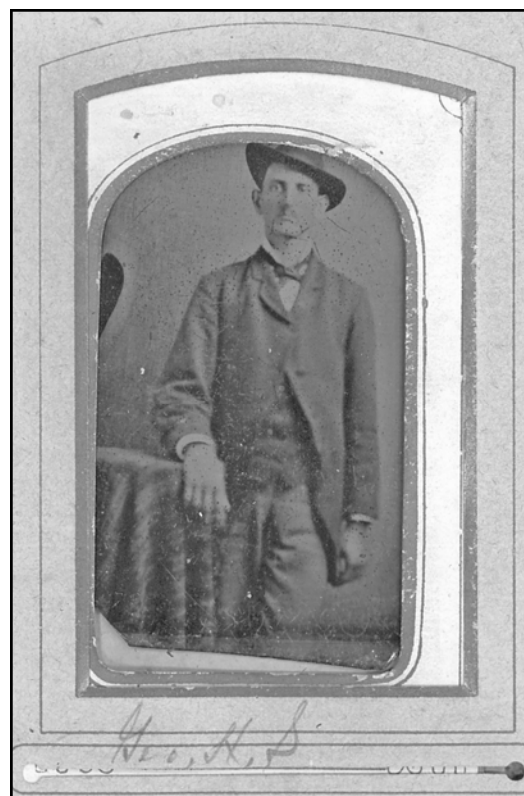
Annie Shackelford Rogers, daughter of Madison and Sophronia Shackelford, buried in the Rogers Cemetery, Letohatchee, Alabama



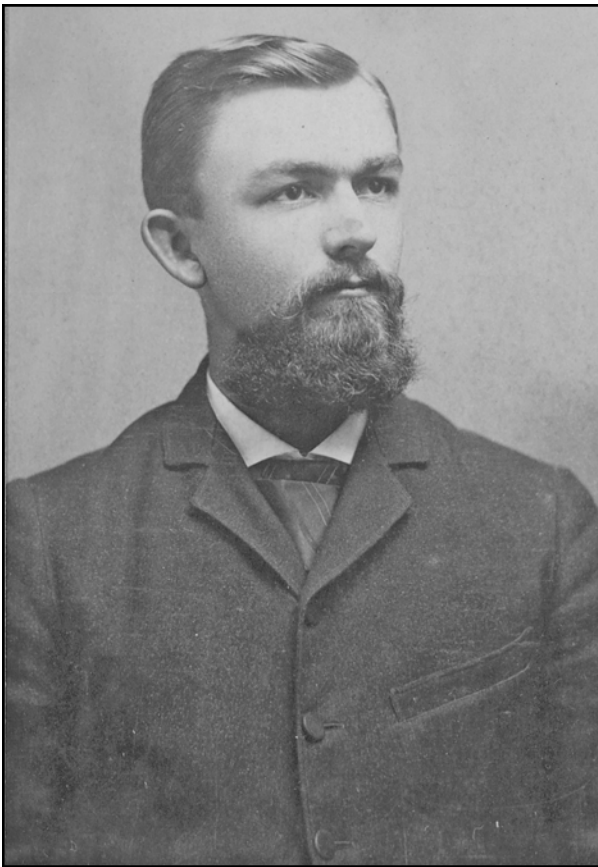
Mattie Key Shackelford Colquitt daughter of Madison and Sophronia Shackelford, wife of Alfred Bethea Colquitt, buried in Shackelford Cemetery



Tandy Watts Shackelford (b.1880) as a child, son of Frank and Jane Watts Shackelford



George Henry Shackelford, father of album owner, Mary Fleta Shackelford Fennell



Dr. Edward Madison Shackelford, President of Troy State Teachers College



Dr. Frank and Fannie Garrett Shackelford as a young couple



Unidentified image of an infant , possibly Mary Fleta



An additional photograph is reproduced here of Mary Fleta Shackelford as a comparison for the unidentified infant thought to possibly be Mary Fleta.

Photograph from the Collection of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Henry, Jr.

Crenshaw Recollections

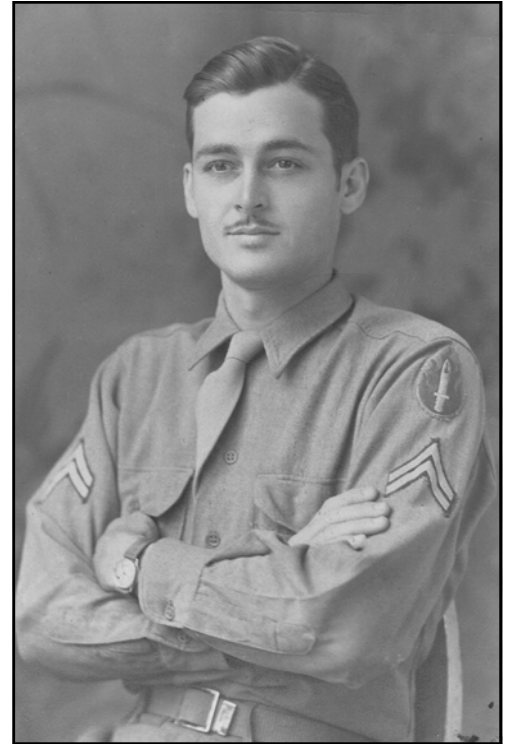
by Lee Barnes

What does the Pintlala Historical Association have to do with Alabama's First Supreme Court, the Civil War, WWI, notorious outlaws of the 1930s—Bonnie and Clyde, the birthplace of Nat King Cole, land used to develop Maxwell AFB, and the Masters Golf Tournament? You will have to read this article to find out.

My first memories of my Crenshaw family came from my father, Justus Rawdon Barnes, Jr., (1921-1990). He told me of riding his horse by himself eight miles from his home on U. S. Highway 331 near LeGrand to visit his grandparents Charles Edward Crenshaw, II and Willie Jo Allen Crenshaw in Pintlala. His favorite destination was his grandfather's country store where he could have a Nehi drink, all the crackers and cheese he could eat, and to top it off, ice cream. Another memory was of Uncle Bill (William Crenshaw, 1890-1969) taking him swimming and fishing on Pintlala Creek. And finally his shared memory of the Crenshaw dove shoots together with a hearty breakfast to start the day off right. Aunt Vick, Willie Jo's cook, would start the day with a before dawn breakfast of coffee, eggs, grits, biscuits, sausage, bacon, and cane syrup. What a life!!! My paternal grandmother was Mary Lydia Crenshaw Barnes (1896-1976). Her father and mother were Charles Edward Crenshaw, II (1857-1939) and Willie Jo Allen, (1857-1929). My great grandparents, Charles Edward II and Willie Jo were known to the immediate family as Big Daddy and Big Mama.



Mary Lydia Crenshaw Barnes, daughter of Charles Edward Crenshaw and Willie Jo Allen Crenshaw, wife of Rawdon Barnes of LeGrand, Alabama, Paternal grandmother of writer, Lee Barnes.



Cpl. Justus Rawdon Barnes, Jr., July 28, 1945, Germany; Father to writer

Lee Barnes

Mary Crenshaw married Justus Rawdon Barnes, Sr., (1884-1964). Big Daddy was a planter, farming large acreage located in Pintlala. He also owned a gristmill, a cotton gin, and a country store. The store was located on the west side of U.S. Highway 31 directly across from the Shackelford Cemetery. Cousin Lewis Crenshaw from the "Ridge" in Butler County told me that he remembers the store. He said family would stop by on their way to Montgomery from their homes in Butler County and visit Cousin "Charley." He also said that an occasional Confederate Veteran would be there spinning tales of the Civil War. Big Daddy later invested in a livery stable in Montgomery and moved his family to the city on Virginia Avenue, resulting in my grandmother (Mary) graduating from Sidney Lanier High School in 1915. Big Daddy also was said to have owned the house where Nat King Cole was born. He also owned part of the acreage eventually sold to the United States Government for the development of Maxwell AFB. Big Mama's father was Captain William Lafayette Allen, (1824-1864), who died during the Atlanta campaign of the Civil War. His wife, Mary Shackelford Allen (1832-1907) went behind enemy lines and brought her deceased husband back home to be buried in



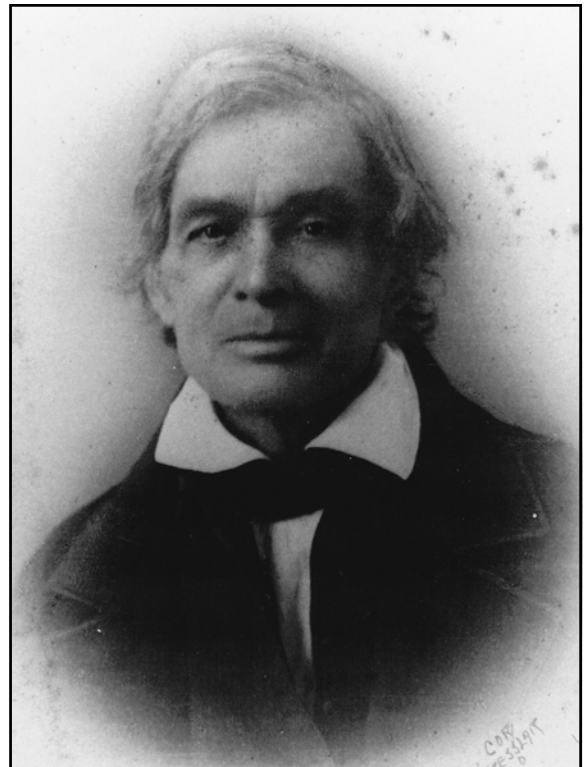
Charles Edward Crenshaw I, son of Anderson and Mary Crenshaw, Lowndes County farmer and a Methodist minister. He is the ggg-grandfather of the writer, Lee Barnes.

four daughters, Frances Louise, Anna Riley, Carolyn, and Bonnie. Allen, Jr. and Charles Edward, IV decided on Baylor University in Texas for college. Since it was during the depression, they elected to hitchhike to Texas. Along the way, they were picked up by Bonnie and Clyde, the notorious outlaws of the 1930s. Allen, Jr. and Charles Edward, IV didn't recognize them at first, but later with all of the publicity surrounding the two, they did recognize Bonnie and Clyde from photos in the newspapers. Bonnie and Clyde were well mannered and polite they later recalled. In later years, I met Allen Crenshaw, III at a Crenshaw family reunion, and he confirmed the Bonnie and Clyde incident. Charles Edward, IV became a prominent attorney and lived in Austin, Texas. He had a son in 1952 named Ben Daniel Crenshaw. Ben attended the University of Texas on a golf scholarship. He turned professional in 1973 and over his career won 29 golf championships including the 1984 and 1995 Masters Golf Tournaments.

Big Daddy's parents were Charles Edward Crenshaw, I (1821-1905) and Mary Louisa Coleman (1828-1875). Charles Edward, I was a University of Alabama graduate. He was also a Lowndes County farmer, owned a gristmill, and was a lay Methodist preacher. Charles Edward, I par-

the Shackelford family cemetery in Pintlala. Today William and Mary Allen rest next to each other in the Shackelford cemetery.

Big Daddy and Mama, in addition to my grandmother, Mary, had six other children. Charles Edward Crenshaw III, (1882-1936); Allen Crenshaw (1885-1960) married Mary "Bonnie" Riley; Oscar Crenshaw (1888-1951); William "Bill" Crenshaw (1890-1969) married Sadie Huckabee (1895-1969); Fred Crenshaw (1893-1973) married Alberta Thomas; and Frances Alma Crenshaw (1900-1990) married Harvey Page. All of the brothers except Charles Edward III, served in the Army during World War I. I only knew three of grandmother's siblings—Aunt Alma, Uncle Bill and Uncle Fred. Aunt Alma's husband, Harvey, was the equivalent of the county probate judge in Pensacola, Florida. Uncle Bill was a local farmer and on the board of directors with the Federal Land Bank. His house still stands at the southwest intersection of Federal Road and Cloverfield Road in Pintlala. Uncle Fred became a doctor and his practice took him to Portland, Oregon. There he resided until his death. Though I didn't know him, Allen lived in Andalusia, Alabama. He and Bonnie had two sons, Allen, Jr., and Charles Edward, IV and



Judge Anderson Crenshaw, patriarch of the Crenshaw family in Montgomery County, who came first from South Carolina to the first state capitol, Cahaba, in 1819 when Alabama became a state. He later moved to what would become Crenshaw County, named for Judge Crenshaw.

ents were Judge Anderson Crenshaw and Mary Chiles. They came from the Newberry District, South Carolina in 1819 and settled in Cahaba, Alabama's first state capitol. He was also the first graduate of the South Carolina law school. In 1822, he moved to the "Ridge" in Butler County and built a beautiful home. The house still stands and is owned by the heirs of David Crenshaw, a direct descendant of Anderson and Mary. Anderson was a farmer, an attorney and ultimately was appointed to Alabama's first Supreme Court. Crenshaw County is named for Judge Anderson Crenshaw.

The Crenshaws have been a part of Alabama since it became a state in 1819. They have left their mark on agriculture, the legal system, banking, medicine, the military, religion, and professional sports. If the past is any indication of what the future will be, then just hang on and see what the future has to offer.



L to R: A. B. Colquitt, Mattie Key Shackelford Colquitt, Parmelia Jane Watts Shackelford (Mrs. Frank), George H. Shackelford, Clarence W. Shackelford, Willie Jo Allen Crenshaw (Mrs. Charles Edward, II), Allen Crenshaw, Helen Colquitt Walter (Mrs. Jesse Campbell), Tan Shackelford, Lela Shackelford Moseley (Mrs. Franklin M. Moseley)

Editors Notes:

Mattie Key Colquitt was daughter of Francis and Jane Watts Shackelford

Willie Jo Allen was daughter of William Lafayette Allen and Mary Shackelford Allen, daughter of George and Annette Jeter Shackelford

Helen Colquitt was daughter of Alfred Bethea and Mattie Key Shackelford Colquitt

Lela Shackelford Moseley was daughter of Madison and Sophronia Ledbetter Shackelford

William (Bill) Crenshaw mentioned in Lee's article was known locally for his talents as a great Bar-B-Q cook. He visited the editor (Alice Carter) shortly after her birth in the very hot month of July when there was no air conditioning. The new baby was dressed only in a diaper leading William to give her the nick-name of "Miss Alice Few-Clothes." He always called her this much to her embarrassment. She now treasures that memory!

THIS PLACE MATTERS Pintlala's Manac Tavern Site, May 9-11, 2011



Tim Wilsford, Raven Christopher and Dr. Greg Waselkov hiking the area where the Federal Road crossed Pinchona Creek (on PHA member, Wilsford's property).

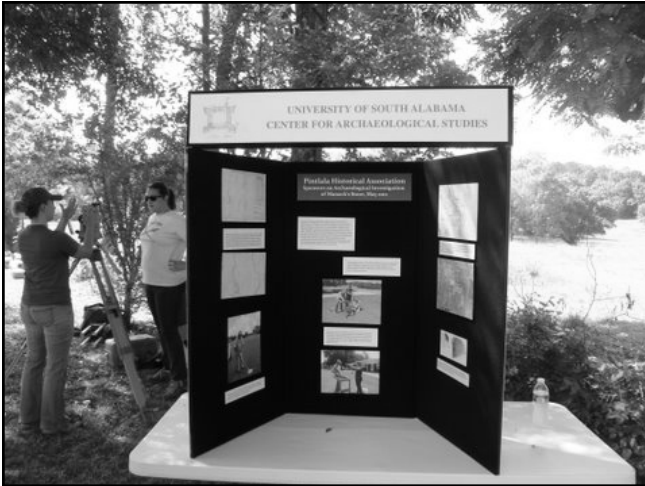


TV filmer catches school group observing archaeologists at work at the Manac site.



Dr. Craig Sheldon from AUM and local residents, John Meadows and Alice Carter discuss artifacts found in Pintlala.

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Display board prepared by University of South Alabama Center for Archaeological Studies



School group prepares for tour of site (Pintlala and Hooper Academy 4th grade classes attended.)



PHA members Ina Slade and Alice Carter listen as Dr. Craig Sheldon explains the screening process to students.

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Drs. Sheldon and Waselkov study plat maps for area to be explored.



PHA members Jack Hornady and Davis Henry share memories of early Pintlala landmarks.



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