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Alfred Pool, Sr. 1813-1883



Photo Courtesy of Tryon McLaney

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - "Seating Space and Gratitude"

I am worried about seating capacity for our program on January 17, 2:30 P.M. The church's fellowship hall can accommodate quite a crowd, and while I am confident that we have sufficient space for the event, you may wish to come a little early for a good seat. Why is this program different? Alice Carter has asked Robert Thrower, Poarch Creek Indian, to be our guest speaker. We have noticed Robert speaking in many history-related venues and he represents the Creek Nation in an exemplary way. We will learn much about Creek Indian values and culture, then and now, and a lot about Sam Moniac (Manac).

The program will take on a mystical tone because Robert is a descendant grandson of Sam Moniac (Manac) who lived here in Pintlala on the Federal Road where he operated a tavern/store/inn. Our hope is to take him to the site of Manac's tavern. That will be a moment connecting time and space and many generations. Don't miss this historic and unprecedented event.

I am grateful for your generosity and support of the Pintlala Historical Society. Always feel free to invite others. January 17 will be an appropriate time to join PHA or to renew membership.

We are learning a lot from each other.

Gary Burton, President

Pintlala Historical Association

January 2016

IMPORTANT REMINDER

January 2016 begins a new year for membership in the Pintlala Historical Association. Please pay your membership dues of \$15.00 to treasurer, Ina Slade at 15212 Hwy. 31, Hope Hull, AL 36043 or bring cash or check to the January 17th meeting.

Dues are vital to our survival as an organization that promotes the history of South Montgomery County and encourages preservation and education of its heritage.

January 2016 Program

Robert Thrower, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, will be the speaker at the January 17 PHA meeting. Mr. Thrower is a man of many talents and his ancestry is of prime importance to the Pintlala community—he is the sixth great grandson of Sam Manac. He will share his genealogy with us and make a visit to the site of Manac's tavern/store/stand on the Old Federal Road.

Robert Thrower is an ordained minister, a practitioner of traditional Creek medicine, certified tribal artisan, storyteller, playwright, filmmaker and poet.

Please attend this outstanding program and bring guests who are interested in Pintlala's earliest heritage.



Robert Thrower, Photograph courtesy Google Images

SAM MONIAC 101

Samuel Moniac/Manac (1781-1837), also known as Sam Manack (Totkes Hadjo in Muskogee), was a wealthy and politically influential Creek Indian, son of a Dutch interpreter and a Creek woman. His house and store on the Federal Road near Pintlala, Alabama figured prominently in the early history of the road and in the events leading to the Creek War of 1813-1814.

As a young boy in 1790 Moniac traveled with Alexander McGillivray and other leaders representing the Creek nation to New York where the U.S. Government under President George Washington agreed to the Treaty of New York. The President presented Sam Moniac and a few others a peace medal. It has long been held that Moniac kept the medal with him at all times and it was buried with him in Pass Christian, Mississippi.

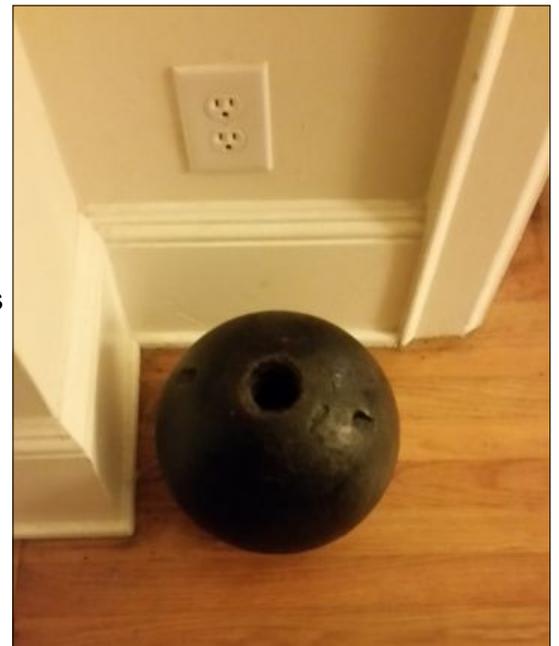
Sam Moniac was an entrepreneur and had become wealthy among the Creeks and influential among whites. During the Creek Indian War he was considered an ally with the U.S. Government; consequently, traditionalist, militant Creeks (Red Sticks) instigated conflict with Moniac at times. When the U.S. needed Creeks to establish "places of entertainment" along the Federal Road, the offer was made to Sam Moniac and a small number of others sympathetic to the United States. The house/store/tavern was built by 1809 near the place where the Federal Road crossed the Pinchona Creek, but it is probable that Moniac and his wife had a presence in the Pintlala area before then. His son, David, was born in Pintlala in 1802 and became the first Native American to graduate from West Point.

Eventually the militant Creeks would burn down his store and destroy his livestock. After the war the store was rebuilt and by 1820 Sam Moniac had moved out of the area. His death at Pass Christian, Mississippi came in 1837 while being deported during the "trail of tears."

Excerpted Email From Tryon M. McLaney to Gary Burton

The mortar shell in the picture has been passed down through my family and currently resides with me. The Union Soldiers left this shell at the Poole Plantation when they camped there that night. It is about 9.5 inches in diameter and weighs about 70-80 pounds. One would have to deduce that Wilson's Raiders weren't the ones who left this behind because it would have been much too heavy for a cavalry detachment to be lugging around. My Grandmother, Hattie McLaney, used to tell me lots of stories about the Union troops that stayed at the Poole plantation on the way to Montgomery. The stories she told of course had been passed down to her while growing up in Fleta.

I have also attached a picture of Mr. Poole mounted on his horse in front of the Poole home. This picture is the only known picture of the Poole home. Thought you would be interested in the photos of the mortar shell and the Poole home.



Mortar Shell, Photograph courtesy Tyron M. McLaney

ALFRED POOL, SR.

Pool and Sellers Descendants

Alice T. Carter

Alfred Pool, Sr. (1813-1883), [cover photograph] on his horse, was the second child of James Thomas Pool, Sr. and his wife Elizabeth Barnes Pool. Alfred was born in 1813 and came from South Carolina to Alabama around 1836. In 1851 he married Letitia Boyd, daughter of Walter Boyd and Letitia Bussey Boyd. Alfred and Letitia were parents of three children: Virginia, Alabama and Alfred, Jr.

Alabama Pool (1855-1895) married William Joseph Sellers (1845-1921) in 1871 and they were parents of ten children. Those surviving to adulthood are:

1. Zeverah Sellers (1874-1941)---married Dr. Thomas Duncan
2. Virginia Sellers (b. 1875)---married E. E. Stough
3. William Joseph Sellers, Jr. (1877-1965)---married Eula Durden
4. Lozonias Sellers (1879-1956)---married George Edwards
5. Hayden Elihu Sellers (1882 1960)---married first Annie Lee Norman and second Mineola King
6. Eubritta Sellers (1885-1971)---married William Caffey Norman
7. Letitia Sellers (1887-1948)---married (no relation) John Sellers whose second wife was Buena Mae Duncan Sellers
8. Harriet/Hattie (1889-1956)---married Richard Webb Norman (grandparents of Richard McLaney and great grandparents of Tryon McLaney who owns the image of Alfred Pool, which he shared with PHA)

All of these children except Hayden Sellers and Virginia Stough lived in homes, built for them by Letitia Pool, within shouting distance of each other in Fleta, Alabama. The home of Alfred and Letitia Pool is thought to have been located on acreage behind the home once belonging to George Edwards. (Currently owned by the Lauderdale family)

The information on Alfred Pool was found in the files of Ricky McLaney.

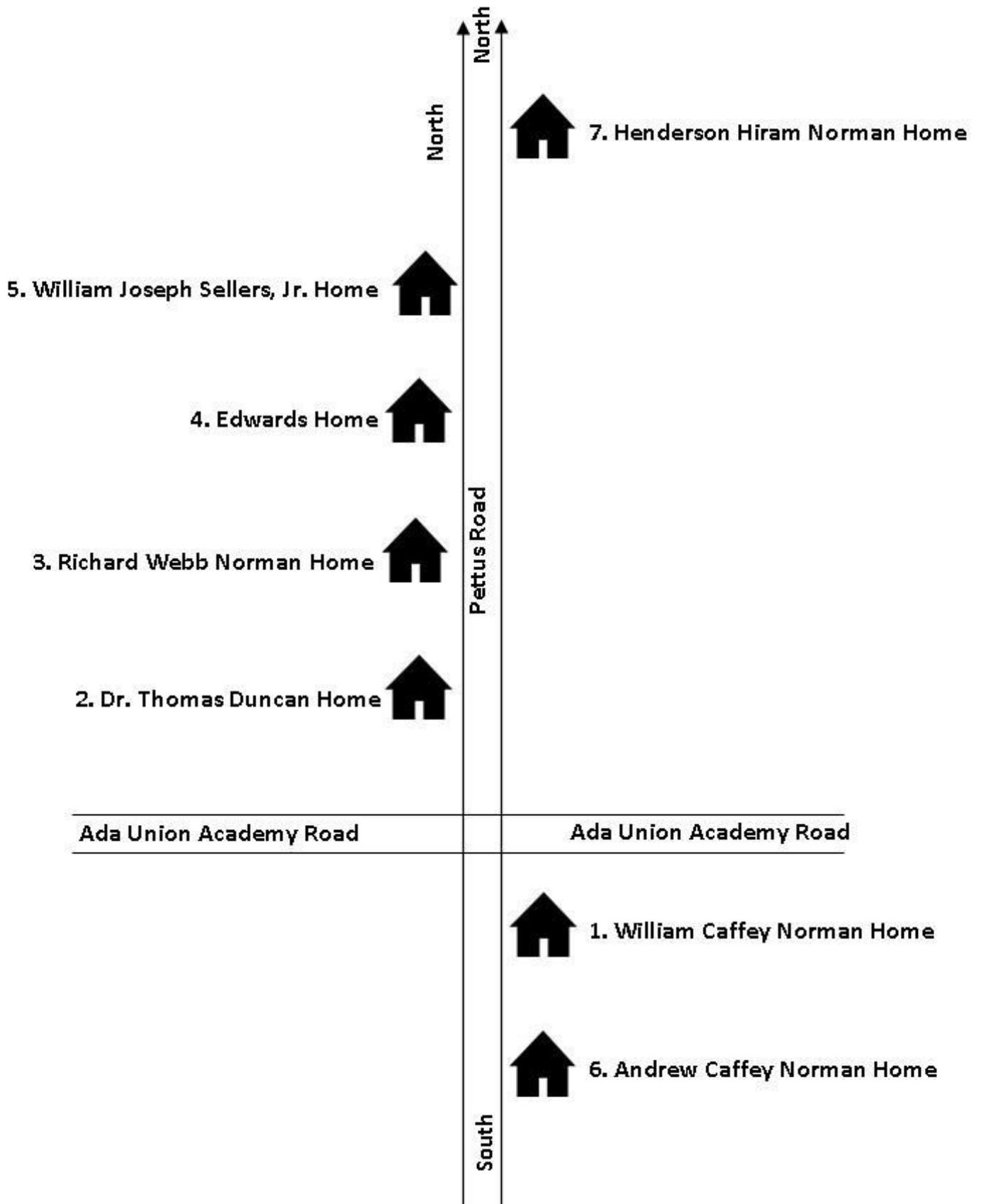


PHA Sellers sisters



Letitia Boyd Poole, Photo Courtesy of Ricky McLaney

Old Homes in Fleta



Schematic for Old Houses of Fleta, Courtesy of Jerrie Burton

Old Homes in Fleta

Alice T. Carter



Sketch #1 - The home of Eubritta Sellers (1885-1971) and William Caffey Norman is now owned by Anna and Dr. Duke Terrell and has been renovated to accommodate a family with five children. The Terrell's are frequently gracious hosts who share their unique home located just south of the four way stop in Fleta. Anna is the granddaughter of the William Caffey Normans and great granddaughter of Andrew Caffey Norman of whom you will learn later in this article. The Terrell home was the homeplace of locally remembered Julius Britt Norman who passed away last year.



Sketch #2 - The William Caffey Norman family could stand on their front porch and shout "hello" to Zeverah Sellers Duncan, her husband, Dr. Thomas Duncan and their three daughters, Alalu, Buena Mae and Lucile. This home is currently owned by Joan Strickland who carried out a complete renovation of the home.



Sketch #3 - The Duncans could go to their back porch and shout “good morning” to Zeverah Sellers Duncan’s sister, Harriet/Hattie (1889-1956), her husband Richard Webb Norman and their four children. This home is no longer extant and was replaced in 1976 by a home built on the same site by the Norman’s grandson, the late Knox McLaney. It is now occupied by Mrs. Patricia Hart McLaney. Photograph courtesy of Tryon McLaney.



Sketch #4 - The Richard Webb Normans could step to their front porch and shout “good day” to Hattie Sellers Norman’s sister, Lozonias Sellers Edwards, her husband George and their son Jim who once served as president of PHA. This home has experienced renovations and is currently owned by retired Air Force Lt. Col. and Mrs. Larry Lauderdale. There is a small mercantile building in the side yard that remains from the Edwards years of residency.



Sketch #5 - The Edwards family could talk “porch to porch” to William Joseph Sellers, Jr. (1877-1965), brother of the Sellers sisters, and his wife, Eula Durden Sellers and their five children. This home is no longer standing. Photograph courtesy of Elizabeth Sellers.



Sketch #6 - Two other older homes in Fleta that did not belong to children of Alabama Pool Sellers but are interesting and important to the life of the Fleta community are pictured in this newsletter. The Andrew Caffey Norman home located south of his son, William Caffey Norman’s (Terrell) house. It is in a state of collapse. Andrew Caffey Norman and his wife Belvedere Elizabeth Lewis Norman were parents of Benjamin, Annie Lee and the above mentioned William Caffey Norman.



Sketch #7 - Additionally, the 1871 home of Henderson Hiram Norman (1850-1933), now owned by Scott McKenzie, has undergone several renovations and is purported to be the oldest home in Fleta. Henderson Hiram Norman served in the Alabama House of Representatives for two terms. He was married to Tabitha Williams Norman, whose father Issac Williams built the 1871 home as a wedding gift for his daughter.

Photographs in this newsletter are courtesy of Gary Burton unless other wise noted.

Sources and for further information:

Files of Richard McLaney

October 2007 Pintlala Historical Association Newsletter

October 2013 Pintlala Historical Association Newsletter

Interviews: Richard McLaney, Betty Jean Moore, Patricia Hart McLaney, Anna Terrell---December 2015

THE BACKSTORY TO THE MOST GRAPHIC TOMBSTONE IN PINTLALA

Gary Burton

The headstone of Daniel Webster Sanderson is in the Tabernacle Methodist Church cemetery on the Old Federal Road. The transcribed epitaph follows. The backstory comes from a January 1866 news article.

FROM THE DAILY ADVERTISER - Thursday, January 4, 1866

A few days ago, we made a statement of the murder of a Mr. Sanderson near Letohatchie. The person murdered was not Mr. Sanderson, but a youth of his name.

The following is a true account of the fiendish murder of the little boy, Daniel Webster Sanderson 14 years old, son of Mr. Almon Sanderson of this county, who lives about 5 miles east of Letohatchie.

On the evening of the 27th December, the little boy asked his father to accompany him Turkey hunting, stating that he knew where some wild Turkeys roosted in the swamp back of the house; his father feeling unwell declined going with him, little dreaming of the terrible fate that awaited his favorite child.

The child took his Rifle and went alone into the swamp; at a point 1 1/4 miles from the house in a Palmetto thicket, they found the poor little fellow weltering in blood and gore, and his brains oozing out of his head and the ground near him showing the marks of deeper struggle. His gun was found loaded and bloody, and the stock was broken over his head. The body had been stamped and lacerated after the poor child had fallen. He was found about 10 o'clock in the morning living, but speechless. He had evidently been murdered the evening previous and had crawled about 10 feet from where he fell. Who can tell the horrors of that cold and dreary night, what must have been the feelings of his father when he raised him up in his arms and found that his darling boy had been lying, bleeding and dying all night almost within hail of the house. The poor little sufferer lived until Friday at 12 o'clock when death came to his relief. Who could have committed this horrible deed, and what was the motive? Unmistakeable spots of blood, human blood found on the shirt and apron of certain negroes at his father's household tell too plainly. About 10 days previous to the terrible tragedy, this little fellow caught one of these negroes stealing corn from his father and made him carry the corn to his father who simply rebuked the negro for his theft. No threats were used and the negro boy let off. For this cause has the child lost his life, The unfortunate little boy was one of the most quiet, well behaved, inoffensive of one of the children known, and the family highly esteemed in the neighborhood.

SACRED

to the memory of
Daniel Webster
son of

A. & E. Sanderson
born May 19th, 1851
was brutally murdered
by three Negroes
December 27th, 1865
Aged 13 yrs. 8 mos.
& 8 days

He was followed and
Murdered 1 1/4 miles from
his father's house.
When found his head
was beaten to pieces
with his own rifle and
his brains oozing out



Bicentennial of Montgomery County

Alice Carter

The year 2016 marks the 200th birthday of Montgomery County. There are events in the planning for this celebration. Our president, Gary Burton, is busy preparing a presentation for the Alabama Cultural Cross Roads series, which will be held on February 13, 2016 at the Alabama Department of Archives and History. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the day is usually completed by 4:00 p.m. There will be seven different speakers including Gary and our friend Dr. Kathryn Braund. Lunch is included in the registration fee and tours of exhibits at Archives will be available.

The Cross Roads series for 2016 focuses on the Mississippi Territory, from which Alabama was formed, and the early history of Montgomery County.

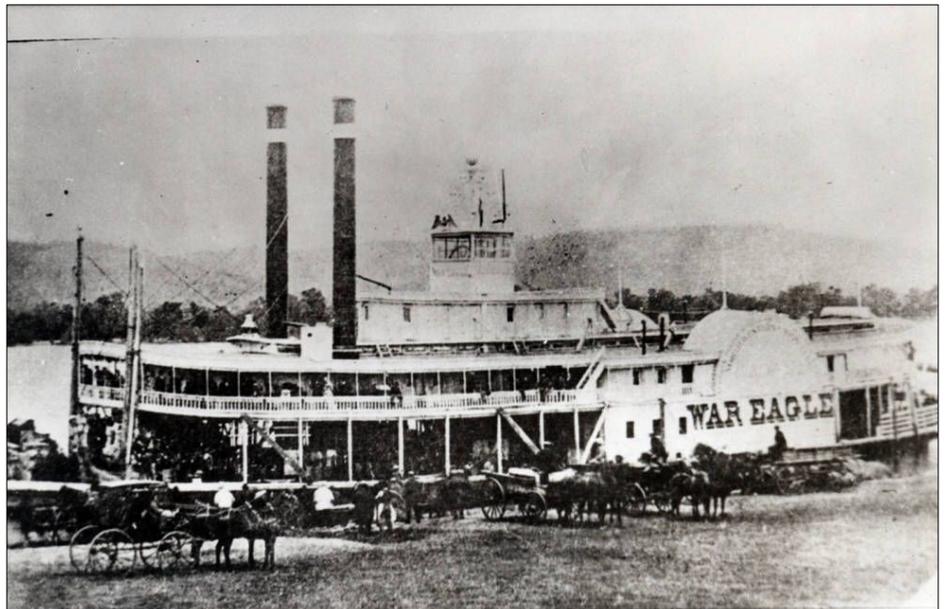
Please plan to attend this stimulating and informative program!

WHO KNEW?

Courtesy Online Exhibit, Special Collections, Samford University Library

To follow the tragic loss of the steamship War Eagle in 1870 access:

http://www.authorsden.com/categories/article_top.asp?id=31792



River Packet "WAR EAGLE", built 1854, went up the Tennessee River, with U.S. Army supplies, in March, 1862.

Reminder!

PHA Dues are Due in January

\$15.00



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NEXT MEETING

JANUARY 17, 2015

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