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## Tombstone for Eugenia N. Middleton at Mt. Carmel Cemetery



Inquiry for this inscription began a study of the Middleton/Moore families from Mt. Carmel and Pettus Road areas of Montgomery County

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In ancient Roman religion and myth, Janus is the God of beginnings, gates, transitions, time, doorways, passages, and endings. He is usually depicted as having two faces, since he looks to the future and to the past. So begins the Wikipedia article about Janus. January seems to be the appropriate month to look both ways.

In retrospect, 2016 was a good year for PHA. Four newsletters reflect a sound approach to the recovery and recording of our local history. We try to stay disciplined in this part of the PHA mission. Our organization met four times and was privileged to hear compelling presenters. We are growing in strength financially too. Volunteers continue to be passionate about the history of Pintlala and southwest Montgomery County.

Looking both to the past year and to the coming one, collaboration seems to be the bridge connecting the years. We participated with Montgomery County Historical Society and East Montgomery County Historical Society in celebrating the Bicentennial of Montgomery County on December 6. The event featured Bobby Horton, musician and historian.

Looking forward, the the three historical groups continue to collaborate and will launch a unique effort to gather historical and cultural information in 2017 by holding "Gathering" events in unincorporated areas throughout Montgomery County. You may read about it elsewhere in this edition.

Alice Carter continues to write compelling articles of interest as you will note in this edition too.

Our nominating committee will bring a report which will require consideration and action in our upcoming meeting. January 15 is the date for our membership meeting too. Bring a guest and bring your dues.

Looking both ways,

Gary Burton, President,  
garyburton1@charter.net



### January 2017 Program

The program for our January 2017 meeting will be a departure from our usual fare of state/local history. Dr. Julie Hedgepeth Williams of Birmingham will portray the roll of Sylvia Caldwell from her 2014 book, *A Rare Titanic Family*. This book was awarded the Ella Dickey Literacy prize in the same year.

Julie's great uncle, Albert Caldwell, wife Sylvia and baby survived the sinking of the Titanic in 1912. The author grew up hearing this tragic story from her great uncle. This makes her insight to the event more intimate than most presentations.

*A Rare Titanic Family* will be available for purchase at \$23.00 each.

Please join us for this dramatic presentation! Bring friends and dues!



Julie Hedgepeth Williams dressed for her role as Sylvia Caldwell, survivor of the Titantic sinking

## THE GATHERING YEAR

The Montgomery County Historical Society, in partnership with the Pintlala Historical Association, East Montgomery County Historical Society, Booker T. Washington Arts Magnet, and Auburn University, will be hosting a series of "Gathering" events in Montgomery County. These events will be held within smaller unincorporated communities to collect oral histories, scan historical photographs and documents, and document the bicentennial events and places. The goal is to compile the history of the unincorporated communities and make the information available online through Auburn University's Alabama Cultural Resources Survey database. Events will begin in February 2017 and run through early summer 2017.

To find out more or to sign up to receive emails related to the events as they are scheduled, please contact: Christy Anderson at [ckdexterhaven72@yahoo.com](mailto:ckdexterhaven72@yahoo.com)

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT 2017

### ALABAMA HISTORY LUNCHTIME LECTURES SPONSORED BY THE FRIENDS OF THE ALABAMA ARCHIVES THE THIRD THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT NOON

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- **MARCH 16 - SARAH BLISS WRIGHT**  
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- **MAY 19 - TOM KANON**  
Alabama Fever in the Wake of the Treaty of Fort Jackson
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The Draft in Alabama during World War I
- **JULY 20 - PEGGY WALLS**  
Alabama Gold: A History of the South's Last Mother Lode
- **AUGUST 17 - BRENT AUCOIN**  
Thomas Goode Jones: Race, Politics, and Justice in the New South
- **SEPTEMBER 21 - CLAY WILLIAMS**  
Before Alabama: The Mississippi Territory
- **OCTOBER 19 - CHRISTOPHER HAVEMAN**  
Creek Indian Removal from Alabama
- **NOVEMBER 16 - ANNE GIBBONS**  
Anne Mae Beddow, Pioneering World War I Nurse Anesthetist
- **DECEMBER 21 - GEORGE SHORTER**  
Where Alabama Began: Archaeology of Old St. Stephens

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## PHA WEBSITE REACHES FAR AND WIDE

By Alice T. Carter

The PHA website has proven to be a useful research tool for those searching for relatives from their family tree or for other historically based questions regarding the southwest portion of Montgomery County. A recent inquiry from Candace Bundgard, who is doing genealogical research for Bennie Parrish Boone of Natchez, Mississippi, sent this writer to the Mt. Carmel Cemetery to find an inscription on a tombstone for Eugenia N. Midleton. The marker was located and produced more questions than answers—typical in genealogical research. As for Eugenia, there are no dates or listing of parents on her marker. Her epitaph reads:

In  
memory of  
Eugenia N. Midleton  
With drawn in love from  
early pain  
and every evil passion's power  
Borne from the world ere sin  
Could stain  
Or sorrow blight the opening flower

This inscription does not follow the style commonly found on markers for young children, yet it does point to Eugenia being young. The inscription was located in "The Ladies Companion: A Monthly Magazine", published in 1841 as a model for a little child's epitaph. Eugenia is buried near Augustus Washington Midleton (1795-1869) and his wife Eliza Gause Midleton, who died October 6, 1883. Could Eugenia be their daughter? One would assume so, yet she cannot be found in records on ancestry.com. The name Midleton spelled with one "d" is used on the tombstones for A. W. and Eliza. The alternate spelling with two "d"s was found in the will of A. W. Middleton, the obituary for Eliza and census records, however, on the Pension Application/War of 1812 for A. W. the name is spelled both ways. He served as a private in the U.S. Infantry under Capt. Charles Crawford.

Further investigation of the Middleton family led to additional genealogical facts. A. W. and Eliza Middleton's daughter Martha A. Middleton (1828-1914) became the second wife of Archibald Jackson Moore (1811-1872) in 1851. In addition to other children, they had a son, Edwin Homer Moore (1853-1939) who married Lucy Matilda Giddens, both buried at Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Among the children of the Edwin Homer Moores were Glenn (1888-1950) and Hill (1899-1956) Moore. The brothers are both buried at Mt. Carmel Cemetery and are remembered by older generations in the Mt. Carmel community. Hill Moore married Virginia Callahan and they lived in the two-story Victorian-style Giddens-Brown-Moore home in Mt. Carmel, which is still extant, though not inhabited as of 2016.

William Armstrong Middleton (1828-1911), second child of Augustus Washington Middleton and Eliza Gause Middleton is buried in Clanton, Alabama. He and his family moved to Chilton County around 1900. W. A. Middleton served in Co. G, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Alabama known as Hillard's Legion. The person

who initiated the original inquiry regarding the Middletons buried at Mt. Carmel is the great-great granddaughter of William Armstrong Middleton.

There are nineteen Middleton names listed in the Register of the Rehoboth Church, originally located south of the Mt. Carmel Community (See PHA Newsletter, Oct. 1992) and which merged with the Mt. Carmel Methodist Protestant Church in 1939. Burial sites for the nineteen Middletons are for the most part unknown. It can be assumed that most of the family moved from the Mt. Carmel area.

Finally in this Middleton/Moore search, Lowell Thomas and Julieanne Hataway took me on an ATV ride on their Pettus Road property to see a pile of rubble that had been on the "Moore Place" now part of their acreage. This rubble is likely the remains of the Archibald Jackson-Martha Middleton Moore home site. The "Moore Place" located in Township 13, Range 17, Section 22 was the center of disputed ownership among the Moore heirs. A portion of the property was ultimately owned by Mattie Morrison Bedsole, wife of Jeff Bedsole, aunt and uncle of Lowell Thomas



Giddens/Brown/Moore Home in Mt. Carmel where descendants of Archibald Jackson Moore and Martha Middleton Moore once lived. The home is believed to be over 100 years old. None of my contacts had a history of the home.

Hataway, current owner of this portion of the "Moore Place."



This study is a rambling puzzle but interesting as part of the history of southwest Montgomery County, including Pettus Road and Mt. Carmel communities. Hopefully it will be meaningful for Bennie Parrish Boone of Natchez, Mississippi.

Any additional information on the Middletons and Moores that readers might like to share with the writer are welcome indeed.

William Armstrong Middleton (1828-1911), second child of Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Washington Middleton

## Acknowledgements

Lowell Thomas and Julieanne Hataway for lending me their property abstracts and for a delightful morning on their farm

Mr. and Mrs. Baker Callahan, owners of the Giddens, Brown, Moore house in Mount Carmel who gave permission to use a photograph of the house

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## Note of Thanks

Thank you so much for those excellent photos. They certainly fill in some gaps and bring clarity to aspects of a fuzzy family history. I applaud your historical society and what you have accomplished through your newsletters and accessibility. Thank you again from Candace Bundgard.

(Compliments for Gary on photos taken at Mt. Carmel Cemetery of Midleton /Middleton family.)

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- Mary Elizabeth Wasden

## DUES FOR 2017

This is a reminder to our faithful and supportive PHA members—and any persons wishing to become a member—that dues for 2017 are due at the January 15 meeting. Dues are remaining at \$15.00 per family. If you cannot attend the meeting, mail your dues check to Ina Slade, Treasurer, 15212 Hwy. 31, Hope Hull, AL 36043. Thanks for your participation.

## REGARDING BOGUEHOMMA DISCUSSION

At the meeting in October, a discussion of where exactly the section of Montgomery known as Boguhomma might be located was lively. There were quite a few opinions. I contacted Montgomery County Historian, Mary Ann Neeley, for her opinion. Here is her response:

First, there is no “correct” way of spelling the name, so yours is fine! The best answer I can give is that its’ Southern end would be the intersection of Decatur and Norman Bridge Road and where Carter Hill ends and the northern end at today’s interstate where South Street intersects Decatur-Union Streets. The area was noted for its honkey tonks, gambling dens, houses of ill repute and overall ‘relaxed’ way of life. There are several mentions of it in novels and newspaper accounts of its activities, usually negative.

Anyway, it was the first place, according to some, where drink, cards and wild women were available—for black and white as they brought their products into town and to restock their larders in the city. It was sometimes difficult to police!

## IDENTIFICATION OF HOPE HULL PLAYBOYS

The last newsletter asked for help in identifying the men in the photograph of the Hope Hull Playboys. We had several responses. Thank you and the Alabama Department of Archives and History was grateful.



Hope Hull Playboys

Left to Right:

Unknown, was a stand-in for regular bass player, Lum York; J. L. Hall, guitar; Clyde Hall, fiddle and comedian, *brother of J.L. Hall*; James Brooks, guitar; and Bobby Brunner steel guitar.

## High-Flying Crime in Pintlala

by Alice T. Carter

The early 1980s in Pintlala were marked by intrigue unknown to most residents of the community. In 1980, Jaime Munera and his wife Teresa purchased 622 acres of land in T14 R17 S20, Montgomery County, Alabama. This property has an interesting history beginning with its legal description listed in a U. S. land patent to Sam Manac, a friendly Creek Indian ally, as token for his support of United States interests versus those of the militant Red Sticks of native American society. Manac was the owner of the Tavern/Stand on the Federal Road in Pintlala. Sam Manac owned the western half of section 20 according to a Mississippi Territorial map.

The property has been owned by a long list of owners culminating with its current ownership by Tim and Vickie Wilsford. The Wilsford's property includes the central portion of the Manac acreage, while the southern portion is owned by David Murrell. His portion encompasses the site of the Tavern/Stand itself.

Looking eastward on a plat map from the land once owned by Sam Manac, it is obvious that the Wilsford tract has morphed into a large area that includes much of the central portion of section 20 that fronts the Pintlala Old Road. The Wilsfords have named their property "Pinchony Creek Farm". A study of the Wilsford Abstract of Title reflects ownership by many original settlers of Pintlala such as: George Shackelford, Parmers, Bonhams, Rives, Holmes, Pinkard, Murrells and Crenshaws among others.

### Jaime Munera

The Munera's purchased the 622 acres from Larry E. Wallock of Montgomery in 1980. Wallock was president of Ben R. Goltsman Wine Company of Montgomery. He built a country home on the Pintlala property and used it primarily for entertaining. The Munera's named their new home the Bar-J Ranch. The couple appeared affable and eager to make friends with Pintlala residents. Pat and Wayne Hatcher owners of Mosley's Store recalled the Muneras attended community functions such as Volunteer Fire Department barbecues; traded with the local general store (Mosley's); Teresa and daughter, Susie, played on the women's Pintlala soft ball team, and the couple socialized with several local couples on week-ends.

Jaime Munera prepared to establish himself as a cattle farmer by purchasing two hundred head of cattle and farm equipment. He hired local young men to work and manage his farming operation. A worker, who wishes to remain anonymous, conceded that Munera had no farming experience or knowledge. Munera shared with the worker that he owned thoroughbred horses in Kentucky and Panama. Munera told the farm manager that he had been a Baja-racer, (trucks in the desert) was injured and as a result one of his legs was shorter than the other. He wore a built-up shoe to compensate. At some point after Munera came to Pintlala and purchased the two hundred head of cattle, the seller mentioned to his cousin that Munera had paid full asking price for the bovines—which was almost double their value and further he paid cash for his purchase. The cousin just happened to be an ABI (Alabama Bureau of Investigation) agent and promptly entered Munera's name into the Treasury Enforcement Computer System. Bingo, Munera was listed as under investigation in a DEA case in Miami, Florida, which turned out to be connected with a New York drug investigation (Mills, p. 931). The local ABI agency was put in contact with Billy Mockler, a Federal agent who worked with a group known as Centac, a little known, effective yet unorthodox international police organization. A group of agents from Centac were dispatched to Pintlala which was described by James Mills in *The Underground Empire* as a "dirt-road backwater called Hope Hull" (Mills, p. 930). The Mockler group had raided a warehouse in Opa-Locka, Florida near Miami where the agents discovered seven million dollars worth of cocaine (Mills, p. 905). The warehouse belonged to Gilberto Rodriguez, known as "The Chessman" who along with his brother Miguel Rodriguez ran the powerful Cali drug cartel based in Cali, Columbia in the southern region of that country. At the peak of the cartel's reign they were said to control 80% of the world's cocaine market. (Wikipedia.org, Cali Cartel, Dec. 1, 2016) Jaime Munera of the Bar-J Ranch in Pintlala was a subordinate of Gilberto Rodriguez.

### Gilberto Rodriguez

Background information on Gilberto Roderiguez is unnerving. Sources found through Wikipedia.com explain that he founded the First InterAmericas Bank operating out of Panama. Roderiguez admitted using the bank to launder drug money "in accordance with Panamanian law". (Wikipedia.org, *Time* magazine interview, not dated) He also owned a chain of drug stores and a network of thirty plus radio stations. The Cali Cartel and another major drug entity, the Medellin Cartel, worked together to split major drug distribution points in the U. S. The Cali Cartel took the New York

City area. Internet sources attribute Jaime Munera as the person who set up the Miami to New York drug operations for Roderiguez in late 1970s.

After the previously mentioned Opa-Locka warehouse seizure, Rodriguez felt the need to move his operations out of south Florida to a quieter environment. How much quieter can you get than Pintlala, Alabama? Rodriguez fronted the purchase of the 622-acre property for \$800,000.00 and set Jaime Munera up as a gentleman farmer. Munera soon constructed a 3, 600 foot landing strip on the Bar-J Ranch, again paid for with cash (Mills, p. 930). According to a local farm employee, Munera explained that the strip was intended for a crop-dusting service. Indeed, some local pilots did use it to service their soybean clients. The air-traffic in Pintlala aroused a few suspicions. After leaving Liberty Church of Christ—located about one mile from the Munera airstrip— one Pintlala resident, related to me of seeing two small planes in the local sky one night. She and her companions thought it odd that the two planes appeared to be flying together—one in front of the other with the lead plane using lights and the second plane following in the darkness.

### Drug Agents in Pintlala

Federal Centac agents involved with the Florida warehouse seizure and agents with the New York Drug Enforcement Task Force became interested in the Pintlala connection with Jaime Munera and his boss Gilberto Rodriguez. Agents arrived in Pintlala around January or February of 1981 to set up surveillance of the Bar-J Ranch. The group needed to find a location near the Ranch to use as a base of operations. The group called on Munera's closest neighbor, Frank Mosley. His home was only about five hundred yards away from the airstrip on the Munera ranch. The men were extended a gracious-southern welcome and invited into the Mosley home. The agents explained to Mosley they would like to ask him questions about his neighbor (Mills, p. 932). Mosley was not surprised, as he had felt something was not right with the new resident next door (Mills, p. 931). He was curious about the purchase of the over-priced cattle and construction of the landing strip. He did not buy the explanation regarding a crop dusting business. Writer James Mills described Frank Mosley: "His down home drawl, droll and teasing, conceals the mind of a fox" (Mills p. 931). For two months in 1981, the Mosley home became a surveillance center twenty-four hours a day.

### Frank Mosley

Frank Mosley is quoted in *The Underground Empire* (Mills, p. 932): "...Spoke to the man [Munera] twice. Went over when he moved in an intruduced muself...he never tole me his name....Told me he was gonna raise cows, gonna put a cow on ever half acre. I know it takes about three acres per cow. He ain't got but 622 acres, an two thirds of its underwater three or four times a year....Hauled off six of 'em dead the other day." (Mills, p. 932) Mosley's doubts about the legitimacy of his new neighbor's intentions grew. Mosley was welcoming to Billy Mockler and his entourage of agents who requested a place from which to watch Munera. "I had the only place it could be done and I wasn't about to tell 'em no" (Mills, p. 932).

The men used a bedroom in the Mosley house from which to view an installed camera's film. Cecil McElvaine, a retired ABI agent, recalled being sent to Pintlala from his base of operation in Anniston, Alabama (phone interview, Dec. 8, 2016). His job was to walk into the woods and change the camera lens from a day to a night lens; then to keep his eyes on the nightly recorded pictures. This duty lasted about two weeks. McElvaine shared that he never saw any drugs being unloaded from planes landing on the Bar-J landing strip. In his opinion,



Mosley/ Powell/Wilsford Home on Old Pintlala Road. Used as a surveillance base during the Munera investigation

the airstrip was constructed in case the need arose to bring large amounts of drugs into south Alabama. Another retired ABI agent, Sgt. J. D. Hobbie, recalled that he was assigned to Pintlala to schedule the manpower for the Bar-J surveillance. He had spent time in Miami tracking Munera (phone interview, Dec. 2016). Neither of these two men

knew the author James Mills who had been imbedded with the Centac agents and whose book, *The Underground Empire*, was an amazing source of information for this article.

Frank Mosley continued his comments in *The Underground Empire*: “I don’t know why they [Justice Department] can’t figure out this man’s in the dope business. All the people around here got it figured out and we ain’t exactly the smartest folks in the world” (Mills, p. 933). Yet the drug agents from New York, Alabama and Centac had to have hard evidence. The investigating agents finally got Federal authorization to tap the Munera phones. They heard frequent calls made by Munera’s daughter, Susie, and her husband Jaime Carvahal to the Dominican Republic. Carvahal is another interesting piece of this puzzle. He was a friend and pilot for Gilberto Rodriguez. Rodriguez even set Carvahal up in business in Miami. As Rodriguez became more powerful, something went wrong with the relationship between the two men. Carvahal just disappeared. There are brutal theories of his apparent demise. James Mills lays out several versions. He could have been cut up with an electric knife, put in a plastic garbage bag and thrown into the Caribbean Ocean; perhaps his remains were buried in a Miami basement; another theory is that he was chopped up into little pieces and fed to an alligator named Tomas in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. No one seems to know the real outcome—just that Jaime Munera’s son-in-law was never heard from again (Mills, p. 1085). The time limit for the Bar-J Ranch wiretap came to its legal end and was removed. Surveillance with television cameras, binoculars and night telescopes was continued. In addition to the Centac agents, several drug agents from New York City were keeping an eye on Munera and his landing strip from a Winnebago camper tucked into the tree line on property belonging to William Hawthorne, only yards away off the Federal Road. The Hawthorne family became weary of answering everyone’s questions regarding their newly acquired camper! (Phone interview, Oct. 2016, with Mike Hawthorne, who was only around ten years old at the time of the ordeal).

### **Centac Raid**

Law required that Jaime Munera be informed that his telephone line had been tapped. At that point in the investigation, Centac agents raided the Bar-J Ranch and confiscated bank accounts, animals, farm equipment, a Piper Dakota plane and a pick-up truck. In conversation with one of the Federal agents, James Mills writes Munera promised to cooperate with the Federal agents, but in the end he did not (Mills, p. 1085).

A farm manager on the ranch assisted Munera in loading a rental truck with his household belongings. This man says that Munera told him the agents instructed him to pack up and be out of the state of Alabama by midnight. The worker thought Munera headed for Miami. Other interviewed agents say they would not have told Munera to take that action. Munera had paid the local store and farm workers with checks, which bounced after the accounts were seized by the Federal Government. Several months after the raid and Munera’s departure, he returned to Pintlala and made good on his debts.

Drug agents mounting this investigation were truly disappointed that they were unable to confiscate multimillion-dollar drug loads at the Bar-J. They resolved to continue their efforts to catch the big dealers.

Residents of Pintlala who had dealings with Jaime Munera had nothing but nice things to say about him. They were just sorry he was involved with an illegal means of making a living. It is not known from my research what eventually happened to the Munera family. Local residents affiliated with the Columbian say he was not arrested at the time of the raid on the Bar-J. His only reputed crime was using untaxed money (laundered money) to provide his livelihood.

Internet sources found on Wikipedia.org report that the Cali Cartel kingpin, Gilberto Rodriguez, was extradited to the U.S. in 2004 and his brother, Miguel in 2005. The brothers pled guilty to charges of importing cocaine to the U. S. in exchange for the U. S. agreeing not to bring charges against 29 family members. These same sources state that Gilberto “The Chessman” Rodriguez was sentenced to thirty years in the Federal Correctional Complex in Butner, North Carolina. He is scheduled for release in 2030 when he will be 91 years old.

What an adventure for many Pintlala residents who were totally innocent in their association with Jaime Munera. Additionally, Frank Mosley, who provided such welcoming and entertaining assistance to the anti-drug agents, entered the hospital for triple bypass surgery four months after the raid on the Bar-J Ranch. Frank did not survive. He died on July 14, 1981. The land next to his reverted to previous owner Larry E. Wallock who died in 1991. The property was once again sold in 1994 to Dr. and Mrs. James Steinhauer. Tim and Vickie Wilsford became the owners in 2000.

Interesting research, yet as often is the case, many questions remain unanswered.

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