



Long Beach Historical Society

Remembering the past to preserve our future

April 2017

President's Message

Spring is here in all of its glory. I hope it's being kind to all society members where ever they may be living now.

The most important news here in Mississippi, is of course, the two hundredth birthday of the state.

As I was thinking about registering the society for a booth, Mayor Billy Skellie called and asked if we would do it jointly with the city. While I was working on the display, Eddie beautifully executed my plans for a stand up display board. It is something that we can use any time when participating in other events. I'd like to thank Eddie for his work and also for coming early and staying late on both days. Also thanks to his wife Susan, Russ and Pat Jones and Pam Lott for helping Eddie and I man the booth.

Many people stopped in and were ready to talk about the radishes, and the families of Ladner, McCaughan, Scott and

others. Mary Ellen's name also came up quite often.

Our booth was in the City and County section and the Gulfport Society was right next to us and the Hancock County Society was across from us. All of the booths were very interesting and each so different. Ours told the history of the city, beginning with the 1814 tax rolls, the 1860 census, schools, a recap of the 5 names of the city, information on being a two college town, ending with the Radish Capital and farming.

I will have the display set up at the meeting for those that would like to see it. I also borrowed the large pictures of Jeff Davis Ave off the wall, and the really old one, showing the horses, was quite a hit.

Mayor Skellie, his lovely wife Pat, and the Alderman took part in the Saturday parade and were riding on one of the fire trucks. The throws were flying as they passed us by. The two day party was a grand celebration and enjoyed by all.

The officers and board are already planning something special for the 20th anniversary of the society coming up in August. There will be more about this in the July issue of Smoke from the Chimneys.

Sincerely,

Beth Hansen,
President

Bicentennial Pictures



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Mondays at Historical Society Building, 645
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2017 Meetings:

- January 16 - 11:00 am (Awards)
- **April 17 - 6:00 pm**
- July 17 - 6:00 pm
- October 16 - 6:00 pm

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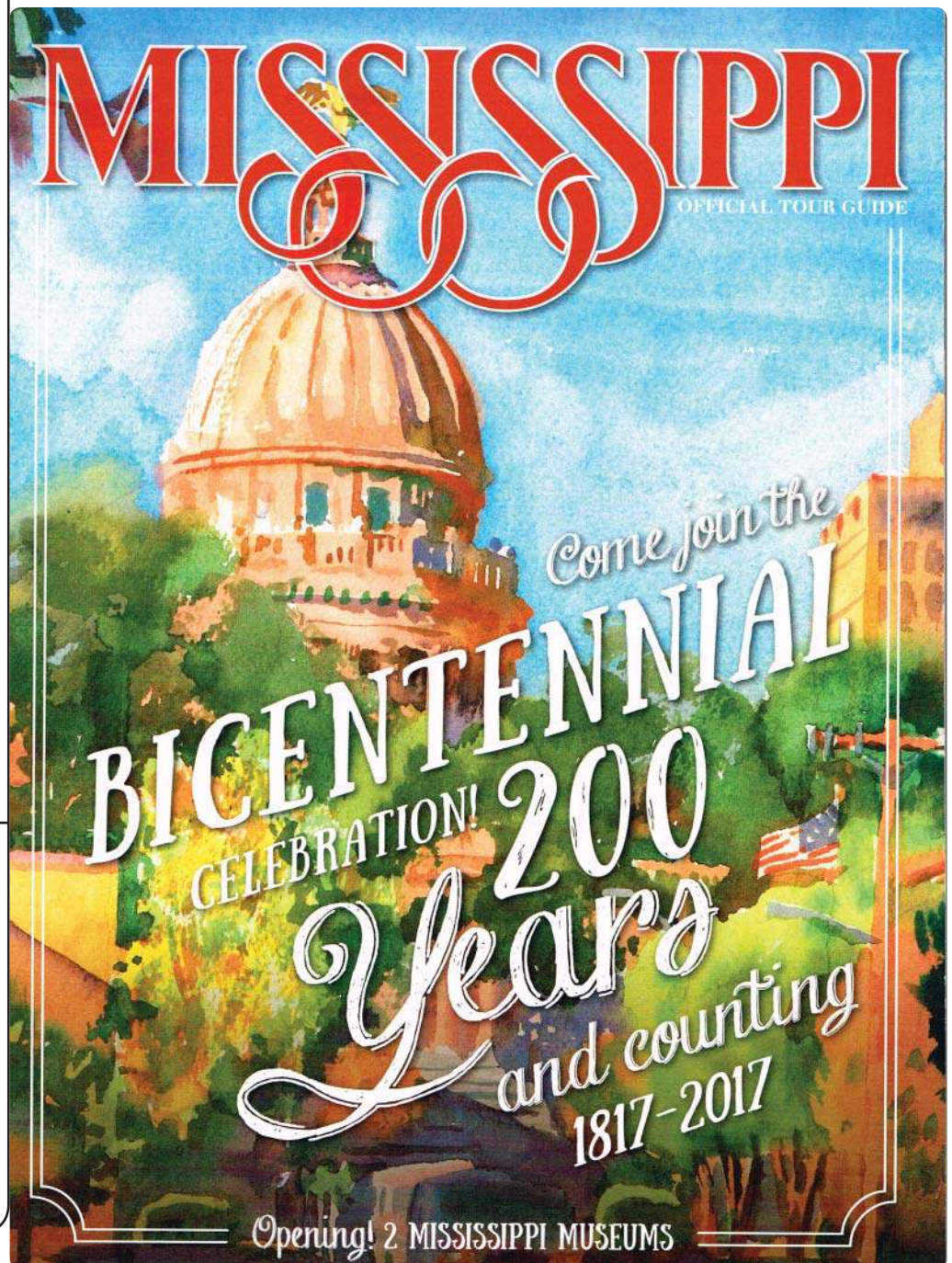
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Mission Statement

The Society's purpose is "to bring together those people interested in the history of the City of Long Beach and to coordinate their efforts in preserving and recording that history for future generations."

Long Beach Historical Society is a volunteer-based organization dedicated to the:

- Preservation and management of historic and cultural resources of Long Beach
- Provide educational opportunities for both its membership and the public





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Next Meeting

The April 17th meeting will be on the 16 men who made the ultimate sacrifice in 4 different wars. Their names are on our Honor Wall but it's now time to get to know them and their fate while serving our country and protecting our freedom.

The majority of the men were young and led full lives in our little town prior to going off to battle.

Also included is a stand up file that holds a folder on each man that will be displayed in the society library.

Annual Awards Luncheon

The January Award's program was a big success. Ed Boudreaux, coast historian and a native of Biloxi, enjoyed receiving the MEA award. He brought his family along and like Eddie, he came early and stayed late leaving with the last members here. And true to his penchant for passing along history, he was also in a booth at the Bicentennial, dressed in character, demonstrating some old firearms and other artifacts. Ed has won awards from the City of Biloxi, the MS Dept of Archives & History. The author of several books, he is also the Administrative Vice-President of the MS Coast Historical & Genealogical Society and this is only a partial list of his accomplishments.

Brenda Batey received the Harper McCaughan Award for dedication to the society and her willingness to help when it's needed. She's a shining example to all of us.

Pat and Russ Jones were given Friends of the society awards and deservedly so. They have been members for two years now and began helping with the Cemetery tour right way in all facets.

The George Walter Scott Family

The revered George Scott, indirectly responsible for the namesake Scott's Station, the village that became Long Beach, was born in Georgia. He married his wife, Mary Ann Brown Moore, (her full maiden name), in 1828 in Oglethorpe county. The couple had four children and the two oldest, Thomas and George Jr were also born in Georgia before the family began moving southward. A daughter, Anna Lucretia, would be born in Alabama and Roberta Annie in north Mississippi before the family eventually settled in New Orleans.

One can only hope the family had many happy times because their lives were certainly filled with much sadness due to the early demise of many family members.

While living in New Orleans the family moved during the enumeration of the 1850 census and were inadvertently recorded twice, contrary to the purpose of the census, but some of the information was presented differently five months later and proved to be helpful. The family moved to the coast during the 1850's and were recorded here in Rosalie in 1860.

After arriving, George acquired property on which he built a home and also a saw mill. He also cut a road on his property and named it Scott Avenue. There doesn't seem to be an exact date

of when the name of the street was changed but at some point it became known as Girard Avenue. The land was deep and ran from the beach back to where the railroad would eventually be, many years later in 1870. When George cleared his land from the beach back to that area, only Menge Avenue in "The Pass" and Texas Street in Mississippi City (now part of Gulfport) were cleared that far. Surely the Scott home faced the beach with the saw mill (and its racket) being quite a ways back. This was probably about the same time that J J McCaughan was building his home.

According to U S records of postmaster appointments, George Scott received the second appointment as Postmaster of the village in 1859. The first, McCaughan, had been appointed in 1854. Scott's appointment occurred before the ill-fated trip in 1860 from which McCaughan did not survive, and he held this position until 1867 when the local service was discontinued. When this happened, the mail for this area was delivered to Pass Christian and folks had to find a way to retrieve it there.

Discontinuances by the U S Postal Service took place frequently in small towns back then, probably due to low population, usage or lack of a facility. Other small coastal towns suffered the same fate from time to time according to the records.

When the rail line that connected New Orleans and Mobile opened in October of 1870, community minded George Scott was kind enough to donate timber for a small stop possibly close to his saw mill. The stop was for use by train passengers, as Rosalie, of course, was still without a postmaster so the village mail delivery continued at "The Pass".

Passenger service between New Orleans and Rosalie was frequent as the city folks seemed quite eager to spend their free time on the Mississippi Coast. Many of them also decided to make their permanent homes here. It's even been reported that the trains did not always stop in the little village and folks wanting to board a train were known to have flagged it down from the middle of the tracks, by the little station that George Scott built.

During the passing of time after McCaughan's death, folks began to drop the name Rosalie and the village gradually became known as Scott's Station, which is how it was listed two years later, in 1872 when Mrs. Anna L Burch was appointed as postmistress of it. Mrs. Burch, the former Anna Lucretia Scott, was the daughter of George and Mary Ann Scott and the first woman to hold this position which she held for nearly a year. She was followed by W Innerarity, (surely a Boggs family ancestor) and then William Walker.

Anna had first married a young man named Walter Selph and they became the parents of a baby girl, Mary, two months before Walter died in the Civil War. Three years after the first marriage, the widow Selph married Capt J E Burch and had several more children. Although they didn't carry the Scott name, Anna's children were responsible for many descendants in the Scott family.

The oldest Scott son, Thomas, was a veteran of the Civil War and attained the rank of Brig Gen at the young age of 35. He was severely wounded and had to be relieved of his command. Within a few years of returning home, his young wife passed away. They were the parents of two children, Ogilby Eaton and Lulah Elise, who were only a year apart. The children were seen in the 1870 census attending boarding school in Pass Christian. Sadly Lulah died at age 21. Nine years later Ogilby would name his only daughter Lulah Elise Scott.

Following in the family footsteps, Thomas was the 3rd person in the Scott family to be appointed as post master, and it was also during the Scott's Station period. His appointment took place in 1875, and continued for over a year until his untimely death in 1876 from alcoholism, the same year as his father's death. Thomas's residence in Scott's Station was noted in the Times Picayune in New Orleans in an article about his death. Thomas

actually died in the city where he'd gone for a few days. Although this story is about The Scotts, and not the Post Office, it's easy to see that the two are definitely intertwined, thus it's interesting to note that after Thomas Scott's death, the Postal Service did not reappoint anyone to the position. The village was again without a post office for eight years, from 1876 until 1884 when James Quarles moved to Long Beach and shortly thereafter became the seventh post master.

Due to George's 1876 death, which was mentioned in the Mississippi Wills and Probate Records of Harrison County, he could not have taken part in a discussion with the Thomas brothers in 1882 about the final naming of the town, as originally thought and reported elsewhere. The fact that he had been dead for several years may have even played a big part in their decision to even consider a name change.

George Scott Jr married a young woman, Carrie, who was born in Quebec. They had a daughter, Annie R Scott, in 1862 in Alabama.

Roberta Annie, the youngest Scott child, married J Hugh Scull, III, of Pine Bluff, AR but they didn't have any children. She died in Pine Bluff in February of 1875, about a year before her brother and father.

The Scott family probably has

many descendants in New Orleans as well as neighboring southern states. It almost seems like families did more moving around back in the old days when transportation was much more difficult.

It is hoped that everyone enjoyed this glimpse into the lives of one of the pioneer families of the city and more information will be presented on them as it turns up in the future.

Sources:

- *Ancestry.com for Census Records and U S Post Masters Appointments*
- *Genealogybank.com for newspaper articles*

A Special Birthday

The birthday of member, Claire Boggs "Tootie" Morrison, is on April 12. She will be 102, yes, that is correct.....102!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Have a great day Miz Morrison!



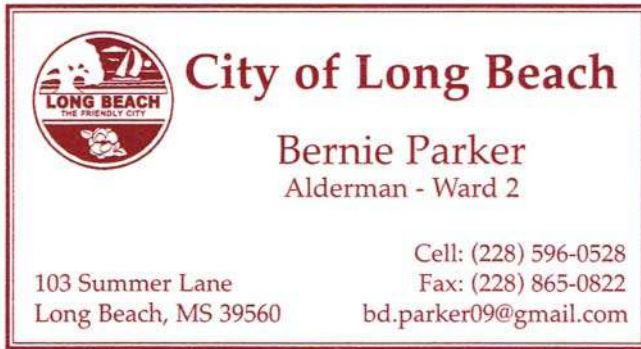
Complementary Dues Reminder

Remember that after your 90th birthday, the society no longer charges dues. Your membership NEVER expires. Look on the outside of Smoke from the Chimneys and the date under your name shows when yearly dues expire. Anyone over 90 will see the word Never in place of a date. Just a small thank you to our senior members for the fine example set before us.

Annual Meeting of the State Historical Society

The 2017 annual meeting of the Mississippi Historical Society was held in Gulfport this year, March 2-4, in conjunction with the bicentennial of the state of Mississippi. Donald Dana was asked to give the invocation at the Saturday Awards Luncheon. Donald is a two time past president of our society and also served as an officer for the state society. Way to go Donald!





Condolences

The town is still in mourning for Alderman Alan Young, a 1963 graduate of Long Beach High School. Alan had an infectious and unforgettable personality and many of us will have lasting and funny memories upon which to draw. Sadly, he and an older brother Carlis, passed just a few weeks apart.

Sympathy also to the family of Melany Dubuisson Hamel, a former member of the society, an avid genealogist, and great granddaughter of Donatein and Anastasie Dubuisson, who with their large family, helped the city incorporate.

Condolences also to the family of sweet little Kamryn Jones, age 9, who passed recently after battling an incurable disease. Kamryn also descends from the Dubuisson family.

Also to the families of Samuel Fountain, Joseph Buckley, Patsy

Turner, Albert Rowell, Virginia Pitts, Sheelah Saucier, Robert Ivey, William Shavers, Calvin Poupart and his wife Jacqueline, who died within a few days of each other, Carole White, John Crouch, Nathan Holder, Jack Saucier, Sherri Young, Julian Morgan, Vadim Astvazaturov, Ginger Worth, Flex Youngblood, Jim Daniels, Harry Johnston, Lee Sperier, Keith Sangwin, Will Kemp, Ruth Swofford, Lori Parker, Terry Broadus, Billy Simmons, Donley Berglund and former neighbors, Malcolm Arceneaux and Leslie Newcomb.

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Remember dues were due on January 1st so this will be the second complimentary issue of Smoke from the Chimneys for those who aren't current. Keep those checks coming in so you'll receive the newsletter next time!!!!

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