

Smoke From The Chimneys



Long Beach Historical Society

Remembering the past to preserve our future

July 2014

President's Message

It is time once again to invite Society members to submit nominations for the annual Mary Ellen Alexander Lifetime Achievement Award.

Written nominations may be submitted to any officer or director anytime between the July and October meetings. Nomination forms will be found in this issue of Smoke from the Chimneys and can also be obtained from the Secretary. A special committee composed of officers and directors will review the nominations and select a recipient. Results for the MEA, Harper McCaughan and Friend of the Society awards will be announced at the annual Awards/Soup Luncheon meeting in January.

The highest award, named for our founding president, is given "For dedicated leadership and service toward increasing awareness and preservation of the history of Long Beach, the Gulf Coast region, and Mississippi." Carol Paola received the first award in 2003; other recipients include Jerry Rouse, Kat Bergeron, Mable Skellie, Frances Bertucci, Nashie Ward, Allisa Beck,

Charles Sullivan, Deanne Nuwer, and myself.

There are many worthy individuals who should be considered for this award. I encourage you to give this serious thought and make a submission.

Donald Dana

Vice Presidents Message

At the last meeting, we had something new for a program that we may do again as everyone seemed to enjoy it. In place of the regularly scheduled speaker who could not be with us I obtained some news articles from one of my genealogy websites. Most are from the Daily Herald between the years of 1900 and 1910. I searched for articles that contained the names of some of the early settlers and Long Beach in general and I wasn't disappointed. The Officers and Board took turns reading the articles and their enjoyment at doing so was evident. Chuckles were heard when it was related that Sam Capers of New Orleans visited Long Beach for a few hours on a Thursday in 1902 and when the 1910 city elections were

revealed, the mayoral winner, Dr E H Carraway, had 30 votes and the loser, C B Gates had 21. From time to time, I'll bring a few noteworthy articles to share when time permits.

The July program will be presented by Jane Shambra, the librarian at the Local History and Genealogy Library in Biloxi. Jane has co-authored two Biloxi books, one from the Images of America Series and one from the Postcard History Series. The program is entitled "Treasures in Grandma's Attic" and is about just which things to save or discard. Sometimes we are too quick to make a clean sweep of old items and will regret our haste later on down the road. There may be historical finds up in those attics just gathering dust. Let's face it, if it's out of sight, it's out of mind and we're going to forget what is stored even in our own attics. If any of you would like to bring any interesting finds from your family attics that you think we'd like to see, please feel free to bring the items to share with us during the program.

I have been busy writing my family story to add to the others that have

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Meetings are always quarterly and on the 2nd Monday at the Historical Society Building, 645 Klondyke Rd. Notifications will be sent if anything changes.

2014 Meetings:

January 13, Monday, 11:00 AM
April 14, Monday, 6:00 PM
July 14, Monday, 6:00 PM
Oct 13, Monday, 6:00 PM

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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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been submitted and suggest that you all join me. We, as members, must take the lead in this endeavor and then encourage our friends and neighbors around town to do the same. These stories will play an important part in opening our future library. Remember, society membership is not required and there is no right or wrong way to present information about your family. The choice is up to you, a story about when your family came to Long Beach and anything else that you know about them, a family tree, if you have one, maybe some clippings from the paper about things your family has been involved in. Include anything that you want to make available for others to read about your family. Also remember that just because facts about your family were used in Rosalie and Radishes doesn't mean that you can't submit something else. You may have learned more about your family since that time or maybe there was more info and too little room in the book for all of it to have been included. We'll accept whatever you have, no matter how short or long.

And for all of you who say you aren't natives of Long Beach, neither am I and some of the other society officers and board directors. We're here now and as such have been making new history since we arrived and others may enjoy hearing where we came from and what our families were doing. In my case, I became interested in doing my family tree so I've

condensed the info that I've found about several generations back and how their path ultimately brought me here. Others may have family stories that have been passed down from generation to generation that can be submitted.

Please think about your descendants, those that are alive now and the ones that haven't even been born yet. The info that you submit will possibly be read by them someday as they search their roots and surely they will cherish every word!

Beth Hansen

**Our Town from
Newspaper Articles**

Following are some of the newspaper articles presented at the April meeting. Everyone seemed to enjoy them and some suggested that they be saved. Saving them in the newsletter is a good beginning and anyone not at the meeting can now enjoy them at home.

Back in the early 20th century the same type of concerns were just as relevant as they are now; transportation, road conditions, prices, and even a united coast, to name just a few. Notice that it was



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news if folks were visiting in other small coast communities for the day. A carriage ride or horseback ride from Long Beach to Mississippi City probably took a while.

**From January 11, 1902:
Long Beach Personals**

- A Boggs was in Gulfport Friday on business.
- Louis Kohler has returned from South Africa.
- James B Cable was in Biloxi Saturday on business.
- H Y Quarles was a business visitor to New Orleans Thursday.
- Sam Capers, of New Orleans, was over for a few hours Thursday.
- Misses Minnie and Mae Quarles have entered the Gulfport High School.
- C B Gates (former LB mayor) has moved to Gulfport and will make that place his home.
- U Wright and B T Quarles spent Sunday at home with their friends.
- Misses Mae Angel and Alice Benedict were visiting friends here Sunday.
- T M Whitten (son of 1st mayor) of this place, is now agent of the L&N at Mississippi City.
- W J Quarles and E Harris were of last week's business visitors to Mississippi City.

From the New Orleans Times-Democrat on Nov 17, 1905:

Louisville & Nashville Interurban Service will be inaugurated in a very short time. Unless something unforeseen intervenes to prevent, the interurban service of the L&N, from Bay St Louis to Ocean Springs, will be inaugurated next Monday, Nov 20. Superintendent Marshall, it is expected, will make the official announcement to this effect today. Nine new trains will be making stops at Henderson's Point, Pass Christian, White Harbor, Long Beach, Gulfport, Mississippi City, Beauvoir, Biloxi, Oak St and Ocean Springs. The new service will give the coast towns from Bay St Louis to Ocean Springs, inclusive, train communication practically every hour and a half from daylight to dark, in addition to the regular through train service, which they now enjoy.

From Dec 13, 1905, the Herald reported on an article in the New Orleans Item of the day before:

Stories of the sudden boom in Mississippi coast lands since the operation of the Interurban trains are coming from the gulf cities. It is

said that \$25 a front foot has been paid for lots intermediate between Long Beach and Mississippi City, and similar prices are being asked for all residential plats all along the thirty mile extent of the shuttle trains.

Nearly fifteen hundred people—thirteen hundred and fifty, to be exact—traveled back and forth last Sunday between Bay St Louis and Ocean Springs. The patronage of the Louisville & Nashville service




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has grown to proportions far above what was expected, especially at such seasons of the year. The sudden growth of property values along the line is believed by railroad officials to be a steady increase, and not a boom.

"A city thirty miles long and a mile and a half wide is going to grow up over there," was the opinion expressed by a prominent real estate man of the coast this morning. "It will be virtually a part of New Orleans, and the growth of this country is to the benefit of the city."



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LONG BEACH, MS 39560**From Oct 13, 1906:
What the Old State is Doing**

Long Beach, Saw Mill Moved to Quarles-Big Jump in Pine Land Value.

The saw mill of Toomer & Graham, just north of the town limits, is to be moved to Quarles, an interurban station, two miles west of town. Some days ago H Y Quarles bought of John Lang, of Pass Christian, a tract of pine land containing several hundred acres for \$30 an acre. A few years ago this land could have been bought for \$5 an acre or less. When Mr. Quarles asked to buy it Mr Lang said, "No, I am going to hold that until I can get \$30 an acre for it." In a few hours afterwards Mr Quarles presented the amount to Mr Lang and the land soon changed hands, somewhat to Mr Lang's regret, for he did not expect to be taken up at \$30 an acre.

**From Jan 24, 1907:
A Bright Prospect for an
Improved Beach Road**

A party of gentlemen who represent the business and official interests of this Gulf Coast left Biloxi this morning in three automobiles for a westerly trip over the beach drive way and are to inspect its condition as far as Pass Christian with a view

of improving this attractive feature of this coast so as to make it first class and substantial.

The unity of interests and the fellowship of effort on the part of representative citizens of Biloxi, Mississippi City, Gulfport, Long Beach and Pass Christian, together with the cordial support of the county supervisors, composing this party warrants large expectations from this day's inspection. Tomorrow's Herald will contain a full report of the condition of the present road-bed, and the forecast of plans for its improvement by the combined commercial, municipal and county officers controlling frontage for nearly 25 miles along Mississippi sound.

**From July 30, 1908:
A United Coast
Gulfport Record-Tribune**

The interests of the various coast towns are very similar. Several of the leading municipalities bordering on the Mississippi sound are connected by electric railway with Gulfport and Biloxi both representing both business and residential sections and Long Beach and Mississippi largely residential only.

Work should never cease for a moment for a united coast. The municipal authorities of the towns, the commercial organizations, the clubs, and last but not least, the individuals should work constantly for greater co-operation.

Railroads, industries, commercial advantages of every kind should be induced to look to this section as one of the most promising of the state.

From August 24, 1909

Slowly but surely the summer season is drawing to a close. It is probably no exaggeration to say that it has been one of the most successful in years. Starting in at Bay St Louis and Waveland including Pass Christian, Long Beach, Mississippi City, Gulfport, Biloxi, Ocean Springs and other coast resorts, there are no reports that do not sound encouraging. In this city particularly the number of visitors exceeded the record of any previous year in the history of the town.

**From Dec 14, 1910
Dr Carraway Still Mayor of Long
Beach, Defeated C B Gates in
election yesterday
Other Officials Elected**

Dr E H Carraway is to be mayor of Long Beach for another term. He

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Toomer was elected president, Mrs. F C Gates, vice president, and Mrs. E D Willett, secretary.

William Hansen, of Bay St Louis and formerly of Gulfport, was a visitor in Gulfport today.

**From January 4, 1917
Radish Income for Long Beach
& Suit against Long Beach**

Long Beach is enjoying an income of about \$200 per day from its radish crop which is being shipped by express for the present. Twenty-five barrels a day is the estimate placed on the shipments, and they are bringing \$8 each in the northern markets. The price is good, although in the past the radish has brought more.

The suit of James Thomas against the town of Long Beach will come up Tuesday before Circuit Court. It involves the contraction of the western and northern corporate limits of the town.

Condolences



The society is saddened by the deaths of several longtime members, John Luttenbacher, Gordon Justice Sr, Sue McPherson, Vertie Prestwood and Pete Carrubba who joins his recently deceased wife, Dorothy, listed in last quarter's newsletter. They will all be remembered for their friendship and dedication to the society through the years. Condolences to their families and to the families of others in our town who have passed on including Jimmy Joe Hagin, Ronnie Ray, Mavis Suber Cospelich, Mavis Floyd, Joe Ann Cutter Seymour, Tiffany Lynn Starkey Hall, Trixie Lee King Johnson, Stephanie Leigh Harper, Sue Hammons, Ella Cospelich Lenaz, Shannon Illich, Luther W Conn, Jr, Drew Kirk Favre, Denise Roper, Aline Gerard, Joseph Louis Angeline Sr, Albert James Ladner, Gary Johnson, Steven Coats Bonds, Bill Irwin, James Linzy Crowder, Rex Brodkorb, Dick Evans, John Doleac, Bruce Watts, Patrick Michael Drouilhet, Pat Wilz, and Tommy Stepp.

was elected yesterday over C B Gates, receiving 30 votes to Gates' 21. J B Stone will be marshall in place of Klein. William Tell beat O'Pry for clerk and Nevers will succeed William Smith as one of the councilmen. Otherwise there is no change in the official family at Long Beach.

From Dec 27, 1910:

H J Quarles, a well-known trucker of Long Beach, is in Pittsburg, he having gone there in the interest of the gardeners in his section, who will soon begin to ship their products to that market.

**Feb 12, 1914
Society and Personal Items**

The Long Beach Civic Improvement League meets tomorrow at 3 o'clock at the school building. A full attendance is desired.

Miss May Quarles organized in Long Beach recently a Woman's Canning Club with a charter membership of ten. Mrs. I D

Veterinarians of Long Beach

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- Dr Stephanie Butler, Railroad St
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Old Days Mystery Question

What did the town object to back in 1909 that put it at odds with a local company? You won't find the answer in these pages, you must come to the meeting to get it.

See you there!!!!

News from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History

The MDAH is running an exhibit, "Stand Up", which began in June and ends on October 31. The free exhibit is open Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm and on Saturday from 8 am to 1 pm and commemorates the Freedom Summer of 1964, when sadly, during some of the darkest days in our state, three Civil Rights workers, James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner, who came to Mississippi to help, were murdered here.

From June 25-29 there was also a conference that MDAH co-sponsored that highlighted the legacy of Freedom Summer, and recognized the accomplishments of those who changed Mississippi for the better and examined ways to continue that progress for all of its citizens.

Officers for 2015

The following list of officers and directors is being suggested for a vote of approval and will be installed at the end of the next meeting in October. This new group will officially preside over the January 2015 meeting.

Officers

- President: Donald Dana, Jr
- Vice President: Bobby Thomas
- Secretary: Alissa Beck
- Treasurer: Mary Levens
- Governmental Affairs Liaison
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- Iantha Hines
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Meeting Frequency

Several months back, at a meeting, a member suggested that the number of meetings held each year should be increased for more continuity. The Board took this under advisement and recommends that two more meetings be added, for a total of six each year. A vote will be taken from the membership for action on this matter.



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MARY ELLEN ALEXANDER LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The MARY ELLEN ALEXANDER LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD, presented by the LONG BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY, recognizes individuals who during their lifetime have made significant contributions in increasing the awareness, preservation, and appreciation of history relating to Long Beach, the Mississippi Gulf Coast region, and the State of Mississippi.

The LONG BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY invites nominations for the MARY ELLEN ALEXANDER LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD. This award is presented annually at the January meeting of the society. Nominations must be received by October 31 to be considered that year. Nominations received after October 31 will be considered the following year.

Nominee Name: _____

Address: _____

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SUMMARY OF NOMINEE'S LIFETIME ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS THAT MERIT THE AWARD
(Please continue additional sheets as necessary and attach or reference supporting documentation that should be considered.)

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Nominated by: _____

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Mail nominations to Long Beach Historical Society, P.O. Box 244, Long Beach, MS 39560

Independence Day

Freedom has its life in the hearts,
the actions, the spirit of men and so
it must be daily earned and refreshed -
else like a flower cut from its life-giving
roots, it will wither and die.

~Dwight D. Eisenhower



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