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## QUARTERLY MEETING

There will be no meeting of the Chilton County Historical Society for this quarter. Heritage Day will be observed instead and all members are urged to support this project. The Robinson/Cline House, the Visitors Center and the Smokehouse will be open for the general public to visit. Refreshments will be served at the Cline House and all proceeds will benefit the publication of the Cemetery Census. Be sure to adjust your schedule to accomodate this project on Sunday, April 9th between 2:00 and 5:00 p.m.

## CENSUS PAGES

We are deeply indebted to Mrs. Marion M. Sumerlin for a significant contribution to this issue of our newsletter. Elsewhere we have reprinted (from the original at the State Archives) three missing (from the microfilm) pages from the 1870 Baker County census. She not only found them, but made copies of them and, then, was kind enough to donate those photocopies to the Historical Society. We know that several of our members will benefit from this outstanding contribution.

## RESTORATION ISSUES

We invite our members and readers to join in two very worthwhile causes which appear in this issue. One of those issues will be found in a message from the President of the Society and the second is one that we feel will be of just as much benefit to the membership and the county. It is in attempting to provide a repository for archival records and donated artifacts.

Please, give all the help you can by writing to the officials listed in the accompanying box. The objective is to get enabling legislation that would return the old

Clanton Post Office to the community for use as an Archive and Museum. Preliminary contacts have been made by the current Probate Judge, Robert M. Martin and the Mayor of Clanton, Mr. B.J. Driver. If you know of an old post office that has been similarly transferred to a local community, be sure to cite that incident in your correspondence to our Congressmen.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Chilton County has only two entries on the National Historical Register; the Verbena Historical District and the Walker/Klinner farm. The latter is unusual in that it has retained its integrity as a farm site for more than one hundred years. Further, it is one of only a very few farms listed on the National Register.

This property was recently marred with the intrusion of the Alabama Power Company erection of a right-of-way through it. Today another threat looms on the horizon due to its location. State Highway 22 currently runs through the property which lies east of State Highway 91. Bridges along that route have become obsolete due to load and weight law changes.

The State Highway Department, rather than updating the current bridges, proposes yet another road through the farm, without regard to historical or aesthetic values. The new route will result in higher construction costs and may cause the present route to fall in to disuse. Besides, there is a distinct possibility that at some future date yet another incursion might be imposed upon this farm unit. The more economical solution would be in keeping this property intact and diverting the excess funds to another equally needed project within the county.

In addition to the millions that it will cost to accomplish this State Highway Department proposal, it will be at the sacrifice of the natural scenic beauty of the county's longest standing historical area. It also sends a message to the citizenry of the State as well as to this county that the Alabama Highway Department totally unconcerned with the State's historical heritage.















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" " families, 5		" " colored males, 1		
" " white males, 23		" " females, 1		



Inquiries numbered 7, 18, and 17 are not to be asked in respect to infants. Inquiries numbered 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, and 20 are to be asked merely by an affirmative mark, as /.

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Precinct No. 5, in the County of Baker, State of

of Alabama, enumerated by me on the 22 day of August, 1870.

Post Office: Chestnut Creek

W. H. Jones, Ass't Marshal.

Dwelling-house, numbered in the order of visitation.	Family, numbered in the order of visitation.	The name of every person whose place of abode on the first day of June, 1870, was in this family.	Description.			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female.	VALUE OF REAL ESTATE OWNED.		Place of Birth, naming State or Territory of U. S.; or the Country, if of foreign birth.	PARENTAGE.		If born within the year, state month (Jan., Feb., &c.)	If married within the year, state month (Jan., Feb., &c.)	EDUCATION.		Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic.	Male Citizens of U. S. 21 years of age and up to 21.	Male Citizens of U. S. 21 years of age and up to 21.	Other persons, whether or not citizens of U. S., whose right to vote is denied or abridged on grounds of race or color.
			Age at last birthday. If under 1 year, give months.	Sex—Males (M.) Females (F.)	Color—White (W.) Black (B.) Mulatto (M.) Indian (I.)		Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.		Father of foreign birth.	Mother of foreign birth.			Attended school within the year.	Cannot read.				
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		" Edmund	11	M	B	"			"						/	/			
		" Francis	4	F	B	"			"						/	/			
		" Victoria	2	F	B	"			"						/	/			
		" Brock	33	M	B	Farm Laborer			Alabama						/	/			
		" Esther	25	F	B	Helping house			"						/	/			
		" Willie	19	F	B	"			"						/	/			
		" Stephen	7	M	B	"			"						/	/			
		" Joseph	8	M	B	"			"						/	/			
197	197	Gardner Esther	45	F	B	Helping house			Alabama						/	/			
		" Sarah	18	F	B	at home			"						/	/			
		" Belle	11	F	B	"			"						/	/			
		" Alfred	8	M	B	"			"						/	/			
		" Lottie	4	M	B	"			"						/	/			
		" Harriet	37	F	B	Helping house			Alabama						/	/			
		" Annie	13	F	B	at home			"						/	/			
		" Therington	15	M	B	B. B. Lane			"						/	/			
		" Amanda	1	F	B	"			"						/	/			
198	198	Watkinson Margaret	32	F	M	Helping house			Alabama						/	/			
		" Columbus	11	M	M	"			"						/	/			



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11	15	15 M B	11	
12	1	1 B		
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15	9	8 W	"	
16	7	11 W	"	
17	34	8 W	Alabama	
18	11	8 W	"	
19	6	8 W	"	
20	3	8 W	"	
21	80	11 W	758	
22	64	8 W	Alabama	
23	30	8 W	Alabama	
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25	24	8 W	"	
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29	32	8 W	Georgia	
30	49	11 W	Alabama	
31	44	8 W	"	
32	24	11 W	Alabama	
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## QUARTERLY MEETING

The second quarterly meeting, for 1989, of the Chilton County Historical Society and Archives will be held at the Chilton/Clanton Public Library Conference room on Sunday, the 9th of July, 1989. The meeting will commence precisely at 2:00 p.m. and will be devoted to regular Society business as no guest speaker is scheduled for the meeting. Still, we urge as many members as possible attend the meeting to rejuvenate the commitment to our objectives.

## FOSHEE FAMILY REUNION

The annual Foshee get-together is scheduled for the weekend of July 15, 1989 at the Clanton Holiday Inn. Society member, Helen Bice Foshee, provides this information and asks that anyone who is interested in the Foshee family name, or any allied names, be sure to attend.

## QUERY

Mr. Barry L. King of 553 25th Street, Tuscaloosa, 35401 asks anyone who can help, please contact him with reference to a former resident of Clanton. He seeks information pertaining to George Clinton King, born in Georgia in December, 1853 and who owned a farm in Clanton. Mr. King was married to Tobitha Ann Logan and they had eight children including George Arthur King. The former had four brothers; Lewis Clayton, William Robert, Jefferson Vince and Thomas Phillip. All five were sons of Thomas Jefferson King, born 1821, and his wife Susan Cabola Harris. Mr. King is seeking any possible help with the relatives mentioned in this query.

## CEMETERY CENSUS NOTES

During the production of the Cemetery Census, which will be in print within just a short period of time, there was one kind of piggy-back effort exerted. Wherever a document or a newspaper article existed to corroborate the Confederate service of an individual we took it upon ourselves to include the pertinent details in the remarks column for that individual. In some cases there was nothing more than the fact that the man had served during the Civil War. In those cases, if it was not on his grave marker, we indicated it by this notation: [CSA]. If more information was available it was included within the brackets and the brackets denote that the information will not be found on the grave marker.

In doing this it became apparent to us that there was a fairly large number of Confederate Veterans buried within Chilton County. We know from the census taken at the two cemeteries at the Confederate Memorial Park that there are 311 people buried there. About 14 of those are wives of Confederates, most of whom resided at the home at the time of their death. Which leaves about 297 CSA personnel buried in those cemeteries alone.

What is surprising is to find about 250 CSA Veterans buried throughout the rest of the county. Considering the population of the county at the time it was formed and the size of average families in those days, we have to conclude that this area was solidly Confederate in sentiment, in spite of all the rumours and innuendo to the contrary. This is further confirmed in an item appearing in *The Union and Banner* dated January 2nd, 1913. We quote: "Confederate Veterans are in town this

week to draw their premiums (pension payments). There are 315 of them in the county drawing \$5,518.00 a quarter." (The average population at the Old Soldier's Home was never higher than about 100).

Families or organizations desiring to include the Confederate information about their ancestor, if the grave has not previously indicated Confederate service, should contact the Society to ascertain the appropriate reference.

## LOCAL HISTORY

The Chilton County Chamber of Commerce membership guide for the current year will be in print in the very near future. We were asked to provide an article for that publication and thought it would prove of value to our non-local members. The article includes information from books by Mr. Gene Wyatt (1950 version) and Mr. U.H. Abrams and Mr. Benjamin Griffith. As well research from other sources was used as will be evident to most readers. The same article to which we are referring is reproduced below.

## IN DAYS LONG GONE

by

Benjamin D. Roberts

The area within the current boundaries of Chilton county was the scene of some of Alabama's earliest settlements. When the Creek Indians signed Andrew Jackson's treaty at Fort Jackson (Old Fort Toulouse), the territory ceded included a large portion of their land. It amounted to about, according to B.W. Griffith, 23 million acres (about 3/5 of



Alabama and 1/5 of the state of Georgia). The Alabama portion was roughly bounded by the Tennessee, Coosa, Tombigbee, Cahaba and Alabama Rivers, even though boundaries were disputed by several Indian tribes. The pact was reluctantly signed on August the 9th, 1814. Many of General Jackson's troops then marched to Mobile, while General Jackson returned to Tennessee.

On their subsequent return from Mobile to Tennessee many of these soldiers followed the Alabama River to the vicinity of Mulberry creek. This stream led them through the western part of what later became Chilton county. By 1816, some of those Volunteers had removed from Tennessee and elsewhere with their (about 20) families to settle in Montgomery county, later Cahawba, along Mulberry Creek whose headwaters lie within Chilton county.

There were five initial settlements in the area; Brierfield, Centerville, Old Maplesville, Bogles and Oakmulgee which were in Montgomery, Dallas and Cahawba counties. Maps of the time show none of these communities, although some roads are depicted. Montgomery county was formed in 1816 when the area was still part of the Mississippi territory. Cahawba county was formed in February 1818 and held a population of 1031 whites and 247 slaves. Shelby and Dallas were formed in February of the same year, and Autauga in November, 1818. Cahawba county was renamed Bibb, after the Territorial Governor of Alabama in December 1819 and Perry was formed about the same time.

Sometime in the early part of 1818 the Mulberry Baptist Church was organized, with James Cochran as its Pastor, and became one of the earliest churches formed in Central Alabama. Cahawba county's population had grown to 3000 by the year 1820. There was another influx of settlers into the area starting about 1822.

Those early settlers were energetic and resourceful so mail routes were established quickly. One of the first was started on the 8th of May, 1822. Its

route was from Augusta on the Tallapoosa (near Mt. Meigs) by way of Coosada (Millbrook), passing through the settlement in the upper end of Autauga (Chestnut Creek) county and the settlement on Mulberry in Bibb (Maplesville) by the Falls of Cahawba (Centerville), to the town of Tuscaloosa.

By 1823 the town of Maplesville had developed sufficiently to warrant the opening of a Post Office and Mr. Stephen Maples was designated Post Master. Another postal facility was established at Sawyer's in 1827; Ansel G. Sawyer was the postmaster and the facility was probably in territory that remained in Bibb county.

A few years later, 1833, Mr. James G. Johnson was commissioned Post Master of the Chestnut Creek post office indicative of a further influx of settlers which began about 1825.

Another road was begun September 4th, 1829 from Montgomery through Coosada (Millbrook), Rocky Mount, Maplesville, via Bibb County Court House Cross Roads to Centerville and then to the town of Tuscaloosa, once a week, in two horse stages.

The 1830 Map of Alabama portrays the mass of the current Chilton county within Autauga, Bibb, Shelby and Perry counties; it remained within them until Baker county was formed in December, 1868. According to that map a road from Fish Trap Shoals (where State 22 crosses the Coosa River) to Centerville passed just north of Maplesville. Another road led from Wetumpka to Centerville passing through Maplesville. Yet another road was routed from Selma to Montevallo passing just west of Maplesville. Mahan Creek had been named by then and is depicted on this map.

South of Maplesville, about four miles, another post office was established in 1830 with Samuel Bogles as postmaster and office of the same name. This was a time of considerable expansion and in January, 1832 another road was commissioned; this one was from Montgomery through Maplesville, via Montevallo to Elyton. Still one more road was commissioned in January,

1836. It connected Rockford in Coosa County with Maplesville via Chestnut Creek. This road was associated with the discovery of gold and the subsequent rush "gold-seekers" to that area just north of Chestnut Creek.

In January, 1836 a stage line was put into operation from Elyton (Birmingham) via Flora, Montevallo, Maplesville, Yellow Ford, Oak Ridge and Pleasant Valley to Selma, ninety miles and back, three times a week. One more post office was opened at Pine Park in 1839 with Thomas H. Abney as postmaster. This post office was probably located between three and four and a half miles due north of the present town of Maplesville.

1842 Maps of Alabama locate Bogles' P.O. about where the current site of Stanton is (it was renamed Dixie about 1852, then changed to Stanton about 1870). A new road from Statesville in Autauga to Montevallo passing through Maplesville is shown. The communities of Maplesville and Chestnut Creek are denoted along with a railroad route from Selma, on the Alabama River, passing just west of Maplesville, south of Montevallo, through Shelbyville and terminating at Gunter's Landing on the Tennessee River. The roadbed for this railroad had been graded from Selma to Plantersville by 1836 when it encountered some delay. It was conceived to connect the Alabama and Tennessee Rivers and was so named for many years.

An Alabama map for the year 1845 portrays Chestnut Creek Post Office along with Randolph and Plantersville. A new road had been laid out from Chestnut Creek to Columbiana passing through Waxahatchie. The railroad route is shown from Selma to Montevallo, passing just west of Maplesville, from there through Columbiana to Wilsonville and ending at the Coosa River.

By 1850 the maps still show Chestnut Creek and Maplesville. Although it was still not completed the railroad tracking was shown from Selma to Montevallo, Columbiana, and Talledega. Construction of the Alabama and Tennessee River Railroad passed about



three miles west of Old Maplesville in 1852.

Various accounts indicate that in 1853 the Alabama and Tennessee Rivers Railroad was completed. For many years it remained the only railroad in this part of Alabama. Although there were a number of rail stations along the line such as Bruce's, Bibb Mill, Coxe's station there doesn't appear to have been any post offices associated with them. However, in 1861 a post office was established at Benson (Isabella) with James F. McCary as its first postmaster.

In the late 1850's a small community had developed about five miles north of the Chestnut Creek settlement and had been named Ranch, Ala. A Post Office was formed and the commission for its Post Master was conferred upon Dr. John Prudence Robinson, commission dated June 20, 1860.

An 1867 Map of Alabama, just before the county was formed, shows Campbell's Hill, Mullins, Maplesville, Bibb Mill, Smith's Station, Cox's Chapel, Bruce's Station, Swift Creek, and Ranch. The railroad from Selma along Mulberry Creek passed near Montevallo then by way of Lime Kiln, to Columbiana, Wilsonville and Talladega.

By 1858, the plan for a south-north rail line was begun from Montgomery toward Elyton and approximately 18 miles of track were laid prior to the Civil War. After that time its continuation was abandoned until after the surrender of the Confederate Government in 1865. Renewal of the South and North Alabama Railroad was begun just before this county was formed, as Baker County, the 65th county of Alabama.

Formation of the county passed into law in December of 1868 and construction of the S. & N. Alabama rail line had progressed to within the current boundaries of the county at the time. By 1871 it was completed through Baker and Shelby counties. Station names were decided upon by the Railroad Company. Three of those were named after Civil War personalities: former Con-

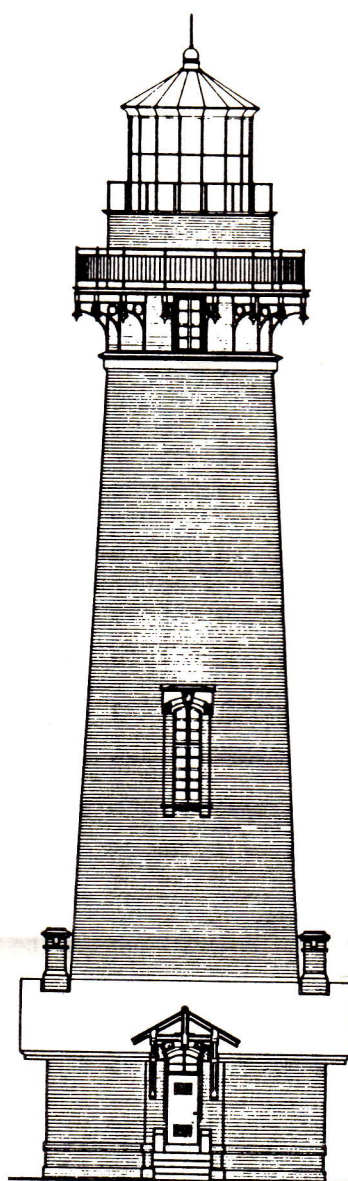
federate Senator Robert Jemison; former CSA Brigadier General, James H. Clanton; and the late artilleryman, CSA Colonel Tennant Lomax.

Some local communities existing when the Railroad Company decided to commemorate those august officials were affected by the RR Company's station naming. In the north part of the county a community known as Campbell's Hill lost its name to posterity and has since held on to the name of Jemison.

In February, 1871, Mr. Alfred Baker, for whom the county was originally named, received a commission as Postmaster of a Post Office named Goose Pond. As it was the custom in those days to co-locate the Post Office in the Postmaster's place of business, we surmise that the Post Office was in Mr. Baker's store, which stood in the old McCain Mule Barn lot, now vacant, between Weldon's and the old Chilton County News office building.

The Goose Pond Postal facility was not destined to survive. A number of the settlers who had relocated to the area were veterans of the Civil War and a great many of them had served under General Clanton. It was probably by their efforts that four months after its establishment the Goose Pond Post Office was renamed as the Clanton Post Office and Mr. John W. Gullahorn, a Confederate Veteran, was made Postmaster. Then in December, 1874, Baker County passed into history and the county's name has since honored a distinguished Alabamian; the Honorable William P. Chilton.

The final updates to the Cemetery Census have been entered and the printing plates are currently being made. Any updates to be made in the future will be published in this forum. This applies to any new cemeteries found as well as to omissions that could possibly have crept into our book. Last minute changes have already delayed the process considerably but our expectation is that the availability of the book will now be between the middle and latter part of July. We are grateful to all those who ordered books for their indulgence and patience in our attempt to produce the best Census possible.



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## QUARTERLY MEETING

The fourth quarterly meeting of the Chilton County Historical Society will be held at the Chilton/Clanton Public Library on the 8th of October, 1989 at 2:00 p.m.. President John Klinner urges all members who can possibly make it to attend as there will be an important preservation issue revealed at the meeting.

## CHILTON AND HER PEOPLE 1950 VERSION

We came across a copy of the 1950 Revision of Chilton and Her People by T.E. Wyatt and wish to commend it to our members. One feature we found to be admirable was an index that is contained within one page.

There are 222 pages in the 1976 Revision by Carlos Wyatt as compared to the 167 pages in the 1950 version. It appears that all the information in the latter version has been included in the update. One very obvious improvement provided in the 1976 version is the photograph of the 1874 courthouse building.

It is only fair to point out one of the surprises that we found. Each time the Chiltonian has been compiled we have resorted to old newspapers for information to include. Alas, many of the items which we found were exactly the same as some of those which are included in these books published by T.E. and Carlos Wyatt. This duplication was unbeknownst to us at the time of selection. Fortunately, we have, over the life of our newsletter, offered many items that were not to be found in

any of the newspapers.

We will continue to seek out the most valuable items for all concerned in historical pursuits and genealogy.

## CEMETERY CENSUS FACTS

We cannot let the opportunity go by to announce that the cemetery census was completed, printed and has been distributed to all those who subscribed in advance. The title once again is, Cemeteries of Chilton, contains 588 pages and is available at E.L. Klinner Furniture and Mail Specialist in Clanton.

It would, indeed, be nice if we were able to say that the book is error free. However, we have already had three or four errors pointed out to us. Considering the number of places they can occur, we will be fortunate to have only a few that got into print.

One that we know of is the directions to the two New Harmony Church cemeteries. We noted they were the same but the day the one was corrected, we failed to save the change in the computer and so it occurs in the book that the directions to both cemeteries are the same. Looking at the map you can readily determine which is the correct one.

Thus far we have only mentioned errors that are known to us. Our search lead us to believe that we had gotten most of the cemeteries but already people are informing us of some we had no idea of. If you know of one we did not include please send it in to us so that we may include it in a future issue of the Chiltonian.

Are we going to update the book?

No. That question has been raised several times since publication, not to mention the times it surfaced earlier. The best means of updating such a volume will be by means of this publication. As you know, the book was out of date the very minute we began. It would be virtually impossible to keep it up to the latest burial.

There were a number of interesting facets of this publication which were not included in the publication; this resulted from attempts to keep the printing and materials cost down. Because they were omitted we thought that our members might still find them of interest and derive further benefit from their membership.

For instance, we have since learned that Old Salem Baptist down around Blue Creek was also called Pleasant Cherry. There is one Union veteran of the Civil War buried in the county, in the Thorsby City cemetery. It is there also that you will find a British RAF 2nd Lieutenant of World War I vintage buried.

While it can lead to some wrong conclusions the following list can also be useful in an overall sense. Remember that the earliest markers do not necessarily mean that is the date of the earliest burial for that cemetery. The following listing only includes those cemeteries whose earliest markers were prior to 1880.

Old Maplesville	1833
Rocky Mount Meth	1835
Caviness	1836
Free Spring	1836
Love	1839
Old Rock Spring	1840



Brown	1841
Waldrop	1841
Old Raspberry	1843
Walnut Creek	1844
Tempt Smith	1846
Goodwin	1848
Providence (NW)	1853
Reid	1853
Gardner	1854
Mt. Carmel (N)	1856
Old Bethel/Eiland	1856
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Old Rocky Mount	1865
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Corinth	1866
Roebuck	1866
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Mineral Springs	1869
Old Green	1869
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Center Hill	1873
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There were 143 books sold by subscription prior to printing and only 10 more have been sold subsequently. We are grateful for the participation of so many of the Society's members and to all other subscribers as well. However, revenues derived to date cover just about one half of the total cost of printing and binding. The Society is in debt to one of our members for the remainder so let's all make an effort to sell some more books and help the Historical Society liquidate this debt. A lot of time and effort has been devoted to this publication; it is certainly worth the modest price that it sells for.

## MAILING LIST

The membership listing for the Society will be updated after publication of the newsletter. At that time all those whose dues have been in arrears for some time will be dropped from the rolls and no further Newsletters will be mailed to them. So if you haven't been keeping your dues paid up you will not receive the next issue. On the other hand, if you receive the December issue you will know that your dues have been paid up to date and that dues for the coming year will fall due in January.

The current mailing list is comprised of about 120 addressees and after the cut-off will decrease to about 80 or 85. The savings in postage will be obvious to most as is readily discernible from the following data.

Year	NL Costs	Heritage Day	Annual dues
1985	\$ 47.70	\$200.00	
1986	\$497.95	\$250.00	\$686.00
1987	\$600.00	\$300.00	\$490.00
1988	\$600.00	\$280.00	\$623.00
1989	\$720.00 (Proj.)	\$200.00	\$700.00

In order to keep publishing the Newsletter it is necessary to obtain more revenue as the dues paid in are usually below the costs incurred in printing and mailing it. When the costs associated with holding the Annual Heritage Day are added in the picture becomes even less rosy.

## NEWSPAPER PRESERVATION

Chilton County newspapers have been microfilmed for the Chilton County Historical Society by Samford University Photo-reproduction staff and the original film is on file there.

Copies of the microfilm (positives) were purchased by the Chilton County Historical Society and are retained at the Chilton/Clanton Public Library. A microfilm reader is available for use of the film by researchers. The following newspapers have been filmed and are accessible at the Library:

The Chilton County Courier —	Jan 1877 to Sep 1877
The Chilton View —	Nov 1881 to Feb 1896
The Chilton Call —	1897
The Banner —	Aug 1891 to Apr 1912
The Union —	1903 to Apr 1912
The Record —	1909
The Clanton Press —	Jan 1910 to Jul 1919
The Union Banner —	Apr 1912 to Dec 1920
The Chilton County News —	Aug to Dec 1921

Note 1: Inventory listing provided on each roll indicates missing issues.

Note 2: Total newspaper microfilm rolls currently on hand is 37.

Note 3: Copies of the above microfilm may be purchased at a nominal cost from the Chilton County Historical Society.

The original hard-copies of the above newspapers are being maintained at the Chilton/Clanton Public Library. Most of the above newspapers are stored in Archival Newspaper boxes and shelved one box per shelf. The following volumes are retained there but are not archivally boxed.



The Chilton County News — 1922 to 1940

The Union-Banner — 1921 to 1940

Additionally, all volumes of these two papers which formerly were retained in the County Clerk's Office are currently being maintained at the Chilton/Clanton Public Library.

All other copies of either of these two newspapers, 1941 to the present, along with the Independent-Advertiser (1975 to present), remain in the Office of the Chilton County Probate Judge.

All newspapers found in this county through the year 1920 have been

microfilmed. The film is available to researchers at the Chilton/Clanton Public Library and the Samford University Library as well. Newspapers published prior to 1941 are at the Chilton/Clanton Public Library. Those published in 1941 and after are still in the Probate Office. The Chilton County News 1918 and the Chilton County Courier 1875 volumes are the only known early newspapers which have not been microfilmed (as of 2-12-1987). Only a partial filming of the Clanton Press for 1919 was possible to its deteriorated condition. When all newspapers were retrieved from the Chilton Rescue Squad facility there were about eight volumes

which were totally destroyed by vermin and the environment to which they were subjected.

The Union Banner for the year 1922 was not found in the local facilities but was on file in the State Archives and has since been microfilmed. It is available from the Alabama Department of Archives and History at a nominal cost. For that matter, the entire collection of the Union-Banner was filmed by the Department of Archives and the Alabama Coalition for Newspaper Preservation and so is also available.

### Cemeteries of Chilton Now Available

Please notify anyone you think may be interested. The book also will make a very lasting Christmas Gift..

Contact Ben Roberts 755-5936 - E.L. Klinner Furniture 755-0750 - Mail Specialist 755-5892 The price is \$30.00 plus postage if mailed.



**CAMP LOMAX CONFEDERATE VETERANS** -- The above picture was taken during a reunion of the members of the Camp held in Clanton in 1901. Among them are: Captain W.A. Middleton, Newt Calloway, J.W.E. Gullledge, Doctor Chandler, Col. Robert H. Knox, Mr. Sartor. For many years the Camp had over 200 members.

This photograph has been reproduced from Mr. Wyatt's book, Chilton and Her People. Also shown but not mentioned were Mr. Jasper Farley and James M. Stanfield. We would appreciate identification of other any other veterans that can be provided to us.



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## **QUARTERLY MEETING**

The first quarterly meeting of the Chilton County Historical Society at the beginning of the last decade in this century will be held at the Chilton/Clanton Public Library on the 14th of January 1990. The meeting will start promptly at 2:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. At this meeting officers for the coming year will be elected making it urgent that all members attend. Non-members are welcome.

## **PRESERVATION**

We feel certain that our members will all rejoice in knowing of a current move afoot. The County Commission and the Probate Judge will be considering the restoration and binding of some of the older books that are frequently used at the Courthouse. We are hopeful that the Wedding Books and some others will be included, if this project is undertaken. If there is any way for us to further the effort, we, quite naturally will do everything we can to help.

## **OBITUARY INDEX**

We are extremely happy to announce that Member Betty Collins has embarked on a very noble venture. For some time now she has been compiling an obituary index from the early Chilton County newspapers. Thus far her progress is to about the year 1905. In the next issue of this publication we expect to begin including that index, first by year and then at some later date alphabetically. As the project involves a considerable expenditure of manhours it should be obvious that it will take some time to complete. We will publish what we can as it becomes available.

## **CEMETERY CENSUS**

There have been quite a lot of laudatory comments received about the publication of the census. Some of them were read or mentioned at the last meeting of the Society and a great many have come in since then. Among the most rewarding comments has been the statement that it has helped locate family members. Sales of the book since the initial orders were filled has diminished but still continue to come in. The completion and ultimate publication, we think, was well worth the long wait involved. If you know someone who could possibly be interested be sure to recommend the book to them as we need to sell about 150 more books to have the income to liquidate the debt incurred in the cost of publication.

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