

# *Chiltonian*

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## QUARTERLY MEETING

The first quarterly meeting of the Chilton County Historical Society for 1996 will be held at the Chilton/Clanton Public Library at 2:00 P.M. on the 14th of January. The presentation will be a video of the Music and Memories of the Civil War by Bobby Horton as seen on Alabama Public Television. Everyone is encouraged to attend this very excellent historical tribute. Many items of business will be conducted at this meeting. Be sure to have your voice heard by being present on the 14th of January.

## ZIP CODE CHANGE

Due to a recent realignment of Zip Code addresses for Clanton and vicinity the Historical Society address Zip code is changed from 35045 to 35046-0644. When corresponding with the Society be sure to incorporate this change reflected in the return address of this publication.

## BAKER/CHILTON CENSUS BY DECADE

For those who might be interested the numerical status of the County's population is provided. Most of these figures were published in the local newspapers and for the first time all are listed here in one parcel.

1870 census— 6,194  
1880 census—10,703  
1890 census—14,459  
1900 census—16,522  
1910 census—23,187  
1920 census—22,770  
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| Smith, R.A. (son of J.W.)<br>CLANTON PRESS/UNION-BANNER<br>26 Sep 1918       | Smitherman, Will (child of)<br>UNION & BANNER<br>2 Jan 1913     | Swan, (Mr.)<br>CLANTON PRESS<br>?? Jan 1918                             | Thacker, Rachel (Mrs.)<br>UNION-BANNER<br>15 Feb 1917       |
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| Smith, Richard<br>CLANTON PRESS<br>?? Jan 1919                               | Smitherman, Wm.<br>UNION-BANNER<br>12 Dec 1918                  | Swint, William<br>UNION-BANNER<br>19 Aug 1920                           | Thomas, J.L. (Mrs.)<br>UNION-BANNER<br>23 Jan 1919          |
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|  | Sorrell, Percy (son of Alfred)                                  |   | Thomas, Pate (Mrs.)<br>UNION<br>14 Sep 1911                 |

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| Thomton, R.B. (Mrs.)<br>UNION-BANNER/CLANTON<br>PRESS<br>17 Aug 1916                             | Tyus, Grace (Mrs. R.E. Davidson)<br>UNION-BANNER<br>16 Jan 1919                  | Vinson, Turner<br>UNION-BANNER<br>19 Dec 1918                                     | Ward, Lurene (dau. of D.L.)<br>UNION-BANNER<br>1 Jun 1916              |
| Thrasher, W.W.<br>UNION-BANNER<br>27 Sep 1917  | Tyus, Thomas E./Tom<br>BANNER/UNION/CLANTON<br>PRESS<br>27 Jul 1911              | Vinson, U.J. (Rev.)<br>UNION-BANNER<br>7 Sep 1916                                 | Warren, J.W.<br>UNION-BANNER<br>21 Mar 1918                            |
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| Trammell, Frank (estate of)<br>CLANTON PRESS<br>25 Mar 1915                                      | Veazey, Henry<br>UNION-BANNER<br>11 Oct 1917                                     | Waites, Sadie Belle (Miss)<br>CLANTON PRESS/UNION-<br>BANNER<br>10/17 Jun 1915    | Watson, T.L. (2 children of)<br>UNION<br>18 Jan 1912                   |
| Traywick, Jade (infant of)<br>UNION & BANNER<br>3 Jul 1913                                       | Veazey, Liddie<br>CLANTON PRESS<br>29 May 1913                                   | Waldrup, Thomas<br>UNION-BANNER<br>26 Aug 1920                                    | Watson, W.J. (parents of Mr. or<br>Mrs.)<br>UNION-BANNER<br>5 Feb 1914 |
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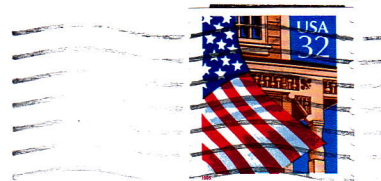
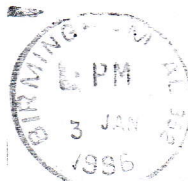
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## Annual County Chronology

### A Local Chronology

- 1814 Aug 9 — Jackson's treaty with the Creek Indians was signed near Wetumpka.
- 1814 — Jackson's disbanded troops pass through area on way back to their homes.
- 1816-1820 Early settlers arrive. Roads and churches come into being.
- 1818 — St. Stephens territorial capitol.
- 1819-1826 — Cahaba was state capitol
- 1826-1846 — Tuscaloosa was state capitol.
- 1832-1838 — Indian removals to Arkansas and Oklahoma. Trail of Tears.
- 1846 — Montgomery became state capitol.
- 1852 — Selma, Rome railroad completed passing through Maplesville.
- 1858 — Community of Ranch, Autauga Co., designated. [Postal Commission]
- 1866 Mar 8 — L&N RR Co. proposes RR from Chicago to the Gulf. [Mobile, New Orleans]
- 1868 Dec 19 — Legislative act creates county of Baker from Shelby, Bibb, Autauga, Perry.
- 1870 — Baker county government was finally inaugurated.
- 1870 Jan — County census was 6194.
- 1870 — Log cabin courthouse burned. New courthouse begun in Clanton at an odd location.
- 1870 Oct. — S&N Al. RR completed linking Chicago and Gulf.
- 1871 Feb — Goose Pond Post Office designated, Alfred Baker, Postmaster.
- 1871 Apr — Goose Pond Post Office redesignated Clanton Post Office.
- 1874 Dec — Baker county redesignated as Chilton County.
- 1880 — Census for county was 10,806.
- 1881 Nov — Chilton View publication begun as county's first successful newspaper. Prior attempts included Baker Courier, Chilton Courier during mid 1870's.
- 1882 — Twenty-five crates of peaches shipped to Louisville and Indianapolis.
- 1883 — Local housing and business construction boom.
- 1886 Jan 3— S&N Al. Railroad track changed to standard guage.
- 1886 Nov — New jail completed. Later known as "old '86".
- 1887 Sep — Hot well test results published.
- 1888 May — Hot well hotel being completed.
- 1890 — Census for county was 14,550.
- 1895 — Scandinavian colony settles town in county north of Strasburg and names it Thorsby.

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- 1896 — Courthouse sold at auction to Dr. J.S. Johnson.
- 1896 Oct 22 — New courthouse (gothic architecture) dedicated.
- 1897 — Daily (local) paper published for one month.
- 1900 — Census for county was 16,522.
- 1901 Jan & Jul — Fires destroyed the major portion of the business buildings on 2nd Ave. Replacement buildings were of brick construction for the most part.
- 1901 Nov (21) — Steam press purchased for printing the Banner.
- 1902 — Construction of the Old Soldier's Home was begun.
- 1905 Oct (24) — Theodore Roosevelt, by invitation, visited county on train; stopped at Mt. Creek only.
- 1906 Feb (15) — Southern Bell to install local phone system.
- 1906 Aug (2) — Electric lights turned on at courthouse for the first time.
- 1908 Feb (20) — County increased voting precincts from 8 to 16.
- 1908 Nov (12) — Proposed power plant on Coosa River in Chilton makes local news; electric service for Montgomery and Birmingham.
- 1909 Feb (2) — William Jennings Bryan comes through county on train; spoke & shook hands. 1910 — Census for county was 23,187.
- 1910 — Hayes/Hopkins infirmary opened to public. (Old Stanfield Place).
- 1911 Aug — First motion picture shown in Clanton.
- 1914 Jan — Clanton Band played and an airplane made first landing in Clanton.
- 1914 Apr — Lay Dam hydraulic power site completed and operating. [Lock 12]
- 1914 — Contract let and High School built by J.H. Roberts and Son. (Lockwood, Architect.).
- 1918 Aug — Fire destroyed the county courthouse. Records saved except for Board of Education.
- 1920 — Census for county was 22, 770.
- 1920 — Wadesonian motion picture theater constructed; later known as Old Wadesonian on 2nd Avenue west of the railroad tracks.
- 1920 Aug 27. The first woman ever registered to vote in Chilton County was Mrs. Mollie Murrah Sessions. [Republican].
- 1923 Aug 15. Mitchell Dam hydraulic power site completed and operating
- 1926 Jul — Beeline Highway completed through Clanton connecting Birmingham and Montgomery
- 1930 — Census for county was 24, 671.
- 1936 Apr 23 — New Wadesonian movie theatre opened on 7th Street.
- 1936 Apr 29 — First Sunday afternoon movie.
- 1939 — High School burned and classes moved to Baptist Church.
- 1962—County courthouse dismantled and replaced by current structure.



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## SPECIAL MEETING

A special session of the Historical Society will be held on Friday, May 3rd 1996 at 5:00 p.m. Local author, John L. Hayman will introduce the material in his just released book, *Bitter Harvest*. This is a historical perspective of the political career of Richmond Flowers, former Attorney General of the State of Alabama. Mr. Hayman will be available after the meeting to sign copies of the book purchased at that time. A portion of the proceeds from sales of the book will be donated to the Chilton County Historical Society and to the Chilton/Clanton Public Library. This will be a rare chance to honor a local scholar whose qualifications mark him as one eminently qualified to make a significant contribution to the his-

tory of Alabama, the United States and to our own county.

## FOSHEE FAMILY REUNION

Scheduled for 26 and 27 April, 1996 at Greenwood, S.C. Meeting Saturday at Hwy 34 Vol. Fire Department. For more details contact Barabara A. Hunt, P.O.B. 985, Kathleen, Fla., 33849 or telephone her at 941-853-3401 (P.M.).

## QUERY

Seeking information on parents of Emiline, Tempi and Howell Wheelis supposedly born at Tumpkins, Stewart County, Ga. These siblings connected by marriage to the Barnes and Blankenship families in Coosa County, Al. prior to Civil War. G.W. Blankenship and Howell Wheelis served in the Confederate Army. Any information about Wheelis parents please contact Margie J. Gentry, P.O.B. 14, McCalla, Al., 35111-0014.

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John Hayman although born in Arkansas was raised in Jemison where he attended local schools, graduating from Jemison High School in the class of 1948. His parents owned and operated the Jemison Cafe during those years of Mr. Hayman's youth. He subsequently attended and graduated from the University of Alabama where he was a member of the Million Dollar Band.

Later scholastic achievement came at New York University, Syracuse University and Stanford University. The areas of study pursued were in the field of Journalism and Education. His career included professor-ships at Pennsylvania State University, the University of Alabama, Auburn University, George Wallace Community College of Dothan and Troy State University. Integrated in much of the work and educational development of his interest was a commitment to Computer Science and related subjects.

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## GENEOLOGY TREASURE DISCOVERED BY SOCIETY MEMBER

A member of the Historical Society recently downloaded an article which proves to be highly valued. The original article by Lisa Mundy appeared in the Washington City Paper some time ago. Attempts to reach her for reprint permission were fruitless. So, here is the article which was written by her and is a direct quote. Any reprints or retransmissions would do her a disservice if she were not credited properly. We all owe her a serious debt of gratitude for having uncovered and broadcast the situation which will be evident in the following paragraphs.

### WAR IN PIECES

By Liza Mundy

News traveled slowly in 1865. So it was not strange that on April 27 of that year - 24 days after federal troops stormed Richmond, forcing Jefferson Davis and his secessionist government to flee the Confederate capital and tolling the demise of the Souther cause; 18 days after Robert E. Lee surrendered at Appomattox Court House; 13 days after Lincoln was fatally wounded at Ford's

Theater; 12 days after Andrew Johnson assumed the U.S. presidency; nine days after Gen. Joseph E. Johnston, commander of the Army of Tennessee, capitulated to William Tecumseh Sherman, in North Carolina; one day after presidential assassin John Wilkes Booth was shot to death; and on the same day the steamship Sultana exploded on the Mississippi River, killing more than 1,000 Union soldiers on their way home from Confederate Prison - Samuel Cooper, the inspector adjutant general of the Confederate Army, found it necessary to write Gen. Johnston from Charlotte, North Carolina, to inquire whether the Civil War had indeed ended.

Cooper, who was charged with maintaining the records of the Confederate Army, also hoped Johnston might tell him what to do with the masses of war-related documents he had rescued from the rebel government's offices in Richmond. "It was found impracticable to transfer the records of the War Department further than this place, and they remain here under my charge," wrote Cooper, who owing to illness, had remained in North Carolina while Davis and his cohorts traveled into hiding. "The President and Secretary of War impressed me with the necessity of their preservation in our own hands, if possible; if not, then by the enemy, as essential to the history of the struggle."



by their masters. From this, he extracts one of the faded slave rolls, written to acknowledge the "receipt" of male slaves who helped build an earthen fort near Cape Fear, North Carolina. The slaves were listed only by their first name: Alfred, Sidney, Frank, Harry, Green, Stanford, Jerry, Henderson, Anderson, Jack, Albertus. Beside each name is the number "22", presumably the amount to be paid; whether dollars or cents is not indicated. Neither is the recipient of the money. "I doubt," says Meier dryly, "that the slaves got any of it."

To give the Archives credit, not all Confederate records have been allowed to wither and wizen. Letters written to Jefferson Davis after the war, when he was confined in federal prison at Fort Monroe, have been flattened, laminated, and tidily stowed in folders. Meier's favorite is the one marked with admirable archival understatement, "anonymous and abusive" - containing swollen tirades dashed off by embittered Yankees to the erstwhile president of the Confederacy. While romantic generals like Jackson and Lee were lionized in the South, the North, and Europe, the more prosaic Davis served as a kind of universal scapegoat for the sins of the South: Seizing upon a rumor that he had dressed up as a woman to escape - but was caught when the wardens noted the bootspurs protruding from his hoop skirt - many of the letter writers used this apocryphal escapade as an excuse to heap abuse on the man whom they saw as responsible for virtually every horrific episode of a horrific war:

"The blood of our murdered friend cries out for retribution," raged one writer, who illustrated his (or her) point with an elaborate drawing of Davis clad in spurs and bonnet and hoop skirt, dangling, dead, from a gallows.

"My hopes and prayers are that you will be hung by the neck until you are dead, dead!" wrote another. "And that is more honor than you deserve, you son of a bitch."

"I heard you was in trouble," reads another. "Can I render you any assistance. Yours till I get you, the Devil." It should be said that the Union records aren't in much better shape than the confederate collection. Federal muster rolls have also languished folded and crammed into aged cardboard boxes for more than 50 years; however, these enjoy the chief advantage of having been written on higher quality paper with better ink. In truly dismal shape are the enormous Union Hospital registers that record the names and ailments of sick and injured Yankee soldiers. (Least you think this makes for dull reading, consider that the archivists not too long ago discovered a page in the August 1859 register of the U.S. Military Hospital at West Point,

which revealed that a promising young soldier named "Custer" was suffering from gonorrhea.) At one time these volumes boasted classic 19th century red and brown binding; now the leather is spoiled and torn, the spines falling off the books in great stringy masses. Some have been "shrink-wrapped" - a primitive form of conservation that consists of swaddling them in plastic - but many have had the plastic coating torn away, presumably by scholars endeavoring to get at their contents. Similarly decrepit are registers of letters written by African-Americans to the "Colored Troops Division" of the Union Army during and after the war. Again, these indexes were leather-bound and beautiful once upon a time; now they are disheveled and frayed. Tracing an entry at random, Meier draws out a nearby box to retrieve one of the letters; a tiny 3 by 8 inch plea written in June 1877 by one James Warwick of Oxford, Maryland. In fine, regular handwriting, Warwick respectfully requested any and all information the military might have to offer about his son, Robert, who he had not seen or heard of since 1864.

"I wrote to Washington about a year ago, but could get no information," wrote the elder Warwick, with a parent's undying hopefulness. "Recently have heard you could give me the information causes me to adopt this course."

Warwick must have been disappointed. The terse response that's attached to his letter informs him that his son was "transferred to the United States Navy in April 17, 1864," and in classic bureaucratese, directs him to get in touch with the Navy.

If the canker of archival decay extends as far as the Union records, it also infects the bulk of the Archives' military holdings. The records of the War of 1812 may be in worse shape than those of the Confederacy, says archivist Michael Musick, who frankly thinks the Southern files are downright pristine in comparison. Also slightly embarrassing is the poor quality of records from both World Wars - printed on wood-pulp paper, which breaks down more quickly than rag. "One of the generalizations you can make about military records during wartime," offer conservationist Norvell Jones, "is that they are often in very poor condition, because paper is one of the areas during war periods where you can economize."

Going further, some scholars would say that everything in the National Archives is in varying stages of decay - except, perhaps, the T-shirts and guidebooks in the public gift shop.

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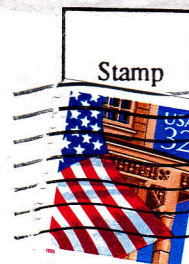
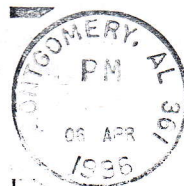
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The regular quarterly meeting of the Chilton County Historical Society will be held at the Chilton/Clanton Public Library on 14 July, 1996 at 2:00 p.m. The program for the day will be a tour of the newly created genealogy room in the Library. The meeting will be dedicated in honor of Librarian Mrs. Jo Abernethy for the accomplishment of such outstanding merit. All members of the Society who can possibly attend this meeting are urged to do so that the tribute to Mrs. Abernethy and her staff may be made all the more memorable. An intermission after the tour and honors are presented will be followed by the Society business meeting.

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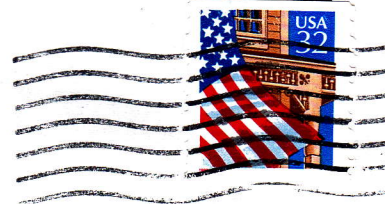
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## **QUARTERLY MEETING**

The October meeting of the Chilton County Historical Society is scheduled for Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. on the 20th of October. This is a week after the regularly scheduled time for the meeting. The Society will benefit by the remarks of guest speaker, Ms. Lorene Lecroy. Ms. Lecroy is, and has been, a loyal and dutiful member of the Society for quite sometime. She has also made many accomplishments in preserving, conserving and extending Chilton county history. This will be an eminently interesting program. Everyone is invited to bring a guest or guests with them.

## **VOTING HISTORY**

The editor of the Chilton County News recently received a book which he was allowed to peruse that contains some interesting history of Chilton County. The title of the book is Alabama: Notes and Extracts from Turbulent Chilton County. It was compiled and published by W.T. Hand of Jemison and the latest date in it is as about 1928. The contents of the book offer evidence of the deaths of a number of people. It also offers evidence that these dead people were

carried on the rolls of those authorized to vote in Chilton County. Mr. Hand has single-handedly pointed out the voting irregularities of the era from about 1919 through 1924. It is an unusual book and excerpts giving proof of deaths not previously recorded in the Cemeteries of Chilton will be subject matter for this publication at a future date.

Is there a possibility of locating another copy of this book? It seems highly unlikely but we pose the question on the remote chance that another will surface at some future date.

## **QUERIES**

A question for our members concerns Rev. Buford Lawrence. Does anyone know the burial place of Buford and wife, Molly Burnett Lawrence? It would be helpful to know the date of his or her death so that his obituary may be obtained.

The Society as well as Betty Collins is interested in obtaining any high school annuals and/or city directories for Chilton/Clanton or other communities. If you can help with this need please contact Ben Roberts.

## **SHIP CHRISTENED**

Mrs. Charity M. Deason, 60, of Clanton, whispered a silent prayer as she christened the U.S.S. Sloat at the Brown Shipbuilding Company yards. The prayer was for her six sons serving in the armed services and a seventh who was killed the year before.

The Deasons had farmed in Alabama for many generations, but they put aside their plows and left their farming to go fight for their country. They were known as the "fighting Deasons" in Alabama in World War II. Mrs. Deason, with a sixteen year old son and a seventeen year old daughter, ran the farm while her husband and another son worked in a shell loading plant. Her husband, J.B. Deason was 63 and the son was Van Poe Deason, age 32.

One of her sons, Staff Sgt. James Deason, was stationed in New Orleans at the time of the christening. When he heard about his mother, he was given a pass to join her in Houston. He traveled by bus, and was there to accompany her to the launching.

The mother of thirteen had never been to Texas, in fact, she rarely left her farm. Christening this destroyer named for Rear Adm. John



Drake Sloat, hero of the war of 1812 and later commander of the Pacific Fleet, was something she would always remember. She could not understand why she had been chosen, saying that members of her family had always thought it an honor to fight for their country. Her grandfather, Calvil Perry, died in the Civil War. Other members of her family had died in World War I.

Two of her sons were on the carrier Wasp when it went down. One survived, but George Warren Deason, age 21, died. Her philosophy, "You just can't expect happy endings when there is a war being fought."

On her departure from Houston she commented, "I had better get back and roll up my sleeves. You can't win a war sitting around a lovely hotel room and riding around town in fancy automobiles." "Goodness gracious, wouldn't those boys of mine be proud to see their mother getting all of this attention." In her Rice Hotel room was a large bouquet of roses compliments of the Brown Shipbuilding Company officials.

Charity Deason (23 Sep 1882 - 6 Jun 1949) was born Charity Rachel Mize, in Bibb Co., AL, the daughter of John Mize and Mary Elizabeth Perry. She is buried in New Harmony Primitive Baptist Cemetery in Chilton county. Beside her is her husband, James B. Deason (5 Aug 1882 - 15 May 1970). The son, F/I George Warren Deason (21 Jan 1921 - 16 Sep 1942) killed in World War II, is there with them. Their other known children were: Coy, Van Poe, Dan, Harold, James, Sam, Leo, Frank Deason, Mary Maddox, Etta Shirley, and Mildred Golden.

Note: Although the tombstone of George W. gives his death date as 1943, he had to have died in 1942. His mother went to Texas in January 1943.

Sources: Charity M. Deason's christening ship, *CHILTON COUNTY NEWS*, 4 Feb 1943.

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