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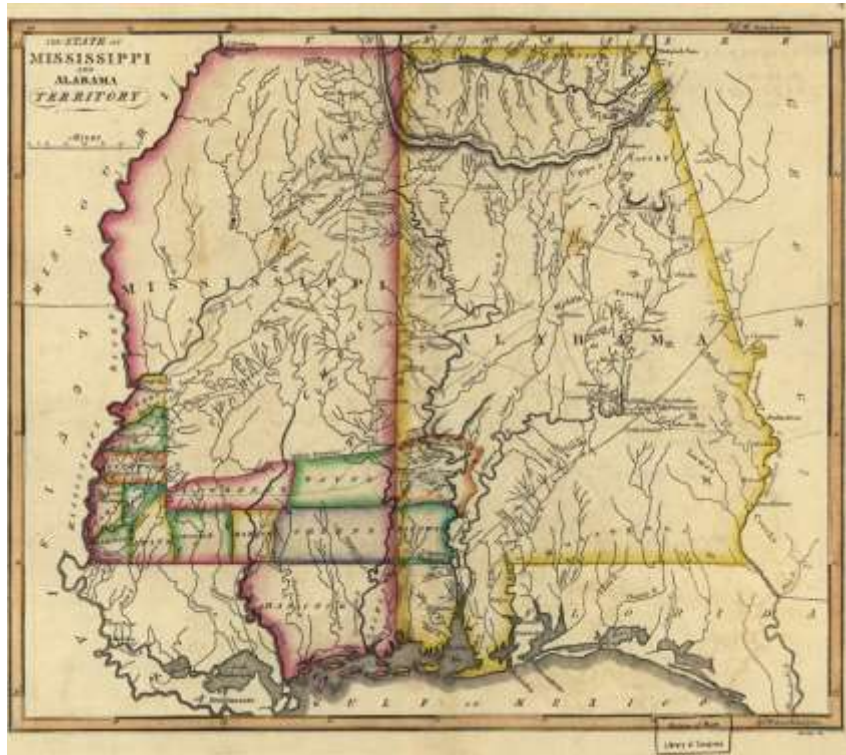
March 2014

COMING EVENTS AT LOBRANO HOUSE

The monthly luncheon meeting will be held on Thursday, March 20, 2014, at noon at the Kate Lobrano House. Guest speaker for the program will be local students who are state winners in the National History Day Contest and will represent Mississippi at the national contest in June. They are Taylor Blocker, Julia Battles, Garrett Stone, and Gabrielle Wilkie. Also attending will be Renee McClen-don, NHD in MS Volunteer-State Co-Coordinator, Director of Outreach and Mentorship. **Reservations are required** and may be made by calling 467-4090. **Respectfully we must insist that you please call by noon on Wednesday, March 19, 2014,** to make your reservation, to help us plan seating which is limited to forty-eight people, and to apprise us of the number for whom to prepare. The price of the lunch is \$10.00.

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Thanks to all of you who have renewed your membership. If your membership is due, your address label will read "Time to renew your membership." Please mail your renewal checks to Hancock County Historical Society, P. O. Box 3356, Bay St. Louis MS 39521, and invite your friends to join as well.



Two Hundred Years of Hancock County, Mississippi

By
Louis Fuchs

As the citizens of Hancock County begin to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Battle of the Bay of St. Louis, fought on December 13, 1814, it is good to remember how we came to be here.

A friend of mine invited me to one of the monthly Historical Society luncheons a while back. When we arrived at

the Lobrano House, what I saw was a small, old house with a broken rocker on the porch. It seemed like an appropriate place for a historical society. When we entered the building, I saw several tables set up with tablecloths, napkins, silverware, and flowers on each table. At the back of the room was an elevated platform used as a stage with a podium for a speaker. The wall on my left was covered with pictures that had originally been taken years before, providing a visual history of, mostly, Bay St. Louis and Waveland. On the opposite wall was a large bookcase containing a wide range of books covering var-

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ious aspects of history. There was a capacity crowd of guests and several volunteers who had given their time to make the luncheon successful. I don't remember who the speaker was that day. What I do remember was the pleasant atmosphere, the friendly crowd of people, and the dedication that everyone seemed to have to preserve our heritage.

For some reason, that dedication is contagious. Why do we work so hard to discover and preserve our history?

I am originally from the New Orleans area and knew hardly anything about the history of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. After my initial experience at one of the monthly luncheons, I began to attend them regularly. My first opportunity to volunteer came at the Historical Society's annual Halloween Tour in the Cedar Rest Cemetery. I was a tour guide, and through the tour, I began to become aware of who the settlers of the area were, what they were like, and what the fabric of life was like during different periods of time in Hancock County and along the Mississippi Gulf Coast. I began to spend some time at the Lobrano House looking at the thousands of pictures of the people and homes of the area that had been organized and preserved by Charles Gray, Executive Director of the Society. Many of those homes were destroyed by past hurricanes and are no longer here. The only evidence of their existence is the photographs that the Society has. I began to feel a kinship with the people who had come before me. I began to feel

a responsibility to do what I could to preserve the memory of their existence.

Over time, I learned that people began wandering into the area about five thousand years ago. It's hard to imagine being the first humans to set foot on a Gulf Coast that contained hills and forests, wild game, marshes, a moderate climate, and a seemingly endless supply of seafood. The original people organized themselves into tribes and villages. They also began trading with one another both in the immediate area and also in a much wider area that included what is now the southeastern United States. Life continued this way until the Europeans discovered the “New World” in 1492. Columbus' discovery ushered in the Age of Exploration. The discovery of gold led Spain to focus on South and Central America. The English established colonies on the eastern seaboard of North America. Likewise, the French explored Canada and the Great Lakes region, eventually traveling down the Mississippi River.

Under the guidance of d'Iberville, the French sailed into the Gulf of Mexico, looking for the mouth of the Mississippi River in 1699, and founded a colony in Biloxi. From there they explored the inland areas around the Bay of St. Louis and Lake Pontchartrain. Ultimately they discovered the mouth of the river. In 1701 the French moved the government headquarters from Biloxi to Mobile and in 1722 to New Orleans because of the lack of deep water along the coast between the barrier islands and the mainland. After the

move the remaining colonists and local Indians were reduced to subsistence living until the end of the French and Indian War in 1763. France and Spain gave Great Britain all of their claims to lands east of the Mississippi River, and the British divided the territory into East and West Florida. Spain invaded West Florida in 1781 and retained it until the residents rebelled in 1810 and established the Republic of West Florida. The United States claimed the area shortly thereafter as part of the Louisiana Purchase, and the area became part of the State of Mississippi in 1817.

The development of railroads in the nineteenth century changed the transportation patterns. The movement of goods and services was no longer restricted to rivers and waterways. Railroads created land based transportation centers and created the demand for roads, buildings, homes, and people to service them. They also ushered in an increase in tourism, which in turn created a demand for hotels and the infrastructure needed to accommodate them.

During the administration of President Eisenhower in the 1950's, the Dwight D. Eisenhower System of Interstate and Defense Highways revolutionized the transportation patterns once again. Known today simply as the interstate highway system, it helped make possible the opening of the Stennis Space Center, which created jobs, the demand for additional housing, and the economic development that goes with such a project.



The HCHS exhibit at History Week showing the Cemetery Tour poster, the *Book of Marks and Brands* and the Mallard chair (right background)

We started our narrative asking why we work so hard to discover our history and preserve it. Sciences like archaeology, biology, physics, neuroscience, and anthropology have given us a great deal of knowledge about our history. Some people say that we study history so that we can avoid making the same mistakes over and over. Sometimes that is true and sometimes not. Some people have an instinctive urge to preserve our heritage: it helps us to know who we are and where we have come from.

As our knowledge of history grows, the arc of history grows longer and longer. When we take the longer view, we realize that we are just the latest stop on a road that started thousands of years ago and will probably go forward from us for thousands of years into the future. The insights that we have gained from knowing our history have

enabled us to build a better, if not perfect, world. When we pass that knowledge on to future generations, we help them do the same, and we find our own place in history.

History Week in Biloxi

By
Eddie Coleman

The Mississippi Coast Historical and Genealogical Society and the City of Biloxi hosted the 24th Annual Mississippi Coast History week February 16-18 at the Biloxi Visitors Center, located at 1050 Beach Blvd. across from the Biloxi Lighthouse. For the past several years the Hancock County Historical Society has participated in the event.

Organizations which presented exhibits during the week

were the Biloxi Fire Museum, the Local History and Genealogy Department of the Biloxi Library, the Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum, Beauvoir, the Biloxi Schools, and the Department of Marine Resources. New this year was a historical display from Keesler Air Force Base. Historical societies participating were the Hancock County Historical Society, the Ocean Springs Genealogical Society, the Long Beach Historical Society, the Jackson County Historical Society, and the Historical Society of Gulfport. Additionally, the following ethnic groups participated: the Fleur de Lis Ladies Auxiliary, the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church (Greek and Russian), the Jewish Community, and the Slavonian Ladies Auxiliary.

Early Sunday morning Eddie Coleman trucked the articles in the HCHS exhibit to Biloxi and set up individual sections for the opening of the event at noon. The exhibit consisted of brochures on the exploration of the Mississippi Gulf Coast and formation of Hancock County, an exhibit from and information on the Monte Walden Collection of Native American Artifacts, an 1857 map of the Bay of Saint Louis and Shieldsboro Harbor, a child's chair made by Prudent Mallard, noted New Orleans furniture maker, and the newly preserved *Book of Marks and Brands* for Hancock County. The item which drew the most attention in the exhibit was this *Book of Marks and Brands*. In addition to the entries in it, visitors were most intrigued by the

handwriting and made many remarks bemoaning the loss of good penmanship nowadays.

The HCHS would like to thank the volunteers who manned the exhibit during the event: Executive Director Charles Gray, President John Gibson, and Eddie Coleman.



An 1857 map of the Bay of St. Louis and Shieldsboro Harbor.



A child's chair crafted by Prudent Mallard.

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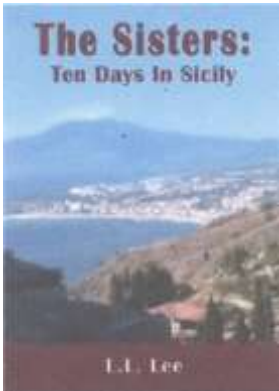


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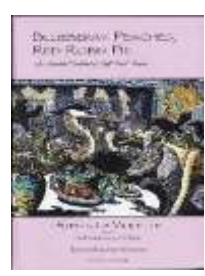
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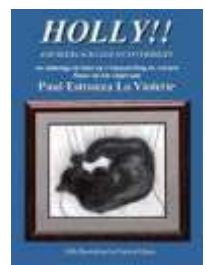
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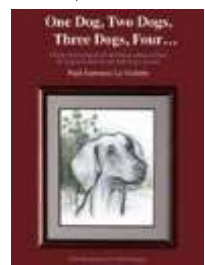
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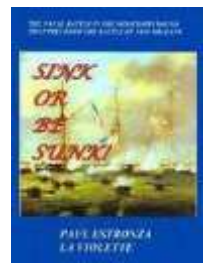
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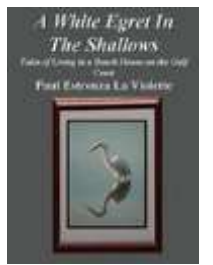
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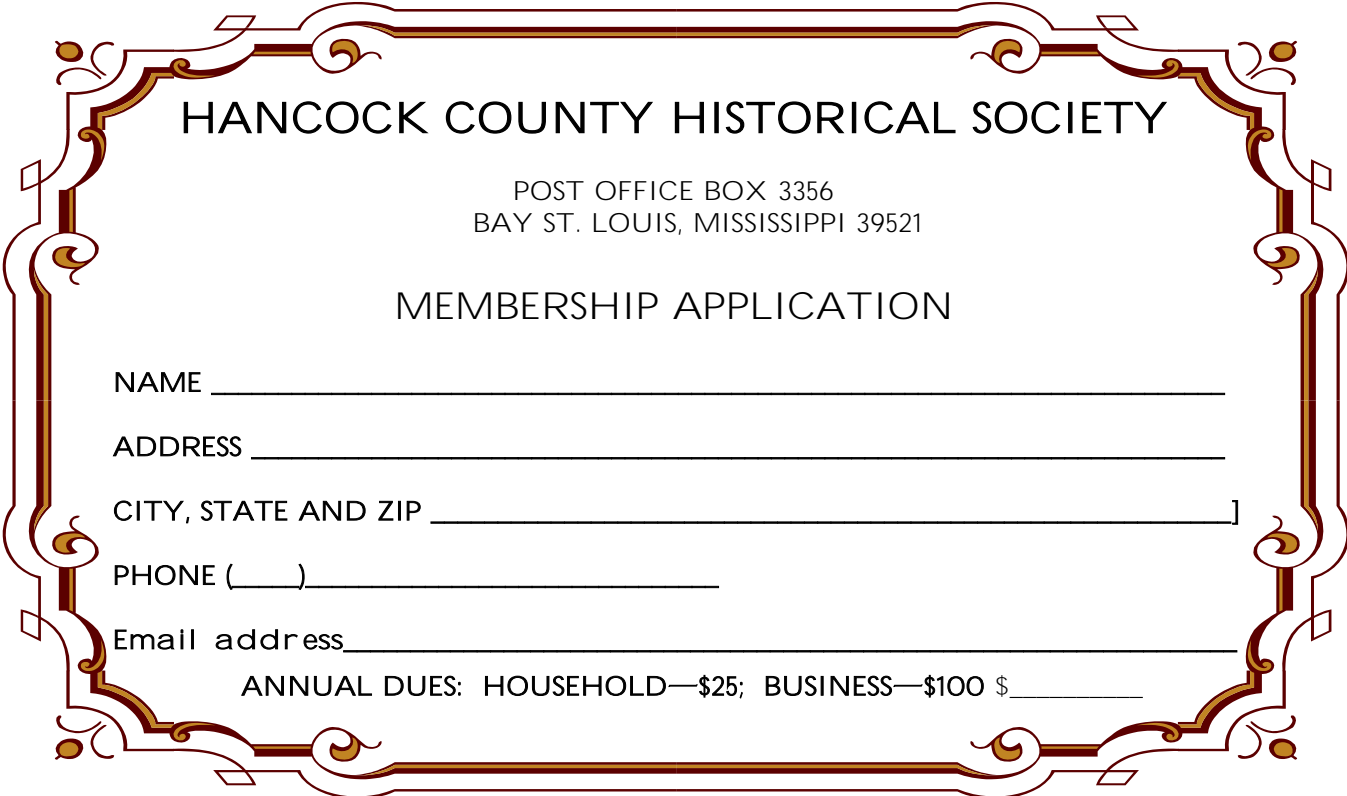
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