

JUNE 2012 NEWSLETTER

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June 4, 2012

Dear Friends & Members

Our May Garden Party at the home of Jeanne and James McDaniel was a huge success with cooperating weather and a very nice turnout. In addition to our special thanks to the McDaniels and Jackye Carroll, our Garden Party chair, we want to thank all of you (sponsors, volunteers and attendees) for making this year's event such a success.

The Society recently received two highly interesting gifts an early Pass Christian Photo Album and a set of dolls and they are the main subject of this newsletter and Monday night's meeting.

Later in the month at our luncheon Chet Nicholson will speak about the "Dixie Mafia"

—Tom Shellnut, & the Board of Trustees

Monthly Meeting-Monday June 11, at 7 p.m.

The Historical Society received an extraordinary gift recently of a photo album of Pass Christian, which seems to date from 1902-04. A showing of the album is the subject of Monday night's talk.

Luncheon & Book Signing June 26 at 12 noon. Chet Nicholson will be the speaker and will discuss the Dixie Mafia. He is the author of "Dream Room," a book about the Dixie Mafia. To pre-order a copy of his book (\$17.95 plus tax), please email info@passhistory.org. We will also have a limited number of books for sale at the luncheon. A portion of the proceeds of the book sales will help support the Pass Christian Historical Society. Thank you to Scott Naugle and Pass Christian Books for working with us on this!



The pair of dolls, along with the cabinet are the gift of Dora Louisel Cook of New Orleans.



The Hansen Twins' Dolls

Dora Louisel Cook, recently donated to the Society a pair of dolls, the childhood possessions of her mother and aunt — Dora and Ellen Hansen. The accompanying photo from 1906 shows the two sets of dolls: the living dolls are three years old in the photo. Herbert Hanson, the father of Mary Catherine Ward and Julia Cerra, was the older brother of the twins.

An Old Photo Album Out of the blue, the Society received an extraordinary photo album that seems to date from about 1902 from a J. Polly of Fairplay Colorado. Apparently Ms Polly bought it at a thrift store, and upon discovering our website, made a gift of the 26-page album to the Society. There are no dates in the album, but the brand name on the album cover is "Deckle Photones" which a google search shows being for sale in newspaper ads in 1902 and 1904. Some of the photos are stock photos. For example "Aunt Lucy Marshall' & her ox" appears in the 1895 *Along the Gulf*, and later as a postcard. Many appear to be

personal "Kodaks," and we are delighted to see among them views of "Back Way," modern Second Street, and of course "Front Way."

On the reverse is a small sampling of photos from the album. If there is sufficient interest we will reprint the album. But before doing so, we would like to do a little more research. Meanwhile the album will be the subject of Monday night's talk.

Our thanks again to these Garden Party Sponsors

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A sampling of photos from an album recently donated to the Society. The first image is a commercial image that first appeared in 1895. There are many more photos in the album. The large diagonal image below seems to be of Seal Ave. (Our apologies about the image quality.) Come Monday night to see the full album in all of its glory!

