

# MARCH 2015 NEWSLETTER

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228 452-7254 • info@passhistory.org • Building typically open: Thursday-Friday-Saturday, 10-2 p.m.  
Evening meetings at 7 p.m. on the 2nd Monday • Monthly luncheons are typically on the 4th Monday of the month.

## March 2, 2015

Dear Friends & Members,

We are in shock at the passing of Mary Helen Schaeffer on February 26. Mary Helen had been involved in all aspects of the Society, serving long stints as recording secretary, and of course working with the Tour of Homes. She was a faithful and devoted member of the Society and served on the Board of Trustees. She was a wonderful advocate of the Society (and historic preservation in general) and her passing is mourned by all. Our hearts go out to Phil.

—Virgil Harris and the Board of Trustees

### Upcoming Events

**Monday, March 9th, 7 p.m. (Day Light Savings Time).** Monthly meeting. The Pass Christian Community Theater Project will review their first year, as well as preview the coming year and future projects.

**Saturday March 14.** Watch the Pass's Saint Patrick's Day Parade from the Historical Society Building. The parade is scheduled to start from City Hall at 2 p.m.

**Monday, March 23th, 12 noon**  
Monthly luncheon. Author Jeff Wallace will speak about "In God We Trusted-Mississippi's Constitution and the Restoration of America." A \$10 (\$12 non-members) admission fee, which includes lunch is payable at the door. Please email your reservation to: president@passhistory.org or call 228 452-7254



Mary Helen Schaeffer posing with a Times Picayune article on the 2008 Tour of Homes which included her house.

**Monday, April 13th, 7 p.m.** Monthly meeting. Stacie Watts will speak about the fascinating history of Cat Island.

**Monday, April 27th, 12 noon**  
Monthly luncheon. Milady Howard will speak on "Pass Projects."

### Headquarters established at Pass Christiana 1815

THE ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES  
HISTORICAL SKETCHES OF STAFF  
AND LINE WITH PORTRAITS OF  
GENERALS-IN-CHIEF. EDITED BY  
THEO[PHILUS] F[FRANCIS] RODEN-  
BOUGH BVT. BRIGADIER GENERAL  
U.S.A. AND WILLIAM L. HASKIN MA-  
JOR, FIRST ARTILLERY NEW YORK  
MA YNARD, MERRILL, & CO. 1896

The present First Regiment of Infantry was organized pursuant to Act of March 3, 1815, and General Orders of date May 17, 1815, from the Second, Third, Seventh and Forty-fourth Regiments of Infantry, and was assigned to duty in the Division of the South with headquarters at Pass Christiana, La. Not one officer of the old First Infantry was assigned to it nor were any from the old Second or Seventh, although the reorganization order would seem to require it. Seventeen officers of the 3d and 44th Regiments which had so recently greatly distinguished themselves at the battle of New Orleans, were so assigned, and the remainder were apparently selected from the army at large. ■

Two photos of Pass Christian homes from the Deckler Album which dates to about 1900. (The second home stood at 533 East Scenic Drive.)



*Red, white & green cottage  
West End - Front Way.*



*Walmesley Cottage - Front Way.*