

OCTOBER 2012 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.

September 30, 2012

Dear Friends & Members

We are glad to report that our flooring is back in place following the storm, and Sally James will be speaking at our Monday night meeting. Note that December 5th has been set for the date of this year's Christmas party.

Nominations for three trustees will be presented at the October 8 membership meeting. At that time, members will be able to make nominations from the floor in addition to those nominees presented by the nominating committee appointed by the chairman of the board. The election will be at the society meeting on November 12. The term of office is for three years beginning January 1, 2013.

—Tom Shellnut, & the Board of Trustees



Cynthia Hammond, Barbara Woelke, Clayton Hardy and Poky Hans at a recent meeting about next year's Trash or Treasure event. If you would like to volunteer for this event, please contact Evelina.)

October Events

Monthly Meeting-Monday October 8, at 7 p.m.

Sally James will be speaking about the Old Town Library

Luncheon October 22, at 12 noon.

Ron Skellie is our speaker at the October luncheon, and he will talk about his new book "Lest We Forget-The Immortal Seventh Mississippi." Ron was reared in Long Beach, MS and has authored several books about the Civil War. In addition to speaking at the luncheon, Ron will also drop in at the October 8, 2012 membership meeting so he can promote his books. He will have copies of his books for sale at the lunch and perhaps at the membership meeting and he will gladly autograph them if desired.

November-December Events

November 12, 2012 7 pm	General Membership Meeting (Election of Officers)
November 26, 2012 noon	TBA
December 5, 2012	Christmas Party
December 7, 2012 5-9pm	Christmas in the Pass

Trash or Treasure?

The Society is currently working on a fun new event for next year. It will be called "Trash or Treasure?" and will be an Antiques Roadshow-type of event, where you can bring in items of interest and speak with an expert about their possible value. We have begun working on plans for the event, which will be held at the Society building in February or March 2013, and if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Evelina at 228-363-1973 or info@passhistory.org.

Oral History

The Society is also kicking off a new oral history project, continuing our long tradition of recording personal histories for posterity. In partnership with the USM Oral History Center, we hope to gather oral histories from community members, as well as be a repository and resource for accessing existing oral histories. The director of the USM center, Linda VanZandt (who will be our luncheon speaker in November), has given us transcriptions of a number of oral histories that USM has in their archives, including ones by Gerald and Marie Peralta and Fred DeMetz and Dorothy Niolet from 1979; Bidwell A. Barnes and Lawrence Roberts from the Brown Condor Association oral history project; and post-Katrina interviews with Mayor

Chipper McDermott, Rep. Diane Peranich, Police Chief John Dubuisson and others. We have also been given audio recordings of 32 oral histories conducted in Pass Christian in 2011.

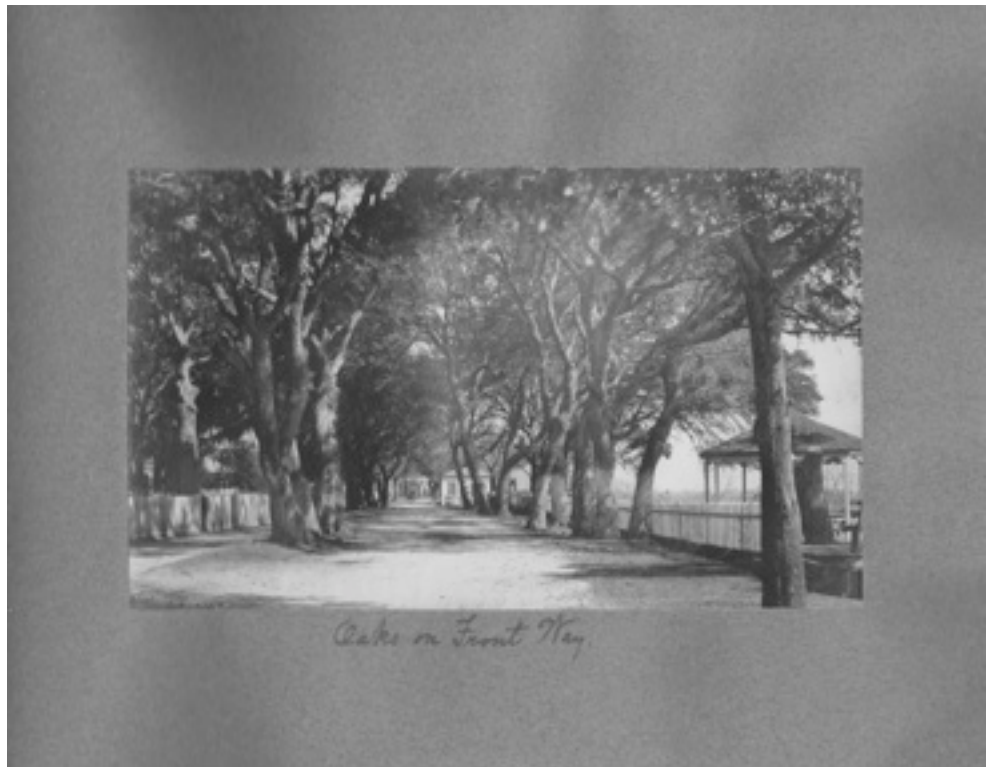
This is in addition to our own collection of oral histories, which were conducted in the late 1970s by Betty Carlin. We don't have audio recordings of these histories, but we do have the transcriptions and plan to re-publish them soon.

USM has also loaned us a recorder, microphone and video recorder for our project. We plan to have an exhibit and possibly put together a walking tour with these oral histories, in addition to housing them as a historical resource in our building.

We will be conducting a training in late October for anyone interested in learning how to conduct an oral history interview. We are also seeking names of individuals who you think would make for an interesting interview. If you would like to volunteer or have a recommendation for an oral history interview, please email Evelina at info@passhistory.org or call 228-363-1973.



Walmsley Cottage - Front View.
533 East Scenic. From the Deckler Photones Album recently donated to the Historical Society.



The West End of Scenic Drive -- From the Deckler Photones Album recently donated to the Historical Society.