

SEPTEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

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Evening meetings at 7 p.m. on the 2nd Monday • Monthly luncheons are typically on the 4th Monday of the month.

August 25, 2015

Dear Friends & Members,

The summer has been relatively active with our new Archivist Marian Foster commencing to catalog the material in the vault. If you are interested in helping with that work, please contact Marian.

Sue Laudeman has compiled a list of books in the library and we plan to have a work party start putting that room in order in September. Again your help will be appreciated.

Damage from a water leak from the A/C unit has been repaired as has the stucco in the exterior columns.

Three new members joined the Society at the last membership meeting and Wendy Allard is lining up some speakers with interesting topics for the fall.

But the big news is that a site for the Christmas Party that will be held on Monday, December 7 (see below).

My thanks go to the Members of the Board for their work in achieving so many things during the past few months.

And finally next Saturday marks the tenth anniversary of Katrina, a day we suppose none of us will forget.

—Virgil Harris and the Board of Trustees

Upcoming Events

Monday, September 14, 7 p.m.
Monthly meeting. “The Twilight Zone-Cuban Style” with **Gloria Reinherr**.

Monday, September 28, 12 noon.
Monthly luncheon. **Gary Higginbotham** will speak on “Merchant Marine Academy Football Teams in



August 29, 2005 (about 10:30 a.m.) backyard Second Street as Katrina flood waters rise.

Pass Christian.” A \$10 (\$12 non-members) admission fee, which includes lunch is payable at the door. Please call 228 452-7254 or email your reservation to: president@passhistory.org.

Monday, October 12, 7 p.m.
Monthly meeting. Speaker to be announced.

Monday October 26, 12 noon.
Lori Fisher and the Discovery students from Pass Christian Middle School will present “A taste of the Live Oak Cemetery Tour.”

Monday, December 7. The **Christmas party** will be held at the home of William and Dr. Angela Wingfield at 915 East Scenic. Wilma and

Lou Rizzardi will be chairing the event. Nancy Calder is in charge of food as she was last year. Many thanks to all.

The Summer of 1865 at the Pass

New Orleans Times, Sunday, July 23, 1865, pg 4 col 1

OUR SUMMER RETREATS

If on a hurried visit, the Pass, being the nearest point to the city, was of course the most desirable.

The accommodations of Montgomery’s [West end of Scenic] were all that could be wished for. The tables were spread with every luxury that the city or the Gulf could produce. The oyster tanks shelled out in willing response to all calls—the fisheries

were never backward, and the bath-houses were always found temptingly open.

In addition to the famous hotels, a large number of our wealthy citizens—bankers and merchant princes—living in stately palaces, with airy balconies and modern conveniences of which Lucullus never dreamt—kept open house for the benefit of their city friends.

Between these appetites were carefully nursed; fishing excursions planned; regattas indulged in, in which rival yachts of all the neighboring places danced merrily over snow-capped billows for supremacy; the foreign news canvassed; the crop prospects discussed; correspondence received by the incoming replied to in time for the returning steamer.

In fine, from this delightful watering place the city denizen, in full view of the ocean waves, emblematic of the uncertainties of his own calling, or the casual visitor in search of fresh air, was equally blessed. —Transcribed by M. James Stevens

New Orleans Times, Monday, July 31, 1865, pg 6 col 1

Pass Christian, July 18, 1865

To the Editor of the N.O. Times —

Our fair village of Pass Christian is gradually filling up again.

The old inhabitants who, by stress of circumstances, or by scarcity of corn, were compelled to absent themselves, are returning, for the most part, with cheerful faces, and reconciled to meet with privations if encountered in the vicinity of their choice.

'Tis true that but little progress has so far been made towards repairing the ravages of time and thieves, but all

contemplate an approaching new era, and anticipate a renewal of the halcyon days of yore.

Regularity Important

The boats have hitherto been irregular in their trips between this and New Orleans, and it is probable that many who have gone elsewhere would have preferred this position if left to their choice. Now, however, that they have become more reliable, the tide of population appears to be returning to its usual channel, and we may expect ere long fully as many as we can accommodate.

Rentals

Quite a number of houses have been rented, but there still remains several unengaged; which may be had at a reasonable if not a low rate, owing to the lateness of the season.

Farmers Plan Smaller Cotton Planting

Our merchants are speculating in cotton brought from the interior, which promises to be quite an important trade at this point, when a different system is adopted for its cultivation and each farmer makes what is needed for himself and a little for market.

Health

The health of the country in and about this region is, the doctor says, ruinously good, not a case of sickness at present existing in the country. —

Transcribed by M. James Stevens ■



Photo circa 1900 captioned "From Back Way overlooking private grounds." (Although reminiscent of the oaks in Memorial Park, this photo is presumably from Second Street looking North—fields can be seen in the far background.)