

# SEPT. 2013 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 30, 2013

Dear Friends & Members,

With the cooling weather, the pace at your society continues at a higher tempo. At the upcoming September meeting, you, the membership, will vote on proposed amendments to our by laws. Joy Burke, Ed Macdiarmid, and others have been working diligently to bring our by laws up to date. The changes clarify the "rules and procedures" by which we operate. A summary of the changes are included with this letter, and I ask that you review it. Plan to attend the September 9 meeting at 7:00 for the vote on the by laws and to hear a most interesting presentation by Topper Thompson on the relationship of the federal to state governments and how it effected response to Katrina in 2005.

Finally, as we were preparing to send this letter off to the printer, we learned of the passing of Mary Catherine Ward. In addition to being a benefactor to this Society (and other civic projects), Mary Catherine was a past trustee and officer of the Society. Our deepest sympathy goes out to her family.

—Tom Shellnut, & the Board of Trustees

## Upcoming Events

**September 6th** Deadline for ordering Bricks. Please see the reverse for additional information.

**September 9 Membership meeting at 7 pm: Mr. Topper Thompson** will speak on Lessons Learned from Katrina. This will be an interesting presentation and will remind local residents of their experiences in the aftermath of Katrina. At the meeting the membership will also be asked to vote on by-law changes. (See enclosed explanation of proposed changes.)



Late 1930's postcard view of Middlegate Japanese Gardens—the subject of our September 23rd luncheon.

### September 23 Luncheon at noon.

**Ms Anne Leggett** wrote her Master's thesis on the Middlegate Japanese Gardens). Ms Leggett will travel down memory lane with us to the days when she visited the gardens during her preparation of her thesis.

### October 14th membership meeting

has not been determined at this time but the new building sign will be dedicated prior to the beginning of this meeting. This also will be the meeting when the Nominating Committee will present a slate of nominees for the Board of Trustees.

### October 21 Lunch at noon. Please note this meeting is on the third

Monday and not the fourth because the Trash or Treasures Program is scheduled for October 26 and it was felt there may be a conflict for the lunch to follow so soon. **Ms Amy McLaughlin** who is an appraiser for the upcoming Trash or Treasures program will speak at this

meeting and may give us some insight in how the appraisals are done and tell us of some of her experiences in this business.

### Saturday October 26th 9-2 p.m.

**Trash or Treasure?** Cynthia Hammond tells us to save the date for our second trash or treasure event. Pattie Ryan and Barbara Woelke are co chairs for this

## 2nd TRASH or TREASURE

**Saturday, 26 October 2013**

9:00 – 2:00

\$20 first item, \$10 for 2nd & 3rd  
(Limit 3 items)

More appraisers

Antique weapons (unloaded)

Start looking for your treasures  
NOW!!!!

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event and Anita Gianni is our publicity chair. In addition to information at September's luncheon, we will have more information in the October newsletter.

**November 11 Membership meeting at 7 pm. Bertram Hayes-Davis** will return to tell us about the Christmas Program that will be held at Beauvoir. This is the meeting when three members will be elected to the Board of Trustees.

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**The late 1830s (175 years ago)** was a momentous time for the Pass. In December 1836, the Livingston estate was sold to a syndicate of real estate developers headed by John Henderson, paving the way for a building boom. In the fall of 1837, in what must surely rank as one of the most tragic events in our history, two thousand Creeks spent several months at the Pass on their Trail of Tears (many dying of Yellow Fever here). In February 1838 the state legislature officially incorporated the Pass as a town (the first of several times). And on June 1st 1838 a renovated Pass Christian Hotel reopened. For our bit of history this month we include two of these events: correspondence concerning the Creek removals and the announcement of opening of the hotel for the summer season.

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**Head Quarters, Army of the South, St. Augustine, September 22nd 1837**

Sir,  
I received on the 15th instant, on my way to this frontier, your letters of the 25th and 30th of August, and the 2nd of September, and on the 18th your letters of the 6th. The last detachment of the Creek Warriors left Tampa for the Pass Christian on the 11th instant, and I gave orders at the same time that on their arrival there they should be mustered, discharged, and immediately moved westward.

The Creek Indians had been promised a reward for the captures they should make of Negroes belonging to citizens of the United States. Had compensation not been promised

they would taken no prisoners, but would have put all to death. I compromised with them by allowing them twenty dollars for each slave captured. They were entitled, agreeably to the promises made to them before they entered the service, to all Indian Negroes and other Indian property captured by them. To end all difficulty on that subject, I have purchased the Negroes from them on account of the public for eight thousand dollars. There are about eighty of the Negroes besides Abram's family, and those who are free; some of them, perhaps, may be found on investigation to be the property of citizens. I respectfully ask that this purchase be sanctioned. The Seminole annuity, it seems to me, might be charged with the amount paid to the Indians for these Negroes, as well as with the reward for securing those who belonged to citizens.

It is highly important to the slave holding states that these Negroes be sent out of the country; and I would strongly recommend that they be sent to one of our colonies in Africa.

The sum paid to the Indians is entirely satisfactory to them though it is far less than the value of the Negroes.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Yr. obdt. servt.

Thos S. Jesup

Major Genl.

The Hon.

J. R. Poinsett, Secretary of War  
Washington City

**Advertisement for the Pass Christian Hotel New Orleans Daily Picayune, May 19, 1838**

**PASS CHRISTIAN HOTEL**

This Establishment will be opened to the subscribers on the first day of June next [1838].

A wharf has been erected directly in front of the hotel sufficiently wide for Carriages to be landed with facility.

The West wing of the Hotel has been finished and considerable improvements been made in various ways to render this not only the largest but one of the most desirable watering places on the Lake.

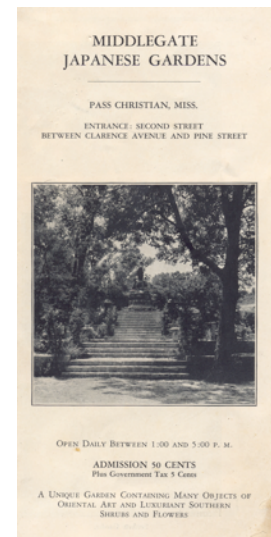
The certainty of a passage to and from the city every day, the opportunity of getting over regular supplies of ice and marketing from town, are advantages not available to any other establishment on the Lake.

Regular fishermen have been hired who will draw the seine before the hotel every morning, and oysters will be constantly supplied. The Bar, which is detached from the house, will be furnished with the best of Wines and Liquors.

The west wing will be exclusively appropriated to families. Attentive servants have been engaged, and every attention will be paid to the convenience and comfort of visitors.

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