

PASS CHRISTIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MAY-JUNE 2018 NEWSLETTER

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Evening meetings at 7 p.m. on the 2nd Monday • Monthly luncheons typically

Dear Members and Friends,

The Garden Party was a great success. We had a spectacular venue for a party, and we are grateful to our hosts for volunteering to let the Society use it.

It really does take a village to put on our Garden Party! We want to thank all the wonderful volunteers who participated in this event, especially Sheryl Baltar, who oversaw all of the arrangements at the home. Thank you also to sponsorship chair Lauri Wood; publicity chair Anita Giani; and ticket and program chair Evelina Burnett. Food chair Nancy Calder recruited and organized all the delicious food from our loyal members and provided her silver dishes to display it. Pattie Ryan put together the Flower Raffle.

We must thank so many others for the events success: Joy and Patrick Burke for putting up signs, and Ed MacDiarmid for picking them up and storing them; Pattie and Joy for getting and scheduling the bartenders; Virgil Harris for organizing the bars; and to all of our volunteer bartenders—cheers and thank you! Thank you also to Susan McClellan and her volunteers, who sat in the sun receiving the food delivered by many donors. We also thank the ladies who worked in the kitchen with our loyal volunteer Regina Cook.

2018 Garden Party & Home Tour



Our gratitude also to the chairmen of the historic cottages, Lise Lorber and Elizabeth Register, and their docents, and to the docents in the main house and their leader FJ Cutting.

Thank you to all of our golf cart drivers and volunteers, including Tom Pritchard, Carter Hillyer and Mike Ryan, and to Tom Shellnut for helping with security and parking arrangements. Gwenn and Keith Voigts helped with ticket sales, and Keith and Virgil spoke to the media

at the event, while Wilma Rizzardi and Bonnie St. Paul were our TV stars on WLOX before the event on the 4 O'Clock Show. Special thanks to Cynthia Hammond for all of her efforts to make the party a success! And last but certainly not least, we want to thank all of our sponsors, guests, volunteers and food donors. As you can see, it really does takes a village!

The Board of Trustees

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A reminder: our Monday evening monthly membership meetings will go on hiatus during the summer. We will resume membership meetings in September. Monthly luncheons will continue through the summer.

Monday, June 25 ~ Monthly Luncheon, 12 p.m. Join us for this

month's luncheon, when we will welcome **John Anderson**, who will speak about his father, **legendary Gulf Coast artist Walter Anderson**. Please reserve by Friday, June 22, at 3 p.m. by calling 228-452-7254 (feel free to leave a message) or email president@passhistory.org. The cost for lunch is \$10 for members; \$12 for non-members.

Monday, July 23 ~ Monthly Luncheon, 12 p.m. Our speaker will be **Topper Thompson**, who will discuss President Truman's decision to drop the atomic bomb. Reserve by July 20.

Monday, Aug. 27 ~ Monthly Luncheon, 12 p.m. Reserve by Aug. 24.

A Bit of Pass Christian History *provided by Bruce Stinson*

New Orleans Times, July 1868

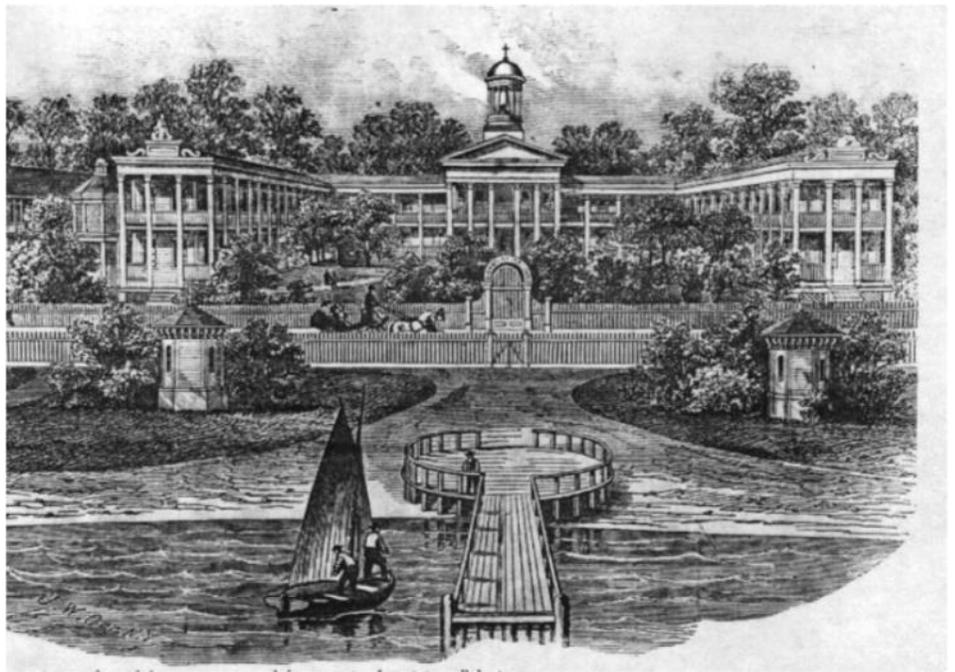
A Visit to Pass Christian College

To the Editor of the N. O. Times—
Having had the pleasure of spending a couple of days this week at this now famous establishment under the direction of the Christian Brothers, I think an account of my visit may interest your readers, many of whose sons are studying there; and it may also be acceptable to the general public to know the real merits of a college in their immediate vicinity, which justly claims their patronage.

Having no further interest in the matter than that of any visitor; feeling deeply sensible of the benefits of a complete thorough, and practical education, and also the fruitful results of the same, in private as well as in public life, I will not be suspected of a partial coloring to any facts I may record, which, therefore, may be taken as a simple statement of unvarnished truth.

Approach By Steamer

I had seen a picture of this establishment, but thought in itself handsome, and giving a very fair outline of the general appearance,



does not come up to the beautiful standard of the reality.

The day was bright and sunny as the steamer *Laura*, after a delightful run of 6 or 7 hours, approached the Pass.

The most conspicuous object to attract the eye was the cupola, surmounted by the cross over the front building of the College.

A Wharf of near 1,000 feet, with a bathing house at the end, stretching far out in the bay, firmly and neatly built, runs up in front of the college.

The bathing house is divided off into some 50 or 60 compartments for the use of pupils and professors. The whole affair was built regardless of expense for the comfort, health and safety of the students.

The article continues with detailed descriptions of the dormitories, garden, courses and more. We've provided the full article on our website, www.passhistory.org. The college, opened in the former Pass Christian Hotel after the Civil War, closed in 1875. It was located on