
President's Update

Jackson County Historical and Genealogical Society
Pascagoula, Mississippi

Barry McIlwain, President
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Society members assist at memorial service



Society member **Else Martin** and Jackson County District 1 Supervisor **Manly Barton** chat following the Aug. 29 Civil War memorial ceremony at LeMaitre Cemetery in Moss Point. Society member **Buck Redmond**, at left below, with **Troy Savoe** of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, is pictured with a new sign provided by the Jackson County Board of Supervisors for the cemetery where four Civil War veterans are buried.



Two Civil War soldiers, one Confederate, the other Union, were honored Aug. 29 in a ceremony dedicating new headstones at their final resting places in LeMaitre Cemetery in Moss Point.

Pvt. James Horace Canfield (1844-1911) of the 75th N.Y., Infantry Co., C&G, U.S., and Pvt. Joseph LeMaitre (1837-1926) of the 27th Miss., Infantry Co. L, Twiggs Rifles, C.S., are buried just a stone's throw from each other. The two had fought in battles against each other, though they did not meet until years later, when they made their homes in Escatawpa.

Family stories recount they became friends and enjoyed fishing together. Both men's children married into the other's family. Many of their descendants are also buried in the LeMaitre Cemetery.,

Society member **Else Martin** of Hurley, who assisted with historical research for the occasion, noted that two other Confederate soldiers, Frederick Greenough and Virgil Goff, also of the Twiggs Rifles, are buried in the cemetery. "We are in the process of getting their records and ordering military markers for them," she said.

The Sam Davis Camp #596, Sons of Confederate Veterans, customarily conducts memorial services honoring Civil War veterans. Confederate re-enactors and Sons of Confederate Veterans from other camps came to join Camp #596 in the event, providing a color guard and a team of riflemen.

About 150 descendants of LeMaitre and Canfield from states as far away as South Carolina attended. Jackson County District 1 Supervisor Manly Barton welcomed the crowd and recognized the work of Society member **Julius (Buck) Redmond** of Hurley in making the event happen.

Redmond, along with his brothers Jerry and David Redmond, and Billy Fulton played a key role working for two months in cleaning and preparing the cemetery grounds and setting up for the ceremony.

The romance of trains highlights September program meet

Anyone who has been thrilled by the romanticism of America's formative train era will get a special treat at the Tuesday (Sept. 22) meeting of the Jackson County Historical and Genealogical Society at 6 p.m. at the Pascagoula Public Library meeting room.

Pascagoula native **Jerry Lachaussee** will narrate a slide presentation and share his knowledge and images of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad based on 50 years of his own experience and research. New and informative material on L&N's presence on the Gulf Coast, particularly at Pascagoula, the railroad's purchase of independent roads, motive power, stations and communications are among his topics.

A trainman's trainman, Lachaussee began his career with L&N in 1959 as a telegrapher-agent-

operator working stations on the New Orleans and Mobile Subdivision. In 1965, he was promoted to train dispatcher in Mobile, and in 1988 transferred to CSXT Centralized Dispatching Office in Jacksonville, Fla.



Jerry Lachaussee

Retiring in 2002 with 43 years' service, Lachaussee continues his love for trains and railroad history. His articles have been published in the magazine, *Trains*, and in publications of the L&N Railroad Historical Society.

They include: "The Railroad That Walks on Water," 1987; "Pascagoula Pastime," 1990; "Timetable-Train Orders Operation – An Era Past," 2003, and "Learning the Ropes at Kreole." His most recent stories are on "Flomaton – 1950" and "Rigolets – The Last Outpost."

Society President Barry McIlwain said this program has long been anticipated by railroad enthusiasts and those interested in the county's history. A short business meeting will precede the program which will be followed by refreshments.

A free door prize drawing will be held for an illustrated copy of the book, "Mississippi's Old Capitol: Biography of a Building" by John Ray Skates. All Society meetings are open to the public, as is membership.

For more information, contact Renee Hague at 228-769-3078 or Joanne Anderson, 228-355-0711.

President's Notes

This month marks another landmark for the Society as we have achieved three more of our goals -- a website (to be online any day), e-mail address and storage cabinet for publications.

The website address is www.jchgs-ms.org. You will find updates on our activities, valuable links and resources, a calendar of events, meeting minutes, a copy of our Constitution and By-Laws, list of publications, and much, much more.

Our webmaster **Joanne Anderson** welcomes your feedback and input as to website content.

Corresponding secretary Renee Hague has created an e-mail for us: jchgs2@gmail.com.

Society member **Else Martin** continues the monthly genealogy research workshop for beginners and advanced on Saturday, Sept. 19, at the Pascagoula Public Library.

Beginner's group meets from from 9 to 11:30 a.m., and a more advanced problem-solving class meets from 1 to 4 p.m. Special direction is provided during this session

Remaining workshops for 2009 will be held Oct. 17 and Nov. 21 at the same place and times.

The department is located on the second floor of the library, located at the intersection of Pascagoula Street and Delmas Avenue.

COMING EVENTS

October

4 Society Porch Book Sale at Zonta Festival
29 Krebs Cemetery Tour Program

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Spring Gala, April 23, LaPointe-Krebs House