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2017



# ALABAMA TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

## Lyceum Bicentennial Ramble Series

**Lyceum-** (li-se-am), a place for public lectures, debates, classes, concerts and entertainment.

Join the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation for the 2017 season of the **Preservation Lyceum Series**, a set of weekend programs for preservation-minded individuals who want to know more about, and visit, historic preservation projects in Alabama.

The 19th century Lyceum Movement that flourished in America provided hundreds of informal gatherings for the purpose of improving the social and intellectual landscape of society. Characterized by lectures and public discourse on a variety of topics and musical and theatrical performances in a retreat environment, lyceums peaked during the Antebellum Era. With the exception of the New York Great Lake's Chautauqua Institute, best known for the Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra, few remnants of this vibrant phenomenon remain on the national scene.

Drawing from the past, the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation offers the Preservation Lyceum series to travel the highways, byways and crossroads of Alabama exploring, experiencing and engaging in preservation.

### FALL 2017 PRESERVATION LYCEUM

Friday, September 22 - Saturday, September 23

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Cover photograph of Captain Thompkins Guest Cabin and all other photographs in this program are courtesy of Georgene Conner.



## FALL 2017 ATHP BICENTENNIAL RAMBLE SERIES

Sponsored by the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation, Alabama Bicentennial Commission, The Poarch Creek Tribe, Fort Mims Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution and Goodwyn, Mills and Caywood Engineering Firm.

### WHEN

Friday, September 22 – Saturday, September 23

### WHERE

Poarch Creek Indian Reservation, Escambia County; Tensaw and Stockton, Baldwin County

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## PROGRAM

### FRIDAY EVENING

4:30

#### Check-In/Tour and Reception

#### POARCH CREEK INDIAN MUSEUM

5484 Jack Springs Road, Atmore

#### WIND CREEK CASINO

303 Poarch Road, Atmore

The Bicentennial Ramble Series begins the ‘Creek Indians and Tensaw Country’ tour with a visit to the Poarch Creek Indian Museum on the Reservation near Atmore, followed with a reception at the Ballroom at Wind Creek Casino hosted by The Poarch Creek Tribe and Goodwyn, Mills and Caywood Engineering Firm.

### SATURDAY MORNING

8:30 – 9:00

#### WEATHERFORD/SEHOY GRAVESITE

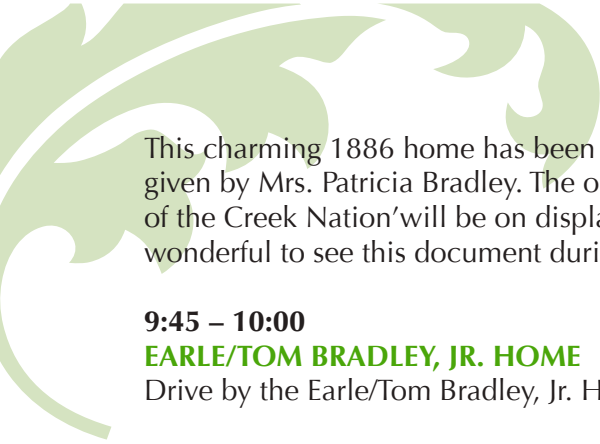
Signs on Hwy 59N in Little River clearly mark the westward turn onto Dixie Landing Road. In approximately 3 miles, turn left onto TJ Earle Road and travel about one mile to find the gravesite on the right.

The Weatherford/ Sehoj gravesites are well marked by Baldwin County. All speakers this morning are descendants of the early inhabitants of the Tensaw Country. The portrayal of ‘William Weatherford’ will be given by Lou Vickery, author and Creek descendant.

9:00 - 9:45

#### JT BRADLEY HOME TOUR

68213 Hwy 59, Little River, Al (From Dixie Landing Road, turn south onto Hwy 59 and travel about 3 miles. The home is located on the west side of Hwy 59 at the sharp curve.)



This charming 1886 home has been in the Bradley family since it was built 131 years ago. The tour will be given by Mrs. Patricia Bradley. The original land grant for the property, awarded to 'James Earle, formerly of the Creek Nation' will be on display. The claim originated in 1817 within the Alabama Territory. How wonderful to see this document during the 200th Anniversary of the Alabama Territory!!

**9:45 – 10:00**

**EARLE/TOM BRADLEY, JR. HOME**

Drive by the Earle/Tom Bradley, Jr. Home immediately cross the road at Montpelier.

This is the site of encampment of Andrew Jackson's troops in 1813 after the attack on Fort Mims, when federal forces were stationed in this area. Lee Slaughter was a quartermaster of the encampment in 1813 and he later requested the property as payment for his service during the War of 1812. He returned to marry Mary Harris and built his home on the hilltop. His grave and those of several family members are nearby. There is an old graveyard south of Montpelier, on the site of the David Tate Plantation. The gravestones belong to David Tate (Wm. Weatherford's half-brother) b. 1778-d.1829; his wife (consort), Margaret b.1793-d.1851, and Thomas Tate Tunstall, b. 1823-d. 1918. This plantation was close to Turkey Creek. Those with a truck may drive in the woods to the burial site.

**10:00 – 10:30**

**MONTGOMERY HILL BAPTIST CHURCH AND CEMETERY**

Travel south about 5 miles on Hwy 59 to the blinking light in Tensaw, turn east (left) on Baldwin County Hwy 80 and the church is about 2 blocks on the right.

Presentation by Marilyn Slaughter Davidson and Edith Smith McGuire whose families have been in the area for over 200 years and were involved in the church history. Montgomery Hill Baptist Church emerged in 1840 from the Union Church on Holley Creek. The church was built in 1854 by John Blake whose grandfather, Edward Steadham, was a survivor of Fort Mims. Wander outside to see the cemetery with its iron fences surrounding individual family plots, each of varying styles. (Bathroom and refreshments available here.)

**10:30 – 11:15**

**HISTORIC FORT MIMS**

Travel west across Hwy 59 on County Road 80 for 3 miles to Fort Mims Road (4th paved road on the right) and follow this to the end.

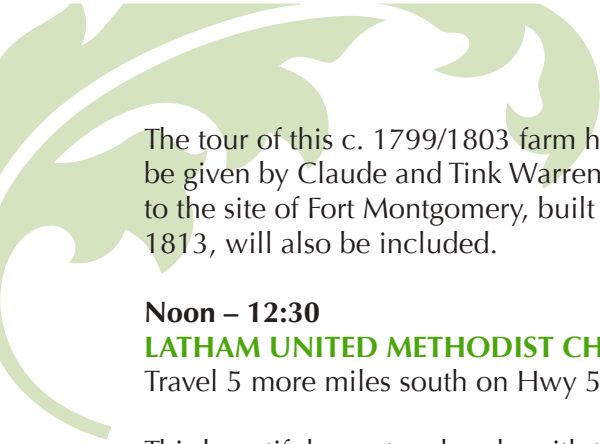
The tragedy that occurred on August 30, 1813, in the Tensaw Country changed the course of American History. Presentations will be provided by Claudia Slaughter Campbell, President of Fort Mims Restoration Association, and several descendants of Fort Mims with stories of their ancestors that have been passed down through generations. This includes Patricia McCullers, a Tarvin Descendant; John Earle Steadham, whose GGG Grandfather was Edward Steadham; Billy Holmes, who is the GGG Grandson of Dr. Thomas G. Holmes; and Ruth Sherrell, whose ancestors are Letha and Aletha Ann Smith. All have an amazing tales to share... and several more may come forward to tell their family stories.

*Please note the new Baldwin County Historic Markers, a Bicentennial Project, along Co Rd 80 that tells more about the 'Tensaw Country' in the early 1800s--Holley Creek Landing, Aaron Burr Spring, Peirce's School and Mill (first public school in Alabama), the Old Federal Road, Black Crossing, and Tensaw. Mims Ferry, located near Holley Creek on the Alabama River, has just been marked for the first time in 200 years!*

**11:15 – Noon**

**DAVID MIMS/WARREN HOME TOUR**

Located one mile south of the intersection after turning onto Hwy 59 from Co Rd 80, turn right (west) onto Warren Road. Travel through the iron gate to the 'Oldest Frame Home in Baldwin County.'



The tour of this c. 1799/1803 farm home built by David Mims, brother of Samuel Mims of Fort Mims, will be given by Claude and Tink Warren. Their family has owned the property since the mid-1800s. A visit to the site of Fort Montgomery, built and operated by Federal Troops after the destruction of Fort Mims in 1813, will also be included.

**Noon – 12:30**

**LATHAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Travel 5 more miles south on Hwy 59 and the church is located on the left.

This beautiful country church, with the original bell in the tower, was built in 1906. Presentation will be given by Ruth Nelson Sherrell whose ancestors were a part of organizing and building this church. Red Hill Spring, just below the church on the right (west) side of the road, an artesian spring provides fresh water for all who stop here.

**12:30-1:30**

**LUNCH**

**STOCKTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

53320 State Hwy. 59, Stockton

This church was organized 170 years ago (1847) and is the oldest Presbyterian Church in Baldwin County and the second oldest in South Alabama. The current sanctuary was built in 1950 and was renovated in 2014-15. The church bell was brought by wagon with early residents from Scotland. Please visit the sanctuary as time permits. Lunch will be served in the Christian Education Building, and includes local history presentations. (Restrooms available)

**1:30-1:45**

**LIVE OAK LANDING: TENSAW RIVER**

8700 Live Oak Road, Stockton

The story of Stockton and North Baldwin begins with the Tensaw River. Along its banks is the largest site of the Mississippian Indian culture on the central Gulf Coast. (This site is 1 1/2 miles from present “downtown” Stockton in the Delta but accessible only by boat.) It is a National Historic Landmark. This area was the center of Mississippian culture from 1250 to 1550 CE. Eighteen platform mounds (tallest being 45 ft.) remain in the Delta. One smaller mound, hidden from view, is located at Live Oak Landing. Next came the Taensa Indians with the French in 1714 CE. They settled along the river in present day Stockton. It is from the Taensa Indians the river and the area first acquired the name “Tensa Settlement.” This name included all of North Baldwin. The Taensa left Stockton with the French around 1763. The English and Creek Indians then moved into their abandoned area. By 1771 Major Robert Farmar (retired British commander of Mobile) had built his plantation “Farm Hill” in Stockton on the Taensa site and the area was renamed “Tensaw Bluff” or “Farmar’s Bluff” as it was one of the few high areas on the Tensaw River. His plantation quickly became a meeting place for traders and travelers. In 1775, he hosted William Bartram, the renowned American naturalist and botanist, at his home.

The Tensaw River is part of the 200-mile long Bartram Canoe Trail and it is an Alabama Scenic River Trail. The Tensaw River was the gateway and the 18th -19th century freeway into Stockton and North Baldwin. Take 5 minutes to walk on one of the piers and appreciate the beauty of the river and Delta. It is the eastern boundary of the Mobile-Tensaw River Delta, the second largest river delta in America, and one of the most biologically diverse spots in North America. The Delta is referred to as “America’s Amazon” because of its rich diversity. (To view a documentary about the Delta, Google *America’s Amazon: The Mobile-Tensaw Delta*)



**1:45-2:45**

**BALDWIN COUNTY BICENTENNIAL PARK**

51233 AL Hwy. 225, Stockton

The Baldwin County Bicentennial Park is a 367-acre area in North Baldwin County, which was designated by the Baldwin County Commission during the County's Bicentennial in 2009. The park is dedicated to preserving the county's rich heritage and leaving historical legacy for the future generations. Historic buildings from Baldwin County have been moved to the park. At this stop, tour a one-room schoolhouse, general store, church, Native American hut, settler's cabin, and military monuments. Guides will be at each stop along the loop drive through the park.

**3:00-3:30**

**STOCKTON HERITAGE MUSEUM**

52915 AL Hwy. 59, Stockton

A grass roots effort to save and restore "Jobby's Store," one of the last remaining 19th century retail buildings in North Baldwin, began seven years ago. This general store operated from 1894 to 1971. It also served as the Stockton Post Office from 1894 to 1918. The building was vacant until 1975 when the Stockton Five Arts Club got permission from the Crosby family to refurbish the old structure. It then assumed the name of the "Stockton Town Hall." The Stockton Civic Club used the building until they built a new civic center. The building has been renovated through donations, grants, and money raised from Stockton Sawmill Days, an annual event to celebrate Stockton as the site of the first sawmill in Alabama in 1811. The Stockton Heritage Association opened the museum in 2015. It is the only museum in North Baldwin. Please enjoy the exhibits and tour the restored building. (Restrooms available)

**3:40-4:20**

**VAUGHAN-BRYANT-MORRIS FARM (1851)**

10350 Bryant Landing Road (Co. Rd. 21 South), Stockton

This 19th century farm started as a one-room house with a barn. Interestingly the barn was used as a livery during the Civil War when Union soldiers passed through the area. A smokehouse was added in 1890 and in 1911 the main house was added with a detached pantry at a cost of \$500. The farm today has been restored to its former, simple beauty by Glenda and William Morris. It is the oldest, extant, working farm in Baldwin County and is one of the oldest in the State of Alabama. Tour the working, restored 1851 barn located behind the main house.

**4:30-5:00**

**KITCHEN-McMILLIAN-SMITH HOUSE (1844)**

Hixon Lane, Stockton

This home was built by William Kitchen and his wife Narcissa Watson. The home and surrounding out buildings served as a stop for the stagecoach line started by Kitchen in the mid 1800s. It is believed to be Alabama's only remaining intact stagecoach stop. The main house was built in 1844 using wooden pegs and hand-planed lumber. The original structure was comprised of four rooms with a porch that extended most of the way around the house. It has a central fireplace with a hearth opening into each of the four rooms. All of the outbuildings on the property date to the construction of the main house. There is a mail dispatch, blacksmith shop, meat house, barn, carriage house, and commissary located on the property. A race track was once located on the property and people came from miles around to participate and watch the excitement. The commissary was turned into a dwelling in later years. A shed room was added on the right corner of the porch of the main house for the driver of the stagecoach to sleep. This room was also used by a circuit riding preacher when he visited the community. Recent renovation efforts have stabilized the building. Enjoy the beautiful live oaks and historic buildings, but be careful as this is a work in progress.



**5:00-5:45**

**McMILLIAN-McINNIS-CONNER HOME (1926)**

53120 State Hwy. 59, Stockton

Visit two homes at this site. Maewood was built by Annie Mae & John McMillan on property purchased from Captain Clarence Tompkins. Captain Tompkins was a steamboat captain who made daily runs from Mobile to Stockton. His 19th century home is located down the hill behind the McMillan home. It is believed to have been a “dog trot” house, but changes were made in 1926 when it was converted to living quarters for servants. It now serves as the guest house. A three-year, total renovation and addition to Maewood was completed in 2015. Great effort was made to preserve the original detail of the home and for the addition to be true to the original design aesthetics. The home was designed by prominent Mobile architect John Platt Roberts. He designed many well-known commercial buildings in Mobile (Waterman Building, L & N Train Terminal, and Mobile Infirmary). This was one of his earlier commissions and his only known residence in Baldwin County. Lea Verneuille of Walcott, Adams, & Verneuille in Fairhope, Alabama designed the addition. (Restrooms available)

**6:00**

**CLOSING DINNER: STAGECOACH CAFE'**

52860 State Hwy. 59, Stockton

This restaurant put Stockton on the map. Visitors never know who they will see—politicians, travelers, or locals. Even Harper Lee enjoyed eating here incognito. The Stagecoach’s famous fried chicken is on the “100 Things You Should Eat Before You Die” list for Alabama. (The restaurant is located on the site of a stagecoach stop, which was torn down in the 20th century.)



*Maewood*

# PRESERVATION LYCEUM REGISTRATION

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#### LYCEUM REGISTRATION FEE

Registration fee includes Friday reception and Saturday lunch and dinner. For non-members, fee also includes one-year membership.

#### For ATHP Members

\$50 per person

#### For Non-Members

\$75 per person

### REGISTRATION FORM Preservation Lyceum Weekend Fall 2017 Ramble

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

#### REGISTRATION

Registration includes Friday reception, Saturday lunch and dinner. Non-member registration includes one-year membership in the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation.

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\$50 per registration

# Reservations \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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\$75 per registration

# Reservations \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### EVENTS

Friday Night Reception/Dinner

# Reservations \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Lunch

# Reservations \_\_\_\_\_



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**HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS**

**THE MUSKOGEE INN**

6141 AL-21  
Atmore, AL 36502  
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Website: [www.muskogeeinn.com](http://www.muskogeeinn.com)

Lyceum Rate: \$69



*Stockton Heritage Museum*

*When making reservations at The Muskogee Inn, ask for the group rate for the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation.*