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Who Are They?

Several years ago, some photographs were purchased from the online auction site eBay. The seller stated they were purchased in DeFuniak Springs. That, of course, does not mean the people in the photographs were from Walton County, but it is very possible.

The photograph of the sailor has “Falzane” (perhaps “Falzone”) penciled on the back. The other photograph is dated 1930 and has the names “Dorothy” and “Trank” (perhaps “Frank”) at the bottom.

If you can identify any of the people in these photographs or the logo on the man’s sweater, please contact us.

WCGS Meeting

The Walton County Genealogy Society will meet on Saturday, May 11, at 10:00 A.M. at the Walton County Heritage Museum. We hope to see you there!

Reunions

The 47th **Spence Reunion** will be Saturday, May 18, at the DeFuniak Springs Community Center. The doors will open at 10:00 AM, followed by a meeting at 11:00, and lunch at noon. Call Mildred Boland (850-892-3248) or Irmalee Bass (850-892-6103) for more information.

Please keep us informed of family and school reunions in and around Walton County. We also welcome photographs and comments about reunions that have occurred, especially if you will allow us to publish them.

Walton County Heritage Museum

Open Tuesday - Saturday: 1:00 - 4:00 PM
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Walton Relations Updates

We are fortunate to have people who are willing to share what they know and find. Here are some responses to articles in past issues of *Walton Relations*. Many thanks to the contributors mentioned in bold below.



We featured the Koerber employees photograph (*left*) in the January issue and reported the identification of Ola Hobbs Shaw (woman standing on the right) by **Maveen Bruner** and **Michael Strickland** in the February issue. **Abbie Anne Dudley** later wrote that the man in the back row next to Ola Hobbs Shaw (wearing glasses, second from the right) was Vernon Infinger, the son of Emma Day Infinger.

Kevin Chilcutt, regarding the community names article in the January 2013 issue of *Walton Relations*, wrote: "I heard that and read in a book about local communities that Mossy Head was named so because of the moss in the trees and because of the former rail head. I always thought it was because of the moss in the trees and the small pond that starts the creek that flows behind the new park and in front of the new elementary [school]. But the story I read said it was due to the rail spur and rail head that took the lumber to the mill in Paxton. The rail, of course, has been removed. It might have been a small gauge line."

Tom McNeill provided the following information about the community names (January and February 2013 issues) and a cemetery mentioned in the November 2012 issue:

Paxton--Named for John Paxton, Chicago, a promoter of the huge sawmill in that area in 1903.

Lockhart--Named for Mr. Lockhart, Pittsburgh, a primary stockholder of the Jackson Lumber Co., 1900.

Darlington--Named for (I think "Count") Darling, a prominent local turpentine/lumber man.

Lakewood--My grandfather's brother, William Henry Britton, was in business with his brother-in-law, William H. Sikes, whose sawmill town in North Carolina was named Lakewood in about 1900. "Uncle Will" Britton came to this area in 1903 and built the town of Lakewood, Florida. I strongly suspect it was named for Lakewood, NC.

DeFuniak Springs--Named for Count Frederick DeFuniak, 1839-1905, a French nobleman who emigrated to the USA in 1861. He fought in the Confederate Army and afterward became a civil engineer for the L&N Railroad Co. He surveyed the local area for L&N and was a driving force in creating the city of today.

Chipley--Named for Colonel W D Chipley, chief surveyor for the L&N railway running through Northwest Florida.

Seagrove, Laurel Hill, Argyle, etc.--On early North Carolina maps I find towns with these names. Since many of the settlers in this area came from "The Old North State" it seems very possible that some names here were at least influenced by those from NC.

Lakewood Cemetery--As to the "missing" Lakewood cemetery, I lived there since a baby in 1936 (still own our family homestead there) and never saw or heard of a cemetery in that town. There is, however, a more modern single private headstone marking the remains of James and Ruby Davis located at 320 East Tedder Road in Lakewood. Burials were done there in 2001 and 2007.

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