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Coffee Pot Restaurant



This postcard is from the Hampton Dunn Collection of Florida Postcards, 1900-1985, at the University of South Florida Library in Tampa. Its description says it is the Coffee Pot on Highway 90 West in DeFuniak Springs. Let us know if you have recollections of this café.
<http://digital.lib.usf.edu/SFS0011932/00001>

There are 25 Walton County postcards in the Hampton Dunn Collection, 19 of which are online. Most are common scenes of places around the lake, but there are a few rare ones.

http://www.lib.usf.edu/aeon/eads/index.html?eadrequest=true&ead_id=U29-00155-D32

WCGS News

The Walton County Genealogy Society will meet on Saturday, October 11, at 10:00 a.m. at the Walton County Heritage Museum.

October Reunions

Based on prior years, the following families should be holding reunions this month.

- Campbell/McLean – Eucheeanna
- Crowder – Mossy Head
- Garrett – DeFuniak Springs
- Kelly – DeFuniak Springs
- Pitts – Portland

There may also be reunions for Darlington and the Liberty School. Please contact us with reunion information so we can keep our records up-to-date.

Walton County Heritage Museum

Open Tuesday - Saturday: 1:00 - 4:00 PM

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Websites You May Have Missed

The following linked websites are free to use!

Jewish, Hispanic, and other ethnic newspapers are available in the [Ethnic Newspapers Database](#) within the Florida Digital Newspaper Library at the University of Florida. Learn about these important sources and find out how to navigate them by viewing a presentation and tutorial. The presentation can be viewed online, or you can download it and save it for future review.

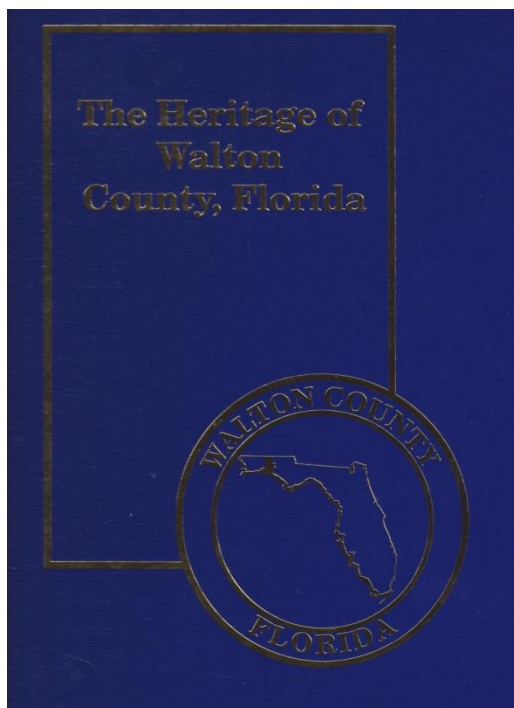
Alabama does not have a central online repository for historical newspapers, so those with Alabama connections will appreciate the [Alabama Online Historical Newspapers Summary](#) on the Ancestor Hunt blog.

FamilySearch.org has updated some of its Florida record collections this year. To see the entire list, click the “View all 59 collections” link above the blue Search button on the [Florida Indexed Historical Records](#) page. Some of the images, such as census records, are actually from Ancestry.com, so you are given some options for viewing them if you are not an Ancestry subscriber.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War [Grave Database](#) is not just for Yankees; it lists Confederate graves also. Running a search just on Walton County, Florida (no surname) brought five results: George D. Brown and Samuel A. Harrison, both buried in Gulf Cemetery in Santa Rosa Beach, Joseph Chestnut and Charles Gavin, both buried in Almarante Cemetery in Laurel Hill, which is now in Okaloosa County, and Joseph W. Walden buried in DeFuniak Springs. Alas, only Walden wore gray. Obviously, the database is not complete, but it might prove helpful occasionally.

[Scottish Valuation Rolls for 1875](#) are now available. You must register to use the website, but we have been told the 1875 Valuation Rolls can be viewed for free through the end of the year. Those who have a fondness for bagpipes and plaid may want to look also at the [Free Search Records: Soldiers' Wills, Wills & Testaments, and Coats of Arms](#).

Heritage Books



The Walton County Heritage Association paid to have a second printing of *The Heritage of Walton County, Florida*. The books are available at the Museum for \$75 plus tax. Heritage members may request a ten percent discount.

The Walton County Genealogy Society has purchased an impressive number of individual Heritage books for counties that often have Walton County links. The public is welcome to use the books at the Museum, but they cannot be borrowed or removed from the building. The Florida Heritage books are for these counties: Bay (2-volume set), Escambia (2-volume set), Holmes, Jackson, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton, and Washington. We also have books for these Alabama counties: Butler, Blount, Bullock, Calhoun, Choctaw, Clarke, Coffee, Colbert, Cullman (2-volume set), Dallas, DeKalb (2-volume set), Elmore, Etowah, Houston, Lee, Limestone, Lowndes, Monroe, Perry, Pickens, Pike, Russell, St. Clair, Sumter, Tallapoosa, Tuscaloosa, Washington, and Winston.

THE 1865 ELECTION IN WALTON COUNTY

By Mark Curenton of Apalachicola

At the end of the Civil War the Union army arrested Florida's governor, Abraham K. Allison, and placed the state under martial law. President Andrew Johnson appointed William Marvin as the provisional governor on July 13, 1865, in a step to restore civil authority and bring Florida back into the Union. On August 23, 1865, Governor Marvin called for the election of delegates to a state constitutional convention.¹

The military authorities were ordered to assist in the election. To various locations around the state they dispatched "an officer with a squad of men ... for the purpose of administering the Oath of Amnesty and to circulate the Proclamation of the Provisional Governor of the State, notice of election and orders in relation thereto."²

The military was ordered to visit additional sites as well as established posts. The two locations in Walton County where the military squad was ordered to promote the election were Cawthon's Station and Knox Hill. On September 26, 1865, George Wright, a former Confederate soldier in the 1st Florida Infantry Regiment, took the amnesty oath in Eucheeanna from Nathan Louis Gano, the 1st Lieutenant of Co. H, 25th United States Colored Troops. Eucheeanna had an existing military post at this time as a result of the hanging of a black man at Knox Hill.³

Walton County elected James M. Landrum and John Morrison as its representatives to the constitutional convention in the October 10 election. James M. Landrum was an attorney. John Morrison was a farmer and had represented Walton County in the 1861 Secession Convention, where he voted against withdrawing from the Union.⁴

Election Return for the 1865 Constitutional Convention.

The following statement shows the return of votes for Delegates to the Convention in Walton County, Florida.

Of the votes cast in the County for Delegates to Convention:

James M. Landrum	rec.		
at Eucheeanna	Prect.	No. 1	48 votes
at Marshy Bend	Prect.	No. 2	7 "
at Alaqua Prect.		No. 3	11 "
at Liberty School House		No. 4	14 "
at Precinct		No. 6	8 "
at Four Mile Landing		No. 7	11 "
at Knox Hill		No. 9	13 "
at Chestnut Creek		No. 10	9 "

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From the returns it appears that James M. Landrum and John Morrison are elected as Delegates to the Convention. The whole number of votes given was one hundred and Twenty one.⁵

Voters at Precinct No. 4

October 10 Election for Delegates to the 1865 State Constitutional Convention
Walton County
Liberty School House Precinct

- 1 Elijah Ward
- 2 L. Cawthon
- 3 John T. Daniel
- 4 Jeremiah Covington
- 5 Samuel Pate
- 6 Austin Nichols
- 7 Obediah Edge
- 8 Wm. P. Potts
- 9 Wm. Malone
- 10 Peter Steele
- 11 Michael King
- 12 Wm. Livingston
- 13 John B. Meigs
- 14 James D. Clary⁶

¹ Shofner, Jerrel H., *Nor Is It Over Yet*, Gainesville, Fla.: The University Presses of Florida, 1974, pp. 18, 34-35, 37.

² *Military Dispatches, Head Quarters, District of Middle Florida, August 10, 1865-September 25, 1865*, Tallahassee: Works Progress Administration, 1940, p. 40.

³ Pension application of George Wright, A07305, Florida State Archives. *Letters Sent by the Department of Florida and Successor Commands*, June 22, 1865-January 31, 1869. Volume 5, Page 97. McKinnon, John L., *History of Walton County*, Gainesville: Palmetto Books, 1968, p. 171 & 334.

⁴ Wallace, John, *Carpet-Bag Rule in Florida*, Gainesville: University of Florida Press, 1964, p. 12.

⁵ *Election Returns by County, 1824-1926. Record Group 151, Series 2, Florida Secretary of State, Florida State Archives, Tallahassee.*

⁶ *ibid.*

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