The Auburn Heritage Association in conjunction with the Auburn Veteran’s Association will conduct a historic marker dedication this fall to honor the Veteran’s from Alabama Polytechnic Institute (Auburn University) who served and died in World War I and World War II. The dedication will take place on Veteran’s Day, Friday, November 11 at 11:00 am at Pinetucket Cemetery on Wire Road. Keith Norman, Executive Director of the Alabama Bar Association will be our featured speaker on Marine General Holland Smith, an API graduate and veteran of World War I and II. Joe McGee, who served in World War II and was a student at Alabama Polytechnic Institute when the call to serve came, will also speak.

The bronze marker originally hung in Broun Hall, was dedicated in 1949 and removed when Broun Hall was razed. It traveled through several hands over the years and about 4 years ago, the AHA tried to no avail to put it in a place of honor on university grounds. It’s final resting place will be overlooking all of Auburn University at Pinetucket Cemetery on a new granite pedestal and refinished. All veterans in the area are encouraged and invited to attend.
The marker dedication for “The Crescent” historic marker brought some new publicity to town for “The Depot” and the Auburn Heritage Association. Two weeks before the marker dedication, Fred Hunter and the “crew” of ABSOLUTELY ALABAMA came to town to see what we were doing. Charlie Hendrix and Mary Norman were interviewed inside the newly renovated restaurant of “The Depot”. Airing for the segment was on September 9 in four markets within the state of Alabama, Huntsville, Birmingham, Montgomery and Dothan. You can go online to the Absolutely Alabama site to see it.
THE CRESCENT MARKER DEDICATION

Crowd gathers and raffle tickets distributed for the “Crescent” phone.

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Matt Poirier, owner of the Depot Restaurant and Council member Ronnie Anders unveiled the marker and accepted it for the City of Auburn.

Fran and Bill Dillard attended the dedication>

Publicity for the marker dedication was far and wide, including the Atlanta Constitution.
DESCENDANTS OF AUBURN’S NAMESAKE
COME TO TOWN

This past August, three descendants of the lady who named Auburn, Elizabeth Taylor Harper Flanagan, came to visit. They were looking for her grave. Lizzie’s grave, if buried in Pine Hill, was never marked. Lizzie married Thomas Harper, one of Judge John J. Harper’s sons. Thomas was one of the first to be buried in Pine Hill in 1843, seven years after his father donated the 6 acres for the cemetery. The family was also looking for the grave of Lizzie’s second husband, Christopher C. Flanagan. According to Alecia Milton, niece of C. C. Flanagan, both are buried in Pine Hill. Judge C. C. Flanagan, as he was later known, left Auburn and went to Mississippi, but later returned to Auburn and both he and Lizzie died here. His house, a large two story antebellum, was located on Magnolia Avenue near where the old St. Michael’s Catholic Church was located. Some of you may remember on the Lantern Tour we highlight Gatsy Rice, the only known slave buried in Pine Hill. It was Gatsy who accompanied Alecia Milton from New Orleans to Auburn at the behest of C. C. Flanagan and they lived in his household. Alecia wrote one of the early histories of Auburn, found in the archives in Special Collections at the university.

Dale Coleman found the family on facebook and invited them to come visit. They came from as far away as Pennsylvania and as close as Huntsville. Since then Dale has been conducting some rather interesting research on the family, including finding that Alecia, along with her 6 year old niece, Erin was in an accident at the Depot, having her foot amputated on the train tracks in the late 1880’s. She recovered and lived a long life.

Other families in the area the descendants are related to are Rev. A. B. Dick who is also buried in Pine Hill Cemetery. He was born 20 July 1815 in Caroline County, Virginia and died here in 1872. Several of the Dick family moved to Little Texas and Tuskegee. We were glad to receive the descendants here and look forward to additional research by Dale to investigate this important early family of Auburn.
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The Auburn Heritage Association Board meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month September—May at Pebble Hill at 12:00 noon. Members are encouraged to attend.

Members are encouraged and invited to attend these meetings.

AHA WEBSITE
You may now go online to www.auburnheritageassoc.org and renew your membership to the Auburn Heritage Association. All major credit cards are accepted. You may also order the book “Auburn, Sweet Auburn” on the website.

Also visit us on facebook!

ALABAMA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE COMING TO AUBURN

The weekend of April 20, 2017, the Alabama Historical Association will hold its Spring Conference here in Auburn. Several activities and tours are planned for the event. Further information will be available in the next newsletter.

HARDIN POUCHER HOUSE TO BE MOVED

At the second appeal, the Auburn Historic Preservation Commission voted to allow the current owners of the Hardin-Poucher House to move the house 30 feet on the same lot. It is unsure at this time as to whether this action removes it from being on the National Register of Historic Places. The National Park Service guidelines say the Alabama Historical Commission will have to review the move, determine if it qualifies again and let the City know if the house can remain on the register.

Dues Envelopes Returned
If any member had their dues envelopes returned to them between May and August, we apologize for the mix-up. Marianne Jensen is our new treasurer and for a time the P.O. Box was closed by error. If you sent in your dues and it was returned to you, please re-send it in the envelope provided for you in this newsletter. We need and appreciate your support.

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