

OUR NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2004 AT 6:00 P.M. AT MULLINS RESTAURANT IN THE BACK ROOM ON ANDREW JACKSON WAY.

**\*Please invite your neighbors to join us at this meeting\***

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***A Note from Your New President and Board Members:***

Speaking on behalf of your newly elected officers, I want to thank you for giving us this opportunity to serve you and our neighborhood for the next two years. We are going to make every effort to make this newsletter a forum for all events and information of importance to FPHDA members and residents. We have an exciting new format for our quarterly meetings beginning this month, combining more fun and fellowship and less business. We will be meeting at 6 pm on Tuesday April 13<sup>th</sup> at Mullins Restaurant in the back room. We will have dinner from the menu at a cost of \$5.00 per person followed by a **guest speaker**. We hope you will find this new approach both enjoyable and informative. Thanks again for the opportunity to serve you. Please feel free to call any officer if you have any questions or need any assistance. See you at the meeting!

Bert Peake  
President

***Five Points Historic District Officers:***

Bert Peake	President	539.1535
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Gwen Walker	Recording Secretary	551.9872
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Judy Perszyk	Marker	551.2957
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Debra Brasher	Media	534.1513
Gwen Walker	History	551.9872
Tori & Clarke Moore	Social Festivities	519.6378

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***Recipe from the Historic Five Points Cookbook***

**Peach Mousse**

*The Huntsville Times, 1934*

1 c. mashed peaches  
1 c. whipped cream  
½ c. sugar  
2 eggs  
1/16 tsp. salt

Mix peaches and whipped cream, then sugar and salt and fold in the whites of eggs.  
Place in pan and freeze.

## *Only in Five Points*



### Historic Homes Tour

May 1, 2004

One of our historic district homes will be featured on this tour: 804 Ward Avenue, the McKee Home. This c. 1900 home was part of the East Huntsville Addition. It is an exquisite home filled with antiques and one that you will enjoy seeing.

### Maple Hill Cemetery Stroll

May 2, 2004

2:00-4:30 pm

A beautiful event rich with history. This is a must for every Five Points resident young and old. It is filled with lots of history and reenactments. Anyone wanting to volunteer to help at this event please contact Gwen Walker at 551.9872.

## *Every House Has A Story...*

### **The MYSTERY HOUSE**

Location:

Pratt Avenue...or is it?

By Judy Perszyk

The old Sanborn maps of Huntsville are quite interesting; they show the evolution of the city. The 1921 map shows most homes in our Five Points neighborhood were concentrated in the blocks near Fifth Street (now Andrew Jackson Way and California) and were spreading eastward. The detail of the homes footprints and their location on individual lots is fairly accurate even when compared to current maps. The 1928 Sanborn map is the next available map, and it is interesting to compare the differences between the two. Our neighborhood grew with the construction of many homes. Garages are more prevalent throughout the neighborhood, as people acquired those wonderful automobiles, and small ancillary structures disappeared, as residents moved “plumbing” indoors. And some houses disappeared altogether. Fires were quite common, and some homes in our area were lost to disaster. But what happened to the home at 813 Pratt Avenue that is shown on the 1921 Sanborn map?

July 31, 1919 Albert P. Walker and his wife Lula Dodson Walker sold Lot 9, Block 82 (now 813 Pratt Avenue) to T. T. (Great is the Power of Cash) Terry. The property was then a vacant lot. The 1921 Sanborn map shows a home occupying the lot, it appears to have a small porch on the west front side, and a small porch on the rear west side, and sits to the west of center on the lot. There are no structures on the lot next door at 811 Pratt. The 1928 Sanborn map then shows homes situated at both 813 and 811 Pratt, yet the footprint of the 813 Pratt structure is very different from the previous map. There is a porch that runs the full width of the front, no back porch at all, and it appears to have shifted further east on the lot. The home at 811 Pratt has the identical footprint. *Hmmm, what happened there?*

The home at 813 Pratt Avenue remained in the Terry family until April of 2000. It then underwent restoration by the new owner, and during that time an old gas meter and lines were found underneath the home. *Could that have been left over from a previous structure?*

A longtime Five Points resident, who was born and raised in the house across the street from this home, recalls an event that occurred in the early 1920's when he was a young lad. He remembers the house, of which we speak, being moved to a location further up Pratt Avenue, rolling on logs as it was pulled by mules. In those days Pratt Avenue was just a wide dirt road, there were no medians with grass and Crepe Myrtles, and the mature trees that we all enjoy today were much younger and smaller. Not nearly as many houses either. This surely drew a large crowd and must have been quite an event for a young boy to witness. But he cannot recall the exact location where it came to rest.

So where is it? Is there anyone out there who knows where this house is today? It was last seen headed East on Pratt Avenue.

**A new feature in our newsletter, *Every House Has a Story* will highlight a home in our neighborhood. If you are interested in sharing a story about your home, or someone who lived there, please send your story to FPHDA, P. O. Box 10120, Huntsville, AL 35801**

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**Historic Marker Order**

*It's not too early to start thinking about if you would like to purchase one for your historic home.*

*Please contact Judy Perszyk 551-2957 if you are interested or would like more information.*

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**Guest Speaker at our April Meeting**

**Lynne Berry, the Director of Historic Huntsville Foundation will be our *guest speaker* for our April 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting. Lynne is a very eloquent speaker and will provide informative historic information for our group. Please join us at Mullins to hear Lynne!**

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**FPHDA on the Web**

Our website is: [www.fivepointshistoricdistric.org](http://www.fivepointshistoricdistric.org)

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Please email me at: [debrabrasher@aol.com](mailto:debrabrasher@aol.com) with your most current email address. We would love to be able to share information with you instantly should we need to.

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Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at Mullins***

