

On the Trail Again March and August 2009 – Selma, Alabama

One of the trail members suggested that I MUST go to Marion because there were several antique stores on the same street. I did not say what I wanted to which was “Where in the world is Marion?” I am originally from Tennessee, and I think I know all the towns in Tennessee; but I am just now learning about south Alabama towns like Notasulga, Loachapoka, etc. I asked Ray about Marion; he had heard of Marion Military Institute. I found that Marion is in west Alabama near Selma.

We decided to make our trail go through Selma and then on to Marion.

Our first stop was The Market Place in Selma (<http://www.marketplaceselma.com>) at 100 Broad Street. I fell in love with a charming four piece parlor set with a matching fainting couch. Ray, as usual, reminded me that we do not have space for a four piece parlor set. I was also fortunate enough to meet a Market Place vendor who collects and sells antique iron and cast iron implements. As many of you know, our banner on all lakesonline.com (lakemartin.com, loganmartin.info, smithlake.info, wheelerlake.info, etc.) websites and our business cards have my grandmother’s black wash pot as the icon.



He said my grandmother’s wash pot looked like it was pre civil war. He shared that if it had a raised vertical line across the bottom of the pot, it was pre civil war and not cast iron which was used later in the century. I can hardly wait to check it; however, I have to wait until my geraniums die back for winter, so that I can turn it upside down!

We had visited Selma (<http://pilgrimage.selmaalabama.com>) last spring (before I had the idea for the AlabamaAntiqueTrail.com). It is a truly historical city! Crossing the bridge made me have cold chills; then immediately I was celebrating that all Americas finally listened to reason. I could not believe the distance from Selma to Montgomery in miles. What courage it must have taken to complete that trek! Here is a photo of the bridge.



Below please find photos of some of the historical mansions that we visited in the spring. We were not able to visit all the homes in one day, and we started early. There is also an antique and art show! I would advise staying at least two days for the Pilgrimage. The homes were filled with antique treasures. The owners were gracious and showed us the true meaning of southern hospitality.



Notice the keyhole door trim above left and the chocolate set on the right – a few of my favorite things.

Earlier in the year we ate at this restaurant on River Street. We had great home fries and good sweet tea! On this recent trip I shopped for antiques while Ray ate at the Down Towner Restaurant across from the library. He enjoyed a good lunch of vegetables.



Onward on the AlabamaAntiqueTrail toward Marion...