

Final deadline nearing for county history book entries

May 31, 1985, is the deadline for all family and business stories for the "Walker County History Book." No stories, corrections or photographs will be accepted after that date.

The book, spearheaded by the Walker County Genealogical Society, is a sesquicentennial project of that organization and the Walker County Historical Commission. Committee members are Lucy Stewart, Mary Frances Park and Ellie Woods.

Approximately 750 families have already submitted their histories, according to Stewart, who said the committee's goal was 1,000 families. About 25 business histories have been written to date.

In addition to family and business histories accompanied by photographs, the book will contain a section on Walker County men who lost their lives in wars.

Stewart said residents have sent in checks for 510 books — just 90 short of the 600 the historical commission hoped to sell.

Pre-publication price per book (before May 31) is \$47.31, which includes \$2.31 tax. There will be a price increase after the book is published, Stewart said. If the book is mailed, \$3.50 postage will

be added to the cost. If the family's name is embossed in gold on the front of the book, there is an additional cost of \$5. Checks should be made out to Walker County History Book and mailed to Box 1819, Huntsville, 77340.

Residents still writing their family histories and business histories should not abbreviate the spelling of months and places in their stories. Names should not be underlined.

History book committee members are available to assist with history writing on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Huntsville Public Library. Monday hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday hours are 10 to 1. Additionally, residents may call Stewart at 295-5381, Park at 295-7444, or Woods at 295-7097 to arrange another time to meet at the library.

Vernon Schuder of Riverside has written the history of that community, along with the history of 50 families. Eleanor Randolph has also has written the stories of many Huntsville families, and Johnnie Jo Dickenson has written the history of many organizations. Jackie Taylor is volunteering her time in typing histories.