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Dues: \$15 for single local member;
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Meetings

Monthly meetings are held at 7 p.m.
the first Thursday night of each month
in the Rotary Room, upstairs at the
Tuscaloosa County Public Library on
Jack Warner Parkway, Tuscaloosa, AL.

Visitors and prospective members are
welcome at all times and their
participation in our projects is needed

and desired. The only requirement is
the expression of a desire to enhance
their genealogical and historical
knowledge.

Roots and Branches

Our quarterly publication is published in
January, April, July, and October. The
quarterly may be picked up at the
monthly meetings to local members
and are mailed to remote members.
We are actively engaged in swapping
quarterly publications with other
genealogical and historical societies
and welcome new swap partners.

Genealogical and historical data with
connections to Tuscaloosa County
and/or Alabama are solicited for
possible inclusion in our quarterly and
monthly publications. Contact: Brenda
Thomas at: e-mail: stripeustus@aol.com

Or mail to: P.O. Box 020802,
Tuscaloosa, AL 35402.

Committees

From time to time committees are
established for various purposes and
members are encouraged to
participate in one or more of these
groups. The success of our society is
dependent on the active participation in
one of these groups.

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PRAY FOR OUR NATION



Membership Information

The Tuscaloosa County Genealogical Society was originally organized in 1975 at the Friedman Library as a morning and a night group. The purpose of the society is to promote interest in genealogical research and the preservation of family history. Annual membership dues for the night group are \$15.00 single and \$25.00 family or remote membership. The membership year begins January 1. Members receive four quarterly *Roots & Branches*, and a *Newsletter* in all other months. Publication dates may vary based on the amount of material submitted for publication.

Material to be considered for publication in the quarterly is requested to pertain to Tuscaloosa County and/or surrounding counties and individuals. Copyrighted material must be accompanied by written permission from the copyright holder. All material will be considered by the editor and published at his/her discretion when space permits.

Queries are published free of charge for members as space allows.

All members are encouraged to fill out the form below in order to maintain an accurate membership listing. Some information is optional and will be marked. A member is responsible to inform the society of any changes in information as soon as possible.

2002 DUES ARE DUE NOW

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Single Membership \$15.00 _____ New Member _____.

Family Membership \$25.00 _____ Renewal _____.

Name _____.

Address _____.

City _____ State _____ Zip _____.

Telephone (_____) _____ E-mail Address _____.

Surnames you are researching (include up to eight) _____.

_____.

1930 CENSUS

Everyone that has done any genealogy research has dealt with census records at some time. Census records have been able to confirm family legend or put rumors to rest, either way, they have always been one of the most used resources in genealogical research. Along with census, soundexes have been a big help because of county lines moving, or not knowing which county an ancestor may have resided in.

This census was taken at a very interesting time. It was between the two world wars and just after the Stock market crash in 1929.

Unfortunately, only a few states have a complete 1930 soundex and two states have an incomplete soundex. Most of the states to have a complete soundex are southern states. It is not clear just why the work was not completed but the obvious reason seems to be the start of WWII. The ten states to have complete soundexes are: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. The two states with incomplete soundexes are Kentucky [counties of Bell, Floyd, Harlan, Kenton, Muhlenberg, Perry, and Pike], and West Virginia [counties of Fayette, Harrison, Kanawha, Logan, McDowell, Mercer, and Raleigh].

The enumeration district numbers will be of help for those states where there is no soundex. The enumeration district number will appear differently than in previous censuses. The number will be in two parts separated by a hyphen. The first part is the county and the second is the enumeration district number proper.

The Census Bureau has obtained maps of each county in the United States where they have marked with orange lines the boundaries of each district and the numbers of these districts. The National Archives and Records Administration microfilmed the city and town maps, as well as, offering a written description of the enumeration district boundaries.

The information ask of each household includes: name, relation to head of household, residence owned or rented, value of residence, whether a radio was owned (12,000,000 answered yes to this question meaning they were generally doing ok financially), race, occupation [more detail than in previous census], type of industry work was done in, marital status, age at time of first marriage, state or country of birth, parents state or country of birth, year of immigration, present naturalization status and if English is spoken,

The 1930 census will be released on April 1, 2002. It will take some time for it to be distributed to local libraries but it will be available at the National Archives building in Washington, regional archives, or the Family History Center in Salt Lake City. Film copies can be ordered at your local Family History Library for viewing. There will be many commercial Internet sites that will offer the census indexes and soundex information for a fee.

Some study will need to be done in order to use the 1930 census to it's fullest, but the rewards will be worth the time. Happy hunting for your many ancestors in this new resource.

Queries

There is no charge for queries to members of the society. Queries are to have a connection to persons and/or historical places in Tuscaloosa or surrounding counties. Please send to: Brenda Thomas, c/o NGTGS, P.O. Box 020802, Tuscaloosa, AL 35402 or email to: stripestus@aol.com, by the 20th of the month before publication.

1st Query -

I'm trying to find information concerning my family that came to Tuscaloosa from VA/TN. I obtained a death certificate for my g-grandfather William Dean. He died in 1943. I tried to get one for my g-grandmother Frances Fugett Dean, who died in 1965, but they were unable to locate one for her. I thought it was strange since she died more recently. My g-grandparents lived in Brookwood and are buried at West Brookwood cemetery. I am at a dead end. I cannot locate his parents (David A. Dean and Sarah Kilgore) or where he was born. What would be a next step for me?

Thanks for the help,

Leslie Dean

Reply to: MGTGS, Attention: Newsletter Editor, P.O. Box 20565, Tuscaloosa, AL 35402.

2nd Query

My connection is Isaiah W. **IRONS** and Jane **SCALES** married December 21, 1839 in Tuscaloosa County, AL. There are four other **IRONS** marriages listed in the Tuscaloosa County Marriages 1821-1860. These are: Caroline E. **IRONS** married to Joseph **RUSSELL**, October 29, 1856; Eliza Emily **IRONS** married to William B. **SPRADLING** January 6, 1851; Elizabeth **IRONS** married to Thomas J. **SCALES** October 18, 1845, and Polly **IRONS** married to Seth H. **GREEN** May 11, 1836.

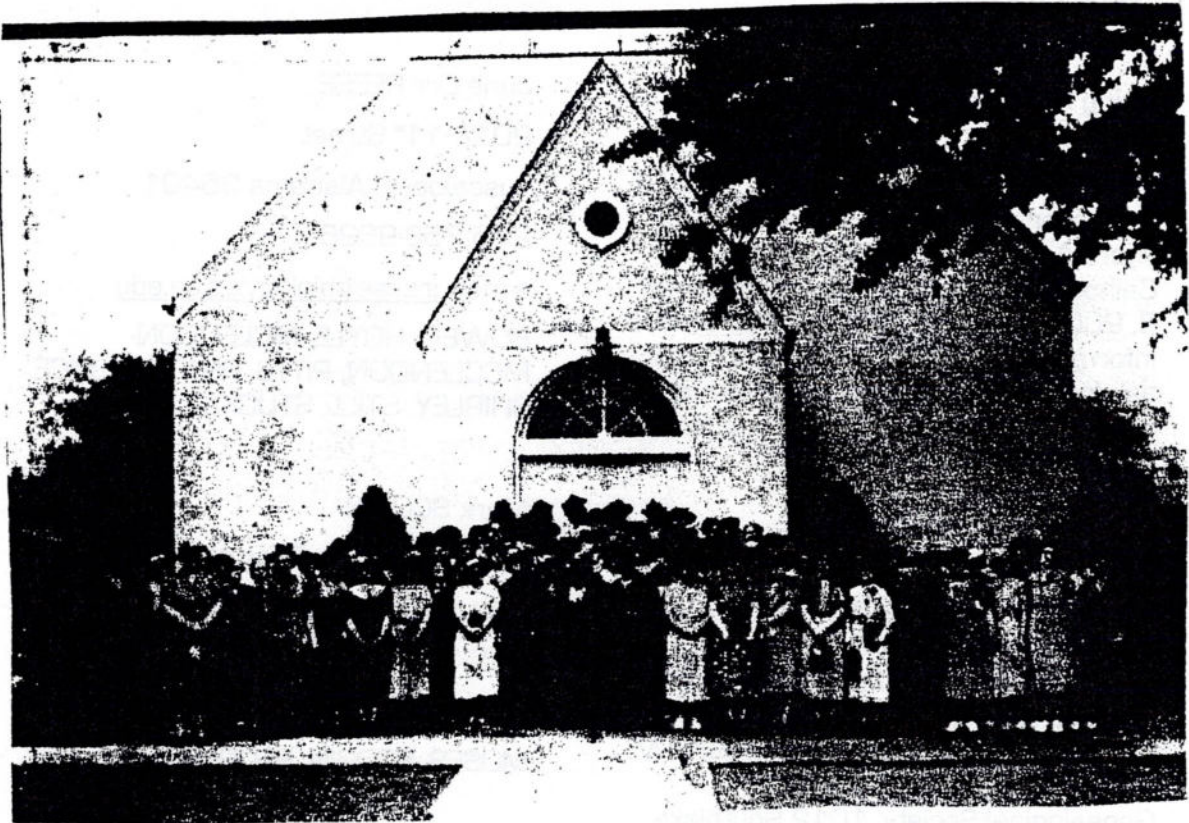
I feel these **IRONS** are possibly all siblings and the children of W. (William?) **IRONS** and Elizabeth **BEASON** married in Franklin County, GA, but I can make no positive connection. (There are several **IRONS** descendants with the middle name of 'BEASON' which was one clue that these may be connected.) I have been told by several researchers that Jane **SCALES** is the daughter of Thomas **SCALES**, born May 4, 1878 in VA and Mary "Polly" **HAINES**, born about 1790, but again, no proof.

I do have lots of information on the descendants of Isaiah **IRONS**, and Jane **SCALES** that I would be glad to share. They apparently left Alabama in the early 1840's and stopped in Arkansas (they had one child born there) and on Upshur County, TX where my great grandfather, Thomas William **IRONS**, was born and then on to Hopkins County, TX where they remained. My grandfather, Isaiah John **IRONS**, as well as my father, Clarence Bascom **IRONS** and myself, Mary Nell **IRONS STOKES**, were all born in Hopkins County, TX. In the 1860 census for Tuscaloosa County, AL, I find W. **IRONS**, Elizabeth **IRONS**, Asa **IRONS**, Elizabeth **SPRADLING**, W. **SPRADLING**, Thomas **SCALES**, Polly **SCALES**, Mary **SCALES**, numbered consecutively 31-38, all on page 540, #M653-25, which is another reason I believe these people could be related.

Reply to: MGTGS, Attention: Newsletter Editor, P.O. Box 20565, Tuscaloosa, AL 35402.

Of Interest

Below is a picture of a Tuscaloosa church that is no longer standing. This was the parent church of Trinity Methodist Church which is now Located on Bryant Drive and 8th Avenue.



Thanks Charlotte!

Classes/Seminars

Genealogy Classes:

Birmingham Public Library will offer Genealogy Classes for 2002 - An Introduction to Genealogy Research will be held on April 14 at 2:30 - 3:30 PM, and on April 30 at 10:00 - 11:00 AM. Classes will be held in the Southern History Department. For information call (205) 226-3665.

Using A Computer To Research-

Ala/Benton Genealogical Society is sponsoring a seminar with Bob Davis, a professor at Wallace State College, in Ayers Auditorium at the Anniston-Calhoun County Public Library on June 8, 2002 from 9:00 AM - 1:45 PM. For information call (256) 237 8501 and ask for the Alabama Room, or e-mail: Yself35@aol.com and type "Seminar" in subject line.

Alabama Genealogical Society-

Spring Seminar, May 4, 2002, 8:30 AM-4:00 PM at Samford University, 800 Lake Shore Drive, Birmingham, AL "Unlocking Secrets found in North Carolina Land Records" by Margaret M. Hofmann. Contact Alabama Genealogical Society, 1012 Southlake Cove, Birmingham, AL 35244-3282 or e-mail: jylhardy@bellsouth.net

New Members/Additions

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Alabama Genealogical Society

Presents

“Unlocking Secrets Found In North Carolina Land Records”

Saturday, May 4, 2002

8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Samford University

800 Lakeshore Drive

Birmingham, Alabama

Margaret M. Hofmann, a native of Raleigh, NC, is a nationally recognized authority on the use of land records in genealogical and historical research. She has lectured, worked and taught in the field of genealogy and local history for more than twenty years.

For nearly thirty years, she has published genealogical reference books. These books include eight volumes in abstract form, all extant land patents and land grants for North Carolina's Colonial Era as found in the North Carolina Secretary of State holdings. She has also published several books on wills and deeds at the county level and two “how to” books for beginning and intermediate researchers. Mrs. Hofmann is working on a new series of abstracts of the North Carolina State Grants beginning in 1778. Volume One of the new series was published in 1999. A limited number of her books will be available for sale.

Mrs. Hofmann is a graduate of Scared Heart Cathedral School, Raleigh, and Chestnut Hill College, Philadelphia, and earned a Masters degree in biochemistry from North Carolina State University. She is a charter member of the North Carolina Genealogical Society of which she was a Board Member and Publications Chairman when the North Carolina Research volume was published in 1980. The National Genealogical Society honored her in 1990 with the Award of Merit for her contribution to genealogy. Mrs. Hofmann was the 1996 winner of the prestigious McDaniel Lewis Historian of the Year Award given by the North Carolina Society of Historians, Inc.

Almost all of us had ancestors who were in North Carolina before they or their children headed off to the Old Western frontier of Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi, or over into Tennessee. Mrs. Hofmann's lectures will help us to find them.

The morning seminar sessions will be “300 Years of NC Land Patents and Grants” And the afternoon seminars will be “Genealogical Uses of Some Early NC Land Records” and “Tracing a Family Where No Records Exist Except Land Records”.

For a registration form see Brenda Thomas or write to:

AGS, 1012 Southlake Cove, Birmingham, AL 35244-3282

HELPFUL ADDRESSES & WEB SITES

Family History Center
2015 3rd Avenue North
Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35406
(205) 758-4820

Tuscaloosa County Public Library
1801 Jack Warner Parkway
Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401
(205) 345-5820

Air Force Historical Research Agency
AFHRA, Building 1405, 600 Chennault Circle
Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama 36112-6424
(334) 953-7428
www.au.af.mil/au/afhra

Alabama Department of Archives and History
624 Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 300100
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-0100
(334) 240-3433
www.archives.state.al.us

Birmingham Public Library, Archives Department
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www.bplonline.org

Samford University, Special Collections
Davis Library, Samford University
800 Lakeshore Drive
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(205) 726-4103
<http://davisweb.samford.edu/about/special.html#Archives>

University of Alabama, W. S. Hoole Special Collections Library
University of Alabama Libraries
Box 870266
Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35487-0266
(205) 348-1699
www.lib.ua.edu/hoole

WEB SITES

Alabama Department of Archives and History

<http://www.Archives.state.al.us>

Book and Software Information

www.genealogybookstore.com

Genealogy Resources on the Internet

<http://www-personal.umich.edu/%7Ecgaunt/gen-intl.html>

Helm's Genealogy Toolbox

<http://uxl.cso.unuc.edu/~al-helm/genealogy.html>

National Genealogy Society

www.ngsgenealogy.org

National Genealogy Home Page

<http://genealogy.org/NGS/>

The Carolina Herald and Newsletter

www.scgen.org

TREASURE MAPS – The “How-to” Genealogy Site

<http://www.firstet.com/fv/tmaps.html>

Yahoo's Genealogy Page

<http://www.yahoo.com/Arts/Humanties/History/Genealogy/>

Cyndi Howells of Cyndi's List

www.cyndislist.com

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