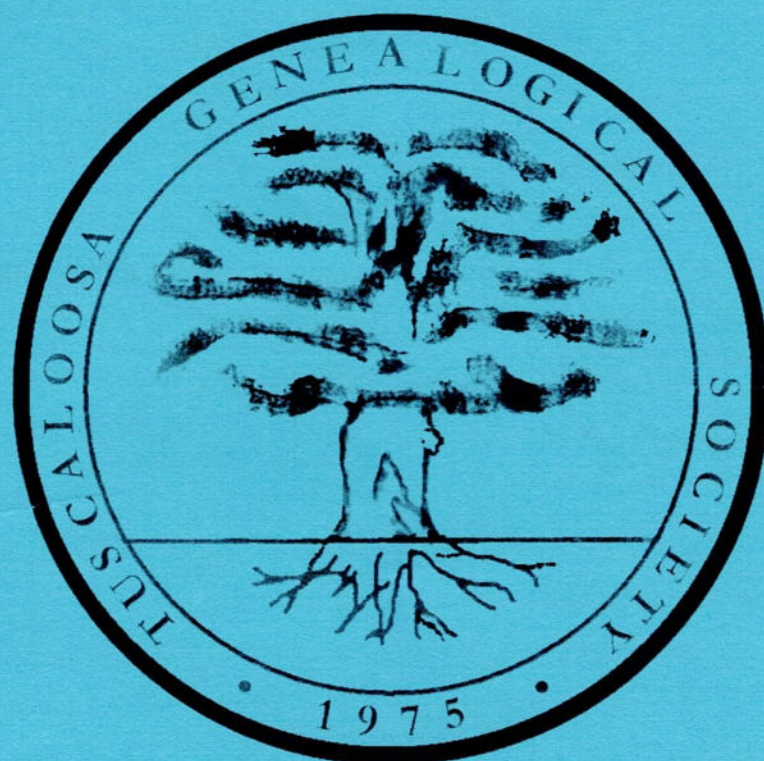


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June 1	"To Be Announced"
July 6	"Lineage Societies: What Are They? How Can I Become a Member" by Janet McElroy, Walter Dockery, Mark Scogin, Helen Hahn and other TGS members who belong to a lineage society.
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December 7	"Short Christmas Program—Members Christmas Party"



Tuscaloosa County Society **June, 1897 – November 1898**

A Charitable Organization
transcribed by Charlotte Tucker

Page 1:

June 10, 1897 Mrs. Ratley: lived on Columbus Road about 12 miles from Tuscaloosa. Husband in the Insane Asylum. Has two children and no means Has a brother at Brookwood to whom she wants to go.

Team hired from University Stable & sent to B. Wood. 2.00

Mrs. Ludie Davis: Husband sick in Selma.

Given Groceries from Peter Clinton. 1.00

June 27, 1897 Mrs. Henderson: Lived below the Oil Mill. Works when she can in Cotton Mill at Depot.

Mrs. Harrison thinks she is [sic] need of help. Has her Mother, Grand Mother to provide for and three children.

Order given on Mr. Peter Clinton for one dollars worth of provisions. 1.00

June 28, Order given to Mr. Clinton for one dollar provision. 1.00

July 14 Order " " " " " " " " 1.00

" 19 " " " " " 50¢ .50

Aug 28 " " Baker & Clinton 20¢ & 50¢ .75

Sept. 1 " " Baker .25

Aug 29 " " " .15

Feb. 14, 1898 " " " .50

19 " " Clinton .65

25 " " " 1.20

Page 2:

June 24, 1897 Mrs. Ellison: 45 years old. Lives near AGS Depot; is a widow and has four children, oldest a girl and is crippled and can't work. Two children work in the Cotton Mill at Depot and make 27¢ per day. Mrs. Ellison has no work. Has to pay 50¢ per week house rent. Has one boy working in Gov. work but has not realized anything yet from his work.

Order given to Peter Clinton for fifty cents provisions .50

June 28 " " " " " " " " .50

July 22 " " " " " " " " .50

Sept 1 " " " Baker sixty cents .60

Dec 24 " " " " .65

Feb. 16, 1898 [Order given to] " 1.40

" 24 " " " " .65

Mar 11 " " " " .50

18 " " " " .50

June 24 Miss Lou Page: Lives near Depot. 50 years old. Has no family except a niece who works in Cotton Mill at 50¢ per week. Miss Page works in Mill when she is able & makes 25¢ per. Has to pay 50¢ per week house rent.

Order given to Peter Clinton for 50¢ provisions. .50

[June] 28 " given to " " " 50¢ .50

July 22 " " " " 75¢ .75



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Page 2: (Continued)

Feb. 14, 1898 [Order given to] N. N. Baker	.50
25 [Order given to] P. Clinton	1.20

Page 3:

June 25, 1897 Mrs. Bristoe: Has no home no means son in Jail Order given to P Clinton for 25¢ provisions	.25
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July 17, 1897 Mrs. Bristoe her son furnished transportation to Jasper Ala	5.80
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July 3, 1897 Mrs. Finley: A widow, 58 years old, lives at what is known as the Old "Lynch House" on Broad Street, has a motherless grand child which has been sick about 8 months.

Mrs. Finley worked in the Cotton Mill when she could, at 40¢ per day. Has no means. Case investigated and recommended by Mrs. J. T. Garner.

Order given to Peter Clinton for one dollars worth of provisions.	1.00
Aug 11 Order given to Peter Clinton for provisions 75¢	.75

Page 4:

July 1 1897: Lew Bingham: Boy about 14 years, recommended by Mrs. J. O. Abbott to be an industrious [sic] deserving boy, who is the main support of a widowed mother & one sister. He has the promise of good employment at Blockton, but has no money to carry him there. We give him \$1.05 to buy ticket to Blocton. [sic]	1.05
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July 10: Mrs. C. C. Barksdale: Lives near Cemetery, Mrs. Garner finds that she is in need, & recommends that some assistance be given her.

Order given for 1 PK [sic] meal, 5# meat, 1# coffee	.70
Nov. 27 " " " 1 Pr shoes to Snow & N [sic]	1.00

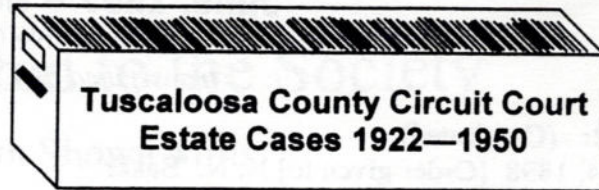
July 13, 1897: Mrs. Annie Barnes: Lives on Greensboro Road South of Depot, is sick & has no means. Works when she is able, in Cotton Mill at Depot.

Order given for 75¢ worth of provisions	.75
Aug 12 " " " 80¢ " " "	.80
27 " " " 15¢ " " "	.15
Sept 1 " " " [sic] " " "	.50
" by R. E. Rodes (previously)	1.00

Page 5: W. Barksdale: Lives on Market St. near Judge N. G. Cochrane; is sick and has a family & no means of support. Recommended by ?

Order given for one dollars worth of provisions	1.00
July 27 " " " one dollars " " "	1.00
Negro man. See Mrs. Rodes & get name	
July 17 Food furnished by Mrs. Rodes to this man and Mr. Rodes this day reimbursed	.50

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(Incomplete list)

Case Number	Type	Year	Surname	First Name
1968	Estate	1933	Allen	T.B.
1048.5	Estate	1922	Baker	B.F.
2465	Estate	1935	Bell	C.P.
1951	Estate	1933	Bryce	Ellen Peter, Mrs.
2239	Estate	1934	Burroughs	H.A.
1787	Estate	1931	Cannon	B.
783	Estate	1926	Christian	Byrd, Mrs.
1034.5	Estate	N/A	Christian	John H.
1899	Estate	1932	Clarkson	E.L.
2639	Estate	1936	Clinton	Peter
2698	Estate	1936	Daniel	Susan C., Mrs.
1441	Estate	1929	Davis	Floyd F.
1585	Estate	1930	Davis	Veler Newton
3190	Estate	1938	Deal	S. E.
2624	Estate	1936	Dickerson	Grace M.
2403	Estate	1935	Durrett	Etta, Mrs.
991	Estate	1927	Elliott	E.L.
2250	Estate	1934	Espey	T.H.
2092	Estate	1933	Fant	Emma D., Mrs.
2438	Estate	1935	Fitts	Flora D., Mrs.
2028	Estate	1933	Flinn	Charles F.
2028.5	Estate	1933	Flinn	Charles F.
1669	Estate	1931	Foster	Annie Lee
1995	Estate	1933	Foster	Kenyon Espy
1580	Estate	1930	Freeman	S.M.
2090	Estate	1933	Friedman	Hannah Mills
1800	Estate	1931	Gee	Carrie Jackson
3222	Estate	1939	Green	Fanny
1892	Estate	1932	Hardin	Edwin
1590	Estate	1930	Harper	B.T.
1636	Estate	1930	Harper	B. T.
771	Estate	1926	Harris	Frank R.
794	Estate	1926	Harris	
3164	Estate	1938	Harris	Lillian S.
3178	Estate	1938	Harwood	Benard
1591	Estate	1930	Hayes	Annie G., Mrs.
2716	Estate	1936	Hewitt	Lennie, Miss

Congratulations

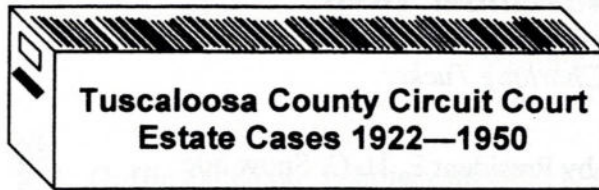
Loose Records Volunteers!

Tom Turley, from the State Archives and Eric Olsen, the person that will be filming our records, stopped by to look over the work you have done. They had nothing but praise for the countless volunteer hours spent in the preparation of these records.

Eric Olsen found some additional records in Jefferson County that will delay his coming to Tuscaloosa. He should begin filming our records in late June or July.

Thanks to Fran Brazeal and Mr. Medders, we may not need to get out of the room by April 15th after all.

Jan Hutchison



(Incomplete list)

ANOTHER CORRECTION

Member Information

My name is Mary Anne Price (there is an "e" on the Anne).

My email address is gmaprice12@comcast.net (the entry as published does not include the first "m" in the email address).

Also, I am not researching Orr Reese. June Orr Reese is a friend there, and we are related through our Darden line, but I am not researching her lines. My lines I am researching in Tuscaloosa County are: Blocker, Darden, Eddins, Miller, Sartain/Sartin.

My mother, Annie Laura Eddins, was a native of Tuscaloosa County. We are descended from George Darden, in the Darden cemetery by Bowers Park, Stephen Miller (Darden's son-in-law, also buried there), and Joseph Balus Eddins (father of both Benjamin F. Eddins and my great grandfather Capt. Joseph Balus Eddins, Jr.).

Mary Anne Price
1445 Spruce Avenue
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Case Number	Type	Year	Surname	First Name
2606	Estate	1936	Hill	T.J.
1904	Estate	1932	Howe	J.T.
3366	Estate	1939	Jemison	Mary T.
1985	Estate	1933	Lucius	Lee
2016	Estate	1933	Matthews	Virgil E.
2217	Estate	1934	Matthews	Mary F.
2043	Estate	1933	Maxwell	Luther Henderson
2734	Estate	1936	McGee	Sampson D.
1808	Estate	1932	Miles	A.W.
1418	Estate	1929	Moore	William
921	Estate		N/A	
959	Estate		N/A	
2073	Estate	1933	N/A	
2245	Estate	1934	N/A	
2413	Estate	1935	N/A	
2429	Estate	1935	N/A	
2447	Estate	1935	N/A	
2455	Estate	1935	N/A	
2788	Estate	1937	Neilson	John J.
2071	Estate	1933	Norwood	Sidney L.
1369	Estate	1929	O'Donald	John
1834	Estate	1932	Patton	G.W.
1943	Estate	1932	Powers	T.J.
2490	Estate	1935	Prince	Dora, Miss
2579	Estate	1936	Prince	Dora
2737	Estate	1936	Stallworth	Marquerite, Mrs.
1970	Estate	1933	Steines	George Edward
1021	Estate	1927	Stine	Elizabeth
2363	Estate	1935	Strong	Jed
2791	Estate	1937	Stuart	Nancy Foster
2710	Estate	1936	Sullivan	Jimmie Lee
1796	Estate	1931	Tarrant	Sallie E., Miss
962	Estate	1927	Vanhorn	Luke
2599	Estate	1936	Waddell	M.L.
2187	Estate	1934	Williams	Penina E., Mrs.
2198	Estate	1934	Williams	Penina E., Mrs.
2417	Estate	1935	Williams	P.E., Mrs.
2753	Estate	1937	Winchester	William L.



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July 21:	John Hall: Sick. Medicine furnished him by President E. H. C. Snow 50¢	.50
July 24:	Mrs. Elmore: Lives near AGS Depot in rear of Mrs. Neilson: Widow with 5 children. No means of support except from eldest son who is now sick. Help recommended by John Little & Order given on Peter Clinton for one and 20/100 worth of provisions	1.20
Aug 27:	Furnished Coffee	.15
27:	“ Provisions through H. H. Bush [?] 20¢	.20
“	“ (by Mr. Rodes “ “	1.35
Dec 24	“ Order to Mr. Baker for	.95

Page 6:

July 27:	Mrs. John Gregg: Lives near on Cr [sic] of Lauderdale & Monroe Street opposite Dr. Little. In destitute circumstances on account of sickness of husband & children. Recommended by John Little. Order given to Peter Clinton for groceries	1.05
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Aug 2:	Joe Richards: Lives [blank] Is sick & has no means. Mrs. Garner recommends that assistance be given him family Order to Peter Clinton for provisions	1.00
Aug 28	“ “ “ “ “ “	.75

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Aug 4:	Hutson, J. D. Wise P. O. Chambers Co., Ala Away from home & sick Will return this amt(?) as soon as possible. Given him check on treasurer for	2.50
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Aug. 7:	Mrs. King: Lives in Country, has a son here who is sick No means. Order given for provisions, 50¢	.50
Aug. 11	Paid Peter Clinton a bill made (?) for Mr. R. E. Rodes for 3.05 which does not show for whom the goods are bought.	

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Aug 12, 1897:	Mrs. Ethridge: Lives near Depot – back of Mr. M—hinette’s residence. Is a widow woman, has one daughter is sick & has no immediate means of support. Recommended by Miss Belle Minhmnette (?). Order given to Mr. H. H. Baker for 1 sk [sic] flour	.70
Aug 12, 1897:	Mrs. Patrick: A widow 3 children lives with MRs. Annie Barnes near Depot. Works in Cotton Mill when running. Order given to Mr. H. H. Baker for 80¢ provisions	.80
	“ by R. E. Rodes “ “ “ 1.00	1.00



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Mrs. G--? Sanders: Lives below Oil Mill is a widow with one boy who is sickly. Has no means of support.

	Order given to Mr. H. H. Baker for 70¢ worth of provisions	.70
Nov 8	Order given on Mr. " " (previously ordered by John Little)	1.05
Dec 16	" " to Mr. Baker	.50

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Aug 12 Mrs. Wm. Barksdale: widow of the late Wm. Barksdale

	Order given for 90¢ worth of provisions	.90
Aug 23	" " " 90¢ " "	.90
28	" " " 25¢ " "	.25
Sept. 4	" " " 1.20 " "	1.20
13	" " " 1.75 " "	1.75
30	" " " 1.50 " "	1.50
Nov. 27	" " " 1.05 " "	1.05
Apr 12	" " " 1.00 " "	1.00

Aug 12: Jim Edgeworth: Lives on Dr. Ozments [sic] place below Oil Mil. Is in bed with fever and destitute. Hare large family of small children.

	Order given for 40¢ worth of provisions	.40
20	" " " 85¢	.85
24	Paid Dr. Leatherwood for 1 visit	1.00
30	Provisions furnished by Mr. Baker	.65
Sept. 2	" " " " "	.20
22	" " " " "	.45
Jan 8	" " " " "	.25

Sept 1:,1897:

Mrs. Lucas. Lives near Depot. Recommended by Miss Belle Minhurnette(?)

	Order given to Mr. Baker for 50¢ worth provisions	.50
9	" " " " " "	.40

Page 10:

Sept, 6, 1897: Mrs. Hooks: A widow no means bad health

	Order given to Mr. H. H. Baker for fifty cents goods	.50
[Sept] 21	" " " " 1.00 provisions	1.00
Nov. 18	" " " " 25¢	.25
Feb 14, 1898	[Order given to] " 50¢	.50
May 5	Paid W. G. Cochrane for moving to Poorhouse	2.00
Apr 6	Order to Clinton	1.00
May 3	[Order to Clinton]	1.00
Mar 25	" " " by Mr. Snow	.50

Oct 17 Mrs. Trimm: Lives near Street car shed in East End

Is old sick

	Order Given to Clinton for provision	.50?
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Nov 27: Mrs. Emily Sanders: Lives near Depot out of employment but is promised work in Cotton Mill next week.

Order given to Peter Clinton for provisions to amt. of 50¢	.50
Dec 16 Order Given Mr. Baker for fifty cents	.50
Jan 25, 1898 " " " "	.50
8 " " " "	1.00

Page 11:

December 7, 1897: Mrs. Dillard A widow with two little children. Lives near Depot and is destitute.

Order given to Mr. Baker for provisions of 1.00	1.00
Feb 24 [1897]: B. A. Covington: Order given to H. H. Baker	1.00

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January 26, 1898: Mrs. Barber:

To Order given to Peter Clinton	1.00
Feb 18 " " " " " "	.65
Mar 25 " " " " " "	1.75

Feb 2, 1898: Mrs. Hammett: To provisions from Peter Clinton	1.00
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Pickic [sic]

June 3: Goods furnished by Mr. Clinton for Mission? S. S. Picnic	3.00
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May 25: Sam Jones (?)	
Order given by Mrs. Garner to P. Clinton	.75

Mrs. Mary Wallace Claims to live at Fall River Mass. [sic]	
July 20: To Order to P. Clinton 1.00 by Mrs. Garner	1.00
30: " " " " " "	1.40
Aug 6: " " " " " Mrs. Abbott	1.40
8: Cash furnished to pay expenses to Washington D.C. (RR Pass second)	5.00

Aug. 6: Mrs. Fannie Whatters: claims to live at Ozark, Ala. Has 3 children	
Here & no means	
Order to P. Clinton	.50
13: Cash paid Mrs. Winn for board two days	1.50

Page 14: E. W. Wyers: sick man with family. Lives near bridge on Warrior River.

No means.

Nov. 17 Order given to Peter Clinton for goods	[the mount not readable]
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**The Night Group of the
Tuscaloosa Genealogical Society
Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2006**

Opening

R. L. Guffin called our January meeting to order; said he was delighted to see everyone and wished all a happy new year. He told about his son's visit over the holidays and said he had an opportunity to inquire about his girlfriend's lineage. He said during their visit, he managed to put together a six (6) generation chart and challenged the group to construct a six (6) generation chart with their surname. He thanked all that were present last month at our *Special Celebration*. He presented certificates to some of those that were not at the December meeting.

Announcements

- R. L. said charter members that signed in and present at last month's meeting was Nancy Hughes, Joyce Lamont, Mary Clark Ryan, Betty Bounds, Wayne Wakefield, Margaret Findley, Linda Standridge Graham, Angie Mills Cooper and himself.
- He said Mr. Stewart from the morning group had brought the evening group some interesting articles on German surnames in America.
- He called a 6:00 P.M. meeting for the 2006 officers here in the Rotary Room prior to next months regular meeting.
- He said Kerry Douglas, with the Tuscaloosa Public Library, will be teaching some beginning genealogy classes from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. in the Rotary Room starting on January 17, 2006.

Approval of Minutes

Jim Crowder presented the November and December minutes and both were approved as read.

Approval of Financial Report

Jesse Ellard presented the financial report for December, 2005 and it was approved as read.

Balance November 31, 2005	\$2628.02
Expenses (Book Sale –Copying)	\$0.00
Expenses (30 th year promotion)	\$172.18
Dues	\$635.00
Special Contributions	\$0.00
Special Book/CD Sale	\$0.00
Balance June 30,2005	\$3090.84
Savings (#10092) as of 12/14/2005	\$717.00
Savings (#10093) as of 12/14/2005	\$2253.00

Present

R. L. Guffin asked Patricia Dotson for a report on attendance and she reported that we had 31 members and 3 guests present for the evening. We had two (2) that came in later during the meeting, making a total of 36.

Reports from Committees

- Loose Paper Project – Jan Hutchison reported that she had gotten an email from Tom Turley stating that they were ready to film the records, but we are not quite finished. She said they have handled over 2650 records thus far. Of that 1900 have been identified, we have 51 estate



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records that are not on any index in Tuscaloosa, 117 ex parte for removal of disability of age, 1500 divorces, 510 divorce dismissals, 100 ex parte to remarry. She said if they could get those that have been trained to come back and help, they should be finished by April.

- Publications – Charlotte Tucker reported that book sales were down and hoped to have something better to report next month.

New Business

Mike Sullivan said he agreed with Warren Spruill that the best thing for the records on the seventh (7) floor of the courthouse would be a new home. He reminded everyone that eventually the county would occupy the old Federal Building. He said it would probably be five (5) or more years before this happened and we should be talking to whoever it takes to get in on the ground floor of planning the allocation of office space. He said we might get the county to establish an archive department. He said what he would like us to do is over the next two (2) or three (3) meetings, starting even tonight, is to discuss whether this society would like to see that a local archive gets started.

R. L. Guffin said Mike might have caught some cold with this, so he wanted everyone to think about it over the next month and starting February, discuss it over the next couple of months.

Program

R. L. Guffin apologized for the absence of our scheduled speaker; Elizabeth Wells. He said he didn't know what happened, but was sorry that it happened.

R. L. Guffin asked everyone to share one of their most recent genealogical experiences. Several of those present shared recent finds with the group.

Adjournment

R. L. Guffin said he was happy to see everyone and looked forward to having them back next month.

Prepared by: Jim Crowder

Respectfully submitted by: Mary Ann Izatt

Approved by: R. L. Guffin

**Alabama Genealogical Society, Inc.
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**Flesh on the Bones
*Putting Your Ancestors into Historical Perspective***

Presented by Sharon DeBartolo Carmack

**Brock Forum Auditorium / Dwight Beeson Business Building
Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama**

Saturday, May 6, 2006

8:30 AM — 4:00 PM

Calling Committee (Correction)

Roberta Powell (Chairperson)

Katie Channell

Sheila Rice

~~Jackie Otts~~

Jan Hutchison



Meeting Minutes February 2, 2006

OPENING

R. L. Guffin called our February meeting to order, he said that he was pleased to see everyone there. He told of an email that he had received, in which a man had inquired about our publications and said that he was a member of the morning group. R. L. suggested that he come to our night meetings and see if he liked it. The man sent back email and said that he couldn't come, because he lived in Pittsburg. R. L. then said that we have members who cannot come to our meetings, and that is not so unusual for people to belong to a group, where they cannot attend the meetings. He then asked if there were any people who were there for the first time. Two ladies stood up, and then a lady from Elmore Co. and her husband. R. L. welcomed them warmly.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mary Ann Izatt presented the January minutes and they were approved as read.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

Jesse Ellard presented the financial report and it was approved as read.

PRESENT

R. L. Guffin asked Patricia Dotson for a report on attendance. She reported that we had 27 members, and 4 visitors present, for a total of 31 in attendance.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE

Loose Paper Project – Jan Hutchison reported that 5 boxes had been completed, and that she was really excited about that. They still needed help to finish. R. L. said that he appreciated what has been done, and that he wished that he could get away during the day and come to help.

OLD BUSINESS

R. L. Guffin wanted everyone to think about the minutes from last month when we talked about having a local archives dept. and that Mike would like us to support it. In thinking about how to achieve it, the discussion opened with talk about several other archives scattered over the state. Clara Dolan told of all the other records in Mobile, Jim also told of one he went to. R. L. wanted us to think about it, and move along with seeing how it could be organized and funded. We definitely need to preserve the records. He wants us to keep the idea of getting a local archive going and continue to think about it. R. L. then told us a story about a book that a lady from California had sent to him. She was donating it to the group. He had put it away for a number of years, and just found it. He wanted to present it to the group. It was called, "Coal Dust between My Toes." by Hayes. There were several names of local Tuscaloosa people in there, and a great deal of other information about them.

PROGRAM

Joan Mitchell introduced the program. Charlotte Tucker, June Reese, and Jan Hutchison spoke on different aspects of "Organizing Your Genealogy, Part One". The handouts were papers to use when looking at deeds, courthouse records, and family group sheets, etc.

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June Reese talked about Land Records, and how to access them in the computer. So we could learn when the land was purchased, who lived on the land, and when it was sold. She also gave us information as to locating the numbering system, and how we can look up public land records, and then get into the deed books. This is valuable when looking for where people lived and who their neighbors where.

Charlotte said to get organized one should begin by writing every thing down on paper, all the stuff that you have, then later you can put it in the computer. In starting, you will use a lot of paper, and need all the help you can get. There are many ways people can help us, Charlotte said. She also talked about some of the handouts for examples.

Jan Hutchison talked about 3 different programs for the computer to use when doing genealogy. The Family Tree Maker works best for her. She suggested we use the one that works best for us. She quoted the saying, "do as I say, not do as I do." She also liked to put pictures in with her pedigree charts. She used a computer with a screen that we all could see. She showed us several of her photos in her program, She told us how to keep the photos in folders. She told us to document the photos, with a description of when and where they were taken. With her scanner she could copy census records into word document. She wants to have vital stuff in the computer where it is available, and that needs to be organized to do so. She said there are lots of things that you can do on the computer. She also said that it is just so much fun, telling what you can do.

ADJOURNMENT

R. L. Guffin said that he wanted to thank this group of three ladies for the program, for the fine job they did. He said that there are people who have a lot of names, really a lot, and how they must have them in an organized system to keep track of all of them. He said that it has been a good evening, and hoped to see each of us in March.

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Roberta Powell has changed her email—please update  
your yearbooks to reflect the following change.

Previous address: [nrpp@aol.com](mailto:nrpp@aol.com)  
Present address: [nrpp2@bellsouth.net](mailto:nrpp2@bellsouth.net)

### Page-Corner Bookmarks

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Paula Warren and Juliana Smith both mentioned using little slips of paper to mark pages in books, however these little papers fall out easily. A more secure way to mark pages without damaging them is with the corners of old envelopes. Cut the corners off diagonally about one inch from the point. Then you can slide your marker over the page corner, sort of the opposite of turning down the page. Colored envelopes are especially good. I keep a baggie of these corners to mark pages I want to return to. Connie Moretti

Redondo Beach, CA - *Ancestry Quick Tip* ("Ancestry Daily News")

Submitted by: Charlotte Tucker



The Night Group of the
Tuscaloosa Genealogical Society
Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2006

Opening:

R. L. Guffin welcomed people to the night meeting. He hoped that we all had had a good month of February, and wondered if anyone had had a big genealogical find. Three people responded with interesting stories. R. L. told us about an interesting article that he had read. And told us that the man who lived in Pittsburg, who we had talked about last month, had sent in his membership fee to join our group.

Approval of Minutes: Mary Ann Izatt read the February minutes, and they were corrected, and approved as read.

Approval of Financial Report. There was no financial report.

Reports from Committees

Jan reported on the loose records project. There were 3704 folders in the room where they were working, and that 3337 was the total that had been completed. She said that they needed someone to go and get more folders. Jim Crowder agreed to go and pick up the folders. The folders cost \$87.50 for 500, and it was voted and seconded that we would reimburse Jim for the cost of the folders and the cost of travel.

Charlotte reported that the publication committee met and agreed to donate 3 CD's to Sanford Spring Seminar.

June showed us a map of Tuscaloosa in 1837, and said that the map would be here in the library.

R. L. Guffin asked if anyone was here for the first time. No one stood up. He then ask if there was any old business

Old Business:

There was a discussion to identify other archives in the state, and what we might do as a society to stimulate interest here. Jim said that it must be a political process, and that we needed to ask a judge. Joan spoke of the need to make this project successful, and that we need to form a political action committee. Mike said that at the local level, someday we will get into the old building and we can approach the county, to have an archives department.

Program:

Dr. Joan Mitchell's subject was on "Types of Directories". She gave us a four page handout, entitled "City Directories". She told us about the numerous kinds of directories that are out there, telephone, religious, city, etc. She showed us an example on the screen, of the oldest Tuscaloosa city directory, which was from 1902. This directory had all kinds of information about people and businesses in it. She told of the Source Book, that's available, and the NARA and many other references, that are available.

Adjournment

R. L. Guffin asked Pat for a report on the attendance and she reported that we had 37 members and 2 visitors, making an attendance of 39 people at our meeting.

R. L. thanked Jim for the annual book that he prepared and gave out to everyone.

The meeting was adjourned.



Material donated to the Society

by Elizabeth Shown Mills

November 4, 2005

- *An Emerson-Benson Saga*
- Gray, Powers and Their Interrelated Families
- Family Maps of Leake County, Mississippi
- Family Maps of Jackson County, Alabama
- Family Maps of Lawrence County, Mississippi

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**February 7, 2006**

- **Microfiche:**

*Johnson Co. Arkansas Burials fiche #s 1-4*

*Australasian Genealogical Computer Index #1-12*

- **Books:**

*Family History: A Legacy for Your Grandchildren*

*A Birdseye Atlas of American History (book three)*

*Our Native Americans: Their Records of Genealogical Value (Vol. 1)*

- **Microfilm:**

1910 Census MS T624-739 Forest, George, Franklin, Hancock

1900 Census Washington County, MS T623-0832

1900 Census Mobile—Monroe Counties, AL (2 reels-1 duplicate)

1860 Census Randolph—Winston Counties, AL (2 reels-1 duplicate)

1880 Census Mississippi T9-665 Sunflower, Tate Tippah, Tallahatchie

1890 Union Veteran Census, M123-26, Mississippi

1910 Census Alabama Mobile T624-0026

1900 Census Alabama Mobile & Mobile City, T623-0031

1910 Census Alabama, Dallas County T624-11

1880 Census Alabama, Talladega—Tallapoosa, T624-0034

WPA Federal Writer's Project of Alabama: Ex-slave tales



# Query

754 Greene, 715 Road  
Paragould, Arkansas 72450  
21 January 2006

Tuscaloosa Genealogical Society  
P.O. Box 020802  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35402-0802

Hello:

I am seeking information concerning two marriage records that are indexed on Ancestry. Com and also indexed in the Gandrud Tuscaloosa Alabama Books.

I mailed a request to the Tuscaloosa Court House for these two marriage records. They responded stating the amount due. I mailed the check to them. Then, they returned it, enclosing two Health Statistics forms, offering no explanation whatsoever.

According to the Tuscaloosa web site, Tuscaloosa has marriage records from 1823. Yet, after requesting a fee, they returned my check with no explanation whatsoever, except for sending me a Center For Health Statistics form, which is useless.

I am enclosing our correspondence for clarity of the subject.

Will you please help me by telling me where to obtain these two marriage records?

Thank you,  
Gayle Kirksey Jetton

*After a visit to the Probate Office  
we mailed the marriage records to  
Gayle Kirksey Jetton on February 8,  
2006*

*Jim Crowder*

*Night Group*

*Thank you for  
your help & for  
the copies. I  
appreciate it very  
much.*

*My ancestors lived  
in Tuscaloosa. Hope I  
can come there some  
day to search.*

*Gayle Kirksey  
Jetton*



# NOTES

## COMPUTER ASSISTED GENEALOGY GROUP "CAGG"



This group meets the 3rd Saturday of each month at 9:30 am at:

**The Family History Center  
2015 3rd Avenue North  
Tuscaloosa, AL 35406**

The group gets together to help those of us that use computers and the internet for looking up their genealogical information. The group also offers help with some of the different software programs that are used in storing genealogical information.

Contact: **Jan Hutchison**  
**janhutchison@comcast.net**  
**205-339-4527**



## WEB SITES

Just a few sites to try that might lead you to tour long lost ancestor. Take time to try each one.

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| Our site .....                                              | <a href="http://rootsweb.com/~alngtgs">http://rootsweb.com/~alngtgs</a>                                          |
| Helpful tips and tricks for beginners.....                  | <a href="http://www.awesonegenealogy.com/awetips.shtml">www.awesonegenealogy.com/awetips.shtml</a>               |
| List sites of interest with popular sections.....           | <a href="http://genealogysearch.org">http://genealogysearch.org</a>                                              |
| A helpful search engine .....                               | <a href="http://www.familytreearcher.com">www.familytreearcher.com</a>                                           |
| Queries 8 different genealogy search engines .....          | <a href="http://www.genealogyportal.com">www.genealogyportal.com</a>                                             |
| Unraveling your African-American Heritage .....             | <a href="http://www.afrigeneas.com">www.afrigeneas.com</a>                                                       |
| Contains almost 30,000 pictures, stories, recipes, etc..... | <a href="http://www.ancientfaces.com">www.ancientfaces.com</a>                                                   |
| Contains more than 2 million federal land titles .....      | <a href="http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov">www.glorerecords.blm.gov</a>                                           |
| More than 40,000 free census records from Canada and U.S..  | <a href="http://www.census-online.com">www.census-online.com</a>                                                 |
| Most complete list of Civil War roster links.....           | <a href="http://www.geocities.com/area51/lair/3680/cw/cw.html">www.geocities.com/area51/lair/3680/cw/cw.html</a> |
| Old pictures to be reunited with owners .....               | <a href="http://www.deadfred.com">www.deadfred.com</a>                                                           |
| Free database of ancestors coming through Ellis Island..... | <a href="http://www.ellisland.org">www.ellisland.org</a>                                                         |
| LDS site—Enormous amount of information.....                | <a href="http://www.familysearch.com">www.familysearch.com</a>                                                   |
| 6.3 million records by name, location or celebrity .....    | <a href="http://www.findagrave.com">www.findagrave.com</a>                                                       |
| Helps genealogist find and trade information .....          | <a href="http://www.gencircles.com">www.gencircles.com</a>                                                       |
| Resources for UK and Ireland researchers.....               | <a href="http://www.genuki.org.uk">www.genuki.org.uk</a>                                                         |
| Immigration related materials .....                         | <a href="http://www.immigrantships.net">www.immigrantships.net</a>                                               |
| Jewish ancestor database of 350,000 surnames .....          | <a href="http://www.jewishgen.org">www.jewishgen.org</a>                                                         |
| The nations record-keeper.....                              | <a href="http://www.archives.org">www.archives.org</a>                                                           |
| The New England Historic Genealogical Society's web site .. | <a href="http://www.newenglandancestors.org">www.newenglandancestors.org</a>                                     |
| Texas State Library & Archives Commission site.....         | <a href="http://www.tsl.state.tx.us">www.tsl.state.tx.us</a>                                                     |

## SEARCH ENGINES

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| The Leader .....                            | <a href="http://www.google.co.uk">www.google.co.uk</a>           |
| Most popular .....                          | <a href="http://yahoo.com">http://yahoo.com</a>                  |
| One of the oldest .....                     | <a href="http://www.altavista.co.uk">www.altavista.co.uk</a>     |
| Web resources and libraries .....           | <a href="http://www.ask.co.uk">www.ask.co.uk</a>                 |
| Queries many different search engines ..... | <a href="http://www.metacrawler.co.uk">www.metacrawler.co.uk</a> |
| Meta search engine .....                    | <a href="http://www.dogpile.co.uk">www.dogpile.co.uk</a>         |



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