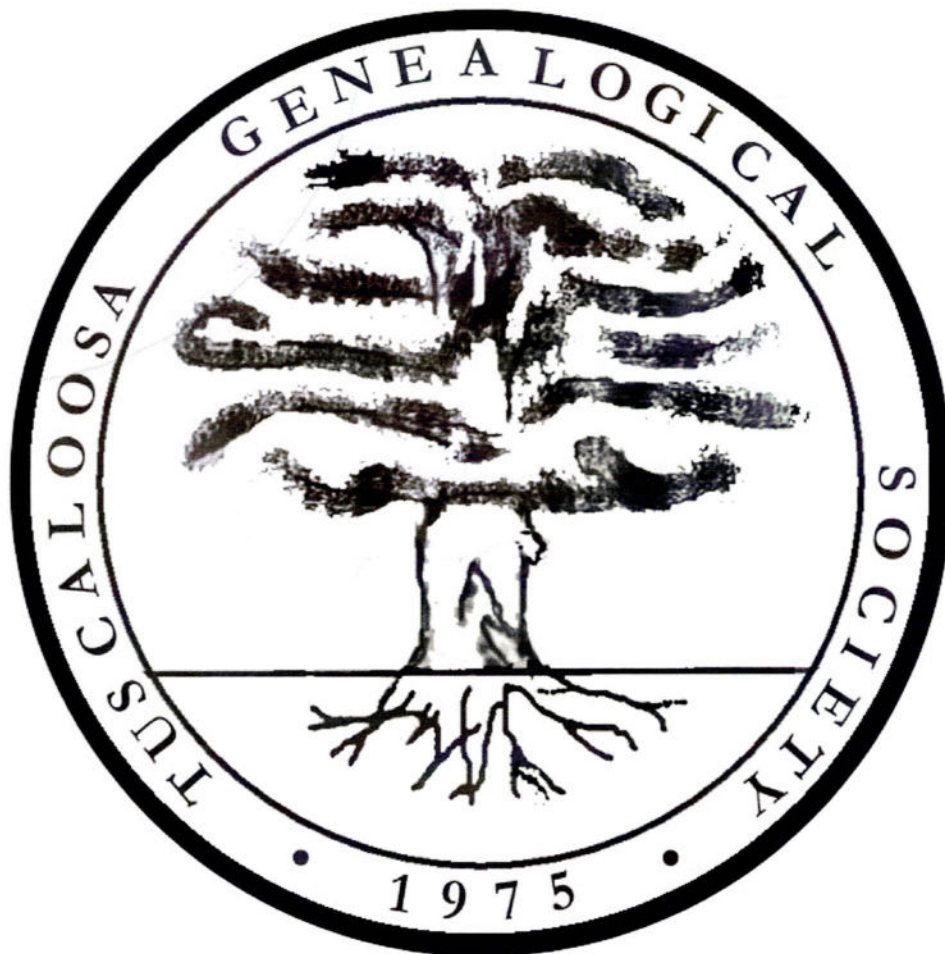




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*"We didn't all come over on the same ship,
But we're all in the same boat!"*

R.L. Guffin





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Monthly meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the first Thursday night of each month in the Rotary Room, upstairs at the Tuscaloosa County Public Library on Jack Warner Parkway, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

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

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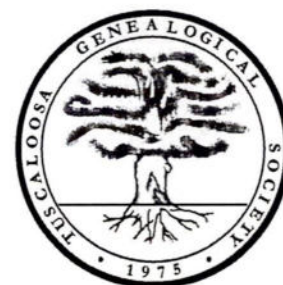
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- 7 May 2009 — PROGRAM: Research Potpourri**
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Tucker Firebrick Made in Fox Alabama

By Charlotte Green Tucker

During a small fish fry with Julia, Billy and boys (Blake & Zach) we had a family discussion about the cooking patio built by Jack Smith and Kenneth Tucker, brother-in-laws. (Jack m Rebecca Green and Kenneth m Charlotte Green...Charlotte and Becky being sisters). Ken was explaining the special fire brick used in the floor of the cooking patio to Julia (Tucker) and Billy Doherty, daughter and son-in-law. He remarked that the four corner brick and the four center brick were fire brick made at the kiln near Holt, Alabama prior to Reichold Chemical Company building their plant.

Kelly Truelove Tucker, Ken's father, had taken a number of these bricks home (1205 18th St., Tuscaloosa) with him to use in lining a red brick outdoor grill in his backyard. This type of outdoor grill was popular in the 1950s and '60s. Kelly B., oldest son of Kelly T. Tucker, had taken the brick that was leftover to his river cabin on Bankhead Lake, a part of the Black Warrior River in Jefferson County. When Kelly B. had used what he wanted, Ken asked for the eight firebrick used in the Smith-Tucker River house cooking patio.

In further discussion on July 26, 1999, (today), Kelly B. told me that the kiln near Holt was actually in Fox! So, our firebricks were made in Fox. Also, Kelly B. told me that in his conversation with son, Kelly M., that Kelly had stated that the Twin Seam (Mining Co? /Railroad?) had run from Fox to Kellerman, Alabama.

Recently, in a conversation with Kelly M. Tucker, my nephew and the son of Kelly B. and Rosemary Vandiver Tucker, about railroads and trains, Kelly M. mentioned he had been to Fox, Alabama near Tuscaloosa. Kelly M. told me that he and Kelly B. (his father) attempted to get to the mouth of Hurricane Creek and therefore, Fox, on September 5, 1999. Kelly B. seemed to remember a hill from when he was a boy that he and Kelly M. traveled down toward the Black Warrior River. Then the hill was dirt and gravel when Kelly B. traveled it in his youth and it's now paved. At the bottom was an old chemical plant (possibly Reichold Chemical) and it blocked the way to what is believed to be the path to the

creek. No easy access to the creek was found on either the east or west side.

Charles M. Savage, who works with Kelly M. in Jackson, MS, and is a native of Holt, asked his father how to get to Fox and was told you now have to follow the abandoned rail bed above the chemical plant and it leads to the creek. Kelly M. Knows where this is located.

The Twin Seam Mining Company Railroad crossed Hurricane Creek and ran next to the river on the south side, crossed a small bridge and made a 90 degree turn to the north. At that point it began to climb in elevation, past a rock quarry, and entered a long, curved tunnel and then turned east and away from the river. It then crossed two rather long wooden bridges and into another tunnel. That is as far as Kelly M. every followed the line. Kelly M. is unsure where the line entered Kellerman.

As I was interested in historical old towns and possibly a dead town or two of Alabama, I tried to locate it on the map. The town of Fox, as Kelly M. knew it, was not in the book "Historical Atlas of Alabama." I did, however, receive two responses from my query to the Alabama email list to which I subscribe: On July 24, I wrote: "... I would like to know if anyone of you has heard of a town named Fox in Alabama. Reportedly Fox was near Holt, a small town near Tuscaloosa."

Response#1: "Craig Remington and Thomas Kalsen's Historical Atlas of Alabama, Volume 1" states Fox is post office and former name of Elberta post office, established in 1899. Name changed in 1899. Virginia Vandemeer Hamilton's Place Names in Alabama states Echola is a settlement with PO in Tuscaloosa County. Settled in the 1850s and named Fox for a prominent local family. In 1899 the designation was changed to Elbert, probably also for a local family. Because of possible confusion with Elberta, AL, Golder Mayfield, the postmaster, created a new name, a combination of Echo and Alabama, when the PO was established in 1912. JHenry of aol.com



Response #2: Oddly enough there were two “Foxes” in Tuscaloosa County. Echola is NW of Tuscaloosa. And there is a historical location near Holt, NE of Tuscaloosa.

The maps that GNIS generates don’t name the highways but FOX appears to be right on the edge of something that GNIS put lined in green and doesn’t name. It is situated on a large stream, with what appears to be a lake just upstream, according to James P. Kirby of Houston, Texas.

Feature Name: Fox Post Office (historical)
Feature Type: post office State: Alabama County:
Tuscaloosa USGS 7.5’ x 7.5’ Map: Brownville
Latitude: UNKNOWN Longitude: UNKNOWN

Bingo! I had found my answer. Further exchange of information resulted in my gaining access to the U.S.G.S. web site and copying the Tuscaloosa County AL map provided by the Geographic Names Information System Map Server. This was accessed by them through Tiger map Server at the U.S. Census Bureau.

Now, as an aside to my research done in the year 1999....on March 23, 2009, Chris McGee, who works with my daughter Beth at Hunt Refining Company, told her that his granddaddy worked at the oven at Fox laying and firing brick. Chris is the son of Carolyn and Buddy McGee, members of our Night Group. I telephoned Carolyn to find out the name of Chris’ grandfather. Carolyn is a wealth of local family historical data. She told me her father was William Claude Ray, Sr., who worked at the oven and that her brother, Billy Ray aka William Claude Ray, Jr., also worked at the kiln at Fox. And ... Carolyn told me that the Fox community near Holt was called Henderson at one time because of the Henderson Lumber Company located in the area at the time. See what I meant earlier!!!

To say that I have had fun with this for many years would be an understatement! I hope you, dear readers, will enjoy this little effort of mine to provide background into my personal family life with a little bit of Tuscaloosa County history. Who knew that such an insignificant research into firebrick used to build a backyard brick grill at my in-laws house on 18th Street, Tuscaloosa, and again at two river cabins on the Black

Warrior, would lead me to know more about this wonderful Alabama County I am proud to call my birthplace...TUSCALOOSA!

Aaron Fox Cemetery

LOCATION: Range 7 West Township 8 South. The cemetery is on the line of West Jefferson County and Tuscaloosa County in the woods near Providence Church. Take Lock 17 Road out of Oak Grove until you come to Providence Church.

Luther Aaron	James Inf. Son
5 Oct 1889	11 July 1891
5 Jan 1890	29 Jan 1893
Parents – J. E. & M. E.	Parents – Wm. M. A.
Short	

James Aaron	Bethana A. Fox
31 Aug 1841	14 Jan 1827
10 Oct 1875	17 Sept 1884
	Erected by J. E. Fox

W. R. Fox
11 Feb 18 8
10 Apr 1878

Did you know?

Tucker
Tips

The terms cemetery and graveyard are used interchangeable but there is a difference. Graveyards are burial places that have a connection to a church. Cemeteries are burial places that have no such connection.

By Charlotte
Tucker

Gaylord Cooper, Stories Carved in Stone. American Spirit, Daughters of the American Revolution. November/December 2008.

The following article was found in the Alabama Genealogical Society Magazine back issues held by the Tuscaloosa Public Library.

1) Volume 17, Nos. 1-4 - 1983, History & County Road book 1818-1827 - Tuscaloosa County. Pages 6 - 19. Continued in next issue.

We'll list more articles of interest in future Roots&Branches



Your Quick Tips

Submitted By Warren Spruill

Moving Between Censuses

Never assume that a family resided in the same place between censuses. When available, another good resource is the state census. Some states, such as Illinois and Kansas, had state censuses which were done every ten years, between federal censuses (1825, 1835, etc).

For many years I tried to figure out why a few branches of my husband's line left Dunklin County, Missouri, and ended up in Alexander County, Illinois. I looked at the 1865 census to see if they had moved there by that time. I didn't find them in Alexander County but did find them in Massac County, Illinois.

To my surprise I also found my husband's direct-line great-great-grandparents as well as a long lost half-brother of that great-great-grandfather. His great-great-grandparents had moved back to Dunklin County by 1870 to the same area they were living in 1860, so checking the 1865 state census alerted me to the fact that they had moved around between censuses.

Why did they leave? The family was originally from Indiana. The area in which they lived in Dunklin County, Missouri, was populated with more Confederate

sympathizers than Union. The family most likely left to not only support but allow some family members to join the Union forces.

Debbi Geer, St Ann, Missouri

Google Tours

Google has an additional tool that is pretty cool. Using Google Maps you can type in an address (or even just a town or street and town) and if you see a small orange "person" on the left navigation bar — click it — and then you can use Street View. This allows you to "drive" down the streets as if you were driving in a car sightseeing. You can even turn 360 degrees to see all the buildings on either side and turn corners to keep exploring.

I found my great-grandparents house in Newton, Kansas and my grandparents' house there, as well. I took a screen shot and cropped it and now have pictures to include that I probably couldn't have gotten otherwise.

Jana Adoptees Bearing Birth Name

In some cases adopted children revert to, or even retain, their original last name — especially if they were adopted by relatives. This was the case for a relative of mine who was sought for many years by his deceased mother's family. Knowing that he had been adopted they did not search under his original surname. They located him after seventy years when I put his mother's maiden name into the search banks. Maybe this clue will help others.

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 helps 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.



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E-mail: janhutchison@comcast.net**

NYLG

If you have a suggestion you would like to share with other researchers, send it to: juliana@ancestry.com. Thanks to all of this week's contributors!

Quick Tips may be reprinted, with credit to the submitter, in other Ancestry publications, so if you do not want your tip included in a publication other than the *Ancestry Weekly Journal* please state so clearly in your message.



Why Women Should Vote

Submitted By Betty Jean Weaver

This is the story of our Grandmothers and Great-grandmothers, as they lived only 90 years ago. Remember, it was not until 1920 that women were granted the right to go to the polls and vote.

The women were innocent and defenseless, but they were jailed nonetheless for picketing the White House, carrying signs asking for the vote. And by the end of the night, they were barely alive. Forty prison guards wielding clubs and their warden's blessing, went on a rampage against the 33 women wrongly convicted of 'obstructing sidewalk traffic.'

They beat Lucy Burn, chained her hands to the cell bars above her head and left her hanging for the night, bleeding and gasping for air. They hurled Dora Lewis into a dark cell, smashed her head against an iron bed and knocked her out cold. Her cell mate, Alice Cosu, thought Lewis was dead and suffered a heart attack. Additional affidavits describe the guards "grabbing, dragging, beating, choking, slamming, pinching, twisting and kicking the women."

Thus unfolded the 'Night of Terror' on Nov. 15, 1917, when the warden at the Occoquan Workhouse in Virginia ordered his guards to teach a lesson to the suffragists imprisoned there because they dared to picket Woodrow Wilson's White House for the right to vote.

For weeks, the women's only water came from an open pail. Their food—all of it colorless slop—was infested with worms. When one of the leaders, Alice Paul, embarked on a hunger strike, they tied her to a chair, forced a tube down her throat and poured liquid into her until she vomited. She was tortured like this for weeks until word was smuggled out to the press.

So, refresh my memory. Some women won't vote this year because—why, exactly? We have carpool duties? We have to get to work? Our vote doesn't matter? It's raining? Last week, I went to a sparsely attended screening of HBO's new movie 'Iron Jawed Angels.' It is a graphic

depiction of the battle these women waged so that I could pull the curtain at the polling booth and have my say. I am ashamed to say I needed the reminder.

All these years later, voter registration is still my passion. But the actual act of voting had become less personal for me, more routine. Frankly, voting often felt more like an obligation than a privilege. Sometimes it was inconvenient. My friend Wendy, who is my age and studied women's history, saw the HBO movie, too. When she stopped by my desk to talk about it, she looked angry.

She was with herself. 'One thought kept coming back to me as I watched that movie,' she said. 'What would those women think of the way I use—or don't use—my right to vote? All of us take it for granted now, not just younger women, but those of us who did seek to learn.' The right to vote, she said, had become valuable to her 'all over again.'

HBO released the movie on video and DVD. I wish all history, social studies and government teachers would include the movie in their curriculum I want it shown on Bunco night, too, and anywhere else women gather. I realize this isn't our usual idea of socializing, but we are not voting in the numbers that we should be, and I think a little shock therapy is in order.

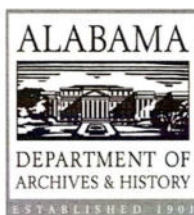
It is jarring to watch Woodrow Wilson and his cronies try to persuade a psychiatrist to declare Alice Paul insane so that she could be permanently institutionalized. And it is inspiring to watch the doctor refuse. Alice Paul was strong, he said, and brave. That didn't make her crazy. The doctor admonished the men: 'Courage in women is often mistaken for insanity.'

We need to get out and vote and use this right that was fought so hard for by these very courageous women. Whether you vote democratic, republican or independent party - remember to vote. **History is being made.**



ArchiTreats

NEWS FROM OR PASSED AROUND BY ROBERT S. DAVIS, FAMILY & REGIONAL HISTORY PROGRAM, WALLACE STATE COLLEGE, P. O. BOX 2000, HANCEVILLE, AL 35077-2000



FROM THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY IN MONTGOMERY

Dr. Davis,

The following is the 2009 schedule for the Alabama Dept. of Archives and History ArchiTreats series of monthly third Thursday lectures. They are free and no reservations are required from 12:00-1:00 at the Archives.

This series covers the history of Alabama and are presented by the leading experts in this field. Coffee is served free and one can bring a sack lunch if desired.

January 15-The Land of Alabama (John Hall)

February 19-The First Alabamians (Craig Sheldon)

March 19-The Creek Indians in Alabama

(Kathryn Braund)

April 16-The Cotton State (Mills Thornton)

May 21-The Civil War in Alabama

(Robert B. Bradley)

June 18-Reconstruction in Alabama (Richard Bailey)

July 16-The New South:A Social and Economic

View (Marlene Rikard)

August 20-The New South:A Political View

(Samuel L. Webb)

September 17-Shaking the Foundations: Alabama in the 30's and 40's (Leah Rawls Atkins)

October 15-The Civil Rights Movement in Alabama (Odessa Woolfolk)

November 19-Modern Alabama (Harvey H. Jackson)

December 17-Reflections on My Life in Alabama History (Wayne Flynt)

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ABOUT US

We've been perplexed for a long time. These days, there's a horse channel, a wine channel, a sailing channel, a poker channel, a guitar channel, and even a shipwreck channel. So why, we wondered, isn't there a channel servicing the millions of people interested in genealogy and family history? After all, there are many that claim that tracing roots is the second most popular hobby out there.

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<http://rootstelevision.com/index.html>



April 2009 Program Notes

By Betty Jean Weaver

Mary Ann Price traveled from Florida to deliver a wonderful program for us in April. Her program was entitled "The Rest of the Story – Putting Flesh on the Bones."

Divorce Cases Found in 7th Floor Records

Willis Roberts vs Majory Roberts, 1824

Peggy Seay vs Nicholas Seay, 1825

Zacharias Middleton vs Mourning Middleton, 1825

Ambrose Saunders vs Elizabeth Saunders, 1828

Morgan Buck vs Lavina Buck, 1824

Willis Roberts vs Marjary Roberts (no date) but in this same book..1826-1829.

*SOURCE: Circuit Court Minutes and Record Book 3
Tuscaloosa County, Alabama*



Mary Ann Price (center) with Betty Jean Weaver and June Reese.



Betty Jean Weaver speaks at the April meeting.



Warren Spruill opened the April meeting.



Update of the Records Preservation Project

The grant money was received recently in the amount of \$1590.00!!! With great excitement we have purchased a new computer and shelving. We do need some good strong men to help put the shelves together. If you are available, call Jan at 205-394-0303.

We have brought 222 books to the office and have dusted, assessed, tyveked and catalogued 87 books. There is a wealth of information in these books. It is hard not to sit and read the cases and names. Our earliest year is still 1822. We finished the index to the 1887 and 1888 land/tax books. We have given information to the courthouse people who will try to get the index along with pictures of the pages on their website.

We have had some distinguished visitors in recent weeks. Tom Turley of the Alabama Department of Archives and History, Steve Swofford, CEO of Alabama Credit Union and past CEO, James Lankford, as well as Hardy McCollum and Melvin Vines from the county courthouse. Each expressed their interest and support of our efforts aiming for a first-class research/preservation product for Tuscaloosa County. Judge McCollum will provide us with office furniture to replace the furniture we have on loan from Mary Gail Yeargan.

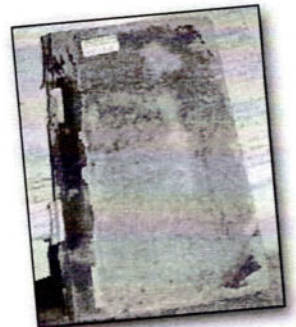
We still have Monday hours with Jan from 1-4 and Wednesday hours with Charlotte from 9-3. Warren has a shift from 10-2 on Tuesday. We will work on the first Saturday of the month from 9-noon. Call Jan if you plan on coming on that Saturday. If you want to come at a different time call Charlotte.

The Alabama Credit Union has given us use of a very nice workspace at 225 University Blvd. This is the old professional building next to Newk's. We are on the 2nd floor to the left as you leave the elevator, suite 206. Parking is generally no problem. You might want to bring a sweater as the temperature is kept at 70 degrees. Three air purifiers capture most of the dust from these

old volumes.

Many thanks go to all who serve on the Record Preservation Committee: Jim Crowder, Ann Fulmer, Chuck Gerda, Jan Hutchison, Joyce Lamont, Janet McElroy and Charlotte Tucker and Jean Mills. Under the leadership of Warren Spruill, president of the NGTGS, the project continues to progress.

We have 8 or 10 other dedicated volunteers but more are needed. If you have any spare time we would love to hear from you. Please contact Jan if you wish to tour the office and a time will be arranged for you.



Pictures from the final grant narrative used to explain the project visually as a means of securing the grant.



The Grave Of Louisa Jane Watkins

By Chuck Gerdau

Across from the Mt. Olive Baptist Church, on County Road 23, lies the lone grave of Louisa Jane Watkins. Her tombstone tells that she died September 20, 1884 at the age of 53 years.

A beautiful wrought iron fence surrounds her grave.

She was born Louisa Jane Glover November 9, 1830 in Tuscaloosa County.

Louisa married Calvin Watts Watkins on October 9, 1854 in Tuscaloosa County.

Calvin Watkins father was James Walter Watkins, who had located to Tuscaloosa County from South Carolina around 1820.

A marker sits at the foot of Louisa's gravesite that tells us about Calvin W. Watkins (1822-1865), her husband, who was in the 36th Alabama Regiment Co. K.

The 36th Alabama was organized in May 1862 at Mt. Vernon arsenal in southwest Alabama. Until May 1863, the regiment was located in Mobile, and then moved on to Tennessee. They would later move on to Spanish Fort, Alabama and then surrendered at Meridian in May 1865.

At some point during the Civil War, possibly at Chickamauga Georgia or Missionary Ridge in Tennessee, Calvin Watkins was taken prisoner and sent to Camp Douglas, in Chicago, Illinois.

Camp Douglas started as a training camp for Union soldiers. However, it was converted into a prison holding at its peak over 12,000 prisoners. Prisoners lived in the worst of conditions – dysentery, smallpox and the like.

Calvin Watkins died at Camp Douglas on Jan 24, 1865, becoming one of over six thousand buried at old City Cemetery in Chicago.

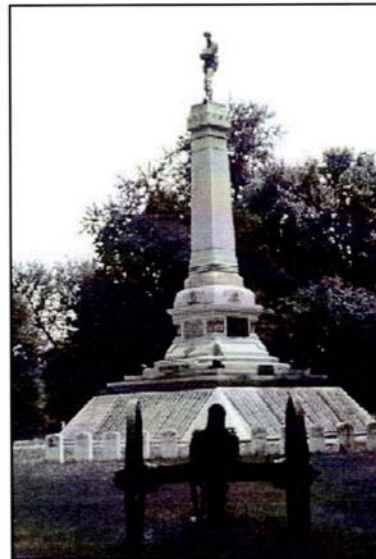
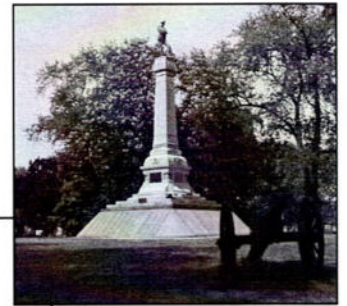
In 1867, those soldiers were removed to Oak Woods Cemetery and placed in a section of the cemetery known as "Confederate Mound." There is a forty-six foot tall monument made of Georgia granite to mark the site, dedicated by President Grover Cleveland on May 30, 1895. Bronze markers with the known dead were installed in 1911.

Calvin Watkins name is listed on one of the markers.

Louisa would live almost twenty years after Calvin, raising their children and surviving as many did in the difficult years of the post-war South.

*(At Right and Below)
Confederate Monument at
Oak Woods Cemetery.*

Credit: www.rawls.net.



*(At Right Bottom) Crowd gathered at Memorial Day 1915 at
Confederate Monument, Oak Woods Cemetery, Chicago.*

Credit: Chicago Daily News negatives collection, DN-0003451. Courtesy of the Chicago Historical Society.



Some of the cases in the 1871 Minutes Book

By Warren Spruill

We thought we would share with you some of the fun we have working on the old Court House records. One of the Preservation Committee members, Janet McElroy, provided the following list of the types of cases in the 1871 court minutes.

trover (to recover the value of personal property)
 affray (public fighting)
 appearing in disguise
 assault and battery
 assault to murder
 assisting felon to break jail
 assumpsit (breach of contract)
 attempt to ravish
 bigamy
 breaking down fence
 counterfeiter
 detinue (action to recover property unlawfully seized)
 distilling without license
 disturbing religious worship
 ejectment
 forgery
 garnishment
 grand larceny
 hunting on the Sabbath
 keeping a stallion (Why is this a crime?)
 larceny
 lynching
 malicious injury to animals
 malicious mischief
 murder
 obstructing public road
 p. 302,m John Doe, Richard Roe?
 petit larceny
 resisting peaceful appearance at court
 resisting process
 retailing (Was this on a Sunday?)

Sabbath breaking (\$10.00 fine plus court costs)
 sci fa (writ to show cause why an action should not be enforced)
 selling liquor to minor
 selling liquor to student
 trespass
 unlawful assembly

Tuscaloosa Road Orders

By Charlotte Tucker

Early Tuscaloosa County Road orders have been partially transcribed in the AGS Magazine — a publication of the Alabama Genealogical Society. Check your local library for back copies. If you do not have access to these then I suggest you go to the Alabama Genealogical Society's page at www.archives.state.al.us/ags/ here you will find the index to AGS Magazine, Past Issues and Contents Index from 1967-2005. On the contents page the researcher can choose the 'edit' key to do a 'find text' using the key words 'Tuscaloosa County'. Once the article of interest is located, copies may be ordered from the AGS Magazine editor.

There are 22 entries for Tuscaloosa County. Among those is the Tuscaloosa County article "History and County Road Book 1818 – 1827" located in the Alabama Genealogical Society's Magazine. An incomplete transcription is published in Volumes 17, 18 for the year 1983. It is my understanding that the original copy of this book is held by Samford University, Birmingham, AL.

The Publications Committee of the Night Group of TGS has a photocopy of the 400 page book (with index) titled Tuscaloosa County Road Orders 1841-1849. Plans to publish are being discussed. This is a 'work-in-progress' and a tremendous project to undertake. As I have not seen the original, it is my understanding the original is held by the Tuscaloosa County Probate Judge. *Happy Hunting!*



WEBSITES

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

Our site.....	http://rootsweb.com/~alnrgts
Helpful tips and tricks for beginners.....	http://www.awesomegenealogy.com/awetips.shtml
List sites of interest with popular sections.....	http://www.genealogysearch.org
A helpful search engine.....	http://www.familytreearcher.com
Queries 8 different genealogy search engines.....	http://www.genealogyportal.com
Unraveling your African-American Heritage.....	http://www.afrigeneas.com
Contains almost 30,000 pictures, stories, recipes, etc.....	http://www.ancientfaces.com
Contains more than 2 million federal land titles.....	http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov
40,000-plus free census records from Canada & U.S.....	http://www.census-online.com
Old pictures to be reunited with owners.....	http://www.deadfred.com
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