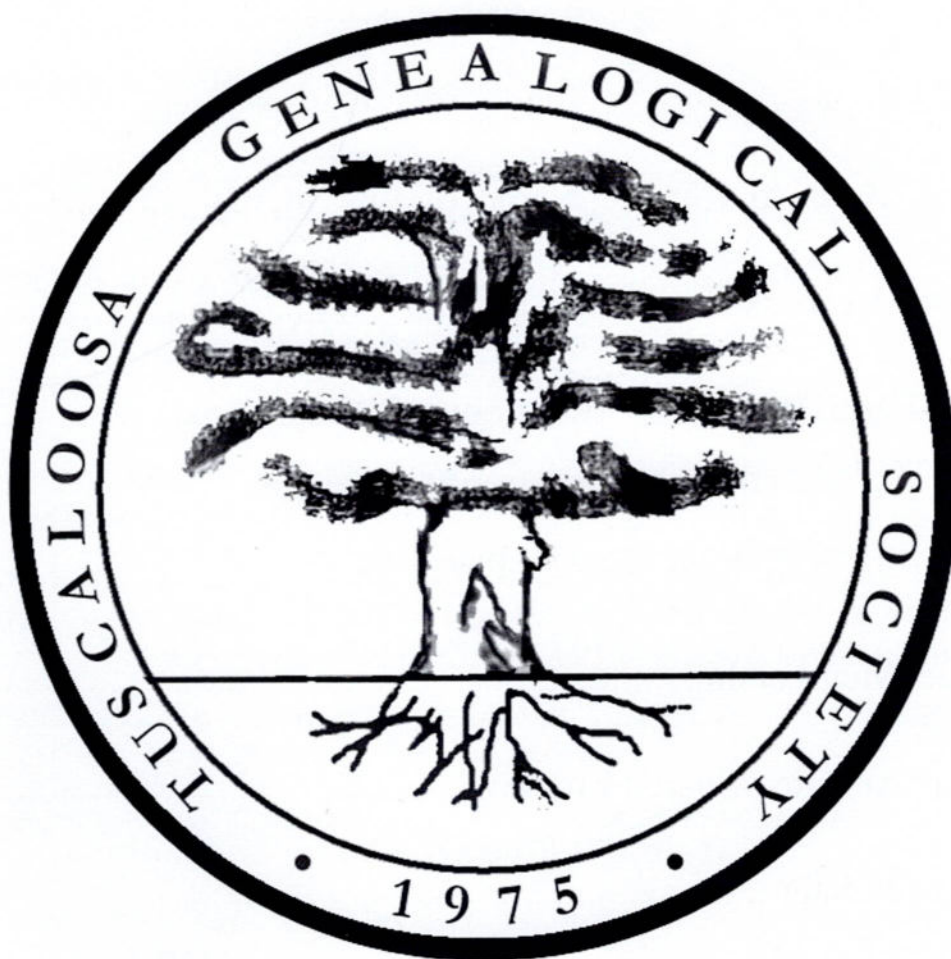


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*"We didn't all come over on the same ship,
But we're all in the same boat!"*

R.L. Guffin





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Regular Meetings

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.

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.

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.

Roots and Branches

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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1 April 2010 — PROGRAM: GenSmarts

PRESENTER: Warren Spruill (one of our members)

INTRODUCTION: Joan Mitchell, Ph.D.

6 May 2010 — PROGRAM: Old Memphis and Jamestown Cemeteries

PRESENTER: Lackey Stephens (one of our members)

INTRODUCTION: Chuck Gerdau

3 June 2010 — PROGRAM: The 1850 Census - A Snapshot In Time

PRESENTER: Joan K. Mitchell, Ph.D (one of our members)

INTRODUCTION: Sybil Banks

1 July 2010 — PROGRAM: Ten Things Genealogy Software Should Do

PRESENTER: Jan Hutchison (one of our members)

INTRODUCTION: Chuck Gerdau

5 AUGUST 2010 — PROGRAM: Repairing Tombstones

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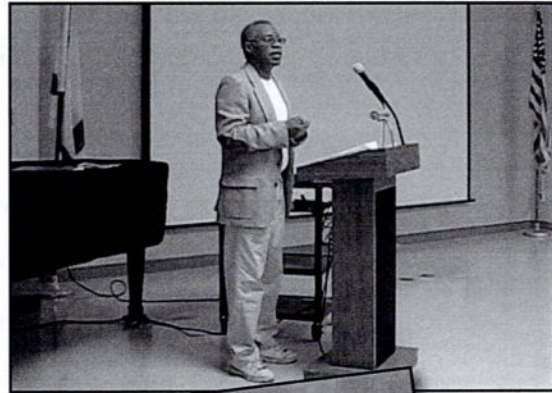


Program Notes

By Chuck Gerdau

February 2010

In recognition of Black History Month, a program on the life of Solomon Perteat was presented. Perteat was a free black man of note who lived in Tuscaloosa. Our speaker, Alfred Jones, gave an interesting and entertaining biography on Solomon Perteat. Solomon Perteat was born in 1786 and died during the Civil War in 1863. He worked as a plasterer on the state capitol building in Tuscaloosa and had a tannery in Newtown. His wife and child were slaves but he freed them by purchasing them from their owner.



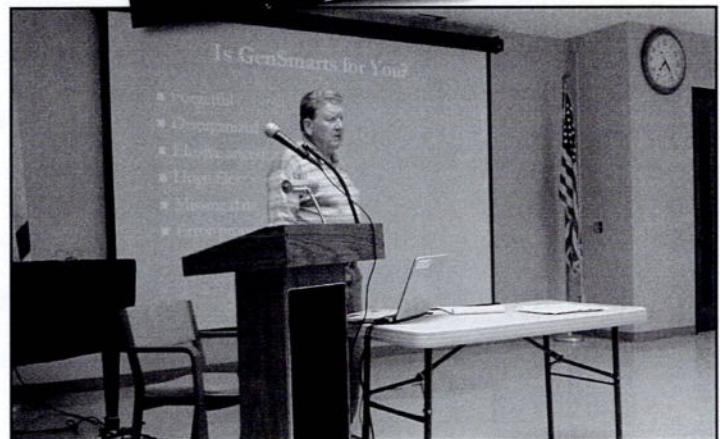
March 2010

Elizabeth Wells, coordinator of the Special Collection Department of the Samford University Library, gave an informative talk - Alabama and Its Territorial Period (1798-1819). She discussed the territorial boundaries, the complexity and divisions, and how genealogists can use this information in their research.



April 2010

Warren Spruill delivered a program on the use of GenSmarts, a genealogical program that analyzes current data and gives recommendations for further research.



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.



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Night Group Votes to Change Name and Incorporate

By Warren Spruill

The April 2010 meeting of the Night Group of the Tuscaloosa Genealogical Society yielded long-lasting changes for the Society.

The official name of the group is now – **Tuscaloosa Genealogical Society, Inc.**

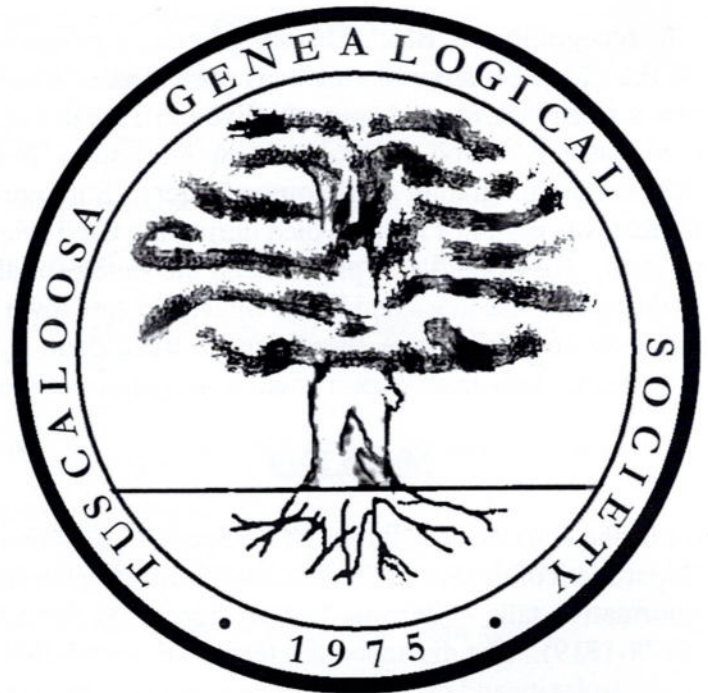
These changes represent, and help to further, our mission statement as well as plans for growth implemented over the past couple of years. The Historic Records Preservation Project goals will require the Society to write more grants and to pursue new avenues of fundraising.

With the new corporate name (as well as our non-profit status), opportunities to apply and receive local, state, as well as federal grants will be better received. Our website address will change in the coming months. The site will include more features and information.

Thank you to the TGS Officers for their hard work in formulating a plan of action as well as presenting the plan.

Let move forward with the work at hand in our mission statement:

- Aid in genealogical research
- Preserve historical records
- Improve genealogical skills
- Familiarize members with new techniques in research
- Prove a list of available materials and their location in the local library



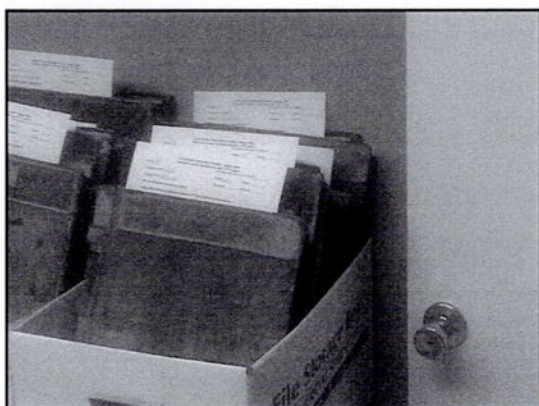
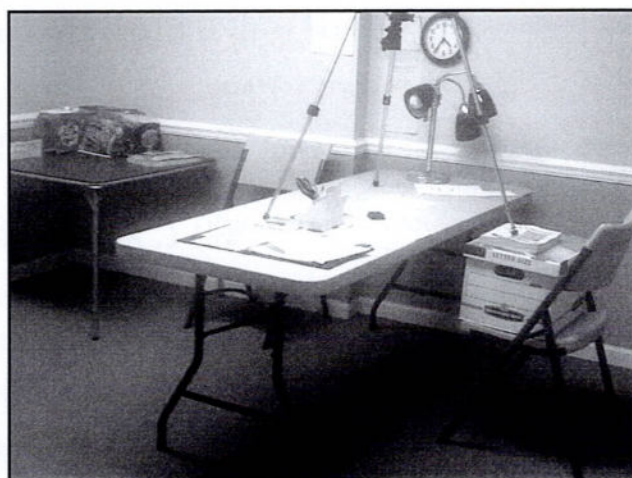
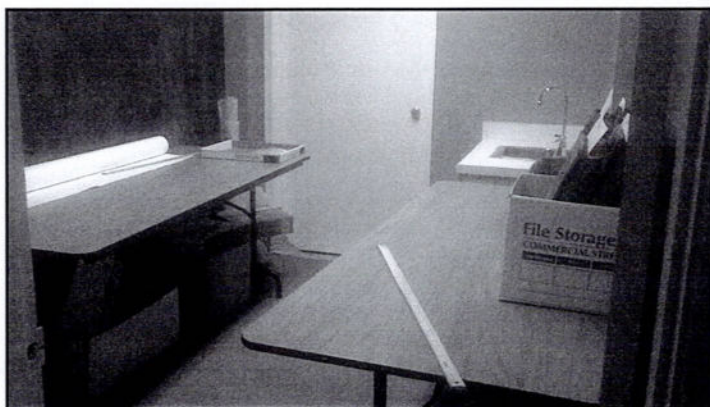


Seventh Floor Records Update

Submitted by Jan Hutchison

All of the volumes of Circuit Court records dated through 1900 have been moved from the 7th Floor of the Tuscaloosa County Courthouse to the TGS Records Center on University Blvd. Work continues as we clean, document and photograph each volume.

The photos on this page illustrate the progress of the work that has been done.





Notes From Early History Of Tuscaloosa County

Continued from July 2009 edition

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21 Sept 1819. Present: James O. Crump, Chief; Isaac Patrick
& Wm. Purris.

James Childress, John Harkey, R.H. Grant, Wm. Young, James H. Foster, Elias Davis, Wm. Caradine, Isaac Knox, James Bell, Daniel Roberts & Philip May to mark road from Falls of Warrior toward Demopolis to cross the river below the falls.

Thompson Windham to oversee road from road leading to Rodes' Ferry to ferry at Deal's. John Deal to oversee road from Deal's ferry to Jackson's Trace.

20 Dec 1819. Present: Wm. Purris, Wm. Rupe & Isaac Patrick, Justices of the Quorum.

Wm. L. Adams, James Childress, Thos. Allison, Joshua Halbert, Thomas Owen, Robert L. Kennon, Wm. Y. Glover, Pleasant Dearing, Abraham McGehee, Thompson Windham or any five of them, to lay out & mark road to county line in direction of Demopolis.

9 Feb 1820. Present: Isaac Patrick, Wm. Purris.

Charles McClure, o'seer of publick road from Cross St., Tuskaloosa, to John L. Pennington's. Hands in the following bounds to work on it, beginning at Cross St. & with it and the St. Stephens road to the southern line of the town & thence a direct line to the river, then down the river to the road opp. the Methodist meeting house & to the beginning, not including any of the bounds on the north side of the road below Owens' office.

21 Mar 1820. Present: Wm. Purris, I. Patrick, Samuel Norsworthy & Garland Harwick.

Petition granted for road from Tuskaloosa to Wm. Young's ferry on the Warrior to Philip May's and to Jackson's Trace. John Sanders, Robert M. Martin, Philip May, Alex. Deal, John Wright, Thos. Johnston, John Deal,



p. 6, Brantley Records (Road Book)

John Baker & Thompson Windham to lay off same.

29 May 1820: Present (as previous).

Baley Connor, Adino Griffin, John Sanders, Peter Kilpatrick, Jacob Dansby, Thos. Gore & Jesse Clemmens to lay out road to county line of Marion in direction of Columbus.

Thomas Gray, James Knox, W.F. Lucky, Joseph Toosing, Thos. Webb, Elias Frierson & Garland Hardwick to lay out road from Tuskaloosa to county line of Green in direction of Erie.

Joseph Pruitt, Moses Collins, Elijah Clements, James DeWeese, John Hargrove, Joseph Humphries & Harris Mitchell to lay out road nearest & best way to line of Cahawba in direction of Falls of Cahawba. (Probably earliest record of what is now the Hargrove Road.)

Daniel Roberts, Daniel Teer, David Tedford, James Bell, George Gates, Edward Windham & Edw. B. Elliot to lay out road from Tuskaloosa to mouth of Sipsey River.

Martin Adams, George Cobb, Wm. Lyon to lay out road from Tuskaloosa to Perry Co. line in direction of mouth of Cahawba.

Wm. Rupe, Jesse Tatum, Wm. Croft, Elisha McMath, James Drennan, Thos. Ivy & Daniel Hoffman to lay out road from Tuskaloosa to Jefferson County line in direction of lower end of Jones Valley.

Report on road from Falls to cross at Young's ferry returned & quashed.

Ordered Thomas I Wash ferry to be public & that said Wash comply with requirements of the law made by the General Assembly to regulate all ferries within the time limited by law after such orders shall be issued.

August 1820. Present: I. patrick, Chief; W. Purris, G. Hardwick.

Jesse Tatum, E. McMath; Daniel Huffman, Wm. Croft & James Drennan report that the old road to lower end of Jones Valley is the most practicable



p. 7, Brantley Records (Road Book)

way with such improvements as can be made by straightening.

Nov. 1820. Present: I. Patrick, Chief; Purris, Hardwick.

Jury of men apptd. to lay out road from Tuskaloosa to county line of Marion reports route as follows: from Wash's Ferry, crossing Baker's Creek a little below Kilpatrick's mill on Big Creek, thence to Wm. Parker's mill on Beaver Dam Creek, thence to an old Indian ford on Lubbock Creek, thence to Coldfire Creek a little above the mouth of Linicum's Branch, thence to Williams on the old road, thence to NW Corner of Sect 11 Twp 19 R 16, which we believe to be about the county line and we believe the best way from Tuskaloosa to Columbus. By Jacob Dansby, Peter Kilpatrick, Jesse Clemmons.

Overseers apptd. to allot work for above road. Jesse Brown from Tuskaloosa to Lovell's old sawmill; Ulrich Connor from there to Sipsey; Baley Connor to allot hands to work on this stretch. Henry Rose from Sipsey to south fork of Bear Creek; Thos. Paden from Bear Creek to Lubbock Creek; Thos. Gore from there to Coldfire Creek; Mathew Clanahan from Coldfire to county line. Thos. Gore to allot the hands for this stretch.

Wm. Binion, Sr. & Zacheriah Middleton to lay out road from Byler Road to Tuskaloosa.

George Cobb, Martin Adams & Samuel Norsworthy to lay out road from Tuskaloosa to Perry Co. line in direction of town of Cahaba.

Overseers apptd. for road toward Jefferson Co. line: Caleb Owens from Tuskaloosa to James Watkins place; George Reed from James Watkins to Sniders; Charles Coons from Sniders to first branch east of Warren's; Jonathan Bird to allot hands to work on road to this point; Drake F. Randolph from branch east of Warren's to Staggs; Malcijah McMath from Staggs; Malcijah McMath from Staggs to McMath's; Wm. Croft from McMath's to county line, (probably near what is now Bucksville); Jesse Bramblett to allot hands on above



p. 8, Brantley Records (Road Book)

stretches.

29 Jan 1821. Present: I. Patrick, Chief; Purris, Hardwick.

Ordered following to serve as jury to lay out road from Tuskaloosa to Byler Road (names missing). Following hands ordered to work on same: Thompson Windham, Wm. Peters, Isaac Rhodes, John Thomas, Wm. Caldwell, Hardin Perkins & Philip Williams, from Tuskaloosa to Rhodes Ferry; Burwell Traweek, from river at Tuskaloosa to foot of hill on west side of Henderson's Creek. All hands living in the bounds of Capt. Traweek's Company to work on same, except those hands allotted to Wm. Johnston's bounds; Wm. Johnston from west side of Henderson's Creek to where north boundary line of Capt. Traweek's Company crosses the road as laid out, with following hands & all hands belonging to them or living with them to work on same: Elijah Johnston, Wm. Binion, Joseph Pryer, John Pryer, Benj. Whitfield, Hugh Henderson, George Tingle, Thos. Davis, J. Langford, John B. Rabourn, Wm. Johnston.

Capt. Henry Pickard & Wm. M. Strong to oversee from where the north bounds of Capt. Traweek's Co. crosses said road as laid out, to the 18th Twp. line where said road intersects the Byler Road.

For road toward Green County line, overseers apptd. as follows: Joseph Edding from Tuskaloosa to Little Sandy, all hands living east of Tuskaloosa and north of Little Sandy to work on same; James Watkins from Little Sandy to Big Sandy; John Knox from Big Sandy to Elliott's Creek; the following & their hands to work on same: W. Cannon, two Nollses, Stones, K.K. Field, Dowdle Hunter, John Elliott, Sampson McCown, McCain, Wm. Elliott, Harper Lyons, Duncan McEvans, J. McConnell, R. Watson, Wm. Massengale, Wm. Teal; Radford Gunn to oversee from Elliott Creek to county line & following to work: James Lewis, Thomas Hill, Ezekiel Young, J. Moss Litchfield, Peter Lyons, Joseph Toosing, Braseals & McMillons, Wm. Malone, A. McKinney.



p. 9, Brantley Records (Road Book)

Wm. M. Marr, Jonathan Bird, John Spencer, E.F. Baird, Joshua Halbert & James Rather to lay out road from south end of Main St. on lower part of Tuscaloosa to intersect the road leading to Jefferson County.

Millington Sparks, Tilda Musgreaves, Isaac Rhodes, Thompson Windham, Edw. B. Elliott, Wm. Peters, Wm. M. Marr to lay out road from Rhodes Ferry to intersect road leading from Tuscaloosa to Columbus.

Peter A. Remson, James Pitcher, George Starr & Wm. M. Marr to build a toll bridge at their expense across the river at south fraction of Sect. 21, Twp. 21, R10W to opposite bank and upon their obtaining permission from the owners of the soil, the bridge to be kept in good _____ for and during the time or term of 60 years, toll to be regulated by the county court.

Wm. Caldwell apptd. overseer of road from Tuscaloosa to Rhodes Ferry. Wm. McGehee, Abraham McGehee & all persons living in bounds of road to work on same.

28 May 1821. Present: I. Patrick, W. Purris, S. Norsworthy.

Public Ferry ordered at crossing of Sipsey River on road from Tuscaloosa to Columbus.

Aquilla McElroy, Jolly Jones, Woodson R. Chappelle, John Hargrave, Michael Ashford, Stephen Bennett, Sr. & Jonathon Bird to lay out road from Tuscaloosa to Hargrove's Gin.

Isaac Rhodes apptd. keeper of ferry over Sipsey River on Columbus Road, he being entered into Bond with Geo. A. Shelton and John G. Kilpatrick as required by law. Toll rates to be: horse & 4 wheel pleasure carriage, \$1.00; horse & 2 wheel carriage, .50; wagon & team, 1.00; cart & horse, .50; man & horse, .12½; led horse, .6¼.

Ordered road from Rhodes Ferry to intersect Columbus Road. John Hunt, overseer; Hugh Harrison to allot hands.



Civil War Service Database Now Online

Submitted by Mary Gail Yeargan

The Alabama Department of Archives and History has recently completed the Civil War Service Database, a project that began more than a century ago and was refined during the past decade by volunteers from the River Region.



A 10-year project has transferred details from 230,000 index cards into the computerized database. The volunteers transferred details onto a computer form.

They included the name of the Civil War soldier, his birth date, enlistment date, discharge date, regiment, battle, height, weight, eye color and other details.

Some of the cards had very little information because there wasn't much to work with, but others were filled with details and amounted to virtual gold mine for genealogists and Civil War scholars seeking information about Alabamians who fought for the Confederacy.

The database has a lot more than just the name, rank and unit of a soldier who served. Records also include those who served in the home guard, who received pensions, slaves who went with their owners and even those who deserted.,

The Civil War Service Database is: www.archives.alabama.gov/civilwar/index.cfm



Letter to the Membership of The Tuscaloosa Genealogical Society

(Formerly The Night Group of the TGS)

By Charlotte Tucker

Dear Night Group members,

On April 28, Jan and I traveled to Montgomery to receive, on behalf of the Night Group, the Local Government Records Commissions' Annual Award in Archives Preservation and/or Records Management.

This was an honor on our part to accept this award ... and done, I want to emphasize...on behalf of the many wonderful volunteers.

We are very grateful, as well, for the monetary support provided by both the Night Group and the Morning Group. Without the volunteers and the monetary support, this effort would have come to a halt a long time ago.

We still need additional volunteers who are interested in assisting us in preserving Tuscaloosa County's historical records.

Please contact us if you have an hour or so during the week that you could give to this project.

Thank you so very much for your continued support!

*Sincerely,
Charlotte*



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