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YOUR NEWSLETTER

This is your newsletter so make it more personal for you by sending in articles, pictures and queries of interest to you. All information will be considered for publication. Our interest is mostly in Tuscaloosa and surrounding counties, as well as, Alabama historical and families.

I will be looking forward to receiving your information at the address above.

OFFICERS 2002

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Maggie Suddeth

The morning group is still looking for a recording secretary so please step forward to support your genealogical society.

THANKS

We would like to thank

UNION FURNITURE COMPANY

for the 2002 Tuscaloosa Landmarks Historical Calendars that they gave our membership at the January 2002 meeting and all their support of our society.

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT HAPPY NEW YEAR – 2002

Yes, Christmas of 2001 is behind us. Off with the OLD and on with the NEW. The year of 2001 proved to be a turning point for The Tuscaloosa Genealogy Morning Group. We have seen a lot of growth in the past nine months. This was done by the officers and members working together as a TEAM. The New Year should prove to be a better year for most of us; if not for all. Thank each one of you for supporting the TEAM.

We are entering the NEW YEAR with prospects of an increase in membership and activities. Once again, let me thank each of the officers and volunteers for their efforts and work in making 2001 a very successful year. I hope to see each of you at the monthly meetings. This year a CERTIFICATE will be given to each person that has PERFECT ATTENDANCE in 2002. A certificate will also be given for perfect attendance for the Ancestral Series tapes being shown.

It has been an honor to serve as your President in the year 2001. I look forward to the challenge again for 2002. I did not do the real work; but the officers and members did. It was a learning experience serving as President for both The Morning and Night Groups. I could not have made it without your support.

It has been said, "When you are green, you grow! When you are ripe, you rot!" We must seek to move ahead and meet the challenge of the coming year. This is no time to REST on past achievements, but to BUILD on them! This comes to you with the challenge to remain GREEN and GROWING.

We hope 2002 brings you news of that connecting link in your family history.

Warmest Regards,

Betty J. Weaver, President for 2002

PROGRAMS

We will be starting a thirteen part series, "ANCESTORS 2", that will aid those interested in genealogical research, which is our main interest as a society. Each session will include a short video program followed by a discussion time for questions. Dr. Elizabeth Shown-Mills was involved in the making of this series and we are fortunate to have her as a member of our NGTGS for she has gotten permission to use this series as a teaching aid for us. This series has not been shown in Alabama and, therefore, this is our only chance to view it. We can all, new and older researchers, benefit from the knowledge gathered in this series.

March 7, 2002	Introduction Of Ancestors 2
April 4, 2002.....	Records At Risk
May 2, 2002.....	Family Records
June 6, 2002.....	Compiled Records
July 4, 2002.....	Genealogy and Technology
August 1, 2002.....	Vital Records
September 5, 2002	Religious Records
October 3, 2002.....	Cemetery Records
November 7, 2002.....	Census Records
December 5, 2002.....	Military Records
January 2, 2003.....	Newspaper
February 6, 2003.....	Probate Records
March 6, 2003.....	Immigration Records
April 3, 2003.....	Writing A Family History

OF INTEREST

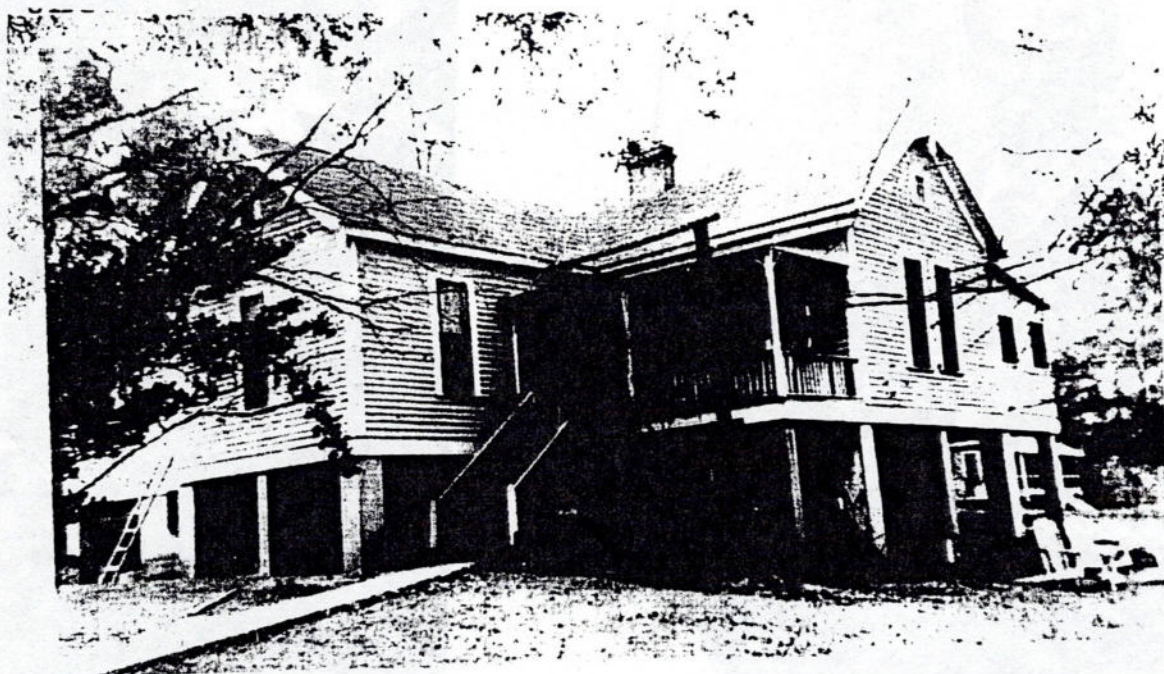
Here is a photo of a Tuscaloosa church no longer standing. This was the parent church of Trinity United Methodist Church now located on Bryant Drive and 8th Avenue across the street from the Corner Drug Store. Picture below.



Thanks Charlotte!

OF INTEREST CONTINUED

The photo below is of an old home where the lockmaster of Lock 12 lived. Mr. Joseph Rogers Krebs came to Tuscaloosa, AL from Pascagoula, MS in 1937. He came here as lockmaster of Lock 12. He and his family lived in this house. The house was located where the University Park is now on Jack Warner Parkway across from Rose Towers. There is only a corner stone now left to mark where this house stood.



Thanks Brenda!

OF INTEREST CONTINUED

DO YOU KNOW THESE PEOPLE?

These tin photographs were found in a box with other photos in the home of Clarence Edward and Florence "Jessie" Krebs Woolley. They have been taken to four different family reunions and no one has been able to identify them. If you have any information on either of these photographs please send to: MGTGS, Attention: Newsletter Editor, P.O. Box 20565, Tuscaloosa, AL 35402.



Please always date any photographs that you have and remember to identify the location, person(s), and relationship to you. We always feel we will never forget our photographic moments, but there may come a time that we may not be here to identify these magic moments and all there historical/genealogical significance.

Queries

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.

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When a member has a change of address, it is important to submit the new address as soon as possible.

If you would like your e-mail address published in the yearbook, please include in membership application.

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

Material to be considered for publication in **Roots & Branches** is welcome. We request that it pertain to Tuscaloosa County and/or surrounding counties. Copyrighted material must be considered by the editor and published at his/her discretion when space permits.

2002 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Single Membership \$8.00 _____

New Member _____

Two-member household \$14.00 _____

Renewal _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone () _____ E-mail address _____

Surnames you are researching (include up to eight) _____

Complete the information above and make a check out to: **MORNING GROUP, T.G.S.**
And mail to: Tuscaloosa Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 20565, Tuscaloosa, AL 35402

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 Sacred 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

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

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

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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
2100 Park Place
Birmingham, Alabama 35203-2794
(205) 226-3660
www.bploline.org

Samford University, Special Collections
Davis Library, Samford University
800 Lakeshore Drive
Birmingham, Alabama 35229
(205) 726-4103
<http://davisweb.samford.edu/about/special.html#Archives>

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