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Meetings

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

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

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

Roots and Branches

Our quarterly publication is published in January, April, July, and October. The quarterly may be picked up at the monthly meetings 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.

Genealogical and historical data with connections to Tuscaloosa County and/or Alabama are solicited for possible inclusion in our quarterly and monthly publications.

Contact Brenda Thomas at:

email: stripes@aol.com

Or mail to: P.O. Box 020802

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Committees

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

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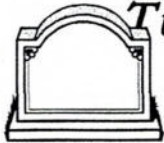
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE



I pledge allegiance to the flag of the
United States of America
and to the Republic
for which it stands,
one Nation under God, indivisible,
with liberty and justice for all.



The **Pledge of Allegiance** that we recite today is a 1954 revised edition from the original which was used at the dedication of the World's Fair Grounds in Chicago, Illinois in 1892. Written by Reverend Francis Bellamy it was slightly changed by the First and Second National Flag Conference in 1923 and 1924, it was officially approved by Congress in 1942. In 1954 the words "**under God**" was added. June 14 was proclaimed Flag Day by President Woodrow Wilson to commemorate the first United States flag that was designed in 1777.



Tuscaloosa Memorial Park Cemetery

5434 Old Birmingham Highway

Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35404

Recorded by Brenda Thomas



Monument Section 2

(the oldest section of the cemetery)

Row 1

Lottie M. Winberg

Feb. 19, 1912

Sept. 26, 2001

James L. Marshall

US Army

World War II

December 21, 1913 - Mar. 3, 1979

KILLIAN

Russell Smith Killian

Sept. 16, 1900 - Dec. 18, 1961

Retha B. Killian

October 21, 1901 - April 24, 1983

Row 2

MARSHALL

Viron E. Marshall

Jan. 21, 1908 - Aug. 15, 1992

Flora Marshall

Oct. 23, 1913 - Mar. 19, 1960

KILLIAN

A. D. Killiam M.D.

Nov. 19, 1871

March 20, 1937

Eula S. Killian

Sept. 22, 1880

Dec. 13, 1962

William D. Smith

Feb. 11, 1875

April 24, 1983

Row 3

MARSHALL

sabelle C. Marshall

Aug. 9, 1886

Oct. 20, 1972

Jessie N. Marshall

June 17, 1880

April 7, 1949

Row 3 cont.

WILSON

John H. Wilson

Alabama

PVT 147 INF 37 DIV

World War I

Jan 12, 1889 - May 4, 1949

Ruby Fort Wilson

Sept 10, 1893

March 15, 1980

Lynn H. Wilson

A2C US AIR FORCE

March 8, 1935

December 19, 1995

Row 4

ODOM

James F. Weatherly

Alabama

AMM2 USNR

WORLD WAR II

March 1, 1925 - Oct. 2, 1949

Grady W. Odom

Mar. 17, 1902

Aug. 29, 1969

Stella M. Odom

Mar. 28, 1907

June 30, 1997

GROSS

Corinne Pegram Grubbs

Born 1871

Died 1944

Frank F. Gross

Sept. 12, 1882

Oct. 17, 1947



Row 5

Infant Son

Mr. And Mrs. W. L.

Johnson

1947

Shirley Joyce Starling

Jan. 9, 1928

Jan. 14, 1980

Virginai Shirley Blevins

Sept. 15, 1915

Nov. 8, 1948

MILLS

GAR Manley Mills Jr.

March 29, 1924

May 21, 1939

Mary Frances Mills

Jan. 30, 1905

April 18, 1988

Martha V. Tidwell

Nov. 3, 1871

March 31, 1944

Allie D. Bradford

1892 - 1979

Orba Golden Tidwell
March 13, 1907
January 16, 1968

James O. Thornton
Alabama
S SGT. ARMY AIR FORCE
WORLD WAR II
March 28, 1918 Aug. 31, 1973



WHALAN

Ennisl McKnight
Aug. 7, 1913
May 2, 1957

Clyde H. Whalan
Feb. 19, 1907
Feb. 20, 1935

SULLIVAN

Joseph Lee Sullivan
Aug. 15, 1896
Jan. 11, 1951

Row 6

Mary Frances Moon
Infant Daughter of
H. A. & Frances Moon
Feb. 12, 1947 - Feb. 13, 1947

Hazel Fetterly
1909 - 1947

William Lynch
Son of
W. S. & Louise Brosier
April 16, 1948

NORRED

Zollie H Norred
Sept. 27, 1898
Jan. 5, 1939

Susue Brown Norred
Sept. 27, 1901
July 13, 1989



HILL

Van Don Hill
Sept. 3, 1897
July 12, 1938

Katie Mae Whalan Hill
Feb. 12, 1905
June 9, 1990

CLEMENTS

S. S. Clements
Nov. 18, 1875
Oct. 3, 1955

Mary Gregory
Clements
April 19, 1879
July 30, 1960

J. D. Clements
Feb. 8, 1911
Oct. 21, 1942

Edith Terry Clements
LOVED BY ALL
May 27, 1916
May 6, 1995



TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA

POINTS AND PEOPLE OF INTEREST

FROM EARLY NEWSPAPERS



First brick home built in Tuscaloosa was built by James Guild.

First Wedding recorded in Tuscaloosa was Jonathan York and Josiah Tilley's marriages to daughters of Patrick Scott, performed by John Smith, the blacksmith. Later John Ring married a third daughter of Patrick Scott.

First settler in Tuscaloosa per Washington Moody, an early Tuscaloosa historian, points to Thomas York, although other historians have other ideas.

When the first white settlers came to Tuscaloos, Alabama was a part of the Mississippi Territory. In 1817 Mississippi was admitted to the Union and Alabama was made a territory with it's capital at St. Stevens. In 1818, the territorial legislature created Tuscaloosa County, and on the same day Alabama was made a territory.

Other first settlers were: Emanuel York, Jonathan York, John Barton, Patrick Scott, Josiah Tilley, John G. Ring, and William Wilson - per "The Beginning of Tuscaloosa and New Town " by Dr. W. S. Wyman, a professor at The University of Alabama, he having read a manuscript for the Historical Society by Washington Moody, who came to Tuscaloosa at the age of thirteen with his father in 1819.

Early settlers around 1817 were De. Wyman, Joshua Halbert, John Click, Matthew Clish, James Fenn, Abel Pennington, Dr. John L. Tindall, Marmaduke Williams, John Smith, Ebenezer Horton, Dr. Jephtha V. Isbell, Thomas Lovell, Lin Powell, Richmond Carroll, William Smith, Sion L. Perry, Henry T. Anthony, Hiram P. Cochrane, Manley Files, and William Strong.

MORE TUSCALOOSA INFORMATION

Other early settlers who became prominent in Tuscaloosa were: B. B. Fontaine, Alfred Battle, John B. Pass, William Toxey, John O. Cummings, Ed Sims, David Scott, Henry A. Snow, George Morgan, Charles M. Foster, William L. Adams, R. E. B. Baylor, Seth Barton, Harvey Ellis, John G. Akin, Harry W. Collier, Dr. Robert L. Kennan, Dr. John Owen, Dr. John Drish, Dr. Reuben Searcy, Dr. John Guild, and Dr. William Leland to name a few.

The first steamboat that came to Tuscaloosa in 1871 was the Alabama & Chattanooga, which arrived December 21, 1821.

The first railroad to reach Tuscaloosa in 1871 was the Alabama & Chattanooga, which later became Southern.

The first Toll Road known as the Byler Road established a road from a point near Florence to Tuscaloosa, by John Byler, who was empowered by the Legislature in 1819.

The first newspaper publisher was believed to be William R. Smith of the American Mirror with the editor being

Tuscaloosa's first survey was in 1821.

John McKee was the first registrar of the land office in Tuscaloosa.

The city's first water tower was located on the hill near the L & N freight depot.

The Presbyterians of Tuscaloosa organized on May 6, 1820 by the Rev. Andrew Brown.

The Episcopal congregation was organized on January 7, 1828 by Rev. Robert Davis.

Catholics were numerous enough to hold meetings in 1819, but the congregation was organized in 1844.

HOW ACCURATE ARE OUR RECORDS

By LeRoy F. Eastes

3 December 1999

When we record our heritage we take great pride in looking at our list of ancestors and admire their origins, migrations and accomplishments. But, what good is it--unless it's true?

In recent years there are more and more genealogical assumptions and misleading information being circulated due to the coming of the Internet. I know most of it is unintentional, as I have found myself guilty of doing the same thing in the past. This innocent practice comes about by picking up information that is not documented, or if it is we don't check the validity of the references. Then with all good intentions, we record it and pass it on not knowing if it is true or not!

There is nothing wrong with recording and passing along estimates of dates, places and even theories and stories. This is where we find the key elements that lead to the true picture of the past. However, information of this nature must be recognized and treated as such by all of us.

The following are the Standards recommended by the National Genealogical Society and can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/>

STANDARDS FOR SOUND GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

(Recommended by the National Genealogical Society)

Remembering always that they are engaged in a quest for truth, family history researchers consistently -

- Record the source for each item of information they collect.
- Test every hypothesis or theory against credible evidence, and reject those that are not supported by the evidence.
- Seek original records, or reproduce images of them where there is reasonable assurance they have not been altered, as the basis for their research conclusions.
- Use compilations, communications and published works, whether paper or electronic, primarily for their value as guides to locating the original record.
- State something as a fact only when it is supported by convincing evidence, and identify the evidence when communicating the fact to others.
- Limit with words like "probable" or "possible" any statement that is based on less than convincing evidence, and state the reasons for concluding that it is probable or possible.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

August 1, 2002 - Courthouse records

Maggie Sudduth, Past President of Morning Group of
Tuscaloosa Genealogical Society.

September 5, 2002 - Federal Population Schedules

R. L. Guffin, Founder and Past President of Tuscaloosa
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October 3, 2002 - Land Records

R. L. Guffin, Founder and Past President of Tuscaloosa
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November 7, 2002 - Analyzing Estate Records

R. L. Guffin, Founder and Past President of Tuscaloosa
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December 5, 2002 - To Be Announced

January 2, 2003 - To Be Announced

February 6, 2003 - Federal Non-population Census: Mortality, Agriculture,
Manufacturing and Social

Joan Kirchman Mitchell, PhD

March 6, 2003 - Federal Non-population Census: continued

Joan Kirchman Mitchell, PhD

Election Of Officers

A Nominating Committee shall be appointed at the October meeting to contact and form a slate of officers for the coming year. A report of the nominations will be made at the November meeting at which time officers will be elected. The new officers will be installed at the December meeting.

Everyone should study the offices and consider serving at some level if at all possible. Anyone interested in serving on the Nominating Committee or serving, as an officer should contact the society president, Betty Weaver.

Research Facilities

Tuscaloosa County Public Library

1801 Jack Warner Parkway
Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401
(205) 345-5820
Fax: (205) 752-8300
www.tuscaloosa-library.org
Monday – Thursday 9 am to 9 pm
Friday 12 noon to 5 pm
Saturday 9 am to 5 pm & Sunday 2 pm to 6 pm

OFFERS: Genealogical Section (family histories, state histories, society newsletters, local records, computer with Ancestry.com, microfilm census and records, etc.); Old Newspapers (bound & microfilmed), Local History,

The William Stanley Hoole Special Collection Library

The University of Alabama
500 Hackberry Lane
2nd Floor Mary Harmon Bryant Hall
Tuscaloosa, Alabama 335487
(205) 348-0500
Fax: (205) 348-1699
www.lib.ua.edu/libraries/hoole/

Monday – Friday 8 am to 5 pm
Thursday hours extended to 9 pm

OFFERS: Alabama Collection; Rare Book Collection; Pamphlet Collection; Photograph Collection; Manuscript Collection (Business and Industry, Agriculture, Religion, Social Life & Customs, Folklore, Political Papers, Civil War & Reconstruction, , Transportation, Literary Manuscripts, Natural History, and Genealogy); Artifacts, Newspaper Collection, Map Collection, University Archives/Records Management; and Book Arts.

Church of Jesus Christ Of Latter Day Saints Family History Center

2015 3rd Avenue North
Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35406
(205) 758-4820
www.familysearch.org
Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 9 am to 12 noon
Wednesday and Thursday 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm

OFFERS: Endless amounts of microfilm and microfiche (family histories, pedigree charts, wills, city and state histories, information from foreign countries, genealogical society publications, etc.)

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