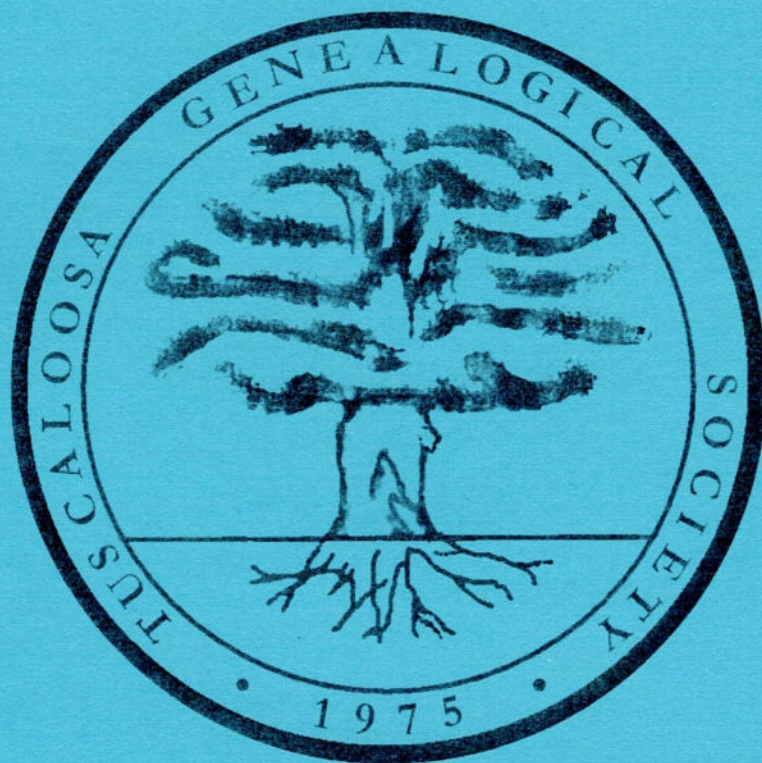


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## Committees

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.

## 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.

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

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## **2006 PROGRAMS**

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| <b>August 3</b>    | <b>"Special Collections at Sanford University Library"</b> by Elizabeth Wells,<br>Director of Special Collections                                    |
| <b>September 7</b> | <b>"Voices From the Past: Cemeteries Speak to Us"</b> by Jerry Oldshue,<br>University Archivist <i>Emeritus</i>                                      |
| <b>October 5</b>   | <b>"Yes, You Too Can Use the University's Hoole Special Collections!"</b> by<br>Clark Center, Director of Special Collections, University of Alabama |
| <b>November 2</b>  | <b>"Genealogical Gifts You Can Give for Christmas, Weddings, Birthdays<br/>and Anniversaries"</b> by Jan Hutchison and Brenda Thomas                 |
| <b>December 7</b>  | <b>"Short Christmas Program—Members Christmas Party"</b>                                                                                             |



## Query

I found the website for the Night Group of Tuscaloosa Genealogical Soc. and thought I would transmit this picture to your group. In 1990 I came into possession of many of my grandmother's old photographs. She was Esther Elizabeth Turner Cox Sulzby (1861-1952) and she was born and raised in Knoxville (Greene Co.), AL. This old photograph attached to this e-mail had this inscription written on the back - in my grandmother's handwriting:

"Janie Thornton Bostick - missionary to China - Died and was buried in China. In the group, Annie, Clara and Emma Sulzby"

The three Sulzby sisters mentioned were sisters of Esther Sulzby's husband (and my grandfather), Philip Joseph Sulzby. The only one I have been able to identify is the left-most woman standing in front of the doorway with her head turned slightly sideways. It is Annie Sulzby (who married Wm. Calvin Upchurch in 1890), and her daughter, Lula Upchurch DaLee, identified her.

I am wondering if Janie Thornton Bostick, the missionary, is the woman in the doorway? In the original, which I do not have at this time, a gentleman is standing behind the woman, but he doesn't show up in this copy.

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Bethel Baptist Church, Ralph Alabama



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My question: Is this a group that was standing in front of Bethel Baptist Church? On a visit to Ralph one year, my husband and I read the historical marker there and the missionaries were mentioned. I can't find my copy of the picture we took at that time.

Does your Library have a copy of this picture? If so, are the people identified? I would like to have more info about it.

I wrote several articles about my ancestors who at one time lived in Greene County, and they appear in the Heritage of Greene Co., AL Vol. 32. This photo was not submitted because I believe it must be in Tuscaloosa Co. My grandfather was a member of Bethel Baptist Church when he died in 1906. (my mother was only 6 months of age.)

Just thought I would make these inquiries.

Sincerely,  
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**Question:** I know there was an 1855 & 1866 State of Alabama census. Was there also an 1860, 1870, & 1880 State of Alabama census?

**Answer:** No, but there was a state census of 1850 that has some names not found in the corresponding federal census. The Alabama Archives microfilmed both censuses together. The 1850-1880 federal censuses also had mortality, manufacturing, and a social schedules. The latter has no names. The 1866 census was a special census created to help in bringing Alabama back into the Union.

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### Native American Links of Interest



#### Not Every Indian is a Cherokee

<http://www.amerindgen.com/notevry.html>

#### 1851 Census of Cherokee's east of the Mississippi

<http://members.aol.com/lredtail/siler.html>

#### Dawes Final Rolls of the Five Civilized Tribes

<http://www.accessgenealogy.com/native/dawes.php>

#### General Genealogical Handouts From Wallace State

<http://www.wallacestate.edu/genealogy/index.html>

### 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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| Census History of:                                                                      |            | Hamlet Newton Crowder                                                  |         |                        |       |         |            |                      |                            |                |                 |           |                |                          |         |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |          |        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|------------------------|-------|---------|------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------|----------------|--------------------------|---------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|----------|--------|
| Date of Birth:                                                                          |            | Abt. 1804 in SC                                                        |         |                        |       |         |            |                      |                            |                |                 |           |                |                          |         |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |          |        |
| Date of Birth:                                                                          |            | February 17, 1877 in Tuscaloosa, AL                                    |         |                        |       |         |            |                      |                            |                |                 |           |                |                          |         |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |          |        |
| In Household of:                                                                        |            | Males                                                                  |         | Males                  |       | Females |            |                      |                            |                |                 |           |                |                          |         |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |          |        |
|                                                                                         |            | To 16                                                                  | 16 & up | Females                | 0-10  | 10-16   | 16-18      | 18-26                | 26-45                      | 45 & up        | 0-10            | 10-16     | 18-26          | 26-45                    | 45 & up |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |          |        |
| 1790-County:                                                                            |            | State:                                                                 |         |                        |       |         |            |                      |                            |                |                 |           |                |                          |         |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |          |        |
| Name:                                                                                   |            |                                                                        |         |                        |       |         |            |                      |                            |                |                 |           |                |                          |         |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |          |        |
| 1800-County:                                                                            |            | State:                                                                 |         |                        |       |         |            |                      |                            |                |                 |           |                |                          |         |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |          |        |
| Name:                                                                                   |            |                                                                        |         |                        |       |         |            |                      |                            |                |                 |           |                |                          |         |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |          |        |
| 1810-County: Laurens                                                                    |            | State: S. Carolina                                                     |         |                        |       |         |            |                      |                            |                |                 |           |                |                          |         |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |          |        |
| Name: George Crowder                                                                    |            |                                                                        |         |                        |       |         |            |                      |                            |                |                 |           |                |                          |         |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |          |        |
| 1820-County: Laurens                                                                    |            | State: S. Carolina                                                     |         |                        |       |         |            |                      |                            |                |                 |           |                |                          |         |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |          |        |
| Name: George Crowder                                                                    |            |                                                                        |         |                        |       |         |            |                      |                            |                |                 |           |                |                          |         |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |          |        |
| In Household of: Hamlet Crowder                                                         |            | Males                                                                  |         | Females                |       | Aliens  |            |                      |                            |                |                 |           |                |                          |         |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |          |        |
| married Alpha A. Tyner September 5, 1829,<br>by Armsted Cole, JP in Tuscaloosa, Alabama |            | 0-5                                                                    | 5-10    | 10-15                  | 15-20 | 20-30   | 30-40      | 40-50                | 50-60                      | 60-70          | 70-80           | 80-90     | 90-100         | 100 & up                 | 0-5     | 5-10 | 10-15 | 15-20 | 20-30 | 30-40 | 40-50 | 50-60 | 60-70 | 70-80 | 80-90 | 90-100 | 100 & up | Aliens |
| 1830-County: Tuscaloosa                                                                 |            | State: Alabama                                                         |         |                        |       |         |            |                      |                            |                |                 |           |                |                          |         |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |          |        |
| Name: Alpha A.                                                                          |            |                                                                        |         |                        |       |         |            |                      |                            |                |                 |           |                |                          |         |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |          |        |
| 1840-County: Tuscaloosa                                                                 |            | State: Alabama                                                         |         |                        |       |         |            |                      |                            |                |                 |           |                |                          |         |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |          |        |
| Name: Alpha A., Malinda, John, William                                                  |            |                                                                        |         |                        |       |         |            |                      |                            |                |                 |           |                |                          |         |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |          |        |
| 1850-County: Tuscaloosa                                                                 |            | State: Alabama                                                         |         | Postoffice: District 2 |       |         |            |                      |                            |                |                 |           |                |                          |         |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |          |        |
| Dwelling No.                                                                            | Family No. | Names of each person whose place of abode on June 1 was in this family |         | Age                    | Sex   | Color   | Occupation | Value of real estate | Value of personal property | Place of Birth | Married in year | In School | Can read/write | Deaf, blind, insane etc. |         |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |          |        |
| 318                                                                                     | 318        | Hamlet Crowder                                                         |         | 49                     | M     |         | Farmer     |                      |                            | S.C.           |                 |           |                |                          |         |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |          |        |
|                                                                                         |            | Alpha "                                                                |         | 35                     | F     |         |            |                      |                            | Georgia        |                 |           |                |                          |         |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |          |        |
|                                                                                         |            | William J "                                                            |         | 14                     | M     |         |            |                      |                            | Ala            |                 |           |                |                          |         |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |          |        |
|                                                                                         |            | Martha A "                                                             |         | 10                     | F     |         |            |                      |                            | "              |                 |           |                |                          |         |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |          |        |
|                                                                                         |            | Thomas N "                                                             |         | 9                      | M     |         |            |                      |                            | "              |                 |           |                |                          |         |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |          |        |
|                                                                                         |            | Cynthia F "                                                            |         | 8                      | F     |         |            |                      |                            | "              |                 |           |                |                          |         |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |          |        |
|                                                                                         |            | Francis M "                                                            |         | 4                      | M     |         |            |                      |                            | "              |                 |           |                |                          |         |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |          |        |
|                                                                                         |            | Missouri A "                                                           |         | 5/12                   | F     |         |            |                      |                            | "              |                 |           |                |                          |         |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |          |        |
| 1860-County: Tuscaloosa                                                                 |            | State: Alabama                                                         |         | Postoffice: Adison     |       |         |            |                      |                            |                |                 |           |                |                          |         |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |          |        |
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| 1311                                                                                    | 1214       | Hamlet Crowder                                                         |         | 56                     | M     |         | Farmer     | 1500                 | 150                        | SC             |                 |           |                |                          |         |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |          |        |
|                                                                                         |            | Alpa "                                                                 |         | 47                     | F     |         | Seamster   |                      |                            | GA             |                 |           |                |                          |         |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |          |        |
|                                                                                         |            | Cynthia F "                                                            |         | 20                     | F     |         |            |                      |                            | Ala            |                 |           |                |                          |         |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |          |        |
|                                                                                         |            | Thomas "                                                               |         | 18                     | M     |         |            |                      |                            | "              |                 |           |                |                          |         |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |          |        |
|                                                                                         |            | Julia "                                                                |         | 16                     | F     |         |            |                      |                            | "              |                 |           |                |                          |         |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |          |        |
|                                                                                         |            | Francis "                                                              |         | 13                     | M     |         |            |                      |                            | "              |                 |           |                |                          |         |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |          |        |
|                                                                                         |            | Missouri "                                                             |         | 10                     | F     |         |            |                      |                            | "              |                 |           |                |                          |         |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |          |        |
|                                                                                         |            | Hamlet "                                                               |         | 7                      | M     |         |            |                      |                            | "              |                 |           |                |                          |         |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |          |        |
|                                                                                         |            | Robert "                                                               |         | 3                      | M     |         |            |                      |                            | "              |                 |           |                |                          |         |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |          |        |

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# Census History of: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

| In Household of: |        | Males |         | Females | Males |       |       |       |       |         | Females |       |       |       |         |  |
|------------------|--------|-------|---------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|---------|-------|-------|-------|---------|--|
|                  |        | To 16 | 16 & up |         | 0-10  | 10-16 | 16-18 | 18-26 | 26-45 | 45 & up | 0-10    | 10-16 | 18-26 | 26-45 | 45 & up |  |
| 1790-County:     | State: |       |         |         |       |       |       |       |       |         |         |       |       |       |         |  |
| Name:            |        |       |         |         |       |       |       |       |       |         |         |       |       |       |         |  |
| 1800-County:     | State: |       |         |         |       |       |       |       |       |         |         |       |       |       |         |  |
| Name:            |        |       |         |         |       |       |       |       |       |         |         |       |       |       |         |  |
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| Name:            |        |       |         |         |       |       |       |       |       |         |         |       |       |       |         |  |
| 1820-County:     | State: |       |         |         |       |       |       |       |       |         |         |       |       |       |         |  |
| Name:            |        |       |         |         |       |       |       |       |       |         |         |       |       |       |         |  |

| In Household of: |        | Males |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        | Females  |     |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       | Allens |        |          |  |  |  |  |
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|                  |        | 0-5   | 5-10 | 10-15 | 15-20 | 20-30 | 30-40 | 40-50 | 50-60 | 60-70 | 70-80 | 80-90 | 90-100 | 100 & up | 0-5 | 5-10 | 10-15 | 15-20 | 20-30 | 30-40 | 40-50 | 50-60 | 60-70 | 70-80 | 80-90 |        | 90-100 | 100 & up |  |  |  |  |
| 1830-County:     | State: |       |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |          |     |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |        |          |  |  |  |  |
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| 1840-County:     | State: |       |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |          |     |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |        |          |  |  |  |  |
| Name:            |        |       |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |          |     |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |        |          |  |  |  |  |

| 1850-County: |            | State:                                                                 |     |     |       |            |                      | Postoffice:                |                |                |           |                  |                          |  |  |  |  |
|--------------|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-------|------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------|------------------|--------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Dwelling No. | Family No. | Names of each person whose place of abode on June 1 was in this family | Age | Sex | Color | Occupation | Value of real estate | Value of personal property | Place of Birth | Married w/ you | In School | Can't read/write | Dead, blind, insane etc. |  |  |  |  |
|              |            |                                                                        |     |     |       |            |                      |                            |                |                |           |                  |                          |  |  |  |  |

| 1860-County: |            | State:                                                                 |     |     |       |            |                      | Postoffice:                |                |                |           |                  |                          |  |  |  |  |
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The Night Group of the  
Tuscaloosa Genealogical Society  
Meeting Minutes  
April 6, 2006

Opening:

R. L. Guffin welcomed people to the evening meeting of the Tuscaloosa Genealogical Society. He told us that he went to his hometown genealogical meeting in Roswell, Georgia recently. He told us about their meeting. He also told us about teaching a genealogical class at the University of Alabama yesterday, and how at lunch one of the students he met turned out to be his cousin.

Approval of Minutes:

Mary Ann Izatt read the March minutes, and they were approved as read.

Treasurers Report:

Thursday, March 3, there was \$3065.11 in the account. There was a question about a check going to Jim Crowder for his expense last month. The group approved this action.

Reports from Committees:

R. L. Guffin asked if there were any new people present. There were none. In asking about special genealogical finds, one person responded that she had received a CD from someone and was pleased with this response. Joan stated that in looking up information for Iowa City that is on the computer she found information that goes back to 1810, which she found astronomical. Betty responded that she had found her great grand grandmothers sisters.

Old Business: none

New Business:

There was an announcement that the Baptist Church in Gadsden, Alabama, is having a swap meet April 22. Sanford University is having a genealogy meet on May 6<sup>th</sup>. R. L. told us that we, as a group, have been given space in a cabinet in a room, in the back of the first floor. R. L. Guffin asked Pat for a report on the attendance and she reported that we had 26 members present.

Program:

Dr. Joan Mitchell presented a program called "Things Remembered, Is this really Grandpa Berry's Mustache Cup?" She displayed a lot of items and talked about them. For example, she showed us a large wooden cat, and told us the history of the cat. She then used a photo of the wooden cat, to prove that it was in Grandma's house. What is the history of a certain piece? How to prove whom it belonged to, are important questions, she said. We need to know how to prove the history, other than mother told us so". We need to try to identify the items that we have, and do the research, and find where they came from. Sometimes it means learning more about the history of our family or the country. Whatever it takes to be come knowledgeable about the special valued item is worthwhile. Even if this means searching thru boxes and boxes of photos, this is all valuable and worthwhile. This was a very interesting and very useful program for all of us. It made us think about our family treasures.

Adjournment:

R. L. Guffin thanked all those who contributed to the evening's program. He expressed thanks to Jim for the new copies of Roots and Branches. The meeting was adjourned.



The Night Group of the  
Tuscaloosa Genealogical Society  
Meeting Minutes  
May 4, 2006

Opening:

R. L. Guffin welcomed people to the evening meeting of the Tuscaloosa Genealogical Society, and said that he was glad to see everyone there. He told us that Clara Dolan had died. She was from Mobile and was a good genealogist. She was the Parliamentarian and an enthusiastic member of our group. He said that Jess was getting a card, and it would be passed around and that we should each sign it, so it can be given to her sister. He also told us that Agnes McBride was moving to Georgia. He said that we needed to make revisions in the by-laws to accumulate these changes. He then asked if there was anyone new this month. A Jane Larose from Birmingham was with us for the first time. R. L. then told us about a family that he had been asked to do genealogy on. The Joshua Foster Family was very prominent in Tuscaloosa. There were 4 brothers and 2 sisters in that family and he told us of their many achievements in the community. He wrote 15 pages in 3 weeks on that family. There were others who told us of the progress they had made during the month.

Approval of Minutes:

Mary Ann Izatt read the March minutes and there were two corrections to the minutes.

Treasure's Report:

Jess Ellard read the treasurer's report and stated that there was \$2716.54 in the checking balance at the end of March. He also told us about two CD's that had reached maturity. It was suggested that we consider making the two CD's come to maturity at different times. It was approved that we make one to mature at 2 years, and the other at one and one half years.

Reports from Committees:

R. L. said that he had been looking at fireproof cabinets, and found them to be very expensive, and wondered if we needed a fireproof cabinet. There was a discussion and some one said used ones could be purchased at a cheaper price. R. L. asked people to please check on them.

Patricia Dotson reported that there were 32 members present and 3 guests. R.L. asked Patricia if she knew what our present membership was. She said that she thought that we had about 80 members, but that she could not give an exact figure.

Jan Hutchison said that they were opening all of the divorce records, and that she still needed those members who were experienced in doing that, to come and help finish.

Charlotte Tucker said that the publication committee was planning to go to the Samford Univ. Genealogy meeting on Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup>, and try to sell their books there. She also said that there would be no books for sale during the summer meetings.

Jim reported that he had secured a Roberts Rules of Order book to give to the new parliamentarian.

Program:

Joan Mitchell introduced the speaker who was Elizabeth Mills. Joan told us about Elizabeth and said that she is one of the 5 top genealogists in the world. Elizabeth's topic was "Hell on the Home Front". She told us that there were millions of records in the National Archives and that the War Crimes problems created a lot of those records. These War Crimes records were arranged by wars, and are worth the trouble to learn to find the claims on our ancestors. We were told that it was essential to learn what

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process the ancestors went through, where the records are today, and what finds exist. She told us that Research Tips are to remember the ancestor's fan club, meaning their friends and neighbors, and to be color-blind, and be a skeptic. She said that at the National Archives it is hard to find something if you don't know the system, but we should remember it is well worth the trouble to find the claims. She said that we would learn so much about our ancestors, if we take the time to learn the process and do the work. There are lots of good questions that can be answered when finding the claims; like where people were born, where they lived six months ago, and so on. It was a very new topic to a lot of the members in the audience, and a good place to go to find answers about our ancestors. We were grateful to Elizabeth for giving us this insight into a new source to investigate

#### Adjournment:

R. L. Guffin thanked all of those who contributed to the evening's program. The meeting was adjourned.



### Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2006

#### Opening

R. L. Guffin called the June meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Rotary Room of the Tuscaloosa Public Library. He welcomed everyone and said he had been teaching summer school for the past two (2) weeks. He asked if anyone had any interesting finds since our last meeting. Betty Weaver brought pictures to share and said with the help of Gail House and Jim Reed she had made a lot of progress. She said she had generated a total of thirty-five (35) books. R. L. said he had worked on the genealogy of his son's girlfriend again. This time he worked on her paternal line and talked to her father in Memphis, Tennessee and completed it by 10:00 pm. R. L. told the group his ninety-six (96) year old aunt in Georgia had died. He said she was a delightful person and was the second (2) oldest of five (5) girls. He said his mother was the oldest.

#### Approval of Minutes

Jim Crowder read the minutes of the May meeting. After corrections of the spelling of Jess Ellard's name and the fact that Agnes McBride was not moving to Atlanta, Georgia the minutes were approved.

#### Approval of Financial Report

Jess Ellard presented the financial report for May, 2006 and it was approved as read.

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| <b>Balance April 30, 2006 .....</b>   | <b>2,716.54</b> |
| Expenses (Book Printing).....         | (68.96)         |
| Dues.....                             | 15.00           |
| Book/CD sale .....                    | 15.00           |
| <b>Balance May 31, 2006.....</b>      | <b>2642.58</b>  |
| <br>CD-1 (Mature March 5, 2007) ..... | <br>721.46      |
| CD-2 (Mature August 5, 2008) .....    | 2264.48         |

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### Present

Patricia Dotson reported that we had 16 members and 1 visitor present for the meeting and said we had a total of 85 members at the present time.

### Reports from Committees

Jan Hutchison asked if it would be possible to email everyone about the meetings instead of Calling Committee calling. After a brief discussion and a show of hands of those that would like to receive the reminder by email it was agreed we would email everyone with the member having the option to opt out at anytime.

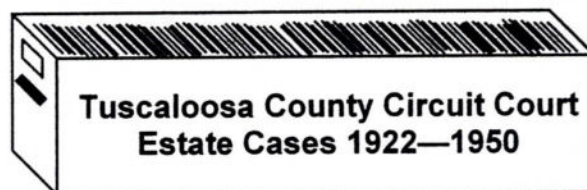
R. L. Guffin reminded everyone that National Genealogy Month was October and we should set up a display in the Library. He appointed Betty Weaver and Patricia Dotson to a committee to secure and set up the display.

### Program

R. L. Guffin went over By-Laws changes suggested by the Executive Board with the members present. After several changes it was agreed to post the By-Laws on the society's website for the rest of the membership to review.

### Adjournment

R. L. Guffin adjourned the meeting



## Did Your Ancestor Die Intestate?

By Charlotte G. Tucker

The definition of intestate is, simply stated, to die without a will. In this situation, who inherits the estate? According to Black's Law, the laws generally favor the surviving spouse, children and grandchildren of the Intestate. If there is no surviving spouse; no children or parents, then brothers and sisters of the deceased may be named as heirs. See Henry Campbell Black, M. A., Black's Law Dictionary, (St. Paul, Minn., West Publishing Company, 1990): 821.

Only legitimate (father is lawfully married to the mother) children could inherit from the Intestate. Please note the word Intestate is used often in legal papers to refer to the deceased when no will exists. Therefore, if persons are listed as heirs and/or receiving their distributive share in surviving estate papers of the Intestate, this may be proof that the deceased is their mother or father. Brothers and sisters of the deceased probably would not inherit from the Intestate when there are living legitimate children. If you can prove one of the named heirs is the son or daughter, then the remaining heirs are most likely to be children of deceased.



# Material donated to the Society

by  
Elizabeth Shown Mills

- *McGehee Descendants, Vol. I*, by Ethel C. Woodall Grider
- *Our Family: Facts and Fancies* by Regina Moreno K. Mandrell
- *Litzenberger and Litzenberg: Origins of the Names and Families* by Homer Litzenberg, III
- *The South Fork Squires, Long Island New York* by Tiger Gardiner
- *Livingston Lines* by Bertha Elizabeth Williams Whitten
- *Agustina of Spanish West Florida and Her Descendants* by Del Alexa Egan Jupiter
- *Stanley and Allied Families: Descendants of the Quaker Stanley, Families of Colonial Virginia, Vol. I* by Alvin L. Anderson, Ph.D.
- *My Name is Blacket*, by Nick Vine Hall
- *The Five Thomas Harrieses of Isle of Wight County, Virginia*, by John A. Brayton
- *The 1992 Potvin, Gamache, Ains, Dobour Family Chronicle*
- *The Wood & Woods Family Magazine*, Winter 1985
- *Stephen Minor*, by Sir Jack D.L. Holmes, PhD
- *The Ancestry of Mayor Harold Washington*, by Curtis G. Brasfield
- *Charity Cook: A Liberated Woman*, by Algie I. Newlin
- *North by South: The Two Lives of Richard Tames Arnold*, by Charles Hoffman and Tess Hoffmann
- *William Morgan Tesseand His Descendants*, by Bev Jesse
- *Out of Your Tree*, by Robert A. Burns
- *Barbara Renick's Guide to Genealogy Information On-line*, by Barbara Renick
- *The Hoosier Genealogist*, Summer and Fall 2005 issues

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Birmingham Genealogical Society's  
40th Annual October Fair

Saturday, October 28th  
"Show—and—Tell" for Genealogists!



## Alabama Archives to Re-Open Saturdays Starting October 7, 2006

The Alabama Department of Archives and History is pleased to announce the resumption of Saturday services in October. Starting October 7, 2006, the Research Room and Museum will be open each Saturday, 8:30 - 4:30. The Department will remain closed on Sundays, and the Research Room is closed on Mondays. The Department is also closed on all state holidays designated by legislation or by the Governor's Office.

Normal hours will remain 8:30 - 4:30 on the following schedule:

- Monday:** Museum and Staff Offices open, 8:30 - 4:30  
Research Room Closed on Mondays
- Tuesday- Saturday:**  
Museum, Research Room, and Staff Offices open, 8:30 - 4:30
- Sunday:** Department Closed

This resumption of services was made possible through funding in the 2007 budget recommended by Governor Riley and approved by the Legislature in the last session:

Remember to check the Archives website for the latest schedule,  
including information on state holidays:  
<http://www.archives.alabama.gov/intro/hours.html>





# Query

Hi!

I am planning to drive to Tuscaloosa this fall or early next year to see what I can find out about my family. I know quite a bit already - facts and speculations - but would like to find out more. I could use any helpful hints you might have as far as where and how to find further information. It would be wonderful to see if I could find out where they lived, especially. I know where at least some are buried and will go there.

My great grandfather was John Robertson and my great grandmother was Martha Burch Walser. They had several children including my grandfather, Samuel Luther, born in 1847. After Martha died in 1862, John married Sarah Thompson, a widow, I think-no marriage record yet. They had one child, Charles Onward. I have been told John was born in Jackson County, Georgia, in 1814, went to Tennessee where some of his family stayed, and then came to Alabama. He may have had siblings who came as well. I really know little about the rest of his family. It would be good if I even knew his middle name, since John is such a common name. I have found various land records on the internet but have no way of knowing if they are for the right John Robertson. My oldest great uncle, William George, moved to Carrollton in Pickens County, and John is buried there with him and his family. I hope to check out that area as well. My grandmother's family, the Frenches, also came from Alabama, but others have researched them, providing me with extensive information on them. My French great great grandparents are buried in Blount County, I believe.

I belong to the local genealogical society in Denton, Texas, and know that you might know things about local history and families and be familiar with local resources that I would not know. I want to do as much as I can in the time we can be there, of course!! I am finding out lots about the Robertsons after they came to Texas following the Civil War, but not before that. Oh, three brothers, William George, Rufus Henry, and Samuel Luther served in the Civil War, and Rufus died.

My e-mail address is [fmrws@centurytel.net](mailto:fmrws@centurytel.net) in case anyone has time to contact me with any ideas.

Sincerely Yours,

Fran White Shurtleff  
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Corinth, Texas 76210



## PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

| <u>TITLE</u>                                                                                                                                            | <u>PRICE</u> | <u>COPIES ON HAND</u>          |
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| PIONEERS OF TUSCALOOSA COUNTY, ALABAMA PRIOR TO 1830                                                                                                    | \$22.50      | OUT OF PRINT                   |
| PIONEERS OF TUSCALOOSA COUNTY, ALABAMA PRIOR TO 1830...CD ONLY                                                                                          | \$20.00      | 3                              |
| Formerly entitled "Subpoena Book"                                                                                                                       |              |                                |
| TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA APPEALS BOOK 1822-1835 CD ONLY                                                                                                      | \$20.00      | 19                             |
| BENTON COUNTY, ALABAMA MARRIAGE BOOK 1, 1834-1850<br>Edited by Thomas H. Wood                                                                           | \$20.00      | 5                              |
| REVOLUTIONARY WAR SOLDIERS WHO LIVED IN BOTH VIRGINIA AND ALABAMA<br>Edited by Thomas H. Wood                                                           | \$15.00      | 3                              |
| TEXAS REFERENCES IN ALABAMA RECORDS                                                                                                                     | \$20.00      | 18                             |
| ABSTRACT OF TAX ASSESSMENT FOR COLLECTOR - TUSCALOOSA COUNTY, AL 1894<br>Tuscaloosa Genealogical Society                                                | \$16.00      | 7                              |
| REGISTRY OF AMNESTY OATH TAKEN IN 1865 BY CITIZENS OF TUSCALOOSA COUNTY, ALABAMA<br>(In Alabama and Mortgage Book #11869-1868) Compiled by June Reese   | \$15.00      | 3                              |
| TUSCALOOSA COUNTY, ALABAMA 1889 POLL TAX LIST WITH SOME<br>1868 BEAT ROLLS AND REAL ESTATE RECORDS. June Reese, Compiler.                               | \$10.00      | 18                             |
| ABSTRACT ESTIMATES OF ARTICLES DUE AS TAX IN-KIND ISSUED TUSCALOOSA IN THE<br>2ND QUARTER ENDING THE 30TH DAY OF JUNE 1864. Richard Owens & June Reese. | \$10.00      | 1                              |
| INTERNAL REVENUE ASSESSMENT LIST FOR TUSCALOOSA COUNTY, ALABAMA 1865-1886<br>June Reese                                                                 | \$15.00      | 4                              |
| ALABAMA LAND SALES 1823-1832, STATEWIDE CONVEYANCE OF UNIVERSITY LANDS<br>TO PRIVATE OWNERSHIP, June Reese.                                             | \$18.00      | 12                             |
| WILL BOOK 4, TUSCALOOSA COUNTY ALABAMA<br>Genealogical Abstracts, October 21, 1867 - January 15, 1898. Abstracted by Helen Haywood Hahn                 | \$15.00      | 16                             |
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| LINEAGE CHART BOOK, VOLUME II                                                                                                                           | \$22.50      | OUT OF PRINT                   |
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| 1902 -1803 TUSCALOOSA CITY DIRECTORY                                                                                                                    | \$15.00      | 8                              |
| LOCATING YOUR NATIVE AMERICAN ANCESTOR. Howard P. White                                                                                                 | \$15.00      | OUT OF PRINT<br>No Master Copy |
| TUSCALOOSA COUNTY DEATH AND BIRTH RECORDS-1893-1903, June Orr Reese<br>Tuscaloosa Genealogical Society Night Group 2005 CD ONLY                         | \$20.00      | 24                             |
| CONTENTS: Preface<br>Register of deaths (1893 -1903 ... 10 years<br>Register of births (1893 - only year)<br>Beat listings                              |              |                                |



## 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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| 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.familytreesearcher.com">www.familytreesearcher.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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