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*"When an election is past, it is altogether fitting a free people...
that until the next election they should be one people."*

Abraham Lincoln

RESEARCH IN VIRGINIA

At our March meeting, President Guffin gave a casual but very informative lecture helpful to any one doing research in the state of Virginia. He named ethnic groups both English and Scotch-Irish and traced their migratory patterns along rivers where they found fertile soil for crops. He recommended the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond with its many Bible records as an important storehouse for genealogists. The lecture was based on information gained at Samford University last summer. Other lectures of like nature are to follow on other states.

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FARISH FAMILY CHART

Marion Palmore reports a family chart of 1800 Farish names sent with a tape to her and used at a Farish reunion in Wilcox County. The 81 people who attended were descendants of 2 brothers of Wilcox County whose lineage reaches back to one Robert Farish, who settled in Virginia in 1701. It was the men ~~mostly who did the research~~ for this family. Hunter Dickenson Farish, born in Wilcox County and a contributor to the chart, was a research historian hired for the restoration of Williamsburg.

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History of Old Pendleton District by R. W. Simpson

Kingston Vital Records pub. by New England Historic Genealogical Society

Marriage Bonds of Tryon and Lincoln Counties, North Carolina by Curtis Bynum

Story of Moses Collins 1785-1858 and His Descendants by A. O. Collins

Tuscaloosa County Index of 1830 Census, hardback and accessible for use.

STALLWORTH GENEALOGY

Stallworth Roots and Recipes compiled by cookbook committee--Jane Rosborough, David Sanders & Rebecca Welch. \$5.00 + \$1.00 postage. Sanders, the family genealogist, explains most of the Stallworths whose recipes are in this volume are descendants of Nicholas Stallworth, who came to Alabama in its early days. This family have been remarkably cohesive through the years. That they should join forces and publish such a collection of recipes is in itself remarkable. The Jemima Tripp Tradition written in 1896 by Cevilla Clementine Pigford of Meridian, Ms. is followed by 5 pages of the Stallworth lineage, then articles and illustrations. Then come 164 pages of choice recipes. Copies of the book may be purchased from Jane Rosborough, Rt. 1, Box 308, Duncanville, Al. 35456.

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Patricia Sudduth Dear
3460-A Bahia Blanca
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Mrs. Dear has corresponded with different ones of us. She has her line of Alabama Sudduths well worked. She needs a boost on her Land family especially.

Wants to contact any one who may have Mayfield or Duncan ancestors in Tuscaloosa.
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EARNEST GENEALOGY

Ernstlieder, an Earnest Family Lineage by Imogene Johnson Inman. \$25.00 hard-back. 222 pages, photographs, index of names. This is an account of the Earnest family in Germany, America, Alabama with their lines, then the Phillips lineage (Earnest), the Phillips lineage (Christian) and the Clements lineage. The book was written for the family, and the last 9 chapters of it give family occasions like quilting, picking blackberries, and making ice cream.

The epilogue features a Personalities of the South Award presented to Dr. Inman by the Editorial Board of the American Biographical Institute. Dr. Inman now teaches music at Walker College in Jasper. We claim her as a recording secretary of the Tuscaloosa Genealogical Society.

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Next comes an offer to correspond with any one researching on Moses Simpson, who was married to Angeline Bagwell in 1850 and to Melissa Mackey in 1860. Man asked about certain kinds of documents like wills

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H. E. Hubbard
705 Richards Ave.
Gridley, Ca. 95948

With these specifics, I was able to find five bits of information this time.

U OF A SESQUICENTENNIAL

Commemorating the 52 students of the entering class (1831), we list the 21 among them of Tuscaloosa families.

Allen, Leroy P.
listed himself as being from Tuscaloosa.

Boykin, Burwell
Possibility, Frank Boykin, Tuscaloosa.

Bracey, John D.
listed himself as being from Tuscaloosa.

Caldwell, Charles W.
listed Tuscaloosa.

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Carson, Thomas Lynch
Wife living in Tuscaloosa in 1900.

Childress, James Locke
was a planter in Tuscaloosa until 1850.

Cochran, William Allen
has descendents in Tuscaloosa.

Colgin, John
listed Tuscaloosa as home.

Davenport, John G.
founder of Independent Monitor, Tuscaloosa.

Marr, Daniel Price Perkins
was son of Major William Miller Marr,
Tuscaloosa.

McMullen, Robert Burns
m. Anne Triplette Nooe, Tuscaloosa.

Meek, Alexander Beaufort
s. Dr. Samuel Mills Meek, Tuscaloosa

Owen, Joseph Richardson Nimmo
s. John Owen, Tuscaloosa.

Saffold, Addison J.
Mrs. M. E. Saffold of Tusc. answered query.

Smith, William Russell
Pres. & Prof. U. of A., 1870-71

Stone, Sardine Graham
m. Mary Richardson, Tuscaloosa.

Tindall, John L., Jr.
was from Tuscaloosa.

Webb, James D.
s. Judge Henry Young Webb, Tuscaloosa.

Williams, Charles Lewis
was a lawyer in Tuscaloosa when he died.

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ANNOUNCING THE PUBLICATION OF

PIONEERS OF TUSCALOOSA COUNTY, ALABAMA PRIOR TO 1830

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In 1980 the Tuscaloosa Genealogical Society organized an attempt to collect family information on as many of the Tuscaloosa County pioneers as was possible. The results of its eighteen months of intense work is a splendid hard cover volume of over 500 pages completely indexed.

The Tuscaloosa Genealogical Society believes that this volume will not only facilitate family research in Tuscaloosa County but will serve as a model for similar pioneer family projects across our nation. A limited edition of 350 copies is being made available at an attractive prepublication price of \$17.50 plus \$3.00 for handling and mailing. You are urged to take advantage of this special offer prior to the publication date of October 15, 1981. All volumes should be mailed between November 1 and November 15, 1981. Please use convenient order blank and address below in ordering.

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