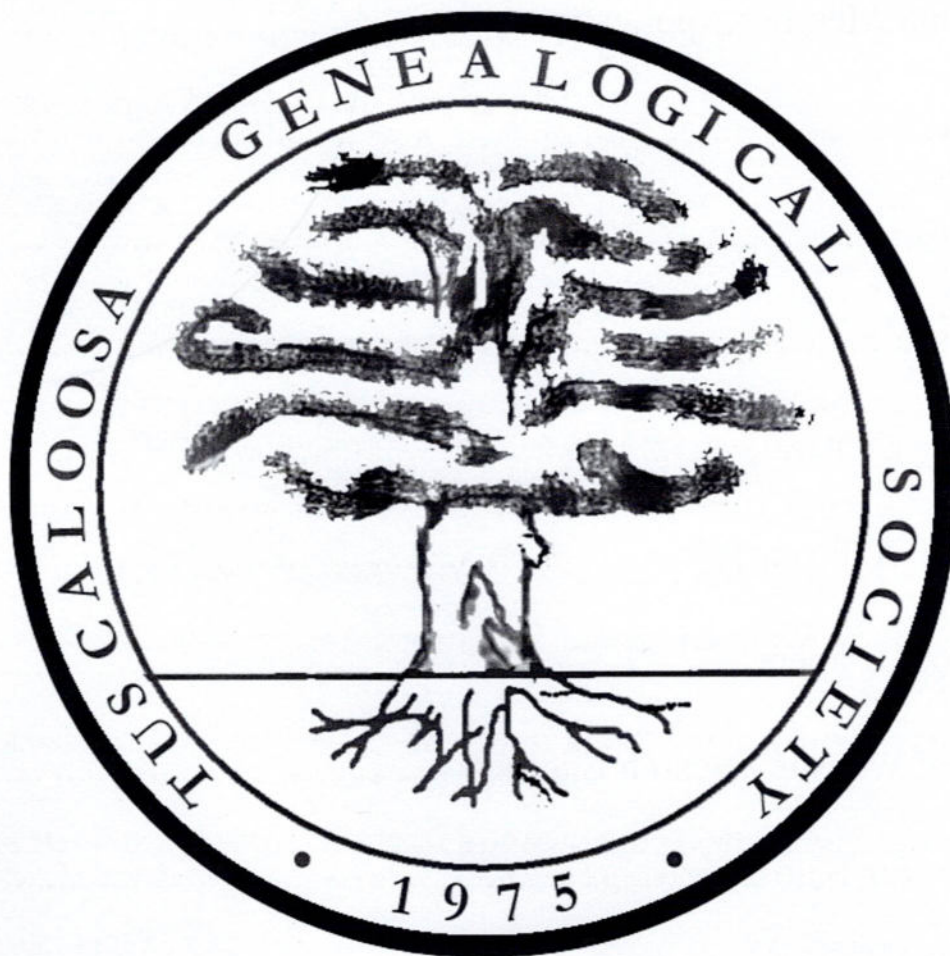


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*"We didn't all come over on the same ship,
But we're all in the same boat!"*

R.L. Guffin





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1 November 2009 — PROGRAM: What We Can And Cannot Find With DNA Testing

PRESENTER: R.L. Guffin (one of our members)

INTRODUCTION: Jesse Ellard

5 November 2009 — PROGRAM: Cleaning Cemeteries: Correct Way Of Cleaning Tombstones

PRESENTER: Chuck Gerdau (one of our members)

INTRODUCTION: Betty Jean Weaver

3 December 2009 — PROGRAM: Installation Of Officers; Business Meeting And Christmas Party

Start Time 6:30 p.m. (Bring your favorite dessert or finger food to share)

7 January 2009 — PROGRAM: Show And Tell

(Bring something to show; or tell a short story about an ancestor)

INTRODUCTION: Betty Jean Weaver

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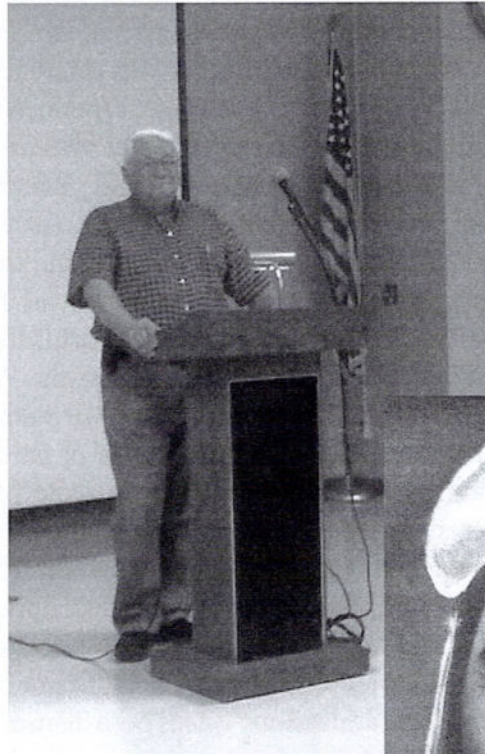


Program Notes

By Chuck Gerda

August 2009

Walter Dockery took us back in time to discuss one of the most important battles ever fought in Tuscaloosa County – The Battle of Trion (Vance). Walter also discussed the relocation of the cemetery at the battlefield site to the Vance Cemetery a short distance away.



Walter Dockery speaks to the group in August.

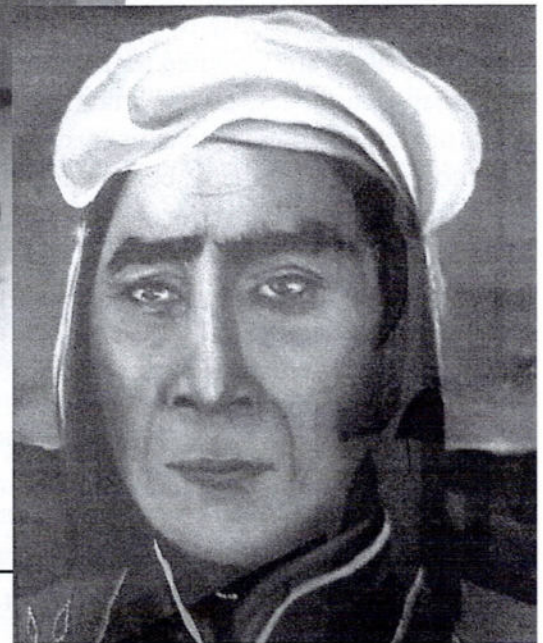
September 2009

Chuck Gerda presented the life of Chief James Vann of the Cherokee Nation. The program gave a history of Vann's influence in North Georgia during the late 1700s and early 1800s. Included was a pictorial presentation of the various historical sites, including the Vann House in Spring Place, Georgia, the taverns Vann owned that are still in existence, and the Old Federal Road.

October 2009

R.L. Guffin gave an insightful program on the use of DNA in genealogical research.

Chief James Vann of the Cherokee Nation.



COMPUTER ASSISTED GENEALOGY GROUP "CAGG"

This group meets the 3rd Saturday of each month at 9:30 am at:
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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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NOMENCLATURE

By Dena B. Kurd

Editor's Note: This story first appeared in "A History And Genealogy Of The Kurd Family."

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Through all the centuries of antiquity, man has left but one memorial; through all the countless ages to come, man can erect but one eternal monument, his name!

Before dynasties were established, when tribes fought and defeated their brother tribes, and formed clans, there was significance in a name, for their deeds of valor were recorded only by lingual transmission; and many were the traps invented to instill into the growing mind that accurateness so important.

The old father, knowing that his trust must be delivered into the keeping of the boy, began early in the training; and as the narrator lived over the story of his ancestors, his blood grew warm; his voice rose and fell in cadence now gentle, then appalling, now gruesome, then sweet and musical, as he told the wild-eyed, breathless boy of his family achievements; the history of his people; the history of his country; the history of his world; all its arts, its music, its triumphs and tragedies; its conquests and defeats, embodied in a name. Little wonder that the young listener, ever ready for adventure, felt his heart throb in sympathy and in accord with the rhythm of the narrative—music to his ears! Had he not know all his life that to him would be transmitted all that was known of his world's past? Sitting in the twilight alone, beneath the diamond-studded canopy of silver gray, night after night, month after month, year after year, recording History; leaving no opportunity pass to plant deep down into the soul of the listener these facts, whether they were of success or defeat, with equal force—leading, teaching him who would cherish the record as a sacred heirloom to be handed down with the name. Precious heirloom indeed it has been, but for those long, tedious if exciting recantations and repetitions, many of our historical traditions, valuable or merely interesting, would have passed into oblivion.

The significance of names cannot be repudiated; the name that is linked with truth and right reflects back its

lustre, and so will the guilt-stained name burn a blackened, lasting blot, a warning to posterity. Originally, all names were given to the individuals who bore them with reference to some circumstance, place of birth, or sentiment. With an important change in a man's life, his name was often changed to fit his new circumstances.

The ancient Egyptians, Hebrews, Babylonians, Greeks, Assyrians, and Persians had no family names; neither did the early Romans. The influence of nomenclature was first felt when Rome became mistress of the world; then every Roman citizen was given three names: the "praenomen," or personal name; the "nomen" or name of the gens or clans; and the "cog-nomen," or family name. Conquerors and men of achievement were often complimented by the addition of an "ag-nomen," or fourth name, commemorative of their conquests. The Roman personal names referred to the personal appearance; the ancient Greek names more often implied some virtue or natural gift, and in many instances, a family name may be traced by this means. These names were supplemented by the name of the place of birth or the occupation.

The modern system of nomenclature became prevalent about A. D. 1000. The early adventurers introduced surnames, and they came into use in Scotland in the twelfth century. Some districts of Wales have not yet established the use of surnames. The sources from which modern nomenclature has its origin are: Characteristics, rank, profession or occupation, locality or natural objects, and patronymics; the latter embraces the Scotch "Mac," the Irish "O," the Norman "Fitz," the German "Cohn," the Scandinavian "sen," and the Russian "vitch," all having the same force and meaning as the English "son." The Hebrew used the word "ben" and the Welch "ap," and placed the word between the name of father and son; Jacob ben Levi, meaning Jacob the son of Levi; the Welsh Evan ap Donald became Evan-John, son of Donald or John Donald.

In Spain the wife retains her name after marriage, and the son may adopt either paternal or maternal name for his own. In many states of the Union the name may be changed for a just cause, but only by securing a special act of the legislature of the state.



Montgomery Cemetery

By Chuck Gerdau

Eight grave sites are visible in the remote Montgomery Cemetery, about a mile from the Bethabara Baptist Church, just off the Fayette Highway. Early settlers Charles Montgomery and his wife Mary are buried there, along with at least eight others with graves that are marked with rocks.

Charles Montgomery was born in 1798 in Georgia. His wife Mary 'Polly' (Brown) Montgomery was born in North Carolina in 1802 and died February 8, 1862. They were married about 1827.

Charles and Mary Montgomery were in Tuscaloosa County by 1829, as Charles was received into the fellowship at Gilgal Baptist Church in that year.

By 1839, Charles had purchased land about five miles from the Moore's Bridge community, where they would farm and later were buried.

Charles Montgomery died in 1872 and was laid to rest next to his wife Mary. Although no written stones are available, a hand-painted sign still stands. The years have weathered away the lettering though.

The children of Charles Montgomery and Mary 'Polly' (Brown) are:

1. James Montgomery, born circa 1821.
2. John Montgomery, born circa 1825.
3. Elizabeth Montgomery, born April 20, 1827, died Feb. 2, 1913, in Northport, Alabama, married Jan. 24, 1850 in Tuscaloosa County to Phillip J. Griffin.
4. David Marcellus Montgomery, born June 30, 1830, Tuscaloosa County, died May 4, 1910, in Tuscaloosa. He married Feb. 7, 1856, in Tuscaloosa County to Spicy Watson; married again Jan. 11, 1895, to Sarah A. Reese.
5. Robert Alexander Montgomery, born circa 1833, in Tuscaloosa County, married Oct. 14, 1857, to Emily Martha Willingham.
6. Mary Jane Montgomery, born circa 1838, in Tuscaloosa County, married June 2, 1863, in Tuscaloosa County to Henry Parham Gray; married again Aug. 4, 1874, to Phillip Lewis Rogers. Phillip Lewis Rogers died in 1902 in Dallas, Texas, at a Civil

War Reunion.

7. Thomas Franklin Montgomery, born Jan. 18, 1840, in McConnell, Tuscaloosa County, died May 11, 1909, married Nancy Jane Watson, date unknown.

8. Charles Newton Montgomery, born Feb. 26, 1843, Tuscaloosa, died April 10, 1916, in Tuscaloosa County, married Oct. 30, 1870, in Tuscaloosa County, to Annie Elizabeth Pennington.

After Mary's death in 1862 and burial in the Montgomery Cemetery, Charles Montgomery married again on Oct. 31, 1864, in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, to Mary Jane Dollar, daughter of Jesse and Elizabeth (Sharp) Dollar.

Charles Montgomery and Mary Jane (Dollar) had two children:

1. Thomas Jefferson Montgomery, born 1866 in Tuscaloosa County.
2. Jesse Monroe Montgomery, born Jan. 10, 1870, in Tuscaloosa County, died April 22, 1940, married Mary Jane Champion, date unknown.

There is a memorial stone for Charles and Mary Montgomery at Bethabara Baptist Church cemetery.





A Lick And A Promise

Submitted by Betty Jean Weaver

“I’ll just give this *a lick and a promise*,” my mother said as she quickly mopped up a spill on the floor without moving any of the furniture.

“What is that supposed to mean?” I asked, as in my young mind I envisioned someone licking the floor with his or her tongue.

“It means that I’m in a hurry and I’m busy canning tomatoes so I am going to just give it a lick with the mop and promise to come back and do the job right later,” she said.

‘*A lick and a promise*’ was just one of the many old phrases that our mothers, grandmothers, and others used that they probably heard from the generations before them. With the passing of time, many old phrases become obsolete or even disappear. This is unfortunate because some of them are very appropriate and humorous. Here is a list of some of those memorable old phrases:

1. A Bone to Pick (Someone who wants to discuss a disagreement.)
2. An Axe-to-Grind (Someone who has a hidden motive. This phrase is said to have originated from Benjamin Franklin who told a story about a devious man who asked how a grinding wheel worked. He ended up walking away with his axe sharpened free of charge.)
3. One bad apple spoils the whole barrel (One corrupt person can cause all the others to go bad if you don’t remove the bad one.)
4. At sea (Lost or not understanding something.)
5. Bad Egg (Someone who was not a good person.)
6. Barking at a knot (Meaning that your efforts were as useless as a dog barking at a knot.)
7. Barking up the wrong tree (Talking about something that was completely the wrong issue with the wrong person.)
8. Bee in your bonnet (To have an idea that won’t let loose.)
9. Been through the mill (Had a rough time of it.)
10. Between hay and grass (Not a child or an adult.)
11. Blinky (Between sweet and sour, as in milk.)
12. Calaboose (A jail.)
13. Catawampus (Something that sits crooked such as a piece of furniture sitting at an angle.)
14. Dicker (To barter or trade.)
15. Feather in Your Cap (To accomplish a goal. This came from years ago in wartime when warriors might receive a feather they would put in their cap for defeating an enemy.)
16. Hold your horses (Be patient!)
17. Hoosgow (A jail.)
18. I reckon (I suppose.)
19. Jawing/Jawboning (Talking or arguing.)
20. Kit and caboodle (The whole thing.)
21. Maddier than an old wet hen (Really angry.)
22. Needs taken down a notch or two (Like notches in a belt, usually a young person who thinks too highly of himself and needs a lesson.)
23. No Spring Chicken (Not young anymore.)
24. Persnickety (Overly particular or snobbish.)
25. Pert-near (Short for pretty near.)
26. Pretty is as pretty does (Your actions are more important than your looks.)
27. Red up (Clean the house.)
28. Scalawag (A rascal or unprincipled person.)
29. Scarce as hen’s teeth (Something difficult to obtain.)
30. Skedaddle (Get out of here quickly.)
31. Sparking (Courting)
32. Straight From the Horse’s Mouth (Privileged information from the one concerned.)
33. Stringing around, gallivanting around, or piddling (Not doing anything of value.)
34. Sunday go to meetin’ dress (The best dress you had.)
35. We wash up real fine (Another goodie.)
36. Tie the Knot (To get married.)
37. Too many irons in the fire (To be involved in too many things.)
38. Tuckered out (Tired and all worn out.)
39. Under the weather (Not feeling well. This term came from going below deck on ships due to sea sickness. Thus, you go below or under the weather.)
40. Wearing your ‘best bib and tucker’ (Being all dressed up.)
41. You ain’t the only duck in the pond (It’s not all about you.)

Well, if you hold your horses, I reckon I’ll get this whole kit and caboodle done and sent off to you. Please don’t be too persnickety and get a bee in your bonnet because I’ve been pretty tuckered out and at sea lately because I’m no spring chicken. I haven’t been just stringin’ around and I know I’m not the only duck in the pond, but I do have too many irons in the fire. I might just be barking at a knot, but I have tried to give this article more than just *a lick and a promise*.

Miscellaneous Papers
By Charlotte Tucker

Several years ago, while working with the Loose Papers Project at the Tuscaloosa County Courthouse, I took time to compile information from what I choose to call "Miscellaneous Papers" found within the loose divorce papers of the Circuit Court. As it turns out they are definitely land records.

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CASE n.a.	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	ACRES	LOCATION	LANDOWNERS	RESIDENCE	YEAR	Historical Interest
	Carr, P. E. (father of landowners)	Hughes, C. W. Apprais- ers: Taylor, T. R.; Davis, Luther; Burks, John		Warsaw, Sumter Co., AL	Carr, Clarence G., (minor child); Carr, George W. (minor child)	Tuscaloosa, AL	1905	
54			n.a.	Tuscaloosa County, AL	Malone, Eliza; Nelson, Martha; Taylor, F. M.; Tadlock, Thomas; Johns, Elyam; Roberts, Charlotte; Doss, Margaret; Nelson, Frank;	Tuscaloosa, AL	1898	
54			n.a.	Tuscaloosa County, AL	Renfroe, Abner; Davis, Sarah Nancy; Rogers, Mary	Fayette County, AL	1898	
160	Ward, M. C.; Ward, L. E., Mrs. (wife)	Hargrove, H. H.	80	Tuscaloosa County, AL			1899-1901	
160	Hargrove, H. H.	Morrison, J. C.	83	Tuscaloosa County, AL			1900	
41	Deason, Thomas J.	Snyder, William; Snyder, Collins; Bagwell, Marion R.; Bagwell, Mary A. (wife);	100	Tuscaloosa County, AL			1887	
262	Hannah, John D.	Hopkins, James A.	20	Tuscaloosa County, AL			1902	
50	Woods, Nancy	Jeffries, Augusta (grandson of Crawford, Silvey) ; Stella Moore (possible granddaughter of Crawford, Silvey); Jeffries, John (grandson of Crawford, Silvey)	one lot	New Town, Tuscaloosa County, AL	Crawford, Silvey Ella (grand- mother)		1898	
901			Lot 184	Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa County, AL	Gulley, Kate Smith, Mrs.; Gulley, Walter (possible relative); Smith, J. J. (possible relative)	Tuscaloosa, AL	1907-1908	Faulk, W. M. (mayor of Tuscaloosa); Congress, Acts of 1824 and 1888; Todd Map (of Lot 184 in 1887); Finnell, Woolsey reference to survey of town 1903); Turner Family; Walker, James S. (1823 land patent); Congress, Act of, May 26, 1884); Tuscaloosa Coal, I
Deed	Fears, John B.; Fears, Cornelia H. (wife)	Olmstead, E. S.; Christian, S. W. L.	320	Tuscaloosa County, AL	Byars, Wm. D. (former owner);		1863	
Deed	Powell, E. A.; Powell, R. C. (his wife)	Tierce, George A.	8	Tuscaloosa County, AL			1879	
Mortgage Sale	Harris, Anna (his wife)	Alabama State Savings Company	Lots 10-11	Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa County, AL	Wyman, W. S.		1925, 1930	



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Queries 8 different genealogy search engines.....	http://www.genealogyportal.com
Unraveling your African-American Heritage.....	http://www.afrigenas.com
Contains almost 30,000 pictures, stories, recipes, etc.....	http://www.ancientfaces.com
Contains more than 2 million federal land titles.....	http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov
40,000-plus free census records from Canada & U.S.....	http://www.census-online.com
Old pictures to be reunited with owners.....	http://www.deadfred.com
Free database of ancestors coming via Ellis Island.....	http://www.ellisland.org
LDS site-Enormous amount of information.....	http://www.familysearch.com
Most complete list of Civil War roster links.....	http://www.geocities.com/area51/lair/3680/cw/cw.html
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Resources for UK and Ireland researchers.....	http://www.genuki.org.uk
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