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"Everyone has ancestors and it is just a question of going back far enough to find a good one."

REPORT FROM THE MORNING GROUP

"Congratulations, Mary Sinclair, it's a Book."

We are deeply indebted to Mary Sinclair for the art work, typing and research she did to produce our newest little book, "Bridging the Past of Tuscaloosa County, Alabama". She did a superb job. If you don't have a copy, you are missing something. Thanks a million, Mary !!!

Our Library Committee has placed the following books in the Library:

Indexes of Edgefield Co., S.C. Vol. 1, Probate Records and
Edgefield Co., S.C. Abstracts of Deeds Books 1-12, 1786 -
1796, Vol 1, both by C. Hendrix

Passports of Southeastern Pioneers, by Potter

Guide to the Draper Manuscripts

Mareen Duvall of Middle Plantation, by Newman

Washington Co., Georgia, Estate Papers, 1829-1903, by
Newsom

Maggie Sudduth is working on the 1860 Census of Tuscaloosa Co., AL & the Moores Bridge History. Billie Lockard is copying Tuscaloosa County Marriage Book J. Marine Snider is copying the Jones-Rogers Funeral Home Records. We hope to finish these projects this year.

Mary Sinclair will start another sketch book as soon as material is made available to us. Search through your old photos for pictures of the family homestead and of structures built 1820 - 1890 in Tuscaloosa County. We want to include more families in our next book.

Billie Lockard
President

REPORT OF THE EVENING GROUP

Several members of the Evening Group assisted the Tuscaloosa Public Library Staff move and reshelve all the Genealogical books into the Matt Clinton Historical/Genealogical Room. The files of research guides for all State's libraries and archives have been catalogued and are now available for referencing.

Also, now on the shelves are the following books given by the Evening Group within the past few months:

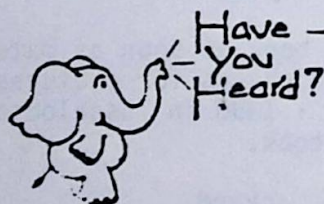
Marriages and Deaths From MD Gazette by Barnes
Key to Southern Pedigrees by Cozier
British Aliens in U.S. During War of 1812
Biographical and Historical Memoirs
1985 Searching Index
Inventory of Public Records DeKalb Co., AL 1836-1900
Claborne Co. LA Parish Trails
2 Vols Early Baptismal Records & Early Marriage Records
Auoyelles Parish, LA 1806-1844
Index to Mexican War Pension Applications by Wolfe
Ancestors in England of Francis Epes I of Virginia

Our monthly programs continue to be most interesting and informative. In March, Tom Shumaker gave a history of Pennsylvania and guides to research. Marly Thomas reported on the compiling of "Family Secrets", the cookbook covering several generations of the Thomas' favorite recipes and stories, for the April meeting. May was very special when Mary Sinclair described the Draper Collection, making us all wish we could use this abundant data. The history of Georgia, researching in Atlanta's new Archives and other county sources, was told most vividly by R. L. Guffin in June. President Elizabeth Mills gave 'mini' lessons each time, always wonderful genealogical tips.

We want to congratulate Mr. & Mrs. Alton Lambert on their 50th wedding anniversary. He contributes enthusiastically to the Society with his in-depth research and records of Tuscaloosa County.

All members remember to join us the first Thursday evening of each month, 7 P.M. at the Tuscaloosa Public Library. We have such a good time and want to share with YOU! If you are in need of helpful guidance, come at 6 P.M. when there are experts to show you the way to solving your ancestral problem.

Mildred S. Shumaker
 Corresponding Secretary



A YELLOW SHEET OF PAPER PLACED ON THE
 READING SURFACE WILL MAKE A DIFFICULT
 MICROFILM MUCH EASIER TO READ !!!

TUSCALOOSA COUNTY, AL MARRIAGE RECORDS

from Book: Dec. 8, 1869 - Aug. 29, 1874

copied by Hilda Hanly & Billie Lockard

104.	Sameul E. Hodge	Martha A. Mills	1 Oct. 1870
105.	W. T. Slaughter	Narcissa Whitson	11 Oct. 1870
106.	J. R. Baggett	M. E. Watkins	24 Oct. 1870
107.	C. N. Montgomery	Ann E. Pennington	28 Oct. 1870
108.	William A. Brown	Mary K. Mustin	29 Oct. 1870
109.	G. W. Cunningham	Sarah McFearson	1 Nov. 1870
110.	J. T. Haussman	R. C. Lynch	2 Nov. 1870
111.	R. P. Ellis	L. C. Shuttlesworth	2 Nov. 1870
112.	G. B. Parham	M. J. Gardner	3 Nov. 1870
113.	William P. Keeton	Sarah M. Herring	11 Nov. 1870
114.	W. F. Fall	Mary E. Skelton	13 Nov. 1870
115.	William W. Prude, Jr.	Amanda Robertson	16 Nov. 1870
116.	Wiley B. Hutchins	M. A. Jones	19 Nov. 1870
117.	E. Williford	Mrs. A. E. Henry	23 Nov. 1870
118.	J. T. Pruitt	Mary G. A. Naugher	21 Nov. 1870
119.	L. B. Shirley	S. A. Anders	23 Dec. 1870
120.	K. I. C. Kork	Sarah S. Sullivan	24 Dec. 1870
121.	Ezkiel C. Clarkman	Eliza C. Spradling	26 Nov. 1870
122.	J. O. McArthur	Mary Gilliland	28 Nov. 1870
123.	Nathaniel Foster	Amanda Willis	3 Dec. 1870
124.	Rufus O. Noble	Rachael E. Gillam	5 Dec. 1870
125.	W. A. Leland	Maggie Ella McLester	6 Dec. 1870
126.	J. R. Patterson	Sarah M. Norwood	8 Dec. 1870
127.	Antony Hughes	Martha J. Sartain	10 Dec. 1870
128.	William H. Wilds	Fannie Hammer	13 Dec. 1870
129.	William T. Ramsey	Candice J. Trawick	15 Dec. 1870
130.	Wilson Hinton	Sarah Allen	19 Dec. 1870
131.	Martin Brown	Mary E. Malone	20 Dec. 1870
132.	Thomas Edmundson	Martha A. Kemp	20 Dec. 1870
133.	John E. Smith	Mattie A. Judon	21 Dec. 1870
134.	G. H. Evans	E. E. Hogan	21 Dec. 1870
135.	Thomas Hunter	Sally Booth	22 Dec. 1870
136.	Henry J. Marchant	Lavinia E. Weaver	22 Dec. 1870
137.	O. H. May	Sina Shepherd	24 Dec. 1870
138.	William H. Wright	Parnissa Harris	26 Dec. 1870
139.	James H. Glover	Mary E. Wilburn	27 Dec. 1870
140.	Jessie Shelfer	Martha King	28 Dec. 1870
141.	W. Penn Lynch	Josephine Speakman	28 Dec. 1870
142.	R. G. Level	A. R. Level	28 Dec. 1870
143.	Adam Booth	Margaret Cornrlus	11 Jan. 1871
144.	John Green	Nellie Pattisin	7 Jan. 1871
145.	John Perry	Victoria Esterwood	7 Jan. 1871
146.	no issue		
147.	C. C. Chapel	C. J. Stanley	10 Jan. 1871
148.	Alex Hodge	Nancy J. Weaver	10 Jan. 1871
149.	W. H. H. Baker	Mary Palmore (Palmer)	11 Jan. 1871
150.	Joseph H. Ryan	Ellenora M. Hinton	10 Jan. 1871
151.	F. J. Keen	Victoria Pounds	10 Jan. 1871
152.	L. F. Burks	A. E. Christian	11 Jan. 1871
153.	Dionysius Denton	Rebecca Ellis	11 Jan. 1871
154.	J. K. Polk Souers	Fannie L. Walker	13 Jan. 1871
155.	W. V. Fondren	Jane Tierce	13 Jan. 1871
156.	William F. Morris	Mary A. Price	15 Jan. 1871
157.	Lackin E. Davis	Helen Taylor	14 Jan. 1871

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158.	D. M. Farmer	Mrs. Agnes Davenport	17 Jan. 1871
159.	A. N. Barringer	Fannie M. Gee	17 Jan. 1871
160.	R. S. Marcum	Mary E. Styres	18 Jan. 1871
161.	Henry S. Daffron	Laura Mitchell	18 Jan. 1871
162.	J. W. Frost	Georgia A. Tillery	18 Jan. 1871
163.	J. Jennings	Martha A. Vanney	18 Jan. 1871
164.	John S. Swindle	Aquilla Collins	21 Jan. 1871
165.	Wm. D. Farish	Jerusha N. McMath	21 Jan. 1871
166.	R. D. South	N. A. Hassell	21 Jan. 1871
167.	William G. Moses	Blanch A. Bowen	21 Jan. 1871
168.	C. R. Townsend	Lucy J. Beale	25 Jan. 1871
169.	Thomas Garner	Annie Ryan	25 Jan. 1871
170.	A. Hardhouse	Mrs. Mary Burke	31 Jan. 1871
171.	N. M. McGee	Mary W. Powell	31 Jan. 1871
172.	Marion Gallant	M. J. Riley	2 Feb. 1871
173.	John W. Spencer	Grizzy A. Watson	3 Feb. 1871
174.	Solomon Renfroe	Nancy Boozier	4 Feb. 1871
175.	James C. Williamson	Fannie Edmondson	6 Feb. 1871
176.	Elijah Willcut	Amanda Williams	7 Feb. 1871
177.	John H. Hood	Adeline A. Hinton	10 Feb. 1871
178.	A. J. Bradley	E. W. Edmondson	11 Feb. 1871
179.	J. C. Bean	Josephine Eddins	13 Feb. 1871
180.	James Chapman	M. J. Green	15 Feb. 1871
181.	Newton Henderson	Miss Mary Gregg	15 Feb. 1871
182.	J. C. Cunningham	M. A. Griffin	16 Feb. 1871
183.	Mathew McDaniel	Julia A. Jones	17 Feb. 1871
184.	Henry Booth	Mary C. Evans	18 Feb. 1871
185.	William Turner	Dollie Ann Beck	22 Feb. 1871
186.	James W. Skelton	Mary C. Winningham	22 Feb. 1871
187.	D. W. Campbell	S. J. Senn	25 Feb. 1871
188.	Thomas Webb	R. J. Styers	27 Feb. 1871
189.	G. W. Hassel	Martha R. Caples	11 Mar. 1871
190.	William Skelton	Isabella Sullivan	13 Mar. 1871
191.	Collins Snider	Julia A. J. Maddox	16 Mar. 1871
192.	James Howard	Missouri A. Edwards	18 Mar. 1871
193.	J. H. Pratt	Susan Suddith	20 Mar. 1871
194.	John P. Bartee	Emilie Douthitt	27 Mar. 1871
195.	George J. H. T. Weaver	Mary A. C. Sanford	27 Mar. 1871
196.	William S. Quarles	M. A. White	31 Mar. 1871
197.	Samuel Hardin	Narcissa Spencer	31 Mar. 1871
198.	James Wilson	Mary Grogan	1 Apr. 1871
199.	W. N. Williams	M. A. Miller	3 Apr. 1871
199.	W. H. Matthews	Rebecca Hill	3 Apr. 1871
200.	John Maddox	Harriet Roberts	8 Apr. 1871
201.	Phillip Willis	Nancy Freeman	15 Apr. 1871
202.	J. B. Hendon	Mary M. Echols	18 Apr. 1871
203.	Hiram T. Waddell	May House	19 Apr. 1871
204.	C. C. Ray	Martha C. Kizziah	22 Apr. 1871
205.	Thomas J. Dockery	Mary P. Mallet	25 Apr. 1871
206.	Benjamin Rush	Mary Wright	7 May 1871
207.	John Styers	Mahali Garner	1 May 1871
208.	Isam Harrell	M. A. Smally	1 May 1871

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Bridging the Past

of

Tuscaloosa County,

Alabama



Do you know what Hernando De Soto, the explorer, and Tuscaloosa County have in common? Why is the famous Alabama Stone on display in the state of Massachusetts? Why was Tuscaloosa the northernmost port on the waterway from Mobile in the early years? What mill was covered by water when Lake Tuscaloosa was formed? Do you remember the Old Stafford School? Were members of your family or friends in the congregation of the Old Bethany Baptist Church, Cline's Chapel, Sterling Baptist Church or Old Center?

Many of these historical landmarks have long since disappeared from our view. In order to preserve their history, The Tuscaloosa Genealogical Society, Morning Group, is sponsoring a sketch book, BRIDGING THE PAST OF TUSCALOOSA COUNTY, ALABAMA, by Mary A. Sinclair. Many scenes from the past are depicted including a cotton gin and mill, packet boat, early schools, churches, some of the landmarks in the city of Tuscaloosa and old homes throughout the county, plus many more. Each sketch is accompanied by a brief history with dates, names of families and land owners, members of the various congregations, ministers, teachers and school board members, etc.

The book sells for \$4.00. This is a special prepublication price until July 15, 1986, when it will go up to \$5.00. Mail orders should include \$1.25 additional each book for postage. Proceeds from the sale go to the Morning Group to use for preservation of records.

Mail orders to: Mary A. Sinclair, Secretary, Morning Group, Tuscaloosa Genealogical Society, One Rollingwood, Tuscaloosa AL 35406. Please make check payable to: THE TUSCALOOSA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, MORNING GROUP. The book is limited to 500 copies.

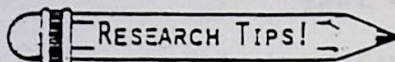
Have you heard the song "Sweet Liberty"? It may become the official theme song of the Statue of Liberty. It's a musical tribute to the Statue, that was written and produced by two Oklahoma men, Grover Miskovsky and Lyle McPhetter, that was released in April of 1985.

Both men had immigrant grandparents to whom the statue signalled the promised land. Neither man had realized what the Statue of Liberty meant to their grandparents until the two saw it themselves on a boat trip up the Hudson. Miskovsky and McPhetter say that the song literally jumped into their minds as they saw the statue, and they had finished the lyrics by the time they debarked from the tour boat.

The foundations sponsoring the restoration of the Statue picked up the song as its anthem. Miskovsky and McPhetter have worked toward having their song open the ceremony that will mark the unveiling of the revamped statue on July 4, 1986.

... Wayne Co. IA Genie News, Oct. 1985

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA



TROUBLE FINDING YOUR CONFEDERATE SOLDIER? Contact:

Confederate Descendants Society
P. O. Box 233
Athens, AL 35611

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Rare Collections
T. D. Kennedy
P. O. Box 355
Braddock Heights, MD 21702

Over 15,000 surgical reports and case histories on Union and Confederate Soldiers are included in the latter's collection.

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MAIDEN NAMES ELUSIVE?

A wife's maiden name can be one of the most difficult "blanks" to fill in on an ancestral chart. States such as Pennsylvania and New York did not begin to register marriages until the late 1880's. And records for women who married overseas then immigrated to the United States are even harder to locate, for the place of residence in the old country must first be determined.

When this circumstance arises, review all you know about the ancestor and then make a list of the alternative source.

Alternative sources could be:

Some states provide space for maiden name on death records, but death records did not begin early.

Sometimes a wife's maiden name is listed on her tombstone.

Census schedules do not normally list a wife's maiden name, although clues can sometimes be found in surnames of others listed on the same page, or a child whose name could be a surname, (his mother's maiden name).

Sometimes Federal Mortality Schedules list a maiden name. (These records include deaths only from June 1 of the year preceding the census to June 1 of the census year.)

Pension records for widows usually contain an affidavit of marriage details.

Check death notices/or obituaries in early newspapers.

Consider birthplace and church affiliation, if known, whether the church still exists and has old records -- these should be checked.

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Here are some terms and measurements you might find helpful when reading old deeds.

1 link = 7.92 inches

100 links = 1 chain or 66 ft.

80 chains = 1 mile

625 sq. links = 1 sq. pole

16 sq. poles = 1 sq. chain

10 sq. chains = 1 acre

640 acres = 1 section or sq. mile

36 sections = 1 township

a rod is sometimes referred to as a pole

a perch is 5½ yds. long

a sq. perch is 30¼ sq. yds

Queries

- BOWEN
RINGGOLD Need information on families of Harriet C. BOWEN and William H. RINGGOLD who married mid 1800's possibly in Marengo County, AL. Harriet C. BOWEN b. 22 Feb 1823, d. 5 July 1906. Wm. H. RINGGOLD d. 15 Dec. 1850. Harridawn P. THOMLEY, 2 Idlewood, Tuscaloosa, AL 35405.
- FARLEY
GRAY; HULL;
PICKARD
STONE
WATKINS
WINDHAM Information needed on: James A. FARLEY, Robert Thurman FARLEY, Wm. B. GRAY, Wm. Calvin GRAY, Sarah Minnie Maria GRAY, Irene Mae HULL, Martha Maria PICKARD, Mary STONE, Sarah J. WATKINS, Edward WINDHAM, James Edward WINDHAM, Martha A. H. (Hassie) WINDHAM. Carolyn Farley YOUNG, 371 Tudor Street, Ashland, OR 97520.
- HERREN
TRICE Will correspond and exchange information on HERREN and TRICE genealogies. Mrs. Wm. G. KACHELMAN, Rt. 13 Box 33, Florence, AL 35630.
- SMITH
HARDIN
McCULLEY
ABERNATHY Need information on descendants of Jonathan SMITH of SC that came to Tuscaloosa Co.: Catherine SMITH m. Wm. T. HARDIN; Amy SMITH m. James McCULLEY; Artimissa SMITH m. James ABERNATHY; Daniel SMITH d. 27 Dec 1842. Write Mildred SMITH SHUMAKER, P. O. Box 2883, Tuscaloosa, AL 35403.
- WILLIFORD
HANDLEY Seeking information on marriage of Louisa WILLIFORD and James HANDLEY ca 1850-60 at Fayette or Walker Cos, Alabama. When and where married, and Louisa's maiden name. Write Theo WILLIFORD, Sr., 1110 Graham Ave., Florence, AL 35630.
- MATHEWS Need info on family of Luther Wilce MATHEWS. He was living in or near Cottdale, AL ca 1905-10. Wife was Zada _____ and a dau. b. 1909. Also Rufus Frank (Dock) Mathews family. Melba VANCE, 18739 Mojave, Hesperia, CA 92345.
- PARKER
HUNTON If researching Newton A. PARKER (1825-63) who m. 1852 to Ella A. HUNTON who d. 1916, contact Doris P. WESTCOTT, at 8157 College Ave., Whittier, CA 90605.
- BRADEN
BURCHFIELD Needing info on BURCHFIELD and BRADEN families of Jefferson Co., AL (1818 - 1860), who went to MS. Mildred WEDGEWORTH WEEDALL, 13621 Cedar Crest Lane #98K, Seal Beach, CA 90470.
- WHITSON
WISE Need names of parents, and brothers & sisters of George Augustus WHITSON. He was b. in Tusc. Co., AL ca 1880, later moved to Jones Co., TX & m. Maudie E. WISE. H. J. ANDREOGG, P. O. Box 15921, Austin, TX 78761.
- TAYLOR Need directions to burial site of John Frederick TAYLOR who d. 1912 in Tusc. Co., AL. In 1910 he was 71 and lived in Bt. 15 Cottdale, Tusc. Co., AL. William J. TAYLOR, 5209 Little John, Pascagoula, MS. 39567.
- DOCKERY Need maiden name of Elizabeth DOCKERY who was in Lincoln Co., TN. in 1820, and in Tusc. Co., AL by 1830. Also need names of a son and dau. of hers who were older than her son, Leroy Rankin b. ca 1814. Mrs. Doris E. KENNEDY, 611 N. 5th, #2, Temple, TX 76501.

THE FAMILY TREE

I climbed my Family Tree and found it was not worth the climb.
 And so I scampered down convinced it was a waste of time.
 Some branches of my Tree, I found were rotten to the core,
 And that the Tree was full of sap and hung with nuts galore.
 I used to brag of my kinfolk, before I made the climb;
 but truth compels me now to tell of those not worth a dime.
 I beg my friends who boast aloud of their ancestors great,
 To climb their Family Tree and learn of those who weren't
 so straight.
 I learned what Family Trees are like and then I
 scrambled down,
 They're like a 'tater vine because the best is
 underground!

By:
 Albert & Mary Jo Caldwell,
 Columbus, Miss.



*** HAVE A GOOD SUMMER! I HOPE THAT EACH ONE WILL FIND SOMETHING EXCITING! ***
 This Newsletter was prepared by Maggie H. Sudduth.

TUSCALOOSA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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