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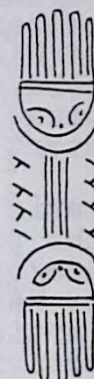
The past is my HERITAGE;
the present my RESPONSIBILITY;
and the future my CHALLENGE!

REPORT FROM THE MORNING GROUP

The officers of the Morning Group for this year are:



President.	Billie Lockard
Vice President	Carol Bryan
Secretary.	Mary Sinclair
Corresponding Secretary.	Maggie Sudduth
Treasurer.	Marine Snider
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Librarian.	Susie Lee Ward
Parliamentarian.	Sarah Faucett



We have several projects in the making and have already completed one. MARRIAGE BOOK J, TUSCALOOSA COUNTY, ALABAMA, has been published. Mary Sinclair made a very attractive cover for it. We think you will find it a very useful research aid.

Maggie Sudduth is working on two interesting books. Mary Sinclair is working on sketches for another book and I am doing the research. Stella Oswalt is planning a history of the Blue Creek area of the county. We hope you will support their efforts.

Our YEARBOOK will be out in April. It will contain a surname index this time. Be sure to get the families you are researching to Maggie Sudduth.

We are pleased to have so many new members. Be sure to let us know what we can do to help you.

I want to thank all of you for your participation and cooperation in the things our Society tries to do. The success of our projects depends on you and you have always been great co-workers. Tuscaloosa County can be proud of you. Thanks to Mary Sinclair for typing this Newsletter.

Good health and good luck in 1987.

Billie Lockard,
President, Morning Group

REPORT FROM THE NIGHT GROUP

Members of the night group are working hard on organizing the material in the many boxes of original papers from Tuscaloosa County Probate Court that were in the State Archives in Montgomery. This material was moved from Montgomery to Special Collections in the University Libraries under the good graces of Elizabeth Mills and Joyce Lamont. June Reese has been spending her lunch hours on this project. Our hats are off to June!

Program emphasis for the night group this year will be "hands-on research" in census records, conducted by Joan Mitchell, Helen Hahn, and Charlotte Tucker; in government documents, conducted by Elizabeth Mills who will do a March program on tax records; and, in military records conducted by R. L. Guffin who will continue this subject in April.

Other programs of interest include: "How to do English Genealogical Research by Mail" presented by Nick Vine Hall, President of the Australian Society of Genealogists. This program will be held in the Carmichael Room of the UA Gorgas Library on Monday, May 18, 1987. And on Thursday, December 3, 1987, we invite the members of the morning group to our Christmas program, "In Search of Historic Jesus," a video-cassette presentation which will be held in Mario's Restaurant in the UA Ferguson Center. Reservations will be required for the \$4.00 Italian dinner which will start at 6:30 P. M.

Lewis McCray, Vice President and Program Chairman, is working on the possibility of conducting some research trips to Birmingham and/or Montgomery. We will let you know what we can work out. We have an active and exciting year ahead of us and welcome the participation of members of the morning group in our various activities.



Joan Kirchman Mitchell
President, Night Group

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES???? Send your check payable to the Tuscaloosa Genealogical Society to the treasurer of the group to which you belong:

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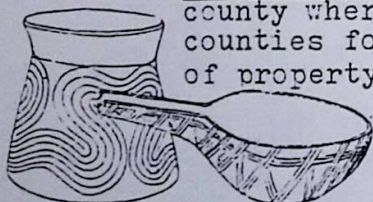
Evening Group

Mrs. June Reese
2012 11th Street
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

Dues are still \$4.00. (Attention members of the Morning Group-- If you wish a copy of the YEARBOOK, please add \$1.00 to your dues.)

IF YOU ARE NOT A MEMBER NOW, YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN!

HELPFUL HINT: Your ancestor's will will be recorded in every county where he owned land; so be sure to check surrounding counties for wills and estate records (settlements, division of property, etc.).



A B S T R A C T S
from
T H E T U S C A L O O S A T I M E S

By: Maggie H. Sudduth

These items were abstracted from the Tuscaloosa Times, our local newspaper in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. Mrs. Sudduth will be publishing the marriages, deaths, and other items of local happenings found in the TIMES in years of 1881 - 1886. Publication should be within next three months.

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Wednesday, September 21, 1881

GRAND JURORS Fall Term 1881
Commencing Oct. 17, '81

	<u>Beat</u>		<u>Beat</u>
S. W. Cowden	7	Andrew Cline	4
Fleet Clements	14	John R. Bell	9
Ira J. Countess	15	Zimri Shirley	10
David Dockery	19	W. H. Pierson	13
Thos J. Farmer	18	W. W. Dunn	1
E. R. Mills	17	E. R. Hardin	8
W. S. Foster	16	S. A. Johns	2
H. F. Hill	22	N. B. Durrett	12
J. A. Ogburn	16	Chas. P. Hamby	24

PETIT JURY FIRST WEEK
Commencing Oct. 17, '81

W. T. Walton	18	Wm. R. Vance	13
Cullen R. Davis	10	C. R. Townsend	22
Jos F. Doughty	4	Robt. Spiller	16
J. C. Bean	18	F. E. Richey	19
A. J. Garrison	6	W. J. Sanders	13
P. K. Thompson	10	Evan Coleman	6
H. M. Swindle	15	E. J. Crider	13
E. B. Falls	4	Fred Johnson	2
Walker Winn	3	Jos. R. Barnett	7
J. M. Ward	16	Ab Shirley	8
Wm. Murray	12	W. R. Lollar	1
J. W. Park	17	Daniel Wiley	10
S. F. Leach	16	E. Thompson	?
Isaac Cox	11	Jackson Brown	20

PETIT JURY SECOND WEEK

Zack Christian	6	Jas. T. Prewitt	9
H. J. M. Laird	10	B. Strickland	3
John W. Norris	7	Sylvanus Evans	2
John A. Curry	14	J. M. Turner	13
Jesse M. Beavers	4	D. J. Durrett	11

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Abstracts from The Tuscaloosa Times continued ...

Charles Quarles	22	John Goodson	13
Ed Cribbs	16	W. G. Cummerford	8
Geo W. Griffin	4	W. L. Bealle	20
✓ J. P. Watson	24	Daniel Fykes	23
Ned Christian	1	J. S. McGee	6
M. A. Strickland	16	T. B. Whatley	18
Anthony Hughes	9	W. J. Burchfield	5
Wm. Phifer	19	D. D. Lucius	17
W. H. Willingham	15	A. B. Harden	21
John O. Jones	10	O. R. Spradling	15

Wed., January 19, 1881

- 3:4 Married by Rev. John C. Foster, at the residence of Mr. Joseph Ashley, Dec. 23rd., Mr. O. N. Holmes and Miss Rebecca Kirksey -- all of this county.

Wed., February 16, 1881

- 3:4 A young lady in St. Clair County, Ala. was engaged to be married to two young men on the same night. She married the 1st. one who came to time, and at last accounts, the other was standing at the gate crying.

Wed., September 21, 1881

- 3:2 Mr. Elijah Clements died at his home about 8 miles south of this city on the 13th inst. Was about 96 years of age, among the first settlers of this county.

Wed., February 15, 1882

- 3:1 Tuscaloosa is on a big boom! There are two scissor-grinders -- a Scotch bag-piper -- a lightening-rod man -- a life insurance agent -- a fruit peddler -- a book agent -- and 3 tramps in town.

Wed., July 9, 1884

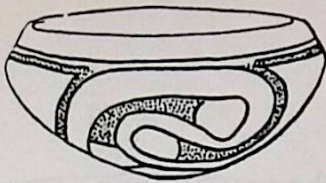
- 3:4 OBITUARY: Mid Deason born in Tusc. Co., Ala. on July 27, 1847; married Miss. N. G. Sharpe on January 25, 1866; moved to Texas in Dec. 1878; died at his residence 6 miles from Jacksonville, Cherokee County, Texas on January 18, 1884.

Wed., January 20, 1886

- 3:4 ADVERTISEMENT: "Oysters are still 60 cents per hundred"

Wed., April 28, 1886

- 3:2 COTTONDALE: There have been 3 pairs of twins born in this place this year, and 1 pair of twin calves. What town in Alabama, or any other State, the size of Cottondale, can beat that?



COUNCIL HILL EAGLE
Indian Territory
November 8, 1906
Removal of Restrictions



The restrictions have been removed from the following citizens of the Five Tribes:

CHEROKEES

Nancy Taylor, Woodley
Green Ketcher, Flint
Martha Sinter, Pryor Creek
Almon A. Guinn, Tahlequah
Robert Sanders, Vian
Charles M. Rose, Tahlequah
James K. Landrum, Echo
~~Cora Hightower, Maple~~
Ruth Nettles, Ft. Smith, Ark.
Lizzie Lacey, Warner
Cynthia Peters, Briartown
Charles J. Severs, Muskogee
Henry C. Holderman, Spavine
Helen Scott, Vinita
John E. Mabry, Fort Sill
Col. J. Harris, Jr., Greenbrier

Nanie E. Lansford, Warner
George H. Johnson, Afton
George Taylor, Nowata
Minnie E. Temmons, Campbell
Charles D. Kennedy, Vinita
Mary E. Wilson, Muskogee
Ivan Long, Afton
James W. Barnett, Siloam Springs
Lettie Williams, Vinita
Robert Dozely, Wainwright
Mary A. Martin, Siloam Springs
John Brassfield, Eufaula
Rachel Candy, Braggs
Lutitia Smith, Keefeton
John W. Ferguson, Whitmore
James Lovett, Braggs

CHICKASAWS

CHOCTAW

Edmon P. Love, Newburg

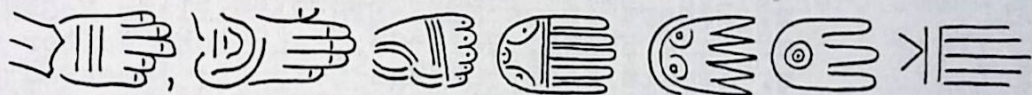
Lillie Vick, South McAlester
Kizzie Martin, Stigler
Juanita Spradlin, Durant
Samuel Monkus, Soper
Melinda Mays, Milburn
William Burns, Drake
Effie Cunningham, Wayne
James E. Moran, Comanche

CREEK

C. O. Finnegan, Summitt



Indian illustrations in this Newsletter are from AUTHENTIC INDIAN DESIGNS, edited by Maria Naylor. They are from illustrations in the first 44 ANNUAL REPORTS of the Bureau of American Ethnology, a branch of the Smithsonian Institution. Most of the ones here used are from the Gulf Coast Group.



There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children--one of these is roots; the other, wings.

- Hodding Carter 1907-72

In Memoriam

Alton Lambert, December 13, 1986

??? QUERIES ???

DYER
GAY



Want to correspond with researchers working on the DYER family. Washington DYER m. Matilda GAY, dau. of Revolutionary War veteran Allen GAY of Coweta Co., GA. The DYERS moved to Heard Co., GA and some of their descendants moved into Fayette and Pickens Cos., AL. By now there are probably descendants of the DYERS throughout west AL. Mrs. Billy MORROW, 128 S. Lakeshore Dr., Carrollton, GA 30117.

DAVIS
HOWTON
BARTON
LAWLEY
McDUFF
PENNINGTON

Will correspond with persons about John L. DAVIS family. John L. DAVIS, Jr. left Tusc. around 1865-66 for TX. Also would like to correspond with anyone that knows how DAVIS Creek got its name in Tusc. Co. Clovis C. DAVIS, 3881 N. W. Chinquapin, Corvallis, OR 97330.

McCRACKEN
SPENCER
OTT



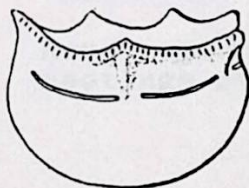
Need parents of John C. McCRACKEN, b. 1804, Newberry, SC, d. 27 July 1841, Greene Co., AL, m. 2 Mar 1831 to Anna SPENCER, b. 6 Jan. 1798, d. 1 Jan. 1877. Her parents were Samuel SPENCER and Mary OTT. Would like to know parents of Samuel and Mary. Will share information. Nancy COCHRAN GRISHAM, 613 Sandy Springs Lane, Virginia Beach, VA 23452.

SUDDUTH
GALY
BAILEY?



Mrs. Maggie H. SUDDUTH, 9 Howton Subdivision, Tuscaloosa, AL would like to exchange data on the SUDDUTH family of Moores Bridge, AL 1820's to present. Especially need parents of Martha A. GALY (could have been BAILEY?) who m. Zadock M. SUDDUTH here in 1848. Also need her death and burial date. She died after 4 May 1895 at which time she was living in Russell Co., AL. Wife of Mitchell H. SUDDUTH was Mary G. who? Dates on her tombstone say: b. 6 Nov. 1839, d. 30 Apr. 1905, but by all census records she was born ca 1822. She is buried at Moores Bridge, AL. Can you help?

HOOD
BEAMS
JONES
HILLBURN
BILLINGS



Need parents of James Madison HOOD, b. 1869?, d. 1898, m. Betty Elizabeth BEAMS, dau. of Jesse BEAMS and **Laura JONES**. Betty d. ca 1895 leaving two children, Jesse James HOOD, b. 28 Jul 1891, and Allie Sivilla HOOD, b. 2 May 1888. Both raised by father, Jesse BEAMS and Aunt Em BEAMS. James Madison HOOD m. (2) Alice HILLBURN, 12 Dec. 1895. Alice HOOD m. (2) Robert BILLINGS, 12 Jan 1900. James Madison HOOD had two brothers; William Elbert HOOD b. 1869, d. 1914; and Sidney HOOD b. 6 Nov. 1871, d. 1947. Possible half-brother George. Charles D. HOOD, Rt. 4, Box 516, Sequin, TX 78155.

WEBB
OWEN
VANDERBILT



Seeking parents of Jacob Moses WEBB, b. 1834, AL, son of Jacob (?) WEBB, b. TN, mother b. SC. Jacob Moses WEBB came to AK ca 1860, m. Mary Elizabeth OWEN, 22 Jan. 1861, dau. Martha OWEN b. AL, father b. KY. They were Methodists. Jacob Moses WEBB enlisted in the Confederate Army 16 Aug. 1862 in Monroe, LA, Co. E. 13th Batt. Partisan Rangers. Jacob may have had a brother who married Commodore VANDERBILT's dau. Reginald STURDIVANT, 234 Stuart, El Dorado, AK 71730.

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