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REPORT FROM THE MORNING GROUP

We want to thank Barbara Landers for preparing the newsletter this year. She has done an outstanding job. We hope she will continue to help us with this publication.

We also appreciate the people who have been shelving books. This service is greatly appreciated by the Library and the Genealogical Society.

One of the Greenwood Cemetery books has been sent to the Colonial Dames of the Seventeenth Century National Library. The librarian complimented the Genealogical Society on this helpful research book.

It has been suggested that members encourage their civic and historical groups to purchase copies of the Veterans' book and the Cemetery book, donating them to their local libraries as a community service project.

Don't forget to pay your dues (\$7.00) by February '93 so your name will be in the YEARBOOK. We appreciate those who have paid early.

Billie Lockard, President.

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"An Honor Roll of Veterans of American Wars".....\$15.00 pp

Order both

"A Biographical Index of Greenwood Cemetery, Tuscaloosa AL"...18.00 pp

for \$30.00 pp

ORDER from: Mrs. Billie Lockard, 29 Dubois Terrace, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401.

MORNING GROUP DUES: \$7.00 (\$12.00 -- COUPLE). This includes a copy of the 1993 YEARBOOK. List up to 8 surnames you are researching to be included in the YEARBOOK. Send your check with this completed form to: MRS. MARINE SNIDER, Treasurer of the Morning Group, TUSCALOOSA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, 10663 Webb Black Road, Cottondale, AL 35456.

NAME _____ amount enclosed _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

SURNAMES: _____

(Make check payable to MORNING GROUP, TUSCALOOSA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY)





THIS and THAT from here and there

HOW ONE VOTE CHANGED HISTORY

Everyone's vote counts the same - as one. Let's look at some very important examples of how history has been changed by one vote!

- 1645 One vote gave Oliver Cromwell control of England.
- 1649 One vote caused Charles I of England to be executed.
- 1839 One vote elected Marcus Morton governor of Massachusetts.
- 1845 One vote brought Texas into the Union.
- 1868 One vote saved President Andrew Johnson from impeachment.
- 1876 One vote changed France from a monarchy to a republic.
- 1923 One vote gave Adolph Hitler leadership of the Nazi Party.
- 1960 One vote change in each Precinct in Illinois would have defeated John F. Kennedy.

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IRELAND

The General Register Office of Births, Marriages, and Deaths, has moved from its office at the Custom House to: 8/11 Lombard St. East, Dublin 2, telephone (01) 711000. The cost of obtaining a certificate (including Search fees) is L2.25 each, with extra copies at L1.50 each, while a photocopy of a specified entry in the Registers is L1.00. For a General Search through the indexes of either Births or Deaths for 6 successive hours, the charge is L10.00. Add a dollar for postage if you want certificates etc, sent on.

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POLISH GENEALOGY

The Polish Genealogical Society, in cooperation with the Polish Museum of America, will establish an Ancestor Index Card File, which will be housed in the Museum and accessible to all researchers. Members and non-members are invited to submit a card on the earliest ancestor of every line. Please prepare a separate card (3x5) for each ancestor and send to the Museum at 984 N Milwaukee Ave, Chicago IL 60622: 1. Last name followed by first name and initial; 2. Date and place of birth; 3. Date and place of death; 4. Name of spouse - prepare a separate card for spouse with detailed information; 5. List of children on the back of card, giving full name and date and place of birth; 6. Include your own name and address on front of card; 7. Prepare separate cards for variation of spelling of surnames.

Also The National Archives, Warsaw, Poland, will search birth, marriage, death records for a fee. Service is only for Polish-Americans. The LDS Church has 12,000 rolls of film of Polish Civil Records, beginning in 1807.

.....St. Louis Genealogical Society

PEOPLE from TUSCALOOSA GOING TO TEXAS in the 1870's

B. A. Thompson	John D. Baker	John Robertson
John O. Goree	Wm Wesley Kennedy	William P. Brunner
Lem Alston	Mrs. Maria Raoul Chamberlain	Capt. E. B. Martin
Frank Boyd Jr	Col. J. M. Foster	William J. Hamner
S. I. & Alice Strong	T. A. Sanders	J. H. Glascock
Mrs. Mary Jane Cammer	G. W. Clements	Festus Hocut
L. T. Ward	Dr. J. J. Inge	Jefferson Pogue
H. L. Ward	Alex Miller	Frank M. Welsh
Thos. J. Durrett	Mrs. Belle Lynch Foster	P. H. & Snow Eddins

The following left December 1877 for Fort Worth, Texas:

John Farmer	Mid Deason	Israel Hewitt
L. G. Blount	Peter Ray	Daniel Griffin
Leander Logan	Richard Barbour	Henry Griffin
Pompey Deason	Philander Cribbs	Newton Cross
Jesse Hewitt	Dennis Davis	Dr. Beaty

[....from Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, Records...V.5, M. Sudduth]

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ORPHAN TRAIN INFORMATION BEING GATHERED

By 1910, the Children's Aid Society of New York City had taken over 150,000 orphaned, abandoned, homeless children west seeking new homes. Many other children were brought by the New York Foundling Hospitals and other social agencies. Today the Orphan Train Heritage Society of America Inc. preserves the history of this era (1854-1929) known as the "Orphan's Trains" period.

Gatherings of Orphan Train Riders, descendants of Orphan Train Riders, friends, and interested persons are held in various locations. In 1991, gatherings were held in California, Illinois, Louisiana, Minnesota, Nebraska, and Arkansas. If you would like to be informed of dates/locations, please write to: OTHSA, 4912 Trout Farm Rd, Springdale, AR 72764, requesting to be on the notification list. For a sample newsletter, CROSSROADS, include \$3.00.

If you have information about an Orphan Train Rider or events surrounding the placing-out, please share your knowledge with OTHSA. This central clearing-house for information gathers, documents, preserves, and shares history. Classroom teachers may receive a free packet of information just by requesting it.

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MILITARY HELPS

For male citizens born between 1818 and 1843, there are Northern Civil War Draft Records, whether they served or not, in the National Archives filed by Congressional Districts. See the Directory of the Second Sessions of the 38th Congress to determine the District. This book may be found in your larger libraries.

MARRIAGE BOOK 4, TUSCALOOSA COUNTY, ALABAMA

1-1-1889 -- 1-24-1896

Copied by Billie Lockard
(Continued from ROOTS AND BRANCHES - JULY 1992)

113. W. E. BOWERS.....MENNIE A. BAKER 6 Mar 1890
Jas. Ralph/consent parent-J.S.Baker/res Mrs.F.A.Baker

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114. A. D. GALLANT.....ASALEE FLEMING 6 Mar 1890
WILLIAM BAKER RICE.....MARTHA JANE JONES 20 Mar 1890
W.P.Boon/consent parent-R.A.Jones/res. R.A.Jones

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115. J. M. PHILLIPS.....EMMA F. WILLIAMS 13 Mar 1890
S.H.Crocker res Bob Williams
E. L. ABSTON.....C. F. HAYES 11 Jun 1890
J.N.Abston

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116. E. F. SLOAN.....LULA PARK 16 Mar 1890
E.G.Sloan
BENJAMIN L. CLARK.....MARY AUGUSTA CHILDRESS 18 Mar 1890
G.W.Jennings

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117. P. L. PIERSON.....LOURENAH JANE MOSES 20 Mar 1890
0 W.G.Moses res. G.W.Moses
JAMES WILLIE MUSIC.....MINNA ORMOND 18 Mar 1890
W.T.Nicholson

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118. JAMES L. OWEN.....MARTELIA D. KILGORE 17 Mar 1890
J.O.Cummins
E. F. CAMPBELL.....PEALIE HENDERSON 20 Mar 1890
Fred Clark Cottondale

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119. Z. R. HALL.....E. D. LOGAN 23 Mar 1890
J.C.Hardy
J. W. SANDERS.....JULIA A. LOCKET 20 Mar 1890
A.D.Allen

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120. N. J. BEAVERS.....ANN POOL Not executed
J. S. BLACKBURN.....CORNELIA WHEAT 2 Apr 1890
at Cottondale

THE FIRST SETTLERS NEAR NINETY-SIX, SOUTH CAROLINA PRIOR TO 1775

Abney, Nathaniel	Forrest, George	Murray, John Dr.
Allison, James	Fowler, Elisha	Nalley, Victor
Alloison, Richard	<u>Freeman, Joseph</u>	<u>Neale, James</u>
Anderson, Culbert	Furlow, William	Nichols, Charles
Anderson, James	Gentry, John	Nichols, Julius
Anderson, James Jr	Gentry, Sarah	Odell, Thomas
Anderson, William	Gillilard, Tactus	Ott, Martin
Arkins/Harkins, James	Glover, Frederick	Panton, William
Atkins, Joseph	Goode, Mackaness	Parsons, James
Ball, Susannah	Goode, Philip	Patrick, Henry
Beale, John	Goode, Samuel	Pendegrass, Darby
Beale, William	Goudy, Robert	Petigrew, James
Bean, William	Green, Peter	Pointer, Robert
Beard, Archibald	Gwinn, Morris	<u>Porter, John</u>
Beaty, Jaames	Hamilton, John	Price, Hopkins
Bell, Thomas	Harkins/Arkins, James	Purdee, John
Boneyday, John	Heard, Thomas	Ramsey, Isaac
Brian, John	Henderson, John	Ramsey, Samuel
Brooks, Elisha	Henderson, Richard	Reardon, Timothy
Brooks, Richard	Hendricks, James	Ritenhour, William
Brownlee, Jane	Hinton, Robert	<u>Robertson, William</u>
Bullock, John	Holloway, Caleb	Robin, Joseph
Burns, George	Holloway, Samuel	Ross, Thomas
Burton, Joseph	Johnson, James	Satterwhite, Bartlet
Caldwell, John	<u>Jones, James</u>	Savage, John
Campbell, William	Kelly, Patrick	Savage, Samuel
Cathcart, Samuel	Lilly, David	Savage, William
Cogdell, John	Livingston, William&Assn.	Shaffett, Belther
Commins, Laurence	Martin, Abraham	Singleton, James
Corslie, Lawrence	Martin, William	Smith, Mary
Crowthers, Isaac	Mason, James	Smith, Thomas Keeling
Cunningham, David	Mathews, William	Thomas, Samuel
Cunningham, John	McClints, Charles	Thompson, Michael
Cunningham, Robert	McClure, John	Thompson, Moses
Cunningham, William	McCutchin, Robert	Thompson, Robert
Dargon, William	McDowell, Peter	Thompson, William
Davis, William	McFarlen, John	Todd, Archibald
Dickey, Hector	McIntosh, John	Walker, John
Dickey, Robert	McIntosh, Lacklan	Welch, Patrick
Dillon, Robert	McKinney, Roger	Weitzell, John
Donnavan, Cornelius	Mickler, Daniel	White, William
Dooly, John	Mickler, Nicholas	Williams, John
Dooly, Patrick	Miller, Emanuel	Wilson, John
Duborow, Benjamin	Mills, Robert	Woodward, William
Eddins, Benjamin	Mitchell, Isaac	Wright, Thomas
Eustace, Thomas	Mitchell, Robert	Yarborough, Moses
Eveleigh, Nicholas	Moore, James	Youngblood, Henry
Farguhar, Thomas	Moore, Richard	Youngblood, Jacob
Flemons, William	Moore, William	Youngblood, Peter
Fogatee, John	Murphey, Thomas	Youngblood, Samuel

[Referenced in South Carolina Colonial & Edgefield County land records.]

ESTATES IN ALABAMA

This information, which is based on Alabama law, is to inform and not to advise. No person should ever apply or interpret any law without the aid of a lawyer who analyzes the facts, because the facts may change the application of the law.

GENERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT WILLS

WHAT IS A WILL?

A will is a document which provides the manner in which a person's property will be distributed when he dies. A person who dies after writing a Will is said to have died testate. If someone dies without writing a Will, they have died intestate.

WHO MAY MAKE A WILL?

In Alabama, the maker of a Will must be:

1. be at least 18 years old;
2. Of sound mind; and
3. Free from improper influences by other people.

HOW DO I MAKE A WILL?

A Will must meet certain requirements set by the State to be considered valid. In Alabama, the following requirements must be met:

1. The Will must be written.
2. The Will must be signed by the maker.
3. The Will must be witnessed by two people in the manner required by the law.

MAY I DISPOSE OF MY PROPERTY IN ANY WAY I DESIRE BY MAKING A WILL?

Almost, but not quite. There are some limitations set by law to avoid placing hardships on the people who survive the deceased. For example, a married person cannot completely exclude the other spouse from sharing in the estate. A lawyer can best explain all of the limitations.

HOW DO I KNOW IF I NEED TO WRITE A WILL?

Any amount of property which you own constitutes your estate. Generally, the size of your estate and your family circumstances determine whether you need a Will. An estate does not have to be any particular size to justify a Will. If you have young children, or property which you would like to assure will be given to certain people, then you should consider writing a Will.

WHEN DO I NEED TO WRITE A WILL?

A Will should be written while the maker is in good health and free from any emotional distress. A prudent person does not wait for a catastrophe or other compelling reason to make a decision.

WHO MAY DRAFT A WILL?

There is no requirement that a person consult a lawyer before drafting their own Will. However, the proper drafting of a Will can be a delicate operation, and it is best to consult someone who has experience. A lawyer can make sure that your Will is legal, and that your property will be given to the people that you intended. A lawyer can also help construct a Will so that your family saves money in administering the estate, and reduces their taxes.

IS A WILL EXPENSIVE?

A lawyer will usually charge for a Will according to the time spent in preparing the Will. If you have a small estate and a simple plan for distributing your property, then your Will should cost less than one for a large, complex estate with several people receiving property.

MAY A WILL BE CHANGED ONCE IT IS WRITTEN?

A person may change his Will as often as he desires. However, the changes must meet the same requirements listed above for the original Will. No change should be made without first consulting the person who drafted the Will.

HOW LONG IS MY WILL "GOOD"?

A properly written and executed Will is "good" until it is changed or revoked. Writing a second Will usually revokes the first Will. However, if there is a change in your estate or your family makeup, you may consider changing your existing Will or writing a new Will. For example, if you sell your house you may need to change your Will to reflect the change in your estate.

WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH MY WILL ONCE IT IS WRITTEN?

Once you have written your Will, you should keep it in a safe place, such as a safety deposit box at a bank. You should also let your family know where the Will is so that they can find it when you die.

PROBATE OF WILLS

WHAT DOES PROBATE OF A WILL MEAN?

Probate of a Will is the administration of an estate to insure that all of the property is disposed of properly. It is the Probate Judge's responsibility to make sure that all of the laws in Alabama regarding the distribution of estates are followed.

WHO SHOULD PROBATE A WILL?

Upon the person's death, anyone named in the Will either as personal representative or as a recipient of property, or any other person with a financial interest in the estate, or the person who has possession of the Will may have the Will proved before the proper probate court. Any person in possession of the Will must, by Alabama law, deliver the Will to the Probate Court or to a person who is able to have the Will probated. A person in possession of the Will can be required to produce it.

WHERE SHOULD A WILL BE PROBATED?

Generally, Wills must be filed for probate in the county where the deceased lived.

WHEN MUST A WILL BE FILED FOR PROBATE?

To be effective, a Will must be filed for probate within five years of the date of the testator's death.

DO I HAVE TO HAVE A LAWYER?

The complexity of handling estates normally necessitate having an attorney since the Probate Judge cannot advise you of the law or provide you with forms.

DO I NEED TO PROBATE THE WILL?

Yes, the Will must be probated to have legal effect. Before deciding not to probate a Will one should consult an attorney.

INTESTATE SUCCESSION

WHAT HAPPENS TO MY PROPERTY IF I DO NOT WRITE A WILL?

If someone dies without writing a Will, they have died intestate. Each state has specific laws governing the distribution of property when a person dies intestate, and most laws are generally the same. The laws of Alabama are shown below, but you should remember that these laws may not apply if the deceased was not a resident of Alabama, or if the property is located in another state.

In this list, "issue" means all of the people who have descended from the decedent. This includes children (both natural and adopted), grandchildren (both natural and adopted), great grandchildren, and so on.

1. Property going to the surviving spouse:

- entire estate if no surviving issue or parents of decedent;
- first \$100,000, plus 1/2 of balance of estate if there is no surviving issue but there is surviving parent(s);
- first \$50,000, plus 1/2 of balance of estate if there are surviving issue all of whom are also issue of surviving spouse; or
- 1/2 of estate if there are surviving issue who are not issue of the surviving spouse.

2. Property not going to surviving spouse:

If there is no surviving spouse, or there is property left after the spouse receives his or her share, it passes under the following priority: All of the property passes to the issue, unless there are none. If none, all passes to the parents. If neither parent is living, the estate passes to siblings, and so on under this priority:

- issue
- parents
- brothers and sisters
- grandparents
- aunts and uncles
- cousins

ADMINISTRATION OF AN INTESTATE ESTATE

STEPS IN PROBATE OF AN ESTATE:

- Petition filed
- Take immediate control of the estate
- Inventory of the estate within 2 months
- Bond, double the value of the estate
- Notice must be given to all heirs
- Letters of Testamentary granted
- Notice to file claims must be published once a week for 3 weeks and individual notice given to anyone known to have a claim against the deceased
- Claims must be filed generally within 6 months
- Generally the estate cannot be divided until all claims and expenses have been paid which is at least six months
- Court must approve attorney's fees

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Alabama Law Institute
for

Alabama Probate Judges' Association

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ROAD TOLLS

An Act of the Alabama Legislature in 1820 set the following tolls on CRABBE ROAD owned by Thomas D. Crabb in Tuscaloosa County:

4-wheeled carriage.....38 cents
2-wheeled carriage.....25 cents
Man on horse.....12 1/2 cents

One pack horse each.....6 1/4 cents
Each head of cattle.....1 cent
Each head of hogs or sheep.....1/2 cent

LOGGINS
EMERSON
MCPEAK

Seek information on Reuben LOGGINS, m 9 Jun 1806 to Susannah EMERSON. Both buried in the Gilgal Baptist Church Cemetery.....Karen Emerson McPEAK, 8227 Haley Lane, College Grove, TN 37046.

EMERSON
MCPEAK
WALKER

Need information on: James T.EMERSON - he made deed of gifts to "my four children" in 1857-Susan, Nancy C, Reuben, and James H. EMERSON. Thomas C. EMERSON & wife Mary Ann WALKER - their four children (Sarah Jane, Susan Elizabeth, Green Pinkney & John Thomas) were all minors when Thomas C. died ca 1851.....Karen Emerson McPEAK, 8227 Haley Lane, College Grove, TN 37046.

LINDSEY
SUDDUTH
ADAMSON

LINDSEY, Thomas --b 1791 Wilkes Co, GA; m Bathsheba SUDDUTH 10 Jun 1810 Wilkes Co. Found in Tuscaloosa Co,AL by 1821. Would like information on both.....Carlton R.ADAMSON,1519 Gary Ave,Nederland,TX 77627.

FRENCH
BIRD

Need information about: John Morgan FRENCH (ca 1809 SC-1859 Yalobusha Co, MS) m ca 1835 Miss___?___BIRD. Will share information about son, Burgess Laurence FRENCH.....Robert Lee FRENCH, 609 W Spruce St, Jerseyville, IL 62052, (618)498-4652.

STEPHENS
(STWENS)
REA (RAY)
TURNER
PINSON, BROWN

Wish to correspond with others researching early STEPHENS (STWENS), settlers of central Alabama, and other families including the REA (RAY), TURNER, and PINSON families of early Alabama.....Lesa BROWN, 307 Mikes Rd, Brierfield, AL 35035.

MCNEES
MITCHELL
ROGERS
DAWS

Need documented proof that Sarah MCNEES MITCHELL (w of Tilmon MITCHELL) was daughter of James & Rachel ROGERS MCNEES? Tilmon & Sarah were born in SC, were married in Ga and moved to Tuscaloosa Co, AL, where most (if not all) their children were born.....H.Harold DAWS Sr, P.O.Box 241, Booneville,MS 38829.

MCNEES
MITCHELL
DAWS

Can anyone furnish documented list of childrn born to Tilmon & Sarah MCNEES MITCHELL in Tuscaloosa Co, AL? They were here ca 1825 to 1834. Some of Tilmon and perhaps some of Sarah's families were members of Grants Creek Baptist Church....H.Harold DAWS Sr, P.O.Box 241, Booneville, MS 38829.

ANDREWS
WRIGHT
MITCHELL
HOWELL
CHANEY

These were all early residents of Tuscaloosa Co,AL. Ezekeil ANDREWS was an uncle of Rev.Daniel ANDREWS. Both in Tuscaloosa by 1831, moving to Fayette Co,AL later. Daniel may be a son of Terrell & Mary WRIGHT ANDREWS. He was a Baptist minister of Lauren Co,SC. Will exchange information on these families.....Ms. Velvo C.CHANEY, 19306 Waverly Lane, Foley,AL 36535.

CENSUS of TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA 1850-1990

It is interesting to note the change in population figures of the City of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, through the years. The following population schedule was excerpted from various newspapers as indicated by the Federal Census:

1850 Census...1,904	1930 Census..20,569..	a break-down of 1930
1860 Census...3,989	1940 Census..27,496	City...11,011 Wh F
1870 Census...1,689	1950 Census..46,396	9,648 Wh M
1880 Census...2,418	1960 Census..63,370	County.21,091 Wh F
1890 Census...4,215	1970 Census..65,773	21,269 Wh M
1900 Census...5,094	1980 Census..75,211	11,041 Bl F
1910 Census...8,407	1990 Census..75,009	10,525 Bl M
1920 Census...11,996		

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WAR OF 1812

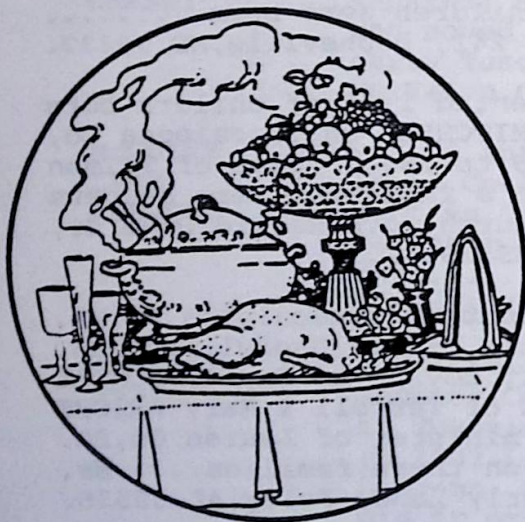
Application for Bounty Land -- Tuscaloosa Co, AL, May 30, 1856.

Elijah McGuire.....#171927	Hosey Skelton.....#204447
Mica Beaners.....#172720	Thomas Carter.....#213208
Isaac Lee.....#174484	Mary Sanders.....#216999
Norris Hendon.....#202359	Hezekiah Williams..#222584
William Robertson....#202357	Thomas Gilliland....#34627
John R. Johnson & Lewis Chism.	by E. A. Powell, J.P.

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TUSCALOOSA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MORNING GROUP

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Tuscaloosa, AL 35405-1921



Happy Holidays!