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AGS NEWS

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Fall Seminar Announced

The AGS Fall 2015 Seminar will be held in Montgomery on October 10 at the Alabama Department of Archives and History. The morning speaker will be Paul Boncella with the Linn Henley Research Library in Birmingham. His topics will be on *FamilySearch* and the *FamilySearch Wiki*. The first afternoon session will be a panel with Paul and Nancy Dupree, archivist at ADAH, who will answer research questions from the

AGS welcomes these new members:
(as of May 29)

Barbara Susan **DANIELS**; Dothan AL
Gary C. **FRANKLIN, Jr.**; Vestavia AL
Josephine **MARTIN**; Gardendale AL
Myra **PINNEY**; Cantonment FL
Eric **SIDES**; Hoover AL
Stephanie **SIDES**; Hoover AL
Gloria Rebecca **LUCAS**; Tuscon AZ
Rhonda Grissom **SISERIR**; Johnson City TN
Emory V. **SPEER Jr.**; Rapid City SD
Bobbie **TATE**; Panama City FL
Beverly Pendleton **THOMPSON**; Park Forest IL
G. Duane **TROXELL**; Cedar Creek TX
Davie Thomas **WILLIAMS**; Huntsville AL
Raleigh Elvov **WORSHAM**; Lakeland FL

attendees. The last session will give attendees a choice of a one-on-one consultation with Paul or Nancy, a guided tour of the Museum of Alabama, or time in the research room. Specific information will be posted on the AGS website in the near future.

New Magazine Editor

Yvonne Crumpler, President of AGS, announced that the AGS Editorial Board interviewed *Carl Dykes* early this year and he was chosen to be Editor of the AGS Magazine. Carl took genealogy classes from Boston University and he attended the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He has a web page,

DixieStones, that contains a listing for many Jefferson County, Alabama, cemeteries as well as a list of the Tuskegee Airmen, as well as a list of Vietnam SOG Burials.

Board Meeting

AGS will hold it's quarterly board meeting on Friday, June 5 at the Family History Center, 2780 Altadena Rd, Birmingham, AL. The meeting begins at 10:00 am.

These First Families of Alabama (FFA) certificates were issued in April and May. All certificates are listed on the web at
<www.algensoc.org/main/firstfamilies.html>

Certificate #393 to: **Larry Dan Jordan**

Ancestor: **William Jobe**

Through lineage: JORDAN, GRONER, SISEMORE, JOBE, HARDEN

Certificate #394 to: **Colleen O'Neal Sanders**

Ancestor: **Benjamin Hoven**

Through lineage: O'NEAL, SMITH, CASSITY, BUMPERS, HOVEN, STRINGER, DUNN

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Membership

\$20.00 individual
\$25.00 family
\$15.00 for libraries.

Magazine

Members are encouraged to
submit articles
to the AGS Magazine
www.algensoc.org/magazine

Books for Review

Authors who would like to have
their publications considered for
review should send them to the
Book Review Chairman
in care of the Society.

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Legislative News

Concern was raised from organizations that would have been affected by legislation proposed in the last few months of the regular 2015 session. House Bill 584 would split and fold the functions of the Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) into the operations of the Alabama Dept. of Archives and History and the Department and Conservation and Natural Resources. The AHC manages a number of historical properties in Alabama among other preservation activities. The bill has been withdrawn for the moment, but consolidation of governmental departments is generally viewed as a means of reducing expenses when revenue declines.

Grants Available

The State Historical Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) has received \$32,500 from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission for use in preserving Alabama's local documentary heritage. The SHRAB is now accepting regrant applications for records preservation projects. Government Services Division archivists of the Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH), who will serve as SHRAB staff, will provide support and offer application workshops for regrant applicants.

Cooperative efforts in which government agencies and non-profit entities work together to preserve their community's historical records are especially encouraged. The goal for this round of regrants is to fund several smaller (\$1,000-\$2,000) traditional "start-up" records preservation/access projects and a lesser number of larger awards (up to \$5,000) for creating, or substantially improving, sustainable local archives programs.

All forms and information regarding the application process are available at the Ala. Dept. of Archives and History web site <archives.alabama.gov/hrb/>. Final applications are due July 15, 2015. Awards will be announced October 1, 2015. Locations and times of applications workshops can be found on the ADAH website as well as a link to register to attend.

EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Institute Of Genealogy And Historical Research (IGHR)

Registration for the IGHR 2015 (June 7-12) at Samford University in Birmingham is still open and seats remain available in certain courses. <samford.v1.libguides.com/ighr>

NOTE: Samford University has announced that IGHR will relocate after the June 2016 institute.

Genealogy Colloquium (GC)

The GC at Alabama State University (June 21 - 26) is an educational opportunity for discovery, critical evaluation and use of genealogical sources and methodology through a week of intensive study led by national and local prominent genealogical educators. It is academically and professionally oriented and is sponsored by the Levi Watkins Learning Center, the National Center for the Study of Civil Rights and African American Culture, and Alabama State University's Division of Continuing Education. The Colloquium is the first in a series of biennial colloquia concentrating solely on black colonial, antebellum, reconstruction and civil rights era records. For more information visit <lib.alasu.edu> or call 334-229-4106.

WW I Symposium

The Alabama Department of Archives and History, in partnership with Auburn University's Caroline Marshall Center for the Arts and Humanities and the Croix Rouge Farm Memorial Foundation, is pleased to present a free, public symposium from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on Monday, June 22. *Remembering the Great War: A Symposium on World War I* will feature noted scholars discussing the causes and consequences of the Great War, the experiences of the soldiers and communities who sent them, and the ways in which we have and continue to remember the War's significance.

This symposium is co-sponsored by the Alabama Humanities Foundation, National Cement Company, and Michelin. It is presented in conjunction with the United States World War I Centennial Commission. Admission is free to the public but registration is required. To register and view a complete schedule of events and presenters, please visit <auburn.edu/greatwar>.

A Family Event

Families and individuals are invited to attend RootsTech Family Discovery Day on Saturday, August 22, from 12:30 pm. to 4:30 pm. in Bessemer at 813 Briarwood Dr. This free half-day event is one of inspirational messages, instructional classes, and interactive activities for family members ages 3 and up.

The Bessemer Alabama Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will host this genealogical event. You may register at <ldsbessemer.org/>. and choose classes that interest you. Registration the day of the event will begin at 11:30 am. For more information or questions contact Rodney Jones at 205-394-3156 or jones8@aol.com <mailto:jones8@aol.com>.

ADAH ArchiTreats

At the Alabama Dept. of Archives and History in Montgomery:

June 18 – Steve Flowers

Goats & Governors: Alabama Political Stories

July 16 – Jason J. Battles

The Freedmen's Bureau in Alabama, 1865 – 1867

August 20 – Billy Singleton

Visions of Flying Machines: Early Aerial Experimenters in Alabama

September 17 – Sharon G. Pierson

The "Laboratory of Learning": Alabama State College Lab High School, a Model Education

For more information, go to <archives.alabama.gov/>.

REGIONAL AND LOCAL

Huntsville Genealogical Computing Society (HGCS)

Upcoming events include the HGCS Annual Picnic, Monday July 20 from 3:00 to 7:00 pm at Green Mountain Park in Huntsville. Food (BBQ) will be catered by Little Paul's Restaurant. Programs and speakers for the June 15, August 17, and September meeting will be announced. Please go to hgcsociety.org/calendar.htm for information as it becomes available.

Montgomery Genealogical Society (MGS)

For the June 14 meeting at 2:30 pm at the Figh-Pickett-Barnes House, 512 South Court Street, MGS will host "Telling Your Story in Pictures," presented by Karren Pell and Carole King, two ladies who have produced several historical picture books about Montgomery and other Alabama places. They will share their tips on using pictures to tell your family story. Admission is free and open to the public.

Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table (TVCWRT)

TVCWRT has several interesting events coming up. Richard Bailey of the University of Alabama will present "Reconstruction in Alabama" June 11 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm at the Elk's Lodge, 725 Franklin Street Southeast in Huntsville

On July 9, Jacque Reeves will present "David Todd: Mary Lincoln's Huntsville Brother."

On July 30, from 4:00 to 8:00 pm, TVCWRT is offering a free stroll (donations welcome) for members and the community, through historic Weeden House and Garden on Gates Avenue in downtown Huntsville as part of the Alabama Sesquicentennial Commemoration. For further details of this and other activities, go to twcwr.org. Student memberships are free and regular memberships will be discounted for anyone who joins on July 30!

The August 13 program will feature Greg Bayne, of the United Kingdom, presenting "The British Slant on The American Civil War."

For the September 10 meeting, John Kvach, of the University of Alabama, Huntsville, will speak on "De Bow's Review: The Antebellum Vision of a New South (New Directions in Southern History)."

OTHER NEWS

Cruise And Learn

The 2015 Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) Alaska cruise-goers will set sail from Seattle, Washington on August 28 for seven nights aboard Royal Caribbean's luxurious Jewel of the Seas in FGS' maiden voyage of genealogy cruising.

The ports of call will include Alaskan cities Juneau and Skagway and Victoria, British Columbia, and those aboard will experience breathtaking views while cruising the Alaska Inside Passage and Tracy Arm Fjord. For further information, go to fgs.org.

What's In Your Attic?

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) announced “Common Heritage,” the first grant of its kind, to make “light historical records and artifacts currently hidden in family attics and basements” available to the public. In announcing the initiative, NEH Chairman William “Bro” Adams said, “We know that America’s cultural heritage isn’t found only in libraries and museums, but in our homes, in our family histories, and the stories and objects we pass down to our children.”

NEH encourages local institutions such as libraries, archives, museums, and colleges to apply for up to \$12,000 in project funding. The application deadline is June 25, 2015.

For more information please visit NEH’s webpage:

[<neh.gov/grants/preservation/common-heritage>](http://neh.gov/grants/preservation/common-heritage),

Speak Up!

The Genealogical Speakers Guild (GSG) is pleased to announce that their quarterly newsletter *Speak!* is now available to the general public. The newsletter provides tips and ideas for speakers and want-to-be speakers. Program planners will benefit from reading *Speak!* by identifying potential speakers for their programs and events. The March, 2015 issue can be downloaded as a PDF document from the GSG website:

[<genealogicalspeakersguild.org>](http://genealogicalspeakersguild.org).

Did you know?

All 2014 - 2015 back issues of the *AGS Newsletter* are available on-line at:

[<www.algensoc.org/news>](http://www.algensoc.org/news)