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## AGS NEWS

### Fall Seminar Registration Opened

The registration form and agenda for the Fall 2015 AGS Seminar is now available on our web site. Go to our website at <[www.algensoc.org](http://www.algensoc.org)> and click on Seminars and Meetings then by link to the PDF. Registrants should take special note of page 2 of the form that gives attendees an opportunity to schedule a one-on-one session for help on their "brick-wall" research problems. Besides the agenda printed on the form you can read about the program in more detail as published in our last newsletter (June 1) found on-line at <[www.algensoc.org/news](http://www.algensoc.org/news)>.

### AGS welcomes these new members:

(as of August 28)

Tonya D. J. **CHANDLER**; Birmingham AL  
Ralph E. **DENSMORE**; Dalton GA  
Lise **DESHEA**; Oklahoma City OK  
Linda Grainger **JAMES**; Canton GA  
Willie **RUSSELL**; Oakland CA  
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### Web Site Updates

If you have not visited our website recently you might be interested in some updates. The *Topics Index* of magazine articles we printed in last year's Winter edition has been placed on the web with two companion documents:

(1) a focus on *county-by-county* related topics and (2) a focus on *people-names* found in topics. These three PDF documents provide a reference from which you can order article reprints from AGS. The index covers our magazines back to 1967.

The First Families of Alabama (FFA) certificate listing has an updated companion index of 995 unique surnames for all 394 certificates issued to date.

Both the *Topics* and *FFA Names* documents can be found in a redesigned section of our site by clicking on the menu item Digital Library.

**Board Meeting:** AGS will hold it's quarterly board meeting on Friday, September 11, at the Family History Center, 2780 Altadena Rd, Birmingham, AL. The meeting begins at 10:00 AM.

# AROUND THE STATE AND REGIONAL-LOCAL NEWS

## The Black Belt Archives and the Marengo County History & Archives Museum



present



## Genealogy through the Ages

October 1-3, 2015 • University of West Alabama Campus, Livingston

In celebration of the American Archives and Family History month during October, Genealogy through the Ages is a conference dedicated to discussing the local genealogical resources accessible for those people researching their ancestors in the Black Belt region and the state of Alabama. Topics include genealogy basics, DNA research, church records, family storytelling, and university archives. The speakers and panels will discuss a wide range of available research modes for the beginner, intermediate, and advanced genealogist. The conference hopes to address going beyond the standard genealogy methods to promoting the infrequently researched such as military and church records.

Keynote Speaker	Special Session
<i>Dr. Donna Cox Baker,</i> Alabama Bicentennial Commission Discussion Topic: "Genealogy and the Alabama Bicentennial"	<i>Robert Davis,</i> Wallace State Community College Discussion Topic: "The Alabama Researcher and Military Records: the Civil War to Modern Times"

Registration Fee: \$50. Registration deadline: Friday, September 25.

Registration form and program details available at:

[www.centerforblackbelt.org](http://www.centerforblackbelt.org)

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### TO OUR NEWSLETTER READERS

After years of asking Alabama based societies to send us their news, we still find ourselves having to search their websites to learn of their meetings and events. Of course you can do that as well.

So in order to devote more space to *news of our own society*, and to make a slimmer and faster reading newsletter, as of this issue we will consider publishing only those announcements *sent to us* by postal or email.

– your editors

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)>

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