



# Alabama Genealogical Society

# NEWSLETTER

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## AGS NEWS

### AGS Spring 2016 last call for pre-registration

The Spring 2016 AGS Seminar will be held at Samford University on March 12th. The pre-registration date for insuring that a packet is reserved is March 5. For the registration form visit our web site at <[www.algensoc.org](http://www.algensoc.org)>.

### First Families of Alabama

This First Families of Alabama (FFA) certificate was issued since our last Newsletter. All certificates are listed on the web at <[www.algensoc.org/main/firstfamilies.html](http://www.algensoc.org/main/firstfamilies.html)>

Certificate #401

Sandra Ordway Mulhern

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Ancestor: **John Green**

Through lineage:

ORDWAY, GREEN, CARPENTER, REDDELL, WATSON, JONES

### AGS welcomes these new members:

|                                   |                    |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Marian Crenshaw <b>Austin</b>     | West Midlands UK   |
| BAAGS (Library)                   | Birmingham AL      |
| Dianne <b>Baker</b>               | Andalusia AL       |
| Larry Thomas <b>Baker</b>         | Andalusia AL       |
| Becky <b>Blakemore</b>            | Bowdon GA          |
| Robert <b>Blakemore</b>           | Bowdon GA          |
| Christine McCune <b>Ellington</b> | St. Simons Isl. GA |
| Che S. <b>Gonzalez</b>            | Oberlin OH         |
| Judith C. <b>Lavender</b>         | Tuscaloosa AL      |
| James <b>Lowery</b>               | Heflin AL          |
| Lynda <b>Lowery</b>               | Heflin AL          |
| Sandra <b>Mulhern</b>             | Salem OR           |
| Mary Church <b>Richards</b>       | Hayden AL          |
| David R. <b>Robison</b>           | Chicopee MA        |
| Karen J. <b>Robison</b>           | Chicopee MA        |
| Michele Golson <b>Washatka</b>    | Prattville AL      |
| Annessa <b>Wyman</b>              | Oberlin OH         |

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#### Website

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#### The Samford University Library

Special Collection  
Department is the  
depository for the Society.

#### The Alabama Genealogical Society Newsletter

is published quarterly  
near the first of March,  
June, September and  
December.

#### Email

news of meetings,  
conferences and projects of  
genealogical and historical  
societies in Alabama  
and adjacent states.  
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## AGS Board Biz

At the board meeting held December 4 (2015) Treasurer Bill Wallace reported a total of \$27,397 in the treasury. Membership chairman Jim Anderson requested the Board discuss proposed changes in membership policy and dues at the next board meeting that if voted up would take place in 2017. Jim reported that our membership included 319 household accounts and 23 Libraries. Magazine Editor Carl Dykes reported that the Fall/Winter 2015 issue of the Magazine had been mailed. The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2016 at the LDS Family History Center on Altadena Road.

### IN MEMORIUM

**Shirley Knight** AGS member from 1990 died December 22, 2015.

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**Roberta Clinkscales Jordan** AGS member from 2004 died January 21, 2016.

## AROUND THE STATE

- The **Monroe County Heritage Museum** announces their 15th Annual Genealogy & History Workshop at 31 N. Alabama Avenue, Monroeville, AL 36400 on Saturday March 19, 2016. For more information call 251-575-7433 or email [mchm@frontiernet.net](mailto:mchm@frontiernet.net) or visit [www.monroecountymuseum.org](http://www.monroecountymuseum.org)
- The **Northeast Alabama Genealogical Society (NEAGS)** announces a Spring Seminar to be held Saturday April 23, 2016 at the Senior Activity Center 623 Broad Street (Rear Entrance) Gadsden, Alabama. For more information email [neagslib@comcast.com](mailto:neagslib@comcast.com).

AGS is happy to publish events and news of societies in Alabama if timely notice is sent by email to [newsletter@algensoc.org](mailto:newsletter@algensoc.org). We reserve the right to edit submissions to best fit the content of the Newsletter.

## ALABAMA ARCHIVES LOSES THREE

On January 29, a retirement party was held for three long-standing staff members of the Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH), Bob Bradley, Norwood Kerr and Tom Turley. Anyone who made regular use of the Archives probably met, by phone or in person, one or all of these three valuable employees.

Of particular interest to AGS was the retirement of Tom Turley who did so much to aid in the preservation of historic newspapers and court documents.

Tom got his undergraduate degree from UT and his doctorate from Vanderbilt and started at the Archives on February 11, 1991. Prior to coming to work at ADAH he worked at the National Archives in Washington DC and the Tennessee State Archives in their local records program.

Tom was hired at the ADAH to work on the final phase of the Alabama Newspaper Project. He and his staff brought together long runs of specific Alabama newspapers

from across the state, prepared them for microfilming, and returned the papers to the local community when requested.



This project ended in 1994 and Tom moved into the Government Records Division as a local government records archivist. In this role, he traveled to communities throughout the state encouraging officials to follow the records schedules and to destroy outdated records. When the GSU (now *Family Search*) determined to complete a third round of microfilming in Alabama by filming “loose records” Tom spearheaded the project and coordinated with the local officials and the volunteer teams. What was thought would be a brief 3-5 year project turned into a 15 year project.

Tom has been of inestimable value in helping AGS prepare and maintain the Loose Records Index on the web database ([www.lrp@algensoc.org](http://www.lrp@algensoc.org)) and we will sorely miss Tom's information-packed and jocular responses to our many questions.

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