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State and Local Society News

The *Tuscaloosa Genealogical Society* announced the launching of a new website documenting hours of work by volunteers to preserve, digitize, index, and publish 19th century court records previously stored on the 7th floor of the Tuscaloosa County Courthouse.

The website <www.seventhfloorrecords.com> includes digitized images of the historical courthouse books and loose records.

The bound records collection consists of 514 volumes ranging in date from 1822 through 1899. As of April, two hundred forty of the volumes have been filmed and 70 have been indexed. The indexes to each individual volume provide the page number and image number for every person, organization, place, and event mentioned in that volume.

In addition, there is a photo gallery covering the history of the project from 2007 to date.

The project offices are located in space provided by *Angel Flight Soars* in the Tuscaloosa Regional Airport terminal.

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AGS WELCOMES THESE NEW MEMBERS

Donald Lee Christian, Jr.	Huntsville AL
David B. Crider	Birmingham AL
David Benton Crump	Lucedale MS
Lisa Michelle Seymour Crump	Lucedale MS
Alice S. Gutierrez	Springfield IL
Kristin Hancock	Cypress TX
Allen Herrod	Prattville AL
Lolita M. Hubbert	Winfield AL
Linda K. Kuykendall	Fultondale AL
James E. Purcell	Hueytown AL
Gloria Annette Edgeworth Smith	Ranburne AL
Edwin Mac Smith	Ranburne AL
Patricia Victor	Atlanta GA
Ellen White	Louisville KY

These **First Families of Alabama** (FFA) certificates were issued since our last Newsletter. All certificates are listed on the web at <www.algensoc.org/main/firstfamilies.html>.

<p>Certificate #417 Barbara S. Daniels Issued: 31 March 2017 Ancestor: Richard Talbert Through lineage: DANIELS, STABLER, DANIEL, GALLOWAY, TALBERT</p>	<p>Certificate #418 Barbara S. Daniels Issued: 11 April 2017 Ancestor: John Davis Through lineage: DANIELS, STABLER, RAY, BOWLIN, DELOACH, DAVIS, PORTIS</p>
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<p>Certificate #419 Barbara S. Daniels Issued: 11 April 2017 Ancestor: Polly Portis Through lineage: DANIELS, STABLER, RAY, BOWLIN, DELOACH, DAVIS, PORTIS</p>	<p>Certificate #420 Donald Lee Christian, Jr. Issued: 4 May 2017 Ancestor: Allen Christian Through lineage: CHRISTIAN, BRAGG, COLEMAN, MANNING, BRANUM, BURNET</p>
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<p>Certificate #421 William Barton Smith Issued: 5 May 2017 Ancestor: Edward Beeson Through lineage: SMITH, BARTON, TIFFIN, PATTERSON, STANPHILL, GRAVES, BEESON, LAMB</p>	<p>Certificate #422 Don L. Williams Issued: 5 May 2017 Ancestor: Robert Higginbotham Through lineage: WILLIAMS, DICKERSON, HIGGINBOTHAM, GRAHAM, WALDEN, LITTLE, BLANKENSHIP</p>
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Upcoming Events

ALABAMA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY FALL SEMINAR

Hold open Saturday, October 14, 2017, to attend the *AGS Fall 2017 Seminar* at the State Archives in Montgomery. A speaker has been selected but topics are still being discussed at press-time. For a notice when the agenda is finalized and registration opens, send a request by email to <ags@algensoc.org> or drop a note in the mail to: AGS, PO Box 293921, Birmingham, 35229.

IGHR - Georgia

Genealogists from novice to advanced, hobbyist to professional are converging on Athens, Georgia July 23-28, 2017 to attend the *Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research* (IGHR) Registration closes June 30.

The Institute provides an educational forum for the discovery, critical evaluation, and use of genealogical sources and methodology through a week of intensive study led by nationally renowned genealogical educators.

This is the first year that IGHR will be hosted by the Georgia Genealogical Society with courses taking place at the University of Georgia Center for

Continuing Education & Hotel on the University of Georgia Campus in historic Athens, Georgia. This new venue allows courses and accommodations to be under one roof.

The Institute began in 1962 at Howard College in Birmingham (now Samford University) and continued at Samford through 2016.

Course and registration information at <<http://www.ighr.gagensociety.org>>.

In conjunction with IGHR, FamilySearch is sponsoring a *FamilySearch Family History and Genealogy Expo* on Sunday, 23 July from 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Attendees can explore genealogy resources and educational opportunities, ask questions, and meet others interested in family history. The Expo is free and open to the public. Registration is not required.

MAAGI - Indiana

The *Midwest African American Genealogy Institute* a nationally acclaimed genealogy institute is opening registration for the 5th consecutive year to individuals interested in African American Genealogy. "The Genealogy Center in Indiana, is very pleased to partner with this great institute", said Curt Witcher, The Genealogy Center Manager at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. MAAGI 2017 will be held from Tuesday, July 11 to Thursday, July 13

MAGGI fulfills an educational need in the study of African American genealogy by enhancing skills and introducing resources in African American Genealogy and Family History Research. The 2017 attendees will select a core curriculum for three days taking 12 different classes, guided by nationally recognized genealogy instructors.

Information at <www.maagiinstitute.org>.

FGS - Pennsylvania

The *Federation of Genealogical Societies* (FGS) 2017 National Conference will be held at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania August 30–September 2.

Hosted by FGS along with local host Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society the conference brings sessions with a wide variety of topics from many of the nation's top family history experts.

Learn from leading family history speakers and educators. Visit companies and organizations providing products and services that will benefit your research.

Information at <www.fgsconference.org>

DGS - Texas

The Dallas Genealogical Society announces a 2-day Summer Seminar - "*Sources, Storytelling & DNA*" with featured speakers Lisa Louise Cooke, Sunny Morton, and Diahna Southard to be held August 4 and 5 at J. Erik Jonsson Central Library in Dallas.

Topics of the eight sessions cover Google tools (including Google Earth), genetic genealogy, writing your story, newspapers and religious records research methodologies, and incorporating videos into your family history.

Information at

<www.dallasgenealogy.com/dgs/meetings-events/seminars/2017-summer-seminar>

DID YOU KNOW?

Some of us have an obsession to walk the land on which an ancestor lived. That obsession may lead to planning a visit, hoping to find a remnant of what may have been a home-place, barn, or other relic of our forebears life on the property. Or we may want to explore a small grave-site on lands with no public access.

Notifying the current owner of the property prior to the visit is prudent and may be legally required, but identifying the owner can be challenging, often involving a trip to the county courthouse for a search of property records.

There is a simpler way. Most counties use a Geographical Information System (GIS)* and make the system viewable on their web site.

Flagship, Inc. in Suwanee, Georgia has collected forty three Alabama counties into a list with links to easily reach a particular county's GIS map <www.alabamagis.com>. Such a map allows the user to lookup the property owner's name and address.

But what about the other twenty four counties not in the list? Googling the county name plus "gis" can usually find a link. Most GIS maps can also be located by clicking a link in the county's home page for the revenue department.

Accessing some can be a challenge. Rather than in the revenue department, *Limestone County* has a GIS map for the 911 system that with some difficulty can reveal a parcel owner's name and address. A recent review suggests that *Hale* is the only Alabama county with no GIS map at this time.

Navigating an online GIS map can be tricky with zooming and positioning controls that differ among sites. For practice, if you own land in Alabama see if you can locate the property record by searching a GIS map for the county involved.

* In general, the term describes any information system that integrates, stores, edits, analyzes, shares, and displays geographic information. (*Wikipedia*)

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