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AGS NEWS

At the October 14th society membership meeting held in conjunction with the Fall Seminar, AGS members elected the following for two-year terms beginning in 2018:

PRESIDENT: *Caroline Horton*

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT: *Donna Baker*

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT: *Rick Reed*

RECORDING SECRETARY: *Michael C. Wells*

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: *Jan Hutchison*

TREASURER: *Jim Anderson*

At the same meeting the members voted to approve proposed changes to the bylaws as announced in the Spring/Summer AGS Newsletter. The changes amended Sections 2 and 3 of Article III titled "Membership Dues and Donations."

In other AGS news, Program Committee chair Caroline Horton has announced that the committee has finalized the date and speaker for the AGS Spring Seminar to be held on March 24, 2018 at Samford University in Birmingham. The speaker will be David Rencher, well known for his prominent roles with FamilySearch.org and the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS).

AGS WELCOMES THESE NEW MEMBERS

as of December 1, 2017

Mary Biondillo	Grand Saline TX
Laura Edge	Birmingham AL
Richard Martin Lewis	Huntsville AL
James Martin	Hartselle AL
Susan Martin	Hartselle AL
Ellen Morton	Fayetteville GA
Emily Starr Amason Sparrow	Auburn AL
MaryJane Inge Tingle	Mt. Brook AL
Kevin P. Thompson	Chelsea AL
Joan Fowler Vitale	Memphis TN
Elizabeth Hatchett Weir	Huntsville AL

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>

Certificate #424 to Sandra Jeanne Lewis, Issued: 25 September 2017

Ancestor: **Reuben Aldridge**

Through lineage: SOWELL, WALLACE, MCBRIDE, GREEN, WHITE, ALDRIDGE, LIVERMAN

AROUND THE STATE

Genealogy & History Workshop

Monroe County Heritage Museum will host its 17th annual workshop Saturday, February 3rd, 2018 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Old Courthouse Museum on the square in downtown Monroeville.

Tom Price, resident volunteer for FamilySearch.org, will present a program on using recent advances in technology to assist with research.

Meredith McDonough, archivist at the Alabama Department of Archives and History since 2006, currently manages the new Digital Assets section at the Department. She will discuss access to and use of online digital collections at the Archives.

Craig Remington, Director of Cartographic Research Laboratory at the University of Alabama, will present a program on historic maps and their uses in research.

Pre-registration no later than 4:00 pm on Thursday, February 1st is required. \$35 fee includes a box lunch. Contact Nathan Carter at the Museum at mchm@frontiernet.net or 251-575-7433.

Postcard Exhibition

Beginning in December, the Alabama State Capitol will host the *Wade Hall Traveling Postcard Exhibition*, which consists of two parts: the traveling exhibits and the digital exhibit. The first traveling exhibit focuses on "main" streets in Alabama towns and cities while the second concentrates on historical buildings including courthouses, post offices, schools, and churches. These exhibits highlight large cities such as Montgomery, Huntsville, Birmingham, Mobile, and Tuscaloosa but also small towns including Boaz, Carbon Hill, Centre, and Red Bay.

"The Wade Hall Postcard Collection is one of the Troy University Archives greatest treasures and an extensive sampling of a fascinating form of Americana," said Dr. Christopher Shaffer, dean of library services. "The entire collection consists of 25,000 postcards, and we are remarkably grateful that through the generosity of the Alabama Humanities Foundation we will be able to share a portion of this collection via these traveling exhibits throughout the state on the eve of Alabama's 200th birthday."

Visit trojan.troy.edu/library/wadehall/ to view the digital exhibit and for more information about the Wade Hall postcard collection and the traveling exhibits. The exhibits have been displayed separately in libraries and museums throughout the state since February 2017 and will continue their journey until December 2019.

English Research

The Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society (TVGS) announces their Annual Spring Seminar for 2018 to be held Saturday, April 21 at the Marriott Spring Hill Suites, Huntsville, Alabama

The speaker will be Claire V. Brisson-Banks. She is accredited in English Research and U.S. Mountain States. and assisted with the development of multiple pages in the FamilySearch Research Wiki concerning Youth, US and UK Wiki pages. She is a Trustee for the International Society for British Genealogical Family History. Claire will present four lectures at the seminar:

- Scotland Research Strategies
- England, the Quest for English Ancestors
- Wales Online Resources - online (and some not online)
- New England Ancestors -

Registration opens February 1, 2018; cost will be \$45, which includes refreshments, boxed lunch and seminar handout. For more information visit www.tvgs.org/ and click on "Annual Seminar".

FYI

Jim Baggett, Archives Department, Central Library announced the on-line availability of *The Alabama Decorative Arts Survey*, a nine-year state-wide search for 19th and early 20th century ceramics, quilts, coverlets, furniture, carvings, paintings, photographs, metals, textiles, and grave markers created by Alabama artisans, The project was begun in 1985 and directed by the Birmingham Museum of Art.

The records of the survey are now preserved in the Birmingham Public Library Archives and the Archives has created an online, searchable database containing digitized photographs and information for hundreds of objects. The database will be expanded to include additional objects as funding becomes available. The creation of this database was made possible by grants from the Alabama State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Explore the Alabama Decorative Arts Survey Database at www.bplonline.org/ADAS.

REMINDER

Renewal of your membership for 2018 will be due in January
(unless you have pre-paid for future years.)

Reminder notices will be sent.

If you have a question about your membership status, email us at:
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