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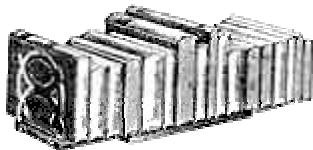
Message From The President

Our program this month will be of interest to those of us who use or plan to use the Archives in Jackson, MS. Sandra Boyd will be our guest speaker from the MS Archives and will share with us how we can use the Archives in their new building in doing our family research. Don't miss this meeting.

Another meeting not to miss is the Genealogy Fair held Saturday, October 13, 2001 in the Forestry Building in Jackson. We will have a table, so if you can help, let us know.

October 18, 2001

Ms Sandra Boyd will share the latest information about the new Mississippi Archives Building in Jackson.



Future Meetings

In November George and Pat Weeks will present an interesting program illustrating interview techniques. You will not want to miss this lesson.

Our December meeting will be a fellowship time together. Bring a traditional family dessert recipe. Share the recipe with us.

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**Happiness is a
genealogist who just
found their lost ancestor!**

Elusive Ancestor

I went searching for an ancestor.
I cannot find him still.
He moved around from place to place
And did not leave a will.

He married where a courthouse burned.
He mended all his fences.
He avoided any man
Who came to take the US census.

He always kept his luggage packed,
This man who had no fame.
And every 20 years or so,
This rascal changed his name.

His parents came from Europe.
They could be on some list
Of passengers to the USA,
But somehow they got missed.

And no one else anywhere
Is searching for this man.
So, I play "geneasolitaire"
To find him if I can.

I'm told he's buried in a plot,
With tombstone he was blessed
But the weather took engraving
And some vandal took the rest.

He died before the county clerks
Decided to keep records.
No family Bible has emerged
In spite of all my efforts.

To top it off this ancestor,
Who has caused me many groans,
Just to give me one more pain,
Betrothed a girl named JONES.

--Author Unknown



From the Editor

Did you receive this newsletter by "snail mail"? Do you have an email address with the capability of receiving Microsoft Word97 documents? If so, please send me your email address. We are trying to get as many newsletters delivered via the Internet as possible.

Have you found a helpful or humorous article that you would like to submit to the newsletter? Have you written an article or reviewed a book that you would share with our members? Do you have a question for the group or need help with your brick wall? Do you know of a family reunion coming up? We are interested in all these things. Please send your queries, articles, announcements - anything you want to recommend be published in this newsletter - to me by fax (662-289-1503) or E-mail them to me at econtax@bellsouth.net. Your ideas and suggestions are always welcome!

-- Shirley Ballard

National Family History Month

The U. S. Senate unanimously passed a resolution declaring October "National Family History Month." Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah and 84 co-sponsors of this resolution successfully convinced the Senate that family history is important enough for all Americans to recognize and celebrate. "Essentially, we are all immigrants to this country," Hatch says. "Our ancestors came from different parts of the globe. By searching for our roots, we come closer together as a human family."

- Family Tree Magazine



God Bless America

Queries

Searching for descendants of Wylie Pittman, born about 1845, and his wife, Martha Alderman. Their son Jessie A. lived in Edinburg in Leake Co. about 1870. Is Wylie Pittman buried in Leake Co.? If so, where? I think John Albert, Tiddle, Annie Bill were also his children. Will share what I have with anyone who can help.

Contact: Pam Davis

1005 Country Meadows Rd.
Myrtle, MS 38650

Reunions

GILMORE

A reunion of Gilmore family will be held at Holmes Co. State Park in Holmes County, MS on Sunday, October 21, 2001. Bring covered dish, pictures, genealogy research, any family items you can share.

MOORE

Descendents of Noxubee County, MS Moores will be held on Sunday, October 28, 2001 in Noxapater, MS.

McPHAIL

The McPhail Reunion will be held October 28, 2001 at Ebenezer Primitive Baptist Church in the Ebenezer Community of Carthage. If you need directions, please contact Sue Malone at her email address: srm14@netdoor.com or 601-267-4703.

The City of the Dead
The Adair County (KY) News
November 24, 1897 Edition

A visit to the cemetery discloses many neglected graves.

A few days ago we visited the city cemetery, and as we silently passed over the grounds we noticed many graves that have been sadly neglected. There are many headstones down and a number of graves sunken far below the level. It is true, that the bodies lying in these neglected graves belonged to families who have long since passed over the river or who are living in distant States, but that is no excuse why the graves of the dead should not be kept in order.

It would require but little work, and the expense would be a trifle, hence the municipal board ought to look after the last resting places of those who, in the long ago, were our respected citizens. It is a respect due the departed, and should not longer be neglected.

Does the reader have an idea of the number of our departed citizens buried in the city cemetery? Go through it, counting the mounds, and you will find more bodies lying there than there are citizens of Columbia.

The little infant, who never lived to lisp its mothers name, the loving mother and the indulgent father, affectionate brothers and sisters, those who gained valor upon the battle fields and whose voices have been heard in the halls of Congress, are all there awaiting the resurrection morn.

Nearly every town in Kentucky has set apart one day in each year for memorial service, and we suggest that Columbia follow the example. Some time in the month of May or June, when flowers are plentiful, would be suitable, and as work is superintended by ladies, we hope that will take the matter in

charge and fix a day in the spring or summer for the services.

Lets Keep the graves of our dead green.

<http://daddezio.com/cemetery/articles/adair.html>

- Submitted by Sue Malone



Don'ts When Using Census Records

Census records contain vast amounts of census records. What could be easier? Be careful, there are many pitfalls.

- Don't believe the census indexes are correct or complete.
- Don't assume the spelling of the name is as you know it now.
- Don't assume the relationship to the head of the household is as is.
- Don't assume the ages given provide a birth year.
- Don't forget to copy ALL information at the top of page, as well as all data to the right.
- Don't forget all entries for your surname in the county, better look at the neighbors, too. Often neighbors are married children or parents of the specific person you have found.
- Don't think records before 1850 can't help. Only one name listed – at least you'll know how many to look for in a family.
- Don't forget 1880 plus records when you are stuck in the early 1800s.
- Don't forget 1890 veterans census if your ancestor was in the military.
- Don't forget about the state census records and tax lists.

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Please submit announcements about your family reunions—the whens, the wheres, and who are the contact persons.

Internet Addresses

E-mail: econtax@bellsouth.net

MSGenWeb state page:

<http://www.usgenweb.com/ms>

Dues are: \$10 for individuals
\$15 for couples

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Date and time of meetings: To be held on the third Thursday of each month at 7PM in the Carthage Library Meeting Room.

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Officers

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From:
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Purpose of Group

1. To help people learn how to research their genealogy by furnishing programs, workshops and seminars;
2. To study Family History and make it available for the use of others;
3. To raise funds for genealogical purposes;
4. To gather local genealogy and family history information to be placed in libraries.

Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek

The United States Government signed a number of treaties with the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians to make up what we know of as the State of Mississippi.

In 1830 the third of these treaties was signed with the Choctaw tribe at a place on Dancing Rabbit Creek. Thus the treaty became known as "The Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek." Counties formed from this treaty include Leake, Newton, Neshoba, Attala, Scott, Winston, Choctaw, Kemper, Lauderdale, Smith, Jasper, Clarke, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Carroll, Montgomery, Grenada, LeFlore, Tallahatchie and Coahoma. It also included most of Quitman, Bolivar, Sunflower, Webster and Lowndes; about 1/2 of Yalobusha, 1/2 of Holmes; and small portions of a few other counties.