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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

THE THIRD ANNUAL WORK SHOP OF THE ARK-LA-TEX GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION WAS HELD AS SCHEDULED THE SECOND SATURDAY IN AUGUST AT THE HOLIDAY INN WEST IN SHREVEPORT.

OUR VERY EXCELLENT SPEAKERS, DR. IRVING WARD-STEINMAN, MR. PETE NANCE, MRS. MITZI BARNETT, AND MR. JIM HAMPSON DID THEMSELVES PROUD FOR US. THEIR NOTABLE EFFORTS CERTAINLY MADE THIS WORKSHOP OUTSTANDING.

AS INFORMATIVE AND ENJOYABLE AS THE SPEAKERS WERE WE CERTAINLY CAN NOT GIVE THEM FULL CREDIT FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE WORKSHOP. THE PEOPLE WHO WORKED SO HARD AND DILIGENTLY BEHIND SCENES DESERVE AS MUCH CREDIT. THEY DID AN ADMIRABLE JOB.

THE POST OFFICE BOX NUMBER HAS BEEN CHANGED . We hope that you will make a note of this fact especially since dues paying time is near. We don't want your checks going astray!.

The new address is:

THE ARK-LA-TEX GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION  
P.O. BOX 71  
SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA 71101

WILL OUR EXCHANGING SOCIETIES PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE IN ADDRESS! WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE EXCHANGE PERIODICALS CHANGING THE ADDRESS FOR EASE IN MAILING.

MRS. WALDO MOORE AND MR. JAKE CAMERON HAVE BOTH PRESENTED VERY EXCELLENT PROGRAMS AT THE PAST MEETINGS. WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION TO THEM FOR THIS KINDNESS.

E. M. TIPTON, PRESIDENT.



## ACQUISITIONS OF THE GENEALOGY ROOM

The new filming of the 1860 census of Louisiana has been added to the collection to replace the old double paged filming of this census. This will be of much help to searchers who have had trouble locating people in this census.

The 1860 single paged film will be available for other states as we can add them. If you have a particular county that you need, please give us the name. We will add them as we can afford them.

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# LOUISIANA RECORDS

THE GEE HISTORICAL CEMETERY, Near Athens, Louisiana.

*Charlotte P.*

Mary A. Hilley

d. 25 Sept 1856  
aged 18 yrs.

S. P. Gee

b. 26 July 1795  
d. 7 June 1863

Jones L. son of

S. P. & M.A. Gee  
aged 7 yrs. 2 mos. 26 da.  
d. 22 Aug 1840

John L. Gee

d. 22 May 18\*\*  
aged 16 yrs. 11 mos. 28 days

Dr. Lucas Gee

d. 28 Aug 1850  
aged 42 yrs.

Andrew R. Thompson

d. 21 Nov 1869  
(stone broken)

Emeline L. Thompson

departed this life  
15 May 1851  
aged 23 yrs. 25 days  
b. Campbell Co. Va.

James Nickelson

b. 16 Sept 1833  
d. 26 Dec 1908

Mrs. Elizabeth Burham

d. 13 Sept 1787  
member Methodist Episcopal Church  
for last 40 yrs.  
departed this life Wednesday  
13 Oct 1852  
aged 65 yrs. 1 mo.

Jane Ann Dyer

b. 9 Feb 1822  
d. 18 Dec 1886  
married William L. Snider  
9 May 1839

Wilson

Alfred M.

b. 1 Feb 1872  
d. 21 Jan 1953

Eula S.

b. 17 Apr 1876  
d. 10 Aug 1947

Father

Joel E. Snider

b. 31 Mar 1849  
d. 17 Mar 1918

Mrs. Sarah A. Nickelson

wife of James W. Nickelson  
b. 25 June 1841  
d. 28 Nov. 1919  
aged 78 yrs. 5 mos. 3 das.

Walton Lee

Son of Walton & S. A.  
d. 3 Sept 1867  
aged 2 yrs, 6 mos 9 das.

There are several other graves in this cemetery, marked only with stones.



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Affidavit of Jas. C. Drew of Ouachita Parish, State: Louisiana,  
On 27 Apr 1872\* The undersigned authority personally appeared, James C. Drew,  
to me well known to be a creditable witness who being duly sworn stated that he knew  
knew Nathaniel M. Kerr, James, Kerr, Jos. Kerr, Mrs. Harriet Davisson and Mrs.  
Susan B. Prescott all of whom were children of Joseph Kerr, Sr. (sometimes pronounced Karr) who came to Ouachita Parish, afterward Carroll Parish in the year  
1829. That the said Nathaniel M. Kerr and Joseph Kerr, Jr. went from the  
state of Louisiana to Texas in the year 1835 to join the Texas Army. That they  
did join Crockett and Travis and lost their lives in the Alamo to the general  
report and belief of their friends. Affiant also states Miss Eleanor B. Prescott  
Miss Sallie A. Prescott and Clara A. Prescott who are the daughters of Susan  
B. Prescott and Jos. Wallace Prescott was also a child and son of Susan B.  
Prescott and nieces and nephew of the said Nath. M. and Joseph Kerr, Jr.  
Affiant further states that he knew Mary Davisson, afterward Mrs. Huntuchen and  
Harriet Davidson, Jr, afterward Mrs. Coom and now Mrs. Stone, daughter of  
Mrs. Harriet Davisson, Sr. and that the parties mentioned above are the children  
of Mrs. Susan B. Prescott and Mrs. Harriet Davisson and affiant further states  
Mrs. Harriet Davisson and Susan B. Prescott both deceased are the only sisters  
he knows of who left heirs and that James D. Kerr, who lost their lives in  
the Alamo in Texas and that the above mentioned E.P? Prescott, Sallie A. Prescott  
and Clara A. Prescott and J.W. Prescott that the affiant knows all these  
facts from long and intimate acquaintance with the parties from 1829 to 1860.  
And never knew any brother but Jos. D. Kerr. In testimony of which I do sign  
my name and cause the seal of the Parish Court in and for the Parish of which  
I am Judge to be affixed by the Clerk thereof.

Signed

Jas. W. Drew

Sworn to and subscribed before me Apr. 27, 1872

Signed: Robert Caldwell, Parish Judge

A true record Aug 24, 1872

B. D. Harrison, Recorder

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## VACATION IN ALABAMA

Ema Lee Tipton

To begin a research trip to any unfamiliar area without adequate preparation is as foolish as driving off without your credit cards and driver's license. You may find yourself searching for 1852 records in a courthouse that burned in 1853, the offices closed on the only day you can be there, no motel room available within 100 miles, the only cafe in town out of business, or become lost on a country road way down in the next county. All these things happened to us our first trip to Alabama. How we prepared for our trip this summer may give you a few ideas to use in planning your own next research trip to anywhere.

Our vacation was set for August 15-31, so on July 15, I sent a letter to the Probate Judge of each county we planned to visit, asking permission to check the old records and what his office hours would be in August. A self-addressed stamped envelope was enclosed and each letter received a prompt reply. Probate records are usually available for anyone to see and public employees are often referred to as "public servants", but non-residents should remember that they are guests and act accordingly. My request to see the records was remembered and almost everywhere we went, it seemed the doors were opened just a little wider for us and the people were especially friendly. When we completed our research and thanked them for their courtesies, we were most cordially invited to return.

County maps were obtained from the State Highway Department, the places of special interest were marked, and they were used as guides down the rural roads.

By careful planning, we found we would need to move from one motel to another only three times during the entire 16 days, with research in five counties. The reservations were made by telephone two weeks in advance.

Our problem was a familiar one. My great-grandfather had moved from Alabama to Louisiana in 1844 and died in 1847. All contact with our Alabama kin was lost long ago. Many old public records had been lost and we needed to find privately owned family records, old Bibles and other documents to fill in details between 1800-1844. We were told that descendents of two of his brothers lived in the county he had moved from but we had been unable to locate them, and their names could now range from Adams to Zuber. Early in July I sent an inquiry to the weekly newspaper widely read in that county, asking the editor to give it as much prominence as possible, to print it exactly as written, and to send me a bill for the charges.

The inquiry began with a brief family history, listed all my great-grandfather's brothers and sisters and old related families, clearly stated that this was their family history but would never be completed without their help, and offered to share our records with them. The response was instant, voluminous and continuing. We located many relatives and old records we had never hoped to find. The Historical Society was so interested in our research, we spent several hours with their president, obtained much valuable information and shared our data with him.

This was a very happy and successful vacation, due not only to careful planning, but to the inquiry published in the weekly newspaper where I believed my relatives lived. Few, if any of them, had ever seen a genealogical magazine and this was the only way I could reach them. If it worked for me here, there is no reason why it would not work in other places, for other families. You may never find a county where over 25 percent of the residents are related to you in some way, many eager to help with the research, but if you can find only one who has preserved the old family records, the inquiry would be worth many times its cost.

This was our third trip to this section of Alabama. Some of you may be interested in this area, and in what you can expect to find there.

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## EIGHT ALABAMA COUNTIES

**DALLAS COUNTY:** Modern courthouse at Selma, Ala., Probate offices open 8am-4pm, week days, closed Saturdays. Records complete to 1818, good condition, mostly indexed, well arranged, easy to find. Marriage records and estate file indexes in Probate Office on first floor, others in large well-lighted basement room. Photo copies with negatives \$1 per page, large pages reduced to legal size. Personnel efficient, courteous and helpful. Several good motels and restaurants in Selma.

**WILCOX COUNTY:** Very old courthouse at Camden, Ala., Probate office open 8am-12 noon, 1-4pm, week days, closed Saturdays. Records complete, only one old deed book missing, in good condition, indexed, well arranged in well-lighted room, photo copies available. Personnel friendly and helpful. This is an important county. During the land speculation of the 1820s and 30s, many residents of surrounding counties bought and sold land here and some resided here for a while before moving west. A new modern motel and restaurant replaces the old hotel in Camden.

**MARENGO COUNTY:** New courthouse at Linden, Ala., Probate offices open 8am-5pm, week days, closed Saturdays. When the courthouse burned in 1966 all the old newspapers, estate files, etc., were lost, but most of the books were saved, some damaged, but most in good condition, to 1818, indexed, well arranged in large well-lighted room, full size photo copies available. Personnel friendly and helpful. One motel and two restaurants in Linden, including drive-in on Demopolis Highway.

**SUMTER COUNTY:** Old courthouse at Livingston, Ala., Probate offices open 8am-12 noon, 1-4pm, week days, closed Saturdays. Records to ca 1833 when county formed, good condition, complete, indexed, well arranged, easy to find in rather small room, full size photo copies available. Probate Judge interested in local history and early families. Limited personnel, gracious and helpful. This is a college town with at least one new motel and restaurant, and probably several other good ones.

**AUTAUGA COUNTY:** Courthouse at Prattville, Ala., Probate offices open 8am-12 noon, 1-4pm, week days, except Wednesday pm, open Saturday mornings. Records should go back to 1818, but some are missing, in bad condition, poorly indexed, ill arranged, hard to find. Large number of employees, none able to help visitors. One small coffee shop in Prattville, and we saw no motel, but facilities nearby in Montgomery.

The following counties were visited on previous trips to this area:

**BUTLER COUNTY:** Courthouse at Greenville, Ala. replaces one that burned in 1853. Probate office hours not checked. Records complete to 1853, good condition, indexed, well arranged, easy to find, photo copies available. Personnel limited, efficient, friendly and helpful. Chief Clerk is a genealogist, glad to help in any way possible. In 1967, two motels and restaurants in Greenville, may be more now.

**PERRY COUNTY:** Old courthouse at Marion, Ala. being remodelled and renovated. Probate office open 8am-12 noon, 1-4pm, closed Saturdays. Records to 1819, complete, in good condition, indexed, some in room on first floor, some in basement, photo copies available. Marriage certificates very attractive with lacey blue print border and gold seal. Motel and restaurant facilities should be checked.

**LOWNDES COUNTY:** Courthouse at Haynesville, Ala. Check Probate office hours. The county was formed in 1830 and records are complete, some in poor condition and un-indexed, with those who use them careless about returning them to proper place. Personnel efficient, courteous and helpful. Photo copies available. One or two coffee shops, but check motel facilities in Hayneville.

Other extremely important counties in this area of Alabama are Montgomery, Monroe and Clarke. Courthouses burned in Conecuh and Greene in 1868 and records were lost. If you have Alabama roots, look for them in this section of Alabama. Many from Virginia, the Carolinas and Georgia lived here for a while before moving to Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas and the land records are complete.



INFORMATION PLEASE ?????????????????

Mrs. Willie Farley, 2602 Stonewall Street, Shreveport, Louisiana, 71103, wants records of all the descendants of Absolem Autrey, born 1802, in North Carolina, md. Elizabeth Norris born in Ky. Lived in Perry County, Ala., 1830, and 1840 census. Moved to Union Parish about 1848. They are the parents of the following children:

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| 1. Sarah Autrey, b. 17 Aug 1827          | 9. Celia Autrey b 22 Mar 1838             |
| 2. John Autrey, b. 12 Aug 1828           | 10. Robert Martin Autrey b 18 Aug 1840    |
| Lucinda Autrey b, 27 Oct 1829            | 11. Syra Autrey b 14 Feb 1842             |
| 4. Harriet Autrey, b Dec 6, 1830         | 12. Martha Autrey b 18 Sept 1843          |
| 5. Elizabeth Jane Autrey b, Mar 27, 1832 | 13. Thomas Jefferson Autrey b 14 May 1845 |
| 6. William Norris Autrey b Oct 26, 1833  | 14. Bird Griffin Autrey b 27 May 1847     |
| 7. Cornelius Autrey born Nov 18, 1835    | 15. Charlie Henry Autrey 4 Apr 1850       |
| 8. James Jackson Autrey b 23 Feb 1837    |   |

Mrs. Farley is also interested in knowing the parents of Russell Huffman, age 40 and listed in the 1860 census of Union Parish, La, wife Amanda, age 34, and 5 children? Amanda's father was James G. Liggin, age 64, born in Va. and was listed in the same census. Who was his wife Elizabeth before marriage and who were his parents. Was James G. Liggin's father Sherwood Liggin who was listed in the 1803 Georgai land lottery from Wilkes County, Ga. Can any one give me proof of this? My clue is that Amanda (Liggin) Huffman named a son Sherwood and her brother Louis Liggin named one Sherwood. Amanda and Russell Huffman's children are said to be related to the "Peters" family. Could it be that Amanda's mother was a Peters before she married?

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