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Celebrating Fifty Years

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The society was established to serve Lee, Chambers, Macon, Russell and Tallapoosa Counties in east central Alabama.

Preparing, typing and mimeographing Tap Roots, the Society's quarterly journal, was a group effort. Each stencil was typed and the pages were mimeographed.

The pages were then stacked individually. Members went around the table and each picked up a page until the whole issue was assembled. Tap Roots was stapled, bound and then was made available to members at the quarterly meetings. Out of town members received their copies by mail. Officers used their own money to buy supplies and create Tap Roots. Later they were reimbursed.

Presidents' Letters:

Vol. 1, No. 1: A Dream Becomes A Reality – The Genealogical Society of East Alabama is created.

Vol. 1, No. 2: Accomplishing the dreams and aims of the society's Tap Roots.

Vol. 1, No. 3: A trip was made to Fort Worth, Texas to attend the Texas State Genealogical conference.

Vol. 1, No. 4: Membership for the Genealogical Society of East Alabama has grown to almost 100.

Interesting contents:

Vol. 1, No. 1, Page -: Long Range Aims and Purposes of the Genealogical Society of East Alabama

Page -: By Laws of the Genealogical Society of East Alabama

Pages 1 – 7: Family Bible Records: Webster and Golden; Allen & Cole; Ware; Andrews – Hightower; Anthony & Dickinson & Martha S. Smith; Potts & Thomas and Moore families; and the Dickinson Family including Collier & Williams.

Pages 8 - 10: Listings for ten small cemeteries

Page 13: Membership records First Methodist Church – Dadeville, Ala. 1847 – 1855.

Pages 16 - 19: Probate Records Book A Russell County, Ala beginning July 1833.

Vol. 1, No. 2, Pages 5 - 15: 1850 Membership roll for the Auburn Methodist Church, Auburn, Ala.

Pages 16 – 22: Continuing Probate Records Book A Russell County, Ala

Pages 23 – 28: Chambers County Land Records Book 5 beginning in Dec. 1852

Pages 30 – 41: Sixteen cemeteries were listed.

Pages 42 – 50: Bible Records: Day; Hart; Berkstresser; Hicks; Adams; Talbot; Jackson; Seago; Bates and Shepard

Vol. 1, No. 3, Pages 4 – 7 A History of the Rock Springs Baptist Church in Chambers County, Ala.

Pages 8 – 21 Oak Bowery Methodist-Episcopal Church Register 1835- 1886

Pages 22 – 32 Abstracts of Russell County, Ala. Wills

Pages 33 – 36 Inventories from Chambers County, Ala.

Pages 38 – 45 Listings for six cemeteries

Pages 46 – 50 Five Bible records

Vol. 1, No. 4, Pages 4 -6 An autobiographical sketch of Edward Norphlet Brown, Sr.

Pages 10 – 15 Abstracts of Russell County, Ala. Wills.

Pages 18 - 19 Confederate Veterans at Hurtsboro Cemetery – Hurtsboro, Ala.

Pages 20 – 26 Inventories from Chambers County, Ala.

Pages 27 – 50 Cemetery and Bible records.

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For the earlier editions of Tap Roots, there was a separate annual index. The indexes were created by entering each name and page number on a 3 x 5 index card. The cards were filed in alphabetical order. Someone typed the index from the cards using a manual typewriter.

There were also membership rosters which were separate booklets, too.

The society's first book, Russell County Marriage Records, was published.

Presidents' Letters:

Vol. 2, No. 1: The typists are having trouble with spacing, commas and the stencils are not working well.

Vol. 2, No. 2: For Tap Roots members are searching for Bible records, "boxes of letters," & court records

Vol. 2, No. 3: The Russell County Marriage Book has been delayed because of holidays.

Vol. 2, No. 4: There were genealogy workshops – and more errors in Tap Roots. An apology was made.

Interesting contents:

Vol. 2, No. 1, Pages 4 – 8: The Genealogical Society of East Alabama's By-Laws.

Pages 9 – 18: Bible records: Ingram, (2) Edwards, Whitlow, Garrett,

Pages 19 – 28: Cemeteries: Society Hill, Darlington in Macon Co. and Holston in Chambers Co.

Pages 29 – 38: Chambers County, Ala. Inventories – this concluded Book 5

Pages 44 – 49: Asbury Methodist Church 1859 – 1897 – Lee Co., Ala

Vol. 2, No. 2, Pages 54 – 60: Eagle Creek Church History and membership roll, Tallapoosa Co., Ala.

Pages 61 – 62: Ministers who served the Tuskegee Methodist Church, Macon Co., Ala

Pages 64 – 70: Chambers Co., Ala Stray-Book, Livestock, Brands 1833

Pages 73 – 91: Eagle Creek Cemetery, Tallapoosa Co., Ala

Pages 92 – 100: Bible Records: Martin and Cox; Lowe and Boswell; (2) McCulloh and Powledge

Vol. 2, No. 3, Pages 104 - 112: Revolutionary Soldiers in East Alabama

Pages 114 – 127: Cemeteries: Godwin, Russell Co.; Jarrell-Jones and Germany, Chambers, Co.; and Stroud in Lee Co.

Pages 128 – 140: Bible Records: Epperson; Burnett & Wise; Garrett; and Godwin

Pages 141 – 150: Court house records: Chambers Co., Stray-Book, Livestock, Brands 1833; and Record of Bonds of Public Officers Chambers Co., beginning in 1833

Vol. 2, No. 4, Pages 154 – 157: Mrs. Julia W. deSteiguer, age 91, recalls life on her 91st birthday. She was born in Salem, Ala in 1848. Her parents moved the family to Texas.

Pages 158 – 167: Cemeteries: Old and New Harmony, Chambers Co., Shepard, Tallapoosa, Co., and Hepzibah in Lee Co.,

Pages 170 – 175: Chambers Co., Stray-Book, Livestock, Brands 1833 and Record of Bonds of Public Officers Chambers Co., beginning in 1833

Pages 178 – 186: Bible Records: Alexander; Holcombe; Garrett; and Slaton

Pages 187 – 191: Charles Smith Johnson's school, Chambers Co., 1866 list of pupils

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In January 1966, The Russell County Marriage Records were ready to mail. This was the society's first book.

In the Macon County Court Docket 1834, there were several cases involving "retailing." This crime had nothing to do with sales as we know the term today. In the 1830s the crime of "retailing" involved bodily harm of cutting another to pieces. There were also entries for "A and B" for assault and battery.

Mrs. Segrest wrote, "Your president hopes that each member will recognize the fact that we must work as a team or those whom you might help will go lacking."

Presidents' Letters:

- Vol. 3, No. 1: Members have attended workshops. They are locating cemeteries, Bibles and articles.
Vol. 3, No. 2: Members are working on creating back issues of Tap Roots and collecting articles.
Vol. 3, No. 3: They now have 230 back issues of Tap Roots archived and the Russell County Marriage Book has been finished and is ready to mail.
Vol. 3, No. 4: Genealogy workshops had been held at Samford University; GSEA's president attended all four that were held this year.

Interesting contents:

- Vol. 3, No. 1, Pages 4 – 20: Deed and minute book Cubahatchee Baptist Church, Macon Co., Ala.
Pages 21 – 27: Cemeteries: Hurt's Chapel and Williams – Johnson - Walker; Russell Co.; Boromville, Clanton and Vaughan's Mill in Macon Co; Sharon – Tallapoosa Co.
Pages 28 – 40: Bibles: Hammack; Hudson; Jeter; Bonner; Tew and Fuller.
Pages 41 – 46: Family research: Owens; Kirkpatrick and Canady (Kennedy)
Vol. 3, No. 2, Pages 54 – 55: About Dr. James Marion Sims – his statue is at the Alabama Capitol.
Pages 56 – 78: Orphans Court with an index 1837 – 1839, Chambers Co., Ala.
Pages 79 -- 93: Little Texas Cemetery, Macon Co., Ala. (Part 1)
Pages 94 – 100: Bibles: Ramsey & Hanson and Smith – David - Gordon
Vol. 3, No. 3, Pages 104 – 112: Little Texas Cemetery, Macon Co., Ala. (Part 2)
Pages 112 – 115: Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Lee Co., Ala
Pages 116 – 118: The Legend of the Three Brothers and other myths, and
The Missing Marriage Record
Pages 119 – 121: Colleges, Academies and Common Schools 1855, Macon Co., Ala
Pages 122 – 131: Bibles: Randle, Pollard & Ramsey, Bryant,
Pages 133 – 138: CSA Service Rosters – Co F 61st Ala; Lafayette Guards; Co I, 37th Ala
Pages 139 – 150: Macon Co., Ala. Court Docket beginning Spring Term 1934 to 1838
Vol. 3, No. 4, Pages 155 – 174: The 1840 Tallapoosa Co. Census
Pages 176 – 187: Bibles: Plant, Morgan, Gillam, Crawford,
Pages 188 – 197: Cemeteries: Creek Stand, Green – Cook, Elam, Gillam and Morgan
Pages 198 – 200: Creek Stand Methodist Church - Membership Roll, Macon Co., Ala

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In Mrs. Segrest's letter from Vol. 4, No. 1, she is recognizing "in the search for our elusive forefathers and might I add mothers?"

Then in April 1967, Mrs. Segrest stated, "We find that most of our ancestors were good honest, God-fearing people of whom we may be immensely proud regardless of their station in life. We also find some that did make the news of their day. They may have been tried for failure to observe the Sabbath, or for serious crimes. They but add the salt and pepper to our lineage. We must remember that they worked to give us this country of ours and we, in turn, must strive to give as good an account of our lives as did our ancestors."

Presidents' Letters:

Vol. 4, No. 1: This begins the society's fourth year. Members are still attending genealogy workshops.

Vol. 4, No. 2: The National Genealogical Society is undertaking indexing the 1850 Federal Census.

Vol. 4, No. 3: "Remember it is our responsibility to preserve the records of the past."

Vol. 4, No. 4: Mrs. Segrest is saying goodbye as president and is pledging to support the new officers.

Interesting contents:

Vol. 4, No. 1, Pages 4 – 13: Cemeteries: Red Ridge, Gullatt, Noble, Browder-Mitchell and Rogers
Pages 14 – 35: 1842 Subpoena Docket, Macon Co., Marriage Records of Lee Co, Ala
Pages 36 – 47: Bibles: Noble; Hunt-Spigenner; Fuller-Barnes and Hudson
Pages 48 - 50: Union Methodist Church Membership Roll 1898, Macon Co., Ala.

Vol. 4, No. 2, Pages 53 – 65: Cemeteries: Glennville, Hiram, Vitula, and Chadwick in Russell, Co.,
David-Smith-Pearson and Canada-Threadgill in Tallapoosa, Co
Pages 66 – 87: Macon County Subpoena Docket and Lee County Marriage Records
Pages 89 – 100: Bibles: Perry, Bledsoe, (two) Grimes and (two) Davis

Vol. 4, No. 3, Page 104 – 114: Bibles: (two) Slaughter, Morris and Dickson
Pages 115 – 124: Lee Co. Marriage Records 1874 – 1875.
Pages 125 – 134: Cemeteries: Denson, Barnes, Oak Bowery (old and new), Asbury (Old Pine Knot), Daniel
Pages 140 – 150: Hardaway Baptist, Macon Co., Ala – constituted as Ebenezer Baptist
Includes membership rolls from 1855 through 1899

Vol. 4, No. 4, Pages 154 – 164: Marriage Records of Lee County, Ala. 1874 – 1878.
Pages 165 – 174: Pension records of Russell Co., Ala. (1860s)
Pages 176 – 197: Girard Cemetery, Russell Co., Ala
Pages 198 – 200: Bible of James Sessions

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This is July 1967. The new president, Mrs. Dorman asks, "Have all our attics been thoroughly searched for diaries, scrap books, and old papers? Look again."

In Oct. 1967, Mrs. Segrest wrote for Mrs. Dorman. She points out missing proof in genealogy. The location of cemeteries and the title pages of Bibles are two very important items.

In April 1968, a small note on the contents page states, "Research, more and more research, carefully done, means a better Tap Roots."

Four back issues of Tap Roots sold for \$4.00 except for the current year, which was \$10.00.

Presidents' Letters:

- Vol. 5, No. 1: "As we begin our fifth year, we have an editor and an editorial board."
Vol. 5, No. 2: Missing proof in genealogy – an age old problem. Document your sources.
Vol. 5, No. 3: Mrs. Segrest is writing as editor and explaining errors in past Tap Roots.
Vol. 5, No. 4: The Society's fifth year is coming to a close. She is thanking all officers for their hard work.

Interesting contents:

- Vol. 5, No. 1, Pages 4 – 16: Cemeteries: Girard, Russell Co., and Pitts Chapel, Lee Co.
Pages 17 – 26: Lee County Marriage Records 1874 – 1880
Pages 27 – 36: Macon County Orphans Court 1834 – 1838
Pages 38 – 49: Bibles: Porch, Bledsoe, Vaughn and Screws.
Pages 49 – 50: "Close tailor made by Lawrence Lewis" 1859 – 1874 – Macon Co., Ala
These entries were copied as entered from a ledger; close should be clothes.
- Vol. 5, No. 2, Pages 54 – 63: Lee County Marriage Records 1874 – 1880.
Pages 64 – 78: Cemeteries: Girard and Cemetery near Brickyard, Russell Co., Ala
Pages 79 – 83: Macon Co. Orphans Court
Pages 84 – 95: Bibles: Lanier, Hammack, Mattison and Hardy
Pages 96 – 100: Uchee Methodist Chapel, Russell Co., Membership roll 1888
- Vol. 5, No. 3, Pages 104 – 111: Early settlers of Russell Co., Ala
Pages 112 – 126: Bibles: Green – Oliver, Pickens, Mood, Davis and Duncan – Digby
Pages 127 – 135: Cemeteries: Five Points, Lystra, LaFayette Community House,
Hancock, McJunkins and Burton – Chambers Co.; Shady Grove – Lee Co.
Pages 137 – 146: Supplies for the families of Confederate Soldiers, Tallapoosa Co.
Pages 147 – 153: Marriage records of Lee Co., Vol. B, 1877 – 1893
- Vol. 5, No. 4, Pages 157 – 158: Mrs. Segrest makes apology for mix up of Shade Grove Cemetery
Pages 159 – 169: Cemeteries: Shady Grove, Lester, Hearn and (two) Stamps
Pages 191 – 198: Bibles: Digby, Duncan and Holland
Pages 200 – 203: Slaton Family – Letter 1907 – Mary Jane Slaton

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Presidents' Letters:

- Vol. 6, No. 1: Mrs. Segrest explains the importance of copying records exactly as they appear.
- Vol. 6, No. 2: Mrs. Segrest writes requests for Lee Co. Marriage records in a book will be accomplished.
- Vol. 6, No. 3: Mrs. Dorman welcomes the new year of 1969. Mrs. Loftin resigned as treasurer due to health problems.
- Vol. 6, No. 4: Mrs. Dorman closes the society's sixth year with this edition and about 200 members.

Interesting contents:

- Vol. 6, No. 1, Pages 4 – 6: Tuckabatchie Lodge # 96, organization and member's roll, Russell Co., Pages 7 – 12: Minutes of Shady Grove Christian Church, Lee Co.
Pages 13 – 30: Cemeteries: Chappell, Old Ebenezer, Boyd, Farley and Griggsby in Chambers Co., Beulah in Lee Co., and Day in Macon Co.
Pages 40 – 44: Solley families of N.C, S. C., Ga., Ala., and Miss.
Pages 44 – 51: Bibles: Trimble, Mulhall, and Lewis
- Vol. 6, No. 2, Pages 56 – 69: Lee Co., Ala marriage records 1883 - 1887
Pages 70 – 80: Bibles: Files, Davies, Thompson and Harris
Pages 81 – 90: Cemeteries: Lee Co., Flint Hill, John Calhoun Tillery and King - Blackman Chambers Co., J B Blanton and Tallapoosa Co., Dudleyville
Pages 92 – 106: Good Hope Baptist Church members 1837 – 1871, Russell Co., Ala.
- Vol. 6, No. 3, Pages 110 – 113: CSA Muster Rolls Capt. W. C. Wallis's Co. Chambers & Tallapoosa Cos.
Pages 114 – 121: County Line Baptist Church, Pastors, Members and Cemetery – Lee Co
Pages 123 – 126: Pittsview Cemetery, Russell Co
Pages 127 – 144: Bibles: Hodge, Bennett, Proctor and Dorman
- Vol. 6, No. 4, Pages 160 – 169: Bibles: Goforth, Machen, Wood, Alston and Ham
Pages 170 – 184: Chambers County Marriage Records 1837 – 1839
Pages 185 – 184: Beulah Baptist Church, Lee Co., pastors and members 1851 – 1889
Pages 195 – 208: Cemeteries: Cusseta in Chambers Co., Fellowship in Barbour, Co., and Abandoned in Phenix City, Russell Co.
Index: For Vol. 6, Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4: 21 pages

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In July 1969, the Society began to accept and publish one query of 50 words or less for each member per year. In Vol. 6 No. 1, there were six queries.

By Oct. 1969, requests for Lee Co., marriage records in book form will be granted. Copies are \$4 pre-publication or \$5 after publication. By Jan. 1969 – these books were available.

Vol. 6, No. 4, was the first issue of Tap Roots to contain an index that wasn't a separate publication?

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In Tap Roots Vol. 7, No. 2, they started installments of an index for Rev. F. L. Cherry's History of Opelika. By Vol. 7 No. 4 they were about half through.

Researchers are having trouble reading the old handwriting in court house records. Sometimes the letter H looks like the letter N.

Dues were \$6.00 per year.

The president, Mrs. Dorman, delegated the president's page to the editor in three editions.

Presidents' Letters:

Vol. 7, No. 1: Mrs. Segrest wrote about transcribing old handwriting. She needs articles for Tap Roots
Vol. 7, No. 2: Mrs. Segrest explains researchers are having trouble reading old handwriting. Included in her page are the listings of old post offices for Macon, Russell and Chambers Counties.
Vol. 7, No. 3: Mrs. Dorman welcomes the New Year and thanks members for their articles for Tap Roots.
Vol. 7, No. 4: Mrs. Segrest is wishing for maps, trails, etc for tracing ancestors.

Interesting contents:

Vol. 7, No. 1, pages 4 – 18: Marriage Records of Chambers Co., Ala. 1839 – 1842
Pages 19 – 28: Bond Book, 1833 – 1843, Macon Co., Ala.
Pages 29 – 32: Bibles: Van Dorn Thomas, Charles Hollis and Warren Hollis
Pages 33 – 45: Cemeteries: German- Tallapoosa Co.; Mechanicsville and Graham, Lee Co.; Swint-Hammack, Chambers Co. ; Hurtsboro, Russell Co.; and
Oswalt – Macon Co.
Pages 46 – 49: CSA Rosters: A. A. Stricklin's First Class Militia and W. C. Cox Parole
Page 50: Subscribers to the Macon Republican Newspaper 1842 – 1843
Vol. 7, No. 2, Pages 54 – 63: Chambers County Marriage Records 1842 – 1844
Pages 64 – 75: Cemeteries: Old Baptist near Salem, Ala and Farmville, both in Lee Co.
Pages 77 – 79: Bibles: Peter C. Johnson and Chadwic & Jarrell.
Pages 82 – 84: Subscribers to the Macon Republican Newspaper (part 2) 1845 – 1846
Pages 85 – 91: Hurtsboro Baptist Church, Russell Co., Pastors and members: 1871 -1902
Vol. 7, No. 3, Pages 108 – 122: Chambers County Marriage Records
Pages 123 – 132: Bibles: Hammock – McHenry & Cooper; James Henry Cooper
Pages 133 – 140: Cemeteries: Dudleyville; Union Primitive Baptist; Meadows – Russell Co.
Vol. 7, No. 4, Pages 168 – 182: Marriage Records of Chambers County, Ala.
Pages 183 – 184: Bond Records Macon County, Ala
Pages 185 – 194: Bibles: Beaty (two); Slaughter (two)
Pages 195 – 205: Cemeteries: Davidson – Tallapoosa Co., and Watoola – Lee Co.

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Mrs. Segrest complained that every time a good housekeeper finds the time to clean the attic or an old trunk, family and community history are lost. She asked that anyone who finds this very valuable “trash,” please bring it in, or let one of the society’s members know, so they can pick it up.

At the close of this fiscal year, Tap Roots was sent to members from coast to coast across America.

Presidents’ Letters:

- Vol. 8, No. 1: Mrs. Segrest is very concerned with preserving important papers, letters, etc.
Vol. 8, No. 2: There was no president’s letter. There was a membership supplement listing.
Vol. 8, No. 3: Mrs. Dorman writes, “We are out of Bible records. See if you can find some among your friends that we can use. Our members near and far could help with this vital material.”
Vol. 8, No. 4: This edition ends Mrs. Dorman’s term as president.

Interesting contents:

- Vol. 8, No. 1, pages 4 – 18: Enon, formerly known as Bethel, Baptist Church pastors and members – Bulloch Co., Ala which originally was a part of Macon Co.
Pages 19 – 24: Chambers Co. Marriage records Jan. through Dec. 1849
Pages 31 – 40: Probate Minutes 1847 – 1855 Russell County, Ala.
Pages 41 – 50: Index to the History of Opelika by Rev. F. L. Cherry: M through R
- Vol. 8, No. 2, Pages 54 – 57: Bibles: Evans, Segrest and Harris.
Pages 58 – 69: Chambers County Marriage records Apr 1850 – Dec 1851
Pages 70 – 80: Cemeteries: Watoola – Lee Co.; Baptist @ Glennville in Russell Co.
Pages 81 – 96: Probate Minutes 1847 – 1855 Russell County, Ala.
Pages 97 – 110: Index to the History of Opelika by Rev. F. L. Cherry: R through W
- Vol. 8, No. 3, Pages 104 – 118: Chambers Co. Marriage records Dec 1851 – Oct 1853
Pages 119 – 129: Cemeteries: Dudleyville, Davidson, Union Primitive Baptist and Williams-Bellary Russell Co.; Meadows, Lee, Co.
Pages 130 – 134: Walker; Vivion and Walker; and Ivey & Garland
Pages 135 – 149: Probate Minutes 1847 - 1855, Russell Co., Ala.
Pages 150 – 156: Index to the History of Opelika by Rev. F. L. Cherry: W through Z
Neighbors who lived on or near Chewacla Creek and communities nearby
- Vol. 8, No. 4, Pages 153 – 167: Chambers Co. Marriage records Nov 1853 – Jul 1855
Pages 168 – 177: Bibles: Holliday, Holliday, Williams, Williamson; Frazer and Cappleman
Pages 178 – 193: Cemeteries: Crawford, Key – both in Russell Co.
Pages 194 – 207: Probate Minutes 1847 - 1855, Russell Co., Ala.

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Vol. 9, No. 1, 2, 3 and 4

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Year nine was off to a good start. Tap Roots was being printed. The mimeograph work was now in the past.

The board voted to stop free exchanges of Tap Roots with other societies. The Society was still providing libraries free copies of Tap Roots in the five counties they serve: Lee, Chambers, Russell, Tallapoosa and Macon Counties.

Presidents' Letters:

Vol. 9, No. 1: Mrs. Fuller indicates she is afraid of snakes and will record grown up cemeteries this winter. She is planning to record some of the "clean" ones next summer.

Vol. 9, No. 2: Mrs. Fuller was requesting more Bible records. They are harder to find.

Vol. 9, No. 3: The holidays are past. The Society still needed Bible records.

Vol. 9, No. 4: The Society's ninth year was closing. The Society still needed more Bible records.

Interesting contents:

- Vol. 9, No. 1, pages 4 – 18: Probate Minutes 1847 – 1855, Russell Co., Ala.
Pages 19 – 29: Bibles: Coulter, Hudmon, A. T. Williams
Pages 30 – 39: Cemeteries: Sharon, Emory Chapel, Griggsby, Boyd's Tank – Chambers Co.; Taylor – Midway, Ala.; and Cochran in Russell Co.
Pages 40 – 50: Chambers Co. Marriage records Nov 1855 – Jul 1856
- Vol. 9, No. 2, Pages 54 – 68: Chambers Co. Marriage records Sept 1856 – Jan 1859
Pages 69 – 76: Bibles: Chadwick, Beaty (two), and Hearn
Pages 77 – 89: Cemeteries: Daviston, Tallapoosa Co., Gold Hill, Lee Co., and New Hope Baptist, Chambers Co.
Pages 90 – 104: Probate Minutes 1847 - 1855, Russell Co., Ala.
- Vol. 9, No. 3, Pages 108 – 122: Chambers Co. Marriage records Jan 1859 – Oct 1861
Pages 123 – 132: Bibles: Newell, Snider, Kaylor, Haynes, Beaty and Scott
Pages 133 – 140: Cemeteries: Old Sandfort, Bass and Foster in Russell Co.; Gallilee – no location provided; Foster, Eufaula's Shorter and Ramah Church in Barbour, Co,
Pages 141 – 142: Bethel Baptist Church near Welch in Chambers, Co.
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Celebrating Fifty Years
1963 – 2013

In Oct 1972 Mrs. Fuller had been president for one year. She found inspiration in the Bible from Luke 12:2 "For there is nothing covered that shall not be revealed, neither hid that shall not be known." She stated, "So, from faith derived from our forefathers and our inherent way of life, we continue to plod, dig, read, walk and probe until answers are our great reward.

This year the Society was saddened by the deaths of Lucile Pease Riley of Auburn and Mary Slaughter Thompson of Hurtsboro. Mrs. Thompson was house bound and did indexing for Tap Roots for several years.

Presidents' Letters:

Vol. 10, No. 1: Every book and publication is judged by the quality of information contained therein. Our Tap Roots is an outstanding example. ...

Vol. 10, No. 2: Mrs. Fuller is reflecting on the past year and feels it has been very successful.

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Vol. 10, No. 4: The Society is finished its tenth year. Dues are still \$6.00 annually.

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The Presbyterian Church in Alabama – Calebee
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Line Creek Church was organized by C.L.Y. Boyd in April 1841 and it was reported to South Alabama Presbytery at Greensboro, October 1841, and enrolled. Presbytery received Boyd from South Carolina and commissioned him to organize a church in Macon County where his first post office was in Tuskegee.

The ruling elders were Lemuel Merrill, Alexander Chambers and John Hurston.

Some of the names on the original roll were:

Boyd	Hurston	McGill
Files	Hurtsfield	Merrill
Gillis	Johnstone	

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Beulah Lodge F & AM No. 455

An abstract of the minutes of organization of Beulah Lodge F & A M No. 455, Beulah, Lee County, AL March 8, 1887

'Know ye that we, John Gibson Harris, most worshipful Grand Master, at the petition of our well beloved brethren: George Crawford Roberts, Wade Killon Wheelis, Allen R. Wheelis, Franklin Yarborough; Bryant H. McCulloh & Thomas E. Sharman, residing at or near Beulah in the County of Lee, do hereby constitute the said brethren into a regular Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons until the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge to be opened at Beulah by the name of Beulah Lodge No. 455. And do hereby appoint Samuel Glass, Worshipful Master.'

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Courthouse Records of Original Landowners of
Present Lee County, AL

This list of original landowners of present Lee
County was copied from the Tract Books in
Russell and Lee County Courthouses. These
books have been copied from material
available at the state offices in Montgomery.
It is obvious that some errors have been made
in transcribing these records. Obvious errors,
where correct information was not available,
were copied as they appeared. Missing
information was omitted in the Tract Books.

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I appreciate your trust by electing me as President. We owe a great deal of thanks for those who had the foresight to organize this great society. I hope that you electing me as your President in order that I might be a leader of the team and not just a presiding officer. If I am to be the leader, I will need the cooperation of each member. I will appreciate any suggestions from you in order that we might not only strive to continue the good work already done, but also be challenged to greater goals and objectives. I have read the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws of the society and have found there is a need to accurately describe the duties of the officers. Please be assured that as our President it will be my objective to utilize our assets to the utmost in order to obtain the maximum from our dues and our labor.
Mrs. Robert E. Lamb

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Miss Allie Abernathy's Scrapbook, Vol 1, Page 39

A GRAND REUNION

Survivors of the 47th Alabama met with their friends and rejoice each with the other. A great Day made notable by fine speeches, big dinner, wartime stories and happy tales of long ago.

The streets were thronged. Hearts beat with high hopes. Gray bearded soldiers, some with scars, others with limbs off, others with eyes dim, all move in and out and make things lively.

Notable among the number was Gen. Bulger, the oldest surviving. His presence an inspiration.

At 10:30 the LaFayette Band led the crowd to LaFayette College Hall. Capt. Moore introduced Hon. J. Thomas Heflin who delivered the address of welcome. In reply Capt. J. G. Burton of Opelika responded. (Editors' Note: This Item was between dates of Oct, 30, 1897 & July 28, 1899)

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The History of The Mound Builders of Alabama and Georgia - Indian Names and Their Meanings.

This article is copied from The Montgomery Advertiser, Sunday, July 15, 1945, from

Mr. Brannon's Column: "Through The Years."

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Legend of Gold Hoard In Russell

By: Tom Sellers

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Ever since the Creek Indians were removed, rumors have persisted that they left a great fortune in gold behind. As far as is known, no one has discovered this treasure even though rumors keep cropping up. The latest chapter was told by Ronald Dudley of Phenix City about the cache in Russell County. His version goes like this: in 1837 when the Creek Indians were being sent to Oklahoma, the tribes met at their council ground at the fork of Little Uchee and Tuskeena creeks. The Indians filed past their chief and removed their solid gold trinkets and placed them at the feet of the chief who buried them at a secret site on Tuskeena Creek. Many have searched but nothing has ever been found.

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Page 164: Cemeteries: Bethel Baptist, Chambers Co; Roxana Methodist, Lee Co; and Willis Family, Macon Co
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Interesting content:

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'SESQUICENTENNIAL' by Florida Broward Segrest (Mrs. Henry Neill Segrest) Vol. 20, No. 2

Letter from the President Vol. 20, No. 1.

Mrs. Henry Neil Segrest - It is hard to believe that this is the 20th year of publication as we prepare Issue No. 1 of Volume 20. I congratulate Miss Mary Dillard for her foresight and skills in publishing Issue 1 of Volume 1, 20 years ago. There is a great need for preserving genealogical records as so many have been destroyed through the years. My wish is that we can research the many family cemeteries before they vanish due to neglect and desecration. Let us do more to preserve and publish the records of our forbears.

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This volume was filled with lists of names from weddings, births and deaths taken from family Bibles. The cemetery records listed everyone known buried there.

Robert Horn and his cousin, Miss Alice Wheelus, visited a cemetery and visited with the cemetery chairman there. She asked why the grave alignment was not perfect. The explanation: the custom was to align the grave with the rising sun. The sun is in different positions in relation to the earth as seasons of the year change. The graves were facing the sun, but not all faced the sun at the same season of the year.

Presidents' Letters:

Vol. 21, No. 1: Abstracts of letters complimenting the work and articles in Tap Roots

Vol. 21, No. 2: Appropriate references must be submitted with articles for Tap Roots

Vol. 21, No. 3: Cemetery and Bible records must come to Tap Roots with proof of people and places

Vol. 21, No. 4: Each item submitted for publication is reviewed by people with special knowledge of the related facts

Interesting contents:

Vol. 21, No. 1, pages 1 - 12 Bibles: Golden; McKissack-Mullican; Page; Goff and Pless
Pages 13 – 25 Cemeteries: Antioch, Shiloh and Leach – Tallapoosa Co.;
Providence and Bethel – Lee Co; and Zachariah Williams – Russell Co
Pages 26 – 30: Chambers Co records from the Alabama State Gazettes and Business Directory 1887 -1888

Vol. 21, No. 2, Pages 51 - 59 Bibles: Huguley; Cummings; Jackson; Hill; Mobley; Terry and Jones
Pages 64 – 78 Cemeteries: Bethel Presbyterian Church of Bullock Co., and
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Rev. F. L. Cherry as Ocossee
Page 95 The life story of Andrew Taylor Jackson of Chambers Co. as copied from his
personal journal

Vol. 21, No. 3, Pages 101 – 114 Bibles: Robnett; Havis-Reeves; Peddy-Reeves and Webb
Pages 112 – 137 Cemeteries: Bethlehem and Fort in Macon Co.; Duncan in Lee Co.
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Vol. 21, No. 4, Pages 151-- 156 Bibles: Atkinson; Sargent; Shepherd and Dennis
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Dr. Alexander Nunn, one of GSEA's trustees, died in January 1985. Dr. Nunn's death was a tremendous loss to the entire community.

The volume is filled with lists of names in cemeteries, Bibles and family records also various tax records; it is a treasure trove of ancestor's names.

Miss Wheelus added this poem to her president's letter of Jan 1985:

Only One

I am only one, But still I am one.
I cannot do everything, But still I can do something;
And because I cannot do everything;
I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.

Edward Everett Hale
1822 - 1909

Presidents' Letters:

- Vol. 22, No. 1: Will you be proud of your ancestors? When you meet them will they be proud of you?
Vol. 22, No. 2: C. Arthur Harris wrote the article, "I am no stranger to cemeteries."
Vol. 22, No. 3: Census Index 1860 Tallapoosa Co has been published. The information was completed by Mr. Steve Iwanski
Vol. 22, No. 4: Dr. Alexander Nunn died – he was serving as one of the society's trustees

Interesting contents:

- Vol. 22, No. 1, pages 1 – 9 Bibles: Hope; Capps and Vaughan
Pages 10 – 19 Cemeteries: Valley Grove and Bethlehem in Tallapoosa Co;
Sturkie in Chambers Co., and Chamlee in Lee Co
Pages 20 – 30 Story of Valley Grove Community and Grammar School including students, teachers and minutes of the Musical Convention of the Valley Grove Church
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Vol. 22, No. 2, Pages 51 – 55 Bibles: James McCain and Elizabeth Harris; Drayton Abner and Annie Pitts.
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Pages 70 – 75 Chambers Co tax list 1877, Precincts 1 - 5
Pages 76 – 94 History of the Antioch Methodist Church in Macon Co including the pastors
Pages 95 – 100 Abstracts from the Opelika Daily News which included advertisements, state government members, county officers, churches and some local news
Vol. 22, No. 3, Pages 103 – 108 Bibles: Pate; Andrews; Woods and Harris
Pages 109 – 115 Cemeteries: Fellowship in Bullock Co; Pulliam and Kennedy-Christian-Sasser in Tallapoosa Co and Sims-Allen of Chambers Co
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Vol. 22, No. 4, Pages 155- 160 Bibles: Allen – Hutcherson; Caldwell; Slappey; Johnson; Mims and Slocumb
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This volume contains wonderful stories about the history of Opelika by Berrien T. Phillips. These stories were originally published in the *Opelika Daily News* in 1937.

Berrien T. Phillips tells in his articles that he came to Opelika in 1881. In 1889 the Opelika City Council Minutes bear his signature as City Clerk. In 1919 he was elected to serve in the Alabama Senate.

Included in this issue are a couple of Bullock County Cemeteries. Many of Alabama's County lines changed over the years. Bullock County is next to, and south of, Macon County.

Presidents' Letters:

Vol. 23, No. 1: The new president's excitement about the future of GSEA

Vol. 23, No. 2: The new headquarters of GSEA at Boykin Community Center (in Auburn) is taking more time than anticipated because of the amount of material

Vol. 23, No. 3: The far-flung membership of the GSEA is drawn together by our common heritage

Vol. 23, No. 4: Between the covers of Tap Roots there is a tremendous amount of life

Interesting contents:

Vol. 23, No. 1, pages 1 – 6 Bibles: Hodge-Sharpe; Horn-King; and David Kerr

Pages 7 – 14 Cemeteries: Hackneyville Presbyterian and Sunny Level Methodist - both in Tallapoosa Co and Callaway in Macon Co

Pages 15 – 18 Russell County Records from the Business Directory 1887 - 1888

Pages 19 – 50 Minutes of the Little Texas Campground 1884-1937 Macon Co

Vol. 23, No. 2, Pages 51 – 58 Bibles: Newsom; J. R. Smith; Jos. Oswalt; and Jerry Lee Mullin

Pages 59 – 83 Cemeteries: Providence Baptist and Louina – both in Randolph Co., Ala

Pages 84 – 85 List of pensioners in 1883 for Chambers, Lee, Macon, Russell and Tallapoosa Counties - they all received \$8.00 a month

Pages 87 – 95 Interesting Sidelights on early days of Opelika by Berrien T. Phillips

Pages 96 – 99 Deaths of prisoners of war, Ship Island, Miss - most died of dysentery or diarrhea

Vol. 23, No. 3, Pages 101 – 103 Bibles: Martha J May; and James Carter Newsom

Pages 104 – 120 Cemeteries: Hackneyville Community; Meadows and Robinsn; and Pumpkin Hill all of Tallapoosa Co; Aberfoil Methodist and Aberfoil Old Baptist of Bullock Co

Page 121 Histories of Pumpkin Hill and Buttston Methodist Churches

Pages 122 – 129 Interesting sidelights on early days of Opelika by B. T. Phillips

Pages 130 – 149 Accounts & Inventory of J. C. Phillips 1871 of Loachapoka, Lee Co

Vol. 23, No. 4, Pages 151 – 162 Bibles: Starnes; Slaughter; Holstun; Mullins & Edwards; and Jones

Pages 163 – 175 Cemeteries: Hillabee Campground Methodist; Dillard's; Farrow; and Woods Presbyterian all of Tallapoosa Co; White graves (3) in Philadelphia Baptist of Lee Co

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Page 181 The Notasulga Telephone Company was established in 1905

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Mrs. Carolyn Price became president in January 1987 replacing Mr. Charles Britt.

This volume is a good source for research in Tallapoosa County, Ala.

The History of LaFayette was from a program by Leonard L. Blanton presented to the Alabama Historical Commission in April 1985 when they met in LaFayette. In this history Mr. Blanton tells the churches came into LaFayette early. The Baptist came in 1832; the Methodists came in 1833 and the Presbyterians came in 1835.

Vol. 2 – page 98 – The cornerstone of the Lee County Court House was laid Oct. 11, 1896.

Presidents' Letters:

Vol. 24, No. 1: There is a considerable concentration of resources for research on people with East Alabama roots

Vol. 24, No. 2: Tap Roots is an instrument that is of interest and assistance in locating ancestors

Vol. 24, No. 3: Carolyn Price is the new president of GSEA

Vol. 24, No. 4: GSEA is a non-profit organization with no paid employees. Volunteerism is the word.

Interesting contents:

Vol. 24, No. 1, pages 1 – 8 Bibles: Flournoy; Hammock; Conger; Allen; Ezell; and Ray

Pages 9 – 32 Cemeteries: Liberty Methodist; Liberty Baptist; New Mt. Zion Baptist; Old Original Mt. Zion Baptist – all of Tallapoosa Co; and Shippey Family of Muscogee Co, Ga

Pages 33 – 37 A short history of LaFayette, Ala in Chambers Co

Pages 38 – 50 Miscellaneous: Widow's pensions; Benjamin Ward's will; 1833 States' Rights; and Extracts of deaths and marriages The Southern Christian Advocate

Vol. 24, No. 2, Pages 51 – 62 Bibles: Abernathy; Hunter; McCarley; Meadows and Brown

Pages 63 – 88 Cemeteries: Notasulga City and Hoffman – Macon, Co; Patterson, Henderson and Old Original Liberty Methodist – Tallapoosa, Co; Hudson – Lee, Co; and Harris – Newton Co., Ga.

Pages 89 – 91 Methodist Episcopal Church in Alabama and Notasulga – Macon, Co

Page 92 Mount Jefferson and Tuckersburg – Communities in Chambers, Co - now Lee, Co

Page 93 – 100 Miscellaneous: including clippings of Mt. Jefferson and the Tucker family

Vol. 24, No. 3, Pages 101 – 106 Bibles: Combs; and Duke

Pages 107 – 124 Cemeteries: New Prospect Primitive Baptist; Old Original Liberty Baptist; And Ransom Meadows Mausoleum – all in Tallapoosa Co; Notalulga City; Sears; Segrest-Gibson; and Cooper all in Macon, Co; Shiloh Baptist No 2; and Mountain Springs Baptist – Chambers, Co; Crabtree – in Clay, Co; and two others in Coosa,

Pages 135 – 143 CSA 33rd Alabama Regiment formed in March 1862

Vol. 24, No. 4, Pages 151 – 157 Bibles: Zachry; Koon; Watson; and Bush

Pages 158 – 188 Eight Cemeteries including Lyman ward – Tallapoosa Co

Page 189 A brief history of Neal's Chapel in Macon, Co

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Presidents' Letters:

Vol. 25, No. 1: GSEA begins its 25th year

Vol. 25, No. 2: 1987 is the 200th anniversary of the U. S. Constitution. The state of Tennessee was the birthplace of four governors of Alabama.

Vol. 25, No. 3: William W. Bibb was the first Governor of Alabama.

Vol. 25, No. 4: GSEA Volunteers donate time and effort to continue the publication of Tap Roots.

Interesting contents:

- Vol. 25, No. 1, pages 1 – 24 Macon Co Marriages Book 2 - 1842 - 1852
Pages 26 – 32 Cemeteries: Shirley – Chambers, Co; Uchee Chapel Methodist, Russell, Co;
And Benjamin Franklin Neighbors in Tallapoosa, Co
Pages 32 - 50 Sarah Neighbors Graves wrote "As I Remember" about her young life in
Youngsville, Ala
- Vol. 25, No. 2, Pages 51 – 64 Bibles: Dorrrough; Calhoun/Colquhoun; Chadwick and Ramage
Pages 65 – 86 Cemeteries: Smith; Colville Sims; Sims; McKnight; Meggison; and Talbot all
of Chambers, Co;
Goldville Baptist; Ebenezer Baptist; and Flint Hill Methodist all of Tallapoosa, Co
Page 88 Goldville in Tallapoosa, Co was a boom-town in the 1840s.
Page 90 Cusseta – the history of a quiet, early Indian town
Page 95 A continuation of Sarah Neighbors Graves memories of growing up
- Vol. 25, No. 3, Pages 101 – 110 Bibles: Gibson; Lock/Locke; Armstrong; Henry; and Echols
Pages 111 – 127 Cemeteries: Fargason; Antioch Baptist; Samuel Henderson; Henderson;
New Providence Baptist; Maxwell; and John Johnston all of Tallapoosa Co;
Beulah Christian in Chambers, Co; Notasulga Memory Gardens in Macon, Co; and
Nixburg Presbyterian in Coosa, Co. (Coosa, Co is next to and west of Tallapoosa,
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Page 147 The (1887) History of Dadeville of Tallapoosa, Co by Peter A. Brannon
- Vol. 25, No. 4, Pages 155 – 164 Bibles: Wheelus; Henry; Hoffman; Campbell and Jordan
Pages 165 – 173 Cemeteries: Mt. Cavalry and Jacob Moon both in Tallapoosa, Co;
Concord Methodist and Spivey both in Coosa, Co;
Good Hope Baptist; Uchee Methodist; and Anthony's Chapel of Russell, Co
Page 180 Three centuries of Tuskegee by Liddie Davis written in 1884
Page 182 The LaFayette Guards – an article from the *LaFayette Sun* from Jan 23, 1899

There are some wonderful accounts of life in the 1800s. They wrote about life, its joys and hardships.

President Martha Swann wrote, "Our society is operated by volunteers whose love of the work is outstanding."

Lt. Col. John R. Fuller died Feb 1988. He was serving as one of GSEA's trustees.

In Vol. 4, Pages 196 – 200 Mrs. Boone Aiken writes the early history of GSEA. She describes the early efforts to publish Tap Roots and congratulates the members for their outstanding work – over the now twenty-five years.

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In Loving Memory of

Mrs. Henry Neill (Florida) Segrest

Mar. 14, 1904 - Mar. 20, 1988

GSEA's first president

The GSEA family also was sad that Mrs. Cum P. Gay of Phenix City and Mrs. Deryal Dan Harris of Alexander City died.

Two new trustees were added who were Robert A. Betts of Opelika and Robert Y. Perry of Macon, Co.

Presidents' Letters:

Vol. 26, No. 1: Charter members celebrated 25th Anniversary of GSEA

Vol. 26, No. 2: East Central Alabama is rich in history

Vol. 26, No. 3: Florida Segrest was the first president of GSEA – her spirit lives on in GSEA

Vol. 26, No. 4: GSEA begins its 27th year

Interesting contents:

Vol. 26, No. 1, pages 1 – 10 Bibles: Ferrell; Adams; and Johnson. The Johnson family immigrated from Georgia to Alabama and are buried in Tallapoosa Co.

The Adams family of Chambers, Co is documented from 1786 to 1968

Pages 11 -46 Cemeteries: Pine Grove; and Cliatt of Russell, Co; Old Original Alexander City – Tallapoosa, Co; and Radford Family of Coosa, Co.

Page 47 Muster Roll of Co L, 6th Ala Infantry Regt, CSA and a Census of Confederate Veterans residing in Notasulga in 1907

Vol. 26, No. 2, Pages 51 – 71 Bibles and family histories: Hayes; Hayes-Galloway; Harper; Menefee-Tatum; The life of Charles Arthur Harris and Hugh P. Johnson of Virginia to Ala

Pages 72 – 90: Cemeteries: Harper Hill; Zion Hill Baptist; Rowe; McClendon all of Tallapoosa, Co; Bethel Primitive Baptist - Coosa, Co; Menefee of Lee, Co;

Patterson; Talbot Co., Ga; McKee Plot, Old Bethesda Baptist – Eilerslie, Ga

Pages 91 – 97 Community records are taken from the *LaFayette Sun*, *The Universalist Herald* and the *Tuskegee News*

Vol. 26, No. 3, Pages 101 – 118 Bibles: Stanley; Mims; Dabbs; and McGowan

Pages 119 – 121 Cemeteries: Gilder – Lee, Co; Hutcheson – Tallapoosa, Co; and Providence Primitive Baptist – Clay, Co

Page 123 List of officers and members of Camp Lomax No 151 Confederate Veterans

Page 128 List of jurors for the spring term of Macon Co Circuit Court 1889

Page 132 The will of Nancy Caldwell of Macon Co

Page 138 Roll of County Medical Societies in Alabama in 1882

Vol. 26, No. 4, Pages 151 – 170 Bibles: Torbert; Howard; Hinkle-Calhoon; Wilson; Livingston; and Perry

Pages 171-175 Cemeteries: Ponder ; Pickard-West; Ramsey Memorial Presbyterian; Neal's Chapel Methodist; and Priddy

Page 191 An article by Dr. Alexander Nunn "A parade of famous people" in east Alabama

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In Loving Memory of

Mrs. June Hanna died Mar. 5, 1989
Miss Alice V. Wheelus died July 21, 1989
Mrs. Hugh (Nell) Byrd died Nov.22, 1989

This is the third edition where the married, lady officers were listed with their given names.

Vol. 4 page 195 listed gold mines for sale in Alabama in the 1840s. Terms: 1/3 cash; 1/3 at six months and 1/3 at twelve months

The society ended the year with 316 members.

Presidents' Letters:

Vol. 27, No. 1: Search your home, your community and your cemeteries for information and share it

Vol. 27, No. 2: Members have been traveling through-out the USA. Opelika opens a museum.

Vol. 27, No. 3: It's fun to research your family background

Vol. 27, No. 4: GSEA has completed 27 years of successful work. There is increased interest in the work of the society.

Interesting contents:

Vol. 27, No. 1, pages 1 – 16 Bibles: Allen; Turner-Tatum-Harris-Reynolds; Torbert – a continuation of the family of Capt. A. W. G. Torbert plus Co. D, 45th Ala Inf Regt, CSA.

Page 17 – 24: Cemeteries: Pleasant Springs, Macon Co.; Shiloh Primitive Bapt., Clay, Co; Pickard-West – Muscogee, Co., Ga.

Page 25 Milltown in Chambers Co is an unincorporated rural community that has had a secondary school for over 100 years

Page 30 Monument honors Chambers County Veterans

Vol. 27, No. 2, Page 51 – 64 Bibles: Prather; Holleys; Harper; Mason-Currin-Temple; Stillwell; Harris; Taylor; and Bass-Hinson-Simmons

Pages 65 – 75 Cemeteries: Dawson; Antioch Christian – Chambers Co – founded in 1868

Pages 76 – 79 The faculty and graduates of the Chambers County High School from 1912

Pages 80 – 81 History of Opelika churches from the *Opelika Daily News* Feb. 27, 1965

Page 82 Masonic Female College Macon Co 1852

Vol. 27, No. 3, Pages 101 – 116 Bibles: High; Morgan; Germany; Harris; McGowen; Akins; Shaffer; Christian; and Hanson

Pages 117 – 124 Cemeteries: New Prospect United Methodist – Tallapoosa Co; McCartha-Barnett; and Huguley – both of Lee Co

Page 125 History of the Uchee Good Hope Baptist Church – Russell Co

Pages 129 – 135 The Bradford's Chapel United Methodist Church 1868- Macon Co

Page 138 An interesting history of Camp Hill since 1834

Vol. 27, No. 4, Page 151 – 156 Bibles: Dorrough; Hoffman; and Harris-Smith

Pages 157 – 173 Cemeteries: Segrest; and Tuskegee City (Part 1) both of Macon Co

Page 174 The complete church register of Oak Bowery Church 1835 – 1836 including a register of pastors and members

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GSEA President Martha Swann moved to Salisbury, NC. Odessa Clotfelter became president and served to the end of the year. In her last President's Letter she bids farewell with the following poem:

"I live for those who love me,
 For those who love me true;
 For the heaven that smiles above me,
 And awaits my spirit too;
 For the cause that needs assistance.
 For the wrongs that need resistance,
 For the future in the distance,
 And the good that I can do."

Odessa was very active in the Alabama Silver Haired Legislature, a volunteer group, representing older Alabamians in State Government.

Presidents' Letters:

Vol. 28, No. 1: There are 264 members in the beginning of the 28th year of GSEA
 Vol. 28, No. 2: Mrs. Odessa Clotfelter will finish out Martha Swann's term as president
 Vol. 28, No. 3: Members are urged to contribute material to Tap Roots so that GSEA will go forward
 Vol. 28, No. 4: Peace is here and our troops will soon be back on American soil

Interesting contents:

Vol. 28, No. 1, pages 1 – 10 Bibles: Bradley & Wallace; McConn & Stanley; Lewis; Cleveland; Howle; and Garnett & Landers
 Pages 11 – 31 Cemeteries: Bradford Chapel Methodist and Tuskegee City (Part 2) Macon,Co
 Pages 32 – 42 The history of the First Baptist Church of Tuskegee including the pastors
 Page 43 Article from the Universalist Herald Aug 21, 1857, about laying the corner stone of the East Alabama Male College
 Page 48 – The first trustees of Auburn were pastors
 Vol. 28, No. 2, Pages 51 – 67 Bibles and Family histories: Jones-Berry; Henderson; Thomas & Crawford; The Lock families from Halifax and Bladen Counties in North Carolina
 Pages 68 – 88 Cemeteries: Tuskegee City (Part 3); Barrow - both of Macon Co; and County Line in Elmore Co, Ala.
 Page 89 – Names of faculty and graduates of Chambers Co High School 1923 - 1931
 Page 92 – "The Horse Review" a 1917 review f the farmer, the motor and the horse
 Page 97 – The first railroad of East Alabama was ready in 1840
 Vol. 28, No. 3, Pages 101 117 Bibles: Drinkard & Stinson; Foster & Howard; and the death of Buford Dean
 Pages 118 – 137 Cemeteries: Tuskegee City (Part 4 - end) and Jordan & Thompson
 Pages 139 – 143 Items from the Tuskegee News in 1892
 Page 144 Using the Soundex to research the Federal Census
 Vol. 28, No. 4, Pages 151 – 163 Bibles: Wood & Crauswell; Redmon; Ennis; Hammock; Hunt, O'Neal; Akin
 Pages 163 – 178 Cemeteries: Macadonia Primitive Baptist – Clay, Co; Old Field; Garden of Love; Hew Hope Baptist; Wise and King Ringestone – all of Tallapoosa Co
 Page 185 Dr. William C. Bledsoe remembers the Civil War in a letter to his cousin
 Pages 190 – 200 Cemetery index of all cemeteries from Vol. 1 No 1 through Vol. 28 No 3

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Presidents' Letters:

Vol. 29, No. 1: John Spence was the speaker at the April meeting. His topic: putting genealogical data on a computer

Vol. 29, No. 2: Holidays are filled with family gatherings and old traditions

Vol. 29, No. 3: Julia Horn, editor of Tap Roots, appreciates members who gather material for publication

Vol. 29, No. 4: Create a family tree with photos. Get your collections in order with names and dates.

Interesting contents:

Vol. 29, No. 1, pages 1 – 14 Bibles: Hilderbrand; Shadrack Perry; John Jenkins and John Owens
Pages 15 – 26 Cemeteries: Seale, Howard, Fort Mitchell - all of Russell Co;

Pleasant Hill in Macon Co and Holley – in Tallapoosa Co

Page 27 Pittsview, Ala, Russell Co, first settled in the early 1880s; railroads came later

Page 31 Tallapoosa Co's - Jackson's Gap's 100th Anniversary was in Aug 1954

Page 34 The First Methodist Society in Notasulga was organized in 1836 (Macon, Co)

Vol. 29, No. 2, Pages 51 – 65 Bibles: Rhames; Ingram; Norrell; and Stroud

Page 66 Death notices from the *Tuskegee News* from 1896 to 1941

Pages 80 – 86 CSA Tallapoosa Co; 14th Ala Reg; Co G Hilliby Blues; Co H Jackson

Avengers; Co I Hilliby Rifles and Co K Louisiana Guards –

Page 88 Register of pupils at Roanoke Normal College for 1890 and 1891 – Randolph Co

Page 93 A detailed account of Charles West's will – Muscogee Co, Ga

Vol. 29, No. 3, Pages 101 – 113 Bibles: Blackwelder; Hunter & Shepherd; Hodnett and Letters of Thomas Jackson May of Notasulga in Macon Co. to his family in Georgia about life in 1851

Pages 113 – 123 Cemeteries: Bethany Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery – Clay Co and Patterson Family in Tallapoosa Co

Pages 124 – 133 CSA - 14th Ala Regt: Co A Cusseta Greys; Co B Moore Guards;

Co C Tom Watt's Greys; Co D Yancey Greys; Co E Gilmore Greys and Co F Billy Gilmore Greys

Page 134 Social items from the *Tuskegee News* 1896 – 1897

Vol. 29, No. 4, Page 151 – 174 Bibles: Clotfelter; Blankenship; Coleman and Hugh McCalla Wilson

Page 179 – Schools before the Civil War in Cusseta and Oak Bowery

Pages 181 – 198 CSA Men of the 45th Inf – Introduction and Co A and Co B

Vol. 29, No. 2, Page 100:

The Society had two used items for sale as follows:

A Model 525 Mimeograph used to reproduce the first several issues of Tap Roots. There are no defects in the machine and left-over supplies are included.

A Hermes Toptronic Model 51 Typewriter – German made – it uses the daisy print wheel with a wide selection of typing fonts. It has a limited word storage capacity but that is offset with the external memory micro-disk. Original cost \$3,000 if new. The Society paid \$1,500 for this discounted demonstrator model.

A 2013 update:

The typewriter is gone. The tapes still exist; however, there isn't any way to read them.

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Robert Bradley with the Alabama Department of Archives and History presented the April program. Bradley brought slides of the large collection of CSA flags. He explained wedding dresses of red, blue and green were popular at that time. These were the materials used to make many of the flags. Also some were decorated with bedspread fringe.

Vol. 30, No. 3, page 196 is "Grandmama;s Story" the move to LaFayette in 1840 and the returning visit back to Georgia. She tells how hard the trip was and how much they enjoyed it.

Presidents' Letters:

Vol. 30, No. 1: The Civil War flags of Alabama were made of wedding dresses and bedspread fringe

Vol. 30, No. 2: No president's letter.

Vol. 30, No. 3: Robert and Julia Horn are resigning because of health.

Vol. 30, No. 4: Family reunions are a good way to identify old photos

Interesting contents:

- Vol.30, No. 1, pages 1 – 21 The saga of the Holston family from South Carolina, Georgia to Alabama
Pages 23 – 36 Cemetery records of Bethel of Bluff Springs; and Bethel Baptist Church of Christ – both of Clay Co, Ala.
Pages 37 – 49 CSA – The men of the 45th Ala Inf, Co C and Co D
- Vol. 30, No. 2, Pages 51 – 69 Family stories: McBryde ancestors of Ronald S. Barksdale;
Bibles: Daniel; Brooks; and Osborn
Pages 70 – 73: Cemeteries: Simpson in Tallapoosa Co; Denson Hill in Russell Co
Pages 73 - 81 The history of the Five Points United Methodist Church – Chambers Co – includes a listing of pastors, founders and weddings of members
Page 82 The redistricting of Chambers Co Schools in 1917 to 1919
Pages 86 – 99 CSA – The men of the 45th Ala Inf, Co E, Co F and Co G
- Vol. 30, No. 3, Pages 101 – 116 Family and Bible records: Richard Langford of Macon Co;
Ransom hope Rhame of Ridgeway; Kerlin; and G. W. Carter Bible 1840 - 1986
Page 117 List of women voters of Chambers County in 1922
Pages 125 128 Siftings of Church and community at the Baptist Church of Christ at Bethel near Waverly
Pages 129 – 131 Traveling in Russell County from 1805 - 1885
Pages 132 – 150 CSA – The men of the 45th Ala Inf, Co H, Co I and Co K
- Vol. 30, No. 4, Page 151 – 175 Bibles and Family: Mariemma Plant Fuller; Smiths of Uchee; Hayes-Galloway; Livingston-Coleman; Blanks; Lazarus Chadwic; Burks; Cobb-Cobbs; Moore; and Avery
Pages 176 – 178 Locations of Lake Martin and Harris Reservoir Cemeteries
Page 195 – A first person story of one of the first settlers of Chambers Co in 1836

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“I urge each of us to never lose sight of and always remember that if our ancestors had not been, we would not be. For this reason I say that we owe everything to our forebears.” James Noel Baker, GSEA, President July 1993.

Editor Elaine Hendricks in her article “Shake that Tree” Vol. 31, No. 4, page 196 Said, “You just never know where the next new and exciting tidbit of information might come from! Shake That Tree!

Presidents’ Letters:

Vol. 31, No. 1: The 31st year of GSEA is now beginning. A lot of hard work went into the prior 30 years.

Vol. 31, No. 2: GSEA needs material for Tap Roots. Request to share information.

Vol. 31, No. 3: It’s always necessary to have aims and purposes – otherwise there is no reason for continued existence.

Vol. 31, No. 4: Special thanks for the response to share information. He praised all 31 years of staff for an excellent job with Tap Roots.

Interesting contents:

Vol. 31, No. 1, pages 1 - 6 Bibles and family records: Sargent; Davis; Reynolds; and Dennis
Pages 7 – 25 Community interest and news: Fort Bainbridge; Russell Co Units CSA; Old names and Indian places; Inaugural address of CSA President Davis
Page 31 Why do we need to use a computer for genealogy?

Pages 39 – 50 Index of Bible records from Tap Roots From July 1963 thru April 1993
Vol. 31, No. 2, Pages 51 – 61 Bibles: Ross; Dunn; Wiggins; Ballard; and Teal-Teel
Page 62 Watery Graves – on an island in Lake Martin – Tallapoosa Co
Page 90 How to determine ancestor relationships – double cousins, kin-folks once removed, etc.

Vol. 31, No. 3, Page 101 Hamling Tatum was born 1816 in Putnam Co., Georgia
Page 103 Ray Cemetery Tallapoosa Co – this is a follow up to the Watery Grave article – these listings are known graves at the same cemetery
Pages 106 – 144: New Salem Baptist Church Membership rolls – Tallapoosa Co; History of the First Baptist Church – Notasulga – Macon Co; and Famous footsteps and passages in Russell Co
Page 145 The meaning of early gravestone art
Page 146 – What is genealogy?

Vol. 31, No. 4, Pages 151 – 162 Bibles: Stone; Holloway; Godwin; Vaughan; Reynolds; and Eskridge
Pages 163 – 171 History of the Society Hill United Methodist Church, Macon Co
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Pages 193 The Story of a Confederate Flag – 37th Ala Inf Regt – organized at Oak Bowery
Page 196 Shake that tree!

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This year was filled with activities. There were Genealogy workshops, verification and mapping of cemeteries. Robert McNutt agreed to serve as cemetery chairman. John Calhoun, Gene and Edna Ward helped. Topo maps were studied for cemeteries not enumerated yet. Discoveries of cemetery locations led to exciting times.

Editor, Elaine Hendricks was over-whelmed with new articles, pedigree charts and new cemeteries. What great problems to have. These finds were to be enjoyed by all in future editions of Tap Roots.

GSEA members took their first cemetery cleaning project at Mechanicsville.

Presidents' Letters:

Vol. 32, No. 1: Announced plans to hold genealogy workshops in all five counties.
Vol. 32, No. 2: GSEA sends Tap Roots to 325 members. He is pleased with the society's progress.
Vol. 32, No. 3: Verification of cemetery locations on maps for all five counties is nearing completion.
Vol. 32, No. 4: Compliments for the cemetery location project and genealogy workshop were nice.

Interesting contents:

Vol. 32, No. 1, pages 1 – 7 Martha Morrow and Elias Crocket families
Pages 8 – 19 Bibles: Zuber; Wear; and Cotton-Lowe
Page 20 Roxana Methodist Cemetery, updated – Lee Co
Pages 21 – 34 Tallapoosa Co 1855 Census – a State of Alabama Census – part 1
Pages 34 – 43 An Index to all cemeteries listed in Tap Roots

Vol. 32, No. 2, Page 67 The Leroy Thompson family
Page 68 The Lanier, Johnson, Smith Cemetery – Tallapoosa Co
Pages 69 -86 Tallapoosa Co 1855 Census – a State of Alabama Census – part 2
Pages 87 – 99 History of Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church – Lee Co
Page 100 Mitchell Mill – Lee Co

Vol. 32, No. 3, Pages 133 – 152 Bibles and family records: Stephens; Mann; Daniel; Crockett; Elder W. M. Mitchell
Page 154 Milner Graves near Camp Hill, Ala
Pages 155 – 160 LaPlace Cemetery, Macon Co
Pages 161 – 182 Tallapoosa Co 1855 Census – a State of Alabama Census – part 3

Vol. 32, No. 4, Page 202 Descendants of James K. Bailey
Pages 208 – 240 Census of Confederate Soldiers 1907 residing in Lee Co
Pages 241 – 250 Membership Roll of the First Universalist Church – Camp Hill, Ala
Page 251 Abigail – Russell Co – A witch sentence pronounced death and vertical burial

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By January 1996, the society's membership had grown to 378, the largest in the society's history.

By-laws of GSEA were re-compiled. This was a major project because all members must have a chance to vote.

Elaine Hendricks, Editor of Tap Roots published many pedigree charts this year. She was very excited to match several members with each other who were working on the same family lines.

Judge Baker was especially proud of what the society accomplished in 1995-6.

Presidents' Letters:

Vol. 33, No. 1: Attendance at GSEA meetings has grown. Additional chairs were donated from the First United Methodist Church in Opelika. The chairs were obtained by Sam and Beth Bailey.

Vol. 33, No. 2: Three of the five genealogy workshops were completed with 115 total attendees.

Vol. 33, No. 3: Judge Baker's arrangements to reprint Rev. F. L Cherry's History of Opelika were made with the Alabama Department of Archives and History. An index for the book is almost finished.

Vol. 33, No. 4: Rev. F. L. Cherry's History of Opelika is ready. GSEA's secretary received and answered 135 letters this year.

Interesting contents:

Vol. 33, No. 1, pages 1 – 35: Bibles: Denson; family histories: Richardson – Williams; Henry Norman Langford; Letters: to Mr. Allen Davis; from Dr. William Car Bledsoe

Pages 36 – 46: Diary of J. W. Howard

Page 47 Good Hope Baptist Church – Russell Co

Pages 50 – 53 Cemeteries: Tamplin; Ogletree; and Nelson of Lee Co; Shealy of Chambers Co; Colley of Tallapoosa Co

Vol. 33, No. 2, Pages 72 – 106: Family stories: Jane Ramage Bonds; Diary of J. W. Howard (part 2); Family of Elijah C. Athey; Warthen family; Will of Mary Ann Crawford Day

Pages 107 – 110 Cemeteries: Smith Landing; Wildwood; and Mask in Tallapoosa Co; and Moses Wheat in Lee Co

Vol. 33, No. 3, Pages 148 – 157 – Four Ancestors served in CSA: West, McFarland, Mullins & Edwards
Pages 158 – 161 A Civil war Letter from Mary Ann Crawford Day to her brother Capt.

William Ayers Crawford. Mrs. Day was writing from Mt. Jefferson, Ala in Lee Co.

Pages 162 – 178 Diary of J. W. Howard (part 3)

Pages 179 – 182 Hurtsboro, the last section in Russell Co to be settled by the white man

Page 183 – Porch sitting, a time for families to talk to each other. We need more porches.

Vol. 33, No. 4, Page 219 – 256: Lawrence Lewis & Maria Kelton; The O'Neal family; Camilla Lester Stewart Letter and Mary Ann Crawford Day – Civil war letter

Pages 258 – 272 Ten Cemetery listings were published. Also a tombstone found at the Auburn Police Dept was returned to its rightful place in Armstrong Cemetery

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In Loving memory

of

Judge James Noel Baker died Feb 8, 1997

Robert C. Horn died Jan 17, 1996.

Mrs. Martha Swann died June 25, 1996.

Mrs. Martha Sharman died June 6, 1996.

Lt. Col. Otis S. Moreman died July 19, 1996

The deaths above were tremendous losses to our entire communities. These individuals were true servants. We were blessed by their leadership and hard work to the society.

Presidents' Letters:

Vol. 34, No. 1: Newspaper coverage for Rev. F. L. Cherry's History has been well received. Mr. William White with the Opelika-Auburn News and Mr. Billy Winn with the Columbus Enquirer were recognized for their excellent coverage. Mr. Winn will be the speaker for July's GSEA meeting.

Vol. 34, No. 2: GSEA had troubles. Dues not being paid on time increased mailing costs of Tap Roots. Judge Baker stated, "I take and defend the position that it is unethical for a paid researcher or paid genealogist to run a query at the expense of the Society and sell that information to a client."

Vol. 34, No. 3: Judge Baker reflected on the many blessings and friendships formed through GSEA.

Vol. 34, No. 4: There was a tribute to Judge James Noel Baker 1916 – 1997.

Interesting contents:

Vol. 34, No. 1, pages 1 – 8 Loxla Edwards family Bible and records
Pages 9 – 22 Letters of Love and Tragedy – John Henry Lowe Part 2
Page 23 – 28 History of Pinetucket and cemetery – Lee Co
Pages 29 – 48 The diary of J. W. Howard (part 4 and the end)
Pages 49 – 51 Cemeteries: Peckerwood (Old Liberty); and Williams –both in Talp., Co

Vol. 34, No. 2, Pages 74 – 84 Letters of Love and Tragedy – John Henry Lowe Part 3
Pages 85 – 88 Larkin Weaver
Pages 89 – 99 Guerrys and the Dunns
Pages 100 – 120 Cemeteries: Cubahatchee – Macon Co; Liberty CME - Chambers; Henderson; and Brown in Tallapoosa Co; and Tillery in Lee Co

Vol. 34, No. 3, Pages 152 – 169 Letters of Love and Tragedy – John Henry Lowe Part 4
Pages 170 – 175 John and Mary Smith of Georgia
Page 176 Ten unmarked graves in the Hurtsboro Cemetery – Russell Co
Pages 177 - 193 Macon Co Registers of Voters in 1904, 1908 and 1910

Vol. 34, No. 4, Pages 221 – 234 The Griggs families of NC, Ga and Ala
Pages 234 – 238 The Hudson family
Pages 238 – 244 The John Henry Lowe family, will and final letter of Oct 31, 1847
Pages 245 – 274 Community articles and several cemeteries

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Mrs. Laura Zeta Lewis Smith died May 9, 1997.
She served in various GSEA offices over 26 years
Mrs. Hugh (Nell) Byrd died Nov. 22, 1989.
Mr. Floyd Christian, Sr. died July 17, 1997.
Beth Duhon Bailey died Aug. 6, 1997.

Mrs. Edith Byrd had served GSEA as recording secretary for five or six years. She traveled from Columbus to Opelika to serve, which is a distance of about 30 miles one-way. She also shared her pedigree chart. Robert McNutt, GSEA's Cemetery Chairman noticed the name of one of her ancestors he had recently documented. Edith had spent years looking for his grave. The cemetery had not been published yet. Robert McNutt took Edith to the cemetery and she was able to visit the grave of Theophilus Stephens.

Presidents' Letters:

Vol. 35, No. 1: Officers Lt. Cols. John T. Smith and John W. Calhoun- both retired - wanted to really retire.

After long and distinguished military careers, both gave many hours of quality time to GSEA.

Vol. 35, No. 2: Antoinette Segraves is now serving as Alabama's Regent DAR. Congratulations to "Nettie."

Vol. 35, No. 3: Elaine Hendricks becomes "granny" and retires as editor of Tap Roots. Problems continue with paid researchers who obtain information free but collect fees to provide to their clients.

Vol. 35, No. 4: Summer vacations may include reunions. Also, adding an extra day to visit libraries and court houses might enable one to find that long needed piece of the family puzzle.

Interesting contents:

Vol. 35, No. 1, pages 1 – 46: Bibles: Foster; Alford; Martin; and McDonald; Family stories: Garrett Morris; Isaac Harvey Vincent; Fountain-Garrett-Knight history

Pages 47 – 50 Cemeteries: Huguley, Scott; White; Ponder Hill;

"Lost"; Dowdell; and Union Hill of Chambers Co; Harrell in Macon Co

Vol. 35, No. 2, Pages 78 – 81 History of the Stephens Family

Pages 83 – 85 Rev Ruben Thornton – Visit to a cemetery by Ernestine Cooksey

Pages 86 – 122 CSA 28th Ga – Bonaud's Battalion – the last CSA unit formed in East Ala

Vol. 35, No. 3, Pages 164 – 176: Families: Loranza Powell; Minnie Viola Williams Powell; Richard Mansfield Williams; Zachariah McKenney; Hardy Mitchell's CSA letter; J. T. Pucket and Dr. J. B. Barnett - obituaries

Pages 178 – 208 CSA 28th Ga – Bonaud's Battalion – part 2 of 3

Pages 209 – 211 Deaths, marriages and humor (see page 211) from Tallapoosa co 1887

Vol. 35, No. 4, Page 222 Fuller Family Cemetery – Tallapoosa Co

Pages 223 - 225 Dupree and Meadows Family Bible and Dupree Family Cemetery Lee Co

Pages 226 – 235 The McCain Family

Page 236 Popular Springs Methodist Church Cemetery - Tallapoosa Co

Page 236 – 245 Macon County Circuit Court 1837 – 1838

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GSEA membership this year was 335.

Rena Henderson became the new editor of Tap Roots after Elaine Hendricks retired.

Tap Roots through the years usually contained 50 pages per issue. Beginning with Vol. 32, there were 250 or more pages for some years. Robert McNutt enumerated an abundance of cemeteries within four of the five counties. The reasoning became, we have the information, let's get it to our members.

There are too many cemeteries in issues 3 and 4 to list. Later, there were cemetery indexes published in Tap Roots.

Presidents' Letters:

Vol. 36, No. 1: One of the joys of genealogy is getting to meet real people. This letter describes a visit to Dr. James Forrest Fargason of Tallassee. He granted an interview and a tour of his home museum.

Vol. 36, No. 2: Instead of a letter this was a tow-page article about how land is divided. Several had asked, What do the letters and numbers mean in a cemetery location?

Vol. 36, No. 3: Instead of a letter this was an inspiring article and tribute to CSA General Robert E. Lee.

Vol. 36, No. 4: GSEA received a gift of Fullerton microfilm from Mr. Gordon W. Fullerton of Honolulu, HI. With his letter and gift was a letter explaining the importance of listing places in genealogy.

Interesting contents:

Vol. 36, No. 1, pages 35 – 39 Dr. James F. Gargason's History of the construction of Martin Dam.
Pages 1 – 14 "To the bone, or past" Calvin E Jernigan and Susan E Bardin – families
Pages 15 – 26: Cemeteries: Prather – Chambers Co; Vines; Sheephill; Macedonia Christian – Tallapoosa Co; and Fellowship –Bullock Co

Page40 -42 Location of Susanna in Tallapoosa Co and the Oh Susanna School

Vol. 36, No. 2, Pages 74 – 81 The life and ministry of Thomas Paine Fincher

Pages 83 – 88 More about Susannah, the school and Tall Pines in Tallapoosa Co

Vol. 36, No. 3, Pages 132 -159 The Elijah M. Williams family and letters – some while in CSA service

Pages 174 – 183 Campo, A North American cemetery in Brazil

Vol. 36, No. 4, Pages 199 – 205 The Fullerton Family – A precious Bible bought at an auction is returned to the Fullerton Family

Page206 – 214 Bowling-Brisky Cemetery in Chambers Co, including family research

Pages 251 -252 CSA Camp Watts at Notasulga Ala (Macon Co) burials

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In Loving memory of
Mrs. Edith Byrd died April 8, 1999.
Miss Nell Orr died March 2, 1999
Miss Sara Webb died May 2, 1999
Mrs. Minnie May Cummings died May 17, 1999.

There were no president's letters for Vols. 3 and 4. In Vol. 38, No. 1, President Ward explains "What I would have like to have written probably wasn't best; 'Silence is golden' some say. We have been dealing with mean problems in three cemeteries in Lee County and progress, if any, is slow. When I can write about these problems more clearly, I promise I will."

Presidents' Letters:

Vol. 37, No. 1: Summer is not a good time to visit cemeteries because of bugs, snakes, ticks, etc. However, it is a good time to organize notes, records and visit relatives.

Pages 46 – 47, A letter from the editor of Tap Roots including some of the compliments the society recently received.

Vol. 37, No. 2: Instead of a letter, there is an article, "Death Claims W. C. Green in Home of Strangers."

This was a reprint from the *Opelika Daily News*. We were hoping someone knew W. C. Green.

Vol. 37, No. 3: No letter.

Vol. 37, No. 4: No letter.

Interesting contents:

Vol. 37, No. 1, Pages 1- 22 The James Cook and associated families: Cummings, Bishop, Nix, Siggers, Richardson, Bailey, Henry, and White

Pages – There were 14 cemetery listings published in this issue

Vol. 37, No. 2, Pages 77- 80 The Thomas Shepard Bible from 1752

Page 80 Honor Roll, Pine Grove School for Feb 1909

Pages 86 – 102 The descendants of John Mitchell 1796 – 1865 of Macon Co

Pages 103 - 114 Selocta Chinnabee Mico – The South's greatest Indian

Pages 115 – 126 The LaFayette College 1890 – 1891,

Vol. 37, No. 3, Pages 143 – 160 The Huguley Families of Chambers, Lee, Macon and Russell Cos

Pages 179 – 184 A visit with Father William M. Allegretto, C.M. St. Mary's Church - Opelika

Pages 185 – 192 1st Lt. Andrew Jackson Buttram, CSA – the last CSA soldier killed east of the Mississippi - the last battle fought at Mumford, Talladega Co., Ala

Vol. 37, No. 4, Pages 204 – 219 Twenty cemeteries are listed.

Pages 220 – 225 1833 Chambers County Commissioners' Minutes and Estray Records

Pages 226 – 245 Lee County Trial Docket March 1867 – Feb 1871 Part 1

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In Loving memory of
Ruth Crump who died Jan 29, 2001

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This was an unusually busy year. Robert McNutt enumerated many new cemeteries. We were busy getting the information typed and ready for Tap Roots.

Trouble continued in Lee County Cemeteries. GSEA's by laws do not address cemetery problems – which was solved later.

Presidents' Letters:

Vol. 38, No. 1: Ward explained why no president's letters were in the prior two issues of Tap Roots.

Vol. 38, No. 2: Ward describes cemetery problems in Lee County and why an Alabama Attorney General Opinion was requested.

Vol. 38, No. 3: Don't forget humor in genealogy. Those old family stories show so much personality.

Vol. 38, No. 4: Ward ends her two year term as president. She was excited a new group of officers will start their terms of service on May 1st.

Interesting contents:

Vol. 38, No. 1, pages 1 – 16 Sarah Matilda Clayton Jeter's Diary 1860 - 1863 Part 1
Pages 17 – 24 And that's the way it was beginning in 1927 – My experiences as I remember them – by James Herman Cook
Pages 24 – 27 Pharmaceuticals from the past from Sears, Roebuck and Co 1902
Pages 31 – 46 Lee County Trial Docket March 1867 – Feb 1871 Part 2

Vol. 38, No. 2, Pages 71 – 77 Shealy, Winston and Smith T Families
Pages 78 – 81 Colonel Wilkins Smith Family
Pages 82 – 97 Sarah Matilda Clayton Jeter's Diary 1860 – 1863 Part 2
Pages 99 – 110 Friendship Baptist Church History and Cemetery Chambers Co
Page 114 Alabama's Burial Bill §13A-7-23.1 Desecrating, destroying, etc, burial grounds of human remains and The Constitution of the United States Amendment XIV (1868)
Pages 116 – 123 Lee County Trial Docket March 1867 – Feb 1871 Part 3

Vol. 38, No. 3, Pages 145 – 155: Families: Sanford-Grooms; John Holley; Solomon A. Ward
Page 156 "The Future and the Journey of Life" from The LaFayette Sun 1892
Pages 165 – 176 Lee County Trial Docket March 1867 – Feb 1871 Part 4

Vol. 38, No. 4, Page – Inside front cover – an Internet request. GSEA prefers not to be listed. There is not enough volunteers to answer the overwhelming volume of mail.
Page 207 Kinnebrew-Middlebrooks Cemetery, Lee Co
Pages 211 – 225 Harmony Methodist Church – Chambers Co
Pages 229 – 248 Fairview Cemetery, Chambers Co 913 entries
Pages 249 – 258 Lee County Trial Docket March 1867 – Feb 1871 Part 5

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The nominating committee asked Edna Ward to take a term as editor of Tap Roots. She agreed. Then there were no members who were willing to serve as president. They by-laws require the president to remain in office until a successor is elected and qualified. So –several officers are still faithfully serving GSEA.

GSEA extended sincere sympathy to all affected by the events of Sept. 11, 2001. A bookmark was included in October's Tap Roots with the poem "What God Hath Promised."

Three GSEA members earned awards. John Ross from the Chattahoochee Historical Commission and Mary Lou Smith and Zack Sprayberry from Save our Saughatchee.

Presidents' Letters:

- Vol. 39, No. 1: Progress is being made with cemeteries. A local bill creating a cemetery commission was introduced into the Alabama Legislature.
- Vol. 39, No. 2: Trouble continues with cemeteries in Lee Co.
- Vol. 39, No. 3: The Alabama Historical Commission met in Auburn on Oct. 31st. Five GSEA members were there with slides to show and asked – "Does this bring you honor or disgrace?"
- Vol. 39, No. 4: Our new cemetery strategy "tell somebody" is working nicely. One can do a lot of good. However, several acting together can do even more good.

Interesting contents:

- Vol. 39, No. 1, pages 1 – 4 Barronton – Bolt – Lamb and related families
Pages 5 – 10 James W Moon family – James is at Pleasant Springs Cemetery in Macon Co –
If he is my ancestor why is he there? (Mystery was solved - he was his ancestor.)
Pages 11 - 16 J D and Sarah Ann Phillips
Pages 17 – 31 Mt Pisgah Presbyterian Church at Hackneyville in Tallapoosa Co
Pages 38 – 48 Lee County Trial Docket March 1867 – Feb 1871 Part 6
- Vol. 39, No. 2, Page 51 Dr. Thomas Edwards of Tallapoosa Co
Pages 54 – 59 Floyds of Bean's Mill – Lee Co
Pages 83 – 92 Lee County Trial Docket March 1867 – Feb 1871 Part 7
- Vol. 39, No. 3, Pages 101 – 112 Jack and Carolyn Moore of Opelika and ancestors: Moore; Trimble & Jones
Pages 114 – 128 Hasty family of Alabama, Texas and Oklahoma
Pages 129 – 134 Descendants of James Rutledge
Pages 140 – 149 Lee County Trial Docket March 1867 – Feb 1871 Part 8
- Vol. 39, No. 4, Pages 151 – 161 The Maynor family
Pages 166 – 175 Bethel Cemetery in Bullock Co
Pages 178 – 179 A short history of the Pierce Chapel Methodist Church, Lee Co
Pages 181 – 190 Lee County Trial Docket March 1867 – Feb 1871 Part 9

Officers: July – Oct 2002 – Jan – April 2003
 Vol. 40, No. 1, 2, 3 and 4

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In Loving Memory of
 Miss Mary Frances Webb died Feb. 26, 2002.
 Lt. Col. John W. Calhoun (Ret) died July 26, 2002.

Our nation was about to go to war this year. Peace was only a dream. Rev. Hardy Graves explained, "There are members of my congregation who had serious concerns about President Bush's decisions. As a Christian nation, we are commanded to obey those in authority over us. There may be some within the military who share those concerns, but as good, loyal Americans, they put their personal feelings aside; saluted their superiors and went on to serve this great nation. In America we can disagree, yet serve the greater good. It goes to the character of the young folks of this nation. Anyone wishing to see a good role model wouldn't have to look beyond those in military service."

Presidents' Letters:

- Vol. 40, No. 1: Thank you for the nice notes sent with membership renewals. We do work hard and it's nice to know our efforts are meaningful.
- Vol. 40, No. 2: Troubles with cemeteries continue. Ward pledges to speak out when appropriate and not be timid about it. She thinks change is coming and she is looking forward to it.
- Vol. 40, No. 3: Same troubles with cemeteries continue. Bob Riley is Alabama's new Governor.
- Vol. 40, No. 4: As our nation was just days from a war, Ward talked to Lt. Col. Hardy Graves (Ret.) about his thoughts and prayers for peace.

Interesting contents:

- Vol. 40, No. 1, Pages 1 – 11: Descendants of: James Rutledge; Daniel Williams, Sr.; John E. Williams and Rev. James Rees (Reese)
 Pages 33 – 34 Mrs. P. W. Corr's letter to Mrs. C. J. Wynn
 Pages 34 – 37 "Telling Your Story" by Judith Nunn – from her presentation to GSEA Apr 20
 Pages 38 – 47 Lee County Trial Docket March 1867 – Feb 1871 Part 10 – the end
- Vol. 40, No. 2, Pages 52 – 54 Moses Wheat Bible
 Pages 55 – 57 Remembrances of Moses Wheat in the Lost Community of Mt. Jefferson
 Page 57 Mt. Jefferson's store awarded spirituous Liquor License - 1854 Chambers
 Pages 58 – 64 Reminiscences of and about Mr. John "Jack" Floyd 1828 - 1887
 Pages 67 – 74 Bean's Mill – including the 2002 Historic Marker
 Pages 75 - 100 The story of the Thomas Drake Samford, Jr., Family Bible - Also including the William James Samford Journal 1844 – 1901 Part 1
- Vol. 40, No. 3, Page 101 – 117 William James Samford Journal 1844 – 1901 Part 2
 Pages 122 – 124 "Writing your Church's History" by Carolyn Ellis GSEA program July 20
 Pages 125 – 131 Will the real Gilbert S. Gay please stand up? by Elaine Hendricks. She has found several men Gilbert S. Gay and is frustrated as to which one is her ancestor.
 Pages 139 – 149 James Dowdell II – the family, cemetery and cemetery restoration
- Vol. 40, No. 4, Page 163 Recording Rosemere Cemetery's history in Opelika
 Pages 175 – 199 Elem Primitive Baptist Church Minutes 1833 – 1870 Macon Co

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GSEA's officers remained the same for fiscal year 41. It was a good year with Robert McNutt, GSEA's Cemetery Chairman finding, recording and submitting numerous cemeteries. McNutt and Rev. Hardy Graves worked quite a while to record Pine Level Cemetery and create this paper record, which such a record did not exist for those who managed the cemetery.

Bernice Griggs (1924 – 2010) was Tap Root's proofreader. We joked she could find pregnant errors – i.e. existing errors having baby errors.

Presidents' Letters:

Vol. 41, No. 1: Copyright review and infringements.

Vol. 41, No. 2: Technology, changes, genealogy and press one vs. "number please" for telephones

Vol. 41, No. 3: 2004 begins with news of quarries coming, growth and development in our counties, trouble in high places – Alabama's Chief Justice was removed from office; suggested clip newspaper articles for our journals and make entries

Vol. 41, No. 4: Spring had arrived. April is Confederate History Month in Alabama.

Interesting contents:

Vol. 41, No. 1, page 1: Lt. Gen. Hal Moore was honored and gave Auburn's Memorial Day Breakfast Tribute

Pages 4 and 5: Lee County, Ala Veterans' Memorials

Page 22: Elem Primitive Baptist Church Minutes - Macon County, Ala. 1843 – 1870.

Vol. 41, No. 2, Page 51: Decoration Day – Winston County, Ala and Robert McNutt's family 1916 en route to Decoration Day – these celebrations are now called Memorial Day

Page 54: Claud and Julia Belyeu Hand, a family from Chambers County, Ala

Page 58: Sand Hill Christian Church, Cemetery and school, Lee County, Ala

Vol. 41, No. 3, Page 101: Charles Robert McFarland died Dec, 2, 2003. This was in loving memory of him.

Page 102: Dallas Mitchell – 1924 – 1951 was remembered by David Whitt Dorsey

Page 104: A fun story about Gene Ward's "Short Night's Sleep" followed by a tribute to his ancestors: Jefferson D. Crow, David Carlton Duncan and William Clark Crow.

Page 111: Sketches from the Belyeu Family by Rev. Herbert W. Patterson, Sr.

Page 117: GSEA's Program Oct. 2003 by Henry Stern: Opelika's Beautiful Past

Page 120: Descendants of Joseph Davis, Sr. by Tamera J. Caine

Page 135: Descendants of John Isaac Tinney by Tamera J. Caine

Vol. 41, No. 4, Page 151: Mrs. Alberta Martin, Alabama's last Confederate widow died.

Page 153: Origins of Opelika, What's in a name – Fiction or Fact? By J. Newell Floyd

Page 158: Simeon Whatley Family – a journal kept by Theodore Adolphus Whatley, Sr.

Page 189: Pine Level Cemetery in Lee County, Ala.

Pages: 13, 17, 20, 48, 71, 99, 100, 103, 109 and 152: Laughs from the past – gave chuckles our ancestors probably enjoyed. These were humorous little tidbits from local newspapers designed to make us smile.

Officers: July – Oct 2004 – Jan – April 2005

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In Loving Memory
of
Mariemma Plant Fuller died April 20, 2004
Odessa Morrison Clotfelter – 1912 - 2004

Genealogy is full of wonderful family stories. Sometimes we tend to overlook some really good ones because our ancestors misbehaved in our view. Martha Kearney and Nolen Bufford compiled and shared some great stories about the Morgan families. In Vol. 4, Page 179, 3rd Paragraph, they remembered Uncle Matt who shot the hands off the court house clock in Macon County. He was fined \$20 but offered to pay \$40 in case he might want to do it again.

President's Letters:

Vol 42, No 1: Birth Announcement: The Genealogical Society of East Alabama has now established The Lee County Cemetery Preservation Commission by an Act of the Alabama Legislature.

Senate Bill 492 became Act No. 2004-375 and was signed into law April 27, 2004 by Gov. Riley.

Vol 42, No 2: Great News: Gov. Bob Riley accepted Mr. Lee Warner's resignation from the Alabama Historical Commission and appointed Dr. Ed Bridges with Alabama's Department of Archives and History as director of the Alabama Historical Commission in addition to his duties at ADAH.

Vol 42, No. 3: David W. Dorsey wrote a guest editorial in tribute to CSA General Robert E. Lee, whose birthday was January 19, 1807. In his editorial Dorsey cited some of Lee's words for example: Faith: "I trust that a kind Providence will watch over us, and not withstanding our weakness and sins will yet give us a name and place among the nations of the earth."

Vol 42, No. 4: Alabama now has an Open Meeting Law designed to put an end to *closed sessions*. Did it work? Yes, but not entirely. How could this be connected to genealogy? Please take the time to read this letter.

Interesting articles:

Vol. 42, No. 1, Page 2: We said goodbye to our beloved charter Member Mariemma Plant Fuller who died April 20, 2004. She is still missed.

Page 3: The John Barron Family – page 8: The James F. Barron's Pocket Diary of 1854.

Page 31: Interesting Newspaper Articles from the Russell Register 1878 - 1883

Vol. 42, No. 2, Page 51: Memories of Seth Lafayette Baker and Elizabeth Machen Baker.

Page 54: The James W. Moon grave mystery in Macon County has been solved.

Page 55: Ila Matilda Folsom; Page 61: Mrs. D. L. Folsom; Page 63: Notes for the Lee Family:

Page 85: Part two: Interesting Newspaper Articles from the Russell Register 1878 – 1883

Vol. 42, No. 3, Page 101: Henry Stern remembers his grandmother a Holocaust victim of 1942.

Page 102: Again, we said our goodbye to another beloved member, Odessa Morrison Clotfelter – 1912 - 2004. She is still missed, too.

Page 103: Whatley Cemetery Macon County and obituaries of interments

Page 109: The J. R. Baker Family Bible record

Page 133: Life in a small town, Notasulga, Macon County, Alabama

Page 135: Part three: Interesting Newspaper Articles from the Russell Register 1878 – 1883

Vol. 42, No. 4, Page 163: A Rich Man's War and a Poor Man's Fight: this story includes letters from a soldier to his wife during the War Between the States

Page 173: The Morgan families of Macon County, Alabama

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In Loving Memory of
Gordon A. Cumbaa, Maj. U. S. Army WWII
July 20, 1911 – Aug 30, 2005

With this issue officers changed. Usually officers are elected and begin with the society's new year on May 1st. Although a bit out of the ordinary, this transition was smooth. Claud Brown had just retired from Opelika Floral. He was the owner and a very talented florist. He was welcomed to the "leisure" world of retirement and began his new term as president. Joyce Hicks agreed to serve as editor of Tap Roots. Vol. 3 was her first issue. Joyce, now retired, was with Auburn University's Special Collections.

President's Letters:

Vol. 43, No 1: Reflection of the beginning of Tap Roots, 43 years ago. Of the first group of officers, Mrs. J. H. (Betty) Strother was the only one the current president was privileged to know. How were the first journals assembled?

Vol. 43, No 2: Edna Ward is leaving as president. She was serving as editor of Tap Roots and Chair of the Lee County Cemetery Preservation Commission – it was too much. Claud Brown agrees to serve as president of the Genealogical society. "This was a very welcome change." Ward said.

Vol. 43, No 3: This was Claud Brown's first letter. He recently retired as a florist of 50 years. He had started an editorial board and revealed, "We have great future plans for our past."

Vol. 43, No 4: Claud Brown was ending the society's 43rd year. He was planning to honor Mrs. J. H. (Betty) Strother at the next society's meeting.

Interesting articles:

Vol.43, No 1: Page 1: Opelika's Memorial Day program by Lee County Probate Judge Bill English
Page 7: Mrs. Lois Boyd, a school teacher at Oak Alley, one of Lee County's one-room schools. Rev. John Butler, one of her students remembers his teacher.

Page 10: Using resources in Special Collections and Archives at Auburn University.

Page 33: Part 1: Carrville Cemetery, Tallapoosa County: 871 listings.

Vol. 43, No 2: Page 51: Gideon H Jones and Eiza Ann Davenport Family Bible

Page 54: Gleanings from a collection of Opelika Newspapers from the 1970s: Opelika's Rotary Club – the first civic club organized in City and a listing of past presidents

Page 58: Isham Jenkins Dorsey, Sr. (1869 -1960) Rotary's first president.

Pages 66 – 84: special interest for Society Hill, Alabama

Page 88 -100: Part 2: Carville Cemetery, Tallapoosa County: 584 more listings.

Vol 43, No 3: Page 113: One hundred years of History of Opelika's Trinity United Methodist Church

Page 119: Opelika Kiwanis Club – 75th Anniversary Celebration 1920 – 1995

Page 139: Part 3: Carville Cemetery, Tallapoosa County: 554 listings

Vol 43, No 4: Page 151: A tribute to Elizabeth Strother

Page 173: The Askew Families followed by the Ballard and Banks Families

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Presidents' Letters:

- Vol. 44, No. 1: Introducing the new year's programs and getting organized and requesting volunteers.
- Vol. 44, No. 2: He is reporting Tap Roots are now in all five public libraries of the counties we serve. He has compiled a collection of all contents pages of Tap Roots for easy reference. A new cemetery listing of those published in Tap Roots will soon be available.
- Vol. 44, No. 3: GSEA is moving from the Tyner Building to Cooper Library in Opelika. Rev. F. L. Cherry's book has sold out and arrangements are being made to reprint.
- Vol. 44, No. 4: Rev. F. L. Cherry and the Heritage of Lee County have been reprinted and are available.

Interesting contents:

- Vol. 44, No. 1, Page 3: A tribute to Robert McNutt 1923 – 2006 by Rev. Hardy Graves.
Page 9: The Floyd family
Page 19: Barber/Barbour Families; Page 27: Bedsole Families; Page 32: Blue Families
- Vol. 44, No. 2, Page 51: July 2006 Program by Carl Summers – History of John Summers's house
Page 81: Opelika Kiwanis Club highlights 1980 - 1994
Page 90: Black Families; Page 100: A tribute to Lee County's Judge Lee Joseph Tyner
- Vol. 44, No. 3, Page 102: A tribute to Edna Ward
Page 105: An index to the cemeteries published in Tap Roots
Page 124: The Blackledge Families
Page 131: The Butler Families
Page 143: J Newell Floyd given an award by the Historic Chattahoochee Commission
Page 147: Fort Cusseta, Alabama Revisited 2006
- Vol. 44, No. 4, Page 154: McGillivray was an accomplished diplomat and Creek Indian leader
Page 163: William LeRoy Broun, third president of Auburn University 1882 - 1902
Page 165: Nathaniel Hunt Greer and family
Page 172: The Burrow/Burrough Families
Page 191: A brief history of Saugahatchee Country Club
Page 195: "Uncle John" a tribute to John Pratt by Albert Killian
Uncle John was a member of Co. I, 167th Rainbow Div, WWI

In Loving Memory
Of
Robert B. McNutt
Oct. 29, 1923 – Mar. 18, 2005
US Army Air Corp, WWII

The society's 44th year was one of change – a change of location. GSEA had been allowed to use one room of the Tyner Building for many years. For a while they were in the building all by themselves. When the Lee County Building Inspector office was created and staffed, their offices were added to the building. Over the years with the accumulation of building plans and blueprints, office space became crowded. GSEA found a new home at Cooper Library in Opelika.

Inventories of two of the society's most popular books were sold out. Both were reprinted.

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Henry Stern, photos

This year left us with deep sadness by the deaths of Winston Smith T and Jeff and Elaine Hendricks. Rev. Hardy Graves remembered all with eloquently written tributes.

Mr. Smith T was one who everyone loved. He often wrote memories of events about Opelika.

Elaine and Jeff Hendricks lost their lives in a motorcycle accident. Elaine served as editor of Tap Roots from 1990 to 1997.

Presidents' Letters:

Vol. 45, No. 1: Jim Harris was to present the GSEA program in July. The Harris family lived near Mt. Jefferson in Lee County. Volunteers were requested with help organizing GSEA files.
Vol. 45, No. 2: Recognized the writings of Rev. F. L. Cherry as one of the most important for this area. Gave notice the next program was to be by rev. Cherry's great, great granddaughter, Mary Norman.
Vol. 45, No. 3: A nominating committee was appointed and new officers were to be elected.
Vol. 45, No. 4: Cooper Library's genealogy collection was relocated to the third floor. The speaker for January's program was unable to get to Opelika because of severe weather.

Interesting contents:

Vol. 45, No. 1, Page 2: Rousseau's Raid on East Alabama
Page 23: Lee County's three Alabama Governors:
William James Samford, Forrest Hood (Fob) James, Jr. and John M. Patterson
Page 27: Citing your research
Vol. 45, No. 2, Page 51: Rev. F. L. Cherry – The History of Opelika and some of his writings under his pen name, Okossee
Page 83: The Brown Families
Vol. 45, No. 3, Page 101: "A Singular Misapprehension" A tall mosquito tale reprinted from 1881.
Page 111: Auburn united Methodist Church – a brief history
Page 123: Dispensing Grace – fire in 1922 destroyed the Baptist Church of Salem, Ala
Page 127: George Paul Harrison, Confederate General, Attorney & Member of Congress
Page 129: The Cherry Families
Vol. 45, No. 4, Page 151: Celebrating 200 years of Methodism in Alabama
Page 169: The John Howard bible, Macon County, Alabama
Page 173: The Buckingham Families
Page 180: The Holt Families

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In Loving Memory of
Betty Strother 1925 - 2008
Marianne Sanborn 1935 - 2008
Antoinette Segraves. 1941 - 2008

Year 46 was another where we said goodbye to three of our members. Mrs. Strother was 103. Her mind was alert. She was active and interesting. Marianne and Antoinette battled cancer, which claimed their lives. Antoinette remained active in genealogy and helping others with their family trees until the end. Marianne was serving as treasurer and often volunteered on other projects.

We were blessed to have had the privilege of their friendships and influences.

Presidents' Letters:

Vol. 46, No. 1: GSEA begins its 46th year. Nancy G. Anderson will be featured for the July 19th program

Vol. 46, No. 2: Sad news again in the death of Antoinette Segraves Aug 18th. Rev. Hardy Graves retires.

Vol. 46, No. 3: Ancestry.com and HeritageQuest.com is now available at Cooper Library in Opelika

Vol. 46, No. 4: Harold Cooper, Jr. joins the officers as vice president.

Classes for Ancestry.com and HeritageQuest.com were being planned.

Interesting contents:

Vol. 46, No. 1, Page 2: In loving memory of Elizabeth Strother 1905 – 2008, A GSEA Charter member.
Page 20: Baptist Hill Cemetery, Auburn, Ala.

Vol. 46, No. 2, Page viii: In loving memory of Antoinette J. Segraves – Aug 18, 2008
Page 52 – 77: The Cole Families
Page 80: The Andrew Bonapart and Susannah Fortson Griffin Family
Page 87: The Calvin R. Almond Family Bible

Vol. 46, No. 3, Page 101: A tribute to Antionette Jones Segraves 1940 - 2008
Page 103: The Cooper Families and links to the Huguley Families
Page 138: Ross Cemetery in Opelika
Page 140: The Berry Family of Tallapoosa County, Ala.

Vol. 46, No. 4, Page 151: In Memoriam: Marianne Horne Sanborn – 1935 - 2008
Page 152: The Denson Families
Page 187: The Commander-in-Chief's Guard of the Revolutionary War
Page 191: Nov. 13, 1833, When Stars Fell on Alabama
Page 194: The Genealogy of Charles George Rush

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In Loving Memory of
Elizabeth Baker
1914 - July 6, 2009

She was the widow of retired Judge James Noel Baker who served as president of GSEA. Elizabeth was fun. It was always a joy to be in her presence.

President Claud Brown, Jr. finished his four years. He accomplished a lot with relocating and reorganizing GSEA's holdings, which were big jobs. He and his slate of officers arranged for interesting programs that often gave inspiration to finish our own research.

Presidents' Letters:

- Vol. 47, No. 1: Welcomed Lee Wilkins as Editor of Tap Roots. Thanked Joyce Hicks, Former Editor, for all of her hard work.
- Vol. 47, No. 2: For Oct a book signing is scheduled for the History of the Opelika Fire Department in Opelika. Chief Terry Adkins and former Chief Albert Smith will join Editor Edna Ward for the program. Collections of Tap Roots are in many libraries across America.
- Vol. 47, No. 3: Alabama's Department of Archives and History was created by a bill signed into law by Alabama's Governor William James Samford in 1901. Thomas McAdory Owen had convinced Governor Samford Alabama's history was important and worth preserving.
- Vol. 47, No. 4: Claud Brown, Jr. wrote, "It has been a pleasure to be your president for the past four years and to have worked with all our officers, committees and members."

Interesting contents:

- Vol. 47, No. 1, Page 4: Militia Fort Henderson, The Last Creek Uprising 1836
Page 9: The Childers Families
Page 46: The Rev. William Burney Neal (1808 – 1889) and Neal's Chapel United Methodist Church at Franklin, Ala
- Vol. 47, No. 2, Page 1: In Loving Memory of Elizabeth Sahag Baker 1924 – 2009
Page 5: An excerpt from a book review of the History of the Fire Department
Page 7: Ruth Barnes and the Barnes Family of Opelika
Page 10: Fort Henderson & Environs 1827 – 1837
Page 17: The Moreman/Moorman Families
Page 37: History and Antecedents of the Little Texas Tabernacle – Macon Co., Ala.
- Vol. 47, No. 3, Page 1: Fort Henderson & Environs 1827 – 1837 – part three
Page 7: Thomas Joseph Peddy, Research Historian 1910 - 1990
Page 9: Woman as I Am – An Incomplete Life of Susan Dowdell Lipscomb
Page 15: Dadeville First Opened Female Academy in 1853
Page 29: Family History of Robert Lynn Cox Page 37: The Coxwell Families
- Vol. 47, No. 4, Page 1: The End of Fort Henderson – part four
Page 9: The McDill family of Coosa and Tallapoosa Counties, Ala
Page 29: Cousins * What are they really?

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It seems year 48 went quickly by but was filled with good programs. The society now has an Internet web site thanks to Richard Robinson.

Death claimed our long-time member, friend and historian, Ernie Sawyer. He was 63. Ernie was exceptionally good with photography. He shared his talents over many years with GSEA. He is missed.

Opelika was fortunate to have an exhibit on loan in honor of the Alabama Holocaust Survivors. This exhibit was arranged by Henry Stern and was at Cooper Library during the month of January.

Presidents' Letters:

Vol. 48, No. 1: This was Barbara Patton's first letter. She began by thanking Claud Brown and other officers who served prior terms. She praised Lee Wilkins, Editor of Tap Roots.

Vol. 48, No. 2: GSEA programs were shaping up to be histories of churches. GSEA has a new web site.

Vol. 48, No. 3: It's now January. Dr. Ann Pearson and Delos Hughes will present GSEA's next program, "The Vanishing Loveliest Village." Photos of buildings lost in Auburn will be shown.

Vol. 48, No. 4: It is now April. Barbara is wondering what happened to Feb and March. It's a beautiful time of the year. Opelika is especially pretty with dogwoods, azaleas and quince.

Interesting contents:

Vol. 48, No. 1, Page 3: The Owen Family Legacy and the Alabama Department of Archives and History

Page 9: Cora Belle Hardy Scott McAdory 1871 - 1960

Page 17: The Bedells in Macon and Lee Counties

Page 28: The Smith Family of Uchee, Ala and their Forebears

Page 33: Russell County – Then and Now: Francis Scott Key in Alabama

Page 36: John Smith T and When I Reached Elmira

Vol. 48, No. 2, Page 51: In Loving Memory of Earnest Sawyer 1947 – 2010.

Page 53: Basics of Genetic Genealogy - DNA

Page 59: History of Beth Shalom, Auburn, Ala. Beginning in the fall of 1989

Page 62: One Hundred Years of History of Trinity Methodist Church Opelika, Ala

Page 69: History of the Liberty Methodist Church, Macon County, Ala

Vol. 48, No. 3, Page 101: Exhibit depicts Alabama Holocaust survivors – Cooper Library, Opelika

Page 105: Becoming Alabama – A time Rich in Historical Remembrances

Page 110: Opelika in the 1960s

Page 112: History of the First Presbyterian Church, Opelika, Ala

Page 128: Sheriffs of Lee County, Ala 1867 – 2010

Vol. 48, No. 4, Page 153: The Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Retrospect, Opelika, Ala

Page 158: Pioneer Members and History of Temple Beth-El 1859 – 1959, Lanett, Ala

Page 177: The Ware Families

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What better way to remember our own Antoinette Segraves than to be able to enjoy her personal genealogical collection. The Collection was obtained and delivered to the Cooper Library in the summer of 2011.

For many years the library's genealogy collection was filed by the Grigg Numbering Scheme. It was changed to the Dewey Decimal System about five years ago. The change has not worked well. A resolution was passed by GSEA's board to ask the Library Board to change the numbering to either Grigg or Library of Congress. Months later, the decision was made to change it to the Library of Congress. When completed, that will be nice.

Presidents' Letters:

- Vol. 49, No. 1: The Antionette Segraves Genealogical Library was offered for sale to GSEA. Combined efforts of GSEA, Opelika's Mayor Gary Fuller, Friends of Cooper Library and Cooper Library made this purchase possible.
- Vol. 49, No. 2: GSEA works hard to preserve history. Please submit articles for Tap Roots.
- Vol. 49, No. 3: GSEA's Resolution 2011-49-1 to the Cooper Library Board asking the genealogy section changed from the Dewey Decimal System to the Grigg Classification System or Library of Congress.
- Vol. 49, No. 4: Election of officers is due again. The current two-year terms have gone by in the "blink of an eye."

Interesting contents:

- Vol. 49, No. 1, Page 3: Red Ridge Cemetery, Tallapoosa County, Ala added to Alabama Historic Cemetery Register
Page 6: Rosemere Cemetery, Opelika, History
Page 8: Rosemere Cemetery, Opelika, added to the Alabama Historic Cemetery Registry
- Vol. 49, No. 2, Page 54: In Loving Memory – Pastor Hardy L. Graves
Page 55: John Wesley Rush 1833 – 1905
Page 63: Lebanon – Opelika's beginning. Reprint of a 1935 newspaper article
Page 67: More history Rosemere Cemetery, Opelika including a tribute to Col. O. P. Lee
Page 83: In Search of Charles Simmons of Oglethorpe County, Ga.
Page 97: My Mayberry Family of Lee County
- Vol. 49, No. 3 Page 101: In Memoriam Jacob Allen Walker, Jr. 1920 - 2011
Page 103: Glennville Methodist Cemetery, Russell County, Ala. added to the Alabama Historic Cemetery Registry
Page 106: A tribute to General Robert E. Lee
Page 110: Sarah Elizabeth McKinney Satterwhite, Randolph County, Ala
- Vol. 49, No. 4, Page 154: A Dream Becomes a Reality - A reprint of Florida Segrest's first letter in Tap Roots, Vol. 1, No. 1, July 1963.
Page 189: History of Pinetucket and Cemetery, Lee County.

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Celebrating Fifty Years
1963 – 2013



In Loving Memory of
John Marcus Ross
1933 – 2013

John served GSEA as
parliamentarian for several
years. He was among a
group who helped organize
the Lee County Cemetery Preservation
Commission. He also was one of the original
Cemetery commissioners serving from 2005
through July 2012. He was always willing to
help on any projects. He was a mechanical
engineer and rebuilt Bean's Mill in Lee County
after he retired. He was a super-nice man
who will be missed very much.

Presidents' Letters:

- Vol. 50, No. 1: Celebration time: Fifty years of service is quite a milestone for GSEA. Discussions continued with Cooper Library regarding the location and cataloging of the genealogical collection.
- Vol. 50, No. 2: "Change and adaptability have become the hallmark of the Genealogical Society lately." We moved from Cooper Library to the Tyner Building.
- Vol. 50, No. 3: The New Year, 2013, was welcomed. Some of the officers were introduced and recognized for the excellent jobs they do. Dianne Greene is our new Tap Roots editor.
- Vol. 50, No. 4: A celebration is planned for April 20th in observance of 50 years for GSEA.

Interesting contents:

- Vol. 50, No. 1, Page 13: History of the First Methodist Church of Opelika – 1857 - - - 175 years
Page 31: William Henry Chambers: one of Alabama's most polished scholars
Page 41: Early Macon County, Ala.
- Vol. 50, No. 2, Page 52: Then and now: former GSEA presidents tell of their experiences.
Page 57: History of gold mining in Tallapoosa County, Ala – 1840s
Page 91: Auburn, Ala. historical markers
- Vol. 50, No. 3, Page 101: Descendants of Brinkley Hall and Neoma Johnson Hall – includes Duffey and Adkins families
Page 133: Spring Villa, Lee County, Ala.
Page 135: Selman families including Stanfield, Lawson and Owsley families
- Vol. 50, No. 4, Page 151 – 200 – Special Anniversary Issue
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