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Genealogists from around the country will gather in Birmingham, Alabama for the 2012 Federation of Genealogical Societies annual conference for the nation's genealogists—those who are members of genealogical societies and those who are not are **ALL INVITED!** Enjoy true Southern hospitality from our local host, the Alabama Genealogical Society. This year's conference offers genealogists an outstanding venue and setting for a superb genealogical education and research experience. We're certain that you will enjoy the outstanding conference facilities, the Sheraton Birmingham Hotel and the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex.

Learn. Nearly 160 educational presentations by leading genealogical experts await you at the FGS 2012 conference in Birmingham—all designed for the beginning to expert genealogist! We're sure you'll agree that the presentations being offered cover a wide array of topics and interests.

Connect. Networking with other genealogists increases your ability to solve your genealogical problems—everyone knows something and getting them all in the same room generates synergy and enthusiasm to share that knowledge.

Succeed. The genealogical resources and knowledge in this area of the country will astound you—discover all that the archives, libraries and experts have to offer—you may even want to spend some extra time before or after the conference to visit the record repositories!

Looking for more information? Visit www.fgs.org or email 2012conference@fgs.org to sign-up for e-updates.

See you in Birmingham!

Pat Oxley

President
Federation of Genealogical Societies

CONFERENCE ACCOMMODATIONS

The Conference Hotel is the recently renovated Sheraton Birmingham (www.sheraton.com/Birmingham). Attendees will enjoy the amenities of the \$21 million makeover and transformation of this strategically situated hotel adjacent to the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex (www.bjcc.org). With 757 rooms, it is connected by an enclosed air-conditioned over-the-street walkway. Attendees will be able to enjoy the comfort of indoor temperatures throughout the conference facilities.

The Birmingham Sheraton offers an outstanding experience during your stay with superb guest amenities. Dining in the Atrium Café for breakfast, lunch or dinner is situated in a garden setting below the 17-story Atrium—an open and airy environment for networking with friends old and new. Casey's Sports Bar and Grill provides serious entertainment during your meal—located on two floors, you can enjoy food, beverages and entertainment with 18 TV screens, 2 large screens and an array of video games, pool tables and sports memorabilia. Attendees may also catch a quick snack at the Sheraton Link—an Internet coffee bar featuring Starbucks® coffee. Or, you may choose to relax with friends in Moretti's Lounge for conversation and drinks. Room service is also available throughout your stay.

We have arranged very affordable rates

during your entire stay—these rates are good up to three days prior and three days after the conference (25 August–3 September 2012):

Occupancy	Cost
Single/double	\$138.00
Triple	\$148.00 (\$49.35 per person)
Quad	\$158.00 (\$39.50 per person)

Guest rooms and other areas throughout the Sheraton Hotel will all have **FREE INTERNET** access during the conference. Since the conference hotel fills quickly, reserve your room early by telephone (800) 228-3000 in the U.S. and Canada or (800) 228-1212 for Alaska and Hawaii. You may also book online at www.starwoodhotels.com.

Located directly across the street, the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex will house all of the speaker sessions and exhibits. With all of the amenities of a well-architected facility, there will be ample space, parking, concessions, and **FREE INTERNET** access in the convention center for this event. Meal functions will be held in the Sheraton Hotel. Transportation to and from the airport is complimentary with the Sheraton Hotel shuttle and a 1,000 space parking garage is adjacent to the hotel for \$12 per 24 hour period with in/out privileges. Valet parking is available for an additional charge.



REGISTRATION

Register for the conference online and reserve your tickets to special events at www.fgs.org. Onsite registration for the conference, for both pre-paid and walk-in attendees, will be held at the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex.

Tuesday	3:00 pm–8:00 pm
Wednesday	7:00 am–10:00 am
	4:00 pm–6:00 pm
Thursday	7:30 am–2:00 pm
Friday	7:30 am–2:00 pm
Saturday	7:30 am–10:00 am

Special Requirements

Registrants with special needs requirements as outlined in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) must notify

FGS in writing of their special needs by August 1, 2012.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellations will be accepted through August 1, 2012, and must be received in the FGS office by fax or e-mail or postmarked by that date.

For cancellations received or postmarked by August 1, 2012, registrants will receive a full refund on all meal functions and their registration fee, less a \$50 non-refundable administration charge.

While refunds cannot be given for cancellations after August 1, 2012, registrants will still receive a program syllabus.

PRESERVE THE PENSIONS

The Federation of Genealogical Societies, the National Archives, and the genealogical community have started a project to digitize the War of 1812 pension files—a fitting beginning to the bicentennial commemoration of this important war.

These images will be available for **FREE**.

Preserve the Pensions seeks to raise the \$3.7 million dollars needed before the bicentennial of the start of the war and finish digitization before the bicentennial of the war's end in 2015. With 7.2 million images in 180,000 files, there is much digitization to do.

There are three methods to contribute:

- 1) Visit the website www.fgs.org/1812
- 2) Add it to your conference registration
- 3) Mail your contributions to:

Preserve the Pensions
PO Box 200940
Austin, TX 78720-0940

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TRANSPORTATION

Centrally located in northern Alabama, Birmingham is easy to get to by any mode of transportation—something that wasn't as easy for the early settlers of the 'Old Southwest.'

Planes: Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport (www.bhamintlairport.com/) is Alabama's largest airport and serves the greater Birmingham area. It is served by many of the nation's major airlines including America West, American, Continental, Delta, Southwest, United Express, and U.S. Airways.

Trains: Birmingham is on the Amtrak line that runs from New York to New Orleans. The Amtrak station in Birmingham is located a short distance from the Sheraton Hotel and the Birmingham Convention Center (1.1 miles) but is probably a taxi ride rather than a walk.

Buses: Greyhound Lines provides bus service to the Birmingham area.

Automobiles: If you plan to travel by car, Interstates 59 and 20 intersect Interstate 65 in Birmingham. As a crossroads, Birmingham is located 140 miles from Atlanta, Georgia; 214 miles from Jackson, Mississippi; 236 miles from Knoxville, Tennessee; and 206 miles from Mobile, Alabama.

Airport Transportation

Transportation to and from the airport is complimentary with the Sheraton Hotel shuttle.

Parking

A 1,000 space parking garage is adjacent to the hotel for \$12 per 24 hour period with in/out privileges. Valet parking is available for an additional charge.

Digitize Your Family Records for Free

Ancestry.com is excited to provide FGS Conference attendees the opportunity to have their family photos and documents scanned at the conference, for free, on our professional scanning equipment. It's a unique opportunity to have your family history records digitized! Conference attendees will be able to sign up for a 15-minute scanning session.



CONFERENCE EVENTS

ALABAMA THEATRE

Sponsored by FamilySearch and presented by AGS.

Conference attendees will have a unique opportunity to visit one of the country's still operating movie palaces—most of which have long ceased to provide a superb cultural entertainment experience. The theatre was built in 1927 and is an architectural feast right down to the “Mighty Wurlitzer”



organ in the orchestra pit. Attendees will be able to experience an evening of music with Birmingham native Bobby Horton. Horton is well-known in historic music circles for his thirty-five year career performing with the musical-comedy trio *Three on a String*. He is probably best known however, for producing thirty-one music scores for PBS, A & E Network and The National Park Service. Most notably, two PBS hit film series by Ken Burns, *The Civil War* and *Baseball*. Horton specializes in recording authentic period music and attendees will have a delightful evening in this historic setting.

SLOSS FURNACE

Join us for an evening in one of Birmingham's most historic settings.

As an industrial center, Birmingham is home to historic Sloss Furnaces National Historic Landmark. Now a popular tourist destination, attendees will be able to enjoy an evening of refreshments and witness a private iron pouring on the thirty-two acre historic interpretive museum site. The Atlantic Paranormal Society



(TAPS) even did a television episode about the furnaces being haunted by a former foundry man! For more information, visit: www.slossfurnaces.com.

Alabama State Facts

Nickname: **Heart of Dixie/Cotton State**
Motto: **We Dare Defend Our Rights**
Statehood: **December 14, 1819** (22nd)
State Bird: **Yellowhammer**
State Flower: **Camellia**
State Tree: **Southern Pine**

LIBRARIAN'S DAY

29 AUG 2012



The Federation of Genealogical Societies invites librarians to attend the annual conference's Librarian's Day, Wednesday, August 29, 2012. This annual event, sponsored by ProQuest, is designed for librarians, archivists, and other information professionals serving family history researchers. Lunch is provided by ProQuest.

This year's featured speakers are:

- **Dr. Edwin C. Bridges**
Alabama Department of Archives and History
- **Amy Johnson Crow, CG, MLS**
Importance of Your Genealogy Collection's Website
- **Curt B. Witcher, MLS, fugs, figs**
Sources and Resources: Mining the Gold from Genealogical & Historical Serials

Also learn about the treasures found in area repositories as representatives of Birmingham-area libraries and archives present a panel discussion highlighting their collections.

Registration for Librarian's Day is \$10. To register, visit <http://www.fgs.org/2012conference>. Click on “Librarian's Day” then select “Register for Librarian's Day.” E-mail any questions about Librarian's Day to librarians2012@fgs.org.

Librarians are invited to register for the entire FGS conference.

About Librarian's Day

From an idea conceived by a dedicated group of public librarians in 1996, the Librarians Serving Genealogists (LSG) steering committee was launched; culminating in the idea of having a Librarian's Day at national genealogical conferences. An industry leader in the library information space, ProQuest began sponsorship of Librarian's Day at FGS conferences with FGS 2002 in Ontario, California. Since then, the program and events quickly became a librarian favorite and the number of attendees has steadily grown. ProQuest is pleased to once again sponsor Librarian's Day on 29 August, 2012 in Birmingham, Alabama.



WEDNESDAY

Session Levels
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PLENARY SESSION



8:00–9:15 am

W-100

Transforming Your Society into a Dynamic 21st Century Destination

D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS

Amidst emerging technologies, new generations of genealogists, and exciting developments in the field of family history the need for continual innovation within our societies is paramount. At present, societies face the task of shifting from current business models to solutions and practices that attract and meet the needs of modern family history enthusiasts. Discover how a blend of tradition, technology, and new techniques will transform our societies into thriving destinations, built for long-term growth and success. (B/I/A)

D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS, is a professional genealogist and is a business development manager within brightsolid online publishing. The Vice-President of Administration for the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS), he chairs the long-range planning and conference planning committees for the Federation and was National Conference Co-Chair of the 2011 FGS/ISGS Conference. A frequent speaker at genealogical events, Joshua formerly worked for the New England Historic Genealogical Society and has been a featured genealogical expert on NBC's *Who Do You Think You Are?*

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UPDATES

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Check the *FGS Conference News Blog* frequently for breaking news, more on the speakers, topics, and Exhibit Hall, lists of door prizes, transportation, lodging, places to research, special events, contests, syllabus release, and vital updates about the Birmingham conference. You may also add comments and your own knowledge about the Birmingham area and attending FGS Conferences.

Tracks	9:30 am	11:00 am
The Big Picture	W-101 Delegate 101 Join FGS Officers and Board Members as they discuss FGS and how it supports and works with Member Societies. Delegates' communication and interaction with FGS and exciting plans for 2013 will be discussed. (B/I/A)	W-107 The Ins and Outs of Strategic Planning for Your Society D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS As an essential component of genealogical society management, strategic planning is often delayed, feared, or omitted from society operations. Discover steps to involve your membership and your community in this important process and keep your society's strategic planning on track. (B/I/A) Sponsored by findmypast.com
Programs, Philanthropy, & Publicity	W-102 Getting the Speaker Your Society Needs Billie Stone Fogarty, M.Ed. Learn how to help your society attract the best programs around for the most economical outlay. (B/I/A)	W-108 Brainstorming Session: Programs and Education Join fellow society leaders for a brainstorming session led by representatives from FGS and other organizations to discuss the program and educational needs of societies. (B/I/A)
Paths to Promotion	W-103 Social Networking for Genealogy Societies Thomas MacEntee 1000s of genealogists have discovered new ways to expand and improve their genealogy using social networking. There is a dire need for societies to understand and use these same communication tools. This presentation will give genealogy society leaders an overview with real examples to successfully leverage social media websites and applications to attract new members and expand their services. (B)	W-109 Brainstorming Session: Websites & Social Media Join fellow society leaders for a brainstorming session led by representatives from FGS and other organizations on the use of websites and social media. (B/I/A)
Preservation & Pioneer Programs	W-104 Cemetery Preservation: Alabama's Example Lee Ann Wofford, Martha Armstrong & Joyce Nicoll A discussion of the cemetery preservation efforts in Alabama and how genealogical societies and their members can participate. (B/I/A) Sponsored by Alabama Historical Commission	W-110 Records Preservation and Access Committee Update Session Frederick E. Moss, LL.M., J.D., B.A. Fred Moss will moderate a panel of RPAC members including Chair David E. Rencher where we will provide training for RPAC State Liaisons and share materials developed for their use. We will review recent interventions by RPAC and the lessons learned from case studies. (B/I/A)
Publishing & Products for Productivity	W-105 Defining Mission and Standards for a Society Journal or Newsletter J.H. Fonkert, CG A panel of editors and writers discuss challenges in working with writers to produce a quality journal or newsletter that meets members' needs. (I)	W-111 Going Green with Your Society Randy W. Whited Discover the benefits of moving to electronic publishing, how to 'sell' the effort to the membership, and the tools needed to be successful. (B/I/A) Sponsored by findmypast.com
People, People, People!	W-106 Who Wants to Volunteer? Paula Stuart-Warren, CG, FMGS, FUGA Wanted: 5 volunteers. Received: no volunteers. Tools and techniques to attract, keep, recognize, and graduate 10 volunteers to more tasks. Be ready to share ideas and issues. (I)	W-112 The Evolution of the Wake County Genealogical Society: Handling the challenges of advancing technology, declining membership, and more! Diane L. Richard After existing for 25 years, the last few years brought great and familiar challenges to the Wake County Genealogical Society (WCGS) – rising costs, declining membership, changing member demographics, etc. This is the odyssey of how WCGS addressed these challenges – a look at the process and the result. Were we successful? (B/I)

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12:15 pm	2:00 pm	3:30 pm	5:00 pm	6:00 pm
<p>W-113 FGS Luncheon, Records Access in a post 9/11 World <i>David E. Rencher, AG, CG, FGRS, FUGA</i> The movement to close records has been steadily increasing on all fronts—local, state and federal since 9/11. Records used by genealogists are at risk of being closed or having valuable data elements removed from public view. Learn what your society can do to combat this threat.</p> <p>FGS Business Meeting and Society Shout Out</p> <p>Luncheon Menu A fresh garden salad with a selection of dressings accompanied by an over-sized baked potato served a choice of toppings which include: whipped butter, sour cream, chives and a blend of white & yellow cheddar cheese. Served with a selection of rolls, a deep chocolate-fudge brownie and beverages.</p> <p><i>Vegetarian Selection:</i> Same as above</p> <p>Important Note on Luncheons Participants are encouraged to attend the luncheons. There are very few eating establishments in the area surrounding the hotel and convention facilities and the few that are available will likely be quite busy with local business. In addition to first-rate speakers, the luncheons provide a great opportunity for networking and meeting other participants who may have insights into your research or better yet, may be related!</p>	<p>W-114 The Shape of the 21st Century Genealogical Society <i>George Morgan</i> Genealogical societies must adopt new strategies and modern technologies and adapt to today's trends, to attract new members, and to grow and expand. This session will describe and illustrate how modern societies have evolved and implemented new ideas to grow and succeed. (B/I/A)</p>	<p>W-120 What Your Board Needs to Know <i>Frederick E. Moss, LL.M., J.D., B.A.</i> Review a suggested Director Orientation briefing and other measures to improve the effectiveness of our boards of directors. Common issues of taxation and conflicts of interest will be addressed. We will consider some best practices for effective meetings and projects. The availability of other resources and guidance will be shared. (B/I/A)</p>	<p>W-126 Bloated Bylaws: Leave That Out! (Or, What Not to Put in Your Bylaws) <i>Roberta "Bobbi" King</i> This speaker has reviewed dozens of society bylaws as editor of the Revised Bylaws Workbook and chair of the FGS Bylaws Review Committee; judging by bylaws that continue to come in for review, there is a need to confront the situation: what you can leave out of the bylaws. (B/I/A)</p>	<p>W-131—AGS Opening Social Join us for an evening out when we visit the historic Alabama Theatre and are treated to the music of noted singer Bobby Horton. We'll enjoy light refreshments in the spacious lobby and view the grandeur of one of the few remaining iconic theaters in America. The concert, dinner and bus transportation are all included in your ticket price.</p> <p>Bobby Horton was born and raised in Birmingham, Alabama. His lifelong passion for music and history began at an early age. With a trumpet playing father and a banjo-playing grandfather, he was exposed to a varied menu of music—from the sound of the big bands, jazz combos and classical to the old time sounds of Southern gospel, sacred harp, and "hillbilly" music.</p> <p>Sponsored by the Alabama Genealogical Society</p>
	<p>W-115 The Dollars and Cents of Fundraising <i>Curt B. Witcher, MLS, FUGA, FGS</i> Revenue streams are important for today's societies yet the idea of fundraising is intimidating. Learn the basics, from "friend raising" to meaningful donor recognition. (B/I/A)</p>	<p>W-121 Publicize it and Publicize it (2 hour workshop) <i>Paula Stuart-Warren, CG, FMGS, FUGA</i> You know it's needed. Through group analysis of society event publicity, hands-on exercises, assistance from each other and what to include you will be ready! (B/I/A)</p>		 
	<p>W-116 21st Century Marketing Techniques <i>Thomas MacEntee</i> With the emergence of social media tools such as blogs, Twitter and Facebook, marketing techniques have taken on new power in the 21st century. Learn how to harness the power of these methods to market yourself, your genealogy business or your genealogical society. (B)</p>	<p>W-122 Brainstorming Session: 21st Century Marketing Join fellow society leaders for a brainstorming session led by representatives from FGS and other organizations to discuss marketing your society in the 21st century. (B/I/A)</p>	<p>W-127 Your Society and the Internet—Where Does It End <i>Linda Woodward Geiger, CG, CGL</i> Discussion of the increasing needs of a society's Internet present including a website, blog, social media, virtual presentations and more. (I)</p>	
	<p>W-117 Preserving Genealogical Society Records <i>Diane VanSkiver Gagel, M.A.</i> Preservation of Genealogical Society records is an important aspect of society management to preserve valuable information for succeeding officers and members and as a record of an organization for future researchers. Also many societies are recipients of original materials that need to be preserved properly to honor the trust placed in them by members and community members. (B/I)</p>	<p>W-123 Starting and Maintaining a Pioneer Descendants Program <i>Christine Ann Staley, CG, CGL</i> From selecting the program scope to application forms to preservation of the records - we will cover it all. A Pioneer Program can be beneficial to the society & community (B/I/A)</p>	<p>W-128 Brainstorming Session: State & Umbrella Society Issues Join fellow society leaders for a brainstorming session led by representatives from FGS and other organizations to discuss concerns and issues facing state and umbrella societies (B/I/A)</p>	
	<p>W-118 Grand Design for Your Publications: Stand Out Ideas for Look and Appeal <i>Roberta "Bobbie" King</i> Paper or electronic, good design elevates the appeal and readability of your society publications. See examples and learn principles of excellence in design and layout. (B/I/A)</p>	<p>W-124 Brainstorming Session: Modern Publication Options Join fellow society leaders for a brainstorming session led by representatives from FGS and other organizations on the use of modern publication options. (B/I/A)</p>	<p>W-129 TechSoup.org: Technology by the Bowlful for Your Genealogy Society <i>Thomas MacEntee</i> Are you familiar with TechSoup.org and what's on the menu in terms of free and low-cost technology available to your genealogy society? Learn how you can tap into the extensive TechSoup.org network to stay current with technology. (B)</p>	
	<p>W-119 Brainstorming Session: Recruiting and Managing Volunteers Join fellow society leaders for a brainstorming session led by representatives from FGS and other organizations to discuss recruiting and managing volunteers. (B/I/A)</p>	<p>W-125 Hunting 21sters: Your Society's Youngest Members <i>D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS</i> Looking toward the future? Come learn (and share) methods to entice younger generations to become involved in your society. (B/I/A)</p> <p>Sponsored by findmypast.com</p>	<p>W-130 Volunteers: Recruiting, Retaining and Reaping the Rewards <i>Pamela J. Cooper</i> Need volunteers to help on projects or become a member of your society's board? Have you got a volunteer program in place? If not, hear ideas about recruiting and retaining your volunteers. (I)</p>	

THURSDAY

KEYNOTE SESSION



8:30–9:45 am

T-200

The Digital Future: It Still Takes a Village

Jay L. Verkler

Many exciting advances along with accompanying “digital methodologies” will forever change the face of genealogy as we know it. But with many of the advances, the accuracy and therefore impact of genealogical conclusions will still come down to an important truth: it takes a village. (B/I/A)

Mr. Verkler formerly served as President and CEO of FamilySearch, sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. FamilySearch has gathered the largest collection of genealogical records in the world. Operations include worldwide image and information collection, product and tools delivery, and patron services in over 4,500 family history centers around the world.

Mr. Verkler previously served in various executive positions within innovative Silicon Valley companies such as Oracle Corporation, inCommon Inc., TIBCO Software, Vitria Technology, and Sales.com.

Mr. Verkler studied electrical engineering, computer science and chemistry at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as well as Japanese and Asian studies at Harvard University.

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Tracks	11:00 am	12:15 pm
Southern Research	T-201 Inheritance Laws and Estate Settlements in the South <i>J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA</i> Learn the basic elements required upon the death of an ancestor. Understand how changes in law resulted in differing documentation that can help us solve problems. (I/A)	T-210 New York Genealogical and Biographical Society (NYGBS) Luncheon: The Uncertainty Principle and its Application in Family History <i>McKelden Smith</i> This talk presents The New York Genealogical and Biographical Society as a successful case study in turning daunting management challenges into a strategic growth path to the future.
Settlers and Indians	T-202 Proving Indian Ancestry <i>Billie Stone Fogarty, M.Ed.</i> Grandma said we were Indian so how do I prove it? Learn how in this introduction to researching Native American ancestry. (B)	T-211 National Genealogical Society (NGS) Luncheon: Genealogy from the Homestead <i>Rev. Dr. David McDonald, CG</i> Every genealogist has stories of the records, artifacts and ephemera collected from relatives, old and near, while conducting research at home. We'll consider some finds and a few mildly-overlooked facts that might've helped make research a simpler, more straightforward, prospect.
Genetics	T-203 DNA Testing for Genealogy: The Basics <i>Robert D. McLaren</i> Learn the terminology used in DNA testing, the types of DNA testing (Y-DNA, mitochondrial, autosomal), showing benefits and limitations of each type. (B/I)	T-212 FamilySearch Luncheon: Irish Eyes Are Smiling—Thanks to FamilySearch.org <i>Eileen M. Ó Duill, CG</i> As Dublin-based genealogists, Eileen and her Irish colleagues have been delighted with records now available on www.familysearch.org . She shares some of her “happiness moments” where FamilySearch has saved hours of tedious searches in civil records.
Federal Records	T-204 National Archives Open Forum <i>Connie Potter, Moderator</i> National Archives staff will take questions from you in this open forum. The staff will include David Ferriero, Archivist of the United States; David McMillen, External Affairs Liaison; Dr. Kenneth W. Heger, Senior Supervisor in Research Services; and Constance Potter, reference archivist. (B/I/A) James Dent Walker Memorial Lecture Sponsored by the National Archives and Records Administration	T-213 Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR) Luncheon: Walkabouts and Chicken Men: Tales of the U.S. Census Takers. <i>Elizabeth Shown Mills, CG, CGL, FASG</i> Genealogists live with the ghosts of census takers. We bless them, cuss them, and wish we could trust them. Today, let's consider their wit and their woes.
Strategies & Techniques	T-205 Finding “Unfindable” Ancestors <i>Thomas W. Jones, Ph.D. CG, CGL, FASG, FUGA, FNGS</i> Attendees will learn nine ways to locate difficult-to-trace ancestors. (I) Sponsored by findmypast.com	Luncheon Menu Turkey and Cheese Croissant served with pasta salad, kettle chips and topped off with an old fashioned sugar cookie and beverages. Vegetarian Selection Roasted vegetable croissant, pasta salad, kettle chips and topped off with an old fashioned sugar cookie and beverages.
Records, Records, Records	T-206 Is a Courthouse Search Really Necessary? <i>Christine Rose, CG, CGL, FASG</i> It's all on the web, isn't it? We'll take a keen look at why we need these records, and the various ways to get them. (B/I)	Important Note on Luncheons Participants are encouraged to attend the luncheons. There are very few eating establishments in the area surrounding the hotel and convention facilities and the few that are available will likely be quite busy with local business. In addition to first-rate speakers, the luncheons provide a great opportunity for networking and meeting other participants who may have insights into your research or better yet, may be related!
Writing and Preservation	T-207 Writing a Narrative Family History: Essential Considerations and Sample Works <i>John Philip Colletta, Ph.D.</i> This lecture describes what writing a narrative family history entails and showcases a broad variety of excellent published examples. (B/I/A)	
Technology	T-208 Using FamilySearch to Solve Genealogical Problems <i>Jim Ison, AG, CG</i> Case studies showing how to obtain great results using FamilySearch's free website. (B/I/A) Sponsored by FamilySearch	

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2:00 pm	3:30 pm	5:00 pm
T-214 Researching in Alabama <i>Robert Scott Davis</i> Widespread misunderstandings about research in Alabama are dispelled in this survey of the basics of finding ancestors in the Heart of the South. (B)	T-222 Too Early for the Census? Locating Your Ancestors on the "Old Southwest Frontier" <i>Dorothy Williams Potter</i> In the late eighteenth century and early nineteenth century, the normal county court or census records were not generated for areas in the mid-south which were not yet a part of the United States. This unique situation generated documents that list numerous early settlers. (I/A)	T-231 Blank or Prize: What You Need to Know About Georgia's Land Lotteries <i>Linda Woodward Geiger, CG, CGL</i> Learn how the Georgia land lotteries can help you solve genealogical problems relating to Georgia residents from 1805 to 1833. (B/I)
T-215 Irish Emigration to North America: Before, during and after the Famine <i>Paul Milner</i> Examine migration patterns from Ireland to the US and Canada, including the Scots-Irish looking at the push and pull factors, and how to use them to find place of origin. (B/I)	T-223 Freedmen of the Five Civilized Tribes <i>Barbara Becker Meehan, MLIS, CG</i> An introduction to the history and genealogical records of the Freedmen — the former slaves and their descendants. (B)	T-232 Unscrambling the New Orleans Passenger Lists <i>Beth Stahr, MLS, CG</i> Between 1820 and 1860 New Orleans served as a major passenger gateway for immigration. This lecture will help researchers understand various lists and their current formats. (B)
T-216 Genealogical and Ancestral Application of Parentally-Inherited Y-chromosome <i>Ugo Alessandro Perego, Ph.D.</i> Thousands of Y-chromosome profiles are now available in public databases and in the literature to help genealogists unlock the history of their paternal ancestors. (B/I/A)	T-224 Understanding Your DNA Test Results and What to do Next <i>Robert D. McLaren</i> This presentation will help you understand your DNA test results (Y-DNA, mitochondrial, autosomal), illustrating the benefits and limitations of each type. (I/A)	T-233 Mitochondrial DNA: our recent and ancient history from a female standpoint <i>Ugo Alessandro Perego, Ph.D.</i> A comprehensive overview dealing with the maternally-inherited mitochondrial DNA in reconstructing genealogical and ancestral information about our female ancestors: their origins, ethnicity, and migrations through the millennia. By analyzing key mutations on each person's genetic signature, everyone can find their exact place in the world mitochondrial DNA tree. (B/I/A)
T-217 The Southern Homesteader <i>Roberta "Bobbi" King</i> Alabama, Louisiana, Florida and other southern states are public land states open for homesteading. Learn about the records and the unique family information they contain. (B/I/A)	T-225 Working for the People: Documenting Civilian Employees of the Federal Government, 1789-1950 <i>Kenneth W. Heger Ph.D.</i> This lecture discusses the major series of records and government publications documenting civilian employment in the Federal Government and focuses on those outside Washington, D.C. like postmasters, district attorneys, and land office employees. (I/A) Sponsored by National Archives and Records Administration	T-234 Federal Land Records: History and Strategies for Research <i>Randy W. Whited</i> Learn how and why the Public Land Survey System was created. Discover a wealth of resources available from the BLM, both online and offline. (B/I)
T-218 Copyright Law Surprises for Genealogists <i>Benjamin B. Spratling III</i> Most genealogists are surprised by many of the provisions of copyright law. This presentation seeks to alert genealogists to some little known or misunderstood provisions. (I/A)	T-226 Finding Origins and Birth Families: Methods that Work! <i>Elizabeth Shown Mills, CG, CGL, FASG</i> The road that leads to an ancestor's origin is one no cartographer has charted. It's the path of clues he left behind and the trail of people who shared his journey through life. This session examines research habits that help—or block—us in following those clues. (B/I/A)	T-235 Understanding & Researching Illegitimacy: A Case Study <i>F. Warren Bittner, CG</i> See new light on nineteenth century morality. Follow a couple with three children born during a ten-year wait for marriage. You'll be surprised to learn what happened. (B)
T-219 Death Record Research Sources: Beyond Death Certificates <i>Christine Ann Staley, CG, CGL</i> Can't find a death certificate for your ancestor? Find out how some of those same "clues" can be found in a surprising variety of other documents/resources. (B/I/A)	T-227 Treasures Within the Ivory Tower: Finding Family in Academic Archives <i>Laura Prescott</i> Academic archives yield family histories, photos, diaries, correspondence, and more! Learn where to look and what you can find, even if your ancestors never attended college. (B/I/A)	T-236 If Living Were A Crime: Clues Your Ancestor Left at the Scene <i>Sharon Tate Moody, CG</i> Case studies will demonstrate a strategy of reconstructing the lives of ordinary ancestors by approaching them as crime scenes. (I/A)
T-220 The Power of PDF: Tools for Every Genealogist <i>D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS</i> Harness the power of PDF files in your genealogical research by discovering how to index, search, secure, edit, and protect PDF files. (I/A) Sponsored by findmypast.com	T-228 I Couldn't Put it Down! Series: Latest Trends in Publishing for Genealogists <i>Marlis Glaser Humphrey</i> HTML, Kindle, podcast, Facebook, iPad or blog? Discover techniques, checklists, templates, and samples for new methods of publishing family history. (B/I/A)	T-237 Write as You Go! <i>Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, CGL</i> Learn how to be an efficient researcher by using the writing process as a vehicle to drive research and not as an oft-postponed separate activity. (B/I/A)
T-221 Locating Published Genealogies Online <i>George Morgan</i> A wealth of published genealogies and local histories have been digitized, indexed and placed online. This seminar will show you where to find them and how to access them. (B/I/A)	T-229 Google Docs for Genealogists <i>Thomas MacEntee</i> Participants will learn how to use Google Docs to their advantage when performing genealogy research or pursuing other genealogy-related activities. (B)	T-238 Taking Great Tombstone Photos Without Breaking the Bank <i>Amy Johnson Crow, CG</i> Tombstones are wonderful genealogical resources. But do they look like gray blobs in your photos? Learn some easy and inexpensive tips for getting the best photos possible. (B/I/A)

WORKSHOPS

8:00-10:00 am

T-209 Social History and Genealogy: Writing a Family Narrative

Diane VanSkiver Gagel, ma

Participants will practice combining social history with family information to create a Family History narrative which is more than just names, dates, and places. (B/I)

2:00-4:00 pm

T-230 Scots-Irish Workshop

David E. Rencher, ag, cg, figrs, fuga, and Dean J. Hunter, ag, fuga

Participants will learn research techniques for tracing Scots-Irish ancestry and how to dissect the research problem in North America and Ireland. (B/I/A)

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3:30-5:30 pm

T239 American Indian Research (Native American)

Joan Healey, ag, and Mary Lynn Sharpe, ag

This interactive workshop will spotlight southeastern tribes. A workbook will be provided to include: strategies, timelines, record availability and content, websites and more. (B/I/A)

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FGS EVENING SOCIAL

T240—Join us for an evening of adventure at Birmingham's **Sloss Furnaces National Historic Landmark**. Enjoy some Southern BBQ and tour the historic sites on this 32-acre interpretive museum.

About Sloss Furnaces

Designated as a National Historic Landmark in 1981, Sloss Furnaces opened their doors to the public in 1983 and gave the community a view into its rich history and a window into the development of the American industrial revolution.

Visitors will be able to understand the processes and effort that went into the production of pig iron at this blast furnace site and view the eight steam-driven "blowing-engines" necessary for combustion.

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Tracks	8:00 am	9:30 am	11:00 am	12:15 pm
Southern Research	F-300 Sweet Home Alabama - Getting the James Family Back to Its NC Roots <i>Diane L. Richard</i> Anyone who has tried to get someone "born in XX" back to that original state knows how challenging that can be, especially before 1850. Researching possible extended family, neighbors and in-laws helped identify "where" in NC the James family came from. The challenge didn't end there - their found NC home place was a "burnt county!" (B/I/A)	F-309 Migration Records of the Old South to 1820 <i>Robert Scott Davis</i> Special sources exist that can help in documenting a family's movement from Virginia south to Alabama, and all points in-between before 1820, if one knows where to look. (A)	F-316 Little Known Sources for Tracking Early Pioneers on the Old Southwest Frontier prior to Statehood <i>Dorothy Williams Potter</i> The early Southern pioneers eluded Indians, intruded, squatted, floated down rivers, and brushed elbows with future presidents—all for land whether Indian, English, French or Spanish. Discover the records of the Public Land States including military bounty lands, militia claims, pre-emption rights, homestead settlements, and agreements with the Indian Nation. (I/A)	F-324 National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) Luncheon: The 1940 Census and the Great Depression <i>Connie Potter</i> Using examples from the census, this lecture will review the 1940 census focusing on the new questions, the supplemental questions, how to search the census, the instructions to the enumerators, and NARA's 1940 website.
Settlers and Indians	F-301 American Indian Genealogy Research Using FamilySearch <i>Barbara Becker Meehan, MLS, CG</i> Discover resources at FamilySearch.org for studying your American Indian ancestors - both online and through print and microfilm collections. (I)	F-310 Trails up, down, and across the Southern Appalachians <i>J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA</i> Learn about the historic trails and trailblazers that lead early settlers to and from the East Coast and Alabama, Mississippi and the West. Get specific clues to help you solve difficult research questions. (I/A)	F-317 The Trail of Tears: The Forced Removal of the Five Civilized Tribes <i>Kathy Huber</i> The Indian Removal Act of 1830 set the stage for the removal of the Five Civilized Tribes from their homelands. Discover what led to removal and what really happened along the trail. (B/I/A)	F-325 New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) Luncheon: Tales from the Reference Desk <i>David A. Lambert</i> Funny and entertaining genealogy stories heard by members of the staff at the NEHGS in Boston. Including David Allen Lambert's entertaining "You might be a genealogist..."
They Came From	F-302 Introduction to Irish Genealogy: Where Do I Start? <i>Eileen M. Ó Duill, CG</i> This lecture is a beginner's guide to Irish research. Learn about the "paper trail" left by your ancestor, that will lead you to his/her place of birth in Ireland. An explanation of Irish civil records and Irish census is provided. Application for Irish citizenship will be discussed. (B) <i>Sponsored by FamilySearch</i>	F-311 Doing English Research in a Computer World <i>Dean J. Hunter, AG, FUGA</i> This lecture will discuss how to use the resources that are available in electronic form to do English research. With the large number of automated records it is important to be effective in your approach to these records. (B/I/A)	F-318 German Territories and Maps - You Can't Do Research Without Them <i>F. Warren Bittner, CG</i> Germany has had frequent and significant boundary changes. Learn about the 300 independent territories that have now merged to become modern Germany and how to find their records. (I) <i>Chuck Knuthson Memorial Lecture</i>	F-326 Association of Professional Genealogists (APG) Luncheon: Top Ten Reasons to Not Write Your Family History <i>Mary Penner</i> Even though you're content to research until you drop dead, you keep hearing over and over, "You ought to write all that stuff down." Do you need to silence your pesky relatives and your guilty conscience? Mary Penner offers you the best excuses, er, the best reasons to not write it all down.
Soldiers	F-303 Researching a War of 1812 Ancestor <i>Craig R. Scott, CG</i> A look at records created by the war, compiled military service records, pensions, bounty land and other records. (I)	F-312 Revolutionary War Research-The Southern Experience <i>Richard G. Sayre, CG</i> Discover your Revolutionary War Soldier using strategies to find soldiers, including traditional and newer Internet-based approaches with an emphasis on the Southern Colonies. (I)	F-319 For Benefit of the Soldier: Civil War Fraternal Organizations <i>Amy Johnson Crow, CG</i> Many Civil War veterans joined groups such as the Grand Army of the Republic or United Confederate Veterans. These organizations provided to them relief and camaraderie. They provide to researchers rich veins of records. (I)	F-327 Georgia Genealogical Society (GGS) Luncheon: Georgia Research <i>Monica L. Hopkins</i> An overview of valuable records, where to find them, and how to prepare to visit repositories.
Records, Records, Records	F-304 Getting the most out of the Census: Finding Ancestry Clues in Census Records: 1790-1930 <i>Frazine K. Taylor, BS, MLS, CMP</i> Calling all genealogists! If you think you know your way around census records, think again. Even seasoned researchers can overlook valuable clues hidden in these important rolls. The emphasis of the lecture is on African-American census research, but offers methods useful to all family historians. (I)	F-313 Railroad Retirement Board Application Files, 1930s-1960s <i>Connie Potter & Maureen Hill</i> These records can trace the career of people who worked for the railroad beginning in 1936. The files may include information on other family members, addresses, death certificates, and explanations of health problems. (B/I/A) <i>Sponsored by National Archives and Records Administration</i>	F-320 Printed Legends and Missing Footnotes: Dissecting 19th and 20th Century Compiled Genealogies <i>D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS</i> Discover the methods used in the 19th and early 20th century to create a compiled genealogy, and how to ensure its information does not lead you down the wrong trail. (B/I) <i>Sponsored by findmypast.com</i>	Luncheon Menu Grilled chicken Caesar salad dressed with house made Caesar dressing served with signature rolls, and a Chocolate Chip cookie and beverages. Vegetarian Selection Grilled vegetables on a Caesar salad dressed with house made Caesar dressing served with signature rolls, and a Chocolate Chip cookie and beverages
Strategies & Techniques	F-305 BCG Certification Two-hour Seminar <i>Thomas W. Jones, Ph.D., CG, CGL, FASG, FUGA, FNGS, Rev. Dr. David McDonald, CG, and Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, CGL</i> Join BCG associates as they explain the nature and purpose of certification, as well as the application process, requirements, and how to prepare. (B-I-A) <i>Sponsored by the Board for Certification of Genealogists</i>		F-321 Smiths and Joneses: How to Cope with Families of Common Names <i>Elizabeth Shown Mills, CG, CGL, FASG</i> If there's anything worse than an ancestor who left no records, it's one with a common surname. Mills presents strategies for tracking and sorting same-name people. (B/I/A)	
Technology	F-306 I Couldn't Put it Down! Series: Create a NextGen Family History Book <i>Marlis Glaser Humphrey</i> Learn how to design an elegant informative digital next-gen coffee table style book from genealogical artifacts on the reader's platform of choice. (A/B/I)	F-314 Internet Archive and Genealogy <i>Randy W. Whited</i> The Internet Archive is a powerful tool for genealogists and societies. Learn how to search, upload and share archival images and texts. (B/I/A)	F-322 How to Manage a Large Genealogy Database Project <i>Laura Prescott</i> Explore the snags and successes of coordinating large database projects, including data standards, communication, time management, and programs to tie a project together. (B/I)	Important Note on Luncheons Participants are encouraged to attend the luncheons. There are very few eating establishments in the area surrounding the hotel and convention facilities and the few that are available will likely be quite busy with local business. In addition to first-rate speakers, the luncheons provide a great opportunity for networking and meeting other participants who may have insights into your research or better yet, may be related!
Strategies & Techniques	F-307 Judaism in Dixie <i>Beth Stahr, MLS, CG</i> This lecture is an introduction to the development of Jewish communities in the deep South during the nineteenth century. (B/I)	F-315 Native American Ancestry from a Maternally-Inherited DNA Standpoint <i>Ugo Alessandro Perego, Ph.D.</i> Using DNA technology to determine Native American ancestry is difficult since accurate records were not kept during early encounters and mixing between Europeans and indigenous people. (I/A)	F-323 Genealogists: Why do Officials Hate/Ignore Us? <i>Frederick E. Moss, LL.M., J.D., B.A.</i> Genealogists need to be able to articulate to legislators why they want to know more about those who have gone before us. How we can work better with decision makers. (A)	

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2:00 pm	3:30 pm	5:00 pm
F-328 Finding Baptist Ancestors in Southern Manuscripts <i>J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA</i> By focusing on regional manuscripts we can discover the wonderful letters, diaries, memorials and documents that tell the story of families, religious frontier, and outrageous Baptists. Learn how and where to find these items to include in your research. (I/A)	F-337 Researching the Creek War and the Old Federal Road <i>Gregory A. Waselkov</i> Learn an approach that combines documentary and oral historical, cartographic, archaeological, genealogical, and anthropological research methods, with examples drawn from the Creek War and the Federal Road. (I)	F-344 Remembering "The Cause": Confederate Memorial and Lineage Organizations <i>Kathy Huber</i> Historical overview of the efforts of the Southerners to remember those who fought and died in the War. Documenting their efforts led to the creation of many useful family records. (B/I/A)
F-329 They Crossed that Dividing Line! Researching Southerners Who Moved North <i>Paula Stuart-Warren, CG, FMGS, FUGA</i> Is northern research different? Yes & No. More city directories, state censuses, fewer burned records, earlier vital records, and different records begin your research. (B/I)	F-338 Early Indian Wars of the South <i>Christine Rose, CG, CGL, FASG</i> We'll look at some of the encounters between the Anglo Americans and the Native Americans as the differing cultures clashed. (B/I/A)	F-345 Eastern Cherokee Applications of the U.S. Court of Claims, 1906-1909 <i>Linda Woodward Geiger, CG, CGL</i> Discussion of the genealogical information found within the Roll of Eastern Cherokee (The Miller Roll), 1909, and supplemental roll of 1910. (I)
F-330 English Parish Registers: How to Access, Use and Interpret <i>Paul Milner</i> Case studies highlighting problems and clues show how to access, use and correctly interpret information found in English parish church records. (B/I)	F-339 Dublin, 30 June 1922: Did Everything Blow Up? <i>Eileen M. Ó Duíll, CG</i> A discussion of the disastrous fire in the Four Courts, Dublin in 1922 will be provided. The history of the Public Records of Ireland, documents which were lost and those which survived, as well as the efforts made by the National Archives to rebuild the collection will be explored. (I/A)	F-346 German Resources and Beginning Basics <i>Sonja Hoeke-Nishimoto, AG</i> This session will explain German resources on microfilm, in books, the internet and other media. Record types will be discussed to help you find the missing information needed to extend your family pedigree. (B/I)
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F-331 Alabama in the Mexican War <i>Craig R. Scott, CG</i> Alabama sent troops to fight in the Mexican War. This lecture looks at the records and the history of Alabama's involvement in the war. (I)	F-340 "And the Rockets' Red Glare": Online Resources for War of 1812 Research <i>Curt B. Witcher, MLS, FUGA, FIGS</i> The resources for researching America's second war for independence are increasingly plentiful. Explore the more familiar as well as lesser used online sources of data. (B/I/A)	F-347 National Defense Ribbon: A Family's Journey As Seen Through Various Military Documents: Pre-Revolution to the Present <i>Michael J. Hall</i> Using various governmental, military, and private documents that were created during various periods of conflict in which the United States participated, the military history of a family will unfold. (B/I/A)
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F-332 Pensions of the Poor <i>Pamela J. Cooper</i> Pensions of the poor provide documentation of families. The Mother's Aid Pension Act started 1911 in Chicago. Within 20 years, almost every state provided aid for families without fathers. (I/A)	F-341 Using Newspapers for Family History Research <i>John Philip Colletta, Ph.D.</i> Numerous examples illustrate how newspapers provide biographical details and contextual material that take your ancestors beyond names and dates to real people living in a fascinating real world. (B/I/A)	F-348 The Best Educational Plan for You: Sifting through the Options <i>Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, CGL</i> Genealogical education doesn't cost; it pays. With so many opportunities, how do you know which one is right for you and your budget? Online, in-person, group and self-taught options will be explored. (B/I/A)
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F-333 Rubik's Cube Genealogy: A New Twist on Your Old Data <i>Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, CGL</i> By twisting your data by sources, geography and chronology, holes and discrepancies will become more apparent, and may suggest further research clues. (I/A)	F-342 Making Your Citation Clear, Complete, and Accurate <i>Thomas W. Jones, Ph.D., CG, CGL, FASG, FUGA, FMGS</i> The why, what, when, and how of documenting genealogies. Learn five characteristics for making a citation complete and accurate and a simplified format for citing most sources. (I)	F-349 Probing Lore and Hearsay: Finding Truth in Family Stories <i>J.H. Fonkert</i> From an Indiana-Kentucky case study, learn how to test family lore against original records and separate kernels of truth from myth. (I)
F-334 Apps Galore for Genealogists (a two-hour session) <i>Pamela Boyer Sayre, CG, CGL & Richard G. Sayre, CG</i> Learn about some of the many iPhone or iPad applications that will increase productivity for a genealogist. (B/I/A)		F-350 Information Overload <i>Barbara Becker Meehan, MLIS, CG</i> Discover solutions to managing all of your genealogy information - at home, online, and on the road. (B)
F-335 Indexing and publishing the World's Records <i>Jessie Davis</i> FamilySearch has been aggressively acquiring records from around the world since 1894. Learn how digitized records are captured, indexed, and put on FamilySearch.org. (B/I/A)	F-343 From the Revolution to the 1940 Census: Weather and Family History (with a nod to natural disasters) <i>Connie Potter</i> This lecture shows how the weather may have affected families and explain why they moved from one area to another. (B/I/A)	F-351 Spinsters and Widows: Gender Loyalty within Families <i>Laura Prescott</i> Your female ancestors had few public rights, but often wielded unspoken power in deeds, wills, and personal accounts. Discover the heritage of women in 19th-century America. (B/I)
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WORKSHOPS

8:00-10:00 am

F-308 Windows on the Past: Dating, Identifying and Caring for Historic Photographs

Diane VanSkiver Gagel, M.A.

First hour covers dating photograph mediums and preservation; second hour includes dating fashions found in photographs and using technology in sharing photographs. (I/A)

2:00-4:00 pm

F-336 Skill-building for African American Genealogical Research

Jim Ison, AG, CG

Whether a beginner or an experienced researcher this workshop will help you further sharpen your skills:

- Learn key research strategies by applying the Genealogical Proof Standard using a case study of John Parker, underground railroad hero.
- Learn major migration patterns of millions of African Americans from colonial America to the deep South and on to Northern states and, how the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade database can provide insights into African origins.
- Proven tips to improve your skills. (B/I/A)

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3:30-5:30 pm

F-352 In The Law Library: A Workshop for Genealogical Researchers

Sharon Tate Moody, CG

This workshop will show genealogists how to explore statutory and case law, to discover genealogical clues, and to ferret out laws that impacted ancestor lives. (A)

EXHIBIT HALL

Join us in the exhibit hall Friday evening for extended hours, door prizes, and networking. E-mail Exhibits2012@fgs.org for additional information.

Exhibit Hall Hours	
Thursday:	10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Friday:	10:30 am – 8:00 pm
Saturday:	9:00 am – 3:30 pm

SATURDAY

Session Levels
B = Beginner
I = Intermediate
A = Advanced

Tracks	8:00 AM	9:30 am	11:00 am	12:15 pm
Records, Records, Records	S-400 Overlooked Research Sources: A Gold Mine to be Discovered <i>Christine Ann Staley, CG, CGL</i> County histories, school records, WPA records – just some of the valuable, but often overlooked, resources to be discussed, with examples and sources for locating them. (I/A)	S-409 Butcher, Baker, Candlestick Maker: Using Occupational Records <i>Amy Johnson Crow, CG</i> No matter what line of work they followed, our ancestors' occupational records can be goldmines of information. Learn how to find and use employment records, business histories, and government records that relate to occupations. (I)	S-416 The American State Papers: Public Lands and Claims, 1789-1837 <i>Kenneth W. Heger Ph.D.</i> The lecture will discuss the documents the government printed in the American State Papers and explain how to use the volumes to research land claims in the early years of the United States. There is extensive documentation on land matters in the old Southwest. (A)	S-424 Alabama Genealogical Society (AGS) Luncheon: My Grandfathers' Civil War <i>Leah Rawls Atkins, Ph.D.</i> This is a story of families in the Civil War era that weaves history and genealogy and illustrates how public and published documents can be used to tell the story in the absence of family papers.
Settlers and Indians	S-401 Des Allemands: German Migration Through New Orleans and Up the Mississippi <i>Beth Stahr, MLS, CG</i> Learn about the immigrant experience of those who arrived at New Orleans and traveled northward on Mississippi River steamboats during the first half of the nineteenth century. (B/I)	S-410 Discovering the Trail of Tears Online <i>Billie Stone Fogarty, M.Ed.</i> There was not just one "Trail of Tears". Learn how to discover the many different trails from the comfort of home using the internet. (I)	S-417 Discovering the REAL Stories of Your Immigrant Ancestors <i>John Philip Colletta, Ph.D.</i> Three very different case studies demonstrate how to use original sources and published materials to reconstruct the migration saga of each particular immigrant ancestor. (B/I/A)	S-425 International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists (ICAPGen) Luncheon: FamilySearch: Passport to the World - Changing the Face of Research <i>Don Anderson</i> Learn how FamilySearch, as the world's largest repository of digitized records, is networking with researchers and societies alike in creating a global community family.
They Came From	S-402 Nordic Research Today is Beyond the Viking Ages <i>Elaine Hasleton, AG</i> Learn what's available and how to efficiently use the most current resources on the Internet for doing Nordic/Scandinavian research. (B/I/A) <i>Sponsored by FamilySearch</i>	S-411 Progress Report on Irish Genealogy: Are things Getting Better? <i>Eileen M. Ó Duíll, CG</i> This lecture offers a review of resources both in Ireland and on-line for doing Irish genealogy in 2012. Recent developments in resources websites and services, some sponsored by the Irish government, will be discussed. (I/A) <i>Sponsored by FamilySearch</i>	S-418 Finding Your Swiss Miss: Swiss-German Research Steps and Sources <i>Sonja Heoke-Nishimoto, AG</i> This course will help you understand and find the Swiss-German records needed to find your Swiss ancestors through sources found in microfilms, books, and the internet. (B/I) <i>Sponsored by FamilySearch</i>	S-426 International Society For British Genealogy and Family History (ISBGFH) Luncheon: The World I Have Seen, 40 years of British Genealogy <i>Dean J. Hunter, AG, FUGA</i> 40 years ago who could have predicted how one would go about tracing a British pedigree in 2012? Come take a light hearted stroll down the path of British genealogy over the past 40 years with one who walked it and remember or learn how great the world we research in has become.
African-American	S-403 Tracing Your African American Ancestry: Where to Start <i>Frazine K. Taylor, BS, MSL, CMP</i> This presentation will focus on tools needed to conduct your family search by looking for records that establish relationships among generations of your family, and for information that identifies the regions where your ancestors lived. (B) <i>Sponsored by findmypast.com</i>	S-412 Researching African Americans in the Wake of the Civil War: A Case Study <i>Wevonneda Minis</i> Mining post-Civil War records, created as former slaves established new identities, can lead to identifying their family members and former slave owners. (I)	S-419 Manifests of Slave Shipments along the Waterway 1808-1864 <i>Emma Davis-Hamilton</i> By act of congress beginning Jan 1, 1808 transatlantic slave trade was prohibited. The act required that vessels carrying slaves coastwise file manifests at the port of origin and the port of destination. The manifests listed the shipper/owner, place of residence, name of each slave and description. (B/I/A)	
Soldiers	S-404 Post Revolutionary War Alabama and the Revolutionary Pensioner <i>Craig R. Scott, CG</i> Many Revolutionary War soldiers came to Alabama after the War. This lecture looks at the records and the history of Alabama's Revolutionary War pensioners. (I)	S-413 Step-by-Step: Finding Ancestors in the Civil War <i>J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA</i> Learn about the historic trails and trailblazers that lead early settlers to and from the East Coast and Alabama, Mississippi and the West. Get specific clues to help you solve difficult research questions. (B/I) <i>Sponsored by findmypast.com</i>	S-420 War of 1812: Tracing the British Soldier <i>Paul Milner</i> Examine online, original and print resources, with case studies, for tracing your British soldiers and their regiments serving in the War of 1812. (I/A)	S-427 Board for Certification of Genealogists (BCG) Luncheon: Certification: Not Just for Over-achievers <i>Pamela Boyer Sayre, CG, CGL</i> Earning certification is not an overnight project. It's hard work, but an attainable goal for genealogists committed to high standards and excellence as a researcher.
Strategies & Techniques	S-405 Accreditation: Taking Your Research Experience to the Next Level <i>Jill Crandell, AG</i> Learn more about what it takes to become an AG® professional through ICAPGen SM . (B/I/A) <i>Sponsored by ICAPGen</i>	S-414 Problem-solving in the Problem-Riddled Carolina Backcountry <i>Elizabeth Shown Mills, CG, CGL, FASG</i> The Carolina backcountry is known for its genealogical roadblocks, pitfalls, and lack of records. Mills presents strategies and sources for overcoming these obstacles. (B/I/A)	S-421 Thinking Outside the Index: Internet Search Techniques <i>Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, CGL</i> Choosing the right search engine and techniques for querying databases help to massage the data in ways that can help identify people otherwise overlooked. (I/A)	Luncheon Menu Chicken Salad croissant, potato salad, fruit skewer and Chocolate cake and beverages. Vegetarian Selection Tomato Mozzarella pesto on a Ciabatta roll, potato salad, fruit skewer, chocolate cake and beverages.
Technology	S-406 Google Earth for Genealogists: The Sequel (a two hour session) <i>Pamela Boyer Sayre, CG, CGL & Richard G. Sayre, CG</i> See Google Earth in action for genealogical applications. The basics of Google Earth, plus using Google Earth tools to overlay period or plat maps, create a 3D version of an old building, and more. (B/I/A)		S-422 I Couldn't Put it Down! Series: Convert Your Family History Book to an eBook <i>Marlis Glaser Humphrey</i> Learn the methods and tools for converting a word processor generated book to an eBook for iPad, Kindle, Nook, or PC. (B/I/A)	Important Note on Luncheons Participants are encouraged to attend the luncheons. There are very few eating establishments in the area surrounding the hotel and convention facilities and the few that are available will likely be quite busy with local business. In addition to first-rate speakers, the luncheons provide a great opportunity for networking and meeting other participants who may have insights into your research or better yet, may be related!
Strategies & Techniques	S-407 Pathfinders, Guides, Finding Aids & Catalogs Strategies for Genealogy Success <i>Pamela J. Cooper</i> The strongest barrier to locating records is WHERE to look. For decades, repositories have created tools to access their collections and aid in retrieving information. Let's use them! (I/A)	S-415 Timelining Your Ancestor <i>George Morgan</i> Organizing information into a chronological, biographical profile can help you begin to recognize character traits and patterns. Examine the influences on your ancestor and learn how to create a timeline. (B)	S-423 The Family Historian: Family, Society, and Library <i>Michael J. Hall</i> This presentation will examine the role of the Family Historian within the Family Unit, the Local Family History Society, and the Local Public, Private, and/or Academic Library in their community. (B/I/A) <i>Sponsored by FamilySearch</i>	

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S-428 Speaking from the Grave: Exploring Probate Records <i>Sharon Tate Moody, CG</i> Understanding probate records and the laws that created them will help researchers understand more than is initially obvious. (B/I)	S-437 Rarely Used Records and Not-So-New Resources <i>Pamela J. Cooper</i> Twelve rarely used records will be reviewed. Primary objective is to focus on one record at a time and provide details to initiate the quest. (I)	S-445 Mining the Motherlode: Using Periodical Literature in Genealogical Research <i>Curt B. Witcher, MLS, FUGA, FGS</i> Useful information is abundant in the serial publications of historical and genealogical organizations. Learn what you can find and the indices to make that discovery happen. (B/I/A)
S-429 The Life and Times of Boney Tank: A Case Study in Cherokee Research <i>Robert Scott Davis</i> Records of the colorful Tank family demonstrate the use of records of Cherokee descent to build a family tree when almost no other records of the relationships exist. (I)	S-438 Reasonably Exhaustive Research: An Immigrant Case Study <i>F. Warren Bittner, CG</i> See how the Genealogical Proof Standard is used to find a "brick wall" immigrant family despite repeated dead ends and misleading clues. (I)	S-446 The Guion Miller Roll: Documenting Cherokee Families <i>Kathy Huber</i> Almost 46,000 people applied to be included for compensation on the Guion Miller Roll. Learn why this roll based compensation on family connections and genealogical information. (B/I/A)
S-430 Irish Research-Acquiring a sense of place <i>Richard G. Sayre, CG</i> A case study in using American and Irish records to locate the family of mid-nineteenth century immigrants and their residence in County Armagh. Using estate, land and church records to distinguish individuals of the same forename and surname. (I)	S-439 Doing Scottish Research in a Computer World <i>Dean J. Hunter, AG, FUGA</i> This lecture will discuss how to use the resources that are available in electronic form to do Scottish Research. With the large number of automated records it is important to be effective in your approach to these records. (B/I/A)	S-447 Come to Ireland to Find Your Irish Ancestors <i>Eileen M. Ó Duíll, CG</i> This lecture will assist researchers who intend to travel to Ireland. Hints on preparation, documentary sources and pre-trip organization and tips on Dublin record repositories will be given. (I)
S-431 Using Genealogical Periodicals for Researching African-American Family History <i>Frazine K. Taylor, BS, MSLS, CMP</i> Although genealogical periodicals offer many sources of hidden information, they are often overlooked or under used by family historians in searching for family history. Learn the value of cumulative indexes and time-saving tips to narrow the search for an ancestor using examples in national periodicals and Alabama's periodical collection. (I)	S-440 Freeman's Bureau Labor Contracts: A Closer Look <i>Wevonned Minis</i> Use of Freedmen's Bureau labor contracts need not be limited to checking for ancestors' names. Analysis can uncover information with evidence to solve genealogical problems. (I/A)	S-448 The African American Homestead Experience, South and North <i>Roberta "Bobbi" King</i> Robert Anderson, former slave who became a respected Nebraska homesteader, and the African American colony of Dearfield, Colorado, present the Black Homesteading experience. (I)
S-432 Revolutionary War Records and The Southern Campaigns <i>Christine Rose, CG, CGL, FASG</i> Southern campaigns had a direct impact on the outcome of this war. We'll look at them, and at the records the Revolution created. (B/I)	S-441 Known Dead in the War of 1812 <i>Craig R. Scott, CG</i> An examination of where records of those that died during the war can be found. 8,500 have been located to date, where the government says there were but 2,400. (I)	S-449 Beyond the Pension Files: Using Pension Bureau Correspondence Files and Appeals Reports, 1849-1907 <i>Kenneth W. Heger Ph.D.</i> Learn about records the Pension Bureau created to document the pension and bounty land appeal processes. (I/A)
S-433 Tilling the Southern Soil for Northeastern Roots <i>Elizabeth Shown Mills, CG, CGL, FASG</i> Stuck on a Northeastern line? Political, economic, social, and climatic changes sent Northeasterners southward from the mid-1600s. This session examines many overlooked resources. (B/I/A)	S-442 Solutions for Missing and Scarce Records <i>Thomas W. Jones, Ph.D. CG, CGL, FASG, FUGA, FNGS</i> Attendees will learn nine ways to locate difficult-to-trace ancestors. (I)	S-450 Genealogical Fingerprints: Matching and Separating Identities in Family History Research <i>J.H. Fonkert, CG</i> Learn how to solve two kinds of identity problems: matching identities in different times and places, and separating easily confounded individuals. (I)
S-434 Building Context and Making Connections: Using JSTOR for Family History <i>D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS</i> Thousands of potential resources await you at JSTOR, an online collection of scholarly publications from across the world. (I/A)	S-443 Organizing Digitally: Research Logs and Files <i>Jill N. Crandell, AG</i> Attain a paperless office by tracking your research in a relational database and organizing digital files. Any document can be located for viewing and analysis in seconds. (I/A)	S-451 Facebook for Genealogists <i>Thomas MacEntee</i> Afraid to make the jump into Facebook? Wondering what all the fuss is about or how Facebook can work to the genealogist's advantage? Come along for a journey through this exciting social media application. (B)
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S-435 Is There a Professional in the House? <i>Paula Stuart-Warren, CG, FMGS, FUGA</i> Professionalism? Image, certification, accreditation, standards, common sense? Learn from serious and humorous examples and group participation. (B/I/A)	S-444 eBooks for Genealogists <i>Pamela Boyer Sayre, CG, CGL</i> Learn about free and paid every-word searchable eBooks that can be used online or downloaded to a reader such as Kindle, smart phone, or iPad. (B/I/A)	S-452 Behind Closed Doors: An Introduction to Plaçage <i>Beth Stahr, MLS, CG</i> Learn about the custom of placage and what extant records might provide evidence of it within a family (B/I)
Helen F. M. Leary Distinguished Lecture, Sponsored by the BCG Education Fund.		

WORKSHOPS

8:00-10:00 am

S-408 Hands On! Transcribing & Abstracting Documents

Linda Woodward Geiger, CG, CGL

Seeing and hearing are important facets of learning, but doing is worth its weight in gold. Attendees should come prepared to work! (B/I)

2:00-4:00 pm

S-436 FamilySearch Wiki Workshop

Lise Embley

Learn the "how-to's" of working in the Wiki. In this workshop you will create your own user page and practice how to create and edit content pages, add tables, upload images and add them to a page, and other facets of Wiki work. You will be Wiki-proficient by the time you finish this workshop! (B/I/A)

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SUNDAY BRUNCH

10:00 am-Noon

Last year was our first Sunday morning farewell brunch and it was such a huge success we plan to continue the tradition. Join us for a bite before you begin your journey home and come say goodbye to your new and old friends. Sign up early as space is limited.

Feast on a selection of appetizing flaky southern biscuits, buttery croissants and muffins served with butter, honey, jams, and preserves with sliced fruits and berries and refreshing chilled fruit juices. Indulge in fluffy scrambled eggs, hickory smoked bacon, ham or country sausage with crispy breakfast potatoes and southern style grits.

And just like last year—there will be a number of generous door prizes donated by our vendors!

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<http://library.samford.edu>

Birmingham–Southern Archives and the North Alabama Conference of the United Methodist Church Archival Collection

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Birmingham, AL 35254
(205) 226-4752

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Hanceville, AL 35077-2000
92560 352-8265
<http://www.wallacestate.edu/library/genealogy.html>

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Montgomery, AL 36130-0100
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