

Fall Brings Great Opportunities For Learning

Expanding Arsenal Of Research Tools To Be Seminar Topic

Author-researcher Tim Pinnick will provide new tools for genealogy research when he speaks at the Georgia Genealogical Society seminar on Saturday, Oct. 3.

Pinnick will speak on Expanding Your Resource Arsenal for Genealogical Success at McElreath Hall at the Atlanta History Center. His lecture will be divided into four parts:

Maximizing Your Reach: Research in University Libraries

University libraries are rich sources of material for genealogists, yet many never set foot in them. However, rarely will researchers find such diversity of resources as they are apt to find at a university library. Rich microfilm collections, remarkable databases and extended research hours are just a few of the reasons to visit. Attendees will learn the ins and outs of a resource that every genealogist should be accessing regularly.

Researching Civilian Conservation Camp Newspapers

The legacy of the Civil Conservation Corps (CCC) has been wonderfully captured in the camp newspapers. Thousands of the papers exist from the 1930s and 1940s and contain much of value to the genealogist. They provide a great source of information and compliment the 2012 release of the 1940 census.

Researching Your Civil War Ancestor in the Grand Army of the Republic Examination of the involvement of

Author and researcher Tim Pinnick



veterans in the GAR, an influential national organization of Union Civil War Veterans, details some of extant resources of the group and offers some methodology which will help researchers accumulate important details on these veterans.

Congressional Hearings: A Primer on This Valuable Resource

Attendees will become acquainted with the testimonies of average Americans, a tremendous genealogical source whose riches remain untapped by most researchers due to lack of knowledge or access. The session will teach the ins and outs of this source and how to access them online.

In addition, Pinnick will address these helpful topics:

Developing the Genealogy of a Community: A Case Study

He will present the details of a long-term project revolving around the collection of information on a group of African American miners in a specific community into a major database of integrated genealogical

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Annual Genealogy Day Set For October 24 At Georgia Archives

Following a very successful event in 2014, the Georgia Archives will again present Genealogy Day on Saturday, Oct. 24.

The events are free and open to the public. Hours will be 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The Archives is located at 5800 Jonesboro Road in Morrow.

Georgia Genealogical Society Education Director Laura W. Carter will teach an all-day beginner's genealogy class with hands-on activities. Included in her lectures will be discussions of genealogical philosophy and principles, as well as types of sources and records, source evaluation and citation and types of forms and charts.

In addition, there will be four lectures on a variety of topics. Attendees are encouraged to submit questions throughout the day, and the final half hour will be a round table discussion featuring the speakers who will give their thoughts on the questions from the attendees.

Among the speakers will be former Georgia Archives reference archivist Joanne Smalley. The Atlanta Chapter of the Afro-American Genealogical and Historical Society and the Georgia Genealogical Society will sponsor talks.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Susan Sloan

Looking Forward

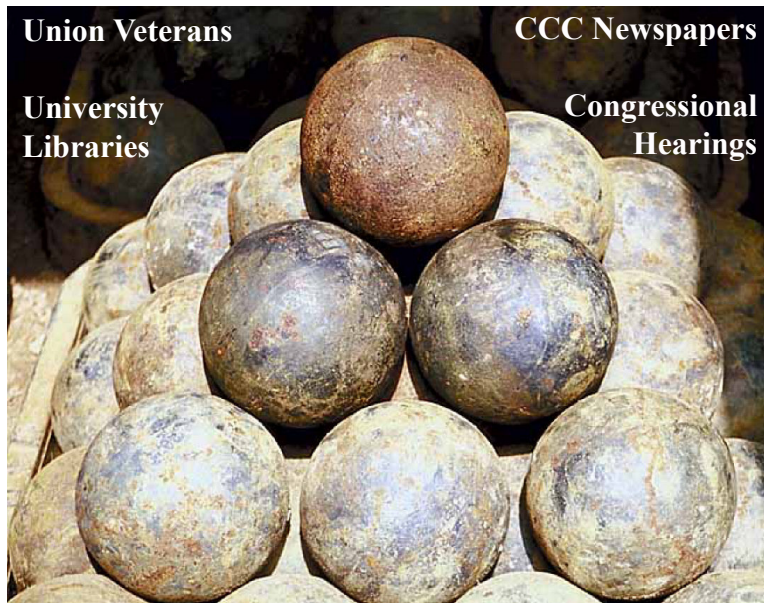
Technology has certainly changed our lives since GGS was founded over 50 years ago. I remember the time when, if you wanted to communicate with your members, you had to type a letter, make copies, hand address and stamp envelopes and put them in the U. S. mail. Genealogy was done the same way, and I remember waiting months to receive a response from a genealogical inquiry. Now we can communicate with large numbers of people at the press of a computer button and find long sought for information on Websites almost instantly.

Georgia Genealogical Society is looking forward to a new, more efficient way to serve our members and the public. By the time you read this message, it's possible that you will have seen a new look on our website. GGS is working to upload our information into a new information management system called NeonCRM. NeonCRM is an information management system designed specifically for non-profits, which streamlines how we keep up with things like membership, events, communications, publications and other activities. It will help us run more efficiently, react more quickly and save money... money that we will use to continue our commitment to our founding objectives.

Speaking of looking forward... let's fast forward to May of 2016. GGS will sponsor a luncheon and booth at the National Genealogical Conference in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Mark your calendars now for May 4-7, 2016. We hope you will join us. For registration information go to the NGS Website at www.ngsgenealogy.org.

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***Expanding
Your Resource Arsenal
for Genealogical Success***

Timothy N. Pinnick

Saturday, Oct. 3
McElreath Hall, Atlanta History Center
130 West Paces Ferry Road

9:-30-10 a.m. ~ check-in
10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. ~ program

**Cost: \$25 Members (GGS and Atlanta History Center)
\$35 Non-Members
(lunch *not* included)**

Deadline for postal mail registrations: Friday, Sept. 25

Deadline for online registrations (Pay Pal): midnight Wednesday, Sept. 30

Handouts guaranteed for those who register by the deadline. A \$5 surcharge will be assessed for late registrations.

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Make checks payable to Georgia Genealogical Society and mail with completed form to:
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Please tell us how you heard about this meeting (check one):

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For more information contact Laura W. Carter ~ gagensocprograms@gmail.com

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data, using World War I cards, vital records and newspaper material as the core, with the goal of constructing the genealogy of a community.

Some Great, Seldom-Used, Resources: A Genealogical Potpourri

The speaker will share some unique and exciting resources with the potential to knock down one or more of the troublesome brick walls aggravating seasoned researchers.

Registration and check-in will be from 9:30-10 a.m. The program will be presented from 10:15 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

The cost will be \$25 for GGS and Atlanta History Center members and \$35 for non-members. No lunch will be served.

Registration deadlines are Friday, Sept. 25 for postal mail and Wednesday, Sept. 30 for online registrations. A \$5 late fee will be charged.

About Tim Pinnick

Tim Pinnick is a researcher and writer with more than 25 years overall research experience including work in all the major U.S. repositories. He is the author of *Finding and Using African American Newspapers* (Gregath Publishing) and more than half a dozen articles. He was a public school teacher for more than 10 years.

As an independent scholar, Pinnick has presented five historical papers on African American related subjects. The most recent one, "Reconstructing the African American Community of Thurber", Texas was given at the 2008 Western History Association Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. Past papers were delivered at the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Association for African American Historical Research and Preservation, and the Illinois History Conference. In 2009 he returned to the Association for African American Historical Research and Preservation Conference in Seattle, Washington, to deliver the keynote address titled "African American History: The Rest of the Story."

Pinnick has extensive lecture experience on a variety of topics and has been a presenter at over a dozen national and regional genealogy conferences coast to coast including the National Genealogical Society Conference in 2006 and the Federation of Genealogical Societies Conferences in 2007-2009.

A member of numerous historical and genealogical associations, he currently maintains the African American Coal Miner Information Center a website he created in 2003, as well as serving as the webmaster for the Afro-American Genealogical and Historical Society of Chicago. In November, 2007 he was elected to the board of the Association of Professional Genealogists for Region 2.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

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as well as lineage societies, are invited to have displays and tables. GGS will have a table, as will James Waldrop Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (celebrating the 125th anniversary of the DAR). Those who would like to have a display or table should phone the Archives at 678 364 3710.

Plans are still being finalized. Registration may be required. Watch for more information on the GGS and Archives Web sites, as well as Kenneth Thomas' genealogy column in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. Phone the Archives at 678-364-3710 for more information.

GGG Member Wins Award For 'Got Proof'

GGG member and first-time author, Michael Nolden Henderson, was recently awarded first place honors in the 2015 Next Generation Indie Book Awards, the largest not-for-profit book awards program for independent publishers and self-published authors. Henderson's memoir, *Got Proof! My Genealogical Journey Through the Use of Documentation*, won first place in the memoir category and received finalist in the African American literature category.

In 2010, Henderson, a native of New Orleans, LA and graduate of Xavier University, became the first African American in Georgia inducted into the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution. His research into the relationship between a woman of color who gained her freedom in 1779, and a French national who fought in the Revolutionary War under Bernardo de Galvez in Spanish Colonial Louisiana, is the focus of his book and of the 2010 segment of the PBS televised series, "History Detectives."

Henderson has joined several lineage societies, including the General Society of the War of 1812 in Louisiana. He is a genealogy researcher and lecturer who speaks to audiences nationwide. In 2014, Henderson received two other book awards for *Got Proof*: Finalist in the 50th Georgia Author of the Year Awards (GAYA) presented by the Georgia Writer's Association, and the Minnesota Society Stephen Taylor Award for writing and preservation of history presented by the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

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Call for Proposals Georgia Genealogical Society Seminar

February 27, 2016

at Atlanta History Center

Deadline for Submission: October 1, 2015

Information to be included in the proposal:

- Presenter's name, postal address, email address and phone number.
- Session/presentation title (of no more than 15 words)
- Session abstract (up to 500 words)
- Abstract or description for each presentation (up to 300 words)
- Sample slides of part of presentation
- Biographical paragraph or c.v. summary (up to 250 words) for each participant
- Correct e-mail address for each participant
- Audiovisual needs
- May submit proposals for more than one session

Sessions will be one hour in length, including Q & A.
Selected presenters will be paid \$100.00 per hour talk.

Submit proposals to Laura W. Carter, via email at gagensocprograms@gmail.com before midnight October 1, 2015. The presenters will be announced by November 30, 2015.

If you have questions, contact Laura W. Carter at the above email address.

Changes Proposed To Society Membership Bylaw

The board of the Georgia Genealogical Society has proposed changes to the society bylaw regarding membership. Members attending the October meeting will be asked to vote on the changes, which will take effect immediately upon ratification.

Following are the original sections and the proposed changes:

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Revised September 29, 2012

Section 1. Membership in the Georgia Genealogical Society shall be open to any person interested in promoting the objectives stated in Article I upon payment of annual dues.

Section 2. Institutions and societies within and outside the State of Georgia shall be eligible to be non- voting members of the Society upon payment of annual dues.

Section 3. The classes of members of the Society shall be Individual, Institutional Society, and Family (any two persons at the same address and receiving one mailing from the Society). [*See Amendment IV, approved September 29, 2012*]

Section 4. Annual dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

If payment for dues is not received by March 1, the name will be removed from the list of members. Only those members paying dues by March 1 will receive publications that are sent to members in good standing after the dues are received and processed. The dues for all members joining after October 1 shall be applied to the following year. [*See Amendment III-- Approved October 4, 1997*].

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Approved October 4, 1997

Section 4. Annual dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors. The yearly term of membership after receipt of application shall begin with the next calendar quarter and shall expire after four quarters. If payment for dues is not received by the membership expiration date, as noted on mailing label, the name will be removed from the list of members.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP AMENDMENT III

Section 4. Annual dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors. The yearly term of membership after receipt of application shall begin with the date dues are received and shall

expire on that date in one year. If payment for dues is not received within 30 days of membership expiration date, the name will be removed from the list of members.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP AMENDMENT IV

Approved September 29, 2012

Section 3. The six classes of members of the Society shall be

- (1) Individual/Institution/Organization,
- (2) Family (any two persons at the same address and receiving one mailing from the Society),
- (3) Patron, and
- (4) Benefactor

PROPOSED CHANGE TO ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP AMENDMENT IV

Section 3. The classes of members of the Society shall be

- (1) Individual/Institution/Organization,
- (2) Family (any two persons at the same address and receiving one mailing from the Society),
- (3) Patron, and
- (4) Benefactor
- (5) Additional classes may be added at the discretion of the Board of Directors as beneficial to the Society

Genealogy Community Loses Two Prominent Authors

Bobby Gilmer Moss

Bobby Gilmer Moss, author of a number of important books on the soldiers of the American Revolution in South Carolina, died on August 7 at his home in Blacksburg, S. C.

According to genealogist Robert Scott Davis, director of the Family and Regional History Program at Wallace State College, Moss' most popular and representative work is *Roster of South Carolina Patriots in the American Revolution* (1983). His most recent work was *African-American Patriots*

in the Southern Campaign of the American Revolution, published in 2004.

Don L. Shadburn

Don Shadburn, of Cumming, well known for his many books on the Cherokee Indians and the North Georgia area, died on April 21.

His first work was *Pioneer History of Forsyth County, Georgia*, published in 1981. His Cherokee series included, among others, *Cherokee Planters in Georgia, 1832-1838*, published in

1989; and *Unhallowed Intrusion: A History of Cherokee Families in Forsyth County, Georgia*. *Unhallowed Intrusion* was recipient of the first Lilla Mills Hawes Award (1995) presented by the Georgia Historical Society. His most recent work was *Upon Our Ruins: A Study in Cherokee History and Genealogy*.



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Sarah Kim

Wednesday, Oct. 21, 8 p. m. Eastern time

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GGs and JSTOR will take search requests to use as examples for the Webinar. If you have a topic to search on JSTOR and to share, send them to sarah.kim@jstor.org by October 1.

Kim is the senior marketing manager at JSTOR where she oversees outreach and engagement with individual researchers. For the past 10 years, she helped to launch JSTOR's Register and Read and JPASS programs and

worked with publishers to archive and make their journals available to millions of users worldwide.

AMERICAN INDIAN ANCESTRY AND HOW TO DOCUMENT IT

Angela Walton-Raji

Nov 18, 8 p. m. Eastern time

This session will explore methods of finding "The Indian in the Family history." Included will be 19th and 20th century records, special Indian rolls with "blended families" such as the Guion Miller Rolls and the Dawes Rolls. In addition, methods of finding and documenting Native Americans from the colonial era will be presented.

Angela Walton-Raji is known nationally for her research and work on Oklahoma Native American records. Her book on Black Indian Genealogy Research is the only book of its kind focusing on the unique Freedmen Records found within the Dawes Records. She also includes several chapters and documents in her book, focusing on the records that reflect blended families – African and Native American families in many households.

A founding member of AfriGeneas.com, Walton-Raji is also a genealogist specializing in information for beginners, via daily and weekly online genealogy chats on AfriGeneas. She is a host of a weekly genealogy podcast, a number of instructional videos and an expert consultant on video documentaries.

More Opportunities To Hone Skills

GGs SEMINAR, HOLIDAY LUNCHEON AND AWARDS PRESENTATION

Saturday, Dec. 12

Donald S. Summerlin

Exploring Georgia's Historic Newspaper Archives at the Digital Library of Georgia
Georgia Archives

GEORGIA ARCHIVES LUNCH AND LEARN

Friday, Oct. 9

Glenn T. Eskew, Georgia State University

Johnny Mercer: Southern Songwriter for the World (GHRAC Award - Excellence in Research Using the Holdings of an Archives)

Friday, Nov. 13

Georgia Archives Staff

Divorce Law and Records in Georgia to 1860

Lunch and Learn Lectures are free, and no reservations are required.

QUERY - NORRIS

Seeking information on parents of:
Thomas M. Norris of Washington County, Ga. He is my 3-great grandfather.

Gravestone shows b..Jan. 15, 1832, d. Jan. 4, 1910

Wife: Sarah E. Mills Norris b. Sept. 12, 1833, d. Sept. 3, 1901, m. 1851.

Washington County census 1870 lists 8 children. Served in the Civil War Co. B, 59th Regiment, Washington County, enlisted 1862. Pension records show born in Hancock County Jan. 15, 1830.

Wash. County census 1850 shows him living with Robert C. Norris (assume he is the brother), Robert's wife Martha, and Elizabeth Norris born in N. C. Is Elizabeth the mother or grandmother? Who were Thomas M. Norris's father and mother?

Info is greatly appreciated.

Alisa Norris Scott, alisanorrisscott@gmail.com

Queries are free for members. To place a query, write the editor at msaffold@bellsouth.net

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