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General Meeting for September: The Birmingham Genealogical Society will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 27th on the fourth floor of the Birmingham Public Library (in the Arrington Auditorium). The Board of Directors will meet at 1:00 p.m. in the same room.

The program for September: Please join us as **Barbara McKenna** will discuss researching National Cemeteries in foreign countries and she will also provide an update on research in the Panama Canal Zone. Barbara is a retired Air Force Colonel and was born in the Panama Canal Zone. All records were moved from the Canal Zone following the transfer to Panama. Barbara will give a bit of history of the U.S. Presence in Panama in order to emphasize the number of individuals and records impacted by this move. Please join us and bring a friend!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Don't forget the BGS October Fair on Saturday, October 25th! It's time to plan for your exhibit – some ideas to consider for an exhibit are old family photos, clothing worn by an ancestor, family histories, articles owned by or made by an ancestor. Ribbons to be awarded to the first, second and third place winners and of course the silver bowl is awarded to the first place winner! We need your participation!

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THIS YEAR!



The **Alabama Genealogical Society Fall Seminar** will be held on Saturday, October 11, 2014, at the Alabama Department of Archives and History in Montgomery. C. Ann Staley will present the program on "Searching, Solving and Sharing". Lecture titles are "Overlooked Research Sources"; "Organizing, Analyzing, and Sharing: Using Technology to Your Advantage"; "Scratching for the Elusive Ancestor" and "Online Sources - for Free". For more information and the registration form go to <http://algensoc.org/main/seminarFlyer.pdf>.

Alabama Historical Association Fall Pilgrimage will be held October 10-11, 2014 in Shelby County (Columbiana & Montevallo)! The registration form can be found at <http://www.alabamahistory.net/meetings.html>

The **13th Annual Alabama Cemetery Preservation Alliance Workshop** will be conducted on Saturday, Nov 1, 2014 in Birmingham on the campus of Samford University. The flyer is available for downloading on the ACPA's website home page at: <http://www.alabama-cemetery-preservation.com/>.

**Research & Genealogical Tips:
Female's Name at that Time**

Records on female relatives in most areas of the United States will use the name they had at the time the record was created. If you can't find a female relative in a place and time where you expect to, is it possible they had a marriage you are not aware of?

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The past is not dead. It isn't even past. --William Faulkner

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East End News, 1956

Historic East Lake Cemetery Has Memorial To Early Teacher

By Mrs. Leon Palmer -

Christianity and education came into East Lake in the beginning in two forms, one which may be called Latin, and the other English.

Latin Christianity came, it seems, first, as shown by the tomb of what is supposed to have been a Dominican Father from Spanish-held Mobile, and the school was primarily for the Indian youth. These early Spanish missions had in the center a block house and when the danger of Indians was over the block house was taken and used for the first church, according to historian Duffee.

George Hodges, an Episcopal historian, speaking of these early Catholic missions, said: "These missions were planted by men who never since have been surpassed in courage, self-sacrifice and enthusiastic devotion, and who have never been equaled in their understanding of Indian character and in their success in making Indian converts."

Close to the grave of this first Catholic teacher with its rare wood crucifix, is the tomb of another teacher who followed the way of the cross and who lay

in an unmarked grave for a generation. We refer to Dr. Jacob H. Baker who taught the father of our Miss Hattie Williams, whose light as a Christian educator has shown for over three score years in our midst; and also he taught the father of our beloved Mrs. J. A. Dupuy, chairman of the City Board of Education.

A group of pupils erected a monument to Dr. Baker who died and was accorded the ancient midnight funeral service given prominent Masons, it is said.

The inscription on Dr. Baker's monument in East Lake Cemetery reads: "An upright and most useful citizen—one of the greatest educators of youth in his day—a benefactor to his race. After life's fitful fever he sleeps well. Erected by his quondam pupils as a mark of their esteem and veneration."