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General Meeting for August: The Birmingham Genealogical Society will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 25th on the fourth floor of the Birmingham Public Library (in the auditorium). The Board of Directors will meet at 1:15 p.m. in the same room.

DON'T FORGET FELLOWSHIP BEGINS AT 1:30!

The program for August: Please join us as **Jim Holley** presents **Baseball & Steel: Industrial Baseball**. Jim Holley is a native of Walker County and retired after a lengthy career with the Alabama Department of Transportation. Please join us!

DON'T FORGET THE FGS 2012 NATIONAL CONFERENCE – August 29 – September 1, 2012 Birmingham AL. There is still need for volunteers. Please contact Yvonne Crumpler via her email rayscru@gmail.com

Visit <http://www.fgs.org/2012conference/> for additional information

SIBLEY FAMILY INQUIRY: I have a very old photograph album which belonged to my father. Around the turn of the last century--circa 1902-04--he travelled through Alabama demonstrating the efficiency (and I assume also selling) of DuPont dynamite used for blowing up tree stumps and in mines. From the album, he seems to have been headquartered in Birmingham where he became very friendly with a family named Sibley--he may have boarded with them?--I don't know just what the connection was but the album has many pictures of this family. Some of them are very charming and it seems a shame that they are with me rather than with the Sibley descendants who might enjoy them so much more. I should be delighted to mail what I have to any descendants who show any interest in these as they will mean very little to my children and even less to theirs.

I have no address for the Sibleys except for an address on a forwarded letter which was returned to my father after he left Alabama and returned to Delaware. I have no idea whether or not this was the Sibley home or some other place and the stamps are from Nicaragua!!! How my father knew or met anyone from Nicaragua is a mystery as I never heard him mention the place. The address on the letter is : 1117 So. 19 Street, Birmingham, Ala.

There is also a wedding invitation for the marriage of a Miss Emily Morriss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Morriss, to a Mr. James Thigpen Coleman, which took place on Wednesday, May 24th, 1911, in Birmingham., if you have any record of these people and they would like this.

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The past is not dead. It isn't even past. --William Faulkner
Scott A. Martin, BGS Newsletter Editor



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Tips & Suggestions for researching the Dead: READ THE WHOLE STONE

When personally visiting a cemetery, make certain you read the entire stone for clues-- front, back, left, right. Sometimes there may even be a symbol engraved on the top--that could be a clue as well.

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