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General Meeting for February: The Birmingham Genealogical Society will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 25th on the third floor of the Birmingham Public Library (in the auditorium). The Board of Directors will meet at 1:30 p.m. in the same room.

DON'T FORGET FELLOWSHIP BEGINS AT 1:30!

The program for February: Whether you have been researching your family tree for 1 month or 10 years, we all face the same challenge: what to do with all of the information we have collected. **Mary Taylor**, past president of the Birmingham Genealogical Society, will present "**Compiling Your Family History for Publication.**" Mary's rich background experience in genealogical research will enable her to share valuable tips on how to organize and publish all of the work you have gathered. Please join us!

Research & Genealogical Tips: Find Their Shoes & Put Them On

If you have "lost" your ancestor at a certain point in time, put yourself in their shoes and see if it generates any ideas or leads. Think about:

1. Their age when you've "lost" them.
2. What "stage" were they at in their life--newly married, lots of children, "empty nester," etc.?
3. What economic advantages did they have? what economic limitations did they have?
4. Who were they responsible for?
5. How "easy" was it to just "pick up and move?"
6. Could "family problems" have impacted their decisions?
7. Did they move or associate with members of their extended family--either relatives by blood or marriage? And so on. No one operates in a vacuum.

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SAVE THE DATE!

AGS SPRING 2012 SEMINAR – March 31, 2012 "Data Mining the Records"
Visit <http://algensoc.org/main/seminarFlyer.pdf> for additional information

FGS 2012 NATIONAL CONFERENCE – August 29 – September 1, 2012 Birmingham AL
Visit <http://www.fgs.org/2012conference/> for additional information

**REMINDER – HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 2012 DUES?
\$15/Individual OR \$20/Family**

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

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Tips & Suggestions for researching the Dead: Late in Life Spouse

Some genealogists fail to completely research spouses of their ancestor from whom they do not descend, particularly spouses the ancestor might have married later in life. Keep in mind that the ancestor might have "known" this spouse when they were children, perhaps living in another area. The second (or third) spouse might even have been related by marriage to your ancestor or one of your ancestor's other spouses. And in the case of females, it is possible that an ancestor qualified for a widow's pension even though the husband from whom you descend was not a veteran.

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