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**January 23, 2012**

**General Meeting for January:** The Birmingham Genealogical Society will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 28th in the Story Castle (second floor) of the Birmingham Public Library. 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 January:** Come join us and learn about the **Daughter's of the American Revolution (DAR)** lineage society. BGS Member **Connie Grund** will share resources available to both member and non-members of DAR and provide information on how to join the society. She will be available after her program to discuss membership information one-on-one. Connie Haynsworth Grund was born in Birmingham, baptized at the Cathedral Church of the Advent and spent most of her growing up years in Westchester County, New York. Connie is a full time volunteer serving currently as the Vice Regent of the Alabama Society Daughters of the American Revolution and Vice Chairman of the KDS DAR School, Board of Trustees in Grant, AL. Connie serves the National Society DAR as National Chairman of Constitution Week. She is also a member of 18 other lineage groups and serves on the board of several. Connie's ancestor David Owen brought his family down the Tennessee River on a flatboat, disembarked in Guntersville and went by wagon to Jefferson County. That was back in 1816 and makes Connie the 8th generation of her family to live in Jefferson County. The Owen farm house, built in 1833 is still in Jefferson County owned by the West Jefferson County Historical Society and Connie serves on the Board of Director's. Connie has six other family lines that were in Alabama before statehood including Jefferson County pioneers Mortimer Jordan, John Smith and William Rose Sadler, Needham Lee of Shelby County and William Patton and John Brahan of Huntsville. William Patton's son Robert went on to become the 20th governor of Alabama.

**Research & Genealogical Tips: Have You Converted?**

Remember in some cities, street names have changed in the last 150 years, houses have been renumbered, interstates have been built, etc. Make certain when using contemporary maps that you know what that 1860 address for your ancestor would be in modern times. Get it converted if you are unable to do it yourself. You may even discover that your ancestor's former residence is now part of an interstate.

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**REMINDER – HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 2012 DUES?**

**\$15/Individual OR \$20/Family**

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

*Scott A. Martin, BGS Newsletter Editor*





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## THE DEADSPACE COLUMN

### *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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