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General Meeting for July: The Birmingham Genealogical Society will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 23rd on the fourth 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 July: Robert Jemison, Jr. known as "Mr. Birmingham" and "The Father of Mountain Brook" was, after the Elyton Land Company which built Birmingham, the greatest real estate developer in Jefferson County's history. He built Mountain Brook Club, Mountain Brook Village, The Old Mill, Mountain Brook Grammar School, Mountain Brook Riding Academy and also Fairfield, Bush Hills, Ensley Highlands, Forest Park and Glen Iris. Please join us as **Cathy Adams** discusses the life of Robert Jemison, Jr. and his influence on the development of Birmingham.

Research & Genealogical Tips: Guardian Ad Litem

A *guardian ad litem* is typically a guardian that is appointed for a person for a very specific purpose. In many cases, this type of guardian is appointed with the minor is being sued for some reason, typically because they are an heir to some property that is a part of the lawsuit. If there's a title dispute to real owned by a deceased person, there may be minor heirs of that person who technically are part of the suit. They may never have had guardians appointed. The judge may appoint a *guardian ad litem* for the minor to make certain the minor's interests are represented. The guardian's only function usually involves the specific court case and the appointment is usually temporary.

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Familysearch.org currently added a name index and images of marriage records created by Alabama counties. Records are arranged by county, volume and date. Currently, the following counties are represented in this collection: Baldwin, Barbour, Bibb, Bullock, Chilton, Cleburne, Crenshaw, Cullman, Dallas, St. Clair, and portions of Jefferson. Currently this collection is 13% complete. Additional records will be added as they are completed.

Don't forget to check out the Alabama Genealogical Society, Inc. website at <http://algensoc.org/index.html>

Their searchable resources include a searchable index to *Sketches of Alabama Towns and Cities, volumes 1, 2 & 3.*

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

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