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**General Meeting for March:** The Birmingham Genealogical Society will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 26th on the third floor of the Birmingham Public Library (in the auditorium). The Board of Directors will meet at 1:00 p.m. in the same room.

**DON'T FORGET FELLOWSHIP BEGINS AT 1:30!**

**The program for March:** During the 19th Century, Birmingham, Alabama had many frightful illnesses for which the frontier doctors knew neither causes nor cures. There were numerous diseases such as typhoid, dysentery, cholera, smallpox, tuberculosis, and even the "childhood diseases," that were frequently fatal. Please join us as **Dr. Bayard Tynes** will discuss "**Diseases in Birmingham.**" Dr. Tynes is an internist and professor of medicine and infectious diseases at UAB and he is also the President of the Birmingham History Center. His past affiliations include St. Vincent's Hospital; University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine;; Clinical Professor of Medicine Education: Sewanee; Emory University; Assistant Surgeon, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Md.

**Research & Genealogical Tips: Where are the Children?**

You've found your ancestors in the 1850 census, but there appear to be gaps in the ages of the children. It is possible that some died and it's possible that some are living with neighbors or other family members, perhaps helping out with children, farm work, etc. It is also possible that great-great-grandma didn't have any children between Henry in 1832 and Sarah in 1840, but there might have been ones in between that are either deceased or just are not in the household.

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**REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR 2011 BGS DUES!**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL NOT BE AN APRIL MEETING!**

**REMEMBER THE AGS SPRING SEMINAR ON SATURDAY, APRIL 16!**

**Spring 2011 Seminar**

***DISAPPEARING ANCESTORS***

presented by **Dr. Thomas W. Jones**

Saturday April 16, 2011

Samford University

Birmingham, Alabama

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### *Tips & Suggestions for researching the Dead: Look it Up!*

If you don't know what it means, look it up. Misinterpreted terms can create even bigger brick walls for yourself and other researchers. And make certain you know key dates in local history for the locations where you are researching. When were counties formed, when were streets renumbered, when did the courthouse burn, etc.? Don't guess. Once in a while our lack of knowledge can aggravate the problem.

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