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General Meeting for October: The Birmingham Genealogical Society will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 22, 2010 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.

IT'S TIME FOR THE 45TH ANNUAL OCTOBER FAIR

AND YOU ARE INVITED!

It's time to plan for your exhibit – some ideas to consider for an exhibit are old family photos, clothing worn by an ancestor, family histories, articles owned by an ancestor or articles made by an ancestor.

**Think of the October Fair as a "Show & Tell" for Genealogist!
Ribbons awarded to the 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners!
Silver bowl awarded to 1st place winner!**



You may begin setting up your display at 1:00 p.m.

~ Members are asked to bring some type of finger food or dessert for refreshments ~

Also, if you do not plan to participate in the fair, your attendance is vital!
We will be presenting the nominations for the 2012 slate of officers!

PLEASE JOIN US AT THE OCTOBER FAIR!

We will also have a used book and magazine sale to benefit the
Birmingham Genealogical Society!



BOO! I am the ghost of unpaid annual dues!

Mail in your 2012 dues today or I will haunt you the rest of the year!

Membership dues are \$15.00/individual or \$20.00/family



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Every word in a document, record, or newspaper account needs to be kept in context. The precise meaning of a word may have been different in 1800 than it is today. A word being used in a legal document may have a meaning that is more specific than when used by a layman and may have a slightly different meaning than in common conversation.

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