



**THE BIRMINGHAM GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.**

**P.O. Box 2432  
Birmingham, AL 35201**

**Founded March 15, 1959**

**[www.birminghamgenealogy.org](http://www.birminghamgenealogy.org)**

**<http://birminghamgenealogy.wordpress.com/>**

---

**NEWSLETTER No. 469**

**September 20, 2011**

**General Meeting for September:** The Birmingham Genealogical Society will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 24th 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 September:** World War I (WWI), which was predominantly called the World War or the Great War from its occurrence until 1939, and the First World War or World War I thereafter, was a major war centered in Europe that began on 28 July 1914 and lasted until 11 November 1918. It involved all the world's great powers, which were assembled in two opposing alliances: the Allies (centered around the Triple Entente) and the Central Powers (originally centered around the Triple Alliance). More than 70 million military personnel, including 60 million Europeans, were mobilized in one of the largest wars in history. More than 9 million combatants were killed, largely because of great technological advances in firepower without corresponding advances in mobility. It was the sixth deadliest conflict in world history. Please join us as **Yvonne Crumpler** presents **“Do You Have An Ancestor Who Served In The Great War?”**

**Research & Genealogical Tips: Heirs and Assigns Forever**

Ever wonder what the phrase "heirs and assigns forever" meant on an old deed? The intent of the phrase was to convey to the grantee a fee simple title, meaning that the grantee was able to keep, mortgage, sell, or bequeath the land as he or she saw fit. This type of ownership was different from a life estate, which is where the grantee only has use of the property during their lifetime.

© Michael John Neill, "Genealogy Tip of the Day,"

<http://genealogytipoftheday.blogspot.com/>, TIPDATE.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Don't forget the BGS October Fair on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>!** 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 or made by an ancestor. Ribbons to be awarded to the first, second and third place winners and of course the silver bowl is awarded to the first place winner! We need your participation!

Remember the Alabama Genealogical Society, Inc. Fall Seminar is on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> in Montgomery! Check out <http://www.algensoc.org/main/seminars.html> for more information!

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

*Scott A. Martin, BGS Newsletter Editor*



## 2011 Officers & Directors

President: Melissa Hogan - [genealogistinal@yahoo.com](mailto:genealogistinal@yahoo.com)  
1<sup>st</sup> VP (Programs): Gary Gerlach - [ggerlach@charter.net](mailto:ggerlach@charter.net)  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP (Membership): Patricia Crim Dietlein - [pdietlein@aol.com](mailto:pdietlein@aol.com)  
Treasurer: Yvonne Brakefield - [ybrakefield@mac.com](mailto:ybrakefield@mac.com)  
Recording Secretary : Barbara Tillery - [JABTIL@bellsouth.net](mailto:JABTIL@bellsouth.net)  
Corresponding Secretary: Jyl Hardy - [jylhardy@charter.net](mailto:jylhardy@charter.net)  
Chaplain: Earl Massey - [CMassey007@aol.com](mailto:CMassey007@aol.com)  
Historian: Melissa Paulk - [melissapaulkgen@yahoo.com](mailto:melissapaulkgen@yahoo.com)  
Curator: Ben Faucher -  
Parliamentarian: Gary Gerlach - [ggerlach@charter.net](mailto:ggerlach@charter.net)  
Webmaster: Patrick Henry - [pthenry@mindspring.com](mailto:pthenry@mindspring.com)  
Publicity: A.C. Burttram Jr. - [a.burtramjr.@worldnet.att.net](mailto:a.burtramjr.@worldnet.att.net)

Director: Carol Massey (2011)  
Director: Jason Kirby (2011)  
Director: Scott Martin (2012)  
Director: Jane Larose (2012)  
Director: Barbara Smith (2013)  
Director: Gail Pugh (2013)

THE BIRMINGHAM GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.  
P.O. Box 2432  
Birmingham, AL 35201

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION  
U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
BIRMINGHAM, AL 35201  
PERMIT NO. 4321

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

## THE DEADSPACE COLUMN

### *Tips & Suggestions for researching the Dead: Have you Considered the Consideration?*

The consideration in a land transfer is the money or other item that has been used to pay for a piece of real property. If it is a token amount, such as \$1, or "love and consideration," consider that there is a relationship among the buyers and sellers, even if a relationship is not stated. The relationship does not have to be stated for the document to be binding. And remember, the purpose of a deed is to transfer title to land, not leave a record of a family relationship.

(c) Michael John Neill, "Genealogy Tip of the Day,"  
<http://genealogytipoftheday.blogspot.com>, TIPDATE.