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Newspapers and Genealogy Research

Sonya and I went to the South Mississippi Genealogical and Historical Society meeting in Hattiesburg last month and saw an interesting presentation by Joyce A. Griffith of Ocean Springs, Mississippi on using newspapers.

In addition to the usual birth announcements, wedding announcements and obituaries, there are a lot of other newspaper articles that could contain information to help genealogists. Among them are:

Military announcements such as graduations from various types of training, promotions and award presentations.

Legal announcements such as foreclosure notices, taxes, and probates.

Articles featuring a business may list employees and will give an idea of what area they live near.

Before the Privacy Act, newspapers listed hospital admissions and discharges.

Social pages had articles on local citizens and their activities.

Most of the internet sources for newspapers require a paid subscription: Ancestry.com, Fold3, GenealogyBank, NewspaperArchive, Proquest Historical Newspapers, and Newspapers.com.

About the only free internet source is the Library of Congress, "Chronicling America, Historic American Newspapers" at <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov>.

Unfortunately for those of us doing research in Southwest Mississippi, the only newspapers available on the Chronicling website are the Southern Herald of Liberty, MS and the Woodville Republican of Woodville, MS. The Department of Archives and History is adding their newspapers as soon as digital copies are available so there is hope for the future!

A search for "McComb" on Chronicling brings up articles from the McComb City Journal reprinted in newspapers across the state. Most of them are political columns and they'd get sued today for some of their remarks!

Little Family Tree

'Little Family Tree engages children with their personal heritage and family history through photos, games, and activities designed for their level. (Most of the games are fun for the kid in all of us.)

Children are just beginning to learn family relationships and are often interested in who they are and how they are connected to their family and the world at large. However, family history information and stories are rarely shared in a way that children understand or find interesting.

Today's children intuitively understand how to use touch devices such as smartphones and tablets. They use them to play, watch, and learn. The objective of Little Family Tree is to bring a child's personal family history to them through this learning medium and to share it in a way that is accessible to them.'

An online family tree account is required to play the game--you can use the free FamilySearch account from FamilySearch.org.

Remaining 2016-2017 Meeting Dates

January 31

March 28

May 30 (End of fiscal year is May 31)

November Meeting

November 15, 2016 at 6:00 PM

J. J. White Church
(Use last door on Third Street side)

Fall potluck dinner
SWMGS will provide baked ham.
Members should bring side dishes.
Call Sue for ideas.

President's Corner

..... Rick Penick

Dawn Taylor, president of the Amite County Historical and Genealogical Society, was our speaker at the July meeting, and we really enjoyed her visit. She reported that they are working on a charter bus trip scheduled for Saturday, March 11, 2017 to Chalmette National Cemetery to unveil an historic marker to honor of the residents of Amite County who participated in the War of 1812, and our members are invited. After the battlefield visit, they will tour the Cabildo, Lafitte's Blacksmith Shop Bar and maybe some other sites. We'll take a head count at our November meeting to see how many members plan to go. If you can't attend the meeting and are interested in going, please get in touch with me or Betty.

They're also working on a booklet on Amite County and the War of 1812. If you have an Amite County ancestor who participated in the war, they'd like to have your information. You can contact Dawn at rdawnt@gmail.com.

We're invited to their monthly meeting on November 12 when they will tour several cemeteries beginning with a Jewish Cemetery in Amite County near the state line followed by lunch in Osyka, the Osyka Cemetery and the Jewish Cemetery in Summit. Anyone who wants to go should be at the Liberty Library meeting room at 10 AM.

Here's a sample McComb items from the social page of a 1916 Southern Herald:

"Mr. I. W. S. Hancock and a party of friends from McComb went on a fishing expedition last week on lake Manbac. (sic) Tho it seems they only got mosquito bit."

"Mr. and Mrs. George Bates, Mrs. A. J. Lazar and Miss Minnie Bates motored to McComb Friday night."

"Mmds. H. P. Mosley and H. G. Dunn and E. D. Matthews visited McComb Wednesday night."

"Mr. J. A. Hammons of McComb spent Sunday with his brother here Mr. W. D. Hammons".

Green's Dictionary of Slang

Green's is the largest historical dictionary of English slang. Written by Jonathon Green over 17 years from 1993, it reached the printed page in 2010 in a three-volume set containing nearly 100,000 entries supported by over 400,000 citations from c. AD 1000 to the present day. The main focus of the dictionary is the coverage of over 500 years of slang from c. 1500 onwards.

The dictionary is now available in updated online form for the first time, complete with advanced search tools enabling search by definition and history, and an expanded bibliography of slang sources from the early modern period to the present day. Since the print edition, nearly 60,000 quotations have been added, supporting 5,000 new senses in 2,500 new entries and sub-entries, of which around half are new slang terms from the last five years. <https://greensdictofslang.com>.

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