

DANCING RABBIT GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

May 2014

Don't miss this program!

Mr. Steven Stubbs, Author-Historian

Tuesday, May 13, 2014

1:00 PM

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President's Message

I would like to take this time to thank all members and guests for their attendance at our April meeting. The program that Ms. Ann Breedlove presented was interesting and informative. Ms. Breedlove provided titles and description of a number of books that would be valuable additions to our Genealogy room.

I want to thank those who volunteered to help inventory the materials in the Genealogy room. After the inventory is complete we will know what we still need to purchase. The Family Map Books we ordered have been delivered and are now in the Genealogy room.

For our May meeting, we have Mr. Steven Stubbs, Author-Historian, owner of Dancing Rabbit Press and the curator of the Neshoba County Museum in Philadelphia. Mr. Stubbs has written a number of books, including Neshoba at War, Duty, Honor and Valor and Mississippi's Giant House Party. You won't want to miss this meeting.

I would like to remind everyone that dues are our primary source of income and are necessary for the day-to-day operation of the society. Dues are due and payable January 1st of each year. If you haven't paid yours, please do so. We must increase our membership in order to continue to grow. My opinion on how to increase membership is to get involved in some type of community project that will create interest in the society. If you remember when you were producing Leake County Tombstone Inscriptions, how excited you and the community were over the project.

Shirley and I took a short genealogy trip two weeks ago. We went to the Franklin County Courthouse with excitement about what we might find. I was looking for an old marriage record for my fourth great-grandfather. We had not been there long before I found the records. We found the record book and it's pages were very old and torn, but the clerk was able to make the copies for me. The page I was looking for was dated February 8, 1820. With this find I was able to clarify the correct marriage date for my relative. When I found the correct book and page Shirley said "Wait until I can touch the paper". When I asked her why she wanted to touch it, she said because it was so old. On our return trip home we stopped by the Copiah County Courthouse. Here I found my fourth great-grandfathers' land records dated January 5, 1935. The interesting thing about this was the clerk's official seal. These papers had a hand drawn symbol for the seal, not the stamped seal that we are accustomed to seeing. Everywhere a person signed their name the clerk would hand draw this seal.

Looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday, May 13, 2014.
Come and invite your friends.

Robert Evans