

DANCING RABBIT GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

DECEMBER 2020

President's Message

Greetings

As I write my last message for our newsletter, I would like to thank the members of DRGHS for the opportunity to serve as your president for the last six years. It was a privilege. With your help we have accomplished much.

As Shirley and I traveled around the state to different Genealogical Fairs and other meetings representing DRGHS, we met many wonderful people that were very interested in researching and preserving history for future generations. This is my dreams for DRGHS.

It has been a pleasure to help people around Mississippi and throughout the United States with their research made possible through the DRGHS.ORG website. It was very exciting when I would be able to fill in some of the gaps in their research. Two of the most rewarding researches come to mind. A lady from Milwaukee, Wisconsin with Leake County connections, contacted me for help. She was preparing a family tree as a Christmas present for her father. Her ancestors were buried in Galilee Memorial Cemetery. Shirley and I spent four hours looking for the list of tombstones that she needed information from and taking pictures of each one. After I sent the information to her and she completed the tree, she presented it to her father at Christmas and told him how we had helped her. She wrote a nice letter telling me how much she

appreciated our help and said that when she gave it to her father there was not a dry eye in the house.

The second lady was in North Mississippi and needed information from a tombstone in the Damascus Cemetery in Scott County. After three trips and several hours, I finally located the tombstone only to find it broken into three pieces and buried under a large fire ant bed. After fighting fire ants and digging the tombstone out I was able to get the needed information. She wrote a nice e-mail thanking me and made a nice donation to DRGHS. These are the two (out of the many that I have helped) that I am most proud of.

I would like to congratulate the incoming officers for 2021 and wish you all very successful years to come. As you take office, remember the DRGHS mission statement.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Robert

ATTN:

Following recommendation from state of Mississippi health officials, we have decided to cancel our December Christmas Social this year. Hopefully we will be able to resume regular monthly meetings in 2021.

Dear Friends

We are moving toward the darkest night of the year. The changing of the light as it moves across the land is a miracle, revealed in a lesson taught by the universe. It concerns the element of darkness and how soft fingers of light can illuminate even the darkest of nights. And so it is this holiday season. We agree that 2020 has not been a year of brightness; however, even as plans are changed, celebrations are cancelled and loved ones are missed, we are blessed by the true meaning of Christmas, the promise of hope, the comfort of sweet memories, and of the Holy Birth. And so it is that we wish you the gift of peace, the gift of Christmas.

Your friends at DRGHS

DRGHS OFFICERS

During the November meeting a slate of candidates for the 2021 year was presented by the nominating committee. The candidates were accepted and voted on by the attending membership. Officers for the coming year are normally installed at the December meeting. Since that meeting is cancelled due to the Covid-19 crisis, we are planning on holding the installation at the beginning of the January 2021 meeting to be held Wednesday, January 13.

The January meeting is a business meeting, planning for the coming year. There will be no program.

Officers for 2021 are

President	Susan Stygler Johnson
Vice-President	Marilyn Strum
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Looking Back

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Leake County Mississippi Tombstone Inscriptions

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