

# DANCING RABBIT GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

OCTOBER 2019

## *President's Message*

### **Greetings,**

Fall is finally here even though the temperature doesn't feel like it. I can't wait to see all the beautiful fall colors that will soon be present in the woods around the state. Fall is a good time to go to cemeteries and look for those ancestors that you have been searching for. It is very interesting to me to go to a cemetery and look for my ancestors. If you walk around and look at and read the tombstones there is lots to learn from them. It is amazing to me that you can find a lot of history about a family or a community if you just take time to look at those tombstones in older cemeteries. You can find out who they were, birthdates and when they died, possibly if they were married - and how many children they had. You might find their religious affiliation. Hobbies or what type of business in which they were involved are just some of the many other facts that may be listed.

You can also find all types of tragedies that happened in those olden days. I was looking in one of the old cemeteries just the other day and found lots of sorrow in it. I found one family plot where the couple had lost six children that died before reaching adulthood. That makes you realize what a hard life they had during those days. I often think about those ancestors who left family and friends to move west and start a new life for themselves and their families. As they said their goodbyes they knew they would probably not be coming back that way again.



**Wednesday, October 9, 2019**

**1:00 P.M.**

**Eads-Mansell-Sudduth House**

**309 N. Van Buren Street**

**Carthage, MS**

Cemeteries are great teaching tools if you take time just to browse through them. So, when the weather cools down, go out and look for the stories in the old cemeteries.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at our October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Come and bring a friend with you.

Robert

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[www.drghs.org](http://www.drghs.org)

### **OCTOBER PROGRAM**

Our president, Robert Evans, will present "Cemetery Tales", a collection of unusual epitaphs and inscriptions that he and Shirley have found as they visited early cemeteries in Mississippi. This should be a very intriguing presentation.