

COMING UP

Season 2 of *Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr.* is coming on PBS beginning Tuesday, **September 23**. Check your local listing for correct time.

The 5th Annual Rose Hill Costumed Cemetery Tour in Meridian is Saturday, **September 27**. This year they have added a tour beginning at 10 AM in addition to the 6 PM tour. This event is free and open to the public and is suitable for all ages.

On **October 8** DRGHS Vice-President, Carolyn Gilchrist, will present a slide-show from her trips to England and Scotland, including visiting the place of her ancestors. Our monthly meeting is held at 1 PM at the Carthage-Leake Public Library. See you there.

Monday, **October 13**, is Columbus Day.



October Seminars

Dixie Petty advised of two great seminars coming to this area in October.

On Saturday, October 11, the Alabama Genealogical Society is presenting their Fall Seminar in Montgomery. Titled *Searching, Sharing and Solving*, the program will be given by C. Anne Staley, CG, CGL. Additional information and registration info can be found at www.algensoc.org.

The following Saturday, October 18, the Tennessee Genealogical Society will host Judy G. Russell, *The Legal Genealogist*, for a seminar held in Germantown. Information for this event can be found at www.tngs.org.

DRGHS Celebrity



The first weekend of September DRGHS member, Pat Wynell Parrish, traveled to New Orleans to appear in a segment being filmed for Genealogy Roadshow on PBS. Pat has to be very hush-hush about the filming but says it should be aired early next year. We'll keep you posted as to time and date..

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

(Discover how some of today's sayings originated. You will be surprised.)

Life in the 1500s

In the kitchen, a big kettle would be hung over the fire. Every day they would light the fire and start adding things to the pot. Mostly they ate vegetables and didn't get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, then leave the leftovers in the pot to get cold over night and then start all over the next day. Sometimes the stew would have food in it that had been there for a month! Thus the rhyme "*peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old.*"

If one had money, their plates were made of pewter. Sometimes food with a high acid content caused lead to leach out into the food. They really noticed it happened with tomatoes. So they stopped eating tomatoes for 400 years.

They also had lead cups and when they would drink ale or whiskey from them, the combination would sometimes knock them out for a couple of days. This caused people to think they were dead. They would pick them up, take them home and get them ready to bury. There they would be laid on the kitchen table for a couple of days, the family would gather around to eat and drink and wait to see if they would wake up. Thus the custom of holding a "wake".
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