



*Come Join Us for a Day or the Weekend!*

## Augusta Genealogical Society's 2009 Homecoming/Seminar

# “The Frugal Genealogist”

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AGS Adamson Library, 1109 Broad St., Augusta

University Hall, Augusta State University

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Homecoming 2009 provides an opportunity for out-of-town members and visitors to join local members in a one-day seminar that offers eight speakers presenting a choice of topics relating to genealogy and technology.

The weekend also allows time to browse or engage in serious research in our Adamson Library. We are proud of our collection of over

20,000 volumes plus microfilm, microfiche, CDs, and a computerized database for more than 9,000 loose papers dating from the late 1700s to mid-1800s.

Come and join us in learning more about your ancestors and finding ways to combine traditional research with the innovative means now available through the internet.

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### SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Friday and Sunday will be devoted to genealogical research in our Adamson Library.

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Headquarters on Friday and Sunday will be the Adamson Library (phone: 706-722-4073)

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#### **Friday, 14 August, at Adamson Library:**

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Adamson Library open for research; local AGS volunteers will be available to assist you with your research.

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#### **Sunday, 16 August, at Adamson Library:**

9:00 a.m. Adamson Library opens for research.

4:00 p.m. Library closes; and our 30th Homecoming comes to an end!

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Headquarters on Saturday will be University Hall of Augusta State University

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#### **Saturday, 15 August, at Augusta State University:**

8-8:45 a.m. Registration at University Hall

8:45 Welcome: Announcements —  
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9-12:30 Morning Sessions

12:30-1:30 *Box Lunch*  
(included in Registration)

1:30-4:00 Afternoon Sessions

4:30 Closing of Vendors' Displays

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### **The Seminar will Feature:**

Our **keynote speaker** for the plenary session will be **Robert Scott Davis**, Director of the Genealogy Program at Wallace State College in Hanceville, AL, where he has helped to build one of the South's most extensive genealogical collections, teaches genealogy courses, and organizes trips to genealogical libraries and historic sites throughout the country. When not teaching, he writes articles, book reviews, and books of historic and genealogical interest. Publication of his works run into the hundreds.

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### **Additional speakers will include:**

**Ken Thomas** is retired from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and is best known for his genealogy column in *The Atlanta Journal*.

**Carrie Eldridge** has deep Appalachian roots and has won national recognition for a series of pioneer migration atlases and a regional study on slave manumissions. For the last 25 years, she has abstracted and compiled local documents in WV, KY, and OH; acted to preserve county records; and created maps to display geographical and genealogical information.

### **The seminar will include other outstanding speakers:**

**Virginia (Jean) Strickland** has roots that go back four generations in Augusta, and she has spent her adult life preserving genealogical material to share with her children, cousins, and other family members, and with interested groups such as the Augusta Genealogical Society. Her most recent project is the publication of *Four Builders of Augusta, Georgia 1850-1950 Bowes and Markwalters in Construction*.

**Don Rhodes** is publications editor of Morris Communications Company, writer of "Ramblin' Rhodes," the longest-running newspaper column about country music in the United States and biographer. A lifetime member of AGS, Don has spoken to us several times about the archives of *The Augusta Chronicle*, available electronically from [AugustaArchives.com](http://AugustaArchives.com).

**Bettis Rainsford** is a graduate of Harvard College and University of South Carolina School of Law who has been involved in a broad range of entrepreneurial business activities and also enjoys genealogy and history.

**Scott Brown** has become a familiar face to AGS while working with Dan Crumpton of Warrenton, GA on plats of original Georgia landowners.

**Brian Wilson** is a graduate of Western Carolina University and Florida State University with a Masters degree in Historic Administration/Public History. He has been a Reference Archivist at the Georgia Archives since 2005.

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Augusta Genealogical Society and Continuing Education of Augusta State University  
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University Hall, Augusta State University

Saturday, 15 August 2009

### SATURDAY MORNING

8:00–8:45 – REGISTRATION; coffee available  
8:45-9:00 – Welcome; Announcements

#### 9:00-10:00 – SESSION I – A Plenary Session

- (A) “The Real *Angels & Demons*: The Many Secret Archives of Your Family’s History”  
*Bob Davis*

10:00-10:15 – Break – Browse Vendor Displays

#### 10:15-11:15 – SESSION II

- (B) “You *Can* Get There from Here: Basic Stops and Uses of the Internet for ‘Now and Tomorrow’”  
*Bob Davis*

- (C) “Water, the Pioneer and Virginia County Formation”  
*Carrie Eldridge*

- (D) “Wilkes County”  
*Scott Brown*

- (E) “Great Tales from Edgefield Equity Files”  
*Bettis Rainsford*

11:15-11:30 Break – Browse Vendor Displays

#### 11:30-12:30 – SESSION III

- (F) “My Personal DNA Saga”  
*Ken Thomas*

- (G) “German Migration (1600-1850)”  
*Carrie Eldridge*

- (H) “Online Searching in the Georgia Archives”  
*Brian Wilson*

- (I) “Using Desktop Publishing to Tell Your Family Story”  
*Jean Strickland*

### (SATURDAY AFTERNOON)

12:30–1:30 – Box Lunch

*(Served in University Hall Lobby)*

#### 1:30-2:30 – SESSION IV

- (J) “For All Eternity: Book Publishing or Not, Ways and Means of Preserving Your Information”  
*Bob Davis*

- (K) “Appalachian Trails (1650-1800)”  
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2:30-3:00—Break

*Enjoy 30th Anniversary Cake !!!*

#### 3:00-4:00 – SESSION V

- (M) “Your Ancestors Neighborhood”  
*Ken Thomas*

- (N) “Southern Trails (1750-1850)”  
*Carrie Eldridge*

- (O) “The Augusta Chronicle Online Archives”  
*Don Rhodes*

4:00-4:30 – Last Chance to Visit the Vendors

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The Day’s Program Comes to an End.

## AUGUSTA: *Once, A Terminal City for Migrations;*

### *Now, a Garden City of the South*

Augusta, the second oldest city in Georgia, is probably best known for the Masters Golf Tournament, but it is also a tourist's dream with architectural gems, restored homes, museums, historic cemeteries, and an inviting Riverwalk along the banks of the Savannah River.

Why not stay over an extra day? Visit the Augusta Museum of History, the Morris Museum of Art, the Augusta Canal Exhibit in the renovated Old Enterprise Mill, Artists' Row or historic residences such as the Ezekiel Harris House, the home of George Walton or the boyhood home of Woodrow Wilson. Or how about a ride on the canal in an Old Petersburg boat?

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### ACCOMMODATIONS

Individuals should make their own reservations.

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#### **Your Registration Fee will include:**

Friday & Sunday use of the AGS Adamson Library

Local research assistance

Full-day Seminar of 8 Speakers (15 lectures)

Box Lunch on Saturday

A Syllabus containing:

Lecture Outlines

Supplemental Information

Information on Speakers

List of Seminar Registrants

Surname/Area Search Lists

Names & Address of Vendors

#### **IMPORTANT!**

You may submit for publication in the Syllabus a list of SURNAMES you are researching.

**List only; Surname, County, & State or Country**

To be included, your list must be received by:

**Wednesday, August 12th**

#### **VENDORS**

From 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on the day of the Seminar, vendors of books and other genealogy-related materials will have displays in the lobby of University Hall outside of room 170.

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## 2009 AGS HOMECOMING/SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM

Please use one registration form per person; make copies, if needed. Mail your completed form and fees to:  
**AGS Homecoming, P.O. Box 3743, Augusta, GA 30914-3743**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

I will attend:  Fri  Sat  Sun  I will need directions to AGS Library and/or Augusta State Univ.  
 I prefer that my name & address **not** be listed in the syllabus.

Please check the lecture you probably will attend in each session. This helps us select classrooms that are appropriate in size for the number registered for each class.

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Check which of these activities you plan to attend:

Research in AGS Library on Friday  
 Research in AGS Library on Sunday

### **FEES:** (Make check to **Augusta Genealogical Society**) REGISTRATION (Includes Sat’y box lunch)

AGS Member (\$35, rec’d by Aug 12)\* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Non-member (\$40, rec’d by Aug 12)\* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rec’d after Aug. 12 (\$45/person) \_\_\_\_\_

\* registering by this date guarantees a Syllabus & helps plan space

### MEMBERSHIP (optional)

I am also joining the Augusta Genealogical Society in category indicated below:  
 (and can register as a Member)

Individual (\$25/yr.) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Family; 2 in household (\$30/yr.) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sustaining (\$50/yr.) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Patron (\$100/yr.) \_\_\_\_\_

**AMOUNT ENCLOSED** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**PLUS 7 Other Speakers**

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2500 Walton Way

Augusta, Georgia