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Happy 2010 from the Pellissippi Genealogical & Historical Society.

Hopefully everyone had a great holiday season and are ready for a prosperous 2010. As we move into the new-year, we see the country's economy starting to improve. Fortunately the company I work for has seen an upturn in their business. Unfortunately, the upturn in business has demanded extra time from me, taking away from the fun things, like searching for my ancestors and supporting our society.

As you've noticed, the January newsletter is late being sent. I do apologize for being tardy. In addition, the plans for our January meeting never developed. I will be working extra hard to be on time for the February newsletter and the program for our February meeting.

Thank you for being a part of our society. I'm looking forward to a good 2010. I hope that everyone will contribute time and resources to make 2010 our best year ever.

Ron Evans, President 2010.

January meeting:

There will be no meeting in January. Our February meeting will be held on February 27, 2010.

2010 Membership fees are due.

Don't forget ... membership is from January to December. 2010 membership fees are due. If you've already paid your 2010 dues, we appreciate your continued support. Annual membership is \$16, sustaining membership is \$25 per calendar year.

Our society is a tax-exempt educational organization under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and all monies to us are tax-deductible.

We Need Your Help:

As we start 2010, we find several of our officer positions vacant. We need volunteers to support the society in these positions:

Vice President: We need someone to volunteer for the vice president position. This position works with our president to schedule featured speakers for our monthly meetings.

Newsletter assistant: The newsletter assistant will assist in collecting news articles, printing and mailings and maintaining the mailing list.

Please consider volunteering for these positions to help make 2010 our best year yet.

Queries:

Seiber, Seivers, and Severs family

I have , recently been able to trace the Severs line back to William Severs 1752 and Catherine Peck 1770 who were in Anderson Co from the beginning and, probably, in Knox before 1802. We have a DNA group for Sevier and Severs and similar spellings and have 5 matches for DNA for children of Wm and Catherine. (Jacob Peck Severs, 1809, Charles J Severs 1811, William 1796, John 1796). There is another match for a desc of Clark B Seivers 1829 and we have no parents for Clark. He was thought to be a desc of Phillip Seiber 1765, which, now, looks doubtful unless Phillip and William were related. Any suggestions for a solution would be greatly appreciated.

Some time ago Mary Harris was working on a family (Sadler??) who had come to Anderson Co very early with 7 daughters and their families (3 of whom had names similar to Severs). Does anyone have any information on these two families in conjunction with that?

Also I have traced a family legend about a Hessian deserter to William Severs 1752 and know the DOB of a Hessian Deserter with a very similar name. It would be of great value to know the day and month of the DOB William "thought was his" (it may have been 1751 before the calendar change in 1762) if anyone has a suggestion for finding his DOB on any document. I would be glad to send any info or copies to anyone is interested. Charles Severs s9359338@aol.com (ps: I'm also interested is Franklin Hugh Seivers who is the non-Severs DNA match)

Longmire:

Hi - I am researching several Longmire families from the Clinton area - mostly Elijah and his children. I have two questions: How much info do you have i.e. articles, mentions, etc. other than the Elijah Sr estate sale of 1836 mentioned in Vol 21 year 2000 #111? Thanks for any help. Sincerely, Michael Longmire - Arlington, Va.
mlongmire2@comcast.net

Events:

Heiskell Elementary School reunion set (from the Halls Shopper)

The former students of Heiskell Elementary School will be getting together for a renewing of old acquaintances and sharing of the wonderful memories they have of their days at the school. The reunion will be held from 2-6 p.m. on April 17 at the Heiskell Community Center (the old elementary school building) on Heiskell Road. The plans are in the beginning stages, and the steering committee is inviting more interested volunteers to help with planning, organizing and carrying out the event. Former students who are interested and who would be available should contact one of the members of the steering committee:

Bobbie Kennedy, 257-1283, or 938-3635;

Helen Seymour, 766-7059; or

Nita Buell Black, 947-7427.