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April meeting:

Our April meeting will be held on April 22, 2010. The meeting will be held at 7 pm at the Park Room at the Clinton Community Center (across the street from the Library). Currently, there is no featured speaker scheduled.

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.

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.

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Queries: (continued)

Poston – Ausmus - Underwood

My great-great-grandmother was Rosie Bell Poston, of La Follette. She married Jesse Lafayette Ausmus, but died in 1915 after having 8 children with him. He remarried and had 5 children with his second wife - one of those children, Grace Ausmus, married James Underwood, and that is my connection to the Underwood family. But I am trying to confirm what family Rosie Bell Poston was from. Thanks! Jeff Ausmus jmausmus@hotmail.com

2010:

Happy 2010 from the Pellissippi Genealogical & Historical Society.
We are celebrating our 30th anniversary this year.

Hopefully everyone had a great holiday season and 2010 is being prosperous for you. As we have moved through the first quarter of the new-year, we see the country's economy improving. 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.

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.

Challenges for 2010 - We Need Your Help:

As move through 2010, we find our society facing several challenges.

#1 We Need a New Home

Changes in the structure of the Clinton Library system have forced us to move our society's library into storage and causing us reconsider the location of our monthly meetings. We are looking for a place to move our library and the inventory of publications that we sell. If you have any suggestions, or if you have available space you could donate, please contact one of our officers. Remember, any donation to our society is tax deductible.

#2 We Need Volunteers

Currently, several of our officer positions are 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 editor and assistant: The newsletter editor is responsible for compiling information for the monthly newsletters, including meeting time, agenda and important notes. 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.

New Website address:

As of April 1, AT&T discontinued hosting web space. I have moved the society website to Comcast. Our new website location is <http://pellissippi-society.home.comcast.net> I could also use assistance keeping the website maintained. Anyone interested, please contact Ron Evans at rpevans1@comcast.net

The Pellissippian.

Issue #4 of the 2009 Pellissippian has been mailed. If you haven't received your copy by the end of April, please contact Charlie Abner abnerc799@aol.com

Our Journal prints family histories and photos, Bible records, childhood memories, family reunion notices, and research queries. E-mail to Charlie Abner: abnerc799@aol.com Material may be mailed in clean, scannable copy to: PGHS, Attn: Journal Editor, 118 South Hicks St., Clinton, TN 37716-2826. Sharing your e-mail address with PGHS members makes it easy for others who are researching the same surnames to correspond with you. Please send to Charlie Abner at: abnerc799@aol.com Remember to update if you change your address. We are happy to print your queries in the Journal and on the society's web site: <http://pellissippi-society.home.comcast.net> To maintain the society's bulk mail status, the US Postal Service requires us to verify recipients' zip codes once a year. If your postal address has changed in any way, please let us know. An incorrect address means that you'll miss receiving your Journal.

USPS requires an annual update of their zip code. The US Post Office is getting real picky...if the address isn't absolutely correct, we may get their journals back as "Undeliverable as addressed...Return to Sender...Postage Due \$1.65." Then we get to send it out again, not at bulk rate, but as first class mail...\$1.82. If the recipient moves to another apartment in the same building, the journal is returned to us, because the address is incorrect.

Thanks Charlie Abner

Newsletter - eNewsletter

Currently, newsletters will be compiled and mailed as time and resources are available. I apologize for any inconvenience this has caused. Anyone interested in volunteering time to help with the newsletter, please contact Ron Evans at rpevans1@comcast.net.

As a reminder, **we never send attachments with our emails without prior notification.** If you receive any email our addresses with attachments, **please do not open any attachments without checking with me first.** You can contact me at pghs@att.net or 865-859-0468 for verification of the content. Thanks, Ron Evans.

As the costs of first class postage increases, email continues to be a lower cost option for sending the newsletters.

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