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April meeting:

The Anderson County Historical Society February meeting will be held April 25, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Clinton Public Library community room, the meeting is open to the public. The speaker for April is Cherel Henderson and her presentation is "Omens, Cures, Good Luck Charms, Generation to Generation, the Old World to the New."

I grew up; in the midst of a bunch of aunts and uncles who were born between 1879 and 1901. And many of them kept the old ways. People seemed to have a lot of fun with it and the memories and connections it sparked--Tell a dream before breakfast, and it won't come true; bad luck to go in one door and out the other, the origin of the Wampus Cat" story; cures for what ails you, planting by the signs, etc.... Cherel Henderson

Events:

Search Your Roots Saturday

Members of the Anderson County Historical Society will be available at the Clinton Library from 12 noon - 2pm on the 2nd Saturday of each month to assist your genealogical and historical research.

Next Search Your Roots Saturday is May 11th at the Clinton Library from 12 noon - 2pm.

Queries:

James Smith

I am interested in my ancestors who lived first in Morgan County and then Anderson County, TN. James Smith and his wife Nancy, his daughter Eliza B (my great, great, great grandmother) and family moved to Morgan County in the early 1820's and then Anderson County sometime between 1840 and 1850. Eliza B.'s obituary has her marrying a James W. Allen on June 15, 1843. She and her two children (John Henry and Catherine) are shown living with Jacob and Nancy in 1850 in Anderson County. She is shown as Eliza B. Smith and her two children as John Henry Allen and Katherine Mary Allen. Eliza also has siblings living with her and her parents at that time. I'm interested in seeing if there are marriage records going back to 1843 and if there is any record of Eliza B. Smith marrying an Allen, probably James W. Allen, although other family history orally has said it was a Henry Allen. I also see that the 1850 census shows them in Section 16, and I'm curious where that was in Anderson County, TN. Is there a way to find that? It appears maybe that they rented, Jacob is shown as a farmer but doesn't indicate real estate. However, I realize that he could have owned some land and that just wasn't indicated. Thank you, Julie Allen, email: julieallenfort@gmail.com