

Local Genealogical Society Will Compile 1870 Census

The Walker County Genealogical Society at a meeting Saturday at the Huntsville Public Library made plans to begin work in October on compiling the 1870 census of Walker County.

Upon its completion the organization hopes to publish it, together with as many notations on family background of early families as can be gathered. Mrs. J. Rush Stewart is chairman of the project.

The next regular meeting will be held October 18 beginning at 9 AM in the county clerk's of-

fice at the court house, where members will work on the 1870 census.

Presiding at the meeting Saturday was Mrs. T. E. Humphrey, president. On display was one of the bound volumes of the genealogical magazines now on the library shelves through the generosity of some of the members, with the binding paid for out of club funds. More of these genealogical magazines will be sent to the bindery in October.

Mrs. Humphrey announced that the vice-regent of the Mary Martin Elmore Scott Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Mrs. W. T. Robinson, Jr., has requested that the local genealogical society contribute five typewritten pages of genealogical records for the DAR Magazine. She said Bible records will be used for this purpose.

The society's microfilm reader, purchased recently, has been moved into the meeting room at the library.

Mrs. Joe Malak, Jr., who, with the assistance of Mrs. J. E. McClendon, is keeping a file of obituary notices from the Huntsville Item, suggested that she keep an index with the date of the paper instead of the clippings, which become too bulky. The members voted that this be done.

Reports were given on the recent workshop on Alabama genealogy held in Waco, where Mrs. B. W. Gandrud of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, was the principal speaker. Mrs. Humphrey distributed copies of the material on Alabama counties to members who did not attend the Waco workshop.

The president reported that a number of genealogical books from the collections of some of the society members have been given to the public library. Two books were given as door prizes to members of the group who attended the Waco workshop.

A report was also made on the World Conference on Records held in Salt Lake City, Utah, in August. Many of the

world's prominent archivists, historians, genealogists and librarians were among the 8,000 persons in attendance from forty different countries.

Creation of an international genealogical record bank and the free flow of recorded information across national boundaries was proposed by the keynote speaker, Senator Wallace F. Bennett. "The very existence of such a bank would be a force for peace," he said.

Delegates to the World Conference had the opportunity of touring the Granite Mountain Records Vault in Little Cottonwood Canyon, with buses leaving every thirty minutes to take them to the mountain for the two-hour tour.

Many receptions, musical programs, banquets and other social affairs were arranged to honor the delegates and the 180 internationally known speakers from many parts of the world. Theme of the conference was "Records Protection in an Uncertain World."