

Women's News

Mrs. Humphrey Gives Program For WCGS

Mrs. T. E. Humphrey, Jr., gave a program for the Walker County Genealogical Society Saturday morning at the regular meeting in the public library.

In discussing the National Archives and Military Records in Washington, D. C., Mrs. Humphrey gave much interesting and helpful information about the material to be found there.

She said these archival holdings of the Federal Government amount to more than 900,000 cubic feet and date from the days of the Continental Congress. They include the basic records of the three branches of government--Congress, the courts and the executive department.

The speaker named the different types of records to be found in the archives, and the approximate dates or periods of time of each. She said the importance of military records and their contribution to American Genealogy cannot be over-emphasized. The Federal Government, in administering its land and its military forces, has collected a wealth of data useful for family history.

Mrs. Humphrey told how to

get information by writing for it and also by working in the archives in Washington.

Dr. James D. Tarver, program chairman, introduced the speaker.

Presiding at the meeting was Mrs. J. Rush Stewart, president. She welcomed three new members, Mrs. Carl D. Crowson, Mrs. Jack Hattaway and Mrs. Don O. Baird, and two visitors, Mrs. W. C. Greer and Miss Anita Crowson.

Members voted to complete the 1790 census for the states not already on the genealogical shelves of the local library.

Recent contributions of books and pamphlets to the library have been made by Mrs. Alton Farris, Mrs. J. Rush Stewart, Mrs. Malvin Stewart and Mrs. Humphrey. These include "Atlas of Jefferson and Oldham Counties of Kentucky, 1879;" "The Old Three Hundred;" and "Guide to Genealogical Records in the National Archives."

The president announced that the November program will be given by Mrs. Brady McCulloch on Genealogical Publications Helpful to Beginners. The December meeting will be a covered dish luncheon at the home of Mrs. J. Rush Stewart.