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Workshop speakers helpful

Dear Editor:

Since I attended the Genealogical Workshop at the Huntsville Public Library Saturday, June 14, I would like to make public my appreciation for the time, effort and conscientious devotion shown by the different speakers at this HEAP session, starting with Linda Pease for her introductions and attending to our comfort.

Not knowing the first thing about genealogy, with the exception that I knew it had something to do with tracing one's family tree, I was pleasantly surprised to find that I could actually learn something in such a short time.

My heartfelt thanks go to Johnnie Jo Dickenson, Juanita Lynch, Clara Malak and Virginia Humphrey for their valuable lectures on various aspects of genealogy.

I would also like to thank Frances McCullough for what, to me, was the greatest display of genealogical fervor. Not only was the subject of her discussion an integral part to the

beginner's basic understanding of genealogy, but the obvious passion she exhibits is an inspiring attitude I believe all the members of the workshop were infected with. She has added motivation to me for whatever endeavor in genealogy I may choose, for it is she who said nothing is impossible. And I feel certain that if I should ever become discouraged I can remember her and pick myself up, dust myself off and start again.

I hope that the City of Huntsville will find a way to help the Genealogical Society and such as I in our search for our "roots" by acquiring (or helping the library to acquire) more materials for genealogical research. I also hope the HEAP program will continue with its genealogical workshops, as they are so informative and inspirational. The ladies aforementioned — and anyone else who contributed to this workshop — have proven to me that anyone can do this work, and they have given me the motivation to follow up as

well as this education. I hope that anyone else who would like to go to such a workshop as the one held Saturday will, with the cooperation of the City of Huntsville, have opportunities to do so.

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