



## AAHGS Metro Atlanta Member Meeting Minutes – January 18, 2023

### General Monthly Meeting

1PM – 3PM

<b>Monthly meeting called to order</b>	Clevlyn Bankhead
<b>Meeting Agenda</b>	Clevlyn Bankhead
<b>Presentation and Q &amp; A</b>	Clevlyn Bankhead, William Durant and Dawnya Lindsey
<b>Business Meeting</b>	Clevlyn Bankhead
<b>Meeting Adjourned</b>	Clevlyn Bankhead
<b>Number in Attendance</b>	35

#### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

- Clevlyn Bankhead opened the meeting at 1:00 pm and welcomed members and visitors. She presented the meeting agenda and invited those in attendance to join/renew membership locally with AAHGS Metro Atlanta and the national body of AAHGS

#### MEETING PRESENTATION

The meeting topic for this month was “Planning Your Research Trip in 2023” and was presented by Clevlyn Anderson, William Durant, and Dawnya Lindsey.

The subtopics covered include:

- Why Research on site
- Pre-planning your research
- Research questions
- Research resources
- Planning logistics
- Transportation and lodging
- What to bring

Clevlyn began the presentation covering the subtopics in more detail.

- Clevlyn, William and Dawnya each shared their experiences during their research trips in Mississippi, South Carolina and Georgia
  - Clevlyn shared how she prepared for her research trip to Macon, Mississippi. This included pre-planning such as what she wanted to research, what information she already knew, where she wanted to conduct her research and created a plan. She used older and current maps to understand where her family lived and how they moved around in the county. Another tip she shared was to understand the history of the county you are researching.



Know what records you are looking for and where to find them (archives, courthouse, library, etc.).

- William shared how he ended up transcribing the Durant cemetery. He shared the pictures and transcription to local genealogical societies where this information was printed. He also shared his research about his maternal 3x great grandfather who founded a church in Orangeburg.
- Dawnya shared that her family always assumed their family's origins was in Ohio. She later found out he was from Chattanooga, TN while doing genealogical research. She referenced a map and noted Chattanooga was a city that bordered Georgia.

### Business Meeting

- **Membership:**
  - Clevlyn reminded everyone to renew their membership and invited guests to join AAHGS National and AAHGS Metro Atlanta
  - 62 members as of January 18, 2023
- **Minutes:** Minutes and financial reports have been posted to the chapter website in Members Only
- **SIG information:**
  - Caribbean Special Interest Group (Coordinator: Rhonda Barrow): Meets most 3rd Saturdays of each month at 10 AM
  - DNA Special Interest Group (Coordinator: Stephanie Powers): meets most 2nd Saturdays of each month at 10 AM
  - Georgia Special Interest Group (Co -coordinators: Dawnya Lindsey and Doris Thomas): Meets most 1st Saturdays of each month at 11:30 AM
  - Louisiana Special Interest Group (Coordinator: Tammy Ozier): As Special Request, Demands
  - Tennessee Special Interest Group (Coordinator: Devra Harney): meets most 4th Thursdays at 1:00 pm via zoom.
  - Military Special Interest Group (Coordinator: Johnette Brooks): Meets Most 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of Each Month at 1:00 PM
  - Sons/Daughters US Middle Passage (Coordinator: Jonnie Brown): Meets Most 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of Each Month at 7:00 PM
- **The following opportunities are available to members:**
  - February 4, 2023: Volunteers for the information table, room monitors and hospitality for the upcoming workshops at the History and Genealogy Day Event at the Georgia Archives
  - Interested in conducting research projects? Email [aahgsatlanta@gmail.com](mailto:aahgsatlanta@gmail.com)
- New members



- Peggy Clark, member of AAHGS NY, her research is in Clarke, Elbert and Madison Counties, Georgia; Surnames she is researching are Strickland, Bell and Clark
- Cardella Cummings from Chattanooga, TN. Research in Lexington, GA and Gadsden, AL
- Karen Stewart researching Floyd, Clarke and Walton Counties in GA
- Vicki Brown from California, researching Elbert County, GA
- Frank Plummer from Nebraska, researching Dougherty and Dooly Counties, GA; Clarksdale, MS

### **Announcements**

- February 4, 2023: History and Genealogy Day at the Georgia Archives

Minutes submitted by: Tamu Taylor, Recording Secretary  
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