

Finding Your Baptist Ancestors

August 6, 2011

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Please fill out and mail with your check made out to TBHS for \$35 by July 15 (after June 30 the cost is \$45)
to:

Jim Taulman
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Conference Highlights

The conference will provide the opportunity:

- to hear one of the South's most noted genealogists
- to hear one of the most knowledgeable Baptist historians
- to explore the vast resources of Union University's library
- to meet in a hundred-year-old church and to hear from a Baptist preacher who has been dead for over a hundred and fifty years
- to network with others who can share with you how they found their Baptist ancestors

Cost: \$35 which includes lunch and breaks
(After July 15: \$45)

For additional information contact:

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*You know that you are an addicted genealogist when . . .
you've traced every one of your ancestral lines back to Adam and Eve, have it
fully documented, and you still don't want to quit.*

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A Genealogical Conference

OFFERED BY

TENNESSEE BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Casey Jones Village

Our Baptist Ancestors conference will be held in the Casey Jones Village, Jackson, Tennessee, adding a unique setting and historical atmosphere to the conference. Mr. Clark Shaw has graciously offered his facilities for our use.

You can enjoy eating at their award winning restaurant, touring the beautiful and historic train museum, and shopping around the Village all in one convenient stop! For additional information about the Casey Jones Village and Museum, see <http://www.caseyjones.com/>. The 8,000 square foot expansion of the museum opened June 19, 2009.

Things to Do While in Casey Jones Village in Jackson

- Enjoy the great Southern cooking at their award-winning world famous Old Country Store restaurant—three delicious buffets served daily from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Enjoy an old fashioned ice cream treat in their beautiful 1890s Ice Cream Parlor
- Tour the Historic Casey Jones Home and Railroad Museum, Home of America's most famous railroad engineer
- Enjoy your free sample of the absolute best fudge in the world—over 20 homemade flavors
- Explore the truly remarkable "Wildlife in Wood" wood carving studio with art by their own resident artist H. Dee Moss located in the Wellwood Country Store next to Brooks Shaw's Old Country Store.
- Shop till you drop in the adorable Old Country Store Gift Shoppe and all the Shoppes at Casey Jones Village! Stroll . . . relax . . . enjoy.
- Enjoy browsing through their private collection of over 15,000 antiques all around the Old Country Store.
- Sit a spell on our front porch and enjoy watching the world go by featuring live bluegrass under the stars every Thursday night with the Jackson Area Plectral Society.

Have fun and just enjoy our wonderful family-friendly atmosphere!

Food, Research, and Lodging

Casey Jones Village is providing complimentary lunch and meeting facilities. The Village is located a short distance from Union University where you can use their facilities for research. If you wish to schedule research time, contact Dr. Jenny Lowrey, jlowrey@uu.edu, 731-661-5058

Comfort Inn Suites

We have a group rate for \$95 at Comfort Inn Suites, 61 Casey Jones Lane, Jackson, TN, 38305. If you would like to spend Friday night, call 731-868-1700 and tell them you are with the Tennessee Baptist Historical Society. Additional nights can also be reserved.

Saturday, August 6, 2011

**Casey Jones Village,
Jackson, Tennessee**

8:30 Registration in the restored Primitive Baptist Church

on the grounds of Casey Jones Village

9:00–Welcome and Introduction —T. Clark Shaw, CEO,

Casey Jones Village

"A Visit from Obadiah Dodson" Tim Bass

Sessions will take place in the theater

9:30–10:45 "Baptist Ancestors on the Frontier"—J. Mark Lowe

10:45–10:45 Break

10:45–12:15 "But He Wasn't a Minister: Finding a Baptist

Ancestor Using Court Records"—J. Mark Lowe

12:15 Complementary lunch provided by Casey Jones Village

1:15–2:45 "Finding Baptist Ancestors in Southern

Manuscripts"—J. Mark Lowe

2:45–3:15 Break

3:15–4:00 Session 4—Discovering Additional Resources

Albert W. Wardin Jr., Professor Emeritus, Belmont

University

Jenny Lowrey, Archivist, Union University

4:00 Tour of Casey Jones Village

The application for a death certificate you want insists that you provide the maiden name of the deceased's mother—which is exactly what you don't know and is the reason you are trying to get the death certificate in the first place.

Presenters

J. Mark Lowe, Springfield, Tennessee

J. Mark Lowe, is a full-time professional genealogist, author, and teacher who researches primarily in original records and manuscripts throughout the South. Mark has published articles in national genealogical and state/regional historical publications. His weekly local history article appears in the *Robertson County [Tenn.] Times*. Mark was one of the researchers for the PBS series, "African American Lives 2," and travels the country teaching others how to research.

He is the director of a week-long hands-on research workshop focusing on original documents and manuscripts in cooperation with the National Archives. He is also an instructor at the Institute for Genealogical & Historical Research at Samford University and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy. He is a former classroom teacher and principal.

Mark is a Certified Genealogist and a Fellow of the Utah Genealogical Society. He was awarded the Graham T. Smallwood award by the Association of Professional Genealogists.

Albert Wardin Jr., Nashville, Tennessee

Albert Wardin Jr. is professor emeritus of Belmont University, served as professor of history at this institution from 1967 to 1993.

He has written twelve books on Baptist history. He is the author of *Tennessee Baptists: A Comprehensive History, 1779–1999*. His vast knowledge of Baptists and Tennessee Baptist life makes him an excellent person to identify and share resources that are available to help you find your Baptist ancestors.

Jenny Lowrey, Jackson, Tennessee

Jenny Lowrey is the archivist at Union University and acquainted with Baptist resources particularly in West Tennessee. She will identify some of the resources Union University has and suggest ways you can research your Baptist ancestors using Union's resources.

Tim Bass, Mercer, Tennessee

Tim Bass is pastor, Mercer Baptist Church, Mercer, Tennessee. His presentation on Rev. Obadiah Dodson portrays how you can make characters come alive by telling their story.