

COME JOIN US

FOR THIS YEAR'S SFA OCTOBER WEEKEND

All are welcome to participate in our October 10-11 SFA weekend activities near Raleigh/Durham, North Carolina. Note that this is the second weekend of the month, Columbus Day weekend. Please feel free to share this invitation with any local non-member Snipes who may be interested in attending. For those unacquainted with **Snipes Family of America (SFA)**, it is a non-profit organization established in 1979, dedicated to foster research and sharing of Snipes family history. We have over 650 members. All SFA activities are open to anyone interested in Snipes, so join us for any or all activities. For more info about SFA or the meeting, contact Bob Snipes at 304.876.1332 (home), 304.261.9024 (cell), or by email at snipes@principia.edu



for Friday's activities. **The Olivia Raney Local History Library**, our North Carolina repository, is closed on Fridays, but I can likely arrange a special showing upon request. **The SFA Board meeting** will take place at the La Quinta at 2:00 pm. Highlights of this meeting will be reported at the Saturday membership meeting and summarized in the newsletter. The meeting will likely run until 4:30 pm. Once again, everyone is invited to join Board members for **Friday night dinner** at a local restaurant (to be determined). We'll meet in the hotel lobby at 5:45 pm. If you want to meet us at the restaurant, call Bob (304.261.9024) for specifics. It's a relaxed, fun time together.

Reservations

Board member Britt Norwood has once again been kind enough to block rooms for us at the **La Quinta Inns & Suites, Raleigh Int'l Airport**, 1001 Hospitality Court, Morrisville, NC 27560, Phone: 919.461.1771. Rooms are available for check-in on October 9th and more on the 10th. Call by September 25 and ask for the Snipes Family of America group rate of \$89 plus tax for either a king or queen room. Suites are \$169. After September 25th, rooms are subject to availability. We're also aware that AAA or AARP members can currently make a reservation directly online for a rate of \$80.10 per night plus tax; check that option out soon if you are eligible. The hotel operates an airport shuttle from 4:30 am until midnight

Friday, October 10

The La Quinta Inns & Suites, Raleigh Int'l Airport, described above, will serve as our base of operations

Saturday, October 11

The **SFA annual membership meeting** will be held at Cedar Grove Methodist Church in northern Chatham County, beginning at 10 am. Come to register and mingle at 9:30 am. We'll do our typical self-introductions, hear Board members report on the organization's activities and research and be treated to a talk by a featured speaker. We're expecting Jim Fisher to be back with us to take the **SFA group photo** at the front of the church, around noon. **Voluntary donations** to the church for use of their facilities will be accepted at the door. At 12:15 pm we'll go next door to the fellowship hall for a **catered BBQ lunch** provided by "Shrimp Boat." The cost will be \$10 collected at the door.

RSVP requested: We need a head count for lunch; by September 27, please contact Britt Norwood by phone 919.942.4106 or email brittnorwood@bellsouth.net (put RSVP on the subject line).