

# The Arkansas Genealogical Society E-zine

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## **Did you know there is an "AGS Members Only Corner" at our website?**

Members of the Arkansas Genealogical Society have special privileges including access to an online index of all issues of the *Arkansas Family Historian* through 2005. Also available here are PDF files for the same period covered by the index.

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## Introduction:

The Arkansas Genealogical Society is sending you this E-zine (electronic magazine) to keep you informed about information, activities, publications, and web links to help our members with their genealogical research in Arkansas. It is a free service to AGS members and to anyone, including non-AGS members who are interested in Arkansas genealogy.

This E-zine is a supplement to, not a replacement of, the quarterly publication, the *Arkansas Family Historian* or to the *AGS Newsletter*.

Please let us know if you like this new service or if you have any information or helpful links to include in the next addition. All suggestions are welcomed. Email [\*\*AGS\\_Ezine@agsgenealogy.org\*\*](mailto:AGS_Ezine@agsgenealogy.org) with comments or information.

Queries will also be accepted, if they are clear and concise as to time and place, and pertain to Arkansas. Information about upcoming family reunions, county genealogical society events, new books, or any other items of interest are also accepted.

We'd also like to hear your anecdotes about researching Arkansas topics or any special problems or questions you have.

This E-zine is for you, the members, and we want to include anything that might assist you in your research.

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## **AGS Members: Family Tree DNA Discount**

The Arkansas Genealogical Society is proud to be associated with Family Tree DNA, the largest genetic genealogy testing company in the world. This partnership program has the objective of providing reduces group rates for members to test their DNA for genealogy purposes, and at the same time present additional revenue for AGS without costing more to the member. You can order at lower group rates through the Arkansas Genealogical Society. To do so, you can either call or fill in the form at [http://www.ftdna.com/surname\\_join.asp?code=L81808](http://www.ftdna.com/surname_join.asp?code=L81808).

For additional testing for genealogical purposes you can log on to the website at [www.familytreedna.com](http://www.familytreedna.com) or contact them at [info@familytreedna.com](mailto:info@familytreedna.com) or 713-868-1438.

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## **News about Arkansas Genealogy:**

### **Baxter County Beginnings**

by Chyrl Ripple  
Baxter Bulletin Historian

A monthly column about Baxter County genealogy. This past month's column covered the Adams/Lafferty/Martin families.

<<http://www.baxterbulletin.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20061223/NEWS01/612230301/1002/NEWS01>>

Read the *Baxter Bulletin* (Mountain Home, Arkansas) newspaper online at [www.baxterbulletin.com/](http://www.baxterbulletin.com/)

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## **ProQuest Now Available through North Little Rock's Laman Library**

The Laman Library has just subscribed to a new genealogy database that those who have library cards from Laman Library would be interested in. It is the ProQuest Obituaries database.

### **ProQuest Obituaries Database**

The ProQuest Obituaries collection is a premier resource for genealogical and historical research. You can use the collection to search obituaries and death notices from prominent newspapers, such as *The New York Times* (dating back to 1851).

The collection includes both famous and lesser-known individuals and can be searched by name or by keywords appearing in the body of the article.

Obituaries have been selected from the following historical newspapers.

- *Atlanta Journal Constitution*
- *Boston Globe*
- *Chicago Defender*
- *Chicago Tribune*
- *Los Angeles Times*
- *New York Times*
- *Washington Post*

We hope you find this a useful addition to our genealogy database collections.

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## **Be a Volunteer at the State Archives**

Volunteers provide an invaluable service and the Arkansas History Commission welcomes the support of the community. Volunteer opportunities include assisting patrons in the research room, data entry and computer use, conservation work, and special projects (new and exciting ways to share our resources).

If you are interested in volunteering your time at the Arkansas History Commission, please fill contact the AHC. For more information, call 501.682.6900, or email [state.archives@arkansas.gov](mailto:state.archives@arkansas.gov).

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## **AGS E-mail List**

To sign up for the AGS e-mail list, send an email to [ags-request@rootsweb.com?subject=subscribe](mailto:ags-request@rootsweb.com?subject=subscribe)

List-Archive:

If you haven't joined the list, you can still read the archived posts to the AGS-L at <http://archiver.rootsweb.com/th/index?list=ags>

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## **Hockenberry Cemetery Tichnor, Arkansas County, Arkansas**

The full survey for this cemetery is located at  
<<http://www.interment.net/data/us/ar/arkansas/hocken/index.htm>>

Lat: 34° 01' 52"N, Lon: 91° 14' 47"W  
T8S R2W Sec 4

Contributed by Dennis W. Lamb, Nov 05, 2006, last edited Nov 18, 2006  
[leisa@mtnhome.com]. Total records = 292.

From the intersection of Hwy 44 and Tichnor Blacktop Rd in Tichnor, drive South 4.9 miles to intersection with Conner Levee Rd. Turn left (east) continuing on Tichnor Blacktop Road as it turns back south. After 2.2 miles Cemetery is on the left just prior to crossing the Arkansas Post Canal.

The Cemetery is active and is governed by the Hockenberry Cemetery Association. It is well maintained. The oldest date of death is 1870 for Virginia Freeman Hockenberry.

I surveyed this cemetery on Oct 17, 2006. Almost all tombstones are in good legible condition.

- *Dennis W. Lamb* [complete survey of tombstones follows this intro]

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## **Arkansas History Commission Receives Copy of Rare Manuscript**

The Arkansas History Commission in Little Rock announces the acquisition of what is thought to be the last copy of an original handwritten manuscript telling the story of Faulkner County's earliest settlers, the Benedicts and the Standlees.

It was written by Russell W. Benedict, born in 1810, at the urging of "numerous friends and acquaintances" who convinced him to write down the story of his parents' settlement at the mouth of Cadron Creek beginning in 1811.

Accounts of Arkansas settlement from this period are very rare. Benedict, who was born in 1810, composed the sixty-seven page manuscript between 1878 and 1889. The manuscript is noted for its lengthy description of effects of the New Madrid earthquake of 1811 and 1812. The original manuscript is now thought to be lost.

A researcher made the copy, now at the History Commission, several years ago. Much of Benedict's story was published in the *Arkansas Historical Quarterly* in the summer of 1951, edited by the late Ted R. Worley, who was then Director of the Arkansas History Commission.

After processing, the manuscript will be available in the Commission's Small Manuscript Collection.

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## Turn family gatherings into history lessons

By Audrey Schewe, CNN

(CNN) -- Searching for the perfect present for your children, one that won't get shoved in a closet or cost a fortune? Hoping to engage your children in activities other than video games and television over their winter break? Look no further than those piles of shoe boxes bursting with old photographs. This holiday season give kids the gift that they will treasure for a lifetime -- a family history.

"Family history is about stories, not necessarily who married whom and all the way back," says Maureen Taylor, noted genealogist and author of a guide to family history for kids, "Through the Eyes of Your Ancestors." . . .

For complete article, see

<http://www.cnn.com/2006/EDUCATION/12/19/family.history/index.html>

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## Arkansas Links:

Arkansas Genealogical Society Home Page  
[www.agsgenealogy.org](http://www.agsgenealogy.org)

Arkansas State Highway Department  
County and State Highway maps for sale  
[www.arkansashighways.com](http://www.arkansashighways.com)

Arkansas Historical Association  
[www.uark.edu/depts/arkhist/home/](http://www.uark.edu/depts/arkhist/home/)

*Arkansas Historical Quarterly* Index, 1942–2000  
[arkindex.uark.edu/AHQ/](http://arkindex.uark.edu/AHQ/)

Arkansas History Commission (the state archives):  
[www.ark-ives.com/](http://www.ark-ives.com/)

Baxter County, Arkansas, Historical and Genealogical Society:  
[www.baxtercountyonline.com/bchgs/](http://www.baxtercountyonline.com/bchgs/)

Benton County, Arkansas, GenWeb:  
[www.rootsweb.com/~arbenton/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~arbenton/)

Bentonville Public Library, Benton, County, Arkansas:  
[www.youseemore.com/bentonville/](http://www.youseemore.com/bentonville/)

Butler Center for Arkansas Studies:  
[www.cals.lib.ar.us/butlercenter/](http://www.cals.lib.ar.us/butlercenter/)

Conway County Genealogical Society:  
[www.rootsweb.com/~arconway/ccga.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~arconway/ccga.htm)

Encyclopedia of Arkansas  
[www.encyclopediaofarkansas.net](http://www.encyclopediaofarkansas.net)

ePodunk.com: Search for any city or town in the US  
[www.epodunk.com/](http://www.epodunk.com/)

National Register of Historic Sites, Arkansas:  
[www.nationalregisterofhistoricplaces.com/AR/state.html](http://www.nationalregisterofhistoricplaces.com/AR/state.html)

Newton County Historical Society:  
[www.newtoncountyar.com](http://www.newtoncountyar.com)

Prairie County, Arkansas, Genealogical Homepage:  
[www.couchgenweb.com/arkansas/prairie/](http://www.couchgenweb.com/arkansas/prairie/)

Prairie County, Arkansas, Rootsweb:  
[www.rootsweb.com/~arprairi/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~arprairi/)

Richard C. Butler Center for Arkansas Studies:  
[www.cals.lib.ar.us/butlercenter/](http://www.cals.lib.ar.us/butlercenter/)

Russellville, Pope County, Arkansas, Newspaper: *The Courier*  
[www.couriernews.com/](http://www.couriernews.com/)

Saline County, Arkansas, Genealogy Page:  
[www.rootsweb.com/~arsaline/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~arsaline/)

Saline County History and Heritage Society, Inc.  
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~arschhs/>

Saline County, Arkansas, Library  
[www.saline.lib.ar.us/](http://www.saline.lib.ar.us/)

Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives:  
[www.southwestarchives.com/](http://www.southwestarchives.com/)

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## Tips for Arkansas Researchers:

**Interment.net—Cemetery Transcription Library**

<http://www.interment.net>

A free online library of burial records from thousands of cemeteries across the world, for historical and genealogy research.

Clear Digital Media, Inc.

Steve Johnson, Publisher

Maggie Rail, Editor

- Interment.net contains thousands of transcriptions of cemetery records and tombstone inscriptions, from cemeteries in the USA, Canada, England, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, and other countries.
- Access is free—no subscription fees, no money
- Get your cemetery transcriptions published here.

You can search their database by state, country, or by surname. I was able to find two people's burials in Arkansas that I hadn't known about previously. This site also gives you an opportunity to upload cemetery abstracts you've done and want to share with others for free.

Submitted by Carolyn Earle Billingsley. Note: I have no connection with this website; I found it when I was looking for a cemetery.

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## Unfiled Papers and Slips Belonging in Confederate Compiled Service Records

*By Lynda Childers Suffridge*

Have you been searching for ancestors who served for the Confederacy? Can't find them or think you have found all there is to know about them? Have you checked these records?

**United States. War Department. UNFILED PAPERS AND SLIPS BELONGING IN CONFEDERATE COMPILED SERVICE RECORDS. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Service, 1962. National Archives microfilm publications. Microcopy no. M 347; v. National Archives record group 109 [War Department Collection of Confederate Records] 442 reel(s).**

These files are from the papers of the Confederate government relating to military and civilian personnel between 1861–1865. The War Department placed papers in this series when the records could not be positively connected with any soldier for whom there was a compiled service record. In some cases, the soldiers served in a home-guard unit or in another state organization that was never called into the service of the central Confederate government. Some of the records are for civilians who rendered service to the Confederacy.

To quote James C. Neagles in his book *U.S. Military Records: A Guide to Federal & State Sources Colonial America to the Present*: "It may be possible

for a researcher to identify a soldier from these papers—regardless of the fact that the clerks who attempted to do so could not.”

There are card abstracts that contain entries taken from original muster rolls, returns, rosters, payrolls, hospital registers, and parole records. There are references to original records, letters, vouchers, requisitions, and oaths of allegiance. The material is similar to those in the military service records. The records are arranged alphabetically by surname but check all possible spellings of the name you are searching.

**Where they are: Arkansas History Commission**

The Arkansas History Commission and State Archives had the 442 microfilm rolls of this series available in their research room. No need to travel to Washington, DC. They are also available through your local Family History Center on loan from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. If you live near Dallas, Texas, the Dallas Public Library also has this series.

**Who is mentioned in them?**

Documents and references to all kinds of military and civilian personnel can be found in these records. Military officers, soldiers, blacksmiths, boatmen, carpenters, wheelwrights, clerks, conscripts, deserters, engineers, gunsmiths, laborers, masons, mechanics, ministers, slaves, spies, tailoresses, tanners, teamsters, trimmers, turners, seamstress, laundresses, merchants, ministers, civilians, Confederate soldiers in Union prisons, Union soldiers in Confederate prisons, and Rebels who took the oath of allegiance.

**What information is there?**

The information is similar to that found in the compiled service record. There are reports on deserters, oaths of allegiance, receipt rolls for clothing and pay, registers and rolls of prisoners, hospital returns, inspection reports, muster rolls, reports of sick and wounded, reports of prison guards, statements of prisoners, certificates of discharge, certificates of enlistments, correspondence, card abstracts, cross reference slips relating to officers, soldiers, civilian employees, citizens, Confederates in Union prisons, and Federals in Confederate prisons, and British subjects in the Confederate service.

**How may these records help with your Confederate Ancestor research?**

Any good researcher will examine all records available that might give clues to your ancestor's life. Perhaps you haven't been able to locate a Confederate service record or Pension record for your ancestor? His name may be in this list. Check it out!

Sources Consulted

Beers, Henry Putney. *The Confederacy: A Guide to the Archives of the Government of the Confederate States of America*. 1968. Reprint, Washington, DC: National Archives and Records Administration, 1986.

Neagles, James C. *U.S. Military Records: A Guide to Federal & State Sources Colonial America to the Present*. Salt Lake City, UT: Ancestry Incorporated, 1994.

Unfiled Papers and Slips Belonging in Confederate Compiled Service Records, M347. Washington: National Archives. Rolls 1, 354.

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## **Genealogical Communication**

Submitted by Desmond Walls Allen

Communication is a key skill for genealogists to develop. Make it easy for anyone you contact to respond to you.

If you're sending e-mail, be sure to include a "signature" at the end of your messages. In MS Outlook Express, go to the Tools menu, then Options, then choose the Signature tab. Add your full name, address and phone number (if you want to be contacted by phone).

If you're writing a snail-mail letter, include your e-mail address as a response option.

When you order return address labels, add your e-mail address under your name.

And order yourself some business cards, even though you aren't in business. VistaPrint.com offers 250 "free" cards (you pay for postage), and they're really nice. They also offer "free" return address labels, notecards, postcards, and magnets. Create a card for yourself on their site that lists all your contact information along with the principal family lines you're working on. Include one in everything you send out - people tend to keep business cards. Keep a supply in your notebook to hand out at libraries.

E-mail addresses change when you switch Internet Service Providers, so create a Yahoo or HotMail address for yourself that can be permanent.

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## **OCLC Announces Public Access Site for WorldCat**

Submitted by Susan Boyle

The Online Computer Library Center (OCLC) is a nonprofit, membership, computer library service and research organization dedicated to the public purposes of furthering access to the world's information and reducing information costs. More than 55,000 libraries in 110 countries and territories around the world use OCLC services to locate, acquire, catalog, lend and preserve library materials.

OCLC has just announced that they are now allowing public access to their WorldCat catalog. Previously available only at libraries, WorldCat allows you to search the catalogs of their member libraries in a single step. Users can then locate materials in a library close to them. Many articles and books are online and available for download directly from these libraries. Others may

provide access to materials through Interlibrary Loan. WorldCat results often include a link to *Ask a Librarian* and other features at member libraries.

The new public-access interface also includes downloadable browser tools for Google and Yahoo toolbars. The new site for public access is currently in a beta test version and can be accessed at

<http://rd.bcentral.com/?ID=4355373&s=41740119>. To find out more about OCLC, visit <http://rd.bcentral.com/?ID=4355365&s=41740119>.

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## Upcoming articles— Arkansas Family Historian:

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- Corrections: The Logan Families of Logan County, Arkansas
  - Liberty-Coleman Cemetery, Logan County, Arkansas
  - Miss Mattie Hudgins, The Earliest Born Person with an Arkansas Prior Birth Certificate
  - 1891 Calhoun County, Arkansas, Personal Property Tax List
  - Lewis Evans, Pioneer of Washington County, Arkansas, and His Family
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## Events:

**Arkansas Genealogical Society's  
Free Workshop  
Saturday, April 21, 2007  
Pleasant Valley Church of Christ  
10900 Rodney Parham Rd  
Little Rock, AR 72212**

The Arkansas Genealogical Society is sponsoring a free workshop featuring Russell Pierce Baker and Lynda Childers Suffridge.

**Registration will be limited!**

8:30-9:30 am: Registration

9:30-10:30 am: Five Civilized Tribes and Their Records – Part I by Russell Baker

10:30-11:00 am: Break

11:00-12:00 noon: Five Civilized Tribes and Their Records – Part II by Russell Baker

12:00 noon-1:00 pm: Lunch [\$6.50 per person]

1:00-2:00 pm: Land Records, Part I – Federal Land Survey System by Lynda Suffridge

2:00-2:30 pm: Break

2:30-3:30 pm: Land Records, Part II – Metes & Bounds by Lynda Suffridge

Plan Now to Attend!

For more information contact: Contact Jan Davenport at [jhdavenport@comcast.net](mailto:jhdavenport@comcast.net) or [www.agsgenealogy.org](http://www.agsgenealogy.org)

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## **Ancestors Unknown (Faulkner County) Meeting**

Submitted by Rita Henard

Ancestors Unknown the Faulkner County genealogy group, will meet, Saturday, February 3, 2–4 p.m. at the Conway Corp meeting room, 1307 Prairie Street, Conway, Arkansas.

The meeting time will be spent sharing a book or resource that has helped you through your research journey.

All members and guests are encouraged to attend. For more information please call Tanya Pearce 501-450-9901.

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## **Genealogy Classes at UCA in Conway**

Desmond Walls Allen is teaching "Researching Your Family History" in Conway through the University of Central Arkansas' Academic Outreach department. The six-week class starts February 21st and meets each Wednesday through March 28th, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The class is designed to help you identify, locate, and understand basic reference materials used by genealogists to track down those elusive ancestors. We pay special attention to looking at the communities of kinship that surround families and emphasize historical context. We'll examine documents in various record categories and develop a knack for listening to, rather than just reading, old records. The class is designed for researchers

who've already gotten their feet wet in genealogical waters, but beginners are welcome, too.

The cost for the six-week course is \$85. Save if you're 60+ and take off an additional 20 percent. Held in Brewer-Hegeman Conference Center, parking is close, convenient and plentiful.

Desmond is also teaching "Preserving Your Family Papers, Photographs, and Heirlooms" at UCA on Saturday, March 3rd, from 9:45 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Join us and learn about formulating a plan to organize, document, and safely display and store those treasures you want to protect and pass on to future generations. We'll talk about tools, methods and supplies to conserve papers, photos, quilts, furniture, china, books, jewelry, and more. This class isn't for archivists—it's for you, the family historian.

The cost for the all-day workshop is \$55, and speak up if you're 60+ and get an additional 20 percent off. A box lunch is included in the registration price.

To learn more or to sign up, call (501) 450-3118, or e-mail [communityed@uca.edu](mailto:communityed@uca.edu)

The Spring 2007 UCA community education brochure is posted at <http://www.uca.edu/aoep/leisure/>

Can't take a class this semester? Call or e-mail and ask to have your name and address put on their mailing list.

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## **2007 Winter Lecture Series Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site**

From the *Belleville News-Democrat* (Illinois) (partially quoted here)  
Posted on Thu, Jan. 11, 2007;  
<http://www.belleville.com/mld/belleville/living/16433775.htm>

"The 2007 Winter Lecture Series at Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site in Collinsville will be held February 11th. The lectures are free and focus on Mississippian period sites similar to Cahokia Mounds. The lectures are held at the Interpretive Center in the auditorium. . . .

The next lecture, "Wickliffe Mounds: A Mississippian Mound Center in Western Kentucky" will be presented by Dr. Kit Wesler. . . . He will discuss the results of past and recent excavations and what they have revealed about the history of this site.

Dr. Jeffrey Mitchem of the Arkansas Archaeological Survey and director of the Parkin Mounds site in that state will present "Parkin Mounds: Mississippians and De Soto in Northeast Arkansas" on April 1. The Parkin site is a 17-acre late Mississippian village and mound complex that was occupied from A.D. 1300 to 1550."

For information, visit [www.cahokiamounds.com](http://www.cahokiamounds.com)

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## **Genealogy for You Seminar 2007 Saline County Library**

The annual Genealogy for You Seminar 2007 will be held Saturday, March 10, 2007, at the Bob Herzfeld Memorial Library, 1800 Smithers Drive, Benton (Saline County), Arkansas.

We are pleased to have Mr. Charles A. Sherrill who is the director of the Brentwood, Tennessee Public Library, near Nashville and the former Director of Public Services for the Tennessee State Library and Archives.

Mr. Sherrill received his master's degrees in History and Library Science from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. Sherrill has been active in genealogical research and publishing since he was a teenager. Among his works are books on several Tennessee counties, particularly Grundy County where most of his ancestors lived. He began his career at Western Reserve Historical Society in Cleveland, Ohio where he was head Reference librarian. As director of the Cleveland (Tenn.) Public Library for nine years, Sherrill edited a series of genealogical publications about Bradley County, Tennessee. Additional works include two family genealogies, editing "Tennessee's Confederate Widows and their Families", two volumes of penitentiary records entitled "Tennessee Convicts", and his most recent publication "The Reconstructed 1810 Tennessee Census."

- Pre-registration check in and welcome from 9:00–9:30 p.m.
- Session I 9:30–10:30 a.m. will be "Ancestors in the Volunteer State"
- Break 10:30–10:45
- Session II 10:45–11:45 " Well Kept Secrets of the Tennessee State Library & Archives"
- Lunch on your own 11:45–1:00 p.m.
- Session III "Digging into County Archives"
- Break 2:00–2:15
- Session IV 2:15–3:15 "The Yankees Took All We Had: Records in the Southern Claims Commission"
- 3:15 End of Seminar.

This seminar is sponsored by the David O. Demuth Arkansas Room of the Saline County Library and is provided free to pre-registered attendees. Space is limited so register early by calling 501.778.4766.

For more information, contact Steve Perdue, Curator, David O. Demuth Arkansas Room, Saline County Library, 1800 Smithers Drive, Benton, Arkansas 72015; 501.778.4766, [sperdue@saline.lib.ar.us](mailto:sperdue@saline.lib.ar.us)

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**AGS Board Member to Speak in Florida**

The Imperial Polk Genealogy Society (Florida), in cooperation with the Ohio Genealogical Society—Florida Chapter, will present a one-day seminar, March 10, 2007.

Featured Speakers:

*\*Carolyn Earle Billingsley, Ph.D. of Alexander, Arkansas—  
Kinship Theory  
Kinship Theory: A Case Study*

*\*J. Mitchell Brown of High Springs, Florida—  
Researching Records of the Indian Wars of the Southeast,  
1815–1858*

*\*Jack V. Butler of Woodville, Florida—  
Understanding Territorial Records"*

For more information,  
go to [http://www.ipgs.org/Seminar\\_Registration.htm](http://www.ipgs.org/Seminar_Registration.htm)

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## **2007 Spring Family History Workshop**

The Village Genealogical Society, Hot Springs Village, Arkansas, will host a 2007 Spring Family History Workshop featuring George G. Morgan, internationally known speaker and author, Saturday, March 17, 2007 at the Coronado Center, 150 Ponderosa Lane, Hot Springs Village.

The morning session is "Genealogical Research on the Internet" and the afternoon session is "Advanced Genealogical Research Methodologies for the Internet."

Registration is at 8:30 a.m. and the workshop begins at 9:00 a.m. Seminar Fee is \$25.00 if postmarked by February 12, 2007 and \$30.00 postmarked after February 12, 2007. Mail check payable to Village Genealogical Society and mail to VGS, 5 Lindsay Place, Hot Springs Village, AR 71909.

You may call Jeanette Frahm at (501)922-9220 or email her at [J44F65@yahoo.com](mailto:J44F65@yahoo.com) for information. You may also check their website for additional information and directions at <http://members.cox.net/hsvgs/>

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## **North Arkansas Ancestor Fair June 1-2, 2007, Marshall, Arkansas**

The Searcy County Historical Society and the Searcy County Library will sponsor the 18th North Arkansas Ancestor Fair, a genealogical swap meet.

Friday, June 1, Dr John Littlefield will speak on Native American Research.

Saturday, June 2, is the genealogical swap meet for north Arkansas families and organizations to exchange information. Over 250 people are expected.

For more information contact: Dorothy Ragland  
<ragland1935@yahoo.com> or see: [www.ancestorfair.us](http://www.ancestorfair.us).  
The schedule and forms are now up on the website: <[www.ancestorfair.us](http://www.ancestorfair.us)>

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## Samford Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research

<http://www.samford.edu/schools/ighr/ighr.html>

The Samford Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research in Birmingham, Alabama, provides an educational forum for the discovery, critical evaluation, and use of genealogical sources and methodology through a week of intensive study led by nationally prominent genealogical educators. Students may choose one of the offered courses that range from a course for beginners to courses on specialized topics.

The institute is academically and professionally oriented and is cosponsored by the Board for Certification of Genealogists. The faculty is composed of outstanding nationally known genealogy educators.

Begun in 1962, the institute regularly enrolls over 200 students from around the country.

### Course Offerings: June 10-15, 2007

1. Techniques and Technology
2. Intermediate Genealogy and Historical Studies
3. [Research in the South, Part 2, Trans-Appalachian](#)
4. Advanced Methodology and Evidence Analysis
5. Advanced Library Research: Law Libraries & Government Documents—  
CLOSED
6. Professional Genealogy
7. Virginia: Her Records and Her Laws
8. Land Records: Maps and Related Records—CLOSED
9. Advanced Military Research II: French and Indian War - Revolutionary War -  
War of 1812
10. English Genealogical Research: Online, On Location, On Target
11. Genealogy Software and Electronic Archives

Note that two courses are already full, so make your plans and register soon! There's always a large Arkansas contingent attending, so come and join us there. Also, Course 3 covers research in Arkansas and other trans-Appalachian southern states.

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## Book Notices:

***Abstracts from Masonic Records: Grand Lodge of Arkansas, 1880–1883*** by Desmond Walls Allen. ISBN 978-1-56546-379-0, 240 pages, softbound, \$29.00 plus \$7.00 USPS Priority Mail postage.

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