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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** 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.

New AGS Members

Jean Batton	Paragould, AR
Carolyn N. Cox	Sikeston, MO
Mildred Wear Holmes	Marysville, WA
James V. Hosman	Paragould, AR
Mamie L. Parker	Plainfield, IL
Anita Catherine Phillips	Paragould, AR
Marion F. & Diann Reddick	Paragould, AR
Carol Tomlinson	Paragould, AR
Charles & Drona Wood	Paragould, AR
Tim Wood	Oklahoma City, OK
Jo Ann Wright	Paragould, AR

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.

For additional testing for genealogical purposes you can log on to the website at www.familytreedna.com or contact them at info@familytreedna.com or 713-868-1438.

News about Arkansas Genealogy:

Arkansas Statewide Marriage Indexing Project Seeks Volunteers

The Arkansas Genealogical Society is pleased to announce a very exciting new project. AGS is partnering with FamilySearch to compile a statewide index to Arkansas Marriages. There is currently no statewide marriage index. Working from home volunteers will be able to use digital images of historical documents available over the internet to create searchable indexes. When ready for publication, the index will be made available FREE OF CHARGE and those searching the index will be able to link to the digital image through <http://familysearch.org> and on the Arkansas Genealogical Society's webpage at www.agsgenealogy.org.

The Arkansas Marriages Indexing Project is ready to go on <http://Familysearchindexing.org>. If you wish to volunteer to be an indexer please email agsindexing@comcast.net. You will be assigned a username, password, and given instructions for the project. To index records, all indexers must first download the FamilySearch Indexing program. To download the program:

1. Go to www.familysearchindexing.org
 2. Click Install Now
- Once you have a username & password you can start indexing!

Be a Volunteer at the State Archives

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.

Jane M. Hooker, Archivist
Arkansas History Commission, One Capitol Mall, Little Rock, Arkansas,
72201; 501.682.6895; www.ark-ives.com; jane.hooker@arkansas.gov

Free Newsletter from Arkansas Secretary of State's Office

Charlie Daniels, Arkansas' Secretary of State, offers a free quarterly newsletter, "Capitol Report." It contains interesting and timely articles about items pertaining to Arkansas. To subscribe in print or electronically, contact the office at 501-683-3702 or send an email to arsos@sos.arkansas.gov with "subscribeCR" in the subject line.

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New Exhibit at the Arkansas History Commission

"State Archives" <state.archives@arkansas.gov>

Reeling in the Records: 50 Years of Preservation Microfilming at the Arkansas History Commission, an exhibit that examines the history of microfilm from the 19th century through the present, opened at the Arkansas History Commission and State Archives on June 27. The exhibit highlights the fascinating history of microfilm from espionage to V-mail.

As one of the oldest preservation microfilming programs in the South, the Arkansas History Commission first established its microfilming department in the 1957. In addition to historical documents owned by the Arkansas History Commission and newspapers, the agency also microfilms loaned material, such as professional and religious publications, scrapbooks, dairies, business ledgers, funeral home records, church records, as well as other material deemed historically significant. Over the last half a century, millions of historical records and newspapers have been microfilmed at the Arkansas History Commission and made available to researchers.

Microfilming, also called microphotography, is the reduction of an image to such a small size that it can not be read without optical assistance. Scientific estimate indicates that a microfilm negative, with careful handling and storage, could be preserved for about 500 years. One of the great advantages of microfilm is photographic compression resulting in 99 percent saving of space. Due to the longevity of the microfilm and accessibility of the film with only optical magnification, microfilming remains the preferred method for preservation images of archival material.

First developed as a novelty item, microphotography soon served an important purpose in the preservation of historical material and a tool of war. During military battles from the 1870s to 1940s, microfilm was used for transporting messages by carrier pigeon, reconnaissance, espionage and shipping V-mail microfilmed letters to soldiers. After World War II, many libraries and archives around the world started microfilming important historical documents, books and newspapers.

Located at One Capitol Mall just to the west of the State Capitol, the Arkansas History Commission's exhibit hall and research room are open Monday through Saturday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. *Reeling in*

the Records will be on display through August, 2007. For more information, call 501.682.6900 or visit our website www.ark-ives.com.

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state.archives@arkansas.gov

AGS E-mail List

To sign up for the AGS e-mail list, send an email to 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>>

Arkansas Genealogical Society

Fall Seminar 2007

Friday, October 19th & Saturday, October 20th

Pleasant Valley Church of Christ

10900 N. Rodney Parham Rd., Little Rock, AR

Friday, October 19th Speaker: **Carolyn Earle Billingsley, Ph.D**

Saturday, October 20th Speaker: **Sharon Tate Moody, CG**

Friday Night Course Information

Melungeons and Other Mixed Race Groups: Bi- or tri-racial heritage is often overlooked by genealogists. But many of us unknowingly have a mixed heritage. This lecture sheds light on groups of people like Melungeons, who illustrate the complexity of researching based on an assumption of race.

The Reality of Researching Your Indian Ancestors: Rather than teaching how to trace Five Civilized Tribe ancestors through the normal avenues, this lecture gets real. Most Native Americans did not sign up on the Indian Rolls, and, thus, genealogists must use other methods to “prove” Indian ancestry.

Saturday Night Course Information

If Living Were a Crime: *Evidence our Ancestors Left at the Scene:* Most of our ancestors lived ordinary lives and are difficult to document. Case studies will demonstrate a new strategy of reconstructing the lives of ordinary ancestors by approaching their lives as “crime scenes.”

The Law: Portal to Understanding Ancestor Documents: Throughout their lives and even after their deaths, our ancestors were controlled and guided by the law. Actual documents will be explored to gain a working knowledge of legalese and better understanding of what records say. Techniques for conducting basic legal research on their documents will be discussed.

Airing the Family Laundry: This lecture will show you how to go beyond the Internet and dig through court records to uncover family skeletons or secrets that abound in the old case files. Case studies will walk you through the steps to find these seldom-used records.

No Ring? No License? Are They Married? Are common law marriages any more than shacking up or living in sin? Are they “real” marriages? This lecture will present an actual situation in courtroom argument style. The audience will sit as a jury to hear the evidence and vote a decision.

Additional Information: Contact Jan Davenport, 1 Cinnamon Dr., North Little Rock, AR 72120 or call 501-912-3587. If using email please reference AGS FALL SEMINAR: jhdavenport@comcast.net

Accommodations: Governors Suites, 1501 Merrill Drive, Little Rock, AR 72211. Call 501-224-8051 for reservations.

Lunch will be included with Saturday Registration: Soup, sandwich, chips, cookie & drink.

Salt Lake City Research Trip

Sponsored by

The Arkansas Genealogical Society

December 2-9, 2007

**Come join us for a week of research at the Family
History Library**

Price includes

Seven nights at the Salt Lake Plaza (next door to the Library)

Breakfast buffet at J.B's restaurant adjoining hotel

**For more information contact: Jan Davenport at 501-912-3587 or email
jhdavenport@comcast.net (please reference Salt Lake Trip)**

Cleveland County Seeks WWII Veterans

Cleveland County Historical and Genealogical Society is in the process of establishing a data base of all county veterans of World War II. Anyone with information concerning these vets or knows of living vets that society members could interview, please contact Louise Mitchell, society president at llmitch46@hotmail.com or Rufus Buie, society vice president, at RufusBuie@mail.tds.net.

Submitted by Louise Mitchell at llmitch46@hotmail.com

**Arkansas Genealogical Society's "Arkansas
Prior Birth Index, Volume IV"
Reviewed in the *Dallas* [Texas] *Morning News***

Lloyd Bockstruck, supervisor of the genealogy section of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library in Dallas, Texas, writes a column titled "Family Tree" for *The Dallas Morning News*. In a recent column he included a review of the fourth volume of *Arkansas Prior Birth Index*. Mr. Bockstruck explained "The term 'prior birth' is used in Arkansas to designate delayed birth records. It was not until 1914 that the state provided for the registering of births, which was 11 years later than Texas. As Arkansans entered the military in WWI or II, sought to obtain a passport, went to work in defense plants or registered for

Social Security, they had to produce birth records." To order a hardbound copy, 544 pages, send a check or money order to Arkansas Genealogical Society, PO Box 17653, Little Rock, AR 72222. The cost is \$60 plus \$10 shipping.

Arkansas Materials Posted Online By Pris Weathers

In a message dated 4/19/2007, on AGS@RootsWeb.com
Pris Weathers, arkansasties@arkansasties.com, writes:

I have decided to post my *Arkansas Gazette* articles from 1819–1850 online free. You can find them here:
<http://www.arkansasties.com/WhatsNew2007.htm>
or <http://www.arkansasties.com/Special/Gazette/NewsIndex.htm>

I will post them as I get time, starting with 1819, and working my way forward...some have associated images, some do not. Please do not email me about years I do not have posted yet unless you want to buy them. You may post up to 5 on your own personal family website or in your book with credit to ArkansasTies and a link to my website.

Anything else will need to be worked out with me. Please respect the fact that I have thousands of hours into this project and I am posting to help others out but I will defend my copyrights.

Pris Weathers
www.ArkansasTies.com

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In a message posted Tue, 15 May 2007, from "Pris Weathers"
arkansasties@arkansasties.com, to AGS@rootsweb.com

Just wanted to let everyone know that I have posted the Arkansas Gazette 1819 - 1825 online and will try to do one to two years a week. Please note the legal advertisements and classified ads were reused over and over again, sometimes for over a year. I have tried to leave out the duplicates to save room. When in doubt I have posted them again.

<http://www.arkansasties.com/Special/Gazette/NewsIndex.htm>

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In a message dated Fri, 18 May 2007, by "Pris Weathers"
arkansasties@arkansasties.com, to To: AGS@rootsweb.com

As a Memorial Day tribute I am releasing my entire collection of photographs of the Little Rock National Cemetery free of charge. I have also compiled the largest photograph database of Arkansas Military memorials and need help finding the rest. You can find more info at <http://www.arkansasties.com/WhatsNew2007.htm>

If you can help me get the word out, I would appreciate it.
Pris Weathers, www.ArkansasTies.com

Midway Community Reunion North of Lewisville, Lafayette County, Arkansas

By Tomie Jo Price

Midway Community is a small, friendly one, just north of Lewisville in Lafayette County, and south of Hope, Arkansas. It is a community that once bustled with grocery stores and filling stations. A lot of people have moved on to bigger towns, but they have not forgotten their roots as they descended on the Midway-Boyd Hill Volunteer Fire Department building for its second reunion. People came from Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Ohio, and Indiana. The fire department is located across Highway 29, from the site of the old, two-room Midway School Building.

Many people had not seen each other in over sixty years, so they enjoyed renewing old friendships and discussing events of yesteryear. Cousins enjoyed exchanging family stories. Fortunately, everyone was given a name tag at the door! This makes calling others by name much easier; and avoided some embarrassing moments.

Donations were taken at the door to defray cost, but an added attraction was the "plastic cup auction" which offered some items made by local people to the lucky winners. Tickers were bought at the door and the stubs were placed in the cup by each item that the bidder wished to win. Another interesting feature which attracted much attention, and many comments, were the pictures copied from old albums and scattered down the middle of the tables.

T. J. Lee, a former resident of our community, was honored for his work with Congressman Mike Ross in Washington, D.C. His work in the Capital kept him from attending, so his father, Travis Lee, and Aunt Joyce Lee Higdon, accepted the plaque for him.

A floral arrangement and pictures of our family members and friends who have passed away since our last reunion in 2002, were placed on a table at one end of the long room. To end the day's events, there was a very impressive Memorial Service in memory of those who were with us in spirit only. A rose and a certificate were presented to their family members in attendance.

As everyone was leaving, tired after a long day of visiting and reminiscing, they were heard talking about how much the reunion had meant to them, and plans for the next reunion were being discussed.
Tomie Jo Price, 27 Empinado Way, Hot Springs Village, AR 71909

Notes from Other Areas

Promoting and preserving Cherokee culture

By TEDDY SNELL

Tahlequah (Oklahoma) Daily Press

Visitors to the heart of the Cherokee Nation will find myriad events in store for them this summer at the Cherokee Heritage Center. Opened in 1967 on the original site of the original Cherokee Female Seminary, the Heritage Center is a four-phase project, including a museum, amphitheater, an ancient village and a historical community as it would have appeared during the Civil War.

At the time of initial construction, the site was an all but forgotten piece of land south of Tahlequah. Yet, two men with vision—Cherokee Principal Chief W.W. Keeler and Martin Hagerstrand—transformed the dense undergrowth to a cultural landscape, while preserving and keeping the seminary columns as a focal point.

The Ancient Village is the oldest and most enduring attraction at the Heritage Center. Over the years, many people have worked in the village. Some have gone on to serve on the tribal council, or have even been elected as principal chief. Several villagers have been honored as Cherokee National Treasures.

To celebrate the anniversary of the Heritage Center's first installment, a reunion of Ancient Village workers is planned, and the public is invited. **All are invited to join the center June 30 for the 40th**

anniversary, which features a day of entertainment and fun for visitors of all ages.

Visitors can observe many newly planted native Oklahoma plants, and benefit from the new, covered structures, a variety of pathways and a refurbished creek. According to center officials, ease of access has improved on many levels, with all trails connecting and wheelchair accessibility throughout the grounds. New seating benches are stationed at key points along the walking paths, so visitors can enjoy the various aspects of the design and history of the village. For those who appreciate a more hands-on experience, the Heritage Center has something in mind.

"This summer, the Heritage Center is offering an overnight experience of the ancient village unlike any other experience in this region," said Mickel Yantz, curator of the CHC museum. "On May 12, visitors are invited to spend the night in the 16th Century, camping under the stars at the Cherokee Heritage Center. Be sure to bring a tent and a sleeping bag."

According to Yantz, campers must be willing to leave today's modern conveniences behind as they travel back in time to an era untouched by European influence. Participants will have the opportunity to taste traditional Cherokee foods; witness and participate in educational social dancing; listen to ancient stories handed down through generations of elders; experience life and learn, first-hand, how Cherokee ancestors started the path for the future of today's Cherokee.

As part of the learning experience, participants will take part in a tour of the Ancient Village, blowgun shooting and stickball game, as well as opening and closing ceremonies and receiving access to the museum.

"The Cherokee Heritage Center strives to educate visitors on all aspects of Cherokee history and culture," said Yantz. "It has permanent exhibitions that examine historical information regarding the heritage of the Cherokees."

For those more interested in a day trip, the Heritage Center welcomes all visitors.

According to Yantz, the 36th Annual Trail of Tears Art Show and Sale opens April 28 and runs through May 27, and features artists from across the country, who compete for \$10,000 in prize money.

Museum guests can submit their vote for the "People's Choice" award, which, according to Yantz, is highly prized among participants. Categories include paintings, graphics, sculpture, pottery, basketry, and the "Trail of Tears" theme. Another favorite is the miniature category.

"Some of our more popular entries are in the miniature category," said

Yantz. "The artists who participate have a wonderful way of expressing so much beauty within a 4-inch cube of space."

All artwork will be up for sale, beginning with the opening at 10 a.m., Saturday, April 28. The formal awards ceremony begins at noon. Previous visitors to the Heritage Center may remember the dramatic re-enacted of the Trail of Tears performed as a drama in the amphitheater. This year, those interested in dramatic re-enactments are in for a surprise.

New this year is "Under the Cherokee Moon," a drama that depicts the Cherokee way of life in two stories—one told in the Adams Corner Rural Village, Indian Territory, during the 1800s, featuring Laurette Willis as Cherokee Female Seminary Graduate and teacher Carrie Bushyhead and missionary Sarah Worcester. The second story will be told in the Ancient Village in the form of an interactive show where visitors are part of an historic, fiery Cherokee Council Meeting with the leaders of 1775.

"It's sort of a candlelight vigil taking place in both places," said Yantz. "It's a much more intimate setting than the previous drama in the amphitheater. It's up close and personal, and I think people are really going to enjoy it."

Performances will run Friday and Saturday evenings at 7, June 1 through Aug. 18.

The Cherokee Heritage Center is three miles south of Tahlequah, just off U.S. Highway 62. For more information about any of the events, call (918) 456-6007. The Cherokee Heritage Center is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 1–5 p.m.

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The FGS/ACPL 2007 Conference: A Meeting at the Crossroads of America

Submitted by Elaine M. Kuhn, Publicity Chair; ekuhn@acpl.info

The 2007 Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference, one of the largest annual events of its kind, is lining up to be yet another exciting gathering for genealogists to learn, share and network with their fellow enthusiasts. Co-hosted by the Allen County Public Library, the

conference events will be held August 15-18, 2007 at the Grand Wayne Convention Center in downtown Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Among the many incentives to attend this year's conference will be the opportunity for conference-goers to visit and research in the newly-renovated and expanded Main Library, home to the Genealogy Center. The Genealogy Center's collection of materials is the largest in a public library in the United States, and some say second in size overall only to the Latter Day Saints' Family History Library in Salt Lake City.

This year's Librarians' Day activities, to be held at the Allen County Public Library on Wednesday, August 15th, will include presentations by area librarians on some of the more popular electronic resources such as Ancestry, Newsbank and Heritage Quest Online. Lunch will be provided, courtesy of Heritage Quest. Afternoon sessions include a presentation on conservation tips and an in-depth tour of the Allen County Public Library. Although the Librarians' Day events are free, registration is required by August 1st. You can register online at <http://www.fgsconference.org/librarians.php> .

One exciting feature of this year's conference will be the Youth Fair, to be held on Saturday, August 18th. There will be opportunities for young people interested in genealogy and local history to learn about the basics of researching their family trees. Scrapbooking demonstrations, historical displays, musical performances, and historical reenactors will also be on hand.

A Roommate Service is also available for this year's conference. Conference attendees looking to share a room and expenses can sign up for the service and if another attendee's requirements are compatible, the service will put the two in touch by email. Roberta "Bobbi" King, FGS board member, is coordinating the Roommate Service for the conference. Registration for the Roommate Service can be found at <http://www.fgsconference.org/roommate.php> .

For additional information about the conference, to register online, or to request conference brochures, go to the conference website at <http://www.fgsconference.org> . Keep in mind that you can save thirty dollars on registration fees if you sign up before June 1st.

Hope to see you in August!

Arkansas Links:

Arkansas Genealogical Society Home Page
www.agsgenealogy.org

Arkansas State Highway Department

County and State Highway maps for sale
www.arkansashighways.com

Arkansas Historical Association
www.uark.edu/depts/arkhist/home/

Arkansas Historical Quarterly Index, 1942–2000
arkindex.uark.edu/AHQ/

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

Baxter County, Arkansas, Historical and Genealogical Society:
www.baxtercountyonline.com/bchgs/

Baxter County Bulletin (newspaper online)
www.baxterbulletin.com

Benton County, Arkansas, GenWeb:
www.rootsweb.com/~arbenton/

Bentonville Public Library, Benton, County, Arkansas:
www.youseemore.com/bentonville/

Butler Center for Arkansas Studies:
www.cals.lib.ar.us/butlercenter/

Conway County Genealogical Society:
www.rootsweb.com/~arconway/ccga.htm

Encyclopedia of Arkansas
www.encyclopediaofarkansas.net

ePodunk.com: Search for any city or town in the US
www.epodunk.com/

Little River County Genealogical Society
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~arlrcgs>

National Register of Historic Sites, Arkansas:
www.nationalregisterofhistoricplaces.com/AR/state.html

Newton County Historical Society:
www.newtoncountyar.com

Prairie County, Arkansas, Genealogical Homepage:
www.couchgenweb.com/arkansas/prairie/

Prairie County, Arkansas, Rootsweb:
www.rootsweb.com/~arprairi/

Richard C. Butler Center for Arkansas Studies:

www.cals.lib.ar.us/butlercenter/

Russellville, Pope County, Arkansas, Newspaper: The Courier
www.couriernews.com/

Saline County, Arkansas, Genealogy Page:
www.rootsweb.com/~arsaline/

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

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Saline County, Arkansas, Library
www.saline.lib.ar.us/

Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives:
www.southwestarchives.com/

Tips for Arkansas Researchers:

Using Maps in Genealogical Research Submitted by Lynda Suffridge

Never underestimate the importance of using maps to locate your ancestor's migration pathways and places of residence. It is always best to transcribe and abstract land descriptions carefully from deeds, tax records, wills, probate records, and any other sources available that describe where they lived. Use those descriptions to pinpoint on a map the location a family settled and hopefully the route they traveled to arrive there. You can then plan to visit the old homestead and also use the maps to determine the counties along the migration trail your ancestors followed where they might have created records.

Look for Arkansas maps at these internet sites where you will find wonderful maps. Here are a few to check:

Acme Mapper at <http://www.acme.com/mapper/>

Bureau of Land Management at <http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov>

David Rumsey online at <http://www.davidrumsey.com/>

Google Earth at <http://earth.google.com>

Historic USGS Topographic Maps at

<http://mac.usgs.gov/isb/pubs/factsheets/fs15499.html>

The National Atlas at <http://www.nationalatlas.gov/>

The National Map at <http://www.nationalmap.gov>

TopoZone at <http://www.topozone.com>

TerraServer-USA at <http://terraserver-usa.com/>

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County, Arkansas

Events:

**The 11th Annual ANGELINA COLLEGE GENEALOGY
CONFERENCE**

Lufkin, Texas

July 19 - 21, 2007

In Search of Unknown Generations

This is an opportunity to attend lectures by some of the region's most popular speakers. Choose from thirty different topics including military, maps, using today's technology, cemetery research & related records, newspaper research, DNA, common surnames, racial mixtures in the South, Republic of Texas ancestry and much more!

2007 Faculty:

Desmond Walls Allen * Trevia Wooster Beverly * Carolyn Earle Billingsley *
Emily Anne Croom * Charlie Gardes * Pat Gordon * Melvin C. Johnson *
Don Raney * John A. Sellers

Syllabus & Handouts. Book Vendors and Exhibits

Take a look at the full program, speakers, registration form, etc. at
<http://www.angelina.edu/genealogy.htm>

For questions, please contact

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Assistant Coordinator & Program Chair

Dingler Family Reunion 20 - 21 July 2007

The 28th Annual Dingler Family Reunion will be held at the La Quinta Inn & Suites - Little Rock Downtown in Little Rock, Arkansas, July 20–21, 2007.

All descendants of Johannes Dingler and Nancy Paschall and associated families are invited to meet in Little Rock.

Johannes Dingler was born ca. 1758 in Seyboldsdorf, Germany. He came to America as a Hessian soldier in the Revolutionary War and promptly deserted. He then enlisted as an American soldier and was discharged on November 24, 1783.

He married Nancy Paschall in the early 1780s. Nancy was born August 15 1766, in Granville County, North Carolina. Johannes & Nancy ultimately settled in Morgan County, Georgia, where Johannes farmed and was a Baptist minister. They had 9 children:

- Samuel Dennis Dingler
- William Dingler
- John Dingler, Jr.
- Sarah Dingler Coffman
- Milly Dingler Tucker
- Henry Dingler

- Pheriby Dingler Tucker
- Catherine Kimble Dingler Edwards
- Jonathon B. Dingler

One of Samuel Dennis Dingler's sons, Thomas Pinkney Dingler (born ca. 1820 in Morgan County, Georgia) married Mary Elizabeth Barnes (born in North Carolina) November 27, 1842 in Talladega County, Alabama.

They resided in Talladega County until 1850, then lived in St. Clair County, AL until 1866, and finally moved to Ashley County, Arkansas, where they lived until their deaths.

Thomas died in November 1889; Mary Elizabeth died in the early 1900s; and both are buried in Sardis Cemetery, Trafalgar, Ashley County. Thomas and Mary Elizabeth had 3 children:

- Joshua Darling Dingler
- John Taswell Dingler
- Joseph George Dingler

Joshua Darling Dingler (born Jul 6, 1850 in Talladega County, Alabama) married Sarah Octavia Noble (born Apr 29, 1850, in Bienville Parish, Louisiana) Sept 8, 1867 in Ashley County, Arkansas. They lived in Ashley County until their deaths. Joshua died December 21, 1927; Sarah Octavia died March 12, 1918; and both are buried in Sardis Cemetery, Trafalgar, Ashley County. Joshua and Sarah Octavia had 12 children, 4 or 5 of whom died as children or young adults without marrying. There are numerous descendants, many of whom still live in Arkansas.

John Taswell Dingler (born Aug 10, 1845, in Talladega County, Alabama) married Nancy Massey (born ca. 1847, in Alabama) Dec 18, 1867. I do not have any information on their residences or children. However, John died Aug 9, 1929, at the Confederates Veteran Home in Little Rock Arkansas.

Joseph George Dingler (born 1848) was also a Confederate veteran. I do not have any other information on him.

For more information including a schedule of events and how to make hotel reservations, please visit the Dingler Family web site at: <http://www.dingler-family.org>

Submitted by Kristin Smith Ladewig, kristin@ladewig.com

**Native American Genealogy Workshop
Butler Center for Arkansas Studies
Saturday, 31 July 2007**

Providing researchers with the tools to explore Native American genealogy will be the focus of this year's annual genealogy workshop presented by the Butler Center for Arkansas Studies on Saturday, July 31, 2007, from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm at the Main Library in downtown Little Rock.

Now in its sixth year, the Butler Center's annual genealogy workshop is designed to provide helpful instruction for newcomers to family history research as well as the advanced student. This year's workshop will feature presentations on finding the five tribes: Cherokee Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek, and Seminole, and using Dawes Rolls research.

Marjorie J. Lowe, a retired teacher and a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, will conduct the workshop. Lowe is a registered citizen of the 150,000 member Cherokee Nation, a recipient of the Cherokee Nation's Gadugi Award of the Cherokee Community Leadership, and former board member of the Cherokee National Historical Society.

The Butler Center's genealogy workshop is free, but pre-registration is required. To register for the workshop or for additional information, please contact Rhonda Stewart, Butler Center Genealogy Specialist, at (501) 918-3056, or e-mail rstewart@cals.org

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**UCA to Offer Four Genealogy Classes,
Fall Semester 2007
Classes Taught by Desmond Walls Allen**

University of Central Arkansas' Academic Outreach department is offering four non-credit, genealogy-related classes in the fall 2007 semester:

Researching Your Family History

Wednesday evenings, six weeks, Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, and 24;
6:30 - 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 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.

Price: \$85.00 (early bird, register before Sept. 1st, \$70.00) and 20% off for folks over 60.

Leave a Legacy: Write Your Life Story

Tuesday evenings, four weeks, Sept. 25, Oct. 2, 9, and 16; 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

We'll encourage you to get your story on paper and perhaps into print, whether it's just for personal satisfaction or intended for a wider audience. We'll turn memories into memoirs. We'll write character sketches of some of the memorable people in your life. Don't leave this planet without telling your story and leaving your thoughts for future generations.

Price: \$65.00 (early bird, register before Sept. 1st, \$55.00) and 20% off for folks over 60.

Preserving Your Family Papers, Photographs, and Heirlooms

Saturday, October 13, 9:45 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

This all-day workshop will offer 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, pictures, quilts, furniture, china, books, jewelry, and more. A box lunch is included.

Price: \$55.00 (early bird, register before Sept. 1st, \$45.00) and 20% off for folks over 60.

Using Family Tree Maker genealogy software

Saturday, October 6, 9:45 a.m. until 3 p.m.

In this hands-on workshop, we'll use the software in class and discover new uses for the program, including the scrapbook function, source citation, and book creation. A box lunch is included.

Price: \$59 (early bird, register before Sept. 1st, \$49) and 20% discount for folks over 60.

Instructor: Desmond Walls Allen has taught genealogy classes all over the United States, and brings 20 years of teaching experience to

the classroom. She appeared in Public Television's *Ancestors* series as a guest expert, and moderated AETN's special on genealogy in Arkansas. She's the owner of Arkansas Research, Inc., a publishing company devoted to making historical information about Arkansas available to researchers. The author/compiler of over 250 books, she's still a down-to-earth teacher interested in helping students learn.

These classes are held in UCA's Brewer-Hegeman Conference Center on the UCA campus with plenty of convenient free parking.

To register, call UCA's Academic Outreach Department at 501/450-3118. Checks and credit cards are accepted.

To be put on the mailing list for a complete brochure of all the UCA Community Education classes, send an e-mail to communityed@uca.edu.

RIGSA Workshop at National Archives, Morrow, Georgia 1-5 October 2007

The Regional In-depth Genealogical Studies Alliance (RIGSA) will present a one-week workshop at the National Archives-Southeast Region in Morrow, Georgia, 1-5 October 2007.

RIGS Alliance workshops are designed for genealogists, historians, and librarians with a general genealogical or historical grounding who want to learn skills and techniques for researching original records at national and regional archives. To ensure a quality experience, enrollment is limited. Although the workshops focus on records within the region, many of the record types are available at other NARA regional facilities.

Activities are based on an integrated curriculum with an emphasis on methodology and problem-solving skills. Attendees work in teams to complete assigned projects and to build confidence in research proficiency. All workshops provide an opportunity for on-site research.

Workshop staff includes J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA, and Linda Woodward Geiger, CG, CGL, co-directors of RIGSA Alliance, with assistance of the expert staff members from NARA's Regional Archives.

For details about the RIGS Alliance workshops, visit the web site at <http://www.rigsalliance.org>; e-mail info@rigsalliance.org; or write to RIGS Alliance Workshop, P.O. Box 1273, Jasper, GA 30143.

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Book Notices:

Friendship Cemetery Tombstone Inscriptions 2007

Compiled by Gail Ashcroft, Lana Donoho, and Elizabeth C. Davis

**offered by the
Garland County Genealogical Society**

Submitted by Liz Robbins

The acquisition of land and the first interments in Friendship Cemetery (which was planned with the Black community in mind) took place in the early 1920s. Several pages of photographs and historical notes make this a very attractive and interesting volume. A map section and an alphabetical index complement the block by block, row by row inscription list, making a user-friendly reference work. There is also an epitaph section. Because older temporary markers are damaged or missing, the 1960 list of markers, compiled by Inez Cline and Bobbie Jones McLane, is included along with a list of temporary markers placed in Friendship by Page Mortuary and a list of markers made by Hot Springs Monument Company which were delivered to Friendship. *The price of this new compilation is \$15 (plus \$3 postage if mailed).*

Mail orders to: Garland County Historical Society
P.O. Box 21335
Hot Springs, Arkansas 71903

***A History of Ashdown, Arkansas* Published by the Little River County Historical Society 310 North 2nd Street Ashdown, Arkansas 71822**

The Little River County Historical Society has published ***A History of Ashdown, Arkansas*** that covers the pre-Civil War era to 2006 in the city. Ashdown is located in the southwest corner of the state in Little River County. The book is 8½ " by 11" and contains 212 pages with a burgundy hardback cover. Included are approximately 500 pictures and considerable text with about 2,000 names listed in the index. The book will be a treasure to genealogists and historians. The Little River County Historical Society is offering a special price of \$42, including handling and shipping charges to libraries and genealogy societies. Contact K.K. Priest, Secretary-Treasurer, 870-898-7242

Abstracts from Masonic Records from the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, 1884-1886

Compiled by Desmond Walls Allen

ISBN 978-1-56546-394-3, 313 pages, softbound, \$39.00, plus \$7.00 USPS priority mail postage (and 6.5% sales tax on the total if you live inside Arkansas)

We've been busy compiling Masonic records and this is the seventh volume in this series. If you have folks in Arkansas in this time period, 1884 through 1886, check the index to this book at <http://www.arkansasresearch.com/desmason.html> . The 1884 *Proceedings* volume contains membership rosters for virtually all the active local lodges in Arkansas. We abstracted all of them. In addition there are death lists, names of men suspended or expelled, and names of lodge officials. Masons were white men, over age 21, who were respected by their peers. They're the kind of men who owned property and participated in positions of civic responsibility. While these records don't state family relationships, they do keep your ancestor with a known group of associates.

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We've posted a sample biographical sketch on our website so you can see the kind of information the books contain.

Even if your direct ancestor isn't among those listed, another relative may be included who'll brag about his (and your) Revolutionary War ancestor; or identify the exact county in Ireland where his (and your) ancestors came from. Your folks may have left Arkansas for Bakersfield, Calif., before Goodspeed's representative came around, but check for the names of the husbands of your guy's sisters who stayed here.

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In 1911, Fay Hempstead, a respected member of the historical community in Arkansas, published the three-volume set, *Historical Review of Arkansas*. The first volume is an excellent general history of the state. Volumes two and three contain rich biographical sketches of leading men (well, he did include two women) of the state. Originals of the set are rare and expensive; a reprinted edition from the 1980s is out-of-print. But we've put all three volumes on one CD in *searchable* text. That is, besides names, you can search for "Randolph County" or "coal mines" or "Woodmen of the World" or any other text. The files are in .pdf (Adobe's portable document format) so your view of the pages is just exactly like the originals.

To view the list of all the people whose bio sketches are included in Fay Hempstead's *Historical Review of Arkansas*, published in 1911, go to <http://www.arkansasresearch.com/deshistrev.html>

About one in ten of the biographical sketches includes a formal portrait of the subject. Those are noted in the list of subjects with an asterisk (*). In order to more clearly identify these folks who head the biographical sketches, we put in their cities of residence, years of birth and birthplaces. The sketches themselves contain much more detailed information. Remember to search for collateral relatives of your direct ancestors!

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The Arkansas Genealogical Society has just published the *Arkansas Prior Birth Index, Volume 4*. This volume continues the indexing of the births in Arkansas before 1 February 1914. These original records have never been published, since the Vital Records office did not have an accurate index. Volunteers from AGS indexed the data for the Vital Records office and are allowed to publish all birth certificates that are 100 years old. This volume sells for \$60.00 plus \$10.00 for shipping.

ARKANSAS PRIOR BIRTH INDEX CD, VOLUME 1- 4

If you'd rather have the complete set of Prior Birth Indexes on CD, the price is right-much cheaper than buying the printed volumes. This CD is the combination of Volumes 1 through 4. It sells for only \$15.00 plus \$2.00 for shipping. It is searchable by the birth name, mother's maiden name, county, and date. This CD is great for your personal library.

ARKANSAS TOWNSHIP ATLAS Revised With Improved Maps

Arkansas Township Atlas, 1819-1930 sells for \$25.00 plus \$6.00 shipping was written by Russell P. Baker. It is an index of the civil divisions in the 75 counties in Arkansas. There are newly improved maps to show the location of the townships within each county and regional maps of the entire state. The counties are listed alphabetically with the origin of each township and date of change when they moved within the state. This is a valuable book to the researcher in finding the location and the origin of the township. It is well indexed and easy to use with the revised information.

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