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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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Changes to Ezine:

- Desmond Walls Allen has agreed to be the Tips editor for the AGS Ezine. Since she has usually provided the tips, we decided to just rename it "Desmond's Research Tips."
- Henceforth we will put the "Links" section at the very end of the Ezine. We want all links to be accessible to readers, but we decided this positioning would make the Ezine more readable.

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Introduction

The Arkansas Genealogical Society is sending you this Ezine (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*.

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.

Special Notice:

Announcing the Latest Publications from the Arkansas Genealogical Society

ARKANSAS PRIOR BIRTH INDEX, VOLUME 5

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 February 1, 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 \$75.00 plus \$10.00 for shipping. Tax must be added for Arkansas residents.

This CD is the combination of the Volumes 1–5. It sells \$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. Tax must be added for Arkansas residents.

Shipping & Handling

Added before tax

Under \$20.00	\$2.50
\$21.00-\$49.99	\$7.00
\$50.00-\$125.99	\$12.50
\$126.00 and up	10% of order

To order these publications send a check or money order to:
Arkansas Genealogical Society
POB 17653
Little Rock, AR 72222

Or print order form at www.agsgenealogy.org

Arkansas residents must add 7% sales tax.

New AGS Members

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Jackie Myers Houston, AR
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Lila L. Lapier Mesa, AZ
Michelle Slabaugh Wynne, AR
Joyce Meiser Tallahassee, FL
Amy E. Halbrook Little Elm, TX
Norman Harrell Burleson, TX
Violet Buehler Venice, FL

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 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:

Go to www.familysearchindexing.org

Click Install Now

Once you have a username & password you can start indexing!

Arkansas Ties Web Site: Free Offers

Pris Weathers, the owner and compiler of Arkansas Ties www.ArkansasTies.com announced that, beginning 1 September 2007, everything on her website will be free with a limit of 5 per week per email address; this applies to *Arkansas Gazette* articles and cemetery pictures. Weathers has been reformatting her web site to facilitate this offering.

If you haven't yet visited this web site, try it—you'll be amazed at the variety and scope of the information. I found listings (and available pictures of the tombstones) of several really obscure cemeteries, and much, much more. It's a really unique site.

Ancestors Searchers Genealogy Discussion Group

Notice from the *Baxter Bulletin*: Ancestors Searchers Genealogy Discussion Group meets at 1 p.m. third Thursday at Van Matre Senior Center, 201 Spring St., from 19 July through 20 December. Admission is free. Latter-day Saints Church, Western Hills Loop, Mountain Home AR, 72653; 870-425-3572.

The Saline **Publication of the Saline County History and Heritage Society**

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Saline County History and Heritage Society web site:

www.rootsweb.com/~arschhs/

At this site, you can access information about the society, their publications, membership, and their research facility in Benton, Arkansas.

Saline County, Arkansas, Rootsweb Genealogy site:

www.rootsweb.com/~arsaline/

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**

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- • *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.
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Slaves' final resting places providing clues to the past

BY PEGGY HARRIS THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ArkansasOnline: <http://epaper.arkansasonline.com/Daily/Skins/Arkansas/>
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Number: 11 [print edition, p. 3B]

SEARCY — In remote cemeteries off lonely rural highways, slaves who once toiled under the command of white owners rest in unmarked graves hidden among the hardwoods and covered with brush.

Little is known about the 111,115 slaves who lived in Arkansas before the Civil War, even though they made up a quarter of the state's population. Their labor made Arkansas one of the largest cotton producers in the country.

In White County, the Historical Society wants to bring greater respect in death to a group of people who did not receive basic consideration in life. Slaves often didn't matter to their owners, especially once they were dead.

"Blacks were generally discussed in plantation records in the context of their economic contributions," says Michael Trinkley, a slave-cemetery expert from South Carolina. "When a slave died, the truth of the matter is they were no longer an economic asset to the planter."

History enthusiasts are hopeful they can piece together the scant evidence of a slave's life, beginning at the end — in the cemeteries. . . .

[See *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* story for the remainder of article.]

For more information, contact Ann Early, State Archeology Department or White County Historical Society.

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## **Editorial Comments on Previous Entry: Slave Burials in Arkansas**

By Meredith Oakley, Editor of the Voices page

For complete article, see  
Arkansas Online

<http://www2.arkansasonline.com/news/2007/aug/22/lost-and-found-20070822/>

Wednesday, August 22, 2007

*Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, p. 11B of print edition

LITTLE ROCK — When a quarter of a state's population goes missing, you'd think somebody would notice and start looking for them.

Over in White County, they have. According to Peggy Harris of The Associated Press, dozens of heretofore forgotten cemeteries have been identified by members of the historical society there. . . .

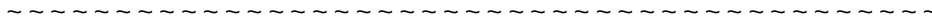
. . . The grave sites featured in Harris' story, which the Democrat-Gazette published yesterday, are the final resting places of slaves and /or freedmen. It was by her account that I was reminded that fully one-quarter of the population of pre-Civil War Arkansas consisted of slaves. . . .

. . . For seven years, Lee Blair has been combing the countryside of White County in search of forgotten grave sites. According to Harris' story, he's doubled the county's list of known cemeteries to almost 200 and has expanded his search to neighboring counties. Dozens of them are believed to be slave cemeteries, but oftentimes these are educated guesses, since the graves of blacks and other poor people were rarely marked in any significant manner if at all.

Lamar Wright, who recently joined Blair's effort, took Harris to the site of an 1857 church that served white congregations. There, he showed her some overgrown mounds, which he has reason to believe are the burial sites of slaves or freedmen.

"Not one single marker," he lamented. "That's what appalled me. Put up a cross!" . . . .

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## **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](mailto:jhdavenport@comcast.net) (please reference Salt Lake Trip)

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## **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](mailto:llmitch46@hotmail.com) or Rufus Buie, society vice president, at [RufusBuie@mail.tds.net](mailto:RufusBuie@mail.tds.net).

Submitted by Louise Mitchell at [llmitch46@hotmail.com](mailto:llmitch46@hotmail.com)

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## **Be a Living History Character**

Historic Arkansas Museum is looking for men to portray two new Living History characters. Both characters are associated with the Hinderliter Grog Shop, built in approximately 1826.

Jesse Hinderliter owned the Grog Shop. In 1827 he was about forty, had recently immigrated to Arkansas from Pennsylvania, and was of German descent. This character will be introduced in September.

William Russell was killed in altercation with Mr. Hinderliter in 1833. All that is known about Mr. Russell is that he was intoxicated when he went to the Grog Shop to confront Mr. Hinderliter. He can be any age. This character will be introduced in October.

Living History performers are paid by the day. Frequency of performances would depend in part on school group requests. Living History performers are asked to be available for tours at 10 & 11 am, and 1, 2, 3, & 4 pm.

Those chosen will be paid.

If you are interested or if you have questions, please contact Felicia Richardson, Living History Coordinator, at 324-9367 or [felicia@arkansasheritage.org](mailto:felicia@arkansasheritage.org).

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## **Craighead County Obit Index Completed**

Posted to [AFHA@Rootsweb.com](mailto:AFHA@Rootsweb.com) mailing list, 22

August 2007

By Gail Lies <[nglies@nex.net](mailto:nglies@nex.net)>

In 2001 a gentleman by the name of Ed Gerdes started work on creating the Deaths and Obituary Index from the Jonesboro Newspapers. Ed passed away in 2004. Since that time, Joyce Whitten has continued to work on that Index.

Joyce has now completed the Index. There were a number of newspapers that covered the Jonesboro area in the early years and all are included in the Index. This is a project that has taken 6 1/2 years to complete.

The Jonesboro Sun (and other area papers) Obituary Index is online. You are invited to the Genealogy Society of Craighead County, Arkansas' website at [www.gscga.net](http://www.gscga.net) to take a look. Scroll down a little and click on *Jonesboro Sun* Obituary Index.

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### **Back To School In Bella Vista**

Info from *THE MORNING NEWS*

<http://www.nwaonline.net/articles/2007/08/12/news/081307bzvistabrief.txt>

Published Sunday, August 12, 2007

Several noncredit classes will be offered at Bella Vista outreach center of the NorthWest Arkansas Community College this fall, including digital photography, memoir writing, genealogy and several classes on how to use computer programs, according to the school's Web site.

A full list of course offerings is available by clicking on the "Live Class Schedule" link at [www.nwacc.edu/CCE/college\\_at\\_the\\_crossings.php](http://www.nwacc.edu/CCE/college_at_the_crossings.php).

The college is in the Highlands Crossing building at the intersection of Arkansas 279 and Arkansas 340. The center also offers some college credit classes and business and industry training.

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## Baxter County's history begins in Marion County

See complete article from [baxterbulletin.com](http://baxterbulletin.com)  
[www.baxterbulletin.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2007708100354](http://www.baxterbulletin.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2007708100354)  
Accessed 10 August 2007; The Baxter Bulletin Online

Article published Aug 10, 2007  
by Chyrl Ripple, *The Bulletin* Historian

Some people in Marion County, who wanted to form their own county, had a hard time getting across White River to do any business at the courthouse. There was no dam, and White River was out of control most of the time.

In the "History of Marion County" written by Earl Berry, the beginning history is the same as that of Baxter County. . . .  
[article continued online].

Readers may call *The Bulletin* newsroom at 508-8050 to leave Chyrl Ripple a message.

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## Notes from Other Areas

### Cherokee-British meeting captured by historical film

*Asheville (NC) Citizen Times*  
[www.citizen-times.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=200770828125](http://www.citizen-times.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=200770828125)

By [Jon Ostendorff, jostendorff@citizen-times.com](mailto:jostendorff@citizen-times.com), August 29, 2007

CHEROKEE — A film that focuses on early contact between the Cherokee and the British premieres Thursday.

"Emissaries of Peace," filmed in Cherokee and Colonial Williamsburg in Virginia earlier this year, will be shown free and open to the public at 7 p.m. in Cherokee High School.

The film will air on the Public Broadcasting System on Nov. 8 as part of Colonial Williamsburg's "Electronic Field Trip" series. It was produced jointly by the Museum of the Cherokee Indian and Colonial Williamsburg.

About 50 members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians are actors in the film in major roles and as extras. The film includes speeches and subtitles in the Cherokee language and English.

For the rest of the story about this film, go to web site above.

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**St. Louis Genealogical Society  
Guest Speaker Series  
Presents  
"Putting the Genes in Your Genealogy"**

Featuring Bennett Greenspan, President/CEO of FamilyTreeDNA

Sat., Oct. 13, 2007  
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Viking Holiday Inn  
10709 Watson Road  
St. Louis, MO

Registration includes full-day workshop & lunch.

\$45/\$50 before September 15; \$60/\$70 after September 15.

For registration call 314-647-8547 or check out [www.stlgs.org](http://www.stlgs.org).  
This workshop is geared to help the newcomer to DNA testing learn the essentials, from an understanding of DNA to being tested and interpreting the results.

- a.. What DNA is
- b.. What DNA testing offers genealogists
- c.. How DNA testing can advance the genealogical and anthropological knowledge of your ancestry
- d.. How to choose the right DNA tests for you and where to find them
- e.. How to start a DNA surname project or take the test on your own
- f.. How to interpret the results

Bennett Greenspan will discuss both the deep anthropology and the recent genealogical information that you have stored within your DNA, from learning about the migratory patterns of your ancestors thousands of years ago to confirming your personal heritage within recent generations. This rich history can shed new and exciting light on your ancestry. This lecture will unravel the secrets used by molecular anthropologists in terms understandable to any non-science major.

FamilyTreeDNA is a commercial genetic genealogy company based in

Houston, Texas. It is the world's largest genealogy driven DNA testing company with over one hundred fifty-six thousand records; FamilyTreeDNA carries out 90% of all genealogical DNA tests worldwide.

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## You Are Descended From More Women than Men

### Dick Eastman's Online Newsletter August 26, 2007

Most of us assume that an equal number of men and women amongst our ancestors. Not so, says John Tierney, writing in the *New York Times*.  
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Read the rest of this provocative story at

[http://blog.eogn.com:80/eastmans\\_online\\_genealogy/2007/08/you-are-descend.html](http://blog.eogn.com:80/eastmans_online_genealogy/2007/08/you-are-descend.html)

The comments posted at Eastman's site are as interesting as the article, so be sure to read them. There seems to be a lot of differing opinions about the premise of this article.

And read the original story that Eastman refers to in the *New York Times* [online] <http://tierneylab.blogs.nytimes.com/2007/08/20/is-there-anything-good-about-men-and-other-tricky-questions/index.html?hp>. (I couldn't make this link fit on one line so you may have to copy it and paste it into your web browser.) The original story cited by Eastman was posted August 20, 2007, written by [John Tierney](#), and his title is: "Is There Anything Good About Men? And Other Tricky Questions."

Quoted from the *New York Times* article by Tierney:

The "single most underappreciated fact about gender," he said, is the ratio of our male to female ancestors. While it's true that about half of all the people who ever lived were men, the typical male was much more likely than the typical woman to die without reproducing. Citing recent DNA research, Dr. Baumeister explained that today's human population is descended from twice as many women as men. Maybe 80 percent of women reproduced, whereas only 40 percent of men did.

If you're not subscribed to Dick Eastman's Online Newsletter—it's free!— sign up at

[http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans\\_online\\_genealogy/2006/01/standard\\_editio.html](http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2006/01/standard_editio.html)

A "Plus Edition" is also available for a small fee (well worth it) and will give you access to special articles by Eastman.

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## 2007 Regional Archive Workshop

Jasper, Georgia—The Regional In-depth Genealogical Studies Alliance (RIGS Alliance) will present a week-long 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 [www.rigsalliance.org](http://www.rigsalliance.org); e-mail [info@rigsalliance.org](mailto:info@rigsalliance.org); or write to RIGS Alliance Workshop, P.O. Box 1273, Jasper, GA 30143. For more information, contact: Linda Woodward Geiger, CG, CGL, Phone: (706) 268-3311, E-mail: [lwgeiger@nara.gov](mailto:lwgeiger@nara.gov)

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## Nationwide Local and County Histories to Go Online

15 August 2007

Three genealogical libraries pool their collections  
in massive digitization effort

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH— Thousands of published family histories, city and county histories, historic city directories, and related records are coming to the Internet.

The Allen County Public Library (ACPL) in Fort Wayne, Indiana, Brigham Young University Harold B. Lee Library, and FamilySearch's Family History Library in Salt Lake City announced the joint project today. When complete, it will be the most comprehensive collection of city and county histories on the Web—and access will be free at [www.familyhistoryarchive.byu.edu](http://www.familyhistoryarchive.byu.edu).

The digital history project will target over 100,000 published family histories and thousands of local histories that are rich in names as well as biographical and genealogical data associated

with those names.

"Publishing those collections from the three libraries involved will make a significant and attractive family history digital library online for genealogists and historians," said David Rencher, director of Records and Information for FamilySearch.

"I believe the most immediate, substantial contribution of this collaboration will be the addition of local history materials," said Allen County Public Library's Genealogy Center Manager, Curt Witcher.

The collaborative project will digitally scan thousands of historic city directories, as well as city and county histories from North America. The ACPL and the Family History Library have the largest collections of city and county histories from North America. "I believe the strength of our two well known, well used, and well loved institutions working together is a terrific benefit to the genealogical community," added Witcher.

Once digitized, the collections will have "every word" search capability, which allows users to search by name, location, date, or other field across the collection. The search results are then linked to high quality digital images of the original publication. Digitization efforts have begun.

New additions will be noted and hyperlinked in the Family History Library Catalog at FamilySearch.org as they are digitized. The collection can be accessed currently at [www.familyhistoryarchive.byu.edu](http://www.familyhistoryarchive.byu.edu).

FamilySearch is providing the computers, scanners, and camera operators required to complete the project. FamilySearch is a nonprofit organization sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. FamilySearch maintains the world's largest repository of genealogical resources accessed through FamilySearch.org, the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, and over 4,500 family history centers in 70 countries.

This e-mail is sent to registered Family History Consultants and Priesthood Leaders by FamilySearch Support.

To contact us by phone: Find our toll-free number at:  
<https://help.familysearch.org/kb/Public/en/Products/phone.htm>

To get more answers: Search for answers or send us e-mail at:  
<http://productsupport.familysearch.org>

To change your contact information: Please re-register at  
<http://consultant.familysearch.org>.

To remove your registration: Send a request to [support@familysearch.org](mailto:support@familysearch.org). Please include your name, ward name, and stake name.

New consultant registration: Please invite new consultants to register at: <http://consultant.familysearch.org>

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## **Ozarks Genealogical Society Inc. Conference** 7 September–8 September 2007 Springfield, Missouri

**Christine Rose**, a certified genealogist, certified genealogical lecturer, Fellow, American Society of Genealogists, and a full-time professional genealogist will be the featured speaker.

A registration fee for the conference is required and includes admission to all sessions featuring Rose, a choice of mini-sessions, lunch, vendor displays and a source book containing the printed handouts of all speakers' lectures.

For registration, contact the Library Center and the OGS Library in Springfield, or call (417) 886-8197, or download from the OGS Website: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~ozarksgs>

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## **Desmond's Research Tips:**

### **Cut Printing Costs**

Chances are you haven't joined the "paperless" office bandwagon. We're the generation who likes to see information on paper, aren't we? But printing out those e-mails from cousins, or tidbits from the Internet, and other electronic documents can run into money. You're paying for ink or toner for your printer, wear and tear on that printer, electricity, and, of course, paper. Here's a way to cut those costs in half.

When you choose to print a document in MSWindows, a print dialogue box usually pops up. Look for the "preferences" box to click and you'll see the "printing preferences" dialogue box appear. On the "layout" tab, you can choose to print your document "2-up." Try it! You get two pages of your document printed side by side on one sheet of paper. With just a few extra mouse clicks, you're cutting your printing costs in half. Of course, if you can't read the document's small print, it's no bargain. But give it a try.

One way *\*not\** to save on your printing costs is to attempt to print on the back side of used paper. Read the fine print in your printer manual: you'll shorten the life of your printer by running previously-used paper through it (unless the printer is specifically designed to "duplex," that is, print on both sides).

Paper is relatively cheap. Watch for a sale at Office Depot, Office Max, or Staples, then use one of their coupons to cut the cost even more. You should be paying less than three dollars a ream (500 sheets) for good quality, twenty-pound copy paper. That's just over a half-cent per sheet.

Another way to save on printing costs is to stop printing information you don't need a hard copy of. When you pay bills online, a page comes up when you've jumped through all the hoops and completed your transaction. Right there it says "print this page." Just jot down the confirmation number on that bill instead of printing a whole page.

If you *\*are\** moving toward a "paperless" office, there's a way to cut costs even more. Instead of printing your files to paper, you can print them to a file. But they're already a file, right? They're files, all right, but sometimes they aren't in a format in which you can share them. The document you create in MS Word won't look the same on my computer because you have different fonts and settings than my version of Word. Adobe Software's solution is to store documents in .pdf format - ".pdf" stands for "portable document format." Most any computer on the planet reads that kind of file.

Reading .pdfs is easy. Just click on the file name in a "my documents" window. Adobe Reader loads and opens the document. Reader, however, won't let you create .pdfs, just read them. To learn more about Adobe Reader, go here: <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html> . Version 8 is out now and it's slick!

To create .pdfs you have several options. Option one is to use Adobe's Acrobat software, but it's a very expensive program and overkill for someone who just needs to create simple .pdfs. Option two is to download a free program that let's you print documents to .pdfs. One example is pdfedit995. Go here: <http://www.pdf995.com/pdfedit.html> for details. Choose the "download" option after you're read about the program. Follow directions to download and install the software. Then open any application you usually print from. When you choose the print option in MS Word, for example, the familiar print dialogue box comes up. But instead of selecting your usual HP or Epson or Lexmark printer, choose the newly-available pdfedit995 option. Your document prints, but not on paper. It comes out on your hard drive or any other location (external hard drive, USB drive, etc.) you specify. If the purpose of printing your file is to create an archive copy of it, don't leave the .pdf file on your hard drive—copy it elsewhere.

So the next time you want to test a printout function in, say, Family Tree Maker, don't waste paper. Print it to a .pdf file and view it on your monitor.

Desmond Walls Allen

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## Upcoming articles

### *Arkansas Family Historian:*

#### December Issue Proposed Table of Contents

The Searcy Family  
Historical Research Center: UAMS Library, Part I: Physicians  
Three Lee Sisters of Logan County, Arkansas  
Columbia County Voters  
Randolph County Delinquent Tax List  
Staggs Ancestry Certificate  
Hash Ancestry Certificate  
Book review: Ancestral Trails  
Book review: Missing Pieces

**NOTE: There is still room for queries if someone wants to email one quickly.**

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## Events:

### Butler Center for Arkansas Studies Events

#### September–December 2007

The Butler Center's Legacies and Lunch series are held the first Wednesday of each month. Bring your own lunch if you wish; drinks are provided. The programs are free and open to the public. Location: Little Rock Public Library, 100 Rock, Little Rock, in the Darraugh Center. The Legacies and Lunch programs are the first Wednesday of each month.

5 September 2007

***Legacies & Lunch* - John A. Kirk, University of London, "Beyond Little Rock: The Origins and Legacies of the 1957 School Crisis"**  
**September 5—noon to 1 pm**  
**Darragh Center—Main Library (100 Rock St., Little Rock)**

John Kirk, professor of U.S. history at the University of London, is the Butler Center for Arkansas Studies' featured Legacies & Lunch speaker, Wednesday, September 5, noon to 1 pm. Kirk will speak on the role of the Arkansas Council on Human Relations (ACHR) in the civil rights struggle in Arkansas.

ACHR provided the premier forum for white participation in the civil rights movement. Topics covered will include ACHR's reaction to the 1954 *Brown* decision to the 1957 Little Rock crisis, sit-ins, Freedom Rides, downtown desegregation, and voter registration campaigns of the 1960s. This lecture represents the tenth event that the Butler Center has sponsored this year to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the integration of Central High School.

Call 501-918-3049 for more information.

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**6 September 2007**

***Rare Books Bash* to benefit BASE (Books for Arkansas Student's Education)**  
**September 6 – 6 to 8 pm**  
**Darragh Center—Main Library (100 Rock St., Little Rock)**

Join us Thursday, September 6, 6–8 pm, for a silent and live auction of rare Arkansas books, hors d'oeuvres, wine, and the music of Crystal Wallis. This event is sponsored by the Central Arkansas Library System (CALs) and the Butler Center for Arkansas Studies.

All proceeds benefit BASE which provides free books on Arkansas history and culture to public high schools across the state. "Most public high school libraries are in desperate need of Arkansas history material. The funds from this event will make a real difference in the lives of students and teachers in Arkansas," said Bobby Roberts, Director of CALs. For more information on BASE, visit [www.basededucation.org](http://www.basededucation.org). This event is free and open to the public. For more information please call 501-918-3049.

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3 October 2007

***Legacies & Lunch* – Carolyn Earle Billingsley, Ph.D.**  
**"History Lost, History Found: The Search for Hardscramble"**  
**October 3 - noon to 1 pm**  
**Darragh Center—Main Library (100 Rock St., Little Rock)**

Carolyn Earle Billingsley, Ph.D., professional genealogist and Butler Center Fellow for 2007–08, will discuss which parts of history survive and which are lost. Equipped with historical curiosity and the right research tools, resurrecting a piece of history is possible. As an example, Billingsley will discuss her attempts to recover the story of the small African American community of Hardscramble in Pulaski County.

Call 501-918-3049 for more information.

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**7 November 2007**

***Legacies & Lunch – A Celebration of the 100th Legacies & Lunch***  
**November 7 - noon to 1 pm**

Darragh Center–Main Library (100 Rock St., Little Rock)

Call 501-918-3049 for more information

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5 December 2007

***Legacies & Lunch – The Central Arkansas Library System – 10***  
**Years in the River Market District**

**December 5 - noon to 1 pm**

Darragh Center–Main Library (100 Rock St., Little Rock)

Call 501-918-3049 for more information

For information on Butler Center events, contact

Anna Morshedi

The Butler Center for Arkansas Studies

501-918-3049

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## **Germans in 19th century Arkansas**

Village Genealogical meeting

Thursday, 6 September 2007

2:00pm

Shirley Schutte will give on a on the German presence in 19th century Arkansas at the September meeting of the Village Genealogical Society. Schutte will appear in costume as Louisa Becker, a German immigrant to Arkansas from Germany in 1833. She will also talk about the Germans who immigrated to Arkansas communities and cities.

The meeting will be held at 2:00pm at the Coronado Center, 160 Ponderosa Lane.

Schutte is the author of "The Ties that Bind: The German Immigrants' Struggle in Early Pulaski County," published in the Spring 2006 issue of the *Pulaski County Historical Review*.

Schutte, a research assistant at the Butler Center for Arkansas studies, will also discuss the materials available to researchers at the Butler Center.

She also will talk about the resources available to researchers at the Richard C. Butler Center for Arkansas Studies where she is a research assistant.

For more information, see the article in the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Tri-Lakes, Pages 125 on 08/19/2007*, online at <http://www2.arkansasonline.com/news/2007/aug/19/germans-19th-century-arkansas-topic-villa-20070819/?trilakes>

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## **Grand Prairie Genealogical Society Workshop**

Saturday, September 8, 2007  
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Stuttgart Public Library Meeting Room  
2002 S. Buerkle Street, Stuttgart, AR

Registration Fee: \$15  
Lunch Provided

### Topics

***Courthouse Research:  
Documents Found in the Circuit and County Clerk  
Offices***

***Land Descriptions: How to Understand and Use Them***

***Preserving Your History and Heritage on Tape:  
Tips for Conducting the Successful Recorded Interview***

***The Value of Photographs as Research Tools:  
Pictures Really Do Say a Thousand Words!***

**Peggy Lloyd**  
Archival Manager  
Southwest Arkansas  
Regional Archives of the  
Arkansas History Commission

**Derek Allen Clements**  
ASU Adjunct Instructor of  
History  
Pocahontas School District  
Instructor of History  
Black River Technical College  
Adjunct Instructor of History

For more information,  
contact Linda Fischer at 870-673-3413.

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## **10 September 2007**

**Presentation  
Encyclopedia of Arkansas History**

Presented by Nathania Sawyer  
Project Manager and Senior Editor of the EOA

**6:30–7:30pm  
Bob Herzfield Memorial Library  
1800 Smithers Drive  
Benton, AR 72015**

**For further information, contact**  
Steve Perdue, Curator  
David O. Demuth Arkansas Room  
Saline County Library  
[sperdue@saline.lib.ar.us](mailto:sperdue@saline.lib.ar.us)  
(501) 778-4766

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**Upcoming Seminar: Desmond Walls Allen  
Madison, Florida**

Desmond Walls Allen will present "Preserving Your Family's Papers, Photos and Heirlooms, **Saturday, September 29, 2007** - Elmer's Library in Madison, Florida

See details about the seminar at <http://www.elmerslibrary.com/>

The workshop will initialize a plan to organize, document, safely display and store those personal treasures you want protected and passed on to future generations. We'll discuss tolls, methods and needed supplies to help you conserve papers, pictures, quilts, furniture, china, books, jewelry and more.

Don't miss out!

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**Federation of Genealogical Societies  
National Conference  
Fort Wayne, Indiana**

The 2007 FGS conference in Fort Wayne is over and, by all accounts, it was a great success. Make your plans early for next year's conference.

For general information about FGS and its goals and activities, see [www.fgs.org/](http://www.fgs.org/). For information about next year's conference, see [www.fgs.org/2008conference/index.php](http://www.fgs.org/2008conference/index.php). The 2008 conference will be held at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 3–6, 2008.

But the really big news (for us) is that it was officially announced that **the FGS Conference for 2009 will be held in Little Rock, Arkansas!** There is no information other than the dates at the official web site, but keep an eye on [www.fgs.org/2009conference/index.php](http://www.fgs.org/2009conference/index.php)

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## **Andrew Hunter and the Pioneers of Early Arkansas Methodism**

**Monday, 1 October 2007**

Featuring Nancy Britton  
Author of *Two Centuries of Methodism in Arkansas,  
1800–2000*

**6:30–7:30pm**  
**Bob Herzfield Memorial Library**  
**1800 Smithers Drive**  
**Benton, AR 72015**

**For further information, contact**  
Steve Perdue, Curator  
David O. Demuth Arkansas Room  
Saline County Library  
[sperdue@saline.lib.ar.us](mailto:sperdue@saline.lib.ar.us)  
(501) 778-4766

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**MESQUITE HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL  
SOCIETY  
FALL WORKSHOP  
Saturday, 8 September 2007**

Featuring

**Russell P. Baker, CA**

Lecture topics by Mr. Baker:  
Arkansas Research,  
Native American Research,  
Rediscovering Some Neglected, Forgotten, and  
Underutilized Sources,  
Paleography: Reading and Understanding old writing.

Mimosa Lane Baptist Church (Fellowship Hall)  
1233 N. Beltline Rd., Mesquite, TX 75149

Parking in rear

Registration 8:30AM

9:00AM to 4:00:PM (12:00 to 1:30 PM Lunch on your own or join with  
us at Ryan's Restaurant, "Dutch Treat")

**PRE-REGISTRATION**

(MEMBERS) \$ 25.00; (NON MEMBERS) \$ 30.00; ALL LATE  
REGISTRATION \$ 30.00

Make check payable to : Mesquite Historical & Genealogical Society  
(MHGS)

Mail to:MHGS, P.O. BOX 850165,  
MESQUITE, TX 75185-0165

Advanced Pre-Registration Closes Aug. 25, 2007

**Surnames you are researching** --\*You may include up to 10

Surnames to be listed in the Handouts if the registration arrives no later  
than Aug. 25, 2007.

For additional information call Workshop Chairman, Linda Rogers 214-  
729-5507 Or e-mail [duggie2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:duggie2@sbcglobal.net)

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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 27, 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.

Website is <http://www.uca.edu/aoep/communityed/>

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](mailto:communityed@uca.edu).

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## **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](mailto:info@rigsalliance.org); or write to RIGS Alliance Workshop, P.O. Box 1273, Jasper, GA 30143.

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## Book Notices:

### New Books from Arkansas Research

*Abstracts from Masonic Records: Grand Lodge of Arkansas, 1884–1886*, By Desmond Walls Allen

ISBN 978-1-56546-394-3, 313 pp., softbound, \$39.00

This is an excellent source for death records, but the 1884 volume also includes membership lists from all the active local lodges in the state. See the index online.

*Abstracts from the Sharp County Record Newspaper Published in Evening Shade, Arkansas, 1917*, By Desmond Walls Allen

ISBN 1-56546-342-0, 183 pp., softbound, \$25.00

*Abstracts from the Sharp County Record Newspaper Published in Evening Shade, Arkansas, 1916*, By Desmond Walls Allen

ISBN 1-56546-338-2, 185 pp., softbound, \$25.00

The saga continues. We've abstracted this newspaper from 1877 on, and it's like a long-running soap opera for north central Arkansas. We included all kinds of items that might give a genealogist an idea about what was going on in the community. As always, the indexes are posted on our website.

*Index to the Arkansas Gazette, January through June, 1901*, By Cathy Barnes

ISBN 978-1-56546-395-0, 98 pages, softbound, \$20.00

Shannon Henderson did a subject index to the *Arkansas Gazette*, our state paper of record, through 1894. Cathy picked up that project and has gone far beyond just subjects—she's indexed all of it—with a note about each item. This series of indexes opens a vast resource for historians and genealogists.

*Historical and Genealogical Abstracts from Randolph County, Ark., Newspapers of 1920*, By Burton Ray Knotts

ISBN 978-1-56546-393-6, 232 pages, softbound, \$33.00

Burton has been at it again! His popular series of newspaper abstracts now includes 1920. Your patrons who are interested in social history will derive great benefit from reading these abstracts—it's like living in that time and place.

*Death Notices in Pocahontas, Randolph County, Arkansas, Newspapers, 1911–1920*, By Burton Ray Knotts

ISBN 978-1-56546-398-1, 204 pages, softbound, \$28.00

Burton Knotts has done it again with books of special interest to genealogists: the death notices from extant newspapers are all listed in these volumes. See the indexes on our website!

*Northwest Arkansas Connections: Selected Obituaries, Book 5*, By Jimmie and Doris Evans Dewberry

ISBN 1-56546-340-4, 224 pp., softbound, \$29.50

This collection of obits is like a spider's web: it catches folks who have even the slightest association with those early settlers in northwest Johnson County. Some of these people are descendants and shirt-tail cousins who never set foot in Arkansas. When you're ready to find your living cousins who carry the strands of DNA you need on your family lines, obituaries offer great clues about where those folks are. Check the complete index to this volume and the first four on our website.

*Clark County, Arkansas, Obituaries and Death Notices, Vol. 1, 1869–1900*

ISBN 0-929604-67-9, 157 pp., softbound, \$20.00

*Clark County, Arkansas, Obituaries and Death Notices, Vol. 2, 1901–1913*

ISBN 0-929604-72-5, 162 pp., softbound, \$22.00

*Clark County, Arkansas, Obituaries and Death Notices, Vol. 3, 1914–1921*

ISBN 0-929604-78-4, 124 pp., softbound, \$18.00

*Clark County, Arkansas, Obituaries and Death Notices, Vol. 4, 1922–1925*

ISBN 0-929604-85-7, 130 pp., softbound, \$18.00

By Allen B. Syler and Bobbie Jones McLane

This collection was taken from extant issues of the *Arkadelphia Southern Standard* newspaper; most entries are for Clark County folks, but there are many from surrounding counties. Out-of-print for some time, these wonderful books are available again.

Visit us at [www.ArkansasResearch.com](http://www.ArkansasResearch.com)

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## AGS Publications:

### Announcing Latest Publications Arkansas Genealogical Society

#### ARKANSAS PRIOR BIRTH INDEX, VOLUME 5

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 February 1, 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 \$75.00 plus \$10.00 for shipping. Tax must be added for Arkansas residents.

This CD is the combination of the Volumes 1–5. It sells \$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. Tax must be added for Arkansas residents.

### Shipping & Handling

Added before tax

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| Under \$20.00    | \$2.50       |
| \$21.00-\$49.99  | \$7.00       |
| \$50.00-\$125.99 | \$12.50      |
| \$126.00 and up  | 10% of order |

To order these publications send a check or money order to:  
Arkansas Genealogical Society  
POB 17653  
Little Rock, AR 72222

Or print order form at [www.agsgenealogy.org](http://www.agsgenealogy.org)

Arkansas residents must add 7% sales tax.

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For complete list of Arkansas Genealogical Society publications,  
go to [www.agsgenealogy.org/publications.htm](http://www.agsgenealogy.org/publications.htm)

#### ***ARKANSAS PRIOR BIRTH INDEX, VOLUME 4***

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#### ***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.

**Another Revised Edition of an essential book:**

***Arkansas Post Offices: From Memdag to Norsk, A Historical Directory, 1832–1990*** sells for \$25.00 plus \$6.00 for shipping. It is an index of all the post offices in Arkansas during that time period. It lists the date the post office closed and the land description if known. Some are named for the postmasters and other interesting facts. This is a helpful book in locating post offices from the census records by listing the county in which they were located and the relocation. It was written and donated to AGS by Russell P. Baker.

Arkansas residents must add 7% sales tax.  
To order these and other AGS publications, send a check or money order to:

Arkansas Genealogical Society  
POB 17653  
Little Rock, AR 72222

Or print order form at [www.agsgenealogy.org](http://www.agsgenealogy.org)

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## Queries:

Editor's note: Please be specific about time period and county of the people you're researching. The more exact the information you give, the more likely someone can help you.

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From AGS-L@rootsweb.com <AGS-L@rootsweb.com>

Hello,

I am in need of some help. I have searched the web over and cannot find anyone who can help me in Fulton County, Arkansas. I am in desperate need of some proof that an inquest was held in regards to my ancestor who was murdered, copies of the inquest and its findings would be a Godsend.

The 1870 Mortality Schedule for 1870, Fulton County, Arkansas has one R.C. Buckner enumerated on it. He was 33 at the time of death, born in Illinois and was shot in the neck with a gun, above his cause of death is

written in small letters-Homicide.

I would be more than willing to pay anyone for their time and copies, parking and gas to please get me some info regarding Richard Calvin Buckner's death in Fulton Co.

He is enumerated on the Mortality Schedule as R.C. Buckner, his full name was Richard Calvin Buckner. The 1870 Fulton Co., Ark. census does enumerate his wife Susannah Buckner and their 4 children.

Next door to Susan Buckner, born 1837 in Mo., is her father John K. Sullens an old widower born about 1806 in Missouri. I seriously would love to find out what happened to this man, as my genealogical curiosity gets the best of me and frequently.

Any info you can find would also help settle a family disagreement over where he died!

Please let me know if you can help me, if you can't, would you please steer me in the direction of someone who can? I would appreciate it greatly, thank you.

Audrey Horner

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Send your query in now! Or send in a question about Arkansas history, genealogy, research, your own research problem, or any other topic. We'll find a qualified person to answer your question and print it here.

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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/)

Arkansas Ties  
[www.ArkansasTies.com](http://www.ArkansasTies.com)

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

Baxter County Bulletin (newspaper online)  
[www.baxterbulletin.com](http://www.baxterbulletin.com)

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/)

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

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/)

Tri-County Genealogical Society

(Lee, Monroe and Phillips, in Eastern Arkansas):

[www.couchgenweb.com/arkansas/tricou/society.htm](http://www.couchgenweb.com/arkansas/tricou/society.htm)

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