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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](mailto:AGS_Ezine@agsgenealogy.org) with comments or information.

Queries will also be accepted, if they are clear and concise as to time and place, and pertain to Arkansas. Information about upcoming family reunions, county genealogical society events, new books, or any other items of interest are also accepted. We'd also like to hear your anecdotes about researching Arkansas topics or any special problems or questions you have. This E-zine is for you, the members, and we want to include anything that might assist you in your research.

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## Special Notice:

### Announcing the 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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New AGS Members

James J. Johnston Fayetteville, AR

Christina Jackson Beaty Springfield, MO

Harold & Dan Wohlenberg Irving, TX

Julia P. Grehan New Orleans, LA

Dorothy A Howery Houston, TX

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:

Women of the Central High Crisis: The Politics of Gender and Desegregation

Exhibit at Arkansas History Commission

In honor of Fiftieth Anniversary of the integration of Central High School, *Women of the Central High Crisis: The Politics of Gender and*

Desegregation will be on exhibit at Arkansas History Commission from September 16 through December 14, 2007. The exhibit examines the roles of women in the Central High Crisis over desegregation in Little Rock, Arkansas, from 1957 to 1959.

Central High School is a national symbol of the struggle over school desegregation. In 1957, nine African American students, referred to as the Little Rock Nine, enrolled at Central High School. Governor Orval Faubus ordered the Arkansas National Guard to stop the nine African American students from entering the school. President Dwight D. Eisenhower sent federal troops to escort the students to Central High School. The 1957-1958 school year was filled with turmoil for the Little Rock Nine. The next year Governor Orval Faubus closed Little Rock's four high schools to prevent the desegregation of the schools from continuing.

Between 1957 and 1959, women in Little Rock came together to voice their opinion and fight for the education of their children. This exhibit describes the roles of various women in this historic event, including Daisy Bates, the six female African American students who were part of the Little Rock Nine, the Women's Emergency Committee to Open Our Schools, the Mother's League of Central High, and the teachers.

As members of the Little Rock Nine, Elizabeth Eckford, Carlotta Walls, Melba Pattillo, Minnijean Brown, Thelma Mothershed and Gloria Ray faced daily struggles and harassment from other students. As state President of the NAACP and publisher (along with her husband, L. C.) of *The Arkansas State Press*, Daisy Bates advocated civil rights long before becoming the mentor of the Little Rock Nine. Formed in August 1957, the Mothers' League announced its intention to prevent integration at Central High. Created to fill the void of male civic leadership in the ongoing school crisis, the Women's Emergency Committee to Open Our Schools (WEC) became the only organization publicly favoring moderation, or reopening desegregated schools, in 1958. Teachers at Central High School withstood the turmoil of the 1957-1958 school year with varied reactions, but school board member Dr. Dale Alford noted that "tension was so great that a few of the teachers actually sought medical aid as a result of the strain." The following school year, all the public high school teachers in Little Rock prepared in vain for opening day as Governor Faubus closed the schools rather than face another round of desegregation. The efforts of all of these women are an important part of Arkansas history and the civil rights movement.

The Arkansas History Commission in conjunction with the Central High School National Historic Site and the Public History Program at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock developed this exhibition. The exhibit is free and open to the public at the Arkansas History Commission at One Capitol Mall in Little Rock, Monday through Saturday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. For more information, contact the Arkansas History Commission at 501.682.6900.

Arkansas History Commission

One Capitol Mall, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
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state.archives@arkansas.gov

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## **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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.familysearchindexing.org)

Click Install Now

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

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**"Arkansas Ties" Web Site: Free Offers**

Pris Weathers, the owner and compiler of Arkansas Ties [www.ArkansasTies.com](http://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.

Email update from Pris Weathers, creator of "Arkansas Ties":

Just wanted to let everyone know that Arkansas Ties is now seven years old and in light of that to celebrate, I am giving everything away free . . . *Arkansas Gazette* articles and ALL of the cemetery pictures from the 200 plus cemeteries that I have photographed. There will be a limit of five (5) per week, per email address for personal use only. Please bypass the ordering system and just email me the names and the location on my website where you found the names to [ArkansasTies@ArkansasTies.com](mailto:ArkansasTies@ArkansasTies.com).

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## AGS E-mail List

To sign up for the AGS e-mail list, send an email to [ags-request@rootsweb.com?subject=subscribe](mailto:ags-request@rootsweb.com?subject=subscribe). List-Archive: If you haven't joined the list, you can still read the archived posts to the AGS-L at <http://archiver.rootsweb.com/th/index?list=ags>

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## Arkansas Genealogical Society Fall Seminar 2007

Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>  
Pleasant Valley Church of Christ  
10900 N. Rodney Parham Rd., Little Rock, Arkansas

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GENEALOGY + CSI = SHARON TATE MOODY

**Friday, October 19 and Saturday, October 20  
Arkansas Genealogical Fall Seminar 2007**

**Submitted by Suzanne Jackson, AGS Publicity Chair**

Cold Case File or Crime Scene Investigation—which one describes your genealogy? If it's the former, the Arkansas Genealogical Society has just the professional to provide you with the tools and procedures needed to evaluate your evidence. Sharon Tate Moody, CG [Certified Genealogist], featured speaker for this year's Fall Seminar, offers a unique perspective on all cases by combining a deep appreciation of history and genealogy with twenty-eight years of law-enforcement investigative experience. Her crime scene kit contains everything you need to pick up on trace evidence missed the first time around. Turn your cold case back into a crime scene investigation—you will not want to miss this!

Indian Ancestry might be a cold case file for some but not for our Friday night speaker, Carolyn Earle Billingsley, Ph. D., who welcomes the challenge of conducting a thorough investigation into this sometime difficult area. Along with this case, she will be studying the effect a rush to judgment has on the assumption of race as she looks at the bi- or tri-racial groups like the Melungeons. Don't miss Carolyn as she "gets real" in her investigations.

Registration begins Friday at 5:30 p.m. at Pleasant Valley Church of Christ, 10900 N. Rodney Parham Rd., Little Rock, Arkansas. Cost for the event is \$40.00 which includes lunch and syllabus if registered by October 8. For additional information, contact Jan Davenport 501-912-3587. If using email please reference AGS Fall Seminar: [jhdavenport@comcast.net](mailto:jhdavenport@comcast.net) or go to our website at [www.agsgenealogy.org](http://www.agsgenealogy.org).

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Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>

Speaker: **Carolyn Earle Billingsley, Ph.D**

Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

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.
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  - • *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](mailto: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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## **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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### **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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Unclaimed Marriage Certificates: Bowie County, Texas, & Miller County, Arkansas

Do any of you have ancestors who married in Bowie County, Texas, or Miller County, Arkansas? You might want to check out the web site below. The Texarkana Genealogical Society is offering the Marriage Certificates that were never picked up for \$3.00 if you can prove it is your ancestor. They have a bride and groom index. From all that I can tell about the site it has not been upgraded since 2005/2006, so some of these certificates may not be available. The Society has also posted some records from the two counties online.

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~txkusa/BowieUnclaimed.html>

Unclaimed Marriage Certificates, Bowie County, Texas

If you find a relative in the listings,
A Certificate can be obtained at low cost of \$3.00 (for postage and handling).

We will need a short lineage chart proving your relationship to the bride and groom. It will need to show each generation between the bride or groom and yourself. Please give birth and death dates if possible.

TEXARKANA USA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
P.O. Box 5825, Texarkana, TX 75505-5825

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## **Death Notice: Curtis H. Sykes**

The Arkansas History Commission and the Black History Commission of Arkansas (formerly the Black History Advisory Committee) are saddened by the death of Curtis H. Sykes, Chairman of the Black History Commission of Arkansas, who passed away on Sunday morning, September 9, 2007 at the age of 76. Sykes was an original member of the Black History Advisory Committee, which was created by Act 1233 of 1991 through a bill sponsored by Senator Jerry Jewell. A change in the name from Black History Advisory Committee to Black History Commission of Arkansas went into effect this July 2007. He faithfully and diligently served as chairman from 1993 until his death.

A native of North Little Rock, Sykes received a B.S. from Arkansas Baptist College, Little Rock; an M.A. from Texas College, Tyler; Texas and an M.A. from Harding University, Searcy, Arkansas (the first African American to receive a degree from Harding). He also studied at the University of Iowa, University of Wisconsin, University of Central Arkansas, Henderson State University and George Peabody College (now Vanderbilt University), in Nashville, Tennessee.

Curtis Sykes was a high school principal and educator for over 34 years. He served as school principal at Booker T. Washington, Little Rock; Woodruff County Training School, Augusta; Woodruff Elementary, Little Rock; and taught in various other schools. He was also instrumental in the push to have African American history taught in Arkansas schools, grades K-12 through a legislative bill introduced by State Senator Jean C. Edwards and State Representative Josette Wilkins which passed in the regular session of the State of Arkansas' 81<sup>st</sup> General Assembly as Act 326 of 1997. He was later instrumental in creating the position of African American History Coordinator at the Arkansas History Commission.

He was a charter member of the North Little Rock History Commission, a frequent contributor to articles appearing in "The Times" Newspaper (North Little Rock) and a tireless historian and community leader.

Mr. Sykes' absence will create a great void in the community and the State of Arkansas, but his legacy will live on through his steadfast efforts to collect and preserve African American history. The Curtis H. Sykes Collection at the Arkansas History Commission contains a large collection of Scipio A. Jones High School yearbooks, Arkansas Teacher Association journals, "The Bulletin" and other miscellaneous North Little Rock materials. The Black History Commission Collection consists of materials received through Black History Commission grants that include church, school, biographical and community histories.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, September 15, 2007, 11:00 AM at the King Solomon Baptist Church, 1304 North Pine Street in North Little Rock. Ruffin and Jarrett Funeral Home is in charge of the service.

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Death Notice: Rena Maire Noble Knight

Submitted by Lynda Childers Suffridge

Rena Maire Noble Knight of Jacksonville passed away September 16, 2007. She was 62 years old.

Rena was known in the genealogical community as the author of books and numerous articles on the Civil War. We saw her often at our seminars as she vended her books and displayed her Civil War artifacts. Her books were *Civil War Soldiers Buried in Arkansas National Cemeteries*, *Union Soldiers Buried in Arkansas*, *Additional Civil War Soldiers in Arkansas*, and *Confederate Soldiers Buried in Arkansas*.

Rena grew up in North Little Rock where she graduated from North Little Rock High School. She attended college at the University of Central Arkansas when it was known as SCA. She majored in Social Studies with a minor in English. She taught school for 30 years in North Little Rock at Ridge Road Jr. High, Sepio Jones High School, Northeast High School and at North Little Rock High School. She was a great friend to animals and loved nature.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Doris June Brown. She is survived by her husband, Cecil Aldine Knight; her parents Mabel and Earl Noble; her grandmother, Erma Noble; niece Ashley Swann, nephew Ben Brown; her aunts, Harriet Harris, Norma Roady, Linda Smith, and uncle Raymond Prine; her sister-in-law Leslie Knight, four grand nieces, one grand nephew, and many beloved cousins.

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Her obituary was in the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, Thursday, 20 September 2007, page 6B, column 3. The handout at the funeral: Husen Funeral Home, 7700 Highway 107, Sherwood, AR 72120, had her birth date: 24 January 1945, at Little Rock, Arkansas [that was not in the obituary]. Also, they requested memorials be made to the Arkansas Cancer Research Center or your local Humane Society.

Genealogy Librarian News

Latest issue of *Arkansas Family Historian* - table of contents – issue, Sept 2007 – Vol. 45, no. 3. See: <http://genlibrarian.blogspot.com/2007/09/ak-arkansas-family-historian.html>

Latest issue of the *Register of the KY Historical Society* - table of contents - issue Winter 2007 – Vol. 105, no. 1. See: <http://genlibrarian.blogspot.com/2007/09/register-of-kentucky-historical-society.html>

Keep up to date - see what you're missing.

Tom Kemp
Genealogy Librarian News
<http://genlibrarian.blogspot.com/>

Saline County Library, Genealogy Newsletter

The Winter 2007 edition of the Demuth Declaration, Volume 2, Issue 4, is now available.

In January 2008, the newsletter will be beginning its third year of publication.

Contact Steve Perdue to receive the file via email in .pdf format. The Demuth Declaration is also on the library website at www.saline.lib.ar.us; click on Genealogy/Local History and then the Arkansas Room newsletter.

The David O. Demuth Arkansas Room (Genealogy Library) has a great lineup of programs already scheduled in 2008.

Steve Perdue, Curator
David O. Demuth Arkansas Room, Saline County Library
1800 Smithers Drive, Benton, AR. 72015
sperdue@saline.lib.ar.us; (501) 778-4766

UALR's Evenings with History Series

UALR history professors will offer scholarly insights on historical subjects this season in six nationally recognized *Evenings with History* lectures, featuring topics that range from Marie Antoinette's jewels to the "first" war on terror in the 1970s.

The University History Institute, established in 1987, is a private nonprofit organization dedicated to encouraging interest in historical scholarship and to developing community support for [UALR's Department of History](#). The institute sponsors the annual *Evenings with History* series of talks, the proceeds of which are used to purchase research materials for the UALR [Ottenheimer Library](#), as well as other public lectures and events.

This year's *Evenings with History* begins Oct. 2 with Dr. Carl Moneyhon's lecture, "The Civil War of Arkansas' African-Americans, or Who Freed the Slaves." Not only did the war years see a transition from slavery to freedom, but they also found some 6,000 black Arkansans serving in the Union army. The talk will discuss the role African Americans played in securing their own freedom.

History buffs can subscribe to the series for a \$50 individual membership or \$90 for a subscription for two. Life memberships, and corporate memberships are also available.

All lectures this year will be held at the Ottenheimer Auditorium in the [Historic Arkansas Museum](#) at 200 E. Third St. in Little Rock. Each lecture begins at 7:30 p.m. following a 7 p.m. fellowship and refreshments reception.

Other lectures are:

- Raymond Screws presents "A Drama and a Comedy: The Scandal and Impeachment of President Grant's Secretary of War, William W. Belknap" on Nov. 6.
- Kristin Dutcher Mann lectures on "Pascuas de Navidad: Christmas Celebrations in Northern New Spain," when Christian feast days blended with indigenous celebrations, on Dec. 4.
- Tom Kaiser presents, "Diamonds Are a Queen's Best Friend," Marie-Antoinette and the Diamond Necklace Affair," one of the greatest jewel heists of the 18th century, on Feb. 12.
- Clea Bunch, "The First War on Terror: Black September 1970," discusses the relationship between the United States and Jordan during the domestic conflict with Palestinians in Jordan that challenged King Hussein's sovereignty, on March 4.
- Bill Wiggins utilizes his vast collection of contemporary Indian art to illustrate, "Cross Cultural Influences in Contemporary Native American Art: We Did Not Disappear. We Just Became Invisible," on April 1.

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<http://ualr.edu/news/index.php/2007/09/12/university-history-institute-sets-evenings-with-history-series/>

Featured Arkansas Society:

TEXARKANA USA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
P.O. Box 5825
Texarkana, TX 75505-5825

Although this society is located in Texas, they are in Texarkana, which, as you know, is located both in Arkansas and in Texas—on the state line. So they have many Miller County, Arkansas, records, as well as many Bowie County, Texas, records. Check them out if you're doing research in this part of the state. Note that I only listed here some of the Arkansas records from this society; they have many more publications related to Bowie County, Texas, and you may also find your Arkansas ancestors in those records. CEB

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ORIGINAL MILLER COUNTY ARKANSAS MARRIAGE LICENSES:

Groom and Bride Index with year married, 2,197 entries, 8 1/2" x 11", soft cover, 1998. Compiled by Donald Preston. These licenses were not picked up by the couple at the courthouse. They were released to our society so that we could get them back to their family. Send a small chart showing your relationship to the couple and \$3.00 (Postage and handling) for each certificate requested. INDEX price is \$6.00, plus \$2.00 P/H.

1880 MILLER COUNTY AR CENSUS CD:

by S-K Publications (Good Images) Cost is \$20. plus \$1.50 P/H.

MILLER COUNTY ARKANSAS 1880 FEDERAL CENSUS: 183 pages and a Surname Index of 16 pages. Doris Lindblad transcribed from microfilm. Soft Cover 8.5" x 11" Price is \$25.00, plus \$3.00 P/H.

MILLER COUNTY ARKANSAS 1900 FEDERAL CENSUS:

283 pages and a Surname Index of 21 pages.
Doris Lindblad transcribed. Soft Cover. Price is \$30.00, plus \$3.00 P/H.

20 YEARS IN MILLER COUNTY ARKANSAS 1875-1890 TAX & CENSUS RECORD INDEX: Four-section book. Personal Property Tax Records Books, located in the Miller County Clerk's office were used for 1875, 1885 and 1890 Index. The 1880 information comes from the Census records of 1880. Information was extracted and prepared by Doris Lindblad. 100 pages total. Soft cover 8.5 X 11. Price is \$20.00, plus \$3.00 P/H.

1884 ABSTRACTS FROM THE DAILY TEXARKANA INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER [AWARDED OUTSTANDING FOR BOOKS PUBLISHED BY A PARTNER SOCIETY BY TEXAS STATE GENEALOGY SOCIETY YEAR 2005!]:

Soft Cover, 138 pages including a detailed index of 17 pages. Almost 3000 index entries. Transcribed and compiled by Tresa Underwood. Index was done by Elizabeth Brown. The price is \$25.00 plus \$3.00 P/H. This one is also being offered on a CD in PDF format. Adobe Acrobat will open it. The price will be \$15.00 plus \$1.50 P/H. If you order both together Price will be 35.00 plus \$3.00 P/H. Index online at www.rootsweb.com/~txkusa/indx1884pub.txt

Order Form online at www.rootsweb.com/~txkusa/orderblankfornp.JPG

To join, go to www.rootsweb.com/~txkusa/join.html for the Texarkana USA Genealogical Society membership application. Dues are \$15 annually for an individual and \$18 annually for a family. As a member you receive the Journal published twice a year. In the year 2005 and 2006, the Society was presented with Outstanding Award from the Texas State Genealogical Society for the Journal.

Notes from Other Areas

**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.
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.

Do living people outnumber the dead?

**Submitted by Tom Kemp
Thomas.J.Kemp@gmail.com**

This is an interesting article for genealogists: it estimates the number of people who have ever lived, compared to the number living today. It puts in perspective our task of documenting every person and putting them correctly in the family tree.

See: <http://genlibrarian.blogspot.com/2007/09/scientific-american.html>

Scientific American: Do living people outnumber the dead? (Sept 2007), pp. 126.

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## **Barack Obama's Genealogy Distant Relative to George Bush**

**From *Dick Eastman's Genealogy Online Newsletter*  
10 September 2007**

### **"Descendant of Presidents, Thieves, and Tribal Chiefs"**

There is an old joke: "If you would like to have your family tree researched, run for public office." Indeed, in the next year and a few months, we can expect to see the ancestry of every presidential and vice-presidential candidate researched extensively. In fact, the ancestry of Barack Obama is the subject of a new article in the Chicago Sun-Times.

Political Editor Scott Fornek published a 5-page special report on Barack

Obama's far-flung family tree. Among the ancestors Fornek highlighted, Obama's line includes a New England colonist who accused another of witchcraft and later stole from the governor's house. Another had two brothers killed by American Indians, who scalped one brother and kidnapped the other's daughter. Another ancestor was said to have been slain by pirates, and still another lost a son in the Civil War to pro-slavery bushwackers who torched the man's home and threw burning coals on his infant daughter. In addition, he is distantly related to Presidents Truman and Bush. All of that is on his mother's side. The story becomes even more interesting when looking at his ancestry on his father's side: four centuries ago, his great-great-great-great-great-great-great-grandfather was a respected warrior and leader in eastern Africa.

Obama, who has seven half-brothers and half-sisters spread across more than 10,000 miles, has ancestors who were born in Kenya, England, Scotland, Ireland, France, Germany, and the Netherlands, according to the Sun-Times.

When introducing himself to the nation in his 2004 Democratic National Convention keynote speech, Obama said he was "grateful for the diversity of my heritage."

"I stand here knowing that my story is part of the larger American story, that I owe a debt to all of those who came before me, and that in no other country on earth is my story even possible," he told a packed convention hall in Boston.

You can read more about his interesting ancestry, including brief bios of many of his ancestors, at <http://www.suntimes.com/news/548552.CST-NWS-otremain09.article>.

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If you're not subscribed to Dick *Eastman's Genealogy Online Newsletter*—it's free!— sign up at [http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans\\_online\\_genealogy/2006/01/standard\\_edition.html](http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2006/01/standard_edition.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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## **Amazon's New Online Backup Service**

We can never have too many ways to back up our data. A new service is now available from Amazon.com, and it's quite inexpensive. See details at: <http://www.jungledisk.com/index.shtml>.

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## Ellis Island Passengers

More than 22 million passengers and members of ships' crews entered the United States through Ellis Island and the Port of New York between 1892 and 1924. Information about each person was written down in ships' passenger lists, known as 'manifests.' Manifests were used to examine immigrants upon arrival in the United States.

Now you can search these millions of records for information on individual **Ellis Island passengers** at "The Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island Foundation, Inc." at [www.ellislandrecords.org/default.asp](http://www.ellislandrecords.org/default.asp).

NOTE: This was passed along by a friend with no information about the source of this announcement. Nevertheless, I hope you'll find it helpful.

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## The International Society of Genetic Genealogy Upcoming Meetings and Seminars

[www.isogg.org/](http://www.isogg.org/)

### Vernon, Ontario, Canada

October 2, 2007

7:30 pm

#### "The Basics of DNA and How It Relates to Genealogy"

Speaker: Elizabeth Kipp

Osgoode Township Historical Society & Museum

7814 Lawrence Street

Vernon, Ontario, Canada

**FREE - public welcome**

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### Marshalltown, Iowa

October 4-6, 2007

#### "Trace Your Roots With DNA",

#### "Beyond Y-DNA: Your Genetic Genealogy Options"

Speaker: Megan Smolenyak-Smolenyak

Best Western Regency Inn

3303 South Center Street

Iowa Genealogical Society Annual Fall Conference

**Visit site for registration fees/info**

Info/registration: [www.IowaGenealogy.org](http://www.IowaGenealogy.org)

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**Newtown, Wales, UK**

October 6, 2007

2:30 pm

**"DNA Y-Chromosome Analysis and Welsh Family History  
- A New Strategic Approach"**

Speaker: Brian P. Swann

Montgomeryshire FHS

Newtown, Montgomeryshire, UK

**FREE - public welcome**

Contact: [Brian Swann](mailto:Brian.Swann) at [bps@norvic8.force9.co.uk](mailto:bps@norvic8.force9.co.uk)

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**Erlanger, Kentucky**

Monday, October 8, 2007

7 p.m.

**"Learn how to use genetics as a tool for genealogical research  
from a member of the International Society of Genetic Genealogy"**

Speaker: James M. Freed

[Kenton County Public Library](#)

401 Kenton Lands Rd.

Erlanger, KY 41018

**FREE - public welcome**

Contact [Venus.Fasce@kentonlibrary.org](mailto:Venus.Fasce@kentonlibrary.org)

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**New Holland, Pennsylvania**

October 13, 2007

9:30 am - 3:30 pm

**"Genetic Genealogy: An Introduction"**

**"The Kerchner Surname Project"**

**"Y-DNA Projects in Genealogy"**

**"mtDNA Projects in Genealogy"**

Speakers: Charles F. Kerchner,

Steven Perkins, and Bill Hurst

Palatines To America <http://www.palam.org/>

Yoder's Meeting Rooms

New Holland, PA

**\$35 Registration Fee - includes lunch**

Info [www.pa-palam.org/index\\_files/page0001.htm](http://www.pa-palam.org/index_files/page0001.htm)

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**Hazel Crest, Illinois**

October 13, 2007

10 am

**"Basic Genetic Genealogy for Paper Trail Genealogists"**

Speaker: George Valko  
South Suburban Genealogical & Historical Society  
3000 West 170th Place  
Hazel Crest, IL 60429-1174  
Info: [ssghs@usa.net](mailto:ssghs@usa.net)

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**Palos Verdes, California**

October 15, 2007  
7-9 pm

**"Genealogy & DNA: What's It All About?"**

Speaker: Bonny Cook  
Palos Verdes Peninsula Library  
701 Silver Spur Road  
Rolling Hills Estates  
**FREE - public welcome**  
Contact: [bonnycook@earthlink.net](mailto:bonnycook@earthlink.net)

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**Boerne, Texas**

January 26, 2008

**"Trace Your Roots With DNA",  
"Beyond Y-DNA: Your Genetic Genealogy Options"  
and more!**

Speaker: Megan Smolenyak-Smolenyak  
Boerne Convention and Community Center  
820 Adler Road  
Boerne, Texas

**Visit site for info**

Info/registration: <http://www.rootsworld.com/~txgskc/>

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**Topeka, Kansas**

April 26, 2008

**"Trace Your Roots With DNA",  
"Beyond Y-DNA: Your Genetic Genealogy Options"  
and more!**

Speaker: Megan Smolenyak-Smolenyak  
Topeka Genealogical Society  
Kansas History Museum at the Kansas State Historical Society  
6425 SW 6th Street  
Topeka, Kansas

Info/registration: [tgstopeka.org](http://tgstopeka.org)

Meetings subject to change

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## A Website Worth Looking At

### Rootsweb Review, 12 September 2007, Vol.10, No. 37

You're familiar with Wikipedia, a free online encyclopedia that anyone can contribute to. But are you familiar with the genealogy wikipedia, WeRelate?

With more than 500,000 pages, it is one of the fastest growing social genealogy sites on the Web, and was recently named one of the top 101 best websites for tracing your roots by "Family History Magazine."

Everything is free. Start by searching for people you know; then create your own pages for people in your family tree—either from scratch or by uploading a GEDCOM. Others can contribute their information to your page, though older versions of a page are preserved. You can also see your ancestors' lives plotted on a map.

The website has a ten-minute tour to introduce you to its features.  
[www.werelate.org](http://www.werelate.org)

The online version of *The Rootsweb Review* is available at:  
<http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/review/2007/0912.txt>

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## Blossoming of Family Tree Can Stir Deep Emotions

By Sylvester Brown Jr.  
ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH  
6 September 2007

"Ahh ... I found something."

Ruth Ann Abels Hager, a reference specialist at the St. Louis County Library, grew more excited with each discovery.

About a week ago, Hager, the genealogist who discovered the grave of Dred Scott's widow, Harriet, introduced me to the art of tracing family ancestry. We started with my own.

The St. Louis County Library houses the Julius K. Hunter & Friends African-American Research Collection, arguably the largest resource of

population records and data in the Midwest.  
Hager and I combed through birth and marriage records, death certificates and census data.

"It's like a murder mystery, without the murder," said Hager, as she used a magnifying glass to scan the scribbling on a 1900 census document. . . .

For the rest of this article, see STLtoday.com  
<http://www.stltoday.com/stltoday/news/columnists.nsf/sylvesterbrownjr/story/1803F5EF73968B638625734E000FEB11?OpenDocument>, Internet Home of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*

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## **The Rubincam Youth Award**

### Press Release

The National Genealogical Society established the Rubincam Youth Award in 1986 to honor Milton Rubincam, CG, FASG, FNGS, for his many years of service to the National Genealogical Society and to the field of genealogy.

These awards are offered annually to encourage and recognize our youth as the next generation of family historians.

The awards may be given annually to a student in either one or two age categories for the appropriately prepared genealogy. The Senior award will be presented to students in Grades 10 to 12, or between the ages of 16 to 18.

The award winner will receive a \$500 cash prize, a plaque, the NGS Home Study course, and a one-year NGS membership. The winning submission along with presentation details may appear in the Fall *NGS NewsMagazine*.

The Junior award is open to students in grades 7 to 9, or between the ages of 13 to 15 years. The award winner will receive a plaque, the NGS Home Study course, and a one-year NGS membership. The winning submission along with presentation details may appear in the *NGS NewsMagazine*.

The deadline for submissions is January 31, 2008. Guidelines for submissions can be found on the NGS website at [www.ngsgenealogy.org](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org).

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**Text-Along from Asksam.com**

Note: This information is taken from *The Surf Report*, Vol. 95, Tuesday, 25 September 2007 [email sent by [www.askSam.com](http://www.askSam.com)], so it's basically an advertisement. However, it sounded so interesting, I thought I'd include it. Has anybody used this product? If so, we'd like to hear from you. CEB

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This Month's Product Highlight...

TextAloud: Turn any text—web pages, email, documents—into spoken audio or mp3. [www.asksam.com/textaloud.asp](http://www.asksam.com/textaloud.asp)

The perfect companion to this month's free eBook. Let TextAloud read "The Raven" to you straight from askSam or convert to an MP3 to use on your portable device.

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## Desmond's Research Tips:

### **New Requirements for Arkansas Non-profit Organizations**

The latest issue of *Capitol Report*, a newsletter published by Arkansas Secretary of State Charlie Daniels, has an item that concerns non-profit organizations, such as our genealogical and historical societies.

Non-profits will now have to file annual reports with the Secretary of State's office. The first one, for 2007, will be due August 1, 2008. But don't wait! It's time now to e-mail current contact information to [corporations@sos.arkansas.gov](mailto:corporations@sos.arkansas.gov) or write to Business and Commercial Services, Arkansas Secretary of State, State Capitol, Little Rock, AR 72201, or fax a note to 501/682-3437. If you have questions about the requirements, call SOS at 501/682-3409.

The new non-profit annual report will ask for the name and address of the contact person, officers, and directors—they'll supply a form to fill out. But first, be sure they have an address to send the form to.

To stay current on what's happening in the Secretary of State's office, send an e-mail to [arsos@sos.arkansas.gov](mailto:arsos@sos.arkansas.gov) with the subject line: "subscribeCR"

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### **Too Many Old Cookies**

Here's a quick tip to solve a problem you may not know you have. Expired cookies on your computer can clog up and slow down computing.

Cookies? Not the kind where you drop crumbs in your keyboard; the other kind, the little files deposited on your computer during your Internet browsing activities. Cookies are a good thing—they're how websites remember your preferences, or keep you signed in. Most cookie files have an expiration date.

Yes, you can clean out all your cookies files, but you'll lose the convenience current cookie files offer when you do that. Some genius created an expired cookie remover. Here's the link:

[www.pcworld.com:80/downloads/file/fid,62390/description.html?tk=nl\\_dxdwn](http://www.pcworld.com:80/downloads/file/fid,62390/description.html?tk=nl_dxdwn).

Go to PC World's download site and grab "Expired Cookie Program." When I installed it and ran the clean up, I found I had 179 expired cookies (now if those had just been chocolate chip...).

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## **Music to Go With Your Arkansas Genealogy**

Do you need mood music to listen to while you enter the data on your Ozark ancestors?

I have the answer. Go to <http://featherstonemusic.com/> and listen to some sample music of Joe Jewell and his string band. His CD, "Rambling the Rackensack," is especially appropriate.

Don't just Google "Joe Jewell" or you'll meet some big, bald dude with a guitar—you want the hairy guy with the hammered dulcimer. If you've moved beyond the Ozarks back to Ireland and Scotland, Joe has mood music for that, too. Enjoy!

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**Upcoming articles**  
***Arkansas Family Historian:***

December Issue

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

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## Events:

### Butler Center for Arkansas Studies Events October–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.

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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## UALR's Evenings with History Series

### From:

<http://ualr.edu/news/index.php/2007/09/12/university-history-institute-sets-evenings-with-history-series/>

UALR history professors will offer scholarly insights on historical subjects this season in six nationally recognized *Evenings with History* lectures, featuring topics that range from Marie Antoinette's jewels to the "first" war on terror in the 1970s.

The University History Institute, established in 1987, is a private nonprofit organization dedicated to encouraging interest in historical scholarship and to developing community support for [UALR's Department of History](#).

The institute sponsors the annual *Evenings with History* series of talks, the proceeds of which are used to purchase research materials for the UALR [Ottenheimer Library](#), as well as other public lectures and events.

This year's *Evenings with History* begins Oct. 2 with Dr. Carl Moneyhon's lecture, "The Civil War of Arkansas' African-Americans, or Who Freed the Slaves." Not only did the war years see a transition from slavery to freedom, but they also found some 6,000 black Arkansans serving in the Union army. The talk will discuss the role African Americans played in securing their own freedom.

History buffs can subscribe to the series for a \$50 individual membership or \$90 for a subscription for two. Life memberships and corporate memberships are also available.

All lectures this year will be held at the Ottenheimer Auditorium in the [Historic Arkansas Museum](#) at 200 E. Third St. in Little Rock. Each lecture begins at 7:30 p.m. following a 7 p.m. fellowship and refreshments reception.

Other lectures are:

- Raymond Screws presents "A Drama and a Comedy: The Scandal and Impeachment of President Grant's Secretary of War, William W. Belknap" on Nov. 6.
- Kristin Dutcher Mann lectures on "Pascuas de Navidad: Christmas Celebrations in Northern New Spain," when Christian feast days blended with indigenous celebrations, on Dec. 4.
- Tom Kaiser presents, "Diamonds Are a Queen's Best Friend," Marie-Antoinette and the Diamond Necklace Affair," one of the greatest jewel heists of the 18th century, on Feb. 12.
- Clea Bunch, "The First War on Terror: Black September 1970," discusses the relationship between the United States and Jordan during the domestic conflict with Palestinians in Jordan that challenged King Hussein's sovereignty, on March 4.
- Bill Wiggins utilizes his vast collection of contemporary Indian art to illustrate, "Cross Cultural Influences in Contemporary Native American Art: We Did Not Disappear. We Just Became Invisible," on April 1.

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## **Federation of Genealogical Societies National Conference Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 2008**

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**

**Free to public: Limited seating**

**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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## **Old Washington Historic State Park Workshop Scheduled**

**Submitted by**  
Russell P. Baker  
Arkansas History Commission

The History Commission is planning a Workshop on October 27, 2007, at Old Washington Historic State Park, hosted by the Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives.

Contact Jane Hooker at 501-682-6900 at the History Commission for more information: [jane.hooker@arkansas.gov](mailto:jane.hooker@arkansas.gov)

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UCA to Offer Genealogy Class, by Desmond Walls Allen

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

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.

UALR to Offer Genealogy Class

Carolyn Earle Billingsley, Ph.D., will be the instructor for a class in Genealogy and Southern History at UALR, beginning in January. The schedule for Spring 2008 has not been published yet, so stay tuned for the course number and schedule.

This history class takes the student from learning about how to do genealogical research to the final paper—a family history.

Students 60 and over can take classes virtually free at UALR.

If you're interested, contact me at cebillingsley@earthlink.net, and I'll keep you posted on the details.

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## **Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission**

**Submitted by**  
Russell P. Baker  
Arkansas History Commission

The Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission, set up by the Arkansas General Assembly to help Arkansas celebrate the upcoming 150 anniversary of the Civil War, 2011—2015, had its first official meeting on September 18, 2007 in Little Rock.

I attended as an observer from the Arkansas Genealogical Society. The commission adopted a mission statement and set December 2, 2007 at the date of the next meeting. The Commission hopes to have the widest possible participation by all Arkansans.

However, the Legislature appropriated no funds for the Commission's activities. It is hoped that in the next session in 2009 this will be remedied and there will be funds available for grants to local and state wide groups to publish books, hold reenactments, have museum displays, community discussions, etc.

The public is always welcome at the meetings. For more information on the mission statement or the Commission contact, Mark Christ, Arkansas Historic Preservation Program at [mark@arkansasheritage.org](mailto:mark@arkansasheritage.org).



## Book Notices:

If you or your organization has a book or books available, send us the information, and we'll let all our readers know about it in this column. CEB

### New Books from Arkansas Research

**NEW! *Deaths Reported in the Arkansas Gazette, 1913***

ISBN 978-1-56546-400-1, 193 pages, \$27.00

ISBN 978-1-56546-401-8, one CD, \$9.95

By Desmond Walls Allen

Oscar Russell abstracted the deaths mentioned in the *Arkansas Gazette*, 1914–1929, 1960, and 1990–2005 (well, the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* after 1991). Those are for sale on our website. Now, they're also available on CD in .pdf format (saves trees, saves money).

We couldn't let Oscar Russell's project end in 1914, so we've added 1913 and are working backward in time. Our book is a bit different—it lists more information about each death along with the headline and newspaper citation. Most of the dead folks died in 1913, but a significant number died in previous years. You can check the list on our website. We only included Arkansas deaths, and those from surrounding states and the South in general.

***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

***NEW! Clark County, Arkansas, Obituaries and Death Notices,  
1869-1925, Four Volumes on CD***  
ISBN 978-1-56546-399-8, one CD, \$19.95

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 sometime, these wonderful books are available again.

**NEW Catalog!**

We're working up a new book catalog and will send you a copy in .pdf format as soon as it's complete. E-mail your catalog request to [whitetrash@ArkansasResearch.com](mailto:whitetrash@ArkansasResearch.com). Put "Catalog Request" in the subject line and we'll send you a .pdf file.

We're including many books from Arkansas Ancestors—Bobbie Jones McLane, a legendary Arkansas genealogist, is retiring and we're going to make certain the valuable resources she compiled under her Arkansas Ancestors imprint stay in print.

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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***

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***

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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:  
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[www.youseemore.com/bentonville/](http://www.youseemore.com/bentonville/)

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

Craighead County Arkansas Genealogy Society (GSCCA)  
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Encyclopedia of Arkansas:  
[www.encyclopediaofarkansas.net](http://www.encyclopediaofarkansas.net)

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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/)

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[www.cals.lib.ar.us/butlercenter/](http://www.cals.lib.ar.us/butlercenter/)

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Texarkana USA Genealogical Society  
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