



Arkansas Genealogy Road Show

Jan Hearn Davenport

AGS is offering a unique and exciting opportunity for all genealogists—free 15-minute consultations with any or all of our panel experts. Areas of interest will range from general genealogical research to DNA to antiques. Don't miss this unique opportunity! Bring your specific questions, ask our experts, and visit our vendors.

Date: Saturday, March 29, 2008

Time: 9 am to 3 pm

Place: Pleasant Valley Church of Christ
10900 N. Rodney Parham Rd.
Little Rock, Arkansas

Cost: Free!

We invite all genealogical societies, historical societies, family associations and lineage societies to exhibit at this show. Tables are only \$5.00. This is your opportunity to spread the word, sell books, or solicit memberships for your group. We want to see you there!

For more information or to reserve tables contact: Jan Davenport at (501) 912-3587; jhdavenport@comcast.net or visit our website at www.agsgenealogy.org.

New Members

Linda Henry
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Little Elm, TX
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Fairfield Bay, AR

Join us!

[AGS Membership Application](#)

Conway County Genealogical Society's Up-Coming Events

Euna Beavers

The Conway County Genealogical Society is sponsoring several workshops over the next few weeks. Here's information about two of them:

- Saturday, February 2, from 12:00 noon until 4:00 the Society will be holding a workshop on Family Tree Maker 16. This software is used by the majority of genealogists. The instructors will demonstrate the software, the shortcuts and also the many other features it includes. This workshop will be held in the Conway County Research Room at the Morrilton Depot Museum. Participants must pre-register as seating is limited.



- A Beginner's Genealogy Workshop will begin on Thursday, February 28, and will go for four weeks on Thursday nights from 6:00 -9:00 pm. The workshop will be held in the Koontz Room at UACCM. Many topics will be covered including census records, immigration and passenger lists records, birth, marriage and death records, and various other records. Seating is limited for this class also.

For reservations or more information on either of these workshops contact Euna Beavers at (501) 354-4428 or ebeavers@tcworks.net. An information packet will be mailed upon request.

Saline County Library Genealogy Workshop:

Preserving Your Family Papers, Photos, & Heirlooms



Are your old photos copied and stored properly?

On Saturday, March 8th, Desmond Walls Allen will present an all-day workshop, "Preserving Your Family Papers, Photos, & Heirlooms" at the Saline County Library in Benton. The workshop is *not* about turning your home into a museum—it's a common-sense approach to prioritizing your possessions, throwing out the excess, and making decisions about how to leave what's important for the next generation. It's about saving digital files and making back-up plans. It's not about hiding your treasures—it's about making them a part of your every-day life. And it's fun!

The Saline County Library's workshops are free and they sell out in a hurry. Sign up now! Visit the [Saline County Library's website](#), go to the "Events" link, and find March 8th—click on the day to sign up for all-day Saturday workshop (at present it's titled "Genealogy for You").

New Book on Yell County

Lynda Childers Suffridge

Old Voices by Patsy Campbell Womack describes life in Yell County in the late 1930s through the 1950s. This brand-new book contains stories of the Roberts, Campbell, Carter, Womack, Andrews, Orr, Madison, Gray, and Young families who lived in the Gum Springs, Omega, and Chickalah communities. \$25 includes shipping. Copies may be ordered from:

Patsy Campbell Womack
1222 Hwy 216
Houston, AR 72070

Call for information (501) 889-2293.

The Butler Center for Arkansas Studies:

February's Legacies & Lunch program

February's Legacies and Lunch program at the Central Arkansas Library System's The Butler Center for Arkansas Studies is

A Lifetime of Collecting: History and Significance of Black Dolls

By Mary Swift

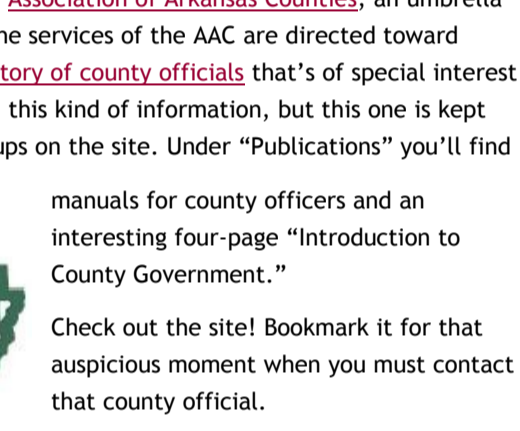
Over the past 25 years, Arkansas native Mary Swift has collected more than 1,000 antique and modern black dolls. Join the Butler Center and the Mosaic Templars Cultural Center for an exploration of the history and politics of black dolls and Mary Swift's personal connection to these important cultural artifacts.

When: Wednesday, February 6, noon until 1 p.m.

Where: Darragh Center, Main Library, 100 S. Rock St., Little Rock

Bring a sack lunch, drinks and dessert are provided. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call (501) 918-3049, or visit www.butlercenter.org.

(If the library parking lot is full when you arrive, you can park in the paid parking deck across Commerce Street or free under the freeway overpass.)

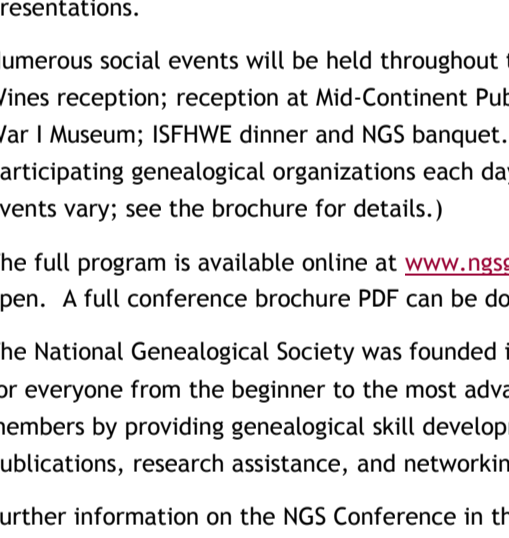


Association of Arkansas Counties: A Useful Website

Do you ever find yourself in need of the e-mail address of the county judge in Sharp County? Or the circuit clerk in Clay County? Then let me tell you about a helpful website that can supply that kind of information. Check out the [Association of Arkansas Counties](#), an umbrella agency for our 75 Arkansas counties. Most of the services of the AAC are directed toward county-level employees, but they have a [directory of county officials](#) that's of special interest to genealogists. There are other websites with this kind of information, but this one is kept up-to-date and there aren't any blinking pop-ups on the site. Under "Publications" you'll find

manuals for county officers and an interesting four-page "Introduction to County Government."

Check out the site! Bookmark it for that auspicious moment when you must contact that county official.



News about the NGS Conference in Kansas City

Lynda Childers Suffridge

The National Genealogical Society 2008 Annual Conference and Family History Fair will be held May 14-17, 2008, in Kansas City Missouri. This will be the 30th Annual National Genealogical Society Conference in the States and Family History Fair. The 2008 conference will be held in conjunction with local hosts - Missouri State Genealogical Association, Mid-Continent Public Library, Northland Genealogy Society, APG Heartland Chapter, and Johnson County, Kansas, Genealogical Society.

Full details and for registering go to: <https://www.ngsgenealogy.org/confnatl.cfm>

The NGS Conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center hotel downtown Kansas City, Missouri. The conference features 4 days of educational sessions for the beginner to the more experienced family history researcher. In addition, the Family History Fair will feature over 150 exhibitors of genealogical goods and services, including genealogical software companies, book sellers, genealogical and historical societies, gifts, maps, and more. The exhibit hall is attached to the main conference center and is open to conference attendees and the general public at no charge.

Midwest research, homesteading records, military records, National Archives records, writing, state research sources, methodology, computer topics, a BCG Skill building track, adoption research, African American research, land records, German research are among the many topics covered in the over 150 sessions. A DNA track and several computer labs as well as other workshops including a Beginner Workshop on Saturday are among the many special presentations.

Numerous social events will be held throughout the conference including a Show Me Missouri Wines reception; reception at Mid-Continent Public Library; reception at the National World War I Museum; ISFHWE dinner and NGS banquet. There will also be several luncheons by participating genealogical organizations each day of the conference. (Charges for social events vary; see the brochure for details.)

The full program is available online at www.ngsgenealogy.org. Online registration is now open. A full conference brochure PDF can be downloaded at the NGS website.

The National Genealogical Society was founded in 1903, and is the premier national society for everyone from the beginner to the most advanced family historian. The NGS serves its members by providing genealogical skill development through education, information, publications, research assistance, and networking opportunities.

Further information on the NGS Conference in the States & Family History Fair can be found at the NGS website at: www.ngsgenealogy.org.

Our Members Speak!

Carolyn Earle Billingsley supplied the following information about her up-coming speaking events:

Arkansas Historical Society Annual Conference: "Land of Eccentricity"
Eureka Springs, Arkansas 27-29 March 2008

At one of the sessions, AGS Board member Carolyn Earle Billingsley will present "Let's Move to a Rocky Ridge! The Rationale for Apparently Eccentric Decisions by Migrants to Arkansas." Full schedule of presentations to be announced in the near future. The conference hotel is the Inn of the Ozarks. See the [AHA website](#) for more information.

FGS conference- "Footprints of Family History"
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 3-6, 2008

The conference will be held at the Philadelphia Convention Center, Philadelphia, PA. AGS Board member Carolyn Earle Billingsley will present lectures on the following topics: Overlooked Census Data: Reading Those Orphan Columns" and "Melungeons and Other Mixed Race Groups." She will also be the AGS Luncheon speaker at the conference. The topic is "Arkansas: Believe it or Not," a light-hearted look at our weird and wonderful state and its citizens.

Lynda and Buford Suffridge are speaking at the up-coming NGS conference:

National Genealogical Conference
Kansas City May 14-17, 2008

Lynda Childers Suffridge will be speaking on Friday, May 16, on "The Arkansas Traveler's Guide to Research" and on Saturday, May 17, she and Connie Lenzen will be conducting a "Beginner's Workshop."

Buford Suffridge will be speaking on Wednesday, May 14, "Civil War Uniforms: Sizing Up Your Ancestor" and on Saturday, May 17, on "The Nuts and Bolts of Using DNA Testing."

[If you're a member of AGS and are lecturing at some up-coming genealogical event, [e-mail us](#) with details so we can include a notice in the ezine.]

Obituary: Patricia Carolina Camberlen

Charlotte Hodge, Petit Jean Country Headlight

Patricia Ann Camberlen, 44, of Morrilton died Thursday, Jan. 24, 2008.

She was born Oct. 19, 1963, in Morrilton, a daughter of Johnnie and Norma Jean Carolina. She attended Morrilton High School and Capital City Junior College in Little Rock. She worked for the Arkansas State History Department. Mrs. Camberlen was a member of Greater Union Hill Baptist Church where she was a Sunday School teacher and usher.

Other than her parents, survivors include one son, John Camberlen III of Morrilton; two brothers, Johnny H. Carolina of Morrilton, and Spencer Carolina of Conway; two sisters, Sheila Wilton, and Spence, and Renata McDaniel of Plano, Texas; grandfather, Charlie Stricklen of Morrilton.

Funeral services were 1 p.m. Tuesday at Greater Union Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Morrilton by the Rev. Robert Byers.

Burial was at Owens Cemetery in Plumerville by Wilson and Jarrett Funeral Home, Inc.

Pallbearers were members of Beta Beta Rho Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. Honorary pallbearers were Johnny H. Carolina, Larry Stricklen, Spencer Carolina, Clay Parks, James Thomas Jr., and Silver Trowel Lodge No. 9.

[Editor's Note: Patricia was well-known and well-liked as a member of the staff at the Arkansas History Commission. She had a severe stroke several years ago and was never able to return to work. Us old-timers remember her well.—DWA]



Patricia Carolina Camberlen



The Answer is: The Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, and the Betsy Ross House

The question is: What are three of the exciting things you will be visiting this coming September when you travel to Philadelphia for the Fantastic Federation of Genealogical Societies 2008 Conference? The dates are September 3-6.

Why should you go? Not only will you be able to immerse yourself in visiting such historical sites, but you will also be able to attend four days of genealogical lectures, workshops, an Exhibit Hall filled with vendors of genealogical supplies, books, software, society memberships, and so much more. We need many hands with us in Philadelphia to help promote beautiful Rockwell and the 2009 conference to be held in Little Rock, September 2-5, 2009. Please join your fellow Arkansans and the great volunteer team that is working on the 2009 Conference that is hosted by our very own Arkansas Genealogical Society.

For more details on the 2008 Philadelphia Conference, visit www.FGS.org. Be sure to frequently visit the 2008 Conference Blog that is available via that site for continuing conference details. The 2008 lineup of lectures, workshops, and meal events is in the final stages of preparation. The conference hotel is ready for you to make your reservations. See you in Philadelphia later in 2008 and then again in Little Rock in 2009. Watch this ezine for more details on volunteer opportunities in both Philadelphia and Little Rock.

Administrative Staff

To learn more about [Arkansas Genealogical Society](#), visit our website.

If you have friends and relatives who would like to receive this ezine, direct them to the [ezine sign-up link](#) on our website. Membership is not required to receive the AGS ezine, but we heartily encourage you to join our wonderful organization! [Membership details](#) are on our website.

If you have suggestions or comments about our ezine, rattle the editor's cage at desmond@ipa.net.

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