



## Philadelphia, Here We Come

Paula Stuart Warren, CG, National Publicity Co-Chair

September 3-6, 2008. Mark it on your calendar and visit [www.fgs.org](http://www.fgs.org) to learn more about the spectacular genealogy conference in the historic city of Philadelphia.

The full program is now online and it takes just a few clicks of your mouse to register online. The program has many unique lectures and family historians of all levels will be thrilled at the lineup. The Exhibit Hall layout map and initial list of vendors is also on the FGS Website. The hotel and convention center are connected by covered walkway. Be sure to click on the [Conference Blog](#) to learn more about the conference and the city where the Declaration of Independence was signed, the Liberty Bell stands, and visitors experience history at every step.

Why should you go? For the education, networking, books, software, databases, history, fun and good food, of course. AGS ezine readers have another reason. Join your fellow Arkansas enthusiasts to help promote the 2009 Federation of Genealogical Societies/Arkansas Genealogical Conference to be held September 2-5 in Little Rock! FGS/AGS will have a large section in the Exhibit Hall. We will tell you about helping us promote beautiful Arkansas and the 2009 conference in the next ezine. In the meantime, get your hotel reservation, reserve an airplane seat, and register for the exciting Philly conference.

### New Members

- Charline Rambaud  
Westlake Village, CA
- Arlan L & Pamela M Harris  
Alexander, AR
- Cindy Jo Davis  
Shiloh, IL
- Patsy R Finley  
Burlingame, KS
- Joey Raymond Sehon  
Little Rock, AR

### Join us!

[AGS Membership Application](#)



## Lynda Childers Suffridge Wins AHA Award

Lynda Childers Suffridge, our own AGS Ezine co-editor, won [Arkansas Historical Association's](#) Best Family History Award. AHA's county and local journals awards committee selected Lynda's article, "Descendants of Reuben Searcy and Isabella McDonald," as the best one published in 2007. We agree! The article also won the AGS Family History Writing Contest, and was awarded the Bobbie Jones McLane Award. The article appeared in the December 2007 issue of *The Arkansas Family Historian*.

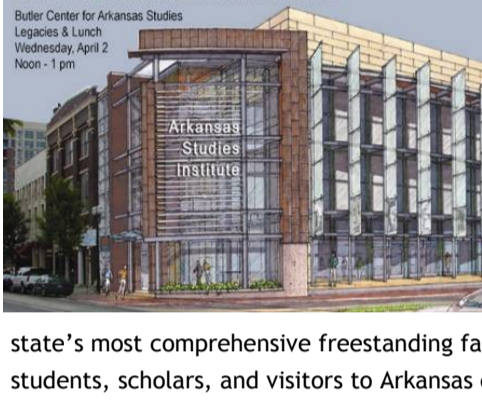


When asked about the award, Lynda said she especially wanted to thank Russell P. Baker for helping her learn to do research, Carolyn Earle Billingsley for teaching her how to write family history, Susan Boyle for editing the article, and Gloria Gary Futrell for entering the article in the contest. She also said she appreciated the help of her mother and an endless number of family members who assisted in the research.

Lynda says publishing family stories is important because of the personal satisfaction and reward of seeing your work in print, as well as saving the information for the future (no one wants to inherit a file cabinet full of papers). And, Lynda says, the process of writing helps you learn what you *do* have and what you *don't* have, so far as your genealogy information is concerned.

We're all very proud of Lynda! Why not drop her a note of congratulations? Her e-mail address is [lsuffridge@comcast.net](mailto:lsuffridge@comcast.net).

## Sneak Peek into the Arkansas Studies Institute



**Sneak Peek into the Arkansas Studies Institute**  
Butler Center for Arkansas Studies  
Legacies & Lunch  
Wednesday, April 2  
Noon - 1 pm

The Legacies & Lunch program at the [Butler Center for Arkansas Studies](#), scheduled for Wednesday, April 2, noon - 1 pm, at the Darragh Center - Main Library (100 Rock Street, Little Rock) will feature a progress report by Dr. David Stricklin on the Arkansas Studies Institute.

The Arkansas Studies Institute, a joint project of the Central Arkansas Library System and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, will be the

state's most comprehensive freestanding facility dedicated to the study of Arkansas. Here students, scholars, and visitors to Arkansas can learn more about the people, places, and events that shaped the state's past and guide its future. Join David Stricklin, head of the Butler Center, for a sneak peek into the Institute as it nears completion.

Bring your sack lunch; drinks provided. This event is free and open to the public. For more information please contact [Anna Morshedi](#) at 501-918-3049.

## News from Greene County

Kaye Holmes



Greene County Historical & Genealogical Society volunteers attended the AGS Road Show, March 29, 2008, in Little Rock—left to right: Norma Addison, Cynthia Starling, Kaye Holmes, and Jean Batton—this is a bright, energetic group!

The *Greene County Family Book Volume II* will go to the publisher the last of this month and the current, non-prepublication price be \$68.00 plus \$6.00 shipping.

The guest speaker for The Greene County Historical & Genealogy Society on April 10th, at 7:00 P.M. will be John Kennett, photographer. He will present a program on digitizing photographs. The program will be at the Presbyterian Church corner of 7th & Main St., Paragould, Arkansas. Everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information, contact [Kaye Holmes](#).

## Arkansas History Commission Workshop at Arkansas Post

Susan Boyle

The [Arkansas History Commission](#) will present its first workshop of the year at [Arkansas Post Museum](#), near Gillett, Arkansas, on April 5, 2008, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The History Commission offers free workshops to our patrons and to the people of Arkansas. This seminar will give both beginning and experienced researchers the chance to get acquainted with the resources of the State Archives. Participants will learn of the diverse resources that make the Arkansas History Commission a premier destination for genealogists and historians, enabling them to use these materials more effectively.

Presentations include:

- Roots Hunting 101: Fundamentals of Genealogical Research, Pts. 1 & 2, by Russell Baker, Archival Manager
- Identification and Preservation of Photographs, by Lynn Ewbank, Photo Archivist
- Genealogy on the Internet by Linda McDowell, African American History Coordinator

The event will be held in the John L. Peterson building located on the museum complex. Arkansas Post Museum is located six miles south of Gillett at the junction of U.S. Highway 165 and Arkansas Highway 169.

Space is limited so registration is required. To register for the workshop, email [arkansaspostmuseum@arkansas.gov](mailto:arkansaspostmuseum@arkansas.gov), or call 870/548-2634. A \$5 fee, payable to Arkansas Post Museum, will be charged for the box lunch.

## Congratulations: Garland County Historical Society

Arkansas Historical Association honored Garland County Historical Society with three awards at its recent annual meeting in Eureka Springs.



Elizabeth Robbins

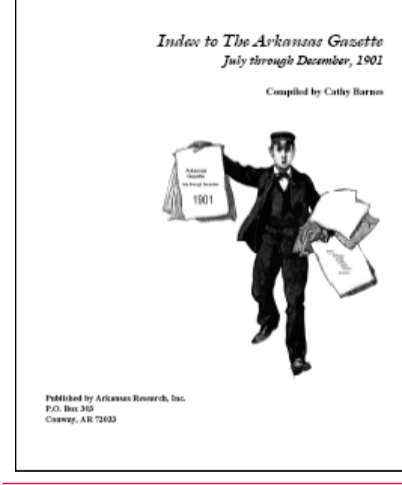
- Best School/Education History Award—Elizabeth Robbins, "Garland County Rural Schools"
- Best Community History Award—Jane Wilkerson, "Hamblen's Arch: Conflict, Controversy, and Central Avenue"
- Best Journal of the Year, Honorable Mention—*The Record* 2007, edited by Isabel Burton Anthony

Elizabeth Robbins is the new executive director for GCHS. She recently retired from teaching English in the Lakeside School District in Hot Springs.

Jane Wilkerson is a student in the public history graduate program at UALR and a staff member at the Arkansas History Commission. Her article discusses the role played by her great-great-grandfather, Samuel Hamblen, in the construction of the arch over Hot Springs Creek.

Editor Isabel Burton Anthony has contributed many articles for *The Record* over several years. Her history of Oaklawn Park won the AHA award for "Best Business History Published in a County or Local Historical Journal in 2004."

## New Book from Arkansas Research, Inc.



Cathy Barnes has compiled another volume in her series of indexes to the *Arkansas Gazette* newspaper. The most recent, covering July through December, 1901, is available from [Arkansas Research, Inc.](#), PO Box 303, Conway, AR 72033, 501/470-1120.

*Index to the Arkansas Gazette, July through December, 1901*, is available for \$23.00 plus \$7.00 shipping (and Arkansas residents must add sales tax). An [index to the book](#) is posted online.

Cathy picked up the *Gazette* indexing project where Shannon Henderson of Arkansas Tech University left off. She's indexed the issues for 1895 through 1901.

## Marion County Loses Noted Historian

[Vickie Roberts](#), president of Marion County Arkansas Heritage Society, described Marian Burnes as "our oldest and best historian." She died March 9, 2008, at Yellville. She would have been 102 on March 20, 2008.



Marian Burnes

Marian Burnes' obituary is posted online at [Burns Funeral Home's website](#). Genealogists are familiar with her books, *Cemeteries of Marion County*, and *Early Days in Marion County*. In addition, she contributed to *Marion County History* published in 1977, and *Pioneers of the Ozark Region*, published in 1979.

## Poinsett County Records Now Online

[Gail Lies](#) of [Genealogy Society of Craighead County, Arkansas](#), reports: "We now have an index of the Marked Tree, Poinsett County, Arkansas, deaths, marriages and births from the *Marked Tree Gazette* 1905-1916, and *Marked Tree Tribune* 1917-1918, 1925-1928 & 1930. The records are posted online at the society's website. Check it out! Joyce H. Whitten is doing a wonderful job in her extractions!"

## Administrative Stuff

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