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Battle of Marks Mill

Louise Mitchell

[Cleveland County Historical and Genealogical Society](#) is inviting those interested in the Civil War to a presentation of "The Battle Of Marks Mill" at 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 11, 2008 at the Masonic Lodge in Rison, Arkansas.

This presentation is in conjunction with the "Rison in the Fall" festival. The panel will discuss the contents of their new journal that was funded by a grant from the Arkansas Humanities Council. The panel will discuss the actual battle and first hand views from several area family histories. Relics collected from the battle site will be displayed and some will be demonstrated. Those who attend will receive a copy of the journal.

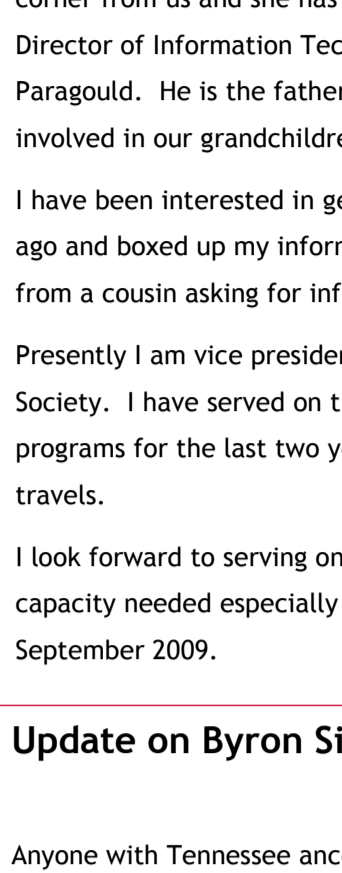
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[AGS Membership Application](#)

Meet Our AGS Board Members: Kaye Holmes



Kaye Holmes

I am from Paragould, Greene County, which is a small friendly town in northeast Arkansas. I was born and raised on a farm in the boot heel of Missouri. My husband and I met in a Chemistry lab at Arkansas State University (College) in 1961 and we celebrated our 45th wedding anniversary recently with a trip to Disney World. My husband and I have worked together since 1970 as Shelter Insurance Agents (formerly MFA Insurance Company). My husband's father became an agent for MFA in 1951 and we are still serving the needs of our insureds.

We have three children, Steve a controller, lives in California and he is the father of three daughters, Nicole, 23 and Kara, and Kala (identical twins) are 21, and one stepson, Sean 18. Michelle teaches Biology and AP Physics and lives just around the corner from us and she has one daughter, Emily 14. Mardy, our youngest is the Director of Information Technology at Arkansas Methodist Medical Center here in Paragould. He is the father of two daughters, Megan 8 and Madison 6. I am very involved in our grandchildren's lives and a proud grandparent. Just ask me!!

I have been interested in genealogy for over 30 years but hit a brick wall a few years ago and boxed up my information. After my children were grown, I received a letter from a cousin asking for information. I have been digging for information ever since.

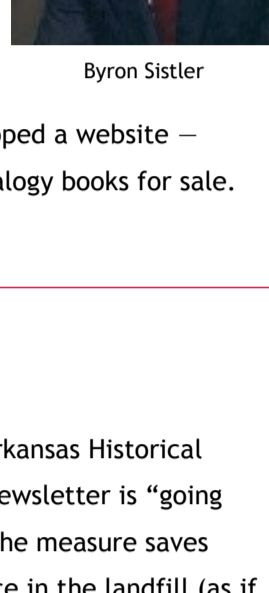
Presently I am vice president of the Greene County Historical and Genealogical Society. I have served on the board for several years and have been chairman of programs for the last two years. I also have made arrangements when our group travels.

I look forward to serving on the board of the Arkansas Genealogical Society in any capacity needed especially with the Federation of Genealogical Society Convention in September 2009.

Update on Byron Sistler & Associates

Anyone with Tennessee ancestors is familiar with Byron Sistler & Associates of Nashville. For years, they published a wonderful array of resource books for genealogists. In the dark ages, before we had Internet access to federal census records, their Tennessee census indexes stood out.

Byron's health failed and he died in 2006. His wife, Barbara, retired from the book business, and left the business in the hands of their son, Sam. Unfortunately, Sam died, too, but now the business is in the capable hands of Barbara's son, George Cook. He moved the business to Chicago, Ill., and developed a website — [SistlerGenealogy.com](#). He's building an exciting catalog of genealogy books for sale. [E-mail George](#) if you'd like to be put on their mailing list.

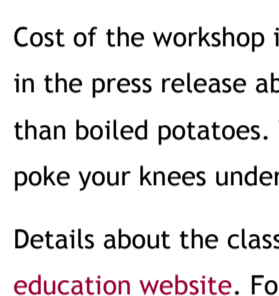


Byron Sistler

AHA Newsletter is Going Green

Donna Ludlow, business manager for Arkansas Historical Association, announced that the AHA newsletter is "going green" — it'll be offered online only. The measure saves printing costs, postage, trees, and space in the landfill (as if any genealogists would throw anything away). If you're an AHA member, send your e-mail address to Donna at dludlow@uark.edu. If you aren't an AHA member, it's time to join! Dues are \$20 per year and [details about all the classes of membership](#) are posted on the AHA website.

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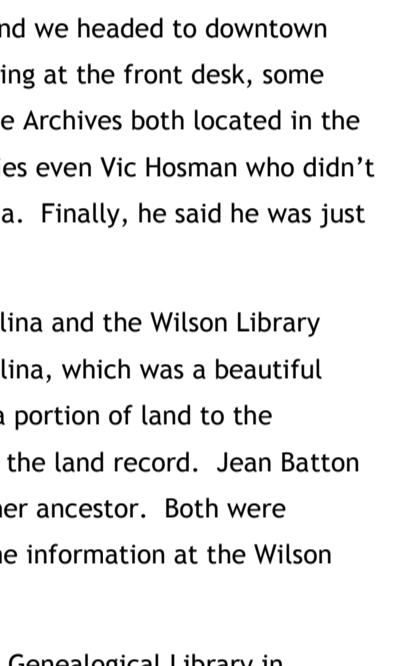
"Kiss Me If You're Irish!" Workshop in Oxford, Mississippi

Brian Trainor and William Roulston, members of the Ulster Historical Foundation from Northern Ireland, will conduct a genealogy workshop in the E.F. Yerby Auditorium on the campus of the University of Mississippi, Oxford, from 9:00 am until 4:30 pm, on Thursday, October 9, 2008.

Proposed topics include the Ulster Plantation, 1610-1641; emigration from Ireland to America; Irish census and civil registration records, Irish church records, and more.

Cost of the workshop is \$40 which includes an "Irish" lunch. (No mention was included in the press release about exactly what's in an "Irish" lunch, but we hope it's more than boiled potatoes. That's a step up from a White Trash lunch of "poke and grits" — poke your knees under the table and grit your teeth.)

Details about the class and a registration form are online at the [Ole Miss continuing education website](#). For questions, e-mail [Leteria McDonald McGee](mailto:LeteriaMcDonaldMcGee). Oxford is about 220 miles from Little Rock, or a three-and-a-half-hour drive, unless you detour by the gambling casinos at Tunica, in which case, it may be a three-day drive.



Greene County Historical and Genealogical Society's North Carolina Trip

Kaye Holmes

Twelve of the Greene County Historical and Genealogical Society research members boarded the Sonrise Shuttle at the Senior Citizens Community Center at 8:30 am on August 11, 2008, headed for the airport in Memphis, Tennessee. We were all looking forward to our trip with anticipation because we had not been to the Archives in Raleigh, North Carolina before.

Tuesday morning, Jean Batton programmed her GPS and we headed to downtown Raleigh looking forward to researching. After registering at the front desk, some went to the Genealogical Library and some went to the Archives both located in the same building. We all found information on our families even Vic Hosman who didn't have any relatives who traveled through North Carolina. Finally, he said he was just on vacation and having a wonderful time.

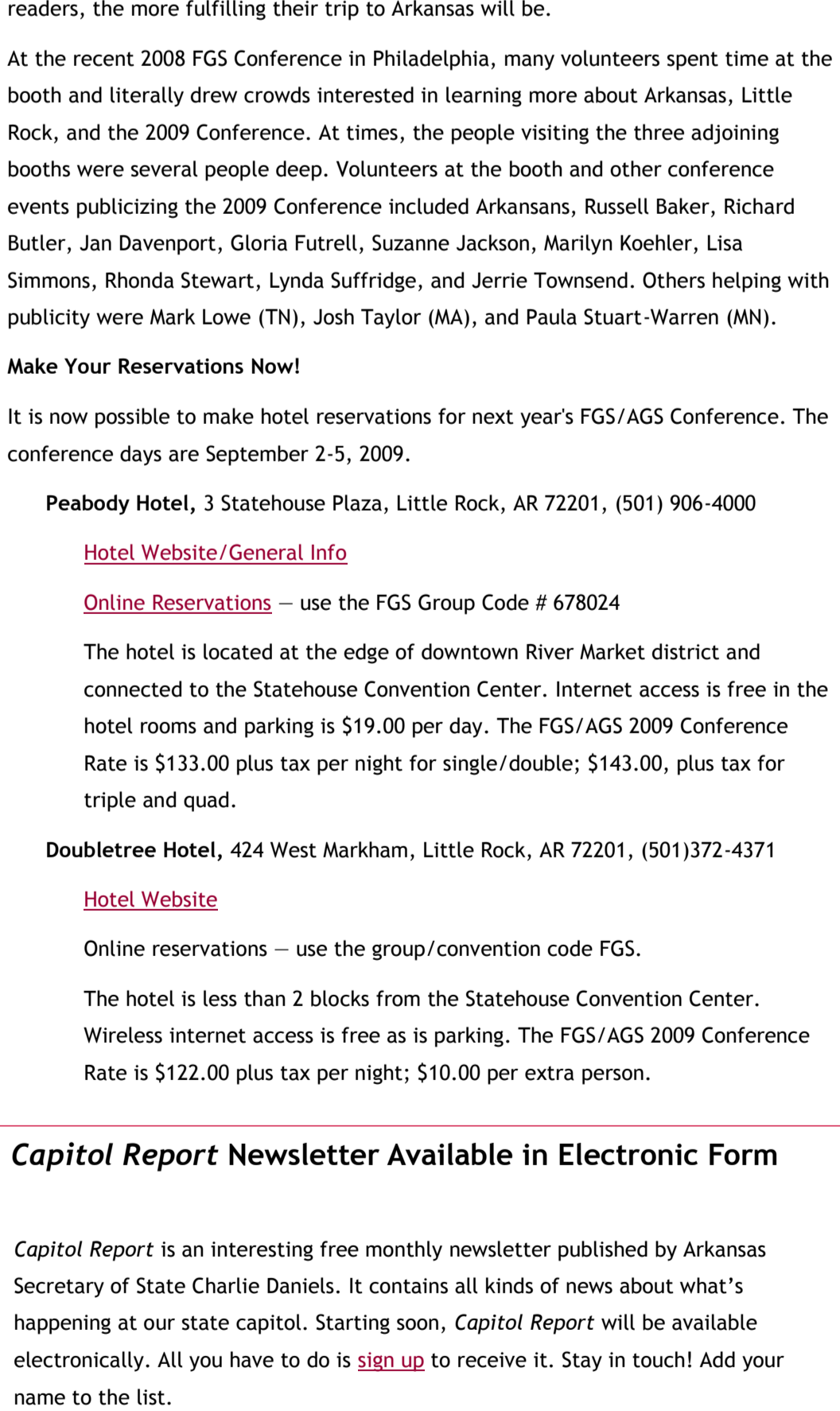
On Thursday, we journeyed to Chapel Hill, North Carolina and the Wilson Library located on the campus of the University of North Carolina, which was a beautiful campus. One of Carol Tomlinson's relatives donated a portion of land to the University of North Carolina and she wanted a copy of the land record. Jean Batton wanted a copy of material in a manuscript regarding her ancestor. Both were successful in their efforts. In fact, all of us found some information at the Wilson Library.

Friday and Saturday we were back in the Archives and Genealogical Library in Raleigh. We all came away with interesting information regarding our ancestors. Late Friday evening we toured the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Museum just down the street.

On the flight home, a stewardess asked Vic about our group and he told her we were genealogist. She asked "if that was like a gynecologist". Vic replied "no, we search for our dead relatives."

We looked like a weary bunch when the Sonrise Shuttle pulled into the Senior Citizen Community Center late Saturday night but we had a great time, had wonderful meals, traveled all over the city, met some wonderful people and were glad to be home.

The Archives and Genealogical Library staff were very helpful in our search.

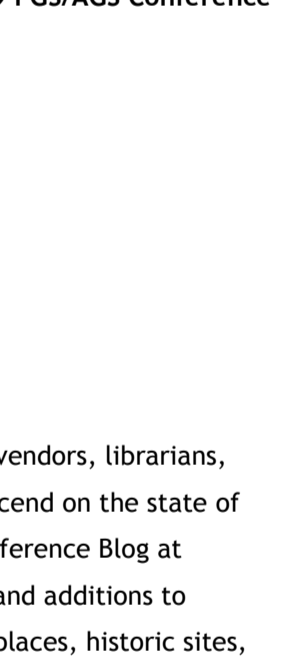


The North Carolina Crew in the picture are: front row left to right, Deronda Wood, Joy O'Connor, Carol Tomlinson, Yvonne Watson, Cynthia Starling and Jean Batton; back row left to right: Charles Wood, Norma Addison, Vic Hosman, Frank Reddick, and Jo Ann Wright. (Kaye Holmes took the picture.)

AGS Fall Seminar: Have You Registered Yet?

Arkansas Genealogical Society's annual fall seminar will be held Friday and Saturday, November 7 & 8, 2008, in Little Rock. Friday evening's speaker is D. Joshua Taylor, who will talk about maps and mug books. Saturday, Wendy Bebout Elliott, PhD., will lecture on pre-1850 sources for identifying women, burned courthouses, migration patterns, and the New Madrid earthquake.

Complete details are on the [registration form](#). Register by October 25 so we can get the lunch count right and print enough copies of the syllabus.



FGS / AGS Conference News: The Countdown Has Begun

Paula Stuart Warren, CG
National Publicity Chair for the 2009 FGS/AGS Conference



How many days, hours, minutes, and seconds till genealogists, vendors, librarians, archivists, genealogical society representatives, and others descend on the state of Arkansas? To see the running clock, visit the 2009 FGS/AGS Conference Blog at www.fgsconferenceblog.org. Check back for frequent updates and additions to conference information. If AGS members know about research places, historic sites, and other neat things around Little Rock and the state, send details, addresses, and websites to FGSConferencePublicity@comcast.net. The more we share with blog readers, the more fulfilling their trip to Arkansas will be.

At the recent 2008 FGS Conference in Philadelphia, many volunteers spent time at the booth and literally drew crowds interested in learning more about Arkansas, Little Rock, and the 2009 Conference. At times, the people visiting the three adjoining booths were several people deep. Volunteers at the booth and other conference events publicizing the 2009 Conference included Arkansans, Russell Baker, Richard Butler, Jan Davenport, Gloria Futrell, Suzanne Jackson, Marilyn Koehler, Lisa Simmons, Rhonda Stewart, Lynda Suffridge, and Jerrie Townsend. Others helping with publicity were Mark Lowe (TN), Josh Taylor (MA), and Paula Stuart-Warren (MN).

Make Your Reservations Now!

It is now possible to make hotel reservations for next year's FGS/AGS Conference. The conference days are September 2-5, 2009.

Peabody Hotel, 3 Statehouse Plaza, Little Rock, AR 72201, (501) 906-4000

[Hotel Website/General Info](#)

[Online Reservations](#) — use the FGS Group Code # 678024

The hotel is located at the edge of downtown River Market district and connected to the Statehouse Convention Center. Internet access is free in the hotel rooms and parking is \$19.00 per day. The FGS/AGS 2009 Conference Rate is \$133.00 plus tax per night for single/double; \$143.00, plus tax for triple and quad.

Doubletree Hotel, 424 West Markham, Little Rock, AR 72201, (501)372-4371

[Hotel Website](#)

Online reservations — use the group/convention code FGS.

The hotel is less than 2 blocks from the Statehouse Convention Center. Wireless internet access is free as is parking. The FGS/AGS 2009 Conference Rate is \$122.00 plus tax per night; \$10.00 per extra person.

Capitol Report Newsletter Available in Electronic Form

Capitol Report is an interesting free monthly newsletter published by Arkansas Secretary of State Charlie Daniels. It contains all kinds of news about what's happening at our state capitol. Starting soon, *Capitol Report* will be available electronically. All you have to do is [sign up](#) to receive it. Stay in touch! Add your name to the list.

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Desmond Walls Allen

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Contributions: If you have news for the Ezine, send it!

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Administrative Stuff

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