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AGS Fall Seminar: A Last-Minute Opportunity!

Already registered for the AGS Fall Seminar?
Congratulations! If not, there's still time. But if you

want to be assured of lunch and a syllabus, you *must* call Jan Davenport at 501/912-3587 by noon on Monday, November 3.

Here's the program:

Friday, November 7

Speaker: D. Joshua Taylor

- 6:00 p.m. Mapping Your Success: Employing Maps for Genealogical Research
- 7:00 p.m. Vanity Sketches: Sources and Truths Behind Mugbook Entries

Saturday, November 8

Speaker: Wendy Bebout Elliott, Ph.D.

- 9:00 a.m. Finding Wives' and Daughters' Names: Pre-1850 Sources for Women
- 10:30 a.m. The Courthouse Burned: Alternate Approaches and Treasures
- 1:15 p.m. Westward Ho! Migrations within the United States
- 2:30 p.m. The New Madrid Earthquake: Effects and Results

Details

The seminar will be held at [Pleasant Valley Church of Christ](#), 20900 Rodney Parham Road, Little Rock.

Cost for the event is \$35 for Friday and Saturday, or \$15 for just Friday, or \$25 for Saturday.

[\[Read more about the speakers and their lectures.\]](#)

If you miss the noon Monday, November 3, deadline to call Jan, show up anyway but you may have to make a fast-food dash for lunch.

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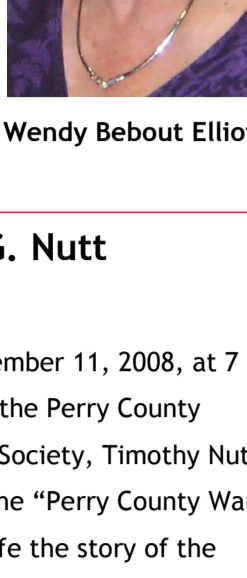
If you're reading this ezine but you aren't an AGS member, it's time to join. Go ahead and click on the link below. (You know you want to.) Then click on the "download membership application" link. Write "2009" in big letters at the top and get your dues in the mail.

If you are an AGS member, click, print, and write that check now for 2009.

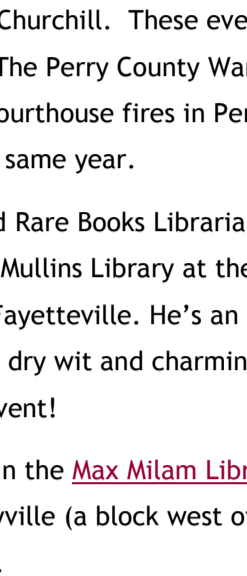
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Our Speakers

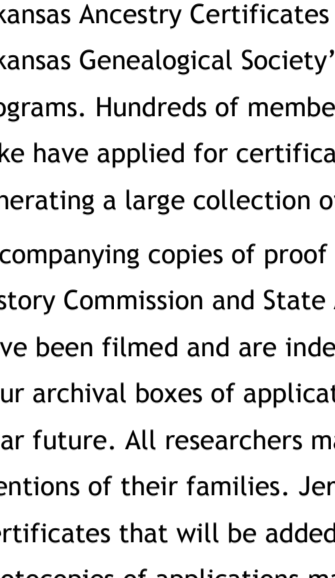


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A Perry County Event Featuring Timothy G. Nutt



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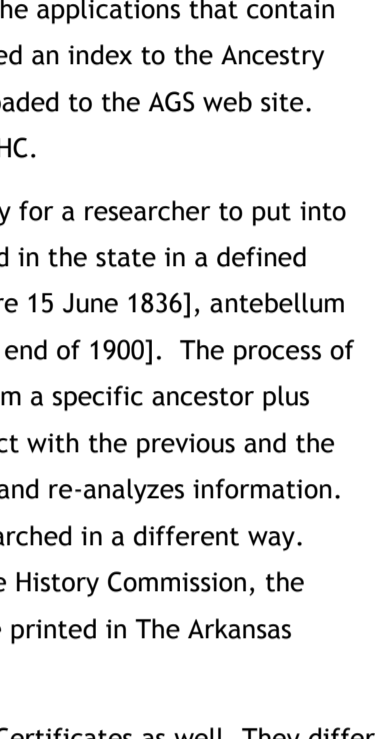
On Tuesday evening, November 11, 2008, at 7 p.m. at the regular meeting of the Perry County Historical & Genealogical Society, Timothy Nutt will present the story of the "Perry County War of 1881." Tim will bring to life the story of the murder of Mr. Matthews, a local newspaper editor and publisher, and the sending of troops to Perry County by Governor T. J. Churchill. These events went down in history as "The Perry County War of 1881." One of the many courthouse fires in Perry County also occurred that same year.

Tim is the Manuscripts and Rare Books Librarian for Special Collections at the Mullins Library at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. He's an interesting speaker with a dry wit and charming manner. Don't miss this event!

The meeting will be held in the [Max Milam Library](#), 609 Aplin Avenue, in Perryville (a block west of the Perry County Courthouse).

Arkansas Ancestry Certificates: An Opportunity to Save and Share

Susan Boyle



Arkansas Ancestry Certificates comprise one of the Arkansas Genealogical Society's most successful programs. Hundreds of members and non-members alike have applied for certificates since 1991, generating a large collection of lineage sheets with accompanying copies of proof documents. The originals are archived at the Arkansas History Commission and State Archives in Little Rock and those received through 1997 have been filmed and are indexed in the AHC Research Room's biographical index. Four archival boxes of applications submitted since 1998 will be microfilmed in the near future. All researchers may use the films to view the applications that contain mentions of their families. Jerrie Townsend has compiled an index to the Ancestry Certificates that will be added to as necessary and uploaded to the AGS web site. Photocopies of applications may be ordered from the AHC.

The certificate applications are a wonderful opportunity for a researcher to put into print his descent from an Arkansas ancestor who resided in the state in a defined period, such as colonial [before 1804], territorial [before 15 June 1836], antebellum [before 6 May 1861], or nineteenth century [before the end of 1900]. The process of gathering notes and photocopies for descent from a specific ancestor plus having to prove that each generation really does connect with the previous and the subsequent ones benefits the researcher as he reviews and re-analyzes information. He sees what is missing or what may be viewed or researched in a different way. Besides being filmed and available to researchers at the History Commission, the lineages that illustrate the descent to the applicant are printed in The Arkansas Family Historian for all to see.

AGS will soon be awarding Arkansas Civil War Ancestry Certificates as well. They differ in that the applicant will have to prove his ancestry from someone who served in a Confederate or Union unit from Arkansas or received a Civil War pension, either Union or Confederate, while a resident of Arkansas. The pensioner could be a widow of a veteran.

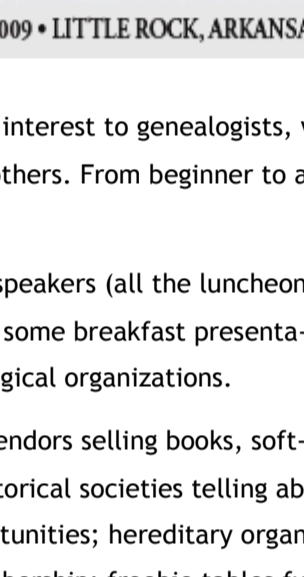
Arkansas Ancestry Certificate applications represent an excellent way for a researcher to both preserve and share family history. Visit the [AGS web site](#) for the [application forms](#).

Gravestones (and More), Anyone? Visit ArkansasTies.com

This month marks [ArkansasTies.com](#)'s eighth anniversary! Pris Weathers has over 140,000 photos of Arkansas gravestones on her website. And she adds new ones regularly. She's given the site a make-over and it's perfectly lovely.

Pris posts a ["What's New" page](#) to keep everyone updated about what's she added to help folks interested in their Arkansas heritage.

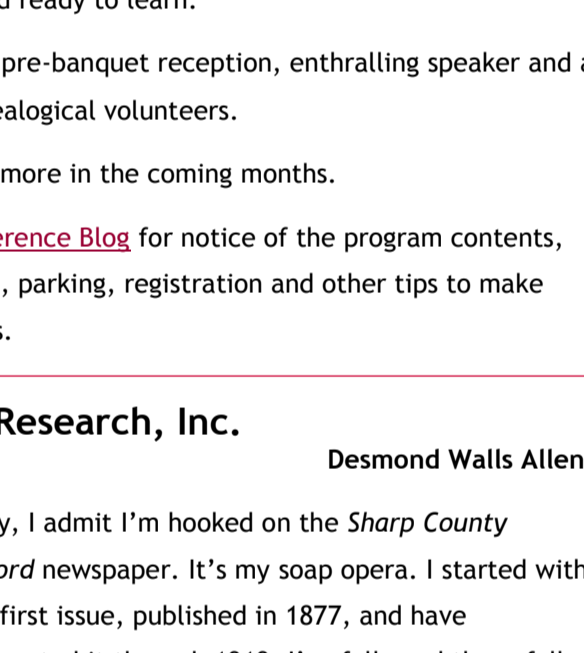
In addition to gravestone photos, there are photos and transcriptions of items from the Arkansas Gazette, 1819-1832, and 1836-1839; there are photos of war memorials from all over Arkansas, and dozens of other topics. Her [location list](#) makes it easy to take a tour of the interesting sites in your favorite county.



Pris Weathers

FGS/AGS Conference News: A conference designed for you!

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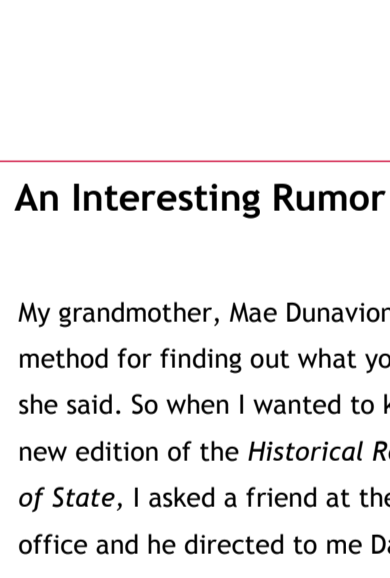
What's in it for me if I attend the FGS/AGS conference September 2-5, 2009? The conference is "Passages Through Time" and don't let time pass without making a commitment to attend this event of the year. This is what's in it for you:

- Four full days of lectures and workshops on topics of interest to genealogists, writers, lecturers, librarians, archivists, historians, and others. From beginner to advanced researcher, there is something for everyone.
- Multiple luncheons each day of the conference with speakers (all the luncheons on a given day have the same menu). There will also be some breakfast presentations. These events are sponsored by various genealogical organizations.
- Exhibit Hall with row after row of booths featuring vendors selling books, software, equipment, and supplies; genealogical and historical societies telling about their society, its publications, and educational opportunities; hereditary organizations sharing details about the organization and membership; freebie tables full of flyers, brochures, lists, website info; and vendor demonstrations of software and equipment. Representative of libraries and archives will be on hand to tell you about the research wonders at their places of business.
- Both time and places to sit and talk with other genealogists, vendors, and society representatives.
- Door prizes
- Syllabus filled with lecture handouts
- A chance to be a volunteer during the conference and receive a rebate on part of your conference registration. (More details in 2009)
- A keynote/conference opening session with conference updates and a wonderful speaker to get us all enthused and ready to learn.
- A banquet with a delicious meal, pre-banquet reception, enthralling speaker and a few awards for some special genealogical volunteers.
- And that's not all - we will share more in the coming months.

Check the [FGS Website](#) and the [Conference Blog](#) for notice of the program contents, the speakers, the vendors, and travel, parking, registration and other tips to make your conference experience a success.

New Book from Arkansas Research, Inc.

Desmond Walls Allen



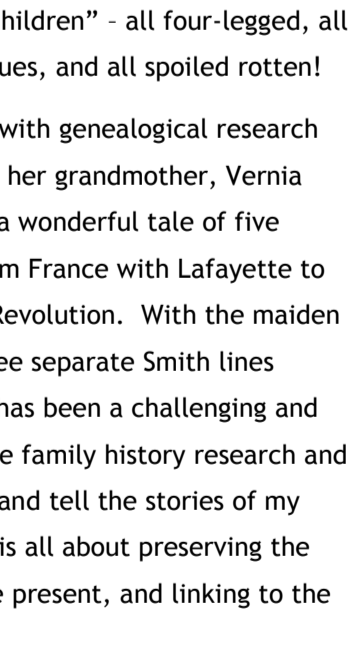
Okay, I admit I'm hooked on the *Sharp County Record* newspaper. It's my soap opera. I started with the first issue, published in 1877, and have abstracted it through 1919. I've followed these folks through the years, sharing their ups and downs, fortune and misfortune. I got all choked up when Monroe Parsley died and one of his former comrades-in-arms the Lord told about him playing "Granny Will Your Dog Bite" as they marched into the battle of Shiloh. In 1918, I watched the young men of the county go off to the Great War, and in 1919, most of them came home. I'm started on 1920 now. Cotton prices are up, banks are prospering, new cars are selling, but the roads are awful. Depending upon the weather, roads in Arkansas were bad, worse, or impassable.

My new book is titled, *Abstracts from the Sharp County Record Newspaper, Published in Evening Shade, Arkansas, 1919*. It's supposed like all the rest, 123 pages, \$23 shipping. I've posted the index to it, of course. [Details about this one](#) and 400 others are on my [website](#).

An Interesting Rumor

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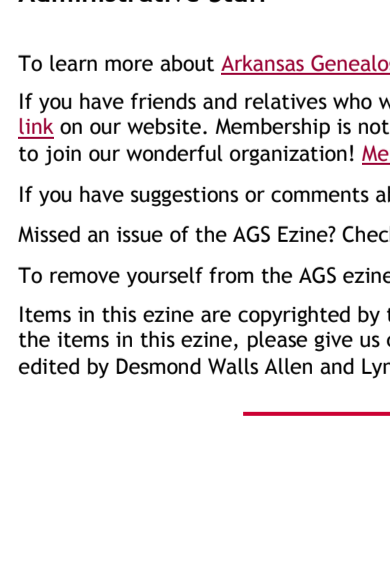
My grandmother, Mae Dunavon Williams, had a great method for finding out what you want to know. "Ask," she said. So when I wanted to know when we'd see a new edition of the *Historical Report of the Secretary of State*, I asked a friend at the Secretary of State's office and he directed to me David Ware, the latest editor of that great resource to book. David said, yes, he's about to complete it and send it off to be published, but he's waiting until after the November elections to make it as up-to-date as possible. So stay tuned, and we'll let you know as soon as we get some information about ordering the book.



For those of you who haven't seen an older edition of the book, it's filled with historical rosters of all our elected state and county officials, as well as general information about state government.

We're looking forward to the new one!

Meet Our Board Members: Jerrie Townsend



Jerrie Townsend

Jerrie Townsend is the Library Director for Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas with responsibilities for the libraries of the three campuses located in Helena, Stuttgart, and DeWitt. In addition to serving on the AGS Board of Directors, she is currently Chapter Regent for Arkansas Post Chapter, NSDAR; secretary for the Grand Prairie Genealogical Society; librarian and member of the Administrative Board, First United Methodist Church, Stuttgart; and Vice President/ President Elect for the Arkansas Library Association.

Townsend has three "children" - all four-legged, all white poodles, all rescues, and all spoiled rotten!

She has been involved with genealogical research since about 1978 when her grandmother, Vernia Mayhue Jones, shared a wonderful tale of five brothers who came from France with Lafayette to fight in the American Revolution. With the maiden name of Jones and three separate Smith lines already discovered, it has been a challenging and unending quest. "I love family history research and the chance to explore and tell the stories of my ancestors. Genealogy is all about preserving the past, learning from the present, and linking to the future."

Editor's Notes

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