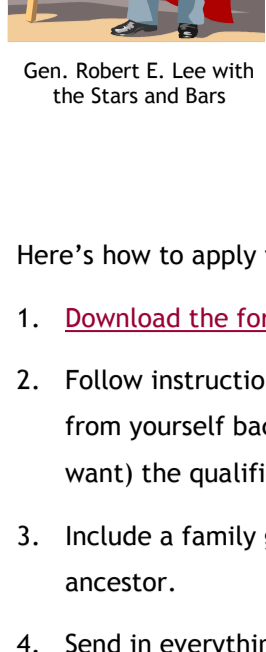




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New! Arkansas Civil War Ancestry Certificate from AGS



Gen. Robert E. Lee with the Stars and Bars

You're eligible for an Arkansas Civil War Ancestry Certificate if you're descended from someone who:

- Served in an Arkansas Confederate or Union regiment
- Was a resident of Arkansas and received either a Confederate or Union pension.

Here's how to apply for your certificate:

- Download the form.
- Follow instructions and document your lineage from yourself backward to (and beyond if you want) the qualified ancestor.
- Include a family group sheet for the qualified ancestor.
- Send in everything required along with a check for \$10.00.

You'll receive a certificate you can display in your office or reproduce in the family history book you're about to write (you *are* about to write one, aren't you?). And even more important, the information you submit will ensure that your research will have a secure future.

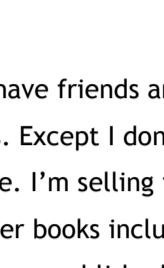
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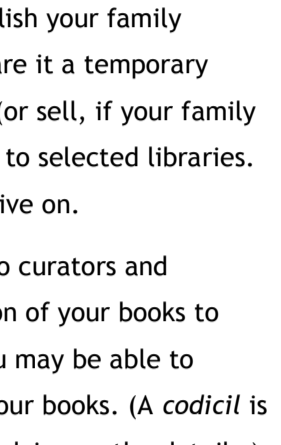
Simplify your Christmas shopping: AGS Membership makes a great gift for those hard-to-buy-for folks on your list.



What Will Happen to Your Genealogy Materials?

Desmond Walls Allen

This is a two-hankie, sad story. A long-time genealogist from here in Conway died this past summer. She'd collected materials, books, and information about her family lines for three decades. She had a large home and plenty of room for bookshelves, file cabinets, and her computer. She traveled all over, even to Europe, in search of her folks. Genealogy was her passion. But she never got around to compiling her family history. And she failed to set up a plan for her genealogy collection after her death.



So what happened? The usual: her five children had to sell her home and dispose of its contents. Their homes were already filled with possessions and they had little room for more. So they called an auction service and said "sell it all." There's not much of a market for file cabinets filled with dead relatives (with the advent of the "paperless" office, there's not much of a market for *empty* file cabinets). So all her files went into boxes and became a disorganized mess. Her valuable genealogy books also went into boxes.

Because my cousin was the auctioneer in the matter (it pays to have friends and relatives in low places), I was able to salvage the boxes of books. Except I don't have room for them either, and most weren't of special interest to me. I'm selling the ones with ISBNs on Amazon.com and the others on eBay.com. (Her books included a nine-volume set of *American State Papers, Land Grants and Claims*, published by Southern Historical Press. If you're interested in it or Mississippi, Alabama, and Georgia books, [e-mail me](#) for a list.) Her files went into the Dumpster at the auction house.

Could this happen to you? You bet. What can you do? First, publish your family history. We know it isn't finished, but choose a place and declare it a temporary stopping point and write a portion of your family history. Give (or sell, if your family isn't like mine) printed copies to all your relatives. Give copies to selected libraries. Distributing printed books is the sure way to let your research live on.

Make arrangements in your will for your book collection. Talk to curators and librarians in advance of your demise about whether the donation of your books to their institutions is a viable idea. If you already have a will, you may be able to simply add a "codicil" to it, directing what's to be done with your books. (A *codicil* is an attachment or an amendment to an existing will. Get legal advice on the details.)

If you've posted your family history on websites, make sure friends and family members have details about the URLs and passwords as well as payment information.

Plan ahead, folks; no one gets off the planet alive.

Columbia County Library: A New Home

Laura J. Cleveland MLIS, Director, Columbia County Library



The Columbia County Library in Magnolia is eagerly cleaning house. In preparation for a move to a newly renovated building, we are looking in long neglected nooks and crannies for items to be packed, updated or sold. The present library, located at 220 East Main in Magnolia, originally housed a U.S. Post Office. Built in 1936, the foundation of the post office was literally dug by mules! In 1967, the building was deeded to the Columbia County Library by a process so circuitous that I do not believe it could be duplicated today. While this building would likely withstand the direct onslaught of Mother Nature at her most furious, it was not built to accommodate the demands of The Information Age.

This library was blessed, too, with a very long-term librarian. Mrs. Florene Jordan Bradley was known from Louisiana to Canada for her work in coalescing counties and sowing rural libraries. She amalgamated libraries in four counties, creating the Columbia-Lafayette-Ouachita-Calhoun Regional system. Mrs. Bradley was known to be formidable in her defense of libraries and she served South Arkansas and its citizens for nearly 50 years. Because of her longevity, local folks gave her important historical items from this area. During our recent closet cleaning, we have come upon the original surveys, circa 1820 and written on silk, of the very northernmost reaches of what would become Columbia County in 1852. In addition, we found the original, leather-bound general store ledger for Magnolia 1867-1869.

In Spring 2009, we anticipate moving into our bright, new building. To tell the truth, there is sadness in departing this building, so lovingly hard-won. However, I expect Mrs. Bradley's specter to go along with us. I know she will be happy when we finally finish out the Historical Room and she can rest in her memorial rose garden.

FGS/AGS Conference News: More sneak peaks at lectures

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

By now, you have your 2009 calendar and have highlighted September 2-5 for the FGS/AGS Conference in Little Rock. The theme is "Passages Through Time" and dedicated conference goers will tell you that the conference will be here in what will be a quick



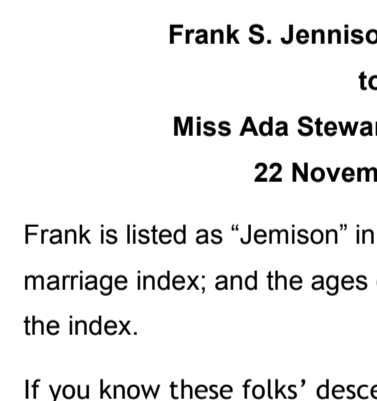
passage through time. Conference registration will go live online in January. The full program details will be online before that. Can't wait? We can't do anything about that as even the minutest details must be taken care of and checked and rechecked. How about a few specific lecture details to whet your appetite?

In no particular order, the lectures include an overview of resources at the Arkansas History Commission, substitutes for vital records, Library of Congress resources, transcribing and abstracting documents, research in government documents, War of 1812, records of ministers, Louisiana State Archives, DNA uses in genealogy, school records, WorldCat, records of the territorial south, slave research, African-American homesteaders, courthouse research, enlisted Army men, several basic genealogy topics, Scots Irish research, river captains and crews, Arkansas confederate pensions, Dawes rolls, and, and, and . . . for the rest, we will tell you when the program and other details are posted online.

What should you do now? It's time to make your hotel reservations! Jan Davenport, conference chair, reports that a lot of people have already made their hotel reservations for next September. [Click here](#) for hotel details.

Another New Book from Arkansas Research, Inc.

Desmond Walls Allen



Last month's new book was *Abstracts from the Sharp County Record Newspaper, Published in Evening Shade, Arkansas, 1919*. This month, it's the same title for 1920. It's an election year; everyone and his brother-in-law ran for office. The exodus to Oklahoma and Texas continued. Cotton prices took a tumble; the Bank of Smithville was held up in a daring, daylight robbery; and another round of influenza in the spring took a toll on young adults. Evening Shade had 13 automobiles, and one of the Kellett boys built an airplane.

The book is softbound like all the rest, 133 pages, \$23 plus shipping. I've posted the index to it, of course. [Details about this one](#) and 400 others are on my [website](#).

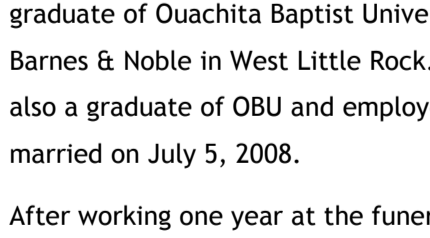
It's a Mystery: Do you Know this Boy?

Jan Hearn Davenport

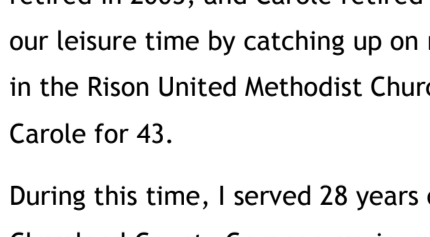
This charcoal drawing is among many pictures I inherited from my mother and aunt. I don't have a clue who the subject is, but this little boy intrigues me. Written on the back of the drawing is "Bill Whigham (charcoal) by Georgeanne Billingham." I hope someone can help me find the right home for this precious little guy.



December Legacies & Lunch: Learn About the History of the Arkansas State Police



It's time for Legacies & Lunch at The Butler Center for Arkansas Studies on Wednesday, December 3, Noon - 1 p. m., at the Darragh Center - Main Library (100 S. Rock St.)



Michael Lindsey, author of *The Big Hat Law: Arkansas and Its State Police, 1935-2000*, is the Butler Center for Arkansas Studies' featured Legacies & Lunch speaker. The Big Hat Law details the struggle to establish the Arkansas State Police in 1935 through the department's trials, tribulations, expansions, and contractions over the next sixty-five years. Join Lindsey as he discusses his research and findings on the early Arkansas State Police.

The Big Hat Law, which was published by Butler Center Books, will be available for purchase, and the author will be signing copies after the lecture.

Bring a sack lunch; drinks and dessert provided. This event is free and open to the public. For more information call 501-918-3049 or email [Kathryn Heller](#).

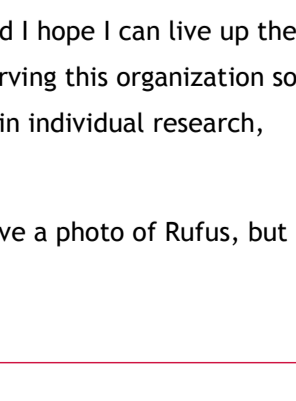
"If the library parking lot is full upon your arrival, paid parking is available for a modest fee in the River Market parking garage located across Commerce St.

[\[Here's a map of the area.\]](#)

Marriage Certificate Needs a Home

Desmond Walls Allen

Eileen Chamberlin of Tigard, Oregon, found an Arkansas marriage certificate several years ago when she visited a pawn shop. She took it home but had no luck finding descendants to give it to. It surfaced in her genealogy materials lately and she asked me if I'd pass along the particulars to you all:



Frank S. Jennison of Little Rock
to
Miss Ada Stewart of Little Rock
22 November 1873

Frank is listed as "Jemison" in the Pulaski County marriage index; and the ages of the couple aren't listed in the index.

If you know these folks' descendants, [e-mail me](#) ([Desmond](#)) and I'll see that this certificate makes it way to them.

Old State House Museum Newsletter Now Online

Columns, the Newsletter of the Old State House Museum, is now available online! Issued quarterly, the newsletter is filled with information on Old State House activities, exhibits, new acquisitions, and special events.



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Meet Our AGS Board Members: Rufus Buie

I was born Feb. 9, 1941, in Little Rock, Ark., a son of Rufus and Ruth Marks Buie of Rison, Cleveland Co., Ark., where I have lived my entire life except for the time I spent in college and in the army. I graduated from Rison High School in 1959, from Henderson State Teachers College in January 1964, with a BSE degree, entered the army as a 2nd Lieutenant and served as an instructor at the Army Adjutant General School, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, Ind., for one year. After my father's death in 1965, I returned home to operate the Buie Funeral Homes located in Rison, Sheridan, and Star City. I was a partner with my mother and brother until her death in 1996 and with my brother until 2002 at which time we sold the business.

Carole S. Doty, of Pine Bluff, and I were married Oct. 4, 1964, and we are the proud parents of two sons: Rufus T. (Tee) Buie, III, of DeWitt, a graduate of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, and the UALR School of Law, who is a law partner with Christina Boyd in the Boyd and Buie Law Firm at DeWitt; and Brent M. Buie, a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, who is presently employed at Barnes & Noble in West Little Rock. Brent and Cara Beth Walker of Minden, Louisiana, also a graduate of OBU and employed by the Arkansas Baptist Convention, were married on July 5, 2008.

After working one year at the funeral home during the transition of ownership, I retired in 2003, and Carole retired after 30 years of teaching in 2006. We are enjoying our leisure time by catching up on reading, genealogy, family time and participation in the Rison United Methodist Church, where I have been a member for 55 years and Carole for 43.

During this time, I served 28 years on the Rison City Council, over 20 years as Cleveland County Coroner, various civic organizations, several years as president of the Cleveland County Historical and Genealogical Society, of which I am now vice-president. I am also a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason.

My interest in genealogy started as early as the 6th grade when I received my first book on my family's history. The book, *MARKS - BARNETT FAMILIES AND THEIR KIN* by MARION DEWOODY PETTIGREW, printed in 1939, was a gift from my mother to me for my elementary school graduation. This was the beginning of a life time of research and love of my family and the heritage that has been passed down to me and my children.

For those interested, my family research includes the families of:

- My dad's family; Buie, Norton, Eaves, Glover, Nichols, Courtney, Gibson, Martin, etc.
- My mother's family; Marks, Attwood, Barnett, Tolefree, Meriwether, Tompkins, Finch, Hudson, Powell, Clarke, etc.

I have done much research on my wife, Carole's, family:

- Her dad's family; Doty, Wright, Henley, Howard, etc.
- Her mother's family; Chesney, Pearson, Jones, Smith, etc.

It is truly an honor to be asked to serve on the AGS Board, and I hope I can live up to the expectations and examples set by those who are presently serving this organization so well. If I can be useful to the organization in any capacity or in individual research, please let me know.

[Editor's Note: Due to some computer problems, we don't have a photo of Rufus, but let me assure you he's perfectly delightful. — DWA]

Editor's Notes

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