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Jump-Start Your Brain: Sign Up For A Class

Desmond Walls Allen

It's time to rekindle your passion for genealogy! If you're in the central Arkansas area, I'm teaching two classes at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway this spring and either (or both) will help you build some enthusiasm for your family history research. It's time to get out from in front of your computer monitor (take a look; you're there now) and interact with real people who share your love of this marvelous hobby.

Preserving Your Family Papers, Photos and Heirlooms

This workshop focuses on prioritizing your possessions then safely displaying, storing, and passing on your valuables. Whether it's your paper records, precious photos, or heirlooms (my grandmother gave me brown eyes and an iron skillet, but you may have received more from your folks), we'll come up with a plan. We're going to avert disasters and make to-do lists. This isn't abstract theory about cleaning old documents, it's an in-your-face challenge to get your genealogy stuff in dying condition.

The class meets all day Saturday, March 7, from 9:45 a.m. until 3 p.m. and includes a box lunch. Cost is \$65, or \$45 if you're over 60 and willing to admit it.

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New Book from Arkansas Research, Inc.

Cathy Barnes has just completed another volume in her series of indexes to the Arkansas Gazette. The newest volume is for the first half of 1902:

Index to The Arkansas Gazette, January through June, 1902

92 pages, softbound, \$21.00 plus \$7.00 shipping
(and Ark. sales tax for Ark. residents)

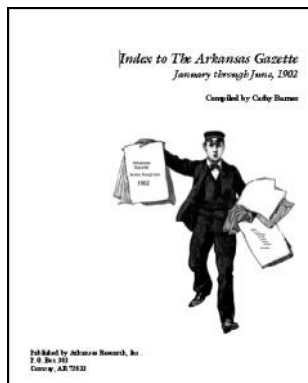
Order from Arkansas Research, Inc., PO Box 303, Conway AR 72033

or online at www.ArkansasResearch.com

[Take a look at the book's index!](#)



Cathy Barnes



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Discovering Your Family History

This class meets once a week for six weeks at UCA on Wednesday evenings, 6:30 to 8:30, from February 18 through March 25. We learn about census by following a family back through those records and we talk about how to lay hands on those valuable county records you need. We examine other sources and learn how to listen to what the documents are telling us. The pace is fast, fun-filled, and friendly. The cost of the class is \$90, or \$65 for those over 60.

To learn more about these and dozens of other classes offered through UCA's continuing education program, visit www.uca.edu/aoep/communityed. Sign up by calling 501/852-2598. If you have questions about the content of the classes, e-mail me, Desmond.

Are you outside central Arkansas (or off in the wilderness of Oregon)? Investigate your local colleges' non-credit classes. Or check with your libraries and genealogical societies. There's nothing like learning new research techniques to help jump-start your brain.

FGS/AGS Conference News: The Countdown Has Begun!

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



The new year is already a month old. Seven more months and family history researchers and others interested in family history and related subjects will be arriving in Arkansas for the 2009 conference. They have checked the conference program online www.fgsconference.org, made hotel reservations, worked on the decision to fly or drive, and many are now registering for the conference. Some are coming a few days early or staying after for research and being a tourist. We have already heard about some societies bringing a busload of folks to the conference and others who are doing some car pooling. Smart folks! The conference special hotel rates are good from August 29 - September 9. The conference dates are September 2-5. Labor Day is not until September 7th this year. After the conference, branch out to travel around Arkansas and the surrounding states for research and some good ol' fashioned tourism. My itinerary is updated frequently and I may need a month to see and do all that Arkansas has to offer. If you live in Arkansas, please feel free to email me any tips about research libraries, archives, and courthouses and some must-see sites. I will never forget my first trip into northwestern Arkansas about 25 years ago. The beauty was so amazing it was etched into my mind.

Never been to a national level genealogical conference before? Once you attend you will be hooked! The conference blog www.fgsconferenceblog.org will contain tips for first time registrants during those upcoming seven months in addition to posts about speakers, lectures, vendors, meal events, and sooooo much more. When you visit the conference website www.fgsconference.org be sure to investigate all the details included under each of those buttons on the left side of your screen. Check back every so often to see what gets added. July 2, 2009 is a magic date. Register on or by that date and save \$50.00 off the full registration cost.

Be a part of an exciting, educational, inspiring, & historic genealogy conference!

2-5 September 2009, Little Rock, Arkansas

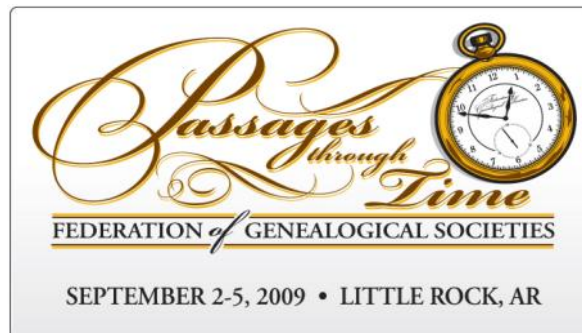
The Federation of Genealogical Societies invites you to its annual Conference for the Nation's Genealogists. Our 2009 host, the Arkansas Genealogical Society joins FGS in welcoming you to Little Rock as we celebrate "Passages Through Time."

Why should you make plans to be there?

- More than 160 educational presentations with well-known speakers from all over the U.S.
- Lectures that appeal to beginning, intermediate and experienced genealogists
- Sessions for professional genealogists
- A large exhibit hall with exhibitors and vendors
- Vendors loaded with genealogy and history books, magazines, databases, software, maps, CDs, magazines, journals, and more
- The host hotels, the Peabody and the DoubleTree Hotel, are wonderful
- The Statehouse Convention Center is connected to the Peabody Little Rock
- Shopping, historic sites, libraries, and more in the city
- Daily meal functions with exciting speakers and time for networking
- It's easy to drive to Little Rock on several highways and Interstates
- **AND** You save \$50.00 off the full registration price if you register by June 2, 2009

To learn more...

- ✓ Check the FGS Conference Website at www.FGSConference.org
- ✓ View the continually expanded Conference Blog at www.FGSConferenceBlog.org
- ✓ Check the many topics and speakers at www.FGSConference.org
- ✓ Visit the Arkansas Genealogical Society at www.AGSGenealogy.org
- ✓ See the Statehouse Convention Center layout at www.littlerockmeetings.com
- ✓ See more about the Peabody Hotel www.peabodylittlerock.com
- ✓ See more about the DoubleTree Hotel at www.doubletree.com
- ✓ Check out the Trolley System at www.cat.org/rrail
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See you in September!

Meet Our AGS Board Members: Linda Schuetts Fischer

My name is [Linda Schuetts Fischer](#). I was born on a farm east of Stuttgart to Robert and Clara Schroeder Schuetts. I have lived all my life in Stuttgart except for a five year period when my husband's job took us to DeWitt in the south end of the county.

I have worked for 22 years for Farmers Protective Insurance Company here in Stuttgart. It is a small farm mutual insurance company. I have been general manager since 2005. I have been married for 40 years to Robert Fischer and we have three children and four grandchildren. One grandson has lived with us since he was ten months old. He is now almost seven and makes our lives quite interesting.

I am currently serving as president of the [Grand Prairie Genealogy Society](#) here in Stuttgart. I am vice president of the school board for Holy Rosary Catholic School, belong to PTO for the school and am active in the Altar Society. I also serve on the board for the Art Center of the Grand Prairie and I am a member of GFWC Southland Woman's Club. I am an avid bridge player.

I have been interested in genealogy since 1997. I had just gotten started in genealogy when my youngest son came home from college and found a long lost cousin on the internet. I have been hooked ever since!!

My family research includes: Schuetts, Broadbent, Felton, Jonas, Lartz, Winter, Hopkinson, Kuhlmann, Otte, Voerster/Veorster and Kaufmann. Some of my husband's family that I have researched are: Fischer, Kuhlmeier, Miller and Blohm.

I have only been on the AGS Board since October 2008 but I do consider it an honor. I am looking forward to working with all the board members. I think that the upcoming FGS national conference is a wonderful opportunity for all genealogists in this area!!



Linda Schuetts Fischer

New Book: World War II Veterans of Cleveland County, Arkansas

World War II Veterans of Cleveland County Arkansas, a new book of 310 pages, with over 1,700 veterans and 200 photos, has been compiled by the Cleveland County Historical and Genealogical Society following a two-year effort and is presently at the publisher.

Society members interviewed all living area veterans who were willing to talk to them. In addition, 1941-1947 county and area newspapers were searched for veteran information and numerous families shared records of their veterans.

Individual entries range from one sentence to over five pages. When possible, these entries include the veteran's full name, his/her parents, birth dates, spouses, war records and photos.

The pre-publication price is \$45.00 (tax included) plus \$10.00 shipping and handling. After publication, the price will be \$55.00 plus \$10.00 S/H. If you live in the Cleveland County area, you may wish to pick up your book at the Cleveland County Library during regular library hours. We'll notify you when the books have been published.

To reserve your copy, make your check payable to Cleveland County Historical and Genealogical Society or "CCHGS" and mail to Hershel S. Garner, PO Box 514, Rison, Arkansas 71665, at the Cleveland County Library in Rison or contact [Louise Mitchell](mailto:Louise.Mitchell@ccgs.org) (870-348-5544), 3530 Hwy 189 S at Kingsland, AR 71652.

[Editor's Note: Isn't this a wonderful idea? Other groups in Arkansas are putting together similar volumes. If your group hasn't started yet, better get busy. The ranks of our remaining World War II soldiers are thinning. Let's preserve and honor them while we can.]



Mystery Photo! Do you have suggestions?



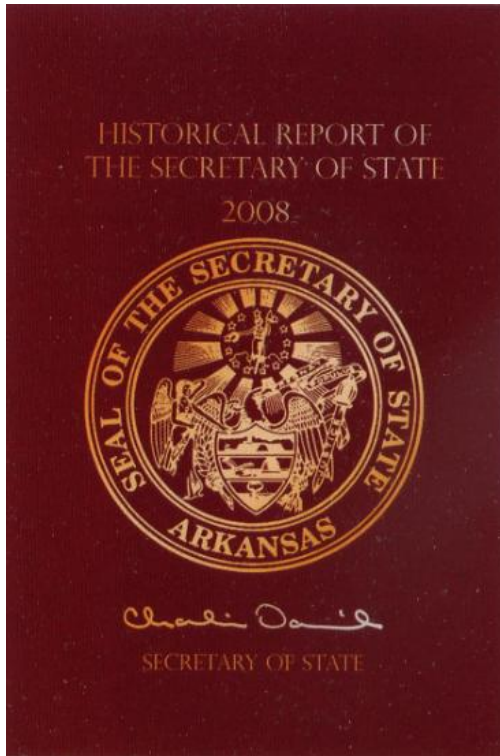
Do you know these folks? We don't either. Please help!

All of us know the frustration of having an unidentified photo turn up in an inherited box or album of family pictures. Here's one from [Cathy Sissons](#) who says, "The photo of the woman and boy was from the albums of my grandmother, Susie (Dobbs) Creameans. The only identifier are the words on the back of the photo: 'Taken in 1821.' As far as I know, it's the only one of its kind. Even my grandmother had forgotten who the subjects were. I remember asking her who was in the picture when I was a kid and she said she couldn't remember if the photo was from her side of the family or my grandfather's. If it was from her side of the family, it could be Dobbs from NC, IL or AR, or Gittings from KY, IL or AR. If was from my grandfather's side of the family, it could be Creameans (or one of its various spelling variations) from KY, MO or AR; Walker from IN, IL or AR; or Carr from TN, IN, IL or AR, or it might also be the Burton family from NC, KY or AR or Madison family from NC and AR. I've contacted other family members and no one has any idea who is in the photo or where it was taken."

Since photography hadn't even been invented in 1821, we're deeper into the mystery already. If you have suggestions for Cathy, e-mail her at csisson@alldial.net.



The Historical Report of the Arkansas Secretary of State 2008



New edition is FREE

Remember our rumor from a few e-zine issues ago about a new edition of *The Historical Report of the Arkansas Secretary of State 2008*? Well, it's almost ready for distribution. The Spring 2009 catalog for The University of Arkansas Press has a notice about the book. You'll love the price – it's **FREE**. Stop reading at this point and dial 479/575-3859 (UA Press) on business-day hours or click on the link below to have your name put on the list to receive a copy of the book when it's available.

I have older editions of this book and use them regularly. They're especially helpful when you need to know who the sheriff was in 1879 in Hempstead County and can't remember his name right off the top of your head.

The UA Press catalog says, "Published just once each decade by order of the General Assembly, this ready reference is a unique compendium of appointed and elected officials over the state's colonial and territorial periods as well as its 172-year history. Its comprehensive listings of county, state, and federal officials make it a must-have for historians, journalists, genealogists, and other researchers... This new edition includes, for the first time, an alphabetical index of state legislators. It also features a variety of historical photographs and has been substantially redesigned to create a more user-friendly reference tool." Or your money back.

Go here: <http://www.uapress.com/titles/sp09/historicalreport.html> to send an e-mail request for your copy of the book.

When you do lay hands on your copy, why not send a thank-you note to Charlie Daniels, State Capitol, RM 256, Little Rock, AR 72201.

Tip Sheet

20th Century Military Headgear

From Lisa Huelle, Dardanelle Middle School: “[The Wilson History & Research Center](#) is a charitable foundation set up to acquire and research 20th-century military headgear. It is based in Little Rock. The foundation has been around for about two years. They have just recently gotten a website. Thought some of you might be interested in this, there is some fascinating information there. They are continually looking for more pieces and information for their collection.” – If you have photos of soldiers, this site might help you identify their military units.



U.S. M-1917 of the 27th Infantry Division, AEF



Index Arkansas

From Russell P. Baker, Arkansas History Commission: “Check out [Index Arkansas](#) for an index to almost 100,000 entries on Arkansas history and historic personalities compiled by the University of Arkansas library since the 1930s. Entries can be checked by location or person’s name or even surname. However, this is only an index. It will give you the citation but not the actual article. That will need to be ordered from the University of Arkansas Library in Fayetteville or the Arkansas History Commission in Little Rock.”

Do YOU have an Arkansas-related research tip to share with others? Send it to DesmondWallsAllen@gmail.com!

Administrative Stuff

Contributions: If you have news for the Ezine, send it! DesmondWallsAllen@gmail.com –Thanks!

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