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## AGS has a New Address!

Stop now and grab your address books—Arkansas Genealogical Society has a new address. The post office department says there's a good chance our current branch post office will close so the AGS Board voted to move our mail box to another facility with a brighter future.

Old: AGS, PO Box 17653, Little Rock, AR 72222



**New: AGS, PO Box 26374,  
Little Rock, AR 72221**

Our website is the same:  
[www.agsgenealogy.org](http://www.agsgenealogy.org)

# AGS is On the Road Again—We're Headed for Stuttgart!

Jan Hearn Davenport

Arkansas Genealogical Society is taking the show on the road again! We've had a wonderfully positive response to our AGS Road Shows, so we're headed for Stuttgart this time! Save the date on your calendar:

**Saturday, March 13, 2010, 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

## **AGS Road Show in Stuttgart**

The event is co-sponsored by Arkansas Genealogical Society & Grand Prairie Genealogical Society. Bring your questions and ask our experts. Visit our vendors. Share your family history and photographs.

For information about reserving a table for your group, family, or business, contact Jan Davenport at [jhdavenport39@gmail.com](mailto:jhdavenport39@gmail.com).

We're meeting at Phillips County Community College, 2807 Hwy 165 South, Stuttgart, Arkansas. It's free! Come and spend a few minutes or all day with us.



## CEMETERY SYMPOSIUM set for November 7, 2009

James J. Johnston

Searcy County Historical Society is sponsoring a Cemetery Symposium Saturday, November 7, 2009 in Marshall, Arkansas. The four speakers will address Arkansas cemetery law, assistance and organization in preserving old cemeteries, problems in locating graves and grave location technology, especially using ground penetrating radar.

Planned to take place in the Petit Jean Electrical Co-op Building, 672 Airport Road, in Marshall, the speakers and program are:

- 9:30 -10:30 am—Arkansas Cemetery Law—George Butler, Washington County Attorney
- 11:00 - 12:00 am—Arkansas Cemetery Law, continued
- 12:00 - 1:00 pm Lunch break.
- 1:00 - 2:00 pm Bold Pilgrim: Cemetery Restoration Project, Dr Skip Stewart-Abernathy, Arkansas Archeological Survey
- 2:15 - 3:15 pm—Finding a Lost Grave and tips on "how to" using traditional discovery methods — Jerry Hilliard, Arkansas Archeological Survey
- 3:30 - 4:30 pm Ground Penetrating Radar and Other Tools — Jamie Lockhart, Arkansas Archeological survey



The speakers are experienced in their fields. The last time George Butler, who has vast experience with cemetery

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legal problems, spoke in Marshall on Arkansas Cemetery Law, questions lengthened a one-hour presentation into two hours. Dr. Stewart-Abernathy played a major role in saving and restoring an abandoned African-American cemetery in Pope County, using local organizations and federal/state grants. Jerry Hilliard was the Arkansas Archeological Survey's lead archeologist looking for lost graves on a to-be-developed site in Springdale, Arkansas. Jamie Lockhart is THE expert in Arkansas on technology to determine what is under the ground.

The above symposium will cost \$10 for all day or \$5 for half a day. Mr. Butler has prepared an abstract of Arkansas cemetery law and cases. This 78 page document is available at \$2 (printing cost) or a slightly larger version is available on line at: [www.ancestorfair.us](http://www.ancestorfair.us).

Seating is limited and although indications are that the topic is popular; we do not know how popular. Therefore, to ensure a seat one may send \$10 (or \$12 to include the Arkansas cemetery law abstract) or \$5 (half day) in check or money order to:

**James J Johnston  
Cemetery Symposium  
2333 N East Oaks Drive  
Fayetteville, AR 72703**

Please make checks/money orders payable to: Searcy County Historical Society. Please indicate the names of the people who will attend.

For further information or updates you may contact: James J Johnston, tel. 479/442-3691, email <[johnston@ipa.net](mailto:johnston@ipa.net)> or at the postal address above.

## Special, Limited-Time Sale: AGS Prior Birth Indexes, Volumes I and II

Rebecca Wilson

Overstocked !! Half-Price Sale !!

Arkansas Genealogical Society is offering only 30 copies of Arkansas Prior Birth Index Volumes 1 & 2 for \$30 each (regular price is \$60 each)

When completed, the Arkansas Prior Birth Index will index all Arkansas Birth Certificates issued beginning in 1942 to people born before February 1, 1914.

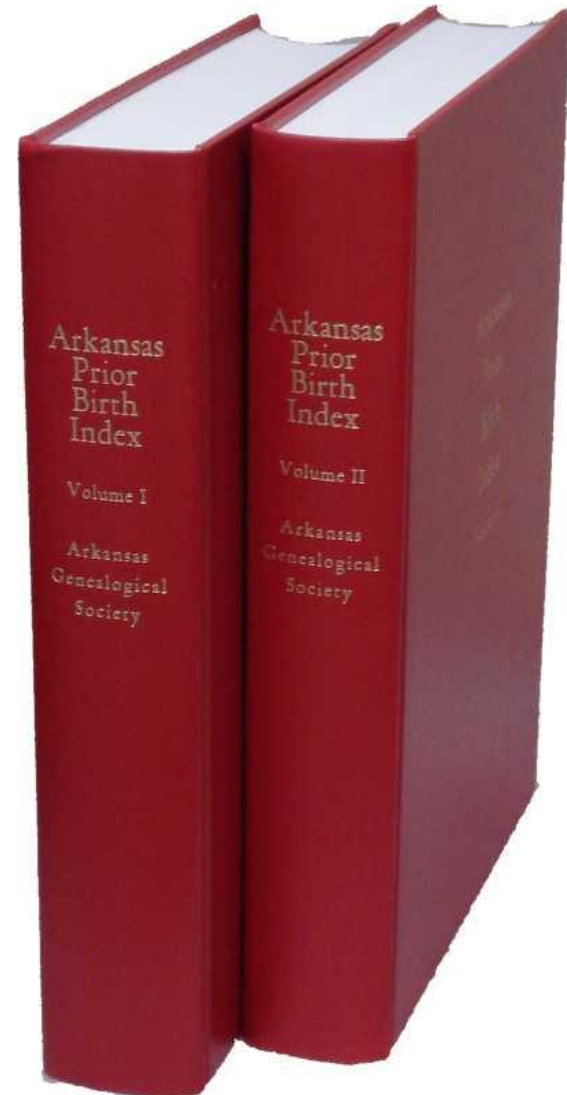
Volumes 1 & 2 index certificates filed in 1942 by people born before 1903. They include 54,000 names, with birth dates, counties of birth, mothers' names and information necessary to order a copy of the original certificate.

This is a very important resource for nineteenth and twentieth century Arkansas research. If you haven't started your Arkansas Prior Birth Index collection, this is a great way to start!

The Birth Certificates are still being indexed by volunteers from the Arkansas Genealogical Society.

Send orders to: Arkansas Genealogical Society, PO Box 26374, Little Rock, AR 72221-6374. Or e-mail: [Publications@agsgenealogy.org](mailto:Publications@agsgenealogy.org). Include \$12.50 for shipping for the order. Arkansas customers add local sales tax. Please include an e-mail address.

Only 30 copies of each book will be sold at this price!



# New! Directory of Arkansas Elected Officials

By Desmond Walls Allen

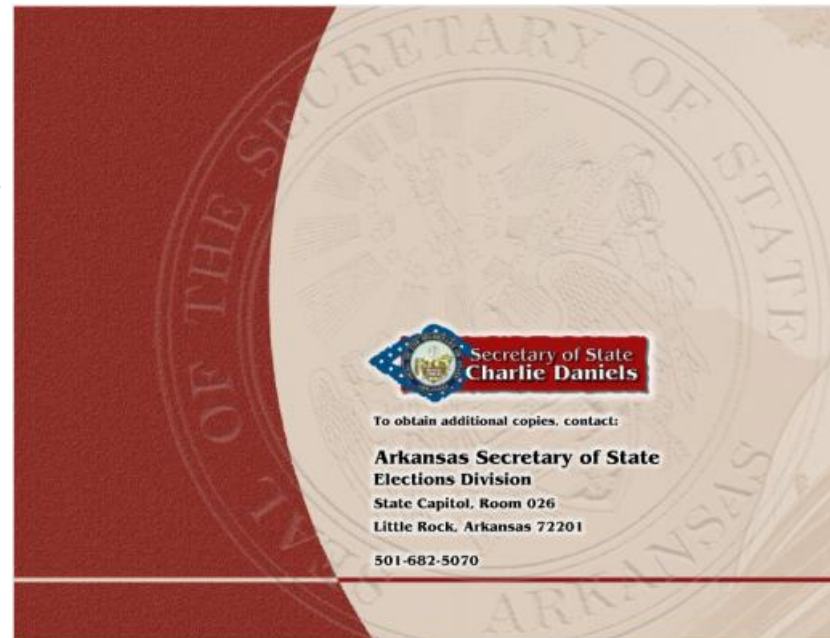
The latest edition of the *Directory of Arkansas Elected Officials* is now available from the Secretary of State's office. It provides contact information for all the state's federal, state, district, and county officials, as well as city mayors.

To order your printed copy, contact the SOS's Elections Division at 501/682-5070.

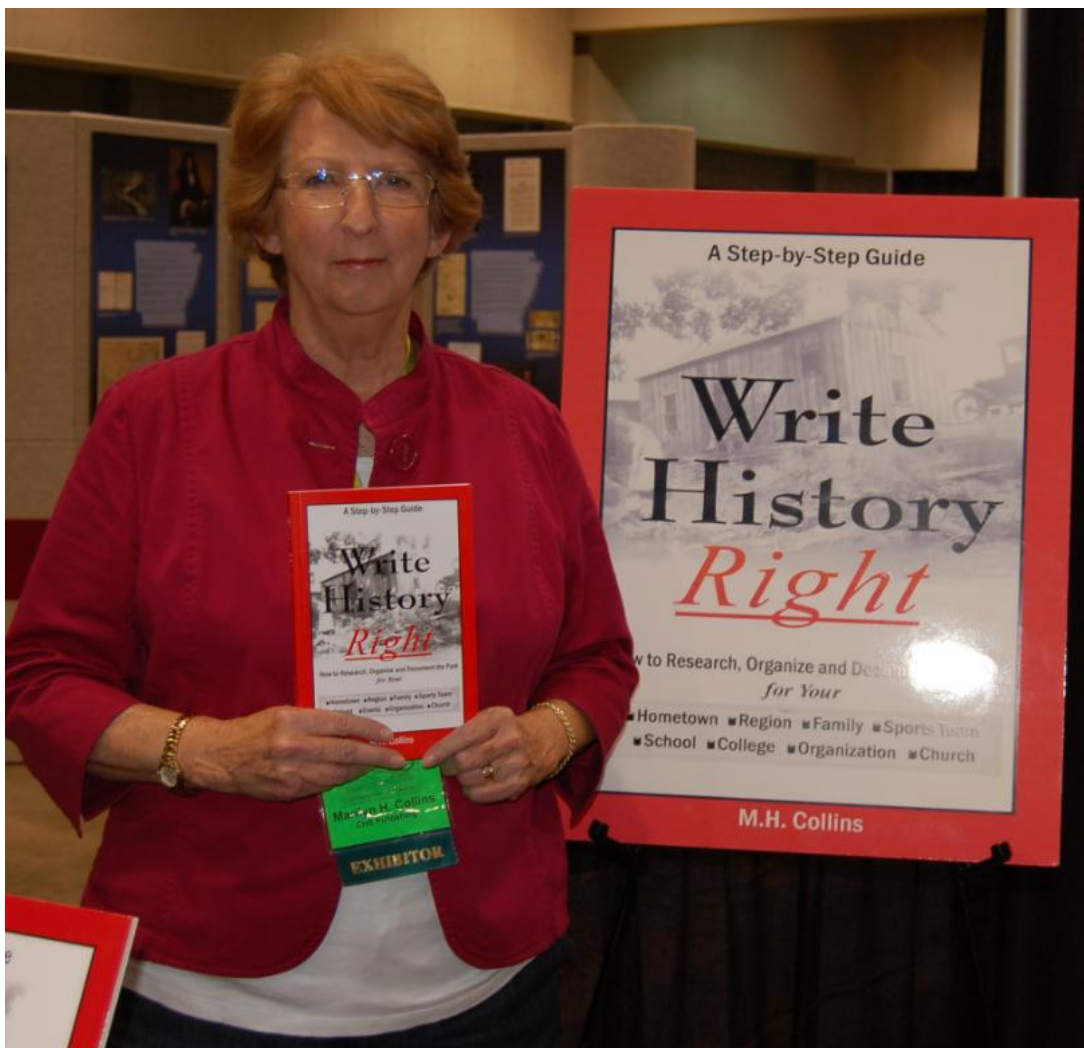
The publication is also available online in a new searchable format. Go to [www.sos.arkansas.gov](http://www.sos.arkansas.gov) and click on "publications" under the Elections tab. [\(Or click here.\)](#) When the window comes up, you can choose to download the 11 mb PDF file, or click on the word "Fullscreen" and use the document online without the download step.

Once there, bookmark the site in your Internet browser!

And why are you interested in this information? If you've ever driven to a courthouse with the misguided notion that because it's standard business hours the offices will be open and found the whole concern shut down for the county judge's mother's funeral, (or the Toad Suck parade, or a plumbing misadventure) you know why you should call before you leave home.



## Author M.H. Collins Publishes Guide to Writing History



Author Marilyn H. Collins at the FGS/AGS Conference in Little Rock

Pulling from her experience as an award-winning author and history enthusiasts, Marilyn H. Collins has created *Write History Right*, as step-by-step guide to planning, researching, and writing history. The guide is designed for both beginning historians and experienced writers who are interested in publishing or simply setting down the history of a family, school, church, or other local or regional interest.

*Write History Right* offers practical advice on planning a history book, developing a title, conducting interviews, building relationships with museum personnel and other historians, and working from a small office or on the road. *Write History Right* also covers historical research sources, organization of research data, seeking a publisher or self-publishing, and book promotion. The appendix offers essential

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resources such as sample forms, timelines, and checklists useful to all writers.

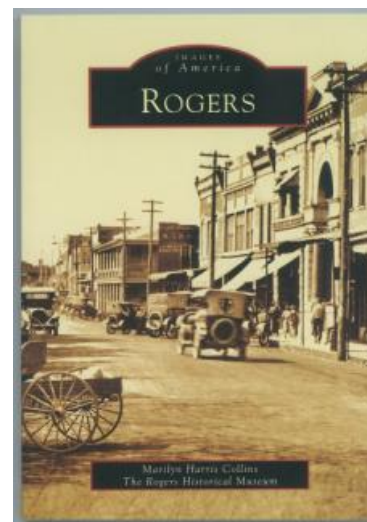
“I wrote this guide to help writers simplify the process and preserve moments in history that might otherwise never be recorded. Once a story is gone, people forgotten and pictures or mementos stored in the attic no longer identifiable—a part of history and the role it played in our lives is lost forever,” writes Collins in her introduction.

M.H. Collins is also author of three history books—*Rogers: The Town the Frisco Built*; *Rogers, Arkansas* (pictorial history), and *The Old Burying Ground, Beaufort, NC*—as well as over a hundred magazine and newspaper features. She has held executive positions with the American Association of University Women, Washington National Cathedral Association, and the Beaufort Historical Association. She owned Wilson Collins Marketing Consultants in Washington DC and currently owns CHS Publishing.

Collins leads workshops for groups at libraries, museums, historical and genealogical associations, and general writers’ groups. She may be contacted at [hswc1@cox.net](mailto:hswc1@cox.net) or [www.mhcollins.com](http://www.mhcollins.com).

Also by Marilyn Collins...

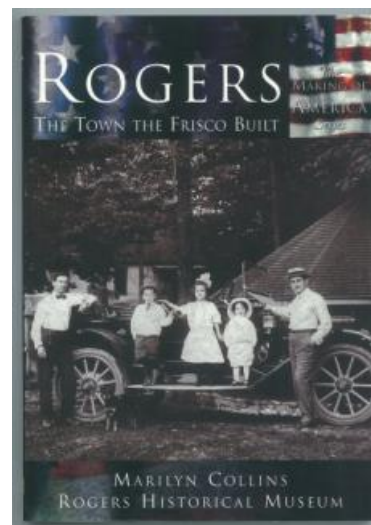
(Order online at [www.mhcollins.com](http://www.mhcollins.com))



#### **Rogers, Arkansas**

Winner of the Arkansas Press Women’s Book Award for nonfiction, this pictorial history of the town of Rogers shows the changes from a row of shops along a dirt street in the late 1880s to today’s thriving metropolis along Interstate 540.

\$19.95



#### **Rogers: The Town the Frisco Built**

This book plays a vital role in preserving the story of Rogers and in sharing it with newcomers, longtime residents, and visitors alike.

\$24.99

## New! Nevada County Cemeteries book by Betsy Mills



Betsy Mills with her new book, *Nevada County, Arkansas, Cemeteries*

Price: \$39.95 plus shipping

Betsy Mills' new book, *Nevada County, Arkansas, Cemeteries*, contains inventories for every known cemetery in Nevada County. During the 1950s and 1960s, the Prescott-Nevada County Chamber of Commerce became aware of the need for local history, information and especially burial records. The Chamber enlisted the assistance of the Nevada County Extension Home Maker Clubs, church groups, and interested citizens. Mrs. Scott Owen of Emmet, Arkansas, was chairman of the project. By 1970, the work was completed. Chamber personnel typed six copies of the original book. In 1979, chamber employees alphabetized the total list of names to form an index. In 1995, the Nevada County [Arkansas] Historical Society reprinted the records to assist people who are interested in researching and preserving the history of Nevada County, Arkansas.

Betsy has updated that reprint, adding information from *Hempstead and Nevada Counties, Arkansas Cemetery Transcriptions, Volume 1*, with the permission of John Calvin Head. Betsy also added information from her family files. "But," she says, "this is still not a complete work. Jerry and Jeanie McKelvy of Camden, Arkansas, are the premier researchers/recorders of cemetery records for Nevada County. Their records should be consulted to resolve any discrepancies between information in this book and previous works. Without the McKelvys' service and dedication to preserving the history of the county, my own family files would be sadly lacking." To order Betsy's book, visit <http://www.betsymills.com/books/nevada.htm> or e-mail Betsy at [betsym@1starnet.com](mailto:betsym@1starnet.com).

You will find additional research information regarding Nevada County, Arkansas at <http://www.argenweb.net/nevada/> and <http://www.pcfa.org/>.

## Doss Reed's Obituary

Those of you who are long-ago patrons of the Arkansas History Commission probably remember Doss Reed. She did professional research in addition to working on her own family lines. She died October 22, 2009, in Alabama.

From the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, October 26, 2009:



Doss Reed

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — Winnie Doss Brown Reed, 83, died Thursday at Crestwood Hospital in Huntsville, Ala. A longtime resident of Sweet Home, Ark., and recently of Greenbrier, Ark., she moved to Huntsville to be near her son. She received a BA from Ouachita Baptist University in 1948 and married Rev. James David Reed on Aug. 24, 1949. She was a full-time homemaker and worked as a professional genealogist. She is the daughter of the late Bedford and Iva Brown, born May 23, 1926, and is survived by her husband of 60 years; two sons; and five grandchildren. Her eldest son is David Doss Reed of Houghton, Mich., married to Beth Jones Reed with daughters Caroline, Kristen, and Michelle. Her youngest son is James Brown Reed of Harvest, Ala., married to Lisa Lavender Reed with daughter Eva and son Jacob. Burial will be at Pine Grove Cemetery in Sweet Home, Ark. following a 10 a.m. graveside service on Tuesday, Oct. 27. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, or the Pine Grove Baptist Church Scholarship Fund. Arrangements by Griffin Leggett Funeral Home, 1751 Dave Ward Dr., Conway, Ark. 72034, (501) 327-5000. Online guest registry is available at [www.griffinleggettconway.com](http://www.griffinleggettconway.com).

If you remember Doss, you might visit the funeral home's website and write a few lines for the guestbook.

# Lone Tree Cemetery Inventory Now Online

By Jerrie Jones Townsend

An inventory of Lone Tree Cemetery in Stuttgart, Arkansas, has been completed and is now available for searching on the Internet. For individuals buried there, you will see the information recorded on their tombstones as well as the location of the gravesite.

Clicking on the “camera” icon, will display a photograph of the corresponding tombstone, if it’s there.

The website address is: <http://www.arkansasgenealogy.com/lonetree/index.html>.

Our thanks to Jean Pollard and Marilyn Sickel (pictured below) for their hard work and dedication in making this resource available for Arkansas County researchers.



## 6th Annual Genealogy For You Seminar, Saturday, March 13, in Benton

Steve Perdue



J. Mark Lowe

From *Demuth Declaration*, publication of the David O. Demuth Room at the Saline County Library in Benton, edited by Steve Perdue:

The Saline County Library will host its sixth annual Genealogy-For-You Seminar on Saturday, March 13, in Benton. The speaker will be J. Mark Lowe.

J. Mark Lowe, is a fulltime professional genealogist, author, and lecturer who researches primarily in original records and manuscripts throughout the South. Mark has published articles in *APGQ*, *North Carolina Genealogical Society Quarterly*, *SPEAK!*, *The Long Hunter*, and other society publications. His weekly local history article appears in the *Robertson County Times*. As the Director of the Regional In-depth Genealogical Studies Alliance (RIGS Alliance), Mark developed and directed (with the RIGSA team) week-long interactive learning sessions and hands-on research focusing on original documents and manuscripts at regional archives in cooperation with the National Archives. He is also an instructor at IGHR (Institute for Genealogical & Historical Research - Samford Univ.) and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy - Utah Genealogical Association. He is a former officer and board member for the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS), past-president of the Association of Professional Genealogists, a Fellow of the Utah Genealogical Association and was awarded APG's Grahame T. Smallwood Jr. Award in 2007.

Call the library at 501/778-4766 to register for this event. The up-coming spring issue of *Demuth Declaration* will have Mark's topics and schedule for the day. Go here: <http://www.saline.lib.ar.us/web/Genealogy.html> and click on the "Arkansas Room Newsletter" link to bring up the most current issue of *Demuth Declaration*.

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