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### JOIN AGS

**If you are not currently a member, we invite you to join today.**

**If you are a member and have not renewed your AGS membership, it is time to do that.**

**AGS Membership Application**

**AGS Website**

<http://www.agsgenealogy.org/>

### AR Genealogy Road Show Coming Soon!

Make plans to join us at the Arkansas Genealogy Road Show which will take place Saturday, March 13, 2010. The event will be held at the Phillips Community College, 2807 Highway 165 South in Stuttgart, Arkansas. This will be co-sponsored by AGS and the Grand Prairie Genealogical Society. You will have an opportunity to ask questions of the experts, visit the genealogy vendors, share your family history and photographs and lots more. Genealogy societies and family associations will be represented as well as many vendors. Admission is free. If you wish to reserve tables you need to do so soon. These are first come-first serve. You can download a registration form at: [agsgenealogy.org](http://www.agsgenealogy.org).

#### **We Welcome New AGS Members**

Nancy Bartlett - Little Rock, AR  
Kathleen Cogbill Warr - Arlington, VA  
Germantown Regional History and Genealogy Center - Germantown, TN  
Nanette Testa - Schroon Lake, NY  
Margie Weatherford Hill - Pearcy, AR

# Arkansas Obits Blog

These days you find blogs for just about anything. Jan Davenport has been hard at work on her blogspot. Jan has begun posting a collection of Arkansas obituaries to her blogspot. Most of these obits are from Arkansas Baptist newspapers. These are posted in their entirety unless otherwise noted.

Visit her blog at:  
<http://jan-davenportblogspot.com/>

Very good work, Jan.

Check out this blog.

# **The 2010 Susie Pryor Award Competition**

The Arkansas Women's History Institute announces its call for the 2010 Susie Pryor Award submissions. The award is named in honor of Susie Hampton Newton Pryor - one of the first women to run for political office in Arkansas, community leader, mother, local historian and writer from Camden, Arkansas.

***The Susie Pryor Award in Arkansas Women's History offers a \$1,000 prize annually for the best unpublished essay on topics in Arkansas women's history.***

Manuscripts are judged on their contributions to knowledge of women in Arkansas's history, use of primary and secondary materials, and analytical and stylistic excellence. The winning paper may be published.

Deadline for submission is **February 15, 2010**.

The winner will be announced at the 2010 meeting of the Arkansas Historical Association in Jonesboro on April 15-17, 2010. For guidelines, submission forms and more information about the Susie Pryor Award, visit the Arkansas Women's History Institute website at [www.arkansaswomen.org](http://www.arkansaswomen.org) or contact:

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# Upcoming Events

**AGS Roadshow**  
March 13, 2010  
Stuttgart, Phillips Community College

Co-Sponsored by  
Arkansas Genealogical Society  
& Grand Prairie Genealogical Society

Reserve your tables now    Admission is free  
First come-First serve!

Download registration for at:  
agsgenealogy.org

**If you know of other events email the information to me at [ebeavers@suddenlink.net](mailto:ebeavers@suddenlink.net) for consideration for upcoming issues.**

**AGS Fall Seminar**

November 5 & 6, 2010  
Little Rock, Ar

Presented by Paula Stuart Warren

**North Arkansas Ancestor Fair**  
Saturday, June 5, 2010

Civic Center, Marshall, Arkansas.  
Sponsored by the  
Searcy County Historical Society  
More info to follow in future  
ezines.

**Butler Center Genealogy Seminar**

“The Genealogist’s Camera” presented  
by Desmond Walls Allen.

July 17, 2010  
Butler Center, Little Rock, AR

**Discovering Your Family History  
Genealogy Class**

March 17, 24, 31 and April 7, 14 and  
21 from 6:15 until 8:00 PM.

UCA, Conway, AR  
Presented by Desmond Walls Allen  
Register online at [www.uca.edu/  
outreach](http://www.uca.edu/outreach). Click on community edu-  
cation, then courses A to Z.  
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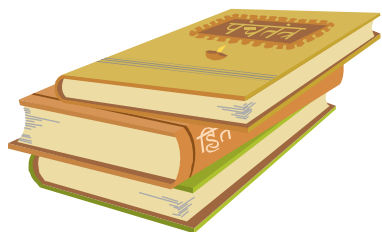


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# Little River County Genealogy Society New Officers

Officers for the Little River County Genealogy Society for 2010 were sworn in at their regular monthly meeting on January 12th at Cossatot Community College. LRCGS is a non-profit organization is open to anyone interested in genealogy. The group meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 PM in Ashdown at Cossatot Community College.

# Talbot Library & Museum Book Fair



March 12-13, 2010  
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Surplus Books for Sale  
500 S. Colcord Ave.  
Colcord, OK 74338

100's of old & new books  
Genealogy-Local History-Cherokee  
County & Family Histories (many states)  
Some books are one copy only  
Rare & Collectible

No Credit/Debit Cards accepted—Cash or check only!  
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Ed is the one who succeeded in forging the agreement between AGS and the Division of Vital Records that allowed AGS to index the Priors certificates and publish the index. Ed, Lynda Suffridge, Gloria Futrell and Susan Boyle were the first to learn how to do the indexing in July 1999. This group went together and were instructed. Since then they have made weekly trips there to index a volume of 200 certificates. Ed indexed for a while, but when his wife became ill he had to give it up so he could care for her. Without his low-key, polite, rational, and reasonable approach to the administrators at the Health Department, AGS never would have published seven huge volumes of 19th and early 20th century Arkansas birth information. Ed is the one that made it possible. He will be greatly missed in the genealogy community. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family

Louis Edward (Ed) Sanders, 81, of Searcy, died at home Jan. 1, 2010. Born to Louis Ritchie Sanders and Ethel Peterson Sanders in Camden, he was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Mary Evelyn Seale Sanders. He is survived by his sister and three children, 22 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Beginning his career as a mechanical engineer for the U.S. Navy and then as city engineer for Crossett, Ed became a minister of the gospel, preaching at congregations in Arkansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, and Texas. He spent many years in Christian education, training others to preach, serving on the faculties at Brown Trail School of Preaching and Preston Road School of Preaching before moving to Searcy to be director of the School of Biblical Studies at Harding University, where he was also a professor in the Bible department for 20 years. He and Evelyn led students on many mission trips around the world, serving as examples of servant living. For the past several years, Ed was a member of the West Side Church of Christ.

Ed had an intense interest in genealogy, serving as president of and on the board of directors of the Arkansas Genealogical Society, which recently included him in the AGS Hall of Fame, acknowledging his enormous influence on and patience with beginning genealogists.

Interment was in Chapel Hill Cemetery near Sparkman.

# May is Arkansas Heritage Month

**The 2010 Heritage Month theme will be:**  
“Roads Less Traveled: The Enduring Heritage of Rural Arkansas”

For more information about Heritage Month and how you can get involved, e-mail  
[info@arkansasheritage.com](mailto:info@arkansasheritage.com).



“The Department of Arkansas Heritage sets aside the month of May each year as a time for Arkansans to recognize and appreciate their heritage”