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If you are not a member,
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invitation to join AGS.

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If you are a member,
look at the back of your
Arkansas Family Historian.
Your membership expires
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your name.

It may be time to renew
your AGS membership dues!

The extreme heat and drought of this Arkansas summer has not put a damper on historical and genealogical events. They just keep coming. The History Commission is presenting a seminar in Powhatan and an Ancestor Fair will be held in Morrilton on August 4. On August 7 Jim Johnston will be speaking about *The Stresses of War in the Communities* in Yellville. A three-day conference concerning the Civil War west of the Mississippi will be held in Fayetteville on August 9-11. Also on August 11 our friends to the south in the Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association will be holding their seminar in Shreveport. There is definitely something near you. See the details on the following pages.

For the Arkansas Genealogical Society, things are ramping up for the special 50th Anniversary Fall Conference celebrating five decades of progress in genealogical research. The Friday evening program includes two speakers and a special event that everyone will enjoy. We look forward to hearing a special featured lecturer in the person of Barbara Renick on Saturday. She is well-known on the national genealogical circuit as a genealogically and technically astute speaker. The conference flyers are in the mail. Please plan on joining us and bringing a friend. Details are on page 5 here.

The Arkansas Prior Birth Index Vol. 10 has arrived from the bindery and these books plus the all-inclusive CD will be for sale at the fall conference, but are available now by mail order. Also available is the new CD of *The Arkansas Family Historian 1962-2011*. See p. 13 here for details. Go to www.agsgenealogy.org for ordering information.

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German Translation Help Offered

Do you have family letters in German or French that need translating? University of Arkansas faculty members are interested in learning more about Arkansas' immigrant heritage and will translate your letters for free in exchange for permission to include them in an archive for research (families may redact any letters/information they don't wish to include after translation).

Contact Dr. Kathleen Condray (condray@uark.edu) if interested.

Historic Oakland-Fraternal Cemeteries on Facebook

Historic Oakland-Fraternal Cemeteries invites you to join Facebook. From Facebook, you'll be able to connect with the Historic Oakland-Fraternal Cemeteries page, along with people you care about and other things that interest you. Historic Oakland-Fraternal Cemeteries is a collection of cemeteries, including National and Confederate cemeteries, on the eastern side of Little Rock.

Coming Events

August 4, 2012

Arkansas History Commission Seminar, 10 a.m., at the Male-Female Academy, Powhatan Historic Courthouse State Park, Powhatan, Arkansas; FREE admission; lunch provided with advance registration; email jane.hooker@arkansas.gov See p. 6 for details.

August 4, 2012

16th Annual Ancestor Fair will be held In the air conditioned Multi-Purpose Building at the Conway County Fair Grounds on Hwy 64 East in Morrilton, Arkansas. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Admission is FREE. There will be vendors and genealogists, hourly door prizes, and a snack bar. Mingling is encouraged. Come have fun, get educated, meet a relative, find an ancestor.

August 7, 2012

Civil War Chat with Jim Johnston, “The Stresses of War in the Communities”, Marion County Library, 5:30. 1-147 E. Old Main Street, Yellville, Arkansas. See pp. 7-8 for details.

August 9-11, 2012

An Empire in Extent—The Civil War West of the Mississippi, Fayetteville, University of Arkansas Global Campus facility, presented by the Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission and the National Park Service Midwest Region. Nationally known speakers, guided battlefield tours. \$25. For details and to register go to <http://www.arkansascivilwar150.com/symposium/> Conference hotel is the Holiday Inn Express and Suites at 1251 N. Shiloh Dr. in Fayetteville, with rooms available for \$77 per night. To make reservations, call (479) 444-6006.

Coming Events continued

August 11, 2012

Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association Seminar, Broadmoor United Methodist Church - Pearce Activity Hall
3715 Youree Drive, Shreveport, Louisiana; parking lot on Albany Avenue. Russell P. Baker will be speaking.

August 25, 2012

The Old State House Museum will host its annual Civil War seminar, entitled *A Divided Arkansas*, on Saturday, August 25, from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Doors will open at 9:00 am. Admission to the seminar is free but seating is limited; those wishing to attend should call (501) 324-8641 by Wednesday, August 22, to pre-register.

August 29-September 1, 2012

The Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference, Birmingham, Alabama, with local cohost Alabama Genealogical Society. For details go to <http://www.fgs.org/2012conference/index.php>

October 26-27

Arkansas Genealogical Society Fall Conference, Wyndham Hotel, #2 Riverfront Drive, North Little Rock, Arkansas. Friday registration will begin at 5:00 p.m. and the program will run until 9:15 including speaker Russell Baker, special feature "Who Are Your People, Craig O'Neill?", and speaker Greg Boyd from Arphax Publishing. Saturday registration opens 8:00 a.m., featured speaker Barbara Renick will speak on genealogy research using 21st century technology. \$50, includes box lunch on Saturday.

Arkansas Genealogical Society 50th Anniversary Fall Conference, 26 & 27 October

Plan to join in when the Arkansas Genealogical Society celebrates its 50th anniversary at its Fall Conference and Book Fair this year on Friday and Saturday, October 26 and 27. The title of the conference is *Moving into the Future—Looking Back at the Past*. The featured speaker on Saturday will be Barbara Renick, a nationally known genealogical lecturer, author, writer, and professional genealogist from California. Barbara's focus will be doing traditional research in the era of technology, and she will touch on computers, gadgets, database sites, online catalogs, and researching with 21st century technology in four lectures.

On Friday evening in “Who Are Your People, Craig O’Neill?” the local KATV Channel 11 anchorman’s family history will be explored. Be present to see what we found and how we found it. Much of it will be a surprise for the subject. Before Craig’s discoveries, Russell Baker will speak about *The Blue and the Gray*, and following Craig’s discoveries Greg Boyd will tell us about a new map service from Arphax Publishing.

Vendors and exhibitors will be available throughout the conference.

The conference will be held at the Wyndham Hotel at #2 Riverfront Drive, North Little Rock, Arkansas. The hours will be 5:00-9:15 p.m. Friday evening and 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday.

If you are a former AGS board member, please indicate that when you register for the conference. The current board of directors would like to recognize former board members during the annual meeting held during the conference.

The society is also accepting donations for the 50th Anniversary Celebration. Anybody who contributes \$10 with his registration will have his name in the Fall Conference syllabus on a page recognizing supporters.

Arkansas History Commission Seminar on 4 August 2012 in Powhatan, Arkansas

The Arkansas History Commission will be presenting a seminar on 4 August 2012, at the Male-Female Academy in Powhatan Historic Courthouse State Park. This free event is open to anyone wishing to learn more about researching the history of our state and nation. Additionally, the seminars presented by the State Archives are approved by the Arkansas Department of Education as a professional development opportunity for teachers of all grades.

The agenda for the seminar includes *News from NEARA: The Collections and Projects* by Lisa Perry, Archival Manager, NEARA; *The WPA in Arkansas: Resources at the State Archives* by Paula Taylor, Archivist, AHC; *Myths and Legends of the Trail of Tears in Arkansas* by Amanda Paige, Archival Technician, AHC; *In Remembrance: One Hundred Years of Arkansas Death Records* by Jo Blatti; and *Documenting Arkansas: The Civil War in Arkansas* by Wendy Richter, Director, AHC.

The seminar begins at 10 a.m. Lunch will be provided with advance registration.

Deadline for registration is August 1. To register, or for more information, email Jane Hooker at jane.hooker@arkansas.gov.

The National Park Service Presents Civil War Chats with James Johnston

August 7, 2012

Title: “The Stresses of War in the Communities”

Location: Marion County Library, 1-147 E Old Main Street, Yellville, Arkansas

Ph: (870) 449-6015

[www.http://marcolib.org/](http://marcolib.org/)

librarian@marcolib.org

Time: 5:30PM

Abstract: General Sterling Price’s fall 1864 raid into Missouri was the Confederacy’s last gasp in the Trans-Mississippi and it failed, leaving most of his north Arkansas troops to struggle home to a barren landscape. There was no law or order and guerrilla captains provided, and destroyed, the only security. There was only anarchy, and self-sufficiency, and revenge. When word of the Confederate armies’ surrender reached the Arkansas Ozarks, instructions also went out for Confederate soldiers to surrender and receive paroles at Dardanelle on the Arkansas River or Jacksonport on the White River. Some men sought revenge for harm done their families by neighbors. Others sought to forget the past and restore church, school and commercial relationships. In the next three or four years refugees felt out how they would be accepted and struggled back to their ruined homesteads. Others feared revenge for their Civil War actions and fled to Texas.

Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association Seminar

The Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association will present a seminar on 11 August 2012 in the Pearce Activity Hall at the Broadmoor United Methodist Church, 3715 Youree Drive, Shreveport, Louisiana. The featured speaker will be Russell P. Baker, retired senior archivist with the Arkansas History Commission and State Archives. He is currently president and a long-time board member of the Arkansas Genealogical Society.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. with the opening and introduction at 8:45 a.m. Lectures at 9:00, 10:30, 1:00, and 2:30 will include *So You Wantabee a Cherokee: Researching Native American Records*, *Camping in Canaan's Land: Researching Church Records*, *Forty Acres and a Mule: Searching in Land Entry Records*, and *Wanted Dead or Alive: Finding Southern Vital Records*.

The cost of the seminar is \$40.00 and includes lunch if registration is received by 6 August 2012. Seating is limited to 75 persons. For information call Jim Johnson at 318.746.1851 or email jjohnson747@suddenlink.net. Visit www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~laaltga or Google 'Ark La Tex Genealogy'

Old State House Museum Annual Civil War Seminar

The Old State House Museum will host its annual **Civil War seminar**, entitled *A Divided Arkansas*, on **Saturday, August 25**, from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Doors will open at 9:00 am. Admission to the seminar is free but seating is limited; those wishing to attend should call (501) 324-8641 by Wednesday, August 22, to pre-register. This seminar is sanctioned by the Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission.

Speakers and topics include:

Dr. Carl Moneyhon

A House Divided: Political Dissent in Confederate Arkansas, 1862 - A summary of the political situation in Arkansas (within the national context) at that time

Dr. William Shea

Fatal Ground: The War in Arkansas, 1862 - An overview of what happened in a year bookended by the battles at Pea Ridge and Prairie Grove

Dr. Daniel Sutherland

The 'Real' War Begins: The Origins of Guerrilla Warfare in Arkansas - The rise of guerrilla warfare in 1862 and the formation of the Union counter-guerrilla outfits

Fold3 Discount for National Genealogical Society Members

I recently received an offer from the National Genealogical Society, of which I am a member. The offer was for a discounted Fold3.com membership. Fold3, owned by Ancestry.com, contains a variety of original records from the National Archives and other institutions, including naturalization records, city directories, military service records, and Revolutionary War pension records. Recently the decision was made to focus increasingly on military records. Fold3 is currently working with the Federation of Genealogical Societies and the National Archives to digitize and thus preserve the War of 1812 Pensions. The offer the [National Genealogical Society](#) (NGS) recently announced is for NGS members to subscribe to Fold3 for \$39.95, half the normal price. In addition, Ancestry.com will then donate 30% of the sale back to NGS. To receive the discount, members should log into www.ngsgenealogy.org and then go to <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/fold3>

If you are not a member of the National Genealogical Society, I urge you to join, and then subscribe to Fold3. This is a win/win situation for genealogists. The *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* is arguably the best scholarly genealogical journal in terms of quality of research and education of its readers in methodology, use of records, and citation of sources. Every genealogist can learn a great deal from reading this excellent journal.

A Fold3 membership, especially at the reduced price, will reward you many times over. To be able to see and print the actual cards compiled from the mentions of your veteran in a variety of muster rolls, pay records, prisoner lists, and letters is a great treat. To be able to view and print the Bible records, marriage records, and letters from family members contained in your eighteenth-century veteran's pension record is equally exciting and illuminating.

Membership in either NGS or Fold3 is valuable to family historians, but membership in both, and at a discounted price, is a great advantage.

New Book and New Exhibit from State Archives

Documenting Arkansas: The Civil War 1861-1865, is a 138-page full color softcover book which contains over 200 documents from eighty different collections at the History Commission. During its 107 year existence the State Archives has actively collected materials from this crucial era in our nation and our state. Diaries written by soldiers and citizens; letters to mothers, fathers, wives, sweethearts, brothers, and sisters; military orders, newspaper accounts, photographs, broadsides, and even party invitations recount the day-to-day lives of people caught up in the most significant event in nineteenth century America. This volume uses these primary source materials to tell the story of the Civil War from an Arkansas perspective. The variety of items represents the breadth of the Commission's Civil War resources, while thousands more documents are available to researchers. The limited narrative accompanying the material provides just enough context to allow the documents to speak for themselves. The volume can be ordered [here](#); cost is \$29 plus shipping.

Fought in earnest: Civil War Arkansas, the companion traveling exhibit to *Documenting Arkansas* comprised of fifteen free-standing banners, chronicles major historical events in Arkansas between 1861 and 1865 in addition to the circumstances leading up to war. Images from Arkansas History Commission holdings, including original documents, photographs, maps, drawings, paintings, and artifacts, illustrate the story of the Civil War in Arkansas. These primary source materials offer a first-hand look at the lives of Confederate and Union soldiers, government officials, and civilians in Arkansas from 1861 to 1865. "*Fought in earnest*" was on display at Hot Springs National Park the first week of July. The exhibit is available to museums, libraries, archives, schools, historical societies, and other educational or cultural institutions at no cost. For more information and to schedule the exhibit in your institution, call the Arkansas History Commission at 501.682.6900 or e-mail state.archives@arkansas.gov.

This exhibit was produced (in part) by a grant from the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council, funded by the Arkansas Real Estate Transfer Tax.

New Mount Holly Cemetery Book

The Mount Holly Cemetery Burial Index Volume II (1993-2011) and Veterans Schedule has just been published. This new edition features the 433 Veterans interred at Mount Holly Cemetery, representing veterans from the Revolutionary War through Desert Storm. The book includes one Revolutionary War veteran, fifteen War of 1812 veterans, twenty-two Mexican War veterans, 189 Confederate Civil War veterans, fourteen Union Civil War veterans, twenty-three Spanish American War veterans, fifty WWI veterans, 107 WWII veterans, fifteen Korean War veterans, four Vietnam War veterans, and one Desert Storm veteran. This volume also contains non-veteran additions and corrections to Volume I.

Copies of the Mount Holly Burial Index Vol. II and Veterans Schedule may be obtained by mailing \$20.00 (includes postage) to:

Mount Holly Cemetery Association

PO Box 250118

Little Rock, AR 72225

Checks should be made payable to Mount Holly Cemetery Association. Please note Burial Index in the memo line of your check.

Volume I of the Burial Index is also available for \$20.00 or a discounted price of \$30.00 for both volumes. Both publications are available at Mount Holly Cemetery at 1200 So. Broadway, Little Rock, AR 72202.

New Publications from the Arkansas Genealogical Society

Arkansas Prior Birth Index Volume 10

Volume 10 of the Prior Birth Index continues the work of the Arkansas Genealogical Society in indexing the birth records of Arkansans born prior to 1 February 1914. This volume indexes records of births that occurred in the late nineteenth century and up through 1911. The original certificates contain a wealth of information of interest to genealogists and historians. As with the previous volumes, these records have not been published previously and none of the data in the volume set is duplicated. The births are indexed from the original certificates held by the Vital Records section of the Arkansas Health Department in Little Rock. The Health Department allows AGS to publish the index to all birth certificates that are 100 years old. The index includes the year of filing, binder number, volume number, and certificate number necessary to order a copy of the original certificate from Vital Records. This book is priced at \$80.00 + shipping. State and local sales tax must be added for Arkansas residents.

CD of Arkansas Prior Birth Index, Volumes 1-10

This CD contains the combined indexes of Volumes 1-10. It is searchable by birth name, mother's maiden name, and county. The index provides the year of filing, and binder, volume and certificate numbers necessary to order a copy of a certificate. The CD sells for \$15.00 + shipping. Arkansas residents must add state and local sales tax.

The Arkansas Family Historian – CD 1962-2011

In celebration of our 50th Anniversary, we have published on CD all issues of *The Arkansas Family Historian*, the quarterly journal of the Arkansas Genealogical Society, from our first 50 years. It is searchable using Adobe Reader and sells for \$15.00 + shipping. Arkansas residents must add state and local sales tax.

Go to www.agsgenealogy.org and click on Publications to download an order form.

Administrative Stuff

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