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It may be time to renew
your AGS membership dues!

Now that the middle of summer is here, trips to visit family - maybe even a family reunion - are upcoming for many (or may have already happened.) Summer is a time to visit, to eat summer food, to enjoy activities together (fish, golf, etc.), to eat summer food, to talk ... well, you get the idea. The genealogist in us will likely take the opportunity to gather information, scan a few photos, and hear some “family tales.” This is a great time to safeguard those stories before they are lost forever. Use the method you are most comfortable with. You can take notes, or make audio or video recordings. Digital voice recorders are affordable and a good tool, allowing you to really listen and understand. We just have to remember to transcribe, edit, summarize, and cite the source, oh yes, and perhaps censor. Those stories are some of the ingredients that bring our ancestors to life. Please remember that YOU are a source too!

Whether you will be “out there” doing research this summer or later, I recommend that you revisit the first page of the June AGS Ezine. Susan’s words provide timeless advice. A friend once told me when he took on a project he would spend 90% of the time planning, 5% executing the plan, and 5% reviewing how he could have improved his plan.

After filling the role of guest editor for the July issue of the Ezine, I have really come to appreciate the great job Susan has been doing. Thank you so much Susan.

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Tidbits –

The Arkansas Trail of Tears will hold their annual meeting August 17, in the Morrillton area. The key-note speaker will be Dale Stewart. Last summer Dale traveled in a kayak the route of the Cherokee who were removed in 1838/39. He will speak about his experiences and relate them to the history of the Cherokee. Mark your calendars as this promises to be a great meeting. Email Carolyn Kent with any questions at carolke5@aol.com

Research Recommendations: Outdated Terminology by Michael J. Leclerc

Genealogists face a constant influx of records from a different era with outdated language and terminology. When faced with evidence that your ancestor's occupation dealt with dealbation, where would you turn next? Or if a diary states that your ancestress was fond of diet-drink, was she perpetually trying to lose weight?

The best place to find definitions of such terms is to locate a dictionary from the time and place where your ancestor lived, and read the definition. Remember that word definitions change over time, or by location (just ask a New Englander for Sweet Tea), so it is important to keep as close as possible to the time and place. The Internet Archive (<http://archive.org>) is a great place to find these dictionaries online. Libraries and archives will often have physical books as well. NEHGS has numerous dictionaries dating back to the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

Coming Events

Now through the end of 2013

“In Loving Memory: Death & Mourning in Arkansas, exhibit of mourning customs, artifacts, clothing, death masks, photos, etc., Arkansas History Commission, 1 Capitol Mall, second floor, Monday-Saturday 8-4:30.

Monday July 8, 2013

Civil War in Saline County in 1863 to be presented at the Bob Herzfeld Memorial Library, 1800 Smithers Drive, Benton, Arkansas at 6:30 pm.

Thursday, July 11, 2013

Old State House Museum, www.oldstatehouse.com, Brown Bag Lunch: **Eternal Separation: The Civil War Letters of the Whitten Family** presented by Anthony Rushing

Friday & Saturday, July 12-13, 2013

Preservation Workshop for the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail by the TOTA and the National Parks Service in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Contact is Becky Morgan at bmorgan@arindianctr.org. Registration is closed.

Saturday, July 13, 2013

Butler Center for Arkansas Studies, Annual Genealogy Workshop featuring Tony Burroughs, FREE, but you must register, www.butlercenter.org/conference. All seats are taken, but you may get on the waiting list.

Coming Events continued

July 22–26, 2013

Old State House Museum, www.oldstatehouse.com, “The Civil War in Arkansas” Summer Day Camp, 8 am–12:00 noon, grades 4-10

Monday, July 22, 2013

Heritage Seekers , Laman Library, 7:00 pm. “Billy Didn’t Suffer Much:” The Story of William Gullick of the 1st Iowa Cavalry Regiment by Rick Meadow , Civil War Round Table of Arkansas

Tuesday, July 23, 2013

Civil War Roundtable, Second Presbyterian, Little Rock, I 430 & Cantrell, 7:00 pm, RMeadows@aaamissouri.com The Battle at Arkansas Post presented by Joseph Herron, Arkansas Post

Friday and Saturday, July 26-27, 2013

Red River Heritage Symposium & Teacher Workshop, Historic Washington State Park. Page 10 for the details.

Saturday, August 10, 2013

Oklahoma History Center in Oklahoma City, by Craig Scott, Certified Professional Genealogist. There is a \$50 fee which includes a box lunch and professional handout. All proceeds go to the “Veterans First Fund.” To register for limited seating, send \$50.00 check made out to OSDAR and put Aug. 10 in the memo. Mail your registration fee to Pat McFall, State Regent at 2212 Brookwood Drive, Edmond, OK 73034. Any questions can be directed to the same at 405-844-8824.

Coming Events continued

August 21 through 24, 2013

FGS 2013 Conference, at the Grand Wayne Convention Center, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Early registration ends July 1. Register through www.fgsconference.org.

Friday and Saturday, September 20 and 21, 2013

Arkansas Genealogical Society Fall Conference, Wyndham Hotel, 2 Riverfront Place, North Little Rock, Arkansas, 501-371-9000. Mark Lowe will speak on War of 1812 ancestors, local militia records, Freedman marriage records, migration, early census, and Civil War ancestors.

Saturday, September 28, 2013

2013 Hot Springs Village Annual Workshop, Coronado Center, 150 Ponderosa Lane. Debbie Parker Wayne, CG, CGL presenting “**Let the Records Speak**, learning DNA and Genetic Genealogy”. Call Jeanette Frahm at 501-922-9220 or go to <http://www.hsvgs.org>.

May 7 through 10, 2014

NGS 2014 Family History Conference, at the Greater Richmond Convention Center and Marriott Hotel located in downtown Richmond, Virginia. Conference highlights and contact information for conference hotels can be found in the Announcement Brochure, which can be downloaded at http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/galleries/new-gallery/2014_Announcement_Brochure.pdf

From the Butler Center: Tony Burroughs to speak at annual workshop

Saturday, July 13, 2013

Time: TBA

Location: Central Arkansas Library System

The Central Arkansas Library System's Butler Center for Arkansas Studies is honored to host Tony Burroughs – Fellow of the Utah Genealogical Association (FUGA) – as speaker for our annual genealogy workshop, held on July 13, 2013. Burroughs is an internationally known genealogist whose work has been featured on several television programs. His topics range from using iPhones and iPads for genealogy research, to researching land and military resources.

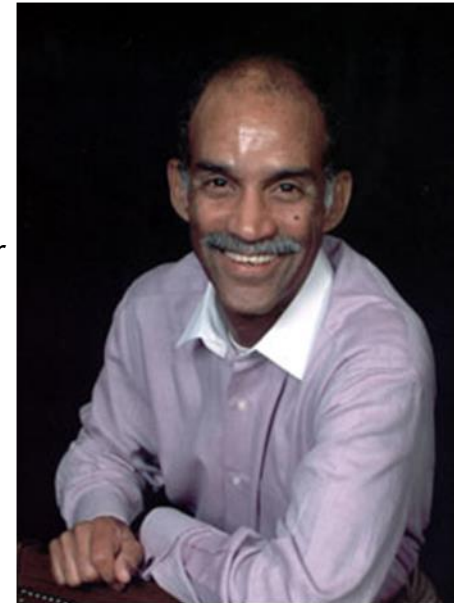
The conference is free, and box lunches are available for purchase. Indicate your preference on the registration form and provide payment at check-in on July 13.

Click here to register: <http://genealogy2013-es2.eventbrite.com/?rank=1#>

A Meet & Greet will be held on Friday, July 12 at 6 - 8 p.m. at the Mosaic Templars Cultural Center, 501 W. 9th Street. This is an opportunity to meet Tony and ask specific questions. People who are unable to attend the conference are welcome to join us in welcoming Tony at this casual, relaxed event.

Contact Information: Rhonda Stewart 501-320-5720

All seats are taken, however you might get on the waiting list



FamilySearch World Wide Camera Operations

In a 17 May 2013 email to partners, affiliates, bloggers, and members of the press, FamilySearch disclosed (or reiterated) information about its world-wide records acquisition efforts.

There are more than 1.5 million images captured each week. Who makes this possible? Records preservation missionaries, contractors, FamilySearch employees, archive employees, and many volunteers are responsible for capturing millions of images each year.

There are about 222 cameras located all over the world; 92 cameras in the Western Hemisphere, and 130 in the Eastern Hemisphere. These industrial cameras can each take millions of images ranging from 16 to 50 megapixels. Computer software is used to calibrate the camera, capture the image, manage the project, and capture metadata or information about the records. Clamps and foam wedges are used to keep the book level and the image in focus. All images are saved on an external hard drive [which] at the end of each week [is] placed in a protective case, and sent to Salt Lake City, Utah. Once the hard drive arrives in Salt Lake, it is sent through an auditing process where rejected images are sent back for rework and approved images are processed and published.

At NGS 2013 FamilySearch disclosed that it plans to significantly increase the number of cameras. It plans to do so using record preservation missionaries to operate the cameras. (Record Preservation missionaries are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, generally retired, who volunteer 18 to 24 months of their time to operate FamilySearch cameras.)

Confederate Memorial Park in Helena, Arkansas A Reality

This report from the Arkansas Toothpick:

Because of the valiant support of dedicated individuals across the globe, the money has been raised for the purchase of Confederate Memorial Park in Helena, Arkansas.

We have taken a rare opportunity for the Sons of Confederate Veterans to own a core piece of battlefield and made it a reality! Approximately an acre of core battlefield that backs up to the site where General Price's troops made an attack on Fort Curtis on July 4, 1863 is located in Helena, Arkansas, directly across from Fort Curtis and to the side of a Civil War era home (Moore-Hornor Home). Both properties are maintained by the State of Arkansas (Delta Cultural Center) .

On March 15, 2013 the General Executive Committee of the Sons of Confederate Veterans met in Biloxi, MS. At this meeting it was decided that the property will be donated to the SCV. This is a much-needed heritage victory in the Delta!

Your donations are welcome for the maintenance of the property!

Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference

“Journey through generations” during the next Federation of Genealogical Societies conference. Join us at the Grand Wayne Convention Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana, August 21-24, for a fun-filled, inspiring time as you learn from the experts, research in the nation’s second largest genealogical library and more. Everyone with an interest in family history is welcome.

Conference special events kick off with the Opening Social Wednesday evening. Enjoy extended Exhibit Hall hours on Thursday, extended research hours in The Genealogy Center and more. There are also many places to see and exciting activities in Fort Wayne.

This year's FGS conference has something for everyone! Sessions will include a wide array of offerings from many of the nation's leading family history experts and genealogical and historical organizations. The biggest difficulty for conference-goers may be choosing which session to attend in each time slot! Many of Wednesday's Focus on Societies sessions also apply to personal research needs.

Register at www.fgsconference.org

Download the Conference Brochure at

<https://www.fgsconference.org/assets/files/FGS-2013-Conference-Registration-Booklet.pdf>

Red River Heritage Symposium

Greetings to all educators! Historic Washington State Park is holding its 7th Annual Red River Heritage Symposium on July 27, 2013. This year the symposium will focus on women, social issues, and businesses during the Civil War with the theme “The Home Front”. We are offering an all day Teachers Workshop on Friday, July 26 and a morning workshop on Saturday, July 27. Lunch will be provided for both workshops. Sessions will cover resources for the classroom on the Home Front of the Civil War and the resources for teachers at Historic Washington State Park. Teachers will attend and experience programs that are designed for school groups. Presenters at both the workshop and symposium will present on topics around the theme stated and will be announced at a later date. The cost is \$25 per person if you would like to attend the workshop on Friday and \$15 for the workshop on Saturday morning. We also encourage you to attend the symposium. The cost is \$30 which includes supper. If you attend all programs we are offering a discount price of \$60. A total of 12 credit hours can be earned by teachers attending the entire event. If you would like to come, please register with the park before July 24 by calling 870-983-2684.

John Williams, Curator

Historic Washington State Park

Office: 870-983-2284, Museum: 870-983-2684

Ireland's General Register Office Records to Go Online

From Steven C. Smyrl FIGRS, MAPGI, the Executive Liaison Officer for the Council of Irish Genealogical Organisations:

The Irish government has announced that indexes to birth, death & marriage records which date from 1845 are soon to be made available through its genealogy portal www.irishgenealogy.ie. This is terrific news, announced in CIGO's 21st year, the year in which it 'comes of age'.

Founded as the GRO Users Group, but soon after renamed the Council of Irish Genealogical Organisations, CIGO began life as a direct response to the 1992 government announcement that the General Register Office (which holds Ireland's civil records) was to be transferred out of Dublin to Roscommon town. CIGO's successful lobbying quickly secured a commitment from the Department to retain a public search facility in Dublin and thus laid the foundations for its many acknowledged successes over the following 20 years. With reference to the GRO, particular note should be made to CIGO's part in securing provision of improved family data in Irish death registrations on both sides of the border.

Included in the newly published Social Welfare and Pensions (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2013 are amendments to section 61 of the Civil Registration Act 2004. These amendments will allow the Minister for Arts, Heritage & the Gaeltacht to make provision and legal framework for BMD indexes to be placed online. However, at this stage it isn't clear where the cut-off year will fall. What constitutes 'historical' as opposed to 'modern' records has not yet been released.

The announcement that BMD indexes will go online follows that recently made by GRONI (General Register Office for Northern Ireland) about its own records going online in the late autumn. Under provisions in the Civil Registration Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 - which CIGO was invited to give oral evidence on at bill stages - GRONI will be making 'historic' indexes and records available online for the first time on a pay-per-view basis.

Ireland's General Register Office Records to Go Online Continued

By contrast, data on the Irish government's genealogy portal is free. In welcoming the announcement Steven Smyrl, Executive Liaison Officer for CIGO and current President of the Association of Professional Genealogists in Ireland, said "This is terrific news. CIGO has lobbied long and hard for better access to civil records for genealogists and historians.

"It doesn't surprise me that this has finally happened under the current government. The two ministers involved in this decision, Jimmy Deenihan TD (Heritage Minister) and Joan Burton TD (Social Protection Minister) are both keen genealogists. In particular Mr Deenihan has proved to be fully supportive of the genealogy lobby since before he came to office in 2011.

"This move will make Irish genealogical research easier and no doubt play its own part in stimulating roots tourism."

For Irish genealogists everywhere this is most welcome news!

Arkansas Genealogical Society 2013 Fall Seminar and Book Fair

Make your plans now to attend the Arkansas Genealogical Society Fall Conference and Book Fair. The hours will be 5:00 pm to 9:15 pm on Friday and 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Saturday, September 20 and 21. There will be two sessions Friday night and four on Saturday. Be sure to take advantage of this time to visit with fellow researchers, the AGS board members, and other volunteers. If you are not a member of AGS, this is a good time to join!

The Seminar will feature Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA, a full-time professional researcher and educator. Mark will inform and entertain you with his unique sense of humor and southern style.

It will again be at the Wyndham Hotel #2 Riverfront Place, North Little Rock, AR 72114 501-371-9000. AGS has negotiated a special guest rate for conference attendees. When you call the Wyndham, you must mention the Arkansas Genealogical Society Fall Conference to receive the special rate.

We are thankful to have the support of several vendors who will be displaying books and other products which may be helpful in your research. Please take the time to review their offerings.

Per Person Registration	Fee
Friday Night Only	\$20
Saturday Only (includes box lunch)	\$40
Friday and Saturday (includes Saturday box lunch)	\$55

See our web site for the registration form and additional information about J. Mark Lowe and hotel accommodations: www.agsgenealogy.org

Register by September 13 to be insured of receiving a syllabus

A New DVD from Genealogical.com

Generations: The WPA Ex-Slave Narrative Genealogical Resource Database.

By Dr. James M. Rose

Between 1937 and 1938, the Federal Writers' Project of the Works Project Administration (WPA) conducted thousands of interviews with former African-American slaves. While historians have known about these oral histories for some time, few, if any researchers, have exploited the genealogical potential of these African-American sources — until this DVD! The inaugural volume in this series discusses ex-slaves who were either born in Virginia, or who had parents or grandparents born in Virginia. While a minority of these freedmen continued to reside there, by 1937-38 most of the individuals found on this DVD had migrated to one of the following states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, or Texas. In each case Dr. Rose and his collaborators trace the former slave to his/her origins in the Cavalier State.

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Administrative Stuff

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