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invitation to join AGS.

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If you are a member,
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Arkansas Family Historian.
Your membership expires
on the date printed under
your name.

It may be time to renew
your AGS membership dues!

We are fortunate in Arkansas to have a genealogical community that is alive and well, that supports a number of genealogical organizations, and patronizes a variety of archives and libraries. On the local level many historical/genealogical associations support museums and libraries and publish information on local events, history, families, and cemeteries. Some of them hold or sponsor genealogical workshops.

Several entities in the state have the financial ability to bring in highly experienced nationally known lecturers to speak on a variety of topics of use to family history researchers. The Saline County Library sponsors a free workshop annually in March—this year George G. Morgan, one of the “Genealogy Guys,” spoke. The Butler Center at the Arkansas Studies Institute in Little Rock also presents a free event every summer—Tony Burroughs presented an enjoyable and informative program on July 13.

On September 20-21 the Arkansas Genealogical Society will hold its annual fall seminar with J. Mark Lowe speaking on a variety of topics in six sessions in North Little Rock. A week later, on September 28, the Hot Springs Village Genealogical Society and Arkansas DAR Chapter will present Debbie Parker Wayne speaking on DNA and genealogy. See the details of these events on pages 5 and 6 here. Your support will help to continue the tradition of genealogical education in Arkansas.

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Tidbits —

The Butler Center for Arkansas Studies offers a beginner's genealogy class the second Monday of every month, taught by Rhonda Stewart, the Butler Center's local history and genealogy expert. Participants will learn how to use online databases and city directories, as well as how to archive family documents. Jump-start your genealogy research with this fun and creative way to learn about the past. The class is held from 3:30-5:00 p.m. in Room 204, 401 President Clinton Avenue, Little Rock, AR. For more information, contact the Butler Center at 501-320-5700.

From Ancestry: The New Shoebox Mobile App

We're excited to introduce Shoebox from Ancestry.com — a brand new version of the popular Shoebox mobile scanner that allows you to upload photos directly to your family tree on Ancestry.com.

Shoebox puts a powerful photo scanner in your pocket. Just take a picture of an old paper photo with your iPhone or Android camera, and our edge-detection and perspective-correction technology will make sure that your scan turns out beautifully.

The completely redesigned Shoebox app is available for download on iTunes and the Android Market. You can scan an unlimited number of photos, and it's totally free.

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.

Saturday, August 3, 2013

Northeast Arkansas Regional Archives and Arkansas History Commission seminar, “Disasters, Depravity, and Judgement: Studies and Stories from 1890s to 1930s Arkansas,” 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Male-Female Academy, Powhatan Historic State Park; register by emailing april.goff@arkansas.gov . See page 5 for details.

Thursday, August 8, 2013

Central Arkansas Genealogy & Historical Society, 6:00 p.m. at Butler Center, 401 President Clinton Ave., Little Rock, view “**Dropbox for Genealogists**” Webinar by Thomas MacEntee.

Saturday, August 10, 2013

Oklahoma History Center and Oklahoma DAR will present Craig Scott, Certified Genealogist, at the Oklahoma History Center, 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive, Oklahoma City. Sessions from 10:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m. will cover Revolutionary War research and post-Revolutionary War research strategies, migration patterns, problem solving, breaking down brick walls and the availability of new records. The \$50 fee includes box lunch and handout. 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, 2212 Brookwood Drive, Edmond, OK 73034. Questions can be directed to her at 405-844-8824.

Coming Events continued

Wednesday through Saturday, August 21-24, 2013

FGS 2013 Conference, *Journey Through Generations*, at the Grand Wayne Convention Center, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Sponsored by the Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana and the Allen County Public Library. Sessions will run the gamut from mid-west research to German, British, and African-American research and from transportation to immigration, technology, genetics, methodology and writing, speaking, and publishing. See details and register at www.fgsconference.org.

Monday, August 26, 2013

Heritage Seekers Genealogy Club, “Drop Your Bias...Listen to the Ancestors,” presented by Rhonda Stewart of the Butler Center for Arkansas Studies, at Laman Library, North Little Rock, Arkansas, 7 p.m.

Friday and Saturday, September 20 and 21

Arkansas Genealogical Society Fall Seminar, 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. See page 6 for more information.

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>

History Commission Seminar in northeast Arkansas

The Arkansas Humanities Council awarded a Public Programming Mini Grant to the Arkansas History Commission to enhance funding for the upcoming August 3 seminar, *Disasters, Depravity, and Judgment: Studies and Stories from 1890s-1930s Arkansas*. The seminar, sponsored by the History Commission and NEARA, will take place at the Male-Female Academy in Powhatan Historic State Park from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Grant funds from the Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities will be used to expand marketing and publicity efforts to reach a wider audience and to support guest speaker expenses by providing honoraria and travel expenses for them.

“We are so appreciative of the Humanities Council funding,” remarked Dr. Lisa Speer, AHC Director. “This support allows us to bring two respected historians as presenters at our workshop, and to have more widespread promotion of the event. Already we are seeing increased registration as a result of the additional publicity we’ve been able to do thanks to the Arkansas Humanities Council.”

The study of Arkansas history is central to the seminar. Presenters include Dr. Brooks Blevins, Blake Perkins, Lauren Jarvis, AHC archivist, and Jane Wilkerson, AHC archival manager. Blevins is the author of five books, professor of history at Missouri State University and recipient of the 2013 Ragsdale Book Award by the Arkansas Historical Association. Perkins, is a Ph.D. candidate, history graduate instructor at West Virginia University, and author of numerous history articles and journal entries. Wilkerson and Jarvis, have extensive knowledge of our holdings and enjoy presenting on topics of interest to our patrons.

The seminar title references the topics to be presented - the disaster of the 1927 flood; the depravity of a 1929 rape and murder trial of five men in Stone County, Arkansas; and the judgment of rural Arkansans to resist the draft, along with rural voter support of a Republican candidate during a time when Democrats ruled the state’s politics. The seminar will encourage and support teachers and other researchers to use the vast primary source collections housed at NEARA and the History Commission for classroom and personal projects. Teachers will receive professional development credit.

Don’t miss this great line-up of speakers and topics! The History Commission will provide lunch to those who [register](#) by July 30.

Arkansas Genealogical Society Fall Seminar to feature Mark Lowe

The Arkansas Genealogical Society 2013 Fall Seminar and Book Fair will be held September 20 and 21 at the Wyndham Hotel at #2 Riverfront Place, North Little Rock, Arkansas. Hours will be 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday.

The featured speaker on both days will be J. Mark Lowe, Certified Genealogist (CG) and Fellow of the Utah Genealogical Association (FUGA). Mark is a full-time professional researcher and educator. He has been an FGS Delegate of the Year, a President of APG, and an officer for FGS. He has researched for *Who Do You Think You Are?*, *African American Lives*, and Biography Channel's *uneXplained*. Mark teaches at Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG), the Institute for Genealogical and Historical Research (IGHR), the Regional In-depth Genealogical Studies Alliance (RIGSA), as well as on webinars and at national and local society conferences. Mark will inform and entertain you with his extensive knowledge, unique sense of humor and southern style.

Mark's Friday evening topics will be "Finding My War of 1812 Ancestor" and "Understanding Local Militia Records." On Saturday he will address "Finding Freedmen Marriage Records", Making Those Early Census Records Talk to You," "Whiskey, Brandy & Southern Migration," and "Locating Civil War Ancestors."

Fees are \$20 for Friday only, \$40 for Saturday only (includes box lunch), and \$55 for Friday and Saturday (includes box lunch Saturday).

The Wyndham Hotel is offering a special conference room rate of \$94.95 which includes breakfast. Call the hotel directly at 501-371-9000.

If you have not received a registration form in the mail go to www.agsgenealogy.org and click on Attendee Registration Form.

Take part in the Arkansas Genealogical Society Fall Seminar as an Exhibitor

If you are involved in a local genealogical or history organization that would like to promote membership and/or publications, this is the time to request a table in the exhibit hall at the Arkansas Genealogical Society Fall Seminar in September. Doing so will put you in contact with a great many family historians who are interested in Arkansas history, locales, events, records and families.

Tables are eight feet long and three feet wide, with the option of placement near a power outlet if needed. Two chairs and a table cloth will be provided. Each table is \$20.

For additional information and forms, please consult the seminar website at <http://www.agsgenealogy.org/seminar/default.html> and view the items labeled Vendor and Exhibitor. The vendor contract form should be submitted to Vendor Chair, Karen Russ.

A Family DNA Workshop in Hot Springs Village

The Village Genealogical Society (VGS) and the Akansa Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) are sponsoring a family history workshop on Saturday, September 28, 2013 in Hot Springs Village, Arkansas. It will be held at the Coronado Center at 150 Ponderosa Lane from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The workshop, entitled “Let the Records Speak” is a chance to learn about DNA and Genetic Genealogy.

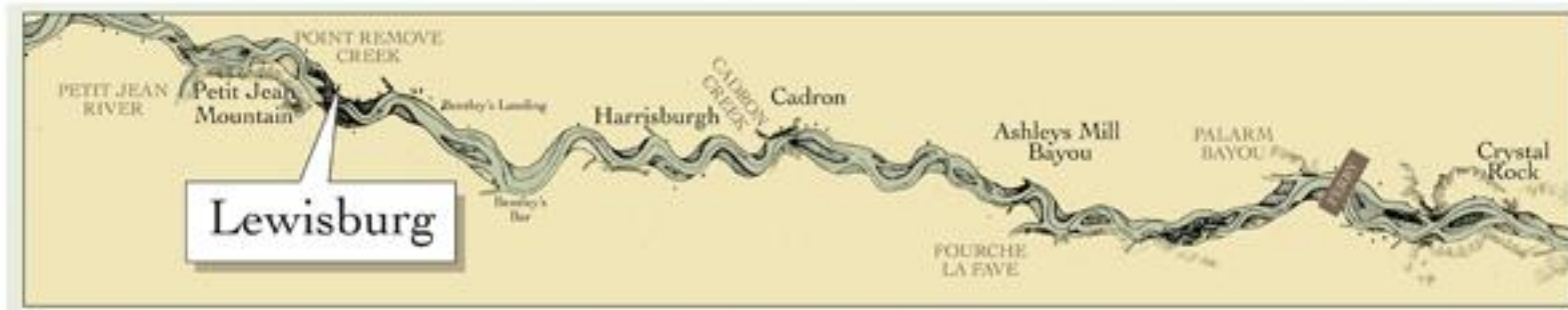
The featured speaker will be Debbie Parker Wayne, a Certified Genealogist (CG), Certified Genealogical Lecturer (CGL), researcher, and author. Her topics will be “GATA GACC! DNA and Genetic Genealogy Today,” “Going Nuclear: DNA Discoveries to Trace All Lines of Descent,” “Paternal Lines: Y-DNA,” and “Maternal Lines: Using Mitochondrial DNA and X-DNA.” She will not be able to offer analysis of individual test results at the workshop. You are invited to visit her website at <http://debbiewayne.com/>.

The workshop fee is \$25 plus a box lunch from McAllister’s Deli for \$9 if desired. Drinks will be provided. You may bring your own lunch. You are asked to register by September 15, 2013 and there will be no refunds after September 21, 2013.

Registrations will be accepted at the door for \$30 with no guarantee of lunch or syllabus.

See the VGS website for additional information and directions or call Jeanette Frahm at 501-922-9220 or email Nette4465@gmail.com

Annual Membership Meeting – Arkansas Trail of Tears



Join us at the Rialto Community Arts Center in Morrilton, **Saturday, August 17**, for the ARTOTA annual meeting. Morrilton was first known as Lewisburg, a settlement and steamboat landing on the Arkansas River. During the 1830s, hundreds of Native Americans from several tribes passed through Lewisburg during their forced removal from eastern homelands to Indian Territory.

The Rialto Community Arts Center is located at 213 E. Broadway Street in historic downtown Morrilton.

[Customize your driving directions](#)

MEETING AGENDA

1-1:30 p.m. Business meeting

John McLarty, president

Arkansas Chapter, Trail of Tears Association

1:30-1:45 p.m. Welcome

Hon. Stewart Nelson, Mayor of Morrilton

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Trail of Tears Meeting

1:45-2:15 p.m. Stranded at Lewisburg: The Whiteley and Drane Parties

Carolyn Kent, research coordinator

Arkansas Chapter, Trail of Tears Association

2:15-2:30 p.m. Break

2:30-3:30 p.m. Water Trail: My Journey Retracing the Trail of Tears Water Route

Dale Stewart, explorer

In June 2012, Dale Stewart of Asheville, North Carolina, began a solo journey to retrace the Trail of Tears water route in a custom-built "canack" - part canoe, part kayak. Starting at Ross's Landing in Chattanooga, Tennessee, Stewart paddled 1,226 miles on the Tennessee, Ohio, Mississippi and Arkansas Rivers before reaching his final destination of Fort Gibson, Oklahoma, in August 2012.

Bring a friend! The meeting is open to the public. For more information, email ARTOTA secretary [Susan Young](#).

A Reminder about the War of 1812 pension files

THE MISSION: 7.2 Million Images to be captured

180 Thousand Files will be saved

710 Thousand Images now available

The National Archives reports that these War of 1812 pension files are among the heaviest requested materials. With that level of use, these valuable records, available in no other format, are **in danger of grave deterioration**.

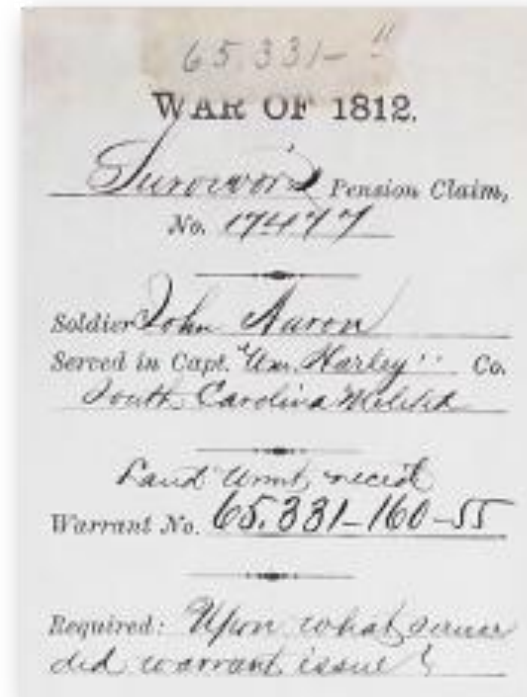
FREE TO THE PUBLIC

As these valuable historical documents are digitized, they will be made available to all at no cost, and the original pension files can be retired to much less active use.

DIGITIZED IMAGES AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY

Completed images and associated indexing are posted incrementally. Genealogists, historians, teachers, patriotic societies, and history buffs all have access to the images that have been digitized right **now**. Images will be offered for free at Fold3 indefinitely.

This is a community effort by the National Archives, the Federation of Genealogical Societies, Fold3, and Ancestry.com. Go to <http://www.preservethepensions.org/> to learn how your donation can help preserve these pension records and make them freely available to everyone forever.



Immigration and Naturalization records indexing

U.S. Immigration Project Milestone



July 10, 2013 By [Katie Gale](#)

A melting pot, a kaleidoscope, a mosaic—the United States of America has been called many things, but overall it is a nation of immigrants, as much as any country in the world. If you go back far enough, most U.S. citizens came from somewhere else: Europe, Asia, Africa—the list goes on and on. The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Community Project aims to make the legacy and stories of U.S. immigrant ancestors easy for everyone to discover.

In June, the project reached a significant milestone of 50 million passenger ship and naturalization records indexed! Add that to the 25 million Ellis Island records indexed years ago—before FamilySearch indexing started—and you’ve got 75 MILLION free immigration and naturalization records ready (or nearly ready) to search to your heart’s content.

Thank you for all of your hard work to make these records searchable. Over 165,000 volunteers have helped reach this milestone, including members of the Federation of Genealogical Societies, the National Genealogical Society (NGS), the Association of Professional Genealogists, and other societies.

The power of the community is truly amazing! If your group would like to join the cause, please send an e-mail to fsindexing@familysearch.org.

Many volunteers stopped by the FamilySearch indexing booth at the NGS conference to celebrate the project. One attendee and indexer named Vikki even found the ship record showing her and her mother entering the U.S. through the port of San Francisco at six months old. Read her story and others in the article [Remarkable Stories Add Value to Genealogy Conference](#).

Immigration Indexing (continued from p. 12)

We still have 60 million more U.S. immigration records and naturalization documents (at both the federal and county level) left to index. If everyone works together, we can finish indexing this project by the end of the year. So tell your friends and family to come join the indexing fun. The more people who help, the sooner these records will be freely searchable.

Current projects:

US, Hawaii, Honolulu—Passenger Lists, 1900-1952

US, Massachusetts, Boston—Crew Lists, 1891-1957

US, New York—Passenger Lists, 1875-1891

US, Texas, Del Rio—Alien Arrivals, 1906-1953

Projects coming soon:

US, Connecticut—Naturalizations, 1851-1992

US, Rhode Island—Naturalizations, 1906-1991

Maryland, Baltimore—Passenger Lists, 1820-1897

New England—Naturalizations, 1787-1931

Pasted from <<https://familysearch.org/blog/en/immigration-project-milestone/>>

American Indians Tell Their Untold Civil War Stories after 150 Years

The National Park Service, American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Indian Education and Eastern National release the book *American Indians and the Civil War*

Albuquerque, New Mexico (June 3, 2013) -The National Park Service (NPS) made a landmark commitment to include American Indian voices in the 2011-2015 150th anniversary commemoration of America's Civil War. To honor that commitment, NPS partnered with the American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association (AIANTA), the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) and publisher Eastern National to produce the cultural heritage interpretive book, *American Indians and the Civil War* (AICW) available this month.

A little known but crucial part of Civil War stories is that more than 20,000 American Indians fought on both sides of the conflict. Most thought their participation would guarantee their survival and protect their lands. Instead, federal Indian policy became more savage during the war, and when it was over, a reunited nation turned its vision to westward expansion, overrunning Indian lands and decimating Native populations.

"AICW is an important new tool for cultural heritage tourism. Our goal at AIANTA has always been to help Indian Country link its historical interpretations to landscape," said Sammie Meadows, AIANTA Senior Public Lands Partnership Coordinator and AICW contributing author. "Because of instrumental partnerships with NPS, BIA, BIE and Eastern National, American Indians will now be referenced in American History teachings."

Book authors include 11 Native American and non-Native American scholars from across the country, including Editor Robert K. Sutton, Daniel Wildcat and Elliot West.

Through a cooperative agreement between the BIA and AIANTA, AICW copies will be sent to tribal colleges and universities, Indian primary and secondary schools across America and tribal museums and cultural centers. For more information and a peek at the book, please visit www.AIANTA.org. The book will be available later this month at www.eParks.com and in select national parks across the country for \$9.95.

Administrative Stuff

Contributions: If you have news for the Ezine, send it! susanb1996@aol.com –Thanks!

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