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your AGS membership dues!

The Ida Mission Cemetery is on the Upper Hot Springs Road, or if you prefer, Col. Glenn Road in Little Rock AR. I have visited that cemetery many times over the past 30 years or so. Several of my paternal ancestors are there. Early this year I began to wonder, just how many of the people buried there are my people? I had obtained a list of the cemetery residents about ten years ago, so with that in hand I updated my Family Tree Maker file this year. I was very surprised to find at least 51 people in my tree are there!

I know doing the research is much more fun and, in most cases, easier, than analyzing what we find. Whether you are researching on the internet or on the location, there is certain excitement when you find a new fact. I have a terrible time making myself take the time process the data I collect. How about you?

We must make analyzing the data part of the research process, and yes, make the source citation. You are not finished until you cite the source!!! ( Let me see... that property tax index showing my great grandfather was in a green book on the top shelf in the basement of the Blount County Court House in Alabama. Maybe that will help, as long as the section is not rearranged.) Today's genealogy software makes it so easy to merge a digital copy of the document and link it to our people.

The process of analyzing will provide answers and questions, many times, important questions we might not have asked other wise. Enjoy yourself, but do the WORK!

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## Tidbits –

The Arkansas Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans announces its annual \$500 scholarship essay contest. This scholarship contest is open to all 11th and 12th grade students (Public, Private, and homeschooled students are eligible) in Arkansas. The topic is any Southern history topic between the years 1607 (founding of Jamestown) to WWII. Past winners have written on a variety of topics from Audey Murphy's heroic deeds in WWII to Confederate historical topics including battles and generals. [Click here for more info.](#)

There will be a marker dedication on November 2, 2013 for a skirmish that took place on Amos Bayou near Kelso Cemetery on Feb. 18th, 1863. The Cemetery is located: From McGehee take Highway 1 North for about 13 miles there will be a sign on your left. It says Kelso Cemetery pointing to your right, turn right. The road is beside a store that is Speedmart Grocery continue for about less than 1/2 mile Cemetery is on your right. After the ceremony the Desha Co. Historical Society is going to feed everyone at Kelso Baptist Church.

Friends of Jenkins Ferry is looking for descendants of Jenkins Ferry Veterans. [friendsofjenkinsferry@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofjenkinsferry@gmail.com)

## Coming Events

November 2-3, 2013

Historic Washington State Park Civil War Weekend 9:00 to 5:00. For more information click [here](#).

November 7, 2013

Arkansas in the First World War, noon at the Old State Museum, Little Rock. Brian Irby of the Arkansas History Commission leads this Brown Bag Lunch Lecture sponsored by the Old State House Museum. For more information go to [www.oldstatehouse.com](http://www.oldstatehouse.com).

November 9, 2013

Historic Washington State Park presentation from 6:00 to 9:00 pm: Trial by Jury Dinner. For more information click [here](#).

November 10, 2013

The Pulaski County Historical Society is hosting W. Stuart Towns, Ph.D. at the Old State House Museum, Supreme Court Chamber. He will present **Enduring Legacy: Rhetoric and Ritual of the Lost Cause**. Refreshments at 2:00, presentation at 2:30. For more information, click [here](#).

November 13, 2013

The Spence Family in 1863, noon at the Old State Museum, Little Rock. Mark Christ leads this Brown Bag Lunch Lecture.

## Coming Events continued

November 25, 2013

Heritage Seekers Club meeting at Laman Library at 7:00 pm. The program will be presented by Carolyn Ashcraft about the resources at the Arkansas State Library.

Saline County Library presentation from 5:00 to 8:00 by Tim Ernst on the Buffalo River.

December 6, 2013

Sandwiching in History program by the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program at noon for less than an hour in the Faucette-Cook Building, 421-425 Main St., North Little Rock. Bring your lunch.

December 9, 2013

Saline County Library presentation from 6:30 to 7:30 by Steve Purdue: Rural Hill, Rural Dale & Lonsdale in Western Saline County.

“Walks Through History” by the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program at 11:00 am at Camp Ouachita Girl Scout Historic District on AR 324 near Thornburg in Perry County. Click [here](#) for more details.

## Coming Events continued

February 6 through 8, 2014

Roots Tech 2014 will be held at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, Utah. This annual family history conference is hosted by FamilySearch. RootsTech is a unique global family history event where people of all ages learn to discover and share their family stories and connections through technology. Registration is now open. Details may be found at <https://rootstech.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](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/galleries/new-gallery/2014_Announcement_Brochure.pdf)

August 27 through 30, 2014

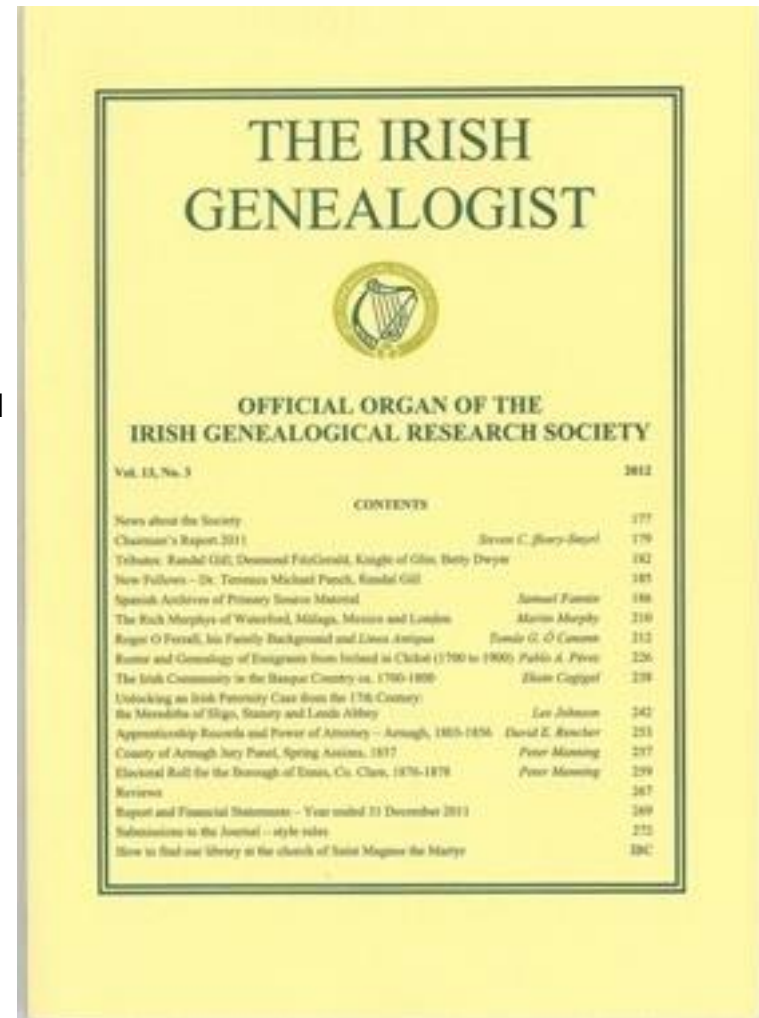
The Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference will be held in San Antonio, Texas. See the web site for more information, [www.fgs.org](http://www.fgs.org).

## The Irish Genealogist Database launches with 250,000 names

The Irish Genealogical Research Society - “the Great Granddaddy of all Irish Family History Societies” - has launched an online names index to its annual journal, The Irish Genealogist, and it runs to a quarter of a million names! What’s more, it’s free to search.

First published in 1937, The Irish Genealogist has allowed IGRS members to share the results of their research. This has resulted in many thousands of genealogy related articles, family histories and transcriptions of unusual records and sources. Typically, members have submitted information from newspapers, parish registers, family bibles, genealogies, voters lists, pedigrees, membership rolls, deeds, marriage settlements, census substitutes, land and tenure surveys, marriage license bonds, courts records, wills and much more besides.

The index covers the years 1937 to 2001 and will shortly be extended to 2012, creating a database of enormous potential for all Irish genealogists. You can access it in the Unique Resources section of the website, [here](#).



## The Online National Archives of Norway

*This report from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter*

The National Archives of Norway has been digitizing thousands of documents for some time and continues to add more daily. Even better, all the digitized documents are available online free of charge.

A wide variety of documents are already available, including census records, parish records, probate records, court records, and emigrant lists. These documents provide information about people's lives, in some cases going back to the 9th century.

Norway had mass emigration 100 to 120 years ago when roughly one-third of the population left the country. Many went to the United States with smaller numbers of emigrants to Canada, Australia, and elsewhere. The folks at the National Archives of Norway are aware that many English speaking descendants of Norwegian emigrants would like to research their heritage. As a result, the web site is available in both Norwegian and in English although the documents obviously will always be written in Norwegian. For those who never learned the language of their ancestors, a Norwegian-English dictionary can be a big help.

The Digital Archives of the National Archives of Norway can be found at <http://arkivverket.no/eng>. The starting page for parish records is at <http://www.arkivverket.no/eng/content/view/full/629> and an example of a scanned register book may be found at: [http://www.arkivverket.no/URN:kb\\_read?idx\\_kildeid=571&uid=ny&idx\\_side=-471](http://www.arkivverket.no/URN:kb_read?idx_kildeid=571&uid=ny&idx_side=-471). (Click on Control-Plus in a Windows computer or Command-Plus in a Macintosh to zoom in on an image.)

You also might want to check out the National Archives of Norway blog at <http://dokumentenforteller.tumblr.com/> that presents documents and photos related to a different theme every month. However, that blog is written in Norwegian.

## Ancestry.com Buys Find a Grave

This article from Ancestry Insider

September 30, 2013 Ancestry.com announced its purchase of the FindAGrave.com website. During the last 18 years users have contributed 75 million photographs of gravestones to the free website. Find A Grave will become a wholly owned subsidiary of Ancestry.com, and will continue to be managed by its founder, Jim Tipton. Terms of the transaction were not released.

FIND A GRAVE



“We will maintain Find A Grave as a free website, will retain its existing policies and mode of operation,” said Ancestry.com CEO, Tim Sullivan. Ancestry.com plans to enhance Find A Grave by creating a new mobile app, improving customer support, and adding foreign-language support.

Find A Grave indexes have shown up recently on World Vital Records, Ancestry.com, and FamilySearch.org. I wonder if the following provision was added to the terms of service in response:

Republication or resale of any of the Content or other protected data is prohibited. Bots, crawlers, spiders, data miners, scraping and any other automatic access tool are expressly prohibited.

Feelings about Find A Grave run deep. I wrote an article once about Ancestry.com cooperating with Find A Grave volunteers, removing illegally posted photographs. The article generated more responses than almost any other article I’ve written. Most supported free sharing of photographs. Some did not want to see their photographs posted to Ancestry.com. (See “Monday Mailbox: Ancestry Removing Find A Grave Photos?”)

## **Ancestry.com buys Find a Grave,** (continued)

I recently came across a photo request on Find A Grave that had been marked with a warning: “Photo volunteers- please be aware the requester adds photos from Find a Grave to Ancestry.com.”

Almost all user reaction on Ancestry.com’s blog has said the same thing: This could be a good thing so long as Ancestry.com keeps it free.

The complete Ancestry.com press release can be read on their corporate website.

## FamilySearch Milestone

*This article from familysearch.org*

FamilySearch has reached a significant milestone. In October, the 75,000th article was published in the Research Wiki. The Wiki is like having a worldwide encyclopedia of genealogy knowledge at your fingertips. This is really big news!

What is the FamilySearch Research Wiki?

The FamilySearch Research Wiki is a free online guide explaining how to find ancestors in different time periods and places all around the world. Originally based on the Family History Library's Research Outlines, the FamilySearch Research Wiki has expanded over the past five years to help you learn how to use records in many places.

How can the Wiki help me?

The Wiki is a self-help system. You can find answers to questions patrons may have such as:

1. How do I find Kentucky death records?
2. How do I find a birth record for someone born in England between 1837 and 2013?
3. How do I develop solid research skills?

Many librarians and staff at Family History Centers use the Wiki to find additional resources available above and beyond what is listed in the FamilySearch Catalog.

## FamilySearch Milestone, *continued*

How do I find the Wiki on the FamilySearch Website?

First, go to the [FamilySearch Website](#). At the top of the page, click the “Search” selection. That should take you to the “Discover your Family History” page. Across the top of that page you will have a choice of “Records, Genealogies, Catalog, Books, and Wiki.”

Just click on “Wiki.”

## A Century of North Carolina City Directories Now Online

*Posted by the Library Staff of the University of North Carolina*

Before Google or Siri, before the telephone book or even the telephone, humble city directories helped salesmen, businesses, and newcomers contact clients and neighbors.

Now a century's worth of North Carolina directories is online ([here](#)) as part of the City Directories Collection from the [North Carolina Digital Heritage Center](#) (NCDHC). The collection features 939 directories from the years 1860 through 1963. They cover 108 cities in 64 counties.

The NCDHC is a statewide digital library based at the UNC Library and sponsored by the [State Library of North Carolina](#). Through cooperative projects with libraries, museums, historical societies, and cultural institutions, it has digitized more than two million pages of North Carolina history since its founding in 2010.

The directories are a valuable tool for genealogists, historians, city planners, and anyone curious about the state's past, said Nick Graham, program coordinator for the Center. "City directories don't sound interesting until you realize how much is in them," he said. Raleigh, N.C., directory, 1875-76

The simplest directories list residents alphabetically, along with their address and occupation. Some have a reverse-directory feature arranged by address that can help researchers understand how businesses turned over from year to year.

The most comprehensive directories contain a treasure trove of history, such as local business ads and Jim Crow-era publications that denote the race of each resident. Graham said UNC researchers studied the racial geography of Charlotte in 1911 by creating a map using the directories.

## **A Century of North Carolina City Directories Now Online, *continued***

A convenient cross-directory search feature allows users of the collection to find all instances of a single name, business, or industry in the entire collection.

Most of the directories come from the stacks of the North Carolina Collection in UNC's Wilson Special Collections Library. However, a growing number are from public libraries around the state and from other partners such as the Duke University Library.

## **New Chapter of General Society of the War of 1812**

### **Organization of a chapter of General Society of the War 1812 in Arkansas**

Several men who have ancestors that served in the War of 1812 are working to form a chapter of that organization in the state of Arkansas. We are looking for men of good moral character and reputation, who are a lineal or one collateral descendant of one who served in the War of 1812.

The following service and no other shall be regarded as satisfying the requirements of the preceding paragraph:

- (1) Service as an officer, warrant officer or enlisted man in the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Revenue Marine, Flotilla Service or Voluntary Corps at any time between November 7, 1811, and July 18, 1815;
- (2) Service at any time between June 19, 1812, and February 18, 1815, as a member of the ship's company on any public armed vessel of the United States or any vessel sailing under Letters of Marque and Reprisal issued by the United States;
- (3) Service in the militia of any state or territory or the District of Columbia duly called out for service against an armed enemy or for coast or border defense between November 7, 1811, and July 18, 1815
- (4) Service in the forces of the United States at the Battle of Tippecanoe on November 7, 1811.
- (5) Service as the President of the United States, Secretary of War, or Secretary of the Navy between November 7, 1811 and July 18, 1815.
- (6) Service as a Governor or Adjutant General of a state or territory of the United States between November 7, 1811 and July 18, 1815

## **New Chapter of General Society of the War of 1812, *continued***

No service, however, shall be regarded as qualifying if the person who rendered such service voluntarily bore arms against the United States at any time between the dates named or if such person's latest service between said dates was terminated by a separation from the service under conditions other than honorable.

Collateral descendants, who are deemed worthy, may be admitted to represent the said participant

**If you are interested in membership in this new chapter of the Descendants of the War of 1812 contact: Corey Burns at [paratec@ymail.com](mailto:paratec@ymail.com)**

## Kentucky Civil War Governors Project

The following email sent by R. Darrell Meadow, PhD does not specifically pertain to Arkansas, however, there will likely be connections. This provides an opportunity to be a part of record preservation and access for future researchers.

“I am writing to seek your assistance with our project, the Civil War Governors of Kentucky, Digital Documentary Edition (CWG-K), now in its fourth year. This project is endorsed by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (the granting arm of the National Archives and Records Administration), and is currently funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. This long-term (approximately thirteen-year) documentary-editing project is dedicated to locating, imaging, transcribing, annotating, and publishing documents associated with all five Kentucky Civil War governors, including the three Union governors, Beriah Magoffin (1859-62), James F. Robinson (1862-63), and Thomas E. Bramlette (1863-67), and the two provisional Confederate governors, George W. Johnson (1861-62) and Richard Hawes (1862-65). The edition will be comprised of an estimated 35,000 documents spanning the period from November 1860, coinciding with the election of Abraham Lincoln, to the end of 1865, which marked congressional passage of the Thirteenth Amendment. Published online and freely accessible, CWG-K will open new research possibilities for scholars worldwide and foster new understandings of this tumultuous era for teachers, students, and the general public.

We currently are conducting a national search for documents. We are looking for manuscripts or printed materials written by a Kentucky Civil War governor; documents addressed to a governor; documents endorsed by a governor; documents written by a secretary or assistant but signed by a governor; documents reporting a governor's words (e.g., speeches printed in newspapers). If you are confident that you have relevant documents, we would like to visit your institution to do research and to obtain high-resolution color digital images of any in-scope documents that we find. We are trying to maintain as much consistency as possible among images from dozens of repositories by using our own

## Kentucky Civil War Governors Project, *continued*

scanners. In our records, we would carefully identify your institution as the owner of the original documents and provide this information in any citations. We would also make available to you copies of any digital images we capture of documents from your institution's collection(s).

Finally, if by chance you know of other repositories or collections that may have the kind of materials we are seeking, or know of any person(s) who may have such knowledge, we would greatly appreciate any information and contacts you could provide to further our efforts.

We understand that this could be a lengthy process and greatly appreciate your assistance. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding our request, please feel free to contact our editorial assistant, Whitney Smith, by phone at (502) 564-1792, or email at [whitney.smith@ky.gov](mailto:whitney.smith@ky.gov).

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

R. Darrell Meadows, PhD

Director, Civil War Governors of Kentucky Digital Documentary Edition

Kentucky Historical Society”

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## **Administrative Stuff**

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