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Paper or Digital?

Seven of the Texarkana USA Genealogical Society members were at Hillcrest Cemetery with 16 of the Hooks High School FFA members placing flags at the veterans' graves Thursday (the 21st) morning. Nancy and I discussed the question of paper or digital. At one point I asked Nancy which was the best way, to which she responded "my way of course." I ask myself that question from time to time. My answer has changed as the world has changed. How about you?

If you maintain paper records, you should have an offsite copy. Paper takes physical space and a retrieval method. We are talking three ring binders and shelves or file cabinets or file boxes and folders. Perhaps you have a different method to manage your paper. If you go digital, you should also have an offsite copy. The cloud seems to make that easy, unless your host shuts down. Digital does make searching for a record easy, that is if you have established a naming convention. Digital also facilitates sharing your records. Digital does require management. If you do go digital, it will not be 100%. There will be some records that may be both, or only paper.

The better question is which method best fits you and how you work. This thing we do is suppose to be FUN! Work the way you enjoy working.

JOIN US!

If you are not a member,
this is your official
invitation to join AGS.

[AGS Membership Application](#)

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

It may be time to renew
your AGS membership dues!

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Tidbits —

There was an article concerning privacy on Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter by James Tanner, a genealogist, a blogger, and a trial attorney of 39 years. The following is one quote from Mr. Tanner's article:

"From my perspective as a trial attorney for 39 years and as an over average participant in the online community, I have some very strong opinions about the whole subject. I can say this with certainty: the usual perception of the extent of "privacy" is far greater and more encompassing than the reality."

I recommend that you read his entire article by clicking [here](#).

There is a full index to digitized images of the complete 1881 Census records for all counties in England and Wales. It is searchable by name, age, birth place, parish, and county. You can visit the site on Origins by clicking [here](#).

Coming Events

June 6 & 7, 2014

The 25th North Arkansas Ancestor Fair will be held in Leslie & Marshall, Arkansas. [Click here](#) to see the web site for all the details.

June 12-14, 2014

Cumberland Gap Genealogical Jamboree 2014 will be held in Cumberland Gap, Tennessee. Street festival, live music, vendors, speakers, genealogy clubs, dna groups, authors-includes Cumberland Gap National Park & (historic) Martin's Station (VA). See <http://www.genealogyjamboree.us> for the details.

June 14, 2014

Arkansas Historic Preservation Project's Walks thru History will be in the Moose Addition Historic District in Morrilton, Arkansas. See page 8 for details.

June 23, 2014

Heritage Seekers meet on the 4th Monday night at [Laman Library](#) in North Little Rock, Arkansas at 7:00 p.m. Jan Sarna, President Civil War Roundtable of Arkansas will present **St. Albans, Vermont: The Civil War Visits New England At the June meeting.**

Coming Events continued

June 30, 2014

The Saline County Public Library in Benton, Arkansas is hosting a presentation by Paul Wright titled Collecting and Preserving Civil War Relics. It will be from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

July 19, 2014

The 2014 Butler Center for Arkansas Studies Genealogy Conference will be held from 9:00 a.m.—4 p.m. at the CALS Ron Robison Theater, 100 Rock Street, Little Rock. Due to limited seating, reservations are recommended. This program is free and open to the public. Go to www.butlercenter.org/conference for more information.

July 19, 2014

The Craighead County Jonesboro Public Library will host a Genealogy Lock-In Saturday, July 19 at 315 West Oak St., Jonesboro, AR. 6:00 p.m. to midnight. The speaker will be Dr. Daniel Littlefield. Go to this [link](#) for more information.

July 26, 2014

The Red River Heritage Symposium will be held at Historic Washington State Park. See page 7 for more details.

Coming Events continued

August 9, 2014

Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association Seminar will be held all day Saturday at the Broadmoor United Methodist Church, 3715 Youree Drive, Shreveport, LA. Advance registration recommended due to limited seating. The cost is \$40 which include lunch. Go to their [website](#) for full details.

August 15-17, 2014

The 2014 International Genetic Genealogy Conference will be held in Washington, DC. For more information please visit their website by clicking [HERE](#).

August 20-23, 2014

The NGS research trip to the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana, will be under the guidance of research consultants Janet A. Alpert and Patricia Walls Stamm, CG, CGL. This trip is SOLD OUT, but you can get on a waiting list. For more information click [here](#).

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.

September 19-20, 2014

Arkansas Genealogical Society Fall Workshop Benton Event Center Sept 19-20 Friday TBA & Cindi Ingel returns

Coming Events continued

to Arkansas. The information will soon be on our website. www.agsgenealogy.org

September 26-27, 2014

The National Standridge Family Reunion will be held in Greenville, SC. See the article on page 16 of the May Ezine for more information.

November 2-8, 2014

NGS research trip to Washington, DC. Registration opened March 3, 2014. This trip is SOLD OUT, but you can be put on a waiting list. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

January 4-11, 2015

NGS research trip to Salt Lake City, Utah. Registration opened March 17, 2014. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

April 25, 2015

The 2015 Indiana Genealogical Society's Annual Meeting and Conference will be in Terre Haute, Indiana. Judy Russell, The Legal Genealogist, will be the featured speaker.

May 13-16, 2015

The NGS Family History Conference will be held in St. Charles, Missouri, at the St. Charles Convention Center.

Historic Washington State Park Symposium

8th Annual Red River Heritage Symposium "Conflict at the Doorstep"

This year's symposium focuses on Civil War battles that happened directly in the Great Bend Region of the Red River. A teachers' workshop and luncheon will be offered on July 25, highlighting resources for the classroom for studying the beginning years of the Civil War. For the symposium, presenters with knowledge of the theme will be part of the program along with special tours of local sites. A combination of workshop plus symposium price is offered for those who wish to attend both. A total of 12 professional development hours can be earned by teachers. Please register by July 23, 2014. Reservations may be made by calling (870)983-2684.

Date: July 26, 2014

Time: 9 am–8 pm

Admission: \$30 Symposium Only

Phone: (870) 983-2684

Email: HistoricWashington@arkansas.com

Website: <http://ww.historicwashingtonstatepark.com>

If you have never visited the Park, it is worth the visit. The Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives is located there as well. You can visit the SARA website at <http://ark-ives.com/sara>.

Walks Through History

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program June event

Moose Addition Historic District

Co-sponsored by the Morrilton Historic District Commission.

Meet at the Morrilton Depot Museum at 101 E. Railroad Avenue. Tour begins at 11 a.m.



Named for early settler and landowner James Miles Moose, the Moose Addition Historic District contains residences built between 1881 and 1960 in a variety of architectural styles popular during that period. The oldest home in the district is the G. L. Cunningham House, built in 1881 in the Queen Anne style. However, most buildings in the district were constructed between 1925 and 1945 and were designed in the Craftsman, Period Revival, and Plain/Traditional styles.

Visit the AHPP website by [clicking here](#).

Are You Taking Advantage of All That Your Library Has to Offer?

The following article is taken from UPRFONT WITH NGS, 22 April 2014. This National Genealogical Society resource often has articles which I find useful to me. You can visit the website by [clicking here](#).

As a recent article states - Libraries are AWESOME! Read the article Libraries are Surprisingly Popular, and Oh Yeah, They Also Make You Awesome. I found it neat that one of the conclusions drawn has to do with finding and processing information (doesn't that sound like what we genealogists do constantly?!?!)

LIBRARIES ARE MORE RELEVANT THAN EVER

Maybe the most surprising data point to emerge from the Pew Research study is that most library users are technologically engaged. That may sound counter-intuitive, but the truth is that in the age of information, places where information can be organized and contextualized are key.

Take a few minutes and jot down what your local library does for you and then you as a genealogist and family historian. I quickly came up with this "short" list (not meant to be comprehensive and what do you expect when I spent about 30 seconds creating it).

- Access to Interlibrary loan (ILL)
- Remote access to electronic databases
- On-site access to specialized electronic databases
- Availability of books, journals, newspapers and more
- Ability to order and then view Familysearch microfilm
- Access to local manuscript and related resources (in person or via research requests)
- Access to digitized collections, indexes, finding aids for local history resources
- Insights from a professional who specializes in information acquisition and interpretation

Are You Taking Advantage of All That Your Library Has to Offer? *continued*

- Options to attend programs - historical, genealogical, skills acquisition and much more
- Many more services that benefit genealogists at your local library.

Whenever I research a new-to-me locale, I always check out the local library, nearest college library and then state library -- they all have so much to offer!

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List of Perryville, KY Battlefield Casualties Now Available Online

Thanks to Dick Eastman for the following article. His Eastman's Online Genealogical Newsletter is a great resource to check regularly. You can visit his newsletter at <http://blog.eogn.com>.

With the help of a class from Centre College, the Perryville Battlefield State Historic Site now has a digital database of more than 5,800 soldiers who died, were wounded or went missing during the largest Civil War battle in Kentucky. The database includes where the soldier was buried, if that is known.

Perryville is the scene of the most destructive Civil War battle in the state. The park museum tells of the battle that was the South's last serious attempt to gain possession of Kentucky. The battlefield is one of the most unaltered Civil War sites in the nation; vistas today remain virtually those soldiers saw on that fateful day in 1862.

"This is a great resource for anyone doing family or military research," said Parks Commissioner Elaine Walker. "Our thanks go out to Centre College and the students who worked on this project."

The database can be viewed at: <http://www.perryvillebattlefield.org>.

Digitization in Craighead County, Arkansas

There are two major digitization projects that have been started in Craighead County, Arkansas. These projects will make research in Craighead County come to life.

The First:

The Craighead County Jonesboro Public Library now has a Digital Photo History database. The database was added in October 2013. This project allows individuals from near and far to share images of people and events that are connected to Craighead County. The library is looking for pictures of all kinds to include in the database. Some of these subjects could be individual people or families, sports teams, schools, clubs, buildings, and weather events.

To access the database go to the Craighead County Jonesboro Public Library website www.libraryinjonesboro.org. Then hover on the “Research” tab at the top of the page and click on “Digital Photo History” at the bottom of the pop-up. The “Jonesboro and Craighead County Digital Photo Archives” link takes you to the database. You can search by topic or you can browse the whole collection.

Anyone having photos they would like to share can submit these photos by either bringing them to the library to be scanned or sending a scanned file to Nathan Whitmire. Contact Nathan at nwhitmire@libraryinjonesboro.org or 870-935-5133 to set up a time. If you attach a file it is requested that the file be a 300 dpi .tiff or .jpeg format.

If individuals are unable to come to Jonesboro or send scanned images, volunteers are working on a schedule to have scanning sites at different locations in the county. Again, contact Nathan Whitmire.

Let your photos of people and events in Craighead County take an honored place in the Digital Photo History database at the Craighead County Jonesboro Public Library. Any submissions are gratefully accepted and appreciated.

The Second:

The second digitization project in Craighead County is in the County Clerk’s office. Kade Holliday took office as the new County Clerk on January 1, 2013. In addition to his regular duties, he has started a project to scan the

Digitization in Craighead County, Arkansas *continued*

public records in his office. According to Kade, when there is only one copy of a record there is too much danger of the record being lost. His goal is to make sure that these records will never be lost and can be accessed easily by the public.

They are starting with the marriage records. The books are being scanned from the earliest records to the newer records. These images will be placed on-line and will be searchable. After the marriage records are completed, they will move on to probate records and other records in the county clerk's office.

It is exciting to be part of the digitization of Craighead County. With the help of individuals willing to share their images and volunteers willing to share their time, Craighead County is fast becoming a model for the preservation of history in Arkansas.

Five Free Websites I Can't Research Without

The following is an article by Moncavo's Chief Genealogist, Michael J. Leclerc on Moncavo's blog. You can read about Moncavo by clicking [here](#).

While there are many pay website that we use for our research, there are also a great number of free websites (like Mocavo) to help you. Here, in no particular order, are five websites that I find invaluable in my research, and each and every one of them is free to use. And if you've used these before, perhaps you'll take this as a good reminder of the resources you should be using more frequently.

1. [WorldCat](#)

As much as we would like it to be, not everything we need to conduct our research is available online. WorldCat is the best way to identify published and unpublished materials. The search engine at WorldCat.org contains information on more than 2 billion published works in repositories around the world. The ArchiveGrid section has information on more than 2 million manuscript resources around the world. You can build a bibliography to bring with you to a repository to save time there.

2. [WorldGenWeb](#)

[USGenWeb](#) started in 1996. Over the course of the last almost twenty years it has spread around the world. Armies of volunteers have transcribed records, compiled reference information, and kept the web pages running. It is a wonderful place to start, and to find information that may not be easily available elsewhere. Many of these pages are run by (or are contributed to by) local residents who are tremendous experts on that particular area, and may know of specialized resources not available elsewhere. Start at WorldGenWeb and navigate to the area of the world you are interested in.

Five Free Websites I Can't Research Without *continued*

3. [American Memory](#)

The Library of Congress is one of the largest repositories in the world. Twenty years ago they started the American Memory program to digitize materials from the collection. While these collections may not directly have genealogically valuable information, but they can add a tremendous amount to understanding your family. Local histories, oral histories, music, sports, recreation, and more are all represented. LOC is in the process of moving collections to a new system, so be certain to check both areas to find what you are looking for.

4. [Cyndi's List](#)

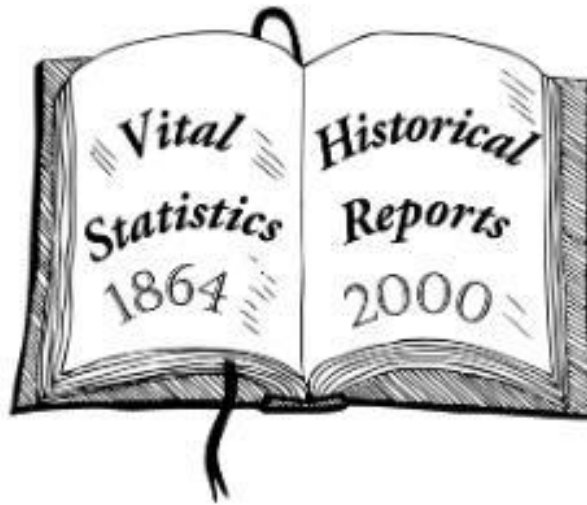
Cyndi Ingle is one of my personal heroes (don't tell her, it will just go to her head). For almost two decades she has been publishing a list of websites of interest to genealogists. From a simple one-page handout for her local group, Cyndi's List has grown to a website with more than 330,000 links. And all of it is done by Cyndi herself (despite what people may think about her large staff of paid employees). You can browse through categories listed alphabetically, or search for what you seeking.

5. [Boston Public Library](#)

Now, in reality, you should insert the name of your local public library. As a Bostonian, I'm lucky to have the BPL as mine. Your local library likely provides access to a wide variety of subscription databases. Some of these will be restricted to onsite use, but others you will be able to access remotely. BPL, for example, provides me access to databases like 19th Century British Newspapers, 19th Century U.S. Newspapers, American Historical Newspapers, Early American Imprints, JSTOR, Index to Early American Periodicals, and more. Visit your local library and get your library card.

Annual Reports on Marriages, Births and Deaths in Ireland 1864-2000

We were made aware of this resource by Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter. You can read his article by clicking this [LINK](#). Dick Eastman credits his reader Wendy Dial for making him aware of these online reports.



The CSO has made available the series of Annual Reports on Marriages, Births and Deaths in Ireland from 1864 to 1886 and from 1922 to 2000 inclusive. These reports from the CSO archives have been scanned and converted into Portable Document Format (PDF). The Annual Reports for the years 1887 to 1921 were scanned by the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA).

You can visit the Central Statistics Office by clicking this [LINK](#), or you can get to it through the link above to the Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter article.

Arkansas Genealogical Society Call for Vendors

The Arkansas Genealogical Society will be hosting our fall seminar on September 19th - 20th at the Benton Convention Center in Benton, Arkansas. The Center is at 17322 Interstate 30 North, in the Hickory Square Shopping Center. As we have for many past years, we are offering exhibit space for publishers, researchers, and other genealogical/ancestry organizations.

Exhibit space will be available to attendees from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Set up can begin at 2 p.m. on Friday. Tables will be 8 feet long and cost \$20 per table (or equivalent floor space if you prefer to bring your own display racks)

To reserve exhibit space, please fill out the form on our [website](#) and submit it with your check to the address on the form.

To be sure we have enough tables set-up, please confirm your attendance by August 15, 2014.

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Contributions: If you have news for the Ezine, send it! doug44mann@gmail.com –Thanks!

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