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Tidbits —

The University of Arkansas Libraries Digital Collection provides “access to a variety of digital materials related to the University and to Arkansas, and its history, culture, environment, and people” according to their [website](#). This collection is broad and diverse, from collections such as *Arkansas Extension Circulars*, *Ozark Folksong Collection*, *University of Arkansas Commencement Speeches*, and much more.

The Genealogy Society of Craighead County, Arkansas publishes the *Brickwall Gazette*, a monthly newsletter. It usually contains some genealogical information which you may find useful. The November issue includes a transcription of the *1877 & 1880 Craighead County Real Estate Taxes*. I receive the Brickwall Gazette by email. Their website is <http://www.gscca.net/index.html>.

How about a history lesson from a website you would likely not search? The title of the article is *Down in the valley, up on the ridge*, from the August 27, 2016 print edition of THE ECONOMIST. You can read the piece at <http://www.economist.com/news/united-states/21705639-appalachian-people-offers-timely-parable-nuanced-history-race>.

Free access for December. The Ancestry website Fold3 (it specializes in US military records) is offering free access to their 113 million World War II records for the entire month of December 2016. This link will take you directly to the free offer. [[Fold 3 World War II Free Records](#)] Thanks to [GenealogyInTime Magazine](#) for this info.

Coming Events

December 2016

[Heritage Seekers](#) normally meets at 6:30 at the Second Presbyterian Church at 600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock. There will be NO MEETING in December!!!

December 2, 2016

The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program's [Sandwiching in History](#) will be from 12 PM to 1 PM at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 310 W. Seventeenth Street, Little Rock, Arkansas.

December 7, 2016

Legacies & Lunch: Mark Christ, 12:00 noon, at the [Butler Center For Arkansas Studies](#), main library Darragh Center, 100 Rock St. Little Rock, Arkansas. Christ will examine the recently completed sesquicentennial observance of the Civil War, its successes and failures, and its impact on Arkansas's history and economy.

December 10, 2016

The Arkansas Historic Preservation's [Walks Thru History](#) will be at the Selma Methodist Church and Selma Rosenwald School (Drew County) northeast of the intersection of AR Highway 293 and Able's Creek Road, from 11 AM to 1 PM.

December 11, 2016

The Family History Center at [6110 T P White in Jacksonville, Arkansas](#) will present a free DNA Workshop from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. No registration is required. Call Guy Dokak at 501-425-9797 for more information.

December 12, 2016

Genealogy Class at the [Butler Center for Arkansas Studies](#), 401 President Clinton Ave, Little Rock, Arkansas from 3:30 to 5:00. Contact Rhonda Stewart rstewart@cals.lib.ar.us for more information.

Coming Events continued

December 15, 2016

“Arkansas: In my Own Backyard” Tim Ernst’s Annual Nature Photography Slide show Tour/Latest book tour will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Saline County Library.

January 23, 2017

[Heritage Seekers](#) meets at 6:30 at the Second Presbyterian Church at 600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock. The program will be Austin Cemetery Restoration by R.D. Keever, Austin Cemetery.

January 28, 2017

Beginning Genealogy Class conducted by the Genealogy Society of Craighead County, Arkansas at the Jonesboro Craighead Public Library from 10:00 to 3:00. There will be a two-hour session with a break for lunch followed by a second two-hour session. Please contact Nancy Matthews at 870-219-0535 or nlmatthews@suddenlink.net. The website is <http://www.gscca.net/>

February 4, 2017

The Genealogy Society of Craighead County, Arkansas will hold a **GENEALOGY NIGHT LOCK-IN** from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Jonesboro Public Library.

February 27, 2017

[Heritage Seekers](#) meets at 6:30 at the Second Presbyterian Church at 600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock. Chris Stewart of the Butler Center will present a topic to be determined.

March 4, 2017

The Heritage Seekers will sponsor a Genealogy Research Day at the Butler Center.

March 27, 2017

Coming Events continued

Heritage Seekers normally meets at 6:30 at the Second Presbyterian Church at 600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock. The program will be *Fort Smith, Judge Parker and His Marshalls* by Brenda Veerhusen of the Heritage Seekers

May 10-13, 2017

The National Genealogical Society's 2017 Family History Conference will be held at the Raleigh Convention Center in Raleigh, NC. Conference Registration began December 1, 2016. Hotels began accepting reservations for the conference on June 15, 2016.

June 8-10, 2017

7th annual [Genealogy Jamboree](#) and Pioneer Day in the Historic Town of Cumberland Gap, Tennessee.

July 23-28, 2017

[The Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research](#) (IGHR) will be at the Georgia Center's UGA and Hotel Conference Center.

July 28 and 29, 2017

2017 International Germanic Genealogy Conference will be held in Minneapolis, MN, on July 28 and July 29, 2017, hosted by the [Germanic Genealogy Society](#). Click here for the [International Germanic Genealogy Conference flyer](#).

August 30-September 2, 2017

The [FGS](#) National Genealogy and Family History Conference will be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

October 20-21, 2017

The Arkansas Genealogical Society 2017 Fall Conference will be at the Benton Event and Convention Center in

Coming Events continued

Benton, Arkansas. D. Joshua Taylor is scheduled to present. Watch our website!

May 2-5, 2018

The NGS 2018 Family History Conference will be in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The announcement was in the *NGS Monthly* from May 2016.

June 2–7, 2018

[The Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research](#) (IGHR) will be at the Georgia Center's UGA and Hotel Conference Center.

August 22-25, 2018

The [FGS](#) National Genealogy and Family History Conference will be held in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

August 21-24, 2019

The [FGS](#) National Genealogy and Family History Conference will be held in Washington, D. C.

September 2-5, 2020

The [FGS](#) National Genealogy and Family History Conference will be held in Kansas City, Missouri.

Tennessee Genealogical Society Discussion Group

Let's Discuss It

The following is from the [Tennessee Genealogical Society](#) web site.

Join our popular genealogy/technology discussion group. Bring up your own topic of interest or just soak up the knowledge from the group. The first hour of the session will be led by Debbie Atchley, who will introduce new research and/or technology sites that will be helpful to family history researchers. The second hour will be a question and answer session on Family Tree Maker, RootsMagic and Legacy software, FamilySearch.org, Ancestry.com and Ancestry Trees by PZ Horton.

This workshop is FREE. No registration is required.

Schedule

Saturday, 10 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

December 10, 2016

January 21, 2017

February 18, 2017

March 18, 2017

April 22, 2017

May 20, 2017

June 24, 2017

Free Websites for Searching Revolutionary War Ancestors

The following piece is from Genealogy Gems by the *Genealogy Center* at Allen County Public Library. Thanks to Susan Boyle for bringing this to our attention.

Some Free Websites for Searching Revolutionary War Ancestors
by Delia Bourne

A number of good subscription websites exist for searching Revolutionary War ancestors, but some are also free for anyone to use. One of the best of these is the “Valley Forge Legacy - Muster Roll Project,” <http://valleyforgemusterroll.org>. This site allows one to perform a truncated search of last names by simply entering at least the first two letters of a surname. The search can be limited by state or regiment. Each entry provides name, rank, state, regiment, company, and ethnicity, if noted, for each soldier. For example, Private Richard Rhodes, an African-American serving with the First Rhode Island, appears on the muster roll for June 1778 as “sick at Englishtown.” More information is provided for Smith Boonefield, 5th troop, 2nd Dragoons, New Jersey Cavalry, who was a farmer from Woodbridge, stood 5”10” tall, and had a dark complexion with dark hair and eyes. George Gray, Troop Commander of the 4th Virginia Dragoons, was born on May 13, 1745, in Virginia and was 32 years old when he led his troop into Valley Forge. He married Mildred Thompson and died on December 2, 1823, in Kentucky. One can also search by division, brigade or regiment. For each, a brief history is provided with notes as to when the unit entered and left Valley Forge. The site also includes a history of the encampment, images, and other information.

Another website is the “Kentucky Revolutionary War Warrants Database,” online at <http://apps.sos.ky.gov/land/military/revwar/>. Each entry provides the warrant number, name, rank, regiment, number of years served, date of application, number of acres awarded, and assignee, if any. For example, Samuel Holt, Virginia State Line, received 100 acres in 1789, which he assigned to John Carter. The database also provides an image of the warrant.

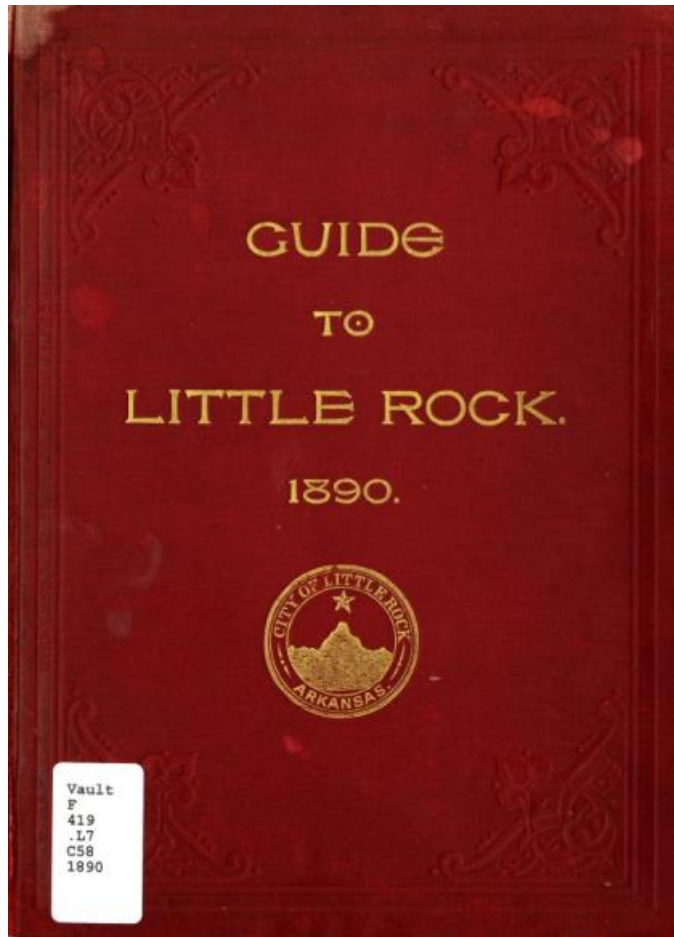
The Pennsylvania State Archives hosts, among other resources, the “Revolutionary War Military Abstract Card File and the Militia Officers Index Cards, 1775-1800” at <http://www.digitalarchives.state.pa.us>. The

Free Websites for Searching Revolutionary War Ancestors *continued*

“Military Abstract Card File” contains transcriptions of data extracted from original records in the custody of the State Archives concerning Revolutionary War service in the Pennsylvania Militia, Pennsylvania Line, and the Navy. Browse alphabetically to find name, rank, county, battalion and source of the information. The file lists records of both active and inactive service. The “Militia Officers Index” lists militia officers who served during the American Revolution as well as in campaigns against Native Americans in northwestern Pennsylvania and during the Whiskey Rebellion. Information provided includes name, county, rank, company or battalion, dates of service, township, and occasionally the district within township. In rare cases, other pertinent information is provided such as place of burial, wounds received, names of children, names of any expeditions or campaigns, name of person whom they succeeded, and date discharged.

Arkansas State Archives Featured

This is from the November 2016 issue of *The Arkansas Archivist*, the monthly newsletter of the Arkansas State Archives. You can read the back issues at <http://www.ark-ives.com/outreach/newsletter.aspx>. Here is a good example of why a researcher should visit to the Arkansas State Archives.



This month we feature Archival Assistant Brian Irby's pick of an 1890 travel guide book to Little Rock.

Why choose a travel guide for your pick? I've looked at travel guides in the past and found them very interesting. The guidebook is meant to show the city in the best light, so it is fascinating to see what is emphasized. For instance, among the sites recommended for travelers to visit is the state penitentiary and the state hospital. Could you imagine visiting those on your vacation?

What can a researcher learn from looking at a guide book such as this? One great thing is that there are drawings of a lot of buildings. Often we have researchers who are looking for photographs of buildings and this might be the only known image of those buildings. Additionally, since the book can be seen as a snapshot of Little Rock as it was in 1890, it holds a lot of historical value. It can tell us a lot about Little Rock's culture in the late 19th century.

Are there similar guidebooks at the ASA for other cities? The railroad companies often produced similar guidebooks for cities on their routes. Many of Arkansas's larger cities also have guidebooks produced by their city chambers of commerce.

Elephind, a Newspaper Search Site

The following is from a July 28, 2016 piece from [Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter](#). Please visit the article on EOGN to click any of the links listed in this article.

Elephind is a great service that searches online digital newspaper collections. Best of all, it is available free of charge.

Elephind.com is a search engine that operates much like Google, Bing, or other search engines. The one thing that is different with Elephind is that it searches only historical, digitized newspapers. It enables you to search, for free, across many newspaper sites simultaneously, rather than having to visit each collection's web site separately.

At this time, Elephind has indexed 2,779 newspaper titles containing more than two and a half million editions, ranging from March 1803 up to January 1, 2015 in some titles. The Elephind search engine has indexed 149,363,907 items from 2,779 newspaper titles. These include such well known sites as the Chronicling America (the U.S.'s Library of Congress) and Trove (National Library of Australia), as well as smaller collections like Door County Library in Wisconsin. Many of the smaller newspaper sites are not well known and may be difficult to find with the usual search engines but are searchable from Elephind.com. A list of available newspaper collections that have been indexed so far is available at <http://goo.gl/VRQN5L>.

Additional newspaper collections are added to Elephind's indexes frequently.

I found that Elephind operates in much the same manner as Google and other search engines. If you already know how to search for things in Google, Bing, Yahoo, or elsewhere, you already know how to use Elephind. In fact, there are two search methods available on Elephind:

1. When you first visit the site at <http://www.elephind.com/>, you are greeted with a very simple search box containing one data entry box. You can search for words or phrases in much the same way as you do on Google although not all of Google's sophisticated Boolean search terms are available on Elephind. You can find tips for using the search box at <http://goo.gl/3T6JuH>.

Elephind, a Newspaper Search Site *continued*

2. When visiting the site at <http://www.elephind.com/>, you will also see a highlighted link of “Advanced Search.” When you click on that, a more sophisticated search form appears allowing the user to narrow the search to any combination of specific newspaper titles, country, or a range of dates.

I did a search for my own last name between the years 1811 and 1890 in the United States. It returned far too many “hits” for me to search through so I started narrowing the search by specifying first names and cities or towns of interest. I was soon looking at information of interest.

I was impressed with the clarity of the newspaper pages I was able to view but, of course, that is under the control of the individual newspaper collection. Elephind does not host the images on its own web site. Instead, it merely links to newspapers found on a wide variety of servers in a number of different countries from around the world.

Elephind.com is a great tool for family historians, genealogists, and researchers to search historic digitized newspaper archives from around the globe. Will Elephind locate newspaper articles about your ancestors? There is no way to tell in advance. You need to try it for a while to see. It is a free resource so why not try it to see for yourself?

Elephind may be found at <http://www.elephind.com>.

Elephind is continuing to add more newspapers, so if at first you can’t find what you’re looking for, check back later. You also might want to add your name to the Elephind mailing list at <http://eepurl.com/ndGhb> to receive an email message every time a new collection is added.

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