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Coming Events

July 21, 2018

Butler Center Presents: 2018 Genealogy Workshop, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., CALS Ron Robinson Theater, 100 River Market Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas. Guest speaker Juliana Szucs. For more information go to <https://www.butlercenter.org/conference/index.html>

August 4, 2018

"It Covers a Lot of Ground: A History of Music in Northeast Arkansas," a symposium by Northeast Arkansas Regional Archives, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Room 103, Delta Center, ASU, 319 University Loop, Jonesboro, Arkansas. For more information go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/it-covers-a-lot-of-ground-a-history-of-music-in-northeast-arkansas-tickets-47421620343>

August 11, 2018

Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association Presents: Genealogical Seminar, 8 a.m., Broadmoor United Methodist Church, Pearce Activity Hall, 3715 Youree Drive, Shreveport, Louisiana. Guest Speaker Philip Burnett Adderley. For more information go to <http://www.altgenealogy.com/seminar.htm>

August 21, 2018

Arkansas State Archives, Pen to Podium: Arkansas Historical Writers' Lecture Series, Rock Island Railroad in Arkansas, by Michael Hibblen, 6:30 p.m., Department of Arkansas Heritage Diamond Room, 1100 North Street, Little Rock, Arkansas.

How to Use War of 1812 Pension Files

The following is republished from FamilySearch Blog. The blog written by FamilySearch, was published June 13, 2018.



Do you have an ancestor who participated in the War of 1812? If so, the War of 1812 pension files may hold a treasure trove of genealogical information for you. These records have previously been difficult to access until, led by the Federation of Genealogical Societies and the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), the genealogical community began digitizing them in 2015 to make them available for the bicentennial of this important war.

Finding family information in war files may seem counterintuitive, but records of these files are filled with important details about soldiers, their families, and even extended families. Learn more about what information these records contain and how you can access them to find your ancestors.

How to Use War of 1812 Pension Files(continued)

Coming Event

August 22-25, 2018

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

August 27, 2018

Heritage Seekers, *The Rise & Fall of Napoleon, Arkansas*, by Sheila Moore-Mitchell, 6:30 p.m., Second Presbyterian Church, 600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas.

September 14-15

Standridge Family National Reunion, Holiday Inn Express, Alcoa Road, Bryant, Arkansas. For more information contact Russell Baker at gobgob3@mindspring.com

October 13, 2018

Arkansas State Archives, *Tracing Your Arkansas Roots: Genealogy 101*, speakers include Thea Baker and Diana Gilpin, 9 a.m., Historic Washington State Park.

October 19-20, 2018

The Arkansas Genealogical Society 2018 Fall Conference will be at the Benton Event and Convention Center in Benton, Arkansas. CeCe Moore, Professional Genetic Genealogist is scheduled to present.

November 4-10, 2018

National Genealogical Society Guided Research Trip to Washington, D.C. Visit *Upfront With NGS* for the details.

November 13, 2018

Arkansas State Archives, *Pen to Podium: Arkansas Historical Writers' Lecture Series, Hidden History of Fort Smith*, by Ben Boulden, 6:30 p.m., Department of Arkansas Heritage Diamond Room, 1100 North Street, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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.

What are pension files?

Citizens who joined the militia and served in the army or navy during the War of 1812 were eligible for pensions. Throughout the 1800s, nearly 100,000 applications were submitted. Some were approved, some not, but files for both were preserved.

WAR OF 1812.		BOUNTY LAND
NUMBERS	SOLDIER COLLINS, ABNER	65926 40 50
S O 16758		
S C 10583	WIDOW	70092 120 55
	SERVICE PVT CAPT JOHN CHITWOOD'S CO TENN MIL	
	ENLISTED JAN 28 1812	DISCHARGED MAY 10 1814
RESIDENCE 1851 1855 LINCOLN CO TENN	REMARKS	
OF SOLDIER 1871 LINCOLN CO (PO 300NS HILL) TENN		
RESIDENCE OF WIDOW		
MAIDEN NAME OF WIDOW WIFE ELENDOR MILAM		
MARRIAGE OF SOLDIER AND WIDOW WIFE FEB 1809 SUMNER CO TENN		
DEATH OF SOLDIER		
DEATH OF WIDOW		

To qualify for these pensions, applicants were required to provide the government with stringent proofs of eligibility, so the files may include original records sent in by the applicants. They may include pages torn from family Bibles, marriage certificates, photographs, military records, and more. Such records may provide proof of such facts as a wife's maiden name, marriage places and dates, names of children, bounty land awarded, military service details, names of parents, death dates and places, and physical descriptions of the veteran.

Who could apply for a pension?

Before 1871, veterans had to prove that war injuries prevented them from earning a living in order to receive a pension. If the veteran was deceased, his widow could apply provided she had married the veteran before 1815, the year the war ended. Through the years, stipulations for pension eligibility were relaxed, and more families applied. After 1871, all veterans who served at least 60 days, or their widows, could apply. In 1878, benefits were extended to veterans, widows, and their children, provided the soldier served at least 14 days.

How to Use War of 1812 Pension Files(continued)

Pension applications could also include men who served in the war effort in capacities other than as soldiers.

Keep an eye on your FamilySearch record hints as well. If FamilySearch finds one of your ancestors in the War of 1812 Pension File records, they'll give you a record hint on your Family Tree. You can review these hints to view the record and make sure it applies to your ancestor.

The flowchart in this handout from RootsTech 2018 provides a trail sequence to find these records for various scenarios.

Some soldiers who were not eligible for pensions still qualified for bounty lands. What is found in the Fold3 1812 folders may differ from that available on the online Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Bounty Land patents. The procedure to get a land patent included an application for bounty land, a warrant for the land, and a land patent. The patents are digitized on the BLM site, but the warrants are not.

Whether or not your ancestor served in the war, the information may still be in these records. Check the records on Fold3.com. Your ancestor may be listed on affidavits as witnesses to marriages and other events of friends and family who were involved in the war.

Where are pension records available?

Start by searching for an ancestor in the FamilySearch War of 1812 index, but don't stop there. Indexes provide only limited information, could include transcription errors, and aren't necessarily complete. Digitized records in the pension files are actual copies of proof documents and may contain much more information than is on the indexes. Thus far, files for surnames A through M have been digitized and are available free online at Fold3.com. The undigitized original files are also available to search at the National Archives in Washington D.C.

Timeless: Where Were You When Ronald Reagan Was Shot?

The following is republished from [Ancestry Blog](#). The blog written by Crista Cowan, was published May 6, 2018.

One of the things I have learned in life and in family history is that there are moments. Moments that are burned into our memory. We know exactly where we were and how we felt when our first child was born, when our mother died, when our spouse was diagnosed with cancer. We also know where we were and how we felt when the Twin Towers fell, when JFK was assassinated, when Pearl Harbor was bombed.

Tonight on *Timeless*, the Time Team travels to [Monday, March 30, 1981](#). It's odd to think of it as time travel when it is an event I remember. But, it is history. And, it is one of those moments. I remember how I felt when I learned that there had been an assassination attempt on President Ronald Reagan. It was one of the first times in my life that I had a conscious recognition that the world was not an inherently safe place. It was an awakening to the realization that chaos and fear and media can be used to manipulate the masses. It led to "grown-up" discussions on the playground and very real discussions around the dinner table.

This week the Ancestry Research Team looked into the family histories of Ronald Reagan, James Brady, Thomas Delahanty, and Tim McCarthy. We were looking for some fun or interesting story we could tell about the ancestry of one of those men. We even looked to see if we could connect one of their ancestors with the ancestors of a member of the cast. But, I kept coming back to my own memories of that day and I realized that those are the stories that need to be told.

I would give anything to know where my grandfather was, what he was doing, and what he felt on December 7, 1941 when he heard the news that Pearl Harbor had been bombed. We never talked about it. More importantly, I'd love to hear him talk about how he felt on the day he married my grandmother or held my father for the first time.

I want to know how my 3rd great-grandfather felt when he heard the news that Abraham Lincoln had been killed. Their families had associated with one another in Illinois decades earlier so he was more than just the President to them.

I would love to understand how my great-grandmother felt when she got word that her husband was being shipped off to fight in France during World War I or how she felt the day she got word that the war had ended and he would be coming home.

So, tonight, as I get ready to watch another episode of what has become [my favorite television show](#), instead of thinking about the grand history and ancestry and stories of important figures, I'm thinking about my own history. I'm thinking that I will write down how I felt in those important moments in my life, both personal and global. So that those who come after me will have first-hand accounts of the moments I have witnessed in my life. And, while I'm at it, I'm going to ask my parents to share some of their TIMELESS MOMENTS memories. Including about the day that Reagan was shot.

"We apologize for the incorrect information contained in the AGS eZine sent June 11, 2018. The information regarding our 2018 AGS Fall Conference erroneously included incorrect information. The attached document contains the corrected information sheet. We are excited to have CeCe Moore as our featured speaker for this year and hope you will plan to attend."

Arkansas Genealogical Society 2018 Fall Seminar



**Featuring CeCe Moore
& Jeanne Rollberg
October 19-20, 2018**

**Program: Friday, October 19, 2018
Both Presentations by Jeanne Rollberg, AGS Board Member**

5:00PM Registration (Vendors Open 5:00PM - 9:00PM)

6:00PM Social Media Enhance Family History: Mining the Fields Traditional genealogy research may be combined with proper uses of Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, Pinterest, and blogs to enrich the family tree and enliven connections in the family history experience. Evaluate and use social media with expertise.

7:00PM Break

7:30PM The Ancestor Pester/ Excelling in Genealogy Travel/Reunions & Research Together -

Nearly 1/3 of Americans - and especially Baby Boomers - visit family and broader heritage sites yearly, often combining reunions/other travel with family history study. Learn to systematically maximize research while getting the most from travel.

**Saturday, October 20, 2018
All Presentations by CeCe Moore**

8:00AM Registration (Vendors Open 8:00AM - 3:00PM)

9:00AM The Power of DNA: Genetic Genealogy Basics - Understanding the basics of the four types of DNA and three types of genetic genealogy tests is essential to successfully applying genetic genealogy to furthering your research. This presentation helps to lay the foundation for genealogists interested in adding genetic genealogy to their skill set.

10:00AM Break

10:30AM Who Am I: Exploring Ethnicity Estimates - Addressing the question of "Who am I?" through DNA testing that provides ethnicity percentages is becoming a popular research tool. Attendees will learn how to better interpret and analyze these results and what they can and cannot tell you about your family tree.

11:30AM Lunch

1:00PM AGS Annual Meeting

1:30PM Applying Autosomal DNA to Your Genealogical Research - The introduction of autosomal DNA into the genealogical scene empowered our use of DNA to learn more about our ancestors in a way never before possible. This presentation will cover FAQs regarding best practices and the most efficient methodologies in the application of autosomal DNA to our research.

2:30PM Break

3:00PM Genetic Genealogy Case Studies - Step-by-step case studies demonstrate the use of all four types of DNA in conjunction with traditional research to solve genealogical mysteries and showcase the exciting possibilities this work offers.

**Arkansas Genealogical Society
2018 Fall Seminar Registration Form**

October 19-20, 2018

**Benton Event Center
17322 I-30 North Benton, AR**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

email: _____

Registration Fee

A syllabus is guaranteed for those registered by September 24

- _____ **\$20 Friday Night Only**
- _____ **\$40 Saturday Only (includes a box lunch)**
- _____ **\$55 Friday & Saturday (includes Saturday's box lunch)**
- _____ **\$25 (AGS Membership - New and Renewing)**
- _____ **Total Enclosed**

Make Check Payable to AGS and mail to:

**AGS Fall Conference Registration
P O Box 26374
Little Rock AR 72221-6374**

Hotel Reservations can be made at:

**Fairfield Inn & Suites
17320 Interstate 30 North
Benton, AR, 72019
(501) 722-6330**

National Archives Virtual Genealogy Fair 2018

October 24, 2018 - sixth annual virtual Genealogy Fair

Every year, the National Archives hosts a virtual Genealogy Fair via live webcast on YouTube. The sessions offer family history research tools on Federal records for all skill levels. Thousands of family historians participate in the live event.

As a virtual attendee, you can:

- Watch the entire day on YouTube.
- Join us – from wherever and whenever.
- Participate with the presenters and other family historians during the live event.
- Watch individual sessions and download the materials at your convenience -- live or after the event.
- Attend free of charge and registration!

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