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Coming Events

November 3, 2018

Tennessee Genealogical Society Seminar, speaker Blaine T. Bettinger, DNA Specialist German-town Church of Christ, 8723 Poplar Pike, Germantown, TN. For more information go to <https://www.tngs.org/Events>.

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.

November 26, 2018

Heritage Seekers Genealogy Club, *The Confederate Monuments Controversy: Can We Find a Middle Ground?*, speaker Bobby Roberts, director Emeritus CALS, 6:30 p.m., Room 66, Second Presbyterian Church, 600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock.

November 30, 2018

Independence County Library Genealogy Presentation, *Listening to Native American Stories*, speaker Dr. George Lankford, 12 p.m., Independence County Library is located at 267 East Main St., Batesville.

January 15, 2019

Arkansas State Archives, *Pen to Podium: Arkansas Historical Writers' Lecture Series, Speaker Blake Perkins*.

2018 Fall Seminar

Cheers to the Arkansas Genealogical Society, who celebrated another successful seminar this year. A big thank you to all those who were involved in the organizing and execution of the event.

A special thanks to Jeanne Rollberg, for her insight into the importance of social media and heritage travel in family research. Also, one to CeCe Moore, who brought her expertise in DNA research. Her insight showed us how DNA can work along side traditional research to expand our understanding of our genealogical heritage.



Coming Events

January 20, 2019

Genealogical Society of Craighead, General Meeting, 2 p.m., Round Room, Jonesboro Library, 315 Oak Avenue, Jonesboro.

January 28, 2019

Heritage Seekers Genealogy Club, *Leave the Light On: A few ideas for Writing Family Histories*, speaker David Stricklin, Butler Center, 6:30 p.m., Room 66, Second Presbyterian Church, 600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock.

February 2, 2019

Genealogical Society of Craighead, Genealogy Lock-In, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

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Black History Commission of Arkansas Event.

February 17, 2019

Genealogical Society of Craighead, General Meeting, 2 p.m., Round Room, Jonesboro Library, 315 Oak Avenue, Jonesboro.

February 25, 2019

Heritage Seekers Genealogy Club, *Moving Wilder (Georgia Settlement) Cemetery*, speaker Joe Clements, Heritage Seekers, 6:30 p.m., Room 66, Second Presbyterian Church, 600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock.

March 1-2, 2019

Northeast Arkansas Regional Archives, Territorial Fair

March 17, 2019

Genealogical Society of Craighead, General Meeting, 2 p.m., Round Room, Jonesboro Library, 315 Oak Avenue, Jonesboro.

March 25, 2019

Heritage Seekers Genealogy Club, *TBA*, speaker Phillip Snodgrass, Heritage Seekers, 6:30 p.m., Room 66, Second Presbyterian Church, 600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock.

April 16, 2019

Arkansas State Archives, *Pen to Podium: Arkansas Historical Writers' Lecture Series*, Speaker Phyllis Hodges.

Genealogy Info Updates For Best Use

by Jeanne Rollberg

In our genealogy societies, historical associations, archives, and libraries, it's important to update web sites, brochures, and other information that both in-state and out-of-state information seekers use. With DNA tests and queries to Arkansas organizations on the rise, it's best practice to update key kinds of information periodically.

We should check:

1. Is it clear to those who see our information online exactly what genealogy information and history collections we do have? Likewise, are on-site brochures that drop-in information seekers need updated? Are copying and information fees updated and included?
2. Is our officer list and contact information current? If an organization doesn't have a physical location, is that clear? Is contact information a generic e-mail address? If so, does someone check for e-mail consistently every few days? (Using a specially-created person's e-mail address often means less incoming e-mail goes into spam and that queries are answered more consistently.)
3. Are relevant links to other genealogy information (such as local resources and state agencies that offer certificates) included, when appropriate? Especially for local historical societies, are on-site hours and fees clear?
4. Finally, does our web site itself look dated? Do we have moving images on our sites, if possible? The surge in video and slideshows online means that static web sites are less inviting and may make users wonder how updated and vital other information is. Like it or not, we are competing with other web sites for eyeballs and attention. This visual feature will become more important as younger users join our organizations and as genealogy travel brings increasing numbers of researchers to Arkansas.

Coming Events

April 21, 2019

Genealogical Society of Craighead, General Meeting, 2 p.m., Round Room, Jonesboro Library, 315 Oak Avenue, Jonesboro.

April 22, 2019

Heritage Seekers Genealogy Club, DNA, speaker Mike Engel, Genetic Genealogist, 6:30 p.m., Room 66, Second Presbyterian Church, 600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock.

May 4, 2019

Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives, Genealogical Symposium.

May 9-11, 2019

National Genealogical Society Family History Conference, *Journey of Discovery*, St. Charles, Missouri.

May 19, 2019

Genealogical Society of Craighead, General Meeting, 2 p.m., Round Room, Jonesboro Library, 315 Oak Avenue, Jonesboro.

May 20, 2019

Heritage Seekers Genealogy Club, *Camp Nelson Cemetery Restoration*, speaker R.D. Keever, Camp Nelson, 6:30 p.m., Room 66, Second Presbyterian Church, 600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock.

June 1, 2019

Black History Commission of Arkansas Event.

June 23, 2019

Genealogical Society of Craighead, General Meeting, 2 p.m., Round Room, Jonesboro Library, 315 Oak Avenue, Jonesboro.

July 20, 2019

Genealogical Society of Craighead, Genealogy Lock-In, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

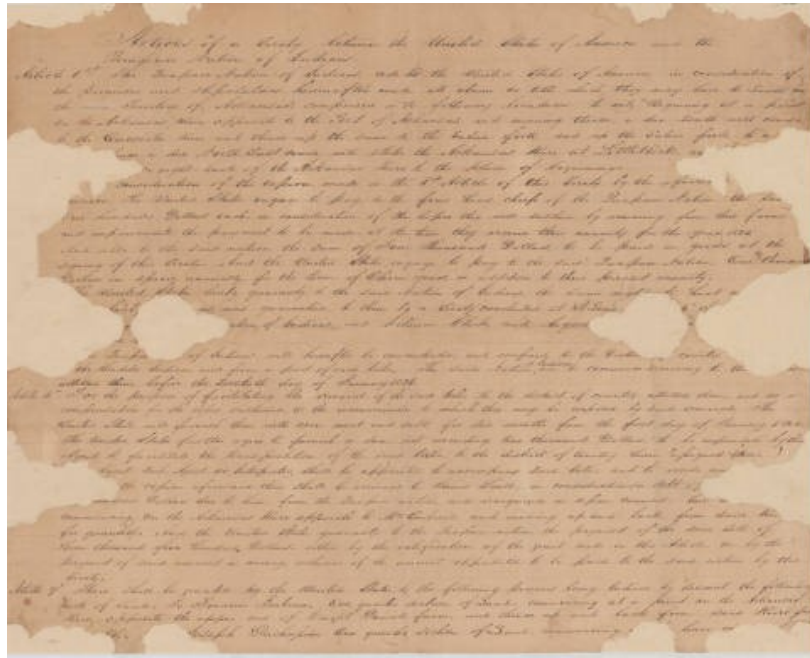
July 21, 2019

Genealogical Society of Craighead, General Meeting, 2 p.m., Round Room, Jonesboro Library, 315 Oak Avenue, Jonesboro.

August 3, 2019

Northeast Arkansas Regional Archives Event

Native American Indian Heritage Month



The Quapaw Treaty, 1824. Courtesy of the Arkansas State Archives

November is Native American Indian Heritage Month. It celebrates and recognizes the accomplishments of the peoples who were indigenous to the United States. The National Archives (<https://www.archives.gov/news/topics/native-american-heritage-month>) and the Library of Congress (<https://www.loc.gov/law/help/commemorative-observations/american-indian.php>), have created digital collections related to Native American History. The National Archives has also included Webinars and blogs.

If you are looking for local facilities to do Native American Indian research you might consider a visit to the Sequoyah National Research Center and Arkansas State Archives. The Sequoyah National Research Center is located at University Plaza, Suite 500, at the corner of Asher Avenue and University Avenue. It is open to researchers Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The facilities collections include, the Press History Collection, Trial of Tears Research materials, and the James W. And Sallie E. Fraizer Trust Collection, a collection of Cherokee family papers.

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August 18, 2019

Genealogical Society of Craighead, General Meeting, 2 p.m., Round Room, Jonesboro Library, 315 Oak Avenue, Jonesboro.

August 20, 2019

Arkansas State Archives, *Pen to Podium: Arkansas Historical Writers' Lecture Series*, Speaker Mark Christ.

August 21-24, 2019

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

August 24, 2019

Obion County Library Genealogical Seminar, 9 a.m. Obion County Tennessee Library.

September 14, 2019

Arkansas State Archives Foodways Event.

October 24-26, 2019

RootsTech Conference will be held in London, England. For more information go to <https://www.rootstech.org/London?cid=bl-fsup-8055>

September 2-5, 2020

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

The Arkansas State Archives is located at #1 Capitol Mall. It is open to researchers Monday through Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Their collections include the following:

Letter book: Sulphur Fork Trading Factory, 1809-1821

Letters Received by Office of Indian Affairs, 1824-1854, Selected Agencies

Office Commissary General Subsistence, Correspondence on the Subject of the Emigration of Indians between November 30, 1831, and December 27, 1833

1832 Census, Creek Indians

A Compilation of Records: Choctaw Nation by the Oklahoma Genealogical Society

1835 Census, Cherokee Indians East of the Mississippi

Cherokee Indian Records, Tennessee, Correspondence and Miscellaneous Records, Agency Letter Books, Fiscal Records, Receipt Books, Account Books, Ledger Books, Pass Books, 1801-1835

1890 Census, Cherokee Nation, Western

1895 Old Settlers Cherokee Census

1896 Choctaw National Census

1896 Chickasaw National Census

1896 Index to Payment Roll, Old Settler Cherokees

Final Rolls of Citizens and Freedmen of the Five Civilized Tribes, 1907 (Dawes Commission)

The archives also includes over 200 printed materials, for Native American Indian research.

The Arkansas State Archives is interested in you!

The Arkansas State Archives and Friends of the Arkansas State Archives are looking for eager individuals to help indexing county and state records. Work is one sitting down, along side staff members, with gloves and masks provided. It takes place on Tuesday mornings from 9:00 to noon in a conference room at the Collections Management Facility on North Street in Little Rock where parking is more easily available than at the Archives. Come and join the fun.

Administrative Stuff

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