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Coming Events

July 20, 2019

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

July 21, 2019

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

July 22, 2019

Heritage Seekers Genealogy Club,
Preserving Your Family Heirlooms,
speaker Julianne Crawford, Arkan-
sas State Archives, 6:30 p.m., Room
66, Second Presbyterian Church,
600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little
Rock.

August 3, 2019

Northeast Arkansas Regional Ar-
chives Event.

August 3, 2019

Heritage Seekers Genealogy Club,
Research Day at the Butler Center,
Central Arkansas Library System,
100 Rock Street, Little Rock.

August 18, 2019

Genealogy 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 Writ-
ers' Lecture Series*, Speaker Mark
Christ.

August 21-24, 2019

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

Northwest Arkansas

Genealogy Resources

The William Enfield Local History and Genealogy Department at the Bentonville Public Library is a helpful resource for ancestor research in Northwest Arkansas. <http://library.bentonvillear.com/Genealogy.htm>.

As its web page indicates, the library and the Northwest Arkansas Genealogical Society formed a partnership when the Society donated more than 3,000 local history and genealogy resources to be used in the newly-built facility at 405 S. Main Street.

From the web site:

Library Resources

- Local history materials
- Genealogy resources from Arkansas and other States
- Family histories
- Cemetery records, obituaries and birth indexes
- Specialty materials such as *Daughters of the American Revolution*, *Pennsylvania Archives* and various quarterlies
- Benton County Daily Record* newspaper on microfilm (dating back to late 1800s)
- Genealogy databases Heritage Quest and [Ancestry.com](#)
- Heritage Quest is available 24/7 for home or library access at no charge

Coming Events

August 24, 2019

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

August 26, 2019

Heritage Seekers Genealogy Club, *Finding Identity with Genealogy in Arkansas*, speaker Jeanne Rollberg, 6:30 p.m., Room 66, Second Presbyterian Church, 600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock.

September 12, 2019

Greene County Historical and Genealogical Society, Program Meeting, 6 p.m., Greene County Library, Legacy Room, Paragould.

September 14, 2019

Arkansas State Archives Foodways Event.

September 23, 2019

Heritage Seekers Genealogy Club, *As Much as the Water-How Steamboats Shaped Arkansas*, speaker Kay Lundgren, 6:30 p.m., Room 66, Second Presbyterian Church, 600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock.

October 10, 2019

Greene County Historical and Genealogical Society, Program Meeting, 6 p.m., Legacy Room, Greene County Library, Paragould.

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>

November 14, 2019

Greene County Historical and Genealogical Society, Program Meeting, 6 p.m., Legacy Room, Greene County Library, Paragould.

November 25, 2019

Heritage Seekers Genealogy Club, *Publishing & Enjoying Your Genealogy Work*, speaker Hank Klein, 6:30 p.m., Room 66, Second Presbyterian Church, 600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock.

About the Northwest Arkansas Genealogical Society

The Society volunteers donate time to the Bentonville Public Library. They serve the community by offering free guidance and some fee-based research assistance with genealogy resources. In the past few years, Society members have volunteered more than 3,775 hours assisting library patrons in family research. It is recommended that you visit the genealogy center when a volunteer is scheduled to work. <https://sites.rootsweb.com~arnwags/.genealogy@bentonvillear.com>

The Society produces a quarterly publication, *The Backtracker*, and serves the Arkansas Counties of Benton, Carroll, Madison and Washington. The group welcomes new members. Dues include an annual subscription to *The Backtracker*. Society meetings are held at the Bentonville Public Library on the 4th Monday each month at 6 p.m., January through November. Guests are always welcome at meetings. Phone: [479-271-6820](tel:479-271-6820)

The Society Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/nwags/>
For those interested in broader meetings, there is also a Family History Conference in Northwest Arkansas on September 28, 2019 from 8-4:45 at the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints in Springdale at 6738 Lynch's Prairie Court.

NEARA Seeks Volunteers

The Northeast Arkansas Regional Archives is seeking individuals to participate in Volunteer Day at the archives. Currently, volunteers are unfolding and processing court case files from the Walnut Ridge, Lawrence County Court Records Collection. The goal is to have those cases searchable in our database within the next year. Come and join the fun. For more information about volunteering, contact NEARA at

northeast.archives@arkansas.gov

or

(870)878-6521.

Coming Events

December 12, 2019

Greene County Historical and Genealogical Society, Program Meeting, 6 p.m., Legacy Room, Greene County Library, Paragould.

September 2-5, 2020

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

Butler Center 2019 Genealogy

The Butler Center for Arkansas Studies, the archival department of the Central Arkansas Library System (CALs), will offer a free, all-day genealogy workshop on Saturday, July 20, from 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the CALs Ron Robinson Theater, 100 River Market Ave. The program presenter will be Angela Y. Walton-Raji, who is known nationally for her genealogical and historical research.

The theater doors will open at 9 a.m. The program is free and open to the public; no registration is required.

This workshop is geared to helping genealogists of all levels sharpen their skills. The topics of the workshop will be:

1. Nurses, Matrons, Laundresses & Cooks
2. Finding Indian Ancestors in African American Families
3. Using Search Engines & Databases for African American Genealogy
4. Mapping the Freedman's Bureau

Angela Y. Walton-Raji

Angela Y. Walton-Raji is widely noted for her research as well as her work on records for the Civil War west of the Mississippi, Oklahoma Native Americans, benevolent societies, and 19th-century women.

Her book *Black Indian Genealogy Research* is the only book of its kind focusing on the unique record set reflecting Freedmen found within the Dawes Records. Her most recent book, *Freedmen of the Frontier*, highlights freed families from Indian Territory who were part of the so-called Five Civilized Tribes. She is a founding member of *AfriGeneas.com*, host of the weekly genealogy podcast "The African Roots," and a founding member of the Midwest African American Genealogy Institute.

Parking Information

Limited parking spaces are available for a fee either in the Central Arkansas Library System's open-air parking lot south of the theater building or in the Library's new parking tower located one block west of the theater on the corner of Rock St. and President Clinton Avenue. Metered street parking and free parking lots are available in the surrounding area.

THE
FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE
OF
NORTHWEST ARKANSAS
2019

September 28, 2019

8:00 am - 4:45 pm

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
6738 Lynch's Prairie Ct.
Springdale AR 72764

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 index county and state records. Work is done sitting down, alongside 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.

AR GENEALOGY SOCIETY FAMILY HISTORY WRITING

WORKSHOPS

In partnership with UA Little Rock's Department of Rhetoric & Writing

All workshops are located at UA-Little Rock's Writing Center from 1-4:30 PM

*To register contact Sherry Rankins-Robertson at sjrobertson@ualr.edu
20 spots available in each workshop | \$10 AGS registration fee per workshop*

JUNE
29



Writing About Family Members, Places, and Events

This workshop will offer a writing activity about family members, places, or events, strategies for beginning the process of recording family stories, and practical tips to maintain daily writing practices. Bring a pen & paper or a laptop.

JULY
13



Celebrating Family and Food

This workshop will showcase writing about food-related memories and family celebrations. Bring a pen & paper or a laptop along with favorite family recipes!

AUG
17



Sharing Family History for Special Occasions

This workshop will teach participants to write stories that celebrate special occasions with family and friends such as birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, and holidays. Bring a pen & paper or a laptop.

SEPT
07



Writing Obituaries

This workshop will demonstrate strategies for writing tributes that are interesting, engaging, and perhaps even humorous. Bring a pen & paper or a laptop.

OCT
05



Publishing Your Family History

This workshop will cover various kinds of cost effective digital publishing methods that can easily reach a large audience.

Administrative Stuff

Contributions: If you have news for the Ezine, send it! To agscontributions@gmail.com — Thanks!

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