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Coming Events

January 9, 2020

Finding Family Facts, presented by Rhonda Stewart, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.
Brooks Library, 1324 Hwy 365,
Wrightsville.

January 12-17, 2020

Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG),
SLIG's Silver Anniversary Hilton SLC
Center, Salt Lake City, Utah,
SLIG.ugagenealogy.org

January 20-24, 2020

Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG)
Academy for Professionals, Hilton SLC
Center, Salt Lake City, Utah,
SLIG.ugagenealogy.org

January 27, 2020

Heritage Seekers, Writing Family History: Where do you Start?, Presented by Sherry Rankins-Robertson, professor UALR, 6:30 p.m., Room 66, Second Presbyterian Church, 600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock.

January 13, 2020

Finding Family Facts, presented by Rhonda Stewart, 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Roberts Library, 401 President Clinton Avenue, Little Rock.

February 1, 2020

Arkansas State Archives, *African American Soldiers in Wartime*, speakers Dr. Cherisse Jones-Branch, and Wilbur D. Mills, 9:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Mosaic Templars Cultural Center, 501 W. 9th St., Little Rock.

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February 10, 2020

Finding Family Facts, presented by Rhonda Stewart, 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Roberts Library, 401 President Clinton Avenue, Little Rock.

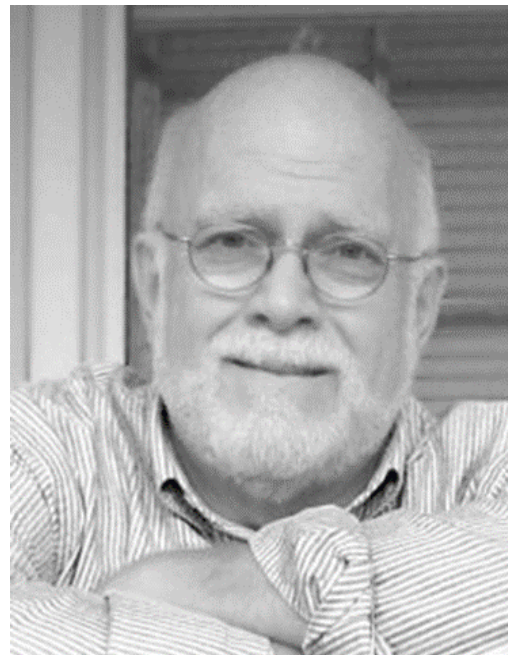
February 24, 2020

Heritage Seekers, Using DNA in Family Research, Scott Lee, Heritage Seekers, 6:30 p.m., Room 66, Second

Dr. David Ware

Becomes New State Archives Direc-

On December 20, 2019, Stacy Hurst, Secretary of the Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism, announced Dr. David Ware would become state historian and director of the Arkansas State



Dr. David Ware

Archives. Ware, who has served as the Capitol historian for the secretary of state's office since 2001, will begin his new position January 21, 2020. His familiarity with many of archives staff and collections, Arkansas History, the states historical community (Arkansas Historical Association, the Arkansas Museums Association and the Society of Southwest Archivists), and his edu-

cational background, make Ware an excellent choice as the archives head.

Ware attended the University of Nebraska earning a B.A. in French literature, then attend the University of Wyoming where he re-

Coming Events

Presbyterian Church, 600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock.

March 7, 2020

Heritage Seekers *Behind the Scenes Tour, at the Arkansas State Archives* 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. or 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., 1 Capitol Mall, Little Rock. For more information go to <https://heritageseekersar.weebly.com/>

March 9, 2020

Finding Family Facts, presented by Rhonda Stewart, 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Roberts Library, 401 President Clinton Avenue, Little Rock.

March 9, 2020

Heritage Seekers, *1918 Flu Epidemic*, Tim Nutt, Director of Historic Research, UAMS Library, 6:30 p.m., Room 66, Second Presbyterian Church, 600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock.

April 4, 2020

Heritage Seekers *Research Day*, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. with a break, then 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Butler Center, 401 President Clinton Avenue, Little Rock. For more information go to <https://heritageseekersar.weebly.com/>

April 27, 2020

Heritage Seekers, *Brick Wall Challenge?*, 6:30 p.m., Room 66, Second Presbyterian Church, 600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock.

April 13, 2020

Finding Family Facts, presented by Rhonda Stewart, 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Roberts Library, 401 President Clinton Avenue, Little Rock.

May 14, 2020

Finding Family Facts, presented by Rhonda Stewart, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Nixon Library, 703 W. Main St., Jacksonville.

June 11, 2020

Finding Family Facts, presented by Rhonda Stewart, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Sanders Library, 10200 Johnson Dr., Sherwood.

June 21-26, 2020

Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburg (GRIP), Pittsburg, PA, <https://www.gripitt.org/>

June 22, 2020

Heritage Seekers, *Arkansas & It's People*, Jane A. Wilkerson, Arkansas State Archives, 6:30 p.m., Room 66, Second Presbyterian Church, 600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock.

July 6-10, 2020

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ceived a M.A in history and later Arizona State University for a Ph.D. in U.S. history.

Ware's work experience is just as impressive. Before his tenure as the state capitol historian, Ware was an archives assistant at UA Little Rock; project historian at Cheyenne Frontier Days Old West Museum in Wyoming; and curator of exhibits and collections at Western Heritage Center in Billings, Montana. He has also written several articles and reviews for publications which include the Journal of Arizona History and the Encyclopedia of Arkansas and has written *It's Official! The Real Stories behind Arkansas's State Symbols*, published by the Butler Center for Arkansas Studies.

Ware, has also represented the secretary of state on several boards: the board of the Historic Preservation Alliance of Arkansas and as board member of the Arkansas Supreme Court Historical Society.



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July 9, 2020

Finding Family Facts, presented by Rhonda Stewart, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Rooker Library, 11 Otter Creek Court, Little Rock.

July 19-24, 2020

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July 26-31, 2020

2020 - IGHR- University of Georgia & Georgia Genealogical Society- Athens, Georgia, annual week-long educational institute for genealogists. <https://www.facebook.com/IGHR.Georgia/>, ighr@gagensociety.org <http://www.ighr.gagensociety.org>

July 27, 2020

Heritage Seekers, *Unexpected Connections: A Church, A Prison & the War of 1812*, George Mitchell, President Arkansas Chapter of the General Society of the War of 1812, 6:30 p.m., Room 66, Second Presbyterian Church, 600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock.

August 8, 2020

Heritage Seekers *Research Day*, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. with a break, then 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Butler Center, 401 President Clinton Avenue, Little Rock. For more information go to <https://heritageseekersar.weebly.com/>

August 13, 2020

Finding Family Facts, presented by Rhonda Stewart, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Williams Library, 1800 Chester St., Little Rock.

September 2-5, 2020

Federation of Genealogical Societies Kansas City, MO www.fgs.org

September 28, 2020

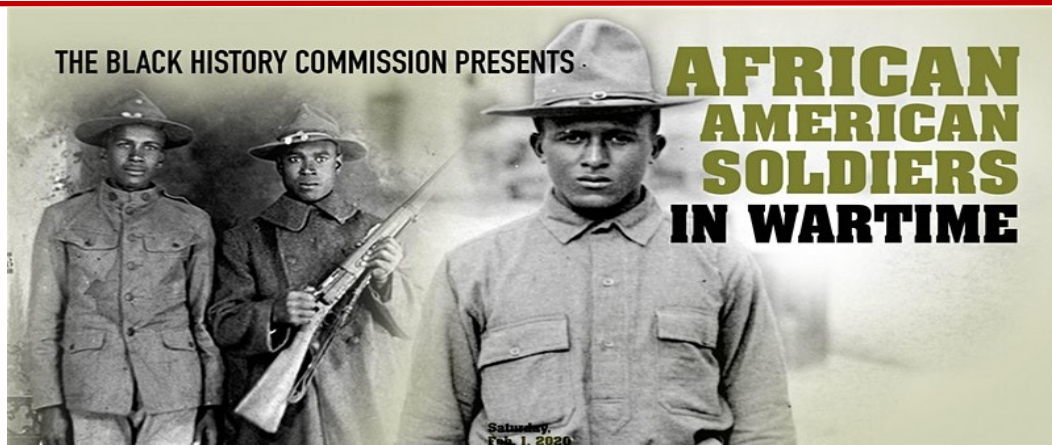
Heritage Seekers, *Confederate Soldier on Campaign*, Vernon Dutton, 6:30 p.m., Room 66, Second Presbyterian Church, 600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock.

October 26, 2020

Heritage Seekers, *Arkansas's Haunted Historic Sites*, Rachel Patton, Preserve Arkansas, 6:30 p.m., Room 66, Second Presbyterian Church, 600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock.

November 23, 2020

Heritage Seekers, *Mapping Chromosomes 101*, Caroline Shultz, Heritage Seekers, 6:30 p.m., Room 66, Second Presbyterian Church, 600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock.



DESCRIPTION

Saturday, February 1, 2020

Check-in begins at 9:15 a.m.

Presentation starts at 10 a.m.

Speakers Dr. Cherisse Jones-Branch, a Persian Gulf War veteran, will present "A Debutante, a Soldier and a War Veteran" and Brig. Gen. Gracus K. Dunn, who retired from the U.S. Army, will present "African-American Services in America's Wars."

Wilbur D. Mills University Studies High School students in the U.S. Army Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) will post the colors.

Teachers can earn up to three professional development credits by attending. The event is free but reservations are required by Jan. 27. Refreshments will be provided.

Off the Grid: A History of Nature, Black Power, and Freedom on the Arkansas Frontier

DESCRIPTION

Canebrakes, speckled perch, chinquapins and blackberries, mink and beaver: Arkansas's natural bounty was a major draw for hundreds of thousands of African Americans who migrated to the state after Emancipation in search of greater freedom and self-determination. What did freedpeople—some native to Arkansas and others newly arrived—learn about their natural environment from their experiences living and working in the New South's last wilderness? Through images, stories, and botanical specimens from the field, historian Story Matkin-Rawn and ecologist Theo Witsell will share their research on the challenges of frontier life and use of wild resources among African Americans in the Natural State.

January 23, 2020

Presentation starts at 6:00 p.m.

Location: Williams Library

1800 Chester Street

Little Rock, AR 72206

Administrative Stuff

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