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Coming Events

March 21, 2020

Special Workshop

More information coming soon!
CALs, Darragh Center, 100 Rock Street,
Little Rock. In coordination with
the [Ulster Historical Foundation](#)

May 2, 2020

2020 AGS Spring Workshop

More information coming soon!
Old Washington State Park
In coordination with the [Arkansas
State Archives](#)

October 16-17, 2020

2020 AGS Fall Seminar

Benton Event Center, Benton Arkan-
sas. For more information go to
<https://www.agsgenealogy.org/>

Ulster Historical Foundation at the Darragh Center



AGS members with Scots-Irish backgrounds may enjoy the free presentation of the Ulster Historical Foundation at the Darragh Center at the Central Arkansas Library System Main Library at 100 Rock Street on March 21, beginning about 9:30 a.m. AGS is partnering with the Foundation and CALS to sponsor this presentation by experts on Scots-Irish genealogy and research.

There was a similar presentation three years ago in Little Rock. In March, there will be lunch on your own in the River Market as part of the event, which will end about 2:30 p.m. Speakers generally make presentations, speak about tours to Ireland, and distribute packets for interested persons. They will leave immediately after their presentations for an event in Idaho. (Please see photo from 2017 packet.)

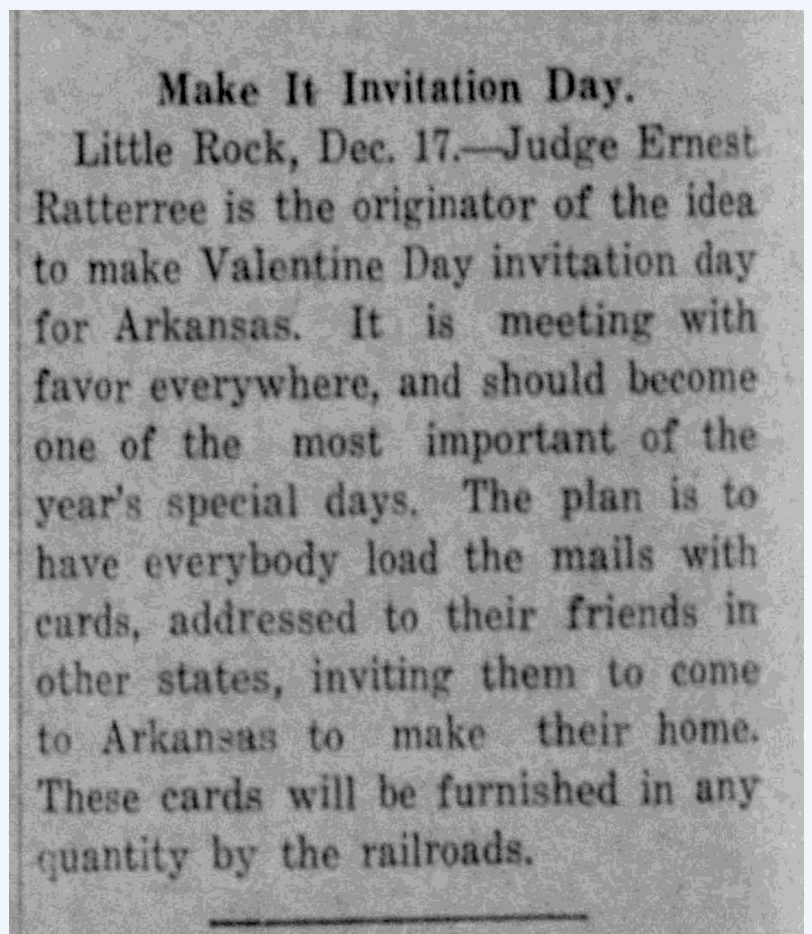
The Darragh Center has a seating capacity of 100 (per the fire marshal), and participants are advised to arrive by about 9 (the library opens then) to assure participation even if registered. Seating will not include tables, so please bring a portable writing surface, if needed. Little Rock will be one of only 14 foundation tour locations in the United States.

For more information on the organization, please see <https://www.ancestryireland.com/>.

Valentines Day , Invitation Day?

I bet you didn't know that in 1913 there was an attempt to make Valentines Day, invitation day for Arkansas. On December 17, Judge Ernest Riley Ratterree originated the idea. Ratterree who organized the Arkansas Land Congress, was vital in bringing immigrants to Arkansas. Ultimately, he is credited with bringing 20,000 immigrants to the state.

The plan was simple, for invitation day, load the mail with cards addressed to friends all over the country inviting them come live in the great state of Arkansas. In the Arkansas Democrat dated December 12, 1913, Arkansas was said to be, "the best State in the Union. The soil is the most productive—all of us know that from experience and from telling each other." The campaign encouraged each person in the state to send no fewer than five post card invitations, furnished by the railroads. It goes on to state, "Government statistics show that an average of 5,000 people enter the United States daily, most of whom make very desirable Arkansas farmers. The post card invitations would be very inexpensive and might accomplish a great deal of good."



From the *Batesville Daily Guard* , December 17, 1913.

Meet the Board

Andria Yakoubian is one of two new board members to the Arkansas Genealogical Society. She has a bachelor's degree in television production and has worked in television for almost 25 years.

As a producer of television commercials, news promotions, and children's programs, she loves to create something from nothing and then instantly see her work play out on a television set.

As a child her grandmother told her stories about her Swedish born great grandmother. That's when her Genealogy interest began.

Andria is now consumed by the world of genetic genealogy and is constantly learning, searching, and teaching it to others. Her biggest DNA find is learning her biological father didn't share ancestors with his family name. That's right, he was an NPE! He was the 5th son of 6 to the same two parents, but his father wasn't his father....oops!

Another great DNA discovery was learning that her great grandfather had fathered a child in France during World War I. The only thing the family knew about their unknown father was that he once was an American Soldier named Smith. DNA results connected the dots to Andria's great grandfather, Walter Amos Smith!

Andria is married to Meteorologist Todd Yakoubian and they have two young boys, Blake and Preston.

Yakoubian is an Armenian name. The -IAN means son of and Yakob is a variation of Jacob. So Yakoubian means "Jacobson".





Former AGS President Dies

Margaret Harrison Hubbard

Sept. 22, 1930 - Dec. 23, 2019

While surrounded by loved ones, Margaret (Marge) Harrison Hubbard was died Dec. 23, 2019 in Hot Springs. Born Sept. 22, 1930 in Hazen, Arkansas, Marge was 89 years old.

She served as past President of the Garland County Historical Society, and was past President of the Arkansas Genealogical Society. She was editor and contributor at large for The Record, published by the Garland County Historical Society. Marge provided countless volunteer hours at The Melting Pot of Hot Springs. In addition she provided help to anyone on a search for family history.

She is survived by daughters Barbara Toivonen (John) of Lindale, TX, Brenda Boston (Phillip) of Rowlett, TX, and son Bruce Hubbard (Jann) of Hot Springs; 8 grandchildren: Gus Papageorge, Stefani Papageorge Webb (James) Genifer Papageorge Jones (Alan), Andrew Toivonen (Lynn Marie), Melissa Messersmith Diffee (Gary) Bryan Messersmith (Kate) Joshua Hubbard, Austin Hubbard (Taylor); 12 great-grandchildren: Katelyn Papageorge, Taylor Webb, Coby and Allison Jones, Annabelle Toivonen, Matthew Isaac, Harrison, Brenna Diffee, Bradyn Messersmith, Rowan and Levi Hubbard; brother Joe Harrison (Betty) of Hot Springs, and many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Marge was preceded in death by her father, Benjamin Harrison; mother Lillian House Harrison; step-mother Ruth House Harrison; brothers Buford Harrison (Kay), Raymond Harrison (Dorothy); Troy Harrison; Marian Craig (Jean); Frank Craig (Pearl); sisters Mary Harrison, Susie Harrison Payton (Joe), Ruth Craig Tull (Windell) and Hazel Craig Tinsley (Ott). Marge was also preceded in death by William (Bill) Cress, the love of her life.

A celebration of life service was scheduled at Piney Grove United Methodist Church, [2963 Airport Rd, Hot Springs, Arkansas](#) Sunday, Jan. 12, 2020. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to The Caring Place of Hot Springs scholarship fund.

Administrative Stuff

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