



# AGS Ezine

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## Coming Events

### March 21, 2020

**Special Workshop: Cancelled Due to the current COVID-19 (Coronavirus)**

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: Cancelled  
Due to the current COVID-19  
(Coronavirus)**

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

### October 16-17, 2020

**2020 AGS Fall Seminar: Cancelled Due  
to the current COVID-19 (Coronavirus)**

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

For those who had the pleasure of meeting Richard Butler III, following introductions the question he presented was, "What was your mother's maiden name?" Thursday, June 4, 2020, all of us in the Arkansas Genealogical community lost one of its long-time supporters, Richard Colburn Butler III. Richard was born September 21, 1937 at Trinity Hospital in Little Rock Arkansas, to Richard C. and Gertrude Marjorie Rimmel Butler. Butler attended Little Rock public schools and graduated in 1955 from Central High School in Little Rock. 1959, he received a BA in History from Washington & Lee University in Lexington, Virginia. Butler went



on to receive a Bachelor of Laws in 1962 from the University of Arkansas School of Law in Fayetteville. He later studied at the University of Missouri in Columbia and was graduated with a trust diploma from the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.

Butler was passionate about genealogy and historic preservation, spending much of his time working to save Arkansas past. He sat on many boards that worked toward this mission. They include not only the Arkansas Genealogical Society, but also, Oakland-Fraternal Historic Cemetery Park, Pioneer Washington Restoration Foundation, Quapaw Quarter Association, Historic Preservation Alliance of Arkansas (now Preserve Arkansas), Scott Connections, the Heritage Seekers Genealogy Club, the United Methodist Historical Association Museum and Arkansas Pioneers Association where he was a former president.

Butler also owned and maintained several historic houses; they include 400 block of East 10th Street and the First Hotze House of Little Rock. For this work, Butler received in 2019 National Historic Preservation Medal and the Jimmy Strawn Award for his work in historic preservation from the Quapaw Quarter Association.

Butler is survived by his aunt, Jean Rimmel FitzSimmons, of Southampton, NY; his cousins, Pratt Cates Rimmel, Jr., Rebecca Couch Rimmel, Mary Elizabeth Rimmel Wohlleb, Raymond Roland Rimmel, Nan Ellen Dickinson East, Haskell Lee Dickinson, II and Rimmel Tyndall Dickinson, all of Little Rock; Kathryn Winn Eoff of Wimberley, TX.; Alexandra Cary Rimmel Swoope and Harmon Lawrence Rimmel of New York City; Rosalyn Jane Rimmel Morgan of Lawton, IA; Emily Karen Rimmel Lowry of Fayetteville, Arkansas; his partner, Jeremy Carroll; and his "Sweetheart Darling" Dianne Mattinson.

He was predeceased by his parents, his cousins Marguerite Butler, Katheryn Fuess Clement, Catherine Rimmel Matthews, Ruth Ellen Rimmel, Marguerite Fuess Sidner and James Buchanan Winn III, and aunts and uncles Dorothy Butler Fuess, Kathryn Butler Winn, Harmon L. Rimmel II, Augustus C. Rimmel, Jr., Pratt Cates Rimmel, Roland Rowe Rimmel and Carrie Rimmel Dickinson.

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# **Clan McAlister of America (CMA)**

A non-profit family association with the mission of [finding](#), collecting, and preserving family history of the Clan name of McAlister (and all related spellings) and their descendants, primarily in North America. The CMA is run completely by volunteers who are McAlister descendants. CMA maintains a database/index of family data, submitted by different contributors, of over 350 distinct family lines containing over 100,000 McAlisters and their descendants. Our collections include genealogical materials, family histories, vital documents, photographs, news clippings and more.

## **CMA Website**

The CMA website, <https://clanmcalister.org>, contains a wealth of McAlister family information including a listing of ancestral lines, articles on McAlister families and related history. Queries about McAlister family lines may be submitted to our Genealogical Committee through the website.

## **CMA Journals and Newsletters**

CMA members receive quarterly publications including 50-page Journals and 8-page Newsletters. These publications contain articles on McAlister families and history, answers to queries about McAlister family connections, updates on Clan projects and more.

## **DNA McAlister Surname Project**

The goal of our DNA Project is to connect McAlister families by their DNA family signatures and trace the families' migration to the country of origin through genetic genealogy. We welcome anyone who has a connection to a McAlister family to test and join our project, and we can provide advice on which of the three DNA tests is most appropriate for you. Our project is hosted by the Family Tree DNA organization. For more information, contact Nancy Hudson at [nancynurse1970@gmail.com](mailto:nancynurse1970@gmail.com).

## **Gathering in 2020**

CMA will hold its biennial Gathering in Hot Springs, Arkansas, August 6-9, 2020. Our Gatherings include expert speakers, connecting with other McAlisters, lively entertainment, assistance with searching our files and more.

## **Member Benefits**

Members have access to their ancestral line in the database/index, archival research consisting of well over 50,000 pages contributed to the CMA by hundreds of members over 30 years, our quarterly publications, assistance from our Genealogy Committee, links to Scottish and Irish research sources, and much more. For Membership information visit the website or contact [membership@clanmcalister.org](mailto:membership@clanmcalister.org).

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# Archives Are Reopening

For the time being, access to research rooms at the State Archives headquarters in Little Rock is by appointment only and will be limited to a total of four people at a time. The number of patrons who may visit the Northeast Arkansas Regional Archives and the Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives at one time will be limited to two people at each location.

Hours for the research rooms are 9 a.m. until noon and 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Headquarters and NEARA will be open Monday through Friday. Little Rock will also be open select Saturdays. SARA will return to its normal schedule of Tuesday through Saturday.

Patrons are required to wear a mask when in the facilities and to check their temperatures and fill out a questionnaire form. Directions, equipment and hand sanitizer will all be provided at the State Archives entrance; complimentary masks will be provided to patrons who do not have one.

The Building Authority has instituted a policy that requires all visitors to wear masks when they enter the building. Visitors who do not have masks may call the State Archives, which is located on the second floor, and we can bring a mask to the entrance area for you.

**The  
Arkansas State Archives  
Research Room  
is open  
by appointment only.**

**Hours:  
9 AM - 12 PM  
&  
1 PM - 4 PM**

Call 501-682-6900 for reservations  
or more information.  
Or, email: [state.archives@arkansas.gov](mailto:state.archives@arkansas.gov)

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calling 501-682-6900 or emailing [state.archives@arkansas.gov](mailto:state.archives@arkansas.gov).

NEARA, call 870-878-6521 or email [northeast.archives@arkansas.gov](mailto:northeast.archives@arkansas.gov).

For SARA, call 870-983-2633 or email [southwest.archives@arkansas.gov](mailto:southwest.archives@arkansas.gov).

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- have been exposed to someone with COVID-19
- have traveled outside of the state within the past 14 days



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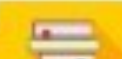
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### WASH HANDS OFTEN



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virtual activities and events | online technology classes  
downloadable ebooks | audiobooks | magazines | music



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free meals for kids daily | free wifi outside the building



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## BRANCH REOPENING SCHEDULE

computer use by reservation only

9-10 AM ages 65+ and at-risk patrons

1-5 PM ages 16+ (or with an adult)

### MONDAY | JUNE 8

Fletcher Library | T/Th/S

Nixon Library | T/Th/S

Rooker Library | M/W/F

Milam Library\* | M/W/F

\*open 9-11 a.m. for ages 65+ and at-risk patrons

### MONDAY | JUNE 15

Dee Brown Library | T/Th/S

Maumelle Library | T/Th/S

McMath Library | M/W/F

Roberts Library\* | M/W/F

Sanders Library | M/W/F

\*open 9-11 a.m. for ages 65+ and at-risk patrons

### MONDAY | JUNE 22

Children's Library | M/W/F

Thompson Library | T/Th/S

Williams Library | T/Th/S

### MONDAY | JUNE 29

Terry Library | M/W/F

Main Library\* | M/W/F

\*open for reserved computer use beginning Monday, June 1.

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## NGS Virtual Conference Drew Nearly 1900

Owing to coronavirus dangers, The National Genealogical Society offered the first day of its first fully virtual conference programming on May 20. The conference had been originally slated for Salt Lake City. Last year's AGS speaker, Judy Russell, presented a session related to documenting child laborers.

In all, 1,887 people participated in NGS 2020 Live! and that number continues to grow for NGS 2020 On-Demand! The remaining on-demand recordings from the conference will be available for viewing 1 July 2020 through 15 May 2021.

If you know friends who missed NGS 2020 Live!, please let them know that they still have time to register for NGS 2020 On-Demand!, beginning 1 June 2020 from [www.PlaybackNGS.com](http://www.PlaybackNGS.com). Next year, the NGS 2021 Family History Conference will be in Richmond, Virginia, 19–22 May.

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## “The Genetic Detective” features CeCe Moore

Genetic genealogist CeCe Moore, who spoke at the AGS fall seminar in 2018, is featured in a new ABC prime-time series, *The Genetic Detective*, that follows investigative genetic genealogist Moore and her work with DNA technology company Parabon NanoLabs.

In the 6-part series, Moore and her team are revolutionizing crime solving by working with police departments and accessible crime scene DNA to help trace the path of a criminal suspect's family tree, uncover their identity and bring them to justice. *The Genetic Detective* premiered Tuesday, May 26 (10:00 – 11:00 p.m. EDT).

For the past decade, Moore, a self-trained genetic genealogist, has pioneered genetic genealogy techniques utilizing a growing body of genetic data in conjunction with traditional genealogical records to help adoptees find birth parents and solve family mysteries. Since 2018, Moore has used her unique research skills to transform the face of crime solving, helping to identify more than 100 violent criminal suspects.

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