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The Arkansas Family Historian, 58 Years and Counting...

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Coming Events

October 16-17, 2020

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

Benton Event Center, Benton Arkansas.
For more information go to

<https://www.agsgenealogy.org/>
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Click on link below for information on
other events around the state,

<https://heritageseekersar.weebly.com/around-arkansas.html>



The Arkansas Genealogical Society, Arkansas' only statewide genealogical organization, was founded in May of 1962 at Fayetteville, Arkansas, shortly after the publication of the first issue of *The Arkansas Family Historian*. Among its early leaders were George R. Turrentine of Russellville and Walter J. Lemke of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. The new organization met one year later in Conway, Arkansas, for its first annual meeting.

Since that time, it has sought to fulfill four major goals: 1) the publication of a quality journal devoted to Arkansas family history and genealogy, 2) The publication of books, pamphlets, and other resources relating to Arkansas, 3) the preservation of our state's historical, genealogical, and biographical sources, and 4) the sponsorship of educational workshops, conferences, and seminars. Over the years, the society has published a number of popular works, including the *Arkansas Township Atlas, 1819-1930*, the *Arkansas Post Offices: From Memdag to Norsk, A Historical Directory, 1832-1990*, and its ground-breaking multi-volume series, *Arkansas Prior Birth Index*, that contains birth information on over 500,000 Arkansas born before 1914. Visit our website at <http://agsgenealogy.org/publications/default.html> for additional titles and order information.

Since its very first issue, the *Arkansas Family Historian*, still our only state-wide genealogical journal, is published four times a year and continued to provide readers with a wealth of family history and genealogical information on Arkansas and its people. Family histories, abstract of family Bible records, transcripts of 19th Century letters and memories and much more appear in each of its quarterly sixty-two page issue. Readers will also find cemetery tombstone lists, biographies of Civil War soldiers, as well as articles that give insight into the lives and times of our Arkansas ancestors. Each volume contains a full name index. A subscription to the *AFH* is included in each individual's \$25.00 per-year membership fee. Membership forms may be downloaded at <http://agsgenealogy.org/membership/default.html> and mailed to the Arkansas Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 26374, Little Rock, Arkansas 72221-6374. Also feel free to visit our website to see a complete database of the back files of the *AFH* from 1962 to 2011. Each volume is indexed. It is a unique source of useful and informative information. Each year a review is made of the articles appearing in that year's issues of the *AFH*, and the top three articles are selected and their authors honored with a monetary reward. If you have an idea for an article, email me at the address below.

In our summer issue out now readers will find transcripts of a letter from a woman who lived in early Washington County, an 1871 list of post offices and sites located on or near the new Memphis and Little Rock Railroad, information from the Sillen-Monroe Family Bible, a "census" of indigent families of Confederate soldiers from Prairie County in 1863, some early Spanish land claims in Arkansas Territory, and much more.

GOOD ANCESTOR HUNTING!

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Meet the Board

George Mitchell is a native of Pine Bluff. He is retired from Southeast Arkansas College in Pine Bluff where he served as the Chair of the Technical Studies Division. George also served for thirteen years as a pastor in the United Methodist Church until he retired in June 2014.

George has been interested in genealogy for over 25 years. He and his wife Sheila are both active in their genealogical research and enjoy taking trips around the country to visit libraries, archives and cemeteries in order to learn more about their family history.



He is currently president of the Arkansas Genealogical Society; Past President of the Jefferson County Genealogical Society in Pine Bluff; a member of the Arkansas Pioneers; Sons of the American Revolution; Descendants of the War of 1812 in Arkansas; Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge; First Families of Tennessee; First Families of Maryland;; and the Flagon and Trencher Society.

George and Sheila have three daughters and five grandchildren. George says, "We hope that someday some or all of them show an interest in genealogy so we will have somebody to pass along all of our 'genealogical stuff'".

Reopening for Roberts Library Galleries and Research Room

The Roberts Library research room and the Galleries at Library Square are now open on a limited basis Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00-11:00 a.m. and 1:00-5:00 p.m. The 9:00-11:00 a.m. time slot is set aside exclusively for high-risk populations. While we are allowing a very limited number of walk-up visitors, we strongly encourage patrons to make appointments for entry to the research room by calling (501) 320-5700 or emailing arkin-fo@cals.org and appointments to enter the galleries by calling (501) 320-5790 or emailing gallery@cals.org.

The exterior doors will remain locked. Patrons arriving at the Roberts Library to access either the research room or the art galleries will be directed to go to the main entrance at 401 President Clinton Avenue and contact the gallery staff for admission by ringing the doorbell or by calling (501) 320-5790.

For more information about procedures for entry go to <https://robertslibrary.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/06/REOPENING-ROBERTS-LIBRARY.pdf> .

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

Little Rock Arkansas Family History Center

The Family History Center in Little Rock still remains closed out of concern for the health and safety of volunteers and patrons. The center is encouraging researchers to use the available resources available on <https://www.familysearch.org/> . Personal assistance is available online though FamilySearch Communities and Family History Library Classes and Webinars.

For more information call (501)455-4998 or email ar_littlerock@familyhistorymail.org

Administrative Stuff

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