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Coming Events

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AGS Needs Your Help

We are redesigning our website from the ground up. The goal is to create the go-to site for researching ancestors in Arkansas. The plan is to provide everything a genealogical



researcher needs to know about Arkansas research, either directly on the site or through links to other sites.

We need your help! Whether you are an experienced Arkansas researcher or just getting started, tell us what information you want to see provided. Have you had trouble finding the information you need in your research? Tell us what you couldn't find or had trouble locating. This can be anything such as county boundary changes, when birth records started, or where to find city directories. If you know of existing websites that have useful Arkansas information, we would like to link to them.

Please send your suggestions, requests, and links to website@agsgenealogy.org

The committee will review and appreciate every suggestion you send whether big or small. Thank you for your help in making our website better.

Thank you,

The AGS Web Committee

Former AGS Board Member Bob Edwards Dies

Robert Randolph Edwards, who previously served on the Arkansas Genealogical Society Board of Directors for six years, died in February.

Edwards was born April 15, 1937 in Little Rock, and passed away February 18, in San Antonio, Texas.

Edwards was preceded in death by his parents, Ira Edwards and Mary Glenn Edwards. He is survived by Carolyn Edwards, his wife of 60 years; his son, Bryan Edwards, and wife, Jennifer Edwards, of San Antonio, Texas; grandson, Nathan Edwards, of San Antonio, Texas; granddaughter, Erica Brown (Baylen) of Lubbock, Texas; and his siblings, David Edwards (Sue) of Denver, Colo., James Edwards of Sherwood, Ark., and Carol Luzader (Gary) of Germantown, Tenn. He is also survived by 12 nephews and nieces.



1950 Mountain Home High
School Yearbook

Edwards graduated from Jacksonville High School in 1955. He attended Arkansas Tech University in Russellville, graduating in 1960. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery Branch of the U.S. Army in 1960, and served 21 years on active duty. His assignments included tours in Germany and Vietnam, and he was also an instructor in the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, Okla.

Arkansas Family Historian Highlights

Don't forget to check for treasures in the articles in the Spring 2021 ARKANSAS FAMILY HISTORIAN.

These are some highlighted topics:

MOUNT IDA'S REMARKABLE WATKINS FAMILY
1858 FORT SMITH BUTTERFIELD OVERLAND STAGE CELEBRATION
"DEPARTED THIS LIFE," THE 1862 OBITUARY OF LITTLE EMMA POWELL
COAL HILL, JOHNSON COUNTY, ARKANSAS, 1884-1885
AN ARKANSAS HUBBARD FAMILY BIBLE
AN 1861 TRAVELERS' GUIDE TO ARKANSAS
MILITARY BOUNTY LANDS IN OLD INDEPENDENCE COUNTY,
ARKANSAS TERRITORY, SOLD FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES IN 1825

Free Genealogy Chat Service With Experts From American Ancestors

If you have questions about Arkansas genealogy, we recommend you check the archived AGS Family Historians on the web site. <https://www.agsgenealogy.org>, the Arkansas State Archives (all three branches), and local historical sites and libraries.

For broader research questions now, the NEHGS, America's oldest official genealogy organization, is offering a helpful free live chat service described below:

American Ancestors Offers Free, Online Live Family History Chat Service with Expert Genealogist

Do you have a genealogy or local history question? American Ancestors/New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) is offering a free, online live chat service, hosted by experienced staff genealogist. The service is available to all, **Monday—Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET.** Nearly everyone who researches family history has a question about something, whether it's where to find a record, how to interpret an unfamiliar term, or locating the most authoritative sources for specific types of information. Our genealogists can help steer you in the right direction!



WHO: Founded in 1845, American Ancestors/NEHGS is America's oldest genealogical Organization and a leading non-profit committed to advancing the study of family history. Find out more at AmericanAncestors.org

WHAT: a free, online live chat service for family historians of all levels, hosted by experienced staff genealogists. During chat hours, several experts will be available to answer a wide variety of genealogical and historical questions.

WHERE: Visit AmericanAncestors.org/chat and type your question in the window in the lower right corner.

SAMPLE QUESTIONS:

- I recently heard that the Wales Family Association collection was donated to NEHGS. Are these papers available online?
- What is the 19th century definition of a homesteader?
- How or where would I be able to locate volume 4 of the Newport, RI Probate Records Index?
- What resources could I use to find more about local Massachusetts regiments from the Civil War?
- I discovered that my ancestor was christened 45-50 miles away from where he was born in Norway. Could you tell why my ancestors would have traveled so far?

100 Years Ago in Arkansas

CHIEF OF VETERANS GUEST AT BANQUET

Capt. Robert G. Woodside Entertained by Local Post and Third Division.

Capt. Robert G. Woodside, commander in chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, was the guest of honor at a banquet at the Hotel Marion given by the local post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars last night.

Captain Woodside arrived in Little Rock yesterday afternoon from Texarkana, as the guest of the Coxswain Shoemaker Post No. 77 and of the Third Division, and was the principal speaker at last night's banquet. In review of the work of the national organization he said that the membership of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in this country, included two soldiers who took part in the Mexican war in 1846; veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the army of the Confederacy, the soldiers of the Spanish-American war and those who saw service in the Phillipines, as well as those who served in the World war.

Governor McRae made a short address in which he reviewed the part played by the American soldier in various stages of the country's development. Col. Otho B. Rosenbaum of the Seventh Infantry, Camp Pike, gave reminiscences of the old army and spoke briefly on the need of preparedness. Col. Altenburg of the Grand army, and Gen. B. W. Green of the United Confederate Veterans, spoke of the soldiers of the Civil war.

The 76th Field Artillery band from Camp Pike furnished patriotic music and Miss Margaret Bean gave a violin selection. Serg. A. C. Hodgson, Seventh Infantry, Camp Pike, gave several Scotch melodies. Carl F. Scheibner, chairman of the Committee on Arrangements, presided.

Captain Woodside will be the guest of the officers of the 38th Infantry, Camp Pike, of which he was formerly adjutant, at noon today and at 3 o'clock will address the officers and enlisted men at Camp Pike in the camp gymnasium. The public is invited to attend this meeting. Captain Woodside will leave at 7:30 o'clock tonight for St. Louis.

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Administrative Stuff

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