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invitation to join AGS.

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your AGS membership dues!

My apology for the lateness of this issue. Due to a family emergency occurring at precisely the worst time and my internet being out for 4 days, this is a short and late issue. There are fewer articles, but the calendar is full.

If you review the “Coming Events” section, you will notice Spring brings forth genealogy events in great numbers, as it does flowers. This section includes genealogical presentation and historical presentations. There are many more historical events taking place than have been listed here. I try to include all the genealogical happening and some of the historical happenings.

Why are the historical events of concern to genealogists? Recently I was reading chapter 9 in “The family tree Problem Solver” by Marsha Hoffman Rising. It is entitled “The Critical Connection: Finding Ancestors Who Lived before 1850.” The beginning of the chapter deals with what is happening between the Revolution and the Civil War. It is readily apparent how important understanding this period of history is, to doing genealogical research for this time. I knew that! Sometimes we neglect learning the history before we start the research.

As you are selecting programs to attend, mix a little history in with methods and resources. It will make your life easier and your research more fruitful.

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Tidbits –

Beginning March 1, one of New Orleans' most historic cemeteries and the burial place of Marie Laveau will be open to visitors who are accompanied by a licensed tour guide. The Archdiocese of New Orleans will begin restricting access to St. Louis No. 1 Cemetery. The plan is expected to extend to St. Louis No. 3 and St. Roch cemeteries. The full article is in [The Times-Picayune](#) of January 26, 2015.

Have you been looking for a Revolutionary War Patriot in your family tree? Dick Eastman has a piece in his November 10, 2014, newsletter which might be helpful to you. If this is something you would like to read, just follow this link to his newsletter: <http://blog.eogn.com/2014/11/10/how-to-find-a-revolutionary-war-patriot/>.

GenealogyInTime Magazine provides a lot of information helpful to genealogists. You might find the article entitled "Hot Tips on How to Use Google for Genealogy Searches" helpful. You can read it on their website at this link. http://www.genealogyintime.com/GenealogyResources/Articles/hot_tips_on_how_to_use_google_for_genealogy_searches_page1.html. You will likely find other valuable pieces there as well.

Coming Events

March 12, 2015

Central Arkansas Genealogy & Historical Society meets at 6:00 pm at Butler Center for Arkansas Studies, 401 President Clinton Ave, Little Rock, Ark.

March 14, 2015

The 10th Annual [Genealogy For You Seminar](#) is scheduled for Saturday, March 14, 2015, at the Bob Herzfeld Memorial Library at 1800 Smithers Drive, Benton, Arkansas. Make your plans to come to this all Virginia Research Day featuring Barbara Vines Little. Make your reservation online or by calling 501-778-4766, as seating is limited.

March 21, 2015

Watersheds of War lecture at 10:00 at the Plantation Agriculture Museum, Scott, Arkansas. Rivers & waterways before, during & after the Civil War. Pictorial & text exhibits. For more information contact Lydia.Leachwood@arkansas.gov or plantationagriculturemuseum@arkansas.gov, 501-961-1409

March 21, 2015

[Arkansas Historic Preservation Program](#) “Walks Through History” is in the Benton Commercial Historic District.

Coming Events continued

March 23, 2015

Elizabeth Hill, author, presents Extension Home Maker's Clubs 1912-2012 at the Heritage Seekers monthly meeting. Meeting 6:30 at the Hillary Rodham Clinton Children's Library, 4800 W. 10th St. Little Rock, Ark.

March 24, 2015

Ron Kelly is presenting Battle of Helena, Arkansas, for the Civil War Roundtable, at the Second Presbyterian, Little Rock. 1430 & Cantrell at 7:00 pm. Contact brianb1578@aol.com.

March 27-28, 2015

Hill Country Family History Seminar, Boerne, Texas. For more info www.gskctx.org.

March 28, 2015

The Oklahoma Genealogical Society Spring Seminar 2015 will be held at the Oklahoma History Center, 800 Nazih Zuhdi Dr., OKC. The featured speaker will be Judy G. Russell, the Legal Genealogist.

Early Bird Registration: Jan 5 through Feb 28 2015 (postmarked by Feb 28) OGS Member \$40/2nd Family Member \$45 (includes syllabus and lunch) Non-Member \$50. Regular registration is March 1 through 26 online or at the door. Visit the OGS website: <http://www.okgensoc.org/>.

Coming Events continued

April 11, 2015

The NWA Family History Conference is being held in Springdale, Arkansas, from 8 am to 5 pm. Please see their website for all the information. www.familyhistoryconferencenwa.org.

April 18, 2015

The Hot Springs Village Family History Workshop “Finding the Impossible” is scheduled at the Coronado Center, Hot Springs Village, AR. The featured speaker is Diane L. Giannini. Visit Diane’s website at www.ancestrysleuth.com. For the workshop registration form, visit hsvgs.org. Look under “classes and workshops.”

April 25, 2015

The 2015 Indiana Genealogical Society’s Annual Meeting and Conference will be in Terre Haute, Indiana. Judy Russell, The Legal Genealogist, will be the featured speaker. Follow this [LINK](#) to their website.

April 25, 2015

Ohio Chapter Palatines to America 2015 Spring Seminar. For more information [CLICK](#).

May 2, 2015

The Arkansas Genealogical Spring Workshop will be held as a joint event with the Arkansas History Commission. Watch for more information in the next issue of the Ezine or on our website www.agsgenealogy.org/

Coming Events continued

May 13-16, 2015

The NGS Family History Conference will be held in St. Charles, Missouri, at the St. Charles Convention Center. Many of the hotels are completely booked. Follow this [LINK](#) to the NGS website for hotel information. Conference registration is now open with [Early Bird pricing](#) through March.

May 16, 2015

The Mary Place Chapter, Colonial Dames XVII Century is marking Friendship Cemetery in Prescott, Nevada County Arkansas, as a historical Site. The dedication will take place at 1:00 pm. A reception will follow at the Cale Community Building which is located one and a half (1 1/2) miles from the cemetery. Contact Shirley Ann Bennett Barham at shirsh.barham@conwaycorp.net or 501-513-9316 for more information.

June 5 & 6, 2015

The Searcy County Historical Society is sponsoring the 26th North Arkansas Ancestor Fair, *What Are You Doing With Your Civil War Information?* More information is available at: www.ancestorfair.us

June 11-13, 2015

Cumberland Gap 5th annual Genealogy Jamboree and Pioneer Day to be held in Cumberland Gap, TN (Very rich historical area). Street festival, live music, vendors, speakers, genealogy clubs, dna groups, and authors. Three counties, three states, one event. For more information go to <http://genealogyjamboree.us>.

Coming Events continued

June 26-27, 2015

Palatines to America 2015 Conference, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. For more information [CLICK](#).

July 18, 2015

Summer Lock In 6:00 pm - 12:00 am (midnight) held by the Genealogical Society of Craighead County, Jonesboro Public Library, 315 W. Oak Ave, Jonesboro. Contact gscga@suddenlink.net for more information.

July 25, 2015

Lisa Louise Cooke (www.genealogygems.com) is presenting a free summer workshop at the Butler Center for Arkansas Studies. Registration is required: www.butlercenter.org/conference/index.html.

July 31- August 2, 2015

The Sheldon Family Association will gather for the 76th Annual Meeting and Reunion July 31- August 2, 2015 at LaQuinta in Sacramento CA. The host, Betty Knopf, will arrange lectures about Sheldon history and trips to Sheldon sites. Information from the 121,000 descendant database will be available. See our web site Sheldonfamilyv2.org.

August 18-22, 2015

The National Genealogical Society research trip to the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana, will be under the guidance of research consultants Janet A. Alpert, FNGS, and Patricia Walls Stamm, CGSM, CGLSM. For more information visit http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/research_trips.

October 2-3, 2015

The Arkansas Genealogical Society Fall Conference will feature Josh Taylor. The conference will be at the Wyndam, North Little Rock. Watch our website for the details. www.agsgenealogy.org

Coming Events continued

October 18-28, 2015

11th Annual Genealogy Conference and Cruise hosted by [Heritage Books, Inc.](#) in consultation with Wholly Genes, Inc. For more information please see page 7 in the January Ezine or click the link above.

November 1-6, 2015

NGS Guided Research Trip to Washington, D.C. under the guidance of Patricia Walls Stamm, CGsm, CGLsm, Craig Roberts Scott, CG, FUGA, and Shirley Langdon Wilcox, CG, FNGS, FVGS. For more information, or to register for the trip, visit http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conferences_events/research_tips/dc_research_trip.

May 4-7, 2016

The NGS 2016 Family History Conference will be held 4-7 May 2016 in Fort Lauderdale, FL, at the Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center.

FamilySearch adds more than 19.2 million indexed records and images.

On February 27, 2015, FamilySearch made an announcement on their blog about newly added records:

FamilySearch adds more than 19.2 million indexed records and images to Canada, Brazil, Puerto Rico, and the United States. Notable collection updates include the 7,120,120 indexed records and 6,113,876 images from the United States, GenealogyBank Obituaries, 1980-2014 collection; the 4,835,296 indexed records from the Puerto Rico, Civil Registration, 1805-2001 collection; and the 314,770 indexed records and 314,770 images from the US, BillionGraves Index collection. See the table below for the full list of updates. Search these diverse collections and more than 3.5 billion other records for free at FamilySearch.org.

You can read the complete details of the added records at <https://familysearch.org/blog/en/familysearch-adds-192-million-indexed-records-images-canada-brazil-puerto-rico-united-states/>

Is This Your Arkansas Ancestor?



We received a request for help from an out of state researcher who found this photo behind another picture in an old picture frame. If you can identify this man, please email Russell Baker at gobgob3@mindspring.com.

The Digital Public Library of America

The following is republished from the [Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter of February 27, 2015](#).

The Digital Public Library of America is one of the most useful online libraries available today. It is new, having been formed less than two years ago. It is not a genealogy library. Rather, it is a general-purpose library that just happens to have a lot of genealogy material in addition to other topics. The Digital Public Library of America's mission is to make cultural and scientific works more accessible to the public.

At the time these words are being written, the Digital Public Library of America lists 8,416,553 items from libraries, archives, and museums. A search on the word "genealogy" returns a list of 65,707 items available via the library's online portal.

NOTE: An "item" might be information about a book, a photograph, a manuscript, a sound recording, music score, chart, map, moving image, or other object.

The Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) brings together content from America's libraries, archives, and museums, and makes them freely available to the world. In fact, the DPLA does not own any of the items in its catalog but instead allows users to access them through its own website, <http://dp.la>, and through various regional service hubs. The library's holdings come from institutions ranging from the Smithsonian, the University of Virginia Library, the New York Public Library, and smaller institutions, such as the Minnesota Streetcar Museum and the Montana Memory Project.

The DPLA serves as a portal to provide new ways to search and scan through the united collection of millions of items that may be stored on any of thousands of other library web sites. Unlike a traditional search engine, the DPLA displays available information about the items by timelines, maps, a "virtual bookshelf," format, subject, and partner.

The Digital Public Library of America *continued*

In his 1938 book *World Brain*, H.G. Wells imagined a time—not very distant, he believed—when every person on the planet would have easy access to “all that is thought or known.”

The information in the DPLA portal may be accessed on desktop computers, laptops, and tablets. The DPLA also features a library of a dozen apps, including OpenPics, which allows users to call up on their smartphones materials relating to buildings around them. In addition, the DPLA also offers APIs (application program interfaces) that allow other computers to access the DPLA information. As a result, thousands of online services can access the information in any of a myriad of ways.

Regardless of how the user accesses the DPLA, he or she no longer needs to travel to distant libraries to find information. Instead, users may sit on their own living room couches or in other convenient places to perform their research. The result is opening the world that previously had been closed to those who could not easily travel to distant repositories. The portal delivers resources to students, teachers, scholars, and the public, wherever they may be in America.

One limitation is that the Digital Public Library of America is limited to public domain works or to works that are explicitly licensed for library access. The result is that millions of items are available online, but not everything that some of us might want. In fact, millions of items are licensed for library access.

An introductory video about the Digital Public Library of America may be viewed on YouTube at <http://youtu.be/m0ngLba4ewM>.

Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP)

We received a request by the Genealogical Society of PA to inform our members of this item. Please let me know if any of our readers find this of interest. If so, we will increase our geographical circle for events in the future.

Back for its third year, the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP) has expanded to two full weeks. GRIP is a very popular "summer camp for genealogists" that is held on the campus of La Roche College, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Last year 205 students from 40 states and 3 countries attended seven classes. Having fun while learning about genealogy in the company of friends and like-minded classmates is why students return year after year! (Not to mention the course coordinators and instructors who are tops in our field.) GRIP is happy to provide two separate weeks for learning opportunities this summer, each with its own opening registration date. Choose June 28 - July 3, or July 19 - July 24 (or both) and select from a wide variety of workshop topics, including land records, the Genealogical Proof Standard (GPS), church records, genetic genealogy and more.

And for the first time, a Pennsylvania course will be offered, taught by Sharon Cook MacInnes, PhD, and Michael Lacopo, DVM. The course is designed for intermediate to advanced researchers and provides a practical, in-depth and fast-paced exploration of Pennsylvania record groups.

Visit the GRIP home page to register now for classes in week one, and mark your calendars for February 18 at noon, EST, when registration for week two opens.

Any questions may be directed to info@GRIPitt.org.

Administrative Stuff

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