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“Climbing the First Branches of Your Family Tree”

Agenda

8:30 AM Check-in

8:45 AM—Welcome / Housekeeping

9:00 AM—Lauren Jarvis—Beginning Genealogy & AHC Resources

10:00 AM—Break

10:15 AM—Jane Wilkerson—Land Records

11:30 AM—1:00 PM—Lunch Break

1:00 PM—Russell Baker & Crystal Shurley—Religious Records

2:00 PM—Break

2:14 PM—Melissa Nesbitt—Preserving Personal Photos

The workshop is FREE but space is limited, so please register via email by April 28, 2015. Send the full name of each attendee and your email address to: workshop@agsgenealogy.org. The [Arkansas History Commission](#) and the [Arkansas Genealogical Society](#) will present this workshop in Room 171 of the Arkansas State Capitol, 500 Woodlane, Little Rock, Arkansas.

JOIN US!

If you are not a member,
this is your official
invitation to join AGS.

[AGS Membership Application](#)

If you are a member,
look at the back of your
Arkansas Family Historian.
Your membership expires
on the date printed under
your name.

It may be time to renew
your AGS membership dues!

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Tidbits –

“The StoryCorps app and StoryCorps.me were created as a global platform for listening, connecting, and sharing stories of the human experience. The StoryCorps app, a free mobile application, seamlessly walks users through an interview by providing all the necessary tools for a wonderful experience.” This wording is from the StoryCorps website. Visit <https://storycorps.me/about/> for more details.

“The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services’ Historical Research Branch offers several webinars designed for beginning and advanced researchers. Webinars are an easy and free way to learn about the USCIS History, Library, and Genealogy programs and services from agency historians, librarians, and program representatives.” Visit <http://www.uscis.gov/HGWebinars#%E2%80%9CRecords%20Found%E2%80%9D%20Case%20Studies> for the listing.

Coming Events

April 6, 2015

Oklahoma Genealogical Society monthly meeting will be Monday at 6:00 pm. They will present a review of 3 genealogy software programs. See page 9 for the details.

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 11, 2015

Walks Through History presented by the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program will be the West Memphis Commercial Historic District. The tour begins at 1:30 p.m. to coordinate with Arkansas Historical Association Conference. Visit the [AHPP website](#) for more information.

April 17 & 18, 2015

The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program will hold the Forrest City Cemetery Workshop & Lecture. See page 10 for details.

Coming Events continued

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.ancestryleuth.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](#).

April 27, 2015

Heritage Seekers Genealogy Club meets at 6:30 pm at the Hillary Rodham Clinton Children’s Library, 4800 W 10th St. Little Rock, Arkansas. The program will be The Huntsville Massacre by Susan Young, Shiloh Museum

May 2, 2015

The Arkansas History Commission and the Arkansas Genealogical Society present a FREE workshop . It will be from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in room 171 of the Arkansas State Capitol, 500 Woodlane, Little Rock, Arkansas. Register 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.

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, 2015

Best-selling author A. J. Jacobs is planning the world's largest family reunion. Visit this website, <http://blog.myheritage.com/2015/03/global-family-reunion-get-your-tickets-now/> for the information and watch the video.

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.

Coming Events continued

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

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.

AFH Editor's Appeal for Assistance

The following appeal for assistance from our Arkansas Family History quarterly is included at the request of Russell Baker, editor.

This is the beginning of my third year as the editor of our Arkansas Family Historian. For the most part it has been a fulfilling and exciting job. I have some wonderful AGS members who have volunteered to help with the proofing. Thanks ladies! I could not do it without your help.

However, I still need the assistance of someone who has a much greater grasp of the process of editing and publishing, especially in the use of Microsoft Word, than I. My problem is that as I get the draft polished and ready for the printer, I find new problems that seem beyond my skill set, especially those dealing with page numbers, matching up page numbers with index page numbers, making sure that I have not split a paragraph onto two pages, etc. In a perfect world, I would be able to follow the advice of my proofers. However, what I need is someone to whom I can send the draft and have that person put the finished touches on it, making sure that I have not committed a major editorial mistake, and then send it back to me ready to print. If you have an internet connection and would be willing to help, contact me at gobgob3@mindspring or call 501-888-6981. Thanks.

Oklahoma Genealogical Society April 6 Meeting

"Genealogy Software"

Speakers: Rick Fogarty, La Nell Shores, & Mike Birdsong

Genealogy software is important to today's genealogists, so come and learn about three of the best genealogy software programs. Three Oklahoma Genealogical Society members will be giving overviews of the three leading software programs at the April OGS General Meeting. Rick Fogarty, La Nell Shores and Mike Birdsong will discuss the features and benefits of RootsMagic©, Legacy Family Tree©, and Family Tree Maker© genealogy software programs.

The overviews will cover the basics of the programs with more in depth classes to be offered later by OGS.

Monthly programs are free for all members of Oklahoma Genealogical Society. Non-members are welcome, but are charged \$5 to attend each program. We invite you to join!

This announcement is from the [OGS website](#). Please visit the site for more information.

They hold the monthly meeting in the Chesapeake Event Center of the Oklahoma History Center, 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive, Oklahoma City.

Forrest City Cemetery Conservation Workshop & Lecture

Free Gravestone Preservation Lecture Friday, April 17, 2015

The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program is holding a free Gravestone Preservation Lecture Friday, April 17, 2015, by monument conservator Jonathan Appell at 6:00 p.m. The session will be at the St. Francis County Courthouse, County Quorum Courtroom, 313 S IZARD Street, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Appell will speak about historic gravestone architecture in America. His lecture will also touch on gravestone materials, basic repairs, and symbolism found on historic gravestones.

This lecture is free and open to the public.

Spring Cemetery Conservation Workshop, Saturday, April 18, 2015

The 2015 AHPP Spring Cemetery Conservation Workshop will be held at Forrest City Cemetery at E. South Avenue and S. IZARD Street from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 18. The workshop on the basics of cemetery conservation, featuring instruction by Jonathan Appell, will focus on some of the most common concerns encountered in preservation and maintenance of cemeteries and offer hands-on training. Registration is free, but limited to 40 people.

To register, or for information, contact Holly Hope at holly@arkansasheritage.org, or call (501) 324-9148 prior to the day of the workshop. On the day of the workshop, call (501) 681-2120.

Bag lunches for Saturday will be provided by Delta Q and the AHPP. Grilled cheese available in lieu of meat. Please inform us by April 10 if you will need grilled cheese. Tents will be provided in case of rain. Chairs are available but if you need a stool you are encouraged to bring one. Gloves and comfortable clothing are encouraged

Arkansas History Commission Press Release

Little Rock - In commemoration of the 110th anniversary of the Arkansas History Commission and State Archives, the agency will host digitization clinics each Friday (in April) from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in its conference room.

For the April digitization clinics, AHC staff invites the general public to bring in material appropriate for scanning on flatbed scanners or for photographing, such as documents, maps or photographs. AHC archivists will scan and save to CDs copies of scanned material for the public. Members of the general public who choose to take advantage of this free scanning service will be asked to share the digital copies with the History Commission for research, exhibits and publication.

“The digitization clinic is a modern twist on the way the History Commission built its collections from the beginning,” said Commission Director Dr. Lisa Speer. “Through the years, our collections have grown thanks to the foresight of historically minded citizens across Arkansas and the U.S. We still like receiving donations of historical manuscripts and records, but we recognize that not everyone is ready to donate their family papers and memorabilia. This digitization clinic provides them with an option to share the content, while maintaining the originals during their lifetime.”

The Arkansas History Commission was created during the 1905 session of the Arkansas General Assembly for the purpose of collecting and preserving Arkansas’s significant wealth of historic material.

For additional information on the Arkansas History Commission and these clinics, please phone 501-682-6900 or email state.archives@arkansas.gov.

The Oklahoma Genealogical Society Spring Seminar Report

Judy Russell, The Legal Genealogist, presented at the Oklahoma Genealogical Society Spring Seminar March 28, 2015, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The OGS did an excellent job in the planning and execution of the event. The Chesapeake Event Center of the Oklahoma History Center, in Oklahoma City, is an impressive facility. Judy Russell filled Saturday with four outstanding sessions. It was a long drive, but well worth it!

If you ever have an opportunity to hear Judy Russell in person, take advantage, if you possibly can. It is one thing, a good thing, to read her Blog, but another thing to have the “live” experience. Judy’s content is certainly educational and her presentation is entertaining and motivating. She projects so much energy and enthusiasm. You leave with so many ideas and energy that you can hardly wait to get back into your research!

The title of the Seminar was “Genealogy and the Law: From Finding the Evidence You Couldn’t Find to Enriching Your Family Story.” There were four sessions and if you asked me which was the best, I am afraid I would be hard pressed to decide. I enjoyed and learned from each.

You can visit [The Legal Genealogist](#) website to learn more about Judy Russell and subscribe to her blog.

Now about events in general. Let me encourage you to review the “Coming Events” section of this issue and select at least one to attend this Spring or Summer. I know it takes time and costs money. There is just something about being with other genealogists and hearing a live presentation. Some events are free to attend (like the AGS Spring Workshop) you just have to find a way to get there.

Start saving now to attend the AGS Fall Seminar and hear Josh Taylor! There is a link on our website to D. Joshua Taylor’s website. Take a look and you will see this is a unique opportunity!

New Arkansas Civil War Historical Markers

The following article is republished from Arkansastoothpick.com.

LITTLE ROCK—The Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission has approved applications for Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Historical Markers in Sevier, Benton and Pulaski counties, ACWSC Chairman Tom Dupree announced today.

The approved markers are:

- * Sevier County in the Civil War, commemorating the county's efforts to supply men and materials for the Confederate army. Sponsored by the Sevier County Genealogical Society, the marker will be placed at the Belleville Church and Cemetery

- * Skirmishes at Mudville, commemorating Civil War events near what is now Lowell. Sponsored by the Lowell Historical Museum, the marker will be placed near 300 Old Wire Road in Lowell.

- * Arkansas Cadets at New Market, commemorating Arkansas youths at the Virginia Military Institute who fought in the battle of New Market. Sponsored by the Downtown Dames, the marker will be placed in Mount Holly Cemetery in Little Rock.

Through the Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Historical Marker Program, the ACWSC works with local partners to help tell the stories of how the Civil War affected communities around the state. The Commission hopes that there will be at least one marker in each of the state's 75 counties by the end of the commemoration in 2015. Counties that currently do not have Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Historical Markers are Bradley, Calhoun, Crawford, Franklin, Hot Spring, Howard, Lafayette, Lawrence, Montgomery, Newton, Polk and Sharp.

New Arkansas Civil War Historical Markers *continued*

To date, 116 markers in 63 counties have been approved.

For more information on sesquicentennial plans, visit <http://www.arkansascivilwar150.com> or e-mail acwsc@arkansasheritage.org.

The Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission is housed within the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program. The AHPP is the Department of Arkansas Heritage agency responsible for identifying, evaluating, registering and preserving the state's cultural resources. Other agencies are the Arkansas Arts Council, the Delta Cultural Center in Helena, the Old State House Museum, the Mosaic Templars Cultural Center, the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission and the Historic Arkansas Museum.

Administrative Stuff

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