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Arkansas Family Historian.
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your AGS membership dues!

Dick Eastman wrote a piece last year in which he said that the best camera is the one you have with you. Steven Stills, of Crosby Stills & Nash, wrote the lyrics of “Love the One You’re With.” So, do I have a point?

Last week I had the good fortune to spend some quality time with two cousins from North Carolina, one’s spouse and the other’s girl friend. I had not seen Pete since about 1980. We had a great reunion and tour of our “historical” places around Little Rock. It gave me a chance to share the fruits of my research with someone who was interested. Tuesday night we shared a meal and 2 hour visit with the two daughters of a deceased cousin and their spouses. The whole experience was priceless to me.

What is my point? Pete allowed me to record him sharing the story, as he had learned from his father, about how his father and mother met and married during WWII. Pete has two sisters and a brother, the brother who was with us in Little Rock. I dare say, that Pete would be the only source for that bit of history. Now the story will be preserved for others to enjoy down through the years.

The best source is the one you are with. As you are spending time with relatives this summer, do not miss the opportunity to “love the one you’re with” so to speak.

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Tidbits –

The Virginia Department of Health and Ancestry.com completed a two-year, public-private collaboration to fully digitize the state's vital records. Scanned images of the original, public documents are available online through Ancestry.com. Access to the indexed information on the records is available free of charge through VHD's Division of Vital Records and the Library of Virginia's websites. For more information visit www.vhd.virginia.gov/vital_records, the [Library of Virginia](http://www.libraryofvirginia.org) or www.ancestry.com.

A December EOGN article provides an excellent explanation of Ahnentafel. "It is a list of all known ancestors of an individual and includes the full name of each ancestor as well as dates and places of birth, marriage, and death whenever possible. It also has a strict numbering scheme." I recommend that you read the entire article on [Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter](#). Even if you never use it, you should have an understanding of the concept.

Also from EOGN, something close to home. "The Tulsa Genealogical Society Research Library has transferred its library holdings to Northeastern State University's Broken Arrow campus, 3100 S New Orleans, Broken Arrow." Details may be found on the society's website at <http://www.tulsagenealogy.org/president.html>

Coming Events

July 11, 2015

Plantation Agriculture Museum Homespun Day. See page 8 for the details

July 18, 2015

The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program “Walks Through History” will be from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. It will be at the Hot Spring County Courthouse, 210 Locust St., Malvern, Arkansas.

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 25, 2015

Descendants Day for descendants of U. S. Marshals, Deputy Marshals, Posse, Outlaws. Held at the Frisco Station located at the foot of the Garrison Avenue Bridge in Fort Smith, Arkansas. Drop by from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

See <http://usmarshalsmuseum.org/event/descendants-day-2015/> for the details

Coming Events continued

July 26, 2015

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? Returns on TLC, 9 p.m. / 8 p.m. Central Daylight. See page 12.

July 31–August 1, 2015

The Oklahoma History Society and the Oklahoma Genealogical Society annual Seminar, Opening and Writing the Book on Your Family History will be in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. See page 9 for the details and to register.

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 their web site Sheldonfamilyv2.org.

August 1, 2015

Researching Modern Military Records from 10 A.M. until noon at the MacArthur Museum of Arkansas Military History at 503 E. 8th St. in Little Rock. See page 10 for the details.

August 8, 2015

The Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association will hold their annual Seminar at the Broadmoor United Methodist Church in Shreveport, LA. See page 6 & 7 for the details.

Coming Events continued

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 Wyndham, North Little Rock. See our website for the details and to register. www.agsgenealogy.org

October 18-28, 2015

11th Annual Genealogy Conference and Cruise hosted by [Heritage Books, Inc.](http://www.heritagebooks.com) in consultation with Wholly Genes, Inc. For more information please 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. Hotel reservations are now open at <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/accommodations>.

Ark-La-Tex Annual Seminar

Saturday August 8, 2015

Speaker

Charles Gardes

Charles Gardes is a forensic genealogist, contributing author and a frequent lecturer to local, state and regional organizations through out Texas. Born in New Orleans and raised in Houston, he attended the University of Texas and the University of Houston. He has served as an LDS Family History Center volunteer, in leadership positions in the Houston Genealogical Forum, and on the Board of Directors of the Clayton Library Friends in Houston. Charles is a 2013 graduate of the National Institute of Genealogical Research. He has served as a faculty member of the Angelina College Genealogy Conference and currently teaches genealogy classes at Houston's Spring Branch Independent School District.

Seminar Location

Broadmoor United Methodist Church - Pearce Activity Hall
3715 Youree Drive, Shreveport, La (Parking lot is on east side on Albany Ave)

Ark-La-Tex Annual Seminar *continued*

Schedule and Topics

8:00am Doors Open - Registration

9:00am Opening Remarks / Introduction

9:10am What Did You Do in the Civil War Great Grandpa? - Tracing Your Civilian Ancestor in the Civil War South

10:40am Made In The U.S.A - Beginning German Genealogy

11:45am Lunch

1:00pm Meet Me At The Raccoon Lodge - Researching In The International Order of Hoo-Hoo and Other Fraternal Organization Records

2:30pm It's a Gusher! - Actual Probate Case Study of Heirship Verification

Plus Barnes & Noble Bookfair (featuring a special selection of genealogy and history books)

See <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~laaltga/> for more information and to register.

Plantation Agriculture Museum 2015 Homespun Day

The Plantation Agriculture Museum invites you and your family to journey back to your pioneering roots during our first annual Homegoods Day. Homemakers and crafters from around Arkansas are here to explain and show their goods. Activities and items include everything from local soaps and honey, candles, basket making, spinning, weaving, crocheted accessories, corn husk dolls, various home-making demonstrations, free homemade ice cream, and more.

The Plantation Agriculture Museum will be hosting Homegoods Day on Saturday, July 11th from 10-2 pm. Come out to join the festivities while enjoying fresh homemade ice cream, demonstrations, and crafts. Supplies are limited. All activities will be held inside the air conditioned main museum. Admission is free.

The Plantation Agriculture Museum is just 20 minutes from Little Rock at the junction of U.S. Hwy. 165 and Arkansas Hwy. 161. Take exit 7 off I-440, turn right on U.S. Hwy. 165, go 5 miles to Museum and turn right on Arkansas Hwy. 161 in Scott, Arkansas. The Museum is open from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Admission to the museum exhibits is free for self-guided tours. Guided tours are \$4.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. For more information, please contact Lydia Leatherwood at (501) 961-1409 or Lydia.L Leatherwood@arkansas.gov.

OHS/OGS Summer Sizzler

Get out of the heat and enjoy two cool days with the Oklahoma History Society and the Oklahoma Genealogical Society at this year's Sizzler, Opening and Writing the Book on Your Family History, Friday, July 31, and Saturday, August 1.

Friday: Discovering Hidden Resources in Libraries Around the State. Enjoy OHS featured speakers Amber Follet (Lawton Library), Sarah Poole, (Cleveland County Genealogical Society), and Nancy Calhoun (Muskogee Library), each talking about the record collections they hold that may be just the missing piece you have been looking for. They will be followed by Mahlon Erickson, presenting on the work he has done building an Oklahoma Death Index, and how he found records among various materials at OHS and other facilities.

Saturday: Put it All Together for Your Family to Share. OGS will present speakers Billie Fogarty who will be speaking about gathering your information and putting it into shape to publish and share. Rick Fogarty will talk about new ways you can share your family history and why you should share, not hoard your ancestors. After lunch, La Nell Shores will help you think about plans for making sure your hard work is preserved after you are gone. Then for a trip to the present with Carolyn Lea, speaking on your living history, and creating a rich tapestry of who we are now for future generations.

Registration is only \$50 for both days and \$35 for a single day. Includes lunch and air conditioning.

Visit our website for more information, to register online or download a mail-in form. <http://www.okgensoc.org/>

OHS BIG BOOK SALE: Thursday Jul 30-August 1

Researching Modern Military Records

Little Rock - The MacArthur Museum of Arkansas Military History and the [Arkansas History Commission](#) will be hosting a half-day symposium on Saturday, August 1, from 10 a.m. until noon at the MacArthur Museum of Arkansas Military History at 503 E. 9th St. in Little Rock.

The theme of the symposium, “Researching Modern Military Records” will feature presentations by History Commission staff, April Goff and Mary Dunn.

Topics will include, “Tracking My Father’s Footsteps: Tracing Service in Vietnam with Alternate Resources,” and “Citizen Soldiers: Researching Arkansas National Guard Records.”

The event is free. Coffee and refreshments will be provided. Teachers can earn up to two professional development hours through attendance. Registration is limited. Deadline for registration will be July 29, so be sure to register soon.

The Arkansas History Commission, located in Little Rock, is the official state archives of Arkansas and maintains the largest collection of historical materials on Arkansas in the world. The MacArthur Museum of Arkansas Military History is located in the historic Arsenal Building in downtown Little Rock’s MacArthur Park. The museum preserves the contributions of Arkansas men and women who served in the armed forces from the state’s territorial period to the present.

For more information about the symposium or to register, please contact us at 501-376-4602 or email us at rmmiller@littlerock.org.

Arkansas History Commission New Grant

Little Rock - The [Arkansas History Commission](#) and State Archives has been awarded a \$216,000 grant from the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council. The grant will support the funding of numerous projects with the History Commission's microphotography department and the agency's two branch archives.

In recent years, the History Commission's general revenue hasn't been sufficient to keep up with microfilming the large number of newspapers the agency receives. This grant will allow the microphotography department to catch up on the backlog of filming and duplication.

The grant also will allow for the purchase of new equipment for the History Commission's regional branches, the Northeast Arkansas Regional Archives (NEARA) and the Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives (SARA). Additionally, the grant will make possible the placement of complete sets of regional newspaper microfilm collections at both regional branches.

Dr. Lisa Speer, director of the History Commission said, "Newspapers are the backbone of many types of historical research. Having these regional newspapers available at both NEARA and SARA would be valuable to a range of researchers, including genealogists, academics, students, journalists, and many others."

The Arkansas History Commission and State Archives, located in Little Rock, is the official state archives of Arkansas and maintains the largest collection of historical materials on Arkansas in the world. The Northeast Arkansas Regional Archives and Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives are resource centers for historical research, dedicated to the purpose of collecting and preserving primary source materials that bring together the unique history, culture, and heritage of their regions.

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? Press Release

The two-time Emmy nominated series WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? returns this summer to share more fascinating stories, and shed light on surprising revelations, of the real life family history of celebrities. Executive Produced by Lisa Kudrow and Dan Bucatinsky, the new season premieres Sunday, July 26 at 9/8c.

The contributors featured in the upcoming season include:

- Tom Bergeron, who is aware of his French Canadian roots on his paternal side, but wants to know what brought his ancestors to North America. He goes as far back as his 10x great grandmother to find the answer.
- Bryan Cranston, who comes to discover an unfortunate pattern amongst the men in his family.
- Ginnifer Goodwin, who sets out to learn about her mysterious paternal great grandparents, whom her father, regretfully, does not know much about either.
- Alfre Woodard, who strives to find out more about the paternal side of her family, and explores how her surname came to be.

Additionally, TLC will air the U.S. premiere of J.K. Rowling's episode of the series, where the best-selling author sets off to uncover her maternal French roots. She finds that a family war story might not be what she thought when military records reveal a surprising twist.

Ancestry, the leading family history company, is teaming up again with TLC as a sponsor of the upcoming season. As part of the show sponsorship, Ancestry provides exhaustive family history research on each of the featured celebrities to help make discoveries possible and build out the story of each episode.

New on FamilySearch

The following is taken from the [FamilySearch](#) website.

Each month, FamilySearch publishes a list of new changes and updates to the FamilySearch.org website. This list includes changes to Family Tree as well as other parts of FamilySearch.org. In some cases, these changes will also be published as individual articles where the need to do so exists.

New Memories Feature

When you add photos from a person's Memories page, Family Tree automatically adds a tag to the photo. You usually have to adjust the position and size of the tag, and you may want to add a description or add tags to other people in the photo. That's easy if you add one photo at a time.

Many users prefer to upload several photos for a person and then adjust or add the tags. You had to go to the person's Memories page, open one photo, adjust or add the tags, and then return to the person's Memories page to open the next photo. You had to go to the person's Memories page between every photo. Users have asked if we could simplify the process. So we did.

Arrows have been added to the page where you tag the photo. Open one photo, adjust or add the tags, and then click an arrow to go to the next or previous photo. You no longer have to go to the Memories page between each photo.

Administrative Stuff

Contributions: If you have news for the Ezine, send it! doug44mann@gmail.com –Thanks!

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