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## **SPRING GENEALOGY SYMPOSIUM**

Hosted by the Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives

And The Arkansas Genealogical Society

To be held at the Washington Historic State Park

May 6, 2017 from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm

### **In the Genealogical Trenches: Tracing Your Wartime Ancestry**

The focus will be on researching 20th Century military and war records. The current information is that three excellent speakers have been arranged. The final details will be available for announcement soon on the [Arkansas Genealogical Society](#) web site or on the [Arkansas State Archives](#) web site. Watch for registration to open, likely in April, on these two sites, or by contacting [event.archives@arkansas.gov](mailto:event.archives@arkansas.gov) or by calling 501-682-6900.

Many of us have ancestors who served in the military. Help in finding those military and war records can make a world of difference.

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this is your official  
invitation to join AGS.

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Your membership expires  
on the date printed under  
your name.

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your AGS membership dues!

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## Tidbits —

In [Dick Eastman's](#) February 10, 2017 post about finding ancestors who were slaves in newspaper ads, he states: "A project by Villanova University and Mother Bethel AME Church in Philadelphia will make the classified ads easily accessible. The goal of "Last Seen: Finding Family After Slavery" is an online database of these snapshots from history, which hold names of former slaves, owners, traders, plantation locations, and relatives gone missing. So far, project researchers have uploaded and transcribed 1,000 ads published in six newspapers from 1863 to 1902: the South Carolina Leader in Charleston, the Colored Citizen in Cincinnati, the Free Man's Press in Galveston, the Black Republican in New Orleans, the Colored Tennessean in Nashville, and the Christian Recorder, the official organ of the African Methodist Episcopal Church denomination published at Mother Bethel."

You can read more in an article by Kristin E. Holmes in The Inquirer web site at <http://www.philly.com/philly/news/New-project-highlights-newspaper-ads-placed-to-find-relatives-lost-during-slavery.html>.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art's entire collection of public domain art is now available under the Creative [Commons Zero license](#). You [can download](#) any one of the more than 375,000 high-resolution images of famous artworks and use it however your heart desires. See announcement in the [New York Times](#).

## Coming Events

March 11, 2017

The Arkansas Historic Preservation's [Walks Thru History](#) will be in Downtown Jonesboro, Arkansas from 11 AM to 1 PM.

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The Ozarks Genealogical Society (OGS) presents a one day DNA Seminar Saturday, March 11th, 2017 at the Schweitzer United Methodist Church, 2747 East Sunshine, Springfield, Missouri. See page 12 for details.

March 13 2017

Genealogy Class at the [Butler Center for Arkansas Studies](#), 401 President Clinton Ave, Little Rock, Arkansas from 3:30 to 5:00. Contact Rhonda Stewart [rstewart@cals.lib.ar.us](mailto:rstewart@cals.lib.ar.us) for more information.

March 18, 2017

The [Saline County Public Library](#), will host the annual "Genealogy For You Seminar", Judy Russell presenting.

March 21, 2017

The [Butler Center for Arkansas Studies](#), partnered with the Arkansas Genealogical Society, will host *Irish Research Ulster Historical Foundation* presentation at Hillcrest Hall, 1501 Kavanaugh Blvd., Little Rock, Arkansas, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm.

March 27, 2017

Heritage Seekers normally meets at 6:30 at the Second Presbyterian Church at 600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock. The program will be *Fort Smith, Judge Parker and His Marshalls* by Brenda Veerhusen of the Heritage Seekers.

## Coming Events continued

March 28, 2017

Pen to Podium: Arkansas Historical Writers' Lecture Series from 7 to 8 p.m. at Historic Arkansas Museum in Little Rock. See page 11 for the details.

April 1, 2017

The Beginning Genealogy Class, provided by the [Genealogy Society of Craighead County, Arkansas](#), will be held at the Jonesboro Craighead County Public Library from 10:00 to 3:00. There will be a two-hour session with a break for lunch, followed by a second two-hour session. Please contact Nancy Matthews at (870) 219-0535 or by email at [nlmatthews@suddenlink.net](mailto:nlmatthews@suddenlink.net).

April 1, 2017

The Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association will host an all day seminar on Saturday, April 1, 2017. Featured speaker will be Caroline M. Pointer, professional genealogist and lecturer. Location of the seminar will be the Miciotto Family Life Center, St Jude Catholic Church, 4700 Palmetto Rd, Benton, LA (just north of Bossier City). Early registration is recommended. Registration fee is \$40 and includes lunch. Visit <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~laaltga> for details and registration form.

April 7, 2017

The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program's [Sandwiching in History](#) will be from 12 PM to 1 PM at the Dibrell House, 1400 Spring St., North Little Rock, Arkansas.

April 15, 2017

Gary Pinkerton will be presenting his book, *Trammel's Trace: The First Road to Texas from the North* at 2:00 p.m. in the 1914 Schoolhouse in Historic Washington State Park. He will also be signing copies of his book and there will be a Q and A session after his presentation. It is hosted by the [Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives](#).

## Coming Events continued

April 20–22, 2017

*Great War, Great Changes* [Arkansas Historical Association](#) 76th Annual Conference (Pocahontas, Arkansas)

April 22, 2017

The Family History Conference of Northwest Arkansas will present *I'm Related To Who!* at 6738 Lynch Prairie Ct., Springdale, Arkansas. Register at [www.familyhistoryconfernecewa.org](http://www.familyhistoryconfernecewa.org).

May 6, 2017

The Arkansas Genealogical Society and the Arkansas State Archives will hold the Spring Workshop in Old Washington, Arkansas. The details will be available soon.

May 10-13, 2017

The [National Genealogical Society's](#) 2017 Family History Conference will be held at the Raleigh Convention Center in Raleigh, NC. Conference registration began December 1, 2016. Hotels began accepting reservations for the conference on June 15, 2016.

June 8-10, 2017

7th annual [Genealogy Jamboree](#) and Pioneer Day in the Historic Town of Cumberland Gap, Tennessee.

July 16, 2017

The [Genealogy Society of Craighead County, Arkansas](#), will sponsor their summer lock-in, “*pull up your genes*” from 5:00 pm to midnight. See their website for the details.

July 23-28, 2017

[The Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research](#) (IGHR) will be at the Georgia Center's UGA and Hotel Conference Center.

## Coming Events continued

July 28 and 29, 2017

2017 International Germanic Genealogy Conference will be held in Minneapolis, MN, on July 28 and July 29, 2017, hosted by the [Germanic Genealogy Society](#). Click here for the International [Germanic Genealogy Conference flyer](#).

August 5, 2017

The Heritage Seekers will sponsor a Genealogy Research Day at the Butler Center.

August 30-September 2, 2017

The [FGS](#) National Genealogy and Family History Conference will be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

October 20-21, 2017

The Arkansas Genealogical Society 2017 Fall Conference will be at the Benton Event and Convention Center in Benton, Arkansas. D. Joshua Taylor is scheduled to present. Watch our [website](#)!

May 2-5, 2018

The NGS 2018 Family History Conference will be in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The announcement was in the *NGS Monthly* from May 2016. Call for proposals opened January 3, 2017.

June 2–7, 2018

[The Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research](#) (IGHR) will be at the Georgia Center's UGA and Hotel Conference Center.

August 22-25, 2018

The [FGS](#) National Genealogy and Family History Conference will be held in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

## Coming Events continued

October 19-20, 2018

The Arkansas Genealogical Society 2017 Fall Conference will be at the Benton Event and Convention Center in Benton, Arkansas. Cee Cee Moore is scheduled to present.

August 21-24, 2019

The [FGS](#) National Genealogy and Family History Conference will be held in Washington, D. C.

September 2-5, 2020

The [FGS](#) National Genealogy and Family History Conference will be held in Kansas City, Missouri.

## Northeast Arkansas Regional Archives Open House

The Northeast Arkansas Regional Archives (NEARA) celebrated its sixth year anniversary with an open house from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Fri., March 3, 2017, at the Male and Female Academy in Powhatan.

The open house featured presentations by staff members and past recipients of the NEARA award for historical scholarship and tours of the facility.

NEARA is a branch of the Arkansas State Archives. NEARA's mission is to collect and preserve primary and secondary source materials pertaining to the history of northeast Arkansas. Its collections span a 16-county region dating back to 1806. The opening of NEARA in 2011 marked the return of the original Lawrence County court records to Powhatan from Arkansas State University, where they had been housed for several years. These records constitute some of the earliest records on Arkansas, dating back to the early 19th century. Lawrence County was created in 1815 as part of Missouri Territory and was the second of five large counties in what became Arkansas Territory in 1819.

NEARA's holdings include traditional archival material such as letters, diaries, maps, photographs, newspapers, as well as broadsides, books, periodicals, and other print resources. The core of NEARA's holdings includes approximately 500 cubic feet of Lawrence County government records, including court cases, marriage records, probate records, and pension records, donated by the Lawrence County Historical Society.

“Arkansas is fortunate to have these early territorial papers,” remarked State Archives Director Dr. Lisa Speer, “and we are grateful to the foresight of the Lawrence County Historical Society members who saved these historical records from destruction.” With the bicentennial of Arkansas Territory coming up in 2019, Speer noted that she expects these records and NEARA to receive increased attention and use.

Susan Boyle reports that it was a really good event and well-attended.



## Evernote or OneNote?

Which should a family historian use, Evernote or OneNote? I have read many responses to this question and seen several YouTube videos about this subject over time, and the answer is “it all depends.” It all depends on which one you prefer. Since there is no correct answer, here are my “two cents.” This is, by no means, a complete comparison, just a few of my thoughts. There are books, YouTube videos, and other resources where you can go learn all you ever wanted to know about either of these two products. The question is really, should you use Evernote, One-note, both, or neither. Since genealogy is moving towards digital, I think you will eventually become a user. If you become a user for genealogy purposes, you will probably expand the use into other areas.

Both products are built around “notes”. “Notes” can hold a variety of items. They can hold content you type on your device, or photos, documents, audio files, video files, and content clipped from a web page. Both of these software products provide a way to collect and organize information, and then find that information using the built-in search tool. There are other products available that will do basically the same, however, I will provide you with my thoughts on these two because I use both of them on a daily basis. They both work on your PC or Apple computer, an android phone or tablet, and a iPhone or iPad. Your “notes” sync on all of your devices and reside in the respective servers. You can also access your notes from any computer’s web browser, like at a hotel or library.

Since they are so similar, how are they different and which should a person use? The short answer, use the one that best fits you. I use both. Evernote works better for clipping from web pages. I use it for collecting web based information to use in the Ezine. I use OneNote for organizing genealogy files in a way that is similar to the “paper way.” That is, 3-ring binders with dividers and pages. The OneNote equivalent is: a 3-ring binder is a “notebook,” a divider is a “section,” and a page is a “page.” To make it simple, Evernote is designed around the search function. OneNote is designed around the notebook model. I recommend that you start with either product and get to know it. Then, try the other one. One other comment, OneNote works best with Internet Explorer, though it works well with Chrome.

You can find more on the web about these two products than you could possible read or watch. I recommend that you begin with this link to a [Dottotech](#) video.

## Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association Seminar

Genealogical Seminar  
Caroline M. Pointer Presenting  
Presented by the Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association  
Saturday April 1, 2017

Miciotto Family Life Center  
St Jude Catholic Church, 4700 Palmetto Rd, Benton, LA  
(Just a short distance north of Bossier City on Airline Drive)

Let's acquire skills to be more proficient researchers with the following topics:

8:15am Doors Open - Registration

8:45am Opening Remarks / Introduction

9:00am Power Your Research with a Research Plan

10:30am Did You Really Look Everywhere Online?

11:30am Lunch

1:00pm Research Success is Built on a Line: the Research Timeline

2:15pm 10 Tech Tools to Help You Collaborate with Family for Your Research

3:15pm Q & A

Early Registration Recommended • Door prizes & more

Cost of Seminar - - - \$40.00 - - - Includes lunch if registration received by March 27, 2017

You can register at the [Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association's website](#).

## Pen to Podium

The following is a press release from the Arkansas State Archives.

The Arkansas State Archives will hold the second lecture in its series, Pen to Podium: Arkansas Historical Writers' Lecture Series, on Tues., Mar. 28 from 7 - 8 p.m. at Historic Arkansas Museum in Little Rock, Department of Arkansas Director Stacy Hurst announced today. Elizabeth Hill will present, A Splendid Piece of Work: Arkansas's Early Home Demonstration Clubs in recognition of Women's History Month. Before the lecture, a reception sponsored by the Friends of the Arkansas State Archives will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the atrium of the museum.

The lecture is free but registration is required. Registration is limited and deadline for registration will be Fri., Mar. 24.

State Archives Director Dr. Lisa Speer noted that Hill's work is based in part on research conducted on Home Demonstration Club scrapbooks held at the Arkansas State Archives. "I am delighted that Elizabeth Hill is the featured speaker for this lecture during Women's History Month," remarked Speer. "Her work on the state's home demonstration clubs is a thoughtful and well researched addition to scholarship on Arkansas women in the twentieth century."

For more information or to register, contact [events.archives@arkansas.gov](mailto:events.archives@arkansas.gov) or call 501-682-6900.

## Ozarks Genealogical Society DNA Seminar

The following announcement is provided by Doris Wilson, publicity chair.

The Ozarks Genealogical Society (OGS) presents a one day DNA Seminar Saturday, March 11th, 2017 at the Schweitzer United Methodist Church, 2747 East Sunshine, Springfield, Missouri.

The instructor, Patti Lee Hobbs, a Certified Genealogist, holds a BA degree in biology. She is a lifetime OGS member and works part-time as a professional genealogist. She works occasionally in the Local History and Genealogy department at the Springfield-Greene County Library.

Hobbs instructs on the use and analysis of DNA testing and how it complements traditional genealogical research in original records. She has presented numerous workshops locally and regionally. She also teaches at the week-long Practical Genetic Genealogy course at the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and will be teaching in a DNA course at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research at its new location in Athens, Georgia.

Sessions include: An Overview of Genetic Genealogy; Researching the Patrilineal and Matrilineal Lines through Y-DNA and Mt-DNA Testing; Autosomal DNA: Testing for All Genealogical Lines;

Autosomal DNA Data: Working the Results; and gedmatch.com: An Invaluable Tool for Autosomal DNA Analysis.

The seminar begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 4:30 p.m. The cost of the seminar is \$25 and optional lunch for an additional \$7. In order to receive the syllabus and order lunch, you must register by March 5. Additional seminar details, a registration form or online registration is available at the OGS website: [www.ozarksgs.org](http://www.ozarksgs.org). For other questions call 417-883-0692.

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