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Did you know there is an “AGS Members Only Corner” at our website?

Members of the Arkansas Genealogical Society have special privileges including access to an online index of all issues of the *Arkansas Family Historian* through 2005. Also available here are PDF files for the same period covered by the index.

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Introduction:

The Arkansas Genealogical Society is sending you this E-zine (**electronic magazine**) to keep you informed about information, activities, publications, and web links to help our members with their genealogical research in Arkansas. It is a free service to AGS members and to anyone, including non-AGS members who are interested in Arkansas genealogy.

This E-zine is a supplement to, not a replacement of, the quarterly publication, the *Arkansas Family Historian* or to the *AGS Newsletter*.

Please let us know if you like this new service or if you have any information or helpful links to include in the next addition. All suggestions are welcomed. Email **AGS_Ezine@agsgenealogy.org** with comments or information.

Queries will also be accepted, if they are clear and concise as to time and place, and pertain to Arkansas. Information about upcoming family reunions, county genealogical society events, new books, or any other items of interest are also accepted.

We'd also like to hear your anecdotes about researching Arkansas topics or any special problems or questions you have.

This E-zine is for you, the members, and we want to include anything that might assist you in your research.

AGS Members: Family Tree DNA Discount

The Arkansas Genealogical Society is proud to be associated with Family Tree DNA, the largest genetic genealogy testing company in the world. This partnership program has the objective of providing reduces group rates for members to test their DNA for genealogy purposes, and at the same time present additional revenue for AGS without costing more to the member.

You can order at lower group rates through the Arkansas Genealogical Society. To do so, you can either call or fill in the form at http://www.ftdna.com/surname_join.asp?code=L81808.

For additional testing for genealogical purposes you can log on to the website at www.familytreedna.com or contact them at info@familytreedna.com or 713-868-1438.

News about Arkansas Genealogy:

Be a Volunteer at the State Archives

If you are interested in volunteering your time at the Arkansas History Commission, please fill contact the AHC. For more information, call 501.682.6900, or email state.archives@arkansas.gov.

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AGS E-mail List

To sign up for the AGS e-mail list, send an email to ags-request@rootsweb.com?subject=subscribe

List-Archive:

If you haven't joined the list, you can still read the archived posts to the AGS-L at <http://archiver.rootsweb.com/th/index?list=ags>

Independence County: Baxter County Beginnings

Article published 7 April 2007, in *The Baxter Bulletin*
by Chyrl Ripple, *Bulletin* Historian

"Originally carved out of the territory of Lawrence County, Independence County was formed by an act of the Territorial Legislature Oct. 20, 1820. No one can say who the first white settlers were.

"The Old Independence Regional Museum is at Ninth and Vine streets in Batesville, and if you find local history interesting, I'm sure you would find the museum fascinating.

"It is designed to serve the 12 counties which were a part of the original Independence County as created by the Arkansas Legislature in 1820. The dates of the 11 later county formations are: Baxter, 1873; Cleburne, 1883; Fulton, 1842; Izard, 1825; Jackson, 1829; Marion, 1835; Poinsett, 1838; Sharp, 1868, Stone, 1873; White, 1835; and Woodruff, 1862.

The museum is closed Mondays. Call ahead for other hours at (870) 793-2121."

This article goes on to discuss the history and formation of Baxter County and its first settlers: John Reed, Col. John Miller, wife Calara Moore Miller, son William R. Miller, Patrick Michael O'Kelley, Charles Kelley, William Reed, Townsend Dickinson, William Dudley, James Miller, John Saffold, the Magnesses, Morgans and Perrys—and many other names.

For full article, go to:

<http://www.baxterbulletin.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070407/NEWS01/704070301/1002/NEWS01>

Libraries, courthouse offer plenty of genealogy resources [in Clark County]

By Donna Hilton

Published: Wednesday, September 15, 2004; *The Arkadelphia Daily Siftings-Herald*, online at <http://www.siftingsherald.com>, established in 1886.

NOTE: This newspaper web site has an advanced search function and its archives go back to at least 2001.

See main page for search box and advanced search link.

"Genealogy researchers have a wealth of information at their fingertips in Clark County.

"The Clark County Library has records not only from this county and state, but from other states as well, Judy Golden, library director said.

"The library has some census records and cemetery records. It also contains books of information compiled by persons, such as a book of obituaries from the Daily Siftings Herald, Golden said.

"The public library also has books of information from other states, "because they had to come from somewhere first to Arkansas," Golden said.

"The library at Henderson State University has a large vertical file of newspaper clippings and other information featuring students at the college over the years.

. . . "Perhaps the largest source of information on Clark County families can be found at the library at Ouachita Baptist University."

For the remainder of this article, see
<http://www.siftingsherald.com/articles/2004/09/15/news/news4.txt>

Baxter County Beginnings Touch Independence County

by Chyrl Ripple

The Baxter Bulletin Online (Mountain Home, Arkansas)

Article published 14 April 2007

"According to the writings of Goodspeed in the late 1880s which in my opinion saved much of our country's actual genealogy and stories, there was in Independence County a strong sentiment of loyalty to the general government. Out of about 1,800 votes cast in the county for delegates to the state convention before the first guns were fired in the Civil War, only about 300 were given to the candidates favoring secession. As soon, however, as the "dogs of war" were let loose, the loyal sentiment was suppressed and the secession element became predominant.

"Many Union men refuged to the North, and many others were pressed into the Confederate service. Companies for the Confederate army began to be organized in the spring of 1861, and before the struggle was over, the county

had furnished about 15 companies for that army. These were commanded respectively by Capt. W. E. Gibbs, John H. Dye, George W. Rutherford, J.W. Cullins, S.C. Jones, S. Carson, J S. Tracy, W S. Smalley, T.J. Morgan, N. Floyd, E. Bridewell, S.J. McGuffin, James McCauley and others."

For the rest of the article, go to:

<http://www.baxterbulletin.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070414/NEWS01/704140301/1002>

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Cleveland County Seeks WWII Veterans

Cleveland County Historical and Genealogical Society is in the process of establishing a data base of all county veterans of World War II. Anyone with information concerning these vets or knows of living vets that society members could interview, please contact Louise Mitchell, society president at llmitch46@hotmail.com or Rufus Buie, society vice president, at RufusBuie@mail.tds.net.

Submitted by Louise Mitchell at llmitch46@hotmail.com

***Arkansas Gazette* Articles Posted Online By Pris Weathers**

In a message dated 4/19/2007 12:49:23 PM Central Daylight Time, arkansasties@arkansasties.com writes:

I have decided to post my *Arkansas Gazette* articles from 1819–1850 online free. You can find them here:

<http://www.arkansasties.com/WhatsNew2007.htm>

or <http://www.arkansasties.com/Special/Gazette/NewsIndex.htm>

I will post them as I get time, starting with 1819, and working my way forward...some have associated images, some do not. Please do not email me about years I do not have posted yet unless you want to buy them. You may post up to 5 on your own personal family website or in your book with credit to ArkansasTies and a link to my website.

Anything else will need to be worked out with me. Please respect the fact that I have thousands of hours into this project and I am posting to help others out but I will defend my copyrights.

Pris Weathers
www.ArkansasTies.com

Announcement from Arkansas Research, Inc. *Arkansas Gazette* Indexes

Oscar G. Russell, a dedicated genealogist, abstracted all the death records from the *Arkansas Gazette*, 1914–1929, 1960, and 1990–1991; and the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, 1992–2005. He published semi-annual volumes until, bless his heart, his eyesight failed. When he decided to discontinue sales of his books, we agreed to publish them.

This series, newly arranged in annual volumes, is available now! And we're offering them on CDs in .pdf format.

Each book contains a list of people who were mentioned in the *Arkansas Gazette* (the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* after 1991) as having died during that year.

Most of the folks are Arkansas residents, but Oscar also abstracted those from other places whose deaths were reported in the pages of the newspaper. In 1918, the number of deaths is triple that of other years because of the flu epidemic and because the newspaper reported the deaths of the World War I soldiers from all over the U.S. who died in service.

Each entry in the books lists the person's name, age at death, city and state or country of residence, and the newspaper date, page and column. With this information, it's possible to write to the state archives for a copy of the news item or obituary.

Hold it! Before you complain about these books being expensive, think what it would cost to hire someone to read completely through the newspapers on microfilm to find the item you need about your ancestor.

We print very small press runs, which makes the books cost more, but allows us to keep a large number of titles in print. And, to make them even more affordable, we're offering them on CD in .pdf format for only \$9.95 each (plus shipping, of course).

Who's listed? We've posted the names of the people listed in the books for 1914-1929 on our website so you can see if your person of interest is listed.

Click on the "view the index" links with each book title. Interested? Go here: <http://www.arkansasresearch.com/desoscar.html> for details!

The Mosaic Templars Cultural Center: A Mission, A Dream, A Museum

The State Capitol's spring 2007 exhibit, *The Mosaic Templars Cultural Center: A Mission, A Dream, A Museum*, outlines a project to commemorate the stories of freed African Americans who used their new legal status to better themselves socially, economically and even politically following the War Between the States.

The name comes from a fraternal order founded in 1882 in Little Rock, Arkansas. Though the original building was destroyed by fire in 2005, a new facility is being built to closely replicate the original.

Their mission is "to build a cultural connection between Arkansans past and present and to preserve and tell the stories of Arkansas's African American life and enterprise.

The exhibit will remain on view in the State Capitol **through mid-May**. The Capitol is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekends. Admission is free.

From: *Capitol Report: News & Updates from Your State Capitol* by Arkansas Secretary of State Charlie Daniels

Notes from Other Areas

Promoting and preserving Cherokee culture

By TEDDY SNELL

Tahlequah (Oklahoma) Daily Press

Visitors to the heart of the Cherokee Nation will find myriad events in store

for them this summer at the Cherokee Heritage Center. Opened in 1967 on the original site of the original Cherokee Female Seminary, the Heritage Center is a four-phase project, including a museum, amphitheater, an ancient village and a historical community as it would have appeared during the Civil War.

At the time of initial construction, the site was an all but forgotten piece of land south of Tahlequah. Yet, two men with vision—Cherokee Principal Chief W.W. Keeler and Martin Hagerstrand—transformed the dense undergrowth to a cultural landscape, while preserving and keeping the seminary columns as a focal point.

The Ancient Village is the oldest and most enduring attraction at the Heritage Center. Over the years, many people have worked in the village. Some have gone on to serve on the tribal council, or have even been elected as principal chief. Several villagers have been honored as Cherokee National Treasures.

To celebrate the anniversary of the Heritage Center's first installment, a reunion of Ancient Village workers is planned, and the public is invited. All are invited to join the center June 30 for the 40th anniversary, which features a day of entertainment and fun for visitors of all ages.

Visitors can observe many newly planted native Oklahoma plants, and benefit from the new, covered structures, a variety of pathways and a refurbished creek. According to center officials, ease of access has improved on many levels, with all trails connecting and wheelchair accessibility throughout the grounds. New seating benches are stationed at key points along the walking paths, so visitors can enjoy the various aspects of the design and history of the village.

For those who appreciate a more hands-on experience, the Heritage Center has something in mind.

"This summer, the Heritage Center is offering an overnight experience of the ancient village unlike any other experience in this region," said Mickel Yantz, curator of the CHC museum. "On May 12, visitors are invited to spend the night in the 16th Century, camping under the stars at the Cherokee Heritage Center. Be sure to bring a tent and a sleeping bag."

According to Yantz, campers must be willing to leave today's modern conveniences behind as they travel back in time to an era untouched by European influence. Participants will have the opportunity to taste traditional Cherokee foods; witness and participate in educational social dancing; listen to ancient stories handed down through generations of elders; experience life and learn, first-hand, how Cherokee ancestors started the path for the future of today's Cherokee.

As part of the learning experience, participants will take part in a tour of the Ancient Village, blowgun shooting and stickball game, as well as opening and closing ceremonies and receiving access to the museum.

"The Cherokee Heritage Center strives to educate visitors on all aspects of Cherokee history and culture," said Yantz. "It has permanent exhibitions that examine historical information regarding the heritage of the Cherokees."

For those more interested in a day trip, the Heritage Center welcomes all visitors.

According to Yantz, the 36th Annual Trail of Tears Art Show and Sale opens April 28 and runs through May 27, and features artists from across the country, who compete for \$10,000 in prize money.

Museum guests can submit their vote for the "People's Choice" award, which, according to Yantz, is highly prized among participants. Categories include paintings, graphics, sculpture, pottery, basketry, and the "Trail of Tears" theme. Another favorite is the miniature category.

"Some of our more popular entries are in the miniature category," said Yantz. "The artists who participate have a wonderful way of expressing so much beauty within a 4-inch cube of space."

All artwork will be up for sale, beginning with the opening at 10 a.m., Saturday, April 28. The formal awards ceremony begins at noon. Previous visitors to the Heritage Center may remember the dramatic re-enacted of the Trail of Tears performed as a drama in the amphitheater. This year, those interested in dramatic re-enactments are in for a surprise.

New this year is "Under the Cherokee Moon," a drama that depicts the Cherokee way of life in two stories—one told in the Adams Corner Rural Village, Indian Territory, during the 1800s, featuring Laurette Willis as Cherokee Female Seminary Graduate and teacher Carrie Bushyhead and missionary Sarah Worcester. The second story will be told in the Ancient Village in the form of an interactive show where visitors are part of an historic, fiery Cherokee Council Meeting with the leaders of 1775.

"It's sort of a candlelight vigil taking place in both places," said Yantz. "It's a much more intimate setting than the previous drama in the amphitheater. It's up close and personal, and I think people are really going to enjoy it."

Performances will run Friday and Saturday evenings at 7, June 1 through Aug. 18.

The Cherokee Heritage Center is three miles south of Tahlequah, just off U.S. Highway 62. For more information about any of the events, call (918) 456-6007. The Cherokee Heritage Center is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 1–5 p.m.

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http://www.tahlequahdailypress.com/features/local_story_108093607.html?keyword=secondarystory

Genealogy: 1830 federal census underwent some changes in format and protocol

By Tamie Dehler

Special to the *Tribune-Star* (Terre Haute, Indiana)

"The 1830 federal census, like those before it, was under the jurisdiction of the U.S. District Court in each state and was carried out by U.S. marshals who hired and organized the enumerators. However, there were some changes in the 1830 census format and protocol from previous censuses.

"There had been problems in getting the earlier four censuses shipped to Washington, D.C. from the district courts, when they were finally ordered years later, and this had resulted in the loss of many of the enumeration districts, which never reached Washington. Therefore, it was ordered that the census of 1830 was to have two copies, one deposited with the U.S. District Court in the state, and one to be sent directly to Washington. This was the first time a decennial census was ordered to be sent to Washington immediately after being conducted.

Some of the 1830 schedules in Washington are the originals and some are the copies that were handmade from the originals. When viewing these on microfilm, observe whether the handwriting changes for each district or remains the same. If it is the same, then you are looking at a copy and the probability of error is greater on a copy than on an original.

"If a copy of the 1830 census is in Washington, D.C., then where is the original? This would have been deposited with the U.S. District Court in the state and could still be there, or lost forever. . . ."

For complete article, see

http://www.tribstar.com/history/local_story_112000030.html

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Arkansas Links:

Arkansas Genealogical Society Home Page
www.agsgenealogy.org

Arkansas State Highway Department
County and State Highway maps for sale
www.arkansashighways.com

Arkansas Historical Association
www.uark.edu/depts/arkhist/home/

Arkansas Historical Quarterly Index, 1942–2000
arkindex.uark.edu/AHQ/

Arkansas History Commission (the state archives):
www.ark-ives.com/

Baxter County, Arkansas, Historical and Genealogical Society:
www.baxtercountyonline.com/bchgs/

Baxter County Bulletin (newspaper online)
www.baxterbulletin.com

Benton County, Arkansas, GenWeb:
www.rootsweb.com/~arbenton/

Bentonville Public Library, Benton, County, Arkansas:
www.youseemore.com/bentonville/

Butler Center for Arkansas Studies:
www.cals.lib.ar.us/butlercenter/

Conway County Genealogical Society:
www.rootsweb.com/~arconway/ccga.htm

Encyclopedia of Arkansas
www.encyclopediaofarkansas.net

ePodunk.com: Search for any city or town in the US
www.epodunk.com/

Little River County Genealogical Society
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~arlrccgs>

National Register of Historic Sites, Arkansas:
www.nationalregisterofhistoricplaces.com/AR/state.html

Newton County Historical Society:
www.newtoncountyar.com

Prairie County, Arkansas, Genealogical Homepage:
www.couchgenweb.com/arkansas/prairie/

Prairie County, Arkansas, Rootsweb:
www.rootsweb.com/~arprairi/

Richard C. Butler Center for Arkansas Studies:
www.cals.lib.ar.us/butlercenter/

Russellville, Pope County, Arkansas, Newspaper: The Courier
www.couriernews.com/

Saline County, Arkansas, Genealogy Page:
www.rootsweb.com/~arsaline/

Saline County History and Heritage Society, Inc.
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~arschhs/>

Saline County, Arkansas, Library
www.saline.lib.ar.us/

Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives:
www.southwestarchives.com/

Tips for Arkansas Researchers:

Logging Genealogy Phone Calls

You've been there before: your phone rings; some heretofore unknown cousin calls. You're excited! She tells you the great-grandfather you have in common is buried in Podunk Cemetery, Backwoods County, Alabama, without a marker, and she knows this for certain because her Aunt Martha told her so before she died.

Your heart is racing; you grab a pen and jot the information on the back of your Entergy bill, along with New Cousin's phone number and address.

Then what? There are a couple of things you can do (besides lose the note). You can open your genealogy software program and enter that information, citing New Cousin as the source. And, you may want to keep a log of those kinds of phone calls.

Let me recommend a free software program with which to do that. The program is iDailyDiary, available as a free download from Splinterware Software Solutions <http://www.splinterware.com/products/iddailydiary.htm>

The program is just what it sounds like, a daily diary program, and it looks like a spiral notebook. Once you download and install the program, you set up a password and begin using the program.

On today's date, I'd make a note that New Cousin called and summarize our conversation, including her phone number, address, e-mail, and any other information I want to remember.

Six days, six months, or six years from now, I can search that program for Podunk Cemetery, or Backwoods County, or Grandpa's name, or any other key word I can shake loose from my decaying gray matter.

You can use iDailyDiary for more than genealogy phone calls. Throw in all kinds of tidbits, including links to things like some awful disease your neighbor asked you to look up on the Internet, bad jokes (link to your e-mail or paste the joke into iDailyDiary), and your uncensored opinions about just about anything.

The basic iDailyDiary version is free. You can buy the "professional" version with added features, but I haven't seen a need for it yet. As you use the program, it creates four files (ending with .blb, .dat, .iDD, and .idx) that change each time you use the program. The first part of those filenames is whatever you named your diary when you set up the program. You need to copy those files regularly to something other than your computer's hard drive to back up your data.

What's next? When it's time to compile this year's Christmas card list, you can page back through iDailyDiary's entries and add the folks you want to send holiday greetings to. (If you're the type who plans ahead, you can add "XMAS" to each entry in that category as you accumulate diary entries, and then just search for that within the program.)

Here's your Christmas greeting: "Happy Whatever Holiday You Call It! I'm sending this card so I can keep up with you in the event Wal-Mart starts offering \$24.95 DNA matching and I find I need your cheek swab." (That may not be subtle enough, but you get the idea.) If you mail to these cousins once a year, the post office will notify you of a forwarding address in the event someone moves.

Best of luck on your research! - Desmond

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Upcoming articles— Arkansas Family Historian:

Planned contents for Volume 45, Number 2
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Submitted by Susan Boyle, Editorial Committee

We plan to print an article about Melissa Botts Williams, a Confederate spy; obituaries from the Landmark Baptist 1907–1908; students' names and ages listed in a Hampton (Calhoun County) School Register 1891–1892; a transcript of a newspaper article about Early Social

Life in Arkansas; an article about David Jenkins' prior birth certificate, filed 1949, that has extensive family information written on the back; and a list of Cleveland County Confederate Pensioners.

Events:

St. Louis Genealogical Society's 37th Annual Fair 5 May 2007

The St. Louis Genealogical Society's 37th Annual Fair will be held on 5 May 2007. A Field Guide to Successful Genealogy will feature Ann Carter Fleming, CG, CGL, and Craig Roberts Scott, CG, as well as many local speakers.

Some of the topics will include using military records, searching for death records, finding aids at the National Archives, researching in Illinois, resources at the Missouri State Archives, and storing digital files.

A complete list of titles, topics, and presenters is shown on our website at <http://www.stlgs.org/fair.htm>

For those who can't make the Fair, many of the sessions will be recorded on audio CDs. They will be available for purchase for a limited time (until July 30th only). Check out Fair sessions and details on the audio CDs at <http://www.stlgs.org/fairCds.htm> .

Submitted by Patricia Walls Stamm, CG, CGL

Behind the Scenes at the State Archives

Dates: May 5, 12, 19, & 26, 2007

Time: 10:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

As a part of Heritage Month 2007, each Saturday in May, a staff member will present a program focusing on the work of the Arkansas History Commission as it continues its mission to preserve and provide access to the history of Arkansas. Tours will feature areas generally unavailable to the public. Seating is limited.

As many of you know, the Arkansas History Commission has undergone substantial changes in the last two years, including an altered physical layout and improved access to materials, both in house and on the Commission's website. These four presentations will introduce many of these changes and reacquaint our patrons with services of the State Archives that have been available to Arkansas for 102 years.

On May 5, Dr. Wendy Richter, State Historian, will conduct a tour of the History Commission that will emphasize the physical and philosophical changes that have recently occurred at the Archives.

On May 12, Carolyn Owens Hervey, Library Technician, will give examples of the content of our holdings through the microfilm collection. Patrons will learn how to look through these research materials for information that is often unexpected or overlooked.

On May 19, Lynn Ewbank, Access/Technology Archivist, will demonstrate the features of our updated website, including many new searchable databases and simplified ordering procedures for patrons. One new section, "Documenting Arkansas," is an online digital archive of documents, visuals, maps, broadsides, pamphlets, and three-dimensional objects significant to the history and culture of Arkansas.

On May 26, Ronnie Watts, the Archival Microphotography Supervisor, will speak about the microphotography program that is celebrating its fiftieth year in 2007. He will also conduct a tour of the History Commission Microphotography area to show patrons how the State Archives films materials and processes microfilm.

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Perry County Presents Program

May 8, 2007, at 7:00 p.m

The Perry County Historical & Genealogical Society meeting, Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. at Max Milam Library, 609 Aplin Avenue, Perryville, Arkansas, will feature a program on the Fourche River Lumber Company.

Tim Nutt, Manuscripts and Rare Book Librarian, University of Arkansas Libraries, will be the speaker. Tim is a native of Perry County. For further information, call the Milam Library at 501-889-2554.

Old Lewisburg Days 12 May 2007

Old Lewisburg Days will be held Saturday, May 12, 2007, in Morrilton near the Depot Museum. The festivities will begin at 10:00. The day will include a special unveiling of the 1870s oil painting of Lewisburg, historical displays, old time games, crafts, music and other entertainment.

A restored covered wagon will have a camp set up, a horse shoeing demonstration is planned, ladies in period dress quilting, and much more will be going on throughout the day.

Closing ceremonies will be at 4:00 PM and will include the presentation of some special awards.

Visitors are encouraged to come in period dress. Come out and enjoy the day. Don't forget your cameras!

For more information contact Euna Beavers at 501-354-4428 or ebeavers@tcworks.net.

Background on Old Lewisburg

Major William Lewis, his son, Stephen D. Lewis and Dr. Nimrod Meniffee settled near the Arkansas River and Point Remove Creek about 1820. Stephen D. Lewis established the first trading post in Conway County in 1825, and called it Lewisburg. The town of Lewisburg was incorporated in 1844. By 1850, Lewisburg had grown into a thriving town. From then until the Civil War it was one of the best business points in the state.

In Lewisburg there were two sawmills, two grist mills, an opera house, two dentists, hotels, two druggists, two livery stables, two blacksmiths, two saddlery stores, many merchants, about eighty business establishments in all. The first ferry at Lewisburg was established about 1848. The Lewisburg ferry was used until 1920 when the bridge across the Arkansas River was built.

The first school house in Conway County was built in Lewisburg prior to 1836. Soon after the Civil War the citizens of Lewisburg induced Rev. I. L. Burrow of Tennessee to accept the position of principal of the male and female academy of Lewisburg which prospered under his direction for four years. Later the school was moved to Morrilton. Lewisburg continued to grow and prosper until about 1875.

When the railroad went through what is now Morrilton, the town of Lewisburg began to fade away. Many of the people tore down their homes, businesses, churches, schools, etc. and moved them over the hill near the new railroad. Many of the pioneers of Lewisburg were also the pioneers of Morrilton. Before the people began moving away, Lewisburg had a population of 1800–2000.

North Arkansas Ancestor Fair June 1-2, 2007, Marshall, Arkansas

The Searcy County Historical Society and the Searcy County Library will sponsor the 18th North Arkansas Ancestor Fair, a genealogical swap meet.

Friday, June 1, Dr John Littlefield will speak on Native American Research.

Saturday, June 2, is the genealogical swap meet for north Arkansas families and organizations to exchange information. Over 250 people are expected.

For more information contact: Dorothy Ragland
<ragland1935@yahoo.com> or see: www.ancestorfair.us.
The schedule and forms are now up on the website: <www.ancestorfair.us>

Profiles in Arkansas Black History Saturday, June 2, 2007 Registration deadline is May 11, 2007

"Profiles in Arkansas Black History," a workshop sponsored by the Black History Advisory Committee, Arkansas History Commission, and Arkansas Humanities Council, will be held on Saturday, June 2, 2007 from 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. at the Historic Arkansas Museum.

The workshop will profile the contributions of Arkansas's African American men and women, such as Isaac Scott Hathaway, an artist and former professor who taught from 1915-1937 at AM&N College in Pine Bluff (now the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff). Hathaway designed two United States coins commemorating the lives of Booker T. Washington and George Washington Carver. His career will be discussed by current UAPB art professor Henri Linton.

Little Rock architect Kwendeche will discuss African American architects such as W. T. Bailey, who built the Mosaic Templars Building in Little Rock and the

Woodman of the Union Building in Hot Springs; Henry Charles Price, the architect for Centennial Baptist Church in Helena; J. Odell Lamb and other black architects with Arkansas ties.

Carolyn Owens Hervey and Linda McDowell, both of the Arkansas History Commission, will take an up-close and personal look at Pernella Anderson and Samuel S. Taylor. Anderson and Taylor were the only African Americans in Arkansas hired during the depression by the Federal Writer's Project of the Works Progress Administration to record the interviews of former slaves living in Arkansas. These interviews became a part of *The American Slave Narratives*.

The workshop will also examine other stories of Arkansas school integration with panelists Fayth Hill Washington, one of twenty-one African American students to integrate the Hoxie School in Lawrence County in 1955. Richard Lindsey one of six students who attempted the integration of North Little Rock High School one week before the Central High crisis; and Faye Perry Russ who was a 10th grader at Horace Mann High School when all the Little Rock schools closed in September 1958.

Lavona Wilson, Senior Program Officer for the Arkansas Humanities Council will share information on available grants through the Humanities Council such as the "Community Heritage Grant."

Linda McDowell, African American History Coordinator at the State Archives, will provide grant guidelines for the "Black History Advisory Committee Grant."

For more information or to register, please call Linda McDowell at 501.682.6900 or Lavona Wilson at 501.221.0091. Registration deadline is May 11, 2007. Box lunches provided with pre-registration (space is limited). The workshop will be held at the Historic Arkansas Museum, 200 E. 3rd Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 71901.

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Dingler Family Reunion 20–21 July 2007

The 28th Annual Dingler Family Reunion will be held at the La Quinta Inn & Suites - Little Rock Downtown in Little Rock, Arkansas, July 20–21, 2007.

All descendants of Johannes Dingler and Nancy Paschall and associated families are invited to meet in Little Rock.

Johannes Dingler was born ca. 1758 in Seyboldsdorf, Germany. He came to America as a Hessian soldier in the Revolutionary War and promptly deserted. He then enlisted as an American soldier and was discharged on November 24, 1783.

He married Nancy Paschall in the early 1780s. Nancy was born August 15 1766, in Granville County, North Carolina. Johannes & Nancy ultimately settled in Morgan County, Georgia, where Johannes farmed and was a Baptist minister. They had 9 children:

- Samuel Dennis Dingler
- William Dingler
- John Dingler, Jr.
- Sarah Dingler Coffman
- Milly Dingler Tucker
- Henry Dingler
- Pheriby Dingler Tucker
- Catherine Kimble Dingler Edwards
- Jonathon B. Dingler

One of Samuel Dennis Dingler's sons, Thomas Pinkney Dingler (born ca. 1820 in Morgan County, Georgia) married Mary Elizabeth Barnes (born in North Carolina) November 27, 1842 in Talladega County, Alabama.

They resided in Talladega County until 1850, then lived in St. Clair County, AL until 1866, and finally moved to Ashley County, Arkansas, where they lived until their deaths.

Thomas died in November 1889; Mary Elizabeth died in the early 1900s; and both are buried in Sardis Cemetery, Trafalgar, Ashley County. Thomas and Mary Elizabeth had 3 children:

- Joshua Darling Dingler
- John Taswell Dingler
- Joseph George Dingler

Joshua Darling Dingler (born Jul 6, 1850 in Talladega County, Alabama) married Sarah Octavia Noble (born Apr 29, 1850, in Bienville Parish, Louisiana) Sept 8, 1867 in Ashley County, Arkansas. They lived in Ashley

County until their deaths. Joshua died December 21, 1927; Sarah Octavia died March 12, 1918; and both are buried in Sardis Cemetery, Trafalgar, Ashley County. Joshua and Sarah Octavia had 12 children, 4 or 5 of whom died as children or young adults without marrying. There are numerous descendants, many of whom still live in Arkansas.

John Taswell Dingler (born Aug 10, 1845, in Talladega County, Alabama) married Nancy Massey (born ca. 1847, in Alabama) Dec 18, 1867. I do not have any information on their residences or children. However, John died Aug 9, 1929, at the Confederates Veteran Home in Little Rock Arkansas.

Joseph George Dingler (born 1848) was also a Confederate veteran. I do not have any other information on him.

For more information including a schedule of events and how to make hotel reservations, please visit the Dingler Family web site at:
<http://www.dingler-family.org>

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UCA to Offer Four Genealogy Classes, Fall Semester 2007

University of Central Arkansas' Academic Outreach department is offering four non-credit, genealogy-related classes in the fall 2007 semester:

Researching Your Family History

Wednesday evenings, six weeks, Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, and 24; 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

The class is designed to help you identify, locate, and understand basic reference materials used by genealogists to track down those elusive ancestors. We pay special attention to the communities of kinship that surround families and emphasize historical context. We'll examine documents in various record categories and develop a knack for listening to, rather than just reading, old records.

Price: \$85.00 (early bird, register before Sept. 1st, \$70.00) and 20% off for folks over 60.

Leave a Legacy: Write Your Life Story

Tuesday evenings, four weeks, Sept. 25, Oct. 2, 9, and 16; 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

We'll encourage you to get your story on paper and perhaps into print, whether it's just for personal satisfaction or intended for a wider audience. We'll turn memories into memoirs. We'll write character sketches of some of the memorable people in your life. Don't leave this planet without telling your story and leaving your thoughts for future generations.

Price: \$65.00 (early bird, register before Sept. 1st, \$55.00) and 20% off for folks over 60.

Preserving Your Family Papers, Photographs, and Heirlooms

Saturday, October 13, 9:45 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

This all-day workshop will offer a plan to organize, document and safely display and store those treasures you want to protect and pass on to future generations. We'll talk about tools, methods and supplies to conserve papers, pictures, quilts, furniture, china, books, jewelry, and more. A box lunch is included.

Price: \$55.00 (early bird, register before Sept. 1st, \$45.00) and 20% off for folks over 60.

Using Family Tree Maker genealogy software

Saturday, October 6, 9:45 a.m. until 3 p.m

In this hands-on workshop, we'll use the software in class and discover new uses for the program, including the scrapbook function, source citation, and book creation. A box lunch is included.

Price: \$59 (early bird, register before Sept. 1st, \$49) and 20% discount for folks over 60.

Instructor: Desmond Walls Allen has taught genealogy classes all over the United States, and brings 20 years of teaching experience to the classroom. She appeared in Public Television's *Ancestors* series as a guest expert, and moderated AETN's special on genealogy in Arkansas. She's the owner of Arkansas Research, Inc., a publishing company devoted to making historical information about Arkansas available to researchers. The author/compiler of over 250 books, she's still a down-to-earth teacher interested in helping students learn.

These classes are held in UCA's Brewer-Hegeman Conference Center on the UCA campus with plenty of convenient free parking.

To register, call UCA's Academic Outreach Department at 501/450-3118. Checks and credit cards are accepted.

To be put on the mailing list for a complete brochure of all the UCA Community Education classes, send an e-mail to communityed@uca.edu.

**RIGSA Workshop at National Archives, Morrow,
Georgia
1–5 October 2007**

The Regional In-depth Genealogical Studies Alliance (RIGSA) will present a one-week workshop at the National Archives-Southeast Region in Morrow, Georgia, 1-5 October 2007.

RIGS Alliance workshops are designed for genealogists, historians, and librarians with a general genealogical or historical grounding who want to learn skills and techniques for researching original records at national and regional archives. To ensure a quality experience, enrollment is limited. Although the workshops focus on records within the region, many of the record types are available at other NARA regional facilities.

Activities are based on an integrated curriculum with an emphasis on methodology and problem-solving skills. Attendees work in teams to complete assigned projects and to build confidence in research proficiency. All workshops provide an opportunity for on-site research.

Workshop staff include J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA, and Linda Woodward Geiger, CG, CGL, co-directors of RIGSA Alliance, with assistance of the expert staff members from NARA's Regional Archives.

For details about the RIGS Alliance workshops, visit the web site at <http://www.rigsalliance.org>; e-mail info@rigsalliance.org; or write to RIGS Alliance Workshop, P.O. Box 1273, Jasper, GA 30143.

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Arkansas Township Atlas, 1819-1930 sells for \$25.00 plus \$6.00 shipping was written by Russell P. Baker. It is an index of the civil divisions in the 75 counties in Arkansas. There are newly improved maps to show the location of the townships within each county and regional maps of the entire state. The counties are listed alphabetically with the origin of each township and date of change when they moved within the state. This is a valuable book to the researcher in finding the location and the origin of the township. It is well indexed and easy to use with the revised information.

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