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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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Message from Gloria Futrell, AGS President

At least a couple of factors have been considered in reviewing the future of the *AGS Newsletter*. First, the increase in postage will add to the cost of mailing. Secondly, the well-received and informative AGS E-zine has made its impact on the state's genealogical community. The E-zine gets to our members in a timely manner informing them of upcoming events across the state, uniformly promotes research products to aid the Arkansas genealogist, provides links to county sites and often presents valuable articles written about major events in areas surrounding the state.

With this in mind, it seems logical to discontinue the *AGS Newsletter* and incorporate all information about AGS into the E-zine. This change will be effective with the June issue of the E-zine.

We owe a large debt of gratitude to Susan Boyle for her valuable contribution over the years in producing the *AGS Newsletter*. We thank Susan for her work; she did a great job and all her efforts are very much appreciated. She will still be editing the quarterly, *The Arkansas Family Historian*.

There will be a flyer included in the June issue of the *Arkansas Family Historian* to inform the members of the change.

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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.

New AGS Members

Windle Earl Porter, Griffinthville, AR

Grand Prairie Genealogical Society, Stuttgart, AR

Janie L. Haynes, Weed, CA

Gary Telford, Bald Knob, AR

Ben Pruett, Westbury, NY

Clay County Genealogical & Historical Society, Piggott, AR

Frances Jernigan, Little Rock, AR

LaVerne Owen-Barakat, Redondo Beach, CA

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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501.682.6895; www.ark-ives.com; jane.hooker@arkansas.gov

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>

Big Flat homecoming Draws Hundreds by John Anderson, *Bulletin* Staff Writer

BIG FLAT — Hundreds of residents and others with ties to this community, nestled in a forest at the far southern end of Baxter County, gathered for the 35th annual homecoming Saturday.

Revelers arrived throughout the morning from neighboring cities and points farther away. Big Flat resident Ed White said they came from all over the United States. "Wherever our families are scattered to, they all come back every year," White said.

Big Flat once boasted eight practicing medical doctors, a car dealership, a movie theater and plenty of stores. But on Saturday, the town was as busy as ever.

Editor's Note: The above are excerpted quotes from the article. For the entire article, see *The Baxter Bulletin Online* at

<http://www.baxterbulletin.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070528/NEWS01/705280301/-1/>

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 Materials Posted Online By Pris Weathers

In a message dated 4/19/2007, on AGS@RootsWeb.com
Pris Weathers, 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

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In a message posted Tue, 15 May 2007, from "Pris Weathers"
arkansasties@arkansasties.com, to AGS@rootsweb.com

Just wanted to let everyone know that I have posted the Arkansas Gazette 1819 - 1825 online and will try to do one to two years a week. Please note the legal advertisements and classified ads were reused over and over again, sometimes for over a year. I have tried to leave out the duplicates to save room. When in doubt I have posted them again.

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

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In a message dated Fri, 18 May 2007, by "Pris Weathers"
arkansasties@arkansasties.com, to To: AGS@rootsweb.com

As a Memorial Day tribute I am releasing my entire collection of photographs of the Little Rock National Cemetery free of charge. I have also compiled

the largest photograph database of Arkansas Military memorials and need help finding the rest. You can find more info at <http://www.arkansasties.com/WhatsNew2007.htm>

If you can help me get the word out, I would appreciate it.
Pris Weathers, www.ArkansasTies.com

Notes from Other Areas

Promoting and preserving Cherokee culture

By **TEDDYE 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 Loretta 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

BARACK OBAMA'S IRISH FAMILY ROOTS CONFIRMED IN OFFALY COUNTY

U.S. Presidential Hopeful's Family Origins Traced to Moneygall; Records Found in Local Parishioner's Cellar

PROVO, UTAH – May 3, 2007 — Ancestry.com, the world's largest online resource for family history, is now able to confirm that U.S. presidential hopeful Barack Obama's Irish ancestors originated in Moneygall and neighboring Shinrone in County Offaly, Ireland.

In celebration of St. Patrick's Day, Ancestry.com revealed on March 12th that Sen. Obama has Irish branches in his family tree. Following the news and in response to several inquiries, Ancestry.com continued its search of Obama's Irish ancestors.

Baptism and probate records linking the family line back to Moneygall have been unearthed with the assistance of Canon Stephen Neill in the Templeharry Rectory records, which until recently were stored in a parishioner's home.

"This research will once and for all put to rest any perceptions that Barack Obama is a first generation American, said Megan Smolenyak, Chief Family Historian for Ancestry.com. "Like most of us he has an interesting mix of ancestry, including some impressively early all-American roots."

Researchers initially thought that Obama's third great-grandfather, Falmouth Kearney, who sailed from Ireland to New York in 1850 at 19-years-old, was the only member of the family to emigrate. However, records reveal that other Kearney family members had in fact been in America since the 1790s.

One ancestor, Falmouth's paternal uncle, Francis, had in fact bequeathed land to his brother, Falmouth's father Joseph, with the condition that he emigrate in order to inherit. He did so along with his wife Phebe and four children, including Falmouth, although at various times in the mid-19th Century.

If interested, images of the Irish records are available upon request:

- Baptism records – Falmouth Kearney siblings
- 1825 marriage index – Falmouth Kearney parents
- 1850 U.S. passenger list records – Falmouth Kearney
- 1860 U.S. Federal Census – Falmouth Kearney
- Tombstones – Falmouth Kearney's siblings and parents

The FGS/ACPL 2007 Conference: A Meeting at the Crossroads of America

Submitted by Elaine M. Kuhn, Publicity Chair; ekuhn@acpl.info

The 2007 Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference, one of the largest annual events of its kind, is lining up to be yet another exciting gathering for genealogists to learn, share and network with their fellow enthusiasts. Co-hosted by the Allen County Public Library, the conference events will be held August 15-18, 2007 at the Grand Wayne Convention Center in downtown Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Among the many incentives to attend this year's conference will be the opportunity for conference-goers to visit and research in the newly-renovated and expanded Main Library, home to the Genealogy Center. The Genealogy Center's collection of materials is the largest in a public library in the United States, and some say second in size overall only to the Latter Day Saints' Family History Library in Salt Lake City.

This year's Librarians' Day activities, to be held at the Allen County Public Library on Wednesday, August 15th, will include presentations by area librarians on some of the more popular electronic resources such as Ancestry, Newsbank and Heritage Quest Online. Lunch will be provided, courtesy of

Heritage Quest. Afternoon sessions include a presentation on conservation tips and an in-depth tour of the Allen County Public Library. Although the Librarians' Day events are free, registration is required by August 1st. You can register online at <http://www.fgsconference.org/librarians.php> .

One exciting feature of this year's conference will be the Youth Fair, to be held on Saturday, August 18th. There will be opportunities for young people interested in genealogy and local history to learn about the basics of researching their family trees. Scrapbooking demonstrations, historical displays, musical performances, and historical reenactors will also be on hand.

A Roommate Service is also available for this year's conference. Conference attendees looking to share a room and expenses can sign up for the service and if another attendee's requirements are compatible, the service will put the two in touch by email. Roberta "Bobbi" King, FGS board member, is coordinating the Roommate Service for the conference. Registration for the Roommate Service can be found at <http://www.fgsconference.org/roommate.php> .

For additional information about the conference, to register online, or to request conference brochures, go to the conference website at <http://www.fgsconference.org> . Keep in mind that you can save thirty dollars on registration fees if you sign up before June 1st.

Hope to see you in August!

DNA and Genealogy Presentation by Roberta Estes Rogersville, Hawkins County, Tennessee

7:00 P.M., June 12th 2007
955 East McKinney Avenue, Rogersville, TN 37857

The Hawkins County Historical and Genealogy Society in Rogersville Tennessee invites you to a presentation by Roberta Estes on "DNA and Genealogy." It will be held Tuesday, 7:00 P.M., June 12th, at the Rescue Squad Building next door to the Hawkins County Archives.

Roberta Estes is on the speakers list for ISOGG (International Society for Genetics Genealogy). Roberta spoke at "The Third International Conference on Genetic Genealogy" presented by Family Tree DNA in Houston Texas, and also on the Voice of America. She is the founder of the Cumberland Gap DNA Projects both Y and mtDNA and she is advisor for the Melungeon_DNA Projects. Roberta has ancestors in Hawkins, Hancock and surrounding counties, and other areas of central Appalachia.

She will explain about the different DNA tests and how to use them with genealogy, and show the importance of testing mtDNA, the female line. Kit's will be available. This educational presentation is offered at no cost to the public.

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/~arlrsgs>

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:

Not one soul submitted a tip for this month. If you've got a tip or an informative story about Arkansas research or genealogical research, please send it to us: Carolyn Earle Billingsley <cebillingsley@earthlink.net>

Upcoming articles— Arkansas Family Historian:

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Events:

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.

Arkansas History Commission, One Capitol Mall, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201; 501.682.6900
www.ark-ives.com; state.archives@arkansas.gov

Civil War Festival Set For June 7-10

Published in *The Morning News* (Springdale, Arkansas)
Sunday 27 May 2007

<http://www.nwaonline.net/articles/2007/05/27/news/052807rzprfestival.txt>

The Pea Ridge National Military Park Foundation will present an event next week that members hope will become an annual event.

The Ozarks Civil War Heritage Reunion is set for June 7–10, according to a news release.

A welcome reception will be held at 7 p.m. June 7 at the entrance of the John Q. Hammons Center on Pinnacle Parkway. The evening will begin with the arrival of Sessie, a young woman wearing period clothes, in a horse-drawn carriage. Sessie's trip from Elkhorn Tavern at the park to the Embassy Suites adjacent to the convention center is symbolic of Arkansas' past and future.

Following Sessie's arrival, there will be an announcement from the Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission.

The schedule for the remainder of the events:

June 8

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. -- Genealogy workshop at the convention center with presenters Russell Baker and Glenn and Susan Railsback. Cost: \$25.

7 p.m. -- Twilight Patriotic Serenade with the Bella Vista Community Concert Band at Pea Ridge National Military Park. Admission is free but donations will be accepted. Tickets, however, are required.

June 9

10 a.m. to noon -- Civil War era music presented by the Gum Springs Serenaders and The Camp Followers at the park. Free.

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. -- A display of the personal collections of C.W. and Ann Webb at the park. Free.

1 to 2 p.m. -- Civil War cooking demonstration presented by Doug Lamant at the park. Free.

2 to 4 p.m. -- Civil War era tea hosted by the United Daughters of the Confederacy at the park. Free.

6 p.m. -- A Civil War Soldier's Dream Supper at the convention center. Featuring War Eagle Mill cuisine, music by Still on the Hill and a keynote address by Mark Christ of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program. Cost: \$35 per person.

June 10

10 a.m. -- Civil War memorial service at the park.

For tickets or more information, e-mail PRNMPFestival@yahoo.com or write PRNMP Foundation, P.O. Box 700, Pea Ridge, 72751.

Russell P. Baker: Seminar on Civil War History 8 June 2007

Long time Arkansas History Commission staffer and Arkansas History researcher, Russell P. Baker, will be the featured speaker at a seminar on Civil War history and research scheduled for June 8, 2007 at Rogers, Arkansas.

It is being planned as part of the Festival of Ozark Civil War Heritage celebration and is sponsored by the Pea Ridge National Military Park Foundation and the Northwest Arkansas Genealogical Society.

One of Baker's sessions will deal with information regarding individual Civil War soldiers and their widows and the other will deal with more general information available on the history of individual military units, battles, and general war sources.

There will be an additional session in the afternoon taught by Glenn and Susan Railsback from Pine Bluff dealing with membership in Civil War genealogical lineage societies. Baker's sessions will also deal with information regarding Blacks and Indians who served in the Civil War. Contact Baker at the History Commission for additional information.

Russell P. Baker, CA

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Ancestors Unknown Genealogy Group Meeting Conway, Arkansas 2pm, Saturday, 7 June 2007

ANCESTORS UNKNOWN genealogy group will have their quarterly meeting on Saturday, June 9, 2 pm, Conway Corp, 1307 Prairie St, Conway, AR. Mr. Joe T Clements, Jr. will present a program on Researching With Land Records. Mr. Clements is a genealogist and a member of Heritage Seekers a North Little Rock genealogy club. For more information you may call Tanya Pearce, President 501-514-5869 or Rita Henard 501-666-1880.

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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**Native American Genealogy Workshop
Butler Center for Arkansas Studies
Saturday, 31 July 2007**

Providing researchers with the tools to explore Native American genealogy will be the focus of this year's annual genealogy workshop presented by the Butler Center for Arkansas Studies on Saturday, July 31, 2007, from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm at the Main Library in downtown Little Rock.

Now in its sixth year, the Butler Center's annual genealogy workshop is designed to provide helpful instruction for newcomers to family history research as well as the advanced student. This year's workshop will feature presentations on finding the five tribes: Cherokee Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek, and Seminole, and using Dawes Rolls research.

Marjorie J. Lowe, a retired teacher and a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, will conduct the workshop. Lowe is a registered citizen of the 150,000 member Cherokee Nation, a recipient of the Cherokee Nation's Gadugi Award of the Cherokee Community Leadership, and former board member of the Cherokee National Historical Society.

The Butler Center's genealogy workshop is free, but pre-registration is required. To register for the workshop or for additional information, please contact Rhonda Stewart, Butler Center Genealogy Specialist, at (501) 918-3056, or e-mail rstewart@cals.org

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**UCA to Offer Four Genealogy Classes,
Fall Semester 2007
Classes Taught by Desmond Walls Allen**

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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