

# The Arkansas Genealogical Society E-zine

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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*.

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](mailto: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.

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## Special Notice:

### Announcing the Latest Publications from the Arkansas Genealogical Society

#### **ARKANSAS PRIOR BIRTH INDEX, VOLUME 5**

The Arkansas Genealogical Society has just published the *Arkansas Prior Birth Index, Volume 4*. This volume continues the indexing of the births in Arkansas before February 1, 1914. These original records have never been published, since the Vital Records office did not have an accurate index. Volunteers from AGS indexed the data for the Vital Records office and are allowed to publish all birth certificates that are 100 years old. This volume sells for [price to be determined] plus \$10.00 for shipping.

#### **ARKANSAS PRIOR BIRTH INDEX CD, VOLUME 1- 5**

This CD is the combination of the Volumes 1–5. It sells \$15.00 plus \$2.00 for shipping. It is searchable by the birth name, mother's maiden name, county, and date. This CD is great for your personal library.

**NOTE: Prices will be determined for these publications undergoing printing at the moment and will be announced in the next E-zine.**

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## New AGS Members

Lisa K Boling      Fordyce, AR

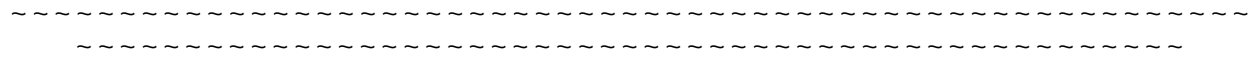
H. Michael Tatum     Natchez, MS

Diane Hughes     Little Rock, AR

Jean Harding     New Quay, Cornwall, UK

Lynn Hotchkiss     Canyon, TX

Mary Oliver     Stuttgart, AR



## **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 [www.ftdna.com/surname\\_join.asp?code=L81808](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](http://www.familytreedna.com) or contact them at [info@familytreedna.com](mailto:info@familytreedna.com) or 713-868-1438.

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## **News about Arkansas Genealogy:**

# Arkansas Statewide Marriage Indexing Project Seeks Volunteers

The Arkansas Genealogical Society is pleased to announce a very exciting new project. AGS is partnering with FamilySearch to compile a statewide index to Arkansas Marriages.

There is currently no statewide marriage index. Working from home volunteers will be able to use digital images of historical documents available over the internet to create searchable indexes.

When ready for publication, the index will be made available FREE OF CHARGE and those searching the index will be able to link to the digital image through <http://familysearch.org> and on the Arkansas Genealogical Society's webpage at [www.agsgenealogy.org](http://www.agsgenealogy.org).

The Arkansas Marriages Indexing Project is ready to go on <http://Familysearchindexing.org>.

If you wish to volunteer to be an indexer please email [agsindexing@comcast.net](mailto:agsindexing@comcast.net).

You will be assigned a username, password, and given instructions for the project.

To index records, all indexers must first download the FamilySearch Indexing program. To download the program:

Go to [www.familysearchindexing.org](http://www.familysearchindexing.org)

Click Install Now

**Once you have a username & password you can start indexing!**

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## Professional Development Workshop for Teachers

Clinton Presidential Library  
Little Rock, Arkansas  
Friday August 3, 2007  
9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Resources at the Arkansas History Commission  
& the National Archives and Records Administration

The Arkansas History Commission and the National Archives and Records Administration will hold a professional development workshop for teachers on Friday, August 3, 2007, at the Clinton Presidential Library. The workshop will feature presentations on the resources available through Arkansas History Commission and the National Archives and Records Administration. The workshop is free of charge and includes admission to the Clinton Presidential Library.

**This workshop is for teachers only.** Teachers will receive six (6) hours of professional development credit. The following announcement is for teachers wishing to attend this event.

The Clinton Library opens at 9:00 am; teachers check-in (lobby).

The program begins in the classroom promptly at 9:30 a.m., and resumes in the classroom after lunch promptly at 12:45 pm.

The schedule is as follows:

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| 9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m.  | <i>Documenting Arkansas: The Arkansas Flag Design Contest</i><br>Jane Hooker, Arkansas History Commission            |
| 10:30 a.m.—11:15 a.m. | <i>African American Resources at the Arkansas History Commission</i><br>Linda McDowell, Arkansas History Commission  |
| 11:15 a.m.—12:45 p.m. | Lunch (on your own)  |
| 12:45 p.m.—1:30 p.m.  | <i>Don't Start Me to Talking: Arkansas Blues</i><br>Jeff Lewellen, Arkansas History Commission                       |
| 1:45 p.m.—2:30 p.m.   | <i>Hands on History: Using Historical Objects to Teach History</i><br>Julienne Crawford, Arkansas History Commission |
| 2:45 p.m.—3:30 p.m.   | <i>Resources Available at the Clinton Presidential Library</i><br>Kathleen Pate, Clinton Presidential Library        |
| 3:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m.   | Optional Self-guided Tour of the Clinton Presidential Library  |

To register, please contact Jane Hooker, Arkansas History Commission at [jane.hooker@arkansas.gov](mailto:jane.hooker@arkansas.gov) or (501) 682-6895.

The Arkansas History Commission will present a workshop for all who wish to attend on August 18, 2007 at the Fayetteville, Arkansas, Public Library. As always, the workshop will be free.

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## **Photocopies Available from *The Benton Courier* (Saline County, Arkansas)**

The David O. Demuth Arkansas Room at the Saline County Library has the microfilm holdings for the *Benton Courier* from 1914 to the present.

You may go to the Saline County Library website at [www.saline.lib.ar.us](http://www.saline.lib.ar.us) and click on Genealogy/Local History.

Click on the e-mail at Arkansas Room curator to send your request.

There are copy fees.

Steve Perdue, Curator, David O. Demuth Arkansas Room Saline County Library, 1800 Smithers Drive, Benton, AR. 72015  
[sperdue@saline.lib.ar.us](mailto:sperdue@saline.lib.ar.us); (501) 778-4766

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## **Ancestors Searchers Genealogy Discussion Group**

Notice from the *Baxter Bulletin*: Ancestors Searchers Genealogy Discussion Group meets at 1 p.m. third Thursday at Van Matre Senior Center, 201 Spring St., from 19 July through 20 December. Admission is free. Latter-day Saints Church, Western Hills Loop, Mountain Home AR, 72653; 870-425-3572.

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## **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](mailto:state.archives@arkansas.gov).

Jane M. Hooker, Archivist  
Arkansas History Commission, One Capitol Mall, Little Rock, Arkansas, 72201;  
501.682.6895; [www.ark-ives.com](http://www.ark-ives.com); [jane.hooker@arkansas.gov](mailto:jane.hooker@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](mailto: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>

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## Arkansas Genealogical Society Fall Seminar 2007

**Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>  
Pleasant Valley Church of Christ  
10900 N. Rodney Parham Rd., Little Rock, AR**

Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup> Speaker: **Carolyn Earle Billingsley, Ph.D**  
Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> Speaker: **Sharon Tate Moody, CG**

- *Friday Night Course Information . . .*
  - **Melungeons and Other Mixed Race Groups:** Bi- or tri-racial heritage is often overlooked by genealogists. But many of us unknowingly have a mixed heritage. This lecture sheds light on groups of people like Melungeons, who illustrate the complexity of researching based on an assumption of race.
  - **The Reality of Researching Your Indian Ancestors:** Rather than teaching how to trace Five Civilized Tribe ancestors through the normal avenues, this lecture gets real. Most Native Americans did not sign up on the Indian Rolls, and, thus, genealogists must use other methods to “prove” Indian ancestry.
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- *Saturday Night Course Information . . .*
  - **If Living Were a Crime: *Evidence our Ancestors Left at the Scene:*** Most of our ancestors lived ordinary lives and are difficult to document. Case studies will demonstrate a new strategy of reconstructing the lives of ordinary ancestors by approaching their lives as “crime scenes.”
  - **The Law: Portal to Understanding Ancestor Documents:** Throughout their lives and even after their deaths, our ancestors were controlled and guided by the law. Actual documents will be explored to gain a working knowledge of legalese and better understanding of what records say. Techniques for conducting basic legal research on their documents will be discussed.
  - **Airing the Family Laundry:** This lecture will show you how to go beyond the Internet and dig through court records to uncover family skeletons or secrets that abound in the old case files. Case studies will walk you through the steps to find these seldom-used records.
  - **No Ring? No License? Are They Married?** Are common law marriages any more than shacking up or living in sin? Are they “real” marriages? This lecture will present an actual situation in courtroom argument style. The audience will sit as a jury to hear the evidence and vote a decision.
  - **Additional Information:** Contact Jan Davenport, 1 Cinnamon Dr., North Little Rock, AR 72120 or call 501-912-3587. If using email please reference AGS FALL SEMINAR: [jhdavenport@comcast.net](mailto:jhdavenport@comcast.net)
  - **Accommodations:** Governors Suites, 1501 Merrill Drive, Little Rock, AR 72211. Call 501-224-8051 for reservations.
  - **Lunch** will be included with Saturday Registration: Soup, sandwich, chips, cookie & drink.
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## **Salt Lake City Research Trip**

**Sponsored by the Arkansas Genealogical Society  
December 2-9, 2007**

## Come join us for a week of research at the Family History Library

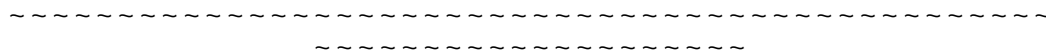
Price includes

Seven nights at the Salt Lake Plaza (next door to the Library)

Breakfast buffet at J.B's restaurant adjoining hotel

For more information contact: Jan Davenport at 501-912-3587

or email [jhdavenport@comcast.net](mailto:jhdavenport@comcast.net) (please reference Salt Lake Trip)



### **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](mailto:llmitch46@hotmail.com) or Rufus Buie, society vice president, at [RufusBuie@mail.tds.net](mailto:RufusBuie@mail.tds.net).

Submitted by Louise Mitchell at [llmitch46@hotmail.com](mailto:llmitch46@hotmail.com)

## **Featured Arkansas Society:**

### **Tri-County Genealogical Society Serving the Arkansas counties of Lee, Monroe and Phillips, in Eastern Arkansas**

[www.couchgenweb.com/arkansas/tricou/society.htm](http://www.couchgenweb.com/arkansas/tricou/society.htm)

The Tri-County Genealogical Society was organized in 1985 as a non-profit society to:

- Unite people interested in genealogy and family history....
- Encourage preservation of historical and genealogical records.....
- Publish records relating to Eastern Arkansas....
- Provide educational programs in genealogy.

Meetings are held in the Tri-County Genealogy Library Building in Marvell the second Sunday of each month except May, October, and December.

*Visitors are Welcome*

## Library

- Location: Tri-County Genealogy Building 602 Remley Street, Marvell, AR 72366-0580
- Hours: Sunday 2:00-5:00 p.m. Thursday 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- Resources: I.G.I. Microfilm Books Journals Census Records Cemetery Records Family Histories

## Publications for Sale by the Society

Marvell and surrounding communities 1873–1998.....\$45.00

Journals are published three times a year.

Back issues available. . . . . \$5.00 each

List of back issues available online at

[www.couchgenweb.com/arkansas/tricou/society.htm#journals](http://www.couchgenweb.com/arkansas/tricou/society.htm#journals)

1860 Monroe County, AR Census . . . . . \$15.00

Published by Tri-County Genealogical Society, 73 pages, index.

Monroe Co. Marriage Book F, 1890–1893 is \$10.00 postpaid.

1860 Phillips County, AR Census. . . . . \$12.50

By Rose White & Flora Turner, Soft-cover, 122 pages, index.

1890 "Census" from Phillips Co., AR real estate records. \$10.00

By Rose White & Carrie Davison

Published by Tri-County Genealogical Society.

Soft-cover, 84 pages, index.

Records of the Salem Baptist Church. . . . . \$5.00

by Rose White. Includes Cypert, Eventide, Smalley & Gamble Cemeteries in the Marvell area.

1993 Tri-County Genealogy Membership Book. . . . . \$5.00

Contains members, addresses & surnames being researched as of 31 Aug 1993.

35 pages, including index.

*Readers...Printers...Copiers*

Contact person: cndavison@centurytel.net  
Membership Application Online at  
[www.couchgenweb.com/arkansas/tricou/member.htm](http://www.couchgenweb.com/arkansas/tricou/member.htm)

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## Notes from Other Areas

### **Indian Pioneer Interviews**

Submitted by Russell P. Baker

For those of you with OK roots/or Indian roots, the OK Historical Society has put the full text of their Indian Pioneer Interviews on line at <http://digital.libraries.ou.edu/whc/pioneer/> with a searchable index.

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

Submitted by Elaine M. Kuhn, Publicity Chair; [ekuhn@acpl.info](mailto: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!

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## **Countdown to FGS Conference Fort Wayne, Indiana—2007!**

by Elaine M. Kuhn

Among the many exciting opportunities accompanying the FGS/ACPL 2007 Conference in August will be the chance to spend some quality research time in one of the nation's premier genealogical collections, the Genealogy Center of the Allen County Public Library. Situated on the second floor of the newly-renovated Main Library the Genealogy Center houses over 860,000 books, magazines, microfilm and microfiche. All Genealogy Center materials are now in one place, on one floor and available for browsing (that means no more closed stacks and no more request slips, for those readers who remember the old building!)

Because the Center will be extra busy and research space will at times be at a premium, and we want everyone to have the best possible

experience while visiting, consider the following suggestions when preparing for your visit:

1. Do your homework before leaving home. The Genealogy Center's print and microtext catalogs are searchable online at the library's website. Make note of the items of interest and bring that information with you—saves you time and having to wait on a public computer! The library catalog can be found at [www.acpl.info](http://www.acpl.info). The microtext catalog can be found at [http://GenealogyCenter.Info/search\\_microtext.php](http://GenealogyCenter.Info/search_microtext.php).
2. Leave your original documents and photographs at home! Genealogy Center staff can tell many a sad story about visitors' family photos and marriage certificates lost or left behind. If you need to bring such information, consider making photocopies or scanned images.
3. If you bring a laptop computer to the Genealogy Center, bring a lock for it so that you can secure your computer to your research table. Although most genealogists are honest individuals, the Genealogy Center is a public place—just like an airport—and with all of the people coming and going during the conference, it will be easy for unfortunate events to take place. Computer locks are readily available for purchase online and at most electronics stores.
4. As an addendum to Item 2, consider wearing a fanny pack or similar item while at the Center. Not only will you have your money, jump drive, and cell phone at hand, you will also not need to worry about leaving your purse at your table while you browse the stacks. The Genealogy Center does not have lockers for patrons to use, and the Center's staff and volunteers cannot stow items at their service desks nor "watch" someone's belongings while they step out for a moment.
5. Bring lots of small bills and change with you. Photocopies from books and magazines are ten cents per copy (you'll be pleased to know, though, that computer prints and microfilm copies are free – yes, I said free.) There is a one and five dollar bill changer in the Center that will give dimes, but for change from tens and twenties, you will have to visit the Circulation Desk on the first floor.
6. Leave that cuppa joe and donut back in your hotel room, please! Food and drink—including the ubiquitous water bottles—are not allowed in the Genealogy Center. The results of spilled liquids and sticky fingers on one-of-a-kind materials are more distressing than can be described here.
7. Finally—bring lots of patience and good humor! Every effort will be made to accommodate the hundreds of visitors to the Center, but some processes will take longer than normal, and printers, computers, and copiers will require a wait during peak hours. So remember - instead of letting impatience well-up, why not take the opportunity to chat with your fellow visitors while you wait? You never know whom you'll meet along the way!

The Genealogy Center will be open extra hours during the week of the conference. On Monday and Tuesday, August 13th and 14th, the Genealogy Center will be open its regular hours of 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. On Wednesday, August 15th the Center will be open from 9 a.m. until midnight while on Thursday, August 16th, the Center will be open 6 a.m. until midnight! Friday and Saturday, August 17th and 18th, the Genealogy Center will be open from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m.

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## 2007 Regional Archive Workshop

Jasper, Georgia (7 July 2007)—The Regional In-depth Genealogical Studies Alliance (RIGS Alliance) will present a week-long 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 includes 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 [www.rigsalliance.org](http://www.rigsalliance.org); e-mail [info@rigsalliance.org](mailto:info@rigsalliance.org); or write to RIGS Alliance Workshop, P.O. Box 1273, Jasper, GA 30143. For more information, contact: Linda Woodward Geiger, CG, CGL, Phone: (706) 268-3311, E-mail: [lwgeiger@nara.gov](mailto:lwgeiger@nara.gov)

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**Report on the  
ANGELINA COLLEGE GENEALOGY CONFERENCE**  
Lufkin, Texas  
July 19–21, 2007

By Carolyn Earle Billingsley

Desmond Walls Allen and I just returned from the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Angelina College Genealogy Conference in Lufkin, Texas. This was our first time to attend and it turned out to be a wonderful small conference, with a great variety of superb speakers and topics to choose from. Three sessions run concurrently on Friday and Saturday, with all-day topics for those who attend on Thursday.

We can highly recommend this conference to anyone at any level in their genealogical experience. There were classes for everybody from beginners to advanced researchers . . . and not just Texas topics. The large national conferences are marvelous but sometimes a smaller, more intimate conference, such as this one, can be a richer experience—smaller classes and more interaction between attendees and with the lecturers.

There was also a fairly large vendors' area for a conference of this size, with a nice variety of vendors.

Speakers included: Desmond Walls Allen, Trevia Wooster Beverly, Carolyn Earle Billingsley, Emily Anne Croom, Charlie Gardes, Pat Gordon, Melvin C. Johnson, Don Raney, and John A. Sellers.

There are several nice hotels adjacent to the beautiful Angelina College campus and—a big plus—one of my favorite restaurants for Cajun food: Ralph and Kacoo's!

So mark your calendars for next year. The conference is always the third weekend in July—next year that will be 17–19 July 2008. The 2008 information should be up on the website by the end of August at [www.angelina.edu/genealogy.htm](http://www.angelina.edu/genealogy.htm).

For questions, please contact Trevia Wooster Beverly, Assistant Coordinator & Program Chair, Houston, Texas 713.864-6862; [treviawbeverly@houston.rr.com](mailto:treviawbeverly@houston.rr.com)

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## **Genealogy: Bureau of Land Management Can Offer Insight on whether Relatives Used Pre-emption Act**

By Tammie Dehler  
Special to the *Tribune-Star*



Published: July 07, 2007;  
[www.tribstar.com/history/local\\_story\\_188160134.html](http://www.tribstar.com/history/local_story_188160134.html)  
*Tribune-Star* (Terre Haute, Indiana), accessed 25 July 2007

TERRE HAUTE The Pre-emption Act of 1841 was approved by Congress in September of that year. This act permitted "squatters" on federal lands to be allowed to purchase that land at a low price from the federal government before it went up for public auction. The Act specifically allowed single men, widows, male or female heads of households, and aliens who intended to become naturalized, if 21 years old or older, and who lived on the land for at least 14 months, to purchase 160 acres of land for the price of only \$1.25 per acre. . . .

The states most affected by the Pre-emption Act were Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Alabama, Missouri, Mississippi, Michigan, Louisiana, and Arkansas. Public (federal) land in these states was sold to settlers meeting the above conditions under the terms of the Act. . . .

If you have a query you would like published in this column, please e-mail it to [tamszcion@yahoo.com](mailto:tamszcion@yahoo.com). Allow 1 to 6 weeks publication time.

[Go to web site for complete article]

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## **Genealogy: Homestead Act of 1862 Culminates More than 70 Years Of Controversy**

By Tamie Dehler  
Special to the *Tribune-Star*

Published: July 13, 2007  
[www.tribstar.com/history/local\\_story\\_194174836.html](http://www.tribstar.com/history/local_story_194174836.html)  
*Tribune-Star* (Terre Haute, Indiana), accessed 25 July 2007

TERRE HAUTE The Homestead Act of 1862 represented the culmination of more than 70 years of controversy in the United States about what to do with the vast public lands owned by the federal government. . . . President Lincoln signed [the Homestead Act] it on May 20, 1862, and it went into effect on Jan. 1, 1863; the same day that the Emancipation Proclamation

also became law. The first land entry application was filed by Daniel Freeman, a scout for the Union army, shortly after midnight, for a claim in Nebraska.

The Homestead Act allowed anyone age 21 or older to file for a quarter section (160 acres) of free land if they met the following conditions: . . . .

Civil War veterans were allowed to subtract the length of their military service from the required five years of residence. . . .

States and territories that were affected by the Act include Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming. Immigrants also made claims in large numbers. . . .

Next week's column will discuss the land entry files, what is in them, and where to get them.

[For complete article, see web site under title.]

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## Arkansas Links:

Arkansas Genealogical Society Home Page  
[www.agsgenealogy.org](http://www.agsgenealogy.org)

Arkansas State Highway Department  
County and State Highway maps for sale  
[www.arkansashighways.com](http://www.arkansashighways.com)

Arkansas Historical Association  
[www.uark.edu/depts/arkhist/home/](http://www.uark.edu/depts/arkhist/home/)

Arkansas Historical Quarterly Index, 1942–2000  
[arkindex.uark.edu/AHQ/](http://arkindex.uark.edu/AHQ/)

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

Baxter County, Arkansas, Historical and Genealogical Society:  
[www.baxtercountyonline.com/bchgs/](http://www.baxtercountyonline.com/bchgs/)

Baxter County Bulletin (newspaper online)  
[www.baxterbulletin.com](http://www.baxterbulletin.com)

Benton County, Arkansas, GenWeb:

[www.rootsweb.com/~arbenton/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~arbenton/)

Bentonville Public Library, Benton, County, Arkansas:

[www.youseemore.com/bentonville/](http://www.youseemore.com/bentonville/)

Butler Center for Arkansas Studies:

[www.cals.lib.ar.us/butlercenter/](http://www.cals.lib.ar.us/butlercenter/)

Conway County Genealogical Society:

[www.rootsweb.com/~arconway/ccga.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~arconway/ccga.htm)

Encyclopedia of Arkansas

[www.encyclopediaofarkansas.net](http://www.encyclopediaofarkansas.net)

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

[www.epodunk.com/](http://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](http://www.nationalregisterofhistoricplaces.com/AR/state.html)

Newton County Historical Society:

[www.newtoncountyar.com](http://www.newtoncountyar.com)

Prairie County, Arkansas, Genealogical Homepage:

[www.couchgenweb.com/arkansas/prairie/](http://www.couchgenweb.com/arkansas/prairie/)

Prairie County, Arkansas, Rootsweb:

[www.rootsweb.com/~arprairi/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~arprairi/)

Richard C. Butler Center for Arkansas Studies:

[www.cals.lib.ar.us/butlercenter/](http://www.cals.lib.ar.us/butlercenter/)

Russellville, Pope County, Arkansas, Newspaper: The Courier

[www.couriernews.com/](http://www.couriernews.com/)

Saline County, Arkansas, Genealogy Page:

[www.rootsweb.com/~arsaline/](http://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/](http://www.saline.lib.ar.us/)

Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives:

[www.southwestarchives.com/](http://www.southwestarchives.com/)

Tri-County Genealogical Society  
(Lee, Monroe and Phillips, in Eastern Arkansas):  
[www.couchgenweb.com/arkansas/tricou/society.htm](http://www.couchgenweb.com/arkansas/tricou/society.htm)

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## Tips for Arkansas Researchers:

### Genealogy E-mail Success Tips

Submitted by Desmond Walls Allen

When was the last time you wrote a genealogy-related letter on paper, put a stamp on it and dropped it at the post office? I can't remember, either. We all seem to be corresponding with electronic mail now and I have some concerns to share with you about that marvelous form of communication.

I receive e-mail from cousins who apparently no longer have last names. All I know about them (other than what's in the message) is a first name and an e-mail address. If I reference that message in my published family history, the citation is going to look pretty skimpy. Enact some new policies now. If you receive e-mail from a cousin without the usual return address information you'd find in a paper letter, reply quickly and ask for it.

Verse two of that song: don't be guilty of sending e-mail messages with incomplete sender information. Use the "signature" feature of your e-mail software. In MS Outlook Express, choose the "tools" menu, then "options," then the "signature" tab. Check the "help" menu under "signatures" for more information. Basically, you can have your e-mail program add a block of text (called a signature) to every outgoing message. Don't be tempted to add some long, convoluted quotation from a dead Greek; just stick with your basic contact information.

Use plain text for your e-mails. Some folks set their e-mail preferences to only receive plain text. That means those cute bullets, winking frogs, and other extraneous matter won't come through anyway. It also takes less time to transmit plain text. If you need to send a bulleted list, use asterisks or plus-signs in place of bullets. To indicate book titles, start and end the title with an underscore character ( \_Gone With the Wind\_ ). To indicate italics in plain text, use asterisks before and after the word or words.

Ditch those cute emoticons. Well, most of them anyway. :)

Eschew odd shorthand terms such as FYI, IMHO, LOL, ROFL. (If you can't figure out what these mean, how will the person who reads them on paper in an archives fifty years from now?)

Type in upper- and lower-case: all upper-case says you're SHOUTING (and it's difficult to read); all lower-case says you read too much e.e. cummings poetry (or the shift keys are broken on your keyboard).

Limit the subject matter to one topic per message. If you have several items, send multiple messages, each with a descriptive subject line.

Don't add your cousins to your joke-distribution list unless they specifically request it. Don't forward chain letters, phony prayer requests, or alarms about non-existent problems (see [www.snopes.com](http://www.snopes.com)).

Before you send a large file attachment, ask your cousin if she's on DSL. Large files can take a very long time to download on dial-up. Always send a message with enough information to let your cousin know positively the attached file is real when you send an attachment. Conversely, never open an attachment that you aren't 100 percent positive is safe. If you're 99 percent sure, e-mail the sender for more details before you open it. Only 98 percent sure? Hit the delete key.

Subscribe to a virus protection program. And use it! Update virus definitions at least weekly.

Spell check! Yes, it takes an extra minute, but it may keep you from looking dumb to your great-great-granddaughter who finds a printed copy of your e-mail in your collection of personal papers at some university library. Proof read! Same reason.

Remember your mother telling you if you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all?

If you're concerned about privacy, switch to smoke signals; there's nothing private about e-mail. Or install encryption software, Pretty Good Privacy. Details are at [www.philzimmermann.com](http://www.philzimmermann.com).

Do you have tips for other genealogists? Send them to the editors of this e-zine and share them with us!

Editor's Note: And, for heaven's sake, print out these emails, along with your replies, and put them in your family files. Emails disappear or your computer crashes . . . all kinds of things can happen to emails. The printed copies in your files will still be there long after the emails have disappeared. CEB

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## Upcoming articles

### *Arkansas Family Historian:*

### **Table of Contents for Volume 45, Number 3** (September 2007)

Submitted by the *Arkansas Family Historian* Editor, Susan Boyle

The Bissell and Henry Families of Howard County, Arkansas  
Death Notices from the Paris Express, Logan County, Arkansas  
Columbia County, Arkansas, Voter Lists, 1867  
The Jefferson Family of Benton County, Arkansas  
Indigent Families of Bradley County, Arkansas  
Privations of a Soldier's Widow: Martha Hendrix of Montgomery County,  
Arkansas

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## Events:

### **Arkansas River Valley Ancestor Fair**

**11 August 2007; Morrilton, Conway County,  
Arkansas**

The annual AR River Valley Ancestor Fair will be held Saturday, August 11, in Morrilton. The event will be held at the Conway County Fairgrounds multipurpose building. The hours are 9:00 until 3:00. The ancestor fair is sponsored by the Conway County Genealogical Society. "Euna Beavers" [ebeavers@tcworks.net](mailto:ebeavers@tcworks.net)

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## Upcoming Seminars Shreveport, Louisiana, and Madison, Florida

Desmond Walls Allen will present "Preserving Your Family's Papers, Photos and Heirlooms" in two upcoming workshops:

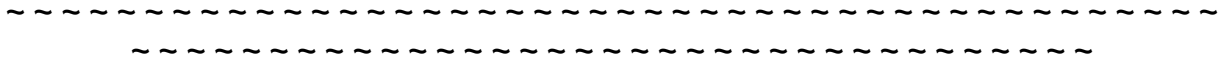
**Saturday, August 11, 2007** - Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association, Shreveport, Louisiana

For information about the location and time contact Willie Griffin at [wraygriffin3@bellsouth.net](mailto:wraygriffin3@bellsouth.net)

**Saturday, September 29, 2007** - Elmer's Library in Madison, Florida  
See details about the seminar at <http://www.elmerslibrary.com/>

The workshop will initialize a plan to organize, document, safely display and store those personal treasures you want protected and passed on to future generations. We'll discuss tolls, methods and needed supplies to help you conserve papers, pictures, quilts, furniture, china, books, jewelry and more.

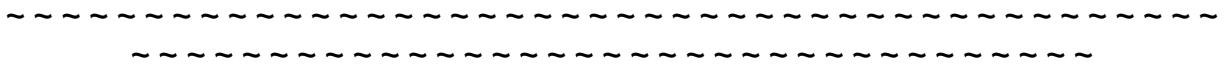
Don't miss out!



## Federation of Genealogical Societies, National Conference Fort Wayne, Indiana 14–17 August 2007

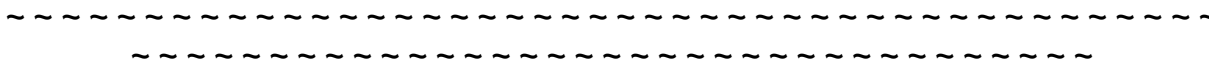
Russell P. Baker, CA, will present three lectures at this conference: Paleography: Reading and Understanding old writing; Native American Genealogical Research; and Homesteading 101: Dividing the Public Domain.

For a complete schedule of the conference program, <http://www.fgsconference.org/program.php>



**North Little Rock Heritage Seekers  
Meeting  
Monday night, 27 August, 2007  
Speaker: Russell P. Baker**

Topic of talk is unknown at this time. Contact Mr. Baker for further information: [russell.baker@arkansas.gov](mailto:russell.baker@arkansas.gov)



**MESQUITE HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL  
SOCIETY  
FALL WORKSHOP  
Saturday, 8 September 2007**

featuring

**Russell P. Baker, CA**

Lecture topics by Mr. Baker:  
Arkansas Research,  
Native American Research,  
Rediscovering Some Neglected, Forgotten, and  
Underutilized Sources,  
Paleography: Reading and Understanding old writing.

Mimosa Lane Baptist Church (Fellowship Hall)  
1233 N. Beltline Rd., Mesquite, TX 75149  
Parking in rear  
Registration 8:30AM  
9:00AM to 4:00:PM (12:00 to 1:30 PM Lunch on your own or join with us at Ryan's Restaurant, "Dutch Treat")

**PRE-REGISTRATION**  
(MEMBERS) \$ 25.00; (NON MEMBERS) \$ 30.00; ALL LATE  
REGISTRATION \$ 30.00

**Make check payable to** : Mesquite Historical & Genealogical Society  
(MHGS)

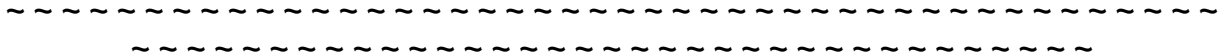


**Mail to:MHGS**, P.O. BOX 850165,  
MESQUITE, TX 75185-0165

Advanced Pre-Registration Closes Aug. 25, 2007

**Surnames you are researching** --\*You may include up to 10  
Surnames to be listed in the Handouts if the registration arrives no later  
than Aug. 25, 2007.

For additional information call Workshop Chairman, Linda Rogers 214-  
729-5507 Or e-mail [duggie2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:duggie2@sbcglobal.net)



## **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 27, 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.

Website is <http://www.uca.edu/aoep/communityed/>

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](mailto:communityed@uca.edu).

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**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.

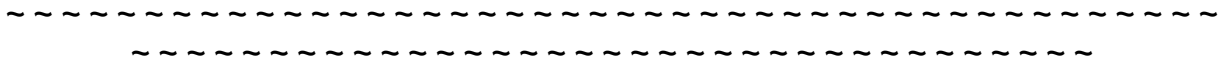
RIGS Alliance workshops are designed for genealogists, historians, and librarians with a general genealogical or historical grounding who want to learn skills and techniques for researching original records at national and regional archives. To ensure a quality experience, enrollment is limited. Although 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 includes 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](mailto:info@rigsalliance.org); or write to RIGS Alliance Workshop, P.O. Box 1273, Jasper, GA 30143.

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**The Butler Center for Arkansas Studies  
Legacies and Lunch Series Calendar  
12:00–1:00 pm**

Bring your own lunch if you wish; drinks are provided. The programs are free and open to the public. Location: Little Rock Public Library, 100 Rock, Little Rock, in the Darraugh Center. The Legacies and Lunch programs are the first Wednesday of each month.

See web site for more information:  
<http://www.cals.lib.ar.us/butlercenter/index.html>

**September 5 (Noon – 1 pm)**  
*Legacies & Lunch:* John A. Kirk, University of London, "Beyond Little Rock: The Origins and Legacies of the 1957 School Crisis"

**October 3 (Noon – 1 pm)**

*Legacies & Lunch:* Carolyn Earle Billingsley, "History Lost, History Found"

**November 7 (Noon – 1 pm)**

*Legacies & Lunch:* A Celebration of the 100th Legacies & Lunch

**December 5 (Noon – 1 pm)**

*Legacies & Lunch:* The Central Arkansas Library System – 10 Years in the River Market District

**Book Notices:**

**Friendship Cemetery Tombstone Inscriptions 2007**

Compiled by Gail Ashcroft, Lana Donoho, and Elizabeth C. Davis  
offered by the Garland County Genealogical Society

Submitted by Liz Robbins

The acquisition of land and the first interments in Friendship Cemetery (which was planned with the Black community in mind) took place in the early 1920s. Several pages of photographs and historical notes make this a very attractive and interesting volume.

A map section and an alphabetical index complement the block by block, row by row inscription list, making a user-friendly reference work. There is also an epitaph section.

Because older temporary markers are damaged or missing, the 1960 list of markers, compiled by Inez Cline and Bobbie Jones McLane, is included along with a list of temporary markers placed in Friendship by Page Mortuary and a list of markers made by Hot Springs Monument Company which were delivered to Friendship.

*The price of this new compilation is \$15 (plus \$3 postage if mailed).*

Mail orders to: Garland County Historical Society, P.O.Box 21335, Hot Springs, Arkansas 71903

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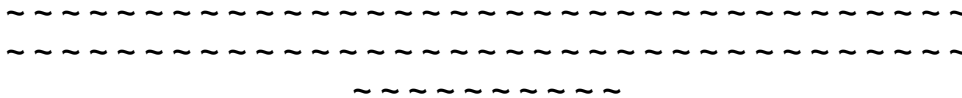
# ***A History of Ashdown, Arkansas***

Published by the  
Little River County Historical Society  
310 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Ashdown, Arkansas 71822

The Little River County Historical Society has published ***A History of Ashdown, Arkansas*** that covers the pre-Civil War era to 2006 in the city. Ashdown is located in the southwest corner of the state in Little River County. The book is 8½" by 11" and contains 212 pages with a burgundy hardback cover.

Included are approximately 500 pictures and considerable text with about 2,000 names listed in the index. The book will be a treasure to genealogists and historians.

The Little River County Historical Society is offering a special price of \$42, including handling and shipping charges to libraries and genealogy societies. Contact K.K. Priest, Secretary-Treasurer, 870-898-7242. See also <http://www.rootsweb.com/~arlchs/> for more information about the society and its publications. Order form for book is online, along with more information about this book.



## ***Abstracts from Masonic Records from the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, 1884–1886***

Compiled by Desmond Walls Allen

ISBN 978-1-56546-394-3, 313 pages, softbound, \$39.00, plus \$7.00  
USPS priority mail postage  
(and 6.5% sales tax on the total if you live inside Arkansas).

We've been busy compiling Masonic records and this is the seventh volume in this series. If you have folks in Arkansas in this time period, 1884 through 1886, check the index to this book at <http://www.arkansasresearch.com/desmason.html>.

The 1884 *Proceedings* volume contains membership rosters for virtually all the active local lodges in Arkansas. We abstracted all of them. In

addition there are death lists, names of men suspended or expelled, and names of lodge officials. Masons were white men, over age 21, who were respected by their peers. They're the kind of men who owned property and participated in positions of civic responsibility.

While these records don't state family relationships, they do keep your ancestor with a known group of associates.

Arkansas Research, Inc., PO Box 303, Conway, AR 72033; 501/470-1120 voice and fax  
[www.ArkansasResearch.com](http://www.ArkansasResearch.com)

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## Housecleaning Sale!

Bobbie Jones McLane, a pioneer publisher of genealogical materials in Arkansas, is retiring. She's turned the remainder of her stock of books, as well as her master copies, over to me, Desmond Walls Allen. Through the years, we've collaborated on various publishing projects, and I've always admired Bobbie for her dedication and ambition in making reference works available to our Arkansas cousins. (Bobbie and I must be cousins somewhere along the line - we both have a Van Ness line in early New York, and my Lancaster relative served as administrator for the estate of her Ewings in Smith Co., Tenn.)

In the 1960s when Bobbie began publishing books, there was no such thing as "print-on-demand" or electronic publishing. The only option in the good old days was to laboriously type (anyone remember typewriters?) a stencil for use on an off-set press. And for the project to be economically viable, you had to print several hundred copies of each book. Then you had to store them in climate-controlled conditions.

When Bobbie and I cleaned out her book warehouse area, we unearthed some surprisingly large caches of a few of her books. In order to place these in the hands of folks who can use them, we're offering them (as long as they last) at specially reduced prices. Here are the first three:

***Alabama, An Index to the 1830 United States Census***, compiled by Pauline Jones Gandrud, 1973. In alphabetical order, this book lists the names and counties of all the heads of households in Alabama in 1830. It doesn't list page numbers, but when you combine this index with online census sources, it sure speeds up the research process. Gandrud is a legendary figure in Alabama genealogy. She knew the names of these folks in 1830 (I think she knew some of them personally). The regular price of the book is \$30.00, but our special clearance price is only \$15.00.

***Arkansas Military Bounty Grants (War of 1812)***, compiled by Katheren Christensen, 1971, reprinted 1988. You've seen this one cited in many bibliographic references, and now's the time to get your own copy. The book lists patentees by county, giving the warrant number and patent date (nearly all the patent dates are in the early 1820s). Regular price is \$25.00 - now on sale for \$12.50 until we empty the box.

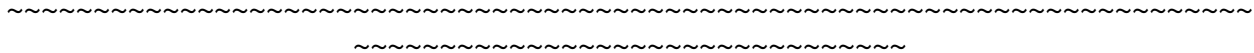
***An Index to the Fifth Census of the United States, 1830, Population Schedules, State of Missouri***, compiled by Capitola Hensley Glazner and Bobbie Jones McLane, 1966. This index lists the names of the heads of households and the county in which they're enumerated. It doesn't have page numbers, but like the Alabama census index listed above, it's a great help when used along with microfilm or online images. For example, your genealogical eye (or ear) knows "Pear" and "Pierre" may be the same word, but when you're typing possible spellings into a search box on the 'Net, you may not think of that one. So these census indexes, while old, still have value. Regular price, \$25.00 - now on sale for \$12.50.

USPS Priority Mail shipping charges apply: up to \$50.00, add \$7.00. If you're lucky enough to live inside our beautiful state, you have to add 6.5% sales tax on the entire total, including the shipping.

To order online with PayPal, see [www.ArkansasResearch.com/bobbie.html](http://www.ArkansasResearch.com/bobbie.html) . And check back to that site in the coming weeks, I'll be adding more sale books. Or you can mail a check to the address below - just print out this e-mail and circle the books you want. I take credit card orders on the phone, but we'll talk each others' ears off about our cousins. If you're ordering for a library or non-profit group, just e-mail me [desmond@ipa.net](mailto:desmond@ipa.net) and I'll send the books with an invoice.

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Log onto our website at [www.ArkansasResearch.com/desgood.html](http://www.ArkansasResearch.com/desgood.html) to view the names, birthdates and birthplaces of 7,5351 men and women for whom there are biographical sketches in the eight volumes of Arkansas Goodspeed.

The books on CD have *searchable* text and there are literally thousands more people mentioned on them than we've listed on our website. *Searchable* text means you can look for "coal mines" or "Civil War" or "Texas Legion" or any words that come to mind, in addition to personal names and place names. You no longer have to depend on a printed name-only index at the end of the book.

Each of these 7,351 biographical summaries contains tremendously valuable genealogical information. Written in the late 1880s, they tell birth dates, birthplaces, migrations, parents names and their birthplaces, sometimes grandparents' information, wives' names, in-laws' names, lists of children, religious affiliation, schools, military service, elected offices, political preference, and more. We've posted a sample biographical sketch on our website so you can see the kind of information the books contain.

Even if your direct ancestor isn't among those listed, another relative may be included who'll brag about his (and your) Revolutionary War ancestor; or identify the exact county in Ireland where his (and your) ancestors came from. Your folks may have left Arkansas for Bakersfield, California, before Goodspeed's representative came around, but check for the names of the husbands of your guy's sisters who stayed here.

Maybe your folks aren't included at all. But the county information is tremendously valuable. You can read about the county's formation, early settlers, elected officials, crops, geography, industry, railroads, Civil War units and their participation, churches, schools, towns, climate, and more! If you're planning to write a family history and you know your folks lived in a particular region of Arkansas for any length of time, order the CD to provide background material for your book.

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About one in ten of the biographical sketches includes a formal portrait of the subject. Those are noted in the list of subjects with an asterisk (\*). In order to more clearly identify these folks who head the biographical sketches, we put in their cities of residence, years of birth and birthplaces. The sketches themselves contain much more detailed information. Remember to search for collateral relatives of your direct ancestors!

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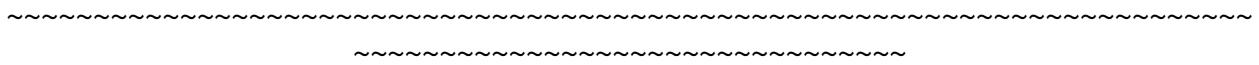
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