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Welcome New Members

Shirley Gillcoatt Rosencrantz & Angela
Rosencrantz - Stuttgart, AR
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Julie Newsum - Little Rock, AR
Terri Hornbeck Oxner - Maumelle, AR
Sue Stallings - Russellville, AR
Mary E. Wilson - Magnolia, AR
Thomas E. Wilson - Tewksbury, MA
Gaylon L. Powell - Austin, TX
Linda L. Teague - Tulsa, OK
Wayne Pyles - Booneville, AR
Gaylon Williams - Port Neches, TX
Elizabeth Taylor, Fayetteville, AR
Anita C. Phillips, Paragould, AR
Peggy L. Bailey, Little Rock, AR

Sign Up Now for the Salt Lake City Trip

Arkansas Genealogical Society is sponsoring a trip to Salt Lake City (that's Mecca for you avid genealogists). Join a group of friendly folks for a week of research at the Family History Library. Leave your kids, grandkids, dogs, and troubles behind – immerse yourself in research; become one with your ancestors!

The trip starts December 6th and ends December 13th. The price is \$700 for a single or \$390 for a double room for AGS members. It's \$50 higher for non-members so it makes sense to join AGS. Well, it makes sense to join AGS anyhow. The fee includes seven nights (and a breakfast buffet at J.B.'s restaurant) at the Salt Lake Plaza next door to the Family History Library. Airfare is not included.

For details, contact Kaye Holmes bkholmes@grnco.net. You know you want to go—make it happen this year!

Don't Miss the Party in Greene County

By Kaye Holmes

You are invited to

Greene County Historical and Genealogical Society's Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening

Thursday, October 8, 2009 at 10:00 A.M.

The Society's new location is at 212 West Court Street, Paragould, Arkansas — it's located next door to First National Bank, the building is owned by the bank and was offered to GCH&GS for its use.

Refreshments will be served and favors will be given.

In the event you miss the party, our research center is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday; closed on Sunday. It's staffed by volunteers — come by and see our new facility!

For more information, contact Kaye Holmes at bkholmes@grnco.net



Meet Our AGS Board Members: Rebecca Wilson



Rebecca Wilson

There's an old song that goes like this: "She's my Texarkana baby, Do I love her Lowdy Law, Her pappy came from Texas, Her maw from Arkansas." Well that's me, I was born in Texarkana but my mother was from Texas and my father from Arkansas. My parents met at Magnolia A & M College in Columbia County, Arkansas near the rural area where my father's family had lived for nearly 100 years.

I graduated from University of Arkansas Fayetteville with a degree in mathematics and immediately went to work for the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences as a computer programmer trainee. I worked as a programmer there for almost 20 years with the exception of a year in the mid '60s when I moved to Cape Canaveral, Florida to work in the space program. I had a lot of fun during the last 20 years of my career working as an independent software developer and consultant in many varied industries from Seattle to Huntsville, Alabama.

I've had plenty of opportunity to use my computer skills since becoming involved with AGS. It all started with the viewer for the Priors CD and I've been involved with formatting and preparing for publication all the books we are currently selling and the *Arkansas Family Historian*.

I love genealogy. I love the research, finding new ancestors and new cousins and I enjoy the friendship of fellow genealogists and fellow AGS board members.

Meet Our AGS Board Members: Lynda Childers Suffridge

My earliest introduction to genealogy was at the age of seven while sitting in my maternal grandfather's lap looking at my baby book. The family tree chart was not filled out. His name was J. B. Searcy and he told me what he knew about the Searcy family and I wrote the names in the book. My grandmother, Velma Hawk, died at the age of 30 when my mother was only three years old and unfortunately little was known about her heritage.



Lynda Childers Suffridge

My father, Pinckney Robert Childers, was orphaned by the time he was three and was raised by a series of relatives. Learning about the family tree from family stories was not a good option.

Sixteen years later, when I married Buford Suffridge, his mother showed me an 1880 Census she found at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville while visiting Buford when he was in college. She had copied all the information about her Irish immigrant ancestors! I was hooked! Now I knew you could 'look up' your family in records even if the family stories were few. Buford and I have been married 45 years and have three sons, and six grandchildren.

My earliest trips to the Arkansas History Commission took place before they moved from the Old State House to One Capitol Mall. In fact I have a very early AHC research card number because mine was issued about the time of the move. I was in the AHC so often they finally offered me a part-time job. I worked there for twelve years and benefited greatly from having Russell Baker as my boss and mentor who taught me so much about Arkansas records and how to do research.

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I have been very involved in genealogical societies for many years because I believe education, record preservation and record access are so vitally important. I joined the National Genealogical Society in 1988 when I attended my first NGS Conference in Biloxi, Mississippi. I am serving for the ninth year on the NGS Board of Directors and beginning my fourth year as NGS vice president. An additional duty with NGS is serving as chair of the NGS Awards Committee. I have served on the Arkansas Genealogical Society Board for many years (since 1979) and am currently recording secretary and am a past-president. I also served in many offices for Heritage Seekers, a local genealogical society in North Little Rock.

My first career was as a teacher. It has been a joy to use that background and those skills to become a genealogical lecturer. I lecture at NGS Conferences, at the Institute of Genealogy & Historical Research at Samford University, at Arkansas Genealogical Society Seminars, and recently at the Federation of Genealogical Society Conference in Little Rock.

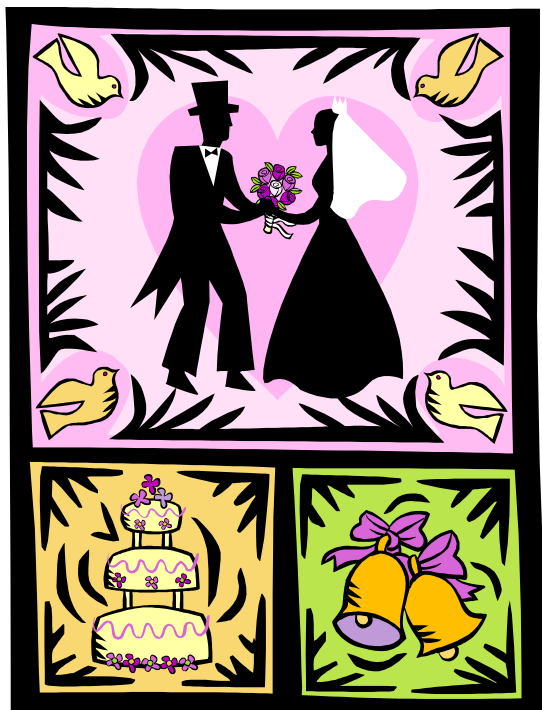
Genealogy means many things to me. Most important are the friends I have made through the years that share the same interest in tracing family history. Tracing my ancestors has also filled in the empty space left because I never knew either of my grandmothers and only one grandfather.



Lynda and Buford Suffridge

New Book! Benton County Marriages

The Northwest Arkansas Genealogical Society has a new publication for sale. *Marriages of Benton County, Arkansas, Book I, 1914-1919* is \$17.50. They also have a new CD for sale: *Benton County Marriage Books E, F, and G* on one CD, \$10.00.



Other CDs for sale include:

Cemeteries of Benton County, 9 volumes on one CD, \$20.00

Benton County Marriage Books A-D on one CD, \$10.00

Send title of item, name, address, phone number or email address, and checks to:

Northwest Arkansas Genealogical Society

c/o Bentonville Public Library

405 S. Main Street

Bentonville, AR 72712

FGS/AGS Conference News: We Had a Great Time!



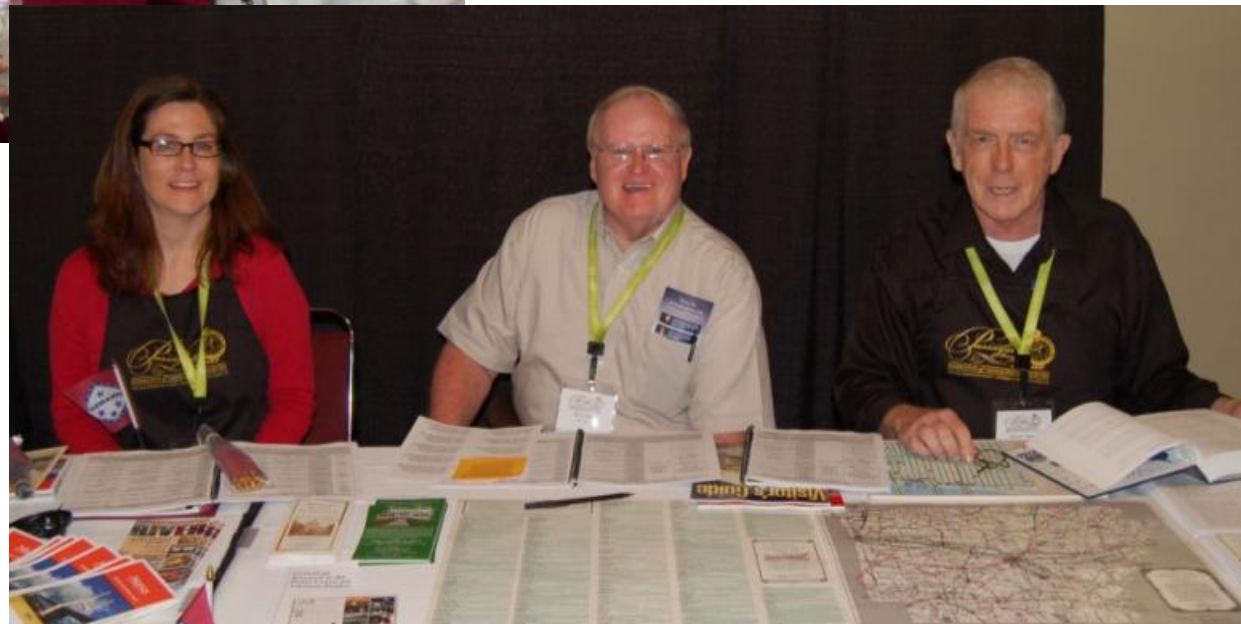
Above: Desmond Walls Allen, Jan Davenport and Gloria Futrell

Jan was our National Conference Chair and she did a brilliant job of making this event a tremendous success!

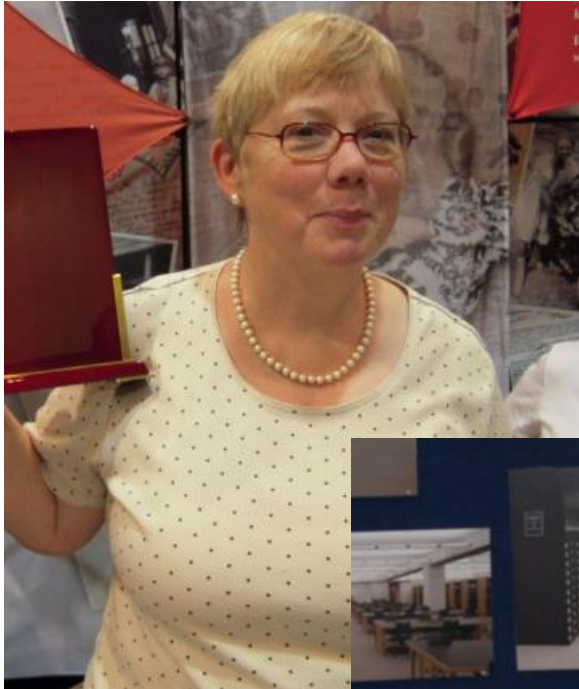
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Below: Our AGS volunteers (these and dozens of others) worked tirelessly to make sure everyone had a wonderful time! (left to right) Michelle Hearn Brasel, Rufus Buie, and Richard Butler



FGS/AGS Conference News: Celebrities were there...



We had celebrities at our conference—these and many more! (left to right)

Constance Potter from the National Archives

Curt Witcher from Allen County (Indiana) Public Library

Tom W. Dillard from Special Collections, UA Fayetteville (our fabulous banquet speaker)

Tamela Tenpenny Lewis with the Arkansas Chapter, Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society

FGS/AGS Conference News: Our friends were there...



Above: A wonderful group of folks from ArkansasGravestones.org was at the conference. Tootie Dennis, Fearless Leader of the group, is front and center. Behind her and to the right is Kathy Vanderheyden Fuller who hosted a Friday night party for conference-goers.

Below: Pris Weathers brought homemade cookies to give away and they were a tremendous hit. Mark Dodson, a/k/a "Sweetie" was a big help in the ArkansasTies.com booth.



FGS/AGS Conference News: Information providers were there...



Above: Lynn Ewbank (left) and April Goff from the Arkansas History Commission were among AHC employees who answered questions about our state archives. Our camera caught Ronnie Nichols (right), a very popular conference speaker, at the AHC booth.

Below: The Bureau of Land Management sent a great team to the conference. They handed out informative flyers about General Land Office records and passed out great freebies—everything from luggage tags to hand sanitizer.



FGS/AGS Conference News: And we had fun with old friends...



Above: Beau Sharbrough answered the question about what Scotsmen wear under their kilts: "Shoes." (Nice knees, Beau!)

Below: Evelyn Scoggins Tenpenny (left) and Carla Hines Coleman represented PAAC, Preservation of African American Cemeteries, Inc.



Antique Fair At The Depot

Join Us

Saturday, October 3rd

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Depot Museum in Morrilton
101 East Railroad Avenue

- ~ Bring in your Treasures for Free Appraisal
- ~ Appraisals of antiques by Decorative Arts Experts from Historic Arkansas Museum at Little Rock, who are seeking Arkansas made items made prior to 1950 for their Third Edition of Arkansas Made Book.
- ~ Silent Auction Fundraiser to Benefit Museum at the Depot
- ~ Clothesline Quilt Exhibit: Cash Prize for Best Modern and Best Antique (pre-1950) Quilt
- ~ Exhibits and Concession Stand
- ~ Live Entertainment 10:30-11:30

Is Your Librarian Worth \$1,000? ProQuest and National Genealogical Society Invites You to Help Honor Them

Lynda Childers Suffridge

ProQuest and the National Genealogical Society will honor an outstanding librarian during the NGS Family History Conference in Salt Lake City April 28 - May 1, 2010. The Filby Award for genealogical librarianship of \$1,000 is sponsored by ProQuest and is awarded by NGS to a librarian who has made significant contributions in the field of genealogy.

The deadline for nominations is January 31, 2010. If you know a librarian who is worthy, please nominate them today. Individuals may nominate themselves. The nominee need not be an NGS member but must be a full-time librarian whose focus is in genealogy and local history. They must have at least five years experience in the field and be employed in a public, academic or special library.

The criteria for judging includes:

- 1. Significant contributions to patron access to information, or to the preservation of historical records.
- 2. Development of an imaginative reference tool or similar outstanding contribution of enduring consequence that fills the gaps in existing information, accuracy, scope or usefulness of genealogical and local history materials.

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- 3. Publication of a book or body of articles that have contributed significantly to the field of genealogy or local history and that are of interpretative nature.
- 4. Other activities that have significantly advanced genealogy and local history.
- 5. Work that has encouraged others to be innovative in the field.

Nomination letters should include personal and professional contact information. For a list of previous winners and complete directions for submitting a nomination go to: http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/the_filby_prize_for_genealogical_librarianship/nomination_form

Completed applications may be sent by mail to:

National Genealogical Society
Attn: Filby Award
3108 Columbia Pike, Suite 300
Arlington, VA 22204-4304 USA



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

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