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your AGS membership dues!

The Arkansas Genealogical Society will be taking it's Road Show to the Baxter County Library in Mountain Home, Arkansas, this month.

On September 24 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. AGS and library staff members will meet and greet family historians from northern Arkansas and southern Missouri. This event is FREE and vendors, societies, exhibits, speakers, and "Ask the Experts" will be available to all who attend. These Road Shows are always fun, because they are laid-back, relaxed, come-and-go affairs. We hope to see many of you there.

The Donald W. Reynolds Library in Mountain Home is very new and architecturally beautiful. The meeting room contains the newest technology for speakers and presentations and there is a coffee shop on-site.

If you wish to attend a lecture, there will be two in the morning and two in the afternoon. Four experienced speakers will make presentations on a variety of topics. Dr. Lisa Perry will discuss the holdings of the NorthEast Arkansas Regional Archives. Dr. Dan Littlefield will talk about Native-American research. Michael Bentley will speak on Civil War era photos and help attendees date old photographs.

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Dr. Buford Suffridge will speak about the uses of DNA testing for genealogists.

If you prefer to browse, visit with the vendors of books and information. If you have a research question sign up to ask an “Expert.” Meet and visit with your fellow family historians, share information and photographs, and learn something new. You might want to explore the genealogy section of the library while you’re there.

### **Schedule for Saturday, September 24**

7:00-9:00 Vendor/Speaker Arrival and Set-up.

9:00-9:15 Welcome and Announcements.

9:15-10:00 Dr. Lisa Perry – Lisa is from the NorthEast Arkansas Regional Archives (NEARA) in Powhatan, Arkansas. Lisa will discuss NEARA's holdings which include traditional archival material, books, periodicals, and other print resources, including Lawrence County government records, among Arkansas's earliest documentary resources.

10:00-10:45 Ask the Experts Questions at their tables. Vendor Tables Open.

10:45-11:45 Dr. Daniel Littlefield, Jr. – Dr. Littlefield, author, lecturer, and director of UALR’s Sequoyah National Research Center, is a popular speaker on Native American Genealogy. The Sequoyah Center holds the largest assemblage of Native American expression in the world.

11:45-1:00 Lunch on your own. – Buffalo Coffee Shop open. Maps to local restaurants will be available.

1:00-1:45 Michael Bentley – Michael has an extensive collection of Antebellum/Civil War/Late 1800's photographs. He will speak on identifying the kinds, types and eras of photographs.

2:00 - 3:00 Dr. Buford Suffridge – Buford is a retired orthodontist who will speak on the utilization of DNA as an aide in genealogy research.

## Save the dates: November 4 and 5, 2011, AGS Fall Seminar and Book Fair

The Arkansas Genealogical Society Fall Seminar and Book Fair will be held at the Wyndham Hotel, 2 Riverfront Place in North Little Rock on Friday, November 4, from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. and on Saturday, November 5, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The featured speaker on both Friday and Saturday will be Mark Lowe, Certified Genealogist and Fellow of the Utah Genealogical Association. Mark is as knowledgeable and informative as he is interesting and entertaining.

Mark has agreed to present two lectures on doing court house research on Friday evening to acquaint researchers with what they need to do to prepare for searching in the court house and what they need to know while they are there.

On Saturday Mark will present four lectures titled *Out on a Limb, Trapped by Bad Research and Brick Walls*; *The Big Three: Tennessee's Geographic Regions*; *Is it Really Online: Finding and Using Original Sources at Home or in the Library*; and *North Carolina*.

Attendees may register for Friday only, Saturday only, or both days. Lunch will be included in the Saturday registration. Book vendors will be on site both days. The general membership meeting of the Society will be held following lunch on Saturday and winners of the Family History Writing Contest will be announced.

We look forward to seeing you there. Print a registration form from [www.agsgenealogy.org](http://www.agsgenealogy.org).



Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA

## Upcoming Genealogy Events

September 7-10

**The Federation of Genealogical Societies'** annual conference, *Pathways to the Heartland*, will be held in Springfield, Illinois, at the Prairie Capital Convention Center, 1 Convention Plaza. The local host is the Illinois State Genealogical Society. Online registration is closed. Register on-site.

September 22-25

**Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society—Arkansas Chapter** hosts the AAHGS 32nd National Conference — *Ties That Bind: Honoring Our Ancestors*, Doubletree Hotel, 424 West Markham, Little Rock, Arkansas. For more information: Contact Tamela Tenpenny-Lewis, 501-425-5578

September 24

**Arkansas Genealogical Society Road Show** at the Baxter County Library, Mountain Home, Arkansas. FREE. Vendors, exhibits, societies, lectures, Ask the Experts.

October 29

**Arkansas History Commission Seminar**, Historic Washington State Park, 1914 Schoolhouse, Washington, Arkansas, 10:00 a.m. COST: FREE

# The Arkansas Tuberculosis Sanitorium

Recently a question came up on the Arkansas History List-serve concerning a TB hospital in Arkansas. As usual on that list, much discussion ensued and information was exchanged. The most important and lasting thing I came away with was the address of the website devoted to the Arkansas Tuberculosis Sanitorium at Booneville. I am eager to pass it on here because over the years many genealogists have asked or written for information on where their TB infected Arkansas ancestor might have been treated. Probably few Arkansas families were untouched by tuberculosis.

If you go to <http://www.booneville.com/C-TB.htm> I think you will find it very interesting. The website has many photographs and images of old postcards. Some photos show early and later views of the same scene, for instance of the main gate in 1959 and the main gate today. There is not a great deal of text, but there is enough to enlighten the researcher about the institution. Included is a brief history of the planning, site selection, and building of the complex which grew to a self-sustaining community. The first patient was admitted in 1910 and the last discharged in February 1973. In 1959 there were more than 1,000 inmates at the hospital. Between patients and workers, the Sanitorium had a greater population than the city of Booneville. Besides a hospital, administration building, and living quarters, there was a chapel, a fire department and a farm.

A valuable surviving resource is the *Sanatorium Outlook*, a bi-monthly newsletter published by the Sanitorium and containing articles for patients and families alike. It included the names of persons who had been admitted and discharged. The Booneville Public Library holds bound copies of these newsletters beginning in 1929. The library is at 419 North Kennedy in Booneville and they are open Monday through Friday and Saturday morning.

Persons who know they had a family member at the Sanitorium will feel relieved after seeing the photos on the website, because it is very clear that every attempt was made to maintain a clean and fresh environment and to make people well.

## From the Historic Preservation Alliance of Arkansas: a Red River Ramble on October 15, 2011

To mark the first year of the statewide Civil War Sesquicentennial commemoration, the Historic Preservation Alliance of Arkansas will host a "Red River Ramble" this fall.

Join us on Saturday, October 15th for an all-day tour to Camden to explore Arkansas's rich historic sites on the route of the Camden Expedition of the 1864 Red River Campaign.

Highlights of the ramble include sites in Benton, Arkadelphia and Camden. Enjoy lunch and dinner in historic settings and tours of buildings and sites that exhibit Arkansas's unique history.

The Red River Ramble departs from Little Rock on Saturday morning and returns that evening around 10:00 p.m. Registration includes all meals, refreshments on the bus and admission to tours.

Stay tuned for more details on this exciting trip! Visit [PreserveArkansas.org](http://PreserveArkansas.org) for more info.

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The Historic Preservation Alliance of Arkansas is the only statewide nonprofit organization focused on preserving Arkansas's architectural and cultural resources. The Alliance's mission is to educate, advocate and assist preservation efforts across the state.

## Changes at Footnote

If you subscribe to Footnote.com, you know by now that it has changed its name. On August 18 Footnote announced their “intention to create the finest and most comprehensive collection of U.S. Military records available on the internet and changed the name of the site from Footnote to Fold3.” In line with their new focus, the new name reflects the third fold in a flag-folding ceremony as that fold honors and memorializes veterans for their sacrifice.

Non-military records already on the website will remain, but going forward they will be adding more military records such as the ones they have started working on: World War II “Old Man’s Draft” Cards, War of 1812 Pension Files, Mexican War Service Records, World War I Officer Experience Reports, Confederate Casualty Reports.



The biggest change will be the name. They feel the name Footnote “doesn’t relate to military records and can carry a connotation of insignificance which doesn’t seem appropriate for a site focused on records related to the great sacrifices associated with military service.”

The city directories, naturalizations, vital records, Native American records and other non-military content will continue to be accessible on Fold3.

You can read more about the change at [Fold3 \(previously Footnote\) blog.](#)

## FHL Catalog, Interlibrary Loan, and the NGS Book Loan Collection

When I'm looking for new sources of information about a family, location, or subject, I often go first to FamilySearch.org and look at the catalog to the Family History Library. Being the largest genealogy library in the world, its catalog provides a pretty good indication of genealogical records that were created almost anywhere in the world as well as publications that transcribe, abstract, or index those records. It is also a good way to see what family and local histories have been written or published. If the source has been filmed, I can order the film to be sent to my local family history center where I can read it. In the FHL original records are always on film and books are sometimes on film or on microfiche. The ordering process is now online and you can do it from any computer anywhere, paying by credit card or PayPal, but the film or fiche will still be sent to the Family History Center of your choosing for use. This is a great way to order film copies of original records from around the world as well as books that have been copied to film. But the Family History Library book collection does not circulate, so if the book has not been filmed it can not be ordered.

However, once you have the title, author, and publication information from the catalog, you can search for the book elsewhere. HeritageQuest online is a good place to look because that site contains a wonderful collection of historical and genealogical publications that are searchable. Many libraries subscribe to that site and will allow you access to it from your home computer by using your local library card number. I also search the catalogs of the Arkansas History Commission and the Central Arkansas Library System (CALs). If they don't have the book, a search on WorldCat will reveal libraries that do have it. If they are too far afield, interlibrary loan becomes a good option.

It's a shame that more genealogists don't use interlibrary loan. Many older books helpful to genealogists are online at a variety of sites like HeritageQuest; however, many books valuable to our research are not yet online. A while back I was looking for *Rambles Through the Pee Dee* by Harry Toliver Cook. Neither the Arkansas History Com-

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mission nor Central Arkansas Library System showed the book in their catalogs, and only libraries at some distance seemed to have it. I made an interlibrary loan request on the CALS website and the book was delivered in a short time to my local library branch at no charge. It had come from Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas, but I was able to read it at home. Interlibrary loan is an economical and easy way for family historians to view books that are not readily available to them otherwise.

Enter the National Genealogical Society Book Collection. In 2001 NGS moved its lending library of over 20,000 books to the St. Louis County Library's Special Collections Department. While previously available to only NGS members, the collection is now available to the entire genealogical and historical community by interlibrary loan through their local library. The collection contains state, county, local, and family histories as well as published abstracts and transcripts of cemetery surveys, church records, court records, land records, marriage records, wills and probate records.

Search the [St. Louis County Library catalog](#) for a subject, title, author, or keyword. When a list of items comes up, clicking on the call number will bring up more information and a Local Note will show which books are part of the National Genealogical Society Book Loan Collection. Some books appear twice with different call numbers. You cannot order items with call numbers that begin with "R" which indicates reference items that do not circulate. Order the call number that does not begin with "R" as those do circulate and can be borrowed through interlibrary loan. Print the catalog record of the book you want and take the printout to the Interlibrary Loan department of your local library to order the book.

Using the internet to search the catalogs of libraries in the counties you are researching may reveal to you books of which you were unaware that are relevant to those counties. You may be able to request those books through interlibrary loan. Most good books have bibliographies which give you more sources to search for and receive on loan. There are many ways to expand your access to genealogical records. While everything you need may not be online, the internet certainly has made it easier for you to get to the things that aren't.

## News about the 1940 census

Most of us know by now that the 1940 census is to be released on 2 April 2012. *UpFront with NGS*, the subscription email newsletter of the National Genealogical Society, recently shared news about 1940 census maps that they found in *Nu? What's New? The E-zine of Jewish Genealogy From Avotaynu* (Gary Mokotoff, Editor), Volume 12, Number 29, July 24, 2011. The news was that the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) uploaded the 1940 Enumeration District (ED) maps to their website, and that Stephen P. Morse and his associates had created a finding aid to help researchers locate the map for a town that had multiple EDs. This new utility, called "Viewing 1940 ED Maps in One Step," is at <http://www.stevemorse.org/census/arc1940edmaps.html>.

This utility will be helpful because the 1940 census will be released with no indexing. It is sure to take some time for Ancestry.com, FamilySearch.org, and other indexers to index that much census data. If you know where a person lived in 1940, the ED maps will enable you to link the address to an Enumeration District and find the person's enumeration page more quickly.

If you have not visited Steve Morse's website, take a look at it. He posts many useful tools for genealogists to deal with passenger lists, census, DNA, and other sources. It is worth checking out at <http://www.stevemorse.org>.

## Butler Center to Launch Exhibition of Japanese American Internee Art

The Butler Center for Arkansas Studies, a department of the Central Arkansas Library System, will launch the multimedia exhibition *The Art of Living: Japanese American Creative Experience at Rohwer* during 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday Art Night, September 9, in the Arkansas Studies Institute's Concordia Hall (401 President Clinton Ave.). The exhibition will feature internee art and other objects from the World War II-era Rohwer Relocation Center in Desha County.

This is a historically significant collection that explores human creativity under dire conditions. The internees, who were rounded up and forced to leave their homes on the West Coast, incorporated many different types of media into their works, including canvas, paper, fabric and found objects such as wood, rocks and nuts. The exhibition will incorporate a cell-phone audio tour, a student-created video and computers with links to various oral histories, holdings in other archives and additional resources. Two lectures will be held in conjunction with the exhibition.

### ***Art of Living* events:**

Exhibition opening, 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday Art Night, Friday, September 9, 5 to 8 p.m., Arkansas Studies Institute (401 President Clinton Ave.)

Dishongh Distinguished Lecture, Thursday, September 15, 6:30 p.m., (exhibit will remain open until 6:30 for pre-lecture viewing); Darragh Center, Main Library (100 Rock St.). Delphine Hirasuna, author of *The Art of Gaman*, will discuss the creativity of Japanese Americans interned in camps across the United States during World War II.

Legacies & Lunch, Wednesday, October 5, noon to 1 p.m., Darragh Center, Main Library (100 Rock St.). Lie Schiffer, daughter of Rosalie Santine Gould, will discuss her new book *Camp Nine*, a novel based on life at the Rohwer Relocation Center.

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## About the collection

In 2010, Rosalie Santine Gould of McGehee donated her extraordinary collection of artwork and other materials from the World War II-era Japanese American internment camp at Rohwer to the Butler Center. The art had been created in the camp under the tutelage of art teacher Jamie Vogel, who collected and saved her students' art in the years following the war and willed it to Gould.

There were 10 such camps around the country, most in the western United States. Two were in Arkansas, at Jerome and Rohwer. The collection includes several hundred paintings and other works of art produced by U.S. citizens of Japanese descent who were interned during World War II.

Appraiser Jennifer Carman describes the materials Gould has given the Butler Center as “unique among internment collections” and cites experts who have said it contains artwork and documents that are “truly unmatched among objects in public collections.” The collection also includes a large amount of material documenting day-to-day life in the camp, which had its own school system, police department and mayor.

The *Art of Living* will be on view September 9 through November 26.

## ***About the Butler Center***

The Butler Center for Arkansas Studies, a department of the Central Arkansas Library System, was created in 1997 through an endowment by the late Richard C. Butler Sr. for the purpose of promoting a greater understanding and appreciation of Arkansas history, literature, art and culture. The research collections and offices are located in the Arkansas Studies Institute at 401 President Clinton Ave, directly adjacent to the Main Library. For more information, contact Kathryn Heller at (501) 320-5717.

## Meet Our AGS Board Members: Catherine Hickerson

Catherine lives in North Little Rock. She joined AGS a few years ago and became a board member in October of 2010. She has enjoyed being able to serve AGS in whatever capacity she can.

She has been very active in the Order of the Eastern Star of Arkansas since she joined in 1994 and has worked for the State of Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration since February 1977 after completing her BS in Accounting from UALR in December 1976.

Catherine's career with the state began with auditing state taxes and progressed to supervising auditors and serving on some management teams. She began working in the Office of Accounting in 2002 and manages the cash flow of the statewide funds to the agencies as well as other duties. Catherine is looking forward to retirement in about four years.

She plans to spend more time on her own genealogical pursuits when she retires. Catherine always loved hearing stories by older relatives and started actively researching in 1991 as she found the time.

Catherine is also an animal lover. She has “rescued” a lot of cats and dogs over fifty years. Since she believes you can't have just one cat, she proudly tells everyone she is the “crazy ol' cat lady”.



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