



Arkansas Genealogical Society

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Join Us!

Look just to the left, you will see that you are invited to “Join Us” in the AGS. On page 7, you are invited to “Join Us” at the FREE Spring Workshop. “Free” means you do not have to pay to attend. However, you know nothing is really free. Some person or group provides any service or item that is “free.” If you are a member of the AGS, YOU are making this workshop free to the attendees. THANK YOU! Steve Purdue, Russell Baker, Lauren Jarvis, and Jane Wilkerson are providing their time and knowledge. THANK YOU! Many of the AGS board members are providing their time and expertise. THANK YOU!

What does “Join Us” entail? It is logical, that you would want to know what WE do before you would agree to JOIN US. The following is from the [AGS website](#):

The purpose of the society is to promote family history research, to educate persons in genealogical research methods and the use of historical records, to publish articles pertaining to Arkansas ancestors, and to preserve and make accessible historical, genealogical, and biographical sources pertaining to Arkansas.

We really do NEED you to JOIN US. We really do WANT you to JOIN US. Today you may not know as much about genealogy and history as Steve, Russell, Lauren, or Jane; however, you can start now and be ready to fill a need in a few years. JOIN US!

JOIN US!

If you are not a member,
this is your official
invitation to join AGS.

[AGS Membership Application](#)

If you are a member,
look at the back of your
Arkansas Family Historian.
Your membership expires
on the date printed under
your name.

It may be time to renew
your AGS membership dues!

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Tidbits –

Ancestry.com announced the release of a FREE Find A Grave app for the iPhone. You will be able to bring the most important aspects of Find A Grave with you. You can see cemeteries near you or around the world, search by name, take photos for existing memorials, or add new ones right from the app. Just go to the App Store on your iPhone and download.

The Eagle has landed! In collaboration with Newspapers.com, and building on an earlier digitization initiative funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Sciences, the Brooklyn Public Library now offers the full run of the Brooklyn Daily Eagle newspaper, from 1841 to 1955, as a free online resource. Learn more about using this database [here](#), and visit the [Brooklyn Collection](#) to explore materials on Brooklyn's rich history, including books, photographs, prints, directories and maps and atlases.

Coming Events

May 3, 2014

The 2014 AGS Spring Workshop to be held at Lakewood United Methodist Church, 1922 Topf Road, North Little Rock, Arkansas. The workshop is free, but space is limited. See page 17 for the details.

May 9, 2014

Education Civil War Event for Public, Private, and Home-School Students in DeValls Bluff. For more information, see page 6 of the March issue of the Ezine. You can find it on the AGS website.

May 7 through 10, 2014

NGS 2014 Family History Conference, at the Greater Richmond Convention Center and Marriott Hotel located in downtown Richmond, Virginia. Conference highlights and contact information for conference hotels can be found in the Announcement Brochure, which can be downloaded at http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/galleries/new-gallery/2014_Announcement_Brochure.pdf. Pre-registration ended April 22, 2014.

May 10, 2014

Walks Through History May tour of the Fredonia Cemetery Historic Section. See page 6 for details.

May 16-17, 2014

PAAC, Inc. (Preservation of African American Cemeteries) will host the 8th Annual “Memorial in May” Cemetery Preservation Conference at Buckman Hall on the Rhodes College campus in Memphis, Tennessee.

Coming Events continued

June 6 & 7, 2014

The 25th North Arkansas Ancestor Fair will be held in Leslie & Marshall, Arkansas. [Click here](#) to see the web site for all the details.

August 15-17, 2014

The 2014 International Genetic Genealogy Conference will be held in Washington, DC. For more information please visit their website by clicking [HERE](#).

August 20-23, 2014

The NGS research trip to the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana, will be under the guidance of research consultants Janet A. Alpert and Patricia Walls Stamm, CG, CGL. This trip is SOLD OUT, but you can get on a waiting list. For more information click [here](#).

August 27 through 30, 2014

The Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference will be held in San Antonio, Texas. See the web site for more information, www.fgs.org.

September 26-27, 2014

The National Standridge Family Reunion will be held in Greenville, SC. See the article on page 16 for more information.

Coming Events continued

November 2-8, 2014

NGS research trip to Washington, DC. Registration opened March 3, 2014. This trip is SOLD OUT, but you can be put on a waiting list. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

January 4-11, 2015

NGS research trip to Salt Lake City, Utah. Registration opened March 17, 2014. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

April 25, 2015

The 2015 Indiana Genealogical Society's Annual Meeting and Conference will be in Terre Haute, Indiana. Judy Russell, The Legal Genealogist, will be the featured speaker.

May 13-16, 2015

The NGS Family History Conference will be held in St. Charles, Missouri, at the St. Charles Convention Center.

Walks Through History Program of Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program web site provides the following:

The "Walks Through History" program is a series of monthly outdoor walking tours that seeks to familiarize people who live and work in communities outside of central Arkansas with the historic structures and sites around them. Presented by the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, an agency of the Department of Arkansas Heritage, the tours begin at 11 a.m., unless otherwise noted, on Saturdays, and last between one and two hours. An AHPP staff historian leads the tour, delivering a brief lecture about the properties visited and their history.



May 10, 2014 - Fredonia Cemetery Historic Section

Co-sponsored by the White County Historical Society.

Located 1/2 mile down Fredonia Road, past the Fredonia and Honeysuckle Road intersection, near Holly Grove in White County.

The Fredonia Cemetery Historic Section contains the graves of early settlers in the Stevens Creek community (later called Holly Grove) and is the only remaining resource associated with the Fredonia Methodist Church and School and the Fredonia Masonic Lodge #229.

AGS 2014 Spring Workshop

**Arkansas Genealogical Society
2014 Spring Workshop
May 3, 2014**

8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

**Gibson Hall
Lakewood United Methodist Church
1922 Topf Rd, North Little Rock, Arkansas 72116**

Agenda

- 8:30 AM - George Mitchell - President's Welcome/Housekeeping
- 9:00 AM - Steve Perdue - Saline County Library Resources
- 10:00 AM - Russell Baker - "So You Want to be a Cherokee"
- 11:00 - 12:30 - Lunch Break
- 12:30 PM - Lauren Jarvis - Arkansas History Commission Resources
- 1:00 PM - Jane Wilkerson - Immigration Research
- 2:00 - 4:30 PM Look up/Assistance/Questions

Also, go to our website: www.agsgenealogy.org

The workshop is free, but space is limited. Please register by April 25, 2014.
You can print the registration form from our website.

National Archives Announcement by David Ferriero

Thanks to Dick Eastman for bringing this to our attention on the Eastman Online Genealogy Newsletter.

The following is taken from David Ferriero's blog. You can visit his blog at <http://blogs.archives.gov/aotus/?p=5417>

The first of our new strategic goals is to "Make Access Happen." Increasingly, access means digital, online access. Our first goal has one objective, to make our records available to the public in digital form to ensure that anyone can explore, discover and learn from our records.

Here are a few of the initiatives listed under this goal:

- First, we want to complete the long journey of describing our holdings in our online catalog. We launched our first agency-wide online catalog in 2003, and now we are within just a few years of being able to say that over 95% of our records are described at the series level. Currently we are at 83% and going strong. Archivists across the agency continue to provide basic archival metadata to the catalog so that people around the world can know what we have.
- We will also accelerate the processing of analog and digital records to quickly make our records available to the public. Foundational technology for that effort will be the development of a digital processing environment that will allow archival, digitization and description staff to work in an environment that supports and enhances accelerated processing of the records.
- We want to digitize our records and to make them available online. We know we will not accomplish this next year or even within the timeframe of this strategic plan, but we are planting a stake in the ground. In doing so, we are changing the conversation around digitization. We are discussing issues including how we will prioritize the work, what we need to do to update our strategies, and how we will pilot new ways, such as working with citizen archivists, to get this done.

National Archives Announcement by David Ferriero *continued*

“Make Access Happen” includes within it all of the crucial work that is required for access: everything from appraisal to preservation to processing. All of the vital work that the National Archives does with the records of the federal government supports and enables access. “Make Access Happen” is a big, bold goal. It sets the foundation for the next two strategic goals.

Stay tuned for goal two: Connect with Customers. Get the full view of our Strategic Plan.

History GEO announcement

HistoryGeo is a service of Arphax Publishing Company of Norman, Oklahoma. Arphax has published original landowner map books for 500 U. S. counties. These books are a valuable resource available in many libraries. Arphax Publishing Co. has made the following announcement:

We've been busy adding new content and features to your award-winning [HistoryGeo.com](https://www.historygeo.com) subscription, and while there are other announcements scheduled to be made in the next week or two, we wanted to go ahead and shoot out a quick newsletter now.

First off, we've been engaged in early testing of our VOLUNTEER PROGRAM, and the results have been awesome. We wanted to announce the second phase of this testing to our subscribers and see if you're interested in helping out. We are often asked if we are a non-profit organization, because we sure seem to conduct ourselves like one. We answer "no" but point out that every bit of cash flow that has not gone toward providing a basic living for our people, has gone back into the business. WE LOVE helping people solve historical mysteries and we want to continue to do so at the lowest possible price.

Your assistance in labeling historical maps with landowner names can do two things:

- Help more people for all time, solve mysteries of their own, and
- Help you by reducing or possibly negating your HistoryGeo.com subscription bill.

If there's one thing we know from experience, genealogists and historians can watch TV AND work on genealogy at the same time. One of our early test volunteers has already labeled tens of thousands of landowners since she got started, and most of that was done while watching her evening TV programming. Won't you consider helping further the mission of this one-of-a-kind resource?

History GEO announcement *continued*

If you're interested, there are two things you need to do (and the blog post tells you how to express an interest or ask more questions):

Read this [BLOG POST](#) that more fully describes what's involved and some benefits you can expect for helping out.

Watch this [VIDEO](#) demonstrating how volunteer labeling works.

Once you've done those two things, you can contact us with your interest at info@historygeo.com and we'll get you started. Notice: this is not open to non-subscribers at the moment. That point in time may come later.

Coins Left on a Tombstone

A friend of Russell Baker shared this with him. Russell has agreed to share with our Ezine readers.

While visiting some cemeteries you may notice that headstones marking certain graves have coins on them, left by previous visitors to the grave.

These coins have distinct meanings when left on the headstones of those who gave their life while serving in America's military, and these meanings vary depending on the denomination of coin.

A coin left on a headstone or at the grave site is meant as a message to the deceased soldier's family that someone else has visited the grave to pay respect. Leaving a penny at the grave means simply that you visited. A nickel indicates that you and the deceased trained at boot camp together, while a dime means you served with him in some capacity. By leaving a quarter at the grave, you are telling the family that you were with the soldier when he was killed.

According to tradition, the money left at graves in national cemeteries and state veterans cemeteries is eventually collected, and the funds are put toward maintaining the cemetery or paying burial costs for indigent veterans. In the US, this practice became common during the Vietnam war, due to the political divide in the country over the war; leaving a coin was seen as a more practical way to communicate that you had visited the grave than contacting the soldier's family, which could devolve into an uncomfortable argument over politics relating to the war.

Some Vietnam veterans would leave coins as a "down payment" to buy their fallen comrades a beer or play a hand of cards when they would finally be reunited.

The tradition of leaving coins on the headstones of military men and women can be traced to as far back as the Roman Empire.

Irish Roots Magazine request

Dear Arkansas Genealogical Society,

I would be grateful if you could perhaps let any of your members who may have an interest in Irish ancestral research know about Irish Roots magazine. Irish Roots magazine aims to assist its readers to undertake their own Irish family history research and overcome any obstacles along the way. The spring issue of Irish Roots magazine is out currently. This issue covers:-

- Irish First Name And Naming Patterns Explained.
- Tracing Your Co. Cork Ancestors.
- The Philomena Lee Project - Is there hope on the horizon for those seeking their natural families?
- The Irish Soldiers And World War I.
- How To Reconstruct A Parish For Genealogical Research.
- Index To Irish Slave Children In Colonial Court Records Explored.
- Documenting Family History From Historic American Newspapers.
- Books Ireland - Genealogy And Related Books Of Interest.
- What's New Review - Keep Up To Date With The Latest Record Releases And Information Available To Help With Your Research.
- Irish Ancestors In Australasia - This Issue Looks At Irish Soldiers.
- A Question Of Genealogy - Your Genealogy Queries Answered.
- Reader Michael Nolan Shares His Journey To Discover More About His Irish Identity.
- Letters To The Editor, News From The World Of Irish Genealogy And Lots Lots More!

Irish Roots Magazine request *continued*

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Our facebook page at www.facebook.com/irishrootsmag might also be of interest as we have daily genealogy updates and relevant news from the world of Irish genealogy.

Many thanks and if you have any further queries regarding our publication, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very best wishes,

Julie Phibbs

Documentary Depicts History of the Cajuns

The follow is from Dick Eastman's **Eastman Online Genealogy Newsletter**.

A Cajun film, seven years in the making, will premier in Louisiana this month in New Orleans and throughout Acadiana. It is also available on a DVD disk. The DVD may be purchased through their web site at the link at the end of this article.

In *The Story Of The Cajuns - Part I*, film makers Brenda Jepson and Dr. Francoise Paradis interview Cajuns from all walks of life - from a shrimp fisherman to a college professor and from a cowboy to an Acadian artist. The film tells the story of how Acadians expelled during the Deportation made the arduous journey, some of them via France, to their new home in Louisiana. It explores the hardships they faced and reveals how they survived and thrived in a climate so different from their ancestral Acadie. The documentary was filmed in France, Canada and Maine.

These stories are woven together with narrative links from a well-loved Cajun musician and storyteller, David Greely, whose lyrical fiddle tunes also grace the sound track of the film. His ancestor, Olivier Theriot, was instrumental in bringing a large contingency of Acadians from France to Louisiana in 1785.

Public viewings were held during April in Louisiana. The schedule and a lot more information about *The Story Of The Cajuns* may be found at <http://crownofmaineproductions.com>.

2014 Standridge National Family Reunion

The Standridge National Family Society, organized in 1989, announces that its next National Standridge Family Reunion will be held in Greenville, SC, on Friday and Saturday, September 26 and 27, 2014. The Clarion Inn and Suites, 50 Orchard Park Dr. just off I 385, will be the reunion headquarters. Members, friends, and anyone with an interest in the Standridge surname are invited to attend.

For additional information or a sample copy of the organization's newsletter contact Russell P. Baker at gob-gob3@mindspring.com or call 501-888-6981.

Many members of the Standridge Family are descended from early SC pioneers, James Standridge, a Revolutionary War veteran, and Thomas Standridge, who were living in old Pendleton District, SC, as early as 1790. James is buried in Oconee County, SC. Thomas' son, Alexander Standridge, was an early settler in Arkansas Territory. Others family members were early settlers of Franklin and Habersham counties in GA and Cherokee County, NC. DNA evidence has traced the family back into MD, NC, SC, GA, TN, IN, and IL. Field trips, tours, and research opportunities are in the reunion plans. This year's reunion theme is "My Family, My Strength."

This article provided by Russell P. Baker

Administrative Stuff

Contributions: If you have news for the Ezine, send it! doug44mann@gmail.com –Thanks!

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