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your AGS membership dues!

Autumn began September 23rd and daylight savings time ends November 1st. October is the month we don't get out, so much, for research and the like. Not this year! There are 12 October events listed in this issue to pick from.

The big one in my opinion, of course, is the AGS Fall Conference the night of October 2 and all day October 3. If you have not registered and are reading this in time, you can be a "walk-up." This year we are back to the Riverfront Wyndham in North Little Rock. I hope to see you there.

What are some other genealogy things we should be doing this fall? There will be the time to catch up on the less fun part of genealogy. I guess, that depends on your personal preference. All the research "fruit" has to be "canned" so we don't waste it. I actually enjoy the part where I go back through the census pages and pick out the nuggets that I missed as I hurried along during the summer. That process usually produces some "I didn't realize that" moments, and some more questions.

It is not too early to think about genealogy Christmas gifts. I can think of photo books and photo calendars. Get some ideas from the blogs or from an artsy friend. I will try to have some ideas in the November issue.

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Tidbits –

Do you want to get ready for the next research trip? Here is a piece with a plan by Michael John Neill at [Genealogy.com](#). There is a June 24, 2014 article in “[Ask Ancestry Anne](#)” titled “Genealogy Road-trip: 10 tips for Researching at a Library or Archive. Some things never change much.

I came across the [One-Step Webpages by Stephen P. Morse](#) website some time back. I bookmarked the page and have now revisited it. It sounds intriguing and like something useful. You might want to take a look and give us your opinion.

“New Jamestown Discovery Reveals the Identities of Four Prominent Settlers.” This is the title of a July 28, 2015 Smithsonian Magazine article. Here is the [Smithsonian link](#) if you have the time and interest. It is a long article and the navigation on the site was slow for me.

We are not an isolated group. Preserving photos is not just a “genealogy” thing you know. Brittany Lindstrom's [September 1, 2015 article](#) in The Arbiter, a Boise State Student Newspaper, is a good one to read. I am glad to see her address the problem with the student population. Thanks to [Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter](#) for this find.

Coming Events

October 2-3, 2015

The Arkansas Genealogical Society Fall Conference will be at the Wyndham, North Little Rock. See our website for the details. www.agsgenealogy.org

October 10, 2015

The Arkansas History Commission and State Archives, in collaboration with five other Arkansas agencies, will be showing a series of rarely seen historic films on Saturday, Oct. 10, 2015, from 1 - 6 p.m., at the Ron Robinson Theater at 100 River Market Ave., in Little Rock. See page 14 for the details.

October 10, 2015

The Legacy of Arkansas's Civil War Seminar to be at the Old State House Museum. Registration deadline is October 6, 2015. See page 16-17 for the details

October 12, 2015

Genealogy meeting 3:30 at the Butler Center for Arkansas Studies. Rhonda Stewart, the Butler Center's local history and genealogy expert, offers a beginner's genealogy class the second Monday of every month. Call 501-320-5700 for the details.

October 17, 2015

The Tennessee Genealogical Society meeting will be from 10:30 to 11:30 at 7779 Poplar Pike, Germantown, TN. Tina Sasone will present *Genealogy Resources to Invest In*. Their website is www.tngs.org.

Coming Events continued

October 17, 2015

The Craighead County Genealogical Society will hold a Beginning Genealogy class from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Contact Nancy Mathews at nlmatthews@suddenlink.com or 870-219-0535. See <http://www.gscca.net/beginning.htm> for info.

October 18-28, 2015

11th Annual Genealogy Conference and Cruise hosted by [Heritage Books, Inc.](#), in consultation with Wholly Genes, Inc. For more information please click the link above.

October 21 & 22, 2015

Please join the National Archives for the 2015 Virtual Genealogy Fair on October 21 & 22. This will be a live broadcast via YouTube so you can ask their genealogy experts questions at the end of their talks. See Pages 7 & 8 for the details.

October 23-24, 2015

A free lecture on Friday at 6 p.m. and a free workshop on Saturday 9 a.m. to 4.p.m. by veteran gravestone conservator, Jonathan Appell in Cane Hill, Arkansas. See page 13 for the details

October 24, 2015

Dedication of the War of 1812 Grave Marker celebrating the service of David Rushing. See page 12 for details.

Coming Events continued

October 26, 2015

Riders of the Orphan Train will be presented at the Bob Herzfeld Memorial Library, 1800 Smithers Drive in Benton from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Call (501) 778-4766 for more information.

October 26, 2015

Heritage Seekers Genealogy Club meets 6:30 at the Fletcher Library, 823 N. Buchanan, Little Rock. Cindy Grisham, an author, will present *Bear Bacon & Buffalo Meat: Early Arkansas Food Ways*.

November 1-6, 2015

NGS Guided Research Trip to Washington, D.C. under the guidance of Patricia Walls Stamm, CGsm, CGLsm, Craig Roberts Scott, CG, FUGA, and Shirley Langdon Wilcox, CG, FNGS, FVGS. This event is SOLD OUT. For more information, or to be put on a waiting list for the trip, visit http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conferences_events/research_tips/dc_research_trip.

November 7, 2015

A free tombstone cleaning and repair workshop at the Cato Cemetery three miles west of Batesville Pike by Rusty Brenner of Texas Cemetery Restoration. See page 13 for the details.

November 7, 2015

The Tennessee Genealogical Society Fall Seminar will be at the Germantown Church of Christ, 8723 Poplar Pike, Germantown, Tennessee. D. Joshua Taylor will be the speaker. For more information visit the [TNGS](#) website.

Coming Events continued

May 4-7, 2016

The NGS 2016 Family History Conference will be held 4-7 May 2016 in Fort Lauderdale, FL, at the Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center. Hotel reservations are now open at <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/accommodations>.

June 12–17, 2016

The Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research, Samford University Library, week-long event will be in Birmingham, Alabama. Registration will be open at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time (10:00 a.m. Central) on Tuesday, January 19, 2016. [Click here](#) to go to their website.

August 31– September 3, 2016

Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) will be held in Springfield, Illinois. See www.fgs.org for the details.

National Archives Virtual Genealogy Fair

The following material is republished from the [National Archives website](#)

Please join the National Archives for the 2015 Virtual Genealogy Fair on October 21 & 22. This will be a live broadcast via YouTube so you can ask our genealogy experts questions at the end of their talks.

Presenters

Speakers will include genealogy experts from National Archives locations across the nation.

Live Lecture Sessions

Lectures will feature tips and techniques for using Federal records at the National Archives for genealogy research. Lectures are designed for experienced genealogists and novices. Recorded sessions will remain available online after the event.

Schedule and Handouts

We are currently in the planning stages to select a wide variety of topics for different skill levels for beginners to advanced. Please check this site later.

National Archive Virtual Genealogy Fair *continued*

Online Viewing and Chatting

Online viewing and chatting will be available on the US National Archives YouTube channel.

You can watch our programming live on YouTube.

Captioning

Live captioning will be available online. If you require an alternative or additional accommodation for an event (such as a downloadable transcript), please send an email to KYR@nara.gov or call 202-357-5225 in advance.

Background: The National Archives holds the permanently valuable records of the Federal government. These include records of interest to genealogists, such as pension files, ship passenger lists, census and Freedmen's Bureau materials. For information on National Archives holdings see www.archives.gov.

Regarding links outside of the National Archives Website (Archives.gov): We have provided a link to this site because it has information that may interest you. This link is not an endorsement by the National Archives of the opinions, products, or services presented on this site, or any sites linked to it. The National Archives is not responsible for the legality or accuracy of information on this site, the policies, or for any costs incurred while using this site.

New Home of the NY Genealogical & Biographical eLibrary

The following is republished from [Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter September 18, 2015](#)

A major joint announcement from Findmypast and from the New York Genealogical & Biographical Society (NYG&B) was made earlier today at the New York State Family History Conference in Syracuse, NY. It will be of interest to many genealogists but especially to members of the NYG&B as well as to the customers of Findmypast. Both parties are gaining access to many additional records at no additional cost:

Findmypast is now the home of the New York Genealogical & Biographical Society's eLibrary, offering millions of records from New York and across the United States.

Fascinating NYG&B record sets now available to search at Findmypast

[Findmypast](#) and the [New York Genealogical and Biographical Society](#) (NYG&B) have today, **18 September 2015**, made thousands of documents and records from the society's eLibrary available to search online at Findmypast.

The [NYG&B eLibrary](#), newly available online, is comprised of a growing collection of extraordinary record sets. The most important is the entire run of the NYG&B Record. The Record has been in publication since 1870 and is the second-oldest genealogical journal in the United States. For the past 145 years, it has solved genealogical problems, provided compiled genealogies, published transcriptions of original records and offered research guidance to the many families who have contributed to the rich diversity of what is now New York State.

Karen Mauer Jones, editor of the NYG&B Record, said, "Making the Record searchable on Findmypast significantly increases the utility of what is certainly the single most important scholarly resource that exists for people researching New York families." Other collections range from census fragments unpublished elsewhere, to marriage & death abstracts, baptism registers and fascinating historical diaries.

Findmypast's partnership with the NYG&B has provided additional membership benefits for one of the United States' oldest genealogical organizations, as members can now explore the society's online collections using

New Home of the NY Genealogical & Biographical eLibrary *continued*

Findmypast's powerful search and browsable image viewer.

The partnership has also provided Findmypast with a stream of exciting new content to further expand their growing US record collections, allowing customers access to publications and records from the state of New York spanning more than three centuries. Over 32,000 scanned colour images of records, books, abstracts, inventories and publications held by the Society can now be explored by Family Historians anywhere in the world.

The NYG&B is the most authoritative source for research on New York families and families with New York connections. Founded in 1869, it is the largest and only state-wide genealogical society in New York.

McKelden Smith, president of the NYG&B, said, "The availability of the NYG&B digital collections on Findmypast radically improves the ability of NYG&B members to search this important material, and gives access to this material to subscribers of Findmypast. It also gives NYG&B members access to the United States and Canadian collections on the Findmypast website as a benefit of membership. Our ongoing working relationship with Findmypast will result in continual improvements to search capability and to growth in the New York digital collections. This is a leap forward for patrons of both the NYG&B and Findmypast."

The records released today mark the first phase of Findmypast's partnership with the NYGB. The eLibrary collection available at Findmypast will eventually contain millions of records from across the United States. Further updates will be made in early 2016.

Note:

NYG&B record sets now available to search at www.findmypast.com include:

The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record

Brewster Collection, The Female Descendants of Elder William Brewster

Harlem Cemetery, Dutch Church Disinterments 1869-1875

New Home of the NY Genealogical & Biographical eLibrary *continued*

New York City Surrogate's Office, Abstracts of Inventories 1730-1752, 1775-1786 (Abstracts of Inventories Filed in the Surrogate's Office, New York City (New York County))

New York City, Reverend Schneider's Baptisms 1869-1906

New York Dutch Church Baptism Index 1639-1675

New York Genealogical & Biographical Society Digital Book Collection

New York Genealogical & Biographical Society Family Bibles

New York Genealogical & Biographical Society Member Biographies

New York Genealogical & Biographical Society, Church records survey

New York Researcher

New York State Cemetery abstracts

New York State Census 1855, New York City Ward 17

New York State religious records 1716-1914

New York State, Work Projects Administration, Archive inventories & abstracts

New York, Flushing Marriage & Death abstracts 1847-1870

New York, New Amsterdam Minutes of the Orphanmasters 1655-1663

United States, Diaries of John E. Lewis 1880-1956

A full list of all sets included in this initial phase can be accessed by visiting Findmypast's dedicated [NYG&B page](#).

Dedication of the War of 1812 Grave Marker

National Society United States Daughters of 1812,
Arkansas Society

Cordially Invites You to Witness the
Dedication of the War of 1812 Grave Marker
Celebrating the Service of

David Rushing
1785-1845

A Patriot who served in the War of 1812 And a Founding Father of Pope County
Fourth great-grandfather of U.S.D. 1812 State President

Sharon Stanley Wyatt

To be held

Saturday, October 24, 2015

2:00 p.m.

Rushing Cemetery, Rushing Community,
Dover, Pope County, Arkansas

Directions: From the junction of Highways 7 and 27 in Dover, go north on Highway 7 for 2.2 miles to Rushing Road.
Turn left and go 4.1 miles to cemetery sign. Turn left through metal gate and go 0.3 mile to cemetery.

Cane Hill Cemetery Preservation event

The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program will host a free cemetery preservation lecture and hands-on cemetery preservation workshops in Cane Hill and Cato this fall.

A free lecture by veteran gravestone conservator Jonathan Appell of West Hartford, Connecticut, will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, October 23, at the A.R. Carroll Drug Store at 14327 South Highway 45 in Cane Hill. Appell will address the evolution of gravestone architecture in the U.S., gravestone materials and repair techniques.

Appell will lead the free workshop from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 24, at the Cane Hill Cemetery, which is on Old Cane Hill Road just east of Highway 45. The workshop will focus on how to clean, re-set and repair tombstones, as well as instructions on cemetery maintenance, suitable cleaning products and proper techniques to use. Registration for the workshop is limited to the first 40 people to sign up.

Rusty Brenner of Texas Cemetery Restoration will lead a free workshop from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, November 7, at the Cato Cemetery at 1500 Frenchman's Mountain Road, which is about three miles west of Batesville Pike. Parking will be at the Cato Church. The workshop will focus on how to clean tombstones from 9 a.m. to noon and how to re-set and repair tombstones from 1 to 4 p.m. Brenner will also provide instructions on cemetery maintenance, suitable cleaning products and proper techniques to use. Registration for the workshop is limited to the first 40 people to sign up.

Lunch will be provided at both cemetery preservation workshops.

To register for the workshops, or for more information, contact Holly Hope at (501) 324-9880, write her at 323 Center St., Suite 1500, Little Rock, AR 72201, or send an e-mail message to her at holly@arkansasheritage.org.

Here is link to a map for the Cato Church: <https://www.google.com/maps/place/Cato+Church/@34.9303624,-92.2034397,12z/data=!4m2!3m1!1s0x87d29124e6d6b727:0xa63a218373632a6d?hl=en>

Rarely Seen Historic Film Showing

An announcement from the Arkansas History Commission

The Arkansas History Commission and State Archives in collaboration with five other Arkansas agencies will be showing a series of rarely seen historic films on Saturday, Oct. 10, 2015, from 1 - 6 p.m., at the Ron Robinson Theater at 100 River Market Ave., in Little Rock.

Arkansas's Reel History will feature historic film footage from the collections of the Arkansas History Commission, Ouachita Baptist University Archives and Special Collections, The Butler Center for Arkansas Studies, UALR's Center of Arkansas History and Culture, the Garland County Historical Society, and the University of Arkansas Libraries Special Collections.

Dates range from the 1930s through the 1960s and include historic footage from Dunbar High School in the 1940s, Nashville, Arkansas in the 1950s, annual OBU/Henderson State football games and parades in the 1940s, Arkansas politics, the 1953 Little Rock Christmas parade, the Buffalo River in the 1960s, folklorist Mary Parler scouring the Ozarks for folk songs, and Hot Springs in the 1930s and 1940s.

There will be a panel discussion at the end of the day addressing the conservation and preservation of archival film footage in personal collections. "This is a new genre of event for the Arkansas History Commission," said Dr. Lisa K. Speer, Director. "We are excited to be collaborating with other Arkansas archives to present this film festival during Archives Month to promote the importance of preserving film and moving images before it's too late."

Rarely See Historic Film Showing *continued*

The event is free and popcorn will be provided!

For more information about the symposium, please call 501-682-6900 or email history.commission@arkansas.gov.

This event is funded in part by a grant from the Arkansas Humanities Council, the Department of Arkansas Heritage, and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The Legacy of Arkansas's Civil War Seminar

The seminar will be held at Old State House Museum, Saturday, October 10, 2015

10:00 am Welcome & Introduction, Mark Christ

10:15 am Tom DeBlack: "What Is to Become of Us?" The Postwar Lives of Major Figures in Civil War Arkansas

11:00 am Break

11:15 am Jeannie Whyne: "The Civil War and the Burden of Arkansas History"

12:00 pm Mary Jane Warde: "'Scattered Like Leaves': The Civil War Impact on Indian Territory's People"

12:45 am Lunch & Keynote Speaker

Elliott West: "Arkansas: Where One War's Edge Was Another War's Center"

1:45 pm Cherisse Jones-Branch: "How Free is Free?": African Americans in Post Civil War Arkansas

2:30 pm Break

2:45 pm Kelly Houston Jones: "Women After the War: Profiles of Change and Continuity"

3:30 pm Carl Moneyhon: "Conflicting Civil War Memories and Cultural Divides in Arkansas"

4:15 pm Conclusion

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER is Tuesday, October 6, 2015.

The Legacy of Arkansas's Civil War Seminar *continued*

RSVP: Tanya Canada Tanya@arkansasheritage.org

501.683.2954

Cost: \$15.00 to attend the seminar. (Payable with cash or check **ONLY**)

- If paying by check, make checks payable to **Old State House Museum**.
- Send checks to this address: Old State House Museum, ATTN: Tanya Canada, 300 West Markham Street, Little Rock, AR 72201
- Registration money must be **RECEIVED** before your reservation is guaranteed.
- **All registration money MUST BE received BY OCTOBER 6.**
- Lunch is included in the seminar. There are **no discounts** on the seminar price for anyone who plans to skip lunch or only attend half of the program.)

**Sponsored by the Old State House Museum and the Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial*

Grundy County, Illinois, Coroner's Office Digitalization project.

The following is republished from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter of February 18, 2015

The Grundy County Coroner's Office is doing its part to try and preserve local history. The coroner's office's death investigation documents, some dating back to the 1800s, are being digitized by SBS Group of Indiana. The public will not have access to investigation or forensic details, but can obtain cause and manners of death. The project is not costing taxpayers any money.

"Quite often every year, people come in doing family trees and genealogy, asking about death records and in the past we have looked them up and try to accommodate," Coroner John Callahan said. "But we have records back from the 1800s and some have become very brittle over the years."

According to Jeff Magallanes of the SBS Group, "There are two reasons a government office should digitize its documents: for preservation of records and for easier access. It ensures records don't get lost over time."

The Coroner's Office will first set up one computer in the office for public access for anyone who visits the office. "At some point in time in the future, we don't have all the details worked out, but I would like to offer all that online so people don't have to leave their homes to access the information," said Coroner John Callahan.

How about that folks? There is a link at the end of [Dick Eastman's article](#) to a piece by Christina Chapman-van Yperen in the Morris Daily Herald.

American Archives Month Announcement for Arkansas

The Arkansas History Commission announced September 24, 2015

In recognition of October's designation as American Archives Month, Governor Asa Hutchinson has proclaimed October to also be Arkansas Archives Month.

In a proclamation signed on September 14, 2015, Gov. Hutchinson encouraged Arkansans to "discover the abundance of documentary treasures contained in our State's archival repositories" and states that "through these archives, every generation of Arkansan can study the history and learn from the experiences and accomplishments of our ancestors."

Arkansas Archives Month celebrates the importance of the state's historical records and recognizes the work done by those who maintain these records. This year, as part of the observance, the Arkansas History Commission and State Archives has created an Archives Month poster and is hosting a collaborative film event, Arkansas's Reel History, featuring historic film footage from six archival institutions around the state. The event will be held October 10 from 1-6 p.m. at Ron Robinson Theater in Little Rock's River Market.

Established in 2006, American Archives Month is observed annually during the month of October by archival institutions around the country. Archives Month was created with the purpose of raising awareness of the importance of archives and the work of archivists.

American Archives Month Announcement for Arkansas *continued*

“Archives Month marks the culmination of a year-long commemoration at the Arkansas History Commission of 110 years of collecting and preserving Arkansas history,” noted Dr. Lisa Speer, Commission Director. “I can think of no more appropriate way to celebrate Archives Month, and bring our year of celebration to a close, than this film festival, which demonstrates the power of collaboration when archives work together for the common purposes of preserving Arkansas history and promoting it the public that we all serve.”

The Arkansas History Commission and State Archives, located in Little Rock, is the official state archives of Arkansas and maintains the largest collection of historical materials on Arkansas in the world.

Arkansas’s Reel History is funded in part by a grant from the Arkansas Humanities Council, the Department of Arkansas Heritage, and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Administrative Stuff

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