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Tidbits —

Caring for Family Heirlooms requires some special handling. The Family Curator, Denis May Levenick is an authority on this subject, so take look at this February 8, 2018 article on her [website](#); *5 Things You can Do Right Now to Save Your Family Heirlooms*.

Quote from an article in FamilySearch Blog: “In fact, 77 percent of the free historical records on [FamilySearch.org](#) can’t be found by searching.” WHAT? HOW? Follow this link to read this blog: <https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/finding-elusive-records/>

If you have Irish research, this may be of interest to you. The place names spelling in the Griffith’s Valuations and the 1851 Townlands Index are identical. Please visit John [Grenham—Irish Roots Blog](#) to read the article about this.

[Greta’s Genealogy Bog](#) is an interesting website that I just learned about from Jane. You might enjoy and learn.

Coming Events

March 26, 2018

Research Day at the Butler Center from 10:00–noon & 1:00–4:00. Heritage Seekers Genealogy Club has added some research forms to [their website](#) to aid newbies (or oldies) to be organized & ready for action when you get there. Feel free to download OR print those forms. Put everything you know on them before you come- that will save us all some time & possibly get you farther down the road on your family history. Please RSVP to heritageseekers1@gmail.com.

April 17, 2018

Arkansas State Archives, Pen to Podium: Arkansas Historical Writers' Lecture Series, African-American Athletes in Arkansas: Muhammad Ali's Tour, Black Razorbacks & Other Forgotten Stories, by Evin Demirel, 6:30 p.m. at the Department of Arkansas Heritage Diamond Room, located at 1100 North Street, Little Rock, Arkansas.

April 19, 2018

The Arkansas Historical Association Annual Meeting and a Genealogy Workshop. See page 6 for the details.

April 20-21, 2018

Arkansas Historical Association Annual Conference at Fort Smith.

April 23, 2018

Heritage Seekers, The Story Beneath the Stone, by Jan Davenport, Oakland & Fraternal Cemeteries, 6:30 p.m. at the Second Presbyterian Church, located at 600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas.

May 2-5, 2018

The NGS 2018 Family History Conference will be in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The announcement was in the *NGS Monthly* from May 2016. Call for proposals opened January 3, 2017.

Coming Events continued

May 5, 2018

The Arkansas Genealogical Society and the Arkansas State Archives are joining to present a Spring Workshop in the Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives in Washington, Arkansas. See page 7 for the details.

May 21, 2018

Heritage Seekers, *An Armchair Tour of Mount Holly Cemetery*, by Kay Tatum, Registrar Mt. Holly Cemetery, 6:30 p.m. at the Second Presbyterian Church, located at 600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas.

June 2–7, 2018

The [Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research](#) (IGHR) 2018 Educational Forum will be at the Georgia Center's UGA and Hotel Conference Center.

August 21, 2018

Arkansas State Archives, Pen to Podium: Arkansas Historical Writers' Lecture Series, *Rock Island Railroad in Arkansas*, by Michael Hibblen, 6:30 p.m. at the Department of Arkansas Heritage Diamond Room, located at 1100 North Street, Little Rock, Arkansas

August 22-25, 2018

The [FGS](#) National Genealogy and Family History Conference will be held in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

October 13, 2018

Arkansas State Archives, Tracing Your Arkansas Roots: Genealogy 101, speakers include Thea Baker and Diana Gilpin, 9 a.m. at Historic Washington State Park.

Coming Events continued

October 19-20, 2018

The Arkansas Genealogical Society 2018 Fall Conference will be at the Benton Event and Convention Center in Benton, Arkansas. Cee Cee Moore is scheduled to present.

November 4–10, 2018

National Genealogical Society Guided Research Trip to Washington, D.C. Visit [Upfront With NGS](#) for the details.

November 13, 2018

Arkansas State Archives, Pen to Podium: Arkansas Historical Writers' Lecture Series, *Hidden History of Fort Smith*, by Ben Boulden, 6:30 p.m. at the Department of Arkansas Heritage Diamond Room, located at 1100 North Street, Little Rock, Arkansas.

August 21-24, 2019

The [FGS](#) National Genealogy and Family History Conference will be held in Washington, D. C.

September 2-5, 2020

The [FGS](#) National Genealogy and Family History Conference will be held in Kansas City, Missouri.

Genealogy Workshop with Angel Walton-Raji

Professional genealogist Angela Walton-Raji, will lead a genealogy workshop Thursday, April 19, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the DoubleTree City Center in downtown Fort Smith. Angela Walton-Raji is known nationally for her genealogical and historical research on the Civil War west of the Mississippi, as well as her work with Oklahoma Native American records. Her book, *Black Indian Genealogy Research*, is the only publication of its kind focusing on freedmen on the Dawes Rolls (the records of people accepted between 1898 and 1914 by the Dawes Commission as members of the Cherokee, Creek, Choctaw, Chickasaw, and Seminole tribes).

Ms. Walton-Raji will offer a two-part workshop.

Session I, "Getting Started with Genealogy Research," covers genealogy basics as well as resources for Arkansas research.

Session II, "Arkansas/Oklahoma Genealogy Research" will focus on resources pertaining to the Fort Smith area, including state censuses, Five Civilized Tribes records, and nineteenth-century military records.

The workshop is sponsored by the Arkansas Historical Association (AHA) as part of its annual conference, April 19-21. The workshop is free for AHA members and \$20 for non-members, who will be automatically enrolled as AHA members. Seating is limited; pre-registration is encouraged. Online registration is available at http://arkansashistoricalassociation.org/?page_id=17.

Spring Workshop

THE ASA/AGS SPRING WORKSHOP

“Tracing Your Arkansas Roots: This Land is Your Land.”

The event will be held on Saturday, May 5 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the 1914 Schoolhouse in Historic Washington State Park. It will feature presentations by Dr. John Dennis, Christine Woodrow, and Joan Gould. The symposium will focus on using land records, maps, and deeds for genealogical research. There will be a lunch served (from The Tavern) at noon. The event is free to attend. Registration will begin the first week of April.

This event is co-hosted with the Arkansas Genealogical Society and funded in part by a grant from the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council.

The Arkansas State Archives will issue a news release soon.

Research Planning

Do you know anyone who has funded their retirement by purchasing lottery tickets? Probably not.

Do you know anyone who has been successful in genealogy research by randomly searching Ancestry.com or FamilySearch.org? Probably not.

You will find a few crumbs along the way, maybe a lot of crumbs. A few crumbs really do not satisfy. Research, like making full dinner, requires a plan. I know, planning is hard work and not as fun as looking. Take a hint from Nike, just do it. Of course, you don't have to invent the wheel, so to speak. There are many places to find help. Here are a few links which you might find helpful:

<https://www.cyndislist.com/how-to-tutorials/guide-to-family-history-research/>

<http://genealogystar.blogspot.com/search/label/Research%20Process>

https://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/references_for_researching

<http://www.genealogyintime.com/index.html>

<http://www.agsgenealogy.org/links/default.html>

Here are 5 to get you started. Well, don't just sit there, get started learning and planning.

Why Request a USCIS C-File?

The following is republished from a March 18, 2013 article on the U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services website.

On January 20, 2013, a customer sent the USCIS Genealogy Notebook a very important question: What is the difference between a search requested from the National Archives (ordering reproductions, Immigration & Naturalization Records) and requesting information from USCIS? Does the content from these two sources overlap? Thank you for your help in understanding the difference between what is available from each agency for Naturalization records.

The question is important because it speaks to the most common misconception about USCIS historical records, namely that USCIS C-files are exact duplicates of court records. Yet C-Files are not exact duplicates of court records for three reasons:

1. Technically, the duplication is not exact because C-Files contain a copy of the naturalization certificate issued to the new citizen in addition to duplicate court forms. That said, if the C-File contains only a certificate, petition for naturalization, and declaration of intention, researchers might consider that C-File as little more than a duplicate of court records available from the National Archives (NARA) or from a courthouse.
2. Not all C-Files are small. Millions of C-Files contain a variety of additional forms and documents generated before or after the naturalization date. To see some examples visit the C-Files Image Gallery.
3. Many C-Files relate to citizenship, not naturalization, and so contain no court records at all. For example, minor children listed on a father's petition could later apply for their own certificate of citizenship, creating a derivative C-File. Read more about Naturalization Records Not Duplicated in Court Records, or review our table of Certificate Series showing the series-specific numbering.

Here is the link to this post: <https://www.uscis.gov/history-and-genealogy/genealogy/genealogy-notebook/why-request-uscis-c-file>

Administrative Stuff

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