



# AGS Ezine

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## 2020 AGS Fall Seminar: Cancelled Due to the current

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### Coming Events

**October 16-17, 2020**

**2020 AGS Fall Seminar: Cancelled Due  
to the current COVID-19 (Coronavirus)**

Benton Event Center, Benton Arkan-  
sas. For more information go to

<https://www.agsgenealogy.org/>

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Click on link below for information on  
other events around the state,

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Each member of the AGS fam-  
ily is important, and safety  
and health precautions have  
led the AGS board to reluc-  
tantly cancel this year's fall  
seminar scheduled for Octo-  
ber in Benton. As AGS Presi-  
dent George Mitchell ex-  
plains,

“Our scheduled speaker for this year was Lisa Louise Cooke. I have visit-  
ed with Lisa and after considering all the known and unknown factors, she  
and I agreed that it was best to postpone our conference until 2021. The  
good news is Lisa has agreed to be our speaker for 2021. This will be the  
first time in 57 years that AGS has not sponsored a Fall Conference and it  
will seem strange to not be in Benton. We will miss seeing everybody, but I  
feel that we must take every precaution to keep from spreading the Covid-  
19 as well as not getting it ourselves.”

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# The Board Still Meets

The Arkansas Genealogical Society board has been hard at work even during the pandemic! Gathering together via zoom for their quarterly meetings trying to keep things running smoothly for all members.

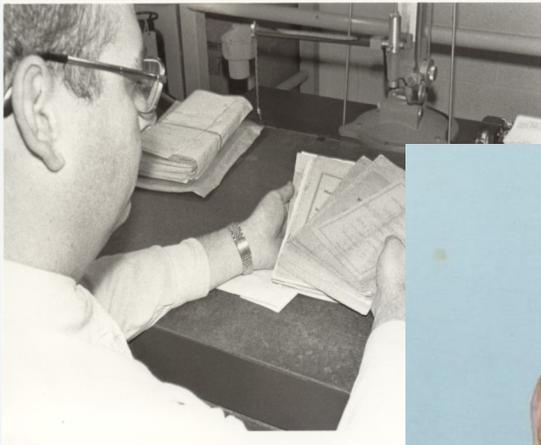
In the August zoom the board talked about bringing in Lisa Louise Cooke into speak to the AGS at a later time.

Here's a peek at our August 2020 board meeting.



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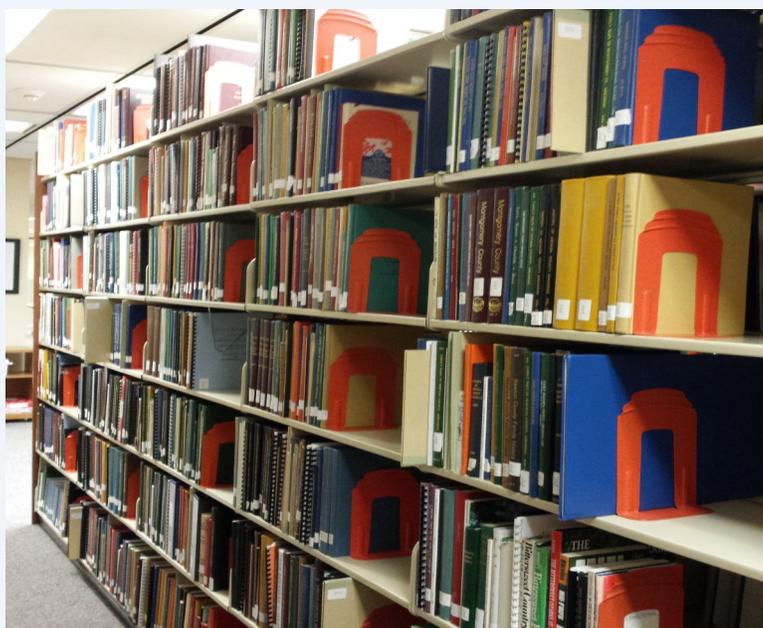
# Meet the Board



**RUSSELL P. BAKER**, archivist, lecturer, historian, teacher, and author, is a native of Arkansas. He attended the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, where he became a member of Phi Beta Kappa and received a B. A. in History in 1967. In 1985 he earned a M. A. degree in Public History by the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. In 2009, he retired after nearly 40 years with the Arkansas State Archives in Little Rock, where he was that institution's Archival Manager. When he retired, he was Arkansas's senior archivist. Over the years, he has taught history and archival courses at several local colleges and universities, including UALR and Pulaski County Technical College.

Mr. Baker the author of several award winning historical and genealogical publications. His Historical Directory of Arkansas Post Offices 1832 – 1971 and Arkansas Township Atlas are modern classics. During his professional career, he has contributed articles on genealogy, southern history, and religion to local, regional, and national publications. He is also the author of a number of articles for the online Encyclopedia of Arkansas. Over the years, he has been a frequent lecturer on modern family history research theory at regional and national genealogical conferences. He is a life member of the Arkansas Genealogical Society and has served on its board of directors for nearly five decades. He is a past president of that organization and he has been editor of the society's quarterly publication, the Arkansas Family Historian since 2013.

# Bookin' It: Don't Forget Books in Genealogy Research



As we seek and use primary documents to help us understand our ancestors, we can sometimes forget both newly published works and historic books that yield fascinating information and general context about their lives.

For example, there's a tantalizing new book by David Hill, "The Vapors: A Southern Family, the New York Mob,

and the Rise and Fall of Hot Springs, America's Forgotten Capital of Vice" that may especially interest those with Garland County roots.

The Arkansas State Archives blog in June also reminded us of the many uses of city directories and phone books that provide a wider variety of information that we might anticipate. They are often underutilized for between-census-year research: <http://arkansasstatearchives.blogspot.com/2020/06/tip-use-city-directories-and-telephone.html?m=1>

Books can provide lineage information for early ancestors (Bibles, community lineage books) context about locations, indices when documents aren't available or burned, photos, and social, religious, and political information, too.

FamilySearch.org offers a large selection of books to supplement indexed and unindexed records. It is "FamilySearch Digital Library" on the FamilySearch website. HathiTrust partnerships has an academically-related collection of books from around the world called HathiTrust Digital Library. The Internet Archive calls itself "a non-profit library of millions of free books, movies, software, music, websites, and more." Google Books offers full-text digitized historical books and provides "snippets" from more recent books.

Genealogy Gophers includes 80,000 digital genealogy books. The DAR web site has family Bibles that have "extra names" to verify and round out family trees. Arkansas libraries, archives, and historical societies also have specialized book collections that help AGS members with ancestor research.



## To Prevent Influenza!

Do not take any person's breath.  
Keep the mouth and teeth clean.  
Avoid those that cough and sneeze.  
Don't visit poorly ventilated places.  
Keep warm, get fresh air and sun-  
shine.

Don't use common drinking cups,  
towels, etc.

Cover your mouth when you cough  
and sneeze.

Avoid Worry, Fear and Fatigue.

Stay at home if you have a cold.

Walk to your work or office.

In sick rooms wear a gauze mask  
like in illustration.

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To Prevent Influenza, Connecticut State Council of Defense, 1918-10-18

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