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Coming Events ---

Genealogy Night Lock-In

Craighead Co. Public Library

Jonesboro, AR

July 15, 2023

www.gscca.net/lock-in.htm

AGS Conference

Via Zoom

Oct. 14, 2023

www.argensoc.org

Arkansas Scottish Festival

Batesville, AR

Oct. 27-29, 2023

www.arscottishfest.com

Free Genealogy Resources

by Leisa Horness

Genealogy is a wonderful, fulfilling hobby that has brought me much joy over the years. However, I think we can all admit that it can be quite expensive. Subscription databases aren't cheap and there's always one more that would just be a perfect fit for your research! I'd like to suggest the following resources as a way to stretch your family history budget.



1. **FamilySearch** is an excellent free alternative to subscription sites with more than 2 billion indexed records. It gives users the ability to build and share family trees and research records.
<https://www.familysearch.org/en/>
2. **FamilySearch Wiki** is a genealogy resource guide that is incredibly helpful. Organized geographically, it links to record collections and gives research help. For example, it lists the Arkansas counties that had record loss, gives information on substitute records, and dates that record keeping began.
https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Guided_Research_for_Online_Records
3. **Google Books** is the largest online free book collection; with it you can keyword search books, journals, almanacs, and newspapers. In order to filter your results to only fully digitized material, you can use the tools button on the results page and select Full View.
<https://books.google.com/?hl=en>

Free Genealogy Resources (cont.)

4. **Chronicling America** provides access to select digitized newspapers (1770 – 1963) as well as a U.S. newspaper directory (1690 – present). There are currently 99 Arkansas newspapers that are available in digitized form. This site is good supplement to the subscription newspaper services and offers material unavailable elsewhere.
<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>
5. **The Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System** is “a database containing information about the men who served in the Union and Confederate armies during the Civil War. Other information on the site includes histories of Union and Confederate regiments, links to descriptions of significant battles, and selected lists of prisoner-of-war records and cemetery records”. It gives users the ability to research records on individuals, both Union and Confederate, who participated in the Civil War
<https://www.nps.gov/civilwar/soldiers-and-sailors-database.htm>
6. **Familytree Magazine free genealogy forms.** These charts are available for download – Five Generation Ancestor Chart, Family Group Sheet, Ancestor Research Worksheet, Genealogy Records Checklist, and a Family Relationship Chart.
<https://familytreemagazine.com/FREEFORMS/>
7. **Worldcat.org** is the world’s largest bibliographic database of over 17,900 member libraries. It allows you to find the nearest repository for a book or journal and lets you know if it’s available for loan.
<http://www.worldcat.org/>
8. **Internet Archive** has a wide variety of archival records, including genealogy. Types of content include video, audio, text, images, and books.
<https://archive.org/>
9. **State Archives** have a wealth of information. Here’s a handy link to Arkansas State Archives:
<https://www.arkansasheritage.com/arkansasstatearchives/home>
10. Don’t forget to check out **local libraries and historical associations**. Remember, most content hasn’t made it online yet!

Announcing “Kitchen Roundtable Talks”

By Mary Jane Baxley

The Arkansas Genealogical Society is excited to announce the launch of a new Zoom forum called “Kitchen Roundtable Talks.” Each month, we will select a genealogical topic or application to engage in a lively discussion among a group of participants online. Due to the limited capacity of the Zoom screen, we will initially limit the group to 25 participants. Therefore, registration is required. In the event of high demand for a specific topic, we can arrange an additional meeting to accommodate more participants.

Our inaugural topic, scheduled for Tuesday, July 18th at 6:30 P.M., is “Organize to Digitize.” During this session, we will explore effective strategies for arranging and preparing documents and photographs for long-term digital storage. We will also share valuable resources to aid in this process.

We eagerly invite individuals to suggest topics of interest and encourage volunteers to lead discussions on subjects they are particularly passionate about. It is important to note that this initiative is a work in progress, and we anticipate making adjustments based on trial and error. Your participation and feedback are invaluable as we refine our approach.

Information about “Kitchen Roundtable Talks” can be found at this link:

<https://argensoc.org/kitchen/>

To secure your spot, please register through the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZArc-itqT4tEtN4zVEAnZ9luzkk2a11aWd0>

Upcoming Events

July 7 at noon. July Sandwiching in History: Union Station

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program will tour Union Station at 1400 W. Markham St. in Little Rock. "Little Rock's Union Station was constructed in 1921 to replace an earlier depot on the site that burned in 1920. The current structure was designed by architect E.M. Tucker of St. Louis and exhibits elements of the Renaissance Revival style. A railroad station has been located on or near this site since the 1870s. Union Station was a bustling place in its heyday, serving as the point of departure for soldiers leaving Camp Robinson during World War II as well as a whistle stop during Harry S. Truman's presidential campaign. The building is currently used as office and event space as well as the local Amtrak station. "

<https://www.arkansasheritage.com/events>

July 15 - 6 pm to 10 pm. Genealogy Lock-In at Craighead County Jonesboro Public Library

The Genealogy Society of Craighead County will offer the Arkansas Genealogy Lock-In, an evening of free access to Ancestry, Fold3, American Ancestors, Genealogy Bank, Newspapers.com, and Sanborn Maps. Time constraints will be lifted from computers. There will also be a genealogy question & answer program, as well as door prizes, pre-packaged snacks and finger foods. Registration will open July 1, 2023.

<http://www.gscca.net/lock-in.htm>

August 4 at noon. August Sandwiching in History: Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program will tour the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 7006 Jasna Gora Dr. in North Little Rock. "Designed by architect Charles L. Thompson, this large, Gothic Revival-style church building was constructed in 1933 after two previous buildings had burned down. It was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1982. The community of Marche was founded by Polish immigrants in 1877, and the Roman Catholic church has always had a strong presence in this place. A school has been associated with the church since the early days. Its former building, a 1925 Craftsman-style, three-room schoolhouse, is also listed in the National Register." <https://www.arkansasheritage.com/events>

GENEALogy Night Lock-IN

Saturday, July 15, 2020

6:00 p.m. — 10:00 p.m.

Craighead County Jonesboro Public Library

Program: Genealogy Question & Answer

Door Prizes

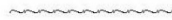
Pre-packaged Snacks and Finger Foods
(If you want to snack, please bring something to share.)

Time restraints removed from computers.
Free Access to: Ancestry, Fold3, American Ancestors,
Genealogy Bank, Newspapers.com, Sanborn Maps

Genealogy Society Members Available to Help

Registration opens July 1, 2023

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AGS Would Like To Hear From You!

The Arkansas Genealogical Society welcomes news, events, and comments, etc. from other genealogical groups within the state or information that is Arkansas related.

Please send your news to us at agscontributions@gmail.com.

So, You Have Arkansas Roots?

Do you know that the largest published collection of Arkansas genealogical material is found in the back files of the Arkansas Family Historian, published four times a year by the Arkansas Genealogical Society?

It began publication in 1962. The back files from 1962-2016 are freely available at the society's website at <https://argensoc.org/afh/>. Each volume or issue features a full name index. Consulting these back files at the beginning of your Arkansas roots journey may facilitate your search for your hard-to-find Arkansas ancestors.

Russell P. Baker, Editor, Arkansas Family Historian

Administrative Stuff

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