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Coming Events ---

January Kitchen Roundtable

Jan.23 -- 6:30 p.m.

To register for Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7811111111>
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Happy Holiday Wishes

From the Arkansas Genealogical Society

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! May your new year be happy and bright. Here's a recipe from 1917 that you might want to include in your holiday festivities:

"Christmas Plum Pudding:

One pound of raisins, one-half pound of currants, six ounces of candied peel, three-fourths pound of breadcrumbs, three-fourths pound of suet, four ounces of flour, three-fourths pound of sugar, five eggs, brandy if desired.

Mix well, fill greased basins two-thirds full, tie a cloth over and steam (allowing water to come halfway up to the basins) at least six hours. To serve, steam again about two hours, turn out, stick a holly sprig in the top, pour a little brandy in the dish and set fire to it."

December 13, 1917 "The Nevada County Picayune"

Arkansas Genealogical Society Welcomes New Board Member

Alvin Black



Alvin Black was born and raised in Mount Ida, Arkansas, and has lived there almost his whole life. He attended college at the University of Arkansas at Monticello and graduated with a degree in Forest Management. He later was elected Montgomery County Treasurer, serving in that position for 14 years until he was elected County Judge, where he served another six years. He began his genealogy quest in the mid-80s, and his research has taken him from Kansas to West Virginia and most states in between.

An excerpt from the article:
“Preserving Family Stories”
Library of Congress American Folklife Center

“Here are a few examples for interviews with parents:

- How did you choose my name?
- What was I like as a baby?
- What were the hardest moments you had when I was growing up?
- What are your dreams for me?

- And questions for interviews with grandparents:
- What was Mom/Dad like growing up?
- Do you remember any songs that you used to sing to her/him?
- Can you sing them now?
- What were your parents like?
- How would you like to be remembered?

If your interviewee has served in the military, you can find tips and sample interview questions in the [Veterans History Project Field Kit](#). Examples include:

- Can you tell me about when you went into the military?
- How did your military service experiences affect your life?
- What would you like people to know or remember from your story?
- What do you wish more people knew about veterans?

Decide how you will record the interview, using a digital recorder, a mobile device, or other item, and test your equipment.”

Library of Congress, American Folklife Center. *Preserving Family Stories*. Washington, D.C.: Library of Congress. <https://www.loc.gov/static/portals/families/documents/PreservingFamilyStories.pdf>



<https://arqensoc.org/join-us/>

January Kitchen Roundtable Talk: Write Your Family History One Chapter at a Time

By Mary Jane Baxley

Our zoom discussion will be presented **Tuesday, January 23 at 6:30 P.M.** It is free of charge.

Following the festive family gatherings of the 2023 holiday season, it's now time to embark on the rewarding task of documenting the captivating stories shared by our relatives and contributing to the ongoing narrative of our family legacy, a treasure for future generations. While this undertaking may seem formidable, we propose breaking it down into manageable chapters, ensuring that each segment requires only a modest investment of time and effort. To kick off this initiative, our January Zoom gathering will explore simple and effective ways to commence these projects, allowing us to exchange insights and experiences in preserving our family history.

Mark your calendars for February 20, as we have a special treat in store. Anne Orsi will lead a discussion on leveraging ArchiveGrid to meticulously plan a genealogy road trip. Registration for this event will open in late January.

Our monthly Kitchen Roundtable talks delve into a myriad of genealogical topics and methodologies, igniting vibrant online discussions among our engaged participants. This platform presents a unique opportunity to forge meaningful connections with fellow genealogy enthusiasts, fostering new friendships within the community and linking up with kindred spirits who share our fervor for research.

In the coming months, our discussions will span an array of fascinating topics, such as Locating Records in Arkansas, utilizing ArchiveGrid for successful genealogy trips, Mastering Cemetery Research, and Navigating Technology Challenges in Genealogical Research. We are also excited to feature a special presentation tailored for Adoptees.

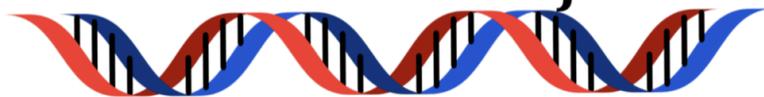
We enthusiastically welcome suggestions from all participants for topics of interest and encourage volunteers to step forward as discussion leaders for subjects close to their hearts. As this initiative continues to evolve, we anticipate making refinements based on our collective experiences. Your active participation and invaluable feedback remain pivotal in shaping the future of our endeavors.

The link to find a listing of our discussion topics is <https://argensoc.org/kitchen>

To register for this webinar, please use the following link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYvdO6vrDgoGNZHyT5E4_ketcp1hFUo9X60

Join the AGS Early Arkansas Roots DNA Project



Y-DNA and autosomal DNA testing is a powerful tool -we build pathways to the past to connect male lines, correct existing trees, AND find supporting evidence.

<https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/agsearlyarkansasrootsproject/about>

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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