



# AGS Ezine

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## Celebrating Black History Month!

February is Black History Month and was created in February 1926 to honor the contributions, history, and culture of all Black people. Here are a few events and resources!

### **Black Family Expo 2024 Sat., Feb. 17 11 am – 2 pm**

Visit the Central Arkansas Library System's Black History Expo at Pankey Community Center from 11AM to 2PM on Saturday, February 17, 2024, to learn about families with strong ties to Central Arkansas's Black history, explore the CALS resources available to preserve your own family's history, and sign up for a library card. Black History Month giveaways will be happening all day, so please stop by and celebrate our community's Black History with CALS team! Pankey Community Center: 13700 Cantrell Rd, Little Rock, AR 72223

For more information on CALS events: <https://cals.org/black-history-month>

Leisa Horness, editor

Coming Events ---

#### **Black Family Expo 2024**

Feb.17 – 11 am – 2 pm

Pankey Community Center

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#### **February Kitchen Roundtable**

Feb.20 -- 6:30 p.m.

To register for Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tzMocugtgDwoEtfXrZFcyY6hUsrD1ya7z5Np>

### **The Mosaic Templars Cultural Center Black History Month Calendar**

The Mosaic Templars Cultural Center has many events for all ages planned for this month. You can get a copy of their calendar at <https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=776836271156401&set=a.223215789851788>

### **The Library of Congress Online Digital Collections**

African American Photographs Assembled for 1900 Paris Exposition

<https://www.loc.gov/collections/african-american-photographs-1900-paris-exposition/about-this-collection/>

African American Perspectives: Materials from the Rare Book Collection

<https://www.loc.gov/collections/african-american-perspectives-rare-books/about-this-collection/>

## Arkansas Genealogical Society Welcomes New Board Member Mary Jane Bennett Baxley



Mary Jane Bennett Baxley, a native of Little Rock, Arkansas, is a graduate of Little Rock Central High School and Austin College in Sherman, Texas. She earned dual bachelor's degrees in History and Political Science. Furthering her education, she obtained a Master of Arts in Public History from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

Now retired from her position at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Mary Jane dedicates her time to genealogy research, a passion she credits to her family's rich history and the captivating stories her father shared about their pioneering ancestors. Her commitment to preserving and exploring family history is reflected in her leadership roles, including a five-year tenure as president of Heritage Seekers, a Little Rock club. Additionally, she has contributed her expertise to various organizations, holding board positions and actively participating in their growth and development. This blend of academic excellence and a deep-rooted love for history and genealogy defines Mary Jane's remarkable journey and her ongoing contributions to the field.



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

## February Kitchen Roundtable Talk: Resource for Planning a Genealogy Trip

By Mary Jane Baxley

Our zoom discussion will be presented Tuesday, February 20, at 6:30 PM. It is free of charge.

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.

ArchiveGrid stands as a powerful online finding aid that genealogy researchers should not overlook—and it's completely FREE! This platform offers access to comprehensive descriptions of archival collections, including documents, personal papers, family histories, and various archival materials held by numerous libraries, museums, historical societies, and archives. Moreover, ArchiveGrid provides contact information for the institutions housing these collections, both within the United States and internationally.

Consider the possibility of your ancestors' records tucked away in the holdings of a small repository you never knew existed. Missing out on potential genealogical clues is something no researcher desires, especially when they may be hidden in unexpected places.

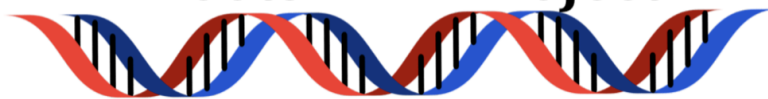
Our monthly Kitchen Roundtable Talks cover a diverse range of genealogical topics and methodologies, sparking lively online discussions among our engaged participants. This platform serves as a unique opportunity to establish meaningful connections with fellow genealogy enthusiasts, cultivating new friendships within the community and linking up with kindred spirits who share our passion for research.

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/tzMocuqtqDwoEtfXrZFcyY6hUsrD1ya7z5Np>

## 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>

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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](mailto: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://argsoc.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

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