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Note from the Editor:

Hello, family historians and genealogists! This edition comes to you just **43 days** before our fall conference! We're gearing up for watch parties, collecting memorials and sponsors, and testing our cameras and Zoom connections. To learn more about our annual conference, go to ArGenSoc.org/conference! In this issue, we have a call to action for CASA, an archive gem that our editor emeritus, Russell P. Baker discovered, and another article by our upcoming speaker, Thomas McEntee. Enjoy!

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Arkansas Genealogical Society

September 2025

Kitchen Roundtable Talk



Navigating PERSI, a Free Research Tool

Our Zoom discussion will be presented on **Tuesday, September 16, at 6:30 p.m.**, free of charge.

Please join us for our free Zoom presentation! **PERSI**, or the Periodical Source Index, is the premier subject index for genealogy and local history periodicals and is produced by the staff of The Genealogy Center of the Allen County Public Library. This valuable resource provides more than 3.2 million citations to readily available periodical sources.

Anne Orsi was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Anne graduated from Colgate University (Bachelor of Arts, 1984) and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock (Juris Doctor, 1988). Her practice focuses on providing legal assistance to families in need. She has been appointed attorney ad litem in four courts, representing children in visitation and custody disputes. She regularly volunteers to provide necessary legal services to the elderly and the poor.

Her expertise in research and her enthusiasm for genealogy combine to make her an exciting and talented presenter in the family history field! This presentation is a must for those who wish to expand their research toolkit.

[Join us online via Zoom.](#)

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

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 evolves, we anticipate refining it based on our collective experiences. Your active participation and invaluable feedback remain pivotal in shaping the future of our endeavors. For more information on our discussion topics, go to argensoc.org/kitchen.

September Events

Sunday, September 7

Grandparents' Day Interviews

1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

Fayetteville Public Library, Ziegler Reception Room

401 W. Mountain Street, Fayetteville, AR

No registration required

Monday, September 8

Volunteer Genealogy Assistance with D.A.R. Members

5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.

Fayetteville Public Library, Genealogy Library

401 W. Mountain Street, Fayetteville, AR

No registration required

Tuesday, September 9

DNA Discoveries

5:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

Fort Smith Public Library, Campbell Board Room

3201 Rogers Avenue, Fort Smith, AR

No registration required

What's New in Family Tree Maker

2:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

Allen County Public Library

[Virtual via Zoom](#)

Thursday, September 11

Beyond the Family Tree: Managing Genealogical Knowledge with Zotero

6:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

Allen County Public Library

[Virtual via Zoom](#)

Saturday, September 13

National Register Training

9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

1100 North Street, Little Rock, AR 72201

[Register by phone or email](#)

September Events

Monday, September 15

Volunteer Genealogy Assistance with D.A.R. Members

5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.

Fayetteville Public Library, Genealogy Library

401 W. Mountain Street, Fayetteville, AR

No registration required

Tuesday, September 16

Genealogy Time

11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

William F. Laman Public Library, Genealogy Room 125

2801 Orange Street, North Little Rock, AR

No registration required

Identifying the Unknown: How Investigative Genetic Genealogy (IGG) Is Solving Cold Cases

2:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

Allen County Public Library

[Virtual via Zoom](#)

Wednesday, September 17

Break Down Genealogy Brick Walls: Drop-in Genealogy Assistance

3:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

Fayetteville Public Library, Genealogy Library

401 W. Mountain Street, Fayetteville, AR

No registration required

Saturday, September 20

Northeast Arkansas Regional Archives (NEARA) Annual Symposium

8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Powhatan State Park

4414 Arkansas 25, Powhatan, AR

[Register online](#)

Finding Family Facts: Start Your Genealogy Journey

11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Roberts Library of Arkansas History and Art, Room 204

401 President Clinton Avenue, Little Rock, AR

[Register online](#)

September Events

Monday, September 22

Volunteer Genealogy Assistance with D.A.R. Members

5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.

Fayetteville Public Library, Genealogy Library

401 W. Mountain Street, Fayetteville, AR

No registration required

Tuesday, September 23

Inquisitions Post Mortem: How Can They Be Used to Construct the Families of Medieval Women?

2:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

Allen County Public Library

[Virtual via Zoom](#)

Thursday, September 25

Personal Archiving

12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m.

Roberts Library of Arkansas History and Art

[Virtual](#)

The British Home Children: Canada's Forgotten Legacy

6:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

Allen County Public Library

[Virtual via Zoom](#)

Monday, September 29

Volunteer Genealogy Assistance with D.A.R. Members

5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.

Fayetteville Public Library, Genealogy Library

401 W. Mountain Street, Fayetteville, AR

No registration required

September Events

Writing Your Roots with Sunny Jane Morton

Saturday, September 13, 2025

9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Conference Center at the Midwest Genealogy Center

Join the Midwest Genealogy Center with Sunny Jane Morton for a full-day seminar on discovering and writing your ancestors' stories. Learn how to transform documents into compelling narratives and plan your next family history writing project in a hands-on 2-hour workshop. This event is **free** and in-person only.

[Register Online!](#)

Schedule of Events

8:30 a.m. Doors open

9:15 a.m. Welcome and Announcements

9:30 a.m. How to Discover Your Ancestors' Amazing Stories

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. From Documents to Sentences to Stories: Rebuilding Family Stories

12:00 p.m. Lunch Break (lunch not provided)

2:00 p.m. Plan Your Next Family History Writing Project: Hands-on Workshop

4:00 p.m. Event Ends



About Sunny Jane Morton

Sunny Jane Morton is a genealogy educator, researcher, writer, and editor. She is a Contributing Editor at Family Tree Magazine and Content Director at Your DNA Guide.

September Events

Cemetery Conservation Workshop

Saturday, September 27, 2025

9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

The Haven Rest Cemetery

7102 W. 12th Street, Little Rock, AR

The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program will be hosting a hands-on cemetery preservation workshop on Saturday, September 27, 2025. The free workshop will feature the basics of cemetery conservation, including instruction by Jonathan Appell of Atlas Preservation and will address common concerns in preservation and maintenance of cemeteries and offer hands-on training.

Attendees are encouraged to participate in cleaning, making basic repairs, and the leveling and straightening of gravestones.

Limited to 40 attendees

Schedule of Events

9:00 a.m. Introductions and workshop overview; cleaning, leveling, and basic repairs

12:00 p.m. Lunch on the grounds provided by AHPP

1:00 p.m. Continue cleaning, leveling, and basic repairs

4:00 p.m. Event ends

Register by contacting Holly Hope:

(501) 324-9148

(501) 681-2120 (day of workshop)

holly.hope@arkansas.gov

In our new series, we will define a new obscure word from genealogy. You may see these terms when researching your family history or may need to know them to enhance your genealogical efforts.

Obscure Word of the Month: The “Banns” of Marriage

By Susan Lasley

Origin and Definition

Origin: *Banns*, Latin, “to summon.”

Banns are a proclamation announcing the marriage of two specific individuals, made within a church. It has its origins in the Roman Catholic Church, but it was also continued in some Protestant denominations, such as Lutherans and Anglicans. *Banns* were originally intended to prevent clandestine or unauthorized marriages, ensuring that no impediments to marriage existed.

Banns began locally in Europe during the Middle Ages; by 1593, provisions were made regarding public announcements of marriages that applied to all localities of the Catholic Church. The Council of Trent decreed that the names of the two individuals who had contracted to be married would be announced publicly by their respective home parish priests. These announcements were to take place over three consecutive Sundays in the church during Mass. The *banns* were traditionally read from the pulpit and published in the parish bulletin before the celebration of any marriage.

Omission of the *banns* in those days made the marriage illicit, but did not always invalidate it. The bishop, for example, might impose penance on the couple and any witnesses to the marriage; an offending parish priest could be suspended from office for up to three years. A bishop could also dispense with the reading or publication of the *banns* for specific reasons.

Marriage licenses were introduced in Europe during the 1500s. Their purpose was to allow the customary notice period of *banns* to be waived by paying a license fee, along with a sworn declaration that there was no canonical impediment to the marriage.

In Colonial America, *banns* were a common requirement, regardless of religious affiliation. They were required to be read to congregations three Sundays, and if there was no congregation in the area, the *banns* were posted publicly for fifteen days. Noncompliance with the procedure led to fines imposed on either the groom or the minister.

Obscure Word of the Month: The Banns of Marriage

By the 19th and 20th centuries, most religious denominations made the practice optional; however, it is still required by the Church of England. Banns were replaced by governmental marriage license requirements, which ensured there were no legal impediments. Over time, a series of prenuptial tests or affirmations were established to get a license. Those tests were to determine the fitness of a couple to marry, whether both had reached the age of majority, if a previous marriage had been terminated, or a possible blood relationship between the bride and groom. Eventually, the absence of certain transmissible diseases, often determined via blood tests, was added to the license requirements for a time in the 20th century.

In the 1980s, the Catholic Church removed the requirement for banns and left it up to national bishops to decide whether to continue the practice. In most Catholic countries, however, the banns are still published. There are variations in announcement and publication practices across different countries, as most still have pre-marriage registration and publication requirements.

Use of banns in genealogy

If you read that a marriage was banned three times, that might not imply something scandalous; it simply refers to the three readings of the announcement. Banns are useful in genealogy, especially for ancestors who married before the widespread use of marriage licenses. Banns are not proof of marriage, however—they can indicate that the couple intended to marry.

Since they were published as well as read aloud, they also give clues to the approximate marriage date, can help confirm a marriage, contain additional information about the couple (such as birthplaces, residences, parents' names), and identify possible impediments to a marriage, since others with knowledge of these impediments are allowed to object.

Where to find banns:

- Parish registers and other church records
- Local historical societies and archives
- Online genealogy websites, like *Ancestry* and *Family Search*

References:

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Use Your Genealogy Skills to Change a Teen's Life



A note from AGS President, Scott Lee

Do you have experience building family trees or using DNA tests? Would you like to dramatically improve the life of an Arkansas teenager aging out of the foster care system? As kids leave foster care, they face loneliness and many decisions, such as renting an apartment, buying a car, establishing bank accounts, and finding a job. These can be challenging without the guidance of older, more experienced family members.

If you're a genealogist, you already know the power of discovering family connections. Now imagine using that skill to help a teenager who's about to leave foster care and go out on their own—a teen who, without your help, may face isolation, homelessness, or worse. Your skills could be the key to giving a foster teen a chance at a better future.

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) is a national network of volunteers appointed by judges to advocate for the best interests of children in foster care. A growing number of Arkansas's Judicial Districts are launching a new program to help identify the biological families of teens who are about to age out of the system.

These teens face an uncertain future—without permanent family connections, many end up homeless, unemployed, or lacking the support systems that most of us take for granted. But with the help of genealogical research and DNA testing, teens have been successfully reconnected with relatives who can offer them a home or vital life support.

That's where you come in.

Volunteers are needed to serve on a DNA Committee that will work behind the scenes to build family trees, analyze matches, and trace relatives—all in coordination with CASA staff. You will not have direct contact with the children; all communication and casework go through trained CASA advocates.

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You don't need to live in Arkansas to help. Remote volunteers are welcome, though local knowledge is a bonus. If you're a genealogist who wants to make a real difference, this is one of the most direct, life-changing ways to use your skills.

Here is an example of how CASA, with the help of DNA and genealogists, is changing lives: She was a quiet, guarded teenage girl who had been lingering in foster care for years, lost in the system, assuming she'd age out of foster care alone. No family. No future. But then, a DNA test changed everything. In a matter of weeks, CASA's team of genealogists uncovered relatives she never knew existed. Two of them stepped forward, ready to welcome her. Today, that once-isolated teen has something she never expected: a family that wants her, a loving home, and a real shot at the future she deserves.

Contact me to learn more or get involved, and I'll connect you with the organizers.

Let's help these teens find what we all need: **a place to belong.**

Scott Lee

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A Surprising “New” Collection of Southern Civil War Era Records

Now Available On *Fold3* and *Ancestry*

By Russell P. Baker

It is a real red-letter day when Southern records, especially those relating to the period from 1861 to 1865, the Civil War era, become available on the internet. A new (actually an old) collection is now available from Fold3, accessible on Ancestry.com. The collection's name is a rather poor description of what it contains. This “new” material is from the vaults of the National Archives in Washington, DC. It is called the “Unfiled Papers and Slips Belonging in Confederate Compiled Service Records, 1861-1865, NARA Microfilm No. M347.”

Researchers with Southern roots are probably already familiar with a National Archives collection called “Compiled Service Records of Confederate Servicemen.” It has been accessible on most genealogical websites for several years. It contains information on some 4 million Southern servicemen and comes from military records of the former Confederate States of America captured by the Union Army when the war ended in the spring of 1865. Some records are very limited, while others are full of information, making it a basic source for 19th-century family history research in the region. It comes from a microfilmed collection of these records produced in the 1930s.

However, several decades later, the National Archives found in its collections millions of other documents relating to Confederate Service, as well as information on Southern civilians, women, and the enslaved. This collection was then microfilmed by the Archives under the title mentioned above. The Arkansas State Archives purchased this microfilm collection several years ago. However, the original microfilm collection is very difficult to use. The records were only partially indexed, usually only by the first two letters of the surname. There were no cross-references to other spellings of the names, and the records could not be searched by state.

All of this has now changed with this new digital copy of these very valuable records. If you have access to Fold3, now a part of Ancestry, you can find this collection by going to Ancestry, clicking “Search,” and entering “Unfiled Papers and Slips.” You can then search under the desired surname. I have had better success by searching under the surname and adding the state of residence. Using this method, I located a record relating to the military service of my great-grandfather, Patrick H. Baker, which was not in his “Compiled Service Record.”

One of the most remarkable aspects of this collection is that it also contains thousands of records of civilians, women, and the enslaved, many of whom were doing business with the Confederate Army or were hired to work for the army. Try it out.

After You're Gone: Future Proofing Your Genealogy Research

By Thomas MacEntee

Try as we might, we really have little control over what will happen to our possessions, even our bodies, after we die. Yes, we can draw up legal documents, we can express our wishes to family members, and more; however, there are no guarantees when it comes to these matters. The best we can do is prepare, plan, and communicate now.

When it comes to your years of genealogy research and material, what plans have you made to ensure that it doesn't die with you? Here's some advice on creating a realistic plan to get your "genealogy affairs" in order so that the next generation of researchers can benefit from your years of hard work.

The Perils of Inaction: Lost Genealogy

To gain some insight as to what could possibly happen to all your genealogy stuff, simply read the haunting story *Cleaning Mother's House* by genealogist Michael John Neill. As you hear the words, just imagine one of your children or grandchildren being in the same situation and not knowing the importance of your genealogy research.

You have a responsibility to safeguard your research and to make sure it gets passed on properly. If you don't act now, someone else will act on your behalf.

Basic Planning and Data Successorship

How can you create a plan for the future of your genealogy research without knowing what you have? The first step is to create an inventory of **all** of your items.

Hard Copy Items

Use a special notebook, a document on your computer, or a spreadsheet. Just get it down in writing, and also realize that you should update it periodically. Items to include:

- Genealogy research binders, folders, and a stack of paper
- Genealogy books and magazines purchased over the years
- Photos, slides, negatives, videos, CD-ROMs
- Technology items such as scanners, software programs, and flash drives
- Miscellaneous items such as audio recordings, gadgets, etc.

It helps if you label each item or include a note; remember that the person cleaning out your possessions may not be a genealogist.

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Digital Items

And what about your genealogy data? You may not realize how much information you have and where it is stored. The easiest way to organize all your digital assets is to create two backups: one in the cloud and one on an external drive or CD-ROM.

- Genealogy database files
- Scanned photographs and documents
- Digital books, magazines, and guides
- Digital writings such as PDFs and blog posts you've written
- Emails from family and other researchers, as well as emails that you've sent
- Any other items you believe are important, including social media posts

Online Profiles

More and more, genealogists are leveraging online websites, apps, and social media for research purposes and to connect with others. While you may not have valuable information stored at these sites, at a minimum, you should allow family members to disable or shut down accounts. This way, your followers are informed, and it also avoids having these accounts hacked or misused.

Create a list of website names, their URLs (addresses), and login credentials. Keep the list in a safe place—print out and keep with estate planning papers or store online with a master password to access the list; make sure your executor knows the password.

Working with Societies, Libraries, and Archives

There are many myths about being able to donate your genealogy to organizations:

- “You can donate any and all of your genealogy ‘stuff’ to the National Archives.”
 - **False:** The National Archives is the archivist of record for the United States government; it does not typically archive personal items.
- “You can donate your genealogy to the Library of Congress.”
 - **Partially true:** The Library of Congress does accept published genealogies and other items of importance.

If you plan on donating anything related to your genealogy to an archive, a library, or a genealogy society, here is a plan you should follow:

- **Contact the organization.** Always check a repository's policies before making a donation or directing your executor to make a donation.
- **Inform family members.** Let your family or friends know what your plans are involving the organization.
- **Include a monetary donation.** It costs money to process donated materials, no matter how well-organized those items may be. If possible, make sure you include a financial donation to the institution. Another option is to direct your executor to sell off specific items to raise money for the preservation of the collection.

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Finally, realize that you can always donate items **now** rather than after your passing. By donating now, you have more power to direct how the items will be used and which organizations can benefit from those items.

Technology to the Rescue

As with other industries and even hobbies, genealogy has moved into the digital realm, for better or for worse. Advantages include the ability to preserve fragile items through scanning and digitization, as well as the ability to share items with other researchers. Disadvantages include the ability to easily delete items with the touch of a key or failing to update technology, like moving from floppy discs to flash drives. And there is also the fear of having your digital items stolen or hacked.

Another idea is to utilize one or more websites that offer a virtual “lockbox” for digital items, including photos and documents, such as **Protect Their Memories**. Or create your own using Dropbox or Google Drive, as online services can, and do, go out of business from time to time (remember **MyFamily.com**?).

Best Practices for Genealogy Future-Proofing

In summary, here are some tips for future-proofing your genealogy research and making sure it is preserved for others to use for generations to come:

- **Take inventory.** Determine what you have, and this includes hard copy as well as digital assets and online sites.
- **Include in estate planning.** Create a codicil to your will or make sure there is some form of instructions concerning your genealogy research.
- **Appoint a legacy contact.** Ancestry, Google, MyHeritage, and other sites that store personal information allow you to appoint a “legacy contact”—someone to take over your account in case you pass away or become incapacitated.
- **Backup your data.** Backing up your genealogy data is a good habit for the living, and it will keep all your info in one place for your executor.
- **Futureproof your technology.** CD-ROM discs degrade over time. Negatives and movie films can fade and fall apart. Transfer items to digital ASAP.
- **Have that conversation with your family.** Be very clear about where your genealogy research is located, why it is important, and what you want done with it.
- **Contact organizations.** Determine which libraries, societies, and archives will accept all or part of your collection. Donate items you don't need NOW.
- **Post items online.** Consider starting a blog – even a private one – to preserve your family stories. Do the same with a family tree on Ancestry or one of the popular genealogy sites.
- **Do stuff now.** Tell your own stories **now**. Write that genealogy book **now**. Interview family members **now**.

Resources

Articles and Books

- [5 Tips for Donating Your Genealogy](#)
- [Cleaning Mother's House](#)
- [Donating Your Personal or Family Records to a Repository](#)
- [Money Saving Resources for Preserving Family Photos, Slides, and Home Movies](#)

Organizations Accepting Items

- [Allen County Public Library](#)
- [FamilySearch](#)
- [Library of Congress](#)
- [New England Historic Genealogical Society](#)

Apps, Products, and Websites

- [Ancestry Legacy Contact](#)
- [Artifacts](#)
- [Digital Assets Codicil](#)
- [Forever](#)
- [Genealogy Future Proofing Action Plan](#)
- [Knotify.me](#)
- [Organize Your Family History](#)
- [Permanent.org](#)
- [The Organized Genealogist \(Facebook\)](#)

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We Can't Do It Without You: A Call for Volunteers

Dear Members and Friends of the Arkansas Genealogical Society,

At the heart of every thriving genealogical community are dedicated volunteers—individuals who care deeply about preserving the stories of the past so future generations can discover them. Our society is powered by people just like you, and right now, we're growing—and we need your help.

Whether you're a seasoned family historian, a tech-savvy hobbyist, or someone who simply enjoys being part of a collaborative, mission-driven community, there's a place for you on our volunteer team. Here are just a few ways you can get involved:

Content Creators & Writers

Do you have a knack for storytelling? We're looking for volunteers to write short features and articles for our **quarterly journal** and **monthly newsletter**. Share research discoveries, profile interesting ancestors, or help highlight underrepresented histories in our state.

Transcribers & Document Photographers

Our archives are filled with historical records that need to be transcribed and digitized for future access. If you enjoy deciphering old handwriting (reading cursive and/or interpreting letters based on other words in the document) or have a steady hand with a camera or a scanner, this role is perfect for you.

Whether you have an hour a week or a few hours a month, your time and talents can make a lasting impact. Volunteering with us is not only rewarding—it's also a great way to connect with fellow researchers, deepen your own genealogical skills, and contribute to preserving the rich and diverse history of our state.

Ready to join us? Please complete the [Arkansas Genealogical Society Volunteer Signup](#), and let us know what areas you're most interested in. Training and guidance are always provided. Let's build something meaningful together.

Website Support

We're building a stronger, more dynamic online presence. If you have experience with WordPress or website upkeep, we would love your help keeping our website updated and user-friendly.

Project Management & Coordination

Some of our most exciting initiatives need behind-the-scenes support. If you're organized, love planning, or have a background in project coordination, we welcome your skills to help us manage timelines and team efforts.

Membership Recruitment & Outreach

Help us grow our community! If you enjoy connecting with others and spreading the word about our work, you can play a key role in helping us welcome new members and build partnerships across the state.

Save the Date!

Arkansas Genealogical Society Annual Fall Conference

*Saturday, October 18, 2025
9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Virtual*

*Featuring: “Fall into Family History,” a lecture by renowned
genealogist, author, and educator, Thomas MacEntee*



Thomas MacEntee, known as “That Genealogy Guy,” is a respected figure in the genealogy community, recognized for his expertise as an author, educator, student, advocate, marketer, storyteller, and entrepreneur. He is dedicated to empowering individuals in their pursuit of family history. Mr. MacEntee will guide you in achieving your family history goals through engaging and informative sessions.

Conference Schedule:

- 8:30 a.m.** Webinar Opens—Welcome Screen and Technical Check
- 9:00 a.m.** Webinar Commencement
- 9:15 a.m.** Session 1: “You Use What for Genealogy?”
- 10:15 a.m.** Break
- 10:30 a.m.** Session 2: “Internet Archive: A Gold Mine for Genealogists”
- 11:30 a.m.** Lunch Break
- 12:30 p.m.** Session 3: “Translating, Transcribing, and Summarizing Documents Using AI”
- 1:30 p.m.** Break
- 1:45 p.m.** Session 4: “Creating an Ancestor Sketch”
- 2:45 p.m.** Break—Instructions for Annual Meeting
- 3:00 p.m.** Annual Meeting (Members Only)

Arkansas Genealogical Society Annual Fall Conference

Saturday, October 18, 2025, 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Conference Memorials

Honor the memory of a loved one by contributing to the Arkansas Genealogical Society's mission of preserving and sharing family history. **With a minimum donation of \$25**, you can create a memorial tribute that will be displayed on our website, during the opening, closing, and breaks of our [Fall Conference](#), and included in the conference handout.

Additionally, your tribute will be featured in [The Arkansas Family Historian](#) quarterly following the conference. Your generous support helps fund our programs and resources, ensuring that the stories of past generations continue to be told. If you wish to contribute more, additional donations are gratefully accepted. Thank you for helping us serve the genealogical community.

Submit your memorial here: argensoc.org/memorial

Conference Sponsorship

Support the [AGS Fall Conference](#) by becoming a sponsor! As a sponsor, your company will be recognized on:

- The AGS website
- During the conference (opening, closing, and breaks)
- Conference handouts
- [The Arkansas Family Historian](#) quarterly following the conference

We offer three levels of sponsorship:

- Bronze (\$25)—list the sponsor's name
- Silver (\$50)—list the sponsor's name, plus a short paragraph
- Gold (\$100)—list the sponsor's name, a short paragraph, and logo

Once payment is received, we will reach out to you for the details of your listing. If you prefer, your sponsorship can remain anonymous.

Submit Your Sponsorship Request Here: argensoc.org/sponsorship

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ArGenSoc.org

So, You Have Arkansas Roots?

*The Fall edition of our quarterly publication, **The Arkansas Family Historian** is about to be released! This resource is **only** available to our members and is invaluable in Arkansas genealogical and family research.*

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