Cheers to the Arkansas Genealogical Society, who celebrated another successful seminar this year. A big thank you to all those who were involved in the organizing and execution of the event.

A special thanks to Jeanne Rollberg, for her insight into the importance of social media and heritage travel in family research. Also, one to CeCe Moore, who brought her expertise in DNA research. Her insight showed us how DNA can work along side traditional research to expand our understanding of our genealogical heritage.
## Genealogy Info Updates For Best Use

by Jeanne Rollberg

In our genealogy societies, historical associations, archives, and libraries, it's important to update web sites, brochures, and other information that both in-state and out-of-state information seekers use. With DNA tests and queries to Arkansas organizations on the rise, it's best practice to update key kinds of information periodically.

We should check:

1. Is it clear to those who see our information online exactly what genealogy information and history collections we do have? Likewise, are on-site brochures that drop-in information seekers need updated? Are copying and information fees updated and included?

2. Is our officer list and contact information current? If an organization doesn't have a physical location, is that clear? Is contact information a generic e-mail address? If so, does someone check for e-mail consistently every few days? (Using a specially-created person's e-mail address often means less incoming e-mail goes into spam and that queries are answered more consistently.)

3. Are relevant links to other genealogy information (such as local resources and state agencies that offer certificates) included, when appropriate? Especially for local historical societies, are on-site hours and fees clear?

4. Finally, does our web site itself look dated? Do we have moving images on our sites, if possible? The surge in video and slideshows online means that static web sites are less inviting and may make users wonder how updated and vital other information is. Like it or not, we are competing with other web sites for eyeballs and attention. This visual feature will become more important as younger users join our organizations and as genealogy travel brings increasing numbers of researchers to Arkansas.
Native American Indian Heritage Month

November is Native American Indian Heritage Month. It celebrates and recognizes the accomplishments of the peoples who were indigenous to the United States. The National Archives,(https://www.archives.gov/news/topics/native-american-heritage-month) and the Library of Congress (https://www.loc.gov/law/help/commemorative-observations/american-indian.php), have created digital collections related to Native American History. The National Archives has also included Webinars and blogs.

If you are looking of local facilities to do Native American Indian research you might consider a visit to the Sequoyah National Research Center and Arkansas State Archives. The Sequoyah National Research Center is located at University Plaza, Suite 500, at the corner of Asher Avenue and University Avenue. It is open to researchers Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The facilities collections include, the Press History Collection, Trial of Tears Research materials, and the James W. And Sallie E. Fraizer Trust Collection, a collection of Cherokee family papers.
The Arkansas State Archives is located at #1 Capitol Mall. It is open to researchers Monday through Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Their collections include the following:

- Letters Received by Office of Indian Affairs, 1824-1854, Selected Agencies
- Office Commissary General Subsistence, Correspondence on the Subject of the Emigration of Indians between November 30, 1831, and December 27, 1833
- 1832 Census, Creek Indians
- A Compilation of Records: Choctaw Nation by the Oklahoma Genealogical Society
- 1835 Census, Cherokee Indians East of the Mississippi
- 1890 Census, Cherokee Nation, Western
- 1895 Old Settlers Cherokee Census
- 1896 Choctaw National Census
- 1896 Chickasaw National Census
- 1896 Index to Payment Roll, Old Settler Cherokees
- Final Rolls of Citizens and Freedmen of the Five Civilized Tribes, 1907 (Dawes Commission)

The archives also includes over 200 printed materials, for Native American Indian research.
The Arkansas State Archives is interested in you!

The Arkansas State Archives and Friends of the Arkansas State Archives are looking for eager individuals to help indexing county and state records. Work is one sitting down, along side staff members, with gloves and masks provided. It takes place on Tuesday mornings from 9:00 to noon in a conference room at the Collections Management Facility on North Street in Little Rock where parking is more easily available than at the Archives. Come and join the fun.

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