Arkansas Genealogical Society
January Board Meeting

Submitted by Secretary Ginney Pumphrey

The board of the Arkansas Genealogical Society met on Saturday January 19, 2019 at the Arkansas State Archives boardroom in Little Rock, Arkansas. The Nominating committee presented a slate of officers, the following were elected: President George Mitchell, First Vice President Thea Baker, Second Vice President Russell Baker, Secretary Ginney Pumphrey, and Treasurer Whitney McLaughlin. The board reviewed details of the Fall seminar and started planning for the 2019 Fall seminar. Judy Russell’s topics for Saturday were reviewed and possible speakers for Friday night were discussed. Possible speaker for 2020 was also discussed. Board members discussed what format should be used for future publications. Board member Chris Stewart reported that applications have been received for nine
Civil War and one Colonial Ancestry certificates. The board discussed possible future AGS projects. Board member Melissa Nesbitt reported on the upcoming workshop to be held partnership with Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives (SARA). The workshop will be held at Historic Washington State Park on Saturday May 4th.

Tips for Family Reunions

Its almost family reunion season. Below are a few tips to make your gathering successful.

1. Make it affordable.
2. Don’t plan it alone.
3. Set a date and don’t deviate from it.
4. Make sure you allow enough time for planning.
5. Plan activities.
6. Determine the menu.
7. Create a guest list and send invitations.
8. Select a location.

Remember reunions are suppose to be fun. Ultimately, it’s a time for meeting new relatives, sharing stories and photographs, and having a good time.
30th North Arkansas Ancestor Fair

May 31-June 1, 2019, Marshall, Arkansas

Friday, May 31
5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Los Aztecas Restaurant
(order from menu)
Mixer Dinner
(Meet kin, get early start on research)

Saturday, June 1
Veterans Hall
7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Providers set up
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Ancestor Fair
Family historians, historical/genealogical societies, libraries and descendant organizations share information and help researchers

Speaker
Joshua Youngblood
Outreach Librarian, Special Collections, University of Arkansas Libraries
10:30 a.m.
Images: New Pathways to Family Research
and
1:30 p.m.
Regional and National Collections: Broadening Search Strategies

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Coming Events
Church, 600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock.

August 3, 2019
Northeast Arkansas Regional Archives Event

August 18, 2019
Genealogy Society of Craighead, General Meeting, 2 p.m., Round Room, Jonesboro Library, 315 Oak Avenue, Jonesboro.

August 20, 2019
Arkansas State Archives, Pen to Podium: Arkansas Historical Writers’ Lecture Series, Speaker Mark Christ.

August 21-24, 2019
The FGS National Genealogy and Family History Conference will be held in Washington, D.C.

August 24, 2019
Obion County Library Genealogical Seminar, 9 a.m. Obion County Tennessee Library.

August 26, 2019
Heritage Seekers Genealogy Club, Finding Identity with Genealogy in Arkansas, speaker Jeanne Rollberg, 6:30 p.m., Room 66, Second Presbyterian Church, 600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock.

September 14, 2019
Arkansas State Archives Foodways Event.

September 23, 2019
Heritage Seekers Genealogy Club, As Much as the Water—How Steamboats Shaped Arkansas, speaker Kay Lundgren, 6:30 p.m., Room 66, Second Presbyterian Church, 600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock.

October 24-26, 2019
RootsTech Conference will be held in London, England. For more information go to https://www.rootsTech.org/London?cid=bl-fsup-8055

October 28, 2019
Heritage Seekers Genealogy Club, Publishing & Enjoying Your Genealogy Work, speaker Hank Klein, 6:30 p.m., Room 66, Second

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September 2-5, 2020
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New Cemetery Book

Thomas Cemetery: North Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas Interments, Obituaries and Articles

$25.00 plus $3.50 extra for shipping. All money will be used to restore and preserve Thomas Cemetery. To purchase contact Teresa Clark at taclark12@comcast.net.
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 index county and state records. Work is done sitting down, alongside 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.

NEARA Seeks Volunteers

The Northeast Arkansas Regional Archives is seeking individuals to participate in Volunteer Day at the archives. Currently, volunteers are unfolding and processing court case files from the Walnut Ridge, Lawrence County Court Records Collection. The goal is to have those cases searchable in our database within the next year. Come and join the fun. For more information about volunteering, contact NEARA at northeast.archives@arkansas.gov or 870-878-6521.

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