Arkansas Genealogical Society

April Board Meeting

Submitted by Secretary Ginney Pumphrey

The board of the Arkansas Genealogical Society met on Saturday April 6, 2019 at the Arkansas State Archives boardroom in Little Rock, Arkansas. The board reviewed Judy Russell’s topics and four were selected for Saturday.

• Where There is or isn’t a Will

• Writ in Stone – Cemeteries and Genealogy

• No Vitals? No Problem! – Building a Family through Circumstantial Evidence.

• Dower and Dowry: Women, Property and Legal Records.

Possible speakers for Friday night were discussed. Blaine Bettinger has been proposed as the speaker for 2021. Arkansas Family Historian Editor Russell Baker reported that he hopes to have Summer issue ready for proof readers by the first of May. Board member Chris Stewart reported that nine new Ancestry Certificate applications have been received. The board discussed plans for potential writing workshops to be held in conjunction with UALR.
Coming Events

Rhonda Stewart, Butler Center, 6:30 p.m., Room 66, Second Presbyterian Church, 600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock.

July 20, 2019
Genealogy Society of Craighead, Genealogy Lock-In, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

July 21, 2019
Genealogy Society of Craighead, General Meeting, 2 p.m., Round Room, Jonesboro Library, 315 Oak Avenue, Jonesboro.

July 22, 2019
Heritage Seekers Genealogy Club, Preserving Your Family Heirlooms, speaker Julienne Crawford, Arkansas State Archives, 6:30 p.m., Room 66, Second Presbyterian Church, 600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock.

August 3, 2019
Northeast Arkansas Regional Archives Event

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Heritage Seekers Genealogy Club, Research Day at the Butler Center, Centeral Arkansas Library System, 100 Rock Street, Little Rock.

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.

AHA Features Genealogy Workshop for Second Year

by Jeanne Rollberg

About 75 genealogy enthusiasts registered for a genealogy workshop offered at the Arkansas Historical Association convention in Stuttgart April 11. The workshop showed the connection of heritage tourism and genealogy travel to research facilities and enhanced understandings of family roots. It also looked at how families may understand their complete genealogical identity more thoroughly.

During the second part of the workshop, filmmaker Gary Jones, a Ph.D. candidate at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, showed that a valuable genealogical identity resource will eventually be coming online from the A State Archives and Special Collections. It may help the genealogy community find treasured moving images of relatives who are in their family trees.

The KAIT/A-State News Film Collection consists of more than 6,000 color high-definition 16mm news film clips that aired on Channel 8 in Jonesboro between 1973 and 1978. The clips were (just barely) saved, but without identifying information, so sources and event participants (such as in graduations or parades) must now be crowdsourced via social media and focus groups for identification purposes. That is part of Jones’ ASU doctoral project.
Coming Events

6:30 p.m., Room 66, Second Presbyterian Church, 600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock.

**September 12, 2019**
Greene County Historical and Genealogical Society, Program Meeting, 6 p.m., Greene County Library, Legacy Room, Paragould.

**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 10, 2019**
Greene County Historical and Genealogical Society, Program Meeting, 6 p.m., Legacy Room, Greene County Library, Paragould.

**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

**November 14, 2019**
Greene County Historical and Genealogical Society, Program Meeting, 6 p.m., Legacy Room, Greene County Library, Paragould.

**November 25, 2019**
Heritage Seekers Genealogy Club, *Publishing & Enjoying Your Genealogy Work*, speaker Hank Klein, 6:30 p.m., Room 66, Second Presbyterian Church, 600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock.

**December 12, 2019**
Greene County Historical and Genealogical Society, Program Meeting, 6 p.m., Legacy Room, Greene County Library, Paragould.

**September 2-5, 2020**
The FGS National Genealogy and Family History Conference will be held in Kansas City, Missouri.

In addition to eventually providing unique moving image news stories and history of events such as devastating tornado aftermaths, it will provide searchable genealogy identity documentation to thousands of Northeast Arkansas and Southeast Missouri residents.

Jones, a longtime filmmaker in Little Rock, helped KAIT sign on in July, 1963. He was a co-presenter at AHA with AGS board member Jeanne Rollberg, who led the genealogy workshop. This is the second year that AHA has included genealogy presentations at its state convention.

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**THE FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE OF NORTHWEST ARKANSAS 2019**

**September 28, 2019**
8:00 am - 4:45 pm

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
6738 Lynch’s Prairie Ct.
Springdale AR 72764

To register click on link below:
https://www.familyhistoryconferencenwa.org/register-in-futuro
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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.

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