**Northwest Arkansas**

**Genealogy Resources**

The William Enfield Local History and Genealogy Department at the Bentonville Public Library is a helpful resource for ancestor research in Northwest Arkansas. [http://library.bentonvillear.com/Genealogy.htm](http://library.bentonvillear.com/Genealogy.htm).

As its web page indicates, the library and the Northwest Arkansas Genealogical Society formed a partnership when the Society donated more than 3,000 local history and genealogy resources to be used in the newly-built facility at 405 S. Main Street.

From the web site:

**Library Resources**

- Local history materials
- Genealogy resources from Arkansas and other States
- Family histories
- Cemetery records, obituaries and birth indexes
- Specialty materials such as *Daughters of the American Revolution, Pennsylvania Archives* and various quarterlies

*Benton County Daily Record* newspaper on microfilm (dating back to late 1800s)

Genealogy databases Heritage Quest and [Ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com)

Heritage Quest is available 24/7 for home or library access at no charge
About the Northwest Arkansas Genealogical Society

The Society volunteers donate time to the Bentonville Public Library. They serve the community by offering free guidance and some fee-based research assistance with genealogy resources. In the past few years, Society members have volunteered more than 3,775 hours assisting library patrons in family research. It is recommended that you visit the genealogy center when a volunteer is scheduled to work. https://sites.rootsweb.com~arnwags/. genealogy@bentonvillearcom

The Society produces a quarterly publication, The Backtracker, and serves the Arkansas Counties of Benton, Carroll, Madison and Washington. The group welcomes new members. Dues include an annual subscription to The Backtracker. Society meetings are held at the Bentonville Public Library on the 4th Monday each month at 6 p.m., January through November. Guests are always welcome at meetings. Phone: 479-271-6820

The Society Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/groups/nwags/
For those interested in broader meetings, there is also a Family History Conference in Northwest Arkansas on September 28, 2019 from 8-4:45 at the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints in Springdale at 6738 Lynch’s Prairie Court.

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.
Butler Center 2019 Genealogy

The Butler Center for Arkansas Studies, the archival department of the Central Arkansas Library System (CALS), will offer a free, all-day genealogy workshop on Saturday, July 20, from 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the CALS Ron Robinson Theater, 100 River Market Ave. The program presenter will be Angela Y. Walton-Raji, who is known nationally for her genealogical and historical research.

The theater doors will open at 9 a.m. The program is free and open to the public; no registration is required.

This workshop is geared to helping genealogists of all levels sharpen their skills. The topics of the workshop will be:

1. Nurses, Matrons, Laundresses & Cooks
2. Finding Indian Ancestors in African American Families
3. Using Search Engines & Databases for African American Genealogy
4. Mapping the Freedman’s Bureau

Angela Y. Walton-Raji

Angela Y. Walton-Raji is widely noted for her research as well as her work on records for the Civil War west of the Mississippi, Oklahoma Native Americans, benevolent societies, and 19th-century women.

Her book Black Indian Genealogy Research is the only book of its kind focusing on the unique record set reflecting Freedmen found within the Dawes Records. Her most recent book, Freedmen of the Frontier, highlights freed families from Indian Territory who were part of the so-called Five Civilized Tribes. She is a founding member of AfriGeneas.com, host of the weekly genealogy podcast “The African Roots,” and a founding member of the Midwest African American Genealogy Institute.

Parking Information

Limited parking spaces are available for a fee either in the Central Arkansas Library System's open-air parking lot south of the theater building or in the Library's new parking tower located one block west of the theater on the corner of Rock St. and President Clinton Avenue. Metered street parking and free parking lots are available in the surrounding area.
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.

THE FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE
OF NORTHWEST ARKANSAS
2019
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Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
6738 Lynch’s Prairie Ct.
Springdale AR 72764
WORKSHOPS

In partnership with UA Little Rock’s Department of Rhetoric & Writing
All workshops are located at UA-Little Rock’s Writing Center from 1-4:30 PM
To register contact Sherry Rankins-Robertson at sjrobertson@ualr.edu
20 spots available in each workshop | $10 AGS registration fee per workshop

JUNE 29
Writing About Family Members, Places, and Events
This workshop will offer a writing activity about family members, places, or events, strategies for beginning the process of recording family stories, and practical tips to maintain daily writing practices. Bring a pen & paper or a laptop.

JULY 13
Celebrating Family and Food
This workshop will showcase writing about food-related memories and family celebrations. Bring a pen & paper or a laptop along with favorite family recipes!

AUG 17
Sharing Family History for Special Occasions
This workshop will teach participants to write stories that celebrate special occasions with family and friends such as birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, and holidays. Bring a pen & paper or a laptop.

SEPT 07
Writing Obituaries
This workshop will demonstrate strategies for writing tributes that are interesting, engaging, and perhaps even humorous. Bring a pen & paper or a laptop.

OCT 05
Publishing Your Family History
This workshop will cover various kinds of cost effective digital publishing methods that can easily reach a large audience.
Administrative Stuff

Contributions: If you have news for the Ezine, send it! To agscontributions@gmail.com — Thanks!

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