



Village Genealogical Society Newsletter

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September 2009

VGS General Meeting:

The Coronado Center, 2 p.m.
First Thursday of each month
(September to June)

VGS Breakfast Meeting:

Ramona's Kitchen, 9:00 a.m.
Third Thursday of each month

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VGS Programs

September 10, 2009 - "Henry Powell and His Heritage" (Room 6)

As genealogists, we all have to start somewhere to discover our family history. Hot Springs Village resident, Henry Powell, will share his quest and the joys of his discoveries of his heritage and the challenges of African American research. Whether good or bad, Henry just wanted to know about his past. Come and learn how Henry went about his search and what great history he found.

Mr. Powell was born in Eudora, AR and graduated from the University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff. He retired from

Announcements

VGS Meeting
September 10, 2009
in Room 6

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Community Fair
September 23, 2009
Coronado Center

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VGS Picnic
October 8, 2008
5:00 p.m.

Shell Oil Company and moved to the Village in 1999.

September 23, 2009 - Community Fair

The 6th Annual Community Fair will be Wednesday, Sept. 23, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Coronado Community Center. VGS will have a booth, as well as the DAR. Please come and visit us.

October 1, 2009 - "Document Preservation Workshop" 1-4 p.m.

Mark your calendars for a special "hands-on" mini workshop for document preservation. Bob Edwards is coming back to spend more time with us to teach "hands-on" document and photo restoration and preservation. You will remember in November 2008, Bob Edwards gave us a brief overview of his expertise in document preservation and organization of genealogical data. His expertise comes from his own experience of his house having been flooded and many of his documents damaged.

VGS Officers:

President Judy Robbins
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 Librarian..... Dawn Barnett
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 Assistant Editor..... Barbara Baker
 Past President..... Valerie Hartnett
 Webmaster..... Larry Smith

Robert A. Edwards is from Benton, Arkansas and a native of Louisiana. He is retired from the Federal Aviation Administration.

October 8, 2008 - VGS Picnic

Our 4th annual VGS picnic will be on October 8, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. at the Cortez Pavilion. It will be a time to socialize and get better acquainted with other members of the Society as well as spouses, some of whom have not, as yet, caught the genealogical research bug. Who knows, you may find a distant cousin at the picnic! There will be information and a sign-up sheet available at the September 10th meeting.

November 5, 2009 - "Native American Research"

In 1838 many thousands of Native Americans were forced to move from Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina, and Alabama to Indian Territory which is now primarily Oklahoma. These people traveled by foot or by some combination of horse, wagon, or boat the 1,200 to 2,200 miles. Four main routes were used. One was a

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water route from Chattanooga, Tennessee and on the Arkansas River to Fort Smith, Arkansas. Another started in Charleston, Tennessee, and ended in Evansville, Arkansas. Another started in Charleston, Tennessee, and went through Nashville, Tennessee, to Cape Girardeau, Missouri, to Springfield, Missouri, and ended in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Yet another route started in Fort Payne, Alabama, and went through Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and Fayetteville, Arkansas, also ending in Tahlequah. Between 2,000 to 6,000 people are thought to have died on the Trail of Tears. A good number of these Native Americans who survived settled in Arkansas. Other Native American groups also lived in Arkansas, and many people now living in Arkansas can trace their lineage back to Native Americans.

Our speaker Russell Baker, a long time friend of our society, knows where to locate the records regarding Native Americans. He has now retired from the Arkansas History Commission and State Archives in Little Rock, where he had been on staff since 1970.

*Jeanette Frahm, V.P. Programs
Nancy Mayer, Asst. V.P. Prog.*

From the President

This is a new beginning for me as president; I am honored to be in this position and will do my best to fulfill my obligation to you. It will be a learning experience for me and I look forward to this year. I admit that I am anxious regarding my knowledge and qualifications for this position. I know that I have many in the club and on the board who will be available to guide and support me and I appreciate having that experience available to me when I need help.

I would like to welcome the newest members to our board: Nancy Mayer, Vice President Programs Assistant; Sharon Board, Vice President Membership; Bill Patterson, Treasurer; and Dawn Barnett, Librarian. I am ex-

tremely thankful for the returning members of the board: Jeanette Frahm, Vice President Programs; Kathy Dotson, Secretary; Marcie Guise, Historian; Mitzi Hunter, Newsletter Editor; Barbara Baker, Newsletter Assistant; Larry Smith, Webmaster; and Immediate Past President, Valerie Hartnett.

I am looking forward to beginning our fall schedule of meetings, breakfasts, and our picnic. I know that many of you have been on interesting trips doing research this summer and I am looking forward to hearing about the many exciting "finds" that you have made.

The Vice President of Programs, Jeanette Frahm, has several interesting and informative programs planned for the coming year. I look forward to these programs because there is always something that I can use in my own personal research. Additionally the monthly breakfast at Ramona's Kitchen on the 3rd Thursday of each month will be a great place to meet and discuss our triumphs, failures, and get personal tips. There are members in our society who have many talents in the genealogy field and lucky for us, they are willing to share.

We will again be participating in the Community Fair September 23, and soliciting help from you to help us "get the word out" about our society. We will need your support in this endeavor.

I hope that you are planning to attend at least a part of the FGS Conference at the Little Rock Statehouse Convention Center, September 2 – 5, 2009. It isn't often that we have a conference this convenient.

I look forward to the meeting on September 10 at the Coronado Center.

*Judy Robbins
VGS President*

VGS Membership Fees

In June the VGS board voted to raise the annual membership fee from \$15

to \$20 effective for the 2010 membership year. This was announced, voted on, and accepted by the membership at the June VGS General Meeting.

AR History Commission

Russell Pierce Baker, senior archivist and Archival Manager at the Arkansas History Commission, announced recently he is retiring effective June 1, 2009 after 40 years. He is an archivist, lecturer, teacher, historian, and author of Arkansas history and genealogy. He was born in Little Rock, Arkansas, graduated from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville where he was Phi Beta Kappa with a B.A. in history in 1967. He received a Masters in Public History from UALR in 1985.

Russell has always "gone the extra mile" in the promotion of genealogy and in the education of researchers in Arkansas records since his employment began in 1970 at the Arkansas History Commission and State Archives. Russell has donated his services and lectures to organizations and genealogical societies all over the state for many years.

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Fraudulent Lineages

New family researchers should be aware that there have been fraudulent lineages printed in the past by unscrupulous people for the purpose of defrauding clients. Most of them were written by Gustav Anjou. Here are several links to articles written about these genealogies, with listings of many surname genealogies which are attributed to him. Click on links:

<http://www.familychronicle.com/Fraudulent.html>
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gustav_Anjou
<http://personal.linkline.com/xymox/fraud/fraud.htm>

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Vital Records, Etc.

Arkansas Prior Birth Index CD, Volumes 1–7. This CD has all seven of the Arkansas Prior Birth Index volumes combined in a searchable database by the birth name, mother's maiden name, county, and date. Without going through the books, all of the births are available in a flash. The volumes range from 1849 to 1908 - the most recent year available for open birth records. Requires Windows 98 version 2 or above. The cost is \$15.00 plus tax. For order form contact editor at mitzibitzi2@hotmail.com.

Illinois—Cook County. Search for birth, marriage and death records indexed. Copies can be ordered from site. Free registration required to search.

<http://www.cookcountygenealogy.com/>

Iowa—IAGENWEB Quick Reference to: County Vital Records. This table is meant to be a quick guide to the official dates for Iowa vital records. Some counties may have earlier 'unofficial' records. The researcher should be aware that all counties have gaps in their records and may be incomplete. Many of the IAGenWeb county projects have transcribed vital records and more are being added every day. For more detailed information, visit the individual county website.

<http://iagenweb.org/state/research/bmdguide.htm>

Washington State Digital Archives. Search for birth, death, marriage, military, land, and other records. Some records have digital images, others are transcribed.

<http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/>

Washington State Department of Health. How to order birth, death, marriage and divorce certificates:

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/EHSPHL/CHS/Cert.htm>

Wisconsin Genealogy Index - Search for pre-1907 Vital Records (VR), including birth, death, and marriage records as well as for 150,000

Wisconsin Name Index (WNI) records, including biographical sketches, obituaries, and newspaper articles published before 2000.

<http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/vitalrecords/>

17th Century Ancestors

If you have 17th century colonial ancestors that came from the British Isles: England, Wales, Scotland, etc., check the list of ancestors in both of these site links. You might be surprised. Our VGS Library has both of these books for your reference.

Plantagenet Ancestry: A Study in Colonial and Medieval Families, by

Douglas Richardson

<http://www.genealogical.com/products/Plantagenet%20Ancestry/4894.html>

Magna Carta Ancestry, by Douglas Richardson

<http://www.genealogical.com/products/Magna%20Carta%20Ancestry/4887.html>

Click the minimized links above, or go to www.genealogical.com and search for the books by title.

Also see the 'From the Librarian' article for two new colonial books.

From the Librarian

Three books have been acquired by VGS for your reference:

New England Marriages Prior to 1700, by Clarence A. Torrey, and the *Third Supplement to Torrey's New England Marriages Prior to 1700*, by Melinda Lutz Sanborn, which includes supplements 1 and 2.

The Historical Report of the Secretary of State 2008, published by the Secretary of State of Arkansas. If you have ancestors who have held office in the state or counties of Arkansas, you can verify their service in this publication.

The VGS website has a listing of books in the Coronado Center Library. Go to the site and click the 'VGS Resource Room' link, then 'VGS Library of Books and CD's.'

<http://pages.suddenlink.net/hsvgs/>

VGS subscribes to three magazines for our members: *Family Tree Magazine*, *Family Chronicles*, and *Discovering Family History*.

These magazines always have many informative and interesting articles discussing different and new ways of doing your research. They may have just the "tip" that helps you climb over "your brick wall."

The newest issues are always on the magazine rack in the section noted as "Genealogy." Past issues are archived and filed in 3-ring binders located behind the genealogy computer.

VGS Librarian

New Members

We have a number of new members this year, a few joined after a trial membership from the 2008 Community Fair, and some re-joined after a brief absence and are getting their genealogical feet wet again.

A big VGS welcome to the following: Dan & Dawn Barnett, Elizabeth Barry, Marjorie Benjamin, Mark Carnahan, Carl W. Ford, Jr., Thomas & Patricia Hightower, Joanie Ibinger, Anne Johnson, Margaret Johnson, Carolyn Keese, Robert & Donna Klaesson, Elaine MacDonald, James & Jenny Mack, Sylvia Matthews, Pat & Craig McDuff, Phyllis Melenson, Bill Patterson, Phil Russell, Jane Schenkelberg, Linda Shearin, Carolyn Sinderson, Joyce Wood.

VGS Website

Be sure to visit the Village Genealogical Society website. There is much information on it, including our VGS library list and past VGS newsletters.

<http://pages.suddenlink.net/hsvgs/>

* *Link note: some live links have been minimized in font size to keep it on one line, so link is kept whole and working properly. Click on the blue link to open. Magnify the online newsletter to read link if needed.*

Melting Pot Genealogical Society Library

649-B Ouachita Ave.
Hot Springs, AR 71901

Hours:

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Monday & Friday, 2nd Saturday

Call 501-624-0229 to confirm that the library is open before going to visit.

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~armpgs/>

Family History Center Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

2765 Malvern Ave.
Hot Springs, AR
501-262-2782 (during open hours)

Hours:

Tuesday 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Closed Holidays

There is also a FHC at Otter Creek, just off I-30 in Little Rock.

Memphis Central Library

3030 Poplar Ave., Memphis, AR
901-415-2700

Hours:

Mon.-Thu. 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Fri.-Sat. 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sun. 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

www.memphislibrary.org/

Garland County Library

1427 Malvern Avenue
Hot Springs, AR 71901
(501) 922-4483

Hours:

Mon., Fri., Sat.
9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Tues., Wed., Thurs.
9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Sun. 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

<http://www.garland.lib.ar.us/>

Visit the "Genealogy" Room D

Coming Events

2009 FGS Conference

Passages Through Time

Sept. 2-5, 2009
Little Rock Statehouse
Convention Center
Little Rock, AR

Hosted by
Federation of Genealogical Soc.
Arkansas Genealogical Soc.

See website for more information:

www.fgs.org

Click conference title.

Reminders

If your email address, home address, or phone number changes, please let one of the officers know so that you will continue to receive the Newsletter.

From the Editors

Thanks to all of you who contributed articles to the Newsletter.

If you have a bit of genealogy news, trivia, or hint, please e-mail it to the editors at mitzibitzi2@hotmail.com or mbbaker@suddenlink.net.

Be sure to give the source so we can give credit where credit is due.



Arkansas History Commission

One Capitol Mall
Little Rock, AR 72201
501-682-6900

Hours: (call to confirm)
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Monday through Saturday
www.ark-ives.com/

On your first visit you must register and obtain an admission card.

Directions:

- Take I-30 to I-430 north
- Take the I-630 east exit
- Take the 2B exit
- Turn left toward the Capitol
- Turn left on the 1st street
- At the next street turn right
- At bottom of hill park in the large parking lot
- Enter through door on ground level.

The History Commission and State Archives are on the 2nd floor. You must sign in to enter the building. And sign out when you leave.

Arkansas Genealogical Society

P.O. Box 17653
Little Rock, AR 72222
New web address:
www.agsgenealogy.org/

Saline County Library

Bob Herzfeld Memorial Library
1800 Smithers Dr.
Benton, AR 72015
(501) 778-4766
(800) 476-4466
Mon., Wed., Thurs.
9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Tues. & Fri.
9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Sat. 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
<http://www.saline.lib.ar.us/>
Visit the Genealogy Room