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Coming Events

May 2-5, 2018

The NGS 2018 Family History Conference, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

May 5, 2018

Tracing Your Arkansas Roots: This Land is Your Land, co-sponsored by the AGS and Arkansas State Archives, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 1914 Schoolhouse Historic Washington State Park, Washington, Arkansas.

May 18, 2018

Free, Fast, Friendly FamilySearch: Less Pain and More Gain in Researching Your Ancestors, by Renee Rushing Carr, sponsored by the Independence County Library, 12 p.m., Barnet Building, 267 East Main St., Batesville, Arkansas.

May 21, 2018

Heritage Seekers, An Armchair Tour of Mount Holly Cemetery, by Kay Tatum, Registrar Mt. Holly Cemetery, 6:30 p.m., Second Presbyterian Church, 600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas.

June 2—7, 2018

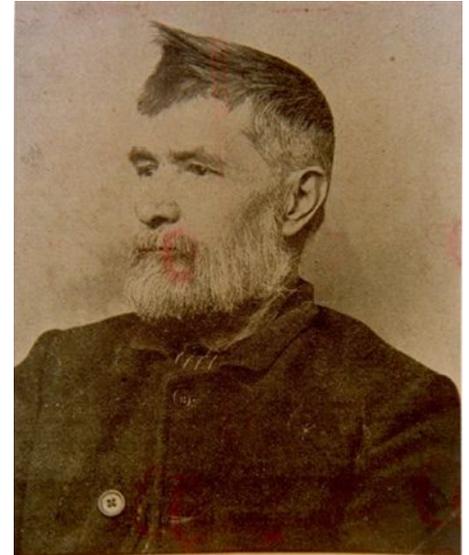
[The Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research](#) (IGHR, Georgia Center's UGA and Hotel Conference Center.

June 9, 2018

A History of Arkansas Black Fraternal Organizations, sponsored by the Black History Commission of Arkansas and the Arkansas State Archives, 9:45 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mosaic Templars Cultural Center, 501 W. 9th St. Little Rock, Arkansas

What Turnbo Tells

Turnbo's Tales of the Ozarks, has become one of the greatest resources for doing genealogy in the Ozark Mountains of Arkansas and Missouri. The original manuscripts are housed at the Springfield Green County Public Library, in Springfield, Missouri and consists of twenty-eight volumes of stories compiled and written by Silas Claiborne Turnbo.



Silas Claiborne Turnbo

Born May 26, 1844 in Taney County, Missouri, Silas C. Turnbo would eventually emerge as one of the most prolific writers of nineteenth-century Ozarks. Turnbo's writings have been used by many historians, folklorist, and genealogist, for decades, giving them a glimpse into the joys and hardships of Ozark families.



Arthur Scott and a visitor from New York, on his farm in Marion County.

What Turnbo Tells (continued)

Coming Event

Aug. 21, 2018

Arkansas State Archives, *Pen to Podium: Arkansas Historical Writers' Lecture Series, Rock Island Railroad in Arkansas*, by Michael Hibblen, 6:30 p.m., Department of Arkansas Heritage Diamond Room, 1100 North Street, Little Rock, Arkansas.

August 22-25, 2018

The [FGS](#) National Genealogy and Family History Conference will be held in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

August 27, 2018

Heritage Seekers, *The Rise & Fall of Napoleon, Arkansas*, by Sheila Moore-Mitchell, 6:30 p.m., Second Presbyterian Church, 600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas.

October 13, 2018

Arkansas State Archives, *Tracing Your Arkansas Roots: Genealogy 101*, speakers include Thea Baker and Diana Gilpin, 9 a.m., Historic Washington State Park.

October 19-20, 2018

The Arkansas Genealogical Society 2018 Fall Conference will be at the Benton Event and Convention Center in Benton, Arkansas. CeCe Moore, Professional Genetic Genealogist is scheduled to present.

November 4-10, 2018

National Genealogical Society Guided Research Trip to Washington, D.C. Visit *Upfront With NGS* for the details.

November 13, 2018

Arkansas State Archives, *Pen to Podium: Arkansas Historical Writers' Lecture Series, Hidden History of Fort Smith*, by Ben Boulden, 6:30 p.m., Department of Arkansas Heritage Diamond Room, 1100 North Street, Little Rock, Arkansas.

August 21-24, 2019

The [FGS](#) National Genealogy and Family History Conference will be held in Washington, D. C.

September 2-5, 2020

The [FGS](#) National Genealogy and Family History Conference will be held in Kansas City, Missouri.

In the many volumes he recounts his experiences and stories told to him by Allen Trimble and his son William.

For genealogist, Turnbo's manuscripts, have filled in blanks left by missing courthouse, church and other records normally used to fill out family tree. They feature family name's that can still be seen in the Ozarks today: Coker, Keesee, Hodge, Tabor, Magness, King, Manley, Howard, Hudson, etc.



Arthur and Josephine Trimble Scott family in ca. 1904. Josephine was the daughter of Joseph Trimble, Turnbo's best friend growing up. He would visit the family, when in the Oakland, Marion County, Arkansas.

One must though keep in mind when reading *Turnbo's Tales of the Ozarks*, to always be cautious about when events happened. Remember, that these were written several years after the fact and were often second hand, so when at all possible fact check dates and events.

If you would like to read Turnbo's stories and don't want to visit Springfield, you can checkout the following resources:

<https://thelibrary.org/lochist/turnbo/toc.html>

Arkansas State Archives

Fireside Stories of the Early Days in the Ozarks, Part 2, by S.C. Turnbo, MG08830

Turnbo papers MG04614

S.C. Turnbo Manuscripts, MG04613

What Turnbo Tells (continued)

Center for Arkansas History and Culture

Silas Turnbo Collection, UALR.MS.0172

Or read:

The White River Chronicles of S.C. Turnbo: Man and Wildlife on the Ozarks Frontier, by James F. Keefe and Lynn Marrow

Turnbo's Tales of the Ozarks, by Desmond Walls Allen

Or Listen:

https://play.google.com/store/music/artist/Vinent_Anderson_Ozarks_History?id=Aycq4kox55fdilt3vgt7f36pl3a

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Henni, We Never Knew You

The following is republished from the The Legal Genealogist website, <http://www.legalgenealogist.com/2018/04/28/henni-we-never-knew-you/>. The article written by Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL, and was posted April 28, 2018

A cousin found... and lost

Research in a foreign land and in a foreign language is almost always an exercise in frustration — for *The Legal Genealogist* as much as anyone.

And never more when you stumble across a cousin and can consider her found...

And lost.

All at the same time.

My father's German family has been a source of amazement, joy and frustration, often simultaneously, since I started researching that side in earnest some years ago. And, more often than not, the frustration has won out. German privacy laws are strict, the records I can access often written in a German Gothic script that I can't read.

All too often this leads me to put that research aside — again — until the next time something comes up that makes me look at it again.

Many times, the impetus to look at it again is this blog, and the schedule I set for myself to try to write something about my family every week on Saturday. Sometimes the specific topic is chosen because it's time to renew a membership in a research society. Sometimes it's about someone whose birth or marriage or death date is around the date of the blog post. And sometimes it's because of both... like this post today.

Because just recently I renewed my membership in [Die Maus](#) — die Gesellschaft für Familienforschung e. V. Bremen — the Bremen Genealogical Society. And today would have been the 120th birthday of the man who married my father's maternal aunt.



Henni, We Never Knew You (continued)

I'd discovered, in prior research, that Heinrich Diedrich Thoms was born 28 April 1898 in Bremen — 120 years ago today.¹ He married my father's aunt, Gesche Adelheid Nuckel, called Adelheid, in Bremen in 1920.²

That earlier research also showed that Heinrich died 12 April 1939, at the age of 40 years, 11 months and 16 days, at the St. Joseph-Stift Hospital in Bremen, and he was buried 17 April 1939 at Walle Cemetery in grave site 562b. His burial record described him simply as a "Kaufmann" — businessman.³

The records for his wife, my father's Aunt Adelheid, show that she was born 28 October 1898, and died 13 February 1958, at the age of 59 years and three months. She was buried 21 February 1958, at Walle Cemetery, next to or near her husband, in grave site 562b.⁴

But that earlier research had brickwalled with the one child I knew about: the little girl identified specifically as Henni Thoms in a family photo labeled so neatly in my father's handwriting as his mother's family in 1932.

Henni Thoms. His first cousin. My first cousin once removed.

There are so few cousins on my German side that I know anything about. No first cousins at all. And only a handful of others. It seems that my German relatives had few children (or at least few who survived) and they in turn had few children. And all of them posing enormous research challenges because of German privacy laws: birth records there are sealed for 110 years, marriage records for 80 years and death records for 30 years.⁵

Now figuring that Henni would likely have been born no earlier than 1920, her birth record won't be available before 2030. If she was even as old as 20 when she married — and German women tended to be a bit older than that on average — the marriage record won't be available until 2020 at the earliest. And without a married name, I can't even ask for a death record that I might legally be able to access.

the record the wife of Karl Hermann Thielmann. That record says she was born on the 6th of December 1920, and was just 42 years and five months old when she died on the 29th of May 1963 at Karlshafener Str. 2 in Bremen.⁶

Henni, We Never Knew You (continued)

So Henni has always been one research target I've kept putting aside.

Until last night.

When I was looking at the Thoms entries at *Die Maus* thinking maybe I'd find out something more about Heinrich for his 120th birthday.

And finding instead the burial record for Henriette Adelheid (Thoms) Thielmann, from

Oh... that record does say one thing more.

It says she was buried at Walle Cemetery in Bremen.⁷

In grave site 562b.⁸

Hello, cousin Henni... My first cousin once removed found... and lost... all in one record. Please tell me you left me some second cousins to chase...

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October 19-20, 2018
Benton Event Center, Benton, AR
Keynote Speaker: CeCe Moore

Ms. Moore is Co-Founder Institute for Genetic Genealogy and has worked as the genetic genealogy consultant and scriptwriter for the PBS Television documentary series Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr. More information will be forthcoming.

Administrative Stuff

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