



# AGS Ezine

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## Coming Events

### October 10, 2019

Greene County Historical and Genealogical Society, Hon. Dan Stidham, *DNA finds serial killer in Greene County*, 6 p.m., Legacy Room, Greene County Library, Paragould.

### October 18-19, 2019

AGS Fall Seminar, Benton Event Center, Benton, Friday Speaker, TBA and Saturday Speaker, Judy G. Russell. Visit <https://www.agsgenealogy.org/> for more information.

### 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 24-26, 2019

Heritage Seekers Genealogy Club, *Grandpa Murphy's Flag*, speaker Linda Howell, 6:30 p.m., Room 66, Second Presbyterian Church, 600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock.

### 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.

## Its Almost Here

# Arkansas Genealogical Society

## 2019 Fall Seminar

**Benton Event Center,  
Benton Arkansas**

**Saturday, October 19, 2019**

**Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL**

- 9:30 a.m.** Where There Is or Isn't a Will
- 10:30 a.m.** Writ in Stone - Cemeteries and Genealogy
- 1:30 p.m.** No Vitals? No Problem! - building a Family through Circumstantial Evidence: Bringing Josias Home
- 3:00 p.m.** Dower and Dowry: Women, Property and Legal Records

**Friday evening, October 18, 2019**

**Brian K. Mitchell, PhD**

- 6:00 p.m.** Migrations, Massacres, and Mass Exodus: What Implications Does the Elaine Massacre Hold for Genealogical Studies?
- 7:30 p.m.** Black Arkansans Transplanted: Finding Arkansas' Expelled Free Blanks



# Arkansas Genealogical Society 2019 Fall Seminar Registration Form

**October 18-19, 2019**

**Benton Events Center  
17322 I-30 North Benton, AR**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**email:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Registration Fee

A syllabus is guaranteed for those registered by September 17

\_\_\_\_\_ \$20 Friday Night Only

\_\_\_\_\_ \$40 Saturday Only (includes a box lunch)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$55 Friday & Saturday (includes Saturday's box lunch)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25 (AGS Membership - New and Renewing)

\_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed

**Make Check Payable to AGS and mail to:**

**AGS Fall Conference Registration**

**P O Box 26374**

**Little Rock AR 72221-6374**

## Coming Events

### December 12, 2019

Greene County Historical and Genealogical Society, *History of Greene County Christmas Parade and their Grand Marshalls*, Gina Jarrett, 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.

## FamilySearch Research Wiki Hits Milestone

According to a FamilySearch news release, its Research Wiki has published its 90,000th help article, with more added weekly. The free service launched 12 years ago to help researchers quickly with personal family history research questions. Explore it for free at the [FamilySearch Research Wiki](#).

The Wiki operates similar to Wikipedia. They are both wikis, allowing individuals to edit and create articles together. The FamilySearch wiki's content is produced mostly by staff and volunteers of the [FamilySearch Family History Library](#) in Salt Lake City. The wiki enables contributors to freely share their genealogical expertise with others. The inspiration for the content comes from patron interactions and the expanding historical record collections of FamilySearch.

So far in 2019, the wiki has had millions of viewers and 18 million page views. Nearly 7,600 new articles have already been published this year.

"The intriguingly interesting thing about the wiki is how diverse the 90,000 articles are," said Danielle Batson, FamilySearch wiki content manager. "It is amazing to find such a wide variety of research subjects for locations all over the world."

## Little Rock DAR Chapter to Celebrate

The Little Rock Centennial Chapter of DAR will host a tea to celebrate two significant anniversaries for the chapter on Sunday, Nov. 17 at the Old State House Museum. DAR is celebrating the 125-year anniversary of the Little Rock Chapter and the 100-year anniversary of the Centennial Chapter.

The Little Rock Chapter was chartered in March, 1894 as the first DAR chapter in Arkansas, and the second chapter west of the Mississippi River. Many influential Little Rock women were charter members. On April 16, 1919, the Centennial Chapter was chartered. The name Centennial was chosen to commemorate the 1918 Centennial of Arkansas settlement. Charter members were 14 young ladies, some still in college. Daughters from both chapters were active and leaders in the community, as well as at the chapter and state levels of DAR.

The tea will be from 2-4 p.m. DAR anticipates that about 120 guests will attend to celebrate these significant lineage society anniversaries.

Many genealogy researchers use DAR's online Genealogical Research System (GRS) to assist in family history research.

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# Ancestry Genealogy Program on NBC

A new Ancestry.com-sponsored genealogy program about everyday people's family history discoveries and the impact on life decisions will debut in October.

From the Ancestry.com Blog:

"We heard your feedback: You love "Who Do You Think You Are?" – but also want to see everyday people embark on journeys of personal discovery too. So, we bring you – "A New Leaf"!

"Each week 'A New Leaf' will follow people on the cusp of key life inflection points, who using family history, genealogy, and sometimes AncestryDNA® analysis will go on a journey of self-discovery and learn from the past while looking to the future."

"A New Leaf," hosted by Daisy Fuentes, will be included in the Saturday morning programming block, [The More You Know](#), beginning October 5. Please check your local TV listings for details.

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## Intriguing Ancestor Research Questions by Jeanne Rollberg

As we are researching our ancestors, sometimes research on these questions yield interesting answers can help us understand their lives and our own family heritage better:

1. Have we avoided one side of the family because of research brick walls or family prejudices? May we re-investigate now to discover new resources?
2. Were ancestors literate? When did education begin in the family? Upward mobility usually means fewer children within one or two generations.
3. Do we know our ancestors' religious affiliations, ethnic, or cultural origins that brought on discrimination?
4. Do we know if they faced naturalization process hitches because of jobs like moving around to work on farms or the railroads? Did untrue advertising attract them to America?
5. Were ancestors enslaved people or slave owners (by either our direct ancestors or other family members)? Did we have indentured servants or any runaways in the family?
6. Were ancestors in repeated military service (such as in two wars), or have early injuries/ deaths that affected the family over time? Women's early roles increased, if so.
7. Did any suffer internment elsewhere or in the United States? Were any moved off their lands to make way for others?
8. Were there displaced or orphan train children? (January 2020: new adoption and orphan records will be unsealed from New York State, where many ancestors first lived before spreading out across America). Hardships from farming, mining, construction, railroading accidents and work?
9. Were any of our ancestors mentally ill/disabled? Any desperadoes, mischief makers, jailbirds in our bloodlines?
10. Did any become entrepreneurs in the city or innovators or on the farm and catapult the family into newer, better status in one generation? Did we have any sharecroppers, servants, adoptees who were rewarded in important ways by employers or adoptive parents after long service?

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