

# OGS NEWSLETTER



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Take a "Journey of Discovery" to find your family's place in history. Come to the OGS Skill Building Workshop on Sat. August 7.

## Skill Building Workshop coming up

Oklahoma Genealogical Society is proud to bring special guest lecturers Diana and Gary Smith to Oklahoma City to present this special all-day event to sharpen your genealogical research skills on Saturday, August 7, 2010 from 10 to 4. Come to the Oklahoma History Center, across from the State Capitol at 800 Nahzi Zuhdi Drive, Oklahoma City, OK.

Their seminar titled, "*Genealogy is a Journey of Discovery: Start it Right and Keep it Right.*" From getting started and using forms to organizing, analyzing and interpreting research findings, they will show you how to document your family history, learn the importance of timelines, internet and home resources and more.

Popular national speakers Diana and Gary have delighted learners across America and on fun-filled genealogy cruises. Both Smiths are active participants in the Genealogical Speakers Guild and also the International Society of Family History Writers and Editors. They jointly write a regular column called "*Beginning Genealogy*" appearing in the National Genealogical Society's NGS Magazine.

Gary and Diana Smith have been researching together most of their married life, as well as frequent speakers for genealogy chapters and conferences. They serve as lay librarians for the local LDS Family History Center.

Diana has a twice-a-month column in the Cleveland Sun newspapers (all 26 editions) and has written for online publications (including the Helms' JOG) and her own "*Pilgrims, Pioneers and Aliens*" website at <http://members.aol.com/dianahome>.

Gary is also a chat host for the GenealogyForum.com on AOL, while Diana serves on the GFNews staff.

Cost for workshop and materials is \$20 each, with an optional lunch of Neptune sub, soft drink and cookie for \$6. Register for the event by mailing your check to OGS, PO Box 12986, OKC 73157-2986. Registration forms are on our web page at [www.okgensoc.org](http://www.okgensoc.org) and in the OK Historical Center Library.



### Changes in OGS Scheduling:

**Ancestor Fair:** The Fair is moving to Fall. So plan to attend and participate in the Ancestor Fair October 2, 2010 at the History Center.

**First Families:** The First Families of the Twin Territories of Oklahoma (FFTT) Banquet, which was held in April this year, will be combined with the Ancestor Fair in October 2011.

### OGS Family Storywriting Contest 2011

For next year's Story Writing Contest, the winners will be awarded at the Skill Building Contest in August 2011. Story Deadline will remain February 1, so start writing now.

### Changes at OK History Center Library

No more library cards required.

Patrons may take purses, briefcases, backpacks, etc., into the library. However, if going to the Rare Book room, they must leave those items in a locker.

Cameras and scanners are allowed, but a UV shield is required with flash.

Recording devices may be used in the Audio listening rooms.



## REAL EPITAPHS

*Anna Hopewell*  
*Enosburg Falls, VT*

"Here lies the body  
of our Anna.

Done to death by a banana.

It wasn't the fruit  
that laid her low

But the skin of the thing  
that made her go."

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**MISSING PERSONS**

*It is easy to place a Query in the Oklahoma Genealogical Society Quarterly.*

*OGS members can post queries free by emailing V.Jimenez@att.net with the who, where, when, and what you are seeking about your ancestors.*

*Non-members need to send two dollars with their queries. Don't forget to include your contact info.*

**We're on the Web!**

See us at:

<http://www.okgensoc.org/>  
(with map to meeting place)

The OGS Newsletter is published and distributed in January, March, May, July, September, and November by email. Subscribe at carolynleonard@me.com. Hard copies are available at meetings and at the OHC Library.

**"Official Records  
of the Civil War"  
6 pm, Monday, July 12  
June Stone**

**Please note the July meeting will be held on the second Monday night due to the July 4th holiday on first Monday.**

No serious study of the American Civil War is complete without consulting the Official Records. Affectionately known as the "O.R.," the 128 volumes of the Official Records provide the most comprehensive, authoritative, and voluminous reference on Confederate and Union Armies. The reports contained in the Official Records are from the principal leaders who fought the battles and wrote their assessments. This set of records was recently purchased by the Oklahoma Genealogical Society and donated to the OHS Research Library. June will highlight some of the reasons the OGS Board thought them important enough to justify making this investment.

**Genealogical Conference in TN  
Aug 18-21, 2010**

The next Federation of Genealogical Societies Genealogy Conference takes place in Knoxville, TN, from August 18-21, 2010.

"Rediscovering America's First Frontier" is the conference theme and co-hosts are the East Tennessee Historical Society and the Kentucky Historical Society.

While two conference hotels quickly filled, the Crowne Plaza Knoxville is offering the same deal. It is just a few blocks from the Knoxville Convention Center.

For info and registration, go to the website [www.fgs.org](http://www.fgs.org).

**Special Offer on Footnote**

Half Price Offer on your subscription to Footnote.com by joining through our website at [www.okgensoc.org](http://www.okgensoc.org) until August 8, 2010. The offer applies to new customers as well as renewals. Cost will be \$39.95 for a one year subscription to gain full access to images of original records including:

- \* Military Records—Revolutionary War, Civil War, WWI, WWII, Vietnam War
- \* Historical Newspapers—Dating back to the 1700s
- \* Naturalization Records—Petitions and Declarations dating to the early 19th Century
- \* City Directories—From major U.S. Cities
- \* And many more

This offer is only good through our website at [www.okgensoc.org](http://www.okgensoc.org) and is available only to OGS members.

**"DAR Records  
& Brick Wall Strategies"  
6 pm, Monday, Aug 2  
Pat McFall**

Daughters of American Revolution (DAR) has thousands of records from members' applications online. Pat McFall will demo how to access the website, find the records, and use them to find your Revolutionary Ancestor.

**Wanna go to D. C. to  
Research with friends?**

For those interested in a research trip to Washington, DC, we will have a meeting July 12 about details at 5:15 pm before the general meeting. This meeting will be in the classroom right behind the Chesapeake room. If you are unable to attend the planning meeting you may email [okgensoc@aol.com](mailto:okgensoc@aol.com) after that date, but details will be much clearer if you can attend the meeting.

**COMING ATTRACTIONS!**

**Clip 'n' Save!**

# - OGS MEETING, Free for OGS members, \$3 donation suggested for guests  
Check our webpage [OKGENSOC.ORG](http://OKGENSOC.ORG) for more info  
Meetings begin promptly at 6:00 pm and building closes at 8:00 pm

- # Mon July 12 ..... June Stone ..... Official Records of the Civil War, OHC
- Mon July 26 ..... OGS Board meeting ..... 4509 N. Classen
- # Mon Aug 2 ..... Pat McFall ... DAR Records & Brick Wall Strategies, OHC
- \$ Sat, Aug 7 ..... OGS ..... SKILL BUILDING WORKSHOP, OHC
- \$ Tue Aug 17-Sat Aug 21 ..... Federation of Gen. Soc. Conference, Nashville, TN
- Mon Aug 30 ..... OGS Board ..... 4509 N. Classen
- # Mon, Sept 13 ..... Jeanne Prince ..... Scrapbooks vs Archivals
- Mon Sep 27 ..... OGS Board meeting ..... 4509 N. Classen
- # Sat, Oct 2 ..... ANCESTOR FAIR
- # Mon, Oct 4 ..... Bob Blackburn, Ph.D. .... OK, the Melting Pot of America