



# The Salt Shaker

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## Arkansas Genealogical Society comes to Benton on Friday and Saturday, October 14th and 15th at the Benton Event Center.

On October 14 and October 15, the Arkansas Genealogical Society will hold its annual fall conference at the Benton Event Center in Benton, Arkansas.

The Arkansas Genealogical Society has been in existence since 1962 and has served as the place to go when looking for your ancestors.

The speaker this year is noted genealogist J. Mark Lowe of Tennessee.

Lowe has been a popular presenter at genealogical conferences all over the United States. His expertise is in Kentucky and Tennessee records, and since many early Arkansans came through Tennessee before settling in

Arkansas, he is a good choice to be presenter.

You can check out the Arkansas Genealogical Society's website for more information. The website is found at [www.agsgenealogy.org](http://www.agsgenealogy.org)

You will also be able to see how to sign up for the conference on the website.

The conference has a Friday evening session and then all day Saturday. Jeff Meek will present the Friday sessions on interviewing veterans and the Saturday sessions will begin at 9:00 am with "Don't County Me Out: Finding Estate Settle-

ments; Taxes Rule the World: Property, Poll, AdValorem, Permission; The Migration Triangle: Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, and Tennessee: and the last session Is It Really Online? How to Find and Use Authentic Sources at home or in the Library. Over night guest can get a special rate at the Fairfield Inn and a lunch can also be ordered for Saturday.



J. Mark Lowe Speaker

### New Microfilm and Church Records have been added to the Research Room.

The Saline County History & Heritage Society has purchased new microfilm for the research room. The Bryant Times 5 Rolls, Jan. 1999—Nov. 26, 2008; One roll Bauxite First Baptist Church

1943—1970; two rolls of the Benton Courier for the year of 1971; one roll of the Bauxite News from June 1920—January 1921. We already have the Benton Courier from January 1931 to 19 January

1971. We have also been given the church records of Bauxite First Baptist Church from 1943 to 1970 from the Central Baptist Association. Come into the research room on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday to view them.

## End of Year Dinner scheduled for Thursday, November 17 at 6:00 pm at the Benton Western Sizzlin

The Saline County History & Heritage Society will celebrate the record year of 2016 at the annual end of year dinner at the Benton Western Sizzlin on Thursday, November 17 at 6:00 pm.

This is a time to reflect on the year passed and look forward to the upcoming year of 2017.

We have had many new members to join this year and have had excellent programs.

In 2016 we celebrated the 30th anniversary of our society and we have come a long way. In 1986 when the society was formed we had virtually nothing in print on the county even though we had not had a fire. But with different ones

of the society helping we have saved thousands of county documents from destruction, we have conducted tours of historic saline county homes, we have conducted tours of downtown Benton, we have provided valuable assistance to Saline County residents and their ancestry, we have built a county archive where nothing existed before 1986, we have published thousands of pages on Saline County History. We have archived thousands of pages of Saline County records. It has been a very good 30 years and now we look forward to more years of preserving Saline County history.

Come join us for our end of year dinner.



## October 21st program will be Show and Tell

Our October program will be a show and tell. The program will take place on Thursday, October 21st at 7:00 pm at the Archives and Family History Research Center at 123 North Market Street in downtown Benton.

Members are urged to bring one thing about their family in Saline County or a photo of a building in Saline County or if you are not from Saline County maybe a

treasured family heirloom from your family.

We will give each person present an opportunity to tell about their treasure to the group.

In the past we have had World War I photos, coffee mills, family photos, a baptism gown, a family bible, and many other very interesting items. We hope you will partic-

ipate and bring something unusual so we all can share in your treasures.



## 152nd Battle of Jenkins Ferry was held on September 16, 17, and 18th by the friends of Jenkins Ferry.

The Friends of Jenkins Ferry put on a great reenactment on September 16th, 17th, and 18th at a farm near the original battle site of the Battle of Jenkins Ferry. There were cavalry units, artillery units, and infantry units of both Union and Confederate. The Saturday event began at 2:00 pm and it was great to see the battle unfold right before your eyes.

There were also sutlers selling Civil War memorabilia.

A large crowd attended the presentation.

Here are some photos of the event taken by David Pyle (SCHHS member at the event)



## David O. Dodd story to be told by the Royal Players October 6,7, 8, & 9th at the Royal Theater.

The Bryant Historical Society and the Royal Players are teaming up to present the historical play "Boy Hero: The Story of David O. Dodd" written by Dr. Nancy Hendricks of Hot Springs. The story is set in Saline County and other parts of Central Arkansas.

Dr. Hendricks has written books on Hattie Caraway of Arkansas, the first woman elected a United States Senator.

She has also portrayed her in dramatic presentations..

She worked for ASU as an instructor previously.

Performances will be held on October 6—9 at the historic Royal theater in downtown Benton. The play is a fundraiser for the Bryant Historical Society, as well as the Royal Players. Cost is 10.00 for Adults and 8.00 for seniors.

The Dodd family lived in Saline County for a period. David's grandfather David Dodd was a large land holder in the Benton area and helped to organize the First Baptist Church of Benton.

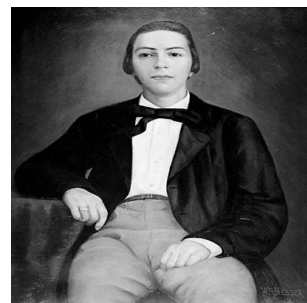
David Owen Dodd, who lived from November 10, 1846 to January 8, 1864 was tried and convicted and hanged as a Confederate spy.

In December 1863, Dodd who was 17, carried some letters to business associates of his father in Union—held Little Rock. While traveling to rejoin family at Camden, he mistakenly re-entered Union territory. Discovering that he did not have a pass, Union soldiers questioned him and found him carrying a notebook with the locations of Union troops in the area.

He was arrested and tried by a military tribunal, with little defense offered for his actions. The tribunal found him guilty of spying and sentenced him to death. He was hanged on January 8, 1864. The events led to Dodd being called the "Arkansas Boy Martyr of the Confederacy."

Randall Earnest, a history buff and a frequent actor on the Royal stage, is directing the play.

Everyone support this play and try to attend.



## Spotlight on SCHHS Volunteers



Marlo Bush Krueger

Our society has many volunteers who help our society to succeed. This time we feature Mrs. Marlo Bush Krueger. Marlo who is descended from the Bush family of Saline County. Her family operated a jewelry store and drug store in downtown Benton for many years. Marlo has served as former President of the society, treasurer, and board member of SCHHS. She has also been the Editor of the *SALINE* for several years and has done an excellent job. The copy of the *Saline* you just received was her last. She has decided to step aside from her duties of putting the *SALINE* together twice a year and spend more time travelling with her husband.

She is not going away, for she will continue to write articles for the publication, but just not have the responsibility of having to put the journal together. She will also serve on the board for 2017.

We thank you Marlo for your dedication to the Saline County History & Heritage Society and the history of Saline County, Arkansas.

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Benton Lone Star Café on Main Street c. 1940

The Lone Star Café was one of many of the eating establishments available in downtown Benton in the 1930's, 1940's, and 1950's.

### Saline County History & Heritage Society Proposed Officers for 2017

### Renew your membership for 2017

The nominating committee and your President have spent many hours working on the officers for the Saline County History & Heritage Society for 2017. Here are the proposed officers:

President— Steve Perdue

1st Vice President—Shirley Parson Coppock

2nd Vice President— Wilson and Virginia DuVall

Treasurer—George Akins

Secretary —Betty Walker

Board Members—Marlo Bush Krueger 3 year term, Linda Everett 2 year term, and Robert Edwards 1 year term.

Librarian— Pauline Brown

Webmaster— Eddie Landreth

Editor of the Saline— Virginia White

Membership in the Saline County History & Heritage Society is on a calendar year basis. So in January your 2017 dues are up for renewal. Our organization is a non-profit 501C3 organization and your membership and any donation is tax deductible. You receive the Saline two times a year and you receive the Salt Shaker our newsletter four times a year. Also a program on a historical or genealogical topic are presented each month except November. I hope you will renew your membership to our society and help us preserve Saline County history.