HAPPY NEW YEAR

The wish is for all our members to have a happy and prosperous 2004.

ELECTIONS

JANUARY MEETING: On January 18, 2004 yearly elections will be held for the Genealogy Society. The meeting will be held at the Jonesboro Public Library at 2:00. If you would like to run for an office, please contact Gail Lies at nglies@nex.net. Additional nominations will gladly be taken from the floor.

Recommendations from the Nominating Committee

President – Betty Woodall
Vice President – Gail Lies
Treasurer – Dorothy McCarns
Recording Secretary – Donna Ishmael
Corresponding Secretary – Nelda Simpkins
Historian – Gregg Scott
Publications – Nancy Matthews
Publicity – Lisa Upton

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: The Executive Board meeting for January was held on January 10, 2004 at the Jonesboro Public Library.

1. Cemetery Book Volume IV (Jonesboro Memorial Park Cemetery) is FINISHED.
2. Next Beginner’s Genealogy Class will be held on February 9 & 10 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm
3. Several years have been added to the Obituary Index that is on-line.
4. Executive Board Meeting for February is February 7, 2004 at 2:00 pm at the Jonesboro Public Library.
2004 MEETING DATES

Regular Monthly Meetings:

18 January 2004   Election of Officers and Annual Reports
15 February 2004
21 March 2004
18 April 2004
16 May 2004
13 June 2004
18 July 2004
15 August 2004
19 September 2004
17 October 2004
21 November 2004
December   Christmas Party   Date TBA

Executive Board Meetings:

10 January 2004  07 February 2004  13 March 2004
10 April 2004   08 May 2004   05 June 2004
10 July 2004   07 August 2004  11 September 2004
09 October 2004  13 November 2004   December   TBA

It is time to renew your membership. Membership Dues are $15 a year from January to January. Please send dues to GSCCA, P.O. Box 844, Jonesboro, AR 72402. We would love to have you join us.

NEWSLETTER: Many of our Society members have computers in their home and have access to e-mail and the Internet. For those members we would like to offer the following choices: (1) receiving their newsletter as an e-mail attachment, (2) viewing directly on the Internet, or (3) continuing to receive a newsletter through the regular mail. Please let me (Nancy Matthews) know your choice nlmatthews@ritternet.com. Unless you let me know different, you will continue to receive your newsletter through the regular mail. As always the newsletter is available by going to the Society’s Website at http://www.freewebs.com/craighead_genealogy/.

FEBRUARY MEETING: The February meeting will be Sunday 15 February 2004 at the Jonesboro Public Library. The program is not set at this time.

PROGRAM IDEAS

We need your program ideas for the coming year. If you have an idea for a program, please let us know. Is there a program that you would be willing to present? Contact Gail Lies nglies@nex.net or 932-1301

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BEGINNER'S CLASS: The next Beginning Genealogy class will be held at the Jonesboro Public Library on February 9 & 10 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Contact Betty Woodall bwoodall@bscn.com -- 931-4111 or Nancy Matthews nlmattews@ritternet.com -- 933-8153.

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS

ASU Technical Center at Marked Tree is offering an Introduction to Digital Photography class on Tuesday nights beginning January 20. The class will meet from 6 - 8 p.m. for 5 weeks. At the completion of this course students should have a basic knowledge on how to use a digital camera, how to scan and manipulate digital pictures, what are the best cameras available for the money, how to download their photographs and how to share photographs using the Internet. Enrollment is limited to the first 20 individuals who sign up. Cost for the course is $30.00 plus the cost of a textbook. To reserve a seat in the class, please call Mary Houchin at 870-358-2117 ext. #12.

NEW BOOKS AT THE JONESBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY

A Pictorial History of Craighead County by the Jonesboro Sun
976.7 Cr 84
They Made a Difference … Arkansas Freemasons
AR 366 Th34
Biographical & Historical Memoirs of Northwest Louisiana by Southern Publishing Company
LA 976.3 Lo93
Index to Volunteer Soldiers in Indian Wars and Disturbances 1815-1858 Volume I & Volume II
by Virgil D. White 929.832 Wh58
History & Families of Weakley County, Tennessee 1823-1998
TN 929.3 We37
History of Trigg County, Kentucky edited by William Henry Perrin
KY 929.3
Land Deed Genealogy of Cannon County, Tennessee 1836-1857 by Thomas E. Partlow
TN 929.3 Ca16
Chancery Court Records of Cannon County, Tennessee 1840-1880 by Thomas E. Partlow
TN 929.3 Ca16
First Land Grants of Sumner County, Tennessee 1786-1833 by Timothy Richard Marsh
TN 929.3 Su6
Early Settlers of Missouri as Taken from Land Claims in the Missouri Territory by Walter Lowrie 929.3 Mi69
Newton County (Arkansas) Cemeteries by Herman and Oleta (Holt) Haddock
929.5 Ne48
American Estate Papers, The – 10 Volume Set
Gen 929.19 Am3
The History of Hickory, Polk, Cedar, Dade and Barton Counties, MO
MO 977.8 Mi69
CEMETERY BOOK – VOLUME IV (Jonesboro Memorial Park Cemetery): This book is finished at long last. We want to extend a “Thank You” to all of those who worked on this book. We also want to say a “Special Thank You” to Marguerite Brown. She compiled the first book on Jonesboro Memorial Park Cemetery. We built on her hard work. The book is available for sale for $30 to members and $35 to non-members. It is also available as part of a 4-Volume Set for $100 for members and $115 for non-members.

OBITUARY INDEX: We have added several years to the Online Obituary Index. There are still a few months that need to be transcribed to complete the years and allow us to print the books. The Obituary Index is at http://www.freewebs.com/craighead_genealogy/Sun-Obits.htm

2003 Genealogy Users at the Jonesboro Library

During 2003 there were a total of 2,445 people that signed in at the Genealogy Room for the Jonesboro Library. There were 156 people from out-of-state and 1,896 from Craighead County. Make sure that you sign in when you visit so that you can be counted as well.
Ancestors of Mildred Erma Dell Cook

Henry Cook
b: Mar. 1842 in Greene County, Arkansas
d: Oct. 1883 in Greene County, Arkansas
m: Martha "Mattie" E. Wilson

James W. Cook
b: February 16, 1874 in Greene County, Arkansas
d: February 16, 1944 in St. Louis, Missouri
m: October 02, 1891 in Greene County, Arkansas

Charles Adam Cook
b: September 27, 1857 in Greene County, Arkansas
d: March 9, 1931 in Jonesboro, Arkansas
m: December 24, 1915 in Bates, Arkansas

Catherine E. Bailey
b: Mar. 1845 in Greene County, Arkansas
d: Mar. 30, 1910 in Lawrence County, Arkansas
m: August 5, 1868 in Independence, County, Arkansas

James K. Polk Gephart
b: August 25, 1828 in Nashville, Davidson, Tennessee
d: March 18, 1926 in Greene County, Arkansas

Nancy Gephart
b: October 11, 1874 in Greene County, Arkansas
d: November 07, 1935 in Jonesboro, Arkansas

Eva Caroline Freeman
b: October 15, 1846 in Greene County, Arkansas
d: August 05, 1912 in Greene County, Arkansas

Charles Edward Sutton, Sr.
b: August 23, 1825 in Montgomery County, Tennessee
d: April 14, 1881 in White, Illinois
m: September 13, 1849 in Tennessee

Mable Marie Sutton
b: November 13, 1909 in Carrol, White, County, Illinois
d: September 12, 1978 in Jonesboro, Arkansas

Ellie Malone
b: 1835 in Tennessee
d: Unknown in Unknown

Jeff Downen
b: March 20, 1863 in Posey County, Indiana
d: January 03, 1913 in Thompsonville, Franklin County, Illinois
m: June 09, 1883 in Posey County, Indiana

Delia Downen
b: October 08, 1873 in White, Illinois
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Hannah Hutchinson
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**Early Clay County Divorces: Western District, Corning 1881-1899**  
Price $10.00 including postage by Gina Horton for GSCCA

**Early Craighead County, Arkansas Divorces: Western District, Jonesboro Courthouse 1878 - 1897**  
Price $15.00 including postage by Gina Horton for GSCCA

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**Member Books for Sale**

**1890 Tax Receipts (Real Estate Tax, Personal Property Tax & Poll Tax) Craighead County, Arkansas**  
Price $35.00 including postage from: Nancy Matthews – nlmatthews@ritternet.com

**1890 Tax Craighead County, Arkansas – on CD Rom**  
Price $20.00 including postage from: Nancy Matthews – nlmatthews@ritternet.com

**Corning, Arkansas Clay County – Western District Marriages 1881 – 1902**  
Price $25.00 including postage from: Dorothy McCarns – mmdmccarns@ritternet.com

**Corning, Arkansas Clay County – Western District Marriages 1902 – 1920**  
Price $25.00 including postage from: Dorothy McCarns – mmdmccarns@ritternet.com

**Corning, Arkansas Clay County – Western District Marriages –Two Volume Set**  
Price $45.00 including postage from: Dorothy McCarns – mmdmccarns@ritternet.com

**Corning, Arkansas Clay County – Western District Marriages 1881 – 1920 on CD Rom**  
Price $25.00 including postage from: Dorothy McCarns – mmdmccarns@ritternet.com

**Craighead County Eastern District Marriage Records – Lake City – Volume I**  
Price $25.00 including postage from: Gail Lies – nglies@nex.net

**Craighead County Eastern District Marriage Records – Lake City – Volume II**  
Price $25.00 including postage from: Gail Lies – nglies@nex.net

**Craighead County Eastern District Marriage Records – Lake City – Two Volume Set**  
Price $45.00 including postage from: Gail Lies – nglies@nex.net

**Marriage Records of Sharp County, Arkansas: Southern District 1880-1910 & Northern District 1893-1910**  
Price $36.75 including postage from: Joyce Whitten – jwhitten@bscn.com

**1870 Census of Sharp County, Arkansas**  
Price $11.75 including postage from: Joyce Whitten – jwhitten@bscn.com

**1880 Census of Sharp County, Arkansas**  
Price $20.80 including postage from: Joyce Whitten – jwhitten@bscn.com

**1860 Census of Lawrence County, Arkansas**  
Price $18.75 including postage from: Joyce Whitten – jwhitten@bscn.com

Price for 3 Sharp County Books including postage $63.00  
Price for 3 Sharp County Books & 1 Lawrence County Book including postage $80.00

**Monette Arkansas Newspaper Obituaries & Death Notices 1920-1927**  
Price $30.00 including postage from: Joyce Whitten – jwhitten@bscn.com
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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DUES ARE $15.00 PER YEAR DUE ON THE 1ST DAY OF JANUARY.

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