Genealogy Society
Of
Craighead County, Arkansas

This month's meeting will be the
Jonesboro Public Library

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MEETING HAPPENINGS: The January meeting was held at the Jonesboro Public Library on January 20, 2002. The Society presented several books to the Library. These books are newspaper extracts of the *Ellington Press* in Reynolds County, Missouri. We presented eight out of thirteen volumes and will purchase the remaining volumes as soon as they become available.

Next on the agenda were Year-End Reports by the officers. Through these reports you can see how our Society is growing.

Lastly elections were held. These were the recommendations of 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 and Publicity – Lanafae Stephens. The membership voted to accept these recommendations. We all hope to serve you well in the coming year.

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: The Executive Board meeting for February was held on February 9, 2002 at the Jonesboro Public Library.

1. We need a volunteer to handle incoming lookups and queries. They would make sure that the lookup is done by someone and a response made.
2. Jeanette McClure donated books on Iron County, Missouri & Wayne County, Missouri to the Society.
3. We would like to recommend that we donate books to the Iron County Genealogy Society.
4. It has become necessary to charge a non-refundable deposit for our Beginner's Class.
5. Executive Board Meeting for March is March 9, 2002 at 2:00 pm at the Jonesboro Public Library.

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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@insolwwb.net

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.insolwwb.net/~nlmatthews/newsletter.htm.

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DUES

Once again it is time to renew your membership. It is time to send in your dues. For the new members that have joined since October, your membership will carry over through 2002. Please send dues to GSCCA, P.O. Box 2614, Jonesboro, AR 72402.

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QUERY

I found Allen B. Hancock born 26 May 1863 in TN or MS died 13 April 1933 in the Caraway area, was living with son Roy Hancock. Roy had these children, Joyce, Verbie, Edna & Elsie. Don't know married names. So I am interested in finding family members of Roy Hancock in the Craighead County, AR area or other areas in the U.S.

Mary Ann Niswanger, P.O. Box 308, Prosper, TX 75078 maryann@texoma.net .

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LIST OF ELECTORS HAVING PAID POLL TAX FOR THE YEAR A.D. 1897

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ISBELL, T. A.
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ISBELL, W. C.
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ISHMAEL, J. B.
ISHMAEL, W. H.
ISHMAEL, W. R. P.
ISHMEAL, J. P.
ISHMEAL, James
ISOM, H.T.
ISOM, J. S.
ISOM, Sam
ISOM, W. B. S.
IVEY, J. P.

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JACKSON, J. R.
JACKSON, Joe
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JACKSON, W. N.
JACKSON, W. W.
JACKSON, Walter
JACKSON, Z. H.
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JACOBS, W. T.
JAGNESS, I. N.
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JETER, W. L.
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JINKS, W. F.
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JOHNSON, Silas
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JOHNSON, V. H.
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JONES, A.
JONES, A. B.
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JONES, Allen
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JONES, E. A.
JONES, Frank
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JONES, J. W. L.
JONES, Nicholas
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JONES, S. B.
JONES, Squire
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JORDAN, J. H.
JORDAN, J. J.
JORDAN, J. L.
JORDAN, J. R.
JORDAN, P. H.
JORDAN, W. R.
JOYNER, R.
JUDD, J. R.
JUDDY, E. E.
JUSTIS, James
JUSTIS, Peter

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NEW BOOKS AT THE JONESBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Holmes County, Mississippi Cemeteries: Bethesda, Pleasant Ridge, Spring Hill & Others by Myrtis Irene Sidden – MS 929.5 Ho73

Northampton County, Virginia Orders & Wills 1689-1693 transcribed by Frank V. Walczyk – VA 929.3 No81

Northampton County, Virginia Orders & Wills 1651-1654 Book IV transcribed by Frank V. Walczyk – VA 929.3 No81

"Let No Guilty Man Escape" – A Judicial Biography of "Hanging Judge" Isaac C. Parker by Roger H. Tuller

White County (Tennessee) Marriage Records – June 1881 – March 1921 transcribed by Margret Rhinehart – TN 929.3 Wh55

Genealogies of Barbados Families compiled by James C. Brandow – GEN 929.721 Ba11

Old Seeds In The New Land – History and Reminiscences of the Bar of Arkansas by Robert Ross Wright – AR 340 Wr92

1890 Special Census of Barry County, Missouri of Union Veterans by Lisa Lamp – MO 929.3 Ba11

American Wills Proved in London 1611-2775 compiled by Peter Wilson Coldham – GEN 929.722 En1

Prince George County, Virginia Miscellany 1711-1814 abstracted and compiled by Benjamin B. Weisiger III – GEN VA 929.3 Pr88

Prince George County, Virginia Wills and Deeds 1710-1713 compiled by Benjamin B. Weisiger III – GEN VA 929.3 Pr88

St. George's Parish Accomack County (Virginia) Vestry Book 1763-1787 transcribed by Gail M. Walczyk – VA 929.3 Ac1

History of Wayne County Ohio 1796-1889 by Henry Howe – OH 977.1 Wa11

History of Holmes County Ohio 1796-1889 by Henry Howe – OH 977.1 Ho65

History of Fulton County Ohio 1796-1889 by Henry Howe – OH 977.1 Fu95

History of Summit County Ohio 1796-1889 by Henry Howe – OH 977.1 Su1

Wayne County, Kentucky Marriages and Vital Records Volume One – Marriages A-J 1801-1860 compiled by June Baldwin Bork -- KY 929.3 Wa36 V.1

Wayne County, Kentucky Marriages and Vital Records Volume Two – Marriages K-Z 1801-1860 compiled by June Baldwin Bork -- KY 929.3 Wa36 V.2

Wayne County, Kentucky 1850 Census Volume Three compiled by June Baldwin Bork -- KY 929.3 Wa36 V.3

Wayne County, Kentucky Pioneers Volume Four Biographical sketches and civil court records compiled by June Baldwin Bork -- KY 929.3 Wa36 V.4

Wayne County, Kentucky Vital Records Volume Five compiled by June Baldwin Bork -- KY 929.3 Wa36 V.5

Wayne County, Kentucky Vital Records Wills 1802-1909 and the Dick Family Volume Six compiled by June Baldwin Bork -- KY 929.3 Wa36 V.6

Genealogical and Personal Memoirs – Relating to the Families of Boston and Eastern Massachusetts by William Richard Culter – Vol. I; Vol. II; Vol. III; Vol. IV
GEN MA 929.2 Ma11

Genealogical and Family History of the State of New Hampshire -- Vol. I; Vol. II; Vol. III; Vol. IV – NH 929.3 Ne24

Illinois State Census 1865 – Jackson County, Illinois GEN IL 929.3 Ja11

Death and Marriage Notices for Autauga County Alabama Newspapers 1853-1889 compiled by Larry E. Caver, Jr. -- AL 292.3 Au1

Weakley County, Tennessee Miscellaneous Records by Sallie Hays – TN 929.3 We 37

History of the Town of Royalston, Mass. By Lilley Brewer Caswell – MA 974.4 Ro53

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WHAT IS A GENEALOGIST?

A full-time detective
A thorough historian
An inveterate snoop
A confirmed diplomat
A keen observer
A hardened sceptic
An apt biographer
A qualified linguist
A part-time lawyer
A studious sociologist
An accurate reporter
An hieroglyphics expert,
AND . . .
A complete nut!

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FOUND ON THE WEB by Jeanine Saunders

In the Jan-Feb, 2002 issue of *Ancestry* which came in today's mail, Megan Vandre writes in an article titled "The Living History Experience" about learning more about the lifestyle of our ancestors by spending a day at a living history museum. Living history museums and historic homes and parks have long been among my favorite places to visit. Just walking along Duke of Gloucester Street at Colonial Williamsburg one imagines living in 18th century America. Stepping on board, one of the Tall Ships at Mystic Seaport brings dreams of crossing the Atlantic to move to the New World. Visiting a kitchen in a living history museum and watching the demonstrations of cooking in 17th, 18th, or 19th century America makes me appreciate my dishwasher and microwave oven even more.

It was with some irony that I read this article as I had just recently spent some time actually looking at web sites for some of the living history museums in areas where some of my own ancestors had once lived. Most of you know

how that goes; you go on the web searching for one particular topic and a couple of hours later, and you sign off after going to dozens of web pages far removed from the initial topic. I began my search with the website for Old Salem, the reconstructed Moravian village in Winston-Salem, NC. I had visited this living history museum a number of years ago, but not being involved in family history research at the time, I had no idea that some of my North Carolina ancestors had actually been Moravians who lived just a few miles away. (I did know that my grandmother's parents were from this area, but just recently learned that the family name had been Anglicized.) As I went from web site to web site, I found that a wealth of information about the lifestyles of our ancestors can be found on these pages. Ideally, we can visit the actual museum, but if we cannot, much can still be learned. The museum shops often had books relating to the history of the people and the culture of the period that can be purchased. Some had virtual tours while others had a myriad of photographs.

Some of the sites had narratives and articles that I found especially interesting and I want to share some of that with you.

At the website for the village of Old Salem, I found a brief, but very good history of the Moravian settlements in the Winston-Salem area. Since learning of my Moravian heritage, I have found much more about them in Eastern North Carolina and very little about the small pocket who settled in the foothills of the Appalachians which included my own family.

Another site which was turned out to be of value to me was <http://.www.frontiermuseum.org>. This is the web site for the Frontier Culture Museum, a fairly new living history museum in Staunton, VA. I have added this museum to my "must visit" list. At this museum, they have moved actual 18th century farm homes from Germany, Ulster, and England, as well as an early pioneer American farm home to the beautiful Shenandoah Valley representing the three main European cultures who settled the Appalachian Virginia frontier, the Scotch-Irish, Palatines, and English. Demonstrations relate to the lifestyle of these immigrants in their homeland as well as in the New World. On the website are discussions about the factors that led to immigration, the culture of the group and the migration into the valley. Charles Murray, one of my ancestors, immigrated from Coleraine in Ulster about 1770, and for a brief time lived in this area. He was a weaver by trade and I was delighted to read about the weaving practices in Ulster on this web site.

As some of you know, my roots are deep and widespread in Hoosier country. My earliest ancestors arrived in Indiana in 1819 and by 1870 all of my great-grandparents were living in that state. Not far from of Indianapolis is a well-known living history museum, the Conner Prairie Living History Farm. It is a wonderful museum with multiple exhibits of farm life as it was in the mid-to late 1800's and I would recommend this museum to any family historian even those without Midwest heritage. This museum's website, <http://www.connerprairie.org>. is outstanding. On it there is a "history online" link that has numerous articles that would be valuable to most family historians even without Hoosier roots, but to me
are very important in understanding my heritage. One of my gg-grandfathers was involved in the early township surveys in several Southern Indiana counties. Two articles found there describe how these early surveys were done and the tools used. Many of my Indiana ancestors, both male and female, were teachers and there are articles on education in 19th century Indiana. There is an excellent article on the education of the deaf in America including the deaf school opened in Indianapolis in 1846 which was attended by three of my grandfather's aunts. Articles on the history of several different church denominations in 19th century Indiana, including the three denominations prevalent in my family, Methodist, Presbyterian, and Christian (Disciples of Christ) were found. Of course, there are numerous articles on 19th century agriculture. One section that I particularly enjoyed consisted of "Heritage Recipes." I found numerous recipes that were very similar to the food my grandmothers cooked here in Arkansas. It always amazed me that although my grandmothers were from different parts of Indiana, their methods of food preparation and recipes were so similar. Neither of them fried much food and one of them often said that she had never had fried chicken until she moved to Arkansas. As a child, one of my favorite pies was one my Grandmother Smith made that was called simply "Cream Pie." It was a very calorie, laden pie with fresh cream as the main ingredient. I had never seen a recipe for it until I found this site.

In the ideal world we can visit all of the living history museums that depict the life as our ancestors lived. In that way, we can more fully understand the trials and tribulations they endured and can make our heritage "come alive." However, we cannot always do that. Through the wonders of the Internet, we can visit the web sites of these museums and learn a lot. It is a great way to spend a few hours on a cold winter evening that I heartily recommend.

Jeanine Saunders, 12/26/2001
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1910 Census of Craighead County, Arkansas – Volume 1 – 308 pages – indexed
price $30.00 includes postage (members $25.00)
1910 Census of Craighead County, Arkansas – Volume 2 – 360 pages – indexed
price $30.00 includes postage (members $25.00)
1910 Census of Craighead County, Arkansas – 2 Volume Set – 368 pages – indexed
price $50.00 includes postage (members $45.00)
1900 Census of Craighead County, Arkansas -- about 437 pages – indexed
price $35.00 includes postage (members $30.00)
1880 Census of Craighead County, Arkansas -- 168 pages – indexed
price $18.00 includes postage (members $15.00)
1870 Census of Craighead County, Arkansas -- 117 pages – indexed
price $15.00 includes postage (members $12.00)
1860 Census of Craighead County, Arkansas -- 81 pages – indexed
price $12.00 includes postage (members $10.00)
1860, 1870 & 1880 Census of Craighead County, Arkansas -- Three book set.
price $40.00 includes postage (members $32.00)
Cemeteries of Craighead County, Arkansas -- Volume I – indexed
price $30.00 includes postage (members $25.00)
Cemeteries of Craighead County, Arkansas -- Volume II – indexed
price $30.00 includes postage (members $25.00)
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Walking Through Your Past: A Guide to Finding Your Roots
price $15.00 includes postage (members $12.00)

The Fighting Fifth: The Fifth Arkansas Infantry Regiment, C.S.A. by Floyd R. Barnhill, Sr. with Major Calvin L. Collier price $30.00 includes postage (members $25.00)

Corning, Arkansas Clay County – Western District Marriages 1881 – 1902
Price $25.00 including postage from: Dorothy McCarns -- dmccarns@bscn.com

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

Early Clay County Divorces: Western District, Corning 1881-1899
Price $10.00 including postage from: Gina Horton -- carlyn@Arkansas.net
Early Craighead County, Arkansas Divorces: Western District, Jonesboro Courthouse 1878 - 1897
Price $15.00 including postage from: Gina Horton -- carlyn@Arkansas.net

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