

# BRICKWALL GAZETTE

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## Genealogy Society Of Craighead County, Arkansas

This month's meeting will be at the  
Jonesboro Craighead Public Library

February 16, 2014

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**MEETING HAPPENINGS:** Our January Meeting was held on January 19, 2014. At that time we had Year-End Reports and Elections for 2014/2015 Officers. Those elected to fill these positions were:

President: Betty Woodall  
Vice President: Deanna Ketcher  
Recording Secretary: Lynn Dowdy  
Corresponding Secretary: Peggy Shaw  
Treasurer/Membership: Dorothy McCarns  
Historian: Gail Lies  
Publicity: Jan Beasley  
Publications: Nancy Matthews  
Member-At-Large: Susie Grommet  
Member-At-Large: Laura Rooks  
Member-At-Large: Debbie Powers

### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:

The Executive Board Meeting for February was held on February 8, 2014.

1. Beginners Class
2. Genealogy Lock-In
3. Family Tree Maker Class
4. The next Executive Board meeting will be March 8, 2014

**FEBRUARY MEETING:** The February Meeting will be held on February 16, 2014. The program will be presented by Nancy Matthews. She will speak about Where to Look for Early Arkansas Records.

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES:** Do you have an interesting article that you would like to see in the newsletter? Maybe you have a success story that you would like share. Send Newsletter Articles to Nancy Matthews [nlmatthews@suddenlink.net](mailto:nlmatthews@suddenlink.net). Deadline is the Sunday before the meeting.

**BEGINNER'S CLASS:** Beginning Genealogy Class scheduled for February 3 & 4, 2014 had to be rescheduled for February 10 & 11, 2014 at the Jonesboro Library from 6:00 to 8:00. Please contact Nancy Matthews – 870-219-0535 [nlmatthews@suddenlink.net](mailto:nlmatthews@suddenlink.net).

**FAMILY TREE MAKER Class:** The Family Tree Maker Class also had to be rescheduled. The class will now be held on Sunday, March 2, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Round Room at the Jonesboro Library.

You are welcome to come and take notes or to bring your laptops for some hands-on.

### NEW MEMBERS:

Patricia Tackett - Jonesboro  
[gacca@suddenlink.net](mailto:gacca@suddenlink.net)  
Culver, Fisher

Jerry L. Smith - Jonesboro  
[jerrylsmith@gmail.com](mailto:jerrylsmith@gmail.com)  
Bearden, Mitchell, Smith, Brickey

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## **Program note for March**

There was a conflict using the Round Room for our regular meeting date in March. The meeting will be changed to March 23, 2014. At that time William Maxwell will talk to us about Cherokee Indian Research.

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## **From: The County Register - Wisconsin's Main Street Shopping Guide - Jan-Feb 2014**

### **Record Your Family's Love Stories**

As an undergraduate at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2002, my internship my senior year was at a nursing home. A strange place, perhaps, for an English major with a fear of anything medical, but my responsibility that semester was a large one -- I needed to work with two stroke patients to record their life histories for eventual use in the nursing home's newsletter.

From the beginning, my efforts were met with several setbacks. One patient's speech was so severely hampered by the effects of the stroke, it took me a full hour session to get through what was about a paragraph of history. Likewise, the second patient had, before her stroke, been full of life and held many positions on several boards in her hometown. She was a mover and shaker, and had done so much good. The stroke left her -- understandably so -- despondent at times. Sometimes it seemed like talking about her history worsened her mental health. So on those days, we simply talked about "The now," spent time playing games and avoided discussing her past.

Through that five months time, I realized how important my internship was from a greater perspective. Sure, I may not have become an architect or been part of a team to make steps toward curing cancer, but recording the family stories that abound, I realized, is very important. Three of my grandparents had passed on by '02, and all of them were larger-than-life personalities with so much rich history to pass on through stories to all of their grandchildren. While I hadn't had enough foresight to record them while they were alive, I did sit down, after graduation, with my one living grandmother and recorded a good chunk of her earliest memories. This included how she and my grandfather met, what their courtship was like, and even her memories of their wedding day.

As we approach Valentine's Day, one of the greatest gifts we can give our families is to record such history. Love stories are especially important, as they truly give you the first moments of families that eventually grow to include children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

If you choose to record these memories yourself, whether of your parents or grandparents or if their your memories, a good way to get started is by framing out your family tree. Who were your great grandparents, grandparents and parents? Where were they born, how many children were born, etc.? What are a few things you or the family member you are interviewing remember about each generation?

Don't forget to ask about health history, and the locations of burial for deceased family members. It seems a bit morbid, but it's important information.

Then move on to the fun items. What was the first job, how much did it pay, and how did one get to and from the job? What were holidays like? Were there any special vacations, or did they mostly stay in state? When was their first plane ride, or do they have any interesting tales of experiencing "firsts" in technology? (My grandma always noted how excited she was when she got her microwave before all of her other friends in the '80s!)

Ask to see old photo albums to help spur memories. Remember that in this case, details matter! Make sure photos are ID'd and don't hesitate to ask about how someone fits into the big picture if you don't know them or remember them yourself.

Then move on to the love stories - where did they meet, how did they meet, how long did they date and what did dating mean during that time period? Was it dinner and a movie, or did they cruise Main St.? What was their engagement like, and what memories are there of the wedding day? How did they know each other was “the one”?

There is at least one website now that exists to help you record these memories if you need help. Storyworth.com works on a subscription basis. Storyworth supports a first month trial for free, and following that, for \$49 a year, you can invite as many family members as you choose to write their stories for free. You can write your stories by email and on the web, upload photos and audio files, record audio stories with a phone call, save all the stories on storyworth.com, share them with other family members, download a copy of all the stories at once at any time and receive weekly question suggestions.

The founder Nick Baum describes on his site that his intention was to create a place that was easy for his father to record his stories, so he can someday share them with his children and grandchildren.

Of course, it can also be as easy as sitting down during a few afternoons and recording with a basic battery-operated recorder, or smartphone app for those technologically inclined. No matter how you choose to secure the memories, they will be treasured for a lifetime by future generations of your family.

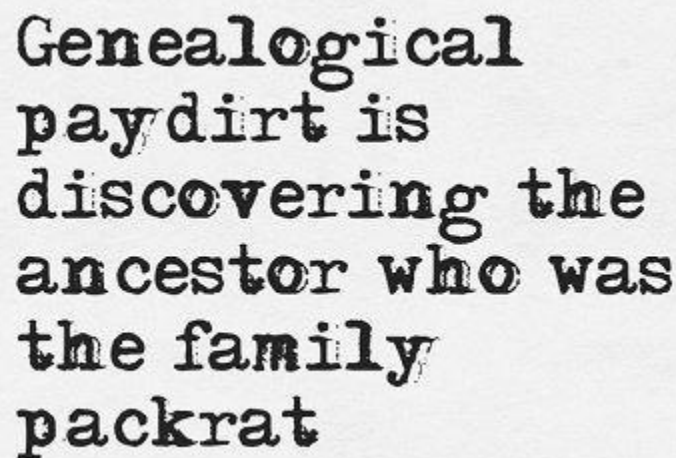
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We also have GSCCA Pins available for sale. The pin is \$5.00 and will be available at the meetings. The pin is just over 1 inch high and just under 1 inch wide.

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**WHO IS YOUR BRICK WALL?**

Let us know. We have Member Brick Walls located at [www.gscga.net/brickwalls.htm](http://www.gscga.net/brickwalls.htm). Let us add yours. We would like to include their name in our list. Hopefully we can help with a “breakthrough.”

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discovering the  
ancestor who was  
the family  
packrat

From: Twisted Twigs on Gnarled Branches Genealogy  
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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**February 2013 --**

- February 1 - Genealogy Lock-In (Winter Edition)
- February 2 - Family Tree Maker Class - 2:00 p.m. - Round Room - Jonesboro Library
- February 8 - Executive Board Meeting - 2:00 p.m. - Civic League Room - Jonesboro Library
- February 10 & 11 - Beginning Genealogy Class - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. - Jonesboro Library
- February 16 - Society General Meeting - 2:00 p.m. - Round Room - Jonesboro Library
- February 22 - Powhatan Historic State Park - 2:00 p.m. - Quill Pens and Berry Ink

**March 2013 --**

- March 8 - Executive Board Meeting - 2:00 p.m. - Civic League Room - Jonesboro Library
- March 15 - Ulster Historical Foundation - 9 to 4 - Germantown, Tennessee
- March 16 - Society General Meeting - 2:00 p.m. - Round Room - Jonesboro Library

*The Tennessee Genealogical Society Presents the Ulster Historical Foundation  
Featuring Fintan Mullan, Executive Director & Gillian Hunt, Genealogist*

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Saturday, March 15, 2014

Check-in at door begins at 8:30 a.m. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED by March 7, 2014

Location: The Pickering Center, 7771 Poplar Pike, Germantown, TN 38138  
(Next to the Germantown Regional History & Genealogy Center) [www.AncestryIreland.com](http://www.AncestryIreland.com)

**Mark your Calendar:**

May 3, 2014 - AGS Spring Workshop - Lakewood United Methodist Church, 1922 Topf Rd,  
North Little Rock, AR 72116

May 3, 2014 - TNGS Spring Seminar - TN Gen Society, Germantown, TN - Diane L. Giannini,  
Speaker

July 19, 2014 - Genealogy Lock-In (Summer Edition) - Craighead County Jonesboro Public  
Library

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**1877 & 1880 CRAIGHEAD COUNTY REAL ESTATE TAXES**

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| NAME              | PT / SEC    | SEC | TWP | RNG | ACRES  | VALUE    |
|-------------------|-------------|-----|-----|-----|--------|----------|
| L. R. Faulkner    | NW-SW       | 14  | 14  | 3   | 40     | \$40.00  |
| Same              | NW-SE       | 14  | 14  | 3   | 40     | \$40.00  |
| W. J. Sammons     | NE          | 14  | 14  | 3   | 160    | \$300.00 |
| Same              | NE-SE       | 14  | 14  | 3   | 40     | \$150.00 |
| Wm. Murphy        | NW          | 14  | 14  | 3   | 160    | \$300.00 |
| T. H. Witt        | Pt S1/2-SE  | 14  | 14  | 3   | 61.67  | \$250.00 |
| D. Faulkner       | S1/2-SW     | 14  | 14  | 3   | 80     | \$460.00 |
| Same              | NE-SW       | 14  | 14  | 3   | 40     | Included |
| L. R. Faulkner    | Pt. S1/2-SE | 14  | 14  | 3   | 13.33  | \$50.00  |
|                   |             |     |     |     |        |          |
| L. R. Faulkner    | SE-SW       | 15  | 14  | 3   | 40     | \$40.00  |
| Mrs. B. B. Nall   | SE          | 15  | 14  | 3   | 160    | \$450.00 |
| J. E. Tippen      | NE          | 15  | 14  | 3   | 160    | \$320.00 |
| Wm. Murphy        | NW          | 15  | 14  | 3   | 160    | \$160.00 |
| E. Watkins        | N1/2-SW     | 15  | 14  | 3   | 80     | \$80.00  |
| Same              | SW-SW       | 15  | 14  | 3   | 40     | \$40.00  |
|                   |             |     |     |     |        |          |
| Blank             | E1/2-SW     | 16  | 14  | 3   | 80     | \$0.00   |
| Est. Wm. Edgar    | W1/2-SW     | 16  | 14  | 3   | 80     | \$80.00  |
|                   |             |     |     |     |        |          |
| Eliza McGown      | S1/2-SW     | 17  | 14  | 3   | 80     | \$100.00 |
| T. D. Culberhouse | E1/2-SW     | 17  | 14  | 3   | 80     | \$80.00  |
| Same              | SE          | 17  | 14  | 3   | 160    | \$160.00 |
| Wm. Murphy        | NE          | 17  | 14  | 3   | 160    | \$160.00 |
| Wm. H. Broadway   | W1/2-SW     | 17  | 14  | 3   | 80     | \$150.00 |
| John Logan        | N1/2-NW     | 17  | 14  | 3   | 80     | \$160.00 |
|                   |             |     |     |     |        |          |
| Unreadable        | SW-SW       | 18  | 14  | 3   | 45.99  | \$50.00  |
| E. A. Albright    | N1/2-SW     | 18  | 14  | 3   | 85.79  | \$80.00  |
| Same              | NE&NW1/2-NW | 18  | 14  | 3   | 128.56 | \$950.00 |
| J. M. Broadway    | SW-SE       | 18  | 14  | 3   | 40     | \$100.00 |
| John Logan        | SE-SW       | 18  | 14  | 3   | 40     | \$80.00  |
| Same              | E1/2-NE     | 18  | 14  | 3   | 80     | \$160.00 |
| A. J. Cole        | SE-NW       | 18  | 14  | 3   | 40     | \$130.00 |
| Same              | W1/2-NE     | 18  | 14  | 3   | 80     | \$300.00 |
| W. H. Broadway    | N1/2-SE     | 18  | 14  | 3   | 80     | \$150.00 |
| A. W. Ba???       | SE-SE       | 18  | 14  | 3   | 40     | \$60.00  |

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**News form NEARA**  
Powhatan, Arkansas

In Celebration of Black History Month ...

February 11 - March 15, 2014 --- African-American Legislators Banner Exhibit  
Powhatan State Park

Are you aware of the dozens of African American legislators who served in the Arkansas House and Senate during and after Reconstruction (1868-1893)? If not, the Black History Commission of Arkansas, in cooperation with the Arkansas History Commission, has produced an exhibit and a ruler that not only identifies these legislators by name, and provides photographs and gives their terms of service. The exhibit is on display this month at the Arkansas State Capitol, and the BHCA distributes copies of the ruler upon request. One great reason to study African American History!

**NEW STAFF MEMBER:**

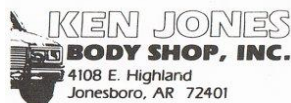
The Northeast Arkansas Regional Archives is pleased to announce Meredith McFadden joined our staff January 21 as our new Archival Assistant. Meredith holds a BA in History from Biola University in La Mirada, California, and an MLIS specializing in archives from Drexel University in Pennsylvania. Prior to joining the Arkansas History Commission, Meredith interned in Archives and Special Collections at Arkansas State University and at the Clinton Presidential Library.

In her new position, Meredith will work directly with patrons and assist in processing new materials to make them available for research. Her archival training and her prior experience with Archivists Toolkit will be tremendous assets to us as we work to clear our processing backlog. She is also looking forward to learning more about genealogical research so she can assist our patrons.

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Genealogy Lock-In Winter Edition on February 1, 2014: What a great turn-out. We had between 45 and 50 people that attended. Thank you to everyone.

Mark your calendar for the Genealogy Lock-In Summer Edition on July 19, 2014

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**CORPORATE MEMBERS:**



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