



**Genealogy Society
Of
Craighead County, Arkansas**

This month's meeting will be a trip to
the Memphis Central Library

April 20, 2002

MEETING HAPPENINGS: The March meeting was held at the Jonesboro Public Library on March 17, 2002. The Society presented the following books to the library. Ozark Heritage Genealogical History and Cemeteries Volumes I, II, III & IV. The speaker for the meeting was Mr. Joe Smith. He spoke about "*The Sultana*" a Mississippi Riverboat that sunk on 27 April 1865 in the area of Marion, Arkansas. Mr. Smith's book "*Blessed are the Peacemakers: Civil War in the Ozarks*" was also presented to the library.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: The Executive Board meeting for March was held on April 13, 2002 at the Jonesboro Public Library.

1. Saturday, April 20, 2002 is the trip to the Memphis Central Library.
2. We will be going to Leslie, Arkansas on May 31 & June 1, 2002 to attend the North Arkansas Ancestor Fair.
3. We will also be attending the Iron County, Missouri 2002 Genealogy Conference on June 15, 2002 in Arcadia Missouri.
4. Executive Board Meeting for May is Saturday, May 11, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. at the Jonesboro Public Library.

APRIL MEETING:

SATURDAY

April 20, 2002 --- Trip to the Memphis Central Library. The library is located at 3030 Poplar Ave. The 4th floor is history and genealogy. Copies are \$.20 so bring dimes. The tables have outlets for computers. There is also a snack bar area downstairs.

Meet Saturday morning at 7:45 a.m. at the East end of the Jonesboro Library. We will car pool to Memphis. We hope to see you there.

MAY MEETING: The May meeting will be held on Sunday, May 19, 2002 at the Jonesboro Public Library. Our speaker will be Jeanette McClure. Jeanette will speak about the "Brick Walls" we all encounter.

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>.

BEGINNER'S CLASS: Our next Beginner's Class will be held on May 6 & 7 from 6:00 to 8:00 at the Jonesboro Public Library. The cost of the class is \$25.00. This included a book and additional handouts. If you need help getting started, we would be glad to have you.

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PEDIGREE CHARTS

We need your pedigree charts to take to the Leslie -- North Arkansas Ancestor Fair. We hope to make contact with others researching our names. Please bring your charts to the meeting Sunday or send them to GSCCA, P.O. Box 2614, Jonesboro, AR 72402-2614.

NEW BOOKS AT THE JONESBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY

- Abstracts of Deed Books 15-23 Mecklenburg County, North Carolina 1794-1830 by
Herman W. Ferguson NC 929.3 Me46
- Mecklenburg County, North Carolina Minutes of the Court of Common Pleas and Quarter
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- Pasquotank County, North Carolina Marriage Bonds 1721-1866
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- Records of Jasper County, Georgia
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- North Carolina Bible Records compiled by Wilma Cartwright Spence and Edna Morrisette
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- Albemarle County, Virginia Court Papers 1744-1873 abstracted and compiled by
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- Processioners' Records Chowan County, North Carolina 1755/1756; 1764/1765; 1795/1797;
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- Albemarle People and Places by Jo Howard Stevens
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- Abstracts of Perquimans County, North Carolina, Wills 1761-1864 by Raymond A. Winslow, Jr.
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- Northumberland County, Virginia Church Records of Births and Deaths 1650-1810 transcribed
and compiled by Gail M. Walczyk – VA 929.3 No66
- Kinsfolk of Camden County (North Carolina) Deed Books Volume I by
Elizabeth McPherson Jones GEN NC 929.3 Ca11
- Abstracts from the Old North State Elizabeth City, North Carolina 1849-1850 by
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- Virginia County Records Volume I Spotsylvania County 1721-1800 -- VA 929.3 Sp1

NEW MEMBER BOOKS FOR SALE

Corning, Arkansas Clay County – Western District Marriages 1902 – 1920

Price \$25.00 including postage from: Dorothy McCarns -- dmccarns@bscn.com

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Help Dating Photographs

A suggested book ["Dressed for the Photographer"](#) by Joan Severa is a good reference for this type of information.

1840's

Women's fashions consisted of floor length dresses with bell-shaped skirts over many layers of thick petticoats, and very constrictive corset, giving a flattened and upward spreading bust line. Sleeves tended to be narrow, the bodice long and tight, and almost always closing in the back. Collars and sleeves were always white, of varying styles. Bonnets were popular, with deep, face concealing brim, and long drooping ends. An elbow-length cape called a pelerine was often worn. Ribbons around the neckline, and sometimes also the waistline, were 1.5 to 2.5 inches wide. A gold watch and pencil was worn on a gold chain or black cord, though only the chain or cord is visible in most photographs. Hair was parted in the middle and drawn back, over the ears in many cases, while younger women might have dangling curls. Earrings are rarely visible.

Men wore various styles of coats that tended to have long, narrow sleeves, fitted high under the arm. They nearly always wore a tie and vest for photographs, and often a hat as well. Ties were generally of modest width and tied in a small horizontal bow. Most men were clean-shaven, though some had a fringe of beard that went down from the sideburns and under the chin. Moustaches were occasionally worn by younger men, thick with downward turning ends.

1850's

Women wore wider skirts with more decorative elements in the 1850's. There was a short-lived fad for "Bloomers" consisting of a short skirt over ankle-length Turkish trousers, but most women continued to wear the proper floor-length dress styles. Older and heavier women began using shorter corsets in the late '40s and by 1853 those became the dominant fashion for all. With the popularization of a shorter corset in 1853 came a plain, one-piece dress style with a moderately long waist and bishop sleeves, opening at the front of the bodice. Necklines were more open than formerly, and wider collars were in style. Collars as wide as three to three and a half inches were worn flat on the shoulders, rather than upright as had been the earlier style. The bodice was usually plain, with two long darts at either side. By the mid-1850's the hooped skirt was replacing voluminous petticoats. Bonnets were more open, with shallow sides and set further back. In the early 1850's many women wore their hair in a style that presents a distinctive silhouette in photographs, with broad loops just over the tops of the ears. Later in the decade the loops became softer and lower, often covering the entire ear, but not extending out so far as they had earlier.

Men in the early 1850's wore fashions similar to the late 40's, but after 1854 wider, looser fashions were introduced. Vests tended to be double breasted, often with notched

collars. Most noticeable on photographs are the neckties peculiar to the 1850 - 1857 period, a stiff, horizontally tied, two inches wide silk black or checked cloth that extends out on one side, giving an asymmetric appearance. Men tended to be clean shaved in the early part of this decade, but toward the end beards became more popular. Young men and boys often wore their hair in a distinctive high wave at the center of the forehead. Side hair got longer toward the end of the decade, covering the ears after 1857.

1860's

The Civil War caused some disruption of fashion trends, particularly in the south. Cloth of any kind was at a premium, and much effort went into providing the soldiers with warm clothes and blankets. The rising popularity and availability of the sewing machine resulted in an overall increase in tailoring skills, so much so that after the war there was an oversupply of seamstresses.

Women, even those of modest means, used their skills to keep fashionable, even if only by altering older garments. In the early part of the decade skirts continued to be very full all around, but after 1864 they became narrower and flat across the front, while behind they extended out even further. On plain-colored dresses braided or stamped borders imitating braid were often used around the bottom edge. Dresses tended to be very short-waisted, increasingly so as the decade wore on. The bodice shoulders were long and sloping, with a low, almost horizontal armhole at armpit level. Bodices fastened down the front, usually with buttons, and generally had two darts on either side of the front. Small collars were again in fashion, and many dress styles were tight to the base of the neck. Sleeves were wide and billowing in bell shaped flares, or more modestly flaring bishop sleeves. Belts, often very wide with a large buckle, were quite common. Neck ribbons were no longer popular, and when worn at all tended to be very narrow. Hair styles mostly involved a central part and hair drawn back tight behind the ears, though some still wore styles that covered the ears -- but not looped out in the 50's style. Hair nets came into fashion, though after 1863 they tended to be the "invisible" style.

Men who were not in military uniforms tended to continue in the 50's styles for the early part of the decade. By mid-decade the coat styles tended to be shorter and more closely fitted, with narrower sleeves. Vests were usually collared with narrow lapels. The stiff, upright, shirt collars were only worn for dressier occasions, while day to day shirts had collars that folded down. Ties became narrower, with the ends hanging down from the knot. Beards were popular, and the hair generally parted at the side and drawn smoothly back away from the face.

by Andrew J. Morris

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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
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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
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