

# BRICKWALL GAZETTE

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## Genealogy Society Of Craighead County, Arkansas

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

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**MEETING HAPPENINGS:** Our March Meeting was held on March 23, 2014. Our speaker was William Maxwell. He spoke about Cherokee Indians in Arkansas.

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**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:**

The Executive Board Meeting for March was held on April 12, 2014.

1. Beginners Class
2. Upcoming Events
3. Family Tree Maker Class
4. The next Executive Board meeting will be May 10, 2014

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**APRIL MEETING:** The April Meeting will be held one week later because of Easter. The meeting will be held on April 27, 2014. The program will be presented by Mary Anne Parker. She will be telling us about The Parker Homestead.

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**FAMILY TREE MAKER Workshop:**

The next Family Tree Maker Class will be May 10, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Round Room at the Jonesboro Library. This class is free and open to the public.

Bring your questions and we will do our best to answer them.

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

**BEGINNER'S CLASS:** The next Beginning Genealogy Class is scheduled for July 14 & 15, 2014 at the Jonesboro Library from 6:00 to 8:00. The class is \$25. Please contact Nancy Matthews – 870-219-0535 [nlmatthews@suddenlink.net](mailto:nlmatthews@suddenlink.net).

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**MAY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:** The May Executive Board Meeting will be held one hour earlier at 1:00. It will be prior to the Family Tree Maker Workshop.



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Parker Pioneer Homestead is a recreated 19th century town located 6 miles south of Harrisburg, Arkansas. A vast collection of buildings and artifacts from times past, Parker Homestead brings history to life!

Owned and operated by four generations of Parkers, Homestead evolved from an interest in local history and a desire to preserve it for the enjoyment of others.

There are so many things to see and do here at the Homestead. There are events and gatherings held year round- from school field trips to church picnics, from weddings to our annual Haunted house, there is a little something for everyone here at Homestead. The highlight of each season is the October festival, which marks the celebration at the end of Sorghum harvest season.

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## From our April Speaker: Mary Anne Parker

A Mary Anne biography? Well, first and foremost, I am a Texas transplant. I grew up in lovely Fredericksburg, Texas - home of Admiral Chester Nimitz, jewel of Southern Living Magazine, and all around great place to raise a family. I relocated to Arkansas at age 20, and graduated from Arkansas State University in 2003 with a degree in History. Though I cannot say my mind does not wander from time to time to the live oaks and Bluebonnets of the Texas Hill Country, I am proud to call Arkansas my home.

After college, I spent 7 years working for Arkansas State Parks, most recently at Parkin Archeological State Park. While there I became quite ingrained into the archeological community in general, and in particular in the debate about Casqui vs. Pacaha, and think I have an outside shot at finally solving the whole thing (joke). I have been a featured presenter at the Southeastern Archeological Seminar and have also trained docents at many archeological museums and facilities. (On a side note, please do not ask me about the European conquest of the Southeast U.S. unless you REALLY want to know about it, as Wikipedia and I strongly disagree).

I have also spent a great deal of time studying and presenting on African American experiences in the Delta, the Great Flood, the Depression, and other historical events that impacted the state from about 1890 through about 1940. I do quite a bit of living history, where my expertise (if you can call it that) is 1880s through the Depression Era, but I can go a bit earlier if needed. My personal favorite character is Mrs. Emmalyne Parker, ca. 1920s, who was forced out of her ancestral home (think Jane Austen) and relocated to the Arkansas Delta just a few years before the Great Flood and the Great Depression. I also can do an ear-notching pig thief, and a Delta explorer out to have a creek named after her. I am a consummate storyteller, actress, and general all around show-off. If you be needin' anything of this variety, regardless of subject matter, I am your girl.

For the past 14 years I have been fortunate enough to work at Parker Homestead, a living history farm outside of Harrisburg, Arkansas. If you're interested, I will be more than happy to teach you how to sew a broom, grind corn meal, shod and work horses, harvest and squeeze cane, print a paper, Dutch oven and cast iron cook, drive a 1940s Farmall tractor, kettle corn pop, and oh yeah- put up a log cabin from beginning to end. We are always in need of hammer swingers, so if you're interested in learning a trade, come and see us ([parkerhomestead.com](http://parkerhomestead.com)).

I am married to a fabulous man named Cy, and we have two children, Caroline, 16, and Kaiser, 6. Cy works in the Fortune 500 world and my very worst day at work is better than his best one. Caroline is a superstar in the making, who has performed at NBA and MLB games, though she put singing on hold to pursue her true love-playing volleyball. Kaiser is still trying to find out what "his thing" is, though we suspect it may be iPad playing. Cy seems quite content just watching me and the kids run around like crazy people.

I truly enjoy laughing, learning, watching the kids play sports, and just being around the people I love.

Now about the book... I wrote *Parker Homestead, a history and guide*, in part so that my children would understand the legacy their grandparents left for them. Ulterior motives include in no particular order brownie points with my in laws, bragging rights among my friends, and the simple fact that I really love to write.

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## Lost Friend

Sadly it must be reported that we have lost a long-time member of our Society.

Glenna Berry

July 23, 1933 - March 31, 2014

Jonesboro- Glenna Berry, 80, passed from this life on Monday, March 31, 2014.

She was born July 23, 1933 in Poughkeepsie to the late Glenn and Sylvia Campbell. Glenna and her late husband of 56 years, Thurlo Berry, were retired owners of the Tupperware distributorship in Jackson, Mississippi: Delta Party Sales. After retiring in 1992, Glenna and Thurlo returned “home” to Arkansas, residing in Jonesboro. Glenna was an active member of the Southwest Church of Christ, the Craighead County Book Club, the Genealogy Society of Craighead County Arkansas, the Sharp County Historical Society, the Daughters of the American Revolution, volunteered with the Craighead County Friends of the Library, and many other social and charitable organizations. Glenna was the author of a genealogical history of the Campbell family pioneers of Arkansas, and she traveled the state giving many entertaining and information speeches on how to document and deliver family stories and histories. Glenna was also a member of the Loose Threads Quilt Club and made many beautiful quilts for family as well as for charitable donations.

Glenna is survived by two daughters and their husbands, Becky and Ernest Anaya of Atlanta, GA and Ann and Terry Perkins of Jackson, Mississippi; a grandson, Thurlo Timothy Berry of the home; a great-grandson, Thurlo Aidan Berry of Atlanta; four sisters and their husbands, Jan and Tom Phillips of Wilmington NC, Rita and Johnny Murph of Dallas, Texas, Mary Frances and Gary Wallace of Dallas, Donna Sue and Bob Zinn of Wichita, Kansas; a brother, Roland and Phyllis Campbell; brother-in-law, Tommy and wife Beautonne Berry of Dallas and sister-in-law, Carolyn Sockwell of Jonesboro. She was preceded in death by her husband, Thurlo Buddy Berry Jr. and a grandson, Jonathan Philip Perkins.

A celebration of her life will be at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 4, 2014 at Gregg-Langford Bookout Funeral Home Chapel with Jimmy Adcox officiating. Burial to follow at Monette Memorial Cemetery. Family will receive friends from 6-8pm on Thursday April 3 at Gregg-Langford Bookout Funeral Home, 300 W. Matthews Ave.

Glenna will be remembered for her loving generosity, devoted friendship, and dedicated Christian faith. Do not say that we “lost” Glenna, because “Christ in her and Christ in me, together we will always be.” Honored to serve as pallbearers, Tim Berry, Jaxon Sockwell, Phil Burton, Steve Horton, Stephen Long, and Jon Nobles.

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## Ancient Christian documents made available online

The Vatican Library in Rome and Bodleian University in England digitally loaded thousands of ancient Hebrew, Green and early Christian documents onto an online database on December 3. The two Libraries have some of the world’s largest collections of religious works, over 12 million printed works and manuscripts combined.

As the first stage in a four-year, \$3.3 million project funded by the Polonsky Foundation, the goal is to make these priceless religious manuscripts available online to a global audience. Similar digitization projects are being prepared for other libraries.

American Family Association Journal February 2014 - afajournal.org

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

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NAME	PT/SEC	SEC	TWP	RNG	ACRES	VALUE
C. B. Kirby	N1/2-SW	22	14	3	80	\$200.00
Same	W1/2-SE	22	14	3	80	\$200.00
Same	SW-NW	22	14	3	40	\$150.00
Mary E. Anderson	NE-NW	22	14	3	40	\$60.00
Same	NW-NE	22	14	3	40	\$100.00
Same	NW-NW	22	14	3	40	\$60.00
F. M. Boyd	S1/2-SW	22	14	3	80	\$500.00
L. B. Hall	NE-NE	22	14	3	40	\$80.00
David Dupwe	Pt. NE-SE	23	14	3	10	\$80.00
Susan D. Saffle	SW-SE	23	14	3	40	\$40.00
D. Faulkner	E1/2-NW	23	14	3	80	\$40.00
E. L. Watson	SE-NW	23	14	3	45	\$40.00
Homer Parr	Pt. SE-NE	23	14	3	20	\$200.00
A. Strand	Pt. NE	23	14	3	100	\$400.00
Homer Parr	Pt. S1/2-NE	23	14	3	15	\$30.00
P. R. Johnson	Pt. NE-SE	23	14	3	30	\$200.00
Same	NW-SE	23	14	3	40	\$300.00
C & F RR	W1/2-NW	23	14	3	80	\$0.00
Same	SW-SW	23	14	3	40	\$0.00
Same	NE-SW	23	14	3	40	\$0.00
A. M. Davis	Pt. NE-SE	23	14	3	9	\$20.00
Uriah Keller	SE-SE	23	14	3	40	\$80.00
David Dupwe	Pt. S1/2-NE	23	14	3	25	\$50.00
Martha Shirey	Pt. NE-SE	24	14	3	15	\$200.00
Joel G. Wood	Pt. SW-SE	24	14	3	39	\$400.00
Wm. J. Witt	SE-SW	24	14	3	40	\$400.00
Same	Pt. SW-SW	24	14	3	20	\$200.00
Same	Pt. NE-SE	24	14	3	14	\$140.00
N. R. McCall	NE	24	14	3	160	\$1,200.00
David Dupwe	Pt. NW-SW	24	14	3	27	\$216.00
D. M. Goodman	NE-SW	24	14	3	40	\$240.00
Same	NW-SE	24	14	3	40	\$300.00
Same	Pt. NE-SE	24	14	3	11.5	\$110.00
Same	Pt. N1/2SW-SE	24	14	3	0.5	\$5.00
Thomas Sparks	S1/2-NW	24	14	3	73.86	\$524.00
Same	Pt. NE-NW	24	14	3	40	\$400.00
Aden Lynch	SE-SE	24	14	3	40	\$400.00

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**Fold3 Civil War Collection Available FREE of Charge April 14-30**

In remembrance of the Civil War’s commencement in April 1861, Fold3 invites you to explore all records in its Civil War Collection for free April 14-30.

Explore Civil War documents featuring everything from military records to personal accounts and historic writings. Soldier records include service records, pension index cards, “Widows’ Pension” files, Navy survivors certificates, Army registers, and much more. Other record types include photographs, original war maps, court investigations, slave records, and beyond. Items such as the Lincoln Assassination Papers, Sultana Disaster documents, letters to the Adjutant General and Commission Branch, and the 1860 census are also contained in the Civil War Collection.

Confederate-specific records include Confederate service records, amnesty papers, casualty reports, and citizens files, as well as Confederate Navy subject files and Southern Claims Commission documents.

Join Fold3 in its commemoration of the Civil War. Discover information on famous participants as well as your own Civil War ancestors through documents, photos, and images that capture the experiences and vital information of those involved in America’s deadliest conflict. Then commemorate your ancestors by creating or expanding memorial pages for them on Fold3’s Honor Wall.

from Dick Eastman’s Online Genealogy Newsletter

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**“Old Sealom” is Dead.**

Last Saturday morning about 10 o’clock, “Old Sealom” the family horse of the late J. T. Carter, breathed his last in his stall in Carter Bros. livery stable. Sealom was 25 years old this month. Was folded from a mare owned by Mr. Carter when he lived in Hickman County, Tenn. From his coltship to his death he remained in the Carter family. Old Sealom was a pure type of horseflesh, was gentle, obedient, and a safe saddle and harness horse, and was the pride of the whole family over all the horseflesh they ever owned. When a trip was planned, Sealom was put in the harness or under the saddle, as the case required. Friday evening he appeared in usual health. Late Friday night, the boys sleeping in the stable office were awakened several times by his nickering, but little did they think the messenger was calling for faithful old Sealom. Saturday morning they found him prostrated in his stall suffering intense agony. It is seldom we write obituaries of this nature, but the editor having known Sealom from a colt, and of his valuable services to his owners, prompted him to pen these lines. He was a noble Steed.

Savannah Courier, Savannah, Tennessee - April 28, 1899

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### April 2014 --

- April 12 - Executive Board Meeting - 2:00 p.m. - Civic League Room - Jonesboro Library
- April 26 - Heritage Fair - Greene County Historical & Genealogical Society - 9:00 a.m.
- April 27 - Society General Meeting - 2:00 p.m. - Round Room - Jonesboro Library

### May 2014 --

- May 1-31 - Arkansas Heritage Month
- May 3 - Arkansas Genealogical Society Spring Workshop 2013
- May 3 - Tennessee Genealogical Society Annual Spring Seminar - Diane L. Giannini
- May 10 - Executive Board Meeting - 1:00 p.m. - Civic League Room - Jonesboro Library
- May 10 - Using Family Tree Maker Workshop - 2:00 p.m. - Round Room - Jonesboro Lib.
- May 18 - Society General Meeting - 2:00 p.m. - Round Room - Jonesboro Library

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**Heritage Fair** - April 26, 2014 - Greene County Historical & Genealogical Society - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Greene County Research Center - 212 Court Street, Paragould, Arkansas.

#### Agenda:

- 9:00 - Coffee and Donuts
- 10:00 - Bob Branch - History of the Methodist Church in Greene County
- 11:00 - Nathan Whitmire - Digital Photos Projects
- 12:00 - Lunch
- 1:00 - Nancy Matthews - Where to Look for Early Arkansas Records
- 2:00 - Nan Snider - A Day in the Life of a Cotton Picker
- 3:00 - Visit Vendors & Tour Research Center

If you are purchasing lunch there, be sure to get your lunch order to Deanna Ketcher [deanna@pcketh.com](mailto:deanna@pcketh.com) by April 19, 2014. Contact Deanna for choices.

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**Arkansas Genealogical Society** Spring Workshop - May 3, 2013 - 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Lakewood United Methodist Church - 1922 Topf Road, North Little Rock, Arkansas

#### Agenda:

- 8:30 - George Mitchell - President's Welcome/Housekeeping
- 9:00 - Steve Perdue - Saline County Library Resources
- 10:00 - Russell Baker - So You Want to be a Cherokee
- 11:00-12:30 - Lunch
- 12:30 - Lauren Jarvis - Arkansas History Commission Resources
- 1:00 - Jane Wilkerson - Immigration Research
- 2:00-4:30 - Look up / Assistance / Questions

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**Tennessee Genealogical Society** Annual Spring Seminar - May 3, 2013 - The Pickering Center, 7771 Poplar Pike, Germantown, TN - (*Next to the Regional History & Genealogical Center*)  
Registration - \$35.00

Speaker: Diane L. Giannini

*Seminar Schedule:*

8:30-9:00 a.m. Sign in at door  
9:00-10:10 a.m. *Where's the Proof? The Importance of Source Citations*  
- How unsourced family trees create "Brick Walls"  
10:15-10:30 a.m. Break (Refreshments)  
10:30-11:40 a.m. *I've Found a Clue; Now What?*  
- Analysis of documents and ideas to move research forward  
11:45 a.m.-12:40 p.m. Lunch Break (On Site.)  
(Box lunches and drinks provided with registration payment)  
12:40-1:50 p.m. *Research Using Special Collections*  
- Finding documents in these collections  
1:55-2:10 p.m. Break (Refreshments)  
2:10-3:20 p.m. *Tricks of the Trade*  
- Tips and Tricks to aid in successful research  
3:20-3:30 p.m. *Wrap Up & Closing Remarks*

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

**July 19, 2014** - Genealogy Lock-In (Summer Edition) - Jonesboro Public Library  
5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

**August 27 through 30, 2014** - The Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference will be held in San Antonio, Texas. See the web site for more information, [www.fgs.org](http://www.fgs.org)

**September 19 & 20, 2014** - AGS Fall Seminar - Saturday's speaker is Cyndi of Cyndi's List. Friday's speaker TBA.

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**This Month in History**

**April 3, 1860** - In the American West, the Pony Express service began as the first rider departed St. Joseph, Missouri. For \$5 an ounce, letters were delivered 2,000 miles to California within ten days. The famed Pony Express riders each rode from 75 to 100 miles before handing the letters off to the next rider. A total of 190 way stations were located about 15 miles apart. The service lasted less than two years, ending upon the completion of the overland telegraph.

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## What to do about the Black Sheep

The Smith's were proud of their family tradition. Their ancestors had come to America on the Mayflower. Their line had included Senators and Wall Street wizards. Now they decided to compile a family history, a legacy for the children. They hired a fine author. Only one problem arose -- how to handle that great-uncle who was executed in the electric chair. The author said he could handle that chapter of history tactfully. The book appeared. It said, "Great-uncle George occupied a chair of applied electronics at an important government institution, was attached to his position by the strongest of ties and ... his death came as a real shock."

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