

BRICKWALL GAZETTE

Genealogy Society
Of
Craighead County, Arkansas

This month's meeting is
April 21, 2024

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MEETING HAPPENINGS:

Our March Meeting was held on March 17, 2024.

Our program was presented by Dan Stidham. His presentation was about the new book: *A Harvest of Innocence: The Untold Story of the West Memphis Three Murder Case*. Dan is now a judge and was, at that time, an attorney for one of these boys.

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## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:

The Executive Board Meeting for April was held on April 13, 2024 in the Civic League Room at the Craighead County Jonesboro Public Library.

1. AGS Fall Conference
2. May Program

3. The next scheduled board meeting will be May 11, 2024.

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APRIL MEETING: The April Meeting will be on April 21, 2024 at 2:00 in the First Community Bank Meeting Room, 630 Southwest Drive, Jonesboro, AR.

The Program will be presented by Joseph Alley. He will tell us about **The History of Blytheville Air Force Base**.

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**RESEARCH for a FEE:** Would you like to do some research for others and charge a fee? We receive requests from individuals needing a researcher. If you would like to have your name added as a researcher, contact Nancy Matthews [nlmatthews@suddenlink.net](mailto:nlmatthews@suddenlink.net). Your help would be greatly appreciated.



*The History of  
Blytheville Air Force Base  
Presented by  
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Genealogy Society of Craighead County Arkansas

Meeting Room - First Community Bank - 630 Southwest Drive

Sunday, April 21, 2024 ~ Time: 2:00 - 3:30

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Mark Your Calendar

- April 21, 2024 – Society Meeting – History of the Blytheville AFB by Joseph Alley
- May 4, 2024 – Special Zoom Meeting – Research Help
- May 18, 2024 – Society Meeting (**Special Day**) – Research Day: Bring Your Own Research
- June 23, 2024 – Society Meeting – Rabbit Hole ALERT (FamilySearch – Full Text Search and Ancestry.com – Newspapers Only Index)
- June 29, 2024 – Beginning Genealogy Class
- July 20, 2024 – Genealogy Night Lock-In
- October 19, 2024 – WATCH PARTY for the AGS Fall Conference

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**MAY MEETING:** Our May Meeting will be a Research Day. Because of the library is now closed on Sunday, we are going to meet in the Genealogy Area of the Craighead County Jonesboro Public Library on **SATURDAY**, May 18, 2024. The official meeting will start at 2:00 however you are free to come early. The library will open at noon and close at 4:00. Bring your own research.



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Genealogy Night Lock-In

Saturday, July 20, 2024
Additional Information in the next newsletter

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Genealogy is sometimes about proving that bad family traits came from the other side of the tree!

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AGS Fall Conference — Cyndi Ingle



The Arkansas Genealogical Society will hold its 2024 fall conference on Saturday, October 19th, starting at 9:00 am. Our speaker will be the internationally renowned Cyndi Ingle, creator of [CyndisList.com](https://www.cyndislist.com). The conference will be a Zoom Webinar. You can attend from the comfort of your home or gather with others at one of the watch parties that will be held in many cities around Arkansas and other states.

Cyndi will give four presentations:

- Cyndi's List in Practice
- Navigating Your Way Through FamilySearch
- Newspaper Tools Online: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly
- Accessing Ancestry: The Roots, The Branches, and The Trees

Our Society will be hosting a **WATCH PARTY**. We will be in the Meeting Room of the First Community Bank, 630 Southwest Drive, Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401. We will be ready for you at 8:45 a.m. More information will be in future newsletters.

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**ZOOM:** Saturday, May 4, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. we are going to have a "Research Help" Zoom Meeting. We want to give you a place to ask your research questions. Watch your email for the link. You should receive your invitation on Friday, May 3, 2024. If you do not, contact Nancy Matthews at [nlmatthews@suddenlink.net](mailto:nlmatthews@suddenlink.net).

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April 4, 1887 - The first woman mayor was elected in the U.S. as Susanna M. Salter became mayor of Argonia, Kansas.

April 18, 1775 - The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere and William Dawes occurred as the two men rode out of Boston about 10 p.m. to warn patriots at Lexington and Concord of the approaching British.

April 22, 1864 - "In God We Trust" was included on all newly minted U.S. coins by an Act of Congress.

6 Ideas to Combat Research Burnout

Sometimes focusing too much or too hard on a research project can lead to burnout. You decide to take a break from all things genealogy. But at the same time, you feel guilty not accomplishing anything genealogy-related. So what can you do instead? Try these six ideas.

1. Tidy up. This is my go-to task when I'm feeling overwhelmed by genealogy research. This mundane task of organizing keeps me calm and forces me to get something done at the same time. If you're like me, you probably have stacks of papers that need to be filed and/or scanned. Try the simple task of filing when you start to feel stressed.

2. Read. A great way to develop your skills is by reading genealogy- and/or history-related magazines, journals, blogs, and books. Also consider relevant fiction—there are several great genealogy mystery series, in addition to well-crafted historical novels. And don't overlook historical nonfiction—my faves are *The Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson and *Midnight Assassin: A Murder in America's Heartland* by Patricia L. Bryan and Thomas Wolf.

3. Write. Perhaps you find serenity in writing. Maybe it's time to sit down and write about your ancestors. Short bios are a great way to compile your research quickly, giving you a sense of accomplishment. You might also consider writing informational or instructional pieces that you can publish to help others on their genealogy journey.

4. Watch. There are some great television shows related to genealogy, and sometimes they spark ideas for us to pursue in our own research. Such shows included *Who Do You Think You Are?* (TLC; returning to NBC), *Finding Your Roots* (PBS), *Long Lost Family* (TLC), *A New Leaf* (NBC), *Roots Less Traveled* (NBC), and *The Genetic Detective* (ABC).. Check local listings for air dates/times. You might be able to find past episodes through the network's website or app, through streaming providers such as Amazon Prime, or on-demand through your cable/satellite provider.

5. Index. Use the time you would have spent doing your own research to work on an indexing project. You could do a batch or two for [FamilySearch](#) or [Ancestry](#), or check with your local society to see if they are working on a project.

6. Help a Friend. Take your mind off your own research project and help out a friend instead. A new challenge is always invigorating, so this is a great way to still do research (because we all love the thrill!) and keep from getting burned out on your own family.

These ideas will help you stay connected to genealogy, while giving yourself a break from your own projects. In the process, you'll probably learn a few things, and maybe, just maybe, it will help you with your own research. Plus, when you go back to your projects, you'll feel refreshed and refocused, and stand a better chance of pushing forward.

From: **Genealogy Quick Tip** monthly newsletter by Julie Cahill Tarr.

Beginning Genealogy



Do you need help getting started? Do you know someone who does? Do you just need an idea on where to look next? Are you interested in a “refresher”? Take a day and join us.

Saturday, June 29, 2024 Part I 10:00—12:00

LUNCH 12:00—2:00

Saturday, June 29, 2024 Part II 2:00—4:00

2-part class—Free

Book \$10.00

Contact: Nancy Matthews to reserve a seat or a book
nmatthews@suddenlink.net or gsgca@suddenlink.net

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“History remembers only the celebrated, genealogy remembers them all.” —  
Laurence Overmire

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