

BRICKWALL GAZETTE

Genealogy Society Of Craighead County, Arkansas

This month's meeting is
April 27, 2025

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MEETING HAPPENINGS:

We held our March Meeting on March 16, 2025 at The First Community Bank Meeting Room. Our program was Organize Your Genealogy presented by Nancy Matthews.

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### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:

The Executive Board Meeting for April was held on April 12, 2025 in the Civic League Room of the Craighead County Jonesboro Public Library.

1. Upcoming Programs

2. 2025 Lock-In
3. The next scheduled board meeting will be May 10, 2025.

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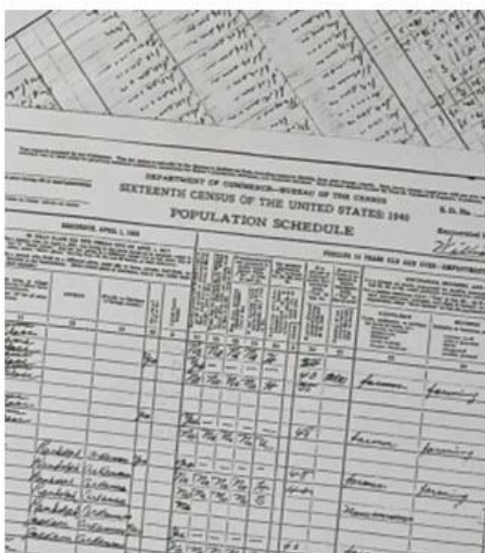
APRIL MEETING: Our April 2025 will be held on April 27, 2025 in the Meeting Room at the First Community Bank Meeting Room, 630 Southwest Drive, Jonesboro, AR.

REMEMBER THIS IS ONE WEEK LATE BECAUSE OF EASTER.

Our program will Deep Dive into the Census presented by Nancy Matthews.

Come join us for a great day.

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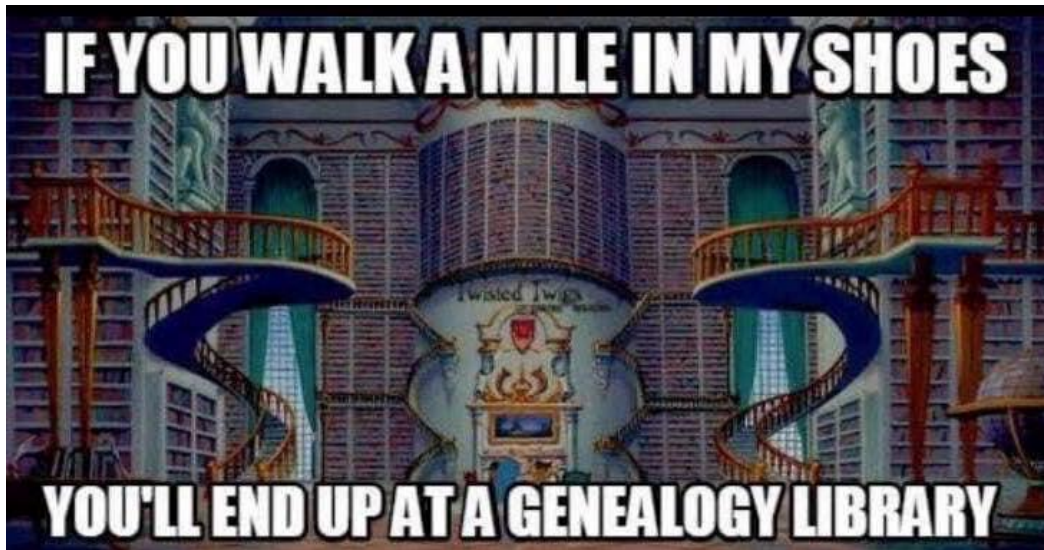
*Deep Dive  
into the Census*

**Genealogy Society of Craighead County Arkansas**  
**Meeting Room - First Community Bank - 630 Southwest Drive**  
**April 27, 2025 ~ Time: 2:00 - 3:30**

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Elusive Ancestor: Do you have an ancestor that you are having trouble finding? (We all have some of those.) Bring what information you have for him or her (birth, death, marriage, places you have found them) to the meeting. We will draw one. Between this meeting and the May meeting everyone will work to see what they can discover. Maybe your ancestor can be our first group success.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

April 2, 1513 - Spanish explorer Ponce De Leon sighted Florida and claimed it for the Spanish Crown after landing at the site of present day St. Augustine, now the oldest city in the continental U.S.

April 15, 1912 - In the icy waters off Newfoundland, the luxury liner *Titanic* with 2,224 persons on board sank at 2:27 a.m. after striking an iceberg just before midnight. Over 1,500 persons drowned while 700 were rescued by the liner *Carpathia* which arrived about two hours after *Titanic* went down.

April 22, 1889 - The Oklahoma land rush began at noon with a single gunshot signaling the start of a mad dash by thousands of settlers. They were seeking to claim part of nearly two million acres made available by the federal government. The land originally belonged to Creek and Seminole Indian tribes.

April 27, 1865 - On the Mississippi River, the worst steamship disaster in U.S. history occurred as an explosion aboard the *Sultana* killed nearly 2,000 passengers, mostly Union soldiers who had been prisoners of war and were returning home.

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# Research Help

Saturday, May , 2025  
Craighead County Jonesboro Public Library  
Noon – 4:00

Come help visitors to our library or help each other in their quest to find ancestors.

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GENEALOGY NIGHT LOCK-IN

Mark your Calendars

More information will be posted as soon as it is available.

Saturday, July 19, 2025

6:00 p.m. — 10:00 p.m.

Craighead County Jonesboro Public Library

www.gsgca.net/lock-in.htm

Volunteers are needed to greet researchers, to help with check-in and to answer questions.

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# 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, July 12, 2025    Part I    10:00—12:00  
LUNCH    12:00—2:00  
Saturday, July 12, 2025    Part II    2:00—4:00

2-part class—Free  
Optional Book \$10.00

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COME GET READY FOR THE LOCK-IN

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GENEALOGY TV SHOWS

Sometimes you need a break from research, and it can be a change of pace to watch a tv show about someone else’s genealogy journey and maybe get some ideas for your own research. Below are some shows to consider while relaxing by the fireplace.

Let’s start with the free shows.

1. **“A New Leaf”**. Originally aired on NBC 2019 – 2020.
There are 13 episodes about everyday people.
<https://www.nbc.com/a-new-leaf>

2. **“Ancestors”**. This show originally aired 1997 – 2000.
This older series features well-know experts such as Megan Smolenyak and Elizabeth Shown Mills and also information about the Family Search Library in Salt Lake City.
<https://www.byutv.org/ancestors>

3. **“The Generations Project”**. This show originally aired 2010 – 2012 on BYUtv.
<https://www.byutv.org/the-generations-project>

4. **“The Genetic Detective”**. Originally aired on ABC in 2020.
You may be familiar with CeCe Moore, an investigative genetic genealogy expert. She has consulted on “Finding Your Roots”, and “Genealogy Roadshow”. On the show, Moore works on homicides, cold cases, double homicides, etc. Very interesting.
<https://abc.com/show/73e7d3c0-6dd0-4691-b049-2d79a1a8a447>

5. **“Long Lost Family”**. Originally aired 2016 -2019 on TLC.
This show still airs on TLC, but you will need to check local listings. Two adoptees host the show and work to reunite families.

You can also go to TLC’s website [use button below]. Also on Discovery+ and Amazon Prime Video which includes the UK version. Warning: You will need a box of tissues for this one. <https://go.tlc.com/show/long-lost-family-tlc>

6 “Relative Race”. Aired on BYUtv, 2016 – present.
This is a fun show. Four teams of two compete “Amazing Race” style over the course of 10 hour long episodes. The teams race across the country for a cash prize at the end. Making it more challenging is that they only have flip phones and paper maps so no internet access. Along the way they meet a new relative they had not met before.
<https://www.byutv.org/relative-race>

Free and Paid

1. **“Finding Your Roots”** with Henry Louis Gates, JR. Originally aired 2012 – present on PBS. Who doesn’t know about this show. It airs each Tuesday evening on PBS and other times during the week. The 10th season premiered in Jan 2024. The most recent seasons are available to PBS Passport Members, and you can stream all seasons with a PBS add-on subscription to Amazon Prime. Great show.

2. **“Genealogy Roadshow”**. This show originally aired 2013 – 2016 on PBS.
Three genealogists travel to various US Cities that represent crossroads of cultures. Having researched the stories using documents, DNA and other clues, the hosts meet with their guests and reveal their findings.

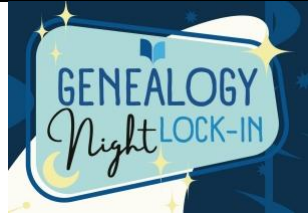
Viewing options include Tubi TV, Pluto TV or purchasing episodes through Apple TV or Amazon Video. PBS Passport subscribers can watch some episodes on PBS’ website.
<https://www.pbs.org/show/genealogy-roadshow/>

3. **“Who Do You Think You Are”**. Aired on NBC and TLC, 2010 – 2022.
This is a popular American version of a same named British Show.

You can stream the seven TLC seasons as part of Discovery+. NBC-era seasons only seem to be available for purchase.

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17<sup>th</sup> Summer Lock-In  
19 July 2025

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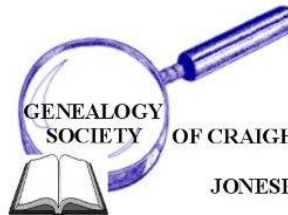
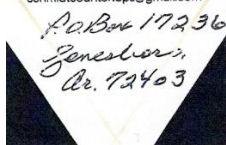
**Digital Photos Collection**

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