

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 April Meeting was held on April 27, 2014. Our speaker was scheduled to be Mary Ann Parker from Parker Homestead. However, she was unable to make it due to inclement weather. Mr. Steven Higgs stepped up and told us of his time in Germany while serving in the US Air Force. Mr. Higgs was aided by his wife Mary. They were visitors at our meeting. Many thanks to them for their presentation. We appreciate what you did.

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**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:**  
The Executive Board Meeting for May was held on May 10, 2014.

1. Beginners Class
2. Upcoming Events
3. Family Tree Maker Class
4. The next Executive Board meeting will be June 7, 2014

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MAY MEETING: The May Meeting will be held on May 18, 2014. Mary Anne Parker will be our speaker. She was unable to come in April due to inclement weather. Mary Anne will be telling us about The Parker Homestead.

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**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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This Month in History

May 14, 1942 - During World War II, an Act of Congress allowed women to enlist for noncombat duties in the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps (WAAC), the Women Appointed for Voluntary Emergency Service (WAVES), Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron (WAFS), and Semper Paratus Always Ready Service (SPARS), the Women's Reserve of the Marine Corp.

May 24, 1844 - Telegraph inventor Samuel Morse sent the first official telegraph message, "What hath God wrought?" from the Capitol building in Washington, D.C., to Baltimore.

May 29, 1865 - Following the American Civil War, President Andrew Johnson issued a proclamation granting general amnesty to Confederates. The amnesty excluded high ranking Confederates and large property owners, who had to apply individually to the President for a pardon. Following an oath of allegiance, all former property rights, except slaves, were returned to the former owners.

May 31, 1889 - Over 2,300 persons were killed in the Johnstown flood in Pennsylvania. Heavy rains throughout May caused the Connemaugh River Dam to burst sending a wall of water 75 feet high pouring down upon the city.

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84 Minnesota Newspapers Now Online for Your Genealogy Research

Yesterday Minnesota celebrated the 156th anniversary of its statehood—it was admitted into the Union on 11 May 1858 as the 32nd state. The state’s name is based on a Native American Dakota word meaning “clear water,” and Minnesota is famous for its many beautiful lakes—hence the state’s nickname “Land of 10,000 Lakes.”

If you are researching your ancestry from Minnesota, you will want to use GenealogyBank’s online Minnesota newspaper archives: 84 titles to help you search your family history in the “North Star State,” providing coverage from 1849 to Today. There are more than 4 million articles and records in this online collection.

Dig into the archives and search for obituaries and other news articles about your ancestors in these recent and historical MN newspapers online. Our Minnesota newspapers are divided into two collections: Historical Newspapers (complete paper) and Recent Obituaries (obituaries only).

[Search Minnesota Newspaper Archives \(1849 – 1923\)](#)

[Search Minnesota Recent Obituaries \(1986 – Current\)](#)

If you have a library card for the Craighead County Jonesboro Public Library, you can access some genealogy databases from home. One of these databases is “NewsBank” which is the library version of “GenealogyBank”.

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## **American Museum of Natural History Starts Digitizing, Makes 7,000 Photos Available to the Public**

In an effort to bring 145 years worth of its historic photography collection to the computer age, the American Museum of Natural History has digitized over 7,000 of its archived images and made them publicly available online.

Mainly consisting of images from the museum’s own collection, the images include the various installations of exhibits, as well as some scientific explorations that took place all the way back to the late 19th century.

The museum has only just begun their digitizing though, noting that it’s an ongoing project with many, many more collections to add. Some of the more notable collections are the Lumholtz collection, which documents his trips to northwestern Mexico in the late 1800s, the Jesup North Pacific Expedition, which documented the cultures of the Pacific Northwest natives of North America, and plenty more.

It’s always exciting to see old collections and pieces of work come back to life through digitization and this ongoing effort is only going to add to the publicly available photography we have to browse through.

American Museum of Natural History website -- [www.amnh.org/our-research/research-library](http://www.amnh.org/our-research/research-library)

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

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| NAME            | PT / SEC       | SEC | TWP | RNG | ACRES | VALUE    |
|-----------------|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|----------|
| J. G. Christian | Pt. S1/2SW-SW  | 24  | 14  | 3   | 20    | \$50.00  |
| Homer Parr      | Pt. S1/2-NW    | 24  | 14  | 3   | 6.14  | \$60.00  |
| A. W. Sparks    | Pt. N1/2-NW    | 24  | 14  | 3   | 40    | \$400.00 |
| A. M. Davis     | Pt. NW-SW      | 24  | 14  | 3   | 13    | \$104.00 |
| J. G. Christian | NW-NW          | 25  | 14  | 3   | 40    | \$150.00 |
| Same            | NE-NW          | 25  | 14  | 3   | 5     | \$20.00  |
| Same            | Pt.N1/2SW-NW   | 25  | 14  | 3   | 20    | \$50.00  |
| J. A. Loftis    | SW-SW          | 25  | 14  | 3   | 40    | \$200.00 |
| L. W. Loftis    | NE-NW          | 25  | 14  | 3   | 40    | \$100.00 |
| Same            | S1/2SW-NW      | 25  | 14  | 3   | 20    | \$100.00 |
| Same            | SE             | 25  | 14  | 3   | 160   | \$300.00 |
| Same            | NW-SW          | 25  | 14  | 3   | 40    | \$200.00 |
| L. G. Thornton  | Pt. E1/2-NW    | 25  | 14  | 3   | 65    | \$300.00 |
| Same            | S1/2-NE        | 25  | 14  | 3   | 80    | \$400.00 |
| Same            | Pt. NW-NE      | 25  | 14  | 3   | 14.25 | \$90.00  |
| Aden Lynch      | N1/2NE-NE      | 25  | 14  | 3   | 20    | \$150.00 |
| Joel G. Wood    | N1/2NW-NE      | 25  | 14  | 3   | 20    | \$400.00 |
| Same            | SE-SW          | 25  | 14  | 3   | 40    | \$120.00 |
| B. F. Wood      | EPtS1/2N1/2-NE | 25  | 14  | 3   | 25.75 | \$200.00 |
| W. J. Witt      | Pt. NE-NW      | 25  | 14  | 3   | 10    | \$100.00 |
| J. G. Christian | E1/2-NE        | 26  | 14  | 3   | 80    | \$200.00 |
| J. A. Loftis    | S1/2-SE        | 26  | 14  | 3   | 80    | \$210.00 |
| L. W. Loftis    | N1/2-SE        | 26  | 14  | 3   | 80    | \$80.00  |
| Same            | SW-NE          | 26  | 14  | 3   | 40    | \$40.00  |
| N. T. Keller    | S1/2-SW        | 26  | 14  | 3   | 80    | \$50.00  |
| Isom Seats      | N1/2-SW        | 26  | 14  | 3   | 80    | \$50.00  |
| E. L. Watson    | NW-NE          | 26  | 14  | 3   | 40    | \$40.00  |
| Same            | NE-NW          | 26  | 14  | 3   | 40    | \$40.00  |

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JONESBORO SUN Newspaper : Just a reminder that the Society maintains an online subscription to the Jonesboro Sun. This subscription is for the use of members. For those that do not have the username and password, contact Nancy Matthews nlmatthews@suddenlink.net.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2014 --

May 1-31 - Arkansas Heritage Month

May 18 - Society General Meeting - 2:00 p.m. - Round Room - Jonesboro Library

June 2014 --

June 14 - Executive Board Meeting - 2:00 p.m. - Civic League Room - Jonesboro Library

June 21 - Obion County (TN) Public Library Genealogical Seminar - Union City, Tennessee

June 22 - Society General Meeting - 2:00 p.m. - Round Room - Jonesboro Library

July 2014 --

July 12 - Executive Board Meeting - 2:00 p.m. - Civic League Room - Jonesboro Library

July 14 & 15 - Beginning Genealogy Class - 6:00 - 8 p.m. - Genealogy Area - Jonesboro Lib.

July 19 - Genealogy Lock-In - 6:00 - 12:00 p.m. - Jonesboro Library

July 20 - Society General Meeting - 2:00 p.m. - Round Room - Jonesboro Library

August 2014 --

August 9 - Executive Board Meeting - 2:00 p.m. - Civic League Room - Jonesboro Library

August 17 - Society General Meeting - 2:00 p.m. - Round Room - Jonesboro Library

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## Obion County (TN) Public Library Genealogical Seminar

Sponsored by "Friends of the Library"

**Saturday, June 21, 2014**

**8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

**Obion County Public Library, Union City Tennessee**

### "Shake your Family Tree"

#### Seminar Topics:

Chuck Sherrill:

"Tracing your Civil War Ancestor"

"Well Kept Secrets at the Tennessee State Library and Archives"

Jack Wood:

"I wonder what my Pedigree Looks Like"

JoAnn Birmingham:

"DNA - M, Y, and now Family Finder"

"ID Your Sources"

Don Livingston

"Searching Grave Reports"

Seminar is \$30.00 and includes lunch. Seating is limited and registration is required. Additional information can be found at <http://oclibrary.org/genealogy/workshops/>.

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Grandma's Apron

When I used to visit Grandma,
I was very much impressed,
by her all-purpose apron,
and the power it possessed.
For Grandma, it was everyday
to choose one when she dressed.
The strings were tied and freshly washed,
and maybe even pressed.
The simple apron that it was,
you would never think about;
the things she used it for,
that made it look worn out.

She used it for a basket,
when she gathered up the eggs,
and flapped it as a weapon,
when hens pecked her feet and legs.

She used it to carry kindling
when she stoked the kitchen fire.
And to hold a load of laundry,
or to wipe the clothesline wire.

She used it for a hot pad,
to remove a steaming pan,
and when her brow was heated,
she used it for a fan.

It dried our childish tears,
when we'd scrape a knee and cry,
and made a hiding place
when the little ones were shy.

Farm produce took in season,
in the summer, spring and fall,
found its way into the kitchen
from Grandma's carry all.

When Grandma went to heaven,
God said she now could rest.
I'm sure the apron she chose that day,
was her Sunday best.

Author unknown



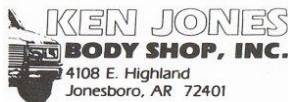
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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

**July 19, 2014** - Genealogy Lock-In (Summer Edition) - Jonesboro Public Library  
6:00 p.m. - 12:00 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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