

# BRICKWALL GAZETTE

Genealogy Society  
Of  
Craighead County, Arkansas

This month's meeting is  
**Saturday**, May 18, 2024

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## MEETING HAPPENINGS:

Our April Meeting was held on April 21, 2024.

Our program was presented by Joseph Alley. He spoke to us about the History of Blytheville Air Force Base with a focus on the Cuban Missile Crisis in the early 1960s.

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## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:

The Executive Board Meeting for May was held on May 11, 2024 in the Civic League Room at the Craighead County Jonesboro Public Library.

1. 2024 Genealogy Night Lock-In
2. May Program
3. June Program
4. The next scheduled board meeting will be June 8, 2024.

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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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**JUNE MEETING:** Our May Meeting will be a Rabbit Hole Alert. It is so easy to get caught in the Rabbit Hole. Here are a couple of new research techniques that will send you down the Rabbit Hole. One is FamilySearch "Full-Text Search" and the second is the Ancestry.com Newspaper Only Index.

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Genealogy Society of Craighead County Arkansas

May Meeting

Genealogy Area

Craighead County Jonesboro Public Library

Saturday, May 18, 2024 ~ Time: 2:00 - 3:30

**RESEARCH DAY**

Bring your own research.



# Mark Your Calendar

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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## Genealogy Night Lock-In

This year it is necessary to scale Genealogy Night back a little. As most of you know there has been a cut-back in funding.

**Saturday, July 20, 2024**

5:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.

Craighead County Jonesboro Public Library

Program: Nancy Matthews

**Topic: FamilySearch "Full-Text Search"**

**&**

**Ancestry.com "Newspapers Only Index"**

Door Prizes

Finger Foods

(If you want to snack, please bring something to share.)

Time restraints removed from computers.

Free Access to: Ancestry, Fold3, American Ancestors,  
Genealogy Bank, Newspapers.com, Sanborn Maps

Genealogy Society Members Available to Help

Registration opens July 1, 2024

[www.gscca.net/lock-in.htm](http://www.gscca.net/lock-in.htm)

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

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### **AGS Fall Conference WATCH PARTY**

Cyndi Ingle is the Speaker for the AGS Fall Conference. 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. You are welcome to join us and enjoy the Conference.

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

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### **THIS MONTH IN HISTORY**

**May 10, 1869** - The newly constructed tracks of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific railways were first linked at Promontory Point, Utah. A golden spike was driven by Leland Stanford, president of the Central Pacific, to celebrate the linkage. It is said that he missed the spike on his first swing which brought roars of laughter from men who had driven thousands upon thousands of spikes themselves.

**May 17, 1875** - The first Kentucky Derby horse race took place at Churchill Downs in Louisville.

**May 20, 1862** - President Abraham Lincoln signed the Homestead Act opening millions of acres of government owned land in the West to "homesteaders" who could acquire up to 160 acres by living on the land and cultivating it for five years, paying just \$1.25 per acre.

**May 21, 1881** - The American Red Cross was founded by Clara Barton. The organization today provides volunteer disaster relief in the U.S. and abroad. Community services include collecting and distributing donated blood, and teaching health and safety classes.

## The Best Way to Find Hidden Ancestor Newspaper Articles

- **What?** - Deliberately misspell your search criteria
- **Why?** - OCR works by analyzing the shape of the letters, is not perfect, and 100 year old newsprint is full of errors
- **How?** - Change the letters in your search criteria
- **Result?** - Find hidden articles - up to 20% more pertinent hits

### Letter Pairs Often Confused

rn and m (ar n and em)

h and b

Capital D and O

Capital D and G

i, l, 1, /, l, and I

0 and O

c and e

r and n

[, ] and l (el)

nl and m (en el and em)

n and ri (en and ar eye)

Capital B and 8

t and +

Capital E and F

Capital K and X

Capital V and Y

Capital D and O or 0

m and n

v and y

Capital R and B

d and cl

e and o

Capital H and B

h and k

h and n

Capital S and 8

Capital S and 5

Capital Z and 2 or 7

Capital G and 6

Capital K and |<

Capital C and G

Capital O and Q

Capital Z and 2

Capital I and T

g and q

5 and 8 or 3

**Deliberately misspell your search criteria and you will find hidden articles and get up to 20% more pertinent hits.**



# Beginning Genealogy

## Come join us before the July Genealogy Night

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  
[nlmatthews@suddenlink.net](mailto:nlmatthews@suddenlink.net) or [gacca@suddenlink.net](mailto:gacca@suddenlink.net)

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## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

We would like to start having Zoom meetings for Special Interest Groups “SIGS.” Some of the topics that have been considered are: DNA, Family Tree Maker, Cemetery Research and Roots Magic. Would you like to see a group with a different topic. Please let us know.

If you would be interested in being part of one (or several) of these groups, please let us know.

Contact [gacca@suddenlink.net](mailto:gacca@suddenlink.net) or [nlmatthews@suddenlink.net](mailto:nlmatthews@suddenlink.net)

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The **Obituary Index** has been updated. The obituaries for 2021, 2022 and 2024 have been incorporated into the alphabetical listing. If you have any difficulty opening any of the files, refresh the main index page. That should cure the problem.

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