

# Genealogy Society Of Craighead County, Arkansas

This month's meeting will be held at  
The Jonesboro Public Library

Next meeting: Sunday, June 28, 1998

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**MEETING HAPPENINGS:** We would like to say "Thank you" to Marian Butler for presenting the program on Using Land Records. She gave us all some information on the types of lands records and the kinds of information you can get from them.

Work is progressing on the 1900 Craighead County Census. A little over half of the townships are finished. Volunteers are still needed for two townships. If you are working on a township and need a little help, please contact Nancy Matthews.

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**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:** Looks as if we really need to have those meetings, otherwise we kind of get out of balance. The next one will be 7:00 p.m. Thursday, the 16th of July. At Jeanette's house, 1500 Garland Dr. phone number is 931-5787. We now have a "permanent address" for the Society and it is: P.O. Box 2614, Jonesboro, AR 72402-2614. Please direct any and all correspondence, dues, etc. to this address. We are still in search of a historian for the society, anyone??? It's easy, just keep track of the minutes and the projects we have going so the future members we gain can have some knowledge of the history of our society.

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**JULY MEETING:** The July meeting will be a workshop at the library, this will be on Sunday, the 19th of July at 2:00. We will make the business part of it as short as possible. The library work is coming along and there is a thought that we may tentatively be back in order with the books and all, by the end of August.

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**DUES** will be \$15.00 per year and should be sent to our new address above. If you have any questions or need information, please call or email our president:, Gail Lies, (870)932-1301, nglies@nex.net. Dues are payable in January of each year.

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**NEWSLETTER:** The newsletter is published monthly and any visitors to our meetings will receive one complimentary copy. We NEED QUERIES and any other information you may like to have published, regarding genealogy.

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**INTERNET:** Great Internet site for the Bureau of Land Management - Eastern States for Land Patent Searches. <http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/>

If you have another one, let us know.

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### **MIGRATORY PATTERNS AND IMMIGRATION TO THE UNITED STATES**

While a family lived in one locality, information on its members remains relatively easy to find. While the quality of such information may erode with earlier generations, the facts of family life can be learned along with the history of the town, parish, or county. However, when an ancestral family discovered mobility, for whatever reason, the genealogist must "chase" them over a wide area, in some cases, halfway around the world. This shifting in localities or residence causes a great many problems for the genealogist, including changes in record types, name spelling variations, political climates, and languages. To overcome these difficulties requires not just tenacity and determination, but a great deal of help from a

variety of sources.

One of the best aids for the genealogist involved in researching a mobile ancestor is Olga Miller's - Migration, Emigration, Immigration, published by Everton Publishers. Olga gives historical 'highlights' which would affect migrations or immigrations in the state. She then provides a bibliography of sources useful to the genealogist in research migrations in that area, and separate bibliographies for minority or migratory groups for which information is available for that state.

Along with the state historical and bibliographic listings, the book has sections for the United States in general, various religious and refugee groups, Canada, Britain, Scandinavian and Germanic countries, and the countries of both Eastern and Western Europe.

I highly recommend this book, it is a great source book.

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### OCUPSYSHUN - CENCUS TAKERS

"I am a cencus takers for the city of Bufflow. Our city has groan very fast in resent years &now in 1865, it has become a hard & time consuming job to count all the peephill.

There are many that cont do this werk, as it is necessarie to have an ejucashun, wich a lot of pursons still do not have. Anuther atribeart needed for this job is god spelling, for meny of the pephill to be counted can hardle speek inglish, let alon spel there names!"

1865 Census

Buffalo, Erie County, New York

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#### MILLER COUNTY (continued)

- ◇ Footnote 30. Adam Lawrence was living on the Jonesborough prairie in 1818. As we have seen there is evidence to show that he came to the Red River area in 1815 but for lack of positive data we have placed him among the settlers of 1817 or 1818. Lamar Papers, III, 276. The noted Indian fighter and mustang catchers was the father of a large family but beyond the fact that his son, John, was killed with his father, by the Osages, April 17, 1826, and that of a daughter, Nancy, married William Stiles, junior, we have no further info as to their names. The elder Lawrence had a brother, George, who either came to Red River with him or immigrated there prior to 1825. George Lawrence was the father of Henry and Adam Lawrence . Henry Lawrence was killed by the Indians at the same time as his uncle. Ark. Gaz. May 28, 1826. Two others of the Lawrence family were James and David but their relationship to the men named above is unknown. Miller County Petition.
- ◇ Footnote 31. Phillip Henson was living at Jonesborough in 1818. Wright Papers. Credited by Ragsdale as having settled there in 1817 or 1818. Lamar Papers, III,276.Documentary evidence places Henson on the river quite early. Record of the Court of Common Pleas (Hempstead Co., Ark. Terr.), AA,. 97. In December 1820 he was involved in a suit before

the court under the style of Phillip Henson vs. Andrew Shaw.

- ◇ Footnote 32. William Rabb, his wife, Mary(nee Smalley), three sons, Andrew, John and Thomas (all unm. at the time), and dau. Rachel, md. to Joseph Newman, came to the Clear Creek settlement in 1818. Lamar Papers, IV, (Part 1.), 215. They crossed the river to Jonesborough in 1820. While in Red River, Andrew Rabb married a dau. of William Ragsdale and John Rabb md. Mary Crownover. William Rabb and wife went to Austin's colony in the winter of 1821-1822. The other members of the family inc. the son-in-law, Joseph Newman, emigrated there in October, 1823.
- ◇ Footnote 33. \_\_\_\_\_Mason and sons were also settlers at Jonesborough by 1818. Lamar Papers, III, 276. Very little is known about this family. One of the younger Masons, Mansel, married a dau. of William Ragsdale. Loose Leaves....
- ◇ Footnote 34. William "Cow" Cooper was a hunter on the upper river by 1818. Lamar Papers, III,276. he afterward went to south Texas: there in November, 1830 his son, William Jr., was killed by a party of Wacos. Texas Hist.Assoc. Qtrly, VI, 317. Young Cooper was said to have been born on Red River (Wilbarger, Indian Depredations in Texas, 209) and was probably thirteen or fourteen years old at his death.
- ◇ Footnote 35. John Chumley seems able to claim an early residence on Red River. Clarksville Northern Standard, August 25, 1832. He was probably associated with the Andersons; he went with them to Sam Augustine Co., Tex. in 1825. Texas State Hist.Qtrly, XIV, 306.
- ◇ Footnote 36. Nathaniel Moore belonged to the resident group of 1818. Lamar Papers, III, 276. William Stevenson preached the first sermon on Red River in his home in the winter of 1818-1819. Thrall, History of Methodism in Texas, 13.
- ◇ Footnote 37. James Levin, senior located in the vicinity of Pecan Point in 1818, he was with several sons, among whom were James Jr., and Joseph; one son, John was born on Red River in 1818. RBLC, 15,16, 24 and 55. A dau. Mary Ann, md. George Wetmore, Registro.
- ◇ Footnote 38. Joseph English was living at the mouth of Clear Creek in 1818. His father, Charles English, had established English's Station near the famous Crab Orchard in Kentucky; it was one of the "seventeen pioneer stations". English was with his family, inc. a son, Bailey English (born in Kentucky, March 4, 1794), who served as sheriff of Miller County, 1821-1823; another son, William English, who md. Annie Shelton. A Dau. md. Martin Varner before his exodus to south Texas. Ark Gaz., Feb 26, 1820.
- ◇ Footnote 39. Stephen Wiley and four sons, three of whom were Indian traders, were living at Pecan Point in 1818. Arthur, Annals of Fowler Family, 323. Two men by the name of Wiley signed the Miller County petition of 1825. Stephen,Jr., and Thomas; they were almost certainly sons of Stephen Wiley,Sr.
- ◇ Footnote 40. Ambrose Hudgins settled on the Jonesborough prairie quite early. Lamar Papers III,276. He was a son-in-law of Patrick Kernall, himself reputed to have settled on Red River in 1818. Loose Leaves....Hudgins was a brother-in-law of a McKelvey(whether it was Hugh, ?Ezra, or James, all of whom were living in Miller County in 1825). is not certain. George Kernall, it will be noted in Item No.7 above, came to Red River in 1816; Patrick, J. H. and Archivald Kernall signed the Miller County petition.
- ◇ Footnote 41. Daniel Davis came to Red River in the spring of 1818. He, when quite young md. Matilda Tidwell on Duck River in Tenn. and immediately moved to Missouri. There Matilda Davis died; soon after he married Nancy McKelvey, Jan 20, 1818, and moved in that spring to Red River."Autobiography of Andrew Davis." in the Southwestern

Hist.Qurtly, XLIII(Oct.1939),162. Amos Tidwell was class leader of the first Methodist church organized on Red River late in 1818 or early in 1819. William Stevenson and James Lowry were appointed to the Mount Prairie and Pecan Point Circuit of the Missouri Coinference, September 5, 1818. See also Thrall, History of Methodism in Texas, 13-14, and Phelan, Hisrtory of Early Methodism in Texas, 13. Amos, Hiram and J. E. Tidwell signed the Miller County petition. The presence of Davis" brothers-in-law, Ezra, Hugh and James McKelvey, on Red River is discussed in Item No. 40 above. The McKelveys, however, probably did not come to Texas until 1824; at least , Hugh McKelvey assigned that year as the date of his arrival. RBLC. They were former residents of Ste. Genevieve, Missouri. "Autobiography of Andrew Davis." 164. Davis, in May, 1819, was living on the north side of the river, contiguous to Gates Creek. Early Western Travels, XIII, 217.

- ◇ Footnote 42. Samuel and Amos Gates were quite probably in the Red River area in 1818. Nutall mentions Gates Creek as bearing that name in May, 1819. Early Western Travels, XCIII, 217. In 1820 Samuel Gates acted as the administrator of William Mabbitt's estate. Book AA, Court of Common Pleas, Hempstead Co., Ark. Terr., 99. Both men later went to South Texas. Austin, Papers, passim.

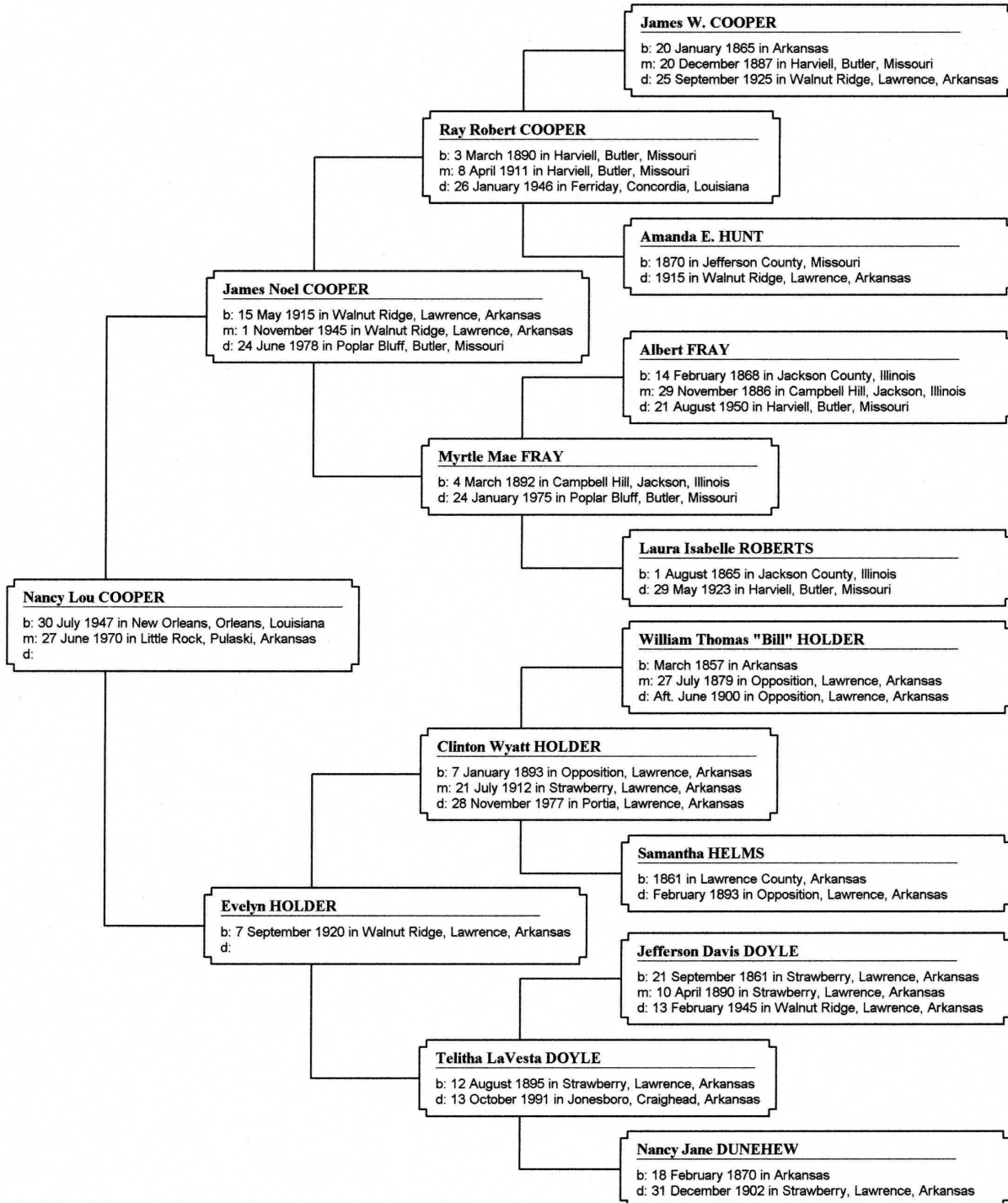
Conjecture and analogy can supply much that has been forgotten about these early pioneers. They came from Kentucky and Tennessee by the way of Missouri and Arkansas. Their fathers had followed Boone and Harrod over the Wilderness Road to Harrodsburg and Bryantr's Station or pioneered with Sevier along the waters of the Holston or French Broad. Tall tales of adventure, of Indian warfare and torture they had heard about the hearths of cabins while the winter winds howled outside. Some had known the courtly John Sevier, others had fought at Tippecanoe or charged over the stockade at Tohopeka.

They were not schooled in books. A cross ofttimes testified their signature. Painfully, at the best, they could sign a land claim or a petition for the creation of a new county. Their religion was the stern Calvinism of the frontier release often in the pathological emotionalism of the camp meeting. Lorenzo Dow and Peter Cartwright were their major prophets and Cane Ridge the Mount Zion to which they turned for spiritual succor. The physical needs of these men were few., An axe served for carpentry and cabinet making, a skillet and iron pot suffice fro the backwoods cuisine. The hunting shirt, the finged leggings, and the moccasin fashioned from bucksin met the demands of comfort and decency in the haberdashery of the hinterland. For them, the sun told the hours of the day and the seasons calendared the passing of the year.

The women who came westward with these pioneers (and many of them were men of families) challenge our admiration and our pity, though heaven knows they themselves were free from self pity. If life was hard for the men, what must it have been for their wives? Loneliness for others of their sex added to the actual perils of living far from every comfort save the most primitive sort conspired to make their lot an unenviable one. Their children were born without the benefit of physician and ofttimes even of midwivery except that of the husband. Sickness was prevalent among the children and time and time again one small tot was dead before the birth of the next. Nevertheless the physical danger was not in all probability as grinding as the psychological deprivation; surely the mere immobility resultant upon staying alone for weeks was more wearing then the mobility of the "long hunt". Indian warfare weighed heavy on the women, men were killed by the savages but the lot of the woman was captivity and violation at the hands of the aborigines.

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## Standard Pedigree Tree



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