

# BRICKWALL GAZETTE

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## Genealogy Society Of Craighead County, Arkansas

This month's meeting will be at the  
Jonesboro Craighead Public Library

August 17, 2014

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**MEETING HAPPENINGS:** Our July Meeting was rescheduled to July 19, 2014 at 7:00. The speaker was Dr. Daniel Littlefield at the Genealogy Night Lock-In event.

Since we had the use of the Round Room on July 20, 2014, we had a session on using Family Tree Maker and Ancestry.com

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**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:**

The Executive Board Meeting for July was held on July 12, 2014.

1. Beginners Class
2. Upcoming Events
3. August Meeting
4. The next Executive Board meeting will be September 13, 2014

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**AUGUST MEETING:** The August meeting will be held August 17, 2014. The program will be presented by Gail Lies. Her topic will be The Ongoing Saga of Grandpa Miller.

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**BEGINNER'S CLASS:** The next Beginning Genealogy Class is scheduled for September 8 & 9 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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**NEW MEMBERS:**

Welcome to the following new members:

Phyllis Burkett  
[phyllis.burkett1859@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.burkett1859@gmail.com)  
Surnames: BURKETT, AWTREY,  
AUTREY

Welcome back:

Joyce Warren  
[j.j.warren@suddenlink.net](mailto:j.j.warren@suddenlink.net)  
Surnames: BALL, McCARTY,  
JOHNSTON, WORSHAM, WARREN

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**AGS: Seminar - September 19-20, 2014**

Speaker: Cyndi Ingle of Cyndi's List

Registration Flyers will be at the Library for our August meeting. We have a group that is planning on attending. If you would like to attend with our group see Dorothy McCarns at the before or after the meeting.

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

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NAME	PT / SEC	SEC	TWP	RNG	ACRES	VALUE
C & G R. R.	N1/2 - SE	33	14	3	80	\$240
Same	S1/2 - NE	33	14	3	80	\$ -0-
Same	N1/2 - NW	33	14	3	80	\$ -0-
Same	SE - NW	33	14	3	40	\$ -0-
A. Pearce	NE - SW	33	14	3	40	\$200
Same	SW - NW	33	14	3	40	\$200
Elizabeth Cary	SE - SW	33	14	3	40	\$ 50
Same	SW - SE	33	14	3	40	\$ 50
John Simmons	SE - SE	33	14	3	40	\$ 40
Eliza Lee	NE - SW	33	14	3	40	\$ 40
Same	SW - SW	33	14	3	40	\$ 40
Wm. Cox	N1/2 - NE	33	14	3	80	\$300
John Cox	SE - NE	34	14	3	40	\$ 50
Robt. M. Cox	W1/2 - NE	34	14	3	80	\$ 80
John Simmons	SW - SW	34	14	3	40	\$ 40
R. P. Whisenhunt	N1/2 - SE	34	14	3	80	\$200
A. E. Steller	NE - NE	34	14	3	40	\$ 80
John Robinson	SE - SE	34	14	3	40	\$ 75
Same	SW - SE	34	14	3	40	\$ 75
Mandred Robinson	SE - SW	34	14	3	40	\$ 60
L. E. Wiles	S1/2 - NW	34	14	3	80	\$200
Joseph Payne	NE - NW	34	14	3	40	\$ -0-

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NAME	PT / SEC	SEC	TWP	RNG	ACRES	VALUE
R.P. Whisenhunt	SW - NW	35	14	3	40	\$ 100.00
Same	SW - SE	35	14	3	40]	
Same	NW - NE	35	14	3	40}	\$ 200.00
Same	SE - SW	35	14	3	40]	
John D. Keller	S1/2 - NE	35	14	3	80]	
Same	N1/2 - SE	35	14	3	80}	\$ 80.00
Same	NE - SW	35	14	3	40]	
John Cox	W1/2 - SW	35	14	3	80	\$ 200.00
Thomas S. Ray	NE - NE	35	14	3	40	\$ 120.00
Uriah Keller	E1/2 - NW	35	14	3	80	\$ 160.00
J. J. Caldwell	SE - SE	35	14	3	40	\$ 150.00
A. E. Keller	NW - NW	35	14	3	40	\$ 100.00

John Pird	E1/2 - SE	36	14	3	80	\$ 200.00
Same	SW - SE	36	14	3	40	\$ 160.00
J. J. Caldwell	NW - SW	36	14	3	40	\$ 100.00
T. S. Ray	NW1/2 - NW	36	14	3	80	\$ 300.00
Same	NE - NW	36	14	3	40	\$ 110.00
A. M. Davis	- NE	36	14	3	160	\$ 160.00
Blank	SE - NW	36	14	3	40	\$ -0-
Blank	Pt W1/2	36	14	3	40	\$ -0-
F. S. Wenghs	SW - SW	36	14	3	40	\$ 40.00

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### Who Were These Immigrants?

This list should help all researchers to understand groups of people who came to this nation in the very early years of settlement.

**Hessian:** German troops used by the English in the Revolutionary War. Many of these men deserted and remained in America.

**Huguenot:** French Protestants that fled from persecution-mainly from 1665 onward. They first went to Prussia (Palatinate), Switzerland, Netherlands, Denmark, Sweden, England and Ireland. Many later went to America, Australia, South Africa, and the West Indies.

**Mennonite:** A Swiss Protestant group formed in 1525 and migrated to America by way of Alsace, England and Russia.

**Moravian:** The United Brethren is a Protestant group which formed in Bohemia about 1415 and spread to Poland, Prussia, Germany and England.

**Palatines:** In 1688 Louis IV of France began persecuting German Protestants from the west bank along the Rhine River. Queen Anne of England helped a group to come to America in 1708. More than 2,000 arrived in New York in 1710 and settled along the Hudson and Mohawk Rivers.

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# GENEALOGY NIGHT LOCK-IN

## 9<sup>th</sup> Summer Edition

Saturday, July 19, 2014

There were 150 registered attendees during the course of the night. What a wonderful Lock-In!!! Although the majority of those that came were from right here in northeast Arkansas, there were also attendees from Arizona, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee.

It was a fantastic group.

Look for upcoming information on future Lock-Ins.

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## GENEALOGY NIGHT LOCK-IN SUCCESSES

Several people had successes at the Genealogy Night Lock-In. Did you have one? If you did, we would love to share it with others.

### My Genealogy Night Lock-in Success by Dorothy McCarns

I finally found my great-great grandmother, Nancy Lankford Jones after 1880. She was in the 1900 Census, and living with her was her grandson, John Jones. By his age and birthplace I determined that John is half brother to my grandfather, Louie Jones. Nancy Jones was also in the 1910 census. Still the head of the household, living with her was her SON, John Jones. This John Jones was the uncle to my grandfather. This precious Jones family only used the most common of first names so it has been very hard to pick out the ones that belong to me. These two census records have been so helpful! The last thing I found is Nancy's Death Certificate. She died July 7, 1917. She was 88 years old.

### My Genealogy Night Lock-in Success by Nancy Matthews

Most of you know that during the Lock-In, I was helping to answer questions for others. About 11:00 that night there was a woman at one of the computers that had a question. She had her college-age son with her and they had been working trying to find some information on her father. Her father had been deceased for a long time and had not been part of her life since she was little. She knew his name and that he was a Vietnam Army Vet and his birth date and death date. Her son had asked a question about his military service and she had not been able to answer. We found him listed on [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com) and got his Unit and then we found him in the Social Security Death Index where we got his SSAN. This gave her what she needed to be able to send to the National Archives for his Service Records.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 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

### September 2014 --

- September 8 & 9 - Beginning Genealogy Class - 6-8 p.m.
- September 13 - Executive Board Meeting - 2:00 p.m. - Civic League Room - Jonesboro Lib.
- September 19 & 20 - Arkansas Genealogical Society Fall Seminar - Benton, Arkansas
- Speaker: Cyndi Ingle
- September 21 - Society General Meeting - 2:00 p.m. - Round Room - Jonesboro Library

### October 2014 --

- October 1-31 - Family History Month
- October 11 - Executive Board Meeting - 2:00 p.m. - Civic League Room - Jonesboro Library
- October 19 - Society General Meeting - 2:00 p.m. - Round Room - Jonesboro Library

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## LOST FRIEND

Sadly our Society has lost another member and former board member. William's friendship will be missed.

### William Dunavin-Dunn

December 18, 1974 - July 17, 2014

CHICAGO — William Dunavin, 39, formerly of Monette and Paragould, passed away July 17, 2014, at his residence.

Survivors include his father, Jeff Dunavin; brother, Mark Dunavin; and numerous other family members.

The family will receive friends from 2 until 3 p.m. Monday at Gregg Funeral Home in Monette with a memorial service at 3 p.m.

Online registry: [www.mcnabbfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mcnabbfuneralhomes.com)

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DID YOU KNOW ?? Some early marriages have "HF" or "H/F" printed beside the names of the couple...this abbreviation stands for "Hand Fast". Handfasting was a form announcing the intention of the couple to marry without the formal blessing of a preacher. The couple would stand before a group of friends & acquaintances; clasp their hands together over their heads; and state their intentions. "Handfasting" was good for 1 year and 1 day or until a preacher came along to perform the rites of a proper marriage. Any child born during the "Handfasting" was legitimate and would inherit!!!!!!.....(Source: Paradise, CA Gen. Society Newsletter)

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## NATIONAL GENEALOGY SOCIETY

2015 Family History Conference

13 - 16 May 2015

St. Charles, Missouri

### PROGRAM

As pioneers migrated across the country along the waterways, trails, and eventually railroads in search of new homes, the Midwest became the crossroads of the nation. Some settlers arrived from their first American homes in the East while others traveled directly from abroad. Some migrated via east coast ports while others sailed to New Orleans then made their way up the Mississippi River to reach points north and west. All traveled with their families, their hopes and dreams, customs, occupations, and religious beliefs. Regardless of their final destinations, those early travelers left many footprints along the way as they crossed America.

Additional information will be in the newsletter as it becomes available.

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