



**Genealogy Society
Of
Craighead County, Arkansas**

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

September 20, 2009

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MEETING HAPPENINGS: On Sunday, August 16, 2009 our meeting was held at the Jonesboro Public Library. Our speaker was Dr. Julie Morrow. Her program about Lost Cemeteries was exceptional.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: The Executive Board Meeting for September was held on September 13, 2009.

1. FGS/AGS Seminar in September
2. Craighead County Photo Archive
3. 2010 Calendars
4. The next Executive Board will be October 10, 2009

SEPTEMBER MEETING: The September meeting will be held on Sunday, September 20, 2009 at the Jonesboro Craighead County Library. Our speaker will be Dr. Kenneth Startup. His topic will be: "The Reasons We Do Genealogy: Significance, Sentiment, Serendipity --- and a Mad Scientist for Good Measure."

CRAIGHEAD COUNTY PHOTO ARCHIVE – Do you know of individuals or groups that have Craighead County Photos but are unable to bring them to the Jonesboro Craighead County Library? We would be willing to go to them and scan the photos. The goal is to preserve old photos from around the county.

2010 Calendars

Our 2010 Calendar will feature pictures of churches from Craighead County. The Calendars are now available and will sell for \$5.00. We were able to sell some of our 2010 Calendars at the FGS/AGS Conference, and also sold a few from 2009.

FGS/AGS Conference – The Conference was held in Little Rock September 2-5, 2009. Those that were able to attend had a great time. We had four days of GENEALOGY. We attended a wide variety of sessions – everything from basic genealogy and records transcription to advanced sessions on land records and searching courthouses. We learned about DNA and using the Dawes Rolls. There were sessions for research in Texas, Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee and Mississippi. It was a great trip.

Mark your calendars for August 18 – 21, 2010. That’s when the next FGS Conference will held in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Our Society had a booth in the Exhibit Hall. In addition to selling Society and Library materials we were able to make numerous contacts.



Deadline Extended

Craighead County Veterans Book -- The deadline has been extended for getting your Craighead County Veteran included. The brochure is available at <http://www.gscga.net/Brochure.htm>. Fill one out for all your Veterans that have connections to Craighead County. The new deadline is September 30, 2009. Let’s make this the best book we can.

MURPHY WAS A GENEALOGIST

The keeper of the vital records you need will have just been insulted by another genealogist.

Your great-grandfather's obituary states that he died, leaving no issue of record.

The town clerk you wrote to in desperation, and finally convinced to give you the information you need, can't write legibly, and doesn't have a copying machine.

That ancient photograph of four relatives, one of whom is your progenitor, carries the names of the other three.

Copies of old newspapers have holes which occur only on maiden and surnames.

No one in your family tree ever did anything noteworthy, always rented property, was never sued, and was never named in wills.

You learned that Great Aunt Matilda's executor just sold her life's collection of family genealogical materials to a flea market dealer "somewhere in New York City."

Yours is the ONLY last name not found among the billions in the LDS archives in Salt Lake City.

Ink fades and paper deteriorates at a rate inversely proportional to the value of the data recorded.

Anything that could have burned, did.

The census taker with the clear handwriting and good ink never enumerated your ancestors.

If you find a well-documented, illustrious ancestor, you've probably made a mistake.

Your folks hated government and never filled out forms.

The book you need is never indexed, or, if indexed, doesn't include people.

Your families never had attics, much less Bibles or boxes full of photos.

All real library "finds" are made five minutes before closing, when the copier is broken.

The correctly shelved books and correctly filed forms are never the ones you need.

The person sitting next to you at the research center is finding ancestors every five minutes...and telling you.

The e-mail address that bounces is the one from a person who listed your exact names. If you find a working address, you aren't related.

Your microfilm reader is the one that squeaks, has to be turned backwards, and doesn't quite focus.

Your cemeteries have no caretaker or records archive.

Alternate spellings and arcane names were your folks' favorite past times.

Your ancestors only knew three names, and used them over and over in every collateral line.

10 Best Web Sites for Maps

Ancestral Atlas

From the brains behind [Past Homes](#), this new Web site combines historical maps with social networking and research collaboration. That includes historical maps of Ireland and 1901 Ordnance Survey maps of England and Wales. You'll need a free registration to add your data; subscribers (\$23 a year) get premium content and extra features.

Bureau of Land Management General Land Office Records

The home of more than 3 million federal land title records for Eastern public-land states (1820 to 1908) keeps getting better. The bureau is now adding field notes from the original surveyors, which may include the names of settlers living in the area, along with images of land warrants issued as a reward for military service. Images related to survey plats and field notes, dating to 1810, are also coming online as each state's documents are completed.

eHistory

With hundreds of fully searchable historical maps, this site is strongest on the Civil War.

Getty Thesaurus of Geographic Names Online

Not just a gazetteer of current places, this searchable database of more than 1.1 million locales also includes historical spots around the world.

Google Earth

Unquestionably the coolest way to map your ancestors, Google Earth lets you "fly" across the planet to view satellite imagery, maps, terrain, 3-D buildings and—new in version 5.0—historical imagery. You can save your toured places, share with others and (with some tech know-how) combine your data with the site's geographical info in a "mashup."

Historic Map Works

Another site you'll need to persuade your library to buy into, ProQuest's new online digital map collection features more than 200,000 high-resolution, full-color historical maps. These include property maps from the late 1700s to the present and antiquarian maps from the 15th to 19th centuries, plus city directories.

Ordnance Survey: Get-a-Map

Search for small-scale, high-detail maps (up to 1:25,000 scale) of anywhere in the United Kingdom simply by entering the place name, full postal code or National Grid reference, then print the maps or copy for use on your genealogy Web site.

The Oregon Trail

If your family was among the 300,000 pioneers who headed West along the Oregon Trail, you can retrace their migration on this lovely educational site. Companion sites bring to life the [geography and history of the California Gold Rush](#) and [Lewis and Clark expedition](#).

Perry-Castañeda Map Collection

Need a map of the British Isles in 1603 or Dublin, Ireland, in 1610? How about a map of France in 1791? Or Cincinnati in 1880, Dodge City in 1920 or New York City in 1642? You'll find all of these—and plenty more—in this vast collection, courtesy of the University of Texas library.

US Geological Survey

If you can't find and map your ancestral stomping grounds with the array of tools assembled at this Web site, the place probably never existed. Buy or download current maps, topographic maps dating back to 1882, and aerial and satellite images. You also can look up places past and present in the National Atlas or Geographic Names Information System (GNIS), then plot and customize them on the National Map.

10 Best Virtual Library Web Sites

BYU Family History Archives

This Brigham Young University (BYU) site combines family history books from the collections of the Family History Library, the Allen County Public Library, Houston's Clayton Library, the Mid-Continent Public Library Midwest Genealogy Center, the BYU Harold B. Lee Library, the BYU Hawaii Joseph F. Smith Library, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' historical library.

Canadian Genealogy Centre

Library and Archives Canada keeps expanding its online offerings, with the 1891 census joining the 1881 and 1911 enumerations, along with 1871 Ontario and 1906 Northwest Territories censuses. You'll also find land, military, immigration and vital records, directories and a database to track your Mountie ancestors.

Denver Public Library Western History and Genealogy \$

Besides an online catalog and extensive finding aids for Western history, you'll find a digitized collection of more than 600,000 images, most dating from the 19th century. Find something you like? You can order prints right online.

Google Book Search

Fast, familiar and easy Google search is applied to the contents of 7 million books, many with previews and some with full text online. But that's only the beginning, as a groundbreaking new agreement will soon expand Book Search both in range and depth of online content.

Library of Congress

Check out the American Memory collection of historic maps, photos, documents, audio and video; historic newspapers via the Chronicling America project; 1 million images, representing about half the library's holdings; and the National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections (NUCMC).

Making of America: www.hti.umich.edu/m/moagrp and library5.library.cornell.edu/moa

Split into two sites, Making of America represents a digital chronicle of the 19th century in print. The University of Michigan site encompasses approximately 10,000 books and 50,000 journal articles—3.8 million pages from nearly 13,000 volumes. The tandem Cornell University site emphasizes journals, monographs and magazines, ranging from Scribner's to Scientific American, totaling more than 900,000 pages from more than 1,200 volumes. Both sites are searchable or browsable by title; you can browse the Michigan site by subject.

National Archives and Records Administration

Besides getting you started on your search for military, immigration and other records at the archives, this site offers two digital peeks into the archives' holdings. Its Archival Research Catalog (ARC) indexes 5.4 million records and includes 142,000 digital copies. Access to Archival Databases (AAD) lets you search more than 85 million historical electronic records, among them photos, maps, a smattering of immigration records and more than 9 million WWII enlistment files.

New York Public Library Digital Library

You don't need a library card to access this site's half-million images and documents, covering American Indian portraits, African-American history and migration, historical photographs, surveyors of the American West, Holocaust memorial books and much more.

Online Archive of California

Open your golden gates with this compilation of historical materials from museums, historical societies and archives. You'll find more than 120,000 images, 50,000 pages of documents, letters and oral histories, and 8,000 guides to collections in the Golden State.

WorldCat

Now available for your mobile phone and Facebook, WorldCat searches the collections of more than 10,000 libraries worldwide—more than 1 billion holdings in all. There's no better tool to identify obscure or out-of-print books to borrow on interlibrary loan.

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\$5.00 each



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