

# BRICKWALL GAZETTE

Genealogy Society  
Of  
Craighead County, Arkansas

This month's meeting is  
September 15, 2024

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## MEETING HAPPENINGS:

Our August Meeting was held on Sunday, August 18, 2024 at the First Community Bank Meeting Room at 630 Southwest Drive.

Our program was “**What is Cite-Builders.com and How Do You Use It?**” presented by Gail Lies.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:

The Executive Board Meeting for September was suspended for September 7, 2024 in the Civic League Room at the Craighead County Jonesboro Public Library.

1. AGS Fall Conference “Watch Party”
2. Christmas Party
3. The next scheduled board meeting will be October 12, 2024.

**SEPTEMBER MEETING:** Our September meeting will be held on Sunday, September

15, 2024 in the Meeting Room at the First Community Bank Meeting Room, 630 Southwest Drive, Jonesboro, AR.

Our program will be **Using Word for Genealogy** by Nancy Matthews. We will be using tables to create timelines. We will create timelines in in a Word document. Bring your laptops if you wish for “hands-on” learning. Also bring your questions about Word. What would you like to learn to do?

## October Board Meeting:

Our next Board Meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2024.

We need to change the time to 1:30 at the First Community Bank Meeting Room instead of the Craighead County Jonesboro Public Library. Several of us will already be there for a Beginning Genealogy Class.



**Using Word for Genealogy**  
Genealogy Society of Craighead County Arkansas

September Meeting - 2:00 p.m.

Meeting Room - First Community Bank - 630 Southwest Drive

September 15, 2024 ~ Time: 2:00 - 3:30

# Beginning Genealogy Class

October 12, 2024

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Room - First Community Bank

(Culberhouse & Southwest Drive)

Part 1 ~ 10:00-12:00 -- Lunch ~ 12:00-2:00 -- Part 2 ~ 2:00-4:00

Class FREE ~ ~ Optional Book \$10

Reserve your seat or book - [gscca@suddenlink.net](mailto:gscca@suddenlink.net) or [nlmatthews@suddenlink.net](mailto:nlmatthews@suddenlink.net)

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## AGS Fall Conference "WATCH PARTY"

Saturday, October 19, 2024

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Speaker: Cyndi Ingle

Cyndi Ingle is the internationally renowned creator of [CyndisList.com](http://CyndisList.com).

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

Registration is \$5.00 on the AGS Site <https://argensoc.org/>.

After you have registered, you can come join us for 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 **8:30 a.m.**

By registering with AGS you will be eligible for their door prizes. Then we will also have some door prizes at the **WATCH PARTY**. Come join the fun.

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# CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Fat City Steak & Grill House  
Saturday, December 7, 2024  
Noon to 3:00**

**Door Prizes**

**Bring your family and enjoy the fun**

**Everyone is responsible for their own meals and tip**

**Collections for local food banks**

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## **NEW BOOKS:**

**Lepanto News Record Obituaries (Poinsett County) 1956 – 1960**

by Joyce Whitten

Joyce has completed another book for the Society. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> book she has created from the Lepanto News Record newspapers. Thank you so were much for your hard work.

This book is \$40.00 if delivered. If mailed, it is \$44.00. Contact us at [gsgca@suddenlink.net](mailto:gsgca@suddenlink.net) or [nlmatthews@suddenlink.net](mailto:nlmatthews@suddenlink.net).

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## **GSCCA Board**

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**MEMBERS AT LARGE:** We are looking for Members-at-Large. Recently, a couple of our long-time Board Members shifted to Honorary Status and we are now in need of new Board Members.

If you would like to join us as a Member-at-Large, we would love to have you. Please, please contact us at [gsgca@suddenlink.net](mailto:gsgca@suddenlink.net) or [nlmatthews@suddenlink.net](mailto:nlmatthews@suddenlink.net).

## What Is Online in the National Archives Archival Databases

Personally, I had never used the U.S. National Archives databases until a couple of years ago, when I started using the Numident Files, which are a fantastic resource. I have discovered a wealth of documents, indexes, and a search capability that you can get lost in!

A great place to start is to review the [Research Topics](#) that you are interested in. There will be indexes and databases specified that you can search or browse for free! Here is the list with link:

- [African-American Research](#)
- [Aliens](#)
- [Bankruptcy Case Files](#)
- [Census Records \(1790-1940\)](#)
- [Chinese Immigration](#)
- [Congressional Records: Private Claims and Private Legislation](#)
- [Court Records](#)
- [Electronic Records for Genealogy or Other Personal Research](#)
- [Ethnic Heritage Research and Resources](#)
- [Exploration and American Expansion](#)
- [Federal Employees](#)
- [Immigration Records](#)
- [Income Tax Records of the Civil War Years](#)
- [Internal Migration](#)
- [Japanese Americans](#)
- [Land Records](#)
- [Maps of interest to Genealogists](#)
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- [Passenger Lists](#)
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- [Pre-Federal Records](#)
- [Prisons](#)
- [Social Security Records](#)
- [State Department Records of Genealogical interest](#)
- [Tax Records](#)
- [Vital Records](#)
- [Women](#)

I would also recommend that you read the [National Archives Catalog Guide for Genealogists and Family Historians](#)

You will find many databases above, in the list of Resource Topics. There is an important page that you should then peruse. It is [Access to Archival Databases](#). There are several links that help you to find online databases and indexes. I will repeat the links here:

| <a href="#">Genealogy/ Personal History</a> | <a href="#">Private Sector</a> | <a href="#">Wars/ International Relations</a> | <a href="#">Time Spans</a>                  |
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| • <a href="#">Casualties</a>                | • <a href="#">Businesses</a>   | • <a href="#">Civil War</a>                   | • <a href="#">1800 –1900</a>                |
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| • <a href="#">Military Personnel</a>        | • <a href="#">Labor Unions</a> | • <a href="#">Korean War</a>                  | • <a href="#">1940 –1955</a>                |
| • <a href="#">Passenger Lists</a>           | • <a href="#">Securities</a>   | • <a href="#">Vietnam War</a>                 | • <a href="#">1955 –1965</a>                |
| • <a href="#">Prisoners of War</a>          |                                | • <a href="#">Cold War</a>                    | • <a href="#">1965 –1975</a>                |
|                                             | <a href="#">Places</a>         | • <a href="#">Diplomatic Records</a>          | • <a href="#">1975 –1985</a>                |
| <a href="#">Indexes to:</a>                 | • <a href="#">Countries</a>    |                                               | • <a href="#">1985 –1995</a>                |
| • <a href="#">Photographs</a>               | • <a href="#">States</a>       | <a href="#">Government Spending</a>           | • <a href="#">1995 – present</a>            |
| • <a href="#">Textual Records</a>           | • <a href="#">Counties</a>     | • <a href="#">Contracts</a>                   |                                             |
|                                             | • <a href="#">Cities/Towns</a> | • <a href="#">Grants and Assistance</a>       | <a href="#">Browse by Subjects &gt;&gt;</a> |
|                                             | • <a href="#">Zip Codes</a>    |                                               |                                             |

And finally, the [Numerical Identification Files \(NUMIDENT\)](#) files from the Social Security Administration have three types of files: 25 million life or death claims; about 50 million death files; and 72 million SS-5 Application files. All span 1936-2007.

Don't miss these resources. They are abundant and I'm sure that they will grow in the coming years.



# History of Labor Day

Its origins date back to the late 19th century, when activists first sought to establish a day to pay tribute to workers. The first Labor Day celebration in the U.S. took place in New York City on Sept. 5, 1882, when some 10,000 workers marched in a parade organized by the Central Labor Union and the Knights of Labor.

Workers were seeing their quality of life decline as they transitioned from artisan to factory jobs, even as the quality of life of factory owners was “just skyrocketing,” said Todd Vachon, an assistant professor in the Rutgers School of Management and Labor Relations.

In the years that followed, a handful of cities and states began to adopt laws recognizing Labor Day. President Grover Cleveland signed a congressional act in 1894 making it a federal holiday.

That was the same year that workers for the Pullman Palace Car Company went on strike after the railcar-maker cut wages without reducing rent in the company-owned town where workers lived near Chicago, Vachon said. Over 12 workers were killed after Cleveland sent federal troops to crush the strike, he said.

Cleveland’s move to establish Labor Day as a federal holiday is seen by some historians as a way for him “to make peace” with the working class after that, Vachon said.

## **How has the labor movement evolved over the decades?**

When Labor Day became a federal holiday in 1894, unions in the U.S. were largely contested and courts would often rule strikes illegal, leading to violent disputes, Vachon said. It wasn’t until the National Labor Relations Act of 1935 that private sector employees were granted the right to join unions.

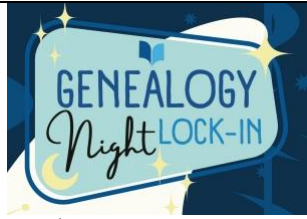
Later into the 20th century, states also began passing legislation to allow unionization in the public sector. But even today, not all states allow collective bargaining for public workers.

In recent years, Vachon said, there’s been a resurgence in labor organizing, activism, interest and support.

“A lot of the millennial and Gen Z folks are coming into the labor market in a period that’s not a lot different from that period in the 1880s where there was a lot of labor unrest,” Vachon said. “Jobs just don’t pay enough for people to achieve the American dream.”

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- If you don’t tend your roots, the tree may wither away.
- A great genealogist is a time unraveler.
- Genealogy: In the end, it’s all relative.



17<sup>th</sup> Summer Lock-In  
July 2025

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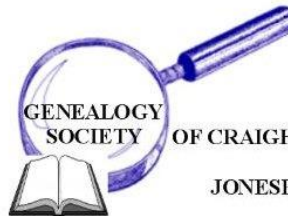
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