

BRICKWALL GAZETTE

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Genealogy Society
Of
Craighead County, Arkansas

Christmas Party
Fat City Steak & Grillhouse

December 6, 2014

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Christmas Party

Saturday, December 6, 2014
11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Fat City Steak & Grillhouse
(Hwy 49 & Airport Road)

Ornament Exchange

Door Prizes

Bring your family and enjoy the fun. Everyone is responsible for their own meal and tip.

There will be an ornament exchange for those that would like to participate. There is a \$5.00 limit on the ornaments. There will also be door prizes. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

We have twice the space as last year.

We want to extend to you and your family all the blessings of the Christmas Season. We hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
HAPPY NEW YEAR**



MEETING HAPPENINGS: The November Meeting was held on November 16, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Round Room at the Jonesboro Craighead Public Library.

Our speaker was John T. Wayne. He talked to us about the Civil War.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:

There was no Executive Board Meeting for December.

1. Christmas Party
2. The next Executive Board meeting will be January 10, 2015

JANUARY MEETING: The January Meeting will be held in the Round Room at the Jonesboro Craighead County Public Library on January 18, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

At that time there will be Year-End Reports for 2014 and an overview for 2015.

2015 Calendars: The Calendars are here. This year we are Honoring our Family Veterans.



Craighead County, Arkansas

Calendars will be available at the Christmas Party on Saturday, December 6, 2014. They are \$5 each.

BEGINNER'S CLASS: The next Beginning Genealogy Class is scheduled for February 2 & 3 at the Jonesboro Library from 6:00 to 8:00. The class is \$25. Please contact Nancy Matthews – 870-219-0535 nlmatthews@suddenlink.net.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

GENEALOGY NIGHT LOCK-IN

(2nd Winter Edition)

Saturday, February 7, 2015
5pm - 10pm

More information will be posted as the schedule is set.

www.gscca.net/Feb2015.htm

All of Ireland's Catholic Church records to go online

Tracing your Irish roots just got a whole lot easier as the National Library of Ireland is to give free online access to its Catholic Church records collection online, from summer 2015. This will enable millions of people around the world to trace their roots in Ireland.

The National Library of Ireland has announced that it will give free online access to its archive of Catholic Church records, the earliest of which dates back to the 1700s. The records are considered the single most important source of information on Irish family history prior to the 1901 Census. They cover 1,091 parishes throughout Ireland, and consist primarily of baptismal and marriage records.

Visit www.irishcentral.com

1877 & 1880 CRAIGHEAD COUNTY REAL ESTATE TAXES

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NAME	PT - SEC	SEC	TWP	RNG	ACRES	VALUE
Henry Allen	W-SW	14	14	4	80	\$ 180.00
S. A. Warner	-NE	14	14	4	160	\$ 80.00
S. A. Warner	-SE	14	14	4	160	\$ 80.00
Same	E1/2-SW	14	14	4	80	\$ 80.00
Thos. H. Adams	N1/2- NW	14	14	4	80	\$ 800.00
Mary Ray	S1/2-NW	14	14	4	80	\$ 400.00
Iley Walker	SW-NW	15	14	4	40	\$ 125.00
Wm. H. Cate	-NE	15	14	4	160	\$ 500.00
W. J. Ball	-SW	15	14	4	160	\$ 500.00
S. A. Warner	- SE	15	14	4	160	\$ 350.00
Humphrey Warner	NE-NW	15	14	4	40	\$ 60.00
Wm. Burrow	NW-NW	15	14	4	40	\$ 150.00
W. T. Colbert	SE-NW	15	14	4	40	\$ 120.00
T. D. Culberhouse	NW-NW	16	14	4	40	\$ 100.00
Same	-SE	16	14	4	160	\$ 750.00
A. Linch	SE-NE	16	14	4	40	\$ 80.00
Wm. R. Lewis	W1/2-SW	16	14	4	80	\$ 400.00
Same	SW-NW	16	14	4	40	\$ 100.00
W. H. Perkins	W1/2-NENE	16	14	4	20)	
Same	W1/2-NE	16	14	4	80}	\$ 260.00
Same	NE-NW	16	14	4	40)	
Mary McElrath	SE-NW	16	14	4	40	\$ 200.00
Same	NE-SW	16	14	4	40	\$ 200.00
R. L. Calhoun	SE-SW	16	14	4	40	\$ 200.00
Wm. Burrow	E1/2-NENE	16	14	4	20	\$ 100.00
T. D. Culberhouse	-E1/2	17	14	4	320	\$2200.00
Wm. Puryear	-NW	17	14	4	160	\$1200.00
Margaret Patrick	-SW	17	14	4	160	\$1200.00

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**Ten Hidden Sources You Might Be Missing** from: Family Chronicle November / December 2014

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Personal and Family Documents</li> <li>2. Historic Map Collections</li> <li>3. Coroner's Records</li> <li>4. Fraternal and Social Organization<br/>Records and Publications</li> <li>5. Old Postcards and Stamps</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. College, University or Public Library<br/>Special Collections</li> <li>7. Ethnic Resources</li> <li>8. Social Media</li> <li>9. Town or Country History Books</li> <li>10. Different Database</li> </ol> |
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A Genealogist's Christmas Eve

"Twas the night before Christmas when all through
the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even my spouse.
The dining room table with clutter was spread
With pedigree charts and with letters which said...
"Too bad about the data for which you wrote
Sank in a storm on an ill fated boat."

Stacks of old copies of wills and the such
Were proof that my work had become much to much.
Our children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugarplums danced in their heads.
And I at my table was ready to drop
From work on my album with photos to crop.

Christmas was here, and of such was my lot
That presents and goodies and toys I forgot.
Had I not been so busy with grandparent's wills,
I'd not have forgotten to shop for such thrills.
While others had bought gifts that would bring
Christmas cheer;
I'd spent time researching those birthdates and years.

While I was thus musing about my sad plight,
A strange noise on the lawn gave me such a great
fright.
Away to the window I flew in a flash,
Tore open the drapes and I yanked up the sash.
When what to my wondering eyes should appear?
But an overstuffed sleigh and eight small reindeer.

Up to the housetop the reindeer they flew,
With a sleigh full of toys, and old Santa Claus too.
And then in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of thirty-two hoofs.
The TV antenna was no match for their horns,
And look at our roof with hoof-prints adorned.

As I drew in my head, and bumped it on the sash,
Down the cold chimney fell Santa - KER-RASH!
"Dear" Santa had come from the roof in a wreck,
And tracked soot on the carpet, (I could wring his
short neck!)
Spotting my face, good old Santa could see
I had no Christmas spirit you'd have to agree.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work
And filled all the stockings, (I felt like a jerk).
Here was Santa, who'd brought us such gladness and
joy;
When I'd been too busy for even one toy.
He spied my research on the table all spread
"A genealogist!" He cried! (My face was all red!)

"Tonight I've met many like you", Santa grinned.
As he pulled from his sack a large book he had
penned.
I gazed with amazement - the cover it read
"Genealogy Lines for Which You Have Plead."
"I know what it's like as a genealogy bug,"
He said as he gave me a great Santa Hug.

"While the elves make the sleighful of toys I now
carry,
I do some research in the North Pole Library!
A special treat I am thus able to bring,
To genealogy folks who can't find a thing.
Now off you go to your bed for a rest,
I'll clean up the house from this genealogy mess."

As I climbed up the stairs full of gladness and glee,
I looked back at Santa who'd brought much to me.
While settling in bed, I heard Santa's clear whistle,
To his team which then rose like the down of a thistle
And I heard him exclaim as he flew out of sight,
"Family History is Fun! Merry Christmas!
Goodnight!"

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**December 25, 1776** - During the American Revolution, George Washington took 2,400 of his men across the Delaware River. Washington then conducted a surprise raid on 1,500 British-Hessians (German mercenaries) at Trenton, New Jersey. The Hessians surrendered after an hour with nearly 1,000 taken prisoner by Washington who suffered only six wounded (including future president Lt. James Monroe). The victory provided a much needed boost to American morale.

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QUERY: from our Facebook Page –

[Jeff Fears](#)

Hi, I am looking for a genealogical resource that contains short biographical sketches of folks from NE Arkansas. I have a xeroxed copy of a page of it, but do not know the title. The page I have has a sketch about Dan and Josephine (Fears) White submitted by Sarah Louise Stotts. Do you recognize this resource at all? There is a photo of this couple within the article of which I would like to have a scanned copy. Josephine is my cousin. Can you help?

If anyone can help you can contact Jeff through Facebook or reply to gscca@suddenlink.net and the information will be forwarded to him.

Thank you for any help.

QUERY: from our E-mail

My name is Douglas Ellis

I am doing research on my family tree and was hoping someone could help ansure a question for us.

I have been doing research on Ancestry.com and hit a wall on my great grandfather John R Cox He was born on 17 Nov 1881 in Jonesboro, Arkansas, USA and died 1 July 1966 in Jonesboro, Craighead, Arkansas, USA

He and my great grandmother Bessie Holloway Cox born Sept 1885 in Jonesboro, Craighead, AR died 9 Jan 1928 in Jonesboro, AR

They are buried at Keller's chapel along with several other of our relatives

They had 4 boys George, Willie, Roy and my grandfather Gus

I can't find anything about my G Grandfather John, Who were his parents? The 1910 census list his father being from Alabama and mother from Arkansas

There was a small yellow historical paperback book our family had on the area he lived in that had a short article talking about him, but no one seems to know where it is now. Does anyone have an idea as to where I could get a replacement?

My mother Dolores is almost 80 and her younger brother Jim just passed away and I have lost all of those who had family stories

Any help would be great as I'm trying to gather this for my children

Douglas Ellis - 6695 Cuthbert, White Lake Mi. 48386, 248-884-2911

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### December 2014 --

December 6 - Christmas Party - Fat City Grill -- 11:30  
Ornament Exchange - Door Prizes  
Bring Your Family

### January 2015 --

January 10 - Executive Board Meeting - 2:00 p.m. - Civic League Room - Jonesboro Lib  
January 18 - Society General Meeting - 2:00 p.m. - Round Room - Jonesboro Library  
Year-End Reports - Overview of the Upcoming Year

### February 2015 --

February 2 & 3 - Beginning Genealogy Class - 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. - Jonesboro Lib  
February 7 - Executive Board Meeting - 2:00 p.m. - Civic League Room - Jonesboro Lib  
February 7 - Genealogy Night Lock-In (Winter Edition) - 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.  
February 15 - Society General Meeting - 2:00 p.m. - Round Room - Jonesboro Library

### March 2015 --

March 7 - Executive Board Meeting - 2:00 p.m. - Civic League Room - Jonesboro Lib  
March 15 - Society General Meeting - 2:00 p.m. - Round Room - Jonesboro Library

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