

The 1894 Jonesboro Business Directory

The June 14, 1894 edition of *The Craighead County Sun* newspaper contained an article about the economic activity in Jonesboro and included a business directory of the city. While it is likely that there may have been business directories prepared for the City of Jonesboro prior to 1894, this year's directory is the earliest which has been located and republished.

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ITS SITUATION, RESOURCES, ADVANTAGES AND NUMEROUS INDUSTRIES.

SOME PLAIN FACTS ABOUT THE QUEEN CITY OF CROWLEY'S RIDGE

Jonesboro has a population of 1000, incorporated as a city of the second-class, situated on the Kansas City, Fort Scott and Memphis and the St. Louis Southwestern railways. The latter has repair shops, round house, large yards, feeding pens, etc, and the superintendent, train dispatchers and train masters offices located at this place. And the former has light repair shops, turn table and large yards, roadmaster's office, coal chute, etc., located here. These two trunk lines alone disburse-\$25,000 monthly in our city, (with division terminals of both roads, situated at this place); 67 miles west of Memphis and 150 miles northeast of Little Rock; right on top of Crowley's Ridge, in the midst of the finest farming and fruit raising region of Arkansas.

Her people are thriving and industrious, thoroughly imbued with the spirit of advancement.

She has a State Normal school open all the year and a Public school nine months out of each year, that any city could well be proud of, and is classed with the best educational center of the state. We also have a Catholic school

which ranks with the best schools of its kind in the state; also a good public school just outside of the city limits, and a good colored school that is taught at least three months out of each year. We have seven churches, some of which are as fine as the state affords. Her Court house and jail buildings are of the most modern style in structure and architecture; an Opera house that is a credit to the city. Nice level streets, just rolling enough to make us good natural drainage. An electric light plant that is unsurpassed in the state; a good telephone system. A bank with a \$100,000 capital; a building and loan association with a capital stock of \$500,000, the soundest institution of its kind in the state.

Now here's what we have to say about what we have in our midst to keep the town growing, aside from the fact that we are surrounded by the best farming country in the state. There are an average of about two hundred and fifty railroad men that make Jonesboro their home, a great many of whom are men of families and have nice property in our city.

We have a box factory which employs on an average of fifty to sixty men at their plant. They make boxes of all descriptions which are marketed principally in Kansas City and St. Louis. We have a light barrel stave and hardwood company, whose daily output is 25,000 staves; giving regular employment to fifty men and boys. They dis-

burse about \$1000 in cold cash monthly for labor and timber. They ship their product to all parts of the United States. Our slack barrel stave works is the largest plant of the kind in the state; it employs about sixty men and boys at its plant daily, and naturally leaves lots of money in our midst. We also have two hoop factories which employ a number of men, and are paying industries. They dispose of their output right in our city. All of the plants above referred to are here to stay. They have invested large sums of money in buildings, machinery and timber lands, and are managed by business men, in every sense of the word. Next comes the wagon factory, which is not out-classed in Arkansas, for wagons of all descriptions. She leads in both workmanship and quality; nothing but split hickory is used in the manufacture of their axles, and our farmers do not have to send to some other city for their wagons, but keep their money at home where it is most appreciated and kept in circulation. We have two large planing mills that run all through the year and employ a number of men, and do a flourishing business, and in addition to those we have a lumber yard, all of whom will sell any amount of rough or dressed lumber, from a single plank to a house pattern or by the car load.

We have a foundry and machine shop which is invaluable to our mill men and manufacturers, as they can get any

casting, mending or repairing done right here at home without having to go to extra expense of sending their work away from the city.

We have an ice factory which makes all of our ice for home consumption and supplies numbers of towns up and down the lines of our railroads.

We have a first-class bottling works where all of our carbonated beverages are made, and the large amount of money that used to go to Cairo for soda and mineral waters from our city, now goes into the hands of a home institution. This concern not only furnishes our city but ships their beverages to all parts of the county.

Notwithstanding the hard times cry all over the country, our city has continued to prosper, we have not furnished a single recruit to Coxey's army. We are not asked to contribute to charity scarcely ever. We have had no business failures and our merchants are usually employing the same number of clerks that they employ through the fall and winter. More fine brick business houses are being built, and right now we have in course of erection a dozen elegant dwelling houses. Our large brick yards are working right along, and every industry seems to prosper. Below we give a business directory of our city:

GENERAL MERCHANTS.

G W Culberhouse & Co.

Marcus Berger & Co. wholesale and retail.

Jonesboro Dry Goods Co. wholesale and retail.

DRY GOODS.

John C. Knight.

Matthews, Peterson & Pace.

Logan & Trice.

CLOTHING.

Less & Frank wholesale and retail.

Model Clothing House.

Sachs Mercantile Co.

M Schoenfield.

GROCER.

G W Puryear.

J T Edgar.

Kennard & Arnold.

Sternheimer & Johnson wholesale and retail.

P P Tyler.

Johnson, Berger & Co. wholesale and retail.

HARDWARE AND TIN SHOPS.

H Watson.

Wylie Brothers.

J K Lane.

DRUG STORES.

W T Nash wholesale and retail.

J H Snyder wholesale and retail.

Valley Drug Store.

Globe Drug Store.

J T Stoddard.

JEWELRY.

T J Ellis.

R C Haily.

SECOND HAND STORE.

J J Pursley.

FURNITURE AND UNDERTAKER.

J B Gregg.

NOTIONS.

Nickle Store.

BOOKS AND STATIONARY.

J V Bell.

J K Malone & Co.

MILLINERY AND DRESSMAKING.

Marcus Berger & Co.

Parlor of Fashion.

Mrs Fakes.

TAILOR SHOPS.

R E Yaw.

G A Rorick.

Meyer's Tailoring Emporium.

FRUITS AND CIGARS.

Elder & Houghton.

Hatcher & Joyner.

W Higginbotham.

BLACKSMITH AND MACHINE SHOPS.

Tippen & Son.

Joe Jackson.

G O Halm.

E Kirk.

FEED STORES.

D. D. Morse.

Walter Nelson.

SADELRY AND HARNESS.

Thorn & Dieter.

COAL AND WOOD.

M A Dunnivin.

Joseph Dixon.

OILS.

Waters Pierce Oil Co.

ART STUDIO.

W L Robins.

LIVERY AND FEED STABLE.

T J Lamb & Co.

Tippen & Arrington.

R S Martin.

PRINTING OFFICES.

Jonesboro Times.

CRAIGHEAD COUNTY SUN.

HOTELS.

Commercial; Hughes; American; Arlington; Electric Phillips House; Robertson; Railroad Dining Hall, Central; Forrest.

RESTAURANTS.

Ed Gant; New Albany; — Clements.

BAKERIES.

L. Latourette; K Walkem.

LUMBER, LATH, SHINGLES, SASH, DOORS AND BLINDS.

C A Stuck & Sons; J R Smith; Thorn, Barton & Co.; M A Dunnivin.

MEAT MARKETS.

J L Miller & Son; S M Ferguson Sons; C Deiner.

BARBER SHOPS.

Carter & Lovelace; D C Martin; Ferrel & Arnson; C Berry, and Ed Banks colored.

CARPENTERS, ARCHITECTS AND BUILDERS.

Seymour Brothers; G W McBreed; John Kerr; W E McHose; J S Elder, Sr; G H Means; W H Earnhart; T J Smith; W C Smith; C J Jackson; D A Kershner.

PAINTERS AND DECORATORS.

O'Brien & Sons; B D Murphy A C Morse; Lee Smith.

SHOE MAKERS.

J Ksir; J J Grantham; T I Farmer.

MARBLE YARD.

Ed Stull

BRICK MAKERS.

W E McHose; Brothers & Andrews; Patrick & Morrison.

SEWING MACHINES.

J N Barham.

PHYSICIANS.

Burns & Lutterloh; T H Jones; L F Gracey; Kitchens & Ellis; Joyner & Davis; J T Stoddard; J A Meek; J L Jones; W L McCool.

DENTIST.

Hunter & Hastings; Smith & Smith.

LAWYERS.

Brown & Lamb; J C Hawthorne, T P McGovern; Cate, Hughes & Cate; E Parrish; S R Beloate; E L Westbrook; Boon Phillips.

INSURANCE AGENTS.

A H Hardy; Malone & McVeigh; O W Anderson; H H Houghton; W A Maywood.

REAL ESTATE.

H S Underhill; A L Krewson; Jacob Sharp; Ellas Steele; S M Markle; Geo. C. Peters; W T Lane.

CIVIC SOCIETIES.

Masonic; IOOF; K and L of H; K of H; K of P; W of the W. [Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights and Ladies of Honor, Knights of Honor, Knights of Pythias, Woodmen of the World.]

RAILROAD ORDERS.

B of L F; B of L E; B of R T; O R C O R T.[Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Order of Railway Conductors, Order of Railway Telegraphers.]

CITY OFFICERS.

Mayor J T Stoddard; Recorder O W Anderson; Treasurer J V Bell; Chief of Police A B Broadaway; Deputy Marshal Wm Puryear; Night Police Ernest Keelen; Street Comissioner S B McElvany; Aldermen 1st Ward D D Morse, W S Jones; 2nd Ward John Stephenson, G W Dew; 3rd Ward W T Nash, H H Houghton.

MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL.

J D C Cobb Cumberland Presbyterian, R H Jackson, Presbyterian; G W Smith, M M Smith, Frank Ritter, Methodist; J M Robertson, C B Hunton, J W Bell, E P Minton, Baptist; E Weibel, Catholic; W Y M Wilkerson, J H Ferrel, Christian.

CHURCHES.

Methodist; Baptist; 2 Cumberland Presbyterian; Presbyterian (old school); Christian; Catholic.

SCHOOL TEACHERS.

C L Sampson; J W Decker; Miss Elsie Baker; D P Rogers; Mrs E D Frierson; Miss Jennie Redman; Miss Donna Mackey; Miss Ella Darter; Miss Jennie Garner; Mrs J T Stoddard.

MUSIC TEACHERS.

F Hasse; Mrs C K Yocham; S Sisk; Mrs Woods; Mrs. Taylor; Miss Sue Elder.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

Representative Emmet Rodgers; County Judge W A Maywood; County Clerk J W Owens; Sheriff and Collector A C Broadaway; Assessor Hugh A Jones; Coroner M D Willey.

CONSTABLES.

Jonesboro township, F. M. Woods; Big Creek, B. F. Castleberry; Powell, resigned; Brookland, W. P. Thorn; Texas, Wm. Cureton; Buffalo Island, Jones

Mangram; Greenfield, J. R. Fuller; Gilkerson, Lee Carey.

DEPUTY SHERIFF.

C. L. Gibson; R. S. Culberhouse; T. M. Douglas; A. D. Adams.

DEPUTY CLERKS.

R H West; Z. T. Hall.

THE FACTORIES WE HAVE.

1 box factory; 1 tight barrel stave factory; 1 slack barrel stave factory; 2 hoop factories; 1 wagon factory; 1 ice factory; 1 cigar factory; 1 foundry; 1 brick factory; 1 saddlery and harness factory; 1 soda water factory; 2 planing mills; 1 grist mill.

THE FACTORIES WE WANT.

A cotton factory; a furniture factory; a canning factory; a hub and spoke factory; a soap factory; a broom factory; a tannery.

We don't want a street railroad just now, but we do want water works and a good volunteer fire company as soon as we get enough good citizens interested in the project to put it through.

Our public school has seven teachers, who class among the best educators, of the state. The enumeration for year ending Sept. 1st, 1893 was 867. Enrollment during last school term ended May 1894, was 601. A large number of the children attend the Catholic school, and a part of our city is embraced in the north Jonesboro district, and a large number has passed up to the Normal school. However, our enumeration for this year will doubtless be 1000 or more. With the above showing you will find that a large number of our children attend school.

In addition to our home building and loan association, we have a branch of the American Building Loan and Tenline saving association of Memphis, Tenn., whose stock in force is \$15,000; loans made \$5,500. This association is represented in our city by H. H. Houghton.

With this we will close and hope in the near future to give our readers a synopsis of the vast resources of Craighead county, including every other town in the county.