



Genealogy Society  
Of  
Craighead County, Arkansas

This month's meeting will be held at  
The Jonesboro Public Library

Next meeting: Sunday, July 15, 2001

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**MEETING HAPPENINGS:** The June Meeting was held at the Jonesboro Library on 24 June 2001 at 2:00. Our speaker was Bud Langford from Lenders Title Company. It was a very interesting program. Additional information is included in this newsletter.

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**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:** The Executive Board met on 7 July 2001 at 2:00 p.m. at the Jonesboro Library.

1. The flyers are ready for **Ridge Roots 2001**. We will be distributing them around northeast Arkansas and southeast Missouri.
2. The list of information on Cemetery Associations, contacts and directions is growing. If you know about an Association that should be added to the list, please contact Nancy Matthews.
3. It has been recommended by the board that some books should be purchased to by the Society to be placed in the Genealogy Area of the library. What particular book to you have on your "Wish List."
4. It has also been recommended that the 1860, 1870 & 1880 census be added to the Society's website.
5. Next Executive Board Meeting will be 11 August 2001 at 2:00 pm at the Jonesboro Library.

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**DUES**

Dues are \$15.00 a year. They can be mailed to GSCCA (Genealogy Society of Craighead County, Arkansas) P.O. Box 2614, Jonesboro, AR 72402-2614. We would be glad to have you with us.

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**JULY MEETING:** The July meeting will be a "Work Day". We will need some help indexing Volume 2 of the 1910 Craighead County Census.

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**NEWSLETTER:** The newsletter is published monthly. You may have queries, stories, your family forms, etc. anything pertaining to genealogy, published. This is your newsletter, so use it and enjoy it. Send articles for publishing to: Nancy Matthews at 1811 S. Culberhouse, Jonesboro, AR 72401, e-mail: [nlmatthews@insolwvb.net](mailto:nlmatthews@insolwvb.net). We welcome all your articles, queries, etc. and will print them as room permits. The newsletter can also be viewed on the Internet at: <http://www.insolwvb.net/~nlmatthews/newsletter.htm>.

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## LOUISIANA PURCHASE MARKER:

The Louisiana Purchase Marker is located on the corner of Lee, Phillips and Monroe Counties in Arkansas. This is a State Park. The Marker is in a swamp. In order to be able to see what is engraved on the stone you have to go when the water is low.

### Written on the stone:

This stone marks the base established Nov 10, 1815 from which the lands of the Louisiana Purchase were surveyed by United States engineers. The first survey from this point was made to satisfy the claims of the soldiers of the war of 1812 with land bounties.

Erected by the Daughters of the American Revolution  
Sponsored by (Can't read from the picture)

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## ARKANSAS LAND FACTS:

1. From the Louisiana Purchase Marker the east/west survey point is called the Base Line and the north/south line is the 5<sup>th</sup> Principle Meridian. (Base Line Road in Little Rock is named that because it is on the Base Line.)
2. There are 36 sections in a Township. The sections are 1 sq. mile. The sections are divided into quarters.
3. Read the land description backwards.
4. Meets & Bounds are descriptions that gives distances and directions.
5. North is always at the top

Surveying = to measure boundaries, area, or elevations of part of the earth's surface by means of measuring angles & distances.

### Area Measurements:

1 acre = 4,840 square yard or 43,560 square feet

1 Township = 36 sq miles

1 Section = 640 ac or 1 sq mile

1 league (Spanish used in early TX & CA) = 4,428 acres = 3 sq miles = 3 sections

1 labor (Spanish used in early TX & CA) = 200 acres

1 arpent (French, used in early MO & LA) = .85 acres

### Linear Measurements:

1 chain = 100 links of iron or steel or about 20 meters or 66 feet

1 pole = 1 rod = 1 perch = 5.5 yds = 16.5 ft = 5.03 meters

1 vara (Spanish used in early TX & CA) = approx. 1 yard

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## BEGINNER CLASSES

Beginner classes have been scheduled. The cost of each two-part class is \$25. The fee for the class includes *Walking Through Your Past: A Guide to Finding Your Roots*. If you would like to attend or know someone that is interested, please contact Betty Woodall at 931-4111 or Nancy Matthews at 933-8153.

Monday & Tuesday July 16 & 17 from 6:00 to 8:00.

Monday & Tuesday August 27 & 28 from 6:00 to 8:00.

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**AUGUST MEETING:** The August meeting will be held on 19 August 2001 at the Jonesboro Library at 2:00. It will be a program dealing with the Civil War presented by Ed Gerdes and Gregg Scott.

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## MEMBER BOOKS FOR SALE

Some members have already produced books. If you have produced a book and would like to have it listed for sale in the newsletter and/or on the Internet, please contact me, Nancy Matthews, at 1811 S. Culberhouse, Jonesboro, AR 72401, e-mail: [nlmatthews@insolwb.net](mailto:nlmatthews@insolwb.net).

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### Unmarked Graves Located By Obituaries / Death Notices Published in The Monette Sun Newspaper

Compiled by Joyce Whitten

07/13/1922 -- Kress, infant of Mrs. Cynthia died 8 July, Mangrum Cemetery.

07/27/1922 -- Overman, Ernestine, 18 mo., dau. Of Mr. & Mrs. Ben Overman, d: 25 Jul 1922, possibly at Black Oak Cemetery, the mother Ethel Chrisco Overman is buried there.

08/03/1922 -- Mangrum, Hugh, infant son of Jones Mangrum, d: July 27, Mangrum Cemetery.

08/10/1922 -- Barnes, Ida Lou, age 3, dau .of Mr. & Mrs. Ebb Barnes, d: 7 August, Monette Cemetery

08/17/1922 -- Lee, Mrs. J.P. of Caraway, d: 15 August, children: Harry, Bill, Floyd, Jewel, Ruby, Walter, buried Monette Cemetery.

09/07/1922 -- Creasy, Clyde of Monette, d: 4 Sept at home of father, Bud of Black Oak, leaves wife and child. Monette Cemetery.

09/07/1922 -- Eaves, Grandma – Nancy Ann Eaves (marker at Cane Island without death date) d: 20 August, b: Davis Co. Ky., dau. Of Reuben and Mildred Stout, w/o William Eaves.

09/14/1922 -- Henry Lawson, was shot to death by Berry Coomer on Sept 8<sup>th</sup>. An obituary is in the 9/21 issue. Buried at Mangrum.

09/14/1922 – Rhea, infant of Mr. & Mrs. E.J. d: 11 Sept., possibly Monette Cemetery.

09/14/1922 – Young, infant son of Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Young, d: 10 Sept., possibly Monette Cemetery.

09/14/1922 – Tracey, baby, age 1 year, childe of Mr. & Mrs. Velie Tracy, d: 10 Sept., possibly Monette Cemetery.

09/21/1922 – Hatcher, John, 19 of Hancock community, accidental shooting, d: 17 Sept., buried Black Oak.

09/21/1922 – Dalton, Charles, d: 20 Sept arrangements were incomplete, probably Monette Cemetery.

10/05/1922 – Wallace, Sam, age 66 y, 3m, 3 d, d: 30 Sept. buried at Macey.

10/05/1922 – Reed, Infant, child of Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Reed, d: 1 Oct., Lake City Cemetery.

10/05/1922 – Stephens, Alonza (or Ionza), age 50, d: 2 October, has son Charles address unknown.

10/12/1922 – Maddy, Mrs. C.P. d: 9 Oct., at Lake City, buried at Black Oak “where other relatives are buried” survived by husband, daughter Mrs. Robert Heath, sister, Mrs. David Owens of Sapulpa, OK.

10/26/1922 – Hay, Mrs. Vina, d: 20 Oct, survived by husband, 2 children, mother Mrs. Durham, brother, Pat Arthur., buried Lake City cemetery.

11/19/1922 – Hollingshead, Mrs. J.W., died this week Owensboro, KY, former resident of Kentucky settlement in Black Oak township, buried beside her husband and daughter, Pine Log Cemetery, marked grave without death date.

11/30/1922 – Ray, Garvis, age 15, d: 27 Nov., struck by auto at Leachville, buried Monette Cemetery.

12/12/1922 – Earnhart, Mrs. Norma, age 60, widow of B.O. Earnhart, d: 23 Nov., buried at Jonesboro.

12/12/1922 – Ervin, infant, d: 7 Dec., mother is ill, her sister Miss Ollie Craft of Caraway came to care for her.

12/12/1922 – Taul, Mattie, age 16, died of T.B., d/o Mr. & Mrs. Mrs. D.N. Taul of Mangrum, burial place unknown, possibly Mangrum or Caraway. The father David N. Taul and mother, Nell P. Taul are buried at Caraway.

12/22/1922 – Howell, infant of Matt, d: 19 Dec., buried at Lower Cane Island.

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**MY FAMILY TREE**

Author unknown

I climbed my family tree and found  
 It wasn't worth the climb  
 And so I scrambled down convinced  
 It wasn't worth the time  
 Some branches on my tree I found  
 were rotten to the core  
 and all the tree was full of sap  
 and hung with nuts galore  
 I used to brag my family up  
 before I made the climb  
 But truth compels me now to tell  
 Of those not worth a dime  
 I beg my friends who boast aloud  
 of ancestors so great  
 To climb their family tree and learn  
 Of those who weren't so straight  
 I've learned what family trees are like  
 That's why I scrambled down  
 They're like a "tater vine" because  
 The best are underground.

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## NEW BOOKS at the JONESBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY

These are books that are in the genealogy area of the library. They are presented by different organizations and individuals as well as placed there by the library itself.

Units of the Confederate States Army by Joseph H. Chute, Jr. GEN 929.84 Cr88  
Ash Flat History (Sharp County, Arkansas)  
AR Obituaries of Benton County, Arkansas – Volume 11 1932-1933

Marriage Records of Washington County, Arkansas Books D-E-F-G-H-I – 1871 – 1891  
Marriage Records of Washington County, Arkansas Books M, N, O -- 15 Oct 1901 – 14 Jan 1911  
Marriage Records of Washington County, Arkansas Books P, Q, R, S – 7 Jan 1911 – 1 Jul 1922  
Marriage Records of Washington County, Arkansas Books T-U-V – 6 Jul 1922 – 23 Sep 1930  
Marriage Records of Washington County, Arkansas Books W- X-Y-Z – 10 Sep 1930 – 13 Jul 1941

Elbert County, Georgia Deed Books A-J 1791-1806  
Elbert County, Georgia Deed Books K-R 1806-1819  
Elbert County, Georgia Deed Books S-W 1820-1835

Oglethorpe County, Georgia Deed Books A-E 1794-1809  
Oglethorpe County, Georgia Deed Books F-J 1809-1820

Wilkes County, Georgia Deed Books A-VV 1784-1806

History of Kansas, A

Christian County, Kentucky County Court Orders Book "A"  
Christian County, Kentucky County Court Orders Book "B" Part 2 1809-1814  
Christian County, Kentucky Marriage Records 1797-1850

Abstracts of Wills and Settlements Logan County, Kentucky 1795-1900  
Logan County Kentucky Marriages 1790-1925

Barry County, Missouri Marriage Book A,B, C – 1837-1876  
Barry County, Missouri Marriage Book D – 1876-1881  
Barry County, Missouri Marriage Book E – 1881-1886

Butler County, Missouri Marriage Book D – Jul 1881-Jun 1888  
Butler County, Missouri Marriage Books A,B,C -- 1849-1881

Greene County, Missouri Marriages Book A – 1833-1854  
Greene County, Missouri Marriages Book B – 1854-1866  
Greene County, Missouri Marriages Book C – 1866-1874  
Greene County, Missouri Marriages Book D-E – 1874-1881  
Greene County, Missouri Marriages Book F-G – 1881-1885

Greene County, Missouri Marriages Book H-I – 1885-1891  
Greene County, Missouri Marriages Book J-K – 1891-1895  
Greene County, Missouri Marriages Book L-M – 1895-1899  
Greene County, Missouri Probate Records: Wills, Minutes, Bonds, Letters of Administration

Alcorn County, Mississippi Cemeteries  
Families of Alcorn County, Mississippi – Volume II

Abstracts of Deeds Edcombe Precinct County North Carolina

A Portrait of Nineteenth Century of Sampson County (North Carolina) as revealed by  
Sampson county Court Minutes 1784-1800

A Portrait of Nineteenth Century of Sampson County (North Carolina) as revealed by  
Sampson county Court Minutes 1800-1810

A Portrait of Nineteenth Century of Sampson County (North Carolina) as revealed by  
Sampson county Court Minutes 1810-1820

A Portrait of Nineteenth Century of Sampson County (North Carolina) as revealed by  
Sampson county Court Minutes 1820-1830

Surry County, North Carolina Lost Tax Lists 1796-1800 Volume 2

Fulton County, Ohio Marriages 10 Jun 1927 – 21 Jul 1944

Fulton County, Ohio Marriages 7 Aug 1864 – 10 Jun 1927

Tombstone Inscriptions Fulton County, Ohio Volume I

Tombstone Inscriptions Fulton County, Ohio Volume II

Fulton County, Ohio NSDAR Cemetery Readings Volume 1

Fulton County, Ohio NSDAR Cemetery Readings Volume 2

Death Notices, Obituaries and Marriage Notices Taken from The Gallia County Ohio  
Newspapers 1825-1875

Marriage Records 1803-1850 Gallia County, Ohio

Marriage Records 1851-1901 Gallia County, Ohio

Marriage Records 1901-1925 Gallia County, Ohio

Bedford County, Virginia Deed Book B-2 (1761-1766)

Bedford County, Virginia Deed Book C-3 (17\*\*-17\*\*)

Implied Marriages of Fairfax County Virginia

Fauquier County, Virginia Tombstone Inscriptions: Supplement

History of Halifax County (Virginia)

Virginia Genealogist -- Volume 4 – 1960

Descendants of William E. Jordan & James B. Johnston

Eight Nine Romeo Poppa: The Story of Arkansas Aviation by Dave Wallis AR 629.13 Wa15

Sanders – Hively – Wayland by Floydene Sanders Gillihan

Stepping Stones O'er More-Land: A History of the Moreland Families by Pansy S. Bennett

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BOOKS -- BOOKS -- BOOKS

- 1910 Census of Craighead County, Arkansas – Volume 1** – 308 pages – indexed  
price 30.00 includes postage
- 1910 Census of Craighead County, Arkansas – Volume 2** – 360 pages – indexed  
price 30.00 includes postage (available summer 2001)
- 1910 Census of Craighead County, Arkansas – 2 Volume Set** – 368 pages – indexed  
price 50.00 includes postage
- 1900 Census of Craighead County, Arkansas** -- about 437 pages – indexed  
price 35.00 includes postage
- 1880 Census of Craighead County, Arkansas** -- 168 pages – indexed  
price 18.00 includes postage
- 1870 Census of Craighead County, Arkansas** -- 117 pages – indexed  
price 15.00 includes postage
- 1860 Census of Craighead County, Arkansas** -- 81 pages – indexed  
price 12.00 includes postage
- 1860, 1870 & 1880 Census of Craighead County, Arkansas** -- Three book set.  
price \$40.00 includes postage
- Cemeteries of Craighead County, Arkansas -- Volume I** – indexed  
price \$30.00 includes postage
- Cemeteries of Craighead County, Arkansas -- Volume II** – indexed  
price \$30.00 includes postage
- Cemeteries of Craighead County, Arkansas -- Volume III** – indexed  
price \$30.00 includes postage
- Cemeteries of Craighead County, Arkansas -- Three Volume Set**  
price \$75.00 includes postage
- Walking Through Your Past: A Guide to Finding Your Roots**  
price \$15.00 includes postage

This for is for our upcoming book on our members surnames that they are researching. Please include all the surnames of your family lineage.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

SURNAMES \_\_\_\_\_

Return Form To: Genealogy Society of Craighead County, Arkansas  
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DUES ARE \$15.00 PER YEAR DUE ON THE 1ST DAY OF JANUARY.

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