



**Genealogy Society  
Of  
Craighead County, Arkansas**

This month's meeting will be the  
Christmas Party at Ryan's

December 11, 2001

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## CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tuesday, 11 December 2001

6:00 pm

Ryan's

Ornament Exchange

Door Prizes

The December Meeting will be our Christmas Party. This year the party will be at Ryan's and it will start at 6:00 pm. We will be there awhile so come when you can. Bring your family. Everyone is responsible for their own meal. When you pay for your meal be sure to tell them you are part of the Genealogy Society and they will include the 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, games and maybe a song or two. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

We look forward to seeing everyone there. If you can attend, please contact Gail Lies at 932-1301 as soon as possible. We need an estimate.

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**MEETING HAPPENINGS:** The November Meeting was held at the Jonesboro Library on 18 November 2001 at 2:00. Jeanine Saunders was our speaker. She presented a program on Courthouse Research.

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**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:** The Executive Board meeting was suspended for December. We will see you at the Christmas party.

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**JANUARY MEETING:** The January meeting will Sunday, 20 January 2002 at 2:00 in the Round Room. ELECTIONS will be held at that time.

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**NEWSLETTER:** Many of our Society members have computers in their home and have access to e-mail and the Internet. For those members we would like to offer the following choices: (1) receiving their newsletter as an e-mail attachment, (2) viewing directly on the Internet, or (3) continuing to receive a newsletter through the regular mail. Please let me (Nancy Matthews) know your choice [nlmatthews@insolwvb.net](mailto:nlmatthews@insolwvb.net)

Unless you let me know different, you will continue to receive your newsletter through the regular mail. As always the newsletter is available by going to the Society's Website at <http://www.insolwvb.net/~nlmatthews/newsletter.htm>.

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### DUES

Once again it is time to renew your membership. It is time to send in your dues. For the new members that have joined since October, your membership will carry over through 2002. Please send dues to GSCCA, P.O. Box 2614, Jonesboro, AR 72402.

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### CIVIL WAR BURIALS

Do you have a Civil War Soldier buried in Arkansas? Rena M. Knight has completed a group of three books listing burials of Confederate and Union soldiers buried in Arkansas. She is working on her fourth and final book. If you have an ancestor that is not listed as a Civil War Soldier, you can submit your information. Send information to: Rena Marie Knight, 512 Ricky Raccoon Dr., Jacksonville, AR 72076 [carnknight@aol.com](mailto:carnknight@aol.com). Include your soldier's name, dates, unit, cemetery and cemetery location. You may also include additional information about you soldier such as physical description.

Send you information soon. The deadline for information is fast approaching. At the moment the deadline is set for the end of December 2001.

The Genealogy Society has purchased her previous books. They will be at the Christmas Party. If your soldier is not listed in any of them, make sure you get your information to Rena.

The Books are:

- Civil War Soldiers Buried in Arkansas National Cemeteries
- Union Soldiers Buried in Arkansas
- Confederate Soldiers Buried in Arkansas

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**LIST OF ELECTORS HAVING PAID POLL TAX FOR THE YEAR A.D. 1897**

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GAGE, B.C.	GATLIN, J.L.	GOLDSBY, W.H.	GREENLEE, J.M.
GAGE, W.L.	GATLIN, J.R.	GOLDSTEIN, I.	GREER, John
GAILEY, A.M.	GATLIN, L.F.	GOOCH, W.H.	GREER, Robt
GAINES, F.E.	GATLIN, Levi	GOODMAN, B.K.	GREGG, A.J.
GAINES, W.H.	GATZ, Joe	GOODMAN, J.L.	GREGG, Chas
GAINS, B.	GAUGHT, W.M.	GOODMAN, J.L.	GREGG, G.L.
GALLAGER, John	GAYDEN, W.B.	GORDON, J.E.	GREGG, H.
GALLAGHER, Chas	GAYDEN, W.B.	GORENFLO, J.J.	GREGG, J.B.
GAMBILL, A.B.	GEE, B.F.	GOSSAGE, G.W.	GREGG, Jno H.
GAMBILL, A.C.	GESSE, Wm	GOSSAGE, John	GREGORY, J.B.
GAMBILL, A.L.	GIBSON, A.T.	GOSSAGE, M.C.	GREGORY, W.B.
GAMBILL, C.P.	GIBSON, B.Y.	GOSSAGE, S.	GREGSON, A.
GAMBILL, C.T.	GIBSON, C.L.	GOSSAGE, Wm	GREGSON, C.A.
GAMBILL, J.A.	GIBSON, D.E.	GOTHARD, C.V.	GREGSON, F.A.
GAMBILL, J.M.	GIBSON, E.B.	GOTHARD, H.A.	GREGSON, F.M.
GAMBILL, J.T.	GIBSON, G.F.	GOTT, J.W.	GREGSON, J.A.
GAMBILL, J.W.	GIBSON, H.G.	GOVAN, A.	GREGSON, J.R.
GAMBILL, R.N.	GIBSON, I.	GOWAN, A.A.	GREGSON, J.T.
GAMBILL, R.R.	GIBSON, I.M.	GOWAN, F.M.	GREGSON, Mart
GAMBILL, T.N.	GIBSON, J.G.	GOWEN, B.P.	GRETZINGER, S.C.
GAMBILL, W.H.	GIBSON, J.T.	GOWER, J.M.	GRIFFIN, B.T.
GAMS, M.L.	GIBSON, J.W.	GOWER, R.F.	GRIFFIN, D.L.
GANT, C.N.	GIBSON, J.W.	GRACY, L.F.	GRIFFIN, Don
GANT, H.V.	GIBSON, L.E.	GRADY, A.B.	GRIFFIN, Geo
GANT, J.W.	GIBSON, R.E.	GRADY, J.A.	GRIFFIN, J.G.
GANT, Jno	GIBSON, T.C.	GRADY, J.A.	GRIFFIN, J.H.
GANT, W.E.	GIBSON, W.A.	GRADY, J.J.	GRIFFIN, Pat
GARDNER, Henry	GIBSON, W.H.	GRADY, N.H.	GRIFFIN, S.D.
GARDNER, J.H.	GIBSON, W.J.	GRADY, T.N.	GRIFFIN, T.G.
GARNER, Baxter	GIBSON, W.M.	GRADY, W.E.	GRIFFIN, T.W.
GARNER, G.B.	GIBSON, J.T.	GRAGG, P.O.	GRIFFIN, Turner
GARNER, W.P.	GIDEON, Ben	GRAGG, W.D.	GRIFFITH, D.P.
GARRETT, A.L.	GILBERT, W.R.	GRAHAM, A.L.	GRIGSBY, C.M.
GARRETT, I.C.	GILL, J.H.	GRAHAM, W.W.	GRISSON, A.
GARRETT, J.	GILL, W.J.	GRANT, H.	GROGAN, W.T.
GARRETT, J.T.	GILLESPIE, J.C.	GRANTHAM, W.R.	GROOMS, D.S.
GARRETT, W.B.	GINGER, J.L.	GRANVILLE, J.	GROOMS, J.W.
GARRETT, W.K.	GINGER, J.P.	GRAVES, Albert	GROOMS, R.E.
GARTMAN, L.A.	GLASS, B.J.	GRAY, G.B.	GROOMS, Z.T.
GARTMAN, R.L.	GLASS, Dave	GRAY, J.W.	GROSS, Frank
GARVER, C.E.	GLASS, W.M.	GRAYSON, C.C.	GROSS, J.R.
GASKINS, C.W.	GLASSCOCK, E.	GREEN, A.C.	GROVES, H.C.
GASS, J.E.	GLENN, A.J.	GREEN, G.A.	GRUBBS, F.G.
GASSAWAY, Frank	GLIMPSE, J.B.	GREEN, J. M.	GRUST, David
GASSAWAY, T.J.	GLISSON, J.R.	GREEN, J.H.	GUDGEL, I.
GATLIN, A.E.	GLISSON, James	GREEN, Jno	GUDGELL, L.B.
GATLIN, G.W.	GLOVER, Jake	GREEN, John	GUEST, A.J.
GATLIN, J.H.	GLOVER, W.S.	GREEN, W.L.	GUTHRIE, W.L.
	GOBLE, F.O.	GREEN, W.R.	GUY, R.W.
	GOIN, J.J.	GREENHAW, J.B.	

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**Recommendations from the Nominating Committee**

- President – Betty Woodall
- Vice President – Gail Lies
- Treasurer – Dorothy McCarns
- Recording Secretary – Donna Ishmael
- Corresponding Secretary – Nelda Simpkins
- Historian – Gregg Scott
- Publications – Nancy Matthews
- Publicity – Lanafae Stephens

Elections will be held at the January Meeting on 20 January 2002. The floor will be open for nominations at the meeting.

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Again, we would like to say, “Thank you” to Jeanine Saunders for her program on Courthouse Research. Her program focused on a area that many of us have not thought about – Lawsuits. In many cases lawsuits are an untapped resource. They can be tedious to research. However, through lawsuit research it is possible to discover wills, relationships, names of married daughters, parents and grandparents, occupations and migration routes.

Types of lawsuits are criminal, civil and equity actions. Most of the genealogical information will be found in the civil and equity action case files. Lawsuits can be on the federal, state, county & city level.

Many of our ancestors were involved in some sort of litigation that went on over a period of several years. The final settlement of the lawsuit may be listed in the county records years after your ancestor left that county. In most cases lawsuit research usually requires on-sight research. Only a few of the records have been microfilmed. Sometimes a professional genealogist can do the research for you.

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**WORLD WAR II VETERANS**

If you are a World War II Veteran, your name may be included on the World War II Memorial that is to be constructed in Washington D.C. Additional information may be obtained by going to this website <http://www.wwiimemorial.com> . A form is available at [http://www.wwiimemorial.com/aboutcampaign/indivsupport\\_form.html](http://www.wwiimemorial.com/aboutcampaign/indivsupport_form.html) .

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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 too 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 birth dates 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 twinkle, 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 sleigh full 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!"

(author unknown)

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### **MEMPHIS LIBRARY**

The new Memphis Central Library is now open. It is one of the largest public libraries in the United States. The library is located at 3030 Poplar. The fourth level is History and Genealogy. The genealogy area can be reached at (901) 415-2742.

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**1910 Census of Craighead County, Arkansas – Volume 1** – 308 pages – indexed  
price \$30.00 includes postage (members \$25.00)

**1910 Census of Craighead County, Arkansas – Volume 2** – 360 pages – indexed  
price \$30.00 includes postage (members \$25.00)

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price \$50.00 includes postage (members \$45.00)

**1900 Census of Craighead County, Arkansas** -- about 437 pages – indexed  
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**1870 Census of Craighead County, Arkansas** -- 117 pages – indexed  
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**1860 Census of Craighead County, Arkansas** -- 81 pages – indexed  
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**Cemeteries of Craighead County, Arkansas -- Volume I** – indexed  
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price \$30.00 includes postage (members \$25.00)

**Cemeteries of Craighead County, Arkansas -- Volume III** – indexed  
price \$30.00 includes postage (members \$25.00)

**Cemeteries of Craighead County, Arkansas -- Three Volume Set**  
price \$75.00 includes postage (members \$70.00)

**Walking Through Your Past: A Guide to Finding Your Roots**  
price \$15.00 includes postage (members \$12.00)

**The Fighting Fifth: The Fifth Arkansas Infantry Regiment, C.S.A.** by Floyd R. Barnhill, Sr. with Major Calvin L. Collier price \$30.00 includes postage (members \$25.00)

**Corning, Arkansas Clay County – Western District Marriages 1881 – 1902**  
Price \$25.00 including postage from: Dorothy McCarns -- [dmccarns@bscn.com](mailto:dmccarns@bscn.com)

**Marriage Records of Sharp County, Arkansas: Southern District 1880-1910 & Northern District 1893-1910** Price \$36.75 including postage from: Joyce Whitten – [jwhitten@bscn.com](mailto:jwhitten@bscn.com)

**1870 Census of Sharp County, Arkansas**  
Price \$11.75 including postage from: Joyce Whitten – [jwhitten@bscn.com](mailto:jwhitten@bscn.com)

**1880 Census of Sharp County, Arkansas**  
Price \$20.80 including postage from: Joyce Whitten – [jwhitten@bscn.com](mailto:jwhitten@bscn.com)

**1860 Census of Lawrence County, Arkansas**  
Price 18.75 including postage from: Joyce Whitten – [jwhitten@bscn.com](mailto:jwhitten@bscn.com)

Price for 3 Sharp County Books including postage \$63.00  
Price for 3 Sharp County Books & 1 Lawrence County Book including postage \$80.00

**Early Clay County Divorces: Western District, Corning 1881-1899**  
Price \$10.00 including postage from: Gina Horton -- [carlyn@Arkansas.net](mailto:carlyn@Arkansas.net)

**Early Craighead County, Arkansas Divorces: Western District, Jonesboro Courthouse 1878 - 1897**  
Price \$15.00 including postage from: Gina Horton -- [carlyn@Arkansas.net](mailto:carlyn@Arkansas.net)

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DUES ARE \$15.00 PER YEAR DUE ON THE 1ST DAY OF JANUARY.

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