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and



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Next Meeting: Monday, July 6, 2009 at Morrilton Depot Museum

~ The public is invited ~

6:00 P.M. - Conway County Historical Preservation Association (NEW TIME)

- **7:00 P.M. - Conway County Genealogical Society**

Program: Unknown

New CCHPA Officers

Conway County Historical Preservation Association has elected new officers for 2009. This is normally done at the Annual Meeting in February but was postponed due to lack of a quorum.

Carl Imhauser (2011) was elected President; **Mary Bostian (2010)** was re-elected Vice President; **Jackie Guccione (2010)** was elected Secretary; and **Gwen Massingill (2011)** retained her position as Treasurer. In other action, **Steve Beavers, Martha Kehoe, and Bobbie Anderson** were re-elected to another 3 year term to the Board of Directors (**till 2012**). Directors are elected on a rotating basis to provide continuity on the board. Other Board members are: **Phyllis McKuin (2010), Voiccy Steward (2010), Pearl Jones (2010), Euna Beavers (2011), Mary Rasmussen (2011), Dorothy Imhauser (2011) and Dorothy Charton (2011).**

Other business included tabling the purchase of the Baggage Cart a bit longer as Gwen is working on private donations to fund the purchase. Carl reported that efforts are continuing to procure grants for restoration of the caboose and upkeep of the depot building.

Jim Metzger at the Depot ~ July 14 at 6 PM

Jim Metzger's presentation at the 2009 Arkansas Museums Association's 43rd Annual Meeting, **Foundations for Success: Building an Effective Board** was attended by Carl & Dorothy Imhauser. Carl asked and he has agreed to come speak with both our boards.

A properly functioning board can be a powerful force for a museum's success, providing guidance on such issues as strategic partnerships, financing, acquisitions, and oversight procedures. A board in disarray, on the other hand, can be a distraction, causing missed opportunities and needless headaches. The value of a good board cannot be underestimated, while a bad board may be worse than none at all. Learn how to create an effective board, with a clear understanding of its roles and responsibilities.

This is NOT limited to Board members; sign up at the next meeting as seating will be limited.

James Metzger, *HISTECON Associates, Inc. and Arkansas HELP Field Expert*. **HELP** is a training project developed to address the specific needs of small museums' staff, volunteers, and trustees. **HELP** provides museums with on-site, affordable learning opportunities that further skills in areas critical to successful museums today.

Meeting Notes From The President ~ CCGS

Phyllis McKuin presented a short program on Elmwood Cemetery and the Visitation Day and Reception held May 30. (see article on facing page)

The CCGS Business Meeting focused on Committee Reports and tying us loose ends on locating documents. **Rachael Braud** had made a visit to the Lock Box at the bank and brought copies of the original documents for the files. Once everything is located, digital files (including our publications) will be kept in the lock box and a master file kept in the Library to make them accessible to other officers, members or to the general public; as is appropriate in each particular case.

Files we are still waiting for:

- CCGS Library Inventory done January 2009 (**Euna**)
- CCGS Books for Sale Inventory done Jan 2009 (**Euna**)
- Monthly Meeting Attendance 2009 (**Euna**)
- Books & CDs for sale/cost & retail (**Euna**)
- Cemetery Book updates (**Euna**)
- Current Library Volunteer Schedule (**Euna**)
- One key to the Lock Box (???)
- Monthly Bank Statements (**Rachael**)

Author **Nancy Dane** will have an Exhibitor Table at FGS Conference in Little Rock in September. She generously donated her Complimentary Conference Registration to CCGS and **Emery Francis** will take advantage of the opportunity.

Mary Jean Hall thanked the group for allowing her to represent the group at FGS Conference. She is excited about attending all the seminars and is entering a video about her Scotland memorabilia in the Heritage Film Festival.

The group decided to purchase a book for the library as a memorial to **Amamda Sefton's** husband that died last month. We agreed on *The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy* by Sandra H. Luebking.

Letter From Carl Imhauser, CCHPA President

"A museum in Morrilton? I have lived here all my life and never heard of it." Have you heard this? It is time to toot our "bassoon" or maybe a "trumpet" and let everyone know that the CCHPA and its museum are alive and well.

Founded in 1977 the Conway County Historical Preservation Association has grown, floundered, survived and grown again. Our sincerest respect goes to those whose efforts have carried us to the present. It is up to us to continue the tradition. Many things are planned for the Association. To not only update the museum and it's displays; but also produce activities and a strong interface with the community.

Your help can inspire us and make us realize that **you too** feel it really is worthwhile.

Feel free to contact me at: 501-354-4347 or carlwi@sbcglobal.net

Carl Imhauser
President CCHPA

Meeting With Library Director

On June 18, **Carl Imhauser** and **Jackie Guccione** Presidents of CCHPA and CCGS, met with **Jay Carter**, Director of the Conway County Library. Talk centered around how the three groups could cooperate to better serve the needs of the community.

Some items discussed were a link to each other's websites; a plan for a full time person to staff the genealogy library and the museum; the unique needs of historical buildings; and the never ending need for funding.

Anyone wanting to help or offer suggestions please call **Jay Carter** 354-4204 or **Carl Imhauser** 354-4347.

Elmwood Cemetery

With the death of Gerald Laux, his daughters have decided to pick up the job of making sure the cemetery is maintained. Phyllis McKuin gave CCHPA and CCGS a little history of Elmwood Cemetery. It was first known as Knights of Honor Cemetery and began in the 1800s. The name was changed to Elmwood Cemetery in 1917. Recently a gathering day was held at the cemetery and was followed by an informational and organizational meeting at the Rialto Gallery. Anyone having someone buried in the cemetery is considered a member.

River Valley Ancestor Fair



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Euna Beavers, CCGS
P. O. Box 865
Morrliton, AR 72110



FREE Ancestry Track of Classes

Saturday, September 5 at FGS/AGS



There is no cost for attending this track of classes. Even if you are not registered for the rest of the Conference, you may attend these classes. (You may also visit the Exhibit Hall but not the other Conference sessions.) Ancestry has noted the level of Ancestry.com exper-

tise that is suggested to get the most from each class. A separate syllabus will be available at these sessions. These Ancestry.com sessions are being presented by Ancestry staff. FGS thanks Ancestry.com for its participation in the Conference.

Time: 8 – 9 am **Class:** **Getting the Most out of Your Ancestry.com Subscription**

Description: Are you using your Ancestry.com subscription to its full potential? This class offers an inside look at the historical records available on Ancestry.com – as well as what those records can tell you about your ancestors and how they can help you take your tree further back in time. You'll also learn how Ancestry.com's tree-building and searching tools can grow your tree to great heights. *(Designed for beginning users of Ancestry.com)*

Time: 9:30 – 10:30 am **Class:** **Best Strategies for Searching Ancestry.com**

Description: This class will demonstrate the best strategies for searching Ancestry.com's more than 28,000 databases to get the most information about your ancestors. Learn about various search methods -- and how each method will benefit your family history. *(Designed for beginning to intermediate users of Ancestry.com)*

Time: 11 am - noon **Class:** **What's New on Ancestry.com**

Description: Ancestry.com is constantly adding new historical records and services to help you better find your ancestors. This class will introduce you to the most recent additions to Ancestry.com including content, website features, product enhancements, and much more. *(Designed for beginning to advanced users of Ancestry.com)*

Time: 2 – 3 pm **Class:** **Tapping into the Ancestry.com and RootsWeb Community**

Description: With more than 1 million subscribers, Ancestry.com hosts the world's largest community of family historians – many of whom can help you build your family tree. In this class, discover the tools on Ancestry.com and RootsWeb that can help you find and communicate with other family historians. *(Designed for beginning to advanced users of Ancestry.com)*

Time: 3:30 – 4:30 pm **Class:** **Getting the Most from Family Tree Maker**

Description: Family Tree Maker can help you more effectively organize, manage, and share your family history. Topics covered in this class include: getting started in Family Tree Maker, adding information about your ancestors, adding pictures and other media, documenting your sources, searching Ancestry.com and the Web from Family Tree Maker, and much more. *(Designed for beginning to intermediate users of Family Tree Maker)*

Federation of Genealogical Societies

2009 FGS/AGS Conference

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The Exhibit Hall is free and open to the public!

The 2009 Exhibit Hall

FREE

Always a highlight of FGS Conferences, the 2009 edition will be even more exciting. What will you find in this hall? Aisle after aisle of booths featuring books old, new, and rare; genealogy software and hardware and demonstrations; preservation supplies; genealogical and historical societies; ethnic organizations; libraries; archives; maps; gifts; genealogy professional organizations; DNA companies; popular magazines; scholarly journals; databases; continuing education opportunities; author book signings; publishers; Salt Lake City hotels; a Heritage Film Festival; and places to sit, rest, and network with other registrants. Be sure to visit the Hall on Thursday-Saturday of the conference week. To reserve a booth, visit www.FGSConference.org.

CCGS will have an information table in the Society Section; and Author **Nancy Dane** will have a Vendor Table in the Exhibit Area tended by **Jackie Guccione**; please drop by **Booth 202** and say Hello!

Exhibit Hall Hours

- Thursday, September 3, 9:30am - 5:00pm
- Friday, September 4, 9:00am - 5:00pm
- Saturday, September 5, 9:00am - 5:00pm

Fausett Collection at Faulkner County Museum

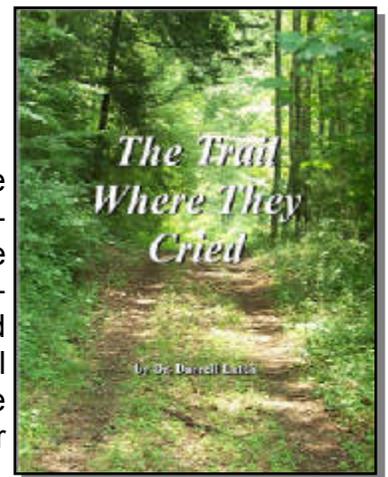
Faulkner County Museum in Conway, Arkansas sends this update regarding the Fausett Collection. Five and a half years ago the Sam Fausett Studio Photographic Collection came to the Museum. Since then volunteers have inventoried, repackaged, photocopied, organized and sleeved images from over 22,000 studio sittings. Six people who do nothing else have logged about 36 hours a week to get this done. The first phase is almost done; next will be photocopying and indexing so the images can be made available to the public at long last; future plans include digitizing them so they may be available on line. <http://www.faulknercountymuseum.org/>

Mr. **Fausett** was a professional photographer and the first Master of Photography in Arkansas. He lived from January 29, 1901 to May 9, 1979. He married Alice Spencer on April 26, 1935. His photography studio was located on Parkway Street in Conway, and he also had a studio in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Trail of Tears Books

This flyer came in the mail and some of you may be interested

The Trail Where They Cried represents seven years of research and more than 100,000 miles along the Trail. The author, Dr. Darrell Latch, the leading field researcher of the Trail of Tears, has compiled the most complete mapping system of the trail to date. Included are many new sites and actual trails discovered by the author which were used by the Cherokee and others from 1835 to 1842. Unlike so many books of the past about the Trail of Tears this book is the result of actual field research. The reader/researcher can now accurately travel the actual trail and discover its many sacred sites from North Carolina to Oklahoma.



The Trail Where They Cried is also a book about the truth of the Trail of Tears, a truth that has never been told. A companion to the documentary of the same name, this book is a must read for anyone who wants to know the truth about the Removal of the Five Civilized Tribes along the Trail of Tears.

\$29.95 plus \$5.50 shipping & handling

There are other books available including: ***The story of the Removal of the Cherokee Nation through Arkansas and Oklahoma. \$12.95 plus \$1.25 shipping & handling***

These can be ordered at www.thetrailwheretheycried.com or Telephone: 1-217-253-5429

Acknowledgements

From the Mailroom:

I wonder if anyone there can tell me about Batson's Hill. When I was there in 1995 Bill Plummer mentioned it. **Mollie Hanlan** ~ Salem, OR mollietamale@comcast.net

I am researching the GAYLOR or GAYLER family who lived in Conway County around 1870 in the Lick Mountain Township. If anyone else is also, please contact me at shelly.keech@comcast.net or 501-278-9700
Shelly, NLR, AR

My husband is **Edward Ray Ingram**, he was born in Conway County General in 1947. His Mother Was Imogene Firestone...married Edward Eugene Ingram 29-NOV-1946 according to the backwardranch.com/arfaulkner/marriage1.html website. His grandmother was Sallie Tubbs ...married H.F. Ingram 15-JUN-1918 and then Montford Ward on 12-Feb-1944. His Mom and Dad were buried in the Ingram cemetery in Conway (he is pretty sure) His brother Travis, and his wife Sue lived in Conway, and were killed in a car wreck a few years back 2006-2007. Any information you could share with us about his family would be greatly appreciated. My husband is the oldest of 7 children. ~ **Rosa Ingram** at rasgram@comcast.net

Get Well Soon:

Linda Francis had knee replacement surgery and will be home for a while.

Jo Hix was is the hospital but is home and feeling better

Welcome:

New member **Charlotte Penn** to CCGS.
New members **Bill Stacks, Burt & Betty Henderson, David Davies, Milton Davis, Granger Davis** and **Mary Yarbrough** to CCHPA.

Thank You:

Thank you to Author **Nancy Dane**. She will have an Exhibitor Table at FGS Conference in Little Rock in September. She has generously donated her Complimentary Conference Registration to CCGS.

Thank you to **Euna Beavers** for her service as President of CCHPA the last 2 1/2 years.

Our Sympathy

Maurice Sefton, husband of **Amanda Sefton** passed away May 10, 2009. Amanda was a member in the early years of CCGS until she moved away. After moving back to Morrilton she has rejoined the group.



Declaration of Independence



Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence?



Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons serving in the Revolutionary Army; another had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War.

They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor. What kind of men were they?

Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners; men of means, well educated, but they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured.

Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his Ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags.

Thomas McKeam was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward.

Vandals or soldiers looted the properties of **Dillery, Hall, Clymer, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton.**

At the battle of Yorktown, **Thomas Nelson, Jr.**, noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. He quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt.

Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months.

John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his gristmill were laid to waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children vanished.

Some of us take these liberties so much for granted, but we shouldn't. So, take a few minutes while enjoying your 4th of July holiday and silently thank these patriots. It's not much to ask for the price they paid. **Remember:**

Freedom is never FREE!

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