

## Who We Are

Jones County Genealogy Organization & Historical Organization Inc, is formed exclusively for charitable and educational purposes.

The activities of the Organization include the study of genealogy in Jones County, Mississippi and surrounding areas, the conduct of scholarly genealogical research and the preservation of the records of past and present life in this area.

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<https://geneal1.wixsite.com/my-site>

to check out Susan's Blog on  
Genealogy Tips with some Jones

## Upcoming Events

June 24, 2023

July 22, 2023

**Please watch for announcements of meeting times & places on our Facebook pages.**

**No meetings for the months of November and December.**

**Please make sure all your contact information is current.**

**Meetings are subject to cancellation due to Covid restrictions.**

**Watch for announcements on Facebook and email.**

**January meeting – 7 members attended**

**Please make every effort you can to attend the meetings!**

**February 18<sup>th</sup> meeting was a great success! Several members plus visitors attended the workshop sponsored by the Laurel Jones County Library System.**

**Meetings are open to everyone who wishes to attend.**

### **Ellisville's New Wooden Factory**

Our new manufacturing plant for making chair rockers, packing cases, etc., started up Monday and it is a daisy little enterprise. Messrs. Caldwell and Jordan furnished the capital and Mr. Knight is the promoter. They have already orders for enough chair rounds alone to keep the plant running for three months, the goods being shipped to the New England states. They pay \$5 per cord for round oak logs, but they must be sound and free of knots. This is the only saw mill of the kind in Mississippi. The saw is very fine, and the dogs are at end of the log instead of the side. There is considerable waste in timber, and the scarpage is sold at 50 cents per load, which is a cheap fire-wood. Mr. Caldwell says there is enough oak timber around town to keep the plant in operation for 25 years or more if people will bring it in.

### **A Tacky Social Friday Night**

Eshter Rebekah Lodge, I. O. O. F., will give a tacky social at the Odd Fellows Hall on Friday night, April 23d. An admittance fee of ten cents will be charged, which will include refreshments, served by the Rebekahs. A good time for all who attend is assured. The money raised is to be expended for charitable purposes. Everybody cordially invited. Come and bring your family. A prize will be given for the best costume, lady or gent!

*\*\*Source: Jones County News, Ellisville Mississippi, Thursday, April 22, 1915, front page.*

### **Boys on Skates Cause Accident**

One of three boys on roller skates is said to have been responsible for the breaking of the large glass at the Zepernick grocery, Central and Fifth Avenue, Friday night.

The incident marked the knocking over of a large weighing machine. This struck and broke the window, also broke the scales. A traveling man told Manager Archie Valentine of the grocery, that he was sitting in his car near by when the incident took place, that the boys were skating down Fifth avenue and in turning the corner, one of them "hugged" the machine in order to stop quickly. This threw the scales over, breaking the glass.

*\*\*Source: The Morning Call, Sunday, February 2, 1930, page 7.*

### **James W. Nesom**

James W. Nesom, one of the best known citizens of this county, died at his home north of here last Saturday, Nov 23, at three o'clock a.m. Mr. Nesom was thirty-seven years of age and leaves a wife and large family. The remains were interred Sunday evening at one o'clock under the auspices of the Masonic lodge, at Sharon church, a large concourse of friends and relatives attending.

Mr. Nesom was a prosperous business man. He left an estate valued at several thousands dollars, besides, cash on deposit and insurance amounting to \$4,000. He made no will be requested his estate be left intact until his children reached lawful age.

*\*\*Source: The Laurel Ledger, Saturday, December 2, 1905, page 2.*

## LISTEN

### For the Guns of Company E

Laurel's crack military organization, Company E, Second Regiment Infantry, M. N. G., will go into bivouac at Lindsey Park Saturday, September 2, and return to the city Sunday evening following. The company will go in bivouac in heavy marching order. A sham battle will take place Saturday night, half the company to guard the camp and the half to be the attacking force. One thousand blank cartridges will be used in the mimic warfare. The bivouac will be a pleasant outing for the military boys. Capt. Archie McCormick will be in command.

*\*\*Source: The Laurel Chronicle, Friday, August 25, 1911, page 1.*

### THINGS WE THINK

*by Elbert Bede*

*Easy money is the hardest to keep.*

*The family tree sometimes bears pretty poor fruit.*

*A man named Clover has just been married – and soon there will be several blades of grass where there was formerly but one.*

*There are a lot of people hunting trouble out of season.*

*Budding genius is seldom found behind a blossoming nose.*

*\*\* Source: The Jones County News, Friday, September 17, 1909, page 3.*

## Housekeepers of Laurel:

### TO THE HOUSE KEEPERS OF LAUREL:

Having been in business in this city for five months, with the last month's sales doubling the first, we feel that this is proof of our success in meeting the demands of the people in every way. This increase has forced us to add greatly to our stock, and also to our facilities for delivery, and we are now in position to sell to our customers everything that the household needs in the grocery line at close prices and deliveries will be prompt.

It is our intention to satisfy our customers and we emphasize the request that they mention any dissatisfaction of any little thing. Our prices and the quality of our goods will be guaranteed, and we will appreciate the privilege of making any and everything right.

We have learned the demands of the trade here and we will have the goods for you.

We are arranging to carry regularly a full fresh line of all kinds of vegetables, and our sanitary fruit stand will display fruits which will appeal to your appetite. NO DUST, NO FLIES.

We already have the butter trade of the city with Homer's Jersey Creamery Butter, guaranteed as good as the best, and selling at 35 cents per pound, 15 cents less than other butter of the same quality.

We always carry a fresh line of country produce Fresh eggs and fat chickens when there are any to be had in Jones County Watch the sanitary chicken coop.

Call around to see us. Give us a trial.

Watch our special prices each week.

CHAPMAN & COMPANY,

The Leading Grocers.

Front Street, Telephones 35 and 223.

*\*\*Source: The Laurel Daily Argus, Thursday, February 1, 1912, page 2.*

According to the 1912-1913 Laurel City Directory, Chapman & Company was owned by W M Chapman and D E Zepernick, and was located at 306 Front Street.

### ***Mrs. Ida Morgan Taken by Death on Wednesday***

*The many relatives and friends of Mrs. Ida B. Morgan were saddened to learn of her death Wednesday morning at 11:10 o'clock. Mrs. Morgan, who resided at the corner of Third avenue and Nineteenth street, was a faithful member of the Second Avenue Baptist church. She died after an illness of several months.*

*Surviving her are six daughters and three sons. The daughters are Mrs. Leonard Hearn, Mrs. M. D. Hoods, and Ida Mae Morgan, of Laurel; Mrs. Ed Joplin, of the Pleasant Grove community; Bertha Morgan, Philadelphia, Pa., and Mrs. Sarah (cannot make out last name), Asheville, N.C. The sons are: A. N. and J. H., both of Laurel, and Charles of Fulton, Ala.*

*Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at the Second Avenue Baptist church with Rev. J. W. Fagan officiating. Pallbearers will be J. W. Story, Mac Carmichael, H. L. Boutwell, A. A. Collins, Bob Windham and Mr. Scay.*

*\*\*Source: The Leader-Call, Wednesday, June 12, 1935, page 8.*

*No place of burial was mentioned in the obituary. Mrs. Morgan is buried in the Hickory Grove Cemetery, Laurel MS.*



*Photo source: [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com)*

### **Recipes**

#### **Sunshine Cake**

**1 cup butter**

**2 cups sugar**

**Cream the butter, adding the sugar a spoonful at a time until all is used**

**Beat the yolks of 11 eggs until very light and creamy. Beat them with the sugar and butter, adding the egg a spoonful at a time. Sift 2 ½ cups of flour with 2 ½ teaspoonfuls of baking powder, and the flour a little at a time, alternating it with one cupful of milk, flavor with 1 teaspoonful of vanilla. Bake in a loaf until done.**

#### **Apple Snow**

**Steam three large tart apples and rub them through a sieve. Beat the whites of three eggs until stiff, add ½ cupful of sugar and beat again. To this meringue add the apple pulp and beat lightly. Dot with jelly and serve.**

**\*\*\*Source: *The Jones County News*, Tuesday, April 18, 1922, page 3.**

JCGHO meetings have been informally held during July, August, September, and October, January & February.

New officers for the JGHO are as follows:

Charles Robine, President

Time Dudley, Vice President

Susan Blakeney, Treasurer/Newsletter Editor

Please let me know if there is a specific topic you would like to discuss at the meetings.

**Also, I need to have everyone update their contact information. If you could please email me your information at [jcgho1@yahoo.com](mailto:jcgho1@yahoo.com), I would greatly appreciate it.**

**I need a mailing addresses and email addresses.**

I am proud to announce that our Jones County Genealogical and Historical Organization website has been updated. Please log on the [www.jonescogenealogy.org](http://www.jonescogenealogy.org).

Don't forget to check us out on Facebook as well.



Another Beautiful Landmark Doomed for Destruction

Back in 1915, the Kalmia building was the real estate office of W. F. Rumble and the center of activity on Central Ave. He was in the business of bringing settlers to Jones County.

Located at the corner of Central Ave and Commerce St., this beautiful building is now a patio for the Knight Butcher.



Jarvis Home at 703 Seventh Ave – torn down for progress. Location of Kalmia Apartments