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ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE FOURTH SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE **NOVEMBER** MEETING, WHICH IS HELD ON THE **SECOND SATURDAY**.  
THERE IS **NO** MEETING DURING THE MONTH OF **DECEMBER**.

**MEETING DATES**

- July 27, 2019
- August 24, 2019
- September 28, 2019
- October 26, 2019
- January 25, 2020
- February 22, 2020
- March 28, 2020
- April 25, 2020
- May 23, 2020
- June 27, 2020
- July 25, 2020
- August 22, 2020
- September 26, 2020
- October 24, 2020

To Our JCGHO Members  
If You Celebrated A Birthday or Anniversary  
During January, February and March 2019,  
We Wish You A Very Happy Birthday and A  
Very Happy Anniversary.

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Genealogists Wish List

1. 1890 Census
2. Some spit from my death great-grandmother
3. A brick-wall buster
4. Restoration of records from at lest 3 burnt courthouses
5. That one missing page from my ancestors pension file
6. The long lost family Bible

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**BRIDAL TOUR HAS FATAL ENDING**  
**Happy Honey-Moon Comes to an End at Los Angeles**

**BOTH ENTERPRISE PEOPLE**

**Related to the Andrews and Patrick Families of Laurel and Well-Known Here**

A telegram was received at Laurel and Enterprise Tuesday morning announcing the death of Mrs. Annie Andrews, the bride of Mr. S. H. Andrews of Enterprise, at Los Angeles, Cal., where the young couple were sojourning on their bridal tour.

Mrs. Andrews was a sister of Messrs. R. L. and M. L. Patrick of this city and Mr. Andrews is a brother of Mr. A. G. Andrews of Laurel. Both the young people are known here. They were married at Enterprise on the 9<sup>th</sup> instant and left for an extended honeymoon trip through California and the Northwest. Post cards and other messages brought the news from day to day that they were well and happy, and enjoying the varied sights of their extended trip.

But a telegram came Tuesday of this week announcing the death of Mrs. Andrews at 6 o'clock Monday afternoon, and Mr. Andrews stated that he would leave Tuesday morning with the body for Enterprise. The news came as a great shock and surprise to the relatives of the young couple. As the telegram bore no particulars the relatives here and in Enterprise are in great suspense. Nothing is known of the cause of death of Mrs. Andrews, and it is probable that they will not know until Mr. Andrews reaches Enterprise tomorrow night or Sunday morning.

The marriage of Miss Annie Patrick to Mr. S. H. Andrews at Enterprise on the 9<sup>th</sup> instant was a note worthy event in the social circles of that community. Both were very excellent young people and they had started in life with the well wishes of hundreds of friends.

\*\*\*\*Source: *The Laurel Chronicle*, Laurel Mississippi, Friday, 26 August 1910, page 1.

**CHARLEY CRAFT IS MORTALLY WOUNDED**

News reached the city this morning that Charlie Craft was mortally wounded in a hand-to-hand encounter with several men near Raleigh in Smith County yesterday.

Craft received a dangerous knife wound in the back and is not expected to live.

The names of the other parties involved in the difficulty could not be learned.

\*\*\*\*Source: *The Laurel Argus*, Laurel Mississippi, Monday, 11 March 1912, page 2.

**OVETT**

The election for mayor and board of alderman was held Tuesday, 8, and the following were elected: N. M. Cudabac, mayor; W. S. Boutwell, marshal; W. Ellis Noble, clerk; O. V. Hull, N. J. Evans, W. B. Robertson and W. M. Jones, aldermen. We hope the new officers will take pride in making Ovetton an up-to-date place. Our surroundings are improving. Farming will soon come to be the backbone of our trade. The ginner's report for last year showed 250 bales. This year we have 800 to December 1.

J. L. Lawrence will move from here to near Laurel. N. L. Walters will occupy the house vacated by him.

S. E. Haigler has moved into the John Nobles house on Main Street and is making nice improvements.

Messrs. Portman and Randall are putting in a veneering mill and box factory.

\*\*\*\*Source: *The Laurel Ledger*, Laurel Mississippi, Thursday, December 17, 1908, page 6.

**DR. LEGGETT KILLED.**

**Well Known Mississippian Assassinated in Arkansas**

News reached Laurel Monday that Dr. Lawrence Leggett was shot and killed that day in Arkansas. Dr. Leggett was well and favorably known in this section. He was born and raised in Eucuttas neighborhood, and had but recently graduated as a dentist. Particulars regarding the killing are meager. The remains were carried to his old home in Clark County for interment.

An associated press dispatch from Arkadelphia, Ark., dated August 23, says, "Coroner J. R. Williams was called to Gordon, in this county, sixteen miles south of here" on the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railway" Monday night to hold an inquest, over the body of Dr. L. C. Leggett, dentist of that place, who was shot with two loads of buckshot at the depot there on Monday afternoon by Ivan Starnes. From the evidence adduced at the inquest, it appears that Starnes



was in the railroad lunchroom when Dr. Leggett passed by in front toward the north. The woman who stays at the lunch stand says that Dr. Leggett passed by and offed his hat to her, and she then went back to the kitchen. She heard the door behind her open and a man pass out, and immediately afterward the report of a gun. She rushed out at once and was in time to see Starnes fire a second load into his man, who was crouching in a kneeling position thirty feet in front of him. The woman heard Dr. Leggett say "Oh don't" after he had been shot the first time. Upon examination of the body, it was found that both loads had taken effect, the first thought to be from behind the left shoulder, and the second through the small of the back. Either charge would have proved fatal. The killing was the result of charges brought against Dr. Leggett several months ago in connection with Starnes sister. Both were prominent people of Gurdon. Dr. Leggett went there from Mississippi about eighteen months ago, and until his recent trouble was highly esteemed by the people of Gurdon.

\*\*\*\*Source *The Laurel Ledger*, Laurel, Jones County Miss., Saturday, August 26, 1905, front page.

#### LEFT FOR ARKANSAS

##### Judge Deavours and C. M. Leggett Will attend Court.

Judge Stone Deavours and C. M. Leggett left Wednesday for Gurdon, Arkansas, where they will investigate the killing of Dr. Lawrence Leggett, at that place recently.

The man, Ivan Starnes, who shot Dr. Leggett has been arrested. The grand jury has found a bill against him for murder, and Judge Deavours will assist in prosecuting him.

\*\*\*\*Source: *The Laurel Ledger*, Laurel, Jones County Miss., Friday, 01 Sep 1905, page 5.

#### NEW SAW MILL FOR ELLISVILLE ASSURED.

Ellisville is taking on a big boom of late. Business in all lines is growing and our merchants are advertising more generously than ever before, as they know that the Jones County News reaches the farmers and draws trade like a mustard plaster. You see large crowds from the country on our streets and our merchants say they are now doing a better business than

since the advent of the boil weevil and it is improving all the while. Our farmers have more ready cash than in years from the sale of cattle, pork and food crops, and 79 per cent of them are able to pay debts and hold their cotton. Next spring when they begin to turn the staple loose, trade will hum.

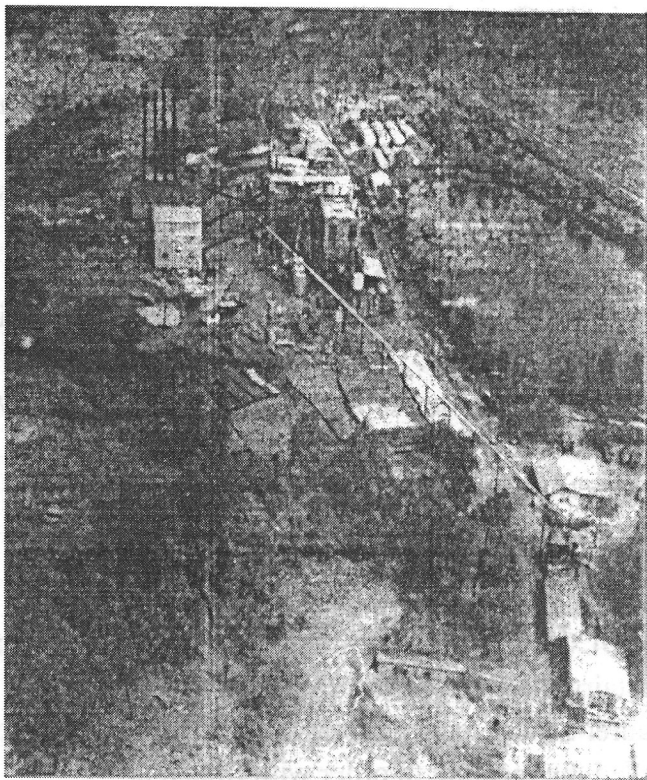
The vacant stores in our town are filling up. Mr. H. C. Carter, one of our old reliable merchants who has been resting up for a year, has rented one of the new store-rooms in the Fridge building and is now opening a variety stock. Mr. Joe B. Gough will branch out and carry a general stock, selling everything from a cambric needle to a steam engine. Gough, Craft, Ruffin and Caldwell & Collins are now running slaughter sales that draw big crowds. The Caldwell building, next to the post office, is being fitted for a permanent moving picture show. Mr. Jim Ward this week takes over the Hyde Drug Co., and will rush things.

But the best news is that this week a company was organized and there will be erected at once and up-to-date saw mill, in the business center of our town, on the North Easter and logs will be brought in by railroad. This enterprise will give employment to a number of hands. They are also talking about a box factory for Ellisville, and Col. Fridge says it is now a settled thing that by next fall we will have in operation a plant to prepare country sausage for market and shipment. Just as soon as the crop authorizes, Ellisville will build a tobacco warehouse. Our town is most assuredly getting a double shuffle hustle on, and don't you forget it.

\*\*\*\*Source: *Jones County News*, Ellisville Miss., Thursday February 4, 1915, front page







Aerial view of the Continental Turpentine & Rosin Corporation, headed by one of the South's most learned chemist, Dr. F. W. Kressman. This plant exports naval stores in large quantities, producing them from Mississippi's vast pine lands.

\*\*\*\*Source: *The Laurel Leader-Call*, Laurel, Mississippi. Thursday, March 7, 1940, page not listed.

Editors side note: March 12, 2019 will mark the 84<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sentencing of Ouida Keeton for the murder of her mother, Daisy Keeton.

### MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. John O'Flynn announce the marriage of their daughter, Florence Bernedette, to Mr. Charles Ferdinard Tarbutton. The wedding to be solemnized at the Catholic church, Tuesday morning March 29 at 9 o'clock, by Rev. J. E. Chenel, pastor. No invitations have been issued on account of the recent bereavement in the bride's family, but the friends of the contracting parties are cordially invited to be present.

\*\*\*\*Source: *The Laurel Chronicle*, Laurel Miss., Friday, March 18, 1910, page 23

### ELLISVILLE TO STAGE BIG TRADE DAYS

Merchants Co-Operating to Make Mar. 23 and 24 Great Days

#### MERCHANTS TO GIVE AIR TRIPS

W. C. Gorman, Frank Morton to be on Hand With Plane

Prominent Ellisville merchants are cooperating in the celebration of Trade Day on March 23-24. The event will draw hundreds of purchasers to this county seat. Special inducements will be offered and some interesting bargains may be expected. Final arrangements are now being made by a committee headed by E. W. Pettus.

A special feature of Trade Day will be the free rides in the Waco airplane given by the merchants, the Ellisville Motor Company offers this opportunity to any customer who places an order for a new car or for \$25 worth of accessories.

The Laurel Auto Corporation of which W. C. Gorman is vice-president and manager is getting the Waco in \_\_\_ for continuous service. (The rest of the article is unreadable).

\*\*\*\*Source: *The Morning Call*, Laurel Miss., Thursday, March 15, 1928, front page

### Minutes

**January 26, 2019**

The JCGHO met on Saturday, January 26, 2019 in the upstairs meeting room at the Laurel-Jones County Library. President Carolyn Horne called the meeting to order with eleven members in attendance. Charles Robine led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Carolyn reminded everyone that dues could be paid and *Echoes From Our Past* are available for sale. Everyone was also reminded to sign the attendance register. The new hours for the library were announced. Susan Blakeney said that increasing the Genealogy Department hours was being discussed.

Since there was no program for this meeting, President Horne had handed out on "old-fashioned ailments and their modern equivalents." There was considerable discussion on the subject.

The president asked for volunteers to chair some committees. Betty Dupuy and Betty Morad volunteered to co-chair the Refreshment Committee.

There was discussion on the JCGHO to provide the paper products and coffee supplies when we have refreshments. A motion was made to do this and the motion was seconded and all were in favor.

It was also suggested that someone might like to chair a Special Project such as, Death Certificates for one or more of the years between 1912-1924 and a project on A Tribute to Jones County Veterans. There were no volunteers.

It was also brought up that a donation to the Genealogy Library had not been made in over a year. Discussions of this matter have taken place several times in the past years, but no actions were taken. Charles Robine made a motion to donate \$2,000.00 to the Genealogy Library. There was discussion on this and a request by Betty Dupuy to include what the last donations were used for. The motion was seconded and all were in favor.

The last donations made by the JCGHO to the Genealogy Library were:

August 21, 2013 check #1601 in the amount of \$1,000.00 was used toward the purchase of a set of books from Virginia titled *Adventures of Purse and Person, Virginia 1607-1624-5*. This three-volume set cost \$350.00. Another \$250.00 was used to purchase a two-volume set titled *The Mayflower Index*. The remaining \$400.00 was used to go toward the purchase of a set of books titled, *Family Maps of (county name) Mississippi*. There are 44 volumes of this set. The \$400.00 was used to purchase eight (8) of these books at \$39.95 each.

September 2, 2014 check #1621 in the amount of \$1,500.00 was used **toward** the purchase of the fireproof microfilm cabinet.

July 22, 2017 check #1653 in the amount of \$1,500.00 was used to order 10 more of the *Family Map Books* at \$39.95 each. \$200.00 was used to pay toward a membership to an online newspaper site for

use in the Genealogy Library only. The cost of the membership is \$99.00 every six months. The membership is paid up until June 2019. The remaining \$204.50 was used to purchase the set of books, *A Tribute to Smith County, Mississippi, Veterans" Lest We Forget* from the Smith County Genealogy Organization. This is a four-volume set of books.

There were several suggestions and discussion for future speakers.

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn, seconded and all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Keith Horne, Secretary

### FEBRUARY 23, 2109

The JCGHO met on Saturday, February 23, 2019 in the upstairs meeting room at the Laurel-Jones County Library. President Carolyn Horne called the meeting to order with fifteen in attendance. Tim Dudley led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Everyone was reminded that dues could be paid and *Echoes From Our Past* available for sale and remember to sign the register.

Our guest Speaker was Tina Gatlin Byrd, currently serving Jones County as the Administrator of Collecting and Assessing Offices in the Jones County Tax Assessors Office.

Ms. Byrd shared information on various records available in the Tax Assessors Office that can be helpful in a genealogist's research. Ms. Byrd answered many questions and there was a lot of discussion.

A brief break for refreshments was enjoyed.

Refreshments today were furnished by Susan Blakeney, Betty Dupuy and Betty Morad.

There being no committee reports, and no business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting was made, and all attending voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted  
Keith Horne, Secretary