



Special points of interest:

- SCHHS begins with presentation on the Shoppach family
- J & B Book Bindery is featured in March 19 meeting
- Walks Through History Tour shows Downtown Benton History
- April 16th Freddie Burton tells of the flu epidemic in Saline County in 1918
- May 21 meeting about Fagan and Crawford
- June 18 Kris Elliot on Saline County Home Demonstration Clubs



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Shoppach Family History subject of January meeting.

The Saline County History & Heritage Society began 2015 with a program presented by Marlo Bush Krueger on her family - the Shoppach Family- of Benton, Arkansas.

She mentioned Johann Wilhelm Schoppach I, John William Shoppach builder of the Shoppach house who lived from 1809 to 1861, and John Frederick Shoppach who served as Saline County Sheriff from 1880-1896.

Marlo, who serves as editor of the *Saline*, the quarterly of the Saline County History & Heritage Society, began with the family's German roots and followed them through until they came

to America. She also addressed the family's role in Saline County history.

A large crowd was in attendance at the program and enjoyed the presentation and power point.



Marlo Bush Krueger



J&B Book Bindery was March program at SCHHS.

Mr. John Machycek owner of J&B Book Bindery gave a very interesting program on preserving old books and family bibles. He said that the oldest book he had ever worked on was a French book from the 12th century.

He started J&B in 1977. He

estimated that his jobs are divided 50-50 between book repair and restoration and binding periodicals. Mr. Machycek has bound books for the Saline County Library and the society over the years.

He is one of the last book binderies in the area.



The 1918 Flu Epidemic in Saline County is focus of April 16th program at SCHHS

On April 16th the Saline County History & Heritage Society will present the program "The 1918 Flu Epidemic in Saline County." The program will begin at 7:00 pm at the SCHHS Research Center at 123 North Market Street in downtown Benton. Freddie Burton, former Saline County clerk; will present the program.

This should be a very interesting program.

7,000 Arkansans died in this

epidemic and many from Saline County lost friends and loved ones.

Freddie Burton has written on historical topics for the *Saline Courier* for several years and is one of those, along with SCHHS members Arlene



Rainey and Diane Roberts, who were responsible for the new mural in downtown Benton.



"Fagan and Crawford: Saline County's Own" to be program on Thursday, May 21

Thursday, May 21 Steve Perdue will present "Fagan and Crawford: Saline County's Own" at 7:00 pm at the Saline County History & Heritage Society's Research Center and Archives at 123 North Market Street in Benton.

James Fleming Fagan was born in Kentucky, but his family moved to Arkansas in 1837 where his father worked on building the Old State House in Little Rock. His father later died and his mother Catherine married Samuel Adams who had been governor and later was state treasurer. They lived for a time in Clarksville, but in 1849 Samuel bought a farm in Saline County on the Saline River. Samuel later died and James took over his farm near Benton.

In 1861, the Civil War broke out and on the courthouse lawn, the Saline Guards were formed and they elected Fagan the captain. He eventually became a Major General.

William Ayers Crawford was born in Tennessee and moved to Arkansas. Crawford enlisted in the Mexican War in Saline County. In 1852 he was elected Saline County sheriff, and in 1858 he was elected state representative from Saline County. In 1861 he joined the Saline Guards with Fagan. He rose from Lieutenant to Colonel in the war.

Fagan and Crawford were great friends and, in fact, in one letter Crawford wrote to his wife to tell her that Fagan had bought him a uniform with a cape and given it to him.

This program gives some insight into these two men that possibly has never been known before.

Hope you can attend the program.



Fagan above; Crawford below



Walks Through History Tour

On Saturday, March 21, the Arkansas Department of Historic Preservation presented its Walks Through History tour. The tour began at the century old Saline County Courthouse. Rachel Silva, information officer of Historic Preservation, led the tour. From the courthouse the tour went down Market street passed many historic buildings, toured South Street to the park and then crossed South Street down River Street pausing at the Mural.

The tour then went down Market Street to the Gann Museum and Gann House, the tour turned down Market again and passed the Walton Building, and then down South Street to the old Palace theater, then crossed South Street and continued down Market Street until ending in front of the Saline County History & Heritage Society where refreshments were served.

The crowd was very orderly and the day was enjoyed by all.



Saline County Home Demonstration Clubs feature of June 18th society program

On Thursday, June 18th, Kris Elliott of the Saline County Cooperative Extension office will present a program on the Saline County Home Demonstration Clubs. The Home Demonstration club was a part of many women's lives in the 1930s, 40s, & 50s. Canning was an important part of the meetings. Members met in private homes to share the latest techniques for housewives. The program will begin at 7:00 pm. If you have any memorabilia from a home demonstration club, please bring it with you to share at the meeting.

New Officers and Board Members Took Office in January

Here are your new officers of the Saline County History & Heritage Society:

President-Steve Perdue; 1st Vice President Shirley Coppock; 2nd Vice President Wilson & Virginia Duvall, Secretary Virginia White; and Treasurer George Akins. Board members Regina Burks, Robert Edwards, and Marlo Krueger. Editor of *the Saline* will be

Marlo Krueger and Librarian will be Pauline Brown. This group will be assisted by volunteers who keep the organization running.

Please renew your membership to keep the organization going by mailing your 2015 dues to the Saline County History & Heritage Society Inc., P.O. Box 1712, Benton, AR. 72018.

We appreciate your continued support.



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People on the walking tour look at the mural.

Scenes of Saline County, Arkansas

This section of the newsletter will feature photos of places and families in Saline County, Arkansas.



Dr. John D. Wright Home built in 1906 in the Sardis Community; the house burned in 1926. The house was rebuilt across the road from this location. Courtesy Dr. Joe Wright.

Calendar of Saline County History Events

April 16-Thursday, 6:30 pm The Saline County History & Heritage Society will have as its speaker Freddie Burton who will speak on **"The 1918 Flu Epidemic in Saline County, Arkansas."** The meeting will be at 123 North Market in the Research room.

May 11- Monday 6:30 pm Dr. Nancy Hendricks will present the program **"Road to the Sultana"** at the Bob Herzfeld Memorial Library in Benton.

May 14-Thursday 6:30 pm Dr. Nancy Hendricks will present a program on **David O. Dodd** at the Bryant Historical Society meeting at the Bryant Library.

May 21-Thursday 7:00 pm the Saline County History & Heritage Society will present the program **"Fagan & Crawford Saline County's Own"** by Steve Perdue.

May 28- Thursday 6:30 pm the program **"To Can the Kaiser, Arkansas in WW I"** will be presented at

the Bob Herzfeld Memorial Library in Benton.

June 8- Monday 6:30 pm the program **"Bauxite: Historic Town Remembered"** will be presented by Steve Perdue at the Bob Herzfeld Memorial Library in Benton.

June 18-Thursday 7:00 pm The Saline County History & Heritage Society will present the program **Saline County Home Demonstration Clubs** at 123 North Market Street, downtown Benton.