

CATRON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2015

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**Save the Date for the CCHS
Christmas Party!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

November—No Program

December 12 — Christmas
Program

January 16— Preparedness



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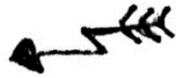
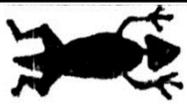
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Events are held in the Quemado area that go unattended by the many in Catron County. One such event was put on by the Farm Bureau for their annual meeting that would have been of interest to many residents of Catron County. The event was held October 27 at the Quemado High School with a free delicious brisket dinner. The speaker, Chad Smith, of New Mexico Farm & Livestock Bureau, Chief Executive Officer, was knowledgeable, informative, and an excellent speaker.

Can you answer these questions:

1. If one of your children, a friend, or a neighbor is helping on your ranch or property without pay, are you required to have workman’s compensation insurance?
2. If you see a wolf attacking your calf or your dog, can you kill the wolf without being in violation of the law that protects wolves?
3. If you sell your elk tags to an outfitter or anyone, do you need to pay Gross Receipt Tax to The State of New Mexico on the monies you receive?
4. Is the arroyo or dirt tank on your property considered a navigable water way and regulated by the EPA?

The speaker covered all these topics and more. We will print the minutes from this meeting as soon as they are available. You may be surprised at what you learn.

WEBSITE: We are in the testing stages and we hope to have PayPal as a way to pay for your membership or order DVDs shortly.

MUSEUM: Wayne Ashby has procured a display cabinet and will deliver it along with the shelves donated by Lee Sonne to the museum soon. Thank you to Lee Sonne for the donation.

T-SHIRTS/BASEBALL CAPS: Helen Cress has been working with local vendors to supply CCHS with tee shirts to sell at our museum or special events.

PAST PROGRAMS

October 24, 2015 – The CHS Program by Charlie McCarty was excellent. Charlie had a great power point presentation and gave a lot of information on his family and the Reserve area. So much history was in the old pictures that he showed. If you were not there, you missed a treat. Charlie was delightful when he said he didn't want to go overtime and get shot. :) We have DVDs of his presentation for \$10. For previous DVDs you can make a request and we will try to let you know if available so you can order. We are doing some organizing or maybe reorganization so as to hopefully serve you better, so please bear with us. Our meal was excellent as a fundraiser for the Quemado Senior Center. ♦♦♦

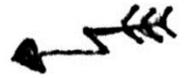
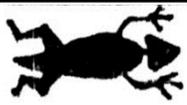
COME ONE, COME ALL!

By Lisa Blessing

The CCHS survives and ultimately thrives because of the generosity of its members. That generosity takes many forms. For some it’s writing a membership check. For others it’s hours and hours of time spent doing all the tedious tasks to keep the Society humming along (lookin’ at you, Becky). Some magically appear to help when the call goes out (and are we ever grateful!!!) Certainly your Board members give their time and energy under the direction of Sally Blum who is both dogged and dynamic in keeping the Society on point getting speakers and orchestrating events. This year she outdid herself by wangling the Dia Art Foundation into donating their building to the CCHS and going thru the laborious legal process to make it happen.

“No one can do everything but Everyone can do something” should become a motto for us all. There is

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UPCOMING EVENTS

December 12, 2015 — Our Christmas Party is Saturday, December 12 at the Quemado Senior Center. Appetizers will begin at 4:30 with Dinner served at 5:00 PM. Due to the increase in food costs, the meal will be \$15.00 in advance and \$17.00 at the door. Invitations will be mailed November 18. We would appreciate your response as soon as possible as we are purchasing the food for the center to prepare and we need to know how much to buy. The Board will provide appetizers and we are again asking members who can to bring a dessert. More information will be forthcoming.

January 16, 2016 — Preparedness Program Saturday, January 16 at the Quemado Senior Center. Noon meal. Program after the meal at approx. 1:00 PM. Survival Information in a fast-paced one hour Power Point Presentation. Twenty-two door prizes! \$2 for a twenty-two to twenty-four page folder of information to current 2016 members (this must be ordered in advance). Cost only covers cost of folders, paper, and ink so no profit. PLEASE ORDER in advance. None of the folders of information will be made and mailed later. Contains list of books, checklist of items for survival, quantities needed, how to store food and water, etc.



HOMESTEAD SERIES: MCPHAULS - PART I

James McPhaul is the son of Ellis and Marguerite McPhaul; Jerry McPhaul is his brother. They were raised on a cattle ranch ten miles north of Pie Town. James attended the Pie Town School from first to half way thru the fifth grade. He transferred to Quemado School to complete the remainder of the fifth grade thru his sophomore year of high school. He transferred to New Mexico Military Institute to complete the junior and senior years. He has many memories of his time there.

James researched his grandfather Arch Evander McPhaul, but most of the people who knew him are dead so James relied on people who have done ancestry work on the McPhaul Family, death records, marriage records, courthouse records and pictures that have been saved by the family. The research is not complete and will be on going. Each McPhaul Family member has their own special contribution to Pie Town and Catron County.

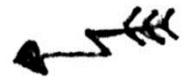
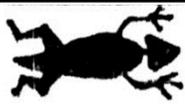
There are five living grandchildren: James Dale McPhaul, son of Ellis Evander McPhaul; Deon McPhaul Port Julian, daughter of Neita Mae McPhaul Porter; Jerry Ellis McPhaul, son of Ellis Evander McPhaul; Vickie Moen Smith, daughter of Margie Helen McPhaul Moen; and Penny Moen Wilhelmsen, daughter of Margie Helen McPhaul Moen. There are three deceased grandchildren of Arch McPhaul: Donald Pat McPhaul, son of Elmer Leon McPhaul; Clinton Leon McPhaul Porter, son of Neita Mae McPhaul Porter; and Keith Deane McPhaul Moen, son of Margie Helen McPhaul Moen.

Arch Evander McPhaul was born on August 6, 1879 in Bastrop County, Texas to Evander McPhaul and Nancy Catherine Thurman McPhaul (his first cousin). He had five siblings: Luther Wilson (Will) McPhaul, Arch Evander McPhaul, Addie Julia McPhaul Highsmith, Jay Joseph McPhaul, Bertha McPhaul and Edward Leroy McPhaul.

John McPhaul was from Inner Hebrides Isles, Scotland, and came to North Carolina prior to the American Revolution (1775 - 1783). John's wife died while they were still in Scotland. John was a miller of grain in

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Scotland and brought his grinding stones with him when he and his son Neill came to America.

According to published lore, John McPhaul and son Neill arrived in North Carolina around 1761, settling near what eventually was called Mill Prong of the Raft Swamp in present day southern Hoke County near Antioch, North Carolina. John was granted 100 acres by patent in 1770, adjacent to a tract land owned by Ann Perkins, a widow, who operated a small tavern. In time, John McPhaul married Ann and his son Neill married Ann's daughter Mary ("Pretty Molly"). How much better could it get.

John established a successful grain mill business known as McPhaul Mills.

Approximately fourteen years after the McPhauls came to America, John had fallen in love, married, started a business, received a patent of land, and then the American Revolution began in 1775.

The McPhauls supported the Tories and those who were loyalists to the King of England. The mill and tavern had social as well as historical significance during the Revolutionary War, apparently a meeting place and rally point for Tories and loyalists to the king. According to John H. McPhaul, the tavern was a convenient stop located along the stagecoach route, served at times as a place of worship, and was a center of local activity into the mid-Nineteenth century. The location is marked by a roadside marker at Antioch Church.

We all know how the American Revolutionary war ended. When America was granted their Independence, Ann lost her tavern. Other property owned by the McPhauls was confiscated as a result of their loyalist activities. This did not work out to well for the McPhauls.

Neill and Mary had six children all born in North Carolina. Daniel—a son of Neill and Mary—married Flora Patterson and they had ten children, all born in North Carolina.

After the American Revolutionary war, two of Daniel & Flora's children—John and Duncan—moved to Florida where they were cotton farmers. They had farms and owned slaves.

John married Eleanor Kelly and they had eight children one of which was great-great grandfather Archibald McPhaul and one of which was great-great grandmother Mary Elizabeth McPhaul.

Archibald married Margaretta McPhatter Rider and they had one son Evander. Evander McPhaul (born August 13, 1844 and died November 16, 1903) was the only child of Archibald McPhaul.

Mary Elizabeth married Wilson Thurmond and they had eight children one of which was Ann or Nancy (born July 20, 1848 and died February 04, 1943).

The Civil War began in 1861. Archibald and his son Evander, at age 15, fought for the South in the Confederate army. Archibald was killed or died in the Civil War.

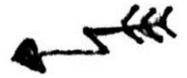
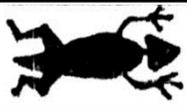
After the Civil War the Florida McPhauls lost their land and slaves. This is what happens in wars and you are on the losing side. It did not work out too well for the McPhauls.

It appears that sometime after the Civil War, and after the McPhauls had lost their property in Florida, they moved to Texas and began their cattle business.



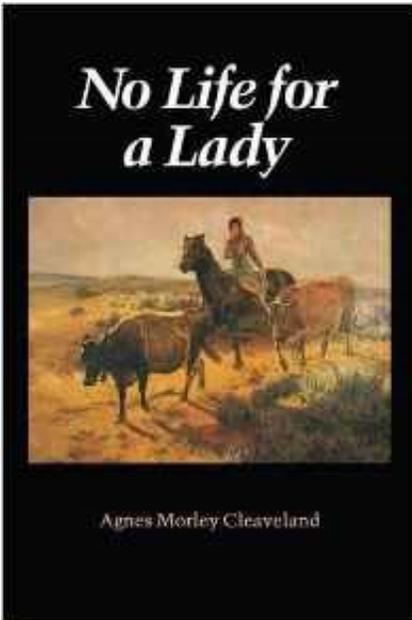
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BOOK REVIEWS

No Life for a Lady by Agnes Morely Cleaveland—Reviewed by Shannon Donnelly



This is really a book of stories about Datil in the late 1800's through the early 1900's, and Agnes Morley Cleaveland is someone who doesn't mind stretching some of the truth for the sake of a good story. While some stories are told from her own memory, others come from the handed down stories told to her by her brother or her brother's friends, and that may be where some of the telling may be making the stories a little better than the truth. However, the stories are compelling, both in terms of how Agnes lost her father—railroad engineer William Raymond Morley—to an accident, the remarriage of her mother (and fellow author) Ada McPherson Morley, and the family's life after they moved to a ranch in Datil. There is something of a mystery left in that William Morley's death seemed both sudden and brutal, and the disappearance of Ada's second husband is only lightly touched upon. (The broken pillar that can be seen from Highway 60 just west of Datil is a monument to William Morley, whose life was broken off before he could become a pillar to the community.)



Agnes went on to publish short fiction in *West Winds: California's Book of Fiction*, an *American Primer* in 1931, *No Life for a Lady* in 1941, and a history of Cimarron County in *Satan's Paradise* in 1952. *No Life for a Lady* remains in print today, a tribute to her ability to captivate readers. Her papers reside at the University of New Mexico and New Mexico State University libraries.

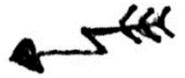
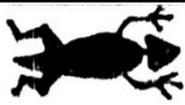
The stories in *No Life for a Lady* are sometimes amusing, sometimes sad, and offer a look back at a time when the range was open and life could be more than difficult. What is amazing is that Agnes rode side saddle, whether she was working cattle or riding in a hunt after grizzly bears. The stories make you glad for the convenience of a truck so that the trip to Socorro is not two days with one of them spent camping on the San Augustine Plains. To anyone who lives in the Datil area, it's a terrific glimpse back to a time before barbed wire fences had been put up and even before there was much in the way of any roads or civilization.

I would say this is an excellent book for anyone who would like something of a glimpse into the past and who has an interest in some of the stories about old Datil. While the stories rely on Agnes' memories, they're told in such a way that it's a terrific book to sit down and browse. The book often reads more like a collection of short pieces that were perhaps intended for magazine publishing, but which were collected into the book. We took our time reading the stories aloud of an evening, which was a pleasant way to pass some winter nights. At times I did wish for a strong narrative thread to tie the stories together, and years sometimes are jumped over as Agnes grows up, is sent off to school, and then returns home, and her brother eventually takes over the ranch. Little is said about Agnes' personal life, but that could be a point in favor of the book, for it keeps the stories focused on an era and a life that is now long gone.

The current edition also offers up some charming line drawings to go with the stories.

Two good follow-up books to *No Life for a Lady* are a biography entitled *Open Range: The Life of Agnes Morley Cleaveland* by Darlis A. Miller, and *Six-Guns and Saddle Leather* by Ramon Frederick Adam which talks about many of the books written about the west.





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TREASURER'S REPORT

Previous Balance July, 2015 \$9407.53
 Expenses \$228.24
 (Electricity, food for June Party)
 Income (from Robert Weathers for locks) 66.90
 Income (two memberships) 50.00
 Balance \$9296.19

Balance August, 2015 \$9296.19
 Expenses (electricity)..... \$26.42
 Ending balance: \$9407.53



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much to be done, but "Many hands make light work." We need your hands, we need your ideas, we need you.

Please sign up as a volunteer. There will be work to be done in dribs and drabs going forward on the new building. If you can't help with a specific project, maybe you could bring some cookies for those working. At this point, we don't know which projects require assistance but we will be sending out emails letting you know what kind of help is needed, when and where. Please call or email Sally, Becky or Lisa and let them know to put you on the Volunteer List and that you will help when you can.

Oh, and don't forget to make a dynamite dessert for the Christmas party on December 12. Where members' desserts are concerned, it's tough to say whether "It is more blessed to give than receive."

Thank you!



CATRON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MISSION STATEMENT

The Catron County Historical Society was founded in January of 2008 and is an organization whose mission is to preserve, present, educate, and inform...by increasing the knowledge of Catron County history through outings, programs, oral history interviews, and a compilation of books pertaining to Catron County. We have recently become a non-profit corporation, and are in the process of locating a museum and visitor center, continuing with an oral history library and the book library, and constructing a website.

The future of the CCHS is in the members and volunteers who help to preserve the history of Catron County. } } }