



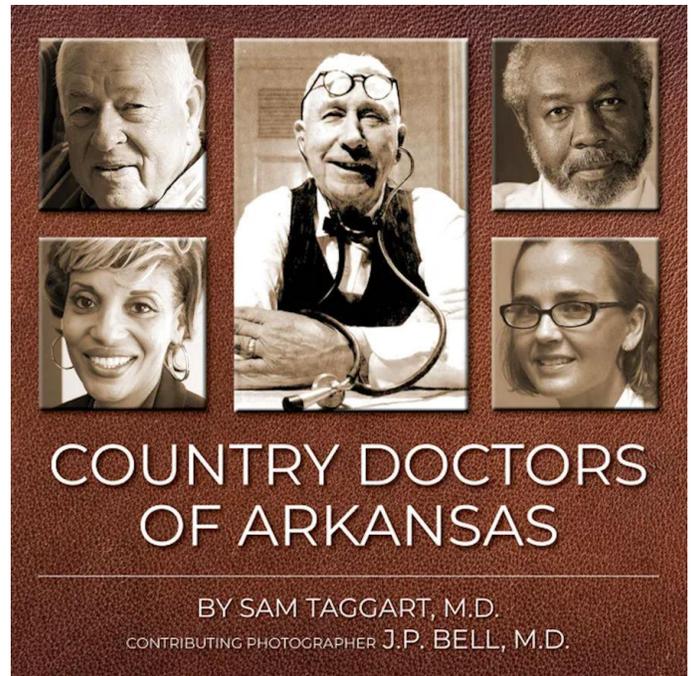
Dear Friends,

Our noon, Tuesday, January 18 meeting will be broadcast virtually.

Dr. Sam Taggart will present "Country Doctors of Arkansas"—a fascinating look at health care in Arkansas.

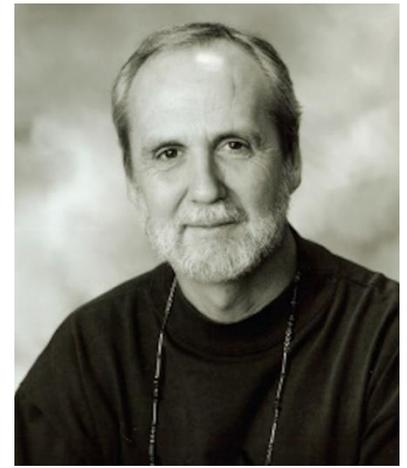
You can view the program live (or after its broadcast) at facebook.com/garlandcountylibrary or youtube.com/garlandcolibrary.

Sam's program is based on his 2021 book, *Country Doctors of Arkansas*, which he begins by looking at the practice of medicine in rural Arkansas from 1804 to 1945. He then presents forty interviews with doctors in small towns or slightly larger towns in rural areas. The oldest doctor interviewed was born in the 1920s and the youngest in the 1980s. He points out that "Each little town has its own story with diverse characters and dramas" and his book conveys a "tapestry of the history of health and disease in rural America told one doctor at a time."



Dr. T. E. Rhine practiced medicine in Thornton, Arkansas, from 1899 to 1964. He traveled to patients by horseback, buggy, and Model-T and he often operated on his kitchen table in his early career.

Sam is a family doctor, raised in the White River Delta in Augusta, Arkansas, who worked his way through college at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro and then attended medical school at the University of Arkansas Medical School in Little Rock. After obtaining a medical degree, he completed a Family Practice Residency and then spent two years in the army. He then returned to Arkansas to practice medicine and has lived in Benton and Hot Springs for the last 40 years. He retired in 2013 as the senior partner and founder of Family Practice Associates of Benton.



His first novel, *We All Hear Voices*, won the National Bronze prize for popular fiction from the Independent Book Publishers Association in 2010. His second novel, *With a Heavy Heart*, tells the story of a German spy at Bauxite and Hot Springs during World War II.

In 2012, he was commissioned by the *Arkansas Times* to write a history of health care in Arkansas for the last two hundred years. *The Public's Health* was published in January of 2013. He lectures on the history of health in Arkansas and writes for the journal of the Arkansas Academy of Family Physicians.

Copies of *Country Doctors of Arkansas*, published in 2021, are available for sale at the archives.

On Tuesday, January 25, at 6pm, The Arkansas Highlands Folk Project will present "Getting to Know the History of Garland and Montgomery Counties" on its 6th Virtual Facebook Live presentation.



Garland County Historical Society
328 Quapaw, Hot Springs



Heritage House Museum, 819 Luzerne Street, Mt. Ida.
Closed for the winter, it reopens on March 1.

Charlie Moore will moderate as Barry Mickey, Director of the Heritage House Museum in Mt. Ida, Arkansas, and I share some little-known facts and misconceptions about our local histories. Also, viewers will learn how to use the resources of the Heritage House Museum and GCHS to research various topics of history and how to share and archive historical items so future generations will be able to benefit from our rich history. Charlie will also provide an update to his search for the missing history of Ouachita Old Time Mountain Music. Recent discoveries have uncovered several promising resources.

To attend, simply click on one of the following links at 6pm on Tuesday, January 25, then click on the poster. It may take a minute for it to start playing:

<http://youtube.com/garlandcolibrary>

<http://facebook.com/garlandcountylibrary>

You can visit our online store at garlandcountyhistoricalsociety.com or come by the archives to get our products, including long-sleeve tees with art by Hot Springs' renowned artist Richard Stephens.

You can also renew membership through the website!



How did you do on the Test Your Knowledge questions?



Where was this picture of a famous baseball player taken in 1912?
the Alligator Farm!

And on what historic Hot Springs field did he and his team enjoy spring training?

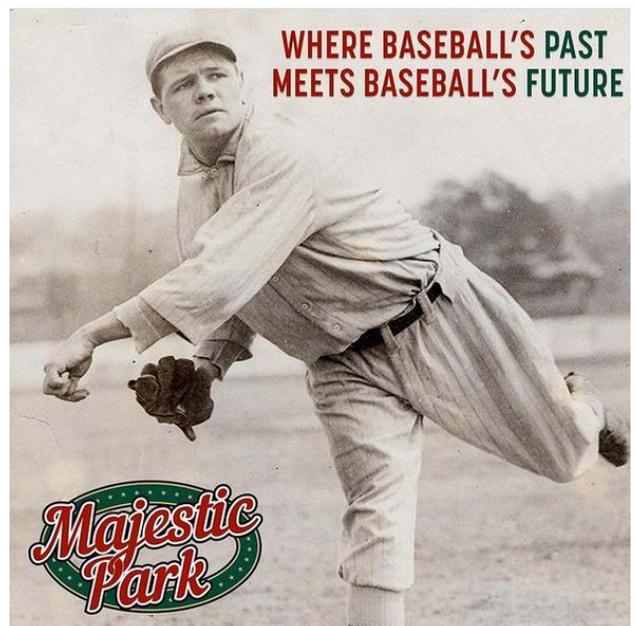
Majestic Park!

Bonus points for knowing the player and the team:

Tris Speaker, Boston Red Sox center fielder

I think Tris, his friend Babe Ruth, and the other legends who played on that field would be thrilled with the “new” Majestic Park! Please check it out on their website, Facebook, and Instagram for great photos, volunteer opportunities, and news of upcoming events, like the January 22 free pitching camp for kids that’s going to be held by former Arkansas Razorback Baseball ace Kevin Kopps, now a pitcher for the San Diego Padres.

<https://www.majesticpark.org/>



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The November minutes are at the end of this document. If you want to make any corrections or additions to them, please email or call me.

Thank you for your membership, your support, your love of our history!

Liz

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Garland County Historical Society
Monthly Meeting
November 16, 2021

The meeting was conducted remotely via the Garland County Library's Facebook and YouTube links. Adult Services Librarian Paul Kagebein opened the broadcast a few minutes late because of technical

difficulties. He welcomed participants and introduced GCHS President Julie Nix. (The full broadcast will be available on YT and FB).

Nix announced that minutes of the October 19, 2021 meeting had been emailed to members, and since there no additions or corrections were received, the minutes are approved as distributed.

Two GCHs Board members, Carol Moenster Dyer and Wayne Threadgill, have been re-elected for two-year terms, 2022-2024.

The second Holiday House outdoor event will be held December 9 and 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Society building, 328 Quapaw. Items for sale will include the long-sleeve t-shirt and poster with Richard Stephens' picture of the old Post Office, as well as books, notecards, caps and more.

The Christmas party will be live again at the Hot Springs Country Club on Tuesday, December 14. Details will be announced later.

Executive Director Liz Robbins then introduced today's program, Mike Pettey speaking on "The Life and Times of Sam Watt." Pettey is the owner of the Ohio Club, Arkansas' oldest continuously operating bar as well as the Ohio Loft and two downtown retail establishments. Pettey's program subtitle, calling Watt "the most colorful Wild West guy you've never heard of," was supported by his fact-filled account of the first owner of the Ohio Club. (Hot Springs residents may be inspired to explore sites he mentioned such as Watt Street, Grand & Central intersection, and others.)

The next meeting will be January 18, 2022 at noon. Dr. Sam Taggart will present the program on the subject of his recent book, *Country Doctors of Arkansas*.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary