



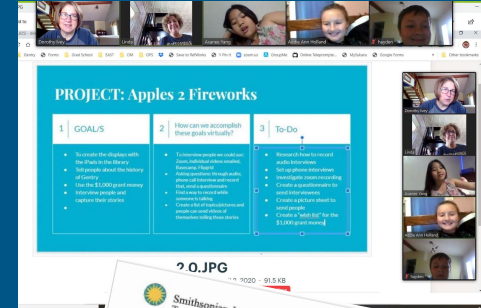
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A Gentry Intermediate EAST project funded by the Smithsonian Institute's
Museum on Main Street Stories YES! Grant

The Beginning...

- Project started during the 2019-2020 school year
- Several EASTlings wanted to do a project about Gentry's history
- **Smithsonian Institute's Stories: Yes program grant**
 - Create on a digital display in the Gentry Public Library that people will be able to access when they visit the Library.
 - \$2,000 (\$1,000/EAST & \$1,000/Gentry Public Library)
 - Green Screens (stationary & portable)
 - Light Rings
 - Picture Frames for display at Gentry Public Library
 - TV to show MoMS videos at Gentry Public Library
 - Audio/Video equipment to capture more stories from library patrons, making the project sustainable



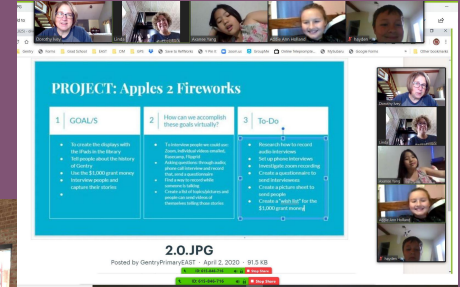
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Community Partners:

- Linda Crume, Gentry Public Library
- Janie Parks, Gentry Chamber of Commerce
- Sydney Thatcher, Smithsonian Institute
- EAST Initiative

Timeline:

- Walking tour of Main Street
 - Met with Mrs. Linda Crume & Mrs. Janie Parks to discuss and plan project
 - Brainstormed community members to interview
 - Identified three common themes in the stories we were learning:
 - Agriculture
 - Spending time together
 - Helping each other
- Scheduled interviews and captured the real stories of Gentry as told by members of our community





Interviews

- **Kevin Johnston**, City of Gentry
- **Janie Parks**, Gentry Chamber of Commerce
- **Dellia Haak**, Agriculture in Gentry
- **Linda Crume**, Gentry Public Library
- **Burt Crume**, Memories of the Gentry (Bank Robbery)
- **Larry Curran Sr.**, Curran Feed Store, Agriculture in Gentry
- **Clara Garrett**, Memories of Gentry (Sale Barn)
- **Peggy (Steele) Chenault**, Memories of Gentry
- **Jacob and Rachelle Pollard**, Jacob's Scleroderma Benefit
- **Marla (Feemster) England**, Memories of Gentry
- **Danny Feemster**, Memories of Gentry
- **Jim/Judy Ivey**, Memories of Gentry (Agriculture & Main Street)
- **Connie Howarth**, Gentry Food Pantry
- **Jamie Montgomery**, Agriculture in Gentry



Challenges...



- **Covid-19**

- Had to reschedule interviewers because covid got in our way.
- Had to schedule interviews on zoom and when we were in person
- Had to get special permission to interview people in our school building
- Had to wear masks, and stay over 6 feet apart and/or behind plexiglass so our interviewee could take their masks off.

- **Technology**

- Some of the technology didn't work out.
- Our EAST video camera was in the shop so we had to use are facilitators Iphone to record the interviews.
- One interview the sound didn't work so we had to figure out what was wrong then we had to reschedule the interview.
- We started to use Final Cut Pro and Imovie they did not work out so good. We found are perfect fit which was WeVideo.



Smithsonian Institution: Museum on Main Street Stories

The screenshot shows the Smithsonian Institution Museum on Main Street website. The header includes the Smithsonian logo, navigation links (Contact Us, Login, Register), social media icons, and a search bar. Below the header is a banner image of a building with a mural that says 'MISSISSIPPI QUEEN'. The main content area features a search bar with the text 'Search the Stories from Main Street Collection' and a search term 'Gentr'. Below the search bar are three story cards: 'A Foundation on Agriculture in Gentry, Arkansas', 'Spending Time Together in Gentry, Arkansas', and 'Helping Each Other in Gentry, Arkansas'. To the right of the search bar is a 'Browse by Topic' sidebar with categories like 'American Democracy' and 'Family'.

[A Foundation on Agriculture](#)

[Spending Time Together in Gentry, AR](#)

[Helping Each Other in Gentry, AR](#)

[Museum on Main Street Stories](#)

