

Northwest Arkansas Oral History Project
 Jack A. Netherton Interview Abstract
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Interviewee	Jack A. Netherton
Year of birth	1943
Place of birth	Maysville, Benton County, Arkansas
Interviewer	Connie Fetters
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Interview location	Maysville Community Center; Maysville, Benton County, Arkansas
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Description	<p>Jack A. Netherton knows living in Maysville Arkansas is special; its home. It's also been home to his parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents.</p> <p>Born in 1943, Netherton grew up in Maysville. Days were filled with farm chores and school. But summer and weekends meant fun times. He remembers gigging, the boys' boxing club, snacking on sugar cane, and lots of baseball. He shares stories of the education he and his Dad received at John Brown University, wolf chases, and the silver lining to a shivaree gone wrong.</p> <p>The Maysville Netherton grew up in had three grocery stores, a post office, Doctor Lee's hospital, drug store, church, and telephone exchange. The men spent time at Wink's Garage; the women sat together in the front window of a local store catching up.</p> <p>Netherton included stories illustrating how Maysville's geographical location led to important moments in its history. Its proximity to the Oklahoma border meant some neighbors went to school in Jay Oklahoma and others in Gravette</p>

	<p>Arkansas. In the late 1830s this border proximity made Maysville a part of the story of the creation of the Indian Nation following the Cherokee removal from Georgia. Netherton's research provided stories of how the Civil War, with its battles in nearby Pea Ridge and Missouri, left its mark on his family and the community.</p> <p>Retired after teaching math and being a technology coordinator, Netherton has five children and extended family. They live throughout the U.S. but gather to celebrate the family. The reunion highlight comes when all meet at two streams near Maysville. Here the slightly fictionalized story Netherton's father wrote years ago about his parents meeting 'where the two streams meet' is retold. For Netherton that's family; that's Maysville.</p>
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Interview sidebar	Netherton tells that, following the Civil War, his ancestors decided to move from Louisiana to Mexico. That changed when their wagon train camped at the same location as a wagon train from Missouri. The Missourians shared Arkansas apples and told of fresh Arkansas streams. Next morning the great-grandparents turned north, coming to the NWA area. [00:54:00]