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#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

It is a great privilege for me to serve you as President of the Arkansas Genealogical Society for the coming year. I appreciate the confidence you have placed in me.

Our organization has grown rapidly since its beginning two years ago. For this we owe thanks to our two previous presidents, Mr. G. R. Turrentine and Mr. Robert Worley, and to the editor and staff of the "Historian" during the past two years, Mr. W. J. Lemke, Mr. Deane G. Carter and Miss Bernice Karnes.

There is still room for much growth by our Society. Many prospective members here in Arkansas and in other states may be unaware of our organization and each of us should make an effort to acquaint others with our Society.

I will appreciate your help and support.



Mrs. J. H. Atkinson

#### ANNUAL MEETING OF AGS HELD IN CONWAY; NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

Approximately 100 persons attended the second annual meeting of the Arkansas Genealogical Society at Hendrix College in Conway on May 17, 1964.

Mrs. J. H. Atkinson of Little Rock was elected president to succeed Robert Worley of El Dorado. Lee B. Spencer of Conway was named vice-president, and Mrs. Nora Taylor Clark of Clarksville, secretary-treasurer.

The following directors were elected for the coming year: W. E. Bailey, Enola; Robert Worley, El Dorado; Mrs. Elaine Weir Cia, Little Rock; Miss Bernice Karnes, Fayetteville; Mrs. Frank Cline, Hot Springs; and Mrs. Gerald McLane, Hot Springs.

Mrs. Dolores Parks Murphy of Conway was elected editor of "The Arkansas Family Historian," which is published by the Society.

The group heard speakers describe methods of genealogical research. Mr. Lee B. Spencer, head librarian and professor of library science at Arkansas State Teachers College in Conway, talked on wills and other estate papers in genealogical research. Mr. Robert M. McHenry of the Faulkner County Abstract Company in Conway talked on court house records and described the various records to be found in the different county offices and how they may be used in searching for family records. Mrs. Thomas H. Bowles, librarian at the Arkansas History Commission in Little Rock, reported to the group on the records available for genealogical research at the Arkansas History Commission.

Dr. Maude Carmichael, president of the Faulkner County Historical Society, gave the official welcome and Joe C. Shaw gave the invocation. Refreshments were served at intermission by ladies of the Faulkner County Historical Society.

Door prizes were awarded at the conclusion of the program to Mr. J. H. Atkinson, Mrs. H. L. Johnston, Mr. H. L. Johnston, Mrs. J. L. Patterson, and Mr. Roy Penix.

AGS HEADQUARTERS NOW  
LOCATED IN CONWAY

The headquarters and editorial offices of the Arkansas Genealogical Society are now located in Conway. The move from Fayetteville was made in May. All Correspondence pertaining to the Arkansas Family Historian, queries and other information should be mailed to the AGS, Box 587, Conway.

AGS MOVE TO CONWAY  
PUBLICIZED BY C of C

The Conway Chamber of Commerce has mailed approximately 1,000 formal announcement cards announcing that the headquarters and editorial offices of the Arkansas Genealogical Society had been located in Conway. The announcements were mailed to all major libraries, genealogical societies, historical groups, selected local Chambers of Commerce and all AGS members.

DISPLAY CARD SIGNS  
DISTRIBUTED BY AGS

Display card signs measuring 8 x 10 inches have been mailed to approximately 1,000 major libraries, historical societies and genealogical groups. They have also been mailed to all circuit clerks and county clerks in all of Arkansas' 75 counties.

The signs read as follows:

For Information On  
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AGS BOARD MEETING  
HELD IN LITTLE ROCK

A meeting of the officers and board of directors was held in Little Rock in June at the home of Mrs. Atkinson, AGS president. The meeting was held to acquaint new officers with their duties and to formulate plans for the coming year.

U. S. CENSUS RECORDS  
FOR 1880 NOW AVAILABLE

The Arkansas History Commission in Little Rock now has available on microfilm the U. S. Census for 1880 for the following states and territories:

Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, No. Carolina, So. Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia.

MASTER FAMILY FILE  
SYSTEM DEVELOPED

A master family filing system is being developed by AGS headquarters. The system will entail a cardex file of surnames and also a detailed family file. A sample form for the master family file is included in this issue. If you have a family surname you wish to submit information for, please fill out and return the perforated sheet to the AGS, Box 587, Conway, Arkansas. The AGS will furnish photo copies of files for 25¢ per page.

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

Mrs. J. H. Atkinson, president of the AGS, has appointed a committee to study the AGS constitution and bylaws to determine the need for revision.

The committee is composed of Lee B. Spencer, chairman, Mrs. Nora Taylor Clark, Mrs. Elaine Cia and Sam Clark.

AGS MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership dues for the Arkansas Genealogical Society are now due. The membership fee is \$3.00 per year, for which members receive four quarterly issues of the Arkansas Family Historian. Dues may be sent to Mrs. Nora Taylor Clark, 106 Poplar St., Clarksville, Arkansas. Membership cards are being sent to members on receipt of 1964 dues payments.

## R E T I R I N G    E D I T O R

W. J. Lemke, who has served as editor of "The Arkansas Family Historian" since its beginning, has resigned this position in order to devote more time to his work with the Washington County Historical Society and its publication "Flashback".

Those of us in Arkansas who have had the privilege of knowing "Uncle Walt" for many years are well acquainted with his work in the fields of journalism, history and genealogy. But those of you who live in other states may like to know more about the man who was chiefly responsible for the Society's organization and who has edited all previous publications of the Society.

Dr. Lemke served as head of the journalism department at the University of Arkansas from 1928 until his retirement as Emeritus Professor of Journalism in 1959. In 1962 he was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Letters by his Alma Mater, Baldwin-Wallace College at Berea, Ohio.



Dr. W. J. Lemke  
Former Editor

Throughout his years with the journalism department at the University and since his retirement Dr. Lemke has maintained contact with former students all over the world with his "Newsletter" and by personal correspondence.

Although not a "native born" Arkansas, Dr. Lemke has for many years been interested in Arkansas history. He has contributed many articles to the Arkansas Historical Quarterly and helped to organize the Washington County Historical Society.

In 1962 when the Arkansas Historical Association met in Fayetteville, Dr. Lemke called a meeting of those interested in family history and the Arkansas Genealogical Society was organized. He became editor of the "Historian" and has edited nine quarterly issues. Mr. Lemke says that he is not at heart a genealogist, his interest being chiefly in local history, but that is all the more reason why the Arkansas Genealogical Society should be grateful to him for recognizing the need for such an organization in Arkansas and doing something about it.

Dr. and Mrs. Lemke live at 231 E. Dickson St. in Fayetteville. They have been married for 49 years, have two children, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

U. S. CENSUS RECORDS, ARKANSAS  
by: ALLAN S. HUMPHREYS

My purpose in writing at this time is to offer a few bits of elementary research based upon census records for some counties in Arkansas. The records below were obtained from census records after being told by a young friend, Norman Flippo, that by talking with his father, James Sherman Flippo of near Harrison, Ark., he had learned his grandfather was Isom Marion Flippo and his gr-grandfather was George Washington Flippo. The records will be given as found and the reader can fit them together. There are some obvious errors, either in the tabulating or in the interpretation of the handwriting.

1840 Carroll County - Upper Osage Township  
Head of the family - Thomas Flippo  
Males: (0-5) - 1 (20-30) - 1 (60-70) - 1  
Females: (10-15) - 1 (15-20) - 1 (50-60) - 1

1850 Carroll County - Sugar Loaf township

Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	State of birth
Flippo, Thomas	31	M	Farmer	Tenn.
" Eliza	27	F		Mo.
" John	10	M		Ark.
" Malissa A.	8	F		Mo.
" Charles	6	M		Ark.
" Francis M.	3	M		Ark.
" George W.	8/12	M		Ark.

1860 Carroll County - Bear Creek township

Flippo, Eliza J.	38	F	(widow) \$800. PP \$1370.	Mo.
" John	20	M		Ark.
" Milissa A.	18	F		Mo.
" Francis M.	13	M		Ark.
" George W.	10	M		Ark.
" Samantha	5	F		Ark.
" ? ? J.	2	F		Ark.

1880 Boone County - Omaha township

	Age	Sex	Occupation	Self	Father	Mother
Flippo, John W.	41	M	Farmer	Ark.	Ark.	Ark.
" Sarah	41	F	Wife	Ark.	Ark.	Ark.
" Elijah M.	11	M	Son	Ark.	Tenn.	Tenn.
" Thomas W.	6	M	Son	Mo.	Mo.	Mo.
" Perlina	5	F	Daughter	Ark.	Ark.	Mo.
" Samantha J.	2	F	Daughter	Ark.	Ark.	Mo.
" John W.	4/12	M	Son	Ark.	Ark.	Mo.
Mauldon, Elizabeth	21	F	Hired girl	Ark.	Ark.	Mo.

1880

Flippo, George W.	33	M	Farmer	Ark.	Ark.	Mo.
" Eliza J.	32	F	Wife	Ark.	Tenn.	Tenn.
" Marion I.	12	M	Son	Ark.	Ark.	Ark.
" William W.	10	M	Son	Ark.	Ark.	Ark.
" Tennessee O.	7	F	Daughter	Ark.	Ark.	Ark.
" James C.	5	M	Son	Ark.	Ark.	Ark.
" Thomas W.	2	M	Son	Ark.	Ark.	Ark.

1880

Flippo, Francis M.	36	M	Farmer	Ark.	Mo.	Mo.
" Debby	28	F	Wife	Ark.	Mo.	Mo.
" Nancy A.	8	F	Daughter	Ark.	Tenn.	Tenn.
" Harmon B.	2	M		Ark.	Ga.	Tenn.
" Young S.	1	M		Ark.	Ark.	Ark.

THE DESCENDANTS AND PROBABLE ANCESTRY OF ALBERT J. PIRTLE  
(with notes on others of the surname)

by  
Sharon J. Doliante

The national origin of the Pirtle family has not been determined to date. They have variously been said to have been Scottish, Scotch-Irish, French, German, Swiss and Dutch. As the early generations seemed consistently to intermarry with families of Scotch or Scotch-Irish backgrounds, this nationality would seem most likely to have been theirs, too. But the closest thing to Pirtle that we've been able to discover in a Scottish name is Purcell, and while we have frequently encountered our family name written as Purkle in the old records, we have not yet found it written Purcell.

There were several known Pirtle (Purtle, Purkle, Pyrtle, etc.) families in America in 1790, the year of the first national census, as follows:

Nicholas Purtle of Frederick Co., Va., who died there, intestate, in 1796 and whose estate was administered by his widow, Elizabeth. He was listed in the census with five persons in his family, including himself, but we've identified no children who might have been his. (NOTE: There were Purtlebaugh's (sic-Puterbaugh) in this county during that period, and it seems possible that Nicholas had shortened his name from that to Purtle.)

Joseph Purtle of Chester Co., Pa., who was listed with three persons, including himself.

Henry Purkell of Suffolk Co., Mass., who was listed with eight in his family.

There were two Purkey men, William and Jacob, listed in Baltimore Co., Md., in 1790, each with large families. Ordinarily we would not list persons of the Purkey surname, as it seems to have been separate and distinct from the surname Pirtle; however there was a Robert Purtle and a Jacob Purtle from this area of Maryland who were Revolutionary soldiers, so it may be that the enumerator simply mis-spelled the surname here.

In Washington Co., Va., in 1790, lived Henry Purkle, who with his wife Mary and children, Mary Susey, Casandra Linda, Alinisia Denny, Thomas Wales, Keziah Stitsey (sic-Litsey), George, Henry (Jr.), Jacob, Abner, John, Isaac N. and Elizabeth, migrated to Washington Co., Ky. before 1800. This family has been well treated in "The John Pirtle Family of the Lincoln County of Kentucky", by Johnson and Tilford, Gibbs-Inman Co., Louisville, 1936, (John being the son of the above Henry Pirtle).

John (or John George) Pyrtle was in Henry Co., Va., in 1790, and died there in 1793. He is said to have been a brother of Henry who settled in Ky. This branch of the Pirtle (Pyrtle) family was written up by E. Ruth Pyrtle in "Early Virginia Families", Claflin Printing Co., Lincoln, Neb., 1930. This John (or John George) Pyrtle left wife, Ester, and children, Frances Pyrtle Cunningham, John P., Mary, Margaret Pyrtle Sumpter, Samuel, Joseph and Nancy.

Next there was John Purtle of Rockingham Co., N.C., who had a large family. He died there in 1811. His children, as per his will, were George (who was listed separately in 1790 census for Rockingham Co.), John (Jr.), Nathaniel, Jacob, Jesse, Samuel (about whom more later), William and Elijah. This family was partially covered in "The Pirkles and Their Descendants in the U.S.A." by Prof. C. A. Cagle, Greenville Messenger, Greenville, Texas, 1933, but Prof. Cagle's work contains many errors and omissions, and he followed only descendants who used the spelling Purkle, which he claimed was the original and correct spelling of the surname. He also stated that John of Rockingham was the immigrant ancestor and progenitor of all the Purkles, Purtles, etc. in the United States and father of the John in Henry Co., Va. Many such statements

as these are without foundation, and Prof. Cagle gave few, if any, references. He further stated that the wife of John of Rockingham was a Miss Dibbs, but gave no reference.

Michael Purtle (believed by this writer to have been a brother of John, Sr. of Rockingham Co., N.C.) appeared with five in his family in the 1790 census for Greenville Dist., S.C., as did his sons, Jacob and Martin. The others in his own household, we know from later records, were: his wife Barbara, dau. Margaret, and sons Peter and Michael, Jr. He named the above five children in his will, which was probated in Caldwell Co., Ky., Aug. 28, 1820. His wife Barbara was dead by then and appears to have died c. 1796/98 in S.C.

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In attempting to discover the ancestry of Albert J. Pirtle, who was a maternal gr-gr-grandfather of this writer, he was first located in the 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880 census records for Cherokee Co., Texas. Each of these census records showed his place of birth as Ky. and the 1880 census showed the birthplace of his parents as S.C. Albert was born c. 1815/16; therefore his father would likely have been born before 1796. At that time Michael Pirtle, Sr. and his family were the only identified persons of this surname in the state of S.C., so we felt it safe to conclude that Michael, Sr. was Albert's grandfather or gr-grandfather. The problem was to discover which of Michael's four sons was the father or grandfather of Albert.

Deeds in Greenville Co., S.C. showed that Michael, Sr. and all his sons left that area before 1800, and the family was located in Livingston Co., Ky. in the 1800 census, along with one Samuel Purtle. They were also found in the 1810 census in Caldwell Co., which was formed from Livingston Co. in 1809.

Michael Pirtle, Sr. was quite probably born in America c. 1740, but at this point we have no idea who his parents were or exactly where he was born.

Jacob Pirtle appears to have been the eldest son of Michael, Sr., and was probably born c. 1760/65. He married Polly \_\_\_\_\_, said by their descendants to have been a well educated girl of Scottish ancestry. They left Ky. and settled in Hardeman Co., Tenn. shortly before that county was formed c. 1820. Jacob was a Justice of the Peace in Hardeman Co. and one of his grandchildren is said to have been the first white child born in that county. In his will probated there Jan. 21, 1837, he named the following children: daughters Sally Gibbs and Rebecca Boutt; son Michael's three children, Sally, Elijah and Lewis; John, Priscilla (wife of Walter) Scott, William, Benjamin, Mary (wife of Isaac) Jones, Robert and Isaac. His wife Polly apparently predeceased him.

Martin seems to have been the second son of Michael, Sr. and was listed with one male child and one female child in the 1790 census. Martin died in Livingston Co., Ky. in 1806 and named his wife "Peggy" (Margaret) in his will and "my children". In the will of Michael, Sr. in 1820, he named all of his own children and "the children of my son, Martin, dec'd". Margaret, widow of Martin, is listed in the 1810 census for Caldwell Co., Ky. with ten children, the oldest of whom were two males and one female 16 to 26 years of age. Although Martin left his land to his children, a diligent search has not turned up any deeds showing division of the land, which might name all his children.

Margaret died in Caldwell Co., Ky. in 1814, intestate, but a James Pirtle was appointed (on his own "motion") administrator of her estate. James and John Pirtle bought several items at the estate sale and are presumed to have been two of her sons, though absolute proof is lacking. Two of the daughters of Martin and Margaret have been identified. They were Mary, seven years of age in 1811, and Rebecca, 12 years of age in 1811, who, on motion of their grandfather, Michael, Sr., were "bound out to learn the Spinster's trade" in April of that year.

Peter, probably the third son of Michael, Sr., married Sarah \_\_\_\_, and seems to have been the only one of Michael's sons who stayed in Ky. Three of his children were Peter, Jr., who m. first Lucinda Hancock and second Ruth Creekmur; Barbara, who m. John Hancock; and David who m. Delilah Kelley.

The last son of Michael, Sr. was Michael, Jr., who m. Mary \_\_\_\_ and appeared in the 1850 census for Ouachita Co., Ark., listing his age as 79 and his state of birth as S.C. The courthouse in Ouachita Co. and its records were destroyed by fire many years ago, so we don't know whether Michael, Jr. left a will, or the names of his children; but the 1850 census lists some young "Purtells" in his household (undoubtedly grandchildren) who were born in Miss., as well as a Jas. M. Purtell, Physician, nearby, and an Isaac and a George, the last three of whom appear to have been his sons, born in Ky. between 1800 and 1815.

The last of the children of Michael, Sr. was daughter Margaret, who married a Cammack, probably John Cammack. Nothing more is known of her family.

Samuel Pirtle, not a son of Michael, Sr., appears with the family in the 1800 census for Livingston Co., Ky., and seems therefore to have traveled with the family to that state. He was closely associated with them as he appeared as a witness on some of their court records (was a witness to the will of Martin Pirtle) in Ky. He married Sarah McCabe in Christian Co., Ky., in 1798. Nothing further is known of him, except that in 1806, in Livingston Co., he named one Edward Rutter, giving his Power of Attorney, so it may be that he left the area at that time. An examination of this document might show where he went. It is possible that he returned to N.C., as it is our belief that he was a son of John, Sr. of Rockingham Co., N.C., probably a nephew of Michael, Sr.

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Up to this point in our search no Albert had appeared. We noticed that among Albert's children, as listed in the 1850 census for Cherokee Co., Texas, his eldest son, James A., was born in Ark. c. 1843/44, so the only thing to do was to search the entire census for Ark. for 1840, in an attempt to turn up Albert. We finally located him in Sevier Co. in 1840 with his "bride" (between 15 and 20 years of age) and no children, living next door, or perhaps even on the same land with, James Pirtle. Tax records for Sevier Co. showed him listed as A. J. Pirtle.

We then remembered the James who appeared to have been a son of Martin and Margaret. This James settled in Hardeman Co., Tenn. about the same time as his uncle Jacob. If he were the father of Albert, this would tie in with the comment our maternal grandmother, Claude (Pirtle) Scoggin, had made to us that her grandfather, Albert, was probably born in Tenn. as she remembered that the family often talked about Tenn. and seemed to consider it their home. Of course, we knew now that Albert was born in Ky., but if he went to Tenn. with his parents c. 1820, he would have grown up in that state and it might have seemed like "home" to him.

Our grandmother also told us that her father, John Lafayette Monroe Pirtle, attended Washington & Lee University in Va., but graduated from Cumberland Law School in Tenn., and that she thought his father wanted him to go to school in Tenn. because it was the father's home state. We also remember our grandmother telling us that her grandfather Albert was Scotch-Irish and that he was a big, tall and stern man with dark red hair. She said her father, J.L.M., and her uncle, Dr. William, had black hair, but all the other brothers and sisters, to the best of her knowledge, had the auburn hair of their father.

We made a great effort to learn more about James Pirtle and finally located his marriage record in Christian Co., Ky., dated 9/8/1813. His wife was Charity Roberts, and one Thomas Roberts gave permission for her to wed. This Thomas Roberts in the same year sold his land in Ky. and signed himself, on the deed, "of New Madrid Co., Territory of Missouri". He is presumed to have been Charity's father.



Dr. William Carlyle Pirtle,  
son of Albert J. and Ann  
Caroline (Kennedy) Pirtle.

Judge John Lafayette Monroe Pirtle, son of  
Albert J. and Ann Caroline (Kennedy) Pirtle,  
and wife, Ophelia Eugenia (Norman) Pirtle.  
Children, from left to right: John Abe,  
Stayten Arthur, and Claude. Inset is of  
Allwyn Weldon, born after this photograph  
was made. Photograph taken c. 1892/93.



Francis Marion "Coon"  
Pirtle, son of Albert J.  
and Ann Caroline Pirtle.



George Washington "Sam"  
Pirtle, son of Albert J.  
and Ann Caroline Pirtle.



Claude, dau. of Judge J.L.M. Pirtle; wife of Authur Hicks Scoggin, of Nashville, Ark.



Stayten Arthur Pirtle, son of Judge J.L.M. Pirtle.



John Abe Pirtle, eldest son of Judge J.L.M. Pirtle.



Allwyn Weldon Pirtle, son of Judge J.L.M. Pirtle.



Dr. John A. Pirtle, Jr., son of John Abe Pirtle, gr.-son of Judge J.L.M. Pirtle.



Portia Allene Pirtle, dau. of John Abe Pirtle, Sr., gr.-dau. of Judge J.L.M. Pirtle.

The 1830 census for Hardeman Co., Tenn. showed that James Pirtle had two sons either of whom could have been our Albert. These were his oldest children in a large family. James himself was listed as between 30-40 at this time; he had a man (perhaps a brother) living with him whose age was between 20-30, plus his wife and children. As there were no sons of Albert's age in James' household in the 1840 census for Sevier Co., Ark., but as Albert was living next door to him, we feel convinced that Albert was one of his two oldest sons.

(NOTE: Hardeman Co., Tenn. records show a Martin Pirtle who had close dealings with James and is believed to have been another brother. This Martin was a flat-boat captain and later owned and operated a hotel in Bolivar, Tenn. It seems likely that this Martin piloted the Pirtle family from Ky. to West Tenn. when they came down the Big Hatchie River, as they are known to have done, to their new home.)

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The Pirtle men seem to have been true frontiersmen. If Michael, Jr. was correct in stating the place of his birth as S.C., c. 1771, then the family was in old Ninety-Six Dist. before the Revolution. They were in southwest Ky. prior to May, 1798, according to Perrin's "History of Christian County, Ky.", p. 121, when that country was barely opened up.

Mr. Roy W. Black, Sr. of Bolivar, Hardeman Co., Tenn. tells us that some of the Pirtle family were in the area that became Hardeman Co. as early as the fall of 1819; and that Isaac Walter Pirtle, son of William and grandson of Jacob, was born there (the first white child) Jan. 9, 1820, died Dec. 27, 1912. Mr. Black remembers "Uncle Ike" well.

"Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Western Arkansas", published by Southern Publishing Co., Chicago and Nashville, 1891, states, page 438:

"In December, 1833, James Pirtle from Tennessee settled on the farm where his son, B. F. Pirtle, now resides one-half mile north of Dallas. The same year Isaac Pirtle and Ben Pirtle, also from Tennessee, made their settlements, the former one mile north of Dallas and the latter on Mountain Fork near the camp meeting grounds. Also in the same year, Walter Scott and Allen Trousdale from Tennessee settled on Board Camp Creek east of Dallas. The same year Isaac Jones settled the site of Dallas..."

P. 440: "Polk County was organized in accordance with the provisions of an act of the General Assembly, approved Dec. 30, 1844. The temporary seat of Justice was established at the house of James Pirtle, where there was a Post Office called Panther. (The town) ... was named Dallas in honor of the vice-president, the county being named for the President, James K. Polk."

P. 440: " ... Treasurer, J. Pirtle, 1844-48."

P. 441: " ... B. F. Pirtle elected Treasurer, 1890."

P. 451: " ... Ben F. Gipson married, in 1878, Miss N. E. Jones, daughter of Isaac Jones."

So the Pirtles were in western Arkansas before Arkansas became a state, and Albert Pirtle arrived in Cherokee Co., Texas, before Texas became a state.

Before we continue the narrative we'd like to add two other little items concerning the Pirtle family in a general way. Many of the men were teachers and/or attorneys for many generations. This was also true of the Washington Co., Ky. branch. And last, but not least, they seem to have fathered a large number of twins.

Albert Pirtle's second son, John Lafayette Monroe Pirtle, was born in Cherokee Co., Texas, Oct. 3, 1845; therefore Albert and his wife, Ann Caroline Kennedy, migrated to Texas between the dates of 1843/44 (the date of the birth of their eldest son, James A.) and the Oct., 1845 birth of J.L.M. The 1850 census for Polk Co., Ark., shows James Pirtle and wife, Charity, and other of their children, but no Albert.

It must be noted here that Charity (Roberts) Pirtle never listed her birthplace as South Carolina, so Albert apparently was incorrect about this if she were his mother. However, Charity herself, or whoever gave the information to the enumerator, seems to have been confused, as the 1850 census for Polk Co. shows her to have been born in Georgia, while the 1860 census (the last one in which she and James appeared) shows that she was born in North Carolina.

Unless and until some kinsman comes forward with an old family Bible record or other reliable data to refute or confirm our theory, we must say we firmly believe that Martin (son of Michael, Sr.) was the father of James who m. Charity Roberts, and that James and Charity were the parents of Albert J. Pirtle.

Following are listed the identified descendants of James and Charity Pirtle and including our Albert J., as based primarily on census records but with some dates and names on the Polk Co. family supplied by Mr. Arthur V. Pirtle, Jr., of Mena.

#### Issue of James and Charity (Roberts) Pirtle

1. son, born circa 1814 (or possible twin of Albert)
2. son, believed Albert J., born circa 1815/16
3. dau., name unknown (10-15, in 1830 census)
4. dau., name unknown (10-15, in 1830 census)
5. dau., name unknown ( 5-10, in 1830 census)
6. Martin T., born c.1826; m. Altha V. \_\_\_\_\_
7. son, name unknown (under 5, in 1830 census)
8. Sarah J., born c. 1829
9. Benjamin F., b. 8/1/1831; d. 10/18/1908; m. Minerva White
10. John W., b. c.1835; m. Sarah J. \_\_\_\_\_
11. Elizabeth, b. c.1839
12. Alfred N., b. c.1840; m. Eliza \_\_\_\_\_

We shall leave Albert J. and his family and descendants until last and show the few known descendants of the other children of James and Charity.

6. Martin T. and Altha V. \_\_\_\_\_ Pirtle, issue:
  - i. Julia A., b. c1857
  - ii. Monroe M., b. c1858
  - iii. James T., b. c1861
  - iv. Sterling P., b. c1862
  - v. Dannie A., b. c1864
  - vi. Sirababel, b. c1866
  - vii. Thomas J., b. c1869
  
9. Benjamin F. and Minerva (White) Pirtle, issue: (all of Mena, Ark.)
  - i. Arthur Virgil, b. 4/20/1861; d. 4/5/1949
    - m. 1st, Lieuganie Buchanon; m. 2nd, Olevia Scott
  - ii. Burton, b. 1864; d. 1940
  - iii. Susan Helena, b. 11/27/1866; d. 6/5/1958; m. John Bratcher
  - iv. Augustus G., b. 1875; d. 1928
  - v. Annie, b. c1870; still living; m. Will Alexander
  - vi. Linnie Martha, b. 6/16/1872; d. 9/23/1955; m. Joseph I. Alley
  
10. John W. and Sarah J. \_\_\_\_\_ Pirtle, issue:
  - i. Joseph, b. c1854
  - ii. Phillix (Felix?), b. c1859; twin of James
  - iii. James, b. c1859; twin of Phillix

## 10. John W. and Sarah J. \_\_\_\_\_ Pirtle, issue (cont'd):

- iv. Alfred, b. c1861
- v. Martin, b. c1863
- vi. Polk, b. c1865
- vii. Rosa, b. c1867
- viii. Charlotti, b. c1869

## 12. Alfred N. and Eliza \_\_\_\_\_ Pirtle, issue:

- i. Alfred, b. c1862
- ii. Charles, b. c1866
- iii. Alice, b. c1868

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## 2. Albert J. Pirtle and first wife, Ann Caroline Kennedy (b. c1824, S.C., dau. of James and Sarah (Graham) Kennedy, issue:

- i. James A., b. 1843/44, Ark., m. 11/28/1872, Amanda A. Swift; lived and died in Nacogdoches Co., Texas, a teacher and farmer. No issue.
- ii. John Lafayette Monroe, b. 11/3/1845, Cherokee Co., Tex.; m. 12/20/1875 to Ophelia Eugenia Norman (dau. of Armstead Barton and Ann (Tunnell) Norman); J.L.M. Pirtle was an attorney and teacher, county judge of Nacogdoches Co. He lived in Beeville and Conroe, Texas; died in Jackson, Miss. 2/3/1928. He ran away and joined the Confederate Army when about 16 years old and returned to attend college in Va. and Tenn. Issue:
  - A. Claude, b. 11/20/1879, Cherokee Co.; d. 2/13/1954, Mena, Ark.
    - M. 8/22/1899, Smith Co., Texas to Authur Hicks Scoggin (son of Jacob Walker and Dorothy Cornelia (Wesson) Scoggin of Hempstead Co., Ark.)
      - a. Authur Halburt, m. Erma Mae Nobles. Issue:
        - I. Norman Douglass Scoggin
        - II. Larry Scoggin
      - b. Juanise, m. Laurence Lee Johnson. Issue:
        - I. Jo Ann Sharon Johnson
      - c. Larita, m. 1st, Dr. S. E. Russ; no issue.  
m. 2nd, Alton Walrath; no issue.
      - d. Wesson Pyrtle, m. Mary Grace LaRose. Issue:
        - I. Authur Herrick Scoggin
        - II. Wesson Pyrtle Scoggin, Jr.
        - III. Stuart Mark Scoggin
    - B. John Abe, b. 12/-/1885-86; d. 10/29/1941, Houston, Texas. He was a teacher and served in the Navy, WW I.
      - m. 1st, ? ?; no issue.
      - m. 2nd, 1/3/1923, Mamie Elaine Howell. Issue:
        - a. Dr. John A., Jr., b. 10/12/1923; m. 7/19/1942 Rachel Lumsden.
          - I. John A., III
          - II. Paula Ann
  - Dr. John A. Pirtle, Jr. is pastor of the Peachtree Baptist Church in Atlanta, Ga.
  - m. 3rd, Jewell Williams. Issue:
    - b. Portia Allene, b. 6/12/1931; unkm.
- C. Stayten Arthur, b. 1/31/1890; d. 6/8/1963, Jackson, Miss.; m. Catherine Leta Bosserman. S. A. Pirtle was a newspaperman. Issue:
  - a. William Wadsworth Pirtle (adopted)
- D. Allwyn Weldon, b. 10/23/1894; d. 9/12/1945, Houston, Texas; an attorney;
  - M. Ida Mae Luetz. Issue:
    - a. William Pirtle (adopted); Baptist minister in Va.

2. Albert J. Pirtle and first wife, Ann Caroline Kennedy. Issue (cont'd):
- iii. Albert J., Jr., b. c1848; d. in childhood.
  - iv. Dr. William Carlyle, b. 1850; d. 1904, San Marcos, Texas. He was a physician renowned in the treatment of pneumonia. M. Mary Faulkner 3/7/1880. Issue:
    - A. Horace Faulkner, m. Clemie (Waldo) Dailey; no issue.
    - B. Wm. Carlyle, Jr.; m. 1st, Lela Neal. Issue:
      - a. Wm. C., III
      - M. 2nd, Myra Eugenia McCaskill. Issue:
        - b. Margie
    - C. Lillie Mae, m. Henry Grindstaff, an attorney. Issue:
      - a. Marion (twin)
      - b. Mary (twin)
  - v. Francis Marion "Coon", b. c1852; d. 5/-/1932, Oklahoma City; a banker and realtor. M. Allie O. \_\_\_\_\_. No issue.
  - vi. Mary Susan b. c1854; husband's name and issue unknown.
  - vii. George Washington "Sam", b. 1859; d. 4/10/1941, Durant, Okla. M. Molly E. Moore. Issue:
    - A. Roscoe, unmarried.
    - B. Monnie, m. \_\_\_\_\_ Hill
    - C. Consuello, M. Sam David Morrow; lives in Tulsa. Issue:
      - a. Sam David, Jr.
      - b. Sarah Jean
    - D. Roselle, m. Ross M. Enlow; lives in Denver. Issue:
      - a. Barbara
      - E. George
      - F. Gladys, m. John Hampson
  - viii. Martha J., b. c1861, believed to have died young.

Albert J. Pirtle and second wife, Sarah C. Jenkins. Issue:

- ix. Marian Claude (twin) b. c1883
- x. Frances Maude (twin) b. c1883

Albert J. Pirtle and third wife, Ann M. \_\_\_\_; no issue. He died in Cherokee Co., Texas, September, 1885. His third wife survived him.

FINAL NOTE: After much searching of the census records for the mid-1800's for the State of Arkansas, and after noting numerous Pirtle families here, it is our opinion that most, perhaps all, of that surname in Arkansas at that time were descendants of Michael, Sr., as all the older ones listed their state of birth as Kentucky, and none of the Washington Co., Ky. branch about whom much is known are known to have been in Arkansas by that date.

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## BIG SPRINGS CEMETERY, IZARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS

Recently I had an interesting experience visiting an old cemetery in IZARD County, known as the Big Springs Cemetery. It is in fair condition with only one tombstone broken; however the inscription is still clear. Several years ago a distant relative, who was 75 years old at the time, wrote me about this cemetery telling me the history of it and about my ancestor being buried there. But I had no idea of its location and could not have found it without someone who is familiar with that part of the county to go with me. It is a few miles from the highway leading from Mt. Pleasant to Cave City.

In 1835 two married couples came to Arkansas from Tennessee and started a settlement in IZARD County and called it Big Springs because there was a large flowing spring. It was large enough for these pioneers to set up a grist mill and a cording mill. The wives of the two couples were sisters and their mother (my ancestor) who had become a widow came to them later. The tombstone of one of the husbands has the inscription of Reverend. This community grew and became prosperous.

This history related to this cemetery is interesting to me not only because my ancestor and many of her relatives are buried there, but because of the beautiful hillside location. It is easy to understand that anyone would select such a site for a cemetery.

This cemetery, known now as the old burying ground, still exists, but the community is no more and no trace of relatives within miles. The spring has ceased to flow, but the land now owned by others is still productive.

Names found on the tombstones are as follows:

Battles, Frances; b. Aug. 7, 1816; d. May 1, 1863  
 Battles, Mary A.; b. Jan. 3, 1819; d. Apr. 5, 1870  
 Battles, Willis; b. ? ? 1820; d. Mar. 23, 1890  
 Battles, Joel; b. Jan. 31, 1843; d. Mar. 4, 1862  
 Bone, Rev. Henry F.; b. Oct. 3, 1803; d. June 7, 1863; 59 yrs., 8 mos., 4 days  
 Bone, Margaret Jane, wife of Henry Bone; b. May 26, 1821; d. May 9, 1887;  
 66 yrs., 5 mos., 13 days  
 Bone, Mary A., daughter of Rev. H. F. and M. J. Bone; b. May 24, 1860;  
 d. Aug. 9, 1872  
 Bone, Dora Mae; b. Dec. 19, 1874; d. Feb. 28, 1891  
 Elkins, E. S.; d. Apr. 30, 1877; 53 yrs., 10 mos., 12 days  
 Givens, W. A.; b. Feb. 2, 1845; d. Feb. 17, 1925  
 Givens, Alice; wife of W. A. Givens; b. Mar. 10, 1840; d. Feb. 7, 1898  
 Leech, Mrs. L. P., widow of Rev. O. A. Leech; b. Feb. 14, 1825; d. Apr. 1, 1883;  
 58 yrs., 1 mo., 20 days  
 Screws, Malinda; b. Jan. 12, 1798; d. Dec. 8, 1886; 89 yrs., 10 mos., 26 days  
 Smith, Thomas W., husband of Sarah Minerva; d. Nov. 20, 1872; 62 yrs., 11 mos.,  
 7 days  
 Smith, Sarah Minerva, wife of Thos. W. Smith; d. Feb. 7, 1881; 68 yrs., 4 mos.,  
 19 days

There are five other graves in this cemetery; four of them with deaths around 1900, one as late as 1932. I suppose that you do not want records of that late date.

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## WILLS AND ALLIED ESTATE PAPERS IN GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

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Authorities are unanimous in according wills and kindred documents a high place of importance in genealogical research. Probate records are very likely the most important source material in studying family histories. Wills may give needed details or they may be too general to be of help. They can be valuable in reflecting the manners and customs of their times as well as the personalities of their authors. They do, of course, excel as sources for such family data as names, dates, and family relationships. Wills often show bequests to "my son", "my great nephew", etc. However, care must be taken in judging family relationships from old wills for the terms cousin and even son were sometimes used in different senses from what they are used today, cousin meaning nephew, and son-in-law meaning step-son.

Wills date back to ancient times; some copies of wills dating well back into the period before Christ are extant. The language of ancient wills usually compares very favorably with modern examples. There were very early practices of consigning separate copies to separate custodians. The clergy were often expected to preserve wills and assist in their administration.

The beginning student will do well to have access to a good legal dictionary such as that of Black.<sup>1</sup> Here he should study and learn the fine shades of meaning of such will-related terms as testament, devise, holograph will, nuncupative will, testator, letters of administration, probate, surrogate, intestate, abstract of title, administrator, bequest, codicil, dower, executor, grant, and marriage settlement. Although one soon acquires a sense of familiarity with the common verbiage to be found in most wills, it has been said "a will has no brother", meaning that no two wills are alike. There is a pattern of opening, it seems. Many wills begin "In the name of God, Amen! I, John Doe, being of sound mind, etc." Other acknowledgements or claims of physical condition have included such expressions as "lying very sick in body, but in proper memory", "well in body and of good and proper memory", and finally "in good health and sound memory but aged".

Because of multiple inclusion of personal and place names, wills and allied documents such as estate distributions, guardianship records, and letters of administration, to mention a few, provide much genealogical help. Individuals usually named, of course, are the testator himself, the executor, the administrator, the witnesses, if any, and the several heirs. Also there may be found such names as those of the petitioner or petitioners, the bondsmen and the deponents. Relatives often served as bondsmen.

Uses of wills, in addition to furnishing names, include furnishing ages of children, more information on problems of location of individuals and families and family relationships. Dates of death of course are usually provided.

<sup>1</sup>Black, Henry C., Black's Hand Dictionary, 3d ed. St. Paul, West Publishing Co., 1933.

Where does one find old wills? The probate office of the locality in which the ancestors lived should be tried. Many times deeds were not recorded but were kept among the papers in the family possessions. There are problems of delayed filings and possibly failure to probate the will at all. Some wills, of course, were destroyed or lost. One sometimes encounters problems of obsolete or variant terminology in old wills. The boundaries of some legal jurisdictions have fluctuated, to add to the problems of the searcher.

Such genealogical handbooks as those of Everton, Rasmussen, Williams, and Howard provide lists of American states with individual characteristics of probate jurisdictions, names of the courts involved, and references to historical periods marked by variations in record keeping. These tables are of immediate value to the researcher. Only a very small number of discrepancies between the lists seem to be present. Practically all states have been covered by a manual or blue book. These publications are listed in many bibliographies available in most well-stocked libraries. They should be consulted early in one's search for the names of officials and jurisdictions in the various states. Probate abstracts are often published and themselves often are adequate for many searchers. If necessary they can point the way to the original records.

The literature of foreign genealogy is vast and complex. Leading texts on genealogical research have adequate basic treatments of this phase. In this short discussion only foreign will depositories will be mentioned. In England, one will start with Somerset House as a rule. The church courts and the probate courts following quickly in importance. In Ireland, church repositories are of primary importance. Welsh wills are filed in probate courts. Norway uses a probate record system with posthumous filing being common. In Denmark the Record Office at Copenhagen and the Ministry of Justice share responsibility with local notaries. Iceland depends on notaries and the National Archives for registering and ultimate safekeeping of wills. Since early in the seventeenth century many inventories of estates have persisted.

In Germany will makers may make personal arrangements with a local authority to file their wills. In Holland notaries have repertoriums wherein they keep wills. Central registeries are used nowadays. State archives are important in Belgium in contrast to France where notaries maintain wills as their property in archives. Notaries are similarly important in Spain, Portugal, and Italy. Italian notaries may be hereditary. Polish wills are kept either in local court records. Thus the practice varies.

There probably is no type of genealogical record which suggests family interrelationships better than do wills and similar estate papers. Happy is the seeker who finds his records among wills.

## SHUMATE, SHUMAKE, SHOEMAKE, SHOEMAKER

by  
Mrs. Robert V. Wilkins

I was going to write Alice Fletcher Hicks on her Shumate query, then decided because so many names I've seen in other queries are in my notes, you might prefer to print my letter.

To begin with the name of Shumate is spelled all of the ways I have above plus a few I don't have. The oldest records I have definitely spell it Shoemaker and it does appear to be the original spelling. As far as I know yet this line is not a part of mine but I am deeply interested in folks named Gibson and Shoemakers have been around them since before 1767 that I know of. Notice in the 1850 census of Washington Co., Vineyard Twp., that Martha Shumake (b. 1762 S.C.) lived in the home of Charles Oxendine (b. 1805 S.C.) and only two doors from George Gibson (b. 1800 S.C.). In fact, one door between them was Levi Oxendine who had married Elizabeth Shoemake June 6, 1846.

In 1830 Bledsoe Co., Tenn. there was a George Gibson and living side by side was Thomas Shomak. Others in the county were Samuel, Betsy, Robert and Sarah, spelled Shoemake, Shomak, Shomake, etc. The Sarah Shomake lived side by side with Levi Carter and was only two names from Edny Oxendine. The 1850 census of Washington Co., Ark. revealed that this "Edny" was probably a male because the Charles Oxendine there had a boy named Ednue. For the benefit of Mrs. Hicks, also living there in Bledsoe Co., Tenn. 1830 were John Carter, Charles and Temperance Wilson and James Price.

In 1790 Georgetown District, Pr. Georges Parish, S.C., were several named Gibson, Cood Oxendine, James Sr. and Jr., Solomon and others named Shoemake. These names, neighbors in S.C., are also constantly around Gibsons - Oliver, Reese, Graham, Gregg, Stewart, Smith, etc.

Living next door to the George Gibson there in Washington Co., Ark., 1850, was one Rev. John Harrell, Methodist minister, and this name, spelled Herald, Herrell, etc. travels all the way with Gibsons, too, first with them in my records in N.C. Another family that intermarried with Gibsons in Va. and N.C. was that of Van Hoozier. It begins to change spelling in N.C. and Tenn. and by the time it reaches Arkansas and Texas it is Vanhoose!

The Gibsons in the Quaker meeting records of Va. came from Pa. in 1767. In these same Quaker records were also Shoemaker, Gregg, Reese, Babb, Walker, Smith, Hoge (Hodge), Ellis, and so many others found in Washington Co., Ark. The Gibsons came from the Bradford MM, Pa., 1767, to the Fairfax MM, Va., and the Shoemakers came from the Sadsbury MM, Pa. Joseph Gibson of Loudon Co., Va. married Rachel Shoemaker (b. 1808, dau. of Abraham and Martha Shoemaker) at the Goose Creek Mt. in Va. and went to Indiana later. From some Indiana records I have quite a bit of information on the family of one Jesse Shoemaker and wife, Mary Ann Wiley. Jesse was b. 1809, Guilford Co., N.C., son of Conrad Shoemaker and Jane Witt, Germans. Mary Ann was the dau. of Thos. Wiley and Mary Birney.

Back to the Quaker records in Va. and names both there and in Ark. One John Gregg m. Phebe Gibson (b. 1782), and her sister Mary (b. 1777) m. Isaac Nichols, Jr. These girls daughters of Joseph and Phebe Gibson. In 1792 at Fairfax MM, Wm. Smith m. Sarah Gregg, dau. of John Gregg of Loudon Co. In 1786 same place, Edward Reece m. Sarah Smith.

Notice the one family of T. E. Babb in Illinois Twp., Washington Co., Ark., 1850. In 1761 at Hopewell MM, Frederick Co., Va. David Rees m. Elizabeth Babb. In 1762 David was dismissed for bearing arms and in 1765 his wife Elizabeth was received at the Wateree MM in S.C. In 1790 there was one David Reece living in Greenville Co., S.C., but appeared to be a young man with children under 16.

Living here too was Joseph Gibson with these names also found so much around and intermarried: John Henson, Joshua Stephens, Benjamin Huddleston, John Dawson, Joseph Howell, George Grayham (Graham), Peter and Thomas Howard and many more, including one Thomas Mayfield. In the 1850 census of Washington Co. Ark. James Mayfield, a Baptist minister (b. 1800 S.C.) lived next door to Shaderack Gibson (b. 1807 Va.) and on the other side was Mastin S. Gregg (b. 1816, Ala.)

One George Gibson, his son-in-law James White, and sons came to S.W. Mo. in 1831 and settled on the Spring River near Verona. One James Mayfield settled very near him in 1834. Earlier in Bedford Co., Tenn., 1812, Thomas and James Mayfield lived near Gibsons. There too in Bedford Co., Tenn., 1812, was one Moses Garrett (note the one in Washington Co., Ark. in 1850 b. 1775 Va.) that I have traced into Clinton Co., Ill. Moses Garrett settled in Foster Twp. in adjoining Marion Co., Ill. 1831 and was JP for many years. Isaac Nichols came there to Marion Co. 1830 (refer to the Quaker records where Isaac, Jr. married the Gibson girl).

Fletchers intermarried with Riggs and they married Burtons. In 1815 one Wm. Riggs settled in Clinton Co., Ill. and in the Meridian Twp. there one of the first settlers was Gideon Burton in 1817. John Carter and Robert Cole were the sons-in-law of Burton. John Wilson came from N.C. to Marion Co., Ill. c. 1821; Henry Howell came from Tenn. in 1826; Abner Stewart came from Maury Co., Tenn. in 1828; Harmon Holt came from Georgia before 1829; and Wm. Marshall lived in the Tonti Twp. by 1829. One Robert Carter, a Methodist minister, came to Clinton Co., Ill. in 1817. Daniel Simmons, also a Methodist minister, settled on Sugar Creek there in 1816. One Nancy or Frances Garrett married a Gibson (John?) c. 1730. From then on the given name of Garrett is used in the Gibsons.

In our library here in Tulsa we have a very old history of Marion and Clinton counties in Ill. and it contains numerous names found in Arkansas, especially Washington Co. There is a Joel Oliver who is, I believe, the one listed in Cane Hill Twp., Washington Co., Ark. 1850. Living near the John Oliver (b. 1775 N.C.) there in Washington Co. 1850 is one Allen DePriest and in 1824 in Marion Co., Ill., Green DePriest m. Polly Allen. In the same twp. where Allen DePriest was in 1850 is also James Drake and one of the first settlers in Clinton Co., Ill. was Boswell Drake.

Goodspeed's old history says that Clarissa Shumate, dau. of Baylis Shumate and his second wife Elizabeth Cole, m. James Benton. The first wife of Baylis Shumate was Nancy Homesley (Holmesley); and Green Gibson who made a land entry in Madison Co., Ark. in 1839 was the son-in-law of John Holmesley. John Austin was another son-in-law of John Holmesley.

Regarding the little girl, Rebecca Price, wonder if she might have been the dau. of David Price. This David (b. 1814 Tenn.) was married three times; first to Frances Dilliard who died within five months; second to Catherine Shannon; third to Sarah Snyder. Note that the David R. Price who m. Elizabeth Taylor in 1847 and living in Cove Creek Twp. 1850 is NOT this David but undoubtedly related. The David born in 1814 was the son of William Price (b. Ky.) and Delphia Stanphill (Stanfield?) who were married in Warren Co., Tenn., then went to Ala. in 1832, and to Greene Co., Mo. in 1837. In 1830 census of Washington Co. are Carmel and Richard Price and there in the Cove Creek twp. 1850 is a Gibson with the given name of Carmel (b. 1788 in Tenn.)

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### QUERIES

The Arkansas Family Historian will publish queries free of charge to AGS members. We would like to request, however, that all future queries be limited to 100 words and pertain to families from Arkansas.

#### DENNIS

... thought that you might offer some assistance to me in my search for my gr-grandparents who at one time resided in Madison County. They were Audley and Arrena (Freeman) Dennis who migrated west from Tennessee about 1841 to Madison County where his brother, Joseph Dennis, lived. Audley and wife then went to Hickory County, Mo. to join his parents about 1843, but in 1853 they returned to Arkansas (although I do not know whether it was back to Madison county); and then on to Texas by summer of 1855.

I found a Joseph Dennis in Madison Co. in the 1840 census which I think may have been my family. As far as I know, none of the children of either Joseph or Audley remained in Arkansas but all migrated on to Texas so there are probably no descendants in the area now. Possibly there might be some records extant, however, re property, etc.

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#### HOWRY

I am having a terrible time with my Howry line, and wonder if your readers could help me. My gr-gr-grandfather James Howry was born in Tenn. and died in Ark. His wife's name was Lucenda Alexander, born c.1818 in Mo. and died Feb. 11, 1893 in Texas. The children, all born in Ark., were Alexander, James (born May 25, 1859, m. Mollie Barnes), Georgine (m. \_\_\_\_\_ Smith and moved to California), Martha (died young unm.), Margaret (m. \_\_\_\_\_ Brown), and Mende Elizabeth (Amanda) b. June 15, 1866, d. Feb. 24, 1936 in Parker Co., Tex. She married R. A. Bryson in Arkansas (my gr-grandparents). There was also an infant Howry buried in a Shiloh cemetery somewhere in Arkansas.

Miss Bernice Karnes sent me some helpful information on Rev. Daniel Howry. She believed James was Daniel's son or brother. He was of the age to be a son and since there was a James Howry in the Madison Co., Ark. 1840 census the next county from Washington Co. where Daniel Howry was listed, I thought I had it. I located James in the 1840 census but couldn't find him in 1850.

In Virkus Compendium First Families of America, David Howry's son is James, but not by the wildest stretch of imagination could it be my James. This James' children were born in Mississippi.

My problems are these: Which James Howry was in Madison Co., Ark. in 1840 and where did he go? Where is the Shiloh cemetery?

Relatives say that the Howry children were born along the White River. They also say that heavy fighting during the Civil War drove them down the White River to an old mill where they stayed hidden for some time.

James Howry died and was buried in Arkansas sometime between 1866 and 1880. Lucenda Alexander Howry and her son James were listed in 1880 census in Parker Co., Texas. I would appreciate any help.

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## HAYES - WAGONER - WALKER

Charles Wesley Hayes, b. Oct. 5, 1836 (where?); d. Mar. 6, 1910 Dutch Mills, Ark. (need names of parents). Married first to Kate Wagoner in Wagoner Co. (need marriage date, her birth and death). They had two children (need names) Married second to Sarah Walker (my gr-grandmother) near Gentry, Lincoln or Sugar Hill, Ark. c. 1869. They had nine children as follows: Eliza Jane, Rhoda, John, Joe, George, and Lily Belle, who m. first Isaac Hayes and second my grandfather Franklin Reed Mitchell on Sept. 13, 1900 in Washington Co., Ark.

Charles Wesley Hayes m. third wife April 16, 1897, widow B. E. Devine, and they lived at Dutch Mills. I need any information available about any of these people. They lived in the Sugar Hill, Summers, and Dutch Mills vicinity and lived in Texas some time before coming to Arkansas.

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## SLEEPER - MONTGOMERY

I am trying to find out something about my family. I was born in Ft. Smith in 1910. My mother's family came here from Conway; her father was Uriah Sleeper and her mother was Susan Hayes. I don't know my father's Christian name, only Montgomery. I would like to hear from anyone who may have known my parents.

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## SMITH - RUBLE - JONES - RYALS

My father's family was from Arkansas, and I have been able to find little information about it. His name is L. Herman Smith, b. Aug. 14, 1911 in Valley Springs, Ark. His father was Vinet Carroll Smith, b. March 8, 1890 in Valley Springs, son of Kirk Smith and Tennessee Malinda Ruble. Kirk Smith's parents were Carroll Smith and Katie Bradley, my gr-gr-grandparents; Tennessee Malinda Ruble's parents were Ebert Ruble and Hannah Scott, my gr-gr-grandparents.

My father's mother was Bertha Lee Jones, daughter of James Frank Jones and Manda Talitha Ryals. James Frank Jones was son of Hub Jones (son of Beaver Jones) and Ruth Jones (dau. of Stephen Jones and — Greenway). Manda Ryals was dau. of William Ryals and Winnie Ellis Jones, my gr-gr-grandparents. If you could supply any additional information or put me in touch with someone who could, I would appreciate it very much.

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## McCUTCHEON - NIDEVER

I would like to contact anyone who has knowledge of my various family lines, McCutcheon, Nevins, Humphrey and Wiltz. I am working on a book of these lines and also those of my husband, Vernon, Nidever, Callis, Funk ("Funkhouser"—America in 1733 on the Shenandoah), Elam, King and Bannister. The Callis and Elam lines married sons and daughters of Pocahontas and John Rolfe. I have a picture of the first house in Virginia, built for his daughter by Powhatan.

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## LYALL - DAWSON

Can anyone give me information on Lyalls. I know very little about them. Mr. Lyall married a Mary Martha Dawson. Both were born in Arkansas. They had nine children, Lou, Rachel, Dallas, Ambers, Fred, Jim, Charlie, Boley and Cynthia Alice, born Dec. 22, 1883, in Washington Co., Ark. (my gr-grandmother). I know more on Cynthia Alice but this is all.

I am also searching for Slatons from Georgia; Loudermilk, Taylor from Tenn; Tebow who lived at Springdale, Ark. Will be glad to exchange information.

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## CHAPMAN - BLEVINS

I have done some research on two branches of my wife's family, The Chapman and Blevins lines. Her grandfather Charles Arnold Chapman bought land in the Mt. Pisgah community in White Co. in 1874 and lived there for five years. He then homesteaded land near Bergman north of Harrison.

The Blevins family (her grandmother Chapman's maiden name was Alice Elvira Blevins) lived in the Snell community northwest of Pangburn. Many of this family are buried in a country cemetery near the Sweet Spring Church between Pangburn and Heber Springs. Her gr-grandmother Mary Boone Blevins married Dr. A. T. Brown, a dentist from Morrilton in 1886 and died one year later. Many of the Blevins family settled at Pauls Valley, Okla.

I am interested in supplementing the information I have collected.

Darall G. Hawk  
1900 College View Dr.  
Bartlesville, Okla.

## PRICE - FLETCHER

I would like to know the parents and birthplace in Tennessee of Malinda Price Fletcher, wife of John Fletcher of Prairie Township, of the Middle Fork of the White River. In the 1850 census for Washington Co. she had a 2-year old girl living with them named Rebecca Price, evidently a niece. In the 1860 census I found a Rebecca Price with a family named Taylor in Crawford Co., Ark.

Alice Fletcher Hicks  
885 N. 10th E.  
Mountain Home, Idaho

## WALLACE - SUGG

My grandmother was Ruth C. Sugg, b. 1821 in Alabama; her mother was a full-blood Cherokee and her grandfather a Cherokee Indian chief. Her people left Alabama and located on Dry Fork Creek of King's River prior to 1838.

My grandfather was Rev. Vincent Wallace, who came from No. Carolina to Clarksville in Johnson Co., where he lived until murdered Dec. 31, 1863. His father was Robert Wallace of Persons Co., N.C., the son of William Wallace.

I shall be most grateful for anything about the Wallace or Sugg families.

Mrs. Vera Wallace Williams  
504 No. 16th St.  
Fort Smith, Ark.

## SPRINGER - MURPHY

My grandfather, James Frederick Springer, b. July 17, 1861, in Louisville, Ky., 'showed up' in Sugar Loaf County, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory (now LeFlore Co., Okla.) in the fall of 1882. He supposedly moved with his parents and brother Claud from Kentucky to Kansas in 1869-70. His father died about 1873 and his mother married a Mr. Woolard, lived in Kansas a while, then moved to Mr. Woolard's home in Missouri where she died. His mother's maiden name thought to be Thorpe, Thorp or Tharp, since he had an Uncle Sam Thorpe who never married. He also had an Aunt Belle and relatives named Broome.

James Springer brought with him a tintype picture of a young lady named Fannie Murphy. He always said she was an old girl friend. Do you have any Fannie Murphys in your records? If I can learn where his Fannie Murphy lived in 1870's it might give me a place to start searching for records of his family. I have searched seven years and still haven't come up with anything. He might have changed his name when coming to Indian Territory, and Fannie Murphy might possibly have been his mother. Anyway the picture is about the only clue I have left. Will be so very grateful for any help or advice.

Paul L. Springer  
1122 N.W. 97th St. Oklahoma City 14, Okla.

## SELLERS - SUMMERS

My grandmother, Martha Elizabeth Sellers, was born in Faulkner Co., Ark., July 30, 1877. I need her father's name. Her mother was Malinda Summers before she married Mr. Sellers. Children of \_\_\_\_\_ Sellers and Malinda Summers Sellers were Martha Elizabeth (my grandmother), Alec, Jim and Leona. I would like to find his name and date of birth and death, if possible. Also date of birth and death of Malinda Summers Sellers. The Sellers family were said to have come from Mississippi.

Mrs. John L. Pimentel  
1315 Peach Ave. Clovis, Calif.

## HELTON - HUBSTEDLER

Do you have any information on James Thomas Helton? He was my grandfather who died in July, 1892 on the Robert E. Lee boat on the Mississippi River. He married my grandmother, Dona Dixie Hubstedler, and they had three children, James Thomas Helton, Clabe (?) Helton, and Charles Austin Helton, my father. I would like to obtain James Thomas Helton's birth data and the names of his father and mother and any data concerning them.

Junior Helton  
5272 Feather River Blvd. Marysville, Calif.

## BERRY - STACY - JENNINGS - DAVIS - WILLIAMS

I would like to contact persons having any information on these family names: Berry, Stacy, Jennings, Davis and Williams.

Bea Morwood  
903 W. Newman Harrison, Ark.

## GIBSON

According to three censuses I have on my gr-gr-grandparents they lived somewhere in Arkansas during the period 1844-48, for one of their children was born in your state. Their names were Robert and Maria(h) Gibson. They moved from Madison Co., Ala. to Ark., then to Tishomingo Co., Miss.

I am also seeking information on a James Gibson born c.1835-36 in Madison Co. Ala.; wife, Matilda Mann, b. about the same year; their children Mary, George, Susan, Thomas and possibly others. This family moved to Ark. in the 1870's.

Do you have any information on the above?

Roy E. Gibson  
3709 Linden Ave. Fort Worth, Texas

## SAGER - CHASTAIN - ALDRIDGE - McILWAIN

These are the families in Arkansas (my forbears) that are my interests: Simon Sager, from Germany to Siloam Springs via St. Louis and Westport c.1830; Chastain, from No. Carolina c.1840; Aldridge, from Miss. to Sebastian Co., Ark. c.1880; McIlwain, from western Tenn. to Ark. c.1880.

Mrs. Melvin Smith  
109 N. Madison Siloam Springs, Ark.

## WRIGHT - ARMSTRONG

I am seeking the whereabouts of my grandfather's people supposed to be in Clay Co., Mo. and in the vicinity of Fort Worth, Texas. He was James Samuel Wright, b. Jan. 9, 1841 in Fredericksburg, Va., d. April 29, 1913 in Calhoun Co., Miss. His oldest brother, William Wright, settled in Clay Co., Mo. His parents moved on to Texas. His mother was a Dillard; I do not know the given names of his parents. I would like to know where they lived and are buried.

James Samuel Wright was a Confederate soldier, served in Co. D, 9th Reg., Texas Cavalry. He was a 2nd Lt. when taken prisoner and held captive until the close of the war. He had two brothers, Richard North, an infantryman in Co. F, 11th Reg., Texas Volunteers, and Albert, 1st Lt. in Co. D, 9th Reg., Texas Cavalry.

I am also interested in the ancestors of my husband's gr-grandparents. They were Jacob Douglas Armstrong, b. in Tenn., and wife Susan Bullington, b. in Va. They settled in White Co., Ark. in 1851. Armstrong Springs was named for him. The Morris School for boys now owns the old spring site. The 1880 census gives their ages as 64 and his occupation was blacksmithing. His wife claimed to be a cousin to John Quincy Adams.

Mrs. C. E. Dewberry  
2822 W. 14th St. Little Rock, Ark.

## SMOAT - GOODING

The family I am hunting is Alexander Neely Smoat who died in the war, 1863. His wife, Sarah Jane Gooding; his wife's sister, Martha Pauff; wife's brother George Gooding was crippled in Civil War.

Mrs. J. J. Snider  
Lela, Texas

## O'QUINN -- TURNEY

I am trying to compile a family record for my children. I do not have the information I need and do not know how to go about getting it. My relatives lived in Arkansas as far back as I can remember. I do not know if they were born there or not. My father and mother were married in Boone County. If you have any information about the following, please send me copies for my record:

George Alexander O'Quinn - a Civil War veteran, sailor, I believe;  
 George Thomas O'Quinn - my father and George Alexander's son;  
 Mollie Appleton - wife of George Alexander and my grandmother;  
 John Henry Turney - probably a Civil War veteran, my great-grandfather;  
 William Henry Turney - son of John Henry Turney and my grandfather, was 14 years old when the Civil War began;  
 Margaret Jane Woody - wife of William Henry Turney and my grandmother.

Mrs. S. S. Petty  
 Clovis, New Mexico

## ADY - FITTMAN

I am trying to make a family record and want any information possible on my grandmother. Her maiden name was Margaret Clementine Pittman; she was born near Little Rock c. 1835. Her first husband was Jacob Bangs, born near Little Rock; they were probably married c. 1856. He was killed there by bushwhackers during the Civil War; she had to bury him herself. There might be something in the library or some old newspaper about it. I would like to have the birth-dates and anything else on these people.

She later married Joseph Ady, my grandfather. I don't think he was born in Arkansas but probably married her there. I would like to have any information on him, too.

Mrs. Ray Courtney  
 Rt. 4 Savannah, Mo.

## McGEHEE

I would like to correspond with anyone connected with the McGehee family for information to complete my family genealogy.

Mrs. Edgar D. McGehee, Sr.  
 7909 Lady Gray St. New Orleans, La.

## WILLIAMS - MILLER - LEE

Do you have a magazine with anything on Magnolia, Ark? I am looking for something on Van Buren Williams and Nancy Miller. They were born in Marshall Co., Miss. in early 1800's, and he fought in Civil War. I don't know birth or death dates. During the Civil War they were living in Magnolia.

Also, from Poinsett Co. I am looking for Ebenezer Lee, b. Jan. 1, 1848. He was from Harrisburg, Ark., don't know if he was born there. He later moved to Greenville. He died Feb. 6, 1902 at Jackson, Okla. He married Narcissa Goode, b. May 9, 1858, at Rogersville, Ala. (Dale Co.) I would like to know who were Ebenezer Lee's father and mother and when he and Narcissa Goode married.

Mrs. John Williams  
 Rt. 1 Box 81 Lyford, Texas

## HARROD

I am attempting to find where in Tenn. Napoleon Bonaparte Harrod lived in 1850 and 1860. Mrs. J. H. Fretwell, granddaughter, told me Martin, Tenn., but a search of all censuses for counties in that section of Tenn. has failed to find him. The 1880 census of Faulkner Co., Ark. shows that he was born 1833 in Tenn., married there and was there in 1860; but by 1870 was in Mo. He had eleven children to live to be grown.

Mrs. Thomas H. Bowles  
4123 Shackelford Road Little Rock, Arkansas

## LEE

Have you a chart of the family of a Moses Lee, who was grandfather of James J. Lee who was prominent in Washington and Benton county during the Civil War? Moses Lee I believe is a member of Robert E. Lee's family. I don't know the descent. Elijah Lee, son of Moses, was born 1815, d. 1861. James J. Lee was his son. Marion Andrew Lee was the son of James J. Lee.

Mrs. W. R. Rastall  
P. O. Box 8 Chester, Arkansas

## FISHER

In searching for my Fishers who hail primarily from Mo., I have found one Allen Fisher who died near Ola, Ark. April 9, 1930. A son of Allen, R. H. Fisher, lives in Plainview, but according to his daughter is too elderly to correspond regarding his grandparents. I need to know Allen's mother's maiden name and when and where Richard and Betty Fisher died.

Mrs. Ellen Lee Yambor  
3152 Ave. K. Council Bluffs, Iowa

## ROTENBERRY

I am trying to locate some of Capt. Henry Rotenberry's sons or daughters for the purpose of completing a family history. He was my great uncle and was a captain in the Confederate Army. This Rotenberry family moved from Ala. to Water Valley, Miss., and later to Conway, Arkansas.

C. C. Dailey  
P. O. Box 172 Ohatchee, Alabama

## FUQUAY

My grandfather, George Wm. Fuquay, was born and died in Bentley Township or Conway, Ark. Could you tell me if any records were kept during 1865 to 1895 on births and deaths? Also are there any old cemeteries in the area where he might have been buried?

Mrs. Foster Steinbeck  
2740 N.W. 27th Sr., Oklahoma City, Okla.

## GUNTER

I would like to get information in regard to my grandparents. LaVina Arline Gunter was born in 1850 in Indian territory and my grandfather was born in Ga. in 1842. They live in Siloam Springs, Ark. My grandmother was part Cherokee, Roll no. 22235; my grandfather was IW57.

Robert B. Luckworth  
949 N. Starcrest Dr. Covina, California

## HAYES

I would like to know if you have the index to census of 1870 and 1880 for Polk County, Arkansas, or maybe the 1860 index would be of some help. I need records for Charles W. Hayes. He came from Texas to Arkansas and lived at Mena for a few years, then moved to Dutch Mills around 1895 and died there in 1910. Sometime in between he lived at Summers.

Mrs. T. E. Gray  
Elmwood, Oklahoma 73935

## WHARTON

I want to find out something about the Whartons who moved to Ark. c.1826 or in the period 1821/1843. Their names were Caleb and Joseph (or Josiah or Joshua). They were brothers to my direct ancestor John Wharton, b. S.C. 1793.

Their father was Bartlett Wharton who had a record of pay for Revolutionary service dated 1786 in S.C. I do not know where he was born. Family tradition is that three brothers came to America from England in early colonial days, one settling in Va., one in S.C. and one in Pa. Bartlett Wharton and his wife Sally and the three sons named above came to middle Tenn. c. 1800/1810, then moved to McNairy Co., Tenn. a little later. Caleb was supposed to have lived in Madison and Johnson counties in Arkansas.

Miss Pearle Wharton  
Box 68 Corinth, Miss.

## PATTY

I have been working and seeking genealogical information on the Jesse Patty family of Carroll Co., Ark. He was the father of John Burnett Patty, and was sheriff of Carroll Co. at one time. Jesse Patty was killed by outlaws near Berryville. His wife's name was Mary (Polly) Burnett Patty.

I have information on John Patty, son of Jesse Patty, saying he was born Apr. 14, 1836 in Nashville, Tenn. The 1790 U. S. Census gives the names of John and Jesse Patty as living in the 96th district of Union Co., S.C.

Could you give me a reference name of some person, with address, who could help me on this Patty family lineage in Arkansas as well as in So. Carolina.

Mrs. Mary H. Harper  
519 E. 8th St. Port Angeles, Washington

## McADAMS - TURNER

I am doing research on my ancestors and need the following information: Names of parents and older ancestors of Thomas McAdams (John Thomas McAdams) b. c. 1805 in S. C.; ancestry of his wife Lucinda Turner, b. c. 1806 in S.C.; date and place of their marriage; birth, death and marriage information of their children. They were believed to have had 12 children.

I have complete records on three children, Meekness, Rebecca and Jessie, and some information on other children, Thomas, Eliza, Anna and Ruth. Eliza m. Elisha Stillwell 2/25/1858; Anna E. m. James W. Youngblood 1/28/1868; and Ruth L. m. Nathan Henderson 12/17/1869, all in Ark. Co., Ark.

These are other relatives we wish to identify: James M. McAdams, Aberdeen, 1857; Thomas McAdams; Joe Berry McAdams, Mt. Adamo, 1875; D. J. McAdams, 1868; sons of D. J. McAdams, who were D. J., Jr. and Jepes.

Mrs. John A. Rickard  
1205 W. Santa Gertrudis St.  
Kingsville, Texas

## MCCAULEY

I have been working on the McCauley family history for several years. My ancestors from N. Carolina settled in Jackson, Independence and White counties c. the 1850's, some via Tenn. My grandfather once represented White County in the legislature and owned the newspaper at Searcy, The Searcy Record, in the early 1880's.

George W. McCauley  
140 Park Place Pine Bluff, Ark.

## GILBERT

My grandfather, Charles Henry Gilbert, was born 1/17/1853 in Marshall Co., Miss. to James Gilbert and his wife Jane Rush. James, a landowner and physician moved with his family c. 1858 to St. Francis Co., Ark., where he died c. 1868. James had nine children of whom my grandfather was the youngest. In order of birth they were Samuel (also a physician), Frank Alfred, William, Fletcher Grigsby, Sarah, Ella, Mary and Charles. Four of the boys served as Confederate soldiers, two were killed and another lost an arm. Two of the girls moved to Texas, but apparently Ella married a Fred Stockard and lived in Arkansas.

I am interested in any details on any of these people but I am primarily looking for James's full name, date and place of birth and the next link back, i.e. his father.

Carroll D. Gilbert  
165 Forest View Drive San Francisco, Calif.

## COLEMAN

Desire contact with any descendants of Zill Coleman, to Crawford Co., Ark. 1841 from Hickman Co., Tenn. He was my grandmother Caledonia (Coleman) Lancaster's brother but contact between them was not maintained after her removal in 1851 to Bell Co., Tex. Another brother, Alexander Coleman, had preceded her to Texas and of his family much is known. The brother Ephraim is shown to have remained for a time in Hickman Co. James, twin to Alexander, was living in Graves Co., Ky. by 1870; his wife was Julia Tarkington. Elizabeth married James Grimes, but nothing is known of her twin, John; (there were three pairs of twins in a family of ten children); Arzilla married a Harrington and moved to Arkansas; Emiline married D. B. Griggs and her twin, Caroline, seems to have pre-deceased her mother.

This Coleman line is documented back to Youngs Coleman living in Surry Co., N. C. by 1777, and his wife Sarah Morphen (Murphy) traces back to James Burk who married Mary Bane in Chester Co., Pa. 1730 and lived in Va. and N.C. where he died 1782-83.

Mrs. J. T. Ramage  
3911 S. General Bruce Dr. Temple, Texas

## COOPER - KEESIE (or KAZE)

Who were the parents of this Johnson Co., Ark. couple? Kenada Cooper (b. Ga. 1796) and wife Susannah Kessie (b. Tenn. 1795). Their children were Mary, Celia, and Sarah, all b. in Tenn. but came to Ark. in 1836; and J. P. Kessie was county judge in 1836.

Edith Boyer Suggs  
2534 E. 23rd st. Tulsa, Oklahoma

## FEWELL

Mr gr-grandfather Richard Robert Fewell operated a hotel which burned somewhere in Arkansas during the Civil War. Other Fewells went to Arkansas from Missouri, Indiana, Mississippi and South Carolina and some of them lived in Pulaski, Faulkner, Phillips, White and other Arkansas counties. I would like addresses of all Fewells now living in Arkansas and information which would help in the preparation of a family history.

Percy C. Fewell  
1402 Kirby Building  
Dallas, Texas 75201

## KING

Do you have in your list of members anyone living in Madison County that I might correspond with regarding early settlers in that county. I am particularly interested in Benjamin Franklin King, born Madison Co. in 1834. Has any one made a survey of cemeteries in Madison County?

Mrs. Dale F. King  
Rt. 4, Box 135  
Opelika, Alabama

## GLOVER - MOUNT - WEBSTER - BARNETT

I would like to hear from any who may have knowledge of my ancestors. My paternal grandparents were Dr. Holmes W. Glover and his wife Catherine M. Webster. My maternal grandparents were John Isem Mount and Catherine Barnett. Dr. H. W. Glover received his medical degree and diploma in Memphis, Tenn. in 1848. He was born in 1812, but we do not know where or know his parents' names. He was a master mason in the Holly Springs, Miss. chapter, Lodge No. 35, and became a member in 1846. I have the diplomas and certificates for each of the above achievements.

Mr. John I. Mount was a deputy sheriff in Fayetteville, Ark. He was assassinated on the courthouse steps the same night President Garfield was killed. I believe his family and the Barnetts came from Tennessee.

Kay Glover  
1923 Talmadge St.  
Los Angeles 27, California

## BALDRIDGE

I am seeking to locate descendants of Francis Baldrige and his wife, Elizabeth, who were married in Orange Co., N. C. c1784 and were in Jefferson Co., Miss. in 1817. The 1820 census of Jefferson Co. Miss. lists Francis Baldrige, 1 M 10 under 16; 1 M 45 and up; 1 F 16 under 26; 1 F 26 under 45, 1 F 45 & up.

G. R. Turrentine  
Arkansas Tech  
Russellville, Arkansas

## PUTNAM

Please send me information as to what is available in regard to the Putnam family. I am a descendant of General Isarel Putnam.

Charles Edward Putnam  
608 N. 11th St.  
Fort Smith, Ark.

## FROM THE MAILBOX

Received today the announcement of the Conway Chamber of Commerce of the headquarters and editorial offices of the AGS now being located in Conway. May the hope be expressed that Conway and the Conway Chamber of Commerce have the vision and foresight to make this a growing enterprise.

Felix A. Kimbrough  
415 S.W. 33 Oklahoma City, Okla.

As I was unable to attend the meeting of our AGS in Conway in May, thought I better write and see if I still belong. I am working on my family tree, the Kelletts of Arkansas, and hope to have a write-up on them this year.

Vera L. George  
Doddridge, Ark.

I received a letter some days ago from Mr. Walt Lemke in regard to a letter I wrote him about an article or story I wrote "Yankee in Rebel's Pants"; nearly all of this is true history of Civil War days as related to me by my mother. My father was in Civil War four years. I have had offers if would write a book on this from publishing company in N.Y., but didn't feel equal to this ...

My best regards and good wishes.

Ella Dale Smyers  
46 Chestnut Ave. Long Beach 2, Calif.

Thanks for mentioning my genealogy column in the Jack County Herald. Hope I get lots of queries. And thanks for the bonus book. It is wonderful, but am sure sorry that Mr. Lemke is dropping his work with you.

Mrs. W. T. Garner  
Box 492 Jacksboro, Texas

Although I have been a member of the AGS since it was organized, the meeting at Conway last May was my first and we would not have missed it for anything. My husband joins me in congratulating you for the excellent organization, the interesting program, and our appreciation for your hospitality.

Mrs. Lawrence L. Browne  
409 W. Ila St. Fayetteville, Ark.

I recently saw an announcement of your society at the Library of Congress where I work. I was glad to see that there is now a genealogical group in Arkansas.

David R. Smith  
433 5th St., S.E. Washington, D. C.

The second reunion of the Morgan-Stephens-Odor-Jones descendants was held at the Freewill Baptist Church, Tyrone, Missouri on Sunday, June 28th. There were 50 to 75 people present. The following officers were elected: Tom Skaggs, president; Rev. Earl Sigler, v.-p.; Naomi Lyons, sec.-treas.; Board of Trustees, Mrs. Lyons, Mrs. Gladys Embree and Jess Jones. The next meeting will be Sun., June 13, 1965 at the same location.

Geo. E. Broome  
Box 1966 Amarillo, Texas

## FROM THE MAILBOX

I shall be glad to send you my Kuykendall data. I have data on two branches that went to Ark., my own and a collateral branch that settled in Faulkner Co.

I recently had a letter from Mrs. Betty M. McCroskey, Box 1161, Wharton, Texas, in which she says she has found a lot of data on the Arkansas Kuykendalls. She mentions "The Pulaski County Historical Review", vol. 4, no. 4, Dec. 1956. Can you tell me where I can get a copy of it and the cost?

Rhea Kuykendall  
1100 Santa Rita St. Silver City, New Mex.

In presenting the manuscript of the Eck article (May, 1964), I made two rather glaring mistakes. They are not the fault of any of you; I just had them wrong to begin with. In case anyone questions you:

The birth date of John Lenthald Eck, Jr. should be 1914 not 1912 (E, p. 4); the 3rd son of Dr. Joseph Eck was left out (p. 4). Just before no. VI, there should be inserted: "4. George Eck, b. c.1880, d. Dec., 1953. Never married."

Carribel Eck Carter  
5905 B. St. Little Rock, Ark.

I note that our headquarters for the publication is now to be Conway. The folks of Fayetteville got us off to a fine start, but I know they are glad to be able to get back to their first love.

We had such serious illness among several members of our family at the time of the state meeting in May that I didn't get to attend. I noted your placard in the Clerk's office this week. My office is in the record room.

Mrs. Lawrence Newton  
Box 41 Hampton, Ark.

I regret being unable to be with you all on Sunday (annual meeting), but being an invalid, so must decline. I am always interested in the work, however, having been national treasurer of The Huguenot Society of the Founders of Manakin in Colony of Virginia for eight years, and still belong to it.

I hope your meeting will be well attended, and very sorry I will not be among you. I thank you for your notification.

Miss Mary Olive Smith  
303 Booker St. Little Rock, Ark.

I have a book of some 600 pages on the pioneer families of Missouri. If any of your readers are interested in the early settlers of St. Charles and Callaway counties, this book may provide some of the answers. The material gathered on these pioneer families was obtained by personal visits of Mr. Rose traveling from house to house on horseback. He covered the five counties which lie almost entirely north of the Missouri River. If any of your readers are interested in the early families of this area and will send me a self-addressed post card and the name of their ancestor, I will check for them.

Mrs. Vern M. Nidover  
Box 64 Fort Bidwell, Calif.

I will exchange work on the following surnames: Magness, Tunstall, Rhew, Scoggin, McCartney, Wayland, Jeffrey, Nance.

James Logan Morgan  
Box 714 Newport, Ark.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS

- "McBride Family History & Allied Families", for sale by Pat Orders, The Researcher, 4873 Fountain Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. 90029. Price \$11.50.
- "Short Stories by Pioneer Teacher", by Walter C. Harris, for sale by Mrs. J. C. Floyd, Route 1, Box 27, Ozark, Ark. Price \$3.95 plus 25¢ postage.
- "Guide to Genealogical Records in the National Archives", for sale by Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402. Price 50¢.
- "The Virginia Gazette: Genealogy Page-1959", bound copy of genealogy page with complete surname index & full name & address of all querists and contributors. 130 pp. Dorothy Ford Wulfeck, 51 Park Ave., Naugatuck, Conn. Price \$5.00.
- "Wilcoxson and Allied Families", descendants and ancestors of Sarah Boone, sister of Daniel Boone, and her husband, John Willcockson, and of his two brothers George and Isaac Willcockson. Lithoprinted, photographs, indexed, cloth bound. 530 pp. Dorothy Ford Wulfeck, 51 Park Ave., Naugatuck, Conn. Price \$15.00 (Libraries \$12.50)
- "McCutchen Trace", by Hildegard Smith, 1404 Welch St., Little Rock, Ark. Story of the McCutchen family from 1755 to present time.
- "Stevenson-West Reunion", 1964 edition, containing complete listing of the Stevenson-West cemetery in Crawford Co., Ark. Mrs. T. J. Garner, Rt. 1, Van Buren, Ark.
- "Sevier County, Arkansas, U. S. Census of 1850 & Marriage Records thru 1852" compiled by Mrs. Capitola Glazner & Mrs. Gerald B. McLane. Write Mrs. McLane, 112 Leach St., Hot Springs, Ark. Price: \$5.00 until Oct. 15, 1964; \$7.50 after that date.
- "Complete Index, with lineage charts, to Ancestral Roots of Sixty Colonists, and Supplement, by Frederick Lewis Weis", Publication date August, 1964. Theda H. Owen, 316 No. Custer Ave., Colorado Springs, Colo. Pre-publication price \$10.00; after publication, \$12.50.
- "The House of Boyer", by Edith Boyer Suggs, 2534 E. 23rd St., Tulsa, Okla. Complete record of the Boyer family, from 1775 to present day. 112 pp. Price \$2.65.
- "The Genealogical Periodical Annual Index", edited by Ellen Stanley Rogers, 1962 edition now available, 1963 edition ready in Sept., 1964; A comprehensive index to articles in the leading genealogical periodicals; More than 75 periodicals are listed, with address & price of copies & subscription; mimeographed on heavy bond paper, bound in stiff wrappers. 100 pp. Mrs. James W. Rogers, Jr., 6308 Queens Chapel Rd., University Park, Hyattsville, Maryland. Price \$5.50 ppd.
- "Genealogical Notes on the Kuykendall & Hardin Families", by Jane Hardin Fullerton, 821 Battlefield Dr., Nashville, Tenn. Write Mrs. Fullerton for price.
- "The Rohrbough Family", by Fred Ware Rohrbough. History of the Rohrbough family and descendants from 1735-1962. 130 pp., bound. Fred W. Rohrbough, Claiborne Towers, Apt. 1525, 1700 Canal St., New Orleans, La. Price \$7.50.