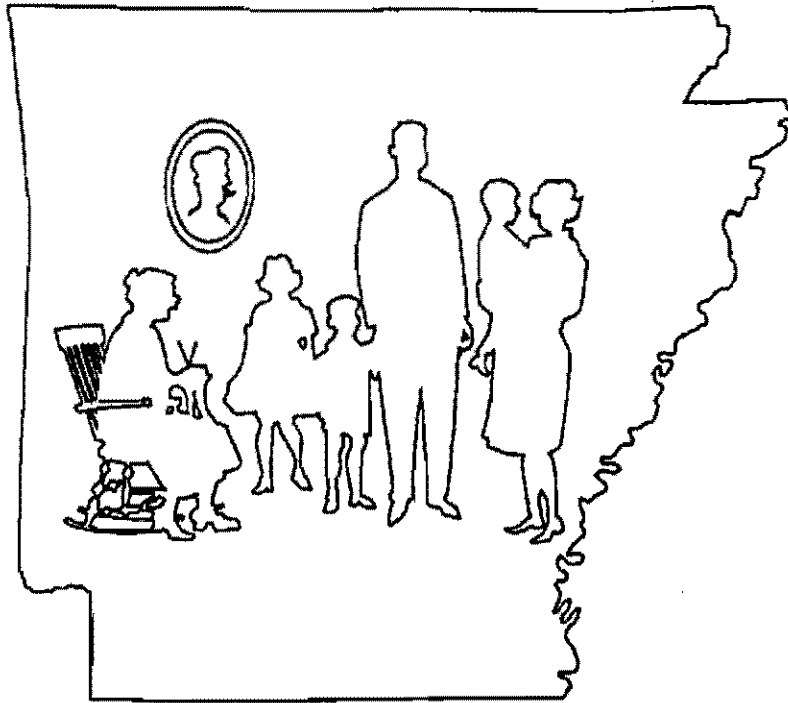


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AGS offers individual, institutional, sustaining, life

and honorary membership classes. Membership is by calendar year and may be entered at any time of the year (late subscribers will receive the year's back issues of *The Arkansas Family Historian*). Individual membership is \$15 per year.

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Members of AGS are invited to submit one fifty-word, Arkansas related, query each year. See the Query section for details.

Book Reviews

Authors and publishers who wish to have reviews or notices of their works published in *The Arkansas Family Historian* are invited to submit a copy of the work with ordering information and price, if applicable.

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President's Page

Looking for Arkansas roots? Yes, this is the principal obsession of family historians far and wide. Welcome to The Arkansas Family Historian's growing family. Since 1962, we have been trying to meet the ever increasing demands from across the country for more and more published sources of the history of Arkansas and her people. We have done this through the pages of The Arkansas Family Historian as well as a number of other Arkansas related genealogical publications. Back issues of the AFH are now available on microfiche, as well as a partial index. A SASE will bring a listing and ordering information on all available publications. We are currently working on several new projects for publication.

Thanks to all our members who responded to our appeal for more input from the AGS general membership. Keep the comments coming and rest assured that each suggestion and observation will be given careful consideration. On the front inside cover of this issue, you will find a list of the 1993 committees. Feel free to contact the chairman of any committee of interest to you. Also feel free to correspond with me as your AGS President this year. Our Editor tells me we are always receptive to articles on Arkansas family history. Why not submit information on your early Arkansas roots for consideration.

A recent analysis of our membership brings to light an interesting fact. For the first time I know of, more than one-half live outside Arkansas. 67% of you live in other states (15% in Texas, 13% in CA, 8% in OK, 4% in MO, and the rest scattered.) This brings home the fact that most AGS members are struggling to continue their Arkansas research without easy access to Arkansas archives, libraries or court houses. A sampling of our mail shows that many of you are unaware that there is a treasure trove of Arkansas information as near as your local LDS (Mormon) Family History Center/Library. These are located in communities throughout the USA and many other countries. Contact your local LDS church or Family History Library, 35 North West Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84150. The Mormon church has almost 1,500 rolls of microfilm of Arkansas records, some dating from the French Colonial era. Since many of these centers are staffed by volunteers who may not know a lot about Arkansas research, here are a few suggestions that should allow you full access to this wonderful, readily available resource. (1) Ask the staff to help you locate the "Family History Library Card Catalog" [it is on microfiche]; (2) Look there for "Locality Catalogue", then the section for "Arkansas". The first part of this list is records with state-wide application such as census, military, pension, etc. (3) Use the formula "Arkansas-(County of your interest)". This will list all LDS microfilm, microfiche, books, and other publications available for that county. Write down the roll or microfiche numbers for the county, church, cemetery or family history of interest. [note: 1/3 of all Arkansas counties lost some or all their records before 1900] (4) Ask the staff there to help you fill out an inter library loan form for these film rolls. There will be a small fee. When the film is delivered to the Family History Center, you will be notified. All film must be used at the Family History Centers themselves. Most have copy machines for your use. Hours of operation may vary, and many are open at night or on Saturdays.

While there, check the new (1992) edition of the I.G.I. (International Genealogical Index). The expanded section on Arkansas contains thousands of birth and marriage records, as well as some death records. It is currently available only on microfiche. Check also the Social Security Master Death Index for Arkansas. It contains names and addresses for Arkansans who ever received SS benefits and who are now dead. It begins in the 1930s. Our mail shows many out-of-state members do not have access to Arkansas census records. Each LDS Family History Center/Library has an index to all US Census (including Arkansas) from 1790-1850 on the A.I.S. Searchers on microfiche. These records from 1830-1990, 1900-1920 are also available. Everton's Genealogical Helper contains notices of rental/purchase sources for these. Such publications, including The Arkansas Family Historian, are also excellent places to keep up with what has been and is being published on Arkansas. One last comment - very few local historical/genealogical groups have offices and telephones. Best bet is to contact the local library in your area of interest.

Remember our Annual Fall Genealogical Seminar, Nov. 12-13, in Little Rock, with featured speaker Elizabeth Shown Mills, nationally known lecturer, will be the featured speaker.

Russell P. Baker, President

Corrections: March, 1993, issue of AFH, p. 31, c.2, 1st paragraph, the address of the submitter, Irene McIntosh Auld should be 464 Uranus Ct., Nipomo, CA 93444-9621

March issue of AFH, p. 27, query on Cash, House, correct death date for Benjamin House to 1884. Faye J. Sively, the submitter, advises that the records in Clark County show George House, bro. of Benjamin, marrying Caroline Johnson on Oct 29, 1873; however it was Benjamin House who married Caroline Johnson. County Clerk in Clark Co. advised Mrs. Sively that a brother's name sometimes shows as the groom, especially when groom is a minor.

FamilySearch now available to public libraries and genealogical societies. This popular genealogical computer system developed by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has been available only in the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, and in family history centers. A news release dated 02 April 1993, states the church has contracted to distribute **FamilySearch** to libraries, archives and genealogical societies, and lists AL, CA, FL, ID, IL, IN, KA, KY, MA, NC, NY, OH, PA, SD, TX and Canada libraries that now have it on hand.

Societies and librries can obtain additional information on licensing by calling GeneSys (a division of the contractor) at 1-800-222-3766 from either Canada or the United States.

Family Sketches

Leib/ Vanbibber

Submitted by Earl W. Quintrell, 2000 Old Tullahoma Hwy, Maplewood, Apt. 5, Winchester, TN 37398

Daniel Leib served in The Tennessee Militia, War of 1812, as a Lieutenant. He also served as a Colonel in the Black Hawk War in 1832 in Illinois. He is supposed to have served with Abraham Lincoln.

Research accomplished by Ms. Faith Bradley, Summers, AR, shows that Daniel was born 22 September 1789 in Pennsylvania. He married

about 1815, probably in Tennessee. His second wife was Carbara Spessard. Daniel was the son of John Leib, Sr., and Catherine Sadler/Saddler. Daniel appears in September 1844 in Greene Co., AR, where he is identified in an Estate Settlement Report for Joseph Vanbibber, deceased, as the Father-in-law of the deceased Joseph; Joseph being the son of James Vanbibber and Jane Irgine, and Joseph's first wife being Susan Boone, the daughter of Nathan Boone and Olive Vanbibber, and Nathan being the son of Daniel Boone and Rebecca Bryan. Daniel Lieb's daughter, Emelus Susan Leib, became the second wife of Joseph Vanbibber.

Need to identify the companies in which Daniel Leib served in the War of 1812 and in the Black Hawk War to be able to request military/bounty land/pension papers from the National Archives.

Cornelius Vanbibber or Emilus Cornelius Vanbibber - who was this man? He appears at age 13 years, born about 1837 in AR, living in the household of John F. Winneham and his wife, Serinda Leib, the daughter of Daniel Leib. This Cornelius, or Emerlus/Emirius Cornelius Vanbibber may have been the son of Joseph Vanbibber and his second wife Emelus Susan Leib, the sister of Serinda Leib; thus, Cornelius was living with his aunt in 1850, in Greene County. Cornelius is supposed to have died in the Civil War. In which company did he serve? Estate Settlement Report from the Office of the County Court Clerk, Randolph Co., AR, shows that Joseph Vanbibber "was one of the surveyors who laid out the town of Pocahontas, the County Seat for Randolph County." Contact the submitter if you have information on this family.

Morgan Family

Submitted by George Cole, 3617 University Blvd., Dallas, TX 75205

Although for the most part the Morgan family lived in Georgia, the first child of John R. Morgan, Augustus Hartford Morgan, left the State of Georgia and settled in Scott Co., AR, in 1870. Unless there are cousins living in Arkansas the family is unaware

of, there are no longer any members of this Morgan family living in that state.

Father: 1. Samuel Morgan, b. sometime in the 1750s; death date unknown. Mother: unknown

Children: 1. John R., b. 1784, New Jersey, death date unknown. He m. twice, names unknown. 2. Thomas, b. 1787, NY, d. 1852-3 in Chattooga Co., GA. He m. 1st Cynthia Ann ?, b. 1811 NC. Children: 1. William, b. 1812, prob. Chattooga Co., GA, death date unknown; he m. Ann ? c1835; she was b. c1810, death date unknown. Children: (1) Martha, b. 1836, death date unknown. She may have married Henry Ball, William Johnson, or she may have married Whitfield Leak, 27 May 1855, in Floyd Co., GA. (2) A son, b. 1835-40 who d. before 1850. (3) William, b. 1843. He may have married Mollie Phelps 14 Feb 1870 in Floyd Co. William Morgan m. 2d Martha?, c1862; she was b. 1827 NC. Children: (1) John J., b. 1863, may have married Harriet Smith in Floyd Co., GA 1 Jan 1880. (2) Allanow G. (male), b. 1865 (3) Samuel, b. 1867 4. Peter A., b. 29 Nov. 1869, m. Elizabeth E. Kendrick (b. 2 Oct 1873, d 10 Sep 1932) in Floyd Co., GA, both bur. in the old Armuchee Cemetery. Children: 1. A dau., who m. S. F. Selman; 2. John; 3. Paul; 4. James Kendricks 2. Sophronia H. Morgan, b. 1813, prob Walker Co., GA, death date unknown. She m. John B. Lansford (b. 1807 GA, death date unknown). Children: (1) Lucy Ann, b. 1841; (2) James E., b. 1843; (3) Cynthia Ann, b. 1845; (4) John B., b. 1847; (5) Warren H., b. 1850; (6) Pauline, b. 1853. 3. John R. Morgan, b. 1815 Chattooga Co., GA; he is believed to have d. c1902, place of burial unknown. John Morgan m. 1st Jane? in 1836 in Walker Co., GA; she d. sometime bet. 1847-48, prob. in Walker Co. Children:

1. Augustus Hartford, b. 25 Aug 1836, at or near LaFayette, Walker Co., GA, d. 22 Nov 1914, at Weeks (listed in most census records as LaFayette Twp), Scott Co., AR. He m. Elizabeth Ann Williams Greeson on 16 July 1868 at Trion, Chattooga Co., GA. She was b. at Trion 13 Jan 1842, and d. 25 Jan 1905 at Weeks, Scott Co., AR.

Augustus Hartford Morgan came to Dardanelle, Arkansas, from LaFayette Co., GA, in 1861 and enlisted in Co. D of Lon McKay's Regiment, also known as the 15th Arkansas Volunteers. He was wounded in the right shoulder in the Battle of Corinth in 1862; was wounded in the head during an engagement in Mississippi, and in the right leg at Fort Gibson in May 1863. In June of that same year, he lost the sight of his right eye at Vicksburg.

Augustus Morgan's pension application number was 853. He never listed his wife's name when he applied for a pension, but her name was Elizabeth Ann Williams Creason Morgan, b. 13 Jan 1842. He served from July 15, 1861 to end of war; his application was approved as a Veteran's in 1892; Widow not listed in pension application; enrolled from the County of Scott; date deceased, November 22, 1914, Weeks, Scott County, Arkansas (Weeks is listed in the June, 1900, census as being in LaFayette Township).

Mr. Cole has a great deal of information on this family after they moved to TX. He would like to know if John P. (W.?) is buried in Perry Co., AR

Microfiche Source

Ancestor Publishers, P. O. Box 682, RAS 931, Arvada, CO 80001 has announced the availability of both microfiche readers and microfiche: an Alphabetical List of the Early Settlers of Kings County, Long Island, New York, and Georgia's Roster of the Revolution (1776-1783) as published in 1920. Contact them for full listing of their products.

Reunions

Tucker Descendants of Sanders Tucker, 1818-1867 and his brothers will convene Sunday, Sept. 5, 1993, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Community Bldg., Cornerville, Lincoln Co., AR. Full details are available from Wm. Sanders Tucker, 3605 Bear Cove, Benton, AR 72015

Cole Family of Greene Co., AR, July 3, 1993, Legion Hut, Paragould, AR. Contact Gene Cole, 1902 S. Cleveland, Russellville, AR 72801 for more details.

Clan McAlister of America, July 2 & 3, 1993, Holiday Inn Airport, Little Rock, AR. . Contact Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McAlister, Rt. 2, Box 92, Lonoke, AR 72086.

Appleberry/Aplebury reunion, 1st Sunday in August, 1993, at Farm Bureau Office, Carrollton, MO. Contact Gene Garr, 1505 Mistletoe, Mountain Home, AR 72653 (501-425-0405

Ballard family reunion to be held July, 1993, Licking, MO. Contact Christina Hadley, Rt. 1, Box 216, Licking, MO 65542

Homer & Bertha Whillhite descendants will meet August 7, 1993, White River Radio Club, Clarendon, AR. Contact Billie Whillhite, Rt. 1, Box 226, Brinkley, AR 72021

The family of **John David and Sarah Russell Reed** will meet July 1-5, 1993 at Kents Store, VA. Contact T. J. Reed, Box 70, Kents Store, VA 23084.

Cathey Family Reunion set for July 31-Aug. 1, 1993 at Charlotte NC. Contact Boyt Cathey, 102 Cloverbrook Ct., Jamestown, NC 27282 (919-454-4121)

Moses Collins family reunion will be July 11, 1993 at New Albany MS

Taylor family reunion will be held August 22, 1993 at Faison, NC. Contact Edwin Moss, P. O. Box 216, Star City, AR 71667-0216 for information on both.

Floyd & Etta Burns family reunion scheduled for 17 July, 1993, El Paso, AR, Community Building. Contact Bill Burns, 1850 Mt. Carmel Rd., Cabot, AR 72023 for details.

Kisinger, Parker and Berry reunion meets the second Sunday in August each year. The 43rd meeting will be August 14-15, 1993 in Seymour, Texas, at the City Park. The family has always met in the same place. Contact person is Mildred Kisinger Barker, 1423 Tulip Ln., Odessa, TX 79761-2912.

Carver family reunion is set for the third Saturday in July at DeWitt, AR. Contact Dixie Wood, Rt. 2, Box 93, DeWitt, AR 72042 (501-946-1067) for more information.

Ball family reunion scheduled for Sunday, September 12, 1993, at Bauxite Community Center, 12 noon. Contact Mary Jane Ball Alpe, 903 SW 2nd, Bryant, AR 72022 (501-847-4876) for details.

Zelpe and related lines will meet on 14 August, 1993 for their annual reunion always held on the 2nd Saturday of August, at St. James, MO. Contact Mrs. Elsie M. Wasser, 7430 Leslie Dr., Edwardsville, IL 62025-7736 for more information.

Towery Family of America will meet June 25-26,

1993, in Tupelo, MS. Contact George & D. G. Guise, P. O. Box 770, Grants Pass, OR 97527-0770 (503-265-3749) for details.

Manning family of Lawrence Co., AR, will hold their reunion June 24-27, 1993, in Bradley, IL. Contact Bobbi Wheeler, 290 S. Jefferson, Bradley, IL 60915 for more details.

Hogue family reunion will be held June 5, 1993 at the VFW Building, Morrilton, AR. Contact Marie Wolfe of Benton, AR (501-778-4843) for details.

Bridges family reunion is scheduled for June 27, 1993, at Dodd City School House, Dodd City, TX. Contact Bettie Bridges Brock, 3009 Del Cerro, Alamogordo, NM 88310 for more information.

Bean - Southern Bean family (all spellings) will meet June 17-18-19, 1993 at LaGrange, GA. Contact Janis Waugh, 1251 Tope Rd., Sharpsburg, GA 30277 for details.

McElhannon family reunion will be held June 5 & ^, 1993 at Winder, Georgia. Contact Ann E. McElhannon, Rt. 1, Box 155, Winder, GA 30680, or Dennis T. McElhannon, 301 Sheffield Dr., Fort Worth, TX 76134 for information.

Rankin family reunion set for June 20, 1993, Cops of Engineers Toadsuck Park, Conway, AR. Contact Jackie Myers, 31 Le Fever Ln., Little Rock, AR 72207 for details.

Latimer family reunion will be held July 17, 1993 in DeQueen, AR. Contact Lea Etta Sweatt, 4330 Cherry, Pine Bluff, AR 71603 for more information.

Computer Information Networks

Member Don A. Patterson, 3492 Davies Ave., Cayucos, CA 93430, would like to contact AGS members belonging to information networks **GENie** or **Prodigy**.

EARLY DAYS OF RECOLLECTION

Submitted by Doris Obsta, 4306 Guy Grant Rd., Victoria, TX 77904-2223

I am Joe C. Watts, the eldest of five children born to Harry Otis Watts and Sarah Ellen Wilkerson. Dad was born on October 21, 1899 in Oran, Missouri and mother was born in Sharp County, Arkansas on June 19, 1905. They were married on May 20, 1923. I was born one year later on May 2, 1924. During the next nine years my mother had five more children. They are, following my birth: Sarah Elizabeth, born October 19, 1926, died 21 October, 1926; Cecil Riley, born April 27, 1928; Opal Maydella, born February 12, 1930; Nadine Virginia, born March 1, 1932; and Lorene Ellen, born March 9, 1933.

My mother died following the birth of Lorene Ellen. Apparently something went wrong during the birthing process, at the home of her parents, Byrd and Nettie Wilkerson. What a sad time it was, the men and boys in the family going all around the area looking for a doctor who could save my mother's life, perhaps, but to no avail. There was no money to pay for the services of a doctor, as it was the height of the Great Depression. I still recall how I and the other little ones were brought to my mother's bedside and she told us she was going to Heaven. She passed away and then my grandfather began the process of making the coffin out of black walnut. She was buried the next day in Baker's Cemetery.

After Mother died, all of us children lived with our grandparents Wilkerson. Times were really bad because of the depression. There was no money, no way to make a living, except by day labor for 25 cents per day. When these events transpired, our grandparents had five children of their own still at home. Taking in five more children was more than they could handle, moneywise, so the Probate Court took us from Dad and sent us to the Arkansas Children's Home in Little Rock, Arkansas. All of my sisters and my brother were adopted quite soon, but I was not, as most people wanted a younger child, but I did go to a foster home in those days. Things in those years were not regulated as they are now, and many foster homes used children for work purposes rather than for "wanting a child". This was my case.

The family to which I was sent was very abusive to me and also made me work very hard for a nine year old boy. I would have to plow behind a team, which once ran away with me and got me into trouble. I also had to hoe strawberries and to this day I do not care for strawberries! I had to get up at 4:00 AM to do the long list of chores before going to school. I was frail and developed measles and whooping cough at the same time and was very ill. I recall the doctor coming to the house at this foster home. We put on "long-handles" in the fall and wore them until winter's end.

Before I go on further with my reminiscences, there are several other accounts of my early childhood that I wish to elaborate on and want my descendants to hear about.

I can remember back to about the time my brother was born. We were living in Williford, Arkansas. We used to go see our Grandparents Wilkersons who lived up on Boothe's Creek, which was known as the "old Wilkerson place". It was a hewn log house. I remember my grandmother making hominy and using ashes to remove the husk from the corn. They would cook it outside in a big iron wash pot. I can remember Aunt Hazel, Uncles Nathan and Earl playing in the creek. We had lots of fun playing there and passed many hours doing this. We, at one time, moved to Nettleton, Arkansas to where our Grandparents had moved. The State of Arkansas built a new concrete highway by our place. A man used to come by selling fruit and vegetables. As a young boy living back in those hard times, a nickel looked as big as a gallon syrup bucket lid, but the bananas looked twice as big as they do now. You could buy one banana for a nickel--if you had a nickel. Seems like we always moved when our grandparents moved. Then our grandparents moved to Ravenden Springs, Arkansas and the place where they lived was then known as the "greenhouse" because the house was painted green. This place did not have a well on it, but they caught rain water in a cistern and when there was a big dry spell grandpa would haul water from the spring at Ravenden Springs, which was about two miles away. We lived about a mile across the road from them and this is where Lorene Ellen was born and my Mother died. I recall times when my

Dad would be off looking for work. He was an uneducated man, who only worked with his hands. He would work in timber, picking cotton, or whatever he could find. Since there was no money during the Great Depression, people would barter. Dad would get a small sack of corn for doing labor, then would take it to the miller, who in turn, would take half for grinding it. Mrs. Baker, a nice lady who lived in a substantial house near where I caught the school bus to go infrequently to school, would always ask to see the lunch in the syrup bucket I carried to school. She would empty it of the cornbread and molasses, put in biscuits and ham, and sometimes a piece of pie! This went on for a considerable length of time, but one day, my Dad found out about the switching of my lunches, and forbid me to do this anymore. Dad's pride just would not let him or his family take anything that he felt he had not worked or earned.

I used to go with my Dad a lot, as I did not attend school regularly. Seems like there was no one near to me that would enforce that rule. We would walk through woods and pastures. I had to spend several hours up in a tree once on account of a big bull who was in this certain pasture. Once my dad and I were in a drug store that had a counter where you could sit and eat a dish of ice cream, that is, if you could afford it. Since I had never tasted ice cream, I went over and licked a spoon that someone had left.

The government during this period of time, would send a relief truck through our part or perhaps through all parts of the country and the people would meet this truck by the highway. The package was about a cubic foot square and had specific items in it: a pound of sugar, a package of prunes, a small plug of chewing tobacco, about a pound of flour, a small box of soda, and a can of Pet milk. This is all I can remember about the box. This was in 1930 or 1931. One thing I do remember is that my mother would make us cookies whenever we got this food box. Otherwise we had no flour, just cornmeal for cornbread. In season, we would gather wild berries and fruit. We had poke greens and we also ate a weed that was fuzzy and grew flat on the ground. I forget what this was called. A neighbor lady gave us milk when they had more than they could use. It seemed that those who had more than they could use always gave to those who didn't have it.

Before I went to the Children's Home, I never had a pair of shoes to fit my feet. I would wear anything or any size that I would be given in the winter when it was cold. I don't guess I was ever more than 70 miles from my birth place during this period of time, either.

Illness was another thing and there were ways and tonics to treat sickness. When we had a fever or were feeling sick, there was a quick way for me to get to feeling fine. Just a mention of a tonic called "666" was enough to do it. It was a bitter dose to take and from its name, I would call it the devil's brew. For a cough or sore throat there was always turpentine and sugar; for a sore, sore toe or a wound, there was a coal oil soaked rag. Because there were rocks and stones everywhere, bruises were frequent. There would be a lance with the straight razor and then an application of P & G Soap on it and finally wrapped with a rag. Boils were taken care of in the same manner. The only time I saw a doctor was as a foster child, never in Northeastern Arkansas. Of course, when I went to the Children's Home, I had the benefits of all modern medicine as young doctors interned there and children came from all over the state to receive treatment.

As decreed by the Court, the time came for all of us to go to the Arkansas Children's Home and Hospital, as it was called then. The caseworker from there came and brought clothes for us. We went to Hoxie, Arkansas and caught the train to Little Rock. We were placed in quarantine for a week (like immigrants) and then were separated into the Boys Home and the Girls Home.

My life and the lives of my siblings took dramatic turns after we arrived at the Arkansas Children's Home and Hospital. My lifelong friend, Miss Ruth Beall was not the Administrator when we children arrived. The homes were two big stately Southern mansions. The dining hall was in the boys home, but we still were separated as we ate. All work relating to caring for all the children was on premises and the laundry, cooking, cleaning was done by people whose skin color I had never seen before. I remember asking another boy, "What kind of people are those with the dark skin?" I had never seen a black person before. But as I stayed at the home until I entered the Army in 1942, I grew close to many of the long time staff and loved to talk to Geneva, who ruled the kitchen and fixed special things for me when I came home during my stay in

the Army. There was Bessie who ruled the laundry room and many times I would help Bessie on the mangle to do all the sheets that came to be washed and ironed. These women worked there for many, many years and were really our friends. When one of the old timers passed away, there was always sadness tinged with a fond remembrance of how these friends had helped us get out of scrapes, cooked something special or given us kind words of encouragement.

In the Home at the time I arrived, there were about 100 boys and equally that amount of girls. My baby sister was adopted out of the hospital almost immediately, and the other sisters were adopted shortly. My brother was also adopted. Whenever anyone came to adopt a child, they would always ask the prospective parents "What age child do you want?" Miss Hornberg, the office lady would line us up and the people would make their selection. I kept up with my sisters, but one day when we went to eat, I saw that they were gone. One day there was a woman with my brother. She was Ethel Adams, the lady who was adopting him. Bobby was telling her he wanted his brother, but she did not know he had a brother. She took us both back to the office and really told Miss Hornberg off! She did not want to break up a family, but she wanted my brother. Mrs. Adams told Miss Hornberg that I was welcome to visit all I wanted and could come at any time. She became my Aunt Ethel and I visited often. I was always invited at Christmas. Her husband was Uncle Bruce and he drove a meat packing route truck. This whole family meant a lot to me and through the years I visited often with them. In 1937, the family who adopted my sister Nadine (Wanda) came to see me at the home. She had been adopted into a very nice family by the name of Martindill from Searcy, Arkansas.

In 1939, a similar visit took place when the people who had adopted my baby sister Lorene (Betty). I had been in the home of the 'adopted' grandmother quite often, because Betty's 'adopted' uncle was a friend of mine. He was our coach at the Boys Club. However, this was not known to me until the day that Mrs. Hughes came to the Home with her adopted baby (Betty) and made all this known to me. I couldn't get over the fact that I was friends with Mrs. Hughes' two brothers and their sister was now Betty's mother.

I now knew where all my family was except for Opal Maydella. It took me 47 years to find her. I always

yearned to find her and would wish that I could just find her standing somewhere so that I could see her. My dream was finally realized. In 1980, I made one of my trips back to Arkansas to see my relatives and the extended family from the Home who meant so much to me. John Dierks, a friend from the Home and his wife Elouise were always a stop when I got to Little Rock. We would talk because all of us in the Home generally had family everywhere. They would always ask about my progress in finding this lost sister. During this visit, I got up the courage to go talk to Mrs. Boch, now retired who had been the keeper of the "inner sanctum" records concerning all the adoptions which had taken place during those early years. I asked Mrs. Boch to please tell me where my sister was. She immediately understood my plight and told me: El Dorado, Arkansas. She could not remember the adoptive family's name as she had been retired for many years. Now I had a town! Elouise Dierks has a sister, Louise, that lives in El Dorado. With a few inquiries, Louise came up with a prospect that fit the bill! It all was so logical, in fact, without a doubt, everyone thought "She's the one!" I went on up to Northeastern Arkansas to visit with my half-sisters. Everyone there was excited too. But I still had not made "the" telephone call. What if she refused to speak to me, or would not hear me relate our history? What if she did not want anything to do with this crank on the other end of the line? After all, I found out that she had many privileges, been given a wonderful life by parents who actually did not want her to know she was adopted. I shook in my boots as I called home to Refugio, Texas to tell my wife Marjorie. I needed encouragement, support and advice! Marjorie was excited and readily said, "Just be calm, tell her that you are her brother Joe, who has been looking for you for many years." "Tell her that you are visiting in Arkansas and that you would like to visit her on your way back home to Texas".

Her first remark was "I thought your name was George!" She very briefly talked to me about her family in the phone call. We agreed that at a specific time in the next few days, I would stop by for a short while. She urged me to please not publicize this meeting we were about to have as her father who was very old and in poor health could be upset. I certainly abided by her wishes and looked forward to seeing her at last.

Opal Maydella became Marydel James Wren. When I arrived at her home, I was greeted with a

hug and stepped inside to meet her husband. Immediately upon seeing her, it was apparent that there was a family resemblance in her hair color and skin tone. About a year later, all of us children had a very nice family reunion. Obviously, all of us had been reared in different homes and ways, but blood runs thick and we do have a common bond, wherever we are! I have always felt that as the eldest, it was my responsibility to keep track of all the family, that it was my duty to get everyone lined out in my mind as to their special niche not only in my life, but in theirs, too. When we had that first reunion of the Watts Family Children in Arkansas, I brought a cake decorated and inscribed " Together Again After all These Years".

Growing up the Home not only involved seeing my siblings adopted always from me, but there were many, many wonderful good times. I had two experiences with foster homes; one horrible and the other, a great experience in a family filled with love, a happy home life and foster parents who set good examples and truly cared for my well-being. I have alluded to my first foray into that unknown world of foster care parents, the Wrights. Fortunately for me, the Wright Family had two daughters who were social workers. These girls came home to their parents and immediately saw how frail and sick I was and persuaded the elder Wrights to let me go back to the Children's Home. I guess the old man Wright could see that I probably was a weakling after having been so sick with simultaneous whooping cough and red measles. He probably figured I wouldn't last long getting up at 4:00 AM and working all day.

A wonderful thing happened at the Home while I was at the Wrights. The Management at the Home changed, probably with stricter rules regarding adoption and foster care for children. My friend, Miss Ruth Beall became the administrator. She was a very gentle person with the children. She was featured in a Life Magazine article many years ago and was referred to as "The Terrible-Tempered Angel" of the Arkansas Children's Home and Hospital. Many is the time she talked to me and I would have preferred that she just go ahead and spank me. It would have been much easier! Things really changed around the Home with Miss Beall in charge. Dentists and doctors donated their services, bakers their bread, and barbers their haircuts. Miss Beall was a real fund raiser and go-getter. Annually she would speak before civic groups and anyone who would listen to recruit funds for the

Home and Hospital. There really was no one in the city of Little Rock who did not know Miss Beall. She was for us all the way. We never lacked for anything, but by the same token we were taught never to waste. We had to work somewhere in the compound with work allocated according to size and age. The house mother was "the bank". We could save or withdraw as needed. We always went to the movies on Friday nights with a chaperon, no ticket--just a letter from Miss Beall. We belonged to the Boys Club which allowed you to belong to the "Knot-Hole Gang". This meant that you could go to all the home games of the Little Rock Traveller's Baseball Team. At Christmas, we had the REAL Santa Claus, because he wore a brown woolen suit, no fur on it, a big wide leather belt and boots like in the old, old pictures. He would arrive with a big sack of many, many gifts. Can you imagine what I was thinking since that I could recall I had never had a Christmas before arriving at the Home. I do remember, however, that once a neighbor of ours, gave us children some popcorn balls, and my Dad said that was Santa Claus! Yes, this REAL Santa was a big, big man and he filled the bill exactly. Of course, all the gifts were donated by merchants. We had our own ball diamond and all the kids in the neighborhood would come to our block to play. We had a store room chocked full of canned foods donated by grocers; with meat from the meat companies. Farmer's markets would donate fresh vegetables. Clothing stores donated clothing for us. Miss Beall knew how to take care of her children!

I had trouble understanding the school system! When I went to country schools, I would be in the grade the city schools said I was, but it was reversed when I went from the country to the city. They would start me a half grade behind. At the Home, school was a certainty and I got an education.

One of my best school years was with the Mose Wallace family in Rogers, Arkansas. This was 1937 and I was thirteen years old. Mr. Hinkle, the attorney for the Home had to make the trip from Little Rock across the state to Rogers, probably something to do with the Wallace's adopted daughters, Faye and Barbara. I took the trip with Mr. Hinkle. We returned to the Home and nothing was said to me. One day, Mrs. Wallace and a busful of her fellow club women came to "tour the Home and Hospital". I saw Mrs. Wallace again and by golly, I was invited home with her. I went home with her

and that busful of women to Rogers and stayed for a year.

Mr. Wallace had been gassed as a soldier in World War I. Mr. Mose and I would get up in the middle of the night and go raccoon and squirrel hunting with his dogs. He loved it and so did I. We became very close and it was just exactly what I needed at that age.

Mrs. Wallace canned everything and anything she could. We would go (the whole family) to apple orchards and pick up the culls, grapes from the vineyard. Mrs. Wallace canned all of this. We grew a big garden and all of this was processed. Mrs. Wallace was a lady before her time: She recycled and we always ate our apples right down to the tiny core. She recycled her Christmas cards too. My wife and I always got a card which had the senders name carefully erased. Mrs. Wallace would always write nice long notes. I know they liked me as much as I liked them. They reinforced the concept of not wasting anything and I know they were able to live well on Mr. Wallace's small WW I pension. They had a new stone house and I had a room of my own.

During February of 1938, all of us took a trip to South Dakota. Imagine taking a trip there in the dead of winter. It seems that Mrs. Wallace's mother, who had been visiting them wanted to go back to her home in Vermillion, South Dakota. Not only did she want to go home, she also wanted to take some furniture and personal belongings back with her. We struck out pulling a small two-wheel trailer loaded with the grandmother's belongings. As we traveled north, it became colder and colder. I had a sheepskin lined corduroy coat with a big collar on it to keep warm. When we arrived in Vermillion the first night the most gosh-awful snow storm took place during the night. When we got up the next morning we could not get out of the house except through a second story window. I had seen snow, but nothing ever like this. Snow plows had to clear the roads and finally we could venture home. As we passed through the northern states we would see men and boys sawing ice in blocks and loading it on sleds to take to their ice houses. We managed to have a flat on one of the tires on the trailer we were pulling. I got out to help Mr. Mose fix it and literally froze nearly to death. I have never been so cold in all my life and my corduroy jacket was nothing in that weather. When night came, we stayed in a hotel where I guess the

pipes were frozen and the guests beat on the pipes all night long trying to get the heat going. I don't think I got warmed up until we got home and I slipped under the featherbed. It was a great year.

I had my own bike, earned and banked, by having the candy concession in the doctor's quarters at the hospital. Another one of my jobs was working in the kitchen and waiting tables for the doctors and the nurses. After I joined the Army, on furloughs to the Home, I would be invited to eat in the dining room (with the big shots). Many times we big boys would be Miss Beall's chauffeur. She liked to go to Hot Springs to the horse races and we did this also when she had to go various places on business.

We had a live-in Doctor and always about four medical students at the Home. They would play baseball with us whenever they could. We had various duties to perform, the youngest ones had to polish the rungs of the stairs at the Home. I was just to mow the grounds and care for the flower beds at one time. I also worked in the laundry with Bessie. There was plenty of laundry as the sheets were changed every week. Floors were waxed every Saturday and shoes were polished. The Home was cleaned every day.

I was working as an orderly in the Hospital when Sister Kenney came from Australia to promote her method of treating children who were crippled with polio. This was before the Salk Vaccine. Other patients the Hospital treated were burn victims from all over the state and of course, they got the best medical care available.

When some of us boys became teenagers, we were allowed to go to the country where we knew the perfect swimming hole. One occasion when we were skinny-dipping, some girls stole our clothes we had left on the bank. The only way we could get them back was to come out of the creek! Boy, they dropped those clothes and ran. Even better was the time Miss Beall rented a U-Haul truck and took a big bunch of us about 25 miles from Little Rock to a river. Three of us, one of them being me, decided we had to go up the river a piece to "take a smoke". We, of course, lingered over our smokes, and in the meantime, Miss Beall got ready to go. She loaded everybody up and left us! She had cautioned us that we were never to smoke in front of the little ones so she knew what we were up to. She figured she would teach us a lesson and

we'd have to walk home in our swimsuits. We finally decided to strike out since there was no other way home. We were walking dejectedly along thinking about our 25 mile walk. I was looking down, and what do you think I saw: the nicest ten dollar bill! It was enough to buy us a bus ticket from the driver of a bus going to Little Rock. Miss Beall was surprised to see us! She just shook her head. This incident gave us plenty to talk about for years after it happened.

The winds of war involving the United States were blowing in the early 40's. We big boys past the age of 17 discussed the situation and weighed what we wanted to do and which branch of the service we'd like to be in. None of us wanted the Infantry. That would be "just a foot soldier". We visited the recruiter and he said that if we all joined up together, we'd all get to stay together! Famous last words. Well, we figured that the Air Force would be great and since we'd all get to stay together that cinched the deal. Ernest Howard, Fred Dierks and I joined. John Dierks would have gone, but he was too thin. We were to be a total group of 2,500 who would make up the Arkansas Battalion. First we went to Tarrant Field in Fort Worth and immediately I was separated from Fred and Ernest. I had the choice of going to Moor Field in McAllen, Texas, Foster Field in Victoria, Texas or the air base at Hondo, Texas. I chose Victoria, and by the time Fred and Ernest could get their choice, the slots for Victoria were filled, so they chose McAllen. Ernest and I did not go overseas, but Fred did. He was a crew chief on a B-24 and saw action over Germany where his plane was strafed and shot down by the Luftwaffe. He was buried in the small German village where this happened but later, John requested his reburial in the National Cemetery in Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. Fred was one of my very best friends. I really felt like I had lost a brother.

When I arrived at Tarrant Field, the base was not even finished, so I shipped on to Foster Field in Victoria. I was in the 99th Squadron. When I arrived, there was nothing but non-commissioned officers in Grade, so it was a long and rough struggle for me to attain Private First Class. Finally I made the grade by an Act of Congress in 1945. That year I shipped to Matagorda Island and was put in charge of fuel servicing the planes. I had under me a Staff Sergeant waiting for his discharge under the point system; a Corporal, who was not very bright; a PFC and a Private. The Private had

been busted from Buck Sergeant so collectively we were a real group! I was promoted to Corporal, then the next month to Buck Sergeant. The very next day, the order was rescinded as I had not been in Grade long enough. The Colonel assured me I would be promoted in due time. The war was over very shortly and everyone on the Island was sent to other bases. I was sent to Port O'Connor, Texas. We did security duty on the Island until early 1946 and I went back to Foster Field. We were hauling all the furniture and other things to Randolph Field in San Antonio to await our discharge. During my Army/Air Force career, I had never seen any brass bigger than a "chicken" colonel, however, one day at noon a call came in to pick up a 4 Star General. I was the only driver at this time in the motor pool. So, I put the flags on the Cadillac and went out to the ramp. He was a very nice and polite man. He told me to drive him to the Officer's mess which I did. He told me at what time I should pick him up. He did not call me soldier or corporal; he called me son. I was very much at ease with him and was glad to have had this experience. A few days later I shipped to Camp Fannin in Tyler, where I got my discharge. By this time, my wife, Marjorie and I had been married almost two years. Our wedding day is June 22, 1944.

A Postscript:

In looking back over my life, I have mixed feelings. Reality tells me that in the first part of my life, I don't know how much harder I could have had it. My family lived in places ranging from a dugout area in a mound of earth to all kinds of poor houses, sometimes just anywhere we could get some shelter. My mother had to die, because no doctor would come to assist where there was no money. To me that was not just. Fate stepped in when my father as a thirteen year old became at odds with his older brother and left to live his life on his own. He was in no way prepared to do this and as a result he never became educated enough to make a decent living, compounded by the Depression. Two strikes here and one is almost out. The Lord intervened when our little family was sent to Little Rock. There our basic needs were met and all were adopted into nice homes. Actually, I believe that I was too old to be adopted. As a result, I have a very large extended family. I have: one brother, three sisters, three half sisters, one step-sister (deceased), at least six or more brother friends from the Home and several took as brides, girls from the Home. I think of Elouise Dierks and Annis

Howard. Then, after I got married in 1944, I gained even more. I took Marjorie's mother as mine, too, and have always called her Mama through the years. She has been as good to me as anyone could be. In the marriage deal, I also gained a very good father-in-law, who was Dad to me. I got a little sister, too who grew up and married as fine a brother (in-law) as anyone could wish for. I have taken Marjorie's family as my own, and they have taken me as theirs.

Following is a list of my original family and their birth dates which are on file in Hardy, Arkansas:

Sarah Elizabeth Watts born 10/19/26 died 10/21/26

Cecil Riley Watts, born 27 April 1928
Adopted as Bobby Cecil Adams, Married Jo Ann
Father of Gary Wayne and Roger Bruce Adams

Opal Maydella Watts, born 12 February 1930
Adopted as Marydel James, Married Wren, divorced
Mother of a son and two daughters
Nadine Virginia Watts, born 1 March 1932
Adopted as Wanda Lou Martindill, Married Myron Millier
Mother of Myra Lou, Diana and Dennis Keith

Lorene Ellen Watts, born 9 March 1933
Adopted as Betty Sue Hughes, 2nd marriage to Gene Rone
Mother of Eddie, Michael, Chuckie, Teresa and Candace

Half-Sisters:
May Bell Watts, born 14 June 1938
Married London Broadway, born 18 September 1938
Mother of Wayne and Rick

Betty, most known and called Dolly Watts, born 16 April 1940
married to Walter Arnold, divorced
Mother of Rocky and Nickie

Mary Ella Watts, born 16 March 1942
Married Laverne Green
Mother to Mary Rebecca, Danny, Jonathan, and David

Step-Sister: Hazel Jones, Mother of five, the daughter of Mary, who was Dad's second wife. Mary passed away in 1980.

Hazel Jones is deceased.

My Dad passed away in February of 1974

Maternal Antecedents of Joe C. Watts

Great-Grandfather: Robert Armstrong, born in Parkersburg, WV 30 November 1843
He was a boatman. Died 17 August 1917
Married 19 October 1880 to
Great-Grandmother: Sarah Elizabeth Athens, born in Wyandotte, Kansas 22 October 1857
Died 9 December 1937

Children born to this union:
James, b. 14 October 1881, d. 19 January 1960
John b. 26 March 1883, d. 5 May 1925
Robert L., b. 12 December 1884
Annette, (my Grandmother) b. 19 September 1886
Nathan, b. 14 October 1888
William Sherman, b. 14 October 1900
Albert W., b. 26 November 1893
Lydia, b. 6 August 1901
Alvan and Alva, Twins b. 22 May 1899
Amy, b. 3 August 1901

Note: This family had three children born on 14 of October. This information was recorded by Robert Armstrong on 12 April 1915. James Armstrong's wife was Nellie Wilkerson b. 30 August 1889 d. 5 February 1960

Grandfather: Cornelius Byrd Wilkerson b. 1882 d. 1962
He was a wagon maker and blacksmith.
Grandmother: Annette Armstrong b. 19 September 1886 d. 1964

Children born to this Union:
Homer Wife: ? Ravenden Springs, Arkansas
Earl Wife: Franceline Rockford, Illinois
Richard Wife: Bessie; daughter: Leon Walnut Ridge, Arkansas
Clarence Wife: Lindy daughter: Sherry Jonesboro, Arkansas
Nathan Wife: Mary Four children: Leroy (Married Hazel Jones Daughter) Frieda Mae, Twins: Gearldine & Willadine Williford, Arkansas
Hazel Husband #1: Edward Reese Children: Sidney John Cornelius (J. C.)
Husband #2: Walter Hickman Walnut Ridge, Arkansas

Note: Grandmother Armstrong (Nettie) Wilkerson's brother married Grandfather

Byrd Wilkerson's sister, making the offspring double cousins.

Paternal , Antecedents of Joe C. Watts

I know very little about my paternal grandfather and grandmother. I have been told that Grandfather died from a disease, perhaps influenza and my grandmother was struck by lightning. A terrible thunderstorm came up and she felt safe, apparently under a tree. Lightning killed her and the horse. As a result of these untimely deaths, my Dad, Harry and his older brother Obe were on their own. Obe was considerably older than my Dad. These boys also had twin sisters, but I do not have dates on their births or deaths.

Great-grandfather: Reddick Spradling, b. 18 August 1836, in Hickman, Tennessee, d. 9 November 1876 Married 17 April 1859 in Scott County, Missouri, Sytha E. McCord b. 28 March 1866

Children of this Union:

William Francis, b. 31 August 1861, Thebes, Illinois

Sarah Janie, b. 12 August 1863, Commerce, Missouri

Sytha Elizabeth, b. 28 March 1866, Oran, Missouri

Malissa Emeline, b. 26 May 1869, Oran, Missouri

Reddick Obediah, b. 23 July 1874

The Spradlings came to Arkansas in 1909.

My Grandfather was Joe Watts b. 1874 in Oran, Missouri.

Family stories say that my grandfather Joe Watts had something to do with textiles, worked in a mill or owned one. It also was said that an aunt offered to take in my Dad and raise him but he wished to be on his own and there was no one to challenge his idea.

Names of Various Paternal Family Members

D. F. Morrison Talullah, Louisiana, Harry Watts' 1st Cousin

Gladys Booth, Williford, Arkansas, Sister to Harvey & Otis Spradling, Cousins to Harry Watts

Tymond Spradling, Murphysboro, Ill., Cousin to Harry Watts

Addie Watts, Bloomfield, Missouri, Wife of Obe Watts

Donna Cleghorn, Daughter of Gladys Booth
Louis Booth, Son of Gladys Booth

Florence Wisdom, b. 9 October 1873, d. 25 August 1964, Aunt of Harry Watts

Gracie Spradling, b. 5 February 1902, Cousin

Laura Gladys Spradling, b. 4 August 1904, Cousin

William Otis Spradling, b. 9 August 1907, Cousin

Harvey Franklin Spradling, b. 30 October 1911, Cousin

Samuel Byrd Spradling, b. 25 February 1913, d. 13 February 1915

Herbert Spradling, b. 31 October 1915, d. April 1916

Dolphus Rader

Pearl Rader

Orval Morris

Lafferty Letter

Submitted by Mary Lafferty Wilson, c/o C. Howell, P. O. Box 1175, Pearl River, LA 70452. It enhances the bible records published in the March, 1993, issue of The Arkansas Family Historian. Her letter states:

In 1908 J. Shinn wrote Pioneers and Makers of Arkansas. In it he gave genealogical data to many of the early settlers of Arkansas. The family of Pioneer John Lafferty and his descendants were in a chapter in that history book.

This book is the main topic of this old letter found in the belongings of my father James Annis Lafferty (1875-1955). The letter originally was sent to my grandfather John Annis Lafferty (1838-1811), who was the son of Jacob Binks Lafferty (1776-1856), and grandson of Pioneer John (1759-1816). Pioneer John Lafferty was the son of Thomas Lafferty who was hung, by the mountain men, after the Battle of Kings Mountain, North Carolina 1870.

The two cent stamp on the letter is postmarked 4 June 1911 Arkansas. The letter addressed to Capt. A. J. Lafferty, Felix, New Mexico; Felix was crossed out and Richardson was written under it. The text of the letter is:

Dear Cousin: It has been a long time since I heard from you. This beautiful Sabbath morn, reminds me that the Lord has been good to me all the days of my life. We have had a drouth on for 15 days and the hottest weather Ark. ever had. So early crop look fine so far, but small peach crop in south Ark. is light. I have not found anything about the Lafferty family of much interest since Shinn's book was published, tho, I'm still trying. I think Shinn wrote that you were the only one of all my relatives who sent for the book, after all my writing them and urging. I sent the book to Albert Glenville Lafferty, Ferndale, Humbolt Co., Cal. Back in the winter I saw in the papers, he had been allowed a thousand dollars by the legislature of Cal. for supplies furnished the state in 1855. I have no idea of what the supplies consisted, unless it was buffalo and other wild game furnish state troops. I haven't heard from him in a year. He has one son, his only child living. Your sisters at Dicey Texas after one or two letters failed to answer any more of my letters. When you write tell me about them. Tell me about all the Kin. I was at Little Rock, at Con. reunion and

saw one Jessie Lafferty, son of Ezra, who was son of Austin F. Lafferty--he could not tell me anything--yes he told me that none of the Laffertys in Cleburne Co. sent for Col. Shinn's book, which contains the only reliable history of the Lafferty family ever printed. If you are writing to any of the Kin any where urge them to send for the book. In a year or two from now Shinn will have out another book of the same kind, tho, of course it will not contain the same reading matter. Go back and ransack your memory and give me some more of your recollections of "Early Days in Ark."--and what "they said"--what you heard your father and mother say--tell me what you can remember about our Grandfather Miller, where he come from--was he a revolutionary soldier--where did he die--where buried &c&c--has he a son or brother living now in Cleburne Co. Ark--and is his name John Miller. Where is your fathers old family Bible. Where is your grandfathers old family. Where are all the old family letters they wrote a long time ago. Where is Judge John Lindsey Lafferty's old family Bible. Alas if we had all these we could learn some thing. Write to all your brothers and sister and try to pick up some thing about the old Laffertys in "Early Times in Ark." Tell me about your boyhood days and your travels--war times--and later times. How you came to stray off away out there--how are you getting a long--how your children are getting along--give me their names and P.P. State &c--tell them to write to me. I have two nieces near Hillsboro, Texas. I have two sons, our only daughter died 3 years ago. One son is a physician at Bogalusa, La. With the Great Southern Mill Co. at \$250 pr month. The other son is in the express & Baggage department of Iron Mountain R. R. at \$85 pr mo--he brakes here twice a day--lives in Little Rock, Ark. I am still in the Railway Mail Service at \$85 pr mo. My health is good. I hope you are in good health and that you will take time soon to write ma a long letter. As ever your Cousin. John McCaleb Lafferty" Gurdon, Ark.

An original copy of Shinn's book that John Annis Lafferty sent for is in the possession of Marley Lafferty, half brother to the submitter.

Douglas Lake Cemetery, Lincoln County

Submitted by Billie W. New, 2 Kaye Lane, Jacksonville, AR 72076

Located near the old community of Douglas Lake, Lincoln Co., AR, below the levee at Douglas Lake, east of Cummins Prison Farm.

This is a supplement to the listing for this cemetery in Lincoln County, Arkansas Cemetery Records published by Lincoln County Extension Homemakers Council. A copy is available at the Arkansas History Commission.

In Loving Memory of our Mother

Sallie Moore
b. Apr 8, 1851
d. 11 Jan 1892
Wife of H. N. Austin

Ellen Douglas Pendleton
b. April 1837
d. March 28, 1906

(large Woodmen of the World Tombstone)

Charles V. Dixon
b. 24 June 1853
d. 22 Aug 1899
Cornelia E. Dixon
b. 28 Nov 1855
d. 5 Jan 1900

(on either side - two small stones)
Father Mother

Dorothy Rose
b. 15 Jan 1917
d. 30 Dec 1918
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. W.
Curzadd

two stones

B B

Thomas E. Douglas
b. 10 Dec 1828
d. 14 Mar 1906

Donald M. Douglas
b. 1 Feb 1853
d. 7 Apr 1878

Charles W. Douglas
b. 25 Mar 1853
d. 17 Mar 1870

Carl Philip Peterson
b. 9 May 1883
d. 5 Jan 1911

(small stone head and foot
no names)

Our Mother
Evelina McLain
b. 11 Jan 1802
d. 22 May 1875
wife of
Robert H. Douglas

Annie
b. 9 Aug 1868
d. 31 Dec 1872
daughter of
W. F. & A. L. Douglass

Maggie
b. 9 July 1871
d. 9 May 1873
daughter of
W. F. & A. L. Douglass

C. S. A.
(iron cross-no names) by
United Daughters of the Confederacy

(broken stone)
d. 18 Dec 1879 (6?)

Mother
Alice W. Douglass
b. 26 Dec 1840
d. 26 Oct 1914

(small stone)
Our Baby

My Wife
Byrd P. Douglass
b. 27 Aug 1872
d. 28 Oct 1916

C. S. A.
(iron cross, no names)
by United Daughters of the
Confederacy

George (Bass/Boss?) Ives
20 Apr 1865
21 Aug 1933
A Faithful Friend

Unmarked stone
7 feet s. w. of Ives

James Y. Richardson
b. 4 Mar 1867
d. 23 Sept 1887
son of S. & L. Richardson

R. G. Weeks
b. 1 Jan 1854
d. 25 July 1912

Kate Douglass
b. 14 Nov 1834
d. 20 Oct 1852
wife of William C. Weeks

Minnie P. Weeks
b. 19 Aug 1860
d. 15 Nov 1927

William C. Weeks
b. 11 Nov 1824
d. 10 Jan 1862

Julia B. Lee
1836-1915

Anna Lee
b. 4 Mar 1898
d. 18 July 1899
Daughter of R. G. & Winnie P. Weeks

Kate B. Douglass
b. 21 Dec 1881
d. 2 Dec 1882
Daughter of R. G. & M. P. Weeks

Robert S. Douglas
b. 28 Feb 1857
d. 23 Sept 1859

Mother
Ruth Brouse Lee
b. 1864
d. 1936

Father
John McLain Lee
b. 1851
d. 1920

Daughter
Clare Lee
b. 1897
d. 1919

Three graves marked - no names - in row by Lees

Three small stones with initials:

Dr R. II
Dr B. W. L Jr
Dr. B. W I

Son
Robert Brouse Lee
b. 1889
d. 1904

Katie

Daughter of Dr. B. W. & ISA

One one stone:

Katie b. 7 Dec 1855 d. 3 Sept 1874
one side: Adeline F. b. 17 Apr 1847 d. 22 July 1848
Joseph H. b 30 May 1858 d. 20 Aug 1863
Wm. F. b. 8 July 1863 d. 13 July 1863
Children of Dr. B. W. & I. D. Lee

One side: Bushrod W. Lee b. 9 Feb 1849 d. 22 Nov 1873

son of Dr. B. W. & I. D. Lee

one side: Bushrod W. Lee b 17 July 1809 d. 8 July 1876

boen in Petersburg, VA

one side: Dr. Richard H. Lee b. 21 Dec 1860 d. 4 Aug 1887

Robert E. Lee b 22 May 1842 d. 26 Dec 1880

Son of Dr. B. W. & I. D. Lee

Millie McCook

b. 23 July 1851

d. 1 Oct 1902

(Millie was wife of William Henry McCook. She was killed by a black inmate at Cummins Prison Farm where her husband was employed.

The old cemetery is very overgrown with underbrush and weeds, but still has some beautiful jonquils that bloom in the Spring, which would be the best time for anyone interested to visit.

The story is told that the Lee and Douglass families came from Fairfax, Virginia, ca 1823-24. Dr. Bushron Washington Lee was a doctor in Little Rock, with an office where the old State Capitol is, and he decided to move to Arkansas Post fo live. He married Evalina McLain Douglass' daughter, Isabella, and they had many children and lived in Napoleon, Batesville, Pine Bluff and Douglass. They owned much of the land that is now Cummins Prison.

Billie W. New has photos of most of these tombstones, and is very intersted in who is buried in the graves marked by the iron crosses placed by the U.D.C.

Cleveland County

From the Cleveland County Herald, Sept. 14, 1899

Bradley and Cleveland Counties

While Capt. Hugh Bradley was under Gen. Jackson in New Orleans during the war of 1812 he had frequent conversations with Spaniards who had explored the Red River country. Such glowing accounts did these Spaniards give of the richness and wildness of this country and the abundance of game that young Bradley was fired with the desire to see and to engage in the settlement and adventures of a new country. After the return of peace and the victorious volunteers had returned to their homes, the picture of the rich wild country drawn by the Spaniards, that lay on the west side of the Mississippi river, secured to his imagination, and he determined to brave the difficulties and plant himself in the new country. He soon found those who were in the same vibration of thought and feeling as himself, and by the year 1817 he and James Turner, Charles H. Ceay, Ike Pennington and James Beard found themselves in keel boats with their families on the Cumberland river ready to make the trip. It is probable that Aaron Johnson from Kentucky was with them. After a pleasant trip of many months they landed at a point west of Prairie De Arm and commenced the actual hardships of pioneer life. The river abounded in fish and cane breaks and uplands with game, and they fared sumptuously; but an unexpected enemy met them that almost frustrated their whole scheme. The Red river overflow caused sickness and fever to such an extent as to discourage the inhabitants. Toward the close of the second year of their settlement, they having heard of a good and healthful country to the east on the Saline river, began to turn their attention in that direction. About the year 1824 Ike Pennington made his way east and began a settlement two miles north of where Warren now stands. By the year 1826 all of the adventurers had permanently located in the vicinity of Pennington and commenced their permanent homes. About three years later Aaron Johnson became dissatisfied and determined to move back to Kentucky. His wife, who was Ike Pennington's daughter, was not willing to go. Aaron was determined, but one of his negroes ran away, which circumstances delayed him. While Johnson was making preparations to move back to the states, the inhabitants

were aroused from slumber one night by the report that Johnson was shot in his own cabin corner while reading by the fire light. Charles Ceay, afterward a distinguished member of the Methodist church, and reputable citizen, and Ike Pennington, were magistrates who held their commissions under territorial authority. This is the first and last case that was ever brought before them. Johnson was found still sitting in his chair dead, shot through a crack of his cabin, while reading. Every man in the colony was there and viewed the corpse; a sullen silence brooded over the scene; but few words were uttered, and those to the purpose. This was the first angry cloud that had ever burst over the heads of the colony, but this lasted until the sod was turned over the last of the pioneers. Nearly eighty years have rolled over this scene and the secret remains unsealed. An attempt was made to throw guilt on the run-a-way negro without making any impression on the people. May be that the murderer and the murdered have met in the "beautiful land" and have repented and forgiven; yes, even forgotten and are now going on to higher ...[bottom three lines have been torn off]...

Among those that I remember I will mention Gardners, Franklins, Browns, and Dr. Cabeen. In the year 1834 John H. Marks, David Gilmore Mathews, Thomas Barnett of Montgomery county, Alabama, all wealthy slave owners, made an extensive trip through Texas and Arkansas. It must have been a time of drouth in Texas, for none of them were pleased with that State, but most of them chose homes on the Red river in Louisiana, some in Mississippi, and others in Arkansas. John H. Marks, a man of great force of character and genial disposition, and Nathaniel Barnett, both rich planters, with their slaves and property, moved into what is known as Redland Township, Cleveland county, Arkansas. The way was very difficult. After crossing the Mississippi river they had to almost cut their way through bogs and mire. At that time there were but few inhabitants between the Mississippi and the Pacific ocean. It was almost a boundless wilderness inhabited by game and other wild bear, deer, buffalo and other wild animals. They were

received by the Tennesseans in a most friendly manner and with unbounded hospitality. There was ever afterwards a warm friendship between the two settlements. Even now Bradley county would like to regain this part of her old territory and her old inhabitants. This settlement was made in 1835 and in the fall of 1836 Hastings Marks, Daniel Frasier and Granderson Hudson arrived and made settlements. William Davis had come five days before. Mrs. McCulloch had stopped in the lower settlement, as the Tennessee colony was called, but the next year moved up to the Marks' settlement, where she permanently located. She did not possess many slaves, but being a well-read woman and having all the practice in obstetrics, she was probably as independent as those of greater wealth. She was remarkably intelligent. Daniel Frasier was a native of Scotland and was educated for a Presbyterian minister. He married a Miss Johnson, whose mother was a Marks, and having obtained from her considerable property in slaves, commenced the business of a planter. After the death of his first wife, he married a Miss Hudson.

William Davis was a man of strong mind and strong prejudices, but was uneducated, the bent of his mind was toward the acquisition of property and he succeeded. Washington B. Smith arrived in the colony in 1838. In his early days he was distinguished as a pugilist, but afterward joined the Hard Shell Baptist and became a preacher of that denomination. He was the first professor of religion to swell the number of the early inhabitants. Dr. C. A. Stanfield came early in the 40s and while in Pine Bluff he learned of Gen. James Yell of the Marks settlement and the way to reach it. He traveled a bridle trail and reached Hastings Marks' place, having camped over night with a settler on the east side of Big Creek. He was much pleased with the situation, but continued his examination into Union and Clark counties, but soon returned and located here. At that time there was no other physician between Camden and Pine Bluff nor between Warren and Arkadelphia. No person has ever doubted his moral character or honesty. He lived at Marks' until he married and settled on the east side of the Saline near Toledo, where he still lives, respected by the people, having raised a family and done as large a practice, perhaps, as any doctor in the State.

The first school in this community was taught by Patterson Newberry, who afterward married a French girl on the Ouachita, but what became of

him and his descendants is not known. He once .. a clerk and came within a ...[torn section] .. a Virginian and a descendant of Pocahontas, was the second teacher. He was heir to a large estate in Virginia but he could not come in possession of the property until the death of his stepmother. He disagreed with her and wandered off into the backwoods. I afterward heard from J. D. Collins, Post Surgeon in the Confederate army, that in moving his hospital from Opolusas to Kechi, he met an old gentlemen on the road, and finding that the doctor was from Bradley county, inquired of the Marks and finding that one of the family was in the company would have him spend the night with him. Miller was killed in his own yard by the Federals just before the battle of Mansfield. He was in possession of a splendid estate. There is now but one person living who went to school to Newberry and five that went to Miller, viz: J. R. McCulloch, G. M. Marks, Mrs. Rebecka Bryant and Mrs. Nancy Moses.

J. N. Marks.

(same newspaper)

New Edinburgh Dots.

Cool this morning.
 Cotton is coming in every day.
 Peas and potatoes are almost a total failure.
 W. D. Attwood went to Kingsland yesterday.
 Born--to Mr. and Mrs. Howell Cherry, on the 10th, a boy.
 The colored contingent had a big barbecue at St. John last Saturday.
 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Chowning entertained the young people Saturday night.
 Mrs. George W. Clements and children, of Pine Bluff, are visiting the family of T. J. Clements.
 Mr. Ashford, who has been teaching music here for some time, left yesterday for Kingsland.
 Messrs. T. J. Renfrow, of Rison, and I. W. Holmes, of Princeton, paid our town a visit last week.
 Mr. E. A. Kilgore, the stave men, is visiting his family at this place. He is making staves in Clark county.
 Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hollis, accompanied by Mr. John Scobey, all of Kingsland, passed through town Sunday enroute to Warren.
 Mr. W. Bailey Washburn, son of Mr. B. S. Washburn, of this place, who is attending the Business College at Little Rock, is reported to be quite sick with typhoid fever.

The annual exodus of young ladies and gentlemen for the various schools and colleges of the country is upon us. The number is larger this year than ever before. It is worthy of note that none of them are leaving our own State. This is an age of progress and we are pleased to see that the rising generation of our country are determined to keep in the front ranks?

The post office at this place has changed hands. Mrs. John _ Attwood, after a faithful service of eight years, gives the place to Mrs. Fannie T. Tisdale. Mrs. Atwood has endeared herself to us by her long and careful service, and we regret to lose her. At the same time, we welcome Mrs. Tisdale among us, and trust that she will in time fill the place in our hearts which Mrs. Attwood has long occupied.

From Orlando

Messrs. Ben Parrott and Harvey? Parnell made a trip to Fordyce the first of the week.

Prof. T. Duncan Wynn will teach at Devalls Bluff the coming year, beginning in October.

Prof. Noel Martin closes (his?) school at Martinville Friday. He will have a month's vacation.

Alfred Gibson, an enterprising young Bachelor, of Annover?, w[as?] circulating among friends at Parnell Springs Sunday.

Mr. N. Coward and daughter, Julia, left for Arkadelphia Saturday. Little Miss Julia will enter school there Tuesday.

Ex-Clerk Barnett Chowning is in the neighborhood estimating timber. We are soon to have the Draughton team in our midst.

Elbert Thompson, a gallant youth, returned from Galveston, Texas, Tuesday where he had spent two months in a commercial? school.

Misses Ellie Gardner and Bert Jones, two of Warren's most charming young ladies, were visiting friends in this vicinity the first of this week.

Prof. T. Duncan Wynn came home from his school near Pan__ Friday, quite unwell. His brother, Robert Douglas, whose ___ted experiences as pedagogue __ eclipse that of Ichabod Crane went over Sunday afternoon to finish the unexpired term.

The campmeeting at Parnell Springs came to a close Sunday night. Though not so largely attended as heretofore it was the best meeting in many respects that has been held at Parnell _____. Bro. Warlick is a man calculated to push a meeting to success [and] to his efforts must be attributed the success of the meeting.

The South Arkansas Music?__ Convention convened at Emmanuel? church the 1st of September. S. P. Allen presided over this assembly with H. C. Ballent__? chaplaine, and J. T. Dumas as secretary and treasurer. ...[missing section]

The Marks Family (Cleveland County)

James N. Marks is the present efficient surveyor of Cleveland County, Ark., and was born near Montgomery, Ala., December 16, 1825, being a son of Hastings and Sivilty (Powell) Marks, who were born in Wilkes County, GA, April 4, 1795, and February 10, 1803, respectively. They were married in the State of Georgia in 1819, and in 1824 moved from that State to Alabama, settling first in Lowndes County, and later in Montgomery County. In the year 1836 they arrived in Arkansas and settled on a farm in what is now known as Redland Township, Cleveland County, at which time there were few inhabitants between the Mississippi River and the Pacific Ocean, and only two families besides his own in the country; in a short time this number increased to five. All these families were wealthy in slave property, and after the county became thickly settled they were accounted among its wealthiest citizens. Hastings Marks was a Democrat in his political views, was treasurer of Bradley County for many years, and was a participant in the War of 1812, and took part in many battles with the Indians, being under the command of Gen. Floyd. The Marks family are of English and German descent, and three members of the family were commissioned officers in the American army during the Revolution. The paternal grandfather, John Marks, was born in the old Dominion, and was a wealthy planter. He died in Montgomery County, Ala., having been a man of extraordinary genius and ability....

Marks' Mill

This battlefield, situated two miles north of New Edinburgh, Cleveland County, takes its name from the mill erected by Hastings Marks, who came to the county from Albermarle County, Virginia, in 1836. The Federal forces were encamped on his farm when, on April 25, 1864, the cavalry forces of the Confederates under J. F. Fagan's command, struck them and took a number of prisoners and captured wagons. The battlefield is well timbered, and is now in the possession of the Marks family. No monuments have been erected to commemorate the battle.

Sources: Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Southern Arkansas, Goodspeed, under "Cleveland County" (1890)

Publications of the Arkansas Historical Association, Vol. 1 (1906), pp. 284

Hempstead's History of Arkansas, pp. 578 and 1172; Mrs. J. M. Hudson (a daughter of Hastings Marks), Pine Bluff.

Woods "Lost" Cemetery

Little Flock (Rogers), AR, located off Woods Lane

From an undated letter from Melissa Richards Steffen to Virginia Wood Alexander, of Columbus, TN.

"... I am writing about a cemetery behind my parents property in Little Flock (Rogers), Arkansas. Most of the inhabitants are WOODS. Rumor has it they imigrated from Tennessee. I've enclosed a copy of the names and dates from all of the readable headstones hoping they may be of some help to you. Sadly, the cemetery is not of interest to the locals. Cows are running it over and it is slowly being destroyed. My parents have tried to get the city to fence it in, but no luck. ..." The list is dated 22 Dec 1991.

Woods

Woods, Floy Lee, dau of MW and ER Woods, b. 12 Nov 1893, d. 30 Oct 1894

Pearl Marie, dau of MW and ER Woods, b. 7 Sept 1898, d. 31 May 1901

JHW ___ Woods, b. 9 Jun 1881, d. 1902

William W. Woods, b. 18 Jun 1836?, d. 8 Jul 1881
MWW

Robert S. Woods, b. 2 Jun 1835, d. 1 Oct 1901

Martha J. Woods, b. 18 Feb 1842, d. 20 Jul 1899
MJW

Mary E. Woods, b. 25 Sept 1818, d. 6 Mar 1890

Robbie J. Woods, b. 28 Aug 1866, d. 30 Aug 1881

CSW Charles S. Woods, b. 10 Mar 1873, d. 11 Mar 1893

Celina, wife of James Woods, b. 1 Dec 1835, d. 22 Jan 1917

James Woods, b. 15 Jan 1831, d. 10 Jun 1907

Kate, dau of Jas (James) and Mary E. Woods, b. 16 Jul 1834, d. 23 Oct 1884?

Mary E., wife of James Woods, b. 17 Sept 1834, d. 29 Jan 1863

Anna Woods, b. 3 Feb 1774, d. 17 Aug 1858

Samuel Woods, b. 12 Feb 1776, d. 4 Dec 1840

Elizabeth Woods, b. 28 Jan 1839, d. 6 Sept 1843

William H. Woods, b. 20 Dec 1836, d. 13 Jan 1860

Samuel P. Woods, b. 26 Dec 1809, d. 13 Oct 1882

Eliza C., wife of Samuel P. Woods, b. 9 Jun 1809, d. 3 Feb 1891

John R. Woods, b. 1 Jul 1828, d. 16 Dec 1900

Margaret Ann, wife of John R. Woods, b. 21 Aug 1832, d. 9 Apr 1882

Robert D. Woods, b. 16 Mar 1843, d. 6 Aug 1902

Hasting

Maggie Hasting (dates buried)

Cavness

Cavness: MBC

Mattie B. Cavness, b. 17 May 1880, d. 9 Jan 1889

"Our baby," son of JF and MI Cavness, b. d. 21 Dec 1881

J. F. Cavness, b. 5 Feb 1860, d. 1 Dec 1919

Black WWB

W. W. Black, b. 9 Jan 1830, d. 18 Jun 1897

Arnold

Sevier, son of L. and T. Arnold, b. 27 Jun 1876, d.

27 Jun 1877

Stroud

Thomas Stroud, b. 17 Mar 1829, d. 9 Oct 1887

Weeks

William Weeks, b. 7 Apr 1818, d. 30 Nov 1867

Ellis

David Ellis, hus of Mgt Ellis, b. 17 Oct 1806, d. 10 Feb 1870

Margaret Ellis, wife of David Ellis, b. 4 Mar 1815, d. 9 Jan 1892 "Farewell dear Mother"

Campbell

Ollie, dau of WO and SC Campbell, b. 31 Jul 1894, d. 15 Dec 1895

Dickson

Isac F. Dickson, b. 6 Sept 1842, d. 5 Jul 1891

John L. Dickson, b. 16 Aug 1868, d. 5 Jul 1899

Pierce

Robert S. Pierce, b. 15 Apr 1790, d. 15 May 1870

Hayden

Lucy J. Hayden, wife of R. D. Woods, b. 11 Jul 1849, d. 4 Sept 1882

Braithwaite

Sarah S., wife of John Braithwaite, b. 15 Jan 1819, d. 25 Mar 1892

John Braithwaite, b. in England 23 Jul 1811, d. 18 Jun 1890

More graves present, but marked by blank stones. A few had small stones nearby with matching initials, possibly to mark site until later?

History of Rison Baptist Church

Written about 1986

The Rison Baptist Church was organized in 1886 with the following charter members: T. C. Duce, William Harper, Alice Harper, Fannie Harper, Mary Harvey, E. D. Tate, F. C. Tate, M. G. Tate, Cornelia Baggett, _____ Baggett, J. L. Baggett, Alice Baggett and Louisa McMurtrey. Some of these came from Bethel and Toledo churches to help this new church and as the membership increased they returned to their respective churches.

The church was organized in the school building, which was used by the church for a few years, and was on the same site as the present church building. Then a new church building was erected on a site which is now 302 Sycamore Street.

Some of the pioneer preachers who preached for the church were Rev. J. H. W. Overton, Rev. T. J. Varnell and Rev. W. H. Cash.

In June 1890, a Sunday School was organized with an enrollment of 50, and in July, 1890, Rev. O. M. Lucas was called as pastor for half time. The first church was dedicated October 12, 1890.

The first clerk on record was I. B. Williams, Sr. The first record of this church sending messengers to an association was September, 1890, when the Friendship Association met with the 6th Avenue Baptist Church in Pine Bluff. The messengers were J. M. Vick, W. B. Sadler and I. B. Williams, Sr. Also, in October, 1890, the first deacons were ordained. They were Dr. J. S. McMurtrey, J. M. M. Tucker, and W. B. Sadler.

In October, 1891, Rev. D. E. Gambrell was called as pastor. The church voted to withdraw from State Mission Board aid and just have preaching once a month.

In January, 1891, the church granted a license to preach the gospel to J. M. M. Tucker. In 1894, J. L. Lee was ordained a deacon.

In February 1896, Rev. R. D. Wilson was called as pastor and he served one year, and was succeeded by Rev. B. F. Milam in February, 1897. In

February 1899, Rev. S. P. Davis was called to serve as pastor for the remainder of the year.

In November, 1899, Rev. C. M. Myrick was called as pastor. He resigned in April 1901, and Rev. E. J. A. McKinney was called to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Myrick.

November 3, 1901, Rev. A. J. Cockroft was called as pastor for one-fourth time. State Board aid was resumed, and agreed to pay \$100 on pastor's salary. The next year the church discontinued this aid.

Rev. W. M. Wayne was the next pastor and he was succeeded by Rev. A. F. Willis, who was called December 9, 1906, for half time. The Building Committee was urged to buy a lot and build a parsonage. Prior to this, most of the pastors lived in Kingsland.

February 23, 1908, Rev. Sam Grumbles was called as pastor for one half time for the remainder of the pastoral year.

May 10, 1909, Rev. J. E. Brown of Cedartown, Georgia, was called as pastor for half time. June 6, 1909, J. F. Swanson was received as a deacon.

April 7, 1911, Rev. E. A. Dulaney was called as pastor and was succeeded by Rev. C. P. McGraw, who was pastor in 1914 when plans for a new church building were carried out.

The building committee was J. W. Elrod, Dr. J. S. McMurtrey, W. J. May, Dr. A. J. Hamilton, B. G. Mosley, J. N. Swanson, Mrs. P. N. Smith, Mrs. W. T. Ferguson and Miss Alice Searcy.

April 5, 1915, a committee was appointed to dispose of the old school building on the lots recently bought for a new church. The school building sold for \$55 and the church building and site for \$335.

A committee was appointed to superintend the erection of the church building, as follows: Dr. A. J. Hamilton, Dr. J. S. McMurtrey, O. F. Reed, Van McKinney and J. W. Elrod. May 1, 1918, Dr. A. J. Hamilton, Chairman of the finance committee,

reported the church building debt paid. During 1918, J. W. Elrod, Boyd Baker, O. F. Reed were ordained deacons, and Dr. A. J. Hamilton accepted as a deacon.

March 12, 1919, Rev. W. K. Wharton was called as pastor for first, third, and fourth Sundays. September 3, 1919, it was decided to unite with Harmony Association.

Rev. A. N. Stanfield was pastor from November, 1918, to 1925. It was decided to sell the parsonage and build one on the church lot. Van McKinney was ordained a deacon the first Sunday in February, 1920. June 9, 1920, the church granted Boyd Baker license to preach the gospel. October 6, 1920, the church adopted the budget system.

The church was first wired for electricity in April, 1921. J. G. Mosley was elected a deacon July 6, 1921, and B. G. Mosley on September 7, 1921. J. H. Owen was accepted as a deacon in 1922, and the first baptistry was installed in 1922. D. J. Tate was ordained a deacon October 19, 1924, and Boyd Baker was ordained to preach the gospel November 10, 1924.

Rev. H. W. Jean was pastor from June, 1926, to June, 1932. While he was a pastor, a tabernacle was erected and the church membership greatly increased during revivals held by Rev. Arden P. Blaylock. January 1, 1930, the following were elected deacons: E. R. Maddox, Leon Moore, C. L. Garner, Searcy Elrod, B. W. Thomasson and Harry Thomasson. Ben H. Lincoln was ordained as deacon in 1932.

Rev. W. F. Warren was pastor from September 1, 1932, to September 1, 1935. The Sunday School was divided into departments and the six point record system was adopted. E. R. Maddox was Sunday School Superintendent, and the Sunday School reached the Standard for years.

Rev. Theo T. James was pastor from October 1, 1935, to February 19, 1938. O. N. Eubank was ordained a deacon in 1935. J. D. Baker was ordained to preach the gospel January 27, 1936. An appropriate scene was painted for the baptistry. January 5, 1938, the church favored putting an associational Missionary in the field and the church to pay \$10 per month on his salary. Miss Mamie Atkins was elected the first financial secretary on February 2, 1938.

Rev. Aubrey Hallsell was pastor from July 1, 1938 to 1940. H. R. Garner, M. W. Wilson and Havis Gray were ordained deacons, and Hugh Owens was granted a license to preach the gospel.

Rev. Joe B. Sullivan was pastor from March 13, 1940 to November, 1942. John R. Cash was recognized as deacon in 1940. In 1941 an every member canvass was made.

Rev. H. A. Turner was pastor from January, 1943, to October 1, 1945. In 1943, there were 32 boys from the church in Military Service. An offering was taken in 1943 to pay Arkansas' moral debt. Rev. Turner initiated and assisted in accumulating the building fund for the present church building.

Rev. T. T. Newton was pastor from May 6, 1946, to June 10, 1951. A Hammond organ was installed June, 1947. The church granted Ben Moody Elrod license to preach the gospel October 31, 1948, and ordained him June 10, 1951.

A building and finance committee was appointed to formulate plans for a new church building which was completed in early 1950.

Rev. Newton administered the ordinance of baptism to John McDole of Caracas, Venezuela, who was the first to be baptized in the new baptistry. He was here visiting John Carl Owens. Calvin Fore, Herbert Glover and Robert Searcy were ordained deacons in 1948. Soon after he assumed his pastorate with us, the tower music system was installed.

Rev. N. E. Lerch was pastor from August 18, 1951, to 1952. He taught the Baptist doctrine to new members before they were baptized. He instituted one year trial system for deacons.

Rev. J. P. Stockman was pastor from April 26, 1953, to December 1, 1955. While he was pastor the Rone home was bought for use as a parsonage.

Rev. W. M. Stallings was pastor from June 6, 1957 to January 23, 1957.

Rev. Harold Elmore was pastor from September 1957, to January 27, 1960. He explained Forward Finance Plan and the church accepted W. J. Flynn, John Elrod, Herman Word and

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Barnett Would like to exch. info with descendants of Green P. Bennett, b. 1826, Carroll Co., IN, d. 1906, AR. Ch. - George W., Frank, "Lou", "Birdie", Jane. **Ovelle B. Cagle, P. O. Box 145, Yantis, TX 75497-0145**

McKnight, Sincoe Need info on parents of Hugh Franklin McKnight, b. 24 Jul 1838, MS, d. 12 Feb 1902, AR, and Lucy Ann Virginia Sincoe, b. 27 May 1854, MS?, d. 12 Feb 1902, AR. Ch. b. in Bee Branch, AR **Nena Reisner, 1020 Eastridge Rd., Sandy, UT 84094**

Wilson, Ligon What, if any, was relationship of Richard Wilson, b. 1815, MO, of Hempstead, Clark and Nevada Cos., AR, to Col. John Wilson (1787-1864) of Hempstead, Clark and Pike Sos., first speaker of the Arkansas House of Representatives in 1836? He m. Elizabeth Ligon, b. 1819, TN, c1832. **O. Douglas Wilson, 13130 Shalimar Pl., Del Mar, CA 92014**

Guthrie Hamilton Guthrie & Orpha A. were in Madison Co. 1840-70. Ch. Julia, Emily T., Missouri, Guilford, Jefferson and Franklin. Hamilton was Civil War vet. (Union). Any living descendants out there? Please write. **Bonnie Guthrie Brown, 11957 Weir St., Culver City, CA 90230-6065**

Wallis Need maiden name of Edith, mother of Allen and Alfred Wallis. According to Wallis Family Bible, she was b. 12 March 1800, Chesterfield Dist., SC. Allen Wallis b. 1818 SC, Alfred Wallis, b. June 1825 Fayette Co., AL. This family came to Hot Spring Co., AR, 1851 from Fayette Co. **Edith Wallis Guyse, 12954 Leith Way, Yucaipa, CA 92399**

Williams, Cotton Need parents of Arthur Williams, b. 21 June 1831, Edgecombe Co., NC, m. 27 Nov 1851, Pontotoc Co., MS, d. 18 March 1917, New Edinburg AR; also parents of his wife Susan Cotton, b. 19 Dec 1836, AL, d. 15 Jan 1918, AR. Mother Matilda (La) Tardy? **John J. Williams, 52 W. Iselin Pkwy, Iselin, NJ 08830-1155**

Sharp Co., AR Collecting info for history of town of Maxville in Sharp Co.; would like hearing from anyone with stories, letters, pictures or family histories relating to early days in Maxville or to the Methodist Church there known as Levi's Chapel. **Helen Carpenter Davenport, 180 Pool Dr., Batesville, AR 72501**

Long, Yadon Nancy E. Long, b.5 Dec 1848, MO, (m. Francis M. Lasater) was dau of Isaac Long, b. c1817, Grainger Co., TN, and Amanda Yadon. In Crawford Co., AR 1850; Sebastian Co., AR 1860. Wish to corresp. with any descendants of other ch. of Isaac Long: Thomas P., Joseph Y., John L., James C., William P., George J. W., Robert S., and Mary E. B. of Sebastian Co., AR. **Gladys Horn Brown, 3207 Rose St., Pine Bluff, AR 71603**

McCann, Phillips, Garrison Researching these lines in Dallas, Calhoun, Drew and Bradley Cos., AR. They came to these cos. in 1840s from MS, IL, poss. AL. Progenitors are Bartholomew James McCann, b. 1827, TN, d. 16 Feb 1862, Calhoun Co., AR; Nathan Phillips, b. 1805, IL, and Chesley Garrison, b. 29 Dec 1807, TN, d. 3 Jul 1895, AR. **Hyatt McCann, 3137 Monte Vista, Torrington, WY 82240**

Bernard, Howell Joseph Bernard, b. TN, d. 186?, m. 1854 Pope Co., AR, Susan Elizabeth Howell. Edgar Bernard, b. 1855, Norristown, AR, m. 1884, Lily Settle, dau. of Willis and Elizabeth Settle. Is Horatio Bernard Joseph's father? When and where did Joseph die? **Mary Ann Gitchel, 2506 Riverfront #4, Little Rock, AR 72202**

Bittick Need info on Jesse Bittick, b. 1804 NC, d. 1859, AR; son of Samuel; and his wife, Polly Wood, prob. dau. of Richard. Known ch.: John, Caroline, America who m. Edwin Lynn, and Samuel. Would like to corresp. with descendants. **Dorothy L. Miller, 540 Solano NE, Albuquerque, NM 87108-1408**

Taylor Need any info on birthplace of William Edgar and Clarence Edward Taylor, twins, b. AR 23 Aug 1886. My father, Wm., said Little Rock. **Grace R. Warren, 532 SE 20th Ave., Portland, OR 97314-2715**

Atkinson, Manning Would like info on siblings of Elizabeth Atkinson, who m. Wiley N. Manning, 1860, in Clark Co., AR. **Hazel L. Bray, P. O. Box 61, Falfurrias, TX 78355-0061**

Shelton Seek info on William (b. c1822 TN) and Malan (b.1824 TN) Shelton. Lived in Hickman Twp., Scott Co., AR, 1850. William's ch.: Martha, b. 1846, William, b. 1849, Dianne, b. 1855. Malan's ch.: Martha, b. 1847, William, b. 1848. **Violet Shelton Buehler, 2228 Wingfield Rd., Charlottesville, VA 22901**

Graham, Tulk Was Emeline Graham sister to William M. Tulk? In 1850 census, West Fork, Washington Co., AR, they were neighbors of William & Lucinda Tulk, family #57. John & Emeline Graham were Family #61. **Sam Tracy, 1919 N. Canal, Carlsbad, NM 88220**

Hutchinson, Wells, Childers/Childress, Buster, West Seek info on Thomas Hutchinson and Barbara (Maybary) Wells, Isham and Mary (Ritchie) Childers/Childress, and Charles and Elizabeth Buster, in Lawrence Co., AR, by 1830. Also descendants of Elisha West, in White Co., AR by 1860. Have much to share. **Carol T. York, 41 Four Winds Dr., Middletown, NJ 07748**

Green, Morton Searching for Marie Lillie Green and Myrtle Morton, living Crosssett, AR in 1945. **Robert L. Kerr, 1407 Circle Ln., Chuluota, FL 32766**

Biggers, Hill Who were parents of Frederick Francis Biggers, b. 1820, d. 1875? Came to AR from Prince Edwards VA. Could Rev. Allen Hill be his uncle? (b. 1792, d. 1874); his parents d. when he was 9 years old. He was m. to Sara Jane Culp 1850, lived near Dobyville. **Mrs. Clarice Helms, Rt. 1, Box 481, Arkadelphia, AR 71923-9149**

Carthel The given name Carthel was used in White Co. c1900. Have not found it elsewhere as either given or family name. Does anyone have info as to origin of this name? **T. H. Casteel, 3252 E. Vineyard Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85040**

Whittaker, Truxler, Manning Need info on these families of Lawrence Co., AR. Whittakers arrived c1845 from MO, Mannings c1891 from KY, Truxlers from MO. Will exchange. **Vickie Carmichael, 1513 Lynden Way, Kodiak, AK 99615**

Barnes, Gillihan Need info on these families who settled in IZARD Co. George Barnes, b. TN 1840, son William m. Lydia Samples Nov 1894 in IZARD Co. William Gillihan b. TN 1824. His son William, b. 1854, IZARD Co., m. Ada Thompson, b. 1856 Sebastian Co., AR. **Vee Krohn, 2620 Douglas Dr., Mountain Home, AR 72653**

McMahan, Nanney, Boggs, Giles Need info on William and Victoria Nanney McMahan, lived around Madison Co., AR c1912. Ch.: Albert S. of OK, Emma Boggs, of OK, William of Duttton, AR, and E. E., b. 1873 TN, m. Belle Giles, lived Franklin

& Madison Cos. AR. **Iva Davis, Rt. 4, Box 532 Co. Rd. 248, Terrell, TX 75160**

Qualls Will appreciate info on fam. of James Qualls, b. c1806 TN, m. Elizabeth Snow 30 Dec 1828 in Roane Co., TN, moved family to Madison, then Carroll Co., AR, c1848, then to Johnson Co., AR. In AR he used a "B" with his name. He d. 1872-1875 in Johnson Co. Will exchange. **Linda Pettenridge, 1009 N. Patterson, Moore, OK 73160-6921**

Park, Tumlinson Need help with Park and Tumlinson families in Crawford Co., AR, 1830-40s. **Roy B. Young, P. O. Box 775, Duncan, OK 73534-0775**

LaFerney, Turner Need info on Joseph Benjamin LaFerney, b. 1848, MO, lived Prairie Co., AR. S. S. "Shug" Turner, b. c1830 AL, lived Prairie Co., AR. Ch.: Jolus F., Dona, Leona, John, Edwin, Johnnie Eula. **Betty Robertson, 7368 Lake LaKota Cir., West Chester, OH 45069**

Glover Need info on George W. Glover, b. c1875, d. 1898, m. Florance Snodgrass Gilbert 5-12-1897 in Center Point, AR. Shot in 1898 and bur. in County Line Cem. Son Arthur "Driver" Glover of Lockesburg, AR. Florance m. J. E. Jones 11-28-1900 Sevier Co., AR. Florance d. 3-5-1835 in Turkey, TX. **Terry Taylor, Rt. 15, Box 375, Texarkana, TX 75501-9815**

Hardwick Seek info on descendants of Rice Hardwick, who appears in June 1992 issue of AFH as member of House of Representatives in 1842 from Green Co. **Mrs. Lois Barnes, 24309 E. Adams Ave., Orange Cove, CA 93646-9423**

Leslie Seek info on family of James Faulkner Leslie, b. c1800, m. Polly Kenmore. Know of one dau., Eleanor, b. c1830 Bradley Co., AR, m. Isaac D. McFadden 1861. James' mother, Nancy Wylie, b. on the ocean voyage to America late 1700. **Karen Engle, 437 Clearview Rd., Hanover, PA 17331**

Cummings Need help on my Cummings surname: Shadrack Cummings, b. 1803 SC. Bros. John, Meshack, Abednego. 1st wife ?, Ch.: David H., Roseanna, William, George A., Jane A., Mary A., 2nd wife Melissa Jane Crabtree; Ch.: Elizabeth, Betsy, John J., Eliza, Julia Ann, Richard Charles, Elige L., Emily, Nettie (twins) Nicie, Nancy. Settled in Bienville Parish, LA, lived Columbia Co., AR late

1800s, may be bur. Old Providence Cem., Columbia Co., AR. **John P. Frazier, 611 Cypress St., Pittsburg, TX 75686-1107**

Clarke Need info on parents/siblings of Jane Clarke, b. prob. 1780-90, d. before 1850, was wife of William Sadler. They lived in SC and AL before coming to AR c1824, resided in Pope Co. Her father poss. Arthur Clarke. **Nina Sadler Bell, 2650 Neaton Ct., Wellington, FL 33414**

Griffin, Garrison Isaac Clay Griffin, b. 7 Aug 1810, Guilford Co., NC, d. 19 Oct 1895, IT (OK) m. Rebecca Garrison, b. 28 Jun 1821, GA, d. 18 Sep 1893, Ft. Smith, AR. Moved to Pope Co., AR, c1847, also lived Logan Co., AR. Would like to corresp. with anyone researching this family. **Ann W. Condren, 1428 SW 72nd, Oklahoma City, OK 73159**

Buck, Chambers Looking for info on Phillip Edward Buck, b. 30 Mar 1861, d. 20 Mar 1920, bur. Shady Grove Cem., New Edinburg, AR. Father was William Joseph Buck, possibly bur AR National Cemetery. Mother was Matilda or Minerva Chambers. **Lou Ann Feeney, 218 Summit Ave., P. O. Box 766, Island Heights, NJ 08732**

Emery, Qualls, Reed, Grady, Chapmond Wish to share info on these families. Johnson, Yell, Montgomery Cos., mid 1880s to present. **Pauline Kouvalas, P. O. Box 6604, San Jose, CA 95150**

Kelley, Hughes Seek info on desc/parents of Jonathan Kelley, m. Catherine ?, b. TN c1820. On AR census 1850 w/son Calvin, age 12, dau. Mary, Elizabeth, b. TN, and Susan, b. AR. Jonathan later m. Elizabeth "Betsy" Hughes, Atkins in White Co., AR 1856. Jonathan d. 1866, AR. **Ms. Joy Kelley, 8801 Hammerly No. 2104, Houston, TX 77080**

Akins, Blalock, May, McGarrh Wish to corresp and exchange info with any of these families. Grandparents Benjamin Henry Adkins and Lillian Arebella May m. Benton, Saline Co., AR 1919. He came to AR from Lamar Co., AL, she from Webster Co., MS. **George M. Akins, 2721 Hurricane Lake Rd., Benton, AR 72015-8531**

Payne, Reed, Streett Seek tombstone or burial records for Jane (Riddle) Reid Payne, Chicot Co., poss. St. Mary's Lake Village, b. c1805, d. c1885 or Luna Landing. Mother of Julia (Reid) Streett who is buried St. Mary's Lake Village. Are Chicot newspa-

per obits available 1830-1930? **Jackie Heard Streett, 105 Oak Hill Pl., Ithaca, NY 14850-2323**

Barnett Need any info on John Henry Barnett, b. 1 Nov 1874 TN, m. 13 Nov 1898 Laura Elizabeth Hutchins Harvey. He d. 20 June 1943 DeValls Bluff, Prairie Co., AR. Father was prob. William Henry Barnett. **Mrs. Rosa E. Barnett, 135 Clearland Dr., Pittsburg, CA 94565-3247**

Sherwood Seek info on Jonathan Sherwood, b. Murphysboro, TN, lived Washington-Madison Co., AR, d. 6 May 1856 Bowie Co., TX. His dau. Sarah Sherwood, m. Jonas Anderson in Washington Co., AR, Sept 1828. **Kathryn Widder, 1660 Markham Rd., Fayetteville, AR 71701-3921**

Menafee Jonas Menefee was in household of son James M. 1880 Yell Co., Census, was executor of father (Jonas N.) will 1824 in Davidson Co., TN. Where was he for next 50 years? **Jo Leach, Rt. 2, Box 293 M, Mansfield, AR 72944**

Little Seek info on Samantha Ann Little, b. 1868 MS, family came to DeQueen, AR, c1875. Mr. Little d. upon arrival; Mrs. Little (Lueretia?) raised Samantha, one or two brothers (Jeff?) and three other daughters (LouVena and 2 who d. young). **Barbara Kuykendall, 2 Sunset Rd., Sloatsburg, NY 10974-1318**

Woodall Need info on Robert and Rebecca Woodall or any of their children. In Jefferson Co., AR 1850 & 60. Known Ch.: James, Alley, Mary A., Drew, Beverly, Millie (m. Joseph P. Hopkins), Nancy and Samantha Ellen who m. Isaac Newton Simmons. **Beckie Grice, 5850 Windsor Cir., Meridian, MS 38305-9704**

Roberts James Roberts moved to Ouachita, Hempstead Sevier Cos. in 1850s. Ch.: Obed Roberts, m. Matilda Clauson, Barbarian Roberts m. Francis L. Parsley, Evans Roberts m. Elizabeth Emoline Duncan, Josephus Roberts m. Julia ? from LA; grandchild Wilson Roberts m. Mary Pigg. Need family history and descendant info. **David E. Roberts, S 1426 Lilac Ln., Liberty Lake, WA 99019**

McKissick, Farmer, Hill Mary Brown McKissick, b. 14 Dec 1864, m. G. W. Farmer 1 Sept 1886. Dau. Matilda Mae, b. 25 June 1888, m. James Arthur Hill 20 March 1910 in Cauthron, AR. M. B. Farmer d. 5 Nov 1915. Is he buried in Gipson, AR,

with G. W. Farmer, d. 28 Jan 1933? **Billie Schinske, W 3422 Co. Hwy W, Malone, WI 53049-1327**

Sisco, Cross Horace Sisco, b. 1 Oct 1819, OH, d. 8 April 1901, Daisy AR, m. Mary Ann Cross, 8 Dec 1839, Franklin Co., OH. 8 Ch.: Liza, Rachel, Alonzo, Jacob, Daniel, Flora, Edward, Sarah. Horace Sisco m. Jane Golden 25 July 1900, AR, Pike Co. Sisco lived MO, OH, AR, TX. Need info. **Dorothy S. Gray, 120 S. Russell, Apt. 403, Pampa, TX 79065**

Ridinger/Ridenger, Kennely/Kenly Need dates of death and where buried for George W. Ridinger and wife Sarah Kennely. Lived Carroll Co. 1860. Would like to exchange info with resarchers of these lines. **Barbara Drake Ritter, 607 N. Alexander, Hoisington, KS 67544**

Reeder, Blair, West, Counts, Tong, Lewis, Cottrell Request info on Noah Reeder, Dorcus Blair, Thomas West, Minerva Reeder, Washington Co. 1830-60; George Counts, Malinda Tong Van Buren Co. 1836-54. Jerome Lewis, Harriett Counts, Clinton & Little Rock 1852-92; Sutton Cottrell, Lucy Winfrey, Jack Cottrell, Lizzie Lewis, Crawford Co., Little Rock 1860-90. **Rosemary M. Hawkins, 1745 Heartwood Dr., McKinleyville, CA 95521**

Culbreath Seeking info on Martha Stephens Culbreath (Hughel), listed on 1850 census Ouachita Co.; later m. a man named Jamea Munn. **Ruth Berkman Fowler, 1971 Knoxville Ave., Long Beach, CA 90815-3440**

Ball, Tull, Hamilton, Mize Seek info on parents, siblings in Bauxite, Sardis area of Wm. Marion Thos. Ball, b. 1854, d. 1910, m.2d Laura Jane Tull Ball, b. 1864, d. 1954 (need 1st marriage info); also John Albert Hamilton, b. 1881, d. 1964, and Mattie Mae Mize Hamilton, b. 1882, d. 1951. **Mary Kay Koch Ball, 4218 Crestedge Dr., Carrollton, TX 75010-4103**

Brock, Robertson Need info on James T. Brock, b. Walker Co., GA, 1851. Father was Charles. 1870 family living Cache Twp., Greene Co., AR. Married Mary C. Robertson, Greene Co., AR, c1872-74. d. c1881-83, in AR or TX. Where buried? **Gene Brock, 3009 Del Cerro, Alamogordo, NM 88310**
Hansen Boyle Family of Hans Madsen Hansen living Little Rock, AR late 1800s. Where and when was 1st wife Mary Kesilka Hansen buried? Where and when ch. Karen Anna, Mary and Emilie Hansen buried? All d. early 1900s. **Karin A. Weiss, 2**

Jefferson Pkwy, #B5, Lake Oswego, OR 97035

Billingsley, Purtle Searching for parents of Mary Billingsley, b. c1827 AL, m. Lawrence C. Purtle, 26 Mar 1846, Itawamba Co., MS. Mary d. 21 Feb 1904, Nevada Co., AR. Possible siblings were Nancy, William, Emaline, Catherine, Elizabeth, Frances and Jesse. **Barbara Hazzard, 1703 Carroll Rd., Paragould, AR 72450-9120**

Carey Seek birthdate and family of Thomas F. Carey, b. OH 1824-25. 1850 living with Camel Wright, Pittsburg Twp., Johnson Co., AR; 1860 merchant, city of Clarksville, AR; m. Mary E.; 3 ch. 1870 Spadra Twp., Johnson Co., AR, with 7 children-Mallinaw, Mary E., John T., Sousie F., Rosy May, Fred Lee, Nannie G. Carey. **George Carey, 501 Edgewood Dr., Exton, PA 19341**

Soward, Hotchkiss Seek date of marriage for West W. Soward and Matilda Hotchkiss, bet. 1834-39, prob. St. Francis Co., AR. They settled in Independence Co. by 1839 and both d. Marion Co. 1884. **H. Martin Soward, III, 5215 Dove Nest, San Antonio, TX 78250-4708**

Jacks, Ross Need info on Callie Jacks, m. Henry Warren Ross in Mansfield, AR; b. 1878; parents John Jacks and Mariah H. Jacks of OH. Callie d. 1964 Mansfield, AR. **Ted M. Ross, 1908 Convent Pl. No. 19, Nashville, TN 38212**

Spieler Granddau. of Louis C. Spieler wishes to corresp. with anyone re any segment of history of his General Store in Spielerville, Logan Co., opened c1885, closed c1929-31. Salesmen employed: J. M. Sadler, J. F. Lee. Purchased by Yunker, Schneider & Anhalt, but Spieler stayed on as General Manager. **Mrs. JoAnn B. Miller, Rt. 3, 55 Quail Creek, Oxford, MS 38655-9664**

Moss, Blakey, Langford, Singleton Seek these families in White, Cleburne, Van Buren Cos. 1850-90s; Pyle and assoc. fam. in Marion Co. 1865-1890s; Brown, Berkley, Fannon, Fletcher, Schofield, in Crawford, Franklin, Washington, Carroll Cos. 1855-1900. **Constance Schofield, Rt. 1, Box 99-1, Bluejacket, OK 74333**

Benton Need info on William H. Benton, b. c1829 NC, d. 7 Jul 1879, Craighead Co., AR, and his wife, Sarah E. Benton, b. c1842, d. 1885, Craighead Co. Who were parents and siblings? When and where did they marry? **Elsie Whitson, P. O. Box 1325,**

Fort Worth, TX 76101-1325

Brown Seek info on Elvira, wife of Elijah Brown, b. TN July 1833, d. Van Buren Co., AR 15 Aug 1903. Was she Elvira Welch or Sally Elvira Shalts?
Robert C. Van Dyke, 2006 Breckenridge Dr., Little Rock, AR 72207-2902

Wade Searching for John Robert Wade in Malvern, AR, 1911, had son William Robert Wade, m. Eupha Bagby. Her father George Bagby. Also Lula Mae Wade, dau. of King L. Waters and Julia Hand (her mother Matilda Jarret, b. 9-9-1856). Eupha's mother Henrietta Ward, dau. of Thomas & Martha Ward. **Tonya Kuebler, 2870 Everett Dr., Reno, NV 89503**

Wood Abraham Wood, Sr., and wife in Ark. Terr. (now Marion Co.) before 1820 with adult children: William, Abraham Jr., m. (1) Yates, (2) Williams, Rachel m. John Hurst, Sr., Catherine (Katy) m. David Womack. Family came from Bedford Co., TN, and may have been in KY previously. **Frances Hook Jernigan, 52 Colony Rd., Little Rock, AR 72207-2947**

Schroeder Looking for desc. of German bros. Christoph and Henry Schroeder, who settled in Alovak and Ulm, Prairie Co., AR. Came from Will Co., IL 1902. **Karen Rowe, 122 W. Saunders Ave., Lincoln, NE 68521**

Robinson Oscar Robinson, b. c1821 MO, lived Independence Co. 1870. Had four sons: Willie, John, George and Jackson B. Wife: Isabella. Oscar was in Civil War; Willie was doctor, and is maternal grandfather. **Marjorie Bell, 2830 Chesapeake, Anchorage, AK 99516**

Cotton, McNabb Need any info on Samuel B. Cotton and Louis McNabb families. Dickie Jean Branum Cotton, 11712 Judy Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93312 (805-589-3187)

Nobles, Medlock Need info on Richard Nobles and wife Harriet Medlock, lived in AR c1835-1853, Carroll Co., Osage Twp, later Bates Twp. Crawford Co. She d. bet. 1848-50, he after census 1854. Need parents, siblings, death dates. **Helen Nobles Roumasset, 151 Wildwood Ave., San Carlos, CA 94070**

Davis, Maxwell, Lee Levina Davis, b. 1785 SC, 1820 Franklin Co., MO?, 1830 Crawford Co., AR. Need husband's first name, apparently in AR

1820s. Jesse/Jester C. Maxwell, b. 1800-1810 Sumner Co., TN, to Madison Co., AL, to IL, d. 1843 Madison Co., AR, wife Baily Lee, b. 1800-10 TN, s/o Daniel Webster Lee, 1840 Carroll Co., AR? **Mrs. Gaye Phipps Pencin, 1316 Harley Dr., Woodland, CA 95695-4430**

Atkins, Stephens, Awalt, Bell, Musick Who is fam. of James Musick (c1840 AR-1879 CA)?; John Atkins, b. c1825 IL and wife Nannie, b. c1826 MO lived Scott Co., AR 1880. Need Nannie's birth name? Are they parents of Mary Ellen "Ella" Atkins (1850 AR-1927 CA) who in 1868 Sebastian Co., AR, m. Francis Marion "Bob" Awalt (1849 AR-1918 TX) s/o Michael Awalt (c.1809 NC-1875 AR) and Elizabeth "Betsy" Ann Bell (c1823 NC-1891 AR)? Thomas Decatur Stephens (1836 TN - 1917 Sebastian Co., AR) m. Martha Ann Blan/Bean (1839 TN-1906 AR) Came to AR (Sebastian Co.?) mid-1860s. Who are their parents? Son James Polk Stephens (1857 TN-1933 AR/OK) m. in AR Nancy Caroline Brewer (d. c1905 AR). Descendants say she was 1/2 Choctaw/Cherokee and after marriage to James, a man of her tribe was sent to be her guardian and live with them. What is guardian's name? **SuzAnne Sonntag Awalt, P. O., Box 368, Garden Valley, CA 95633-0368**

Grimes, Hewett Lola Grimes (c1882-1918) m. Matthew Hewitt in Randolph Co. 1898, had several children: Daniel, Mary, Margaret, Jessie, Melvin, Nathaniel, Leo and baby who d. in childbirth with Lola. Family moved to Little Rock after 1910. Would like to corresp. with descendants. **Rita Stewart Osborne, P. O. Box 80807, Fairbanks, AK 99708-0807**

Rachels Need info on James A. (H.?) Rachels, 60, b. GA (TN?) 1910 Sebastian Co., Greenwood Twp., no wife. Ch.: Pat (son) 27, Jim 22, Leona 15, Bertha 12, George 10, John W. 7, Archie 4, each b. AL. Is this James Henry, s/o Thos. & Mary (Davis) Rachels in 1850 Fayette Co. TN? Thomas 33 & 2nd wife Nettie 18 in Poinsett o. 1860, Ch: James 10, Boswell 5, Franklin 3. James not in 1870 Sharp Co. His ch. b.AL, where? Where were they 1870-80-90? Will share much info. **Bobbie Rachels Zylstra, 712 E. Main, Everson, WA 98247**

Daniels, Measles, Truly Need info on Beverly Daniels, 1805-1851 Crittenden Co.; Samuel Daniels, d. 1855 Crittenden Co.; Charlotte Measles Hester, Miser/Mizer, Lancaster (Daniels, Broadway) d. 1887 Crittenden Co., Samuel Truly, b. MS, Sheriff Randolph Co. c1866; David Daniels, Baxter Co.

c1860-90. **Raymond E. Daniels, Jr., 1001 Sharpsburg Dr., Huuntsville, AL 35803**

Hartwick, Grant Need to confirm that Tempe Ann Hartwick, d/o Leonard and Rebecca Hartwick is the same person who m. Elige B. Grant. Also need parents of Elige B. Grant, b. 15 Dec 1861, AR, and parents of Rebecca M. Hartwick. **Barbara Carol Grant Jones, Rt. 1, Box 332-A, Sasakwa, OK 74867-9765**

Birmingham, Sutton George W. Birmingham m. Eliza Venora Sutton. Issue: Hazel E. (O.?) and Jewell Irene/ Angelina? m. Jasper Newton Irvin; William Evans m. Martha Ann Bowman; Martha Jane Price Bostick m. George W. Evans; William Newton Harmon brothers Frank, Charlie, Thomas, sisters Ellen, Ida, Ethel, Susie. **Melba Pack, 1 Los Banos, Moss Beach, CA 94038**

Stinson, Stephenson, Musgrave, Madison, Hendrix, Floyd Would like to know who James Stinson (Stephenson) married the first time in the 1820s, prob. in KY; they came to AR in 1840s. **Lois Thornton, RR 1 Box 380, Coalgate, OK 74538**

Hopkins Need info on sons of Lewis & Mary Hopkins who came to Pulaski Co. from MS in 1870s (Thomas Clinton - George - Joseph - Willis). **Dennis L. Chandler, 207 Spruce Dr., Yukon, OK 73099**

Hester, Miser/Mizer, Lancaster Theo Hester, b. TN, d. 30 Sept 1931 Bird Twp., Jackson Co, AR; Beckey Hester & Samuel F. Anderson; Mary Hester & Samuel Roseborough; Ollie Jane Hester & Hiram A. Pilcher; Elsburi "Sissy" Hester & Charlie Holland; Sarah "Babe" Hester & Oscar Pilcher; all from Stone Co., AR at one time. **Bonnie McCaleb, 2714 Grove Manor, Kingwood, TX 77345-1480**

Mauldin, Beard Will exch. on Lilla and R. H. Mauldin, m. 3 Mar 1898, Dallas Co., AR. Is this son of Everitt and Myrtle Mauldin, lived with Bakers in 1930s? Martha J. and Wm. S. Beard m. 29 Dec 1869 Dallas Co., AR. Both lived near Holly Springs, AR. **Vera Mae Baker Holder, 448 Cartwright Rd., Wichita Falls, TX 76305-5402**

Garland/Garlen Thomas Garland (Garten) d. Monroe Co.? after 1875; wife was Rebecca. Need info on date and place of death. **Monroe G. Davis, Jr., 5300 SE 46th St., Oklahoma City, OK 73135-4208.**

Treat Need to contact anyone with Treat ancestor in AR 1850-1950; family genealogy scheduled for publication late 1993. Known counties: Searcy, Baxter, Stone, Marion, Boone, Van Buren, Washington & Sebastian. **Samuel B. Treat, Jr., 513 S. Sanders St., Ridgecrest, CA 93555-5015**

Morrison Bluff, AR Need to contact anyone with history of this area. **Karen Sturgill, P. O. Box 607, Gypsum, CO 81637-0607**

Sanders, Whitaker Need desc. of Dr. Theophilus Sanders, b. 6-28-1797, d. 3-17-1867, and 1st wife Angelina Whitaker, b. 11-3-1796, d. 7-13-1859, or 2nd wife Susan M. Sanders, d. 12-17-1870; also Maj. D. H. E. Sanders, b. 4-11-1795, d. 9-21-1861. Both lived Des Arc, Prairie Co., AR. **Jack W. Sanders, 276 Greentrails Dr., S., Chesterfield, MO 63017**

Tidwell William Alcania Tidwell lived Pike Co., AR 1860. When did he come from AL? Need maiden name of wife Nancy Malinda, who d. c1864 Corinth, AR. **W. A. Monk, Jr., 15492 Nell Lynn Lane, Tyler, TX 75707-8736**

Smith, Reep Need info on John Franklin Smith who m. Sarah E. Reep 1 Oct 1856, Prairie Co., AR. Ch.: Marcus Allen, Phillip Lafayette, William Cephus, Laura Jane & ?, Father James; mother Jane Marcum Smith. **Muriel Battaile, 12453 SW King George Dr., King City, PR 97224-2467**

Pennington, Garrett, Clingan Will corresp. w researchers of these fam., Clark Co., AR, c1850. Need marriage c1850 for Theophilus E. Garrett, b. 1823 TN, d. 1868 Clark Co.? AR., m. E.R.C. (?) b. c1832 VA. **Michael T. Pennington, 3885 E. Easter Pl., Littleton, CO 80122**

Cowart, McBrayer Robert H. Cowart & wife Amelia Margaret McBrayer from Pickens Co., GA, to Benton Co., AR 1870-73; had sons William, Andrew B., John, Samuel B., James Madison and Francis Marion. Will exch. **Lois Cowart Kemper, 10601 SW 83 Ave. Miami, FL 33156**

Wright, Bowles A. J. B. Wright, d. 1862, was in Franklin Co. 1860. What does A. J. B. stand for?; where buried? Need date and place of death/burial for W. P. Bowles and wife Martha E., son Hillard; were in Howard Co. 1885. **Mrs. S. T. Wright, Rt. 2, Box 77, Nashville, AR 71852**

Cornelius Jep Corneluis in 1830 Clark Co. census. Need parents, wife, where from. Son Jephtha m. Elizabeth c1847. To TX c1870? John Montgomery Cornelius b. 1855, m. Nancy Vermillion McDow Oct 3, 1878, TX-dau. Rheudia, b. Oct 4, 1884. **Joyce King Higginbotham, 66 Simpson Ave., Cedar Creek, TX 78612-9774**

Harrison, Gillaspie Presley M. Harrison b. c1845 TN; James S. Gillaspie, b. 1845 TN, m. Elizabeth Etherly, b. 1841 TN. Ch: James Monroe, Susan, William, b. AR; Ben Smith, m. Annie Smith Kirkpatrick, dau. Martha Ann Smith Gillaspie. **Barbara Lancaster, 3008 Vassar Dr., Irving, TX 75062**

Forinash/Fornash Need info on this family who settled in Conway Co., c1890. Came to AR from Ohio. **Alan Dunsworth, 2233 Holly, Fayetteville, AR 72703-1213**

Adams, Lewis Need parents, desc. of Miles Adams, b. 1801 VA, d. 1885 near Jacksonville, AR, and Hepsy Lewis, b. 1809 SC, d. 1862. In Giles Co., TN 1840; in Gray Twp., Pulaski Co., AR, 1850. **Robert E. Robertson, 3276 Hiwan Dr., Evergreen Co 80439-8926**

England William Terry England b. 9-12-1858, Conway, AR; parents Claborn & Martha came to AR from TN 1852-54. Need any info on them. **Abby Jo Newell, 502 Pine, Waltonville, IL 62894**

Roper, Shoptaw, Willis, Jones Sarah Roper m. Matthew Shoptaw 1859; Mary Elizabeth Roper m. John Henry Willis c1866; Artemissa Roper m. David Jones 1873. Need any info on these. **Phyllis Westbrook Arnold, 38 Kingwood Lane, Cabot, AR 72023**

Scroggin, Reed Want to contact desc. Thomas Scroggin, b. & d. Conway Co., m. 1875 Rosanna Reed, b. & d. Conway Co. d/o Rev. James Reed, b. 1821 TN, d. 1886, m. 1st Elizabeth Smith, c1840-41 GA/TN, . 2nd Anna ?, c1856 AR; m. 3rd Mrs. Mary Moody 1875 Conway Co. Issue from each marriage. **Peggy Pike Gordan, 2456 Douglas Dr., San Angelo, TX 76904**

McElhannon Need info on desc. of Isaiah and Martha McElhannon, b. GA, lived Clark Twp., Johnson Co., Ellsworth P. O. in 1870. Ch. Sarah, m. Wm. M. Spillers; Elizabeth m. Benjamin Agnew/Agneal; John P.; Nancy; Jane m. John Berry Rogers; James and Hugh W., m. Nancy

Elizabeth Green. **John Mac Carpenter, P.O. Drawer 430, Ft. Stockton, TX 79735-0430**

Beene, Crow, Smith, Bowerman, Grady, Avery Family history in progress on these in Newton and Yell Cos. and seeking data on Barmore, Huggins, Isom, Priddy, Hagerty, Branson, Pitts, Gasaway, Bird Hill and Brickey. **Jean Huggins Wingert, 79 La Prenda, Benicia, CA 94510-2228**

Nelson, Baley/Bailey, Wilson, Norton, Farmer Need info on these with possible connections to Harris, Moore, Houston, Patterson of NC, SC, GA, AL, TN, AR. **Suzanne Nelson Thomas, 5515 Fall Creek Hwy., Granbury, TX 76049**

Lain Willis C(olumbus?) Lain, b. 1812 TN, m. 1835 Sarah, b. KY; 1st child b. TN, next 2 TN, 8 b. AR. Need parents of both, where married and where lived in MS; in Green Co., AR 1840, Bradley Co., AR 1850. Will exchange. **Jeannette Lain Swafford, P. P. Box 1065, Fairfield Bay, AR 72088-1065**

Fryar, Wilhite Need verification of Indian bloodline of Mary Polly Fryar, b. 1822 TN, m. Julius A. Wilhite 1837, MS?; settled in AR c1850. **Ruby Martin, 518 E. Dumble, Alvin, TX 77511**

Wilson Want to contact researchers for Elisha Wilson, b. c1803 TN, d. 5 Jan 1888, Benton Co., AR; wife Martha b. c1809. Elisha got land patent cash entry 25 May 1858, Benton Co. Will exchange. **Irene D. Wilson, 7460 Fulton St., San Diego, CA 92111-6122**

Renison, Cruess, Morley, Jones, Rose Need parents of Mary (May) Huffman, b. c1825, d/o Phillip May, m. Neil B. Rose of Johnson Co., AR. **Charlotte Rose Smith, 2945 Glendale St., Redwood City, CA 94063-3619**

Nebletts Need information on any of this line in AR or elsewhere. **Dorothy N. Perkins, 4895 Avion Way, San Diego, CA 92115-1006**

Book Reviews and Notices

By Bobbie Jones McLane
Lynda C. Suffridge, Susan Boyle

The following are reviews and/or announcements of book acquisitions for the Arkansas Genealogical Society. The reviewed books are permanently housed at the Arkansas History Commission, or in the local History and Genealogy Room of the Little Rock Public Library. The Society expresses its appreciation to the authors and contributors. In ordering copies of these books, please remember to say you saw the review or notice in this publication!

Tracing Your Irish Ancestors, by John Grenham; published by Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202-3897; 1992. 281 pp, no index, maps; softback, \$18.95 + \$3.00 s/h. Grenham's credentials and connections at the Genealogical Office of Ireland, the National Library, and the Irish Family History Foundations are impressive. There is only one major flaw--NO INDEX. It is written from point of view of doing research in Irish repositories in Ireland. Many records are listed that can be accessed through LDS Family History Centers and Samford Univ., Birmingham, AL. One page is devoted to "U.S. Sources to Identify Irish Place of Origin." Being able to locate place of origin in Ireland is for a U.S. researcher the most critical step one must take to be successful in Irish research.

Parish maps are included with an entire chapter devoted to the importance of understanding and using records kept on this level. There are chapters on Civil Records, Census Records, Church Records, Land Records, Wills, Emigration, Registry of Deeds, Newspapers, Directories and more.

The destruction of the Public Records Office in Dublin in 1922 has made Irish research a real challenge. Mr. Grenham lists which records were destroyed completely and which survived, both partially and completely. He provides a listing of the manuscripts located in the Genealogical Office, both those which have been microfilmed and those which have not.

There is a "Table of Contents" which in part makes up for the lack of an index. The counties are inadvertently omitted from the Table of Contents section that covers the county source lists. Therefore, to see what

records are available for a specific county, you must turn through the book until you locate the section containing the counties, and then thumb through until you locate your county of interest.

Even lacking an index, this book would make an excellent addition to the library of any serious Irish records researcher. For the price of \$18.95 (plus shipping), it is a good buy for the money. If you are going to Dublin or Belfast to do Irish research, it would be easy to take along with you and would provide addresses, checklists and maps. (LCS & SB)

Index of Obituaries and Death Reports Appearing in The Arkansas Gazette 1922 by Oscar G. Russell, CAE, 506 Loop Road, North Little Rock, AR 72116. 8,685 entries, spiral binding \$45, hardbound \$60. [No. Little Rock, AR: the author, 1993] Yet another volume in Mr. Russell's continuing efforts in abstracting this data from old issues of this newspaper. With no access to any sort of index for Arkansas death records, these abstracts prove very useful for family historians. This volume contains an alphabetical listing by surname and given name. A second section is comprised of an every name index alphabetically by location. Entries for Arkansas in this second section are alphabetical by town. The ages of the deceased persons and the Gazette citation are given. (BJM)

Will Record Books "A" and "B" of Scott County, Arkansas 1882-1938 by Wanda M. Gray, 36 pages, \$10.00 plus \$1.50 s/h; order from the author, Route 1, Box 64B, Waldron, AR 72958. The public records of Scott County, AR are almost nonexistent prior to 1882 due to several court house fires. This small book lists summarized versions of 107 wills filed in the two earliest extant will books of the county, listed alphabetically with an index of other names mentioned. (BJM)

1880 Pike County Arkansas Federal Census abstracted by Dorothy Kennedy Partain and typed by Linda Willingham Meek, PO Box 238, Murfreesboro, AR 71958, \$20.00, soft bound, 224 pages [Murfreesboro, AR; the author 1993] An excellent transcription of the 1880 Pike Co. census, with a full name index. This census is especially helpful as Pike County Court House records were destroyed by fire in 1895, which

makes research difficult for the period of time prior to that date. (BJM)

Mecklenburg County, North Carolina Will Abstracts 1791-1868 Books A - J, by Herman W. Ferguson, including **Tax Lists 1797, 1798, 1799, 1806 and 1807** transcribed by Ralph B. and Herman W. Ferguson, 600 Chad Drive, Rocky Mount, NC 27803, \$30.00 pp., soft cover, perfect sewn binding, 8-1/2", full name, place and subject index. This is actually two books in one, with the first part consisting of abstracts of recorded wills, 1791-1868, found in Will Books A-J of Mecklenburg Co., NC and unrecorded wills of the same period filed with the NC Archives, totaling 1,305. The second part of the book contains transcriptions of tax lists of the earliest five years extant for the county. The two record groups supplement each other well, as the wills tend to reflect the more affluent members of the county, while the tax collector had reason to list practically all male residents. A good percentage of the names found in the tax lists are not found in the wills. An excellent preface explains the importance of these records to not only researchers of Mecklenburg Co., but to Anson, Tryon, Cabarrus and part of Union Cos., giving the source of all documents, maps, abbreviations and notes of some unique wills. An excellent resource for research in this area. (BJM)

Book C, Court of Common Pleas and Circuit Court (Vol. 1, 1824-1828), Hempstead County, Arkansas Territory published by Hempstead County Genealogical Society, PO Box 1158, Hope, AR 71801, softbound, 198 pages, full name index, \$15.00. There is a wealth of information in this volume: Hempstead Co. map in 1825 showing major trails, rivers, prairies, towns, political townships, geographic townships and ranges. It is a word for word transcription of the original court record. It includes jurors, road overseers, guardians of underage children, election judges, indictments, pension applications, appraisors of estates, change of township lines, applications for ferry licenses and tavern permits. The area of Southwest Arkansas encompassed in this court record now includes all or part of the following counties: Columbia, Hempstead, Howard, Lafayette, Little River, Miller, Nevada, Ouachita, Pike, Polk, Sevier and Union. (BJM)

Marriages of Howard County, Arkansas 1873-1902, published by Hempstead County Genealogical Society, PO Box 1158, Hope, AR 71801. \$20, softbound,

215 pages, over 3,500 marriages. Section I lists alphabetically by surname groom, age, town or township, county, bride, with same information, date of marriage, book and page, officiant, and any comment such as consent. Also included are two maps - one showing the counties from which Howard County was formed in 1873; the other showing political and geographical townships and the major communities in the early 1890s in Howard County. (BJM)

Virginia Genealogy Sources & Resources by Carol McGinnis; published [1993] by Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21201-3897; \$35.00 plus \$3.00 p/h, 505 pages, hardbound. This is the most comprehensive listing of Virginia sources and resources ever compiled. After four

years of painstaking research, the author has produced an encyclopedic inventory of the records and printed materials available to persons researching their Virginia ancestors. Dealing with the whole complex realm of Virginia genealogy, McGinnis focuses on the types of records available, where they may be found and what they contain, devoting entire chapters to such subjects as Virginia land, people, immigration and migration, vital records, bible and church records; census, land and court records; manuscripts, ethnic Virginia; slavery and African-Americans. The Bibliography alone runs 125 pages and contains references to 1,421 books and articles on all aspects of Virginia genealogy. If interested in Virginia research, you need this book! (BJM)

1850 Census Newton County, Arkansas transcribed and indexed by C. L. and Lina Boyd, PO Box 222, Dover, AR 72837 [1992] \$7.50, 41 pages, surname index, softbound. This census lists all the residents by township in the order in which they appeared on the original census, showing the dwelling and family number, name, age, sex, occupation of head of household, and birthplace. (BJM)

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