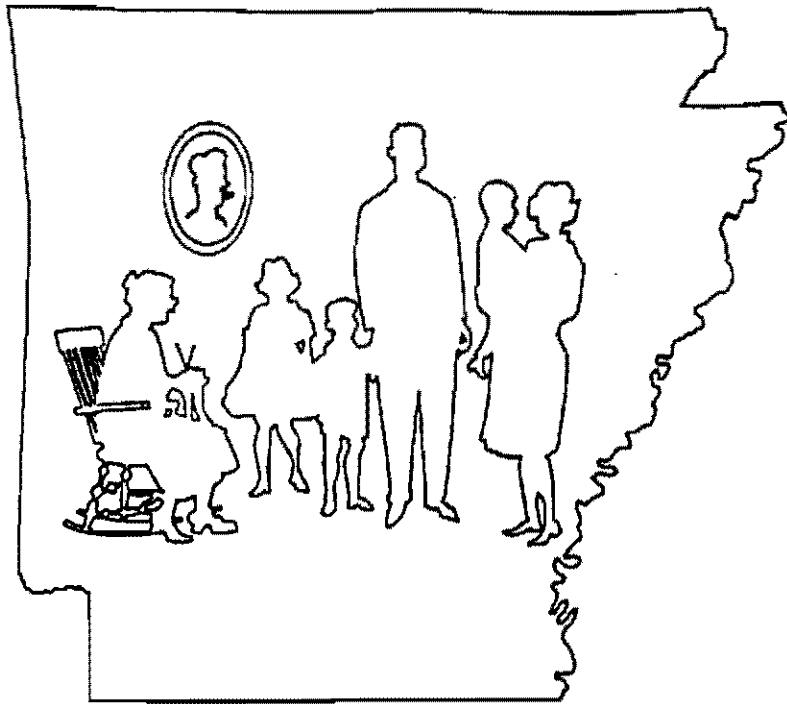


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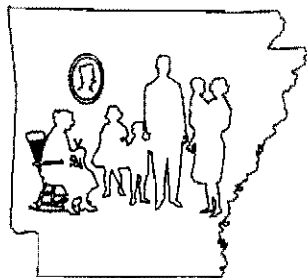
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Authors and publishers who wish to have reviews or notices of their works published in *The Arkansas Family Historian* are invited to submit a copy of the work with ordering information and price, if applicable.

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Treasurer's Report

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| BALANCE (CHECKING ACCOUNT) 12-31-94 | | \$23,106.36 |
| DEPOSITS | | \$21,821.75 |
| Interest Earned | | \$563.22 |
| EXPENSES | | |
| Advertising | \$483.00 | |
| AFH Quarterly (Printing) | 6369.00 | |
| AGS Conference | 2994.52 | |
| Memberships, Books Purchased | 202.50 | |
| Insufficient Checks Returned | 60.00 | |
| Labor | 25.00 | |
| Mailing Services (Pre-Sort & Postage) | 1500.00 | |
| Microfilm/fiche Service (AFH, Group Shts, etc.) | 452.03 | |
| Miscellaneous | 607.26 | |
| Postage | 1,464.49 | |
| Printing Miscellaneous | 2583.43 | |
| Professional Fees | 100.00 | |
| Rental - Editor | 2000.00 | |
| Rent PO Box | 104.00 | |
| Royalties | 821.00 | |
| Supplies | 981.70 | |
| Telephone & FAX | 136.03 | |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$20,883.96 | |
| BALANCE IN CHECKING ACCOUNT AS OF 12-31-95 | | \$24,607.37 |
| (Net Income for Year) | | \$1,501.01 |
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| BALANCE (Savings Account) 12-31-94 | | \$8,225.47 |
| Account changed to 13 mos. (5.75%) Certificate of Deposit 9-12-95 | | \$8,280.00 |
| Compounded Interest to be added 9-12-1996 | | |
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| TOTAL AMOUNT IN TREASURY 12-31-95 | | \$32,887.37 |

Submitted by Bobbie Jones McLane, Treasurer

Television Series On Family History and Genealogy

Ancestors, a family history and genealogy series for PBS, began shooting in September, 1995. The series will be on the National PBS schedule for 1996, and it is planned to have ten episodes:

1. *What's Your Line*, - what the series will preview; what the series will deliver.
2. *Tales in the Attic* will help you get started at home; what to look for; how to organize what you find.
3. *Family Folklore* will focus on how the novice can successfully interview and document living relatives.
4. *Documented Drama* helps one understand how the records found about ancestors are related to significant life events; and the different types of records to be found.
5. *Treasured Aisles* will tour different places to find more records after all local sources have been exhausted.
6. *American Record's Greatest Hits* will introduce major records commonly used - census, military and passenger lists.
7. *Our Ethnic Heritage* focuses on two major groups of records--Afro-American and Native American.
8. *Hand-Me-Down Genes* will delve into the realm of medicine and genetic genealogy.
9. *Computers Don't Byte* will display the world of technology via computer and Internet to make researching more fun and exciting.
10. *Leaving a Legacy* will focus on the impact that leaving a legacy can have on your life and future generations.

Internet address for *Ancestors* is <http://kbyuwww.byu.edu/ancestor.htm>. You may write *Ancestors* at KBYU-TV, 2000 Ironton Blvd., Provo, UT 84606, for more information.

Publications

Sanders Siftings is a new family publication billed as an exchange of Sanders/Saunders family research. Four issues a year will be issued, at a subscription price of \$12.00 per year. Write Editor Don E. Schaefer, 1297 Deane St., Fayetteville, AR 72703-1544 for more information.

Washington County Historical Society, 118 E. Dickson St. Fayetteville, AR 72701 publishes an informative, well-prepared quarterly, **Flashback**, and a newsletter. The quarterly contains articles and sketches about the county's history, and the newsletter contains genealogical queries and society announcements and activities. Membership is \$15.00/yr.

Endsley Family Newsletter is published for Endsley and associated families. Contact Erman Charles Endsley, Jr., at 4509 SW 179th St., Newcastle, OK 73065, for more details.

The Izard County Historian has resumed publication with Volume 21, No. 1, January, 1996. Write to Juanita Stowers, Editor, P. O. Box 480, Norfolk, AR 72658 for more information.

Reunions

Russert/Rusert family will hold a reunion the 2nd Sunday in June 1995. Contact Carolyn Pearson Franklin, 9408 Windrow Pl., Pascagoula, MS 39581-8033 for more information.

The **Linker** family will hold its semi-annual reunion at the Holiday Inn, Russellville, AR, on June 1, 1996. For more information, write Alice Wait Hollis, 203 Hollis Ln., Russellville, AR 72801 (501-967-2228)

The 16th annual **Hogue** Family Reunion will be held June 1, 1996, at the VFW Building in Morrilton City Park, Morrilton, AR. Contact Mrs. Marvin Hogue, 1104 Holloway St., Morrilton, AR 72110 for more information.

John Ott family reunion is held annually in Marion, Baxter Co., AR, on Memorial Day week-end; please contact Don Ott, RR 1, Box 1270, Lakeview, AR 72642-9408 (501-431-8112), dott@Centuryinter.net

Cole family reunion will be July 6, 1996, at the Legion Hut, Paragould, AR. Contact Gene Cole, 1902 S. Cleveland, Russellville, AR 72801 (501-958-2858)

Berry family reunion of descendants from Colonial Washington Co., VA, will be held August 4, 1996. Write John B. Nolan, 66 Circle Dr., Springfield, IL 62703-4805 for details.

McMindes reunion will be at the McMIndes home at Alta, CA, the week of July 4, 1996. For more information, write to Willis McMIndes, P. O. Box 823, Alta, CA 95701, or Helen McMIndes, 626 West South Ave., Harrison, AR 72601.

Gibson/Pettit Family Reunion: Descendants of Thomas Lee Pettit and wife, Agnes Jane Pettit, will gather in Waldron, Scott Co., AR, on Saturday, June 8, 1996. Contact person: Ed Gibson, P. O. Box 569, Mt. Ida, AR 71953.

Taff family reunion: Descendants of Peter and Elizabeth Williams Taff will gather for the eighth biennial national family reunion at Lost River State Park in West Virginia, on June 28-30, 1996. Contact Homer Taff, 502 Burns St., Louisa, KY 41230 for more details.

Yeiser/allied families: Descendants of Englehart Yeiser (Jayser) will be held July 19-21, 1996, at Kentucky Dam Village Resort, Gilbertsville, KY. For further information, contact Bud Yeiser, P. O. Box 870141, Stone Mountain, GA 30087 (Phone/FAX 401-978-7607)

Burns family reunion is again scheduled for the third Saturday in July -- July 20, 1996, at 2:00 p.m., in El Paso, AR. For more information contact Marie Burns, 1850 Mt. Carmel Rd., Cabot, AR 72023-8353 (501-843-7098).

Langley-Bryant Reunion for descendants of William and Lucinda Bryant Langley, will be Saturday, June 29, 1996, at the American Legion Hut, West 9th St., Mulberry, AR. Contact Nadean Riley Bell, 1205 NW 11th, Bentonville, AR 72712, for more information.

Lee family reunion is scheduled for July 6, 1996, in Muskogee, OK. For more information, contact DeV Vaughn Lee, 3977 Hillcrest Dr., No. 5, Los Angeles, CA 90008.

Nichols family reunion will be held June 8, 1996, in honor of Samuel Joseph Nichols (1822-1884) and his wife, Sarah Richardson Nichols (1824-1896). All descendants, relatives and friends are invited to attend at Lake Charles State Park, 3705 Hwy. 276, Powhatan, AR 72458 (west of Walnut Ridge, AR). Contact Oretha Nichols Turner, 4 Woodland Dr., Jacksonville, AR 72076-2557; 501-982-5331.

Seminars

A seminar/workshop under the combined sponsorship of the **Cass, Harrison and Marion County Genealogical Societies** will be held March 16, 1996, at Fellowship Hall, First United Methodist Church, 305 W. Jefferson, Jefferson, TX. Write the Registrar at Rt. 2, Box 232, Jefferson, TX 75657, for further information.

Seventh North Arkansas Ancestor Fair is scheduled for 31 May and 1 June, 1996, at Leslie Public School, Leslie, AR, and will include Native American Genealogy Seminar, a mixer-dinner on Friday evening, and the fair on Saturday. Contact James J. Johnston, 2333 East Oaks Dr., Fayetteville, AR 72703, for registration forms.

3rd Annual 4 Corners Ancestor Fair will be held on July 25, 26 and 27, 1996, at Holiday Inn & Convention Center, Springdale, AR, featuring sessions on Native Americans, Beginners, Archival, Civil War, National Archives and LDS. Washington County Historical Society, 118 E. Dickson St., Fayetteville, AR 72701 can supply registration information.

Arkansas River Valley Ancestor Fair will be sponsored by the Pope County Historical Association and is scheduled for Saturday, May 4, 1996, at the Pottsville School Campus Cafeteria. For information on display/sharing tables, vendors' tables, and other features, contact Mrs. Rhonda S. Norris, 805 East 5th St., Russellville, AR 72801, or Miss Geneva Ferguson, P. O. Box 433, Pottsville, AR 72858-0433.

A genealogy workshop "**Climbing Your Family Tree Can Be Fun**" will be presented by Everton Publishers on Saturday, March 23, 1996, at the Church of Christ, East 5th and Greenwich, Russellville, AR. Contact Rhonda S. Norris, 805 East 5th, Russellville, AR 72801, for registration information.

The Ozark Folk Center, in conjunction with the Stone County Historical Society, is sponsoring the **Ozark Cultural Celebration** to be held Friday and Saturday, September 13 and 14, 1996, at the Ozark Folk Center, Mountain View, Arkansas, to share common Ozark culture and history. The event will feature speakers and displays, and admission is \$1.00. Free display tables will be available. Contact The Ozark Folk Center, P. O. Box 500, Mountain View, AR 72560-0500, for more information.

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, an agency of the Department of Arkansas Heritage, is developing a network of independent, regional battlefield preservation organizations across the state. These organizations will collectively form the Arkansas Civil War Heritage Trail, with the shared goal of identifying, preserving, interpreting, and promoting the state's Civil War heritage.

Northwest Arkansas, and that group is currently developing a brochure that will promote interpreted sites from Fort Smith to Harrison, as well as in adjoining states.

The next "leg" of the trail is targeted for southwest Arkansas and will include sites associated with the Camden Expedition, as well as other Civil War-related properties in the area. The AHPP will hold an organizational meeting in February to form a coordinating committee for the southwest Arkansas Civil War Heritage Trail.

Those interested in participating in this program may write to Arkansas Historic Preservation Program at 1500 Tower Building, 323 Center St., Little Rock, AR 72201, for their questionnaire.

Digging Up Your Family Roots will be the theme for a Family History Conference scheduled for March 23, 1996, at the Otter Creek building of the LDS Church, 13901 Quail Run Dr., Little Rock, AR. Contact Harold A. Lewis, Jr., at 501-563-1458, or Ann Cobb, at 501-227-0941, for more information on registration.

Maine Genealogical Society and Maine Historical Society are planning a major genealogical conference called "Researching ME: Northern New England and Canadian Neighbors." The program will be rich and varied and should be of considerable interest to many with New England and Canadian neighbors' roots. Contact the Center For

Maine History, 489 Congress Street, Portland, ME 04101-3498 for more information.

Northeast Oklahoma Ancestor Fair sponsored by the Rogers County Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 2493, Claremore, OK 74018, will be held Saturday, March 9, 1996, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Sequoyah High School gym, Claremore, OK. Write to Loretta Hilbert, 707 S. Perdue, Claremore, OK 74017, for more information.

Genealogy Seminar/Workshop under the combined sponsorship of the Cass, Harrison and Marion County Genealogical Societies (Texas) is scheduled for March 16, 1996 at Fellowship Hall, First United Methodist Church, 305 West Henderson St., Jefferson, TX. Featured speaker will be John A. Sellers, a fifth generation native to Hopkins County, TX., whose topics will be Learning Where Your Ancestors Played, Prayed and Died; Unlocking the Secrets of the Public's Attic; and Women, That Gender You Can't Do Without In Your Research. Contact Seminar Registrar; Rt. 2, Box 332, Jefferson, TX 75657, for details.

The Melting Pot Genealogical Society is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, and will sponsor an Ancestor Fair on May 18, 1996. This will be its first such event and will be held in the High School Cafeteria at Lakeside School, 2871 Malvern Ave. (Hwy. 270 E). Contact Jimmie L. Jones, President, Melting Pot Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 936, Hot Springs, AR 71902, for further information.

Vital Records Indexes: A Report to AGS Members

By Desmond Walls Allen

Last September, Joe R. Goss, Carolyn Earle Billingsley, and I met with Henry Robinson and Jan Sanders at the Arkansas Department of Health, Division of Vital Records. Henry Robinson is the state registrar of vital records, and Jan Sanders is a management project analyst. Both are extremely helpful people to work with. We wanted to know how the Health Department planned to implement the portion of the new vital records law that opened birth records more than 100 years old, and death, marriage and divorce records more than 50 years old.

We learned that Vital Records operates on a very slim budget. They do not have the space, money, personnel or equipment to open a research room for the public. Their understanding of the new law and rules and regulations written to comply with that law gives anyone the right to request the old records, whereas previously the records could only be requested by the person to whom the record pertained for a lineal descendant (or their appointed representative). The search fees must still be paid. We explained that we wanted the *indexes* to the old vital records made public, and Henry and Jan were agreeable. Then our discussion turned to how to accomplish that task without setting up a research facility in the overcrowded offices of Vital Records.

Our objectives were to make the indexes available to all researchers interested in Arkansas. We couldn't just place a copy of the indexes at the Arkansas History Commission because everyone can't visit that facility. And the History Commission does not have the means to reproduce microforms other than film for which it holds the master negative. The same is true for other repositories in central Arkansas.

Why not let AGS be the agency to distribute the indexes, we said? AGS already has a microfiche sales system in place (we sell our back issues of *The Arkansas Family Historian* and other publications on fiche). We could publish the indexes on fiche and sell them to individuals and libraries throughout the world. As the state-wide genealogical society, one of our objectives is to publish and make available information useful to genealogists.

When we asked about this alternative, Henry and Jan were agreeable. They said the Health Department couldn't go into the microfiche publishing business, so by giving copies of the available indexes to AGS, they would be in compliance with the law. Therefore, it will not be possible for researchers to contact Vital Records and ask to see copies of the indexes.

When our Board of Directors met in October, we passed a motion that AGS (a) become the distribution agency for the microforms of the indexes, (b) take necessary steps to create the master microfiche, (c) provide a set of the available indexes on fiche to both the Arkansas History Commission and the Genealogy Section of the Central Arkansas Library System Main Branch, and (d) continue to work with the Health Department in securing indexes as they become available. With that settled, we turned our attention to getting copies of the indexes.

Death Indexes

The State began keeping death records at the state level in February, 1914. The earliest death indexes are for the years 1914-1923, 1923-1933, 1934-1950, and yearly thereafter through 1946.

The yearly indexes for 1941 through 1946 were furnished to us on microfilm and it was a fairly straightforward process to duplicate the microfilm, assemble it in fiche jackets, and produce the fiche.

The earlier indexes, however, were a real problem. The only copies of the indexes the Health Department had were on microfiche and we couldn't make duplicate fiche from these. We went back to the Health Department and they were able to find paper copies of the earliest year, 1914-1923. We had to pay to have that microfilmed and are in the process of producing microfiche of that index.

The other two indexes are still a problem. We have found a computer file for the 1934-1940 index, and we are relatively certain a printout can be made and filmed to produce fiche. The 1924-1933 death index is still in limbo. If all else fails, we can use a microfiche reader/printer and print paper copies from the fiche, and have those copies microfilmed. We are still exploring our options on that one.

Marriages and Divorces

We weren't as concerned about the marriage and divorce records because those are available in their original form and unrestricted at the county level. The state vitals law that makes available the marriage and divorce records more than 50 years old apparently overlooked the fact that anyone can walk into any Arkansas court house and look at the marriage records and chancery court records, which contain divorce files.

The state marriage records aren't the actual records themselves--they are just small "coupons" with basic information taken from the original records. Although marriages began to be recorded at the state level in 1917, the first index is for the years 1933-1939. There isn't another until 1949 (and it isn't 50 years old). The 1933-1939 index will be available as a microfiche publication from AGS.

Births

Birth records must be 100 years old before they're open. Arkansas began recording birth records in 1914, so we assumed there would be no open birth records. We were wrong. In 1944, the law allowed people to file delayed birth records--they could bring information about the facts of their birth and supporting documentation and fill out a form and put their birth on file. "Delayed" birth records are what the Health Department calls the records filed for people born after 1914 when registration began. But folks born before 1914 also came in and placed their births on file. These are called "priors" by the Health Department. There is an index to those births, at least to the ones filed before 1975. Some of those records are for births before 1896, but the index also covers births less than 100 years old, so it can't be made public. There is a remote possibility a computer file exists for that index, and, if, so, in theory, it will be possible to pull out the open records.

Ordering the Records

The microfiche sold by AGS will be to the indexes to open vital records. You'll still have to pay for copies of the records. The records themselves are not available for purchase in any form other than a certified copy. Death certificates cost \$4.00; birth certificate \$5.00; marriage and divorce records cost \$5.00 each, but the best use of the indexes for these records is to find out the record exists, then write the county for copies of the original records.

Payment of the search fee does not guarantee the record you order will be one of use to you. On the death indexes, the name of the deceased, death date, county, and record citation is all that is given. No age, sex, or race is listed. It's like betting on a horse--you pay your money and take your chances. There is no refund if you aren't pleased with the certificate.

Results

We're making headway. In the next two months, we hope to have microfiche publications ready for:

Death indexes: 1914-1913, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945

Marriages indexes: 1933-1939

Divorce indexes: 1923-1927, 1934-1939

When we know the costs involved in the project, we'll be able to publish an order form. If you want to receive an order form for AGS vital records indexes on fiche, send a SASE to me, Desmond Walls Allen, 99 Lawrence Landing Road, Conway, AR 72032, and I'll send you a form as soon as it's developed.

AGS will donate copies of the indexes as they become available to the Arkansas History Commission, One Capitol Mall, Little Rock, AR, and the Genealogy Section of the Central Arkansas Library System's Main Branch at 700 Louisiana, Little Rock, AR. You'll be able to use the indexes at these repositories and at any other library that buys the indexes from AGS.

You may want to encourage your local society or library to purchase copies for patron use. You may want to buy a copy for your research purposes. Or you may want the indexes for commercial purposes. Once these indexes are published, anyone can use them to create books for sale or sell searches from them. These are public records just like census records.

As more information develops about these vital records indexes, we'll keep you informed.

William Jasper Robinson

Submitted by C. Ken Robinson, 5472 Timmons Ave., Memphis, TN 38119

From the *Cabot Star-Herald*, Cabot, Arkansas, Wednesday, September 20, 1995

Ceremony will honor Robinson

A grave-marking ceremony to honor Confederate Soldier William Jasper Robinson will be held Saturday, Sept. 23, at the historic Whitley Cemetery near Cabot. The 10 a.m. ceremony is sponsored by the Confederate Compatriots of the Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp in Little Rock.

The service will consist of a rifle salute and wreath-laying ceremony at Robinson's grave site. The Confederate Compatriots will be dressed in Confederate uniforms.

William Jasper Robinson was born in Itawamba County, Miss. in 1840 and died Sept. 1 1892 in Lonoke. He served in the Civil War with Company E of Monroe's Confederate Cavalry of Arkansas. He was a son of William R. Robinson and a brother of J. H. "Button" Robinson. His sister, Salley E. Robinson, married W. T. "Zack" Reid, also a Confederate veteran buried in Whitley Cemetery.

The Confederate Compatriots of the Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp has invested many hours in memorial services honoring brave soldiers of the Confederacy. Family members and friends are urged to show appreciation by attending the reverent and memorable service. Robinson's grandson, C. Ken Robinson of Memphis, will be here for the service.

Whitley Cemetery is located off Woodland Drive, east off Hwy. 89 South. Drive to the end of Woodland and take the gravel road to the tree line. Turn right and find the cemetery sign. Stay on the gravel road, turn left at the fence and Whitley Cemetery is on the right.

For more information, contact Audrey Travis, cemetery chairman, at 843-6215 or 843-3196. Travis said that Whitley Cemetery, in use since 1847, is the oldest cemetery in the area. Ten Confederate soldiers are buried there, she said.

The submitter stated he found a will in North Carolina that provided the missing link in applying for membership in the Sons of the American Revolution and is now a National member as well as a Tennessee member, applying under his 5th great grandfather, Isaac Carter, and his fourth great grandson, Abner Carter is buried in Shady Grove Cemetery in Bald Knob, AR. Isaac's grave was found between Hattiesburg, MS, and Paulding. There is also an Isaac Carter Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Ken Robinson stated that the ceremony was most impressive--conducted by the Capitol Guards of Little Rock, and included seven black powder rifles, one cannon, one horse without a rider, chaplain and a lady in mourning. It was attended by some fifty friends and relatives.

Wilson Adams

Submitted by B. Leona Piland, 714 Jackson, Oregon City, OR 97045

Wilson Adams, b. March 8, 1811, NC, and Panina Peal, b. May 16, 1917, GA. married December 18, 1832, Harris Co., GA; moved to Rome, GA, where their children were born: John W. Adams, b. 1833; Mary M. Adams (F. Summerhill), b. 1835, d. August 4, 1886, Conway Co., AR; Josiah W. P. Adams, b. 1838, buried Horatio, AR; Eliz. Jane Adams (Merritt), b. 1841, d. August 26, 1860, Claiborne Parish, LA; Mahalia Aubrey Adams (Crow), b. May 9, 1846, d. April 16, 1904, DeQueen, AR; Francis C. Adams (McCool), b. 1842; Zackery Taylor Adams (Dora Calaway), b. October 1, 1848, d. May 3, 1899, Faulkner Co., AR; Joannah Eliz. Adams (J. Summerhill), b. June 22, 1852, d. August 29, 1929, Lockesburg, AR; Trolman Adams, b. 1855; Kadlie Ellen Adams (Benedick), b. 1857. Family moved from GA to Clairborne Parish, LA, where Josiah W. P. and husband of Joanna Eliz. Adams Summerhill, joined the Confederate Army, serving until wounded and captured. Following the Civil War, Wilson and Panina moved to Green Grove, Conway/Faulkner, AR, where Wilson d. Aug. 24, 1873. Panina's date and place of death are unknown.

Tragedy Stops By

Written by Darrell M. Hull, 20625 Little Bear Creek Rd., Woodinville, WA 98072, who states it was written in July, 1995, while "ravaged with a bout of "historical curiosity."

While History does not extend invitations to her, Tragedy nevertheless "crashes" certain events. She did so at my family's breakfast that Saturday morning. There, Tragedy demanded her due of the innocent as well as the deserving--and claimed it, as she is wont to do, with suddenness and violence.

It began when my great-uncle Joseph (Joe) Pearson and his wife Elizabeth were at a woodcutting site across the Arkansas River and some three miles South of Fort Smith, Arkansas. Initially with them were--at least--Joe's sister Lucinda, her husband Leander Dixon, and their two children Rachel (three years) and Matthew (nine months) and Betty, Leander's sister. (2) At some point in time, this group was joined by Dave Smith, Betty's husband and his friend, Will Towerly. Dave "Baldy" Smith (3), the catalyst selected by the goddess Tragedy, was *persona non grata* to the group because of his life-long record of felonies. He was wanted at that very moment for horse stealing, whiskey selling in Indian Territory, and involvement in the murder of U. S. Deputy Marshall Jack Richardson.(4) But he wanted to see his wife.

It might have been Dave's sending a woodcutter to Fort Smith for whiskey that gave the U. S. Marshalls that critical lead to the family camp. However alerted, Deputy Marshalls Frank Dalton(5) and James R. Cole, with two writs on Smith, crossed the river and turned South. This was about 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning, November 27, 1887, two days after Thanksgiving.

The woodcutting party was eating breakfast inside the low log-sided, canvas topped tent when the deputies arrived. Marshall Dalton called for Dave Smith, who came out with his Winchester ready. Dalton said, "Don't shoot, we want no trouble here" or similar words.(6) Smith promptly shot Dalton in the chest. Marshall Cole, coming around the other side of the tent, in turn shot Smith who died immediately. There are two significantly different accounts of what happened next. Either Will Towerly or Leander Dixon came out of the tent and took a

shot at Cole(7) Cole, stepping backwards, tripped over the tent tie-down and fell, saving him from a probable mortal wound. He got up quickly, attempted to fire back, but the women got in the way. Deputy Cole retreated to some trees and the firing got intense.

During this fusillade, Aunt Lucinda was killed, little Rachel was grazed, Leander received a serious wound in the left shoulder area. Cole, who was shot six times, incredibly suffered no serious wound.(8) He escaped and headed to Fort Smith for help. At his exit, Will Towerly came up to Dalton, who was prostrate but not dead, and pointed his Winchester at the Deputy's head. According to Rosa's account, Frank begged Will not to shoot him again saying, "I'm preparing to die". Towerly placed the muzzle of the rifle in Dalton's mouth and fired. That still didn't kill him. A final bullet in the brain did.

Fort Smith's returning posse was shocked by the carnage. The writer for *The Indian Chieftain* reported: "Dalton and Smith lay side by side covered with blood, with both hands tightly grasping pistols, stone dead. A short distance off lay the woman with a bullet through her. ... Blood was everywhere.(10) Leander was seriously wounded and taken to the U. S. Jail Hospital in Fort Smith. He was charged with murder [more likely complicity to murder] but before he was arraigned he died in jail of Typhoid Fever.(11) Apparently Uncle Joe had retired somewhere nearby with the wounded Rachel and Matthew (and any other family members involved but never identified.) He was subsequently charged with murder but cleared of that allegation. Will Towerly speedily left the scene but was captured and killed some ten days later in Atoka, Indian Territory.

Lucinda was taken "home" (probably Prairie Grove, Arkansas) in a wagon driven, per family history, by her mother Nancy E. Howard Pearson. The latter took in her two orphaned grandchildren and raised them along with her youngest child, my grandmother, Esther Pearson Morrow.(12)

Now history just remembers this little event. But the family was forever, though variously imprinted by it. For the participants, it was one of Fate's trespasses into a blissful reverie with a shrill, nerve-

jarring scream. It left them shattered and spent and grieving. For me, removed by over three generations, the imprint is a sense of real and empathic connection with both the characters and the historical setting. It is also a serviceable reminder of the sometimes bizarre but ever transitory nature of life itself.

End Notes

1. This is the researched version of a family story I inherited from my mother. It is the "best fit" scenario derived from five news articles and three books with somewhat conflicting information concerning the event. The reader might find it interesting to contrast this reading with the word-of-mouth version (in possession of this writer) as a study in the folklore development process. The comparison also illustrates the Pearson penchant for image management!

2. James S. Pearson, *The Autobiography of James Stephen Pearson* (private publication, p. 19). The family oral history maintains that James talked to his brother Joe within weeks after the shooting. Presumably, he discussed the shooting with Joe a number of times over the next 66 years they shared. The named characters are probably, therefore, accurate. Additionally, James' oral history places Annie, the one-year-old daughter of Joe and Elizabeth, and the mother herself, at the scene.

3. For more on Dave Smith's evolution in crime, See Pearson *Op. Cit.*, 18-19

4. "Outlaws vs. Officers", *Fayetteville Weekly Democrat*, December 2, 1887, 2 and "Murdered Marshals", *The Indian Chieftain*, December 8, 1887, p3.

5. At least two of the four Dalton brothers were ultimately hired as deputies in the federal courts' Western District in Arkansas by Judge Isaac Charles Parker, the famous "Hanging Judge" of Fort Smith. Four years and eleven months after the "tragedy", all three of the remaining Dalton boys would be shot down in the Coffeyville, Kansas, two-bank holdup attempt. Bob and Gratton died there with two associates, while Emmett, after his recovery, served 15 years in prison before being released. See Joseph G. Rose, AGE OF THE

GUNFIGHTER *Men and Weapons on the Frontier 1840-1900*, (Smithmark Pub., 1993), 47.

6. "A Terrible Tragedy", *Fort Smith Elevator*, December 2, 1887, 514.

7. Pearson, *Ibid.*, 19 does not indict Leander Dixon and "A Triple Killing", *The Indian Chieftain*, December 1, 1887, 3, specifies Will Towerly as the shooter.

8. Rosa, *Ibid.*, 46

9. *Op.Cit.*, 46

10. "Murdered Marshals", *The Indian Chieftain*, December 1, 1887, 1.

11. In S. W. Harmon's *Hell on the Boarder*, 168, he indicates that Dixon was arraigned on July 7, 1887 on an indictment of murder. That date is almost certainly 1888 since no indication was made anywhere in the literature about a murder charge against him prior to the shooting above described. Further, it is not reasonable that he would be running around freely, as apparently he was, if there was a murder charge on his head. Finally, the court record, per Harmon, says Dixon was never brought before a "final earthly tribunal" but died first, and since the U. S. Jail death log (Fort Smith) indicates that he died on 16 Aug, 1888, the assumption of a misdating is reasonable.

12. Elizabeth, wife of Joe Pearson, would die in the next 24 months. Their young daughter Annie, round one-year-old at the time of this action, would subsequently also be raised by her grandmother Nancy (Family record).

Bill Iron of Arkansas

By a Louisiana Correspondent
From the New York Spirit of the Times, June 30,
1849, pp. 217-218

The use of the waters at the Hot Springs proving deleterious to one of our party, we determined to change our quarters, and to remove about forty miles West, to Sulphur Springs, owned by the renowned Bill Iron. No other conveyance offering, we again chartered a wagon, and taking leave of two of our travelling companions, once more sought adventures on the highway.

One day and a half more travel, and we were safely and fairly located at the residence of the justly famous and renowned Bill Iron.

He received us with all the simplicity of natural hospitality; untarnished with the fulsome hypocrisy of fashionable entertainments.

Bill Iron is about forty-five years of age, five feet nine inches high, dark complexion, black bushy hair, dark hazel, brilliant eyes, large mouth, round short teeth, prominent nose, high cheek bones, projecting and broad forehead, an oval face, with black and bristly beard. Small feet and hands, broad brawny shoulders, limbs and body enveloped with iron muscle and steel sinews, that defied all physical force. Kind and obliging, affectionate and tender, charitable and humane; bold as a lion and meek as a lamb; he was the manager of his own domain, and *regulator* and master-spirit of a hundred miles of country around him. 'Take him all in all, we ne'er shall look upon his like again.'

At an early age, he moved, 'solitary and alone,' from Buncombe County, North Carolina, where he was born and raised; and settled in Arkansas, on the river, and below Little Rock, where he remained for several years, hunting for a livelihood, 'the earth his bed, the canopy of heaven his covering.' During one of his hunting excursions, one hundred miles West of Little Rock, he observed herds of buffalo and deer frequenting a spring on the edge of a creek, in the neighborhood of the Ouashita River, which, upon examination, he proved to be a salt sulphur spring, and a few yards distant, the other sulphur springs [white, blue, and red]. He marked the spot, and as soon as those lands were thrown into market by the General Government,

selected and possessed himself of that spot, where, of all others, he remarked, he preferred his bones to be lain, where he had laid low many and many a buffalo, buck, and bear.

In a hunting expedition a few miles from his haunt, fate directed his footsteps to a spring, adjacent to a settlement [occupied by a widow and her two children], where he beheld 'a damsel very fair to look upon; a virgin; neither had any man known her.' And he said, 'let me I pray thee, drink a little water out of thy gourd.' And she said, 'drink,' and she hastened and let down her gourd, and gave him drink.

Bill Iron remarked, that after this interview, he constantly felt a hankering for that spring; none seemed to afford such cool and refreshing water; and that, in his rambles, unconsciously his bearing would be to that spring: that going along sometimes, 'not thinkin about nothin', somehow or another he would find himself butted up against that d---d spring. He's start off on a long hunt, taking provisions to last a week, and the first place he'd find himself was at the spring. He had tramped it so often that he had made a fair foot-path, exactly like a bear's watering trail, and he and the gal got quite sociable and intimate. At last he found that would not do--

—————'Neglected fortune fades
And prone into ruin falls his scorned
affairs.'

'The very next time I met her at the spring, an it was not long, I tote her pail of water up the hill to her mammy's, an I soon got acquainted an in the good graces of all of em.'

'Esteem begat emotions in my heart,
Sweet friendship followed to draw close
the tie;
Now love, the warmest wishes would
impart,
And for my ———I would die.

He bethought him, he said, that the innocent child could not rough it, as he was accustomed; therefore he constructed a comfortable and commodious palmetto camp, of which, shortly after, the gal at the spring was installed mistress, as well as of

his heart. After this event, the water in his own spring was plenty good enough for each, and for every purpose. As a bridal present he provided his wife with a handsome light rifle, with the use of which, during the honey-moon, he trained her to become as sharp a shooter as himself.

'With the, 'shooting' I forget all time,
All seasons, and their change - all please
alike.'

We practised every day at a target, and blame my skin! after a little, if she didn't beat me hollar! But I was a leetle ahead on her in killing game. Well, I never was so happy in all my days, when we used to go out a huntin together, an she liked it jest as well as I did; an she was mighty quick an true at drawin a bead.

At length this constant and pleasant companionship was interrupted [for Nature will display her influence through all her works] and the delicate attentions which had heretofore been bestowed upon the single idol of his heart, were to become divided, enlarged and imparted to a being, which, though increasing his cares, yet invigorated his facilities to endure, superintend, and enjoy. And to him was born a son. This first fruit of their loves they named COON, which although not very remarkable for its classic or romantic bearing, is at least a very popular and favorite name among the whig ranks, in the present political controversy.

Coon proved a thriving and exemplary boy, and 'following in the footsteps of his illustrious predecessor,' has taken to his a bosom a wife, multiplying and replenishing the earth.

The cares of the family increasing and the accumulated pledges of love, as demonstrated by the birth of a second, third, fourth, and fifth son, being added to the campfold, his wife was constrained to abandon her former pleasurable pursuits, and to seek others of a less wild and more domestic character; amusing herself occasionally with the rifle upon the target, and to 'teach the young idea how to shoot.'

Bill Iron, regardful of the comforts and requisites of a growing and increasing family, having made all necessary arrangements, moved from his old tramping ground, and established his household at the Sulphur Springs, in a substantial and spacious

log house, where, on the first occupancy of his family, he was exceedingly amused at the excitability and alarm of his youngest child [like Hector's child, 'scared with the dazzling helm and nodding plume,'] who never having entered a house before, was so scared that its mother conveyed it to the thicket, to calm its troubled spirit.

Respectfully,

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Better than Confederate Money!

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Confederate Money is not the only treasure at the Arkansas History Commission!

The Arkansas History Commission is the storehouse of the state's Confederate money, but it also stores other paper treasures far more valuable to genealogists than the currency! In addition to their well-known collection of books and microforms, the AHC has a valuable collection of manuscripts, inventoried in thirty-three volumes on the shelf in the Commission's reading room. Inventorying these manuscripts is an ongoing project of the busy archivists there. The next time you visit the AHC why don't you investigate the manuscript collection for yourself?

To show you examples of the kinds of information that are available, I have taken just one collection, the Kie Oldham Papers, and summarized the materials on just one county, Dallas County, Arkansas. If your ancestor is mentioned in these papers, you might find a useful clue to family relationships or even tidbits that make him/her more real to you. If you have Arkansas ancestors, it would be worthwhile for you to scan the thirty-three volumes of inventories for your locality

Kie Oldham was a native of Kentucky but came to Little Rock as a teenager and lived with his sister, whose husband Governor James Phillip Eagle was Governor of Arkansas from 1889-1893. He had a law practice in Little Rock, worked for Governor Eagle, and was appointed as a clerk for the United States War Dept., War Records Office to locate any remaining Confederate records that were not destroyed in the Brooks-Baxter War. Arkansas' records of the War of the Rebellion were sought for The Official Records of the War of the Rebellion, often referred to as the OR. After he forwarded 3,400 documents to Washington in this official assignment, Kie Oldham maintained his interest in Confederate records and continued collecting documents. After his death from tuberculosis in 1911, his widow placed the collection in the AHC. You can learn more about the search for these records in the Arkansas Historical Quarterly

article regarding this topic. (Mahan, Harold E., "The Search for Arkansas Civil War Records, 1892." 41.253-257).

The Kie Oldham Papers are ably and thoroughly summarized in Volume XXX of the Guides to the Arkansas History Commission Manuscript Collections. The introductory notes on the arrangement tell us that the papers begin in 1860 and continue until 1875. The collection was first organized in 1913 by the then Director of the AHC, Dallas Herndon, but have been reinventoried in recent years. You may access this collection's information by scanning Book XXX which itemizes each of the over 1,000 items in the group. Some items have a number of people mentioned. This article will attempt to show every item concerning Dallas Co. AR in the collection, as well as listing the people named. A sample from the largest item in the collection will also be given.

Dallas County, Arkansas Items

In the inventory we find that Item 188 is from the Dallas County Central Committee, John H. Brooks and William Daniel, Chairmen. It is dated Princeton, AR November 1, 1861, in the early days of the war, and is an abstract of the supplies furnished troops by citizens of Dallas Co. It is titled Record of Clothing Kept by the Central Committee of Dallas County, Arkansas. In case there is any question, a quick check of soldier's names against muster lists will make clear that this is a Confederate list, not Federal. I will list the citizen who furnished the supplies, as well as the volunteer soldier that he outfitted. Often the patriotic citizen just bought supplies for a unit without designating a certain soldier. It is assumed that those undesignated supplies might go for anyone that needed them. Soldiers listed are in the Dallas Rifles unless otherwise indicated. A * indicates Holmes Company, the # indicates Earle's Company, and an ^ indicates Flippins Company.

Citizen Supplier

Willis Hunter
William Rhodes
Mrs. E. H. Eaton

John Benson
John Bunn

Volunteer Soldier

John T. Hunter
James T. Rhodes
No name Indicated
W. R. Niesom
M. E. Benson

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| C. G. Lea | no name indicated* | Evaline S. Butler | No soldier indicated |
| W. R. Hearley | Thomps Harley | Bridges & Stubblefield | Peter Bridges* |
| W. R. Hearley | Stover? Harley | Dr John Saunders | John D. Saunders |
| Norman Goodrich | No name indicated | Peter B. Stubblefield | George W. Stubblefield* |
| G. G. Lea & Co. | No name indicated | Jabez B. Wheeler | Jabez Wheeler* |
| B. C. Harley | W. R. Harley | Robert Martin | A. E. Kennedy* |
| B. C. Harley | James H. Harley | Samuel C. Porterfield | No soldier indicated |
| Jacob Dykes | William L. Dykes | Archer Hays | Henry Lea* |
| Hovell Robertson | James Frazier | Mrs. Martha C. Holmes | William Holmes*, George Sallee* & C. F. Rawlings* |
| Citizen Supplier | Volunteer Soldier | Jeremiah Mitchel | J. J. Wilkes & Milton Mitchell |
| Hyder Lindsey | William Lindsey & James Frazier | John L. Walsh | James M. Owens |
| Spencer Green | James Frazier | John L. Walsh | J. M. Shortridge |
| Robert Green | H. M. Mitchell | Thomas Peterson | A. M. Peterson |
| Thomas Brown | N. C. Brown* | Thomas Peterson | Confederate Army under Hardee's command |
| Isaac W. Jones | No name indicated | Peter Pope | S. B. Stokes |
| Jesse Langford | G. W. Langford* | John R. Taylor | George A. Taylor# |
| John S. Waller | James A. Waller* | M. J. Harrison | John Garlington & R. W. Harrison* |
| P. Watts | E. A. Eigel | Thomas P. Harrison | No soldier listed |
| P. Watts | No name indicated | E. R. Harrison | Wm. D. Vinser, |
| P. Watts | Armistead Burwell* | C. G. Lea | R. K. Dawson |
| Alfred Knight | No name indicated | T. W. Key | J. R. Stewart & Richard N. Brown |
| Mrs. Ramsey | Joseph R. | William Bennett | C. V. Bennett |
| Stephen Winstead | Thompson# | Peter Pope | Thomas Stokes* |
| Stephen Winstead | R. H. Dedman* | James Woods | Harvy Harroll* |
| F. W. Compton | M. M. Duffie | James Woods | William Sweeny |
| Benjamin Holmes | Benj. W. Holmes Jr.* | William Daniel | R. W. Daniel |
| Mary B. Williams | F. M. Williams | William Daniel | F. D. Turner |
| M. M. Duffie | M. M. Duffie | C. G. Lea & Co. | Obadiah Smith, N. D. Holmes*, & F. P. Cameron |
| P. Watts | F. J. Cameron | Mrs. Jane Wiley | T. A. Wiley |
| Simon C. Robinson | George H. Robinson & Robert Ross | John H. Wiley | R. S. Wiley |
| John R. Westbrooks | Robert Ross & A. C. Cash | Henderson Oakley | J. [?] A. Compton |
| David Brooks | James F. Brooks | William McAllister | No soldier listed |
| John Orr | Wm. T. Orr & Cash, __ | Garland Hardwick | No soldier listed |
| William T. Woozencraft | John A. Woozen- craft | Henry F. Shugart | John F. Ward* |
| Issack H. Daves | James V. Flynn | Jabez Garlington | John Garlington* |
| | | Joseph White | Wm. C. Robinson |
| | | L. C. Silman | B. G. Silman |
| | | Laron Yates & James B. Smith | W. B. Hawkins* |
| | | Edmund Rucks | B. F. Rucks |

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| Mrs. Mary A. Barret | Peter P. Barrett* |
| Mrs. Susan R. Lea | Henry Lea* |
| Mrs. Sarah Borrough | J. T. Kindrick* |
| F. A. Benson | R. W. Watson |
| M. J. Daniel | Benjamin Landen ^ |
| F. A. Benson | V. E. Benson* |
| Hanna Morrison | C [?]. K. Morrison* |
| J. H. Barnet | James M. Barnett# |
| Bartlet Barbee | A. C. Barbee |
| Bartlet Barbee | Confederate Army, Hardee's Command |
| H. W. Barlow | James H. Barlow* |
| William J. Walsh | John F. Gregory |
| William McCarthy | William I. Mc ^ Carthy |
| Sarah Ann Frazier | Daniel Frazier ^ |
| Richard H. Martin | James F. Lemasters[?]* |
| Benagah H. Cooksey | Wm. D. Verser |
| Benagah H. Cooksey | John McEwen |
| John Wade | R. A. Cochran* |
| Name omitted | John T. McCraw |
| Lewis McMillan | S. E. H. W. McMillan |
| John H. Brooks | David Z. Kennedy* |
| John R. Wright | S. M. Wright* |
| John R. Wright | V. W. Wright |
| P. H. Thomas | C. K. Morrison, George Salee * |
| L. A. Salee | George Sallee* |
| P. H. Thomas | Junius F. Thomas* |
| W. H. Martin | ___ McClung* |
| A. Kennedy | A. E. & D. Z. Kennedy * |
| A. Pinchback | F. Orr |
| Benjamin H. Holmes | C. F. Rawlings* |
| Committee | ___ McClung* |
| Green V. Childers | Albery Childers# |
| Green V. Childers | Isaiah Lowery* |

socks, one pair of gloves (\$3); one blanket coat (\$3.25); two flannel shirts (\$4); and one pair boots(\$5); altogether valued at \$34.25. The lists for others are similar and will be interesting reading. If your ancestor is giving clothing to someone you haven't determined to be a member of the family, it might be worthwhile to investigate for extended family connections.

Item #940 in box 5 is a letter to the Governor of Arkansas, Harris Flanagin on January 28, 1864 from Gayle H. Kyle asking for the appointment of Mr. Richard Jones as blacksmith in their area of Wayside in Dallas Co., AR. He said that the closest blacksmith is 20 miles away in Arkadelphia and that the blacksmiths there are burdened by having so much work to do for the soldiers, leaving little time for the citizenry. You can imagine the difficulties of a rural community in 1864 without a blacksmith!. They couldn't just run down to town to buy new farm implements. The petition attached to the letter states "a great many of the people will not be able to get their farming implements work [sic] on at all: and consequently can make nothing to live on next year." They asked that the governor have Mr. Jones assigned to them, instead of to a company with Capt. Jno. W. Dyer of the State troops. The names of the people who signed this petition are:

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| Gayle H. Kyle | C. Williams |
| W. A. Parker | P. R. Ham |
| D. B. Littl | R. C. Pervis |
| W. Mathena | Mrs. Dusttiredy |
| Mrs. Buckland | R. H. Hattam |
| Mrs. Southerland | Lady Bullard |
| Sousan Spencer | Robert Heant |
| Mrs. Selph | Archer Frost |
| R. Anderson | Caleb Goodman |
| Catherarine Parker | J. W. George |
| James Holloway | Elizabeth West |
| B. Z. _____ | S. H. Davis |
| R. P. McAlister | A. J. Hunter |
| Mrs. Algie Greene | Mary P. Perry |
| Lanson Bettis | H. C. Marsh |
| S. Epps | Joseph Marsh |
| Isaac Haltum | Persia Brown |
| Nancy Brown | Elizabeth Jones |
| Mark Goza | G or Y. [?] D. Henson |
| Susan Slatton | Rebecca Lassum |
| A. Selph | Jane Hammons |
| Joseph Rountree | H. H. Haris |

What might you learn if you find your ancestor above? The example of my husband's great grandfather, J. H. Barnett, who gave supplies to his son, James M. Barnett, might be used. He bought one blanket (\$3); two shirts (\$2); one pair of pants(\$4); one pair of linsy drawers(\$2); one jeans coat (\$8); a group comprised of one vest, two pair

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| Blair Wallace | James Marsh | Cochran, W. A. | Private |
| Catharine Cook | T. T. Smyth | Cotton, W. P. | " |
| Nancy Grea | Sarah Bell | Davis, William | " |
| A. Southerland | R. J. Benson | Davis, Joel | " |
| T. J. Benson | G. B. Mathews | Daniell, W. J. | " |
| R. T. Phelan | Luchy Lany | Daniell, W. F. | " |
| J. B. Draper | Charley Draper | Daniell, A. J. | " |
| Benjamin Munyumz | Lansey Moez | Daniell, N. G. | " |
| James Thiny | James Robeson | Dunn, R. A. | " |
| W. Pruitt | James Clark | Floyd, W. J. | " |
| Mrs. Macentuck | Mary Pormen | Fetum, Peter | " |
| Mildy Hines | Mrs. Bettice | Findley, J. G. | " |
| Mrs. Stafford | Wm. W. Brown | Findley, J. W. | " |

Item #941 in box 5 finds a letter to the Governor of Arkansas, Harris Flanagan, on June 6, 1864 from R. C. Land Sr. who reports that he "will not feel it my duty to refuse said appointment" if the governor should grant the request of his petitioners to appoint him County Judge of Dallas County. He also mentions that another possible appointee was Robert Fuller and that said Robt. Fuller is not a resident of Dallas County. The petition that he mentioned is not attached.

In the Oversized box, we find Item 5 is also about Dallas county. It is the Muster Roll of the Company E, of "W. E. Bells Regiment" of Arkansas Volunteer Infantry in Dallas County. Unfortunately, it is undated, but it does give a list of the men and their ranks that is quite readable. I will list them here:

| Soldier | Rank |
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| J. P. Vance | Captain |
| A. S. Russell | 1st Lieutenant |
| J. G. Garner | 2nd Lieutenant |
| J. G. Miller | 1st Sergeant |
| B. L. McGatton | 1st Sergeant |
| T. G. Daly | 2nd Sergeant |
| G. W. Harrison | 3rd Sergeant |
| J. T. Cranford | 4th Sergeant |
| E. W. Norman | 5th Sergeant |
| J. L. Rogers | 1 Corporal |
| R. H. Findley | 2 Corporal |
| W. T. Adams | 3 Corporal |
| Barnes, J. M. | Private |
| Brake, A. I. | " |
| Burford, J. T. | " |
| Banham, J. N. | " |
| Calhoun, Jesse | " |
| Childers, William | " |
| Cais, [?] J. M. | " |

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| Garretts, W. B. | " |
| Garlington, W. C. | " |
| Gray, William | " |
| Harrison, R. H. | " |
| Hall, A. J. | " |
| Hall, W. E. | " |
| Harrison, T. P. | " |
| Keeton, G. P. | " |
| Keith, A. J. | " |
| Massey, C. | " |
| Massey, A. | " |
| McMillan, W. A. | " |
| Marshall, F. R. | " |
| Marshall, W. H. | " |
| McBride, T. J. | " |
| McFadden, Sam | " |
| McKamie, J. H. | " |
| Nall, G. M. | " |
| Nall, T. S. | " |
| O'Neil, Thadeus | " |
| Overmand, T. M. | " |
| Owens, H. T. | " |
| Peters, G. F. | " |
| Posey, J. F. | " |
| Parsons, F. C. | " |
| P [R?]ussell, S. G. | " |
| Russell, W. T. | " |
| Rucks, H. C. | " |
| Stewart, J. M. | " |
| Stewart, W. B. | " |
| Stringer, W. J. | " |
| Thompson, A. J. | " |
| Taylor, B. J. | " |
| Williams, C. C. | " |
| Walton, A. M. | " |
| Wiley, P. M. | " |
| Yates, J. S. | " |
| Turner, J. F. | " |
| Allen, J. O. | " |
| Barnett, J. W. | " |

Sullivent, J. M.
Willcox, C. M.

Private
"

One other item was listed with Dallas County, Item 587 in Box III. I could not, however, find any mention of Dallas County in this item which was two letters from Georgia about the cotton crop's importance to the confederacy.

As you can see from this one extraction, it is worth your time to scan these inventories. These finding aids have made the manuscript collection of the AHC easily accessible to you. You might find a clue to relationships or family groups that might bring a new dimension to your research. Please remember that reference services on these collections is only available through a personal visit to the archives, so don't be writing and asking the staff to do your research for you! You need to also know that because of the fragility of the items in the manuscript collection you will need to get permission from one of the archivists before copying.

Hallie Price Garner is co-author with her husband, Cleveland County native Glendon W. Garner, of Arkansas Travelers: The Ancestors and Descendants of Daniel and Nancy (Denton) Burford which won first prize in the family history category of the Dallas Genealogical Society's Writing Contest in April 1995.

William Shelton

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William Shelton, my great grandfather, lived in Hickman Twp., Scott County, AR, in the years 1845-55, with wife, Winney Adair, and three children: Martha, b. 1846; William, b. 1849, and Diannia, b. 1855. Sometime between 1855 and 1860, he was killed. Some say it was by Indians, some say it was by bushwhackers. The family legend says all the men were massacred. Did this mean all the men in the Shelton family, or all the men in the settlement? William escaped slaughter by running to the woods and hiding in a hollow log. Nothing was said about his mother and sisters. They survived, but did they also have to hide?

William's father-in-law, Hansel Adair, lived close by in the same township. He was not killed but some of his sons were. No further information on him.

Also, close by was a neighbor (friend), William M. Featherston. Were any of the Featherston men killed? Was there a relationship between William Featherston and William Shelton? In the 1860 census, Winney Shelton and two daughters lived in the household of Mansel and Nancy Adair (her parents) in Fort Smith. William, age 11, was living in the household of William M. Featherston, and still living in Hickman Twp. Why did he not go with his mother?

Did this event get any publicity, or was it an isolated event? Did the rest of the state know about it?

John Lafferty

Bits from Lafferty, genealogy, history, legend, myth
From the book by Mary Wilson and Violet Redman.
Submitted by Mary Lafferty Wilson, 10006 N.
Ivanhoe, Portland, OR 97203

Who was the father of Arkansas pioneer John Lafferty (1759-1816)?

John, Thomas, Patrick or ___?

About 1810 John Lafferty with his wife Sarah Lindsey Lafferty and their children settled in what later became Independence County, Arkansas. There they settled among the Indians. John built a trading post and worked keel boats up and down the rivers. He was a farmer and a rancher. J. Shinn wrote about him in *Pioneers and Makers of Arkansas* and Abney wrote about him in the *Life and Adventures of L.D. (Lorenzo Dow) Lafferty*. No name is given for John's father.

Family lore has it that John's father came from Ireland with his family in 1760. In order to receive land he took an oath of allegiance to the King of England. He settled among the Scotch-Irish in Rutherford Co., in the mountains and thick forest of North Carolina.

When the American revolution started, he fought in the British Army and was hung after the Battle of Kings Mountain. His body was cut down and buried by Mrs. Henderson and her man servant. Here family lore differs. Some say there were three brothers, some say five, some say one may have returned to Ireland.

Lorenzo Dow Lafferty, John's grandson, mentions in the book *Life and Adventures of L. D. Lafferty* that his grand father died at the battle Bunker Hill. This story he made up to save face, he was embarrassed that his grandfather had been hung for being a Tory.

The only thing certain, is that the Laffertys' came to the Colonies in search of a new start and free land. They built log cabins, cleared land, planted crops and settled in to raise families. The first land grants for this family are located near the Broad River.

In a letter from Mrs. Micki Danzik of Tulsa, Oklahoma, (During the American Revolution.) "Dad told

one time of the Laffertys breaking apart and were never united again, and that the Laffertys who stayed in Virginia were the ones that kept one single "F" in the Lafferty name (Laferty). The ones that came west used the "ff" (our Lafferty's are the ones who intermarried with the Criswells."

Family researchers have found several possibilities for John's father. None that totally fit the information handed down in family lore.

In the Lyman Draper files we find two Lafferty's who died in the American Revolt:

(1) "Lafferty (a Tory) hid behind a tree. He called out to his neighbor, Mr. Robinson. When his neighbor answered, Lafferty shot at the Neighbor, and his neighbor killed him in defense." (Draper) (2) Lt. Lafferty was hung as a Tory, after the battle at Kings Mountain. (3) Possibly a third Lafferty as a letter in the Draper files mentions a person being on watch when Lt. Green and Lt. Lafferty escaped. Another letter mentions one of the escaped men being shot while they were trying to catch him and then later being hung. Could Lt. Green have escaped and Lt. Lafferty been caught?

The battle of Kings Mountain N.C. was fought 7th of October 1780. There were eight hundred of British Legion against twenty five-hundred mountaineers. The Mountain Men won the battle and British prisoners were taken.

The prisoners were not treated well. Upon their capture their baggage, blanket and money were taken. From the diary of Lieutenant Anthony Alaire of Colonel Ferguson's Royal Army we get an idea of what happened in those final days. "October 1780--Saturday 7 ...Taken prisoners two Captains, four lieutenants, three ensigns and one surgeon, fifty-four sergeants, rank and file. Killed one hundred, ... wounded ninety--taken prisoners about six hundred, our baggage all taken of course.----" During the next few days the prisoners were made to march 58 miles on ----"Saturday 14th. Twelve field officers were chosen to try the militia prisoners, particularly those who had the most influence in the country. They condemned thirty in the evening they began to execute. Lieutenant Colonel

Mills, Captain Wilson, Captain Chitwood and six Tories who unfortunately fell a sacrifice to their infamous mock jury. Mills, Wilson and Chitwood died like Romans-- the others were reprieved." Among the nine Tories hung was a Lt. Lafferty.

"Monday the 16th. March at two o'clock in the morning. Marched fifteen miles; halted at Captain Hatt's plantation. Three prisoners attempted to make their escape this night; two succeeded--the other shot through the body. --Wednesday, 18th. About five o'clock in the morning the rebels executed the man who unfortunately got wounded in attempting to make his escape....."

Rutherford Co., North Carolina. 14 Sept 1880
There were Six Tories Hung at Red Chimney--four miles north east of this Place--so says William Long; he had the information from his father who said that six graves were found a few years ago. William Long only remembers the names T. S. Lafferty and Col. Mills--Lafferty lived in this neighborhood. W. L. Twitty Letter from W. L. Twitty (Lyman Draper Files)

"Rutherfordton, North Carolina. Jan 3, 1881 Capt-William Porter, was in the fight at King's Mountain and was one of the guards over the loyalist -at Red Chimneys- was guarding Major Green the night he and Lieut-Lafferty made their escape. W. L. Twitty." (State Historical Society of Wisconsin, of Wisconsin, Lyman Draper Collection 77DD page 106.)

After the hangings "The Loyalist leaders were left swinging on the Oak. No sooner had the Whigs moved off then Mrs. Martha Biggerstaff, the wife of Capt. Aaron Biggerstaff a Loyalist leader who had served under Ferguson and been mortally wounded at King's Mountain, with the assistance of an old man, cut down the nine dead bodies. Eight of them were buried in a shallow trench some two feet deep." (*The history of Old Tryon and Rutherford Counties* by Clarence Griffin, page 66)

In the Lyman Draper Files it says that Lt. Thomas Lafferty had a brother named Patrick Lafferty. In land deeds we find that Patrick's wife was Prudence Binks daughter and sole heir of Jacob Binks of Virginia, Loudon County, near the Potomac River.

This leads us to believe that the brothers may have first been in Virginia before making the move to Rutherford Co. North Carolina.

In the book *Cresswell, Creswell, Criswell* by Harold and Mary Criswell. "John Lafferty was born circa 1759, reputedly in Ireland, but more likely in either Pennsylvania, where Laffertys were noted as early as 1743, when a Dennis Lafferty appeared on a deed grant, or later Virginia, where several Lafferty families settled. John Lafferty may have been born in Loudon County, Virginia to Prudence Binks, daughter of Jacob Binks and Patrick Lafferty.

From Mary Cooper Miller of Batesville, Arkansas. North Carolina Archives, Mecklenburg Co. Court Record Dated April 1775. "William White came into court John Lafferty an orphan of John Lafferty deceased who was bound to William White for and during the term of four years and eight months as per Indentures." Using deductive reasoning, if John was indentured the four years and eight months, which was the time until his 21st birthday, which would have been 1780. Subtract 17 from 1780, and you get 1759, supposed date of Pioneer John's birth in Ireland.

Other Laffertys' living in the Virginia/Carolina areas during the time of the revolution were William, and an older John. (Lyman Draper files) After the revolution John, Patrick, and Andrew were in the same area in South Carolina.

Patsy Lafferty Flowers of Alton, Ill writes "Andrew named his first son born 9 Nov. 1800 in S. C. Patrick Binks Lafferty." Until we have more documentation on the father of John Lafferty, we can only make an educated guess based on the names of John's children and grandchildren.

John named his children:

Elizabeth Lafferty, born about 1791 in GA; Married in Sumner Co. TN., to Charles Kelley. Died about 1810 in AR. No children.

Margaret Lafferty, born about 1793 in GA, died 23 Feb. 1868 in AR. Married John L. Criswell. Their children: Eliza, Lytle, Thomas, Harriet, James Cyrus, Elva Jane, Henderson, Ambrose, Hannus, Cyrus J.

John Lindsey Lafferty, born 20 Feb. 1794 in GA, died about 1869 in AR. His children by four wives: (1) _____ Hardin (-1825). Children: Benijah, Emeline, Vaughn Burr, Wesley Rufas; (2)

Lucinda Bagley 1805-1840). Children: John Redman, two daughters names unknown, Henderson Green, George Lorenzo; (3) Mary Woods 1806-1860). Children: Austin Dallas, Alfred Wright; (4) an unnamed consort who had two daughters Elizabeth Ann, Leuany Jane.

Jacob Binks Lafferty, born 7 Mar 1796 in GA, died 16 Sep. 1856 in AR. Married Sarah Miller. Binks used surnames from family and friends as middle names for his children.

Their children: Elizabeth Russell, Lorenzo Carnahan, Mary Henderson, Margaret Miller, Austin James Lee, Eliza Criswell, John Annis, Ebenezer Seaman, Sarah Harrall, Thomas Binks.

Henderson Lafferty, born 1797 in GA, died 15 Jun. 1870 in TX. Married Nancy Craig. Their children: A son (name unknown), Lucinda, a son M. H.

Austin R. Lafferty, born GA or TN about 1800, died 25 Oct. 1843 in AR. Malinda S. _____. Their children: Two daughters names unknown, Jesse H., Mary J., Ezra Binks, Austin H., Eliza A., William.

Lorenzo Dow Lafferty, born 1803 in TN, died about 1877 in TX. Married Elvira Criswell and later in his life had a second family in Texas. Children by his first wife: Albert Glenville, Matilda, Jane, Burrell (Burwell), Lorenzo Dow, Louise, Sarah, Elvira, Margaret, Frances. Possibly a son from his second marriage: John Henry.

SOURCE NOTES:

"Lafferty, Genealogy, History, Legend and Myth" by Mary Lafferty Wilson (Portland, OR) and Violet Higgins Redman (Hoccheim, TX.)

"Pioneers and Makers of Arkansas" by J. Shinn 1910.

"Cresswell, Creswell, Criswell- Moving West" by Harold and Mary (Byrd) Criswell. (Plano, TX.)

George Ely Russell, Middletown, MD.

"Kings Mountain and its Heroes" by Lyman Draper.

Letters from the research of by Lorenzo Dow Lafferty IV. Lyman draper files: Kings Mountain Manuscripts: File numbers 6dd25, 7dd98-99,

14dd62, Letter giving first name 7dd88, 6dd138, 7dd106
escape of Lieutenant Lafferty, 7dd100, 7dd85
diary written by prisoner. A letter written to Lord Cornwallis on Nov 3 1780 to explain to him the sad state of the prisoners. Lyman Draper Collection 4DD page 4.

Lyman Draper Files, Virginia Manuscripts: File numbers 12ZZ129 130-133 - survey field notes for John Lafferty. 31 Oct. 1786 original settlement of this land in 1775.

Lyman Draper files were Microfilmed by the State Historical Society of Wisconsin and the film is available at any Latter-day Saints family research center in your city. Call your local Mormon church for the location and time your Local Family Research Center is open.

Lafferty, Genealogy, History, Legend, Myth is available at the following Libraries:

Clayton Genealogical Library, Houston TX. ;

Washington County Library, Arkansas; Arkansas

History Commission, behind Capitol in Little Rock, AR;

Fort Worth, TX;

Missouri Historical Library, on campus at Columbia, Missouri;

Mormon Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.

On microfilm available at your Local Mormon Family Research Center.

—Muster Roll of Company B of the 10th Regiment of Arkansas Cavalry

R. S. Burke, Captain

This roll contains columns showing names, present and absent, rank, when enlisted, where and by whom, when last paid and by whom and remarks. Listed here are names, rank, enlistment date and place and remarks.

| Name | Rank | Date | Where (Co.) | Remarks |
|---------------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|---|
| R. S. Burke | Capt. | | | Absent sick since Jan 27th In Montgomery Co. |
| G. D. Goodner | 1st Lieut | Dec 29th/63 | Montgomery | |
| I.? J. Fullton | 2nd Lieut | Jan 30th/64 | Clark | |
| S. M. Smith | 3rd Lieut | Dec 25th/63 | Montgomery | |
| I.? M. Goodner | 1st Sgt | Feb 8th/64 | Montgomery | |
| J.? Shibley/Shivley | 2nd Sgt | May 5/64 | Montgomery | |
| J.? C. Bates | 3rdSgt | Dec 29th/63 | Montgomery | |
| C. Standridge | 4th Sgt | Dec 29th/63 | | |
| T. H. Cabler | 5th Sgt | Sept 1st/64 | Montgomery | Absent without leave since Feb 1st in Montgomery Co., Arks |
| A. R. Bates | 1st Cor | Dec 29th/63 | Montgomery | |
| J. H. Wood | 2nd Cor | Jan 29th/64 | Montgomery | |
| G. A. Wilbright | 3rd Cor | May 1st/64 | Montgomery | Absent sick in Montgomery Co. since Feb 1st 1865 |
| I.? R. Browning | 4th Cor | Nov 1st/64 | | |
| D. Abernathy | Pvt | June 7th/64 | Montgomery | Sent to Montgomery Co. Absent without leave since Feb 16 1865 |
| Anderson, N. I.? | Pvt | ?/64 | Montgomery | Absent without leave since Jan 1st/65 in Montgomery Co. |
| Bowlin, I. F. | Pvt | Dec 29/63 | Montgomery | |
| Bowles, I.? M. | Pvt | Feb 1st/64 | Montgomery | |
| Brewer, B. F. | Pvt | May 30th/64 | Montgomery | |
| Biggs, A. C. | Pvt | Nov 1w5/64 | Clark | |
| Bowman, D. J. | Pvt | June 28th/64 | Clark | |
| Childers, J.? W. | Pvt | June 26th/64 | Montgomery | Absent sick since Feb 1st/65 in Montgomery Co. |
| Curtis, W. C. | Pvt | June 9th/64 | Montgomery | Absent without leave in Montgomery Co. since Feb 1st/65 |
| Crawford, W. L. | Pvt | Aug 3/64 | Montgomery | Absent without leave in Montgomery Co. since Jan 1st/65 |
| Ewing, I.? F. | Pvt | May 25/64 | Montgomery | Absent without leave since Jan 1st/65 with Federals |

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| Edwards, T. J. | Ovt | Jul21st/64 | Montgomery | Absent without leave since Jan 1st/65 in Polk Co. |
| Fields, B. P. | Pvt | June 9th/64 | Montgomery | Absent without leave since Jan 1st/65 in Montgomery Co. |
| Goss, N. B. | Pvt | July 21st/64 | Montgomery | Absent sick since Jan 1st in Montgomery Co. |
| Garner, B. | Pvt | June 6th/64 | Montgomery | Absent without leave since Jan 1st in Montgomery Co. |
| Gunn, Wm. | Pvt | Nov 1st/64 | Montgomery | |
| Hill, D. H. | Pvt | Decr 25th/63 | Montgomery | |
| Howard, B. F. | Pvt | Decr 1st/64 | Montgomery | Absent without leave since Feb 1st in Montgomery Co. |
| Hines, J.? | Pvt | July 21st/64 | Montgomery | |
| Huddleston, M. D. | Pvt | July 21st/64 | Montgomery | |
| Jones, A. | Pvt | Decr 25th/63 | Montgomery | Detailed as nurse to Capt. Burke in Montgomery Co. |
| Jones, W. C. | Pvt | Nov 1st/64 | Montgomery | Absent sick since Feb 1st in Clark Co. |
| Lewis, W. | Pvt | Decr 29th/63 | Montgomery | |
| Lee, A. I.? | Pvt | June 25th/64 | Montgomery | |
| Lay, A. G. M. | Pvt | June 28th/4 | Clark | |
| Lamb, R. | Pvt | July 1st/64 | Montgomery | |
| Lamb, A. C. | Pvt | July 1st/64 | Montgomery | |
| Morrison, W. L. | Pvt | June 7th/64 | Montgomery | Killed in Clark Co. by Mountain Federals |
| McKinley, J.? | Pvt | June 10th/64 | Montgomery | |
| Montgomery, H. B. | Pvt | June 6th/64 | Clark | |
| Morgan, T. | Pvt | July 21st/64 | Montgomery | |
| Proctor, T. D. | Pvt | Jan 8th/64 | Montgomery | |
| Risenhoover, B. | Pvt | Decr 20th/64 | Montgomery | Absent sick since Jan 10th in Polk Co. |
| Standridge, I.? | Pvt | Decr 29th/63 | Montgomery | |
| Simms, I. J.? | Pvt | Decr 29th/63 | Montgomery | |
| Whisenant, C. C. | Pvt | June 25th/64 | Montgomery | Absent without leave since Jan 1st in Montgomery Co. |
| Whisenant, N. | Pvt | Decr 29th/63 | Montgomery | |
| Wilcox, I. J. | Pvt | Decr 29th/63 | Montgomery | |
| Whittington, H. A. | Pvt | May 1st/64 | Montgomery | Detailed as nurse to Capt Burke in Montgomery Co. |
| Whittington, H. B. | Pvt | May 1st/64 | Montgomery | |
| Wilhight, J. W. | Pvt | Oct 10th/64 | Montgomery | |
| Wehunt, W. | Pvt | June 7th/64 | Montgomery | |
| Wehunt, W. G. | Pvt | June 7th/64 | Montgomery | |
| Ward, I. J. | Pvt | May 29th/64 | Montgomery | Absent without leave since Sept 17/64 in Clark Co. |

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| Wilson, R. | Pvt | Octr 1/64 | Montgomery | Absent without leave since Jan 1st/65 in Clark Co. |
| Wilson, M. | Pvt | Octr 1/64 | Montgomery | |
| Stegall, I.? J.? | Pvt | March ?64 | Montgomery | Absent "prisor" since March 16/64 |
| Saunders/Sanders, M. I.? | Pvt | Feb 19th/64 | Clark | Died from wounds by Jay Hawkens Dec 30th/64 |
| Morrison, W. L. | ??? | Jan 9/64 | Montgomery | Killed by the Federals Oct 1? 1865 in Montgomery Co. |

From the Samuel W. Williams Collection at the Arkansas History Commission. Submitted by Russell P. Baker.

Arkansas River

Congressional Summary

House of Representatives

December 9 - On motion of Mr. Sevier, of Arkansas, it was

Resolved, that the committee of ways and means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making a further appropriation to complete the improvement of the navigation of the Arkansas River

Source: Little Rock Arkansas Gazette
Tuesday January 20, 1835.

Death Notice: Mr. Thos. Newman, the veteran newspaper man of North Arkansas, died at the home of his son, Mr. John R. Newman, editor of the *Times* at Harrison, on the 24th ult., age 54 years. He established in 1869 the first paper ever printed in Boone county-the *Advocate*, which he continued to publish at Harrison for about five years. He has been connected with several newspaper enterprises in this section of the state, among them the *Elixir Bugle*, afterwards moved to Lead Hill and called the *Lead Hill Bugle*, which was suspended a year or so ago. Mr. Newman was a practical printer and thorough newspaperman; he was kind-hearted and genial, and always had a word of encouragement and wholesome advice for young men, especially those engaged in the printing business. His bereaved widow, sister and son have our sincerest sympathy. Peace to "Uncle Tom's" ashes.

Source: Mountain Echo (Yelleville)
Fri., Dec. 3, 1886, p1 c4.

Fort Smith Rifles

Company A, Third Arkansas Infantry (State Troops)

From the files of the Arkansas History Commission

OFFICERS

Captain - J. H. Sparks
1st. Lieut. - Joseph Walton
2nd. Lieut. - Stephen McDonald
3rd. Lieut. - George Morley

SERGEANTS

Commissary Sergeant - Louis Navra
1st Duty Sergeant - H. Kuper
- Shea

CORPORALS

_____ Morris
Mississippi Robinson
Henry Triesch
Hugh Lane

DRUMMERS

C. (Niel) Reed
Joe Williard

PRIVATES

Hugh Brown
Henry Brown
James Brown
C. F. Bocquin
Isiah Bruce
William Breen
G. W. Caldwell
John Cling
O. Compagnion
Robert Donaldson
James Dodson
_____ Duncan
Henry C. Dunne
J. G. Emmert
_____ Eberhart
James Fitzwilliams
John Fischer
John Griffin
Norman Gleeson
H. Goodcheau
Joseph Griffin
A. Hudgins
Dow Harper
Jesse Harper
S. Harper

D. Holderly
T. O. Harris
S. A. Hodges
John Hinkle
J. Harris
John Haggarty
John Keeley
J. Kannady
W. J. Largin
John M. Lucey
Meyer Levy
John Matherson
_____ McNue
A. Page
R. Parks
H. E. Ramsey
Gus Ray
W. C. Richmond
John Robinson
John Sullivan
J. L. Sadler
James Shackelford
Bernard Terbieten
G. Thomas
John C. Wheeler
R. Woodson
A. Yager

Oak Hill was the only battle in which this Company participated. The Company suffered severely in the fight; its loss being seven killed and seventeen wounded.

The killed were - First Lieutenant Joseph Walton, J. C. Emmert, D. Holderly, R. Woodson, L. D. Harper, Meyer Levy, H. Goodcheau.

The wounded were - Sergeant T. O. Harris, B. Terbieten, W. C. Richmond, A. Yager, I. Bruce, H. C. Dunne, A. Page, H. L. Ray, R. Parks, S. Harper, G. W. Caldwell, J. Kannady, J. Harris, S. A. Hodges, G. Thomas, J. Willard, C. Reed.

[Note: A note at the top of the copy sent us of this listing reads "Copied 3/25/13" but does not indicate the transcriber.]

Postal Affairs In Arkansas

The want of Post Offices is one of the most serious drawbacks upon the prosperity of our State. Prior to the incoming of the present year, there were only two or three offices, and only one mail route in operation--the route by way of the Railroad and White River to Memphis.

In November last, Col. M. LaRue Harrison, of Fayetteville, since appointed Special Agent of the Post Office Department, visited Hon. Geo. W. McLellan, 1st Ass't P.M. Gen'l, and procured from him special authority to let the contracts for carrying the Mails in the Northwestern part of the State.

In January, after his appointment, Col. H. visited the Northwestern counties, and succeeded in letting the following contracts:

Fayetteville to Ft. Gibson, C.N., semi-weekly, from March 1st to June 30th, 1866, J. Rutherford, of Cincinnati, Ark., contractor.

Fayetteville to Yellville, semi-weekly, from March 1st to June 30th, 1866, Samuel Bard of Washington County, Arkansas, contractor.

Fayetteville to Van Buren, via West Fork, White river, weekly, from March 1st to June 30th, 1866, Henry Gallaher, of West Fork, contractor.

Bentonville to Ozark, by way of Huntsville weekly, from March 1st to June 30th, 1866, William Irvin of Fayetteville, contractor.

The following Post Masters have been recommended, and in most cases appointments already received.

Augusta, H. M. Couch
Askew, James Clark
Arkadelphia, Barnett E. Barinds
Austin, J. C. Skillern
Batesville, Rueben Harpham
Bentonville, Richard H. Winfrey
Boonsboro, John P. Truesdale
Bird's Spring, Asa Corn
Boonville, James Sadler
Clarendon, N. R. Bower
Crockett's Bluff, W. A. Inman
Camden, William Birdsong
Clarksville, A. A. Lamb

Cincinnati, John A. Dieust
Columbia, _____
Fort Gibson, Daniel H. Ross
Fort Smith, Frank Adams
Fayetteville, H. C. C. Botefuhr
Grand Glaize, R. J. Shelby
Garrett's Landing, _____
Greenwood, John S. Spradling
Grand Lake, _____
Helena, A. E. Chester
Hampton, Joseph Atchul
Harrold, Gibson K. Rohibson
Hicksville, Mrs. E. M. Clark
Hamburg, Joseph R. Bingham
Indian Bay, Thomas J. Key
Jacksonport, _____
Laconia, D. H. Blackburn
Little Rock, J. S. Pollock
Mt. Adams, N. B. Price
Monticello, Henry C. Brown
Mt. Ida, Davis S. Cambell
Maumelle, James Garibaldi
Napoleon, Wm. Robertson
Osceola, J. B. Murray
Ozark, James M. Oliver
Powhattan, Wm. Jones
Pine Bluff, H. Newman
Pea Ridge, William Martin
Pennington Mills, S. F. Roberson
Richland, H. H. Potter
St. Charles, J. W. Hall
Springfield, Thos. D. Conway
Searcy, Emelius Audigier
Stony Point, Henry B. Strange
St. Pane, John W. Bivins
Van Buren, James S. Bushong
White River, James Furlong
West Fork, Wm. H. H. Nott
Washington, Robert L. Phillips

Source: Des Arc Citizen,
March 17, 1866

General guidelines for submitting queries:

- 1) Queries are limited to members only
- 2) Please submit no more than one query per calendar year
- 3) Keep the query to approximately fifty words
- 4) Neatness counts! If possible, type, double spaced. Otherwise print legibly, leave a space between each line
- 5) Capitalize Surnames

Remember the 4 W's:

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| Who- | Give complete names of interest |
| What- | What do you want? Keep it short and to the point |
| Where- | LOCALITY IN ARKANSAS? |
| When- | Give a time period |

Since we always work with a large backlog of queries, we strive to print them in the order in which they are received. It may be several months, however, before your query appears. We do use all queries received in a calendar year before the end of that year. We continue to receive queries with no name and address included. If query gets separated from the envelope, we cannot use them. It simplifies the work of the all-volunteer staff of this publication if you send your queries with your membership fee, to the Arkansas Genealogical Society, PO Box 908, Hot Springs, AR 71902-0908.

Langston Would like to corresp with anyone having knowledge of the Robert W. Langston family that was living in Junction City, AR, in 1901.
Marvin R. Langston, Jr., 6 Aguila Way, Hot Springs, AR 71909-7801

Shettlesworth/Shuttlesworth before 1920 (Mississippi, Craighead Cos.); **Cook, Enoch** Elijah, Ira, Emma, Sarah (Perry) mid to late 1800s (Scott Co.); **Perry, Marion, Sarah, Tina** (Hamby) mid 1800s (Scott Co.?); **Denny, Jacob** Benton, Jacob Simon, Phoebe (Covington), Margaret Elizabeth (Morrison) mid 1800s (Crawford, Carroll Cos.)
Karen Gleason, P. O. Box 673, Biggs, CA 95917-0673

Robinson, Roberson, Robertson, Lee Wish to corresp with anyone researching these. Thomas E. Robinson and William R. Robinson moved from Marion Co., AL, 1855, to Prairie Co., AR, Caroline Twp. (old Austin). William R. d. 1857 and Thomas E. appointed guardian of his minor ch. listed in 1860 census: W. J. (William Jasper), b. Whitley Cem.; John M. Lee m. Adaline McVey in Hinds Co.,

MS 1847, moved to Pulaski Co., AR, Richwood Twp., listed in 1850 census. Mary Elizabeth Lee m. William Jasper Robinson. **C. Ken Robinson, 5472 Timmons Ave., Memphis, TN 38119**

Cummings Need info on Shadrack Cummings, b. 1803 SC; brothers John, Meshack, Abednego; 1st wife unknown; 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, may be buried Old Providence Cemetery, Columbia Co., AR. **John P. Frazier, 611 Cypress, Pittsburg, TX 75688**

Park, Tumlinson Researching these in Crawford and Scott Cos. Need marriage of Cyrus Park and Mahala Tumlinson, also parents of both. **Roy B. Young, P. O. Box 759, Apache, OK 73006-0757**

Brown, Jesse J. lived in Little River and Sevier Cos., AR, from 1839 to 1861. Need name of his first wife. **Robert W. Worley, 1208 W. Elm, El Dorado, AR 71730**

Williams Pilgrim Williams, b. c1700 Wales or NC, wife Sarah ?; ch.: Billee, Drury, Elizabeth, Joel, Jonas, Mourning, Nanny, Nathan, Seely, William, all b. NC; family moved to MS and AR. Will exchange info. **John J. Williams, 52 W. Iselin Pky., Iselin, NJ 08830-1155**

Jones, Wroten Need death/burial info for Mary (Wroten) Jones, b. 1831, MS, m. 24 Dec. 1846, Union Co., Frederick A. Jones of VA, lived Union Co. 1900, possibly later in Ouachita or Howard Cos. Mother of Robt. B., Fred. A., Lewis W., and Fanny Rushing. **Glenn Mosenthin, P. O. Box 2532, Coppel, TX 75019-8532**

McFerran, Samuel, b. c1816, possibly Smith or Hardin Co. TN; parents were Thomas McFerran, b. 1780 VA or TN, and Nancy or Elizabeth ?; Samuel d. AR c1864. **Rita Wilburn Ackerman, 4055 E. Hartford Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85032-2220**

Eubanks Seek maiden name of Evaline, wife of T. Johnson Eubanks of Greene and Randolph Cos. Where are they buried? Probably d. between 1870-1876, either county. Any info on James Eubanks or

family of Greene Co. appreciated. **Patty McGinty, P. O. Box 2328, Bellaire, TX 77402-2328**

Stevens Seek info on Christopher Columbus Stevens and wife Nancy Caroline Bass, m. Lonoke Co., AR, Dec. 16, 1880. **Dorothy (Main) Keys, 1801 Winne Ave., Helena, MT 59601-4706**

Bartlet Seek ancestry of Leona C. Bartlet, b. c1841/42 Clark Co., d. Arkadelphia c1867 [murdered?], m. 15 Jan 1859, Clark Co., Joseph C. Meeks, b. 21 Feb 1833?, GA, d. Feb 1926 Confederate Home, Little Rock. Meeks may have m. Mrs. Mary Southerland 14 Oct 1893 Clark Co., and to Alice?. Son Joseph [Meady?] b. Jan 1897, lived Hot Spring? Co. **Elna Jo Wright Haga, 983 Venus Way, Livermore, CA 94550-6345**

Harding Seek info on Horace J. Harding, b. 19 Feb 1884, Pulaski Co., m. Nellie G. Pedigo, dau of Maggie Moore and Charles Pedigo. Believe they had three ch.: Velma, Dorothy(?), and Horace B. Need help acquiring tombstone inscriptions for Hardings and Pedigos interred in Rainey and Kennerly Cemeteries (moved from Crossroads). **Theresa Harding, 40 Banyan Cir., Dededo GUAM 96912**

Dossett/Dossitt/Dorset Need info on these in AR; also the Starrett/Sterrits who lived in Lawrence, Fulton, Baxter and other northern AR counties. Also need info on John Morris, b. c1820/30 MS, whose wife was Winnie Emaline Kilpatrick; lived Fulton Co. 1870; son John Valentine Morris m. Barbara Ellen Thompson; she b. c1860 in Ozark Co., MO, dau of Richard Thompson and grandson of Sanders Thompson; John Valentine also lived Baxter Co. **Margie F. Garr, 1505Mistletoe, Mountain Home, AR 72653**

Law Seek info on Ephraim Law, on 1830 Census, St. Francis Co., #037, Union Twp, 011 AR Territory, 010 AR Territory and 006 AR Territory. Is the Ephraim Law from the AR Territory the same one who m. Rebecca (Mann) Vandeman in Ross Co., OH 1940? **Mary Harrison, 4871 Foxfire Trail, Kalamazoo, MI 49009**

Switzer/Swytcher, Barham Seek info on family of Joseph Albert Switzer, b. 1846 AR; father b. Germany, mother b. AR? 1860 census shows Joseph and bro. William living with A. G. Chamberlain family. Joseph listed in 1896 Hope property

tax role. Also seek info on William A. Barham, who moved from AL 1858 and listed in 1860 Lafayette Co. census. **Dr. Richard W. Barham, 4020 First-view Dr., Austin, TX 78731-3810**

Watson Seek info on Wimberly Watson, b. c1814 NC, m. Nancy Williams; ch.: James, William, Frederick, Elvira Missouri, Morgan Johnson. After Nancy d. he m. Mary Turner and had Alexander, Margaret Elizabeth, Mary Amanda and John. Also Alexander Watson m. Mary Clementine Parker. Need info on this marriage. **Patsy R. Livingston, Rt. 4, Box 26, Atlanta, TX 75551**

Blount/Blunt Seek info on George Benjamin Blount/Blunt, buried Lee Co., AR; also George Hodge in eastern AR; Cox (Lesley, Lovella, Rosie, Elsie, Tuney, Jinnie, Calvin D.) in eastern AR; Hodge (Joe, Jessie, Welsh) in eastern AR; Speer/Spear in eastern AR. **Donna H. O'Neal, 2328 Lizard Lick Rd., Zebulon, NC 27597**

Scott, Wilson, Hardin, Fitzgerald Researching John Scott, d. MO by 1853, known son, Thomas W., b. c1804 KY, m. Artimessia Wilson of Pittsylvania Co., VA, and Union/Ouachita Co., AR. **Irene Varan, 4129 Granada Dr., Georgetown, TX 78628-1617**

Chandler, Garrison Researching Martha E. ____, m. B. G. Chandler, lived Clay Twp., White Co., one child T. J. Vernon listed; later m. Levi H. Hinkle, 1900 census listed mother of six children, one living Big Creek Twp., White Co. Looking for families of Thomas M. Garrison, Ann Garrison Merritt, Elizabeth Garrison Alderson. **Mildred L. Latch, P. O. Box 432, Heber Springs, AR 72543-0432**

Carter Seek info on Marione Carter (d. 1849) that m. Mrs. Nancy Chance 10 Jan 1883, stepfather of Janie Chance Burgin. Any children of this union? From Alecia, Lawrence Co.; need death dates/places and burial sites, and descendants. **Doris Hunt Gerritson, Rt. 1, Box 925, Cotter, AR 72626**

Ulmer, Cameron Seek info on parents of Della Martha Ulmer who m. John L. Cameron 7 Feb 1901, Saline Co., AR. **L. C. Keathley, 24 Rose Dr., Conway, AR 72032**

Shepherd Need ancestors of William Shepherd, Jr., d. 1822/23 Anson Co., NC, who m. Elizabeth

Yerby, b. c1778 Mecklenburg Co., NC, d. c1848 Fayette Co., AL; moved to AL after William's death. Anson's records burned. Couple had 15 children. **M. Bush, P. O. Box 626, Benton, AR 72018-0626**

Kennedy/Cannady/Canady, Karr/Carr Need parents, siblings and children of Hannah Y. Kennedy/Cannady/Canady, b. 1819 GA, and James Madison Karr/Carr, b. c1815 GA; they m. Hall Co., GA, 22 Aug 1841. James d. in Civil War; Hannah d. 1897, Hall Co., GA. One of their sons, Josephus, moved to AR c1870. **Jimmie W. Dewberry, HC 65, Box 108, Ozone, AR 72854**

Hudson, Joseph, b. 1809, m. Elizabeth b. 1816; both in VA, lived GA and TN; on 1860 census in Van Buren Co., AR; parents of 10: youngest, Amanda Elizabeth, m. Pink Holley. Who were parents of Elizabeth and Joseph Hudson? **Virginia Potter, 909 Diamond Bluff Rd., Quitman, AR 72131**

Mullen, Grissom Seek info on Tilford Mullen who m. Louise Grissom, Henderson Co., near Athens, TX, c1865 or later. Two known sons: James Ed, b. 2-23-1867, came to AR; other son, John Franklin, stayed in TX. **Edith Mullen Sweetin, Rt. 1, Box 84, Tichnor, AR 72166-9603**

Joyce Seek desc. of William and Kate (Daniel) Joyce, White and Cleburne Cos.; ch.: Julie A., m. ? Cathcart; Mattie E., m. James Langford; Henery, m. ? **John M. Daniel, 10508 Hwy 13 N, Carlisle, AR 72024**

Thompson, George Washington, d. 8 Jul 1888, Newton Co., AR.; ch.: Sarah, John C., Isabelle, Willis and Wash. Need name of wife. Child Isabelle m. 1) John Davis, c1860, d. 1862; m. 2) Sampson Harp c1863. Want to corresp with others researching this family. **Rita Byram, 3 Connejo Ln., Hot Springs, AR 71909-7603**

Price, James, Harper, Little Rock Driving Park Seek parents birthdate/place of Jemima Price, m. George James c1824, prob. MO, to Pulaski Co. (that part now Saline) c1836. Also desire location of Little Rock Driving Park, operative around 1870. Seek married name and desc. of Gladys Harper, resided Little Rock 1920s. **Sybil F. Crawford, 10548 Stone Canyon Rd., No. 228, Dallas, TX 75230-4408**

Halk, Cassius M., b. 1849 MS, wife Julia A. Wilkinson, b. 1851 AR; 1870 Hot Spring Co., 1880 Tarrant Co., TX; father: Issal R. Halk, b. AL, mother Mary Waits Halk, b. GA. Any descendants? **Gene Cole, 1902 S. Cleveland, Russellville, AR 72801**

Mitchell, Richard, b. 1814 KY, m. Cynthia Owensby (1870 census Washington Co. AR); Mary Jane, b. 1833, m. William Boyd; Wm. A., 1836, m. Harriet Shipley, 2) Sarah Sherrill; Lucinda, 1840; Martha A. 1843, m. James A. McClland; John 1848, m. Emaline; Nancy, 1854, m. Wm. W. Barrett; Caroline 1852, m. John Thomas; Harriet, 1856, m. Wm. S. Looper. Need help; can share only on William A. Mitchell. **Jo Billings, Rt. 5, Box 418, Nashville, AR 71852**

Brown Need info on fam of Valentine Oliver Brown, b. 20 Aug 1830 AL, d. 22 Dec 1906 Dallas Co., TX; m. Nancy Matilda Heard 26 Apr 1853, Hot Spring Co., AR; m. Sarah Ann Hinkle 7 Jan 1867, Clark Co, AR; m. Amanda Hancock 22 Aug 1878, Clark Co., AR. **Sarah A. Cook, 1817 Smith Ln., Arlington, TX 76013-6424**

Daugherty, William, b. 1881, m. Caroline Marbury, b. 1817 TN, m. Aug. 9 1842, Sevier Co., AR; child, John Lowis Daugherty, b. Aug 31, 1847. **Tom Carter, 1910 Hampton, Bastrop, LA 71221-6017**

Taylor Need info on Rhoda C. Taylor, b. Sept 22 1867, IL or AR; father's name unknown; mother was Mary Fulps. Will answer all letters. **Helen McNair, P. O. Box 2124, Harrison, AR 72602**

Campbell Seek info on Robert Armstrong Campbell, b. Bethlehem, PA 1833; also John Campbell and Elizabeth Semmons. **Robert A. Campbell, Jr., 4 Caylor Ln., Little Rock, AR 72209**

Powell Need info on Peter O. Powell, in Van Buren and/or Conway Co. early 1800s; m. Mollie A. ___? **Jackie Powell, 503 W. Belmont Dr., Allen, TX 75013-2733**

Lewis Looking for parents of John W. Lewis, b. 27 Feb 1846 IL, m. 17 Nov 1878, Craighead Co., AR, to Elizabeth Texana Caldwell, d. 10 Sept 1900, Craighead Co., AR. **Mrs. Harold Clark, P. O. Box 286, St. Joseph, LA 71366-0286**

Rushing, William (Bill), b. 3-2-1850, m. Martha Mattie Leggett, b. 13-11-1854, came to TX c1900.

William d. 28-2-1916, eight children born to this family. Seek info on them. **Bertha Bradley, 9912 Pilot Point, Fort Worth, TX 76108**

Stobaugh, Dover, Mason, Holt researching these in Pulaski and Van Buren Cos.; also **Weaver, Woodward** Faulkner, Marion, Boone, Searcy Cos.; Holt of Crawford/Hempstead Co., AR. Any of these lines from beginning of AR to 1870s. **Joan Ifland, Rt. 10, Box 319, Mountain Home, AR 72653-8652**

Smith Seek info on Ivy Firman/Foreman Smith, b. c1814 NC; believed to have brother Stephen; was in Greene Co, AL 1840; m. Mary Jane Morrison 1838 Greene Co., AL; lived near Demopolis AL 1840-65, d. Lincoln Co., AR 1868; his widow m. Alsey Atkinson. **Dr. Louis T. Bogy, 100 Roundup Dr., San Antonio, TX 7821-2309**

Mahan, Kyle, Lynn Ellis Seek info on John Mahan, b. 1825 KY, d. 1867-70; wife (2nd?) Nancy Jane (Kyle). 1860 lived Ozark Co., MO; 1870 census Pope Co., AR; Nancy remarried E. J. Ellis; w/Mahan children: David Wesley and wife Mary Ann; twins Mary Ann and Martha Jane; dau. Hannah M.; son John Storm. David Wesley m. Mary Ann (Lynn) 1879 Washington Co., AR.; ch.: John Jessie 1879, Silas Wesley 1881, Noah 1883, David Ezra 1886, John 1888, Ann Nancy 1890, Bessie Rebecca 1895. **Clora Grace (Booker) Porterfield, 173 Bentwood Dr., Boerne, TX 78006-1901**

Foster Levi Foster and wife Sarah came to AR 1840 and raised family. Would like to contact anyone with knowledge of this family or any descendants. **Nanette Debault, Rt. 4, Box 42 A, Yoakum, TX 77995**

Heath, Mary Thomas, orphan according to verbal family history, first found in household of Dr. Robins on 1870 Cross Co., AR census. She m. W. M. Fortune in Cross Co 1879. Where was she before 1870? Parents'? **Joan Vickers, 110 Pine Meadows, Hot Springs, AR 71901-7229**

Turner Would like any info on family of Tilman Pinkney Turner, b. c1838 GA, m. 1) Mary, b. MO; ch.: Edward, Sarah, Samuel, Malinda, Elz., George; m. 2) Ellen, b. c1856 KY, ch: Ida Belle, Alice, Ellen, Frank, Harrison, James, Myrtle. **Mary**

M. Ryan, Rt. 2, Box 442, Fredericktown, MO 63645-9652

Tinsley Where in southern AR did William Thomas Tinsley live prior to Civil War. Believed to have been at or near Louisiana border. **Betty Tinsley Darby, Rt. 1, Box 404, Bedias, TX 77831**

Ore, Robert Fulton, b. TN c1860, Holly Grove, AR 1880; where buried? Masonic and Methodist minister connections. Any info on Ore lines would help me. **Gail Griffith Ravellette, 2647 Diane Dr., Arnold, MO 60310-2915**

Higgs Need info on Hastings P. D. Higgs and family, b. 1824 GA; in Ocoola, Mississippi Co., 1870. When did he die and where buried? Who were children besides Julia, Thomas, Heney, Celia, Nancy? What was wife Nancy's maiden name? Was he married more than once? **Margaret Wilton, 1401 James Ct., Libertyville, IL 60048-5220**

Rabjohn, Burke, Swaim, Cathey, Cates Still doing research on these lines and would like to hear from anyone researching any in AR. **Jean Cathey, Rt. 2, Box 1293, Quinlan, TX 75474-9685**

Holman Need parents of Joseph Holman, b. 28 Jan 1836 Hot Spring Co., d. 8 May 1816 Ashdown, Little River Co., m. Martha Jean Wright 7 Aug 1853, Sevier Co; was County Judge and State Representative for Sevier Co. **J. Thomas Holman, II, 5902 Skyline Hts. Ct., Alexandria, VA 22311**

West Need info on Abraham West and wife Mary Wilson; also Jessie D. West and wife Sally T. Martin. **Joyce Bell, HC 63, Box 77, Red Oak, OK 74563**

Gee Any info on James Mack Gee, wife Minnie (or Fannie) Murdock, Charles Gee, Dora Goodwin; Anna Littlebear; Alonzo Blaylock. **Viola Gee, 4242 Greystone, San Antonio, TX 78233-6932**

Students of St. Joseph Academy Seek info from former students or descendants of Old St. Joseph Academy at St. Scholastica Convent in Shoal Creek. Also anyone's anecdotes/memories of Spielerville, Spielerville Mercantile Co. or Yunker, Schneider & Anhalt Co. **Jo Ann B. Miller, Rt. 3, 55 Quail Creek, Oxford, MS 38655-9684**

Morris Researching William C. Morris, b. c1810 Overton Co., TN, d. 6 Aug 1871, Johnson Co., AR; lived Carroll Co., AR c1841-52. Seek any info.

Mary Denney, 11205 W. Center Ave., Lakewood, CO 80226-2512

Brooks Who was Matilda who m. "Nat" N. N. Brooks? Ch.: William, Emanuel, Tom, Katy, Paty and others in Franklin Co. 1880. **Annie Stine, 10306 NE 7th, Midwest City, OK 73130**

Knight, Sampson, m. Nancy Robertson, Wilson Co., TN, 25 Feb 1820; son Aquilla Pinkney, b. KY 1834, m. Bethiah Powers 1856 Bradley Co., AR, dau. of John Powers. Who were Sampson's parents? Any info on Knight fam. needed. Mae Ashcraft, 1803 W. 31st St., Pine Bluff, AR 71603-5807

Ash, Giddens, Jones, Northcutt Seek contact with anyone researching these in Lonoke, Pulaski Prairie Co., AR, or elsewhere. **Mildred Northcutt, 2999 Fred Koch Rd., Carlisle, AR 72024-8935**

Roberts Sarah (?) m. William B. Duncan and lived Hempstead Co., AR, with seven children. Became widow in 1844 and later m. A. F. Smith 1865. Huldah (Huldy ?) m. James Roberts and lived in Sevier Co., AR with their children. Huldah widowed in 1865. Seek any info about Sarah, Huldah and their descendants. **David Ervin Roberts, 1426 Lilac Lane, Liberty Lake, WA 99019**

Blackstone, Robert Estel, b. Maysville, Benton Co., AR 10/1/1843 to Robert Dean Blackstone and Louisa England, dau. of David England and Susannah Conner. After Civil War settled in Weber Falls, OK (Cherokee Nation) became merchants there. Need documentation and contact with fellow researchers; any info would help. Russ C. Pritchett, 617 Bloomingfield Ln., Las Vegas, NV 89128-8045

Moore, A(lfred) B., 37, b. NC and Lavinia (Marlow) Moore, 40, b. NC are in Marion Co., AR 1860 census; six dau., 5 b. NC, youngest, age 1, b. AR. They married in Rutherford Co., NC 30 Oct 1839. Who were their parents? Helen McMIndes, 626 West South Ave., Harrison, AR 72601

Berry Seek info on families from Madison Co., AR who refugeed in Texas during Civil War. **John B. Nolan, 66 Circle Dr., Springfield, IL 62703-4805**

Simmons Need info on Simmons family 1900 Monroe Co. census shows - head: Nicy, b. 1858 GA; ch.: Houston, b. 1887; Jay, b. 18890; Hattie, b. 1891; all b. AR. Possible daughter and son-in-law Jim Morris, b. 1872 AR; Della b. 1878 MS. **Nelda Rawson, 1229 SE 23rd Ter., Oklahoma City, OK 73129**

Long Seek desc of Alexander T. W. Long, b. c1803; Clark Co. from 1830; want to corresp w/those searching Cain, Long, Albright, and allied lines of Meeks, Elmore, Garrett, Price. **Valerie Davis, 42822 208th Ave. SE, Enumclaw, WA 98022-9141**

Stracner Need info on this line--who were the parents of Mary Margaret Stracner, b. 4-18-1881, Conway Co., AR; m. Matthew Franklin Reid 9-11-1898 Conway Co. Father was b. Germany; d. when young; mother remarried. **Debra Garner, 238 Oakgrove Tr., Royal, AR 71968**

Reed, William Riley, b. 1842, AL, d. Apr. 13, 1921, bur. Evening Shade; m. Eliz. Stone 12-26-1865, MS; m. 2) Annie Horton Oct. 1896, Sharp Co. Rice P., Ada, b. 1822 TN, d.?, M. Isaac Hill, Dec. 1870, Independence Co.; Peterson, Thomas, b. 1791 TN, d. 1857, Independence Co., AR, m. Martha Bruce 1820 AR Related? Charles H. Reed, 22386 Tanager St., Grand Terrace, CA 92313-6036

Conyers, James M., 1823 Henry Co., TN, m. 1843 Martha Johnston, 1825, dau. of James B. and Rebecca (Price) Johnston. In Independence Co., AR, by 1857. Ch.: William Zachariah, 1846; Louisiana, 1849, m. Wm. P. Claxton; Alice, 1861; m. Wm. Seaton; Sarah, 1854, m. James Ferguson; Martha, 1862, m. Euclata McSpadden. Want to corresp with desc. Nona L. Tonks, 1320 Paseo Dorado, San Dimas, CA 91773

Craddock, Presley Marion, b. 1806, Calloway Co., KY, d. 1862 in Fayetteville, Washington Co., AR; m. Serilda Emaline Lamb 1833, Calloway Co., KY. Serilda b. 1817 Calloway Co., KY, d. 1866, Rudy, Crawford Do., AR. At one time Presley was Constable in KY; was son of William, a Justice of the Peace in Calloway Co., KY in 1830. Family in Franklin Co., AR 1841. Was William with them? Virginia Craddock Wallace, 973 Chiquita Rd., Healdsburg, CA 95448

Lee Seek info on Cader Lee, b. Sept 1840, Coal Hill, Johnson Co., AR; d. ?; m. Amanda J., b. Aug 1850, d. ? **DeVaughn C. Lee, 3977 Hillcrest Dr., #5, Los Angeles, CA 90008**

Shuttlesworth, Wry/Rie, James/John A. Shuttlesworth, b. Jan 1837, d. 1900/1910 AR, m. 1865 Alcinda Sanders/Scarlett, b. 1846 AR, d. 1881/1900 AR/TN. William Carrol Wry/Rie, b. 1826/1827 TN, d. 1880/1881 AR, m. Mary Ann "Polly" Rie/Wry, b. 1836/1837 TN, d. 1883/1884 AR. **Renie L. Riccobuano, 1514 La Pauma Ct., Yuba City, CA 95993-1609**

Powell Seek parents/siblings of Peter O. Powell, b. 1785 Conway Co., AR. Was in MO prior to moving to AR c1830; was m. to Elizabeth Bruton, b. c1805SC, d. after 1880, Logan Co., AR. Known ch.: Robert B. and Margaret. **Mrs. Irene Carter, 817 West 9th St., Port Angeles, WA 98363-5723**

Bogy, Boucher, deGuay, deVaugine, Desserrux, Villemont Want to contact those researching earlier settlers of AR whose ancestry begins in France and through Quebec (Three Rivers, Boucherville and Montreal) that include the above. Also Lindsey, Watson, Collins and Ward from 1850s. **Cynthia M. B. Drayer, 7006 SE 21st Ave., Portland, OR 97202**

Lavender/Hooper Daniel (David) Lavender; Elizabeth Hooper, Bradley Co., 1860 census from Wilkerson Co., GA. Desire contact with descendants. Also John and Matilda (Griffin) Lavender. **Wilma V. Ranger, 9705 Berkshire Loop SE, Olympia, WA 98503-4859**

Newton Co. Map Seek map of Newton Co., AR, c1880/1900 detailing township boundaries of Falls-ville, Capark, Boston, Pruitt Hollow. Also info on William Obediah Pruitt--parents, wife, etc. **John Henry Pruitt, P. O. Box 442, Cornville, AZ 86325**

Campbell Seek info on John Campbell, d. 1847, and wife Isabella Gibson. Hempstead Co. When did they come to AR? When did she die? Who were parents? **Kathryn Widder, 1660 Markham Rd., Fayetteville, AR 72701-3921**

McClain/McLain/McLean, McClellan/McLellan, Doster along with Doster, Holbrook/Holbrooks, Ashcraft, Alexander, Wages, Love families came from North and South Carolina to Arkansas, as well

as Andrews/Anders from Georgia and Alabama to Arkansas. Want to correspond with others researching these lines. **Robert H. McClain, Jr., 9 Walnut St., Boston, MA 02108-3700**

Brewer/Bradford Need death dates and burial sites of Thomas Collins Brewer, b. 1854, and wife Mary Ann Bradford, b. 1860; brother John T. Brewer, b. 1863. All b. and d. in Pine Bluff, AR. Thomas and John are sons of W. Caldwell Brewer, b. 1833, Hinds Co., MS. AR Dept. of Health unable to supply record. **G. T. Brewer, 5741 Gage Ln., Naples, FL 33962**

Kerr, Sillin Robert A. Kerr, and Sirustus Sillin, formerly in OH, in Lonoke, Pulaski and Prairie Cos., AR. Dr. W. Sillin - Stuttgart, Butler, Paragould, Jonesboro; Locklar, Little Rock, Camden; Thomas H. Harrison from England, m. Mary S. Erwin in Austin or Des Arc, AR, 1848. Thomas George Harrison, Lonoke and Prairie Counties. **Allene Kerr Locklar, 3155 Endicott Dr., Boulder, CO 80303-6902**

Harness Would like to exch info with any researching this line. John Harness, b. 1814, mid-TN, came to Searcy Co., AR, 1844, from Perry Co., TN, son of John and Elizabeth Harness. **Sunny Harness, 1850 Williams St., No. 206, Simi Valley, CA 93065-2858**

Raines Need help - Joseph and Martha Raines, Lafayette Co. area 1860s; want to share with others researching this line. **Ron Raines, 2671 Bay St., Bakersfield, CA 93301**

Phillips Seek info on parents of David Phillips, b. 1831 AR, m. Juliann Petray (Petrey), Russellville, AR; homesteaded 80 acres Crawford Co. near Mulberry. Ch.: Mary, John, James, William, Laura Allas Phillips Weltzen, Rosa. **Billie Muzny, 602 N. Victoria Rd., Donna, TX 78537**

Emery, Qualls, Reed, Chapmond Will share info on above lines in AR. **Pauline Kouvalas, P. O. Box 6604, San Jose, CA 95150**

Book Reviews and Notices

By Bobbie Jones McLane, Desmond Walls Allen,
Lynda C. Suffridge, Susan Gardner Boyle,
Russell P. Baker

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!

Bible and Misc. Records From Crawford County, Ark., Families, Vols. 1 and 2, by the Crawford County Genealogical Society, PO Box 278, Alma, AR 72921, soft cover, about 200 pages per volume, \$17.50 for one or \$30.00 for both, shipping and handling included. These two works contain information on Crawford Co., AR, families culled from the files of members of the local genealogical society. It consists mostly of photocopies and typescripts of Bible and family records, some early and some quite recent. Each volume comes with a complete surname index. Most of the pages are easy to read, although a few of the older Bible records reproduced very poorly. These two little works can be a valuable tool for research in this county where the court house burned in 1877, destroying all county records. [RPB]

Abstracts From Crawford County, Ark., Newspapers: Van Buren Press, Roll #1, Feb. 3, 1866-April 13, 1869 by Evelyn Sue Williams, 7703 Old Graphic Rd., Mulberry, AR 72947, 239 pages, soft cover, full surname index. The cost is \$20.00, which includes postage and handling. Crawford County is one of Arkansas's oldest, established in 1820. At that time, it covered an area including most of northwestern Arkansas and northeastern Oklahoma. Its unique location on the Arkansas River and on the western boundary of the state made it one of the major "pass-through" points for emigration into the Indian Territory and beyond. One of the great tragedies in Arkansas research was the loss of the Crawford Co. court house and all its records to a fire in 1877. However, the files of several of Van Buren's early newspapers have survived and are preserved on microfilm. This

book contains abstracts and an index to many of the articles appearing in the Van Buren Press for several critical years following the Civil War, 1866-1869. It contains the usual legal notices, obituaries, court proceedings, social news, etc., as well as "quirky" articles such as "Advice to Preachers" and how "To Cure Poison Ivy." Attention has also been paid to any Civil War articles. Its format is easy to use and set in a clear type. Each article is identified as to date, but not to page and column numbers. The surname index is useful, but including a full name index would have been a real service to readers. One can hope that Evelyn Sue will continue this highly useful work and index more early Crawford County newspapers. [RPB]

The East Texas Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 6967, Tyler, TX 75711, has published the **1870 Federal Census of Smith County, TX**. It was transcribed by Howard O. Pollan and contains 308 pages. It is published in an attractive soft cover edition, with a complete surname index. It contains a useful map showing Smith County boundaries as of 1870 and the location of area post offices. This edition is priced at only \$7.50, plus \$3.00 postage and handling. The East Texas Genealogical Society represents six east Texas counties: Anderson, Gregg, Henderson, Panola, Rusk and Smith. A list of the society's other publications will be mailed on request. The society's quarterly publication is entitled *East Texas Family Records*. [RPB]

From 1960 until 1991, the Library staff of Tech University in Russellville, Arkansas, worked hard to produce indexes to the Little Rock *Arkansas Gazette*. However, they chose not to continue this undertaking after the buy-out of the Gazette by its rival, the *Arkansas Democrat*, and the formation of the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*. This is where Oscar G. Russell of Russell Publishing Co., 506 Loop Rd., North Little Rock, AR 72120, stepped in. For the past few years he has been publishing indexes to death notices appearing in this new newspaper, as well as a number of indexes from old Arkansas Gazette issues in the 1920s. This is a review of Mr. Russell's latest work "**Index to Death Notices in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette Jan. 1 - June 30, 1995**", 239 pages. With this new work, he begins a new format that is much easier to read. The index contains the full name of the deceased, place of death, age, if given, and full newspaper

reference. The price for a soft cover, spiral bound copy, is \$21.00. The cost for a hard bound edition is \$34.00.

Clark County, Arkansas Obituaries and Death Notices, Volume 3, 1914-1921, by Allen Syler and Bobbie Jones McLane [1996] Arkansas Ancestors, 222 McMahan Drive, Hot Springs, AR 71913-6243; 124 pp., indexed, softcover, \$18.00 plus \$3.00 s/h. Obituaries in small town newspapers can be full of genealogical information. This is the third volume in this series - Volume 1, 1869-1900 (\$20.00); Volume 2, 1901-1913 (\$22.00), and Volume 3, 1914-1921 (\$18.00). They often tell where the relatives and family of the deceased are living. As the records progress through these first three books of obituaries and death notices for Clark Co., a generational history begins to develop for many families. There are personal relationships demonstrated in these records which are rarely available in other sources for family research. The authors are performing a real service for the people of Clark and nearby counties, Arkansas in bringing this information into print in book form. (MHH)

Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory (Oklahoma) Marriage Book C by Sandra Tedford, 400 Sherry Lane, Farmersville, TX 75442-1538; \$15.00 plus \$2.50 s/h per order, 98 pp. Records include marriages March 1897 - December 1898. There is an every name index for brides and grooms and a separate index for ministers. The Chickasaw Nation included all or parts of thirteen present day counties in Oklahoma: Bryan, Carter, Coal, Garvin, Grady, Jefferson, Johnston, Love, McClain, Marshall, Murray, Pontotoc and Stephens. There are more than 2,300 marriage applications included in this volume, which also include the name, age, and place of residence of both the bride and groom. This is the third volume of Chickasaw Nation marriages published by Ms. Tedford, covering Marriage Books A & B, and Marriage Book C. (BJM)

Oakland Cemetery, Warren, Arkansas, co-edited by Mary K. Barrett and Peggy Q. Bowman, 171 pp., hard cover, \$35.00, or perfect bound soft cover, \$25.00, plus \$2.50 each postage and handling. This volume contains valuable information for the researcher, listing date of birth, death, date of marriage, Civil War and other Wars, Physicians, Dentists, and other information inscribed on the markers. The cemetery is divided into sections and

the book contains a map to help locate burial plots in this cemetery. It contains over 3,800 names, along with a short history of Frazer Funeral Home and Oakland Cemetery. Full name index. Order from Mary K. Barrett, 900 Woodlawn, Warren, AR 71671-3018, or Peggy Q. Bowman, 1417 S. Main, Warren, AR 71671.

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