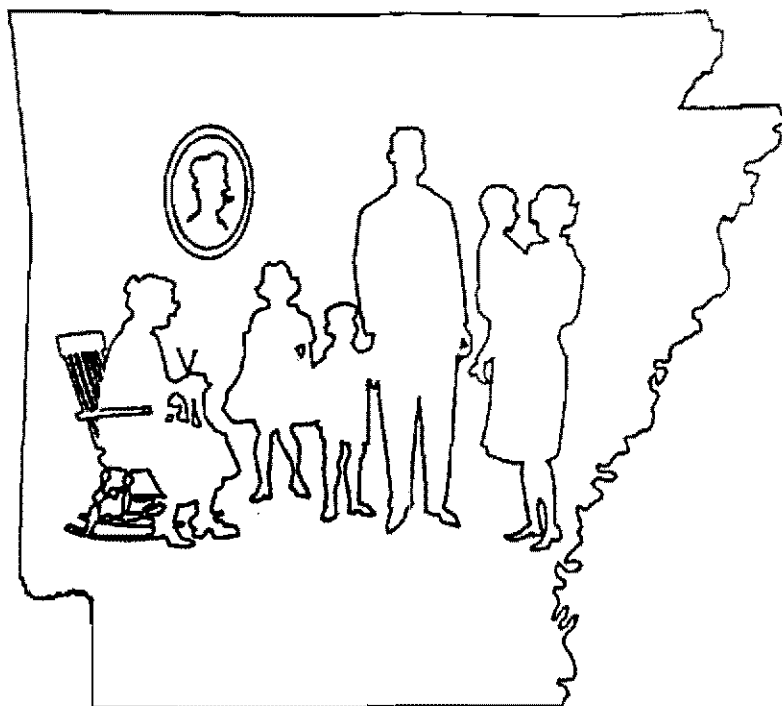


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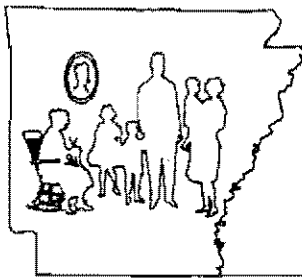
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President's Page

We have got a great start on 1997.

AGS has co-sponsored the *Ancestors* series of teaching episodes on public television in Arkansas. Numbers of people have commented upon viewing the series.

Tentative arrangements have been made to allow AGS the use of the railroad depot building in the new Transportation Plaza in Hot Springs for an all day seminar. The date is still uncertain because as is often the case with public construction, the planned availability date has had to be rolled forward. This is a service that we want to perform for the Hot Springs community, however, and we will persevere.

Another solid *Annual Seminar and Meeting* has been planned for October 4. Details of that event will be following, so reserve that date now. Lynda Suffridge, who has made the arrangements, will keep us informed.

Rhonda Norris, a new board member, did a jam-up job of arranging for telephone answerers for AETN during the televised annual spring fund raiser for Arkansas Educational Television. Because she was able to line up workers representing several family history groups in the state, a part of the *Ancestors* series was shown and the AGS logo was displayed on that date.

Occasionally, there is a negative note. As most members are aware, our equipment, book stocks and supplies are housed in a private home in Hot Springs. Somehow, a cable construction crew got into the power supply to that home and accomplished a "hard shutdown" on our computer, and printer, and the fax machine. It took some doing, but the computer and printer were recovered sufficiently to allow us to "crip along" and do what had to be done. The printer lost some fonts and the fax machine does not work yet, but we are anticipating a total recovery from the shutdown.

A short while after the electrical outage, the water heater burst and did considerable damage to the house—to say nothing of Marge's already frazzled nerves. This latter event was made worse by the fact that it occurred early the morning of a memorial service for Marge Hubbard's sister, Mary. AGS did not suffer any loss in the water disaster.

A remark I overheard recently reminded me of something I wrote in this space ten years ago. In 1987 I counseled the exercise of courtesy in dealing with public officials on visits to courthouses. That advice is even more appropriate now. Populations have grown. More time is required for almost every clerk in the state to do her/his required work. Most counties are seriously crowded for record storage space. County officials most often cannot research for anybody, and certainly will not for those who do not care to be courteous. Let's all make courtesy on all occasions a habit.

Sincerely,
Ed Sanders, President

Publications

The Holt Link is a new family publication with Joan and Ken Ifland as publishers, and deals with the Holt/Holte family. The address for this new issue is 509 CR 546, Mountain Home, AR 72653-8363 and e-mail address is: kwifland@centuryinter.net

The Endsley Family Newsletter is now in Volume 4 and is for Endsleys and all associated families. It is published quarterly by Charles Endsley, Jr., and the address is 4509 Wouthwest 179th St., Newcastle, McClain County, OK 73065.

Childers/Childress Family Association Newsletter is now in Issue No. 36, and is published by Patricia Spurling, 274 Wisley Way, Ringgold, GA 30736. It contains a good variety of Childers/Childress information, and has a query section.

Clayton Library Friends, P. O. Box 271078, Houston, TX 77277-1078, publishes a newsletter with events of the Clayton Library. Annual dues are \$10.00 per individual.

Reunions

A reunion for friends, relatives and descendants of James and Elizabeth Jane Jackson Holliman is planned for Saturday, August 10, 1997, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Quitman City Hall, Cleburne County, Arkansas.

James Holliman, son of James and Mary Holliman of KY and TN, and his wife, Elizabeth Jane Jackson, daughter of Claborn C. and Elizabeth Loller Jackson of AL and TN, settled in the Pearson area (now part of Cleburne Co.) prior to the War between the States.

Contact Margie Fenley Hartman, 463-255 Main St., Janesville, CA 96114, for details.

Seminars

Eighth North Arkansas Ancestor Fair will be held on June 5-7, 1997 in Leslie, AR. It has a most impressive line-up of speakers and events, including a session on Native American Research: Five Civilized Tribes by Dorothy Tincup Mauldin. To share this experience, contact James J. Johnston, 2333 E. Oaks Dr., Fayetteville, AR 72703 (501-442-3691)

FGS is gearing up for its "Unlock Your Heritage" conference on 2-6 September, 1997, in Dallas, TX. They have arranged for a terrific slate of lecturers and it will be another fine event. Contact them at P. O. Box 830220, Richardson, TX 75083-0220 for registration packet.

Village Genealogical Society and Melting Pot Genealogical Society, both of Hot Springs, are hosting a family history workshop on September 20, 1997 at the Coronado Center in Hot Springs Village. Featured speaker will be Desmond Walls Allen and registration is \$18.00 if postmarked by September 5 (\$22.00 if postmarked after September 5). Contact VGS./MPGS Workshop, P. O. Box 936, Hot Springs, AR 71902.

For information on AGS' Fall Seminar, see registration sheet in this issue.

U. S. Government Printing Office, Supt. Of Documents, Washington, DC 20402, announces availability of original land records on CC ROM for some areas. Write for order form.

Certificate of Arkansas Ancestry Report

By Jan Eddleman, 1807 Sunshine Mine Rd.,
Hackett, AR 72937

Arkansas Genealogical Society offers
Certificates of Arkansas Ancestry issued in
three categories:

Territorial - a resident of Arkansas before 14
June 1834;

Ante-bellum - a resident of Arkansas before
6 May 1861;

Nineteenth Century - a resident of Arkansas
before 31 December 1900

Send SASE with \$0.55 postage (2 ounces) to
AGS, PO Box 908, Hot Springs, AR 71902-
0908, for an application form for your
certificate.

Territorial

William Moore Hurst, Jr

4425 San Fernando Lane

McKinney, TX 75070

Ancestor: Rev. James Wilson Moore
Pulaski Co., 1828

Kay Walker Peterson

813 Mann

Artesia, NM 88210-2307

Ancestors:

1. Dr. William P. McCubbin
Lawrence Co., 1818

2. Joseph Walker

Lawrence Co., 1820

Ante-bellum

Hartzell Oscar Stephens

3318 Rosewood Drive

Temple, TX 76502

Ancestors:

1. Hezekiah Knight Hotchkiss
Independence Co., 1840

2. Lydia G. Mead
Independence Co., 1840

3. Daniel Fine Jones

St. Francis Co., 1837

4. Mariah Louise Hotchkiss

St. Francis Co., 1837

5. Daniel Morris
Independence Co., 1850

6. Timothy Morris
Independence Co., 1850

7. John McNary McCaleb
Independence Co., 1860

8. Mary Van Pelt Jones
St. Francis Co., 1840

9. Sarah A. West
Independence Co., 1860

Bonnie Mae Hill

110 East 3rd St.

Emmeu, ID 83617

Ancestor: John Michael Weber
Washington Co., 1857

Kay Walker Peterson
813 Mann
Artesia, NM 88110-2307
Ancestors:

1. Dr. John A. Sheffield
Izard Co., 1850

2. Dr. William A. Hill
Izard Co., 1850

3. Herod P. Turner
Izard Co., 1853

4. Jane H. Boone Turner
Izard Co., 1853

Nineteenth Century
Hartzell Oscar Stephens

3318 Rosewood Dr.
Temple, TX 76502
Ancestors:

1. Francis Elizabeth McCaleb
Independence Co., 1866

2. Daniel Oscar Morris
Independence Co., 1870

Correction:

In the December, 1996, issue, we incorrectly listed the date on Mr. Carl Lloyd Eberhardt's Arkansas ancestor, Robert Batte Davis. The correct date should be 1857.

Arkansas Confederate Soldiers Buried in Atoka, Oklahoma

By Jan Eddleman

It has long been known that the Battle of Middle Boggy, fought near Atoka, OK, on February 13, 1864, probably involved some Arkansas troops, but, according to a recent article in the *Northwest Express* written by Whit Edwards, Arkansas Confederate troops of Dawson's 19th Arkansas Infantry were stationed there during the spring of 1862, probably during the effort to stall the Union Red River campaign which was intended to wipe out the last of the Confederate strongholds between New Orleans and Little Rock, and which failed. During April and May of that year at least nine members of Dawson's regiment died of measles, according to a recently discovered letter written by Hugh A. Brothers on April 25, 1862.

In his letter Brothers states that about 300 sick men were left on the road between Fort Smith and Camp McCulloch (Boggy Depot) and Gwen Walker, the manager of the Confederate Memorial Museum near Atoka, has identified nine of the regiment buried in the cemetery at the Museum. They are:

John E. Flowers
James A. Neugent, Company A.
Francis M. Johnson, Company A

Pvt. Thomas T. Baker, Company B
W. C. Davis, Company C
C. A. Floyd, Company C
Thomas Mayben, Company I
J. J. Runnells, Company I
J. Washington Bates, Company H

The Museum is a project of the Atoka Historical Society and for further information, contact Gwen Walker there at 4056-889-7192.

The Fate of the 1890 Population Census

Reference sources routinely dismiss the 1890 census of the United States as “destroyed by fire” in 1921. Examination of the records of the Bureau of Census and other federal agencies, however, reveals a far more complex tale. This is a genuine tragedy of records—played out before Congress fully established a National Archives—and eternally anguishing to researchers.

We first read in the *Greene County (AR) Quarterly Magazine*, Vol. 9, No. 3, 1996, an article entitled “Fire in the Basement, a Genealogical Nightmare,” excerpted from the National Archives *Prologue*. Upon contacting Mary C. Ryan, managing editor of *Prologue*, permission was granted to use portions in *The Arkansas Family Historian*. The original article, [First in the Path of the Firemen - The Fate of the 1890 Population Census](#) was researched, written and documented by Kellee Blake and appeared in *Prologue: Quarterly of the National Archives and Records Administration* 28 (Spring 1996): 64-81.

Of the decennial population census schedules, perhaps none might have been more critical to studies of immigration, industrialization, westward migration, and characteristics of the general population than the Eleventh Census of the United States, taken in June 1890. United States residents completed millions of detailed questionnaires, yet only a fragment of the general population schedules and an incomplete set of special schedules enumerating Union veterans and widows are available today.

As there was not a permanent Census Bureau until 1902, the Department of the Interior administered the Eleventh Census. The censuses of 1790 through 1880 required all or part of schedules be filed in county clerks’ offices. Ironically, this was not required in 1890, and the original (and presumably only)

copies of the schedules were forwarded to Washington.

June 1, 1890, was the official census date, and all responses were to reflect the status of the household on that date. This census differed from previous ones in several ways. For the first time, enumerators prepared a separate schedule for each family. The schedule contained expanded inquiries relating to race (white, black, mulatto, quadroon, octoroon, Chinese, Japanese, or Indian), home ownership, ability to speak English, immigration, and naturalization. The 1890 schedules also included a question relating to Civil War service.

In March 1896, before final publication of all general statistics volumes, the original 1890 special schedules for mortality, crime, pauperism and benevolence, special classes (e.g., deaf, dumb, blind, insane), and portions of the transportation and insurance schedules were badly damaged by fire and destroyed by Department of the Interior order. No damage to the general population schedules was reported at that time. In fact, a 1903 census clerk found them to be in fairly good condition. Despite repeated ongoing requests by the secretary of commerce and others for an archives building where all census schedules could be safely stored, by January 10, 1921, the schedules could be found piled in an orderly manner on closely placed pine shelves in an unlocked file room in the basement of the Commerce Building.

At about five o’clock on that afternoon, building fireman James Foster noticed smoke coming through openings around pipes that ran from the boiler room into the file room. Foster saw no fire but immediately reported the smoke coming through openings around pipes than ran from the boiler room into the file room. Foster saw no fire but immediately reported the smoke to the desk watchman,

who called the fire department. Minutes later, on the fifth floor, a watchman noticed smoke in the men's bathroom, took the elevator to the basement, was forced back by the dense smoke, and went to the watchman's desk. By then, the fire department had arrived, the house alarm was pulled and a dozen employees still working on upper floors evacuated. A total of three alarms and a general local call were turned in.

After some setbacks from the intense smoke, firemen gained access to the basement. While a crowd of ten thousand watched, they poured twenty streams of water into the building and flooded the cellar through holes cut into the concrete floor. The fire did not go above the basement, seemingly thanks to a fireproofed floor. By 9:45 P.M., the fire was extinguished, but firemen poured water into the burned area past 10:30 P.M. Disaster planning and recovery were almost unknown in 1921. With the blaze extinguished, despite the obvious damage and need for immediate salvage efforts, the chief clerk opened windows to let out the smoke, and except for watchmen on patrol, everyone went home.

The morning after was an archivist's nightmare, with ankle-deep water covering records in many areas. Although the basement vault was considered fireproof and watertight, water seeped through a broken wired-glass panel in the door and under the floor, damaging some earlier and later census schedules on the lower tiers. The 1890 census, however, was stacked outside the vault and was, according to one source, "first in the path of the firemen." That morning, Census Director Sam Rogers reported the extensive damage to the 1890 schedules, estimating 25 percent destroyed, with 50 percent of the remainder damaged by water, smoke, and fire. Salvage of the watersoaked and charred documents might be possible, reported the bureau, but saving even a small part would take a month, and it would take two to three years to copy off and save all the records damaged in the fire. The preliminary assessment of Census Bureau Clerk T. J.

Fitzgerald was far more sobering. Fitzgerald told reporters that the priceless 1890 records were "certain to be absolutely ruined. There is no method of restoring the legibility of a water-soaked volume.

Four days later, Sam Rogers complained they had not and would not be permitted any further work on the schedules until the insurance companies completed their examination. Rogers issued a state-by-state report of the number of volumes damaged by water in the basement vault, including volumes from the 1830, 1840, 1880, 1900 and 1910 censuses. The total number of damaged vault volumes numbered 8,919, of which 7,957 were from the 1910 census. Rogers estimated that 10 percent of these vault schedules would have to be "opened and dried, and some of them recopied."

Thankfully, the census schedules of 1790-1820 and 1850-1870 were on the fifth floor of the Commerce Building and reportedly not damaged. The new 1920 census was housed in a temporary building at Sixth and B Streets, SW, except for some of the nonpopulation schedules being used on the fourth floor.

Speculation and rumors about the cause of the blaze ran rampant. Some newspapers claimed, and many suspected, it was caused by a cigarette or a lighted match. Employees were keenly questioned about their smoking habits. Others believed the fire started among shavings in the carpenter shop or as a result of spontaneous combustion. At least one woman from Ohio felt certain the fire was part of a conspiracy to defraud her family of their rightful estate by destroying every vestige of evidence proving heirship. Most seemed to agree that the fire could not have been burning long and had made quick and intense headway; shavings and debris in the carpenter shop, wooden shelving, and the paper records would have made for a fierce blaze. After all, a watchman and engineers had been in the basement as late as 4:35 and not detected any smoke. Although, once the firemen were finished, it was difficult to

tell if one spot in the files had burned longer than any other, the fire's point of origin was determined to have been in the northeastern portion of the file room (also known as the storage room) under the stock and mail room. Despite every investigative effort, no conclusion as to the cause was reached.

The disaster spurred renewed cries and support for a National Archives, notably from congressmen, census officials, and longtime archives advocate J. Franklin Jameson.

Meanwhile, the still soggy, "charred about the edges" original and only copies of the 1890 schedules remained in ruins. At the end of January, the records damaged in the fire were moved for temporary storage. Over the next few months, rumors spread that salvage attempts would not be made and that Census Director Sam Rogers had recommended that Congress authorize destruction of the 1890 census. Prominent historians, attorneys, and genealogical organizations wrote to new Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover, the Librarian of Congress, and other government officials in protest. The National Genealogical Society (NGS) and Daughters of the American Revolution formally petitioned Hoover and Congress, and the editor of the NGS Quarterly warned that a nationwide movement would begin among state societies and the press if Congress seriously considered destruction. The content of replies to the groups was invariably the same; denial of any planned destruction and calls for Congress to provide for an archives building.

Still no appropriation for an archives was forthcoming. By May of 1921 the records were still piled in a large warehouse where, complained new census director William Steuart, they could not be consulted and would probably gradually deteriorate. Steuart arranged for their transfer back to the census building, to be bound where possible, but at least put in some order for reference.

The extant record is scanty on storage and possible use of the 1890 schedules between 1922 and 1932 and seemingly silent on what

precipitated the following chain of events. In December 1932, in accordance with federal records procedures at the time, the Chief Clerk of the Bureau of Census sent the Librarian of Congress a list of papers no longer necessary for current business and scheduled for destruction. He asked the Librarian to report back to him any documents that should be retained for their historical interest. Item 22 on the list for Bureau of the Census read "Schedules, Population... 1890, Original." The Librarian identified no records as permanent, the list was sent forward, and Congress authorized destruction on February 21, 1933. At least one report states the 1890 census papers were finally destroyed in 1935, and a small scribbled note found in a Census Bureau file states "remaining schedules destroyed by Department of Commerce in 1934, not approved by the Geographer. [Presumably ELY was Evelyn L. Yoemans, a member of the staff of the Geographic Department from 1899 to 1941.] Further study is necessary to determine, if possible, what happened to the fervent and vigilant voices that championed these schedules in 1921. How were these records overlooked by Library of Congress staff? Who in the Census Bureau determined the schedules were useless, why, and when? Ironically, just one day before Congress authorized destruction of the 1890 census papers, President Herbert Hoover laid the cornerstone for the National Archives Building.

Of the 41,597 bundles of the 1890 census schedules stored in the Commerce Building basement, 32,605 were destroyed. A Census Bureau list compiled after the 1921 fire reveals that 752 Arkansas bundles remained. In 1942 the National Archives accessioned a damaged bundle of surviving Illinois schedules as part of a shipment of records found during a Census Bureau move. At the time, they were believed to be the only surviving fragments. In 1953, however, the Archives accessioned an additional set of fragments. These sets of extant fragments are

from Alabama, Georgia, Illinois, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, South Dakota, Texas and the District of Columbia and have been microfilmed as National Archives Microfilm Publication M407 (3 rolls). A corresponding index is available as National Archives Microfilm Publication M496 (2 rolls). Before disregarding this census, researchers should always verify that the schedules they seek did not survive. There are no fewer than 6,160 names indexed on the surviving 1890 population schedules. These are someone's ancestors.

Obituary

From *The Frederick Post*, Frederick, MD, April 25, 1997:

Mrs. Johnnie Caldwell Files, 78, of Parkdale, Ark., died Tuesday, April 22, at Dew Memorial Hospital, Monticello, Ark.

Her husband, William Thomas Files, died Aug. 25, 1980.

Born Aug. 3, 1918, in Parkdale, she was a daughter of the late John Henry and Sadye Paul Caldwell.

She was a member of Parkdale United Methodist Church, Daughter of the American Revolution, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims, Daughters of 1812, Magna Charta Dames, Huguenot Society, Jamestown Society, Daughters of Colonial Wars and Colonial Dames of the XVII Century.

Surviving are three daughters, Mary Frances Silitch and husband of Washington, D.C., Paula Morris Files of Parkdale, and Suzanne Files Flowers and husband Martin Scott Flowers of Frederick; a grandson, Mark William Twentey of Hagerstown; six nieces and nephews; eight great-nieces and nephews; and four great-great nieces and nephews.

She is also remembered by her grandson Mark's fiancée, Shannon Marie Weston of Hagerstown.

She was preceded in death by four brothers and three sisters.

Graveside services will be held in Parkdale Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Parkdale United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 55, Parkdale, AR 71661-0055.

Arrangements are by Jones Funeral Home, Hamburg, Ark.

[Mrs. Files had been a member of AGS since 1976.]

Census Reconstruction (Arkansas) Update

Submitted by Russell P. Baker

Since all of the 1890 U. S. Census for Arkansas was destroyed many years ago, researchers have long seen a need to find sources that would help fill the void left in their records by this loss. Several years ago, Arkansas Genealogical Society and the Arkansas History Commission sought to address this problem by urging individuals, local genealogical societies, and county historical groups to begin copying personal property or similar kinds of tax records for about 1890 for each county in Arkansas to use as a substitute for this missing census. This is an update of the projects. A number of census reconstructions were done and offered for sale. When this is the case, I have attempted to include the date of publication and the name and address of the author. However, please note that some of these addresses may have changed, some are unknown, and that some of these volumes may be out of print. A number of reconstructions were done by staff members and volunteers at the Arkansas History Commission. These volumes were not published. On the following list they were noted as "done". However, they may be used at the History Commission in Little Rock. Note: This agency cannot copy an entire one of these books for patrons.

Arkansas County: Published in 1987 by the Grand Prairie Historical Society, P. O. Box 122, Gillett, AR 72055

Ashley County: Done

Baxter County: Done

Benton County: Published in the *Backtracker*, beginning with Vol. 12, No. 4, Nov. 1983

Boone County: Done

Bradley County: Published in 1988 by Billie New, 2 Kaye Lane, Jacksonville, AR 72076

Calhoun County: Published in *Research 'n Ouachita Calhoun County*, Vol. 7, No. 1, 1987

Carroll County: Done

Chicot County: ?

Clark County: Published in 1988 by Clark County Historical Association, P. P. Box 516, Arkadelphia, AR 71923

Clay County: Published in 1985 by Rosa Davis and Una L. Pollard, Rt. 2, Box 253, Piggott, AR 72454

Cleburne County: Done

Cleveland County: Done

Columbia County: Done

Conway County:

Craighead County: ?

Crawford County: Published in 1988 by Oma Cole, Rt. 3, Box 5, Alma, AR 71921

Crittenden County: Published in 1993 by Joan Threet, 1511 Charles Dr., Alexander, AR 72002

Cross County: ?

Dallas County: Published in 1984 by Duane Jacobs, Rt. 1, Box 183, Fordyce, AR 71742

Desha County: Done

Drew County: ?

Faulkner County: Published in 1984 by Desmond Walls Allen, P. O. Box 303, Conway, AR 71032

Franklin County: Done

Fulton County: Published in 1987 by Desmond Walls Allen, P. O. Box 303, Conway, AR 72032

Garland and Montgomery Counties: Published in 1985. Order from Bobbie Jones McLane, 222 McMahan Dr., Hot Springs, AR 71913

Grant County: Published in 1994 by Joan Threet, 1511 Charles Dr., Alexander, AR 72002

Greene County: Published in 1989 by the Greene County Genealogical Society, 901 W. Kingshighway, Paragould, AR 72450

Hempstead County: Published by the Hempstead County Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 1158, Hope, AR 71801

Hot Spring County: In progress

Howard County: Published in 1985 by Lucille Westbrook, RT. 4, Box 247, Nashville, AR 71852

Independence County, Published in 1985 by Nancy Britton, 1014 Main St., Batesville, AR 72501

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Perry County: Done

Phillips County: Published in 1989 by Tri-County Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 580, Marvell, AR 72366

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Poinsett County: ?

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Pulaski County: Done

Randolph County: Published in 1985 by Burton R. Knotts, 7316 Dahlia Dr., Little Rock, AR 72209

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Sebastian County: Published in 1985 by Frontier Researchers, P. O. Box 214, Fort Smith, AR 72902

Sevier County: Done

Sharp County: In progress

Stone County: "Stone County 1890 Real Estate Tax List" published in *The Arkansas Family Historian*, Vol. 22, No. 1, Mar., 1984

Union County: Published in 1986 by Union County Genealogical Society, 200 East 5th, El Dorado, AR 71730

Van Buren County: Done

Washington County: Published in 1990 by Lois Miller, 1018 Sunset, Fayetteville, AR 72701

White County: Published in 1986 by Wensil Clark, 1211 Biscayne Dr., Little Rock, AR 72207

Woodruff County: Done

Yell County: Done.

Counties not done: Chicot, Craighead, Cross, Drew, Madison, Ouachita, Poinsett. Send additions or corrections to Russell P. Baker, Arkansas History Commission, 1 Capitol Mall, Little Rock, AR 72201; advise him also if you wish to undertake one of these counties.

Short Histories of Dallas County, AR

Submitted by Ed Sanders, 10 Choctaw Dr.,
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At **Holly Springs**, on the county line between
Ouachita and Dallas Counties, there is a
marker which reads:

Named for the groves of holly trees and water
springs of the area. First settled in 1841. A
school was established in 1844. Saint John
Masonic Lodge 28 organized April 17 and
post office established July 15, 1850. Judson
Baptist Academy located here 1895-1901.

--Bicentennial Historical Marker, 1976

Manning, Dallas County, Arkansas

Surveyed and town plat filed March 5, 1914,
following building of the railroad through
Western Dallas County 1911-13. School
District 10 formed April 11, 1914,
consolidating with Sparkman May 23, 1930.
Post Office established May 16, 1914.

-- Bicentennial Commission marker erected
1976 in town of Manning.

[The town was severely **damaged** by a
tornado in the Spring of 1996. There were no
fatalities. Ed & Evelyn Sanders, after visiting
and photographing Manning]

Pine Grove

In 1841, several families were living in a
community in Owen Township about 12 miles
southwest of Princeton, the county seat of
Dallas County. How long before that date
someone had lived there is unknown. William
L. Daniel was born in the community that
year. At age 19 he became the first deputy
sheriff of Dallas County.

Other families located in the area in the
1850s. In about 1860, the West Allen Seale
family arrived from Shelby County, Alabama,
where they had migrated from South Carolina
about 1830.

On 14 August 1974, James N. Butler named
the newly established post office "Pine
Grove" and that became the name of the
community. The post office was located in a
general store operated by Mr. Daniel and his
brother, John W. Butler. At an unknown
date, the post office was moved to Tom
Daily's store, about 3 miles southeast of
Sparkman. Later still, it was relocated to the
store and gin of Jasper Seale near Chapel Hill
Primitive Baptist Church. After Jasper's
death 19 Dec 1904, his daughters operated the
post office for another year or two. By 1906,
L. E. Earle was postmaster. The post office
was discontinued in 1923 and mail was
carried by horseback from Holly Springs to
Pine Grove to Sparkman to Fairview.

Businesses listed for this community in 1906-
1907 are:

L. E. Earl, Postmaster

J. N. Butler, Grist & Saw Mill

P. Jackson & Son, General Store

Pine Grove Lumber Company, Grist & Saw
Mill

Pine Grove Mercantile Company, General
Store

J. T. Pittman, General Store

Taylor, General Store

Records for 1912-1913 describe Pine Grove
as a country post office 27 miles from
Fordyce, the new (1908) county seat. Bearden
was the nearest shipping point. Businesses
were:

John T. Taylor, Postmaster

J. T. Gaston, General Store, Saw Mill &
Grist Mill

P. Jackson & Son, General Store

J. T. Pittman, General Store

J. T. Taylor, General Store

J. N. Peterson & Company, General Store

Princeton

The Arkansas state legislature planned Dallas County in 1844 by taking from Clark County all of its territory east of the Ouachita River and adding to that a part of Bradley County. The official establishment date of Dallas County is 01 January 1845. The line between Clark and Dallas counties was redrawn 02 April 1869.

The first town in Dallas County, Arkansas, was established 01 Jan 1845, and named Dallaston. In November of that year the name was changed to Princeton. The forty acres described as the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 34 of Township 8 south and Range 15 west of Dallas County, Arkansas, was purchased from the United States at a cost of \$50 and was divided into 64 lots. A plat of the town was filed 26 Oct 1846, and the town was incorporated 04 Mar 1849. The first post office in the county was established at Princeton 06 Oct 1845. There is no clear record of the origin of the name, though there are 27 Princetons in the United States. The most famous of these is easily the one in New Jersey where the university by the same name is located. It is thought likely that the name was first used to honor William, Prince of Orange, who was a hero to many immigrants of this new nation whose ancestors had been persecuted in Britain or in Europe.

The first house at Princeton was that of Esquire A. Ramsey, who had come from South Carolina in 1842 when the area was still a wilderness. He was the only carpenter in the county at the time. Princeton sits at the crossing of roads from Little Rock to Camden and from Pine Bluff to Arkadelphia. The road from Princeton to Pine Bluff was called the Princeton Pike.

The first court house was a log cabin costing \$340.99 in 1845. The second was built in 1852 and was an imposing two-story frame building which cost \$6000 and was

J. Y Smith, Physician

demolished in the 1940s after falling into disrepair.

Generals John S. Marmaduke and J. O. Shelby wintered their Confederate troops at Princeton in 1863-1864. In the spring, the Federal General, Frederick Steele, was headquartered at Camden and attempted to bring a train of 200 wagons of corn from Washington, Arkansas (the Civil War State Capitol) to Camden. At Poison Spring on 18 April 1864, the train, escorted by 1,170 men, was attacked by Confederate soldiers under Generals Marmaduke and Samuel B. Maxey. The engagement turned into a rout, with 301 Federal casualties against 114 for the Confederates. Steele was pursued by Price's Cavalry, but retreated through Princeton toward Little Rock, even camping just outside Princeton. After continuing the retreat, the Federals were caught again at Mark's Mill near New Edinburgh in Cleveland (then Dorsey) County, heavy casualties were suffered by the Union troops, but they escaped toward the Saline River. General James F. Fagan's troops, who were guarding the river crossing at Jenkins' Ferry, were themselves foraging for food when the Union troops arrived. This circumstance prevented a great deal more damage to Steele's troops. Most of the Federals were able to get away across the river before the Confederates could be rallied. Still, a hot engagement was fought at the ferry, with heavy cost to both sides. Two hundred Federals were killed and 956 wounded. The Confederates lost 300 killed and 300 wounded.

A monument near Jenkins' Ferry reads:

ERECTED IN MEMORY OF THE
SOLDERS OF THE CONFEDERACY,
WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR THE
CAUSE AT THE BATTLE OF JENKINS
FERRY, APRIL 30, 1864. DEDICATED

SEPTEMBER 19, 1928, BY THE JAMES F. FAGAN AND JENKINS FERRY CHAPTERS OF THE UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY. WE HONOR THEIR VALOR AND SACRIFICE.

Princeton became a hospital town for the wounded of Jenkin's Ferry, and many graves of its cemetery were filled with the dead of both sides. The deaths were so numerous and rapid and the circumstances so desperate that most graves were not marked, and it is not possible to locate the graves of many individuals today. One whose grave is marked is:

Harris, Edwin Eugene
Chief Surgeon of
Clark's Brigade
May 30, 1828-September 10, 1864

A weekly newspaper, the *Princetonian*, began to be published in Princeton in 1894. After the turn of the century, it was combined with the *Tri-County Advocate* at Fordyce.

The Cotton Belt Railway built a line through Fordyce in 1882, bringing rapid growth to Fordyce and a request from many of the county's citizens that the county seat be relocated there. In 1908, Fordyce became the county seat of Dallas County, and Princeton declined so that it is a mere village today (1988).

A plaque at the site in Dallas County, Arkansas, reads:

First town in Dallas County, established January 1, 1845, and known as Dallaston until November 1845 when name was changed to Princeton. Plat filed October 26, 1846, incorporated March 4, 1849. Site of first post office in county established October

6, 1908. The major business, trade and political enter during the first years of Dallas County.

-- Bicentennial Historical Marker 1976

Tulip

At the site of Tulip, the oldest settled community in Dallas County, there is a marker which reads:

"Ante-bellum Athens
of the State of Arkansas:

Tulip Ridge, Tulip Village and Tulip named for a French hunter "Tulipe, who had been in the area prior to 1804. From 1840 to 1861-62, Tulip was a center of education in Arkansas with the location of Arkansas Military Institute and the Tulip Female Collegiate Seminary until The War Between the States. The village and schools were in the south half of Section 29, Township 7 South, Range 15 West, near where the county road crosses Highway 9.

--Bicentennial Historical Marker 1976

News of a Hundred Years Ago

"The Post Office Department will about the 15th of September, change the color of postage stamps. The two cents will be green, the four cents carmine, five cents blue, the thirty cents brown, and the ninety cents purple. The designs will remain the same but will be re-engraved and some slight alterations will be made in appearance."

Dallas County News, 1887

Post Offices of Dallas County, Arkansas, Chronologically

<u>Post Office</u>	<u>Established</u>	<u>Discontinued</u>
Princeton	06 Oct 1845	11 Aug 1967
Tulip	29 Dec 1845	14 Jan 1938
Moro	27 May 1846	31 Jun 1853
Hickory Hills	17 May 1849	05 Mar 1850
Cachemasso	17 Jul 1849	08 Feb 1867
Silver Springs	16 Oct 1849	01 Apr 1851
Beech Bluff	08 Jan 1850	08 Feb 1867
Chappell	19 Jun 1850	29 Jan 1861
Holly Springs	16 Jul 1850	06 Jul 1973
Red Bird	20 Sep 1852	18 Oct 1853
Fairview	27 Sep 1852	Date not available
Como	23 May 1853	07 Aug 1871
Chambersville	05 Nov 1853	02 Feb 1866
Oak Grove	03 Jul 1856	29 Oct 1859
Stover	09 Jul 1857	Date not available
Damo	26 Oct 1860	Date not available
Lea's Ferry	29 Oct 1860	Date not available
Pine Grove	14 Aug 1874	15 Dec 1923
Round Hill	22 Mar 1878	Date not available
Saline	11 Jul 1878	30 Nov 1925
Ivy	04 May 1882	30 Nov 1953
Willow	03 Jul 1882	14 Mar 1969
Fordyce	25 Jun 1883	In operation 1988
Ramsey	18 Feb 1884	31 Jul 1917
Dry Run	05 May 1886	24 May 1892
Dalark	08 Oct 1887	31 Aug 1957
Nix	17 Aug 1888	15 Jul 1918
Jacinto	05 May 1892	18 Feb 1931
Sparkman	29 Sep 1893	In operation 1988
Seals	07 Aug 1903	10 Jul 1906*
Carthage	10 Jul 1906	In operation 1988
Ivan	08 Oct 1906	In operation 1988
Bunn	20 Jul 1907	Date not available
Petty	06 Jul 1912	30 Oct 1920
McIntosh	02 Feb 1914	31 Jan 1916
Jinks	10 Feb 1914	15 Jun 1915
Ouachita	13 Apr 1914	15 Jun 1915
Manning	16 May 1914	Date not available
Fruitridge	03 Apr 1915	15 Dec 1917
Swaty	23 Apr 1916	15 Sep 1923
Wave	04 Oct 1920	Date not available
Green	Date not available	15 Feb 1905
Daisey	Date not available	30 Oct 1905
Oakhurst	Date not available	31 Oct 1905
Chase	Date not available	31 Oct 1905
Crouse	Date not available	15 Feb 1907
Estes	Date not available	31 Mar 1917
Roane	Date not available	31 Jan 1917
Eaglette	Date not available	15 Feb 1927

* Renamed "Carthage," 10 Jul 1906; still in operation, 1988

An 1851 Arkansas Letter- Izard County

The following transcript of a letter written by Jane H. Boone Turner to her cousin F. H. Wilson of Cumberland County, Kentucky, was submitted as a "proof" in the Arkansas Ancestry Certificate application of Kay Walker Peterson. According to Peterson's application, Jane H. Boone was the daughter of William Boone and his wife, Nancy Wilson. She was born on May 5, 1811, in Harrison County, Indiana, and died August 12, 1894, in Izard County, Arkansas. Jane married Herod Turner on November 9, 1836 in Kentucky.

14 September 1851 Izard Co.

Dear Cousin

I hope you will excuse our long delay in not writing to you sooner for I do assure you we have not forgotten the kindness and friendship we received from you while living near you and that it is one of the greatest pleasures that I can possibly while separate from you in person to have the means of conversing by letter and will in future write oftener. We have all enjoyed good health since we came here and are all well at present except Quintilla. She had a slight fever last night but appears better this morning. I should have written you sooner but owing to our unsettled situation I thought it would be no satisfaction to you to hear from us until we ourselves knew where we should settle and what our prospects were. We left Boones Port on the 15th of December last. We had a tedious trip from there to Montgomerys point. We lay there before we could get a passage up White River. We intended to ascend the river as high as Buffaloe City, but in that we was Disappointed so that the boat we took passage on did not ascent higher than Batesville which is one hundred and ten miles below the point we shipped for but we have not regreted our disappointment since we have found a portion

of country that we are pleased with and expect to settle near this place.

We are living on what is called Rocky Bayou a small stream which empties into White River and about fourteen miles in length, thickly settled with the finest of citizens, kinder better neighbors you would not want. Society is much better than I expected and people more civilized. I have not heard any swearing or seen the first drunk man since landed here the first of march. There is people here of proffers on having regular preaching and about this time a school about two miles from us. William, Napoleon and Hughlet are going to school and learnin finely. The opportunity of getting located here is good, either by preemption settlement or by entering at the state. I believe this will be the populous part of the state. The mouth of the creek is a very noted landing for steam boats and will be the main point for shipping off produce for a very large boundary of country. The emigration to this country excells any thing I have ever knew both by land and water and area principally Tennessee. A unanimos spirit of industry and enterprise seems to exist amongst here this season. They are opening fine farms, they raise a quantity of cotton but few understand the cultivation of tobacco. Owing to our disappointment in not getting here early we have but a small crop, about five acres in corn, one in tobacco. Crops are good here this season. The climate here is adopted to growth of tobacco. I do not believe there is a climate in the world that excells this for good health, although I have heard of a great many being sick, but few deaths. The old settlers say they never knew as much sickness since the country was settled as is here this season. The appearance of people shows that they have always enjoyed the best of health, some of the heartiest children I ever saw. The creek we live on is chiefly made of

springs and there is water enough to turn the mill every day of the year.

Springs are plentiful and better purer water never ran out of the earth. There is fine seats on this creek for machinery of all kinds and one within one mile of this creek, there is three farms to be sold belonging to heir. They lay off White River and one of them at the mouth of this creek where it is believed there will be a town laid off and will no doubt be a great place of business, the land on the creek and river is tolerably broken out a short distance back you come to the barrens. One of the finest farming countries I ever saw. A wool factory is wanted very much here. Dry goods are high. There is but one store in ten miles of us. A store on the creek would do fine business here and if you have any idea of looking out a county to settle your self I want you to come here and look for your self. I think you could do well here and to make use of your own language, when you used to say that you would go to some new country and get to be a big man. I think that place is here. You could do well in the practice of medicine here and in the mercantile line. You can sell all the goods you could bring here. We expect to end this place next season. It belongs to an old gentleman by the name of Gray. He owns a fine frame and a fine flour mill that is just in sight. He owns upwards of one hundred head of cattle, they live her winter and summer without feed. We calculate to make a large crop of tobacco next season. Mr. Turner bought a set of blacksmith tools, has built a shop is thought that he will get as much as he can do in the shop. He wishes to see Timothy Parks if he is in that country and tell him if he has any idea of a new country to come here this winter, blacksmithing is high here and he can get what he can do, one dollar and a half for shoeing horses and other work in proportion. We will make one hogshed of tobacco an corn enough for bread. We have bought three milk cows, one yoke of steers, 7 head hogs considering the scarcity of provisions we have got along better that I expected. I often think of you and the rest of

my connection there and how it would be to see you and all. I want you to write to me often and let me know how Nancy* and the children are doing. I am anxious to see her and her children. Nothing would be more gratifying to me to know that she is doing well. Tell her where we are and that she must write to me. Let me know if cousin Hayden and Mary and the rest of the connection all got home safely from New Orleans. I heard the cholera was pretty bad this season and I was fearful some of them would fall victim to it. I learned from old mister Anderson from Clinton County. He came up White River with us, that cousin Hayden and Mary was on the Harry Hill, it passed down early on Saturday while we lay at Montgomery Point. I grieved very much to know I was so near to them and could not get to see them. Tell cousin Hayden to write to me. Let us know how he has done this season and what he thinks of the prospects of tobacco next year. Also let us know what it is worth now.

I hope if we keep our health that we will be able to repay you and cousin George Cary for the friendship and kindness we received from you and him. But being so much disappointed in our expectations on the Ohio, we found it impossible to get money for cousin George as we expected and had to promise of but I found out the design was to persuade will leave us and failing in this, he did not even treat as he should have done a stranger let alone connection, but if life is spared and good luck attends us, tell cousin George we will not forget him, that he shall not loose any thing by having to wait on us. It was all we could do to make enough to live on since we left Cumberland and have enough to bear our expense in this country to where we can get land enough, provisions have been higher since we have been here. We have paid fifty cents a bushel for all the corn we have used ever since we left there, but our porspects are better than they ever have been.

Tell cousin where we are and to write to us, give our love and kindest regards to cousin Sally and her children, also to cousin Phebe

and all your children, tell them they must not forget their cousin Jane. Give my love to Uncle and Aunt Wilson and tell them is life is spared I will return again. To cousin Nancy Eliza and Zerena tell them to write to me. To Uncle John Hanion (?) and all the neighbors and connections in general, do not let one mail pass without writing. Give us the health of the country. Tell Lorton if he is on Nachases Creek renting land to come to his country where he can have good water, good health and land of his own. Direct your letter to Izzard County Rocky Bayou Post Office. Do not fail to write us all the news. No more but still remain your affectionate cousin until death.

Jane H. Turner

(Original spelling retained insofar as possible)

Gillihan

Submitted by Vickie Carmichael, 1513
Rezanof, Kodiak, AK 99615

Both William Riley Gillihan Jr. And his wife Ava Sophia Thompson were born in Twin Creeek, Izard Co., Arkansas. He was born 27 January 1854 and she was born in Tennessee but moved to Izard Co., approximately 1860 (listed in tax records), where he served in the War Between the States. [Submitter has photo of him in uniform]

Bill Riley and Ava lived most of their lives in Izrd Co. where he was active in the communtiy. Ava died of breast cancer 31 March 1930 at age 73. According to her Oklahoma death certificate, she is buried in South Heights Cemetery near Sapulpa, OK. The certificate also states that Ava is the daughter of James Thompson and Nancy Braghtwell. I have visited the grave of

William Riley who is buried in Elizabeth Combs Cemetery in Izard Co. He d. 26 Septembe 1937, but I have not been able to obtain a death certificate from the State of Arkansas or Oklahoma.

Bill and Ava had six children (the oldest eing my great grandfather):

1. Henry Newton Gillihan, b. 18 Dec 1880 Twin Creek, Izard Co., AR, d. 9 July 1964, Sapulpa, Creek Co., OK, m. Icie Meister Brewer 7 May 1899 in Izard Co. Icie b. 21 March 1881 in middle TN to John Brewer and Parthena Massey, d. 4 Sept 1956 in Sallisaw, Sequoyah Co., OK, from a diabetic coma. Ch.: Ethel Vernolia, b. 30 Oct 1900 Izard Co., d. Dec. 1917 Izard Co.; Inez, b. 10 Aug 1902, m. Roger Taylor; Seddie b. 11 Nov. 1905, d. Tulsa, OK; Viola b. 22 Mar 1908, d. 3 July 1985, m. Royal Peaks; Clairra b. 21 Apr. 1910, d. 23 Dec. 1989; Audie, b. 11 Apr 1912, m. 1) Hunt, m. 2) "Uncle Vic"; Guy b. 14 Sept. 1914; Jordie, b. 28 Oct. 1916; Alma Joan, b. 18 Dec. 1918.
2. Thomas Jackson b. 30 Jun 1882, m. Minnie Bales 1 Sept. 1912. Ch.: Vernon, b. 1016; Edison, b. 1919; Gentry.
3. Annie, b. 13 Apr 1884, m. Ben West.
4. Alex Richard, b. 18 July 1889, d. 11 Feb 1974, bur Combs Cem., Izard Co., m. Emma Grimnett 5 Oct 1914.
5. Owen Meleslie, b. 2 May 1891, d. 25 Jan 1975, m. Lillie Gulley 15 Jan. 1914. Ch.: Willard, Euland, Dallas, Elmo, Irvin, Ray, Hazel, Maxine Claude, Ermel.
6. Dora, b. 8 Apr 1896, m. 1) Rufus Cooper, m. 2) Bert Hendrickson.

Submitter has more information on both ancestors and descendants, especially Ethel Vernolia and would like to share with others working on these lines, particularly Gillihans, Thompsons or Barnes in Northeastern Arkansas.

Marriage Abstracts-Sebastian County, Arkansas

Submitted by Janice B. Eddleman, 1807
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The following information was abstracted from Samuel Edmondson's Justice of the Peace Docket dated in the front of the book 1860-1861. However, the entries are dated from September 8, 1859, to June 28, 1861. The docket was loaned, for copying, to the Fort Smith Historical Society by Mr. George A. Toney of Little Rock, Arkansas. It is a ledger book with several different handwritings and formats, which contains marriages and cases covering nonpayment of debts, stray animals, violent crimes including one case of child abuse, and cases of runaway slaves. With a few exceptions, all of the entries were signed by Justice of the Peace Edmondson. The entire transcript of the docket, which was copied by Amelia Martin, will appear in the issues of the Fort Smith Historical Society's *The Journal*. (Note: A question mark indicates that there was a question about what was written directly before the mark.)

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I Samuel Edmondson do hereby certify that on the 9th day of November 1859 at the county of Sebastian and in upper township did duly join in marriage G. F. Thomas, aged 20/26 (?) years of age and Manda Ann McCurday, aged 13 years of age... and declared them to be husband and wife.

On the 9th day of November did duly join in marriage G. W. Armstrong, aged 37 years and Ann Handley, aged 22 years, both of the county.

On this 9th day of November 1859 did duly join in marriage T. J. Palmer aged 35 years of age and Sarah A. Palmer Aged 25 years of age. Both of this county.

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Marriage Certificate

I Samuel Edmondson an acting and duly commissioned Justice of the Peace in and for the county of Sebastian in the state of Arkansas do hereby certify that on the 3rd day of May A. D. 1860 I did join together in marriage J.G. Tinsley, aged 26 years and Francis M. Clark, aged 16 years all of this county, all of which is hereby certified.

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Marriage Certificate

I, Samuel Edmondson, an acting and duly commissioned justice of the peace in and for the county of Sebastian in the State of Arkansas do whereby certify that on the 7th day of February A.D. 1860 at the county of Sebastian, in the State of Arkansas, I did duly join in marriage James B. Hays of said county, aged 24 years and Rachel Isham of the county of Sebastian in said state, aged 25 years, and there declared them to be husband and wife. Given under my hand this 7th day of February, A.D. 1860. Fees due. Transcript sent to the clerk by mail.

I, Samuel Edmondson, an acting and duly commissioned justice of the peace in and for the County of Sebastian in the State of Arkansas do hereby certify that on the 10th day of March A.D. 1860, at the county of Sebastian, in the state of Arkansas, I did duly join in marriage Amos Bennett, late of Missouri, aged 23 years & Elizabeth Asbill, late of the same place, aged 17 years, and there declared them to be husband and wife. Given under my hand this 10th day of March A.D. 1860. Fees paid.

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Marriage Certificate

I, Samuel Edmondson, an acting and duly commissioned justice of the peace in and for the county of Sebastian in the State of

Arkansas do hereby certify that on the 9th day of February, 1860, at the county of Sebastian in the State of Arkansas, I did duly join in marriage Charles Miller of said county, aged 20 years, and Francis Gibson of Sebastian County in the State of Arkansas, aged 17 years and there declared them husband and wife. Given under my hand this 10th day of February A.D. 1860. Fees due and transcript sent to the clerk by mail.

I, Samuel Edmondson, an acting and duly commissioned Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Sebastian in the State of Arkansas do hereby certify that on the 11th day of March, 1860 at the county of Sebastian in the State of Arkansas, I did duly join in marriage William Happy Evans of said county, aged 50 years and Mary Evans of said county, aged 26 years and then and there declared them husband and wife. Given under my hand this 11th day of March, A.D. 1860. Fees of \$2.50 due.

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Marriage Certificate

I, Samuel Edmondson, an acting and duly commissioned justice of the peace in and for the county of Sebastian in the State of Arkansas do hereby certify that on the 9th day of February 1860 at the county of Sebastian in the State of Arkansas I did duly join in marriage James Loyd of said county, aged 21 years and Mrs. Emma Campbell of Sebastian County in said State, aged 18 years and then and there declared them to be husband and wife. Given under my hand this 9th day of February A.D. 1860. Fees due and transcript sent to the clerk by mail.

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Marriage Certificate

I, Samuel Edmondson, an acting and duly commissioned Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Sebastian in the State of Arkansas do hereby certify that on the 12th day of June 1860 at the county of Sebastian in the State of Arkansas, I did duly join in

marriage Frederick W. Grasse, aged 35 years and Marie Sophie Fransiska Beck aged 38 years, both of Fort Smith, Sebastian County, Arkansas and then and there declared them to be husband and wife. Given under my hand this 12th day of June 1860. Fees paid.

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Marriage Certificate

I, Samuel Edmondson an acting and duly commissioned Justice of the Peace in and for the county of Sebastian in the State of Arkansas, do hereby certify that on 30 day of July 1860, at the county of Sebastian in the State of Arkansas, I did duly join in marriage Joseph Oswald of said Sebastian County, aged 45 years and Barbara Seingel of Sebastian County in the State of Arkansas, aged 50 years and then and there declare them to be husband and wife. Given under my hand and seal this 30 day of July 1860. Fees paid and transcript sent to the Clerk by mail.

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Marriages 1860

I, Samuel Edmondson, an acting and duly commissioned Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Sebastian in the State of Arkansas do hereby certify that on the 30th day of September 1860 at the County of Sebastian in the State of Arkansas I did duly join in marriage Richard Catchford of the United States Army, aged 21 years, and Patsey Adams of the said county and state, aged 20 years, and then and there do declare them to be husband and wife.

I Samuel Edmondson, an acting and duly commissioned Justice of the Peace in the County of Sebastian in the State of Arkansas do hereby certify that on the 30th day of September 1860 at the County of Sebastian in the state of Arkansas I did duly join in marriage Henry Edmondson of the United States Army, aged 22 years and Nancy Hager of said county and state, aged 20 years, and

then and there do declare them to be husband and wife.

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I Samuel Edmondson, an acting and duly commissioned Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Sebastian in the State of Arkansas do hereby certify that on the 30th day of September 1860 at the County of Sebastian in the state of Arkansas I did duly join in marriage Morgan Boland of the United States Army, aged 23 years, and Sarah J. Britton of the said county and state, aged 18 years, and then and there do declare them to be husband and wife.


I, Samuel Edmondson, an acting and duly commissioned Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Sebastian in the State of Arkansas do hereby certify that on the 12th day of October 1860 at the County of Sebastian in the state of Arkansas I did duly

join in marriage Daniel Maegher of the United States Army, aged 20 years, and Mary Dresy of the said county and state, aged 17 years, and then and there do declare them to be husband and wife.

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I, Samuel Edmondson an acting and duly commissioned Justice of the Peace in the township of Upper and County of Sebastian and State of Arkansas did on the 8th day of May 1861 duly join in matrimony A. J. Collins aged twenty five years old and Amanda Garrett aged twenty eight years both of the county of Sebastian and State of Arkansas and by me declared husband and wife. Given under my hand this 8th day of May.



This is Arkansas



ZINC WAS DISCOVERED NEAR RUSH CREEK IN MARION COUNTY ABOUT 1880. THE "MORNING STAR" AND SOME 16 OTHER MINES FLOURISHED DURING THE FIRST DECADE OF THIS CENTURY AND RUSH WAS A TRUE "BOOM" MINING TOWN. AFTER WORLD WAR I, ZINC PRICES FELL AND RUSH BECAME A GHOST TOWN ALONG THE BUFFALO RIVER.

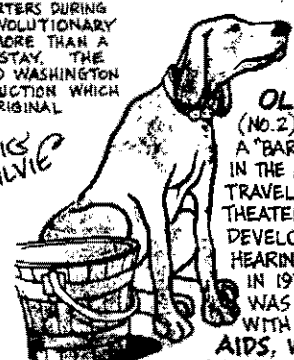
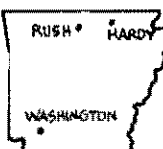
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PART OF THE ORIGINAL OLD TAVERN AT WASHINGTON, ARKANSAS, WHICH SERVED AS GEN. SAM HOUSTON'S HEADQUARTERS DURING THE PLANNING OF THE TEXAS REVOLUTIONARY WAR, WAS STILL STANDING MORE THAN A CENTURY AFTER HOUSTON'S STAY. THE PRESENT TAVERN, PART OF OLD WASHINGTON STATE PARK, IS A RECONSTRUCTION WHICH INCLUDES PARTS FROM THE ORIGINAL TAVERN.

by CRAIG SILVIE



OL' BLUE (No. 2), WHO HAD A "BARKING" ROLE IN THE ARKANSAS TRAVELLER FOLK THEATER AT HARDY, DEVELOPED A HEARING PROBLEM IN 1978 AND WAS FITTED WITH HEARING AIDS, WHICH SHE WORE TWO YEARS BEFORE HER "RETIREMENT" FROM THE STAGE. OL' BLUE No. 3 IS NOW PART OF THE SHOW.

James H. Howard

By Russell P. Baker

James H. Howard was born in Tennessee about 1838. He was son of Daniel W. Howard, a native of South Carolina, who emigrated to Arkansas about 1853 and settled at Center Point in what is now Howard County. (1) Nothing is known of his early life, except he learned the shoemaker's trade (2), and that on Feb. 9, 1860, he married Rebecca J. Dossey in Madison Twp., Sevier, now Howard, County. (3) Rebeca was born in Arkansas in 1841 and was the daughter of Nancy and William G. Dossey, natives of Alabama and Tennessee, respectively. Her father was a carpenter by trade, who after living several years near Nathan in Pike County, moved to Center Point about 1860. He was a prosperous man, and was the owner of two slaves that year. (4)

About the beginning of the Civil War, Howard worked as a boot maker at Arkadelphia. Here, he was an early supporter of the Confederate cause. On making a pair of boots for a Confederate soldier, it was later reported, on being asked the price, he took a pencil and wrote on the bottom of one 'all I charge you to do is wade up to the tops of them in d__d Yankee blood.' But as the war grew ever more intense, and prospects for his being drafted improved, his ardor began to rapidly cool. (5)

On February 24, 1862, James H. Howard was appointed by Governor Henry M. Rector to the office of County Clerk of Pike County. That office was vacant due to the resignation of William J. Kelley, who had recruited a company for the Confederate Army and left the country. (6)

That Fall, Howard was elected in his own right and took office December 5, 1862. He resigned on September 9, 1864, and William J. Kelley was re-appointed as clerk. (7) The

charge was later made that Howard at this time joined the Union Army, but there is no record of his service with an Arkansas Federal unit. (8)

At the close of the war, Howard was again appointed clerk of Pike County. He took office in July of 1865. (9) In 1866, he campaigned for that office on a moderate platform that opposed the Civil Rights Bill and the Fourteenth Amendment. (10) He was victorious and took office on October 15, 1866. On July 24, 1868, he was appointed one of the three Voter Registrars for Pike County, a position he held off and on until August, 1872. (11) In December, 1869, he became a property owner by purchasing a farm just west of Murfreesboro. (12) It would seem that with the coming to power in Arkansas of the Radical Republicans in 1867, James H. Howard changed his more moderate views and became a strong supporter of that party. In June of 1870, he announced as a candidate for the Arkansas State Senate from the Seventeenth District, which was composed of Clark, Pike and Sevier Counties. His candidacy soon obtained the backing of Governor Powell Clayton. (13) At a Fourth of July political rally and barbecue in Arkadelphia that year, Howard opened his campaign with a short speech (14) that earned him the everlasting, bitter animosity of Arkadelphia's Democratic Southern Advocate edited by Adam Clark. "Howard the radical nominee for state senate," the Standard reported on July 9, "came forward [at the barbecue] and said he didn't expect to make a speech - and he didn't. He said he was a bully union man - believed in Negro equality, and if he was elected he wouldn't 'sell out' to the Democrats for ever so much money... he told the Negroes not to trust the Democrats who rented them land, for they would cheat them out of the last cent they made..."(15)

A week later the Standard unleashed an even more scathing attack upon Howard. He was characterized as a vile wretch, a scalawag of the first order and a contemptible character, whose speech supporting Negro equality had caused the Negroes of Clark County to cease working on the farms of white Democrats.

The Standard continued "...he has enough political sins to answer for, to damn a dozen men." He was not always a "union shrieker", the Standard reminded its readers, and then proceeded to recount Howard's early enthusiasm for the Southern cause. (16) Howard's counter-attack, which was published in the pages of the Republican Arkadelphia Tribune, brought the following retort from the Standard: This fellow howard (sic), by some means has secured the nomination of the Negro shrieking wing of the Radical party, a position for which he is about as well capacitated... as a ring-tail monkey... [the voters] from personal knowledge of his character, hold him in the most supreme contempt. As a shoemaker, howard (sic) may be a succesist, but as a legislatist he would be a thin pattern even should he be elected, of which there is no more chance than there is of his ever becoming a gentleman or an honest man... if howard (sic) persists in such slanderous accusations against the Standard and its editor, we shall sue him for defamation of character, or invite him to a kicking entertainment and require him to furnish the material for the occasion. (17)

As the campaign progressed, it grew hotter. Just before the election, a voter from Murfreesboro wrote, that if you examined the record you will find [Howard] anything from a 'Secesh' to a 'Spiritualist', a believer in 'ghosts' and hobgoblins'. But you will never find him a man of stability. (18) The charge was also made that Howard used his position as President of the Board of Voter Registrars (19) for Pike County to enhance his chances at the polls by rejecting "everyone who voted against the Constitution of 1868". (20)

Whatever the truth of these charges, charges made during a highly emotional campaign, Howard was victorious over his conservative Republican opponent, Dr. John F. Biggs of Amity, by 376 votes - 1,255 for Howard to 879 for Biggs (21), and won a four year term in the Arkansas General Assembly. (22) Also, about this time, he was admitted to the bar in Pike County. (23)

Howard resigned as Voter Registrar for his county on November 5 and as County Clerk of Pike County on November 7, 1870. He was succeeded by Hiram P. Howard, who served in this office throughout the remainder of the Reconstruction era. (24)

It was during Howard's second term in the State Senate, on April 17, 1873, that legislation creating a new county from parts of Polk, Pike, Hempstead and Sevier was signed by Governor Elisha Baxter. (25) This new county was named in honor of James H. Howard, the Senator from the Seventeenth District. (26) Nine days later, during the last days of the legislative session, Governor Baxter appointed Howard to the position of Prosecuting Attorney for the Eighth Circuit Court, a position he held until January 4, 1874. (27)

After this date, Howard seems to have retired from politics. That year he sold his land near Murfreesboro and moved across the Little Missouri River and settled in what is now Brewer Township. (28) James H. Howard and his wife, Rebecca, became the parents of at least seven children, between 1864 and 1880. They were Hortence E., born in 1864, Eugene Grant, born in 1855, Josephine, born in 1868, Florence, born in November of 1869, Margaret D., born in 1870, Dora M., born in 1874, Finas E., born in 1875, and Bradley, born in 1878. (29)

Howard sold all of his lands in Pike County in 1882 to D. L. Coleman and moved to Oklahoma Territory. (30) He was dead by

1900. His widow was living with son Finas, in Fannin County, Texas, when the census was taken that year.

End Notes

1. 1850 U. S. Census: Bedford County, TN; 1870 U. S. Census: Thompson Township, Pike County, Arkansas; 1880 U. S. Census: Muddy Fork Township, Pike County, Arkansas; 1860 U. S. Census: Blue Bayou Township, Sevier County, Arkansas. Howard is not enumerated in Sevier County in 1860.
2. [Arkadelphia] Southern Standard, July 15, p. 2, col. 3, and August 20, 1870, p. 2, col. 3. William B. Howard, another shoemaker, lived next door to Daniel Howard in 1860 at Center Point and is another brother of James.
3. Sevier County Marriage Book "2", p. 199. William Hester, who performed the marriage, lived in Madison Township; 1860 U. S. Census, Madison Township, Sevier County, Arkansas.
4. 1850 U. S. Census: Thompson Township, Pike County, Arkansas; 1860 U. S. Census: Blue Bayou Township, Sevier County, Arkansas; 858 and 1859 Pike County Tax Books and 1860 Sevier County Tax Book. For some strange reason, Rebecca is listed in the household of her father in 1860, under her maiden name, although the marriage records indicate she had been married to Howard for several months.
5. Southern Standard, July 15 1870 op. cit. These words were reported during Howard's campaign for the State Senate in 1870. Howard's replies to such charges are not available, hence there is no way such charges can be substantiated or denied.
6. Civil Appointments: Arkansas: 1819-1869: Pike County, C.S.A. Service Records: William J. Kelley, Captain, Co. H., 16 Arkansas Infantry and Goodspeed's History of Southern Arkansas, p. 380. Kelley, who enlisted on November 11, 1861, resigned on April 17, 1862, and returned to Pike County.
7. Civil Appointments op cit.
8. Southern Standard op cit
9. Kelly Bryant, Historical Report of the Secretary of State ...(Little Rock, 1968), p. 681.
10. Southern Standard, November 5, 1870, p. 2, col. 4.
11. Civil Appointments: Arkansas: 1868-1876: Pike County.
12. Pike County "Burnt" Records Book, p. 105. The courthouse at Murfreesboro burned about 1895, destroying all the county records. The above refers to

an abstract book which was in private hands at the time.

13. Arkansas Gazette, June 25, 1870, p. 3, col. 1; Southern Standard, July 16, 1870, p. 2, col. 3.
14. [Little Rock] Morning Republican, July 13, 1870, p. 2, col. 2
15. Southern Standard, July 9, 1870, p. 2, col. 3-4.
16. Ibid., July 16, 1870, p. 2, col. 3.
17. Ibid., August 20, 1870, p. 2, col. 3. Unfortunately, no files of the Arkadelphia Tribune for this date have survived.
18. Ibid., November 5, 1870, p. 2, col. 4.
19. Civil Appointments op cit. He was appointed to that position on May 1, 1870.
20. Arkansas Gazette, October 8, 1870, p. 3, col. 3
21. Ibid., November 13, 1870, p. 1, col. 1. For more information on Dr. Biggs see Publications of the Arkansas Historical Association II (Little Rock, 1908) p. 578.
22. The Constitution of the State of Arkansas (Little Rock, 1870) p.9
23. Goodspeed's Southern Arkansas, p. 309
24. Civil Appointments op cit. Hiram P. Howard was elected County Clerk of Pike County on November 5, 1873, and served until November 7, 1874.
25. Acts of the General Assembly ... of Arkansas (Little Rock, 1873), . 127-133. Other counties created during this session were Clay, Garland, Faulkner, Lonoke, Cleveland, Lee and Stone.
26. Fay Heimpstead, A History of the State of Arkansas (New Orleans, 1889), p. 160. The editor of the Southern Standard makes the following comments concerning the naming of Howard County in his issue for July 26, 1873, p. 2, col. 4. ...I presume from the blackness of some of its soil, [this new county] is named [for] Howard...", a reference to Howard's support of Negro equality.
27. Bryant, p. 284, and Daily Republican, April 28, 1873, op. 4, col. 3.
28. Pike County "Burnt" Records, p. 146 and 149.
29. 1870 U. S. Census: Thompson Township: Pike County, Arkansas and 1880 U.S. Census. Muddy Bayou Township: Pike County, Arkansas.
30. Pike County "Burnt" Records, op cit. and Goodspeed's Southern Arkansas, op cit.
31. 1900 U. S. Census: District #1, Fannin County, Texas. Living with Finas and his mother were two of his sisters: Bertha G. and Minnie, perhaps Margaret D. Blankenship. Rebecca is listed as a widow.

Notes on John Berg Family of Pulaski County, Arkansas

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In 1871 Isaac N. Evans married Julia Berg in Pulaski Co., Arkansas. Isaac was a brother of J. Benjamin Evans, the principal object of our search. Scant information was available on the origin and forbears of these brothers, so, of course, we ranged widely in our search, checking related names, looking for any clues to possible earlier relationships. In the process we accumulated the following information on Julia Berg's family of Owen Township, Pulaski Co. While not an exhaustive study perhaps there will be something here to help anyone researching that family. The spelling of names, for the most part, has been consistent with the spelling in the original documents where the names were found.

John George Berg had land (S24 T2N R12) and (S2 T1S R12 W),[1] This latter being sold by his children in 1866.[2] John G. Berg can probably be found in the Pulaski Co. area during the 1840 census as he was married to Anna M. Kurz in 1842.[3] He is listed in the Arkansas 1850 census every-name index as living in dwelling #3 in Maumelle Township, Pulaski Co. This is a typed copy and does not include son Nicholas who would have been about three years old. One wonders if there was an inadvertent omission.[4]

In 1860 Owen Township, Pulaski Co., John G. Berg (48), bootmaker from Russia is listed with his wife Anna Marie (40) from Germany and five children, Marie Louisa (15), Nicolas Alexander (13), Johanna C. (11), Juliana (7), and Christian (4) all born in Arkansas.

By 1870 some of the children were married. Marie Louisa (10) married Herman H. Meyers (23) in 1864.[5] Apparently her husband died in the Civil War as Mary Myers is listed as head of the household in the 1870 census with three children, Henrietta (5),

Louisa (3) and Harman (7/12). Marie Louisa's husband was found in the 1860 Phillip Myer family living two households from the John G. Bergs.

Living next to Mary Myers in 1870 was a Joanna Myers, also head of the household with son Lewis (6/12). Although we have no direct proof, we wonder if she might have been Joanna Berg, also a widow of a Myers lost in the Civil War. We make this assumption because living with her were Julia (18) and Christian (15) Bolz, a terrible corruption of Berg. In any case, by 1880, it was undoubtedly Joanna who had married L. W. Goodson, as she lists her parents as born in Russia and Germany in a later census record. Johanna and L.W. Goodson also were signatories of the deed mentioned above. In the 1880 census they were listed with children L. W. (10), Eliza (7), Johnny (5), Lucinda (2), and Nora (3). Possibly L. W. was Lewis of the 1870 census. Or possibly he could be L. F. Myers who died in 1873 and is buried in the Pleasant Grove Cemetery of Owen Township.

Johanna (51) and L. W. (51) were still in Owen Township in 1900. They had been married 28 years and Johanna had had 7 children with 6 living. Lucinda and Nora were still with them, as well as two other sons Willis A., born 1882, and Nikademas, born 1885.

In the Pleasant Grove Cemetery, we found the tombstone of Joe Hannah K. Goodson (6/14/1849-6/6/1922) wife of L.W. (2/3/1849-6/1928). There is a Masonic emblem on this marker. While we didn't find L. W. Goodson specifically in the 1870 census of Owen Township, there were at least three other families of that name who came to Arkansas from North Carolina and Georgia.

Nikolas Berg (21) had also married in 1867 to Eliza Draper (19).[6] In 1870 they were living some six households from Mary and Johanna.

A Francis Berg, male (8), was listed with them. It is doubtful that this was their son as they had only been married three years. Because of his age, it's possible he was a sibling of the Bergs born after the 1860 census, although we have run across no further information on him.

By 1880 Niekilas (35) and Elizer (35) had living with them Josephine Walker (17), a servant, Mary Sterling (4), Sarah Evans (5/12), and James Evans (25). From other information it seems evident that this James Evans was a brother of Isaac N. Evans and James Benjamin Evans. What is puzzling and unexplainable at this point, is why the baby Sarah Evans would be listed as a granddaughter of the Bergs.

By 1900 Nicholas and Eliza Burgh (sic) were living in Big Rock Township, Little Rock, at 912 West Seventh Street. We were unable to locate that exact address in 1995, just the vicinity. A Clarence Kirkpatrick (4), grandson, was with them along with four boarders, Henry Rogers, Samuel Wells, Robert Harding and John Smith. They had had two children and none were living. We have found no record of the intervening years between 1880 and 1900 to document their children. They were buried at Mount Holly Cemetery, Pulaski Co., Arkansas. Nicholas Berg, born February 17, 1849 died July 27, 1903. Eliza Berg died March 1, 1924, aged 85 years.

The two other siblings were also married before 1880. Julia Berg (written July Burck) and I. (written A.) N. Evans married on July 13, 1871. Witnesses to this marriage were M. Wallis and Mary Steward. The Justice of the Peace was F. J. Markland. [7] In the 1880 census of Owen Township, Isaac (27) whose parents were from Tennessee and Julia (17) whose parents, as mentioned above, were from Russia and Germany, were listed with two children, Julia A. (8) and Thomas J. (2). Julia and Isaac had moved to Hempstead Co., Arkansas before 1890 and by 1900 they were divorced. Julia was found in 1900 in Little

River Co., Arkansas, with sons George I. (18) and Pete (10) both born in Arkansas. Their daughter Julia A. married Will Blake after the family went to Hempstead Co. Of the other children nothing is known so far.

Christian F. Berg (21) married E.J. Dunn (20) in 1876.[8] In the 1880 census they were living some 12 households from sister Julia and husband Isaac. Christian (24) and Eliza J. (23) had two children, John A. (2) and Lillia (1). Eliza, born in Georgia, was listed in 1870 in Owen Township with the J. W. Dunn family. In the 1900 census Christian and Eliza were found still living in Owen Township, their two children J. A. (23) and Lillian (21) still living with them. Christian Berg, born March 16, 185, died November 12, 1923, is buried at Mount Holly Cemetery also.

While we were visiting the Owen Township area and asking about the Evans and Bergs, we heard several times about the Berg Bakery. The people we talked to seemed to associate it with the Bergs of that area, however, we have no facts to substantiate the assumption.

This compilation is the extent of what we have in our notes about Julia Berg's family. As it was not our intent to research the Bergs in depth, there is undoubtedly readily available, much more information in the later censuses of Pulaski Co. Hopefully, something here will be helpful to others interested in this family. This research was done by Edith Kniffin, Magdolene Collums and June Hamlow.

End Notes

1. Pulaski Co., Arkansas, land records on file at the Arkansas History Commission.
2. Deed Records of Pulaski Co., Arkansas, Page 514 Mary Meyer et al to William C. Osborn.
3. Marriage records of Pulaski Co., Arkansas. B-48

4. The entry lists John G. 37, Anna M. 30, Maria L. 5, Annette 1, and interestingly, a T. 81. As we don't have quick access to the original census record, it has not been possible to check the accuracy of the typed record. But, could it possibly be that an elder Berg was also in the household?

5. Marriage records of Pulaski Co., Arkansas. B2-150.
6. Ibid., B0299
7. Ibid, B3-281
8. Ibid, B-530

This is Arkansas

DANCING DOLL PUPPETS WERE ORIGINALLY CRAFTED BY OZARK PIONEERS WHO BELIEVED DANCING WAS SACRILEGIOUS!

by CRIS SILVIE

NINETY-SEVEN GRIST MILLS WERE OPERATING IN ARKANSAS IN 1860, MAKING MEAL AND FLOUR SECOND ONLY TO LUMBER IN MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS.

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Cogbill Wish Cogbill to correspond with desc. of :Phebe Cogbill, b. VA c1800, res. GA 1827, AL 840, Drew Co, AR, 1850. Nine ch: Elkemsa m. Elijah Rogers 1856, res. Drew/Jefferson; Lucy m. Tomas Holloway AL, res. Drew 1850; Franklin m. Isabella Williams in MS, res. Sevier, 1850; Ervin m. Frances Johnson, d. Pulaski 1882; William m. Hily Bradshaw, res. Jefferson, 1860.
Carolyn Cogbill, 7634 Suva St., Downey, CA 90240-3104

Cornelius Searching for desc. of Jeptha/Jepthan Cornelius, d. Lawrence Co., AR 1818, 9 known heirs. And in Clark Co., arriving 1820-28, John, Claiborne, Henry and his ½ brother Nicholas Keith, widow Mary,

Jeptha, William, Reuben R., Jester/Jess, Kezzia m. James W. Snow. Group lived MO 1807-17-where? Shirley Pace Graham, 11211 Carstairs Dr., Houston, TX 77070-1305

James, Thomas C., b. Mar 4 1857, MS, m. Nannie M. Turner Joyner at Des Arc, AR. Was he son of Samuel B., a wagon maker, b. 1814? He was in Beebe, WhiteCo., 1880 with 2 ch.: Ben F., b. 1859 MS, and L.V. (dau.) b. 1862, MS? Coy R. Benton, Box 1472, Searcy, AR 72145

Younger, Lay Want documentation of relationship of Thomas Younger to Alexander Younger who served in Co. F, 46th Reg. Missouri Inf., and information on their participation in Arkansas Peace Society in 1861 while living in Marion Co. Also want documentation of medical education of Shelby Lay of Marion Co. 1852-1918. Ann Doolen, 38888 E. Cr. 800 N, Mason City, IL 62664

Wiley Cemetery Want to contact persons in area of Appleton, AR, regarding Wiley Cemetery, as well as those related to Jackson Wiley, father of Julie Ann Wiley Mullican or her husband John Wesley Mullican. Mrs. Carroll Anderson, 3803 - 69, Lubbock, TX 79413-6020

McLendon Want to contact anyone with info on John Dennis McLendon who m. Winifred Green/Greer; date/place unknown? And Jessi : Irwin McLendon b. 25 Dec 1803, Nashville, TN, d. 6 May 1886 Benton Co., AR, m. Louisa Baggs, b. 29 Jan 1835 Montgomery Co., AR, d. 25 Sep 1907 Stonewall Co., TX.; Dennis Jefferson McLendon, b. 27 Aug 1878 Benton Co., AR near Springtown, d. 19 Jul 1944, Albuquerque, Bernallio Co., NM, m. Ocie Hunt, b. 31 Aug 1885 San Saba Co., TX, d. 10 Jan 1961, Mojave, Kern Co., CA.
Berhl J. McLendon, 8524 Calais Cir., Sacramento, CA 95828-4612

Bass Seek parents of George W. Bass, b. Feb 10 1852, TN, m. Frances Dunn, Jan. 28, 1884, Hamilton Twp., Lonoke Co., AR; and his sister Caroline, b. 1855 TN, m. Christopher Columbus Stevens Dec 15, 1990, Lonoke Co., AR. **Dorothy Keys, 1801 Winne Ave., Helena, MT 59601**

Frisby Did Abraham Frisby buy or sell land in NC during Revolution? Living in Salisbury Dist., Rowan Co., in 1790 census. Son Samuel d. in MS; grandson John in 1840 census Union Parish, LA; John's son, Josiah, m Charlotte Howard 1848, Union Co., AR. Josiah d. 1899 Nevada Co., AR, bur. Piney Grove Cemetery; Charlotte bur. Bluff City Cemetery. **Mrs. James H. Stevenson, 2816 Maryland Dr., Jonesboro, AR 72401-7142**

Pearson, Mathews, Petty, Matlock, Medlock, Brehm, Meckhart, Rusert, Waschow, McGill, Knoernschild, Shelton, Patrick, Carey, Rogers, Standridge Seek info on these families in AR. **Carolyn Pearson Franklin, 2531 Wood Opal Way, Oxnard, CA 93030**

Holiman, William W., son of Dr. James G., and first wife, Catherine C. Cook, m. Jan 24, 1874 Hot Spring Co., AR and had issue. Want to correspond with any descendant(s). **Norman E. Holiman, 35 Green Brier Rd., Narragansett, RI 02882-5207**

Huddleston, McGuire, Sullivan, Pollock, Deadwiley, Clem Brown, John A. Brown, Weaver Will exchange info on these lines in Hot Spring, Garland Cos. 1860-1910. **Laura Strickland, P. O. Box 696, Earp, CA 92242**

Clay, Sutton, Hulsey, Raines, Sexton, Hempstead Co. 1850; Horn, Cantrell, Blocker, Morphew and kin of Elizabeth N. **Tucker Horn Pike Co., 1850.** Would like info on these. **Dorothy Horn Brevard, 7974 Hillsboro Ct., Pleasanton, CA 94588-3618**

Higgs Seek info on Hasting P. D. Higgs, wife Nancy, and descendants, in Mississippi Co., AR 1850-1900. **Margaret F. Wilton, 1401 James Ct., Libertyville, IL 60048-5220**

Leonard, Jesse W., b. 1837 GA, on 1870 census Harrisburg, Poinsett Co.; household had Mary, 1844 TN-1873-6; Thomas William, b. 1854 AR; Theodocia, b. 1858 AR; Mary, b. Dec 1859 AR. Child Jesse b. 1873 TN, shows up in 1880 census with Jesse W. and wife Nancy Frances (Fanny) Carwile/Carywile/Caldwell, m. 14 Aug 1877 Memphis, TN, along with Price, b. 1878 TN, and Molly, b. March 1880 TN. Jesse W. not in 1900 census with second wife in Bullard Twp., Prairie Co. Descendants say Jesse abandoned Fanny and children. Does this Jesse W. fit in the family tree of anyone else? **Delores Jackson Lay, 1005 Canterbury Ct., Davenport, IA 52806-4321**

Prince, Francis Marion, Strawberry Twp., Lawrence Co. Need cause of death 1863-65. Probably not CSA; discharged Little Rock 1863. **Paul Prince, P. O. Box 5481, Beaumont, TX 77726**

Hogan, Anglin, White, Harris Want to exchange with those researching these lines in Marion and Baxter Counties. **Barbara Whisenant, 18 Autumn Oaks Dr., Austin, TX 78738-1409**

Ridgeway Searching for Samuel Ridgeway, b. c1810 VA, m. Rebecca ?, settled Van Buren Co. c1840. What was Rebecca's last name? When/where did they die? **Elaine Rice, 505 East 220th St., Belton, MO 64012-9272**

Starnes Seek info on George Klinton Starnes and Texana Harrington Starnes, parents of Georgia Octavia Bertie Riley (9 Apr 86 - 2 Apr 45). Family story is that Texana was first baby born at new hospital in Texarkana. **Margie Baggett Landon, 4 Leewood Dr., Humboldt, TN 38343**

Epps Need maiden name of Asanith, first wife of Joel Stimpson Epps, b. c1817, probably NC, possibly AR. Joel, maybe with Asanith, moved to Russellville, Pope Co. between 1850-60 census; served in Co. B, 15th AR Militia; as private in Civil War. **Jess Stimpson Epps, Jr., P. O. Box 476, Seabrook, TX 77586**

Greer, William, served in Civil War, spoke with Irish brogue, d. c1875 Gibson Co., TN, m. Margaret Catherine "Peggy" Adams 22 Jan 1863 Wilson Co., TN. Ch.: Moseller, Polly, Bud, Sallie, John A., George T. Need any info on parents. **Gene Cole, 1902 S. Cleveland, Russellville, AR 72801**

Bishop, Catherine, b. 22 May 1817, GA, d. 6 Feb. 1884, Sevier/Little River Co., bur. Oak Hill, AR; 2nd wife of Patterson, Tilman E. **Andrew**, b. 26 Dec 1806, Wilson Co., TN; mother of James J., Sarah A., Abner C., Margaret M., Evan S. and Alexander P. Patterson. Believed to be related to Lesters, Johnsons and Freemans of L. R. Co.. Need info on her parents/siblings. **Juanita Bitton, P. O. Box 115, Swan Valley, ID 83449**

Higgins, Burns/Blackstock Need info on John Burt Higgins, b. 1850 AR, to Wm. and Mrs. Eliza (Buckler) Higgins, m. Margaret Burns 1/18/1870, Sevier Co. John B. Higgins d. between 1873-79, Sevier Co, AR, div. 1880. **Margie Butler, P. O. Box 103, Checotah, Ok 74426-0103**

Garrett Seek info on Garrett family who had daughter Margaret, b. 1838 AR/AL. **Pauline Kourvalas, P. O. Box 6604, San Jose, Ca 95150**

Colbaugh Seek info and correspondence on John and Celia Taylor Colbaugh, b. c1813 TN. Ch.: Delia C., Henry A., William F., Mary Jane, John J., Zacariah Taylor, Sarah Johnson, Samuel Morgan and Azariah William. Lived TN to 1847, Madison Co., AR through 1870. **Dana D. Gard, 103 N. 9th, Thermopolis, WY 82443**

Davis, Parker Elenor Davis, dau. of Henry William Davis and Elizabeth McIntire, b. 1847, Maury Co., TN; also shown as Ellen R. H. and Ellender H. She m. Charles Parker and went to AR. Where? Need any info. **Joan Vickers, 110 Pine Meadows Loop, Hot Springs, AR 71901**

Rushing Seek info on William (Bill) Rushing, b. Feb 3 1850, AR, d. 2-28-1916 Franklin Co., TX; wife unknown; dau. Lillie

E., b. 9-21-1878. Wife 2) Martha Mahie Leggett, b. 11-13-1854, d. 1-8-1908, Franklin Co., TX. Ch.: Ada Daisey, Retha, Winnie, Therish Emmer, Thomas Manuel, b. AR. **Roberta Bradley, 9912 Pilot Point, Fort Worth, TX 76108**

Sanders, Elisha, veteran War of 1812, Capt. Otto Cantrell's Co. Tenn. Militia, Rutherford Co., m. Zilla Dickinson, March 26, 1818; were in TN until 1839, came to Hempstead Co. Elisha d. Aug. 8, 1876, was 78 years of age. Need info on Zilla's family. **Winfred H. Tollett, 101 South 7th, Nashville, AR 71852-2327**

Connell, Benjamin Franklin, his brothers Alexander Monroe and Julius C. Alford, moved with their families from GA to Faulkner Co., AR late 1850s. Ben's wife Elizabeth (Betty) was in Pearson, Cleburne Co., in 1902. Who were her parents and when did she die? **Virginia Potter, 909 Diamond Bluff Rd., Quitman, AR 72131-8643**

Gailey, Lucinda, b. 1810, Hall Co., GA, m. Mastin Petty Poole 20 July 1826 Hall Co., GA; came first to Franklin Co. then moved to Washington Co. where Lucinda probably d. c1867-68. Seek info on presumed father James Gailey/Gayley and grandfather Joseph Gaily/Gayley, pioneers of Hall Co., GA. **Dr. Kenyon B. DeGreene, 4346 Cahaumont Rd., Woodland Hills, CA 91364**

Campbell Still seek info on Robert Armstrong Campbell, b. Bethlehem, PA, Oct. 185; parents were John and Elizabeth Simmons; had sisters Margaret and Eliza and Brother John. **Robert A. Campbell, Jr., 4 Caylor Ln., Little Rock, AR 72209-8108**

Broderrick, Lester, Cloude, Price, Luther, Hattie Pipkins, Dixon Seek info on these lines in AR. **Shirley Ann Cloude, 27269 Echo Canyon Ct., Corona, CA 91719**

McCann, Phillips, Garrison, Gammel Need info on these families in Calhoun and Drew Counties 1840 to present; also on Ashbrook, Calaway Lingo lines in Calhoun, Pike and

SW counties 1820 to present. Ashbrooks mostly around Glenwood, Pike Co. **A. Hyatt McCann, 3137 Monte Vista, Torrington, WY 82240-1754**

Noble Looking for desc. of Nicholas Noble, b. 6 Oct 1851 Greene Co., MO, son of Leroy, Jr., m. (1) Sarah Trantham Noble Greene Co., MO, and 2) 1854 Catherine Trantham, sister of Sarah who d. soon after Nicholas was born. Catherine raised Nicholas as her own with her four daughters. Nicholas m. 1) Hattie Roberts 13 Aug 1871, believe had issue; div. And m. 2) Francis A. Jameson 16 Jan 1876 AR; she was dau. of William E. and Rebecca Brown Jameson. Had issue. **LaVena L. Wilson, P. O. Box 684, Camp Verde, AZ 86322-0684**

Adams, Lewis Interested in exchanging info on Miles Adams, b. 1801 VA, d. 1885 Jacksonville, AR, and his wife, Hepsy Lewis, b. 1809 SC, d. 1862; lived near Jacksonville 1850. Ch.: Jefferson R., Martha, Cary G., Miles W., Mart W., John W., David C., James J. L., Thomas Mec, and Annie. **Robert E. Robertson, 3276 Hiwan Dr., Evergreen, CO 80439-8926**

Baker family connection of Adaline Sarah Baker, b. Dec 1845 (Jackson Co.?) IL, m. Cornelius H. Henson 1865 IL/AR, bur. Wickersham Cem. Marion Co. after 1910. Family spoke of Uncle Alex Baker (Boone? Marion? Baxter? Cos. Charline Rambaud, 5607 Glenhaven Cir., Westlake Village, CA 91362

Whittaker Want to corresp. with others researching this line from Lawrence Co., AR. Susan Whittaker Manning (1869-1918), Thomas Whittaker (1843-1906) and Talamucus Whittaker (1820-1882) probably came from MO/KY in 1840s. **Vickie Carmichael, P. O. Box 8344, Kodiak, AK 99615**

Hodge Have family County Kent, England, to AR. Did Elisha arrive in Canada c1866 and work Chicago c1870s? He m. 1875 AR, Nancy Elizabeth Brown, dau. of Jacob and

Lavinia (Bruce) Brown of SC. When and where did Jacob marry? Need info and will exchange. **Josephine Fitzhenry Hodge, 18218 Barbuda Ln., Nassau Bay, TX 77058**

Laughran/Loughran, John Need info on him and/or his family. Have crumbling document showing his appointment as Mayor of Hot Springs by Governor James P. Eagle, 13 April 1891; his oath of office is on back, signed by him. **Mrs. Ruth J. King, 20683 Waalew Rd., Sp. 97, Apple Valley, CA 92307**

Lee Seek info on Hellen Ophelia Lee, b. 1837 SC; father owned Leees Landing, Lafayette Co., AR, m. George Washington Cheatham; they lived/died in Walnut Hills, Lafayette Co., AR. **Willowese C. Grenier, 2316 44th Ave., Vero Beach, FL 32966-2043**

Wise, Mary Martha Alice m. William L. Johnson 25 Jul 1875 in Union Co., AR. Need info on her parents. **Bettye Sutton, 3211 Redwood Lodge Dr., Kingwood, TX 77339**

Burleson, Laster, Graves, Denson, Self, Crawford, Fisher, Wright Need all links to these families especially in areas of Carroll and Prairie Counties. **Paula Denson, 62 Sunny Ln., Ponca City, OK 74601;**

Speer, Blunt, Matthewson, Hodge, Cox Researching these lines in Cross and St. Francis Counties in AR. **Donna H. O'Neal, 2328 Lizard Lick Rd., Zebulon, NC 27597-8624**

Owens Need death date/burial location for Sarah Ann Owens who d. some time after 1920, probably Nevada or Hempstead Counties. Descendants in both counties. **John D. Hayes, 6024 San Dimas Ave., Camarillo, CA 93012**

Harness Need help identifying John and William Harness on 1900 census in Anson Co., NC. Want to contact those researching these lines. **Sunny Harness, 850 Williams St., No. 206, Simi Valley, CA 93065**

Miller Seek full name, parents, vital info on Mr. Miller, who m. Mahulda Varnell c1840;

lived near Rison 1840s; parents of Sarah Caroline Miller Ledbetter. He d. before 1847; was from AL/GA, possibly son of Ezekiel Miller of same and later southern Jefferson Co. **Glenn Mosenthin, 11901 Pleasant Ridge Rd. No. 522, Little Rock, AR 72212**

Smith Interested in a group of Smiths (Clement), b. c1803; was in Arkansas 1840s; may have participated in Texas Revolution 1835; on Tennessee census, Fayette County, 1820; George Washington Smith may be his cousin; family originated in NC. **Karen G. Stanley, RR 2 Box 293 K, Texarkana, TX 75501**

Campbell, Samuel Richard, lived with parents in Boone County when he m. 1888-95 Elsie Clementine Forest in Lutie, Missouri. Seek Samuel Richard's parents, siblings and forebearers. **George Collins, 2925 L. A. Cann Dr., Ponca City, OK 74604**

Evans, Mullen, m. Sarah ___; enumerated 1850 Fayette Co., TN, census and 1850 White County, AR. Children listed 1860: Frances, Isaac, Jesse, G. M., William. Another son, James Benjamin, b. 1866 White Co. Where were they after 1866? **Edith M. Kniffin, HC 72, Box 365, Mountain View, AR 72560**

Morton, Wheelus/Wheelous/Wheelis, John Wilburn Need info on this Scott County preacher 1878-1920s, b. 1857, d. 1928. Charles Abraham Morton, son of Dr. T. M. and Susan Alma Booth Morton, m. Sallie E. Davis, lived in El Paso, AR. Also searching Bridges, Chambless, Jones, Brown, Dulane, Richardson. **Marty A. Garrett, Jr., P. O. Box 17694, Honolulu, HI 96817**

Goodman Want to locate information on Jesse Goodman who m. Margaret Couch; son Edward Charles, b. 1864, m. Elizabeth Hayes, b. 1876; this line has been difficult. **Jo Anne Cole, 3 Hummingbird Rd., Covington, LA 70453**

Briar Creek Where is this creek? Was it in Sevier County or another county? Elna

Haga, 983 Venus Way, Livermore, CA 94550-6345. E-mail: Enokh@aol.com

West Need info on Abraham West who m. Mary Wilson, and Jessie Dee West who m. Sallie Tom Martin **Loyce L. Bell, HC 63, Box 77, Red Oak, OK 74563**

Terry, Wm., b. 1735, d. 1814, Bedford Co., VA, m. Susan Turner, b. 1739; had 10 children. Son John Self, b. 1760-70 KY, d. 1837-40 Hot Spring Co., AR; m. Francis Gaddie, b. aft. 1779 Bedford Co., VA, d. 1840 Hot Spring Co., AR, dau of Wm. and Sarah Bryant Gaddy. George S. Terry, b. 1805 VA, is son of John Self Terry; he m. Polly ___, d. 1840 AR; had 4 children. **Demarys Weems Mitchell, 596 NM 467, Portales, NM 88130**

Mathews, Archer Seek info on Andrew C. Mathews and Caroline Peel Mathews. childrens names, etc. Family born in GA, located in Carthage area of Dallas Co. Also need info on Archer line. **Bonnie Archer Lusk, 26 Lakeshore Dr., Little Rock, AR 72204**

White Want info on Hendricks White, b. 1783 NC, m. Peggy Newton 1806, Knox Co., KY; also James Blackstone White, b. 1818 KY, m. Sabra Ann Skinner Corbett 1859, AR. Lived Clark Co. James moved to Limestone Co., TX c1860. **Mrs. Virginia White Guyton, 902 Burleson, Smithville, TX 78957-1024**

Hildreth, Knous, Green, Cash Martin Lafayette Hildreth, native of Magnolia, moved to Hot Springs 1874, m. Hattie Francis Knous in 1889. Union Travis Green, b. 1888 NC, m. Addie Cash of DeRoche, AR, lived in Duffie, Montgomery Co. Need info on these lines. **Mrs. Allen Hildreth, 325 Arrowhead Dr., Hot Springs, AR 71913**

McClure, John Thomas, b. 2 Feb 1862 Hickman, KY, and Dona P. Bunch; in AR 1897, 98 or 99/ Ch.: Climmie, Herman, Stella, Helen, Dec. Twin boy and girl, Bo, Virgil, Lodie, Earl, Lester, Alford Alfred) and Earvin. He d. 1946-7 St. Louis, MO; was a

rough rider and ran with Frank and Jesse James. **Kathi Whittamore, P. O. Box 751, North Little Rock, AR 72115**

Hubbard Seek info on William Shelton Hubbard family who located in the Cato (Frenchman's Mountain) area of Pulaski—Faulkner Cos in the 1850s; wife was Caroline A. (Walker); buried in unmarked graves in the Frenchman's Mountain (Methodist cemetery) in Cato. **Jack L. Hubbard, 2899 Hubbard Rd., Benton, AR 72015**

Jones Where is Branch Jones buried? He resided St. Francis Co., AR, and d. c1851. 2nd wife was Nancy Harrison Jones. **Hartzell O. Stephens, 3318 Rosewood Dr., Temple, TX 76502-1331**

Fuller, McConnell, Wilson, Limbocker Seek info on Fuller, Alias Burnett, Howard Alphus (Alfred) and Gertrude (Gertie) Elvira Wilson Fuller may be members of Baptist Church, Waldron; she may be bur at Lamb Cemetery. **Linda Louise Smith, 315 Dick Smith Rd., Fortuna, CA 95540**

Allen Would like info on Dewey M. or Mack Allen, b. c1840 AL, lived Conway Co., AR c1877 until death in 1918; m. a S. F. Yarborough in Conway Co. Dec. 27, 1877. Ch.: Willie, Francis A., Ada or Martha, Charles, Walter and McKie. **Mary L. Brown, RR 2 Box 125G1, Sheridan, AR 72150-9680**

Battle of Jenkins Ferry Seek info on this battle as a great grandfather was member of 34th Arkansas Infantry, Col. Brooks Regiment; fought there and was badly wounded. **Sally A. Brown, 1001 S. Severgn Dr., Exton, PA 19341-1571**

Mulvaney, Mary Ann McElhaney, b. 6 Nov 1869 Bucks Mountain, Summit Hill, PA, had brothers Peter and Ted McElhaney. Peter d. Neely, AR. Date? County? Ted McElhaney d. Vicksburg, MS. Date? Parentes were Albert Patrick McElhaney and Sarah Breslin, b. 1832, d. 1902, Greenville, MS; any info on her. **Joan Mulvaney Johnson, 64 Wedgefield Dr., Asheville, NC 28806**

Kinne Looking for Homer Leroy Kinne, b. AR, possibly near OK border, early 1900s; had Cherokee blood. **Linda K. Kinne, HCR 73, Box 146, Dogpatch, AR 72648**

Chancellor, Trickett Need info on following in Chismville, Logan Co., AR 1860: Death of John Cooper Chancellor, age 60; death of Elizabeth Trickett, age 55; and marriage/death of Sarah J. Trickett, age 18. **Paul V. Dwinelle, 112 Bandelier Ave., Los Alamos, NM 87544**

Clark Seek info on Jonathan Clark and wife Lucretia Gilbreath Clark (b. 3 Feb 1811, IL, d. 17 Jul 1853, Johnson Co., AR) was granted a divorce by Arkansas Legislature 16 Oct 1835 after submitting several petitions. Known ch.: 1) Rache, b. 16 Oct 1839, AR, d. c1918 OK, and 2) Ruth, b. c1834 AR. **Patricia A. Rowbotham, RR 1, Box 2204, Lamar, AR 72846-9706**

Walls, Thomas, b. c1800 IN?, d. Independence Co., AR; m. 5 Oct 1820 Cape Girardeau Co., MO, Frances Lambert, b. c1800 KY/NC; son Joseph, b. c1823 Arkansas Co., AR, m. 23 Dec 1842, Susan Tamson Harrison, dau of John Harrison, b. 1795 NC??? Seek any info on Walls, Lambert or Harrison families. **Bill Jobe, 3804 Carpenter Ave., Studio City, CA 91604**

Reaves Need info on Jesse Reaves of Saline Co., came to AR after 1830 via AL; son Thomas William settled in Jefferson Co. after 1850. Thomas killed 1862 in Civil War; son James B. and siblings were forced to move to TX as a child after widowed mother m. another man. **Elaine Eakes, 3 Majestic Ln., Merrimack, NJ 03054**

McAlister, John, fought in Mexican War, d. 1853 TX; wife Sarah (Akin) of KY?, d. c1846 TN; lived Van Buren Co.; ch.: Jim, Doc and Nancy. **J. A. McAlister, 1458 AR Hwy 31 S, Lonoke, AR 72086**

Book Reviews and Notices

Bobbie Jones McLane, Russell P. Baker, Jan Eddleman, Margaret Ross

Obituaries of Washington County, Arkansas, Volume Two, 1893-1902, compiled by Barbara P. Easley, Edited by Barbara P. Easley and Verla P. McAnelly. Order from Heritage Books, Inc., 1540-E Pointer Ridge Pl., Suite 300, Bowie, MD 10716. [1996]. This compilation of obituaries was abstracted from microfilm of the newspapers of Washington County, Arkansas. Chapters are identified by calendar years and within each year, the obituaries are alphabetically arranged by deceased's name. Maiden names are included when known. Information for the obituaries and articles was supplied by verbal reports from visitors to the newspapers; letters from community correspondents; obituaries from family friends or church pastors, probate records; eulogies or memorials; and reports in other newspaper. Many entries contain information pertaining to neighboring Arkansas counties of Benton and Madison, as well as the Indian Territory (Oklahoma). An every name index is included. 509 pp., softcover, \$38.00 #E086, plus \$4.00 s/h. Visa/Master Card/Checks/Money Orders are accepted. (BJM)

The Diffie Family in America, compiled and prepared by Thomas Earl Diffie, 3168 Dolly Ridge Drive, Birmingham, AL 35243, \$60.00. This 6x9 hardbound book contains 416 pages concerning many families with the surnames Diffie, Diffey, Diffie and Diffy. Family data begins with William Diffie, born ca. 1732 in NC, sons William ca 1754, Moses ca 1756 and John ca 1764, continuing through present generations as they migrated to SC, GA, AL, TN, MS, AR, LA, TX, OK and other states. Records from libraries and courthouses in these states are included in the book, along with family data provided by

many relatives. Order from the compiler at the above address. (BJM)

The Family of Goodin Deaton (1814-1902) With Collateral Lines of Tilmon Howell, by Bobbie Jones McLane. Arkansas Ancestors, 222 McMahan Dr., Hot Springs, AR 71913-6243, 353 pages, illustrated, hard bound, \$35.00, plus \$3.00 postage/handling (Arkansas residents add 6.5% tax). This superb book by one of Arkansas' leading genealogists traces the Deaton family through 10 generations, plus one more whose extant records fall short of establishing the connecting link. This man was Thomas Deaton (c1712-c1763) of England, VA and NC. By 1768, Thomas Deaton, Jr. was of record in the part of Anson County that later became Montgomery County, NC, where his great grandson, Goodin Deaton, was born in 1814. Goodin married Lucinda Jackson in Hardeman County, TN, in 1834, and moved to Clark County, AR, in 1849. His second wife was Amanda E. Malcolm Williams. Four of his 20 children married four of Tilmon Howell's 16 children, so two generations of Howell's descendants are covered, but ancestry in the Howell line is not. The tabular format allows an orderly, concise presentation of the "begats", but this is no bare-bones genealogy. There are numerous brief biographies as well as maps, photographs, reproduced manuscript documents, etc. It is well written and fully documented. [MR]

The Source: A guidebook of American Genealogy, Revised Edition, edited by Loretto Dennis Szucs and Sandra Hargreaves Leubking, Ancestry, P. O. Box 476, Salt Lake City, UT 84110, softbound, 846 pages, \$59.95 + \$4.00 shipping. Experienced genealogists need no introduction to this monumental work. Its first edition in 1984, edited by Arlene Eakle and Johni Cerny, was widely acclaimed as the ultimate genealogical manual. Its mission was to identify, describe,

and locate the principal categories of primary source materials of the serious genealogist and explain how they could be useful to the researcher. This was accomplished so well that this book was regarded as an indispensable tool for family historians. There have been many changes since 1984 in such areas as records opened for public use, electronic access, new publications for the extensive bibliographies, and others. The publishers wisely decided to treat this book like other major standard references, such as encyclopedias and dictionaries, and update the earlier edition, building on the established foundation. They drew upon the expertise of a battery of recognized authorities in the field, including AGS Board member Desmond Walls Allen. The value of the book to the individual researcher does not depend on his level of experience, and it will be permanently used by novices and veterans alike. [MR]

Index of Death Notices and Obituaries Appearing in the Arkansas Gazette 1929 compiled by Oscar G. Russell; 407 pages; spiral soft bound (\$45) or hard bound (\$60); Russell Publishing Company, 506 Loop Road, North Little Rock, AR 72120. This is the final volume of ten books which cover the entire decade of death notices and obituaries from the existing issues of the *Arkansas Gazette*. Actually, the volume consists of three indices—an alphabetical every name index, an index by Arkansas locations and an index by other geographic locations. The alphabetical index includes a lot of data, but the reader must guess as to what the information is. For example, a typical entry reads, "Guinn, J. C.; Hays Chapel; AR: 75; June 09; 10; 4." There are no column headings, but by looking at the microfilm this reviewer was able to figure out that the entry referred to name; place of death; age, date of newspaper; page and column numbers. There is a bit of history of the year in the front of the book, an explanation of the terms and abbreviations used and a calendar of 1929. This is a much needed index, and, with the addition of column headings, well done. [JBE]

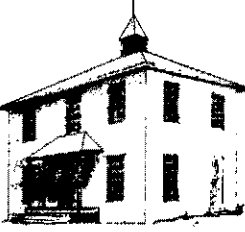
Boots for Kids: A Genealogy Guide for Young People by Susan Provost Beller; 128 pages; illustrations; bibliography; index; \$16.95 plus \$3.50 postage and handling; Genealogical Publishing Company, Inc., 1001 Calvert, Baltimore, Maryland 21202-3897. If you are an elementary or social studies teacher or anyone else who wants to teach young people about genealogy, run to your post office with your order for this book. It has all you need to know about teaching family history to "kids" or anyone else. There are examples of records, ideas for field trips, blank forms and very cute illustrations—every thing you need to develop great lessons. If you are a parent who wishes to interest your child in genealogy, it is helpful that the book is written on a level that would be easily understandable by an upper elementary student. Yet, it is done in a style that would not be "babyish" to an older student. In fact, after reviewing **Boots for Kids**, I have ordered one for the kid in me. [JBE]

Your Scottish Ancestry: A Guide for North Americans by Sherry Irvine; 253 pages, soft bound; appendices; bibliography; index; illustrations; maps; no price given; published by Ancestry, PO Box 476, Salt Lake City, UT 84110. This appears to be a well researched source book for those delving into Scottish ancestry. It is divided into generations into chapters dealing with various types of Scottish records. Also included are chapters on basic genealogical methodology, lists of addresses for records depositories and problem-solving techniques. Among its strong points are a comprehensive bibliography and chapter by chapter reference materials lists. The book is one with which even a genealogical novice could begin to do Scottish research. [JBE]

A Guide to Naturalization Records of the United States by Christina K. Schaefer; 394 pages, hard bound; illustrations; photographs; table of contents; \$25.00 plus \$3.50 postage and handling; Genealogical Publishing Company, Inc., 1001 North Calvert,


Baltimore, Maryland 21202-3897. This book is a very good guide to the naturalization records of each state of the Union, as well as the U. S. territories and possessions and Native American citizenship. Examples of naturalization papers are shown and the naturalization process and its history are given in a concise form. A glossary of naturalization terms would be helpful to those

not familiar with the process. There is also a list of all the National Archives branches. While the information in the book is good, this reviewer wished for an index and a more complete listing of the Federal naturalization records. [JBE]




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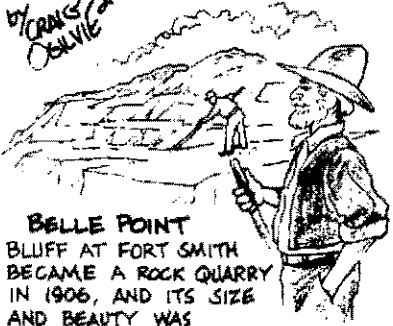
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