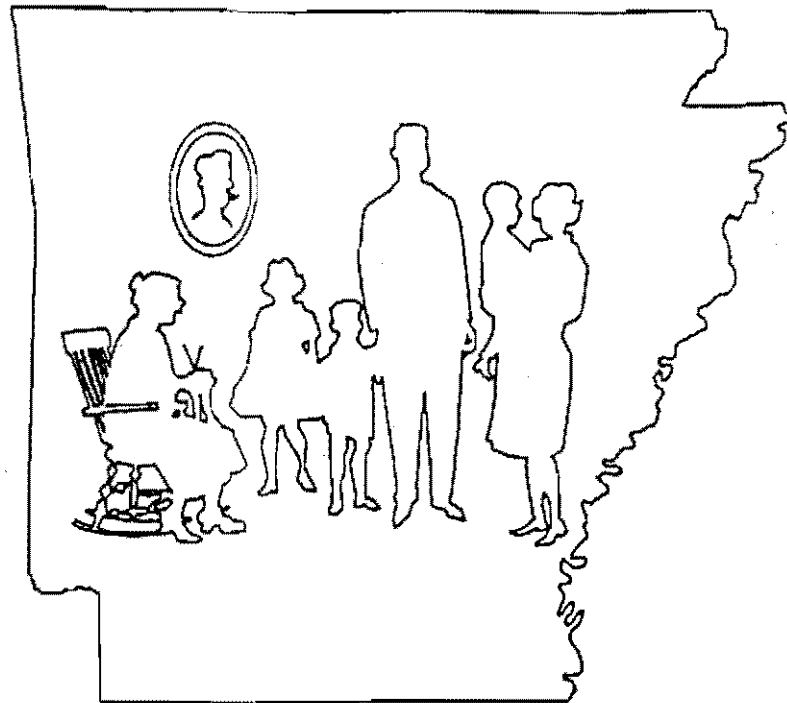


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Membership is by calendar year and may be entered at any time of the year. (Late subscribers will receive the year's back issues of the *Arkansas Family Historian*.) Individual membership is currently \$20.00 per year).

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

Book Reviews

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

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President's Page

In a recent "Sally Forth" cartoon from the *Arkansas Democrat Gazette*, Sally and Ted were discussing a family tree his dad had sent. Ted commented that it linked him firmly to the past but Sally observed that it also linked them firmly to the future.

As our family history has a past and a future, so does a genealogical society. It has been my honor to serve for the past two years as president of the Arkansas Genealogical Society. Thank you for electing me to this position. Having been a life member for 21 years and on the Board of Directors for nearly 20 years, I have had the opportunity to get to know many fine people who have served on the Board through the years. These 22 board members are the ones who do the work that keeps your society one of the finest in the nation. They represent cities, towns and counties from all over the state. When you see them at the Fall Seminar on October 20 & 21, 2000, thank them for their work.

Our quarterly editor, Marge Hubbard, has done an outstanding job this year in producing some of the best *Arkansas Family Historians* ever. When thanked for doing such a fine job, she said that the membership and the board had sent her a lot of great material to use in the quarterly this year. It all comes back to YOU, the member. If you participate by sending material for publication, your family history will be preserved and shared.

Our newsletter editor, Susan Boyle, is eager to publish information about ALL the genealogical societies around the state of Arkansas. It is up to YOU to send information to her about your local society and about special genealogical or historical events in your area.

Our Technology Committee Chair, Jan Davenport encourages you to visit our website at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~args> and to subscribe to the AGS Mailing List at AGS-1-@rootsweb.com and to post information to the Arkansas Genealogical Society Internet Mailing List at

AGS-1@rootsweb.com about your research questions and also about events sponsored by your societies.

The chair of the Certificates of Arkansas Ancestry Committee, Jan Eddleman, reports that applications continue to come in which she indexes and then sends to be microfilmed by the Arkansas History Commission where they are preserved and available for research. Do you have YOUR Certificate of Arkansas Ancestry?

All the officers, board members and committee chairs have done outstanding jobs this year. Many thanks to our Treasurer, Bobbie Jones McLane, for the outstanding job she has done. Dorathy Boulden, our dedicated secretary who comes from El Dorado to the Board meetings, deserves a big thanks for recording the business of our meetings. Thanks also to Mary Reid Warner, Vice President, who has worked hard this year and last to bring us outstanding Seminars.

Susan Boyle who chairs the Priors Indexing Project, has not only coordinated the volunteers but also has done data entry, proofing and dealt with a major computer disaster. Thanks, Susan for your dedication and hard work. She is also looking for more volunteers to do data entry.

The Board of Directors is working to serve you, but you have to let us know you are there. Are YOU interested in serving on the Board of Directors? The future of any organization depends on its members, and you need to continue to support the society by becoming a member, encouraging others with Arkansas roots to join AGS, sharing information you have learned about Arkansas ancestors and attending the Fall Seminar and bring a friend with you!

Resources continue to be produced that make our searches easier and easier. Behind each of these wonderful, easy to use products, there are usually a lot of people working quietly and diligently. When describing the land records project (see Notice) to scan the Plat Maps and Field

Survey Notes, one speaker said, "How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time!" This is what AGS is doing with the Priors Indexing Project. We currently have about twelve dedicated people working carefully at indexing a mountain of old birth certificates that will be of great benefit to the genealogical community. Recently a letter was referred to me where someone had written the Health Department requesting an early birth record. They were referred to AGS. Unfortunately, we are not far enough along with the project to even check the index. We experienced a major data loss a couple of months ago when what seems to have been a Y2K virus struck and even our backups were lost. We lost about five months worth of entries. What do you do? You go back and do them over. How do you move a mountain? One shovel full at a time.

Are you thinking of publishing your genealogy materials on a web page on the Internet? You need to take a look at the *Guidelines for Publishing Web Pages On the Internet* recommended by the National Genealogical Society in May 2000. Check this list at their website www.ngsgenealogy.org or in the July/August 2000 issue of the *NGS Newsmagazine* on page 199. NGS feels that publishing information on the Internet is similar to publishing in print and ethical researchers observe the rules of copyright, documentation and citation.

As electronic media has eased the search for our ancestors, we need to keep in mind the golden rule of research: Documentation! Documentation! Documentation! If you find material that gives no documentation, try to document it. If you receive material that is documented, check the original sources to see if it is correctly documented! **Just because it is in print does not make it infallible.** Every time someone abstracts or transcribes a record there is a chance for error. Was their interpretation of the handwriting correct? Did they understand the meaning of the document? Did they record all the important information in the document correctly? Even the clerk who recorded the information originally could make an error. Try to locate more than one document or better yet, all the documents you can, that refer to the event you are documenting.

In your eagerness to fill out all the blanks in your family charts, keep in mind that you want correct and documented information. The citation and analysis guide for all genealogical research is *Evidence! Citation & Analysis for the Family Historian* by Elizabeth Shown Mills. Every genealogist should have this book and learn to use it. Just as the title says, this book helps you learn how to cite sources and how to analyze those sources.

Information found on the Internet, in a book, or passed down in a family story needs to be researched and documented if possible. Make the legacy you are leaving in the research you are doing on your family worthwhile. Do it right! Use the Internet, CD's, books, and family stories as **tools** to locate original records to document the information about your ancestor.

If you haven't registered for the AGS 2000 Fall Seminar, do so now! You don't want to miss this wonderful opportunity to learn new research strategies, shop genealogy vendors, and visit with friends who love genealogy as much as you do!

This is my last time to write as President of AGS. Thank you for allowing me to serve these past two years. It has been an honor that I have enjoyed. I wish you all the very best success with your research.

Lynda Childers Suffridge

P.S.

New Resources!

The brand new AGS Resource Directory will be for sale at the seminar. If you won't be attending the seminar, you can order one today by mail. See the order form in the back of this quarterly.

What miracles the computer age have wrought in genealogical research! Daily we learn of new resources that are available on the Internet or on CD Rom. In August, Charlie Daniels, Commissioner of State Lands, invited representatives from agencies and societies that had an interest in land records to see a demonstration of the CD Rom set produced by the Arkansas State Land Office. As president of AGS, I was invited to attend.

The twelve CD's come boxed and are titled **GLO PLAT MAPS AND FIELD SURVEY NOTES ON CD ROM**. This set contains survey notes and plats begun in 1815 of what would become the state of Arkansas. This was part of land purchased from France in 1803. The original volumes have begun to deteriorate badly. Microfilm copies are available at the Arkansas History Commission. The CD sets will be distributed to all state agencies, all public libraries, county courthouses and universities. Individuals may purchase a set for personal use for \$25.00 from Charlie Daniels, Commissioner of State Lands, 109 State Capitol, Little Rock, AR 72201. Phone is 501-324-9222. E-mail: land@aristotle.net Website: www.state.ar.us/land/land.html

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Old News

Submitted by Jann Woodard to the AGS-List:

Arkansas Gazette, September 12, 1912

Deaths:

Mrs. E. E. Baber at Walnut Ridge
 Mrs. S. S. Burnett at Leslie
 Mrs. Lumas Holliday at Belcher
 Robert Lane near Nashville
 S. G. Spruel near Lewisville
 John Parr near Camden

Marriages:

Bester Myers and Miss Lois Price at Tyro
 Lester Wells of Sallisaw, OK, and Miss Blanche Wells at Van Buren
 Leslie Burke and Miss Caroline Dickerson at Hutig
 Lee Ferguson and Miss Karl Givens at Gravelridge
 Harry Rasco of DeWitt and Miss Bonnie Burnett of Heber Springs

Lowell Price of LeRoy, Kan., and Miss Eva P. Perrin of Imboden
 Byron Clayton of Una and Miss Gertrude Cypert of Oak Flat
 Charlie Wadkins of Bear Creek and Miss Vada Milem of Snowball at Snowball.
 J. C. Ward and Miss Flossie Gates at Watts

Arkansas Gazette, September 16, 1912:
 Deaths:

Mrs. Alice Dearmore near Van Buren
 J. B. Hancock at Wynne
 Miss Alice Hammons at Vaden
 Jack Ross at Curtis
 Mrs. Maria Morgan at Monticello
 Mrs. Hugh Moss at Deane
 Henry Downs at Belleville
 John Ames at Hope
 Louis Greenlee near Upland
 Mrs. H. F. Mayfield at Strong
 Mrs. Mose Smith at Bates
 C. Coswell at Wickes
 Mrs. I. W. Drake at Paragould

Marriages:

Jack Scroggins and Miss Dora Johnston at Mena
 Grant Gillespie and Miss Josie Anderson at Magazine
 Joe Price and Miss Lizzie Edwards at Magazine
 Hodge Barnard and Miss Laura Sisk at Stringer
 Tom Yandell and Miss Frances Chapell at Stringer
 Orville Garland Cox and Miss Johnnie Wilmoth Reid at Booneville
 Ernest Goodwin and Miss Florence Holmes at El Dorado
 Dr. C. M. McAllister and Miss Mary B. Snoddy near Monticello
 Robert C. Davis of Antoine and Miss Irene Moore at Arkadelphia
 Tom Pratt and Miss Bessie Beggars at Joy
 George Oyler and Miss Betty Cook at Gravette



NOTICE:

In meeting duly assembled on 8 July 2000, the Board of Directors of Arkansas Genealogical Society, Inc., voted unanimously to amend its Constitution and By-Laws in the following particulars: Constitution Article IV, Government, Subsection (b) is hereby amended by deleting the office of Herald in subsection (4). By-Laws Article IX, Duties of Officers is hereby amended by deleting the duties of Herald in subsection (3) and creating in its place the office of Second Vice President, whose duties include, but are not limited to, assisting in the arranging and conducting of the annual meeting and seminar held by the society; and such other duties as the Board of Directors may deem beneficial from time to time.

This action will be submitted for ratification at the 2000 annual meeting and seminar.

Reunions

The Standridge National Reunion will be held in Hot Springs, AR, Oct. 6-7, 2000. Much of the program will be devoted to Standridge and related family research. For more information, contact Russell P. Baker, 6525 Magnolia, Mabelvale, AR 72103; email: Russell.baker@mail.state.ar.us

The Pritchett/McFerran/Ledbetter/Wilburn family reunion is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 21, 2000, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the National Guard Armory in Charleston, Arkansas. All interested allied families are invited. For more information contact Susie McFerran Eacret (501-785-0485), Delbert Ervin (501-965-2969), Sheila Peck (501-963-3940), or Jim McFerran (903-838-6942) for more details.

Parker and Allied Families have scheduled their reunion for October 13-15, 2000, at Sequoyah State Park, Wagoner, OK. Contact JayEtta Blaesing, PO Box 54, Alden, MI 49612 for details.

Seminars

Arkansas Genealogical Society's annual Fall Seminar and Book Fair will be held Friday, October 20, and Saturday, October 21, 2000, at Holiday Inn-Airport East, Little Rock, AR. Use the registration form in this issue to be in attendance at this event.

Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS), PO Box 200940, Austin, TX 78720-0940 has announced a national family history conference, A World Of Records, to be held 6-9 September, 2000, in the Salt Palace Convention Center, Salt Lake City, UT. Write them for registration form and further information.

Threet Family Reunion is scheduled for 14 Oct. 2000 in the Sheridan, AR, Recreation Center. For more info contact Dan Threet at 501-847-2021

Cleaning Headstones

Submitted by Debra Blackard, 350 Hillside Dr., Lamar, AR 72846

Tammie Dillon, Education Coordinator for the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, has developed a cemetery manual entitled, GRAVE CONCERNS. It is only \$5 and is a wonderful resource on many topics related to cemeteries, including a chapter on basic cleaning techniques. For more information about this manual contact the AHPP, 1500 Tower Building, 323 Center Street, Little Rock, AR 72201. E-Mail: Info@dah.state.ar.us

Lynette Strangstad, nationally known gravestone conservation specialist and restoration artisan warns that use of bleach and other corrosive cleaners can age soft tombstones by fifty years with each use.

Don't use anything harder than the stone itself for cleaning purposes.

Wire brushes scratch away at the surface of the stone and will cause an old and soft material to wear away quickly. Sandblasting and high-pressure spraying removes part of the surface of the stone and makes the inscription less sharp and legible. Bleach reacts with marble and limestone to cause deterioration of the stone. Any harsh chemicals can cause discoloration and flaking of the stone.

The safest choice for cleaning tombstones is a plastic bristled brush and plain water. Marble and limestone markers should be cleaned with water only or household ammonia. Use one cup to four cups of water. Be sure to rinse thoroughly after cleaning. Sandstone should be cleaned with water only.

Lichen and other mossy growths should be removed before etching of the stone occurs. Swimming pool disinfectant, Calcium hypochlorite, can be used to remove biological growth. Dissolve one pound dry to four gallons of warm water. A "Popsicle" stick (never a metal instrument) may be used to clean out the recesses on tombstones. If the stone is old and soft, use a cotton swab or a soft toothbrush.

This information was obtained from Strangstad's, A GRAVEYARD PRESERVATION PRIMER, 1995.

Masonic Deaths in Civil War

Contributed by Ed Sanders to the AGS List on the Internet:

Deaths of five Masons killed during the Civil War were reported, with the place and date of death, in a newspaper published in Camden, AR, in 1941, as follows:

Coffman, James A., Evansport, VA, 21 Dec 1861
Hodnett, H. T., Pocahontas, AR, 28 Jan 1862

Daly, John T., Battle of Corinth, MS, Oct 1862

Grinstead, H. L., Colonel, Battle of Jenkins Ferry, Grant Co., AR, 30 My 1864

McCollum, Hugh, Lieutenant, no data given.

If you research in Ouachita Co., AR, you should know that much of the 15th Ark. Inf. CSA (Gee) was recruited in Ouachita Co. There were about 2,000 men from this county who served in this and other units during the conflict. There were three regiments of infantry identified as the 15th, so they have to be distinguished by stating the name of the regimental commander (colonel or lieutenant colonel).

News report published as *Masonic Lodge 97 Years Old, 1941*, and reprinted in *Sesquicentennial Scrapbook Edition* of the Ouachita County Historical Quarterly, 1986, Official Journal, Ouachita County Historical Society, 926 Washington St. SW, Camden, AR 71701

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

Colonial - a resident of Arkansas before 1 January 1804

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.

Fort Smith Rifles

Co. A, Third Arkansas Infantry, CSA

Officers:

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

Sergeants

Commissary Sergeant, Louis Navra
1st. Duty Sergeant, H. Kuper
 ___ Shea

Corporals

 ___ Morris
Mississippi Robinson
Henry Triesch
Hugh Lane

Drummers

C. (Niel) Reed
Joe Willard

Privates

Hugh Brown
Henry Brown
James Brown
C. F. Bocquin
Isiah Bruce
William Breen
G. W. Caldwell
John Cline
O. Compagnion
Robert Donaldson
James Dodson
 ___ Duncan
Henry C. Dunne
J. G. Emmert
 ___ Eberhart
James Fitzwilliams
John Fischer
John Griffin
Norman Gleeson
H. Goodcheau

The killed were: First Lieutenant Joseph Walton, J. C. Emmert, D. Holderly, R. Woodson, L. D. Harper, Meyer Levy, H. Goodcheau. The wounded were: Sergeant T. O. Harris, B. Terbieton, W. C. Richmond, A. Yager, I. Bruce, H. C. Dunne, A. Page, H. L. Ray, R. Parks, S. Harper, G. W.

Joseph Griffin
A. Hudgins
Dow Harper
Jesse Harper
S. Harper
D. Holderly
T. O. Harris
S. A. Hodges
John Hinkle
J. Harris
John Haggarty
John Keeley
J. Kannady
W. J. Largen
John M. Lucey
Meyer Levy
John Matherson
 ___ McNue
R. Parks
A. Page
H. E. Ramsey
Gus Ray
W.C. Richmond
John Robinson
John Sullivan
J. L. Sadler
James Shackelford
Bernard Terbieton
G. Thomas
John C. Wheeler
R. Woodson
A. Yager

Oak Hill was the only battle in which this company participated. The company suffered severely in the fifth, its loss being seven killed and seventeen wounded.

Caldwell, J. Kannady, J. Harris, S. A. Hodges, G. Thomas, J. Willard, C. Reed.

Source: Files at the Arkansas History Commission

HISTORY OF WALTER'S CHAPEL

Submitted by Nancy Felts Dunlap, 4 Lily Court, Little Rock, AR 72223

Early History of Walnut Plains

Arrowheads found in fields near Walter's Chapel suggest that before the pioneers arrived, Indians either lived here or that the area was frequented by tribal hunting parties. Prior to 1859 the name of this community was "Walnut Plains" probably due to the existence of native walnut trees. Located at the edge of the woods and adjoining the Grand Prairie, this area would have been a hunter's paradise. Files located at the Arkansas History Commission on The Works Project Administration Federal Writers' Project for Prairie County record that some writers place Indian villages in Prairie County when DeSoto arrived. On November 10, 1808, a treaty was signed at Ft. Clark, Missouri and the Osage tribe ceded to the U.S. their lands in the territory obtained by the Louisiana Purchase made in 1803 and relinquished their land north of the Arkansas River and west from the Mississippi River. This would have included "Walnut Plains" the first name for the Walter's Chapel area.

First Landowners

Between 1830 and 1850 few people lived in the area; however, a significant number came in the 1850's having obtained land through military bounty land grants, the re-issue of land given to the State for railroads, or outright purchase since land was cheap (\$2.50 an acre). William B. Stanton and Elisha Cleveland were the community's earliest landowners (1822). Together they owned the eastern half of Section 13, 3 North, 7 West which is the geographic location of Walter's Chapel Church and Cemetery. Elisha Cleveland received his 160 acres through Military Bounty Land Warrant #17861, Act of 1812.

Early settlers to this area came from the Carolinas, Mississippi, Kentucky, and Tennessee. As was the custom of the time they moved to the area in groups composed of family and neighbors. After crossing the Father of Waters, the great Mississippi,

they would have followed a crude road westward. If traveling by water, they came to the Arkansas River via the Mississippi River, then probably to the White River to Des Arc or DeValls Bluff. The Booe, Horton, Nichols, and Bogard families were among the first to settle Walter's Chapel.

Early Walnut Plains residents went to Des Arc for trade and for departure via the White River. These horse and wagon trips required overnight lodging at Des Arc. D. D. Ross, Miss M. J. Robinson and Mr. J. A. Jennings were a few of the names recorded by the *Des Arc Citizen* as staying at the Des Arc Hotel during a two month time period (September 28, 1859 through November 23, 1859).

Donation of Land for Church and Cemetery

Initially, Thomas B. Walter was a major landowner in the adjoining section (Section 18, Range 3 North, 6 West) in what is now Prairie County. By 1857 he had also purchased much of Section 13, Range 3 North, 7 West, Walter's Chapel's geographic location. He died after selling his Prairie County properties. Monroe County Probate Records Court dated 4/11/1859 state, "John H. Bulls bought the E 1/2 13, 3n7w (320 acres) except 3 acres in a square near west line NE where a new church is in process of erection, from Thomas B. Walter during Walter's lifetime and took title bond..." This log Church would have been one of the first churches built in what is now Lonoke County. Research indicates that the Reverend John W. Hudson probably delivered the first sermon at Walter's Chapel.

Thomas B. Walter's tombstones now lies broken, flat against the ground near a large, old cedar tree in the front part of the old cemetery. Thomas B. Walter or his daughter (who is buried next to him) was probably the first buried at Walter's Chapel (circa 1859). Their tombstones are the oldest ones in the cemetery. Thomas Walter's tombstone indicates that he was 57 years old at the time of his death and that he was a Mason. At the bottom of his

tombstone is the notation "Julie Hyde, Napoleon" (which is probably a reference to Napoleon, Arkansas which was located at the mouth of the Arkansas River on the Mississippi).

Thomas H. Walter is also buried at Walter's Chapel (born 09-05-1846, died 12-11-1870) and may be the "Thomas B." who was listed with Sarah A., Walter's wife, in the Monroe County Census of 1860.

Upon Thomas B. Walter's death, the church was named in his honor. The name of the community gradually changed from Walnut Plains to Walter's Chapel.

Pre-Civil War Social Gatherings

Prior to the Civil War, Walter's Chapel was an established community with residents sufficient in number to hold social gatherings. The June 29, 1859, *Des Arc Citizen* contained an article about a free barbecue held at Walter's Chapel on Independence Day. Patrons of the *Des Arc Citizen* and the *Brownsville Echo* were invited to attend. The *Des Arc Citizen* reports the following in its July 18, 1859, issue: "A large number of people from various parts of Prairie County attended the assemblage. A. McNeil, Esq. read the Declaration of Independence, and an address was read by R. S. Gantt, Esquire. The barbecue was splendidly gotten up and all speak in the highest praise of the goodly people in the vicinity who prepared the eatables for the occasion. The ladies were present in large numbers and the evening was devoted to dancing and other amusements."

Walter's Chapel's First Masonic Lodge

The number of persons living in this area prior to the Civil War can probably best be judged by the size of its community's civil organizations. Walnut Plains had a Chapter of the Blue Mason (Lodge No. 137) as early as 1859. Charter members were Willie Nichols, Worshipful Master; T. C. Williamson, S. W.; J. H. Bulls, J. W.; A. G. Cummins, Treasurer; W. T. Beacham Secretary; Samuel Kennedy, S. D.; John Cummins, J. D.; and H. M. Westmoreland, Tyler. Master Masons were listed as: J. B. Blanton, D. D. Ross, S. J. Kennedy, J. C. Cannon, L. W. Hutson, B. T. Hill, O.A.

Reeves, James M. Williamson, and J. C. Cummins.

Prairie County Agricultural Society Meeting

In 1859 the Prairie County Agricultural Society met at the newly erected Walnut Plains Lodge. Those present included C. A. Skillern, B. M. Barnes, C. C. Danley, S. R. Brown, Jesse C. Bogard (of the Walter's Chapel Community), George A. Melver, W. W. Wair, J. E. Gatewood, J. W. Martin, L. D. Harshaw, Russ Evans and George W. Vaden.

Involvement in the Civil War

While no battles took place at Walter's Chapel, the effects of the War Between the States were felt nevertheless. Walter's Chapel's men left their farms and volunteered to fight for the Confederacy. Battles were fought at nearby Ashley Station and Brownsville. Many of the injured were taken to Hickory Plains (north of Walter's Chapel) for medical attention. Two soldiers succumbed to injuries enroute to Hickory Plains and are buried approximately two miles north of Walter's Chapel.

One interesting story relates to J. L. (Jake) Bogard, who was killed by bushwhackers on December 8, 1863. His large tombstone is inscribed: "Oh God, may thy judgment prove severe upon those who murdered the beloved one that lies here." He was 43 years of age. The story goes that J. L. "Jake" Bogard was a confederate that made a decision to remain home. Confederate troops were passing through on their way to meet the Federal troops for a prisoner exchange. They stopped at Bogard's home for a meal. A lavish feast was put before them. Jake then engaged a prisoner in a conversation that got out of hand. Jake was so infuriated he spat in the man's face. The prisoner, unable to defend himself, replied to the insult, "I'll remember you." The military party eventually moved on. On December 8, 1863 Jake had been to Brownsville. The prisoner hid himself and his weapon until Jake's return. Jake was shot and tied to his horse. The horse was then given the road. The next morning the family was alarmed to see Jake's horse at the gate. They found Jake shot dead. They had no idea who was responsible for the deed.

The Walter's Chapel Home Guard

The Home Guards of Prairie County, Arkansas (1861-1862) compiled by James Logan Morgan notes that a special term of the County Court of Prairie County met at Brownsville on June 24, 1861, to provide for companies of "Home Guards" in the townships of Prairie County. At the same time, A. J. Thomas, William C. Hazen, and B. C. Totten, who had been appointed commissioners for war finances in Prairie County on April 22, 1861, were authorized to obtain arms and ammunition for the various companies of home guards. According to the report of A. J. Thomas, Commissioner, 71 shotguns, 36 rifles, 6 kegs of powder, 20 bags of buckshot, 99 pounds of lead and 10,000 caps were bought in Memphis by R. E. Dunlap for the use of the Prairie County home guards in July 1861. Center Township Home Guards were organized at Walter's Chapel on July 15, 1861, with the following men: John H. Bulls, Captain; John R. McNeill, 1st Lieutenant; and Willie Nichols, 2nd Lieutenant. Other members were M. A. (M. L.) Bogard, Issac D. Booe, John A. Cummins, B. F. Dinwiddle, Samuel Harrison, A. B. Hudson, Lewis W. Hudson, Julius Nichols, Samuel Perry, C. J. Shepherd, A. J. (John) Steel, and Ed Stratton.

A second organization of the Home Guards took place in 1862. The following were ordered to organize at Walter's Chapel on May 10, 1862: A. G. Cummins, John Hardin, Canada Howell, R. C. Hudson, Needham Kennedy, and Samuel Kennedy.

Destruction of First Masonic Lodge

The Grand Lodge of Arkansas Masonic Proceedings in November, 1867 (available at the Masonic Temple, Little Rock) relates the following with regard to Walnut Plains Masonic Lodge, No. 137: "Brother Willie Nichols, W. M., returns the charter without books, jewels or list of members. He states that he was Worshipful Master in 1861, since which time there has been no election; that upon the occupation of the country by the U.S. troops, during the rebellion, the soldiers destroyed the hall, clothing, furniture, etc. There not being a sufficient number of members to reorganize the lodge, they surrender their charter." It

is believed that this lodge met above Thomas Walter's Church. Masonic Lodge Proceedings after the war record that many lodges were "burned" or "destroyed". It is possible that the Walter's Chapel facility was not totally destroyed. One theory is that most of the structure was dismantled and used for other purposes. During the War many homes in Des Arc were dismantled and taken to DeValls Bluff, home of a large Union encampment.

Walter's Chapel after the War

Considering that the Walter's Chapel community was not on a railroad or a body of water, the fact that Walter's Chapel survived in any form after the War is a tribute to the pioneer stock of its people. Life was very difficult after the War. Resources were depleted and taxes were high; however, a living could still be "eked" out of the family farm. Walter's Chapel was still a place of prominence and a Justice of the Peace lived in the community. A story from the files of the Works Projects Administration, Writer's Project for Prairie County, confirms the existence of a stage house at Walter's Chapel after the War. This story relates when an rider on a stage ride from DeValls Bluff disclosed that he had never taken the "Oath to the United States" the individual was taken to "Walter's Chapel" to be administered the oath that very night.

Second Walter's Chapel Baptist Church

No newsprint in the era after the Civil War can be found to document the actual construction date of the existing Walter's Chapel Baptist Church, which replaced the first church that was under construction at the time of Thomas B. Walter's death. Records at the Masonic Temple in Little Rock verify that this two-story replacement was in existence by November of 1870. Originally, the Walter's Chapel Baptist Church (now called Trinity Chapel) was a two-story structure with windows on the north and south side. Two doors on the front facing west and two doors in the rear. Entry to the second floor Masonic Lodge Hall was gained through an external staircase on the southwest side of the building. The second floor had no windows with the exception of an approximate 2' round circular window on the front side

that contained the Masonic Emblem. A concrete porch with a gabled roof was added circa 1924 and the original two front doors were replaced with one center double door. The Church had a modest interior with a raised platform upon which a podium and two small columns rested. Lamps placed on these two columns provided light for the minister to read from the Bible.

E. H. English Masonic Lodge (the second Masonic Lodge at Walter's Chapel)

Records at the Masonic Temple in Little Rock indicate that Walter's Chapel was re-issued another Charter in 1870. Designated as Chapter #237, the E. H. English Lodge with Jurisdiction at Wattensaw, County of Lonoke at Walter's Chapel, the Lodge had the following officers: W. H. Kirksey, Grand Master; David R. Ross, Senior Warden; and R. H. Morehead, Junior Warden. The charter members included James D. Alexander, Issac D. Booe, John M. Barrett, Anderson Barrett, James G. Cummins, Samuel M. Gray, Levi Guess, Lewis W. Hutson, Samuel F. Harrison, Gus W. Hill, John G. Hammond, Henry Ingram, Jackson J. Jenkins, William Johnson, John W. Kemp, Joseph D. Miller, Edward R. McPherson, Thomas R. Ray, David S. Ray, William Ray, Thomas C. Rogers, William W. Smith, Daniel Sparks, Richard F. Thurman, and J. Welch.

The *Prairie County Democrat* reports in its August 24, 1872, issue that the "A. E. English Lodge meets at Walters Chapel with R. H. Morehead, Worshipful Master and C. A. Richards, R. S."

Other Early Civic Organizations which used the Masonic Lodge Hall

The G. A. Dannelly Temperance Reform Council #30 met at the Lodge with the following members: R. H. Morehead, Henry Nichols, I. D. Booe, J. R. Moore, J. G. Hammond, George Ray, and John W. Woollen as well as their wives. According to the *Lonoke Weekly Democrat*, March 10, 1873, a Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry was organized at Walter's Chapel. Officers were Mr. Dick, T. B. Ray, I. D. Booe, J. D. Cummins, W. A. Morgan, D. A. Richards, L. W. Hutson, W. H. Kirksey, J. H. Hackney, Mrs. C. A. Richards, Mrs. R. H. Morehead, Mrs. T. B. Ray, and Miss N.

F. Richards. The last organization to meet in the Masonic Lodge hall was probably the Woodman's Lodge. Reverend Pharr, a former minister at the Walter's Chapel Methodist Church was a member.

Lonoke County Formed

In 1873 Lonoke County was created from portions of Pulaski and the eastern part of Prairie County including the Walter's Chapel area. The Prairie County line runs just east of the Walter's Chapel Community.

Harrison, Sparks, and Martin Families

Mr. William Harrison and his wife Eliza S. Judd left Virginia around 1833. After the birth of the first son, Samuel, the family moved to Tennessee where they had 13 more children: Benjamin Wesley, Thomas, Mary Francis, William Henry, George E., Martha C., Hugh Erastus, Charles M., Ana (Ava), Joseph, James E., Amanda S. and Virginia C. (Jane). William Harrison and his family moved to Prairie County between 1853-1857. A portion of the Harrison clan lived by the Walter's Chapel Community and many are buried in the Walter's Chapel Cemetery.

At least five of the twelve children of David and Mary Little Sparks (originally from Rowan County, North Carolina) settled in Prairie County. They were Minus Lafayette, William, David, Daniel, and Juliana (or Julia). David and his family were probably the first to arrive circa 1854. Daniel arrived last sometime after 1860. Daniel, who had become a minister by this time, and Mary Tull, his wife, resided at Old Bethel for a time. They later moved to the Walter's Chapel Community. They are buried at the Walter's Chapel Cemetery with at least 20 others from the Sparks family.

Mr. Samuel Martin came to the area on a train in November of 1888 and lived at the Anderson Barrett home near this community. The Anderson Barretts settlement became known as Barrettsville. Mr. Barrett had come before the Civil War from McNary, Tennessee. Three of his sisters also came and married here. Their married names were Mrs. Mary Guess, Mrs. Jim Mayfield, and Mrs. Sallie Pirtle. His brother, Kindred, settled at Farris Run Creek community of Walter's Chapel.

Anderson Barrett and many of his relatives are buried at the Walter's Chapel Cemetery.

Walter's Chapel Baptist Church Affiliations

By 1874 the Walter's Chapel Baptist Church was a member of the Caroline Baptist Association. The church had no pastor; but sent C. C. Boyd, W. H. Pritchard and J. G. Cummins as delegates to the Association's fall meeting. Seventy-seven members were reported. At the 1881 Caroline Baptist Association meeting held at Liberty North in White County "Walnut Plains" was represented with L. W. Hutson, John Morris, Pastor, and W. R. Richards and reported 36 total members. Minutes of the Caroline Baptist Association September 5, 1885, meeting with the Lonoke Association reflect that W. B. Burnett and M. W. Davis represented Walnut Plains.

The October 1886, Caroline Association meeting found Walnut Plains with R. F. Routh as pastor and W. B. Burnett, H. L. Hutson, and W. H. Richards as messengers. In October 1888, J. C. Watkins and M. N. Davis were listed as ordained Ministers, the Pastor as G. White, O. W. Owens and J. T. Smith were listed as messengers and membership was reported as 64. By October of 1889 the Association listed Walnut Plains with a debt of \$3.95, J. King as Pastor, J. T. Smith, Clerk, and 83 members. Walnut Plains was not represented at the 1890 Association meeting held at Centre Hill Church, White County; however, the Church reported 37 members. In October 1891 Walnut Plains was represented with Brothers J. T. Smith, J. D. Watkins, I. W. Hudson, O. U. Owens, and J. T. Smith who reported the Church membership as 47. The Post Office for Walter's Chapel Church was listed as Barrettsville

Baptist Church - Additional Information/Affiliations

In October 1921 the Church voted to seek admittance into the Lonoke Association and was accepted. In March of 1925 the Lonoke Association met at Walter's Chapel. In August 1942 a Sunday school was organized and the Church began a period of growth. By 1944 the church had 98 members. After achieving its peak membership in the forties, the Baptist Church began a steady decline in

membership with 78 members in 1950 and 40 in 1951 as families left their small, unprofitable family farms for jobs in town.

The Walter's Chapel Church (a/k/a Walnut Plains Church) continued to hold Sunday morning services and attempted Sunday night services at least once. In 1962 the Church was accepted into the Grand Prairie Association. Services continued until the loss of membership finally caused the closure of the Church in 1972.

Pastors at Walter's Chapel not previously mentioned include: John Morris, R. F. Routh, G. White, J. C. Watkins, M. N. Davis, John King, Brother Kerr, H. Y. Morris, Brother Richardson, Clovis Edge, John Ingle, William Cleveland Rowe, William Adolphus Rochell, Brother Amos Roland Boothe, Brother Verl Johnson, Ursley Livesay, Joe Johnson, Richard Parris, Richard Griffin, Clifton Keaton, Roy Matlock, and Brother Edward Moody who was the last minister.

Stores/Business at Walter's Chapel

Other than the family farm, Walter's Chapel first business was a gristmill followed by a blacksmith shop. Later, the community was home to a sawmill, a cotton gin, at least one general store and a barbershop. Additionally, at least one physician and one dentist practiced at or near Walter's Chapel. Dr. J. D. Miller (b. July 28, 1823, d. June 17, 1889) and Dr. W. C. Ray (b. Oct. 23, 1834, d. May 24, 1908) are buried in the Walter's Chapel Cemetery.

Walter's Chapel Post Office

Off and on from 1860-1910 the community had a post office although sometimes the delivery of mail was only a weekly event. On one occasion the Post Office at Walter's Chapel closed because the person who carried the mail moved. The lack of mail service prompted one prominent Walter's Chapel resident, R. H. Morehead, to move to town as he was Secretary of the State's Agricultural Wheel and required his mail on a more timely basis. Ferdinand Gates and I. D. Booe were two of Walter's Chapel's mail carriers. Mail carriers of this era "subcontracted" from contractors who received government contracts.

For a time the Barrettsville Post Office served Walter's Chapel. Mr. Onastus Kilpatrick Uzzell operated a post office at Uzzell approximately 1.5 miles east of Walter's Chapel on Red Oak Ranch Road. In keeping with the custom of the time, Mr. Uzzell had a combination post office/general store that was located on the Lonoke/Prairie line. A row of mailboxes lined the road beside the Uzzell Store as mail was not delivered door to door. In addition to running the post office, Mr. Uzzell also carried mail by horseback to Hickory Plains.

Walter's Chapel Methodist Church

Reverend Daniel Sparks who had ministered at Old Bethel approximately three miles northeast of Hazen probably preached his last years at a rough-hewn Methodist Church at Walter's Chapel. This primitive Methodist Church served the community for many years until construction of a new Methodist Church in 1913. For a time both occupied the northwestern part of the existing intersection, across the road from the existing Church location (southeastern part of intersection). George H. and Annie A. White deeded land for the Methodist Church to the Walter's Chapel M. E. Church, South in 1913. Trustees of the Church as recorded on the warranty deed were L. Q. Booe, T. A. Ray and T. H. Mayfield.

Reverend Pharr was one of Walter's Chapel's most beloved Methodist Ministers. He is buried in the Walter's Chapel Cemetery beside two of his children: five month old Little Mamie Bane and 25 year old Jeff D. The Methodist Church (as recorded by Mayme Lois Raborn in her "History of Zion") was one of five (5) churches on the Hickory Plains Circuit. The other four (4) churches were Hamilton, Zion, Shiloh, and Roger's Chapel. These five churches shared the same pastor, usually a preacher who had yet to be ordained. A May, 1960 tornado completely demolished the Methodist Church as well as the majority of the large oak trees in both Church yards as well as those in the old school yard and a few in the cemetery.

Old One-Room Schoolhouse; "Modern" Three-Room Schoolhouse

A rough-hewn one-room schoolhouse was located on the north side of the old Methodist Church. Next to it was a place for the children to tie up their horses while they attended school. Although this was a small school, the students put on school "plays." This school went to the sixth grade and had one teacher. If not from the immediate area, the teacher would board with a family in the community.

By 1920 the State School Board successfully managed to get the Arkansas Legislature to commit more state dollars to education and thus ushered in an era in which many new school buildings in Arkansas were built. The Department of Education hired architects to develop plans for one, two, three and four room schoolhouses with emphasis on natural lighting, ventilation and heating. In 1923 two and 1/2 acres of land (beginning 70 yards North of the SW corner of the North 1/2 of the SE 1/4, Section 13, T 3N, 7W) were deeded to the Walter's Chapel School District by Annie A. White, who by this time was a widow. Mr. Nichols, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Booe and Mr. Hulen were instrumental in getting the school district to build the community's "modern" three-room schoolhouse in 1924. Walter's Chapel's schoolhouse deviated from the model three-room schoolhouse blueprint as there was no indoor plumbing, consequently, no indoor bathrooms. Directors of this School District (#14) were T. A. Nichols, C. C. Jennings, and D. V. Booe.

For a time the school was known as the "Chapel Hill School". Baseball was very popular and Walter's Chapel had a team. The school also had a boys' and girls' basketball team and played schools such as Brown Grove, Woodlawn, and Cross Roads.

Miscellaneous School Notes

A raised stage with a retractable curtain was located in the northeast corner of the three-room schoolhouse. "Actors" entered from one of two entrances accessible through a narrow hall on the north and east sides. Desks accommodated two students; the back of each seat provided a "desk top" for the student sitting behind. Children bought their lunches from home. Cold biscuits and molasses would have been considered as "lunch staples." Before

automobiles were commonly available, this three-room schoolhouse could accommodate a teacher who required boarding.

Last Civic Organizations to Meet at Walter's Chapel

An Epworth League and a Chapter of the Eastern Star met for a time at Walter's Chapel. With the dismantling of the Mason's second floor above the Baptist Church and the 1947 consolidation of the Walter's Chapel School with the Carlisle Public School District, community events shifted to the schoolhouse. Wired for electricity in 1949, the old schoolhouse was host to many Saturday Night "Cake Walks" which were enjoyed by young and old. A Home Demonstration Club and a 4-H Club also met in the old schoolhouse. Due to foundation damage resulting from the May 1960 tornado, the building was dismantled. The "new portion" of the Walter's Chapel Cemetery sets on the ground previously occupied by the three-room schoolhouse. A lone school pump remains in the new cemetery as testimony to an earlier time when the schoolhouse yard was filled with playing children.

Notable Wedding at Walter's Chapel

Recorded in the Federal Writers' Project, Works Progress Administration, State of Arkansas, History of Lonoke County file was a reference to one wedding performed at the Walter's Chapel. Former Governor George W. Donaghey worked for George Hartje who farmed near the Walter's Chapel Community in 1875. Here he met Miss Levenia Wallace who lived a little south of the Walter's Chapel settlement. Later, he returned and they were married in the old chapel. Governor Donaghey was Governor of the State of Arkansas when the current state capital was built and led education reform.

Interments at Walter's Chapel Cemetery

In 1939 Walter's Chapel was listed as the largest cemetery in Lonoke County with an estimated 2,500 burials. Reportedly, the tombstones in the older section of Walter's Chapel represent only one-third of those estimated as buried there. An unknown number of stones marked gravesites for many years. Each stone was painted white in honor of Walter's Chapel's first

"Decoration Day" in 1920. Today none remain displaced over time as families left the area, caretakers changed, and memories faded. Absent attention from family, many tombstones have succumbed to time and elements.

Many ministers are buried at Walter's Chapel including: Rev. Daniel Sparks, Rev. Wade Pharr, Rev. H. Y. Morris, Rev. William Cleveland Rowe, Rev. Adolphus Rochell, Rev. Corbett Mask and Rev. Edward Moody. Walter's Chapel is the final resting place of Morris E. "Lee" Britt and Virgie L. Oliver Britt, parents of Maurice L. "Footsie" Britt, Arkansas's first Republican Lieutenant Governor, a college football hero and a Medal of Honor winner who lost an arm in World War II. He was the Nation's second most highly decorated World War II soldier next to Audie Murphy. Upon his death in 1995 Footsie was buried at National Cemetery in Little Rock.

Annual Decoration Day

An 80 year tradition is observance of the first Sunday in May as Decoration Day. Research from the Arkansas History Commission's Works Project Administration (WPA) files for Lonoke and Prairie Counties prepared in 1939-1940 indicate that as many as 500 people once came to put flowers on graves, spread a blanket and have "dinner on the ground." A special afternoon program at the Church followed. The tradition has changed somewhat in that now it is not limited to Sunday. Visitors bringing flowers and paying their respect to loved ones begin arriving at the cemetery on Friday. On Saturday a steady stream of visitors come from sunup to sundown. The majority of visitors still come early Sunday afternoon

Walter's Chapel Baptist Church Modifications

The outside appearance of the Church changed significantly when the second floor of the building (formerly used as a Masonic Lodge) was dismantled circa 1947-48. The Church was wired for electricity on August 15, 1949. Lamps were replaced with eight bare electric light bulbs suspended from the high ceiling. Another construction project circa 1960 enclosed the outside staircase, which formerly provided access to the second floor E. H. English Masonic Lodge

Hall. At the same time the supporting structure for the outside staircase was removed from the southwest corner of the interior of the Church and a small attic access was made in the southeast corner of the building. Chandeliers, ceiling tile, paneling, and linoleum were added circa 1961. The pulpit remains in its original condition. The original pews have been stored.

Renovation Project (August/December 1999)

Visitors to the Walter's Chapel Baptist Church today will see the latest renovations to the Walter's Chapel Church. Members of the Trinity Chapel meeting at Walter's Chapel renovated the Church (August-December 1999). The Chapel now has new white vinyl siding. Due to deterioration, the old gabled porch roof was removed. A steeple was designed, constructed and placed on top of the Church in October, 1999. Interior modifications include carpeting and a bathroom. One hundred new seats were recently added.

First Service of Trinity Chapel Meeting at Walters Chapel

After a hiatus of 27 years, the old Baptist Church at Walter's Chapel was revived for Sunday services. Filling the pulpit of this historic Church on October 3rd was Reverend James (Jim) Byrum, pastor of Trinity Chapel meeting at Walter's Chapel. His wife, Carolyn, is Church organist. Attendance at their first service on October 3, 1999, was 44. A Children's Christmas Program was presented on December 12th with 62 in attendance.

National Register of Historic Places Nomination

By April 2000 the Walter's Chapel Cemetery will be submitted for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

Donations

A fund account exists at First State Bank of Carlisle mowing of the Walter's Chapel Cemetery. Donations may be made to: Walter's Chapel Cemetery, c/o Millie Malnar, Treasurer, 462 McCallie Loop, Carlisle, AR 72024.

A separate account was established at First State Bank at Carlisle to finance tombstone leveling, postage for mail outs, and future projects that the membership may vote upon. Donations to this fund may be made to: Nancy Felts Dunlap, c/o Walter's Chapel Cemetery Project, 581 Walter's Chapel Road, Carlisle, Arkansas 72024.

Mailing List

Those persons interested in the Church, Cemetery and upcoming projects or events, may have their name added to the Walter's Chapel mailing list by writing to the Walter's Chapel Cemetery Project, 581 Walter's Chapel Road, Carlisle, AR 72024.

WEB SITE Please visit the Walter's Chapel Web Site on the Internet at:
<http://www.geocities.com/walterschapel>



Obituaries – 1859, 1861

From the *Arkansas, Memphis and Ouachita Christian Advocate*

(This was a Methodist publication and unfortunately there are almost no files that have survived.)

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Died, In Prairie county, Ark., on the 25th of
January, Thomas Wilson Brevard, infant
son of G. W. and Sarah J. Cochran, aged 3
months and 19 days. ...

John E. Hudson
Prairie county, Ark., Jan. 30, 1869.

Samuel Henry, son of Archer and

Mary A. Hayes, was born March 26th, 1858:
departed this life April 22d 1861. ...

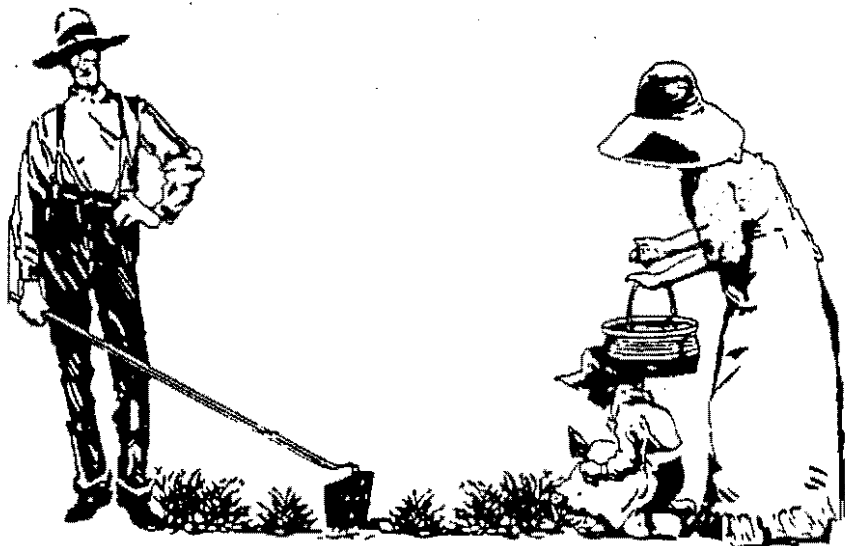
J. E. Caldwell
Princeton, Ark., June 1st, 1861

Died, February 9, 1859, at Columbus, Ark.,
of pneumonia, Mrs. S. A. Cobb, consort of
Rev. James
E. Cobb of the

Ouachita Conference and former editor of
the *Memphis Christian Advocate*.
Sister Cobb was born Nov. 6, 1829; ...
married to the Rev. James E. Cobb Sept. 6,
1847. ...Sister Cobb has left a broken-
hearted husband, three little children, and
a vast number of friends scattered over
several states ...

W. C. Haislip
St. Louis Advocate please copy
July 11, 1861

Bro. Watson: It becomes my painful duty to
announce to you the death of Rev. Pleasant
Brummett, who died at his residence in
Bradley county, Arkansas, on the 56th day
of April, 1859, aged about 40 years. Bro.
Brummett was a local minister of the
Ouachita Conference. ... He has left a large
family and many friends...
Jefferson county, Ark., April 19, 1859



"STRANGER THAN FICTION"! 145-YEAR-OLD MYSTERY SOLVED

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A good genealogical researcher is a persistent genealogical researcher. "Seek and ye shall find."

On September 9, 1865, shortly after the end of the Civil War, fifty - one year old Charles Edwards, a citizen of Cherokee County, Georgia, was involved in an altercation with a neighbor, George W Pearce/Pierce that resulted in his death. Perhaps because he immediately fled the county, Pearce was indicated for murder by a Cherokee County grand jury in March of the next year. However, by that time, his whereabouts were unknown and he seemed forever beyond the reach of the law. Because of stress following Charles' death, his family fractured and members scattered across the South. Two sons, William J. and John P. Edwards, left Georgia and settled near their grandfather, Alfred E. Edwards, in Elmore County, Alabama. Many of the remaining members of the family, including his widow, Nancy Cook Baker Edwards, and his son, Zachariah G. Edwards, settled in western Arkansas, near their former neighbors the Bates Family, who left Georgia before the War. For almost a quarter of a century, the Pearce indictment gathered dust in the courthouse at Canton, while the memory of his crime, along with so many other facts about the Edwards Family, slowly faded from living memory.

Fortunately, this sad story, a story that teaches a very important lesson for every family historian and genealogist, did not end here. It all began when Mr. W. Tom Edwards of New Republic, New Jersey, an avid Edwards researcher, received a new book for Christmas in 1999. It contained abstracts of newspaper articles from Elmore County, Alabama, newspapers. This is the county in which Tom's branch of the Edwards family lived and where two of Charles's sons settled. "I got [the book]", Tom says, "to see what the sons of [Dr. Thomas Edwards and Charles Edwards], were up to in [this county]. To my surprise I discovered that Charles [Edwards] has been

killed in 1865 in Cherokee Co. (Georgia and] that [Charles' son] John Perry Edwards had tracked his killer [down] 25 years later."

This is the abstract from the *Times - Democrat* of Elmore County, Alabama, for, July 16, 1891: "[Our correspondent] from Central [Community] tells of the capture, in Texas, of [G. W.] Pearce, through the instrumentality of J. P. Edwards, of Central, whose father [Charles Edwards] Pearce murdered twenty - five years ago ...[After the crime] Pearce fled to Texas where he acquired property, married, raised a family, stood high and represented his constituency in public councils frequently. Recently Mr. Edwards, who has been silently looking for [Pearce] for these many years, located his father's murderer in Johnson County, Texas, and had him arrested under requisition papers from the Governor of Georgia. Pierce was taken to Cherokee County, Georgia, the scene of his crime, where he will be tried next September ... No one knew of [Edward's] patient search until the fugitive was arrested. Mr. Edwards is the only bonded constable in Elmore County, and this work entitles him to be ranked as a first class detective."

Tom, as flabbergasted as I by this belated news, quickly made a trip to Canton, Georgia, the county seat of Cherokee County, where he found the original indictment in the Superior Court Minute Book. Unfortunately, it contained very little information. However, since he is a very persistent and thorough researcher, he visited the local county library. Here he found an article in the *Canton, Georgia Cherokee Advance* for September 25, 1891, that is every genealogist's dream. It states in part: "George Pierce [or Pearce] acquitted ... The case of the State vs. George W. Pierce, charged with the murder of Chas. Edwards in September 1865, was ended last Tuesday evening ... a verdict of acquittal being returned. This was the most intensely interesting and exciting case ever tried in our courts ... by reason of the killing having occurred during the exciting

times about the close of the last war, and the arrest not having been made until 26 years afterwards, although Capt. Pierce had been living openly and above board in Texas, an honored, respected and influential citizen for many years ... The evidence introduced was a surprise to many, inasmuch as the State failed to make out as clear a case as it was supposed would be. No positive evidence was introduced and the prosecution only had circumstantial evidence to rely on ... As we gather the facts, it seems that about four o'clock one very warm evening in September 1865 [September 9] Charles Edwards, about 65 years. [see note below] of age came to Pierce's house driving a sheep. When he reached [it] he stopped and called Pierce out to the gate. After talking awhile about a cow and mule trade previously made between them, they got into a dispute and difficulty, when both fell in a rocky place in a ditch on the roadside. When Edwards got up a wound or scratch above his right ear was bleeding. After washing his face and head and finding no other hurts about him, he walked home, some $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile. That night about 9 o'clock he died from what was supposed to be the effect of the wound above mentioned. Pierce left Cherokee [County] that night and some years afterwards it was learned that he was in Texas, but it was not until this spring that this matter was brought to [Cherokee County] Sheriff Kirtchen's attention. He went to Texas so as to bring Pierce to Cherokee for trial ... Edwards was an old man but stout and active for one his age, although much fatigued that hot evening from driving sheep. While not put in evidence by counsel, it was intimated ... that Mr. Edwards, if not a [outright Federal supporter during the War he] was a sympathetic to the Union side. He did not go to war, but it is said some of his sons [William J., Robert S., and John P. Edwards] made good soldiers on the Confederate side." Pearce, on the other hand, was a Civil War hero, who served in several Confederate units during the War. This service, according to the article, seems to be the main cause for his acquittal.

Comments: Charles Edwards was born June 8, 1814, in Chesterfield County, SC, the son of Alfred E. and Polly Slay. He married Nancy Cook Baker in Cobb

County, Georgia on December 13, 1832. They moved to Cherokee County shortly afterwards, where they became the parents of: Thomas J., James A., Mary A., William J., Rachel I., Robert S., John P., Zachariah G., Rhoda C., Sarah E., Nancy J., and Charles C. Many descendants of Charles Edwards still live in Arkansas. For additional information on this family, contact the author at 6525 Magnolia Dr., Mabelvale, Arkansas 72103. Pearce returned to Texas and his wife received a Texas Confederate Pension from Johnston County.



Miller County- Early Marriage Records

Submitted by Bobbie Jones McLane and Mr. R. C. Tollett who found this in the Texas State Library some years ago:

The George T. Wright Collection - Miller Co.
Records - Territory of Arkansas
County of Miller - Courthouse at Jonesboro
July 20, 1835 - March 17, 1838
University of Texas at Austin, Texas
(Includes records as early as 1833?, but very difficult to read)

Cliff, Carter L. to Abby Garland 19 Dec 1835 at the home of John Embardous in Miller Co., Territory of Arkansas by John H. Carr, ME, page 36.

Peters, Stephen to Margaret Williams, both of Miller Co. Sulphur Fork Prairies, 14 Oct 1837 by Wm. L. Duke, p. 137

Fulton, Samuel M. and Nancy McCurley, Dec. 14, 1837 by Benj. F. Lynn, Judge of Miller Co., p. 137

Williams, Sylvester to Elizabeth Riley on 10 Aug., 1837, by Bradford C. Fowler, page 156

Kitchens, Samuel and Jane Smith in Royston Twp., Miller Co., 19 Dec. 1837 by A. J. Fowler, p. 156

Anthony, Jonathan to Maryann Washburn ___ day of Nov. 1837, by Dempsey Brown, JP, p. 167

Davis, Calloway to Rachel Andrews, 11 Jan. 1838, by Bradford C. Fowler, p. 167

Brooks, Thomas and Nancy L. Timmer (?), 26 Nov 1837, by Benj. F. Lynn, Judge of Miller Co., p. 182

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Buckstown to Orion – The Story of an Irish-Arkansas Family_____

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Irish labor, rather than the labor of valuable slaves, was commonly used to build levees and dig drainage ditches in the antebellum South because such work took a heavy toll on human life. Marshy land bred mosquitoes that carried yellow fever and malaria. Historians of New Orleans claim that the city would be more Irish than Boston today, had so many of its Irish immigrants not died as a result of the fevers they contracted doing this kind of work. On Canal Blvd. in New Orleans, the Irish Heritage Society constructed a monument several years ago to commemorate the nameless 19th-century ditch diggers buried in mass graves in the city.

An astute observer of Southern life, Frederick Law Olmsted, speaks of the exploitation of Irish labor in the antebellum South.¹² Olmsted notes that slaves were too valuable to do some of the dangerous work commonly assigned to Irishmen: when Olmsted interviewed a steamboat mate at Claiborne, Alabama, for instance, the man observed that Irishmen were given the task of stacking cotton bales on steamboats, because "the n-----s are worth too much to be used here; if the Paddies are knocked overboard, or get their backs broke, nobody loses anything!"¹³ During his New Orleans sojourn, Olmsted notes that slaves themselves sometimes referred to other slaves doing hard labor as Irishmen.¹⁴

If Valentine Ryan went to Mississippi to work as a laborer to earn money to buy farmland, it is also possible that he worked laying railroad tracks. The railroad came to Clarke Co. in 1850.¹⁵ According to Joe Robert and Mary Margaret Mallard, the Mobile and Ohio RR, which passed through Enterprise in Clarke Co. on its way to Macon from Mobile, laid track through Clarke Co. at this time.¹⁶

According to another Clarke Co. historian, Jim Dawson, the Mobile and Ohio Railroad came to Shubuta in Clarke Co. late in 1854 and was extended to Quitman by March 15, 1855, and to Enterprise by Oct. 3, 1855.¹⁷ This caused Shubuta to thrive, with shops and roundabouts being built, and Shubuta became a populous trade center.¹⁸ This information is of great interest, since, as will be seen below, it appears that Valentine Ryan settled at Shubuta. Was it the chance to work laying railroad track that

brought him, and possibly other interconnected Irish families, there?¹⁹

I've found no deed or court records of Valentine Ryan in Clarke Co.--no records at all of his presence there, in fact, other than the declaration of intent and his daughter's marriage record. However, a variety of other records allow us to pinpoint fairly precisely where his family must have lived in their brief sojourn in Mississippi. On the same day that Valentine Ryan made his declaration of intent, a John Dempsey also made a declaration in Clarke Co. (Circuit Ct. Minutes, p. 387). Dempsey's declaration states that he was also a native of Ireland and arrived at New Orleans on or about Christmas day, 1852--on the same date on which Valentine Ryan arrived. Was Dempsey a friend or relative of Valentine Ryan's? He appears to have been roughly a contemporary of Valentine Ryan's, judging by the age of his spouse: Dempsey gave bond on 29 Sept. 1853 with Thomas W. Dinis to marry Lucinda Covington (aged 38; see below) in Clarke Co. (Marriage Bk. A, 1853-65, p. 19). The return is dated 2 Oct. 1853, showing that the marriage was solemnized by N. Shotes (?), j.p.. (Actually, in the original record, both the license and return are dated 1853, while the bond is dated 1854; evidently 1853 is correct.) The 1853 marriage record suggests to me that Valentine Ryan may have gone to Clarke Co. by 1853, very soon after his arrival in New Orleans. If so, he may have come to New Orleans having already planned to go to Mississippi to work immediately after his arrival.

Lucinda Covington, spouse of John Dempsey, was in the household of Nancy Covington in Clarke Co. on the 1850 census.²⁰ Nancy Covington is aged 72, b. in South Carolina; Lucinda is aged 35, b. in Georgia. Also in the household is a Sarah, aged 6, b. in Mississippi. If this is Lucinda's daughter, then perhaps she had been previously married to a son of Nancy Covington who had died by 1850. On this census, Nancy is enumerated eight families away from Hugh Atkinson, in whose house Robert A. Sumrall, who married Valentine Ryan's daughter Margaret, was living in 1850. Hugh Atkinson was Robert A. Sumrall's brother-in-law, married to Robert's sister Harriett.²¹ Also between Lucinda Covington and Hugh Atkinson on the 1850 census were two other Sumrall households, those of Margaret and Moses Sumrall (families 484 and 485).

Since John Dempsey and Valentine Ryan's daughter Margaret both married into families of this neighborhood, it is apparent that these two Irishmen settled in the vicinity of twp. 1, range 16, sections 17-19. Land records of the Sumrall families indicate that this is where those families are to be found in the early 1850s.²² These land descriptions place the Sumralls along the Chickasawhay River just east of a community on present-day maps of Clarke Co. called Sumrall. This is in the south-central portion of Clarke Co. on highway 45, which runs between Quitman and Shubuta. Sumrall is just north of Shubuta, about 39 miles south of Meridian and 90 miles north of Mobile. According to local historian J. D. Mason, who is presently writing a history of Shubuta, the Sumralls are a noted family in the vicinity of Shubuta and the Hepzibah area about 5 miles west of Shubuta.²³

The Sumrall family already had strong ties, including marriage ties, to various Irish immigrant families who were either living in this region when Valentine Ryan settled there, or who arrived around the same time he did. Margaret Ryan's husband Robert A. Sumrall had an aunt Mary Sumrall who married Patrick Brogan, an Irish immigrant born in Co. Meath, Ireland.²⁴ Census information about this couple's children indicates that their marriage occurred about 1837, possibly in Jasper Co., where the couple lived and are buried.²⁵ Jasper is contiguous to Clarke Co. on the west. If Valentine Ryan did not settle in Mississippi to work as a laborer, then might he have come to work as a farmhand for a compatriot such as Brogan, who appears to have had a valuable farm by the 1850s?

Another possible connection of the Sumralls to an Irish family appears in the estate of John Willford in Clarke Co. in 1836, which shows an A. Ryan as a creditor (Probate Ct. Record B, 1839-44, p. 151). This is of interest, since Elizabeth, sister of Robert A. Sumrall, married a John Willford, perhaps son of this John.

The 7 June 1847 probate record of the inventory of Alexander Trotter's estate in Clarke Co. contains the names of several members of the family, as well as several Irishmen (Probate Ct. Record 3, 1844-8, p. 310). Among those owing notes to the estate were Jeremiah Hennessey and Nicholas O'Brien, as well as Robert A. Sumrall's brother-in-law Hugh Atkinson, and Robert A. Sumrall's uncles Thomas and Robert A. Sumrall, Sr. The record of Trotter's estate sale, which was held 6 Jan 1848, shows a Dr. D.H. Ryan buying a mule from the estate (Probate Ct. Record 4, 1848-50, p. 12).²⁶ Hugh

Atkinson and Thomas and Robert Sumrall were also buyers.

There appears to have been some kinship connection between the Trotter and Sumrall family, since the October 1851 petition of William B. Trotter for division of the estate of Nancy Trotter names Robert A. Sumrall as an estate appraiser, and William B. Trotter gives bond with Isham Moody, who was guardian of Robert A. Sumrall, husband of Margaret Ryan (Clarke Co. Probate Minutes 5, pp. 30-1).

I have found records of another family in Shubuta in the 1860s, but I cannot yet say whether they have any connection to Valentine Ryan. In fact, since I can't find them on any federal census, I don't even know if they were Irish-born. This family, the family of John D. and Margaret Ryan, bought a store in the town of Shubuta from Gates Brothers. J.D. Ryan is enumerated on the 1866 Mississippi state census in Clarke Co., with 1/0/0/1/000000m and 1/0/0/1/00000f and no slaves. Two houses away is the family of A.H. Ryan, with 2/0/1/0/1/00000m and 1/0/0/1/000000f and 6 slaves. This census also shows an L. (or is the initial J.?) Dempsey, a male with no wife or children and 2 slaves, living not far from these two families.²⁷ Is this the John Dempsey who came to America with Valentine Ryan? If so, Lucinda Covington Dempsey may have died by this date.

When immigrants came to America in the 19th century, they often made declarations of intent to become U.S. citizens in order set into motion naturalization procedures that would enable them to claim federal homestead land. Though I haven't found final naturalization papers for Valentine Ryan or a homestead claim filed by him, it seems very likely that he went to Mississippi with the long-range goal of buying or claiming American farm land, since, by 1859, he appears in Arkansas records obtaining land in that state. I discovered this when, having exhausted Clarke Co., Mississippi, records, I turned my attention to Arkansas records in my search to understand Valentine Ryan's life and that of his family after they arrived in America.

My first discovery in Arkansas was that Valentine Ryan owned land in Jefferson Co. by 1861, when he begins to appear on that county's tax list (p. 110) for three tracts of land he had bought from the federal government in 1859-60, valued at \$876. The tax list shows him with one poll and a horse valued at \$50, as well as 4 mules valued at \$70, for a total of \$996. The 1861 tax list notes that Valentine Ryan had

been taxed for this property in 1860 as well, but I haven't found that record.

When I discovered this tax listing, I was puzzled: there is not a single deed recorded in Jefferson Co. for this or any other land purchased by Valentine Ryan. Nor could I find any listing of a land purchase from the federal land office--that is, until I typed the coordinates for the land into the Bureau of Land Management's General Land Office website on the Internet. I knew the coordinates, since both the tax list and the estate records of Valentine Ryan's son Patrick show that the land eventually passed from father to son, and the latter records identify the various tracts, which match those in the tax list.

When I typed in the coordinates for this land, I discovered something curious. Rather than giving me the name Valentine Ryan, the search engine told me that this land had been purchased by one Valentine Verene. This explained why I had not been able to find Valentine Ryan as the purchaser of the Jefferson Co., Arkansas, land for which he was taxed by 1860 and 1861. The land had somehow gotten misrecorded as a purchase by one Valentine Verene, who is obviously Valentine Ryan, since the land matches the tracts for which he was taxed, and there is not a single other mention of a Valentine Verene in Jefferson Co. records. Having found that the buyer of the land was listed in the federal land records as Valentine Verene, I checked the tract book for Jefferson Co., and found that this source, too, lists him as the owner of the three tracts of land.

Once I had made this discovery, I tracked the land purchase itself, obtaining the land-entry case files from the National Archives. File 11765 shows that Valentine Verene bought 172½ acres from the U.S. land office in Little Rock on 19 September 1859. The land was lots 1 and 2 in the N½ of NW¼, sect. 6, twp. 3S, R11W, Jefferson Co. Valentine Verene applied for the land and received a patent for it on 19 September, making his payment of \$21.53 the same day and signing by mark. A certificate was issued the following day. The application for the land says that Valentine Verene was of Drew Co., Arkansas, at the time, which indicates that, sometime after Margaret Ryan's 22 Oct. 1856 marriage in Clarke Co., Mississippi, and before September, 1858, Valentine Ryan had moved his family to Arkansas, settling first in the southeastern portion of the state in Drew Co.²⁸

Robert A. Sumrall and wife Margaret Ryan Sumrall evidently accompanied Valentine Ryan's family to Arkansas, since, on 2 July 1860, Robert A. Sumrall bought from the U.S. land

office in Little Rock 211.27 acres in Jefferson (later Grant) Co., AR, the NW¼, sect. 7, twp. 3S, R11W, and the NE¼ twp. 3S R12W. The certificate for the land (#11614) says that Robert A. Sumrall was of Jefferson Co., Arkansas, when he bought this land.

Valentine Verene's land-entry case file for the land he purchased in 1859 also has a declaration made in Pulaski Co., Arkansas, on 23 Jan. 1871 saying that Valentine Verene had lived on the land since Sept. 1871 (*sic*) and had 30 acres in cultivation and a dwelling house on it, but that the duplicate certificate had been destroyed. An affidavit to support this claim was given by Solomon Miller on 23 Sept. 1871. This clarification of the land's ownership may have been filed because Valentine Ryan and wife Bridget, who were aged and possibly infirm by 1871, evidently turned their farm over to son Patrick by the 1870s. As will be seen below, by 1880, Valentine Ryan is listed on the census in the household of son Patrick, Bridget Tobin Ryan having died on 19 Nov. 1873 at Orion, Grant Co., Arkansas. The duplicate certificate for this land was not issued until 10 Sept. 1897, after Valentine Ryan and son Patrick had both died, as well as Patrick's wife Delilah Rinehart Ryan, who died on 7 June 1896 at Orion, Arkansas. Before her death, Delilah Rinehart Ryan had recorded a deed of partition on 26 March 1895, that deed noting that half of the land she inherited from husband Patrick belonged to Patrick Ryan's sister Catherine Ryan Batchelor, as an inheritance from her father (Grant Co. DB M, p. 392). The 1897 duplicate certificate for this land was evidently issued to secure the inheritance of Catherine Ryan Batchelor.

Valentine Ryan was not the only Irishman to buy land in twp. 3S, R11W in Jefferson Co. in 1859. On 1 June 1859, Patrick Hanigan of Jefferson Co. patented 160 acres in Jefferson Co. in sect. 4, twp. 3S, R11W. Could he possibly be related to the John Haligan, 46, a farmer born in Ireland, is in Drew Co. on the 1850 census in Smith twp., dwel. 402, with his family; or are these separate families? John Haligan had been in Mississippi in 1834-7, per his children's birthplaces.

It's difficult to understand how Valentine Ryan's federal land purchases might have been recorded in the name of Valentine Verene. A possible explanation is illiteracy: the 1860-70 (but not 1880) census listings indicate that both Valentine Ryan and wife Bridget were illiterate, and as we have seen, he signed his federal land applications by mark. But it may also have been the case that English was not his native

language, and that difficulty with the language complicated his attempt to understand the land papers when he signed them.

Irish was the first, and often sole, language of large numbers of those living in the Walsh Mountain region of Co. Kilkenny in the early part of the 19th century. L.M. Cullen thinks that the cultural continuity of the region, indicated in its rather stable social structure and the inbred character of its marriages, accounts for the fact that the region was the most Irish-speaking part of the county well into the 19th century.²⁹

Mairin Nic Eoin confirms Cullen's findings: according to Nic Eoin, the southern region of Co. Kilkenny was the most stable part of the county socially when the 19th century began, and thus remained the most Irish-speaking area of the county into the 19th century.³⁰ An 1815 observer of the region, a Mr. Atkinson, noted that prosperous pig breeders and dairymen of the Walsh Mountains could not speak a single word of English in 1815.³¹ Maps accompanying Nic Eoin's essay show that the southwestern portion of the county had Irish speakers numbering up to 40% in 1851 and up to 15% in 1891.³² That Valentine Ryan and his family came to America speaking Irish as their first language may be confirmed by the census reports of Catherine Ryan Batchelor's children, who consistently reported Irish as their mother's native tongue on those censuses which solicited such information. In her old age, my grandmother Hattie Batchelor Simpson, Catherine's youngest daughter, often expressed remorse that her mother's pronounced Irish accent had been an embarrassment to her in her youth: she had pleaded with her mother not to say "niver" for "never" and "kivver" for "cover," and not to pronounce "Jesus" as "Jaysus."

Having discovered that Valentine Ryan's federal land purchases were recorded in the name Valentine Verene, I found another purchase on 4 Apr. 1860. The application says that Valentine Verene filed on that day to buy the W½ NE¼ and lot 5 of NW, sect. 6, twp. 3S, R11W in Jefferson Co., 119.66 acres, for use as a farm adjoining one he already owned. The application also says that Valentine Verene's farm had five acres under cultivation. The same day Valentine Verene paid \$14.96 for the land (file 13024). The application lists Valentine Verene as of Jefferson Co., and is again signed by mark.

Township and range maps of Jefferson Co. show that this land was in the northwest corner of the county, west of the present-day town of Redfield. When Grant Co. was formed in 1869, Valentine Ryan's farm fell into that county. The range

maps have allowed me to pinpoint the location of the farm just northeast of the community of Orion in Grant Co. in extreme northeastern Grant Co. As will be seen below, Patrick Ryan's obituary notes that he lived near the Orion church; other records show that the land on which he lived was part of the land Valentine Ryan bought from the federal government, beginning in 1859. The church itself had been established in 1860 in the Henry community, but was not located at its present site until 1872.³³

As I worked to fill in gaps in my Arkansas records for Valentine Ryan, I also located him on the 1860 census at Rock Springs post office in Barraque twp., Jefferson Co.³⁴ The census gives both Valentine and wife Bridget's ages as 50, and states that Valentine Ryan was a laborer, with real estate valued at \$300 and personal property at \$100. All members of the family are listed as Irish-born. In the household are son Patin, 13, and daughter Catharina, 10. Patin is the diminutive form of Pat, the -in suffix being used as a term of affection in Irish. The census lists both Valentine and Bridget as illiterate. Note that Valentine's age on this census corresponds with his tombstone date of birth, while Bridget's does not. The children's ages are roughly correct, but not precise.

The fact that this census lists Valentine Ryan as a laborer makes me wonder whether he was at this time working as a farmhand on a neighboring farm--perhaps that of W.A. Slaughter, his next-door neighbor, who appears to have been a man of substance. Note that two families away is the family of L. Dison, another laborer. Several families from him is the family of J.W. Dison, also a laborer. Were all these men workers on nearby farms? The ties to the Dison family remained strong over time, since members of this family were close friends of my grandmother Hattie Batchelor Simpson. I haven't found Rock Springs on maps of Jefferson Co., but, since Redfield is in Barraque twp., I think that Valentine Ryan must have settled immediately on the farm that became his family farm in the northwest portion of Jefferson Co., later to become the northeast corner of Grant Co.

I haven't identified the attraction of Jefferson Co. for Valentine Ryan, but a possible attraction may have been that the county had, for Arkansas, a sizeable Catholic community. The county seat, Pine Bluff, had been a French settlement; the Catholic presence dates from the French period.³⁵ As Jefferson Co. naturalization records indicate, in the 19th century, various European Catholic immigrants moved to the

vicinity of Pine Bluff, perhaps attracted by the presence of a Catholic community that would not have been available in many other areas of AR. Goodspeed's for Jefferson Co. says that a Catholic church was built at Plum Bayou in 1852 by Fr. Patrick McGowan, who had built St. Joseph's in Pine Bluff the year before. He came to Jefferson Co. in 1850. Plum Bayou is not far from where Valentine Ryan settled. Because Pine Bluff is an inland port on the Arkansas River (and in the past, an *important* port), and was connected to New Orleans via steamboat passage on the Arkansas and Mississippi Rivers, it was relatively easy for Catholic immigrants, including quite a few Irish, to find their way to the area.

Though Valentine Ryan and his wife and children are buried in a Baptist cemetery in Grant Co., I think that at least the parental generation--Valentine and Bridget Tobin Ryan--remained Catholic throughout their lives. The gravestones of both have symbols that are more typical of a Catholic than a Baptist cemetery, Valentine Ryan's having a cross with IHS at its center, and Bridget Tobin Ryan's having a crucifix. From family stories, I know that their daughter Catherine did join the nearest church--Orion Missionary Baptist--as she came of age, and her brother Patrick may also have done so. Unfortunately, the early minutes of this church burned in a fire in the first part of the 20th century, making it impossible to ascertain with certainty the membership of the Orion church in its formative years.

As I have sought to understand the reasons Valentine Ryan came to central Arkansas in the late 1850s, I have run across fascinating information about an Irish colony that preceded him there. In December 1850, a group of Irish immigrants primarily from Counties Wexford and Wicklow were brought to Little Rock by Rev. Thomas Hoare at the instigation of the bishop of Little Rock, Andrew Byrne, who wished to bring Catholic colonies to the state to increase its Catholic population. As did Valentine Ryan, the colony entered the United States through the port of New Orleans. Unfortunately, few arrangements were made for the immigrants' sustenance when they arrived, so they dispersed, some families going to St. Louis, others to Waterford, Iowa, and still others to Refugio Co., Texas. Those families that remained in Arkansas tended to settle in Fort Smith.²⁶ I have no evidence that Valentine Ryan was influenced to move to Arkansas by the presence of this colony in the state, but news of Arkansas could well have come to him through those who knew of this Irish colony. In fact, according to historian J.M. Lucey, with the exception of this

Irish colony, and another group who came to Little Rock in 1848-1850, those Irish immigrants who did come into the state in the 19th century tended to come as individual families. Lucey thinks that a considerable number of such families chose Arkansas as home in the latter part of the 1800s.²⁷

To return to the records I found as I continued my search for traces of Valentine Ryan in Arkansas: he appears again in the Jefferson Co. tax list in 1862, taxed for the same tracts for which he had been taxed previously, except that lot 2 is now no longer included in his landholdings (p. 98). The land is again valued at \$876, and Valentine Ryan is also taxed for a horse and three mules.

There is no Jefferson Co. tax list for 1863-4, when the county seat, Pine Bluff, became the center of a battle between Confederate and Federal troops, with the latter occupying the town for some months. In 1865, though there is a tax list for the county, Valentine Ryan's name does not appear on it for some reason.

In 1866, Valentine Ryan appears once again on the Jefferson Co. tax list for the same tracts of land he owned in 1862, except that the 119 acres in lot 5 have now become 66 acres, the other 53 apparently having been given to his son Patrick, who appears on the tax list for the first time in 1868 owning lot 5 (p. 98). The 1867 tax list for Jefferson Co. is also missing (due to Reconstruction?). In 1868, Valentine Ryan has only 172 acres in the same location as his previous landholdings--presumably, lot 1 from previous tax lists (p. 89). His son Patrick appears on the tax list for the first time this year, with lots 3, 4, and 5 in the same location, along with land in section 7, same twp. and range. It appears that Valentine Ryan had given some land to his son, and sold the rest to others, though I've found no deeds for the sale. I have not searched for Valentine Ryan on Jefferson Co. tax lists after 1868.

I have found only sparse records for the end of Valentine Ryan's life. He appears on the 1870 census in Grant Co., Arkansas, Simpson twp., Sandy Springs post office (p. 235). On this census, the census taker has recorded wildly wrong information: Valentine Ryan is 57 years of age, a farmer born in Georgia; his wife's name is given as Elizabeth, and she is 47 years of age, and born in Tennessee. The age of neither corresponds with information on their tombstones, and their Irish birth is disguised. Was the misinformation deliberate? Or had a neighbor given the census taker the information? The 1870 census lists Valentine

Ryan as a U.S. citizen, but, as I have noted, I have not found any final naturalization papers for him.

In a 28 Aug. 1996 letter to me, Dr. John L. Ferguson, director of the Arkansas History Commission, tells me that in 1870, Sandy Springs was in section 26, twp. 6S, range 15W of Grant Co. This places Sandy Springs in Tennessee twp. near Leola, rather than in Simpson twp. in northeastern Grant Co.--perhaps another slip of the census taker who recorded the 1870 census information about Valentine Ryan.

After Bridget Tobin Ryan's death in 1873, Valentine Ryan seems to have handed over his land entirely to son Patrick and to have moved into his son's house. The 1879 Grant Co. Personal Tax Book shows Valentine Ryan being assessed for no property, which indicates that he was relying on his son for support. This tax book enumerates Valentine Ryan beside his son Patrick. The 1880 census reinforces the idea that Valentine Ryan moved into son Patrick's house after the death of Bridget: here, Valentine Ryan is listed in Patrick Ryan's household, aged 64 and Irish-born.³⁸

The final record I have found for Valentine Ryan is an abstract of a 30 June 1888 deed of his son Patrick to William Farrell for the land of Patrick's father Valentine Ryan; the deed notes that Patrick Ryan was selling the land as one of the three heirs of Valentine Ryan, the other two obviously being his sister Catherine and the family of their sister Margaret Ryan Sumrall.

On the same day (30 June 1888), George R. Batchelor and wife Catherine Ryan Batchelor sold two tracts of land to William Farrell. These included the northwest quarter of section 13 and the north half of the south east quarter of section 2, both in township three, range 12 west. The deed notes that this land had come to Catherine Ryan Batchelor from the estate of Valentine Ryan. These deeds are recorded in Grant Co. DB J, p. 127. The land transactions must have been included in the final settlement of Valentine Ryan's estate, since his tombstone in Orion cemetery shows that he died on 22 Feb. 1881, probably at the house of son Patrick. Since Grant Co. early records have burned, there is no estate record *per se*.

A few notes about Valentine and Bridget Tobin Ryan's children: as I noted previously, on 22 Oct. 1856, their daughter Margaret married Robert A. Sumrall in Clarke Co., Mississippi, Robert Sumrall giving bond with his brother John. On the same day, S. Bass, a justice of the

peace, married the couple; the marriage was recorded on 14 Nov. 1856.³⁹

According to a rather murky story that has passed down in my family, when Margaret Ryan Sumrall died in 1862 at the young age of 24, she left several small children. At her death, her younger sister Catherine (who would have been only 13 years old at the time) decided to marry Robert A. Sumrall so that the children would not be without a mother. Another child was born to Catherine Ryan and Robert A. Sumrall, but, as the family story has it, Robert Sumrall was cruel to his young wife, and she left him and later married George R. Batchelor. I have not been able to confirm any details of this story, and have not found a marriage record. As I have noted above, it appears that Robert A. and Margaret Ryan Sumrall accompanied the Ryan family to Arkansas, where Robert A. Sumrall bought land in Jefferson Co. in 1860. Margaret evidently died in Arkansas, since she is buried in Orion cemetery; her tombstone does not have her married name. By American custom, this might suggest marital unhappiness; but it should be noted that Irish custom at the time often had married women buried with tombstones giving their maiden, and not married, names.

If Robert A. Sumrall did marry his wife's sister, the marriage would seem not to have been a long one, since the 1880 census indicates that he had married a woman named Mary J. by 1874 and had returned to Mississippi, where the couple had children born in 1875 and 1878. By 1880, he had moved to Rusk Co., Texas, settling beside his sister Susan and her husband Horatio Parks, who changed his name to John Brown after having settled in Texas.⁴⁰

As mentioned above, a grandson of Margaret Ryan Sumrall came to Arkansas in 1938 to visit my grandmother. After his visit, he wrote a letter to Hattie Batchelor Simpson in which he tells his cousin that his mother, a daughter of Margaret Ryan, had been given to his uncle and aunt William and Amanda Harper after Margaret Ryan's death. Robert Harper notes that his mother (whom the letter never names) had come to live with the Harpers when she was seven years old, and that she married and had nine children, of whom four were living in 1938. Robert was her youngest child.

After having located the marriage of Margaret Ryan and Robert A. Sumrall in Clarke Co., Mississippi, I did a census search for William and Amanda Harper. I found them on the 1870 and 1880 census at Ellisville in Jones Co., Mississippi, with a girl named Elizabeth Sumrall

in the household.⁴¹ These two census listings indicate that Margaret Elizabeth Sumrall (as other records indicate her full name to have been) was born 1858-60 in either Mississippi or Arkansas. The birth dates suggest that, if Robert Harper's information is correct, she would have been given to William and Amanda Harper about 1865-67--that is, some 3-5 years after the death of her mother. This indicates that, if Catherine Ryan did marry Robert Sumrall, the marriage had ended by this time. That appears to be confirmed by the birth date of Catherine Ryan Batchelor's first known child by George R. Batchelor, who was born in 1870.

End Notes:

12. See *The Cotton Kingdom: A Selection*, ed. David Freeman Hawke (Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill, 1971; reprint of 1861 original).

13. *Ibid.*, p. 100; see also p. 70, where Olmsted tells a Southerner that he himself hires Irishmen on his farm in New York, and that they cost him less to hire than Southerners pay to hire slaves.

14. *Ibid.*, p. 107.

15. See Joe Robert and Mary Margaret Mallard, "A brief History of Enterprise, Clarke Co., Mississippi:" (10 May 1996), on Internet website of Frank Buckley at Netpathway.com.

16. *Ibid.*

17. History of Shubuta Methodist Church (Meridian, MS: Lauderdale Co. Hist. Soc., n.d.), p. 1.

18. *Ibid.*, p. 3.

19. In researching other of my family lines, I've found corroborating evidence of the extent to which Irish labor was used to lay railroad track in the South at this time: on the 1870 census, my great-grandfather Mannen Clements is enumerated in Tuscaloosa Co., Alabama, as overseer of a group of Irishmen laying track through the county in that year (pct. 15, Kennandale post office). I have, in fact, found on other Kilkenny family with ties to Mullinavat living in Clarke Co.

20. P. 171/B, fam. 481/dwel. 483.

21. See James H. Hines, *The Families of Sumerville, Somervail, Summerall, Sumerell, Summerill, Summertin, Sumlin, Sumral, and Sumrill* (PO Box 25002, Houston, TX 77005; 1981), p. 19. See also the petition of Harrison and Robert A. Sumrall, administrators of Moses Sumrall, grandfather of Harriett and Robert A., to sell the slaves of Moses Sumrall after his decease, 1st Monday in Dec., 1848; Clarke Co. Probate Court Minutes, vol. 3, 1846-51, p. 192-3. This names the children of Moses' son Jesse, who included Harriett and Robdert A. (The Robert A. Sumrall for this petition was a brother of Moses.) On Jesse Sumrall, see also Goodspeed's Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Mississippi (Chicago: Goodspeed, 1891), pp. 867-3).

22. Robert A. Sumrall had land grants in Clarke Co. from the state of Mississippi in the following places: Twp. 1, Range 16, Sec. 17 (Bk. K-1, p. 532); Twp. 1, Range 156, Sec. 18 (Bk. K-1, p. 550); Twp. , Range 165, Sec. 19 (*ibid.*, p. 555) and Twp. 2, Range 15, Sec. 7 (Bk. G-1, p. 406). In the same vicinity, Hiram Sumrall, Thomas Sumrall, Levi Sumrall, Jacob Sumrall, and Moses Sumrall, Sr. and Jr., had land grants (see H. H. Daniels, *History of Clarke Co., MS* (RR 2 Box 337, Bay Springs, MS 39422; n.d.), p. 52, 53, 57; LDS film 1036383).

23. Information shared with me by email on 16 Sept. 1998 by J. D. Mason, 376 E. North St., PO Box 5, Shubuta, MS 39360-0005; (601-687-1610).

24. The tombstones of Patrick Brogan and wife Mary are in the Catholic cemetery, Paulding, Jasper Co., MS; see H. H. Daniel, *History of Jasper Co., Mississippi: Cemetery Records, 1834-1910, Index of Wills and Land Grants* (n.p., n.d.; LDS film 1035383, item 7). Daniel says (p.97) that James Brogan had a land grand in 1846 in Paulding Co.

Patrick Brogan is on the 1860 census in Jasper Co., MS, Claiborne post office, p. 519 (dwel. 1048/fam. 1055), aged 64, b. Ireland, a farmer with \$10,000 real property and \$8500 personal. Wife Mary is 54, b. SC. In the household are children P.O., 21. G. W., 19. J. G., 15. A.D., 13, and R.A. 8. All are born MS, and the first three are sons, the last two daughters.

Also in Claiborne until 1860 was a whole community of Irish, including James Ryan, 33, b. Ireland, living in the home of John Carr, a farmer, 33, b. Ireland (p. 4423); and Patrick Brogan (next door), 27, a farmer with wife Catherine and daughters M.A. and Margaret (Patrick b. Ireland). Patrick is of an age to be a son of Patrick Brogan, b. 1796.

25. In the cemetery in which Patrick Brogan and wife Mary Sumrall Brogan are buried (St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, Paulding, MS), tombstones indicate the following Irish counties of origin for those buried in the cemetery: Limerick (O'Flinn), Down (Rooney), Kilkenny (Kirby, Skehan, Walsh), and Cork (Harrington, McQuellen).

26. See Jean Strickland and Patricia R. Edwards, (PO Box 5147, Moss Point, MS 39563; 1994), p. 342.

27. The LDS IGI lists a marriage for a Fannie Ryan to A. Barber, 7 Dec. 1884, Clarke Co., MS. Could she be one of these Shubuta Ryan families?

28. According to Byrd Gibbens, *Strangers in the AR Delta: Ethnic Groups and Minorities*, in Jennie Whyne and Williard B. Gatewood, *The Arkansas Delta, Land of Paradox* (Fayetteville: Univ. of AR, 1993), p. 159, members of the McEvoy family settled in the Arkansas Delta. [Note that Drew Co. is a Delta county.]

29. *Kilkenny—History and Society*, p. 279.

Cullen also notes that the "closed character of

the region: kept significant numbers of Protestants from settling in it." (pp. 279-80).

30. "Irish Language and Literature in County Kilkenny in the Nineteenth Century" in *Kilkenny—History and Society*, p. 466.

31. *Ibid.*

32. *Ibid.*, p. 565.

33. See Chestene Bruce, "Orion MBC Birthday Celebration," *Redfield Update* (1 Apr. 1998), p. 8, which provides a brief history of the church. A picture of the 1872 building is in the article.

34. P. 739, dwe./fam.244; 18 Sept.

35. For a description of the Pine Bluff Catholic church in the 1860s, see Col. George John Ryan's account in "Pine Bluff a Century Ago," *Jefferson Co. Hist. Q.*, 5, 2, [1974], pp. 38-45, which reproduces an 8 Feb. 1885 letter of Col. Ryan's describing a trip he made from New Orleans to Pine Bluff in May 1861.

36. On this colony, see Jim Rees, *A Farewell to Famine* (Dublin: Criterion, 1994).

37. J.M. Lucey, "History of Immigration to Arkansas," *Publications of Arkansas Hist. Assn.* 3 (1911), 217.

38. Grant Co., Simpson Twp., ED 100, p. 232, fam./dwe1.39. On the 1880 census, a William Gleason, a farmer aged 60, b. Ireland, is also enumerated on the Grant Co. census in Simpson

Twp. (p. 2356, fam. 116/dwe1. 117). This may be the William Gleason who patented land in Grant Co. at the U. S. Land Office in Little Rock on 4 Oct 1886 in the NW1/4 of Sect. 6, Twp. 4 S, R. 1 S, 40 acres (#3186). *Goodspeed's Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Pulaski, Jefferson, Lonoke, Faulkner, Grant, Saline, Perry, Garland and Hot Springs Counties* (Chicago: Goodspeed, 1889) has a biography of a Lawrence D. Gleason, "proprietor of the leading restaurant of Little Rock", who was born in Ireland and came to the U.S. when 8, being reared in Cleveland. In 1870 he came to Little Rock, having lived in Nashville, Chattanooga, Huntsville and Memphis before that. His restaurant was at Markham and Louisiana. In 1858, he married Mary McCabe, and both were members of St. Andrew's Catholic Church.

39. Clarke Co. Marriages, 1856, p. 188.

40. Pct. 3, fam. 45/dwe1.52. Information about Horatio Parks, a/k/a John Brown, and Susan Sumrall in Beverly Fogarty, "Horatio Parks", *Rusk Co. History*, ed. Rusk Co. Hist. Commission (Dallas: Taylor 1982), m p. 333.

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Arkansas Barbers 1884-85

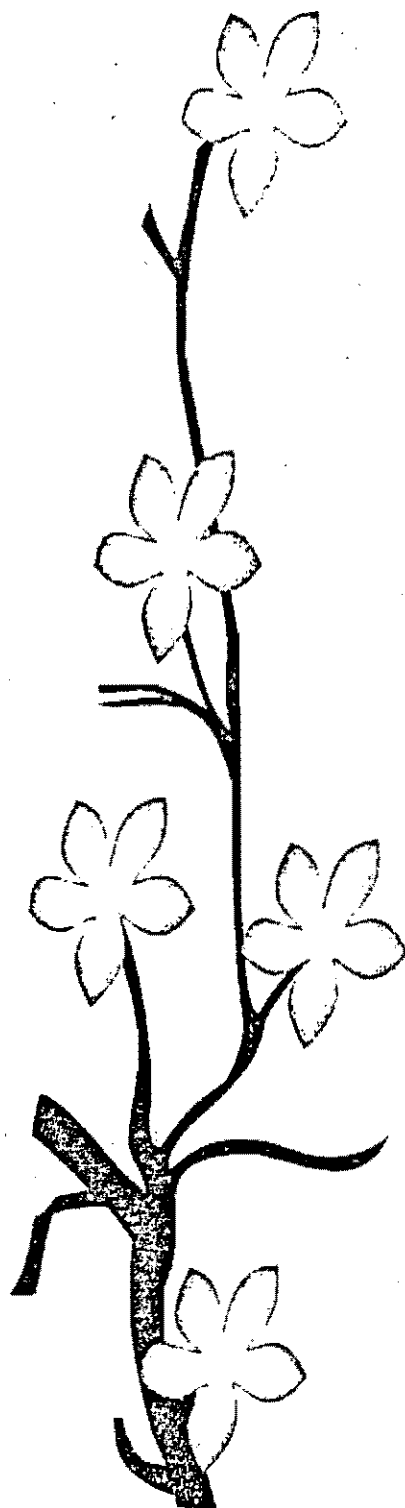
Listed in Polk's State Gazetteer and Business Directory

Submitted by Russell P. Baker, 6525 Magnolia, Mabelvale, AR 72103

Name	City
Aber, J. D.	Camden
Adams, _____	Hot Springs
Adams, Frank	Eglantine
Alexander, Henry	Colona
Anderson, Jarrett	Dardanelle
Anderson, John	Hope
Arledge, T. F.	Buffalo Lick
Armstrong, Edward	Little Rock
Baldwin, J. B.	Yellville
Bates, W. H.	Sexton
Beckhart, Jacob	Monticello
Beroset, J. W.	Little Rock
Berry, Charles	Alston
Berry, H. J.	Bentonville
Bishop, F. T.	Marianna
Blount, C. V	Brinkley
Briggs, C. W.	Judsonia
Brown, Henry	Little Rock
Brown, Samuel	Cotton Plant
Brownless, S. A.	Elmot
Bryant, C. P.	Boydsville
Buchanan, D. A.	Corning
Bunch, John	Pocahontas
Burnes, _____	Little Rock
	Coal Hill
Burnham, C. P.	Hamburg
Burris, K.S.	Roseville
Carpenter, W.L.	Paragould
Cecie, S. M.	Poplar Bluff
Clapton, David	Little Rock
Clark, A.	Forrest City
Clinton, Benjamin	Helena
Cole, Judge	Pine Bluff
Cook, James	Antoine
Coursey, Isaac	Marianna
Cox, J. B.	Fayetteville
Cox, W. J.	Stevens Crek
Crowell, Marvin	Prairie Grove
Dalton, David	Warm Springs
Daniels, W.R.	Stattler
Davis, W. H.	Menifee
Dennis, H. A.	DeValls Bluff
Dickens, Andrew	Hot Springs
Dillard, Dr.	Green Forest
Dolche, Herman	Atkins
Duchesne, A.	Carlisle
Dunskinis, _____	Little Rock
Edwards, C.	Texarkana
Eubank, T. J.	Balloon
Erby, Alexander	Little Rock
Eunigs, Frank	Texarkana
Farris, J. D.	Heber
Fernald, James	Magnolia

Fike, George	Little Rock
Fletcher, _____	Paragould
Frederick, Adam	Prescott
Frencher, John	Poplar Grove
Gadlin, D. C.	Camden
Gaines, J. W.	Elm Store
Gains, Walter	Henrico
Garrett, Benjamin	Ozan
Garrett, G. W.	Hope
Glover, J. N.	Texarkana
Great, Alexander	Russellville
Green, James	Paris
Hall, Cal	Searcy
Hall, David	Little Rock
Harris, B. F.	Carlisle
Harris, Joseph	Warren
Harrison, J. W.	Warren
Heil, Charles	Morrilton
Henderson, Wm.	Fort Smith
Hiflin, K. T.	Rogers
Hoffstater, Frank	Little Rock
Hook, James	Calhoun
Hopkins, J. M.	Magazine
Hughs, J. W.	Salem
Jackson, Henry	Little Rock
Jackson, P. J.	Little Rock
Jackson, Henry	Crawfordsville
King, James	Philips Bayou
Kirkpatrick, J. L.	Doe Branch
Leroy, Frank	Alicia
Locasto, Frank	Texarkana
Looms, T.R.	Forrest City
Loving, H. A.	Cedarville
McDonald, _____	Centre Point
McDonald, M.	Marianna
McDonald, Reuben	Walnut Ridge
McKenny, J.	Fordyce
McNair, Willis	Little Rock
McNeely, Gus	Augusta
Martin, R. W.	Little Rock
Mathew, Henry	Monticello
Mershon, E. P. H.	Fort Smith
Metheny, D. W.	Jane's Store
Miller, E. R.	Arkadelphia
Mitchell, B. F.	Texarkana
Moody, Louis	Forrest City
Moore, Samuel	Quitman
Moore, Willis	Argenta
Morton, James	Little Rock
Norris, Joseph	Garland
Patterson, A.	Lonoke
Patterson, J. A.	Ola
Payne, A. A.	Texarkana
Penk, Ham	Booneville

Phillips, W. E.	Little Rock
Pierce, _____	Malvern
Pierce, Warren	Ozan
Potter, Thomas	Mound City
Pryor, _____	Hot Springs
Puryea, James	Knobel
Ragland, Levi	Searcy
Randall, G. L.	Pine Bluff
Ray, John	Hot Springs
Reed, _____	Little Rock
Reed, Richard	Little Rock
Reiet, A. .	Calhoun
Roach, Thos	Springdale
Robinson, _____	Malvern
Robinson, Simeon	Beebe
Roussel, C. .	Batesville
Rucker, Paul	Shaw
Samuel, C. M.	Fordyce
Samuel, S.	Fordyce
Sanders, James	Spring Valley
Seidel, Herman	Little Rock
Sengel, Chas	Fort Smith
Shaver, T. J.	Bay Village
Skiling, James	Clarksville
Smith, B. F.	Witcherville
Smith, C. G.	Van Buren
Smith, J. L.	Mountain Home
Smith, J. M.	Eureka Springs
Stockings, _____	Little Rock
Symas, Charles	Racine
Syms, Wm.	Texarkana
Tally, Wm.	Pine Bluff
Tate, C.	El Dorado
Taylor, John	Fulton
Thomas, Henry	Aitua
Wade, P.	Star City
Wagner, Louis	Batesville
Walker, D.T.	Pocahontas
Walst, W. G.	Bradford
Wan, Wesley	Ozark
Washington, George	Helena
Wear, Beverly	Hot Springs
Weaver, F. W.	Galloway
Webster, Wm.	Nashville
Wells, Edward	Roseville
Weyland, D. R.	Poplar Bluff
Whitten, J. W.	Eureka Springs
Williams, James	Hillsborough
Williams, J. R.	Corning
Williams, J. W.	Pine Bluff
Williams, L. A.	Fayetteville
Williams, N. B.	Little Rock
Wilson, Andrew	Harrison
Wilson, R. C.	Helena
Wolf, Henry	Alma
Yaerger, Valentine	Conway
Yowell, J. L.	Ipava



Olive Hill Cemetery

Saline County, Arkansas

Submitted by Russell P. Baker, 6525
Magnolia, Mabelvale, AR 72103

This cemetery is located on Chicot Rd. just across the Saline Co. line, south of the Little Rock City Limits. This inventory was done by the late R. L. Kumpe in 1982. The cemetery is located next to the Olive Hill Missionary Baptist Church.

- Akins, William Hoyt, b. May 13, 1914, d. Mar. 27, 1967
Baines, Mel
Ballentine, Viola Brewer, b. Feb. 28, 1907, d. Jul. 31, 1964
Barth, Edna, b. Sep. 15, 1915, d. Aug. 16, 1917
Barth, Edna Ross, b. Aug. 11, 1892, d. Mar. 24, 1971
Barth, Frank Joseph, b. Dec. 3, 1890, d. Nov. 11, 1980
Barth, Leonard, b. 1917, d. 1919
Barth, Vernon, b. 1915, d. 1917
Bauer, Anna R.
Bauer, Auther
Bauer, Catherine Ethel, b. Apr. 12, 1893, d. Nov. 8, 1911
Bauer, Cordelia Amelia, b. Feb. 15, 1871, d. Jan. 19, 1906
Bauer, Elmer E., b. Mar. 21, 1909, d. Feb. 16, 1911
Bauer, Jacob Franklin, b. May 14, 1891, d. Aug. 27, 1910
Bauer, John T., b. Mar. 11, 1914, d. Jan. 30, 1945
Bauer, Mary F., b. Nov. 8, 1886, d. Mar. 27, 1965
Bauer, Ruben Willie, b.?, d. 1967
Bauer, William, b. Sep. 11, 1871, d. May 24, 1941
Bauer, William, Sr.
Baxley, Dorothy Brewer, b.?, d. Apr. 10, 1966
Bedwell, Benjamin, b. May 22, 1885, d. Mar. 5, 1953
Bedwell, Jennie, b. Jun. 22, 1920, d. Feb. 22, 1978
Bedwell, Luciel, b. Sep. 5, 1923, d. May 10, 1940
Bedwell, Sarah L., b. Mar. 8, 1890, d. Oct. 22, 1977
Beene, Jerry T., b.?, d. Apr. 3, 1946
Beene, Mary, b. 1897?, d. ?
Beene, Patty
Best, Inf. Chester Wayne, b. Oct. 31, 1939, d. Nov. 12, 1939
Boliss, Kimberly Ann, b.?, d. Mar. 30, 1966
Brewer, Emmett, b. Dec. 25, 1896, d. Oct. 1, 1957
Brewer, Julia, b. Jan. 9, 1880, d. Jan. 15, 1951
Brewer, Laurie J., b. Oct. 9, 1881, d. Nov. 16, 1953
Brewer, Lester T., b. Sep. 25, 1905, d. Mar. 31, 1961
Brewer, Thomas M., b. Sep. 1, 1867, d. Mar. 1, 1927
Brewer, William
Brewer, W. R., b. May 10, 1858, d. Jul. 27, 1932
Bunch, Ella A., b. Jul. 17, 1865, d. Jun. 12, 1920
Bunch, Granville, b. Jul. 17, 1901, d. Jan. 5, 1977
Bunch, H. H., b. Aug. 21, 1909, d. Mar. 9, 1925
Bunch, Pearl L., b. Apr. 21, 1912, d. Nov. 3, 1977
Bunch, Wesley Oneal, b. Oct. 14, 1934, d. Dec. 3, 1934
Bunton, Darren Wayne, b. Jan. 25, 1978, d. Jan. 20, 1979
Burns, Annie O. Evans, b. Nov. 3, 1875, d. Mar. 14, 1919
Cariton, Bruce, b. ?d. Oct. 21, 1981, 75 years
Causey, William Buford, b.?, d. Nov. 16, 1979
Chenault, John William, b. 1940, d. 1954
Collins, Lyfres Henry, b.?, d. Feb. 25, 1969, 60 years
Cook, Infant Randall, d. Mar. 28, 1963
Couch, Bettie, b. Apr. 9, 1897, d. Jun. 2, 1897
Couch, Mary Frances, b. Mar. 15, 1871, d. Jul. 3, 1941
Couch, Pinckney, b. May 27, 1898, d. May, 1900
Couch, Thomas Allen, b. Mar. 10, 1870, d. Jan. 16, 1940
Cowing, H. O.
Cowing, Stanley C., b.?, d. May 13, 1954, 62 Yrs.
Cowing, Viola, b. Oct. 4, 1898, d. Jan. 14, 1978
Crabtree, Helen M., b. Nov. 5, 1931, d. Feb. 18, 1978
Craig, Mary, b. Feb. 28, 1823, d. Sep. 28, 1868

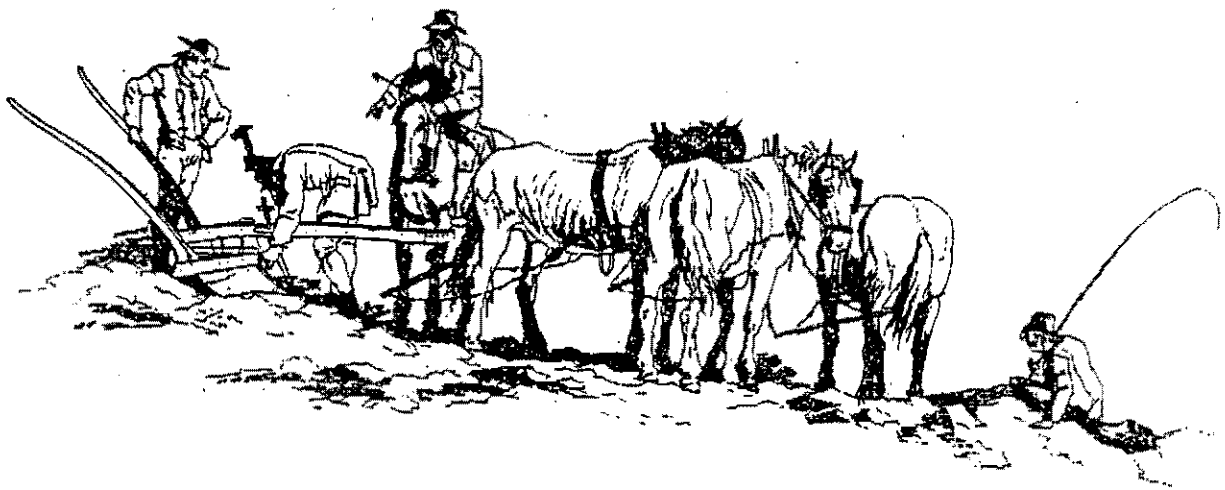
Cretian, Everett, b. Sep. 20, 1916, d. Jul 21, 1927
 Crook, James E., b. Dec. 31, 1878, d. Mar. 2, 1928
 Crook, Samuel, b. Jul 30, 1847, d. Jul 6, 1879
 Crouch, Larry Dale, b. Apr. 26, 1955, d. Jan. 15, 1979
 Crouch, William, b.? d. May 31, 1977, 18 Yrs.
 Dare, Sarah E., b. 1860, d. 1941
 Davis, Nancy E., b. Apr. 8, 1863, d. Oct. 7, 1949
 DeLeuil, two babies
 Dickson, Ed E., b. Nov. 11, 1891, d. Aug. 5, 1961
 Dickson, Howard F., b. Nov. 18, 1914, d. May 21, 1951
 Easter, Barker Gardner, b.?, d. Jan. 15, 1972
 Easter, Mrs. Gardner
 Easter, Leonard H.
 Elkins, Edgar, b. Jun. 10, 1914, d. Feb. 14, 1918
 Elkins, Mattie Fulmore
 Etheridge, Ophelia
 Farrell, John J., b. Apr. 3, 1894, d. Nov. 17, 1957
 Farrell, Nannie, b. Sep. 8, 1905, d. Sep. 20, 1973
 Felty, Rildy, b. Feb. 4, 1897, d. Oct. 30, 1944
 Fisher, R. W. (Billy), b. Jan. 10, 1906, d. Mar. 24, 1965
 Ford, Shirley Jean, b.?, d. Sep. 12, 1944
 Friedrich, ?, b. Jan. 12, 1828, d. May 22, 1903
 French, Charles S., b. May 6, 1869, d. Jan. 25, 1939
 French, Margaret Jo, b. Mar. 6, 1879, d. Mar. 12, 1928
 French, Willie Lee, b. May 26, 1907, d. Sep. 1, 1928
 Fulmore, Eliza, b. 1821, d. 1889
 Fulmore, Francis L., b. Mar. 17, 1862, d. Nov. 22, 1921
 Fulmore, Glida, b. Mar. 7, 1900, d. Jun. 18, 1901
 Fulmore, S. H., b. Apr. 25, 1856, d. Nov. 22, 1921
 Gauntt, Cora Earlene, b. Mar. 15, 1930, d. Jun. 22, 1930
 Gooch, Mollie Augusta, b. May 2, 1882, d.?
 Gooch, Robert E. Lee, b. Jun. 5, 1874, d. Jan. 30, 1949
 Graves, Mary C., b. Aug. 3, 1921, d. Dec. 21, 1921
 Green, Baby, b. Nov. 6, 1890
 Green, Emmitt, b. Nov. 1, 1889, d. Jun. 22, 1890
 Green, Reedie, b. Sep. 9, 1896, d. Nov. 16, 1904
 Green, Theodore E., b. Mar. 18, 1892, d. Aug. 18, 1892
 Green, W. H., b. Dec. 25, 1880, d. Nov. 4, 1892
 Grissom, A. W., b. Aug. 28, 1901, d. May 23, 1934
 Grissom, Collie W., b. Jun. 10, 1896, d. Mar. 5, 1958
 Grissom, Edgar Ellis
 Grissom, Jeanie
 Grissom, Lula Carr, b. Sep. 30, 1866, d. Oct. 14, 1893
 Grissom, Ovel, b. Nov. 30, 1907, d. Feb. 1908
 Grissom, Wade, b. 1861, d. Apr. 17, 1920
 Grogan, Helen Lesley
 Grogan, James N., b. Sep. 16, 1860, d. Jun. 30, 1930
 Grogan, John A., b. Jul 12, 1894, d. Aug. 10, 1918
 Grogan, Lex Marion, b.?, d. May 22, 1975
 Grogan, Mattie Pritchard, b. Jun. 16, 1885, d. Aug. 20, 1950
 Grogan, Sadie Wilder, b. Jan. 17, 1889, d. May 8, 1931
 Grogan, Stella Lesley, b. Mar. 10, 1904, d. May 5, 1975
 Grogan, Thomas H., b. Aug. 18, 1885, d. Jul 5, 1953
 Grogan, Tom & Sadie's six babies
 Grogan, Viola Orendorff, b. Dec. 28, 1900, d. Apr. 25, 1927
 Hale, Curtis
 Hale, Estes, b. Dec. 12, 1857, d. Mar. 14, 1928
 Hale, Ferdie
 Hale, Forney, b. Nov. 10, 1900, d. Jan. 27, 1975
 Hale, Pearle, b. Sep. 30, 1907, d. Jul 25, 1964
 Hale, Ida Mae, b. Dec. 7, 1876, d. Nov. 1, 1968
 Hale, Leona E., b. Jun. 6, 1916, d. Dec. 22, 1917
 Hale, Shelby
 Hale, Thomas O.
 Harris, Charles F., b. May 11, 1941, d. Aug. 12, 1980
 Harris, Russell W., b. Jan. 29, 1943, d. Sep. 28, 1967
 Harris, Infant Thomas C., b.? d. Jan. 14, 1965
 Hart, Frances Wade, b. 1864, d. 1931
 Hart, James M., b. 1854, d. 1927
 Hayes, Grandmaugh Elizabeth, . Oct. 11, 1806, d. Feb. 20, 1892
 Henderson, Bessie Perkins, b. Jan. 16, 1890, d. Aug. 7, 1965
 Henderson, George C., b. Jan. 28, 1884, d. Dec. 17, 1971

Henry, Harold Franklin, b. Jan. 7, 1921, d. Apr. 18, 1975
Hicks, Inf. Gary Wayne, b.?, d. 1935
Hicks, James H., b. Dec. 27, 1898, d. Mar. 18, 1952
Holland, Baby
Holland, Jennie Pritchard, b. 1881, d. 1908
Horn, Kizziah, b.?, d. Sep. 7, 1886
Johnson, Louie, b. Jan. 24, 1795, d. Mar. 2, 1895
Jones, George W., b.?, d. Mar. 4, 1973, 67 Yrs.
Jones, Helen Loetcher, b. Dec. 22, 1907, d. Jun. 1, 1968
Keesee, William, b.?, d. Sep. 26, 1959
Kling, Aberhart Philip, b. Dec. 1, 1895, d. Nov. 1, 1965
Kling, Baby, b.?, d. 1914
Kling, Clara E., b. Nov. 15, 1889, d. Aug. 25, 1915
Kling, Emma E., b. Oct. 2, 1858, d. Jun. 1, 1948
King, Inf. Emma Katherine, b.?, d. Jun. 12, 1922
Kling, Frederine Joanne, b.?, d. Apr. 13, 1940
Kling, Gottlieb W., b. Apr. 11, 1848, d. Mar. 19, 1929
Kling, Icey Roberta, b. Oct. 18, 1902, d. May 3, 1975
Kling, Wesley Ray, b. Jan. 12, 1934, d. Jul. 21, 1935
Kumpe, Christopher C., b. Dec. 20, 1881, d. Dec. 4, 1961
Kumpe, Effie Pritchard, b. Feb. 6, 1885, d. Jun. 13, 1971
Kumpe, James Junior, b. Jun. 9, 1927, d. Mar. 5, 1928
Lasater, Benjamin Virgil, b. 1889, d., 1980
Lasater, Cecil Grogan, b. 1891, d. 1931
Lasaster, Roy Ben, b. 1913, d. 1915
League, Hattie M., b. Dec. 30, 1898, d. Oct. 17, 1958
League, Homer, b. Feb. 21, 1900, d. Oct. 10, 1951
League, Thomas E., b. Apr. 6, 1886, d. Mar. 4, 1961
Lee, Ella Mae, b. 1888, d. 1960
Lee Joe W. (Bud)
Lee, Joseph Walter
Lewellen, Baby
Lewellen, Cora F., b. 1877, d. 1956
Lewellen, Joseph, b. Jul. 24, 1864, d. Apr. 19, 1910
Lewellen, Mattie
Lewellen, Thomas J., b. 1895, d. 1919
Lewellen, Vernie May
Lozar, Ellen, b.?, d. Nov. 27, 1897
Lozar, Emma I.?, b. 1880, d. 1911
Lozar, Fred C., b. May 11, 1865, d. Apr. 27, 1913
Lozar, Lorena, b.?, d. Dec. 1, 1908
Lozar, Nora, b. Jun. 23, 1877, d. Oct. 6, 1907
Lozar, Oscar, b.?, d. Sep. 12, 1898
Lozar, Roy G.
Lozar, Willie, b.1876, d. 1958
Lozier ?, Rozie, b. 1899, d. 1913
Maher, Inf. Bobby, b.?, d. Jan. 20, 1945
Maher, Steve, b. Nov. 20, 1872, d. Dec. 17, 1947
Marks, Ella J., b. Mar. 10, 1904, d. Jun. 17, 1905
Mashburn, Elizabeth, b. Nov. 6, 1861, d. May 15, 1891
Mashburn, M. Elizabeth, b. May 30, 1875, d. Dec. 22, 1914
Mashburn, Yancy Berry, b. Jan. 19, 1855, d. Oct. 7, 1910
Matthews, Lucille, b.?, d. Mar. 28, 1976
McBride, Alice, b.?, d. Jul. 5, 1917
McBride, Beulah
McBride, Charles, b. Dec. 6, 1869, d. May 31, 1955
McBride, James E., b.?, d. Dec. 1, 1960
McBride, Jewell, b.?, d. Sep. 8, 1916
McBride, Mildred, b.?, d. May 3, 1904
McBride, Roy Lee, b.?, d. Jan. 23, 1965
McBride, William E., b.?, d. Aug. 17, 1924
Miller, Aaron, b. Mar. 14, 1850, d. Oct. 29, 1928
Miller, Ruth Jones, b. Mar. 3, 1857, d. Apr. 22, 1931
Moore, Dora, b. 1894, d. 1932
Moore, Infant, b.?, d. 1947
Moore, John Wm., b. 1882, d. 1951
Myhand, Henry F., b. 1910, d. 1981
Orick, Daniel, b. 1867, d. 1929
Orick, Elizabeth, b. May 3, 1815, d. Mar. 7, 1899
Orick, Inf. Helen Irene, b.?, d. Feb. 24, 1893
Orick, James S., b. Feb. 5, 1813, d. Mar. 16, 1886
Orick, John J., b. Feb. 10, 1862, d. May 25, 1934
Outlaw, Ernest L., b. Sep. 9, 1952, d. Jun. 15, 1981
Patton, Inf. Steve Michael, b.?, d. Mar. 8, 1961, 10 Mo.
Pennington, A., b. Nov. 1, 1884, d. Aug. 1, 1909
Perkins, Bob
Perkins, Clinton, b.?, d. Jan. 27, 1918
Perkins, Lloyd C., b. Sep. 2, 1895, d. Jan. 9, 1958
Perkins, Pearl M., b. Oct. 12, 1895, d. 1978

Powers, Bertha J. Lottie, b. Nov. 18, 1883, d. Jan. 26, 1942
 Pritchard, Adalaid S., b. Aug. 6, 1879, d. Apr. 12, 1953
 Pritchard, Amanda, b. Jan. 24, 1843, d. Aug. 11, 1919
 Pritchard, Baby Andrew, b.?, d. 1908
 Pritchard, Baby Girl
 Pritchard, Belle
 Pritchard, Bertie, b. Dec. 1, 1893, d. Jan. 16, 1895
 Pritchard, Casper
 Pritchard, Charles J. Jr., b. Nov. 12, 1913, d. Feb. 24, 1979
 Pritchard, Charley Jordan, b. 1879, d. 1953
 Pritchard, Clay, b. Jun. 13, 1896, d. Jun 13, 1896
 Pritchard, Clifton J., b. Apr. 29, 1904, d. Jun. 30, 1910
 Pritchard, Cora Lee, b. 1909, d. 1937
 Pritchard, Dora Mae, b. Apr. 11, 1870, d. Sep. 10, 1876
 Pritchard, Earnest B., b. Aug. 19, 1886, d. Aug. 3, 1887
 Pritchard, Earnest W., b.?, d. Apr. 25, 1909
 Pritchard, Flora, b. 1906, d. 1907
 Pritchard, George T., b. 1892, d. 1893
 Pritchard, Horace E., b. 1894, d. 1899
 Pritchard, James A., b. Nov. 12, 1850, d. May, 1885
 Pritchard, John F., b. Mar. 9, 1853, d. May 31, 1887
 Pritchard, John Henry, b. 1915, d. 1918
 Pritchard, Louis A., b. 1898, d. 1937
 Pritchard, Martha E., b. Mar. 21, 1858, d. Jan. 23, 1914
 Pritchard, Martin A., b. Jan. 8, 1878, d. Mar. 8, 1948
 Pritchard, Nannie, b.?, d. Dec. 30, 1921
 Pritchard, Rev. Thomas J., b. Jun. 29, 1839, d. Sep. 11, 1904
 Reaves, Baby, b.?, d. Jan. 20, 1939
 Red, A. G., b. 1844, d. 1882
 Red, Arthur, b. Feb. 27, 1883, d. May 14, 1962
 Red, Babies
 Red, Charles, b. Jan. 12, 1913, d. Feb. 2, 1965
 Red, Clay, b. Jan. 10, 1909, d. Mar. 9, 1940
 Red, Dora Mae, b. Oct. 17, 1880, d. Apr. 6, 1911
 Red, Earnest E., b. Jun. 16, 1898, d. Sep. 20, 1960
 Red, Mrs. E. M., b. Oct. 18, 1847, d. Sep. 29, 1924
 Red, Gussie Grissom
 Red, Harley H. James Jr., b. Aug. 1, 1940, d. Aug. 16, 1940
 Red, Herman McCoy, b. Mar. 22, 1909, d. Aug. 18, 1973
 Red, Iona Ray
 Red, James Russell (Jimmy), b. Jul 7, 1944, d. Apr. 29, 1977
 Red, John E., b. Apr. 16, 1875, d. May 18, 1946
 Red, Laura
 Red, Lillian Crook, b. 1911, d. 1979
 Red, Mary Etta, b. Mar. 1, 1872, d. Aug. 1, 1936
 Red, Rillie C., b. Feb. 22, 1900, d. Jul. 2, 1900
 Red, Thomas G., b. Aug. 20, 1907, d. Oct. 11, 1917
 Red, Walter B., b. Oct. 6, 1878, d. Sep. 6, 941
 Red, W. T., b.?, d. Apr. 10, 1913
 Rhimer, Grandfather
 Roberts, Georgia, b. Mar. 28, 1825, d. 1928
 Rogers, Ever, b. 1903, d. 1906
 Ross, C. A., b. Oct. 28, 1887, d. Oct. 18, 1971
 Ross, Florence B., b. Oct. 9, 1918, d. Jul 19, 1920
 Ross, Freddie Lee, b. Jul 17, 1907, d. Jan. 22, 1908
 Ross, James C., b. 1849, d. 1912
 Ross, Lou Smith, b. 1863, d. 1901
 Ross, Robert L., b.?, d. Dec. 23, 1960?
 Ross, W. A., b. Jan. 13, 1882, d. Dec. 7, 1944
 Rowland, Baby
 Rowland, Georgia P., b.?, d. Aug. 1957
 Rowland, Hal
 Ryan, Callie Walls, b. Oct. 10, 1873, d. Feb. 8, 1915
 Ryan, Jennie, b. Apr. 10, 1914, d. Oct. 30, 1923
 Sanders, Della Marie, b. Oct. 4, 1914, d. Oct. 22, 1931
 Sanders, D. Gertrude, b. Aug. 6, 1892, d. Apr. 4, 1934
 Sanders, Henry N., b. 1888, d. 1938
 Sanders, J. Edward, b. Mar. 6, 1891, d. Jan. 25, 1930
 Sanders, Laura, b. 1847, d. 1897
 Sanders, M. N., b.?, d. Jan. 7, 1926
 Sanders, Mary Ann, b. Apr. 30, 1849, d. Dec. 23, 1937
 Sanders, John Thomas, b. Nov. 20, 1850, d. Jul. 19, 1906
 Sanders, Joseph Riley, b. Sep. 7, 1890, d. Jun. 4, 1891
 Sanders, Sam N., b. Apr. 14, 1887, d. Oct. 20, 1924
 Sanders, Infant William T., b.?, d. Oct. 1, 1875
 Seidwitz, Doshie, b. Apr. 9, 1879, d. Jan. 12, 1914

Siegler, Earnest J., b. Jun. 24, 1874, d. May 15, 1946
Siegler, Myrtle Mashburn, b. 1880, d. 1965
Smith, Clara Sanders, b. 1895, d. 1960
Smith, Lee Roy, b. 1881, d. 1963
Smith, Lory Jean, b.?, d. Aug. 4, 1962
Smith, Robert Wayne., b.?, d. Nov. 21, 1961
Smith, Sherry Ann, b.?, d. Aug. 22, 1971, 8 Yrs.
Smith, Sophia
Speck, Clarence
Squires, Agnes
Squires, Baby, b.? d. Sep. 3, 1949
Squires, Bessie May, b. Aug. 4, 1888, d. Aug. 1, 1939
Squires, Bettie Sanders
Squires, Charles E., b. Jul. 10, 1886, d. May 17, 1968
Squires, Donald E., b. Sep. 29, 1910, d. Oct. 7, 1910
Squires, Elizabeth
Squires, Emaline, b. 1854, d. Sep. 20, 1924
Squires, Florence
Squires, James Arthur, b. Dec. 27, 1881, d. Feb. 4, 1952
Squires, James C., b. Dec. 5, 1850, d. Jun. 10, 1937
Squires, Joe
Squires, Joseph C., b. Jul 13, 1921, d. Jul. 16, 1927
Squires, Laura C., b. Nov. 15, 1886, d. Oct. 6, 1932
Squires, William H., b. 1883, d. 1964
Stickney, Stella A., b. Dec. 13, 1908, d. Apr. 2, 1962
Stringfellow, Frank, b.?, d. Dec. 5, 1942, 74 Yrs.
Strong, Florence A., b. Mar. 4, 1911, d. Feb. 13, 1965
Tarleton, Grandma
Tarleton, Rev. T. J., b. Jan. 1, 1845, d. Mar. 2, 1923?
Tarleton, Mollie, b. Jul. 29, 1847, d. Feb. 8, 1917
Tatum, Elbert M., b. Aug. 29, 1894, d. Oct. 20, 1950
Thompson, James B., b. Jul. 4, 1843, d. Nov. 17, 1926
Thompson, Pearle, b. Feb. 28, 1853, d. Jan. 29, 1919
Thornton, Carolyn J. Red Stanley, b. Jan. 12, 1938, d. Jun. 30, 1967
Traweek, Ethel, b. 1888, d. 1958
Traweek, Tom, b. 1878, d. 1958
Ulmer, Bertha, b.?, d. Sep. 16, 1915
Ulmer, Lillie Mae, b. Jun. 16, 1880, d. Oct. 28, 1911
Ulmer, Robert L., b. Apr. 16, 1866, d. Jul. 10, 1957
Ulmer, Verna Irene, b.?, d. Oct., 1911
Veazey, Guy M., b. 1903, d. 1954
Veazey, Ruth Hill, b. 1906, d. 1954
Voyles, Mary Kate, b.?, d. Aug. 11, 1981, 39 Yrs.,
Waits, Lathon W., b. Mar. 1, 1894, d. Nov. 30, 1957
Walls, Adelia A., b. Jan. 29, 1874, d. Oct. 15, 1951
Walls, Emma A., b. Sep. 14, 1894, d. Mar. 18, 1897
Walls, John A., b. Sep. 15, 1866, d. Dec. 25, 1934
Walls, Laura A., b. Jan. 29, 1905, d. May 18, 1908
Walls, Lizzy Wilkerson, b. 1835, d. 1884
Walls, Mary, b. 1873, c. 1883
Walls, Mattye, b. Jul 23, 1899, d. Nov. 11, 1914
Warner, Benjamin E., b. 1872, d. 1951
Warner, Ernest H., b.?, d. May 12, 1973, 73 Yrs.
Warner, George W., b. Sep. 6, 1869, d. Aug. 24, 1944
Warner, Lura Ellen, b. Mar. 3, 1880, d. Jun ,1940
Warner, Mabel I., b. 1882, d. 1971
Warner, Maudie E., 24 Yrs.
Warner, Minnie G., b.?, d. Aug. 16, 1907
Warner, Roberta May, b. May 30, 1880, d. Mar. 12, 1963
Warrick, Charles
Warrick, Lee, b. Apr. 5, 1891, d. Oct. 13, 1953
Warrick, Vera E., b. Aug. 1, 1896, d. Jan. 13, 1953
Wells, J. Alva, b. 1873, d. 1948
Wells, Mary E., b. 1881, d. 1963
Wetzel, Lydia Mae, b. Nov. 7, 1866, d. Aug. 25, 1944
Wetzel, Myrtis M., b. Mar. 19, 1925, d. Apr. 11, 1965
White, Elizabeth, b.?, d. 1907
White, George
Wilder, Elizabeth, b. Feb. 22, 1865, d. Jul 18, 1927
Wilder, Elizabeth
Wilder, H. J., b. May 21, 1887, d. Dec. 11, 1913
Wilder, R. L., b. Aug. 8, 1864, d. Aug. 8, 1930
Williams, Joseph E., b. Jun 10, 1903, d. Jun. 25, 1903
Williams, Rufus B., b. May 25, 1907, d. Feb. 22, 1909
Wimpy, B. F., b. May 17, 1862, d. Jan. 16, 1937

Woodson, Bertie, b. Oct. 1, 1893, d. Mar. 28,
1906
 Woodson, R. M., b. 1850, d. 1916
 Woodson, Mrs. R. M., b. 1855, d. 1921
 Yarberry, Alton, b.?, d. Dec. 6, 1974, 72 Yrs.
 Yarberry, Connie P., b. Jul 8, 1893, d. Feb. 26,
1936
 Yarberry, Elizabeth, b.?, d. Sep. 23, 1972, 76
Yrs.
 Yarberry, Fannie G., b.?, d. Feb. 17__, 49 Yrs.
 Yarberry, George J., b. Dec. 5, 1974, d. Aug.
11, 1979
 Yarberry, George Washington, b. Sep. 2, 1892,
d. Jun. 22, 1977
 Yarberry, J. Oscar, b. Apr. 10, 1888, d. Dec.
19, 1949
 Yarberry, J. Oscar Jr., b. Oct. 31, 1933, d.
Jun. 26, 1955
 Yarberry, Mary
 Yarberry, Willie T., b.?, d. Oct. 23, 1962, 50
Yrs.
 Yarberry, W. M. (Bill
 Yarberry, Zora Elizabeth, b. Sep. 17 1907, d.
Nov. 24, 1953
 Yarberry, Baby



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These ancestors lived in Washington Co., AR, area from 1858 to 1915.

JoAnne Cole, 3 Hummingbird Road, Covington, LA 70433

Young, Johnson, Weatherspoon Seek info on Alfred Eugene Young, Aug. 10, 1907 - April, 1980; Marie Johnson Young, May 9, 1908-Dec. 1985; Joseph Weatherspoon, Sept. 26, 1914-Feb. 26, 1993; Casey McDonald Weatherspoon, wife of Joseph. **Casie Weatherspoon, 3050 S.L. Henry, No. 40, West Memphis, AR 72301**

Reed Seeking info on James E. Reed, b. 1878, and John A. Reed, b. 1879. St.

Francis Co., sons of George L. and Endora Christopher Reed. Endora d. 1 Apr. 1910 and is buried in St. Francis Co. Unable to locate references to George, James or John any time after 1910. **Eugene White, 837 N.E. Yucca Ave., Redmond, OR 97756-8787**

Ballard Looking for a picture of Leona Singleton Ballard Roberson and her mother, Georgeann Gilbert Singleton. They were from Oden and Pencil Bluff, AR. **Donna Ballard, 1916 Crabtree, Porterville, CA 93257**

Petray Seek info on family of Daniel D. Petray; daughter Julia Ann Petray and her husband David Phillips of Coal Hill, AR. Daniel was b. 1806 Cabarrus Co., NC; Julia Ann b. 1834. They moved from NC to AR, c1834-35. Name also spelled Petria, Petrea, Petre, Petree. **Mrs. Billie Muzny, 626 Gulcrest Dr., San Antonio, TX 78239-2514**

King, Bishop Searching for family of Benjamine King from Davidson and Rutherford Cos. TN; Bishop family from Jefferson Co., AL, moved to Yell Co., AR, 1879-1880s. Elizabeth Buchanon, wife of Harris Bishop; son Newton Henery or P.H. Bishop m. Angelina King, raised a family in Bellville, AR. Angelina d. c1895? Will share info; records go back 1400 AD; have some pictures. **Anna Bishop Guedry, 11305 Batson Prairie Rd., Batson, TX 77519**

Smith, Payne, Goshin/Coshin Seek info on these lines that were in Arkansas, most likely Monroe or Lee Cos., during the 1860s through 1900s. **Edith D. Smith, 13275 East 131st St., Broken Arrow, OK 74011 email: eedeseees@yahoo.com**

Phillips, Jesse Walter migrated to Fort Douglas, Johnson Co., AR, in 85. His father was John Tulley Phillips of

Person Co., NC, b. c1775. He was married to Nancy Cuper and Susan Farmer in Person Co. Seek name and family history of John's father. **Robert A. Phillips, 51 Doblez Cir., Hot Springs, AR 71909-5109**

Harper Seek info on Henry Harper, b. c1814 GA, d. c1964, m. Emily P. McHenry in Union Co., AR, on 30 Aug 1860. In 1850 census for Union Co. wife was Elizabeth R., age 26. Elizabeth d. 2 July 1855; buried in Lapile Cemetery. **Barbara Sanders, PO Box 682, Gatesville, TX 76528-0682**

McDonald Seek info on Jesse Marion McDonald, b. 15 Feb 1879, Mt. Pleasant, AR, d. 1968, Jasper, TX. Parents were William McDonald and Martha E. Plunk. **Jeanette Pitman, RR 5 Box 353, Jasper, TX 75951-9255**

Lane Seek information on Clarence Lane, b. AR, March 1877. Parents names are unknown but his father was also b. AR. **Helen Lane, 648 S. Azusa Ave. No. 23, Azusa, CA 91702**

Sparrow, Cato, Johnson, Ward, Haralson, Parker, Hollingshead, Dillard, Davidson, Taylor, Rison, Clifton, Adamson, Lewis, S. Phillips, T. B. Hanley, Dunn First 8 were in Pulaski, Faulkner, White, Search Cos. 1840-1900; others in Marion, Perry, Pulaski, Phillips and Independence Cos. 1800-3900. Most from TN, NC, VA, IN and MD. **Jane Sparrow Wiley, PO Box 242, Heber Springs, AR 72543**

Rogers, Elbert Hartwell, b. 1832 Morgan Co., AL; wife Elizabeth Jane Yerby, b. 1842, Tuscaloosa, AL. Children: Elbert H., Caroline, Mack, Robert, Asa, b. 1873, John Humbolt, Elizabeth, Henry D. and Ritter. Settled in Pine Bluff in 1880s from Birmingham, AL. **Edna Rogers Ulrich, PO Box 170, Garrison, MN 56450**

Ferguson Seek info on David T. Ferguson who resided in King River Twp. Carroll Co., AR. He was b. Dec. 1816 GA, and d. sometime after 1900 in Carroll Co. Need his parents and any other info. **Dolores E. Elliott, 6281 SE Deering Court, Milwaukie, OLR 97222**

Reed Looking for info on the Reed family of Washington Co., AR, especially John Reed, b.1741 Ire., who was father of William who m. Margaret Robertson; and Joseph who m. Mary "Polly" King. **Sharon Baehr, 22902 Colombard Lane No. 1, Diamond Bar, CA 91765**

Crawford Robert Crawford and his family lived in AR in early 1800s, perhaps 1810-1830. Two of his sons, one of them James J., came from AR into Texas in the 1840s. Any info will be helpful. **William P. Harrington, PO Box 61051, San Angelo, TX 7906**

Morris Searching for parents of Robert Henry Morris, b. 1835, Little Rock?; father b. England, mother in MS; father was a minister. Robert left AR c1852-54 on Oregon trail to California, d. 107 Arroyo Grande, CA. **Kathleen Maher, 910 E Ocean View Ave., Monrovia, CA 91016-2471**

Harrington Seek descendants, documents, family history of this family in Jefferson and Arkansas Cos., 1814-? Major John, Major Bartley, Alfred, Mary, Nancy, Eliza and Allen. Descend from Allen. Who moved to TX in 1848. **Letty Harrington, 5902 Flowergate, Spring, TX 77373**

McDowell Looking for relatives of Wiley McDowell, born Wyle Jake Dodson in Hogeeye, AR, in 1891 to Dora Dodson, daughter of Wesley Dodson. Dora had two daughters, Estelle and Virginia, one other son Roosevelt. Wiley's father was Ellery McDowell. Wesley was b. VA; Dora b. Mountain/Valley Twp.,

Washington Co. **Virginia McDowell Breshers, 1800 E. Wilshire, Oklahoma City, OK 7311**

Gilliam/Gillem/Gillam/Gillum Seek info on ANY Gillams living in Benton Co. 1800-1860. Hougherry Gillam is shown in Texas death records as being b. c1856. He went by name of Hugh Berry or Hough Berry. **Ken Cunningham, 10150 E. Harvard Ave. No. D 530, Denver, CO 80231**

Riddle Pernecy Moore Riddle lived in Clarksville, Johnson Co., AR, from 18__? until her death 10 Dec. 1922. Did her husband Willis Marion Riddle also live and die there? Children: Green Lee, Marion and Rebecca Basham also lived Johnson Co. Need descendants. **Carolyn Singer, 13925 Sonntag Rd., Grass Valley, CA 95945**

Dillahunty Seek any info on this family at Norwoodville or Samuel Savage Dillahunty or Baker Dillahunty of Sevier Co., AR. **Jean Horne, 3219 Jenny Ridgeway, Greenwood, AR 72936**

Shelley Seek info on Thomas Shelley, b. Sept 1829 TN, d. 1902 Washinton Co., AR, m. 1) Cordelia I. ____; m. 2) Mary "Polly" Bullard; m. 3) Mary E. Love. **Nora Laikam, 09 W. Sierra No. 108, Fresno, CA 93704-1037**

Burdell Seek info on William D. Burdell, b. England 12 Jan 1838, d. Little Rock, AR, 17 Mar 1917; and son John J. Burdell, b. New York, NY, 27 Nov. 1859, d. Little Rock, AR, 15 Aug 1930. John's wife Hariett (Hattie) Webster d. Little Rock 15 Feb 1940. **Robert R. Edwards, 300 Lakeridge Dr., Russellville, AR 72802-9276**

Clingan, Bridges in Clark Co.; **Halsell, West** in Hot Spring Co.; **Young, Chambers** in Drew Co.; **Johnson** in Ashley Co. **Ron Bullock, 1127 Sea Village Dr., Cardiff, CA 92007-1435**

Cowan Looking for Marvel Valero Cowan, b. 30 Nov. 1829 TN, m. Mary H. McCall, 1870; lived Crosshollows, AR, Benton Co. He as son of Robert Cowan and Elizabeth Colville Cowan of Benton Co. Marvel served in Civil War. **D. Elisabeth Woods, 108 Winthrop Harbor South, Montgomery, TX 77356-8463**

Froshour/Freshour, Henry, b. 1789 PA, m. Jane R. Finley, 1821, AL, d. 1869 Washington Co. AR. Children: Dempsey, d. 1884 AR; Ruth Ann (Ray), d. 1862 AR; Dorcas, Mary Jane (Huffman), Nancy, Martha Barbary. Who were parents of Henry? Who as 80-90 wife living with Henry in 1840? Need any info. **Linda Gomlicker, 15753 N. 102nd St., Scottsdale, AZ 8259**

Snyder, Emery, Qualls, Reed, Chapmond, Shipman Researching these lines in AR and will share info. **Pauline Kouvlas, PO Box 6604, San Jose, CA 95150**

Walker, Perry John Walker, b. 1828 KY, d. 1894, Monroe, AR. Looking for father of John and last name of his wife Amanda, listed in 1870 Census, AR, Jackson Twp., Cypress, PO, p.3, dw. 127; John, 42, KY, wife #3 Amanda, 26, TN. Also marriage license. William Perry, b. 1833, GA, d. 8 Oct 1877, Holly Grove, Monroe Co., AR. Md. Looking for name of his father, etc. and info on his wife Mary Jane Edwards. **Ann Cobb, 11106 Rocky Valley Dr., Little Rock, AR 72212-3130**

Young Seek info on Young family, c1850, who lived in/around Waldo, Stephens, Willisville, Nevada City, Arkadelphia, AR; any relatives of Jeremiah (Jerry) Leak/Leake Young and Minnie Drake Young. Parents of Luther Creason Young, Eugene Hadley Young, and Delmus Delfin Young. **H. Wayne Young, 1028 Mirror Lake Ln., Cordova, TN 38018**

Adamson, Willey Carie A. Adamson, b. 1877 GA, m. Riley Wallace Qualls, 1895, Story, Montgomery Co., AR. Need info on her parents Also Sarah Elizabeth "Betsy" Willey, b. 1835 Dickson Co., TN, m. 1858 Johnson Co., AR. Her parents are T. Washington Willey and Elizabeth Hamble. **Tammy Sanders, 9535 State Rt. 146E, Dongola, IL 62926**

McAlister Need info on families of David and Michael McAlister. David b. 1790? VA/NC, m. Dicey Nall 1822. Migration-Maury Co., TN, Holmes Co., MS, Van Buren Co., AR. Michael b. 1793 KY, m. Hannah? Migration AL, MS, Van Buren Co., AR, Limestone Co., TX. Both had children born in MS in 1830s, and each named children David and Michael. Michael had daughter named Dicey. **J. A. McAlister, 1458 AR Hwy 31 South, Lonoke, AR 72086**

Ritchey/Richey, Lee Seek info on parents of Ester Lee Ritchey/Richey, b. 1 May 1886 in Coal Hill, Johnson Co., AR, daughter of Della/Delia Gray and John P. Ritchey, both from AR. **Cindy Poulain, PO Box 578, Mill City, SD 57745**

Raines, Clifton looking for info on families of William H. H. Raines and James Riley Clifton from the Tuckerman, AR, area about 1890-1900. **Verlen L. Reeves, 1161 Evans Ave., Napa, CA 95659**

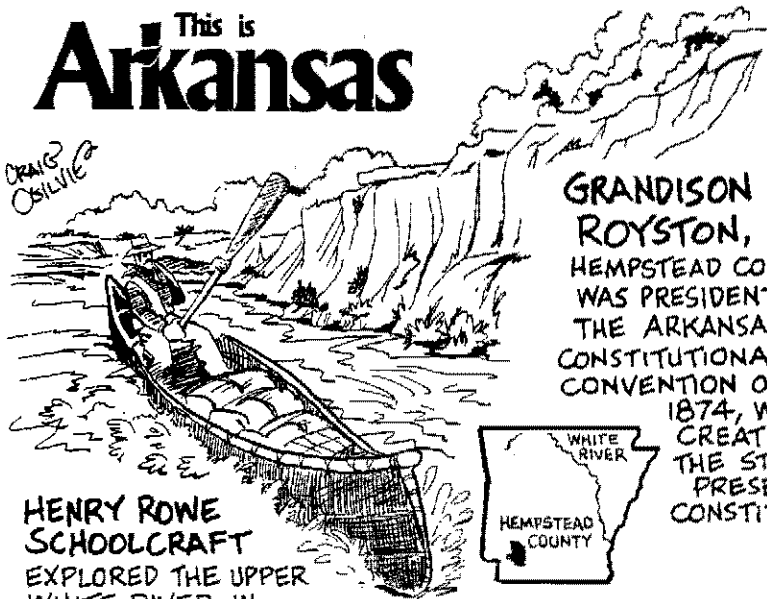
Flowers, Glass Seek maiden names of Sarah Flowers and Susan Glass, sisters, both b. TN, Sarah 1816, Susan 1827. Sarah m. Harrison D. Flowers, Susan m. James Glass. Sarah and

Harrison were parents of King B. Flowers, b. 1854, Sevier Co., AR. All three d. in Hot Springs, Sarah 1891, King B. 1898 and Susan 1899. Buried Greenwood Cemetery. **Charles & Betty Weaver, 1203 Church, Bastrop, TX 78602**

Abraham/Abram/Abrams, Caesar, b. 1888 SC; Claricy, wife, b. 1840, LA; daughters Nancy, b. 1865, Mary b. 1870 AR; son Henry, b. 1866, daughter, Anner, b. 1871 TX. Stepsons Anthony Sankes, b. 1853, Richmond, b. 1858, Joe, b. 1860, Miles, b. 1865, AR. Caesar owned property and he and family resided Sulphur Twp., Miller Co., c1880. He worked for James Blanton, a CSA soldier, from 1868-1869. I have Caesar's property tax records and Blanton's general store ledger. **Sharon Henderson Nichols, 3233 Storer Ave., Oakland, CA 94619; shaybnf@aol.com or snichols@oaklandnet.com**

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Book Reviews and Notices

Bobbie Jones McLane, Russell P. Baker, Jan Eddleman, Wensil Marsh Clark, Susan Gardner Boyle

Index to Obituaries and Death Reports Appearing in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, by Oscar G. Russell, 506 Loop Road, North Little Rock, AR 72120-2216. These are the latest books Mr. Russell has sent for review in the *Arkansas Family Historian*. The volume covering the entire year of 1917 has 7,968 entries and includes an every name index for locations in Arkansas and locations other than Arkansas. Soft-bound cover, \$34.00, hard bound cover \$45.00. This volume also contains information about national draft law in May 1917. There were political problems and activities which lead to deaths. Natural disasters caused deaths in Arkansas as well as out of state. Military deaths are included as well as a calendar for 1917.

The year 1918 is a series of indexing death notices covering that entire year, and is in three volumes. Book One covers the surnames A through K; Book Two, L through Z; and Book Three is an every name index in two sections, Arkansas locations and locations other than Arkansas. This volume consists of page by page review of casualty lists, published almost daily. Mr. Russell states that it took hundreds of hours and over 18 months to compile this record. Often, the microfilm was of poor quality and hard to read. The volume is priced at \$99.00 for hard-bound and \$69.00 for soft-bound.

The latest volume completed is for the period covering July 1 to December 31, 1999. This volume is priced at \$34.00 hard-bound, and \$21.00 soft-bound. These volumes are wonderful for family historians. Contact Mr. Russell for a list of his other publications. [WMC]

History of the American Baptist Association, Dr. Robert Ashcraft, general editor, 698 pages, illustrations, maps, photographs, footnotes, and index (2000). Published by the Baptist Sunday School Committee, 4605 North State Line Avenue, Texarkana, TX 75504. Contact the publisher for a price quote. This nicely presented hardbound work contains the history of a nationwide religious organization known as the American Baptist Association, a majority of whose member churches, known as "Missionary or Landmark Baptists", are located in Arkansas, Texas, and Oklahoma. Other centers of denominational activity include Florida and California. While much of this work is devoted to organizational affairs, it does contain histories of many individual churches and local associations, as well as numerous biographies of denominational officials, pastors, missionaries, and other leaders from throughout the country. It is a useful companion to Dr. Ashcraft's well received 1994 work entitled, *Pioneer Faith The History of Missionary Baptist Associations and Churches in Arkansas from 1818 to 1920*. For those with roots among Landmark Baptists in these areas, this new book is a useful reference tool. [RPB]

A little before A little after. The Rev. William "Bucky" Hunt 1793 - 1868 of South Carolina, Georgia, and Tennessee His Children and Grandchildren and His Texas Descendants by Ruby Tidwell Hranicky, Roy E. Hranicky, and Lola Tidwell Curlee, 1998. 549 pages, photographs, photocopies, abstracts, charts, and an index. Price \$40.00, plus postage. Order from Mrs. Ruby Tidwell Hranicky, 2706 Breshire Dr., Corpus Christi, TX 78414. This beautiful hardback book contains information on fourteen Hunt brothers

and sisters, parents as yet unknown, Jesse, Uriah, Esli, Mary, Thomas, William, Asenath, Joel, Peter, Elizabeth, Moses, John, Benjamin, and Phoebe, all born between 1755 - 1776, evidently in or near Bedford County, VA. It focuses on the descendants of Hunt brother, William, especially those of his son, the Rev. William "Bucky" Hunt, a pioneer Baptist preacher in GA and TN. Over the years, this branch of the family lived in Habersham County, GA, Autauga County, AL, and Monroe County, TN. Later many family members moved to TX. It is set in easy to read type and is packed with family photographs, abstracts of county and census records, etc. A full name index is included. An excellent genealogical study of this family. [RPB]

Kershner Kinfolk, volume 17, issues 1-4 bound together, W. E. Kershner, Editor, published by the Kershner Family Association, 1149 Fox Run Drive, Charlotte, NC 28212-7125, 117 pages plus indexes, probably \$14.00, paper, plastic spiral binding. This is the annual journal of the Kershner Family Association. Each issue contains a list of the association's publications, which include *The Kershner Families of Maryland, 1731-1977* and *History of the Kershner Family*, as well as back issues of the journal. Each issue also contains current births and deaths of Kershner family members, a "Descendants of ___" article, an historical article providing excellent background information on the times, places and migrations of the Kershner family, transcriptions of church or cemetery records, queries, and a complete index. This journal is organized, well written, easy to read and attractive. Documentation is spotty, but there is the occasional excellent list of references. This journal would prove of value to anyone with Kershners in his family tree. [SGB]

Tracing Your Irish Ancestors: The Compete Guide, 2nd Edition, by John

Grenham, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21201, paper, \$19.95, 374 pages. Grenham has expanded his book greatly in this edition, adding nearly one hundred pages to the excellent first edition. The first edition lacked references to LDS sources, which are so important to North Americans trying to research in Irish records. Grenham has remedied that omission nicely in this edition with indications of when LDS film exists and in some cases providing the LDS film numbers. Otherwise, the format is much the same, with sections covering civil records, census records, church records, land records, wills, the Genealogical Office, emigration, the Registry of Deeds, newspapers and directories. Part 3, The Reference Guide, includes sources for various occupations, a list of sources for each county, and a list of available Roman Catholic Registers by county and parish with Catholic parish maps for each county. As an organized and detailed guide to Irish records, this book is invaluable to the researcher. [SGB]

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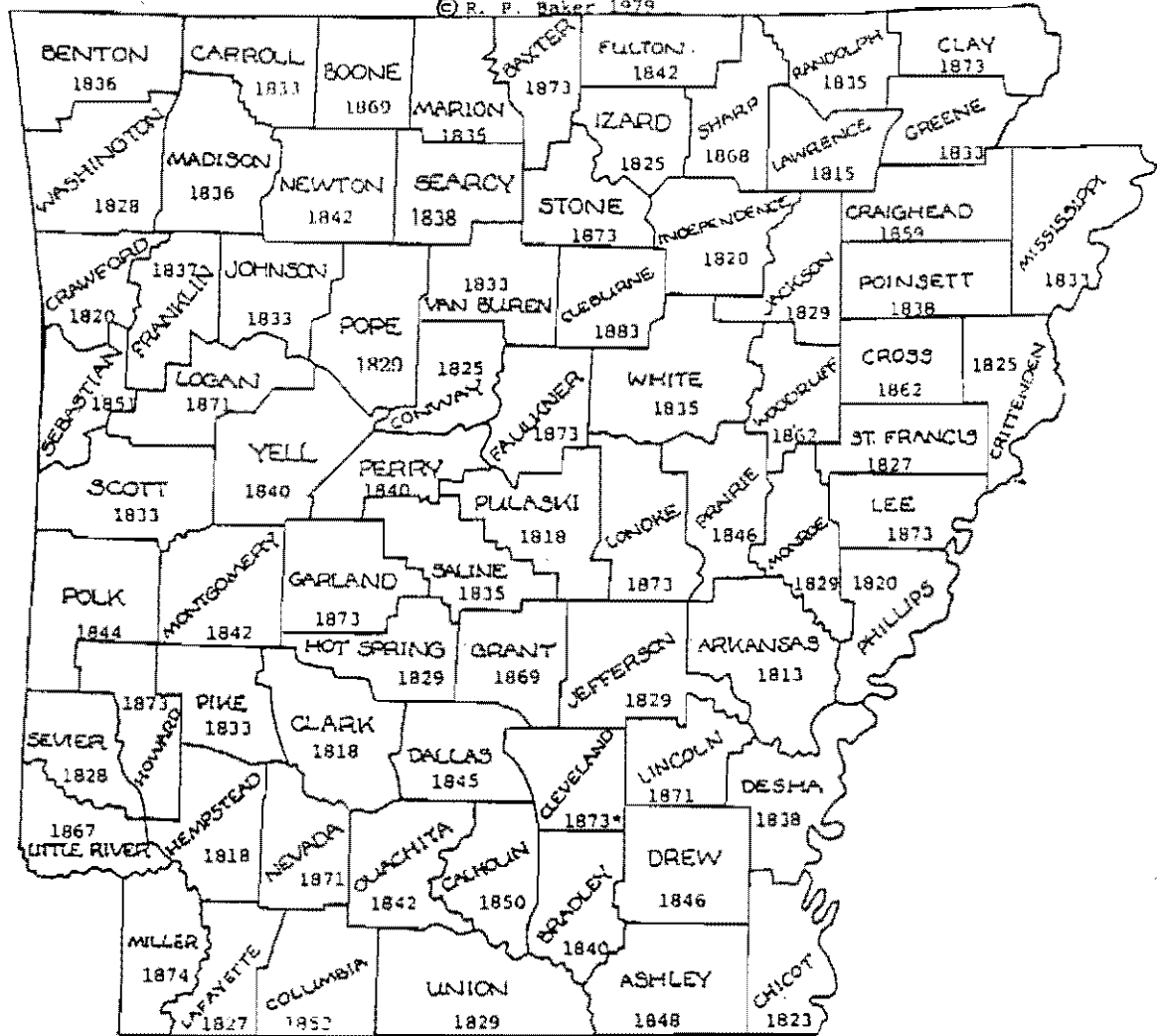
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DATES OF ORGANIZATION OF ARKANSAS COUNTIES

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COUNTIES WITH INCOMPLETE RECORDS

County	Date of fire	Comments	County	Date of fire	Comments
ASHLEY	1921	*#	MADISON	1902	*#
BAXTER	1890	*	MARION	1887	*#
BENTON	1865	*#	MISSISSIPPI	1865	*#
CARROLL	1869	#	NEWTON	1866	#
CLAY	1881, 1893		OUATHIA	1875	#
CLEVELAND	1875	*	PERRY	1881	*#
CRAIGHEAD	1878	*#	PIKE	1895	#
CRAWFORD	1877	#	POINSETT	1873	#
DESHA	1865	*#	POLK	1883	*#
FRANKLIN	1863	*#	PRAIRIE	1853	#
FULTON	1870	*#	ST. FRANCIS	1874	*#
GARLAND	1905	*	SCOTT	1883	#
GRANT	1877		SEARCY	1864	*#
GREEN	1876	#	SEBASTIAN	1882	*#
IZARD	1889	#	SHARP	1880	
LITTLE RIVER	1882	*#	VAN BUREN	1863	*#
LOGAN	1878		YELL	1865	*#

*Some records saved. #Early tax records available.

ARKANSAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

2000 FALL SEMINAR and BOOK FAIR

Friday, October 20, and Saturday, October 21, 2000

Holiday Inn-Airport East, Little Rock, Arkansas

Take I-440, Exit 3 (Airport Exit)

Friday, October 20 Register early; seating is limited. Select one class for each hour.

5:30-9:00 p.m. REGISTRATION and BOOK FAIR

6:30-7:30 p.m. Classes 1-5

7:30-7:50 p.m. Break

7:50-8:50 p.m. Classes 6-10

Classes	Level	Instructors
1. 6. "Neglected Genealogical Sources"	B to I	Russell P. Baker
2. 7. "Some Genealogy Sources on the Web"	B to A	David Burdick
3. 8. "Genealogy from the Roots Up" - I & II	B	Jan Eddleman
4. 9. "Courthouse Research"	I to A	Ed Sanders
5. 10. "Land: Metes & Bounds, Township & Range"	A	Lynda Suffridge

Please select two classes. "Roots Up" Class is Part I first hour; Part II is second hour. The Land Class is a hands-on experience, limited to 25 per session. Please give an alternate choice in case the Land Class is already filled. Class levels: B = Beginning; I = Intermediate; A = Advanced.

DESMOND WALLS ALLEN

Saturday, October 21

8:30 a.m. REGISTRATION and BOOK FAIR

9:15 Opening and Introduction

9:30-10:30 "A Strategy for that Difficult Ancestor" - I

10:30-11:00 Break and Vendors

11:00-12:00 "A Strategy for that Difficult Ancestor" - II

12:00- 1:15 Lunch and Vendors

1:15- 1:30 AGS Annual Meeting & Door Prize Drawings

1:30- 2:30 "Maximizing Death Records" - I

2:30- 2:50 Break and Vendors

2:50- 3:50 "Maximizing Death Records" - II

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Saturday only: \$30.00

Friday & Saturday: \$40.00

After September 22:

Friday only: \$20.00

Saturday only: \$40.00

Friday & Sat: \$50.00

Saturday prices include deli lunch and syllabus.