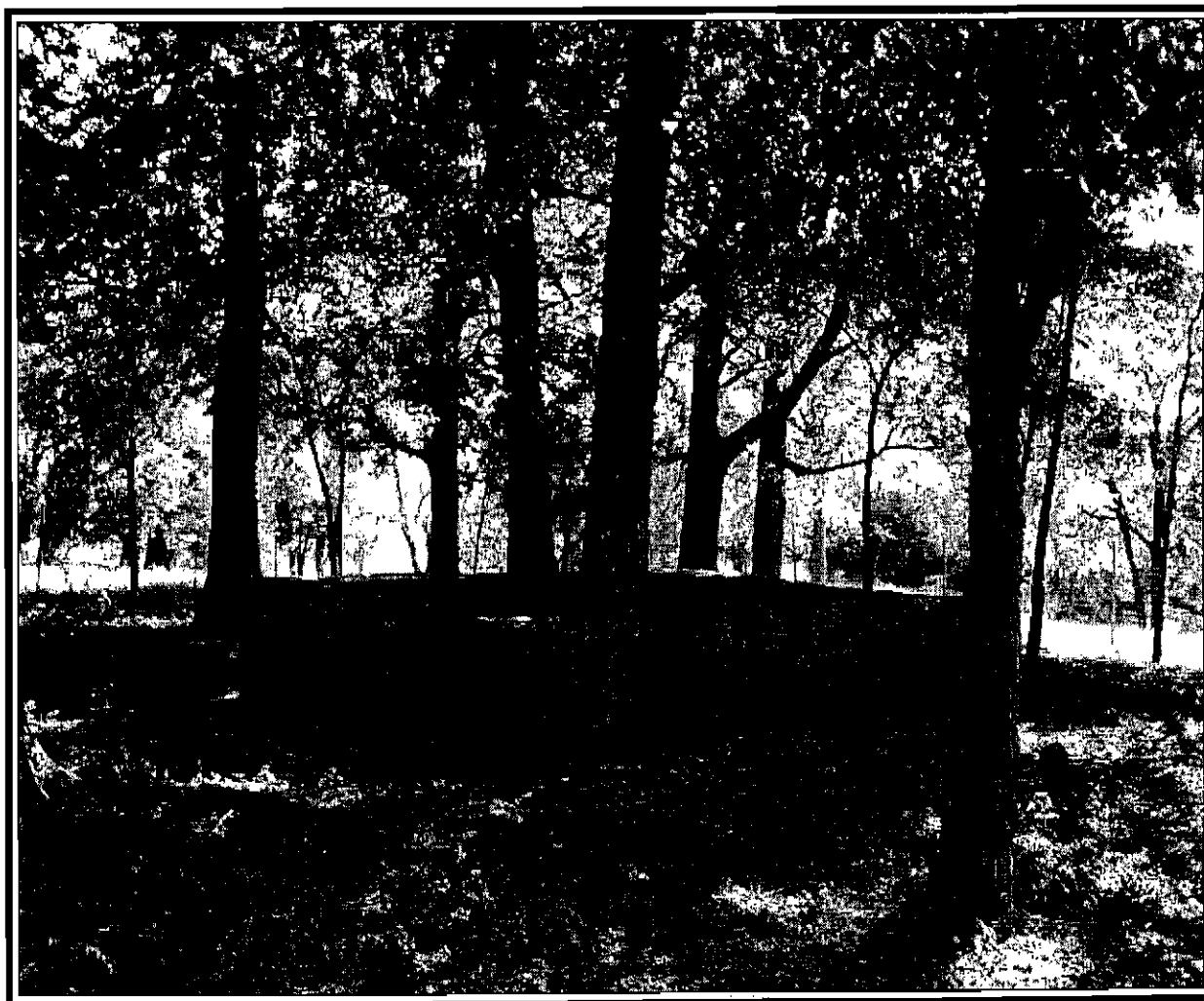


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President's Page

I would like to thank the membership of the Arkansas Genealogical Society for their continued support the past year. In 2004 the AGS board initiated several changes which we hope will benefit members. This board of directors is enthusiastic and committed to bringing quality publications and educational opportunities to the membership. Much work is accomplished between each of the quarterly board meetings.

The Arkansas Family Historian has a new look and the publications committee welcomes new unpublished material. If you have not submitted a query or an article, you are encouraged to do so. If you have a photograph to accompany your article, it might be used on the cover for that issue. Do you have a mystery photograph? We welcome those too.

The AGS Spring Workshop will be held April 9, 2005, with Pam Boyer Porter as our guest speaker. She is a dynamic and knowledgeable genealogical lecturer. Read about Pam and the Spring Workshop in this issue. The AGS board is committed to bringing you two quality events a year and 2005 is no exception. The Fall Conference will be held October 21-22, 2005.

The Priors Volume 3, both book and CD, will be published in the spring. The Volume 2 CD is sold out, but Volume 1 and 2 books are still available. We are in the second printing of Russell Baker's revised editions of the *Arkansas Township Atlas, 1819-1930* and *Arkansas Post Offices: From Memdag to Norsk, A Historical Directory, 1832-1990*. Both books are invaluable when it comes to doing Arkansas research.

In this issue there is an entry form with instructions for entering the Family History Writing Contest. The AGS board voted unanimously to designate the first place prize as the "Bobbie Jones McLane Award." This is in recognition of Bobbie's years of service to this society and her contribution to family history writing.

AGS has had a booth at two major conferences this year, NGS-GenTech in St. Louis, Missouri, and the FGS Conference in Austin, Texas. I would like to say a special thanks to board member Rita Anderson who did a wonderful job running the AGS booth in Austin. Rita volunteered on very short notice after Gloria Futrell broke her foot.

By the time you read this, some of our members will have participated in the first AGS sponsored trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. I am sure there will be some great research stories to report in the March *Historian*.

Regards,
Jan Hearn Davenport, President
Arkansas Genealogical Society

Letters and FYI

Letters

My wife, Elna Jo (Wright) Haga, was a member of the Arkansas Genealogical Society. She was born 17 Nov 1932 in Pine Valley, OK, a lumber camp that I believe was on the OK/AR border. Her parents were both from a long line of AR ancestors, Ashley on mother's side, Wright on father's. She died 22 Aug 2004 of a heart attack in Kern Co., CA, on the way home from a trip to Southern California. We had been married 47 years and she died on our anniversary.

She had a genealogy book about ready to print in the word processor. I will complete publication of this book and see that you receive a free copy. In the meantime, you may cancel her subscription (no refund expected).

From Enoch Haga

Queries and Submissions

Queries and other submissions to *The Arkansas Family Historian* may be emailed to Publications@AGSGenealogy.org or mailed to AGS, P. O. Box 17653, Little Rock, AR 72222. Submitters should indicate the sources of their material.

Membership

Even though we reduced the cost of printing the quarterly publications this year, the \$20 dues left very little to support activities and educational projects. Therefore, the AGS Board

voted to increase the individual membership dues to \$25 per year.

A new method of maintaining the membership information has also been initiated that will allow more flexibility in the membership year. Membership will begin when the dues are received and the member will receive all AGS periodicals for the next year. A reminder will be sent when dues are payable.

The dues are: Individual \$25; Household, \$35; Foreign \$35; Patron \$100. The board voted to discontinue new Life memberships. The existing Life memberships will continue to be honored.

Corrections

In the September issue of AFH, in the list of Surnames Researched, a submitter's address was wrong. The address of submitter number 9 on page 136 should read: Darlene Jackson Hofer, 20910 South Amber Willow Trail, Cypress, TX 77433-5999, email: rebelintx@netzero.net. Darlene researches the name STOKES in Clay Co.

In the same issue, inside the back cover was a map of Arkansas during the Civil War showing cities, roads and rivers. The title at the top of the page read "Arkansas Territory 1861-65"; it should have read simply "Arkansas 1861-65".

FROM SOUTH CAROLINA SAND HILLS TO ARKANSAS MOUNTAINS THE STORY OF THE MCMILLAN FAMILY

*By Russell P. Baker, 6525 Magnolia Dr., Mabelvale, AR 72103
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This is the story of the life and travels of John McMillan and his family. According to his Civil War military service record, John was born in Chesterfield County, South Carolina, about 1822.¹ So far, the names of his parents and other members of his family remain a mystery. Since he was functionally illiterate, he may have been born in humble circumstances.² However, his fortunes took a turn for the better about 1840 when he married Rebecca F. Campbell.³ Rebecca, born about 1823, was a local girl who had property.⁴ According to the 1880 census, her father was born in Scotland and her mother in North Carolina.⁵ By 1850 John and Rebecca were the parents of five children: Robert C. born in 1841, Daniel David C. born in 1843, Hugh Frank born in 1846, Sarah Margaret born in 1847, and Virginia Jenny (Jincey Ann) born in July of 1849.⁶

On December 10, 1850, the state of South Carolina granted to John McMillan a tract of land in what is now the Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge in the south central part of Chesterfield County. The grant was composed of some 1,683 acres located on the high ground between the headwaters of Skippers Creek, Rattlesnake Creek and Finley's Mill Creek; the waters of Big Black Creek; and the Middle Prong of Rocky Creek. Although the records of Chesterfield County were destroyed during the Civil War, the land grant has survived in the South Carolina Archives. From it we know the names of John's neighbors. They were Duncan Campbell, Daniel McIntire, "Mr. Hubbard", Henry Boan/Bone and Margaret Campbell. In 1855, John received an additional grant for 376 acres of nearby land on the headwaters of Rocky Creek. Adjacent landowners were Henry Bone's estate, Peter McCaskill, "Mr. Thompson", and Duncan Campbell. There is circumstantial evidence to suggest that these Campbell neighbors were members of Rebecca's family.⁷

Shortly before the beginning of the Civil War, John and Rebecca decided to sell their Chesterfield County holdings and seek a new home on the western frontier. Perhaps the rumors of the coming hostilities played a part in this decision. It is also possible that John's very sandy

¹Military records of John McMillan, Co. B, 19 (Dockery's) Arkansas Inf., CSA.

²Ibid. He signed his discharge with this mark (X).

³Letter from Mary Lou White, Arkadelphia, AR to Alvin Black, Mt. Ida, AR in which she indicates that Rebecca was a Campbell. Copy in the possession of the author. South Carolina has no early marriage records.

⁴1850 U. S. Census, Chesterfield County, South Carolina, pp. 138B 139A. Rebecca, not John, is the property owner according to this census. Other Campbell family members living nearby were also property owners. Chesterfield County, South Carolina records were destroyed late in the Civil War.

⁵1880 U. S. Census, Clark Township, Pike County, Arkansas, p. 453B.

⁶1850 U. S. Census, Chesterfield County, South Carolina, p. 139. It is possible that the "C" in the names of several of John and Rebecca's sons stands for "Campbell".

⁷Letter from John L. Andrews, Jr., Hartsville, South Carolina to R. P. Baker, Mabelvale, Arkansas.

land, having already lost its initial fertility after several years of intense cultivation, was no longer sufficient to sustain the family's farming operation. Nevertheless, the McMillans chose a new home for themselves on the sandy rolling plains of south Arkansas' Columbia County not far from the Louisiana state line. By the time of the 1860 U. S. Census, they were living in Calhoun Township, just east of the county seat, Magnolia. Next door was another Chesterfield County native, Archibald Campbell, and his family.⁸ Arch is a good candidate for another of Rebecca's kinsmen, perhaps an uncle.⁹ By 1860 John and Rebecca were the parents of two additional children: Angus A., born in December of 1852, and my ancestor, Elizabeth Jane, born on February 10, 1859, shortly before the family left South Carolina.¹⁰ No evidence has been uncovered that John owned lands in Columbia County. Rather, it appears that he rented a farm of some one hundred acres, with twenty acres under cultivation.¹¹ Perhaps, the McMillans had planned only a short stopover in south Arkansas before moving further west.

The impending war soon caught up with the McMillans in their new home in Arkansas. In May of 1861, responding to Jeff Davis' call for volunteers, John's older sons, Robert C. and Daniel David C., enlisted in Capt. Austin's Company of Columbia Guards.¹² They entered the Confederate Army as privates in Company G of the 6th Arkansas Infantry, C.S.A. However, in November of 1861 Robert C. became so ill that he was discharged and sent back home.¹³ In the meantime, the patriarch of the family, John McMillan, also enlisted in the Confederate Army. At the age of about forty, he marched away from home on February 26, 1862. Left behind were his wife and younger children, including newly born twins, John T. "Willie" and Emma A.¹⁴ John served as a private in Company B of the 19th (Dockery's) Arkansas Infantry, C.S.A.

The Civil War was not kind to the McMillans. Hugh Frank is said to have tagged along with his older brothers as their unit marched to Little Rock in 1861. He died during the trek and was buried somewhere along the way. His place of burial is not known. Daniel David C. was wounded so severely at the battle of Shiloh, fought in April of 1862 on the banks of the Tennessee River near the Tennessee Mississippi state line, that he was "discharged" the day after the battle.¹⁵ However, family tradition maintains that he died on the way home. It is not known where he is buried.¹⁶ In June of 1862, Robert C., who had been living at home with his family recovering from an illness, was recuperated enough to re-enlist in the Confederate Army, this time in company A of the 33rd Arkansas Infantry. Early the next year he, too, was wounded.

⁸1850 U. S. Census, Chesterfield County, South Carolina, p. 152 and 1860 U.S. Census, Calhoun Township, Columbia County, Arkansas, p. 290.

⁹Campbell is old enough to be Rebecca's father. See below.

¹⁰1860 U.S. Census, Calhoun Township, Columbia County, Arkansas, p. 290.

¹¹1860 Productions of Agriculture, Calhoun Township, Columbia County, Arkansas, p. 11. Arch Campbell had 80 acres under cultivation. Rebecca said in 1880 that her father was born in Scotland, but Arch said he was born in North Carolina.

¹²Little Rock, Arkansas, *True Democrat*, June 6, 1861, p. 2, col. 2, and June 20, 1861, p. 3, col. 6.

¹³Military records of R. C. McMillon, Co. G, 6th Arkansas Inf., CSA.

¹⁴1870 U. S. Census, Coldbath Township, Clark County, AR, p. 139. They were born in October of 1861. See 1900 U. S. Census, Amity Township, Clark County, Arkansas, p. 164B.

¹⁵Military records of D. D. C. McMillon, Co. G, 6th Arkansas Inf., CSA.

¹⁶Conversation with Mattie Winnie Baker Waits by R. P. Baker, notes of which are in the possession of the author.

He survived to return home but was so gravely crippled that he spent the remainder of his days as a paraplegic.¹⁷

The senior McMillan, with two sons already dead, served in the Confederate Army until March of 1863, when he was discharged for being “over the age of forty years.” His severance pay consisted of \$89.70 for his military service, his clothing allowance, and mileage back to his home. He also received a rare Confederate discharge “Certificate.” In it, he is described as being five feet, one inch tall, of a fair complexion with blue eyes and light hair. He signed his receipt with his mark (X).¹⁸

After the war, the McMillan family, perhaps haunted by memories of the war's sad events, remained in Columbia County for only a year or so.¹⁹ Late in 1867, they joined a group of area residents who were moving to new homes in western Arkansas' Ouachita Mountains. The leader of the emigrants was Stephen P. Baker, a Columbia County planter,²⁰ whose brother, Jonathan Baker, lived in the mountains near Amity, in Clark County. One of Stephen Baker's sons, recently married Patrick Henry Baker, a veteran of the Confederate Army, was looking for a more healthful climate for his wife, Mary Susan Smith Baker.²¹ She was suffering from tuberculosis, a disease that would eventually kill many members of the Baker family. The mountains offered pure, pine-scented mountain air and clean, abundant spring water, both thought to benefit victims of this dreaded disease.

The Baker colony settled on Rock Creek near its mouth with the Caddo River, just south of what is now Glenwood in Pike County. This was where the “Mountain Road” crossed the creek. The area was then in northern Clark County. Here Baker built a home, a mill, and later a general store. Baker founded the Rock Creek Post Office in 1868.²² Within a short while, a thriving village grew up. The other immigrant families, including the McMillans, settled nearby.²³ Shortly after 1870, Robert C. McMillan opened Rock Creek's first general store.²⁴ In 1874, Patrick Henry Baker's wife died, leaving him with several small children, including newly born twins. According to a family tradition, one morning about a year later, the thirty-year-old Baker was making his way to the family mill when he met a beautiful teenage girl with blue eyes and blond hair. She was Elizabeth McMillan, daughter of John and Rebecca McMillan. Although she was only sixteen at the time, it was love at first sight.²⁵ On October 7, 1875, Patrick and Elizabeth were married. They became the parents of a number of children: Robert J., Patrick H. Jr., William T., Benjamin Franklin, Wallace W., Samuel J., Dewitt T.,

¹⁷ Ibid. Also military records of Robert C. McMillan, Co. A, 33rd Arkansas Inf., CSA, and 1880 U. S. Census, Clark Township, Pike County, Arkansas, p. 453B.

¹⁸ Military record of John McMillan, Co. B, 19th Dockery's Arkansas Inf., CSA.

¹⁹ 1866 Tax Book, Columbia County, Arkansas.

²⁰ *Goodspeed's Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Southern Arkansas* (Chicago, 1891), p. 314.

²¹ Ibid., and Columbia County, Arkansas, Marriage Book C, p. 1.

²² Russell P. Baker, *Arkansas Post Offices From Memdag to Norsk: A Historical Directory 1832 1990* (Little Rock, AR, 2003), p. 164.

²³ See the Will of John McMillan, David Kelley, *Pike County Burned Records 1855 1890, Will Section* (SLC, UT, 1993), p. 34 35. McMillan's land at Rock Creek was located next to that of S. P. Baker.

²⁴ *Goodspeed's Southern Arkansas*, p. 313.

²⁵ Conversation between “Guy” Baker and Russell P. Baker.

Mattie Winnie, Annie Laura, Lottie E., John P., and Ida J.²⁶ Elizabeth Jane McMillan Baker died April 11, 1922, and is buried in the Coker Cemetery near Glenwood.²⁷

Elizabeth's oldest brother, Robert C. McMillan, never married. After 1880, he moved from Rock Creek to New Hope in western Pike County, where he operated a general store and served several years as postmaster.²⁸ He died in 1884.

Their sister, Sarah Margaret, married Levi L. Forrester on July 21, 1870.²⁹ She devoted much of her time to caring for her brother, Robert, during his last illness.³⁰ After his death she and her family, together with her youngest brother, John T., moved to Grant County, Kansas. The Forresters later settled in Lynn County, Texas, where they founded the Forrester Ranch. Sarah died there about 1903.³¹

Virginia Jenny (Jencey Ann) married G. W. Henthorn about 1879.³² After his death, she remarried although the name of her second husband is not known.³³

Angus A. McMillan married Prudence Adline (Addie) D. White in Pike County about 1877. He was living in Mt. Ida, Montgomery County, Arkansas, in 1900.³⁴ It is not known when or where he died.

John T. (Willie) McMillan married about 1883 to Anna L. Later he moved to Grant County, Kansas.³⁵ His date of death is not known.

Emma A. McMillan, twin sister of John T., married William D. White, a brother of Angus' wife. In 1900 the family lived in the nearby town of Amity, where Mr. White was a watch repairman.³⁶ The family later moved to El Paso, Texas, because William had tuberculosis. He died there in 1922, although his body was brought back and buried in the Old Ebenezer Cemetery near Rock Creek.³⁷ It is not known when or where Emma died.

²⁶*Goodspeed's Southern Arkansas*, p. 314 315 and Baker Family History File in the possession of Russell P. Baker.

²⁷Glenwood, *Arkansas News Press*, April 14, 1922, p. 1, col. 2. The obituary contains very little information.

²⁸R. L. Polk and Co., *Arkansas State Gazetteer and Business Directory 1884 5* (St. Louis, MO, 1884), p. 414.

²⁹Clark County, Arkansas Marriage Records, Book E, p. 227.

³⁰David Kelley, *Pike County Burned Records 1855 1890, Will Section* (SLC, UT, 1993), p. 38. She received the majority of Robert's estate.

³¹Frank P. Hill and Pat Hill Jacobs, *Grassroots Upside Down: A History of Lynn County, Texas*, p. 46 48 and 323.

³²1880 U. S. Census, Clark Township, Pike County, Arkansas, p. 452A.

³³Mattie Winnie Waits remembered his name was something like "Knox Bowus". No confirmation of this has been found.

³⁴1900 U. S. Census, Mt. Ida, South Fork Township, Montgomery County, Arkansas, p. 88A.

³⁵1900 U. S. Census, Lincoln Township, Grant County, Kansas, p. 217A.

³⁶1900 U. S. Census, Amity Township, Clark County, Arkansas, p. 164B.

³⁷Wendy Richter, *Clark County Arkansas: Past and Present* (Arkadelphia, Arkansas, 1992), p. 774, "White, William D. El Paso County", Index to Texas State Death Records and cemetery inscriptions for Old Ebenezer Cemetery.

John McMillan died on February 27, 1879.³⁸ His wife Rebecca was still alive in 1880. However, she was ill with chronic bronchitis³⁹ and died soon afterwards. Tradition maintains that they are both buried in the County Line Cemetery at Glenwood, although neither has a grave marker. Thus, the story of the Chesterfield County McMillan family ends in the mountains of western Arkansas.

Sold Out of Prior Births CD

Due to the demand for the Arkansas Prior Birth Index, Volume 1 and Volume 2 CD, we are sold out. An updated version of the CD and a new book will be available next spring. The new CD will include the two previous volumes and the new unpublished Volume 3. Both Volume 1 and 2 of the books are still available. AGS publications may be ordered using the order form in this quarterly.

³⁸David Kelley, *Pike County Burned Records 1855-1890, Will Section* (SLC, UT, 1993), p. 34-35 and "John McMillan Estate", Homestead Papers of John McMillan, Bureau of Land Management, RG 49, copy in the possession of the author.

³⁹1880 U. S. Census, Clark Township, Pike County, Arkansas, p. 453B.

Visiting the Old Bean-Carnahan Cemetery, Lincoln, Washington County, Arkansas

By Robert Keen

After about five or six visits to the old cemetery I thought that I should write a little article about it. It is located on the Vol Blevins farm, and they are charming people who have done a lot of work on the cemetery. In reviewing my notes I will try to set the record straight on this cemetery.

The first person to be buried here was John Billingsley, who died on the way to Canehill. The wagon train was camped overnight near the Bethlehem Church and Cemetery. Mr. Billingsley died during the night, but the Bethlehem Church was Methodist, and the travelers, being Presbyterian, didn't want anything to do with them. Religion ran deep in those days. So his friends loaded Mr.

Billingsley into a wagon and hauled him on to Canehill for burial. This was the first burial in Washington County. It is ironic that John was the first person buried in this cemetery, while his sister Jane Carnahan was the first to be buried in the Bethlehem Cemetery.

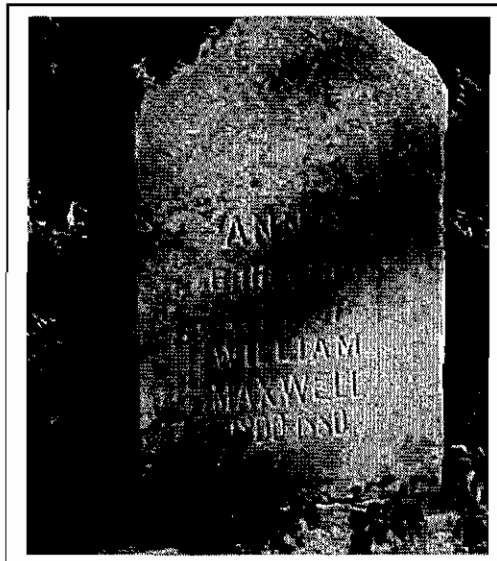
Jane was the ex-wife of John Carnahan. John Carnahan divorced Jane after she joined the Methodist Church. He later married Mary Polly Pyeatte and they are both buried in Bean-Carnahan Cemetery. This cemetery was started as a family plot, and it was supposed to be on Carnahan land. But as it turned out, it was on the Mark Bean land. The mistake was made because the

family had just arrived and did not have a survey done.

There are two Revolutionary soldiers buried here: John Carnahan and Jacob Pyeatte. It was said that John Carnahan had preached the first sermon in Arkansas some twenty years earlier near Little Rock. Jacob Pyeatte

was the patriarch of the Pyeatte family. These two, with their wives, have a rock wall around their graves.

The cemetery is a beautiful site. One is able to view Lincoln across the Mark Bean Springs and Bush Valley. There are numerous fieldstones marking graves. Of fifty stones remaining the ones that are readable now are the following:

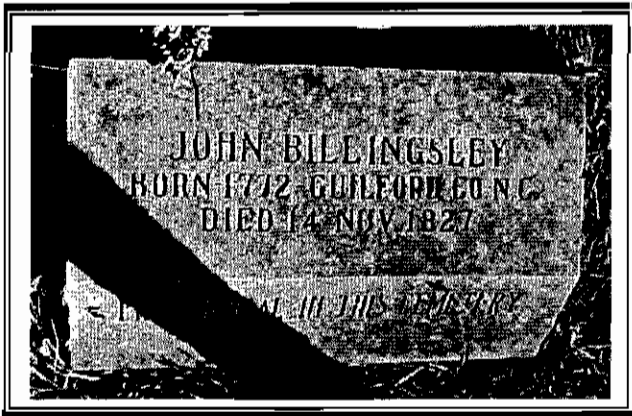


William Maxwell and his wife Anna Billingsley Maxwell, daughter of John Billingsley; John Carnahan, Revolutionary soldier; Jacob Pyeatte, Revolutionary soldier; John Billingsley 1772 – 1827.

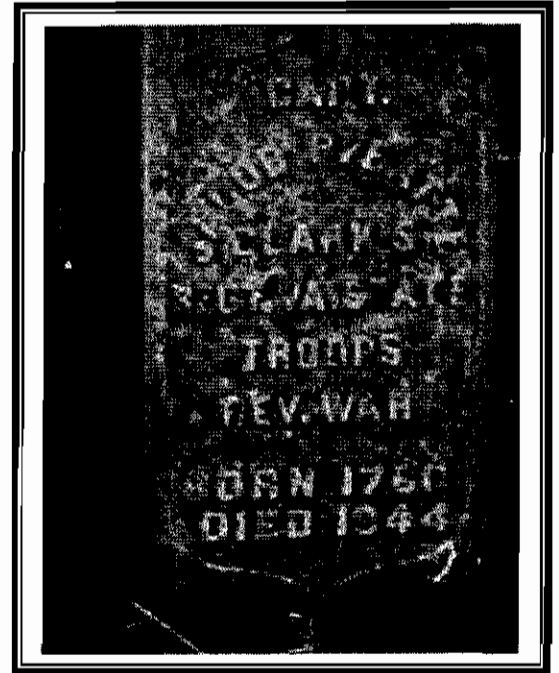
It is ironic that John was the first to be buried there, and his daughter Anna Maxwell was the last in 1880.

This is truly a pioneer cemetery and the Blevins can be congratulated for cleaning it up. If anyone knows of any other persons buried there, let me know at bpkeen@aol.com.

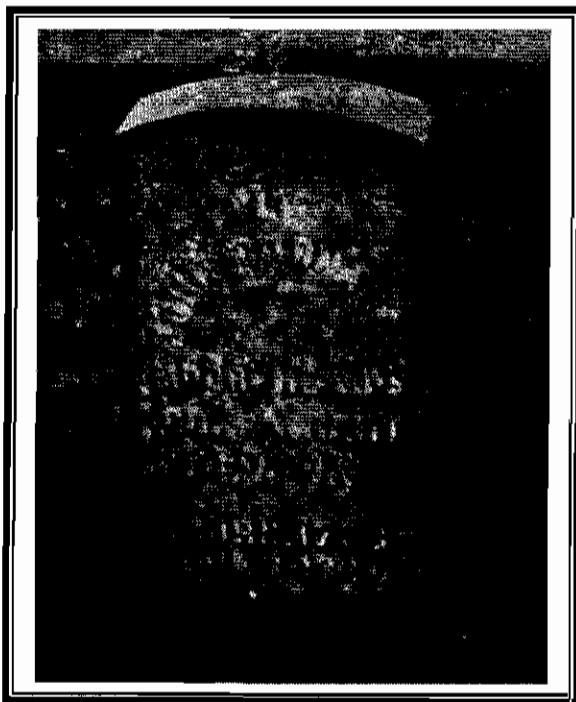
Bean-Carnahan Cemetery — Washington County, Arkansas



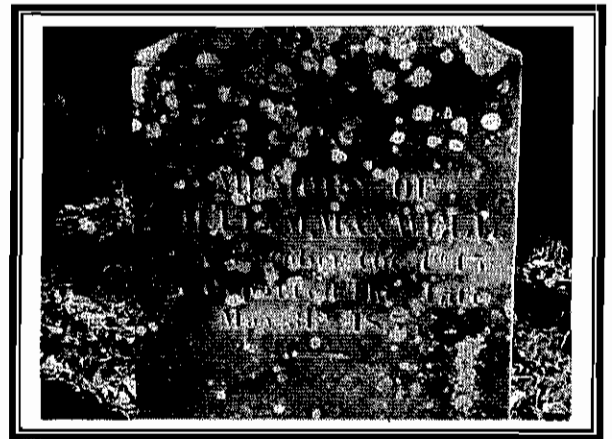
John Billingsley (1772-1827)



Capt. Jacob Pyeatte (1760-1844)
Revolutionary War Veteran



John Carnahan (1756-1840)
Revolutionary War Veteran



William Maxwell — Died May 31st 1855

Michael J. Dillon Bible

Submitted by Rita Anderson and copied from the original Bible which is still in the possession of the Dillon family.

Rita@pvcc.org

There are very few facts concerning the Dillon immigrant from Ireland that are presently known to this branch of the family. From researching census records, one is able to bring together a few ideas concerning Martin Dillon and his bride. Family traditions state that Martin came to the United States ahead of Mary in order to find a place for them to live. At this time it is unknown whether they married in Ireland or the United States. According to the 1900 census, Michael was born in August 1839 and probably immigrated to the United States after 1860. Due to a poor census copy, it is impossible for this writer to read the immigration information for Martin, but it appears that Mary may have immigrated in 1864 and had been in the United States for 36 years.¹ Their first United States census record occurs in Ohio in 1870. It lists two children, Michael, age 5 and Mary E. [Ellen], age six months, who were born in Ohio. This census also indicates that Martin and his wife Mary [A'Hearn?] were born in Ireland.² Still in Logan County, Ohio in 1880, the family included three more children: Elizabeth (6), Dennis J. (3), and Joanna (1).³ By 1900 Martin, Mary and daughter Mary A. were living in Illinois, near or in Rankin, and Mary stated that she had given birth to nine children of which only five were living.⁴

In the same year, their first born, Michael, the head of this Arkansas line, with his wife Ruth [Prater] and sons lived at 419 Summit Avenue in Little Rock, Arkansas. He was a section foreman for the railroad with four children in the household: Leo M. [Michael], [John] William, Thomas P. [Paul], and James R. [Roland]. It appears that Michael and family moved from Ohio to Illinois between March 1891 and July 1893. They had been in Arkansas less than two years since James was born in Illinois in June 1898.⁵ In 1910 Michael and family had moved from Summit Avenue to 2622 West Eleventh Street and Michael worked as Roadmaster (chief maintenance superintendent, one division) for the railroad. Ruth stated she had given birth to ten children of which only five were living, and they were all living at home.⁶ In 1920 Michael, Ruth and Nellie lived at 1000 Woodrow Street in Little Rock while son Roland and his wife, Cleo May, lived only a few doors away.⁷ By 1920, Leo Michael has married Effie Turner, but is not enumerated in the household with her until 1930.⁸

¹1900 U.S. Census, Vermilion County, Butler Township, Illinois, p. 23B (Series T623, Roll 348, Heritage Quest).

²1870 U.S. Census, Logan County, 97th District, Liberty Township, Ohio, p. 118B (Series M593, Roll 1234, Heritage Quest).

³1880 U.S. Census, Logan County, West Liberty, Ohio, p. 116B (Series T9, Roll 1041, Heritage Quest).

⁴1900 U.S. Census, Vermilion County, Butler Township, Illinois, p. 23B (Series T623, Roll 348, Heritage Quest).

⁵1900 U.S. Census, Pulaski County, Big Rock Township, Arkansas, p. 283B (Series T623, Roll 73, Heritage Quest).

⁶1910 U.S. Census, Pulaski County, Big Rock Township, Arkansas, p. 2A (Series T624, Roll 62, Heritage Quest).

⁷1920 U.S. Census, Pulaski County, Big Rock Township, Arkansas, p. 105A (Series T625, Roll 79, Heritage Quest).

⁸1930 U.S. Census, Pulaski County, Big Rock Township, Arkansas, p. 184A (Series T626, Roll 92, Heritage Quest).

Transcription of the Dillon Bible

by Rita Anderson

Marriage page of Michael and Ruth

Michael J. Dillon
Of West Liberty
State of Ohio

AND

Ruth J. Prater
of West Liberty
State of Ohio

WERE UNITED IN HOLY MATRIMONY
ACCORDING TO THE RITE OF THE HOLY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

At Gaylord, Michigan on the 13 day of June in the Year of
Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Six

Witnesses: Arthur Hall
Ellie Hall

Eugene Ellis
Alice Ellis

Births

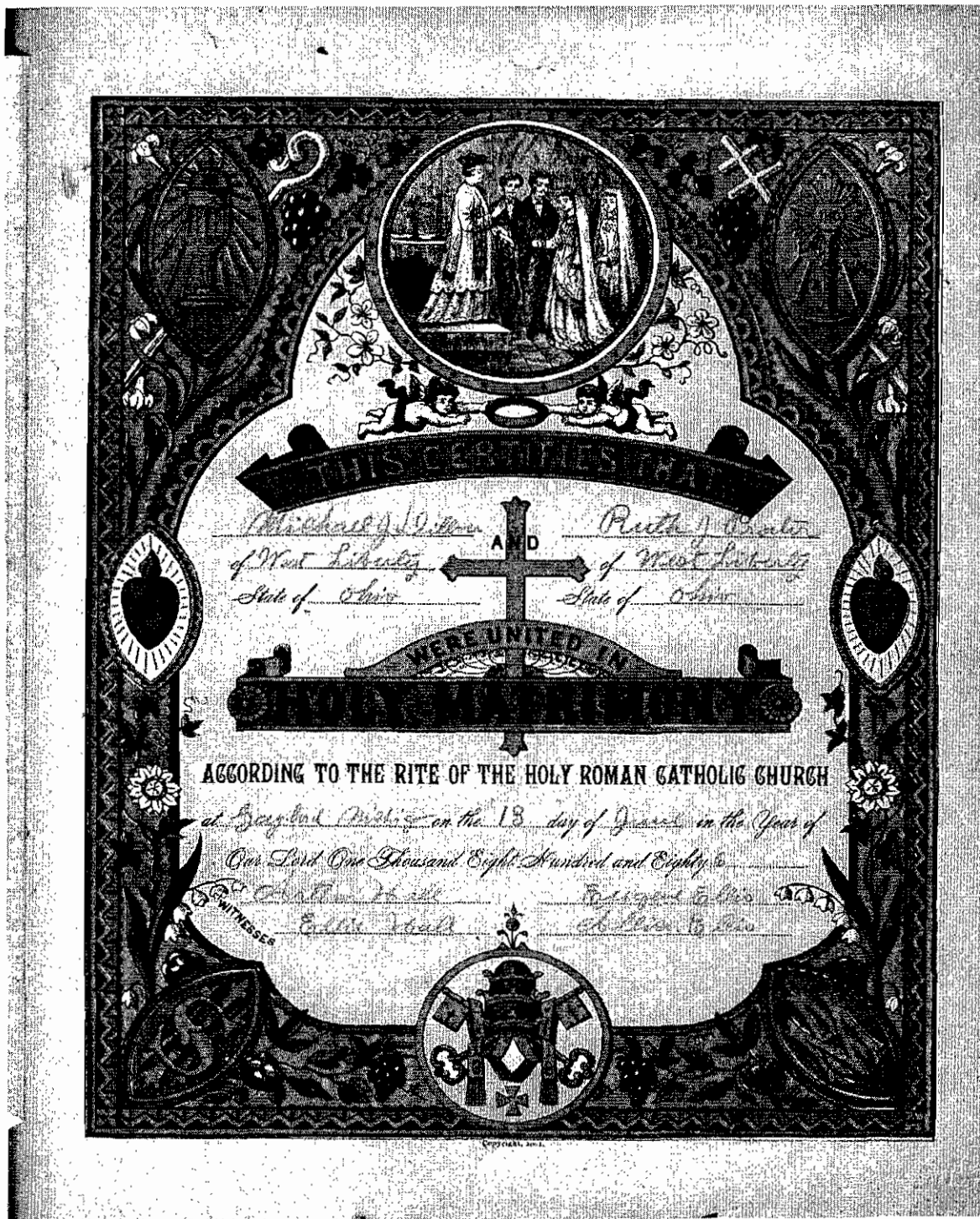
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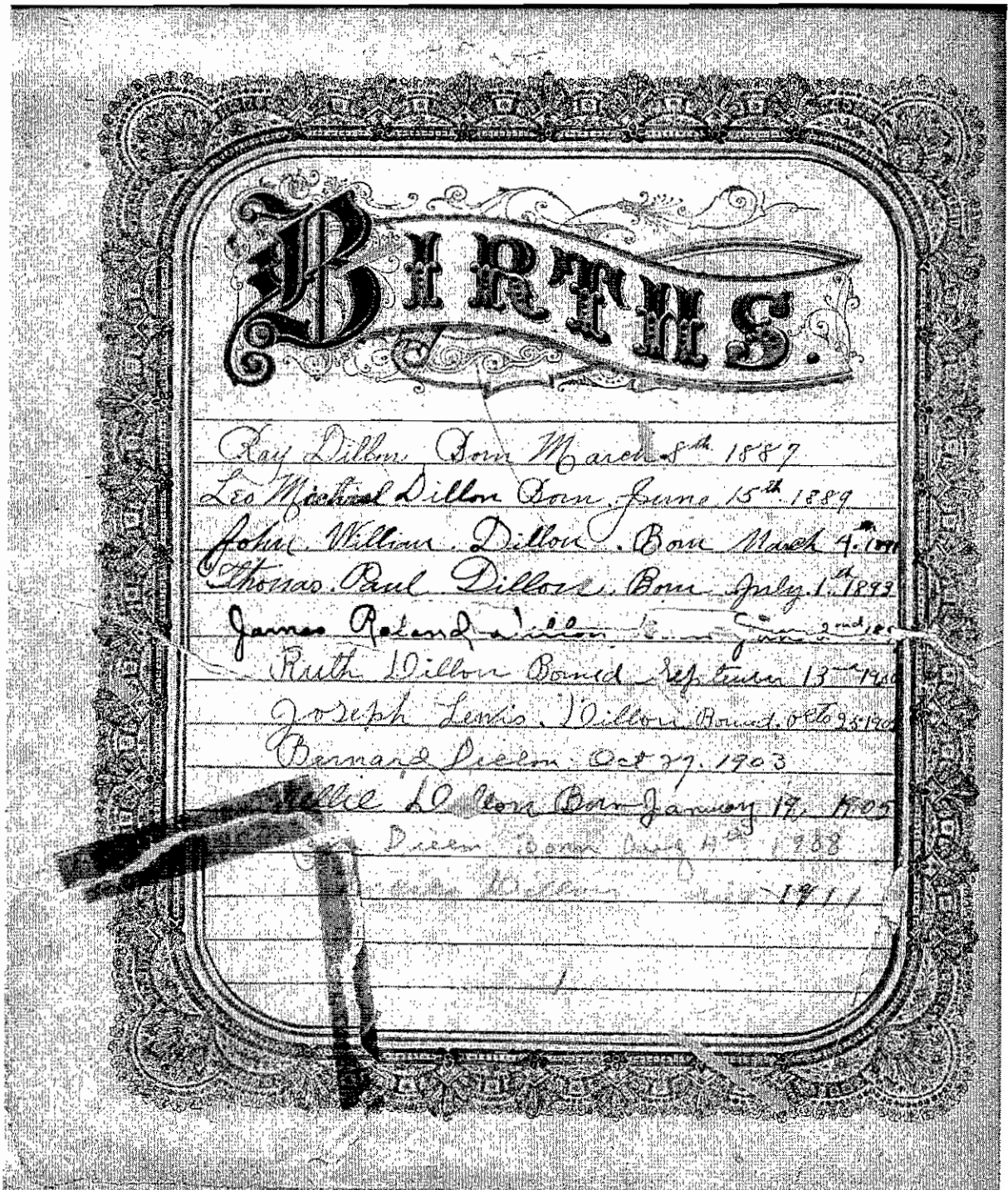
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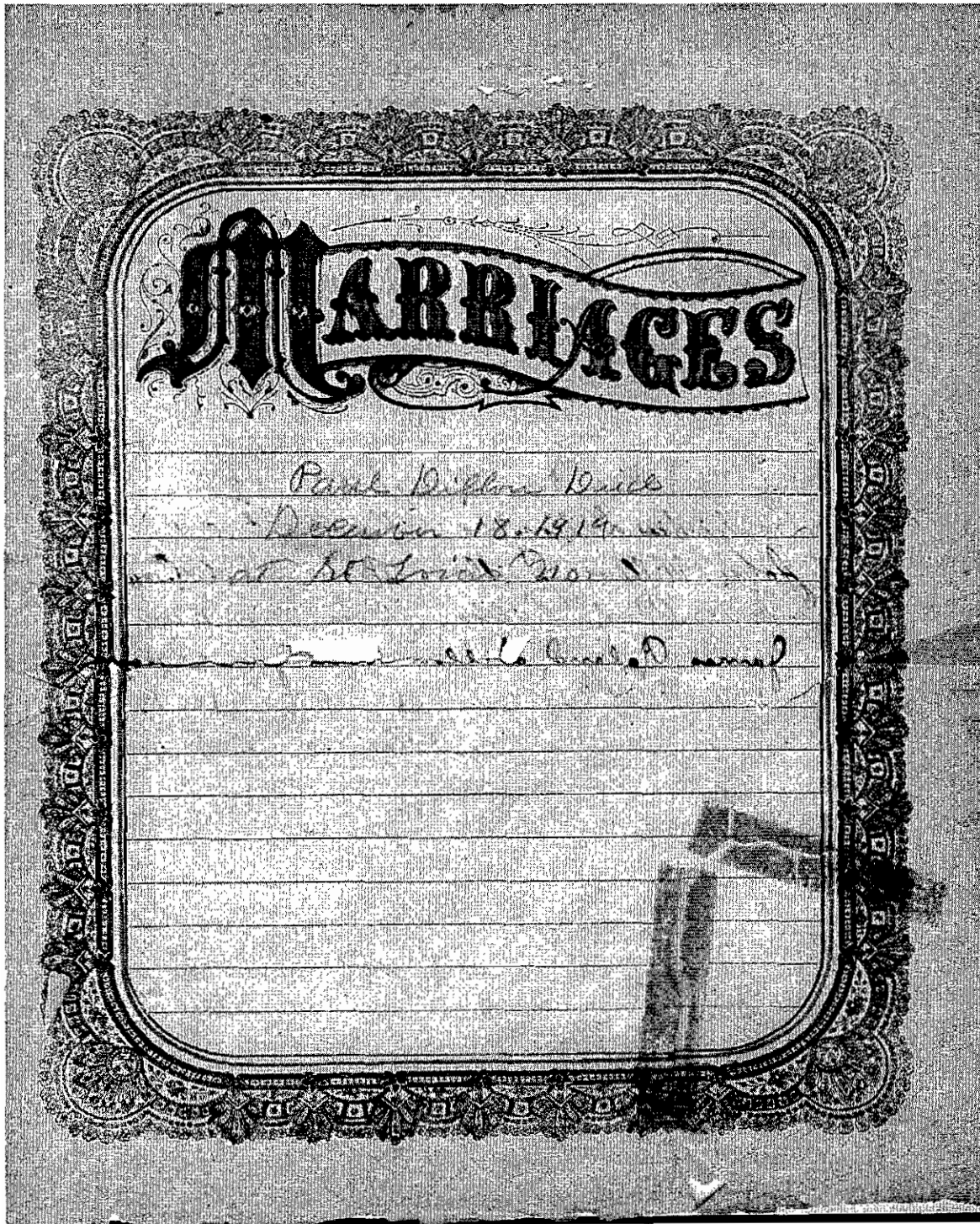
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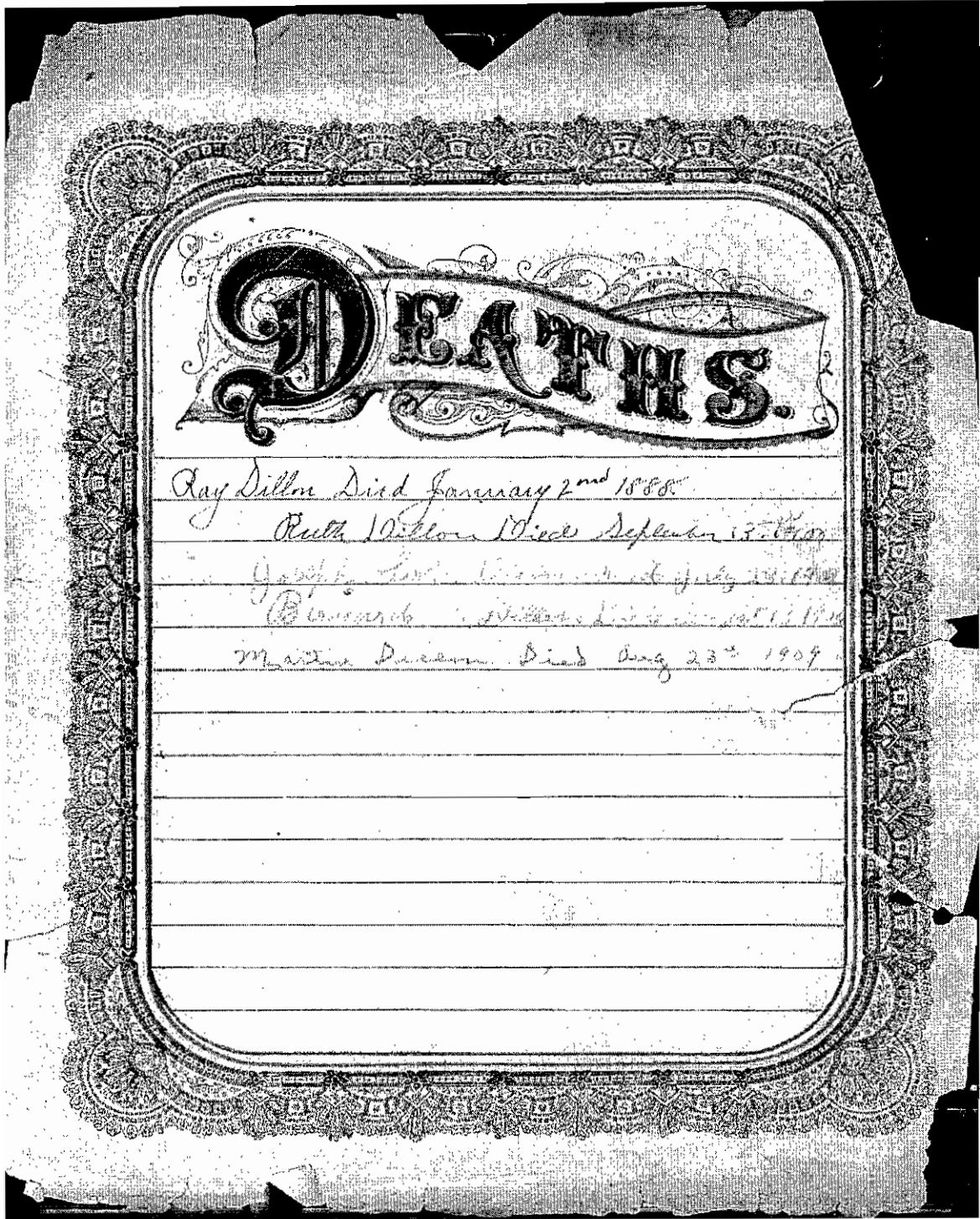
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The Cooperative Extension Service Building, 2301 South University, Little Rock, Arkansas will be the location of the all day event. A box lunch will be included in the registration fee. A registration form is in this quarterly with a list of the lectures to be presented.



**More Obituaries from the *Southern Standard*, Arkadelphia, Clark
County, Arkansas**

Submitted by Susan G. Boyle

24 June 1876, p. 3, col. 1

Capt. **Ira Bridges**, an old and highly respected citizen of this county, died at his residence in Hollywood, on the 2nd day of June, in the seventy-seventh year of his age. He was born in Marlborough District, S. C., but has long been a resident of this county where he made many friends, by whom his death is sincerely mourned.

10 June 1926, p. 4, col. 2

A. J. THOMPSON

The friends of Andrew J. Thompson will regret to learn of his death, which occurred at the home of his son Robert Thompson in this city at 2:30 o'clock Saturday morning after a short illness.

Mr. Thompson was 79 years of age, was a member of the Masonic Lodge and a Confederate Veteran. He had lived in the Hearn neighborhood near Arkadelphia for a number of years but moved to Arkadelphia about two years ago to make his home with his son. He was a member of the Baptist church and was a good and useful citizen.

He is survived by six children, four sons and two daughters: Mrs. Joe Carter and Robert, Raymond, George and Lester Thompson of Arkadelphia, and Mrs. Sid Clingan of Camden.

The funeral was held at Carter's Grave Yard near Hearn, at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon and the services were conducted by Rev. A. W. King, pastor of the Baptist church at Gurdon.

17 June 1926, p. 4, col. 1

**MR. CHARLES ELLIOTT DIED
SUDDENLY**

His many friends throughout this part of Clark county will regret the sudden death of Mr. Charles Elliott, which occurred at his home near Curtis at about six o'clock on Tuesday evening. He died while sitting in a chair and without any indication of approaching death. His remains were interred in Richland cemetery near Springdale yesterday afternoon, the funeral being conducted by Rev. J. A. Sheets.

24 June 1926, p. 4, col. 1

**MR. CHARLES ELLIOTT IS
SURVIVED BY EIGHT CHILDREN**

Besides his widow, eight children survive Mr. Charles Elliott, who died near Hart's Chapel last week. The children are Charlie Elliott, Mrs. Nettie Brown, Mrs. Suda White, Earl Elliott, Ray Elliott, and Misses Kariene and Christine Elliott all of whom live in this county and Mrs. Ola Crage, of Missouri.

Mr. Elliott, who was sixty-two years old, was a native of Alabama, but had lived in Clark county since he was a small child.

Thursday, 28 June 1934, p. 3, col. 4

**MRS. W. G. JONES, AN OLD CITIZEN
OF THE COUNTY**

After about a ten day's serious illness, Mrs. Lou Jones, widow of the late W. G. Jones, died at the home of her grandson, Henry Thomas, out in the Cedar Grove neighborhood, on last Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Jones was 79 years old, having been born in Georgia on Dec. 7, 1855. In 1873 she moved to Clark county with her family, when she was 18 years old and for 61 years has been a resident of the county.

She was first married to Henry Bridges and thirty-four years ago was married to Mr. Jones, who died about sixteen years ago. By her first husband she is survived by one son, John Bridges, and by two grandsons, Henry and John Thomas. She is also survived by four step-children, Sam and Gilbert Jones and Mrs. Lon Reeder and Mrs. Lee Walker. Mrs. Jones was the last of the older family of Thompsons to depart this life, her brothers, Jeff, Andrew and Seth Thompson, and sister, Mrs. Stoge Wilson, have died before she did.

The remains were interred on Sunday morning in the New Hope cemetery beside those of her first husband, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. J. B. Stanfield, Methodist minister, pastor of the church. Mrs. Jones had been a member of the New Hope church since 1881.

19 July 1945, p. 1, col. 6

George Elliott of This City is Dead

George Anderson Elliott, age 63, well known resident of Hill Crest suburb, died at his home Wednesday night, after three years illness. He was the son of the late Charles and Liddy Elliott.

He is survived by his wife, by three daughters, Mrs. Ruth Francis, Mrs. Joy Bennett, and Jeanette, also married;

by two sons, J. C. and Noble Elliott, both of the U. S. Army; one brother Charles R. Elliott, and one sister Mrs. Sude White, of near Arkadelphia.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Eck Patterson at Mt. Zion Baptist Church at 4:00 o'clock Thursday afternoon and burial was at Richmond cemetery. Arrangements were in charge of Murry's.

30 April 1964, p. 5, col. 3

**Charlie R. Elliott Of Mt. Zion Died
Friday**

Charlie R. Elliott, 70, of Arkadelphia, (Mount Zion Community), died Friday morning in the Clark County Memorial Hospital.

He was born at Arkadelphia March 19, 1894. He was a member of the Arkadelphia Masonic Lodge No. 381 and the Woodmen of the World. He was a veteran of World War I, and served in Germany and France. He was a retired farmer.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Ruby Hanson Elliott; two sons, Lewis Elliott of Arkadelphia and Kenneth J. Elliott of Houston, Texas; one daughter, Mrs. Charlie Sue Thomas of Arkadelphia; one brother, Roy Elliott of Arkadelphia; four sisters, Mrs. I. M. White of Arkadelphia, Mrs. Frank Craig of Wellsville, Mo., Mrs. Corrine Smith of Camden, and Mrs. James Beck of Reseda, Calif; five grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Mount Zion Baptist Church by the Rev. Ronnie G. Winstead. Burial was in the Richland Cemetery by Murry-Ruggles Funeral Home.

23 May 1974, Sec 2, p. 8, col. 4

MRS. RUBY ELLIOTT

Mrs. Ruby Rosita Elliott, aged 73, of Arkadelphia, died Thursday in the Riverwood Nursing Home. She was the widow of Charles Elliott and a native of Mt. Pleasant, Texas. Mrs. Elliott was a member of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Kenneth Jewell Elliott and Louis Elliott, both of Houston, Tex.; one daughter, Mrs. Charles Thomas of Arkadelphia; one sister, Mrs. Pat Whisenhunt of Glenwood; six grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 3:30 p.m. in the Murry-Ruggles Funeral Chapel by Rev. Haskell M. Orrick. Burial was in the Richland Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Ross Wright, Jimmy Rowe, Norman Bell, Horace Bell, C. B. Wright, Ross Conant, Lloyd Conant and Floyd Thomas.

1 August 1974, p. 8, col. 4

Mrs. Ira M. White

Mrs. Ira M. White, age 85, of Arkadelphia, died Monday in Clark County Nursing Home. She was a housewife and a member of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

Born September 19, 1888, she was a lifelong resident of Clark County.

Survivors include four sons, Walter White of Little Rock, and Leon, Charlie, and Jimmy White, all of Arkadelphia; three daughters, Mrs. Mildred Thomas of Bakersfield, Calif., Mrs. Floyd Ham and Mrs. Bobbie Moore of Arkadelphia; a brother, Roy Elliott of Arkadelphia; three sisters, Mrs. Frank Craig of Wellsville, Mo., Mrs. Christine Beck of Reseda, Calif., and Mrs. Corine Garrett of Camden; twenty-five grandchildren and thirty-one great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. in the Murry-Ruggles Funeral Chapel. Burial was in the Richland Cemetery.

Officiating at the funeral service was Dr. Nathan Porter.

29 July 1976, p. 10, col. 4

LEON WHITE

Leon White, age 64, of the Gum Springs Community, died Wednesday in the Clark County Memorial Hospital. He was a lifelong resident of Clark County, a retired carpenter and was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Maurice Cox White of Gum Springs; two sons, Doug White and Aubrey White, both of Arkadelphia; three daughters, Mrs. Peggy Butler and Mrs. Onetha Caver, both of Arkadelphia, and Miss Kay White of Malvern; three brothers, Charlie White and Jimmy White, both of Arkadelphia and Walter White of Little Rock; three sisters, Mrs. Bobbie Moore and Mrs. Ethel Hamm, both of Arkadelphia; Mrs. Mildred Thomas of Oildale, Calif.; eight grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Friday in the Murry-Ruggles Funeral Chapel with Rev. Temon Jenkins officiating. Burial was in the Richland Cemetery.

22 December 1983, p. 5, col. 1

Mrs. Myrtle Thomas

Mrs. Myrtle Smothers Thomas, age 81 of Arkadelphia, wife of William Henry Thomas, died Saturday, December 17, in the Twin Rivers Medical Center. A native of Paris, Texas, she and Mr. Thomas had been married 61 years, and she was a member of the DeGray Baptist Church.

Survivors besides her husband include two sons, Charles Thomas and Floyd Thomas, both of Arkadelphia, two daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Schafer of Chesapeake, Virginia and Mrs. Betty Harrington of Little Rock; one brother, Joe Smothers of Bryant; three sisters, Mrs. Janie Bledsoe and Mrs. Pearl Bledsoe, both of Arkadelphia, and Mrs. Lucille Jones of Little Rock; ten grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Monday, December 19, in the Murry-Ruggles Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Don Phillips and Rev. Wes Lites officiating. Burial was in Rest Haven Memorial Gardens.

Nephews were pallbearers.

Thursday, 23 January 1986, p. 8, col. 2

Charles Thomas

Charles W. Thomas, 56, of Arkadelphia, died Wednesday at the Twin Rivers Medical Center. He was the son of Henry and the late Myrtle Lee Smothers Thomas of Arkadelphia.

He was an employee of the Tac Equipment Co. Inc. of Camden and a Baptist.

Survivors besides his father include his wife, Charlie Sue Elliott Thomas of the home; two sons, Mike Thomas of Benton and Randy Thomas of Arkadelphia; one daughter, Shelia Pasley of Arkadelphia;

one brother, Floyd Thomas of Arkadelphia; two sisters, Betty Harrington of Little Rock and Dorothy Schafer of Chesapeake, Va.; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Friday at the Murry-Ruggles Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Oscar Golden and Rev. Gary Turner officiating. Burial was to be in the Richland Cemetery.

26 December 1990, p. 2, col. 1

William Henry Thomas

William Henry Thomas, 89, of Arkadelphia, died Monday, Dec. 24, 1990 at Baptist Medical Center of Arkadelphia. He was born Dec. 17, 1901 in Clark County, the son of the late Louie and Betty Bridges Thomas.

He was the widower of Myrtle Smothers Thomas, a retired farmer and a member of the DeGray Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Floyd Thomas of Arkadelphia; two daughters, Betty Norris of Little Rock and Dorothy Schafer of North Fork, Va.; 10 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. today at the Murry-Ruggles Funeral Home chapel with Rev. Gary Turner officiating. Burial was in Rest Haven Memorial Gardens.

THE PASSING OF A PIONEER

Submitted by William T. Carter, 3rd great -grandson of Joseph Johns

Obituary as it appeared in "The Drew County Advance, Monticello, Arkansas, Tuesday, 26 Jun 1900, Page 2, Column 6."

Mr. Joseph Johns of this City Expired Tuesday Night at the Age Of Ninety-Two.

INTERRED AT ANDREWS CHAPEL

Mr. Joseph Johns died at his home in this city last Tuesday night at the age of ninety-two. Interment at Andrews Chapel nine miles west of this place Wednesday morning.

Thus ended an eventful life.

Joseph Johns was born in South Carolina in 1808 and lived in that State until he reached manhood. His youth was cheerless and full of unrequited toil. On becoming "of age," he went to Alabama, where he was captured and held prisoner by the Creek Indians. At the commencement of the Seminole war of the Thirties, in which the Creeks figured more or less, he escaped and joined the army of Gen. Scott which was going to the relief of Florida settlers who were being massacred by Osceola and his Seminole warriors. Afterward he fought under Gen. Jesup and (then) Col. Zachary Taylor, and took part in some of the bloodiest battles of that bloody period. He was one of a party that killed a noted Seminole chief whose death, it is said, was a potent factor in forcing Osceola to begin peace negotiations.

After the death of Osceola in Fort Moultrie and the Seminoles were sent West, Mr. Johns returned to Alabama. Moving to Texas, he remained there a few months and returned to Alabama. Later he moved to Louisiana, and from there to Arkansas, settling in Ashley county in 1856. After living there two years he moved to Calhoun

county, and from there to Drew county in 1870, settling at Barkada near where he now lies buried. Later he moved to this city where he resided until his death.

Mr. Johns made no pretensions to learning nor religion, but followed to the last hour his creed of Honesty, Truthfulness and Charity. His promises were fulfilled as surely as they were made, and he probably gave more liberally of his means to purposes of charity than any other man of similar fortune in this city. Whatever of good he may have done was not announced from the house tops nor heralded with trumpet and triangle, and it is probable that many recipients of his bounty knew not whom to thank for their good fortune. On one occasion he ordered a supply of groceries sent to a distressed family, and the grateful beneficiaries suppose to this day that the food was sent by the Ladies' Aid Society. The local papers mentioned the occurrence, and gave the Society credit for the kind act, greatly to the old gentleman's amusement.

Those farmers of small caliber who could not secure needed supplies from other sources for lack of security, rarely went to Mr. Johns and came away in disappointment. By these his loss will be felt keenly and it will be many a day before another comes to fill his place.

Seaborn D. Reese Obituary

Submitted by Mary Allen Brown

Taken from *THE HEADLIGHT*
Sheridan, Arkansas, Thursday, September 19, 1895

IN MEMORIAM

Seaborn D. Reese, one of the oldest and most popular men in the county, died at his home in Sheridan, Saturday. He was born in Wilkerson County, Georgia, July 22, 1821, and was therefore in his 75th year. His mother died when he was about 5 or 6 years of age and his father soon followed-----*----- whom he lived with until about his 15th year when his uncle was killed in some Indian trouble. At this early age the subject of this sketch unaided and alone commenced the battles of life. He entered the schoolroom as a teacher at this early age and when he could not distinguish p from q, and by hard study prepared himself to teach those entrusted to his care. For about 20 years he devoted his time and talents to teaching, teaching in Georgia and this state to which he removed many long years ago. In 1847 he was married to Celia J. Deans and for more than 48 years, they toiled side by side and together they fought their way through long years of trial and afflictions. He was the father of nine children, seven of whom survive him. When the clouds of war hung heavy over this fair land of ours, he shouldered his gun and fought for his home and friends. Under the ministry of Rev. J. M. Ferguson about thirty years ago, he professed religion and joined the Methodist E. Church, South, and from that time to the day of his death he was a great lover of its doctrines and polity(sic). He filled all demands made upon him by church or state.

Since the erection of the Methodist church in this place, he has been forward at all times in maintaining it and by his liberal gifts the church has ---*----he has been steward in this church since our removal to this place. For ten years Squire S. D. Reese was Sheriff and collector of this county and retired from office at his own will. He was mayor of Sheridan at the time of his death. During his incumbency of the Sheriff's office we never knew a more popular officer and when he retired from it his friends could be counted by the hundreds and were bound to him by hooks of steel.

Squire Reese will be sadly missed in Sheridan. He had accumulated a moderate fortune for these times and used it in acts of benevolence and charity. After a funeral sermon at the Methodist church by Rev. W. W. Mills, he was buried Sunday, about noon at the graveyard in this town, by the Masonic fraternity of which he had long been a serious member in the presence of the largest gathering we have ever seen on a similar occasion in this county.

To his grief stricken wife and children, we join their many friends in sympathy.

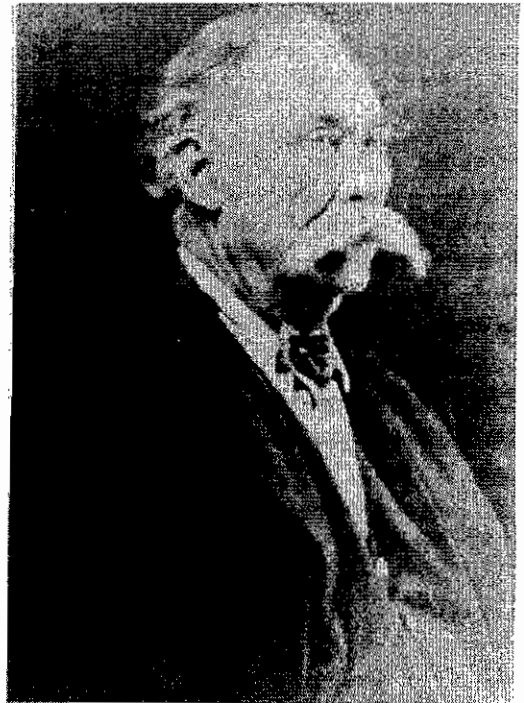
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MORE CHARTER FAULKNER COUNTY CITIZENS LISTED

**The Log Cabin Democrat,
Friday April 2, 1948
Conway, Faulkner County, Arkansas**

*Submitted by Harrod L. Flake,
3709 Idlewild, North Little Rock, AR
great-grandson of Dr. George Washington Leonard Harrod.*

Dr. George W. L. Harrod, who still lives not far from where he was born in the Brown community on upper Palarm creek January 25, 1869, has been practicing medicine in Faulkner county for about 55 years. His father was also a physician, Dr. George Harrod, one of the county's earliest pioneers, and his mother was Mrs. Pamela Witcher Harrod. In 1894 Dr. Harrod was married to Zora Evans, who died in October 1909. Of this union there were two daughters living, Mrs. Ruby Talley of Vilonia and Miss Pearl Harrod of Texas. His second wife was Grace Irene Goodsell, whom he married in December, 1918, and they have one daughter, whose name the data given the Log Cabin Democrat did not supply. Dr. Harrod began the practice of medicine in 1893.



Dr. George Washington Leonard Harrod
b. Jan. 25, 1870 about 5 mi. NW of Vilonia,
Faulkner Co., AR
d. July 26, 1952, Faulkner Co., AR



Capt. (Dr.) George W. Harrod
b. April 21, 1836, Clarksville, Yell Co., AR
d. Feb. 23, 1893, near Vilonia, AR

[Editors' Note: The Log Cabin Democrat article gave Dr. Harrod's birth date as January 25, 1869, but a note on the back of the photo gave the birth date as January 25, 1870. The 1870 date is confirmed by the 1900 census.]

Outstanding in at least two respects is Madison Coleman ("Crow") Hawkins, who lives across the road from his birthplace two

miles north of Mt. Vernon. He has never traveled farther than 75 miles from his home and has never tasted liquor, used tobacco or drunk coffee or even a coke. Mr. Hawkins was born April 3, 1868, the son of Brehon and Lottie Gray Hawkins who came from Tennessee and settled here in the 1840s. He is the youngest child and only survivor of nine children born to his parents. September 14, 1890, he was married to Sarah Jane Davidson, daughter of W.W. and Mollie Heffington. Mrs. Hawkins died June 9, 1935. Of their children eight are living and all reside in or near Mt. Vernon except a daughter, Mrs. Mary Davis of Conway. The others are C.C., Alonzo, A.L. and George Hawkins, Mrs. Ollie Bell, Mrs. Jennie Sparrow and Mrs. Lottie Davis.

Mr. Hawkins has 14 grandchildren and the same number of great-grandchildren. He said he could remember when great flocks of carrier pigeons obscured the skies and darkened the earth as they flew over. He has served as road overseer, school director and for 40 years was a deacon in Bethany Baptist church.

John L. Connor of Greenbrier is another native and lifelong citizen of Faulkner county, who was here before the county was formed. He was born six miles east of Greenbrier, December 19, 1871, a son of James W. and Gracie Simons Connor. The former came from Tennessee and the latter from Kentucky, before the civil war, and Mr. Connor's father served in the Confederate army. Mr. Connor did not marry until July 3, 1927, when he was 55 years old. His wife the former Lillie Kirby, is a daughter of Joe and Laura Kirby of Greenbrier. They have no children. Mr. Connor is still active in his lifelong pursuit, the carpenter's trade.

Brief data on two "charter" citizens were sent to the Log Cabin Democrat by its Woodrow correspondent, Mrs. G. W. Jones: "Bease Williams, 87 years of age, is native of this county, where he was born August

19, 1860, and has lived all his life. He is a son of James and Sarah Williams. Mrs. Mattie Williams, 79, was born November 19, 1868, the daughter of William and Emily Jones, and has remained in Faulkner county all her life."

William Zachariah Smith of Conway was born in the Union Valley community near Enola January 16, 1870 and is a lifelong citizen of Faulkner county. He is a son of David and Sarah Brooks Smith. He has no children, but has two sisters and four brothers, one of whom, Mrs. J.N. Matthews, is the Log Cabin Democrat's Enola correspondent.

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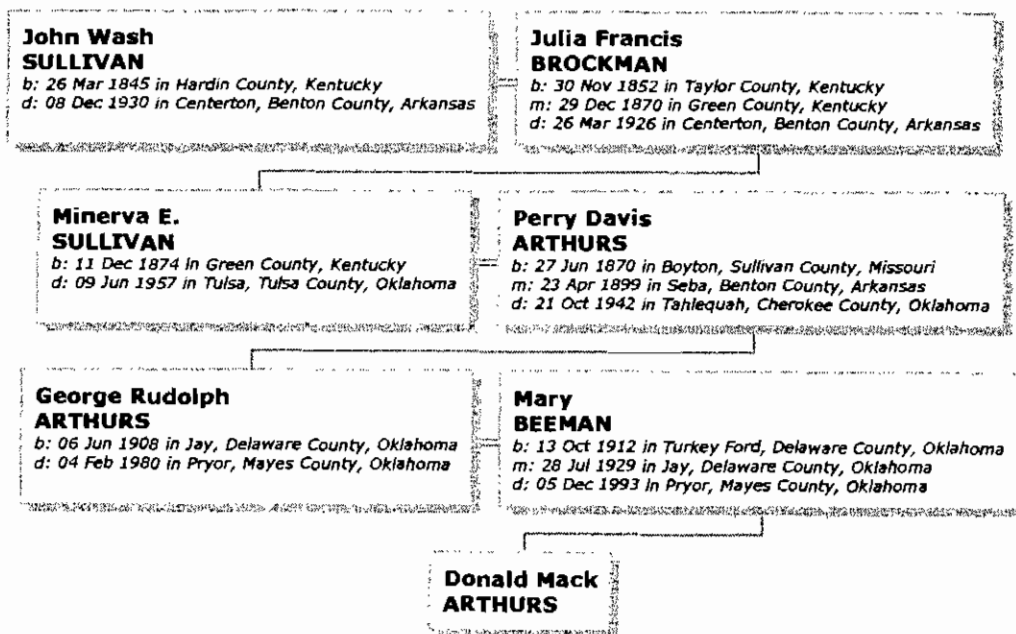
Please contact Dennis Zymboly at 65 Atrayente Way, Hot Springs Village, AR 71909 or e-mail dzrz@cox-internet.com

Arkansas Ancestry Certificates

Nineteenth Century Arkansas Ancestry Certificate for Donald Mack Arthurs through John W. Sullivan & Julia Francis Brockman

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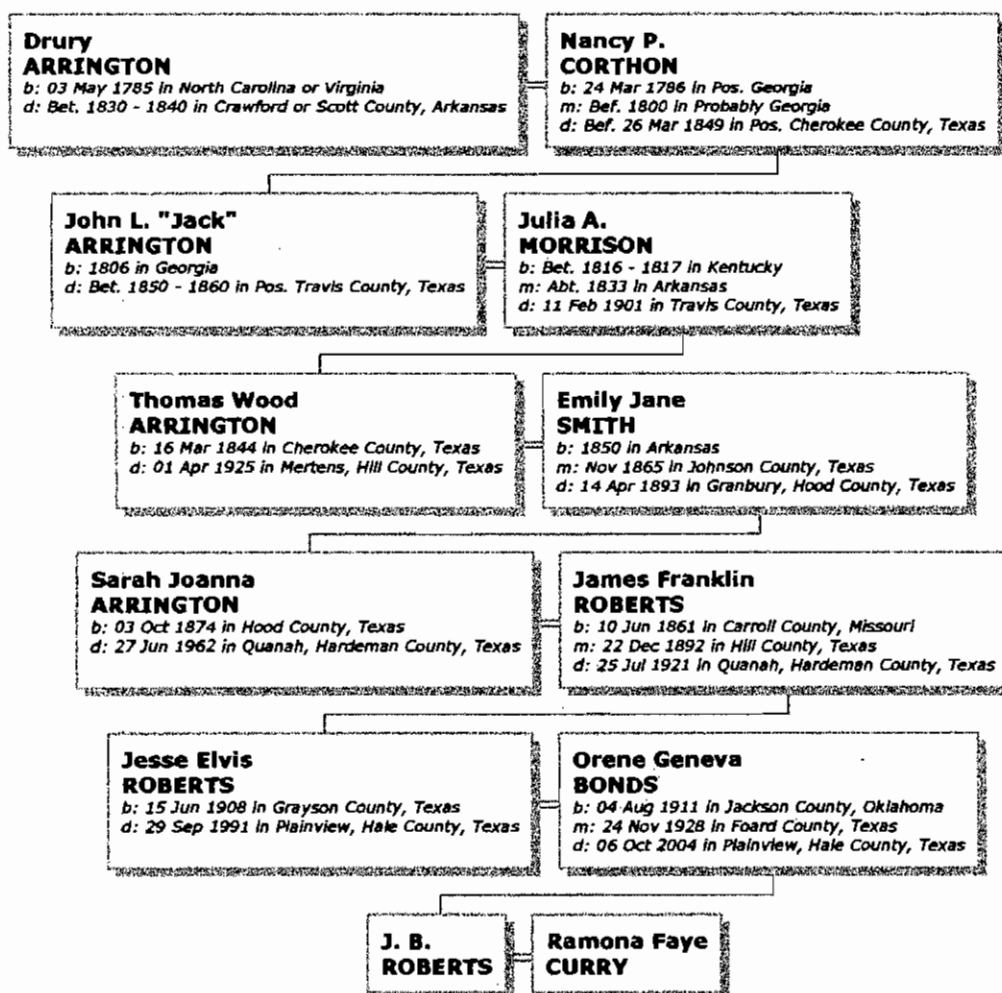
Donald Mack Arthurs received a Certificate of Arkansas Ancestry for the nineteenth century based on the documentation he submitted for the following lineage. The nineteenth century ancestors were John W. Sullivan and Julia Francis Brockman who were resident in Benton County, Arkansas at the time of the enumeration of the 1900 census.



Territorial Arkansas Ancestry Certificates for J. B. Roberts through Drury Arrington & Nancy P. Corthon

Submitted by J. B. Roberts
1400 Amarillo St.
Plainview, TX 79072

J. B. Roberts received two Certificates of Arkansas Ancestry for the territorial period based on the documentation he submitted for the following lineage. The territorial ancestors were Drury Arrington and Nancy P. Corthon who were resident in Crawford County, Arkansas, at the time of the enumeration of the 1830 census. Drury Arrington was listed as a magistrate in Crawford County in 1829.



**Territorial Arkansas Ancestry Certificate
for Barbara Walker Ray
through Matthew Maury Fontaine/Fountain**

*Submitted by Barbara Walker Ray
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BarbRay@houston.rr.com*

Barbara Walker Ray received a Certificate of Arkansas Ancestry for the territorial period based on the documentation she submitted for the following lineage. The territorial ancestors were Matthew Maury Fontaine/Fountain and Patsy Johnson Fontaine who were resident in Hempstead County, Arkansas, in 1828 according to the 1828 Hempstead Tax List.





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Pamela Boyer Porter, CGRS, CGL
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- 9:00** **Registration**
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- 10:30** **Break & Vendors**
- 11:00** **What's in the County Courthouse** *If you aren't digging through those records, you're missing some revealing details about your people!*
- 12:00** **Lunch & Vendors** *Box lunch provided.*

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- 1:30** **Rogues and Rascals: Divorced, Litigious or Downright Criminal Relatives** *We will take a humorous look at why genealogists should be delighted to find such records.*
- 2:30** **Break & Vendors**
- 3:00** **More Rogues and Rascals** *We will continue with more unsavory characters.*

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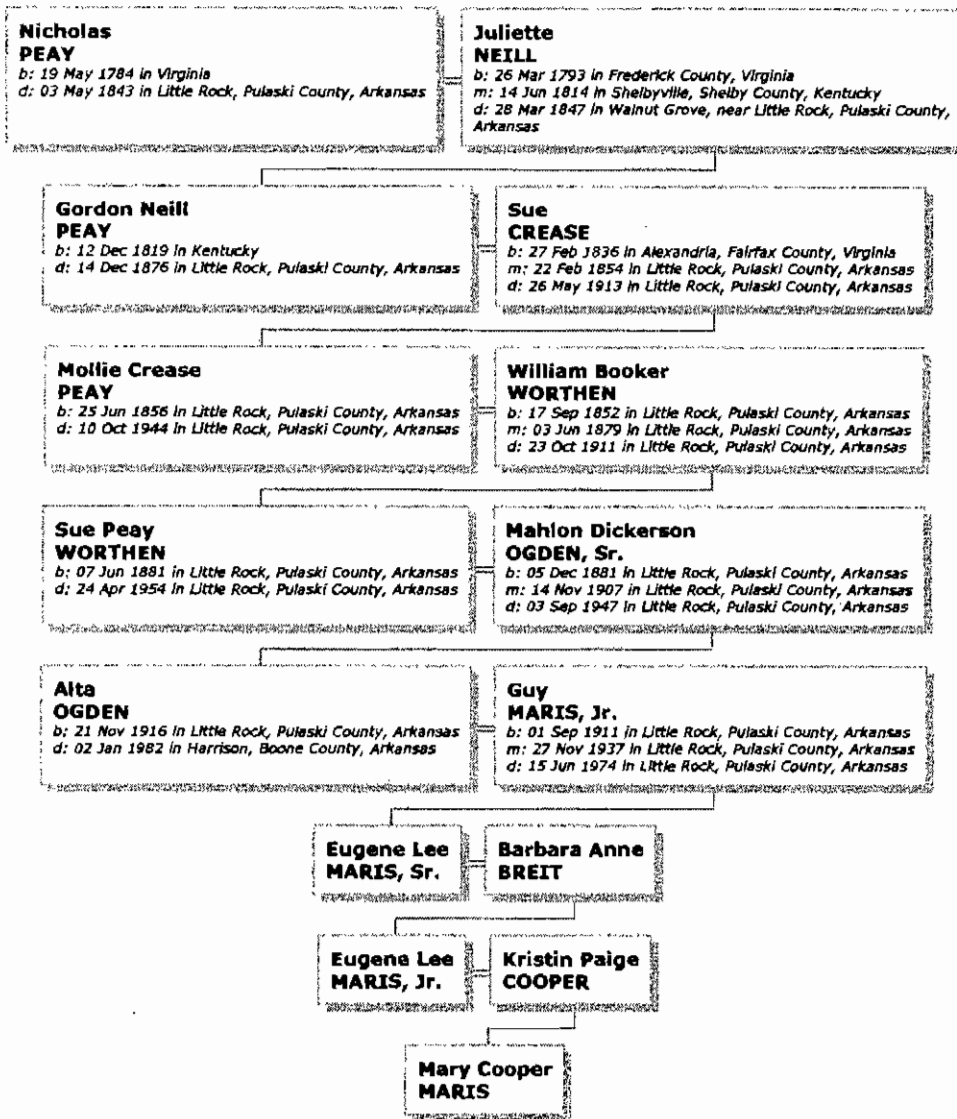
Mail completed form and check to:

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Territorial Arkansas Ancestry Certificate for Mary Cooper Maris through Nicholas Peay & Juliette Neill

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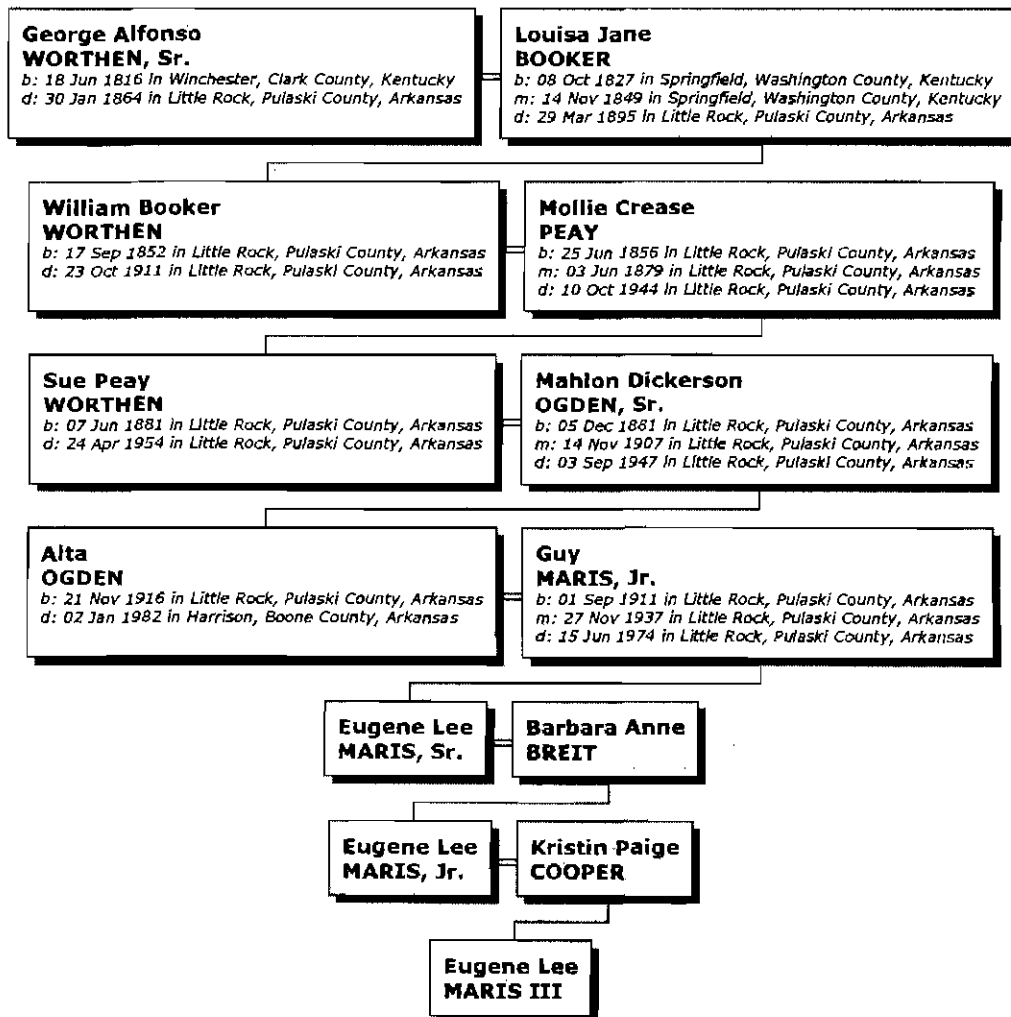
Mary Cooper Maris received a Certificate of Arkansas Ancestry for the territorial period based on the documentation submitted for the following lineage. The territorial ancestors were Nicholas Peay and Juliette Neill Peay. Nicholas Peay appears in the 1830 Pulaski County Census.



**Antebellum Arkansas Ancestry Certificate
for Eugene Lee Maris, III
through George Alfonso Worthen, Sr. & Louisa Jane Booker**

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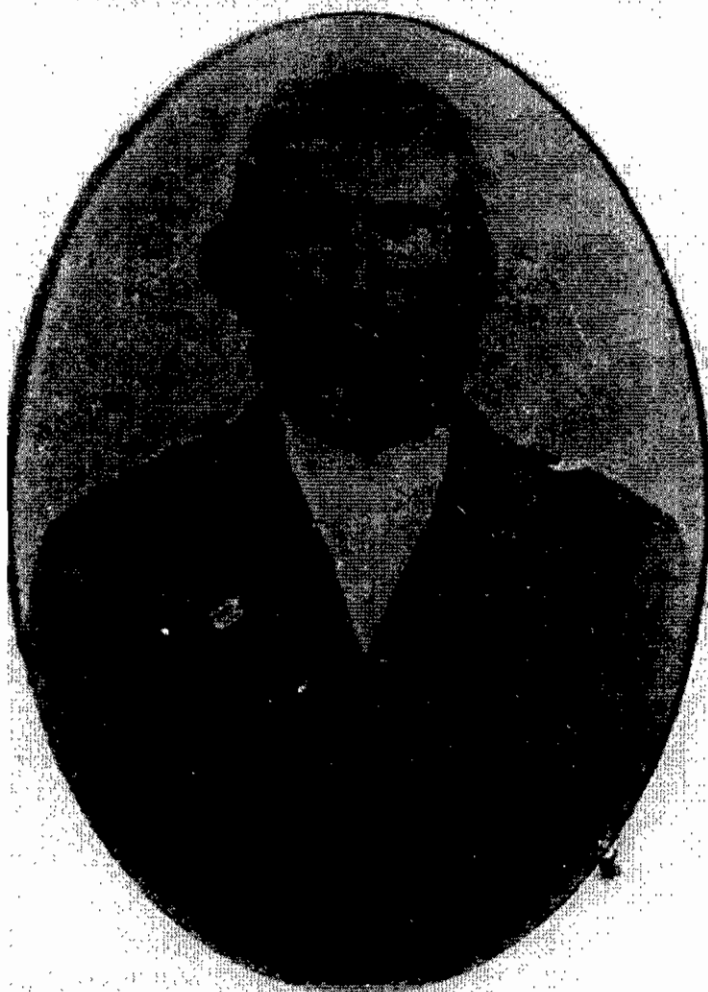
Eugene Lee Maris, III received a Certificate of Arkansas Ancestry for the antebellum period based on the documentation he submitted for the following lineage. The ante-bellum ancestor was George Alfonso Worthen, Sr. who was resident in Pulaski County, Arkansas, at the time of the enumeration of the 1850 census.



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He was a Faulkner County resident.

Arkansas Queries

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AGAN – REYNOLDS – HANSON: Seek contact with any descendants of William M. Agan born 1823 SC, m1 Nancy Ann Reynolds 1842 Jackson Co GA. Their children William H. b 1843 GA, m Senith Wilkins 1860, Pickens Co GA, d 1863; John H. or F. b 1846 GA; James A. b 1848 GA, m Deborah Anderson 1873 Hempstead Co AR; Greenberry b 1850 GA, m Mahala Davis 1871 Hempstead Co AR; Thomas M. m Sarah Ann Fuller 1872 Hempstead Co AR; Andrew J. b 1854 GA, m Callie Jerles 1881 Clark Co AR; Nancy A. P. b 1858 GA, m James W. Hanson 1873, Hempstead Co AR. **Susan Boyle**, 57 Plantation Acres Drive, Little Rock, AR 72210-3627; 501-455-9921; email susanb1996@aol.com.

BRASHER – WILLIAMS – CHALONER: My grandparents William Chilton Brasher, aka W.C. and Vickie Augusta Cowger, nee Pilgrim, m2 25 June 1893, had two children, Bessie, b 1894 and Fannie, b 1896 Palo Pinto Co TX. They moved from Palo Pinto ca 1900 to Marshall Co Indian Territory and had four more children. W.C. d 1908. He was a schoolteacher. Vickie m3 E.W. Williams, b 1871 in AL. Would like to know when and where he died. At my discharge from WWII, 22 Sep 1945, I went to visit Vickie, who was living with her daughter, Bessie Brasher, m Birt Chaloner 1912. They lived at Redfield, Jefferson Co AR. Want to find out more about Vickie and where and when she died, probably after 1945 in AR? Appreciate any information. **Robert E. Brasher, Jr.**, 6855 Driscoll St., Long Beach, CA 90815-4808 562-430-2903

BUNCH – MCCLURE – CAMP – RIDDLE – PUTMAN – JENKINS – HOLLEY – MOBBS – WHITTAMORE: Looking for information on Dona P. Bunch who m John Thomas McClure about 1896 in Mississippi Co AR. Arthur C. Camp who m1 Paralee Riddle abt 1910 in Lee Co AR; m2 Ruth Reta Putman abt 1917 Lee Co AR. J.D. and Elsie Jenkins from Floyd, AR. Willard T. Holley who m Noma Mobbs, possibly in Lonoke or Pulaski Co AR. Whittamores who came from or around Brownsville TN to AR, (they were cotton pickers) abt 1950. **Kathryn Whittamore**, P.O. Box 1867, Benton, AR 72018-1867; email kwhittamore@yahoo.com

CLUIS: Seeking descendents of David and Mary Cluis of Little Rock. Jean Jerome and Emilie Cluis came from France to Alabama (Marengo County, later Mobile) about 1820 as members of the Vine and Olive colony. Mary Cluis was in Little Rock in 1966, and spoke to: **Ann Kendall Ray**, 15 Belleair Drive, Memphis, TN 38104-2726.

CUMMINGS – MANGRUM: Emma Louise Cummings b 11 Feb 1889 in Earle, AR; d 14 Jul 1914 in Marked Tree, AR; m. Joseph Edward Mangrum 30 Aug 1908. She was my grandmother on my mother's side. I cannot find her burial place. **Patricia Brower**, P.O. Box 624, San Manuel, AZ 85631 email PBrower247@aol.com

CURTIS: I am looking for information on my ggpapents John H. Curtis b 1858 and Emily (last name unknown) b 1862. They were listed in the 1880 census of Garland Co, Hot Springs Twp with my gmother Rosa 9 mo. Emily died about 1883 after the birth of a boy named Joe. John went on to marry Susan Jacobs and we think they had 2 daughters. **Elsa M. Chyz**, 23 Timber Creek Way, Shawnee, OK 74804-1150.

DANIELL – TOMME: Seeking info on date & place of marriage for Isaac W.H. Daniell & Marian Elizabeth Tomme in early 1850s. Thought to be Bradley Co but no record found. **Dr. Ruby Daniels Gordon**, 13373 N Plaza del Rio Blvd, Peoria, Arizona 85381-4873 email rubyde.gordon@earthlink.net

ESTEP – COLLIE – RAY: Would like information on Nancy Estep, Bill Estep, Victoria Collie, Joe Collie or Ray people. Clarence Ray in Malvern AR or somewhere in De Roche Hot Spring Co, Pine Bluff, Ft. Smith or Social Hill. These people were Cherokee Indians. **Bonnie J. Fox**, 9 Ave A, Geneva, NY 14456

GRIFFIN: Thomas Dade Griffin - NC by 1810
Isaac Clay Griffin – AR Civil War
Benjamin Franklin Griffin - AR – Civil War d Feb 1901, Ft. Smith, bur Ft. Smith National Cemetery. **Ann W. Condren**, 1428 Southwest 72, Oklahoma City, OK 73159-3440

MULLIN: Swift and William

MURRIN: Samuel

HOMESLY OR HOMSLEY: John

JAMES: Mary or Adam

Bradley Sue Howell, 722 Ridgeway, Dallas, TX 75214

POWER: I would like to contact any of the descendants of John Belue Power who moved his family from Laurens Co SC to Pike Co AR, in the fall of 1858. I would also like to contact the descendants of James E. Power, a brother to John Belue Power, who moved his family from Laurens Co SC to Hempstead/Howard Co. **Ralph A. Coston**, P.O. Box 163, Warren, AR 71671, phone 870-226-7294, email: racoston@earthlink.net

ROLLINS – BENSON: Researching John Strange Rollins, b abt 1832, and brothers, b GA. Lived MS, central AR. Ggfater Martin Benson family b 1836 GA, lived TX, AR, Lonoke Co. Also, Carr, Lisenby, McCollom, Hicks, Evans, Tolbert. All except Carrs lived Prairie & Lonoke Co **Billie Lisenby Dougherty**, P.O. Box 68, Cabot, AR 72023-0068, email blisdou@aol.com

STEVENS – BASS – CHILDRESS – FOOTE: Christopher Columbus Stevens b 1851, Desoto Co MS. Wife #1: Sally W. Childress b 22 Dec 1876. Wife #2: Nancy Caroline Bass. Nancy &

C. C. Stevens m 16 Dec 1880 in Lonoke Co AR. Twins: boy Claude and girl Floy DesArc Stevens (my grandmother) b 24 Apr 1884. Floy m Edward Jackson Foote 4 Feb 1911 in Little Rock, AR. **Mrs. Dorothy Keys**, 1801 Winne Avenue, Helena, MT 59601-4706, 406-449-2136, email ddel934@bresnan.net

SWAIM – FERGUSON – ROGERS – STANFILL: Madison and Washington Co., AR. Henry Swaim (1826 Athens Co., OH - 1904 Madison Co., AR) m. 1847 Amanda Thomas Davis (1825 - 1909). Children: Augusta Swaim Ferguson (1847 - ?), Charley Swaim (1850 - ?) and John W. Swaim (1855 - ?); connected lines Stanfill, Rogers, Adkins, Tucker, Camp, Ferguson. **Margaret Nixon**, 8807 Boulder Lane, Little Rock, AR 72227, email Mitchnix@aol.com

TAYLOR: Lucretia Taylor b 1803 NC d 1865 and buried in Huie Cemetery, Van Buren Co AR. She married Arthur Treadaway and had eleven children, two are known to be buried in AR. One was Nancy Treadaway b 1828 NC d 1905 in Van Buren Co AR and is buried in Treadaway Graveyard (Maxwell Cemetery). **Charlene Merle Presley**, 12413 N. 25th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85029-2532

TURNER: Seeking info about family of Jesse J. Turner b TN 1833/34 d Lonoke Co AR and wife Melvina b NC or MS ca 1828, d ? Family listed in 1860 Shelby Co TN and 1870 Pulaski Co AR censuses. **Robert R. Edwards**, 300 Lakeridge Drive, Russellville, AR 72802, email bobandcarolyn@cox-internet.com

WALKER – DENTON: Ephriam Walker from TN on 1857 Saline Co tax roll. Wife Elizabeth Denton b ca 1833 TN. Her siblings: Jonah & Wm C. Denton. A J.P. Denton age 71 is living with Elizabeth in 1880 Hot Sp Co. Need their parents & any other info. **Margie Koutroulis**, 207 Rainbow Dr. Box 10706, Livingston, TX 77399-2007, email nkout207@samlink.com

WELCH – YOUNGER – HARPER: Interested in information on John Caleb Welch (20 May 1855 - 15 Nov 1929). His 1st wife was Carrie Belle Younger (9 Sep 1858 AL - 5 Jan 1891 Cotton Plant, AR). His 2nd wife was Ida Mae Harper (2 Dec 1876 – 7 Sep 1928 Searcy AR). His children were Edna, Holland, Carrie Helen, Y.Z., Thomas, Enoline, Louise, and Ed. **Gary & Virginia Ross**, 1000 Wade Hampton, Benbrook, TX 76126, email neieross@msn.com

WHEAT – GAMBLIN – TURMAN -- MILLER: Seek info on James R. Wheat and wife Julia Gamblin Wheat, parents of Verna (1893-1926) and her husband Nathan Mack Turman (1890-1965) whose parents were William Robert Turman (1859-1932) and wife Maggie Miller Turman (1862-1948). Lawrence & Sharp Co. **Norma Barrett**, 504 S.W. West Street, DeKalb, TX 75559

WOOD(W)ARD – WARREN: Interested in exchanging info Thomas Wood(w)ard, b abt 1801 in NC d 1850-1860 near Pine Bluff AR, and his wife Mourning Warren b abt 1801 in NC d aft 1860 near Pine Bluff AR. Children were William W., Henry T., Elijah V., Willis W., Worrel, Martha E., and Sarah O. **Robert E. Robertson**, 3276 S. Hiwan Dr., Evergreen CO 80439-8926

CD Review

***A. J. Mine Personnel Index +/-1914-1944
A. J. Closure (with some beyond 1944)
[Alaska Juneau Gold Mining Company
and its Holdings] & Partial Index of
Alaska Gastineau & Perseverance Mine
Personnel.*** Index by Gastineau Genealogical Society in conjunction with Alaska State Library, Historical Collections Staff. 466 pp. Order from Juneau-Douglas City Museum, 155 South Seward Street, Juneau, Alaska 99801. Price probably about \$13. Email JaneTerry@ci.juneau.ak.us for exact price, or call 907-586-3572.

This CD contains a series of indexes that document people who worked, and sometimes died, in several mines in the area of Juneau, Alaska, in the early twentieth century. It was produced in Microsoft Word and consequently is immediately usable by a large number of computer users.

The Alaska Juneau mineworkers index contains 11,458 names, 58 of which show a birthplace of Arkansas. A Supplemental Index to Fatal Accidents/Deaths contains 203 names, some of which are also in the first index. An additional partial index of persons who worked in the Alaska Gastineau Mine and Perseverance Mine 1917-1921 contains an additional 731 names.

The CD opens up in a page of icons that provide access to the different parts of the database. A Contents page provides the icon code descriptions. The Introduction to the A. J. Index includes Family History Library film numbers of Juneau funeral home records. An Appendix to the Introduction contains an application for a search of Juneau funeral records, abbreviations, codes, and footnotes.

The Alaska Juneau personnel index is searchable in four different sorts: by

surname; given name; country, state and surname; and Soundex code and surname. Information includes the State Historical Library location of the person's file; the full name; date of birth or age at hire date; birth country or state; spouse, parent, or other associated person; the kinds of records on file for that person; and his surname Soundex code. Death dates are provided for some workers. Among the Arkansas natives, the earliest birth noted was about 1860, and at least one death date was listed.

The Supplemental Index of Fatal Accident Deaths includes footnotes of sources on every page.

The Introduction to the Partial Index of Alaska Gastineau/Perseverance Mine Personnel 1917-1921 indicates the information was extracted from accident reports with additional information from funeral records. Persons who may be the same as in the other index are noted.

The Gastineau Index is available in a surname sort and a soundex/surname sort.

A Mini Mine Glossary contains definitions of words like mucker and nipper.

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If you have family members who may have gone to Alaska to work in a gold mine before 1945, you should take a look at this CD. It is a great example of a successful volunteer genealogical effort.

*Susan Gardner Boyle
Little Rock, Arkansas*

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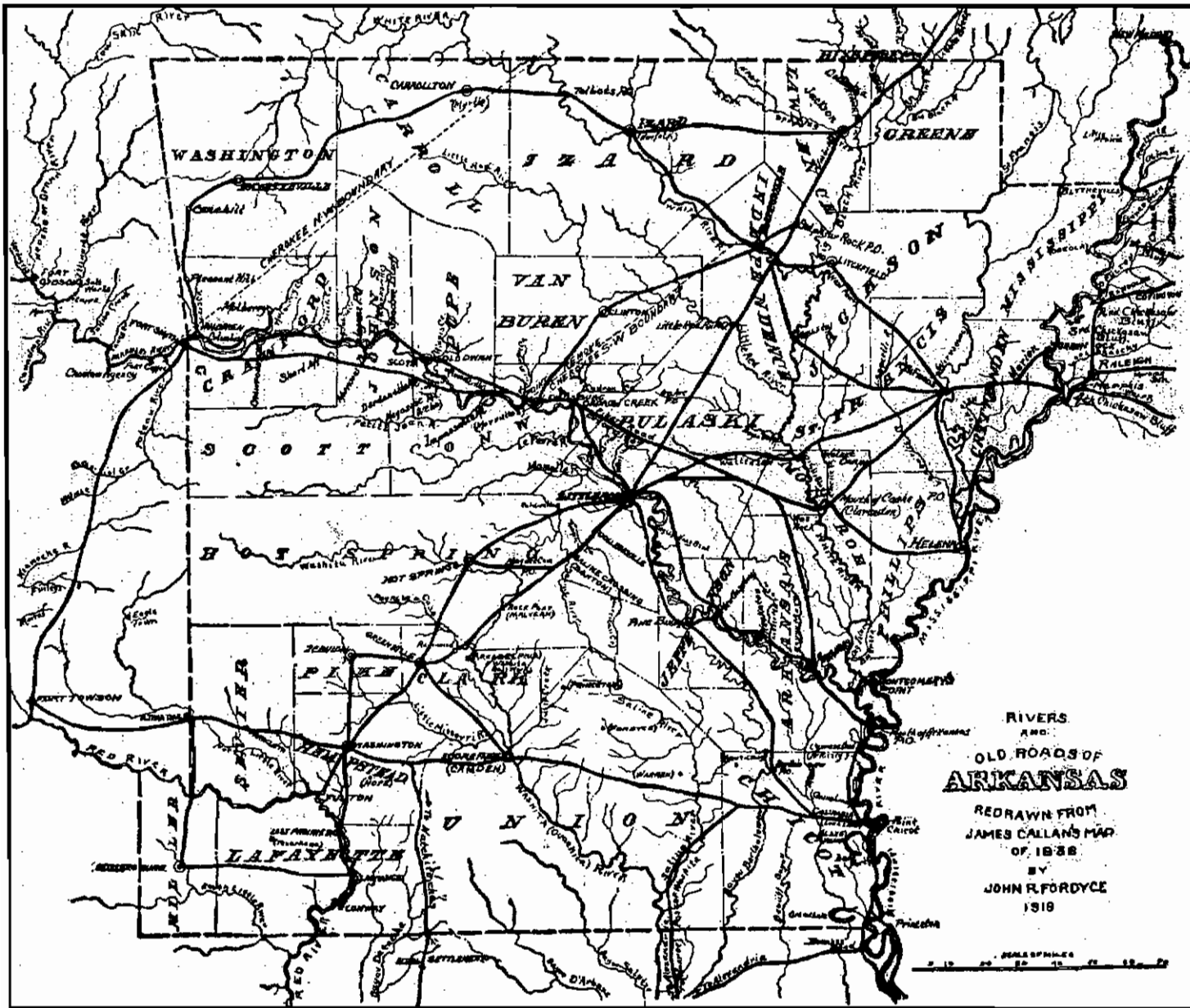
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