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On the cover: Wesley and Ruby Baker Jacobi, Little Rock, Arkansas, on their wedding day, 12 December 1917. See article on page 215.

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Editors' Page

Genealogists find it necessary to consult many different kinds of records in order to fully describe and understand their ancestral families. The editors of this journal try to print examples of the various sources available and provide helpful information on Arkansas research and families.

The first article contains information about the burials of Arkansas Confederate officers at Johnson's Island, Ohio.

Caroline Baptist Ministers places ministers in 1938 and 1938 by Post Office and place of work.

The Scotts of Pope County won the Bobbie Jones McLane Award as the first place entry in the AGS Family History Writing Contest. The territorial Arkansas family has descendants here still.

In recording memories of our youth, we also preserve a glimpse of previous times for those who follow us. *Between Westside to Arkoal* is a bittersweet memoir of two related families living in early twentieth century days near the mines in Sebastian County.

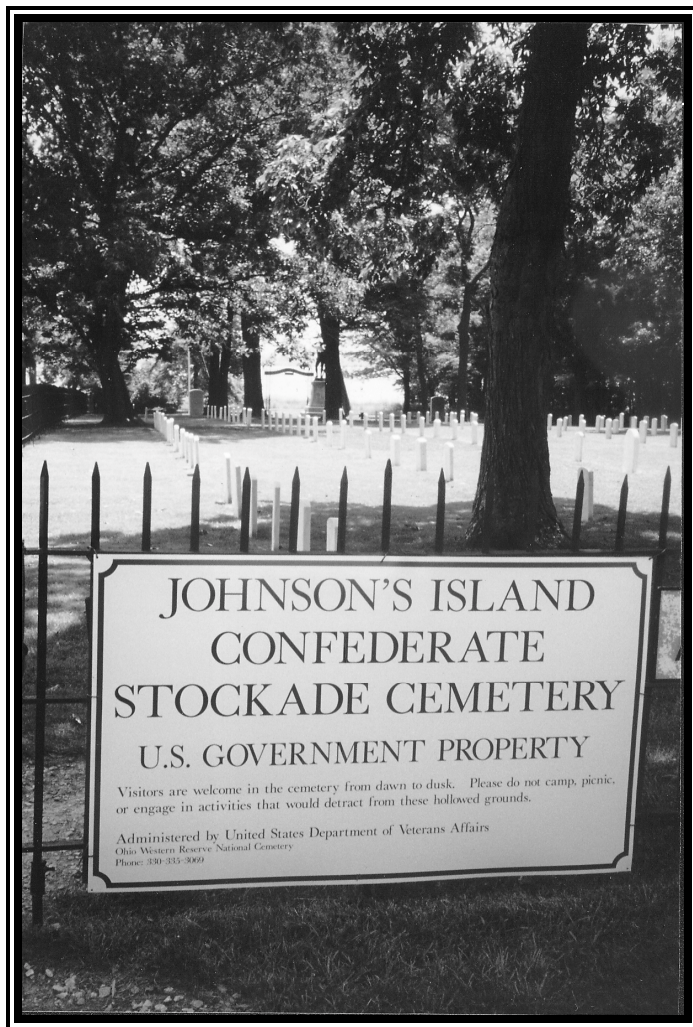
The second part of the Arkansas Clergyman list from *Polk's State Gazetteer and Business Directory* continues from the September issue.

We all know the value of obituaries in contributing to information on our ancestors. Obituaries of members of the William Daniel York family of southwest Arkansas provide us with information on the wider extended family as well.

The cover photograph is a wedding portrait. The research generated by the names on the photo is presented in the "orphaned photo" article.

Johnson's Island Confederate Cemetery

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The following information is taken from *Rebels on Lake Erie* by Charles Frohman, copyright 1965 by the Ohio Historical Society, and reprinted for the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center with funds provided by the Sidney Frohman Foundation, 1997.

From the Foreword:

“As the Civil War increased in length and devastation, 300 acres of land off the Ohio shore of Lake Erie in Sandusky Bay became more and more important to both the Federal and the Confederate commands. On Johnson’s Island were confined about 2500 officers captured on the fields of battle—‘the flower of Southern manhood.’

“Midway in the war experienced leaders were sorely needed in the Southern armies, more seriously affected than those of the North by lack of men. A number of adventurous imaginations, in the summers of 1863 and 1864, toyed with schemes for the liberation of the officers on the Island, perhaps simultaneously with many more thousands of Confederate troops held prisoner in Camp Douglas near Chicago, Camp Morton at Indianapolis, and Camp Chase at Columbus, Ohio.

“These northwestern states seemed to be the logical places for such an uprising. This region was the stronghold of copperheadism of various titles and degrees. A partisan estimate was of 300,000 who were ‘agin the government’ in its war policies. Here the

peace faction of the Democratic party was sizable and belligerent. Its eloquent leader, Clement L. Vallandigham, had been banished from his native Ohio and was living within easy reach in Canada.

“Many Canadians were warmly sympathetic to the Southern cause, and the Confederate government had appointed three commissioners to that province to influence public opinion and to make trouble for the Union as opportunity arose. The Great Lakes were undefended except for one small gunboat. If lake commerce might be disrupted and lake cities threatened, military attention might be diverted to the new danger points, with happy results on battlefields farther south.

“But the so-called Northwest Conspiracy was dependent upon too many imponderables, was too loosely organized and quite too impractical to be translated into action. A mixture of chivalry and chicanery was involved in both its formulation and its failure.

“This book consists mainly of a series of Johnson’s Island articles which appeared in the *Sandusky Register* beginning in September 1964 and continuing into 1965...”

Listed below, from the articles, are the names of Arkansas military buried on Johnson’s Island.

Grave	Name	Death
20	Capt. H. D. Stephenson, 15 Ark Inf.	21 Aug 1863
25	Lieut. J. Hapstettler/Hoffstetter, 1 st Bat. Ark.	14 Sep 1863
70	Lieut. E. Gibson, 11 th Ark. Inf.	12 Aug 1863
92	Capt. J. B. Hardy, 15 th Ark. Inf.	12 Nov 1863
104	Lieut. A. Kelley, 10 th Ark. Inf.	4 Jan 1864
113	Capt. J. B. Hardy, 5 th Ark. Inf., Co. I	12 Nov 1863
120	Lieut. J. E. Threadgill, 11 th Ark. Inf. Co. H	8 Dec 1863
133	Lieut. John Q. High, 1 st Ark. Bn Inf.	12 Jan 1864
161	Capt. M. C. Peel, 8th Ark. Inf.	26 Feb 1864
166	Lieut. B. F. Lock, 4 th Ark. Cav., Co. E	18 Mar 1864
167	Lieut. P. W. Lane, 23 rd Ark. Inf.	30 Mar 1864
171	Capt. James E. Webb, 8 th Ark.	24 Dec 1864
186	Lieut. E. N. Puckett, 12 th /21 st Ark. Inf.	18 Jun 1864
194	3 rd Lieut. J. Miller, Williams’ Ark. Cav.	1 Oct 1864

Ordained Ministers
Caroline Baptist Association Arkansas

83rd Annual Session-1938
 Held With The First Baptist Church, Carlisle, AR
 October 20-21, 1938

Submitted by Rita Henard, rita.henard@cancer.org

Minister	Post Office	Work
Frank Barrentine	Cabot, Ark	No Work
R. E. Calhoun	Des Arc, Ark	Whippoorwill and Steel Bridge
Hugh Cantrell	Louisville, KY	Biscoe
Wilburn Dugger	Austin, Ark	No Work
Emmett Graham	England, Ark	No Work
Van Griffin	Cabot, Ark	Toltec
Wallace Hale	Carlisle, Ark	Assoc. Missionary
O. C. Harvey	Stuttgart, Ark	Stuttgart
H. B. Jamison	Cabot, Ark	Cabot
Herbert Jones	Wattensaw, Ark	Plainview
W. D. Kilpatrick	Cabot, Ark Rt 1	Camp Ground, Plainview
O. G. Lenning	Little Rock, Ark	No Work
J. F. Luck	Carlisle, Ark	Carlisle
D. C. Mayo	Des Arc, Ark	No Work
J. B. Measel	England, Ark RFD	Caney Creek
W. J. Morris	Des Arc, Ark	Des Arc
J. A. Overton	England, Ark	England
W. M. Pratt	Lonoke, Ark	Lonoke
W. E. Roberts	Austin, Ark	No Work
Arron Stevanson	Scotts, Ark	No Work
Otto Sutton	2214 N. Cleveland, Little Rock, Ark	Austin Station
P. E. Turner	England, Ark Rt 3	Ward, Coy
S. C. Vick	Arkadelphia, Ark	Oak Grove, Old Austin

Ordained Ministers
Caroline Baptist Association Arkansas

84th Annual Session-1939

Held With The First Baptist Church, England, AR

October 19-20, 1939

Minister	Post Office	Work
R. E. Calhoun	Des Arc, Ark	Whippoorwill
Wilson Deese	Arkadelphia, Ark	Oak Grove
Milburn Dugger	Austin, Ark	None
William Flynt	Lonoke, Ark	Panola and Steel Bridge
Emmett Graham	England, Ark	None
V. D. Griffin	Cabot, Ark	Baugh Chapel
Wallace Hale	Carlisle, Ark	Missionary
Seibert Haley	Arkadelphia, Ark	Pleasant Hill
O. C. Harvey	Stuttgart, Ark	Stuttgart
Herbert Jones	Wattensaw, Ark	None
W. D. Kirkpatrick	Cabot, Ark	Camp Ground
O. G. Lenning	State Hospital, Little Rock, Ark	None
J. F. Luck	Carlisle, Ark	Carlisle
Cecil Meadows	England, Ark	England
J. B. Measel	England, Ark	Caney Creek
W. J. Morris	Cabot, Ark	Cabot
Frank Norphleet	Arkadelphia, Ark	Brownsville, Wattensaw and New Hope
W. M. Pratt	Lonoke, Ark	Lonoke
W. E. Roberts	Austin, Ark	None
P. D. Sullivan	Des Arc, Ark	Des Arc
Otto Sullivan	Little Rock, Ark	Austin Station
P. R. Turner	England, Ark	Coy and Ward
W. R. Vestal	Stuttgart, Ark	District Missionary
S. E. Vick	Arkadelphia, Ark	Old Austin
J. O. Young	Hazen, Ark	Hazen and DeValls Bluff

2005 Winner:
AGS Family History Writing Contest
Bobbie Jones McLane Award

The Scotts of Pope County:
A Brief Family History

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A very personal version of the “American Dream” resides just beneath the surface of the names and dates highlighted in the stories of most families. The Scott family is no exception. Their story begins with a voyage from Scotland to America, includes a period of indentured servitude followed by settlement on the Arkansas and Missouri frontier, and ends with the establishment of a family that continues to thrive in Arkansas today. Their story includes intriguing cultural impressions and a fascinating cast of characters.

According to the family story, the immigrant Andrew Scott was born in Scotland and immigrated to America as a young boy. His parents supposedly died during the voyage, leaving Andrew to arrive as an orphan. The story continues that Andrew became an indentured servant.¹ As an adult he married Elizabeth Ferguson² and they had six children: John, Elizabeth, Sarah, Fanny, Andrew, and George Washington.³ Family records indicate that John and

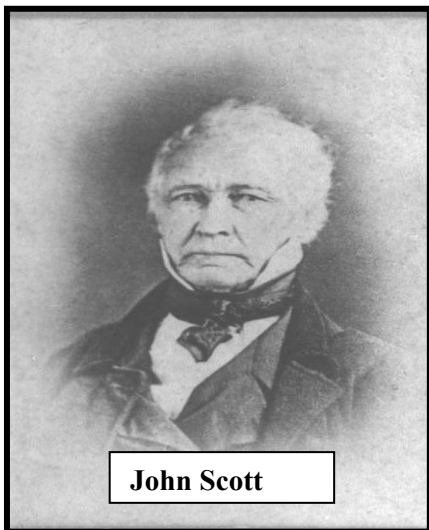
¹ *Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Western Arkansas* (Chicago/Nashville: The Southern Publishing Co., 1891), 257.

² Jno. R. Homer Scott will (1903), Pope County, Arkansas, Will Book B:329, Family History Library [FHL] microfilm 1034017.

³ Family data, Andrew Scott Family Bible, *The Holy Bible*, King James (Philadelphia, Johnson & Warner, 1809); in possession of the author.

Andrew were born in Hanover County, Virginia.⁴ According to the family Bible, Elizabeth Scott died in 1827 and Andrew Scott died in 1831.⁵

Andrew and Elizabeth Scott's oldest son, John, was born on 18 May 1782, and his brother Andrew was born on



6 August 1789.⁶ John Scott attended Princeton University in 1802 before his family moved to Vincennes in the Indiana Territory.⁷ He worked there with his father as a weaver and also taught school.⁸ He was invited to read law in the office of William Henry Harrison who was then Governor of the Territory and based on this experience, he was

granted a license to practice law.⁹ In 1805, he moved to Ste. Genevieve, Missouri, bringing his family with him.

The Scott Family Bible passed from Andrew Scott to his son Andrew Scott, to his son John Rice Homer Scott, to his daughter Leonora (Scott) Howell, to her son Andrew Rufus Howell, to his daughter Clara (Howell) Anderson, to her son Milton Anderson Jr., to his daughter Holly Lynn Anderson.

⁴ Pope County Will Book B: 329.

⁵ Andrew Scott Family Bible, in the possession of the author.

⁶ Ibid.

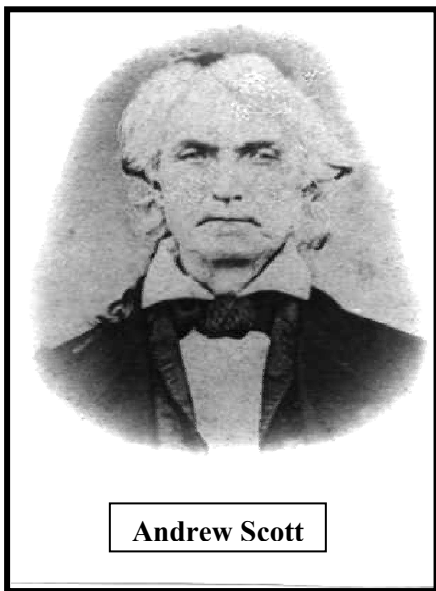
⁷ Ruth L. Woodard, "John Scott," Box 64, Seeley G. Mudd Manuscript Library, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey.

⁸ *The Russellville Democrat*, No. 33, 6 September 1833, Russellville, Arkansas.

⁹ Ibid.

John Scott became Ste. Genevieve's first practicing lawyer and, eventually, a prominent force in early Missouri politics. He ultimately served four terms in Congress.¹⁰ John Scott died 9 June 1861.¹¹ He is buried with his parents in Memorial Cemetery, St. Genevieve, Missouri.¹²

John Scott's position in the government enabled him to secure the presidential appointment of his brother Andrew as one of the first Territorial Judges of the Arkansas Territory, and, according to historian Fay Hempstead, "In 1819, he [Andrew Scott] moved from Ste. Genevieve to the Post of Arkansas, and on the 8th of July, assisted in organizing the Territorial Government. In 1821 when the Territorial Government was moved to Little Rock, he, being one of the judges, moved there also, and lived there until 1829."¹³



Andrew Scott was also an active Freemason and was

¹⁰ Gregory M. Franzwa, *The Story of Old Ste. Genevieve: An Account of an Old French Town in Upper Louisiana; Its People and Their Homes*, 6th Edition (Tucson: The Patrice Press, 1998), 83-84.

¹¹ Andrew Scott family Bible, in the possession of the author.

¹² "Burials in Memorial Cemetery, St. Genevieve, Missouri,"

www.rootsweb.com/~mostegen/memcem.html.

¹³ Fay Hempstead, *A Pictorial History of Arkansas: From Earliest Times To The Year 1890* (St. Louis/New York: N.D. Thompson Publishing Co., 1890), 948.

involved in the organization of the first Masonic lodge in Arkansas.¹⁴ Scotia, the Scott family farm in Pope County, was made the county seat in 1830 and became the official site of the area's first U.S. Post Office. When created in 1833, Scott County was named in honor of Judge Andrew Scott.¹⁵

At the time the young Scott brothers settled in Arkansas and Missouri, the area was considered to be the frontier. By all accounts, they were marked by the harsh environment. Historian Gregory Franzwa commented, "Despite his education, [John] Scott rarely exhibited any sort of refinement – a dirk and pistol were as much a part of his raiment as his socks. Scott is known to have worn his weapons in the courtroom..."¹⁶ John Scott's Princeton biographer claimed he acquired the habit while traveling the frontier court circuit in his youth.¹⁷ Andrew Scott was described as "of small stature, of blond complexion, with cold gray, piercing eyes... His temperament was nervous and volcanic, tinged with vanity and hauteur, which clouded his life and history... The impetuosity of his nature was to some extent the result of rough frontier influences which had attended him the greater portion of his life."¹⁸ In 1824, Andrew Scott was involved in a duel with Judge Joseph Seldon in which Seldon was killed. At the time, dueling was illegal in the Arkansas Territory, but because he was a presidential appointee, Scott was not removed from office under the territorial law. However, the affair

¹⁴ Masonic Birthday Card featuring a profile of Judge Andrew Scott, in the possession of the author.

¹⁵ Hempstead, *A Pictorial History of Arkansas*, 946.

¹⁶ Franzwa, *The Story of Old Ste. Genevieve*, 83-84.

¹⁷ Woodard, "John Scott."

¹⁸ Tom W. Campbell, "The Naming of Scott County," *The Arkansas Gazette*, Little Rock, Arkansas, 13 May 1945.

was cited three years later during Scott's bid for reappointment to a third term as Territorial Judge and the reappointment was denied.¹⁹

In an excerpt from a letter written from the site of the duel, addressed to his wife as she waited at Scotia, Judge Scott explained:

From this too, I hope you will be satisfied that I am not tired of living but merely that I prefer taking the chance of or even death itself to life in disgrace. Believe me my dear wife, that nothing but a host of injuries and insults heaped upon me for which I can get no other redress could have induced me to take a step so rash.²⁰

In the Scott family Bible are recorded eight children born to Andrew Scott and his wife, Eliza Rice (Jones) Scott between the years 1813 and 1832: John Rice Homer, Augustus William, George Scull Crittenden, Walter Ferguson, Henry Clay, Eliza Harriet, Elizabeth Ann, and Andrew (who lived only four days).²¹ Eliza Scott died 5 March 1835 at Scotia Farm.²² In a letter to his son, John Rice Homer Scott, Andrew Scott described her as "the only being on earth that I ever ardently, devotedly and affectionately loved, with the exception of our own offspring." He reported that "from debility and a severe cough [she] was prematurely delivered of a still-born male

¹⁹ Margaret Ross, "Chronicles of Arkansas: Two Arkansas Territorial Judges in Duel Near Helena; Judge Joseph Selden Killed," *The Arkansas Gazette*, Little Rock, Arkansas, 27 June 1965.

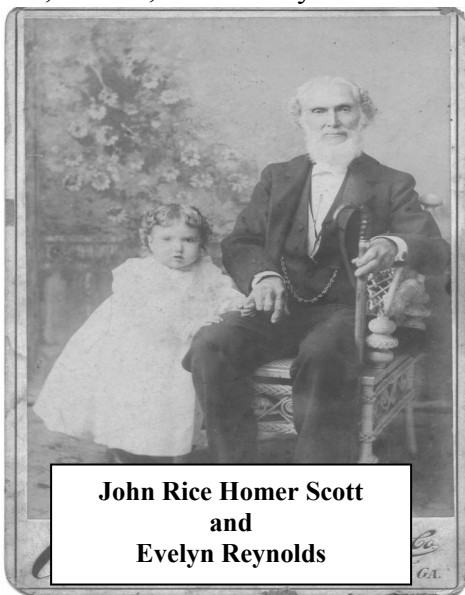
²⁰ Letter from Andrew Scott to Eliza Scott, 17 May 1824, Box XVI, No. 2, Small Manuscript Collection [SMC], Arkansas History Commission and State Archives [AHC], Little Rock, Arkansas.

²¹ Andrew Scott Family Bible, in the possession of the author.

²² *Ibid.*

child about two hours before her death.”²³ Andrew Scott died 13 March 1851 at Norristown, Pope County, Arkansas.²⁴

Andrew and Eliza Scott’s first child, John Rice Homer Scott, was born in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri, 16 October 1813.²⁵ He moved with his family to Arkansas Post in 1819.²⁶ The family then moved to Pope County, where they established the farm, Scotia, while they also maintained a residence in Little Rock.²⁷ John Rice Homer Scott attended school at “Old Dwight” under A. W. Lyons.²⁸ He later graduated from St. Joseph College in Bardstown, Kentucky.²⁹ John Rice Homer Scott served as Pope County Treasurer from 1836 to 1838, Pope County Clerk from 1842 to 1848 and repre-



²³ Letter from Andrew Scott to John Rice Homer Scott, 29 March 1835, in the possession of the author.

²⁴ Andrew Scott Family Bible, in the possession of the author.

²⁵ Ibid.

²⁶ Hempstead, *A Pictorial History of Arkansas*, 948.

²⁷ Ibid.

²⁸ D. Porter West, *D. Porter West’s Early History of Pope County*, Article XXX, 6.

²⁹ Alice O. Anderson, “John Rice Homer Scott,” *The Genealogical Record*, Vol. XIV, No. 3, September 1972.

sented Pope County in the Constitutional Convention of 1874.³⁰ He served as Deputy United States Marshall for the purpose of conducting the first census in Pope County in the year 1830.³¹ He was also active in the military. In 1836 he commanded a company of U. S. Cavalry in the Florida War; in 1861 he raised a cavalry company that was transferred to the Confederate Army; and later he commanded a squadron of four companies seeing action in both Arkansas and Missouri in the Civil War.³² The census of Pope County in 1850 identified John Rice Homer Scott as a merchant.³³ In the *Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Western Arkansas*, he is credited with owning a steam saw-mill, grist-mill, planing-mill, and cotton gin.³⁴ Between 1881 and 1882, John Rice Homer Scott served as editor of the *Russellville Democrat*.³⁵ As evidenced by the many surviving examples of his writing and the enthusiasm and skill he exhibited, this may have been the endeavor he most enjoyed.

John Rice Homer Scott's writing portrayed him as a gentleman possessing extraordinary eloquence and keen powers of observation. On a visit to Eureka Springs he wrote:

One trip up and down the hill to the spring will cut through the upper leather of a fine pair of ladies' or gentlemen's shoes. There is no doubt whatever, from the indications and general appearance of the country soil, as especially evidenced in the flint, granite

³⁰ Hempstead, *A Pictorial History of Arkansas*, 948.

³¹ 1830 U. S. Census, Pope County, Arkansas, 168, National Archives [NA] microfilm M19, roll 5.

³² Hempstead, *A Pictorial History of Arkansas*, 948.

³³ 1850 U. S. Census, Pope County, Arkansas, 240, NA microfilm M432, roll 29.

³⁴ *Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Western Arkansas*, 208.

³⁵ *Ibid.*, 209.

rocks, stones and pebbles, that it is the production of a great volcanic eruption of the earth. Every hollow and ravine is filled – even the tops of the mountains – with particles of stones of all sizes, colors, and descriptions, some perfectly porous, which, when broken, show marks of ashes and smoke. Many of them are beautiful, and glitter and sparkle with ores doubtless of the richest quality.³⁶

John Rice Homer Scott completed a travel diary during a solitary trip on horseback through Texas between October and December 1846.³⁷ It indicates that Scott visited the home of his mother's brother, Myers Fisher Jones, and a notation at the back of the diary records that "Myers Fisher Jones died on the 21st day of Oct'r 1846 at San Felipe De Austin, Texas," implying that Scott may have made the trip because of his uncle's death. The diary included entries of his expenses and comments on the landscape, animals and people he encountered, providing interesting details of life at the time. According to the diary, during his stay in San Antonio, he visited Crump's Tavern at which he described, "[the] music excellent, girls only ordinary," and where he "outdanced [the] natives." The entry from December 11 contained his description of the Texas countryside: "Water bad, timber bad, Buffalo plenty, Antelope plenty, wild geese and sand hills cranes plenty, chicken snakes numerous, saw several garter snakes, fine range country." He also wrote of the abundance of ants and flies, commenting "it is a notable fact that one man burned 60 lbs of cotton to make torches of smoke while ploughing... to keep flies off."

³⁶ John Rice Homer Scott, "Arkansas' Baden-Baden, The City Among The Pines," *Eureka Springs Herald*, Eureka Springs, Arkansas, Vol. 1, No. 28, 17 August 1880.

³⁷ Travel Diary of John Rice Homer Scott, 28 October – 16 December 1846, copy transcribed by Lynne Scott-Drennan in the possession of the author; original in Box XXVI, No. 23, SMC, AHC.

Late in life, J. R. H. Scott wrote of his days in early Arkansas: "Would to God that such a state of affairs as was embraced in our early pioneer code yet existed, for honesty, integrity, morality and virtue, as distinguishing and prominent characteristics, marked the advent of the early original settler of the long ago..."³⁸



Mollie Scott

John Rice Homer Scott married Nancy Evans Jamison, daughter of Judge George Jamison and Mary Dickinson Logan of Potosi, Missouri, in 1834.³⁹ They had three children: Andrew Homer, Mary Eliza (Mollie), and Leonora Augusta.⁴⁰ Mollie Scott died in 1860 at the age of sixteen.⁴¹ An autograph album, signed by many of her friends and containing a lock of her hair, braided and tied with a faded pink ribbon, remains intact to this day. The dates underneath the quoted poems and sentiments indicate the book may have been handed from friend to friend shortly before her death.⁴²

³⁸ *Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Western Arkansas*, 202.

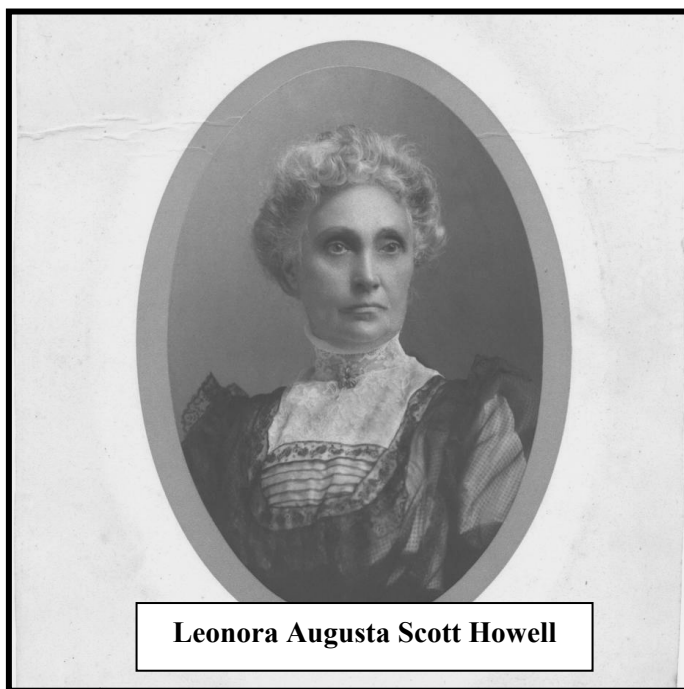
³⁹ *Ibid.*, 258.

⁴⁰ *Ibid.*

⁴¹ Scott tomb inscription, Russellville City Cemetery, Russellville, Pope County, Arkansas.

⁴² Autograph Album of Mollie Scott, 1860, in the possession of the author.

John Rice Homer Scott's wife, Nancy, died 16 October 1878.⁴³ It was reported that a neighbor, while gazing at Nancy's grave, commented that while his own wife was dying of consumption, "as often as the day came, the good Mrs. Scott came to see her, and never did she come with her charitable hand empty."⁴⁴

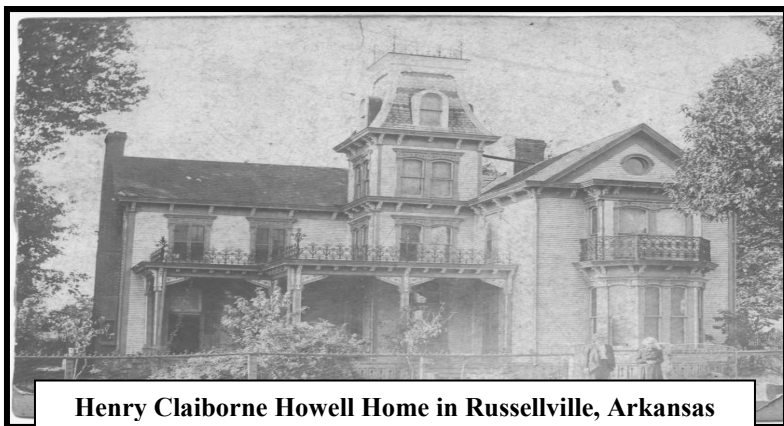


John Rice Homer Scott built a cemented tomb for his parents, his wife, and daughter Mollie, located at what is now the city cemetery in Russellville. The bodies were

⁴³ Andrew Scott Family Bible, handwritten note insert, signed by her husband, John Rice Homer Scott, in the possession of the author.

⁴⁴ *Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Western Arkansas*, 257.

moved from their original burial places to the tomb and marked by an ornate Italian marble stone.⁴⁵ In his will, Scott requested his body also be placed in the stone vault, “so that water and mud should not penetrate therein; if



possible [a] request seemingly considered ridiculous and absurd by other[s], an idea however, revolting to me while living.”⁴⁶ John Rice Homer Scott died 23 August 1905, at the age of 92.⁴⁷

John Rice Homer and Nancy Scott’s son, Andrew Homer Scott, married Rebecca Katherine Embry of the Embrys of Galla Rock, another established frontier family of Arkansas.⁴⁸ Three of Andrew Homer and Rebecca’s children – Ben Embry, Leonora (married to Lloyd England) and Andrew Horace – died without issue and are buried at

⁴⁵ Ibid.

⁴⁶ John Rice Homer Scott will, 16 March 1903, Pope County Will Book B: 326, FHL microfilm 1034017.

⁴⁷ Tomb inscription, Russellville City Cemetery.

⁴⁸ Correspondence between the author and John Shoemaker, husband of Homer Scott’s daughter, Embry Scott, September, 1999.

the historic Mount Holly Cemetery in Little Rock.⁴⁹ However, descendants of Andrew and Rebecca's other son, Homer Scott, still live in Arkansas.⁵⁰

John Rice Homer and Nancy Scott's surviving daughter, Leonora Augusta Scott, married Henry Claiborne Howell and they raised their family in Russellville.⁵¹ Descendants of Leonora and Henry Claiborne Howell's son, Andrew Rufus Howell, also still live in Arkansas.⁵²

Various members of the modern family are interested in family history and maintain documents, letters, photos, and family furniture and memorabilia in private collections. Significant collections and pieces related to the family have also been donated through the years to the Arkansas History Commission and State Archives and to the Historic Arkansas Museum. Family members continue genealogical and historical research, particularly into the life of the immigrant Andrew Scott in colonial America.

Holly Lynn Anderson is an amateur genealogist who primarily has been working on the Scott, Anderson, and Page families for approximately six years. Her work on the Scott family has involved the organizing of many boxes of information left by her grandmother, Clara Howell Anderson, accumulated prior to the use of computers and the internet. Holly is a member of the Arkansas Genealogical Society and Arkansas Pioneers.

⁴⁹ Ibid.

⁵⁰ Ibid.

⁵¹ *Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Western Arkansas*, 258.

⁵² Personal knowledge of the author.

**Between Westside and Arkoal:
A Memoir of the Almond and Kennedy Families of
Sebastian County, Arkansas**

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The village of Huntington is located about thirty-five miles south of Fort Smith in Lower Sebastian County, Arkansas. Once it was a thriving center of commercial activity for the surrounding coal mines. Today only the shell remains. One area it served was approximately two miles west of the center of Huntington on the Huntington-Midland Road. During the 1920s the Price Coal Company operated several mines out there. Although the area didn't have a formal name, people would say they lived out by "Number Three," meaning Coal Mine Number Three. Houses had been built all along this road between what was then called "Westside" (West Huntington) and the community of Arkoal. When you reached Mine Number Three, dirt roads and paths branched out on both sides of the main road to form a small settlement. For the most part the houses were company housing for the miners. Today, the majority of them, like the miners, are long gone.

My maternal grandfather John Thomas "Tom" Kennedy came in the late 1880s from Simpson County, Mississippi seeking work in the coal mines. In 1894, he met and married Georgia Anna Frances "Annie" Davis of Hartford, Arkansas. Her parents were Joseph Samuel Davis and Martha Caroline (Box) Davis. Tom and Annie rented a house out by "Number Three" that was to become their home for more than forty years. Members of three generations were born there. Today, all the familiar land marks are gone making it impossible for me to determine the exact location of the house. Generally it was located on the south side of the main road back east of the old African-

American Cemetery. It faced north onto the main road. The front yard was fenced with posts made from small tree trunks with wire running between them. A gate was centered in front of the steps leading to the porch. There was a water-well to the left as you entered the yard. It was a favorite stopping place for thirsty people traveling to and from Huntington. Toward the rear on the southeast side of the house stood a barn and smokehouse. To the west was a large field that my grandfather most generally planted in cotton. The McGraw, Hall, Escalante, Kirby and Fyfe families were our neighbors.

In front of the house was a side road going north across a creek down to the railroad tracks that ran between Huntington and Midland. At the tracks, it split and ran both east and west beside the tracks. Houses had been built along this road as well. My paternal grandparents, John M. and Frances Virginia “Fannie” (Parker) Almond, Uncle Linzy and Aunt Emma (Almond) Pettus, and Uncle Roy and Aunt Annie (Almond) Clouse lived over there. Also, living across the road were Taylor and Isabelle “Belle” Hall. They had a large family. As a little girl, I can remember playing “Annie Over” with some of the Hall, Kirby, and Escalante kids. We were all good friends. Mr. and Mrs. Hall put on one of the few social events we enjoyed. On some Saturday nights, they would remove the furniture from the sitting room, crank up the Victrola, and play dance records. Many of the boys would go as far as Huntington to bring back dates to dance with.

Being an old farm house, my maternal grandparent’s home was unlike the company cottages built for the miners. It was old when they first rented it back in the mid 1890s. It was probably there before the mines. The most distinctive feature was the second story. All the company cottages were single story structures. In addition there was a

long sloping roof that went low at the rear. Sitting high off the ground, on piers of rock, it gave ample room for us to play under it. It also provided a good place to store the sauerkraut and cool watermelons. On the east side stood a flagstone fireplace and chimney used to heat the sitting room in winter. Downstairs consisted of four rooms and



Kennedy home located about 2 miles west of Huntington, Sebastian County, Arkansas. The picture was taken around 1917. The people from left to right: Girl, Maggie Kennedy; man with child sitting in front, both unknown; man with vest, James O'Neill Almond; child in front of him, Leotia Almond Pendergrass; man sitting, unknown; man standing, Hugh Box; man sitting with woman behind, John Thomas Kennedy and Annie (Davis) Kennedy; Children to the right are unknown.

upstairs had a single bedroom. Since it was only one room wide, it had no hall. A covered porch ran all the way across the front. It was the usual gathering place when neighbors and family came to call. A front door opened into the sitting room from the porch. Straight ahead

another door opened into what was sometimes the dining room and other times a bedroom. Beyond that was another door going to the kitchen. The kitchen floor was lower than the front rooms so you had to take two steps down. Once in the kitchen you could exit through a side door on the east side of the house. Another door in the kitchen opened into a small storage room on the back of the house. The staircase to the bedroom upstairs was located on the right side of the back wall of the sitting room. It had no closets so our clothing hung from pegs on the wall. To try to eliminate winter drafts, large, thick, and wide sheets of paper were hung to the inside walls using flat metal rings and nails. Then wallpaper was glued over it to decorate the front rooms but the kitchen was always just the thick paper. When our family moved out around 1936, the house still had no plumbing, electricity or telephone. Water for all purposes was drawn from a well out in the front yard. Of course there was the outhouse in the rear.

I was born in the old house just as were my sisters, brother, mother, and her siblings, Uncle Joe, Uncle William and Aunt Maggie Kennedy. The last to be born there was my son Jim. When it was about time to give birth, my mother always returned to her childhood home and Grannie. The first few years of my life my parents, James O'Neill and Ida Eugene (Kennedy) Almond, lived in a house that sat across the main road and slightly west of the grandparents' place. I can remember a little pail with a lid I would carry up to Grannie's to get milk for breakfast. Grampa had a milk cow he milked each morning. As the family grew, my parents moved to a bigger house up on the hill to the southwest and near the Number Six Mine. That was too far for a little girl to go for the milk, so then we got our milk from the "milk woman." With two milk cans in the back, she would drive her buggy from house to house selling milk by the pitcher.

It was in 1926 while we were living at this second house that my father James was killed in Mine Number Three and grandfather Tom Kennedy injured. They worked as a team and were picking up their tools to go to lunch when a large rock fell from the ceiling on them. Papa was hit in the head and died instantly. Grandfather Tom was on the other side of a pit car and was grazed across the top of his head. He would carry the scars for the rest of his life. Mother then moved back in with her parents bringing me, sisters Virginia Lucille, Clematis Inez, and soon to be born little brother James O'Neill Almond, Jr. From that point on the old house was our home too.

Death was no stranger to the miners, but it seemed the Almond family had more than its share. Between 1920 and 1926 Grampa John and Gramma Fannie Almond lost four of their seven children and a granddaughter. Daughter Mary Ann "Annie" (Almond) Clouse, age twenty-one, died in 1920; granddaughter Mildred Ardelia Almond died at age three in 1921; son Thaddeus Stevens Almond, age thirty-nine, died in 1924; daughter Emma Delphia (Almond) Pettus at age thirty in 1926; and son James O'Neill Almond at age thirty-two in 1926. Papa and Aunt Emma died a month apart. All except Uncle Thaddeus "Thad" are buried at Huntington Cemetery. My grandmother Annie lost two little babies and a brother, Charles T. Davis.

With the Depression came hard times. The Kennedy grandparents didn't have enough money to have a bank account so they didn't lose money in the bank failures. Grannie kept what little money they had in a tobacco sack hanging around her neck. Papa's folks, Grampa and Grandma Almond, were having problems before hard times descended on them. Grampa John had worked all his life as a miner but by 1930 was seventy-seven years old and unable to work. Grandma Fannie started selling Larkin

Products. She would walk as far as Midland and Hartford to take orders. Even with the help of the family and her working, they finally had to move to the County Hospital at Fort Smith. It was also called the poor house. Grampa John died there in 1937. Grandma Fannie then moved to McAlester, Oklahoma, where she died in 1947.

The Depression forever changed life out at the mines. Many were laid off and moved from the area. My Uncle Joe Kennedy and family moved to Bakersfield, California, to work in the oil fields. He died there as a result of an accident in 1944. Great-grandmother Martha Caroline (Box) Davis Webber along with her second husband Otto Webber and sons, Oscar, Grover, Herman, and daughter Flora (Mrs. Frank Schwearjohann) also moved to California. Grampa Tom was not getting steady work so everyone had to help. My mother and I moved to Fort Smith seeking work. She found work as a live-in housekeeper and cook with an attorney named Mr. Fitzhugh. At age fourteen, I went to work as a maid for the Rutherford Ross family in their mansion on Free Ferry Road. We both sent what little money we made back to the family at the old house. It was sometimes weeks before we could afford to go back for a visit. Grannie became a second mother to my brother and sisters.

Grampa and Grannie Kennedy did what they could to help. They had a garden and the animals to help with the food. Also, they raised cane, which was turned into molasses, and corn to grind into cornmeal. It was the items they had to buy and the rent on the old house that was a problem. So they depended on what money we could send from Fort Smith. Later Grampa and Mr. Hall got jobs with the WPA working on road construction projects. They would leave before dawn to be at Huntington at daybreak. In those days, a workday was sunrise to sunset. Grannie

did what she could to help by working in the WPA sewing room at Huntington. At this point things were going better for us. Then Grampa got his good eye injured. The other eye had been lost years before in a mining accident. A couple of Kirby boys had caught a bird and had it in a cage. They wanted Grampa Tom to tell them what kind it was. When he bent down to take a closer look the bird pecked his good eye. From that point on he could not see well enough to work. Not being able to farm or take care of the place, they decided to move to the town of Huntington. So ended the Kennedy stay at the old house. They would soon move again, this time to Fort Smith. Mother and I had rented a house at 723 North 12th Street. Once again we were all living together. But the simple life we knew at the old house and the friends and neighbors would be gone forever. The old house was demolished sometime in the early 1970s.

Today, a person driving out the road to Arkoal will see nothing to even hint of the mining settlement that once existed between Westside and Arkoal. It exists only in the memories of a few old people like myself and those of you that have read this.

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Polk's State Gazetteer and Business Directory, 1884-85, Vol. 1 (St. Louis: R. L. Polk and Co., 1884) contains information on each city, village, and post office in the state, arranged in alphabetical order, with a description of each place and an alphabetical list of persons doing business therein (pages 65-586). In the larger places, names were obtained by personal canvass, but in smaller places they were furnished by the postmaster.

A classified directory, comprising a classified list of all trades, professions and pursuits, begins on page 587. Clergymen are listed on pages 639-647. However, the clergymen listed here are only a partial listing. Some clergymen appear in this classified directory but not in the towns' directory.

The following list includes all clergymen listed in the towns' directory as well as the classified directory. Symbols are included to distinguish those names that are included in the classified directory only (*), or for which there exists a variance in spelling between town directory and classified directory (+).

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Name	Location	Church
Hale, John L.	Malvern Junction	Baptist
Thrasher, R. M.	Malvern Junction	Baptist
Edwards, J. R.	Mammoth Springs	Methodist Episcopal
Crawford, Johnson	Mankins	Baptist
Kennedy, W. H.	Mankins	Methodist
Bruce, C. A.	Marianna	Episcopal
Hill, G. W.	Marianna	Methodist
Horn, Joseph T.	Marianna	Presbyterian
Bizzell, J. E.	Marshall Prairie	Methodist
Milliken, H.	Marshall Prairie	Presbyterian
Rose, B.	Marshall Prairie	Christian
Obenchain, L. K.	Marvell	Baptist
Little, T.	McGavock	Baptist
Lowe, Aaron	McGavock	Methodist
Morgan, P.	McGavock	Baptist
Williams, E.	McGavock	Methodist
Williams, Henry+	McGavock	Methodist
Young, Thomas	Midway	Campbellite
Ritter, J. C.	Mill Brook	Methodist So.
Kersey, R. H.	Milltown	Methodist
Castleberry, E. C.	Mineral	Methodist
Pace, I. N.	Mineral	Methodist
Lee, R. E.	Mineral Springs	Cumb. Presbyterian
Moffatt, G. A.	Mineral Springs	Baptist
Turrentine, A.	Mineral Springs	Methodist
Hill, M. B.	Monticello	Methodist
Lee, R. A.	Monticello	Baptist

Name	Location	Church
Mitchell, S. W.	Monticello	Presbyterian
Clower, J. A.	Montongo	Methodist
Goodwin, John W.	Moorefield	Baptist
Brewster, S. A.	Morrillton	Methodist
Elmer, S. A.	Morrillton	Cumb. Presbyterian
McDonahue, P.	Morrillton	Catholic
Phelps, Wm. G.	Morrillton	Presbyterian
Arnold, Wilson	Mountain View	Methodist Episcopal So.
Morris, J. H.	Mountain View	Baptist
Oyler, W. H. H.	Mountain View	Methodist Episcopal So.
Anderson, J. M.	Mt. Ida	Baptist
Bates, J. R.	Mt. Ida	Baptist
Bates, M. S.	Mt. Ida	Baptist
Summit, D. G.	Mt. Ida	Church of God
Summit, D. S.+	Mt. Ida	Church of God
Hues, F. M.	Mt. Pisgah	Methodist
Smith, James M.	Mt. Pisgah	Presbyterian
Raey, M. ⁺	Mt. Vernon	Methodist
Raly, M.	Mt. Vernon	Methodist
Slipy, J. F. D.	Mt. Vernon	Baptist
Gore, C. T.	Mulberry	Methodist
Payne, T. M.	Mulberry	Methodist
Lee, R. E.	Nashville	Cumb. Presbyterian
Turrentine, A.	Nashville	Methodist
Marshall, Jessie	National	Presbyterian
Pannel, W. L.	National	Baptist
Galloway, A. T.	New Edinburgh	Methodist

Name	Location	Church
Searcy, J. B.	New Edinburgh	Baptist
Bardy, G. C.	New Hope	Baptist
Carson, W. W.	New Hope	Baptist
Goss, J. C.	New Hope	Baptist
Marshall, J. A. C.	New Hope	Methodist
Sayles, O. R.	New Hope	Baptist
Witt, T. G.	New Hope	Methodist
Newberry, S. D.	Noah	Baptist
Newberry, S. V.+	Noah	Baptist
Stephens, J. R.	Noah	Baptist
Williams, J. M.+	Noah	Methodist
Williams, J. W.	Noah	Methodist
Leston, John*	Oak Grove	Clergyman
Rumley, H. N.*	Oak Grove	Methodist
Thomas, B. B.*	Oak Grove	Methodist
Houston, J. L. D.	Ocoll	Presbyterian
Whitacher, James	Ocoll	Methodist
Clem, J. N.	Okolona	Christian
Wicks, J. M.	Okolona	Baptist
Winfield, A. B.	Okolona	Methodist Episcopal
Crudep, J. C.	Ozan	Baptist
Johnston, Almus	Ozan	Presbyterian
Weems, D. J.	Ozan	Methodist
Johnson, A. B.	Ozark	Presbyterian
Weems, D. J.	Ozark	Methodist
Pelts, Benjamin	Ozone	Baptist
Reilbines, J. N.	Ozone	Methodist Episcopal So.

Name	Location	Church
Stone, J. W.	Pastoria	Methodist Episcopal
Hobenstein, Otto	Payer	Clergyman
Martin, J. W.	Philips Bayou	Baptist
McDonald, D. W.	Picayune	Clergyman
Fawcett, Atlas J.	Pine Bluff	Baptist
Hearn, Wm. C.	Pine Bluff	Methodist
Hutchinson, Simon	Pine Bluff	Methodist
Lucey, J. M.	Pine Bluff	Catholic
Thompson, Joseph J.	Pine Bluff	Methodist
Bezoni, F. A.	Pine Hill	Campbellite
Wood, J. T.	Pine Hill	Baptist
Bagwell, L. T.	Pineland	Clergyman
Allen, Zary	Pitman	Christian
Foster, A.	Pitman	Baptist
Phipps, W. H.	Pitman	Methodist
Roberson, J.	Pitman	Methodist
Sharp, D. H.	Pitman	Baptist
Blakley, J. H.	Plantersville	Methodist
Cass, J. F.	Plantersville	Methodist
Clowes, J. T.	Plantersville	Methodist
Clownes, J. T.+	Plantersville	Methodist
Bowers, M. D.	Pocahontas	Baptist
Collier, George B.	Pocahontas	Methodist
Harwood, R. P.	Pocahontas	Methodist
Howard, R. P.+	Pocahontas	Methodist
McDowell, T. W.	Pocahontas	Methodist
Miller, J.	Pocahontas	Methodist

Name	Location	Church
Poe, M. G.	Pocahontas	Methodist
Weible, Eugene	Pocahontas	Catholic
Campbell, L.	Point Cedar	Methodist
Jones, J. H.	Point Cedar	Campbellite
Nicholson, J. S.	Point Cedar	Methodist
Small, J. T.	Point Cedar	Methodist
Burge, M. M.	Polk Bayou	Baptist
Gilbert, E. A.	Polk Bayou	Methodist Episcopal
Raney, Wm.	Polk Bayou	Baptist
Whitner, Alfred	Polk Bayou	Baptist
Hill, J. C.	Poteau	Campbellite
Watkins, T. N.	Poteau	Baptist
Moffatt, W. D.	Pott's Station	Baptist
Oates, M.	Pott's Station	Presbyterian
Johnson, J. J.	Powhatan	Presbyterian
Woodley, R. D.	Powhatan	Methodist
Poynter, Robert H.	Poynter	Methodist
Roger, W. J.	Poynter	Methodist
Reynolds, C. H.	Prairie Grove	Methodist Episcopal
Gray, J. S.	Prairie View	Baptist
Matheny, W. H.	Prairie View	Methodist
Neal, Edward	Prairie View	Christian
LaGrone, George W.	Prescott	Cumb. Presbyterian
Permenter, J. P.	Prescott	Baptist
Watson, E. N.	Prescott	Methodist
Brundridge, James	Quitman	Baptist
Haralson, J.	Quitman	Methodist

Name	Location	Church
Hardy, H.	Quitman	Methodist
Hovey, H.	Quitman	Methodist
Steel, Z. R.+	Quitman	Methodist
Steele, J. R.	Quitman	Methodist
Stewart, G. W.	Quitman	Methodist
Sutton, J. E.	Quitman	Methodist
Wyatt, W. A.	Quitman	Cumb. Presbyterian
Taylor, David	Racine	Minister
Cox, J. W.	Rector	Methodist
Manard, Z. Z.	Rector	Methodist Episcopal
Spence, W. W.	Rector	Presbyterian
Williford, J. A.	Reno	Methodist Episcopal So.
Willingham, N. D.	Reno	Baptist
Preston, Wade	Richmond	Methodist Episcopal
Hilton, W. G.	Rock Creek	Methodist
Hughes, J. J.	Rock Creek	Baptist
Smith, John	Rock Creek	Baptist
Gibbon, W. R.	Roe	Methodist Episcopal
Haman, P. A.	Roe	Baptist
Gentry, O. M.	Rural	Methodist
Hendrickson, J. T.	Russellville	Episcopal
Melton, A. P.	Russellville	Methodist
Milner, H. B.	Russellville	Presbyterian
Weaver, J. P.	Russellville	Baptist
Bennett, Zachary T.	Searcy	---
Jeffett, Francis A.	Searcy	Methodist

Name	Location	Church
Kincaid, Andrew J.	Searcy	Baptist
Jones, John R.	Selma	Methodist
Scott, W. S.	Selma	Methodist
Fry, C. D.	Sexton	Methodist
Roland, W.	Sharman	Methodist
Bromem, Marion	Sharp's Cross Roads	Baptist
Tucker, Wm.	Shaw	Baptist
Watson, H. H.	Shaw	Methodist
Harlan, F. J.	Shiloh	Baptist
Harvy, C. W.	Shippey	Baptist
Edwards, J. S.	Shoal Creek	Methodist
Matheny, -----	Shoal Creek	Methodist Episcopal So.
Wolfgang, -----	Shoal Creek	Catholic
Robinson, W. J.	Shuler	Baptist
Wilkinson, H. M.*	Silver City	Clergyman
Taylor, T. J.	Silver Hill	Baptist
Parker, S. H.	Simpson	Clergyman
Allen, Hagan	Snyder	Baptist
Keith, C. M.	Snyder	Methodist
Black, C. P.+	Spring Valley	Baptist
Black, F. F.	Spring Valley	Baptist
Tupper, C. P.	Spring Valley	Baptist
Goodman, C. B.	Springdale	Presbyterian
Hale, John M.	Springdale	Baptist
Loving, J.	Springfield	Methodist Episcopal
Smith, T. J.	Springfield	Methodist Episcopal

Name	Location	Church
Moore, J. S.	St. Charles	Baptist
Curlee, J. P.	St. Francis	Methodist
Curlee, T. P.+	St. Francis	Methodist
Turner, R. G.	St. Francis	Congregationalist
Robertson, J. R.*	St. James	Methodist
Basham, C. W.	Stattler	Clergyman
Cullum, J. F.	Stevens Creek	Clergyman
Dees, A. S.	Stevens Creek	Clergyman
Buerkle, Adam	Stuttgart	Lutheran
Toder, Jacob	Stuttgart	Mennonite
Hamilton, J. C.	Sugar Loaf	Methodist So.
Louis, -----	Sugar Loaf	Baptist
Givens, John	Sulphur Springs	Clergyman
West, J. W.	Sulphur Springs	Clergyman
Parker, S. H.	Sumpter	Clergyman
Fowler, C. A.	Supply	Baptist
Phipps, W. H.	Supply	Methodist
Robinson, Jessie	Supply	Methodist
Edwards, S. R.	Ten Mile	Methodist
Whartan, J. W.	Three Creeks	Baptist
Cox, Henry	Tilmanville	Protestant
Cox, Wesley	Tilmanville	Episcopal
Figg, Peryan	Tilmanville	Baptist
Hampton, N. W.	Tilmanville	Baptist
Hillburn, A. L.	Tilmanville	Methodist
Lively, G.	Tilmanville	Baptist
Sively, G.+	Tilmanville	Baptist
Thompson, T. J.	Tilmanville	Methodist
Keeling, Elijah	Tomahawk	Baptist

Name	Location	Church
Lay, Wm. M.	Tomahawk	Baptist
Reeves, Joshnay	Tomahawk	Baptist
Young, A. G.	Tuckerman	Baptist
Atehley, R. C.+	Tulip	Methodist
Atehley, R. E.	Tulip	Methodist
Moore, H. C.	Tulip	Presbyterian
Dyer, James	Ultima Thule	Presbyterian
Mitchell, A. J.	Ultima Thule	Methodist
Sossman, P. A.	Ultima Thule	Presbyterian
Stathorn, Wm.	Ultima Thule	Methodist
Clinton, H. B.	Union	Baptist
Samply, J. J.	Valley Springs	Methodist
Erwin, S. B.	Van Buren	Presbyterian
Hill, George W.	Van Buren	Methodist
Jones, J. T.	Van Buren	Christian
Smythe, Michael	Van Buren	Catholic
Jumnigan, -----	Vanndale	Methodist
Edwards, -----	Venetia Grove	Clergyman
Wakely, L. W.	Venetia Grove	Clergyman
Clegg, R. H.	Wager	Universalist
Roberson, P. F.	Wallaceburg	Methodist
Brown, L.	Walnut	Baptist
McPherson, A. R.	Walnut	Baptist
Villiens, John+	Walnut	Clergyman
		Methodist
Williens, John	Walnut	Episcopal
Brooks, J. S.	Walnut Ridge	Methodist
Johnson, J. J.	Walnut Ridge	Presbyterian
Smith, Wm.	Walnut Ridge	Methodist

Name	Location	Church
Denton, N. C.*	Warren	Baptist
Goodner, S.*	Warren	Baptist
Lee, R. A.	Warren	Baptist
Wilson, R. P.	Warren	Methodist
Langtry, Miles	Water Valley	Baptist
Bell, S. M.	Wesley	Clergyman
Morris, M. C.	Wheatley	Methodist
Pasley, W. H.	Wheatley	Baptist
Smith, A. W.	Wild Cherry	Methodist Episcopal
Dunaway, J. E.	Wiley's Cove	Methodist
Fleshman, James F.	Willowdale	Baptist
Newton, W. F.	Winchester	Clergyman
Compire, E. L.	Witcherville	Baptist
Spillar, A. A.	Witcherville	Baptist
Worrell, A. S.	Witcherville	Baptist
Anderson, C. C.	Witt's Springs	Baptist
Jones, Henry	Witt's Springs	Methodist
Chastain, J. C.	Wolf Bayou	Clergyman
Copeland, J. P.	Wolf Creek	Baptist
Ellis, J. T.	Wolf Creek	Presbyterian
Arrington, S. A.	Woodlawn	Christian
Baxley, G. W.	Woodlawn	Baptist
Brudlove, T. W.	Woodlawn	Christian
Burk, T. B.	Woodlawn	Baptist
Mullins, -----	Woodlawn	Baptist
Venable, O.	Woodlawn	Methodist
Baldwin, M. W.	Yellville	Methodist

York Family Obituaries

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***The Nashville News, Tuesday, October 23, 1956,
Nashville, Arkansas, page 1***

J. D. Chesshir Dies Saturday at Texarkana

John Delaney Chesshir, 77 year old retired farmer and resident of near County Line, died Saturday afternoon at the home of a daughter in Texarkana. He had been ill for several months. He was a native of Howard County and member of the Church of Christ at Blue Bayou. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at the Church of Christ in Nashville with Harvey Arnold and M. H. Peebles officiating. Burial was in the Center Point cemetery. The survivors include the wife, three sons, J. D. Jr. of Magnolia, Fricks Chesshir of Mesquite, Texas and Charlie of Nashville; three daughters, Lena Mae Chesshir of Texarkana, Mrs. Ruth Bearden of Texarkana and Mrs. Cliff Buchanan of Athens, Alabama; seven grandchildren and a great grandson, two brothers, Dave of Morton, Texas and John of Turkey, Texas, two sisters, Mrs. Zona Garner of San Bernardino, California, Mrs. Lucy Chesshir of Nashville.

Note: The newspaper account is in error. J. D. Chesshir was Jordan Delaney Chesshir instead of John Delaney Chesshir. His first wife was Julia Francis York, who died February 7, 1905. The wife mentioned in the obituary was his second wife, Virginia Fricks Howard.

***The Nashville News, June 11, 1904, Nashville, Arkansas,
page 4, column 2.***

Dr. W. W. York, of Ashdown, was in the city Wednesday evening, enroute to the home of his brother-in-law, Jord Chesshir, to see the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chesshir. The child died before Dr. York arrived, he being detained on the road by a wreck on the Kansas City Southern. Thelma Chesshir, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jord Chesshir, died at the home of her parents, on the Bayou, at 2 o'clock Wednesday morning, of meningitis, aged twenty months. The remains were buried at Centre Point Wednesday afternoon. The little girl was the niece of Dr. J. R. York of this city.

Note: The clipping below was found in the Bible of Texas York Gary. It is torn and parts are missing, but the body of the obituary is readable. The microfilm of this newspaper is missing these dates, so a complete copy is not available. This baby mentioned is the second daughter of Jordan and Fannie Chesshir, who was born and died February 5, 1905.

Mrs. Jordan Che[sshir, died at the] family residence in _____ township last Tuesday, after[noon at] 4 o'clock, after a brief illness of pneumonia. She is survived by a husband, but no children, her infant child having died the first of the present week. Deceased was a most excellent young woman, and was the daughter of W. D. York, one of [the] most prominent citizens of this section, and a sister to Dr. J. R. York, of this city, Dr. W. W. York and D. P. York of Ashdown. Mrs. Chesshir was buried at Centre Point, by her babe Thursday. The bereaved family [has] the sympathy of their many.....

***The Nashville News, Wednesday, March 1, 1916,
Nashville, Arkansas, page 1.***

Mrs. Gallaher Died Near This City Sunday Afternoon

Mrs. G. G. Gallaher, of York's Chapel, died at her home Sunday afternoon, after an illness of three years. The funeral was had at Centre Point Monday afternoon. Deceased was a daughter of Mrs. Julia York and the late W. D. York, being Miss Malissa York prior to her marriage, and is survived by a husband and daughter, besides numerous other relatives. Deceased was an excellent woman, who enjoyed the esteem of all who knew her.

***The Nashville News, Tuesday, April 1, 1952, Nashville,
Arkansas, page 1.***

Services Sunday for T. G. Gallaher

Funeral services were held Sunday at the Center Point Church of Christ for Thomas Givens Gallaher, 78, who died at his home at York's Chapel Saturday. He was a life-long resident of Howard County, and a member of the Church of Christ. Burial was at Center Point cemetery. The survivors include a son, Thomas Gallaher of Nashville, seven daughters, Mrs. Clyde Neece of Nashville, Mrs. Lawrence Duckett of Texarkana, Mrs. Wallace McGraw and Mrs. Dean Green of Little Rock, Miss Effie Mae Gallaher of Indianapolis, Miss Bobbie Jo Gallaher of Nashville and Miss Helen Gallaher of Chicago: a sister Mrs. Willie Harrison of Nashville, eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Note: The newspaper has an incorrect name. It should be George Givens Gallaher. He was first married to Melissa York. Mrs. Clyde Neece is the daughter of Melissa and George. He married Effie Clardy, March 2, 1918. The other children belong to Effie.

**Texarkana Gazette, Saturday, March 6, 1965,
Texarkana, USA, page 1, column 4.**

Services Today For Dr. York

Funeral services for Dr. James Robert York, 90, of 1215 Olive, who died Thursday in Fort Smith, Ark., will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at East Memorial Chapel, Dr. Lory Hildreth will officiate, assisted by the Rev. Sammy Shrum. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery. Dr. York practiced dentistry for 55 years, 40 of which were in Texarkana. He retired in 1957. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and Masonic Lodge 672, Knights Templar and Shrine. He was past president of the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners and past secretary of the Arkansas Dental Association. He is survived by his wife; three sons, J. R. York, Jr. of Bellaire, Texas; E. W. York of Fort Smith and A. B. York of Malvern, Ark.; two sisters, Mrs. Annie Jacques and Mrs. J. C. Gary of Nashville, Ark.; six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Pallbearers will be York Gary, Bill York, Jim York, David Davis, W. E. Crisp, J. D. Williams, J. L. Calhoun and Leigh McClendon. Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Texarkana Dental Association and the Masonic Lodge.

Note: Dr. J. R. York was married first time to Emma J. Hargrove. They had a daughter, Willie Ida, who preceded him in death. The second marriage was to Mary J.

Weisiger and they had three sons. The first marriage was not mentioned in his obituary.

***The Nashville News, Wednesday, October 22, 1913,
page 2, column 3.***

Mrs. J. R. York Died at Prescott Last Friday Morning.

Buried at Brownstown Sunday, at Which Place She Was Reared – Was Daughter of W. H. Hargrove.

Prescott, Oct 18. Mrs. Emma J. York, 36 years old, wife of Dr. J. R. York, a well-known dentist of Prescott, died at 9 o'clock yesterday morning. Mrs. York had been a teacher in the public schools of Prescott during the last two years and had been again elected for this year. She is survived by her husband and a young daughter. The body was sent to Brownstown in Sevier county, for burial. Dr. York and daughter were in Nashville Monday en route on their return from Brownstown, where the burial of Mrs. York was had Sunday. Deceased was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hargrove, prominent residents of Brownstown, and was well known in this city where Dr. York and family resided for several years. The many friends of the families will sympathize with the bereaved husband and daughter in their sorrow.

Prescott Daily News, Friday, October 17, 1913, page 2.

Mrs. Emma J. York

Mrs. Emma J. York, wife of Dr. J. R. York, died at their residence in this city today at 9:05 a. m., from nervous prostration. Deceased was 36 years of age and was a very

prominent lady in all circles in this city. She served two years as teacher in our public school and was selected to teach in the present one. She is survived by her husband and one daughter. The remains will be shipped to Paraloma on number five tomorrow and from there to Brownstown, where the funeral services and interment will occur. The public schools dismissed at noon today for the rest of the day on account of the death of Mrs. J. R. York. Mrs. York had been teaching in our schools for the past two years and was elected to the 5th grade for this term but was never able to take her place.

Little River News, February 10, 1938, page 1.

Dr. W. W. York Fatally Injured In Car Accident

Physician Here For 35 Years, Dies After Car Crashes
Head-on Into His Near Texarkana.

Dr. W. W. York, 62, prominent Ashdown physician and well known in this section of the state, was fatally injured in a head-on crash between two automobiles five miles north of Texarkana, on Sugar Hill, Highway 71, at 10:30 a. m. Thursday, Feb. 3. He succumbed in a Texarkana hospital shortly after noon of a fractured skull. His son, Jim York, 19, driver of the York car, received cuts about the face and body bruises, but was dismissed from the hospital after treatment. Dr. York sustained a broken arm. W. H. Jackson, 72, lumber dealer of Clarksville, Texas, driver of the other car involved in the smash-up, received a fractured rib and suffered considerable shock due to his advanced age. He was discharged from the hospital late Thursday afternoon.

Car Turned Into York Machine

A preliminary investigation by officers indicated that the accident was unavoidable, Dr. York and his son were returning from Texarkana to Ashdown. The car driven by the Texan was proceeding south en route to Texarkana. A car traveling ahead of the Jackson machine slowed suddenly and in order to avoid a rear-end crash with that automobile, Jackson swung his car to the left and in so doing collided head-on with the York car. A Dixie bus which came up about the time of the accident, rushed Dr. York and his son to a hospital. A passing motorist picked up Jackson and took him to the hospital.

Funeral For Dr. York Was On Friday.

Funeral services for Dr. York were held at three o'clock Friday afternoon at the Ashdown First Methodist Church. Rev. Edgar H. Graham, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, of which Dr. York was a member, conducted the services, assisted by Rev. B. F. Musser, pastor of the Methodist church. Rev. Graham paid a fitting tribute to Dr. York when he described the physician's life-long love for children; his devotion to his family, and his loyalty to his friends. He read from the 14th chapter of St. John, consoling the loved ones with Christ's words: "Let not your heart be troubled." Rev. Graham described the doctor's untiring service in administrating to the sick and the needy of this section for the past 35 years. In the audience were many who mourned deeply at the passing of their physician and friend. More than 100 people were unable to gain admittance to the large auditorium and stood outside the church for a last tribute to their departing friend. Earlier in the day, large numbers of people, including many negroes, whom Dr. York had befriended called at the family home to pay their respects to the deceased. Following the services at the church, the body was laid to rest in the Ashdown cemetery. Phillips Funeral Home was in charge

of the arrangements, assisted by East Funeral Home, Texarkana.

Surviving Dr. York are his widow; two sons: W. D. York and Jim C. York, Ashdown; a daughter: Mrs. Harry L. Erber, Little Rock; his mother: Mrs. Julia F. York, Nashville; three brothers: Dr. J. R. York, Texarkana, Daniel York, Nashville, and Dr. Marion York, Fresno, Calif.; two sisters: Mrs. Annie Jacques and Mrs. J. C. Gary, Nashville. All of these were present at the funeral except Dr. Marion York. A cousin, N.G. Perkins of Myrtle Point, Oregon, who was reared in the home of Dr. York's parents, also survives.

Was A Native Of Mississippi.

Dr. York was born in Water Valley, Mississippi, March 14, 1875. He was married to Miss Lucy Owens Coulter on December 9, 1904 at Whitecliffs, the ceremony having been performed by Rev. J. G. McCain. Dr. York was a graduate of the University of Tennessee and received his M. D. degree from that school on April 26, 1901. A few months ago he spent six weeks in New York City where he took a post-graduate course in Columbia University School of Medicine. He united with the Presbyterian church about 28 years ago during a revival meeting held at the old school building. He was a Knights Templar and a Scottish Rite Mason. For six years he was president of the State Board of Medical Examiners, and was vice president of the Tri-State Medical Society. Ashdown and Little River county have lost a valuable citizen in the death of Dr. York.

Orphaned Photo

WESLEY AND RUBY BAKER JACOBI

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The photograph on the cover was found in an antique shop in Bryant, Arkansas. Based on the inscription on the jacket of the photograph, it was taken in Little Rock, Arkansas, on December 12, 1917, the day Wesley Jacobi and Ruby Baker were married.

WESLEY CASPER JACOBI

Wesley Casper Jacobi was born October 13, 1889 in Rockbridge, Greene County, Illinois¹ to Frederick and Philipena Paul Jacobi.² Wesley's siblings included Anna, Adolph, Eddie, Reuben, and Lucy.³

While Wesley's family stayed in Illinois, he had moved to Little Rock by 1917 where he worked for the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company as a dining car and parlor car conductor.⁴ It was probably there that he met Ruby Baker. They were married December 12, 1917.⁵ The 1930 census

¹ WWI draft registration, Wesley Casper Jacobi card, Ancestry, online at www.ancestry.com.

² Fred Jacobi household, 1900 U. S. census, Greene County, Illinois, population schedule, Rockbridge township election district no. 1, enumeration district [ED] 24, stamped page 116B, dwelling 187, family 187; National Archives [NA] microfilm T623, roll 303.

³ Ibid.

⁴ WWI draft registration, Wesley Casper Jacobi card.

⁵ Pulaski County Marriage Book 68, page 380.

indicated they had one son, Wesley, born in 1927.⁶ On October 12, 1944, Wesley Casper Jacobi died in Pulaski County, Arkansas.⁷

Wesley Casper Jacobi's parents were married in Macoupin County, Illinois on December 13, 1876.⁸ His mother Philipena was an Illinois native.⁹ His father, Frederick, was born about 1851 in the duchy of Nassau, now Germany.¹⁰

In the fall of 1853, Frederick Jacobi immigrated to Illinois from Germany with his parents, Casper and Elizabeth Jacobi, and family.¹¹ His siblings, Phillip, Peter, Mary, and Eliza were born in Germany.¹² Another sister, Anna, and brother, Lewis, were later born in Illinois.¹³ Three other siblings, birthplaces unknown, were never recorded on the census and so probably died in childhood.¹⁴ Another Jacobi family, that of Henry and Catherine, emigrated to

⁶ Wesley C. Jacobi household, 1930 U. S. census, Pulaski County, Arkansas, population schedule, Big Rock township, Little Rock, ED 11, stamped page 99, dwelling 89, family 117; NA microfilm T626, roll 91.

⁷ Social Security Death Index, Arkansas list, Arkansas History Commission, general microfilm file.

⁸ Illinois Statewide Marriage Index, Illinois State Archives and Illinois State Genealogical Society,
<http://www.sos.state.il.us/departments/archives/marriage.html>.

⁹ Casper Jacoby household, 1880 U. S. census, Macoupin County, Illinois, population schedule, Brighton township, ED 106, stamped page 25, dwelling 21, family 21; NA microfilm T9, roll 232.

¹⁰ Ibid.

¹¹ *1879 History of Greene County Illinois*, Chicago, Donnelley, Gassette & Loyd Publishers, p. 681.

¹² Casper Jacobi household, 1860 U. S. census, Macoupin County, Illinois, population schedule, township 7 range 9, Brighton post office, stamped page 432, dwelling 1351, family 1344; NA microfilm M653, roll 206.

¹³ Ibid.

¹⁴ *1879 History of Greene County Illinois*, p. 681.

Macoupin County, Illinois. Their son, John Casper, was born on the Mississippi River about 1855.¹⁵

RUBY BAKER

Ruby Baker was born March 29, 1893¹⁶ in Hot Springs, Arkansas.¹⁷ According to her obituary in the *Arkansas Gazette*, she was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wood Baker.¹⁸ However, census and marriage records indicate she was the oldest child of George L. Baker and Daisy Wood, who were married May 24, 1892, in Garland County, Arkansas.¹⁹ She was recorded on the 1900 census as the only child of George and Daisy Baker, living in Pulaski County, Arkansas.²⁰ By 1910, she was living in Garland County, Arkansas, with her widowed mother and younger sister, Hazel.²¹

Ruby Baker Jacobi died February 25, 1972, in Pulaski County.²²

¹⁵ Henry Jacobi household, 1860 U. S. census, Macoupin County, Illinois, population schedule, township 7 range 9, Brighton post office, stamped page 431, dwelling 1334, family 1327; NA microfilm M653, roll 206.

¹⁶ Social Security Death Index.

¹⁷ Mrs. Wesley Jacobi Sr. obituary, *Arkansas Gazette*, Little Rock, Arkansas, February 26, 1972, p. 9B.

¹⁸ *Ibid.*

¹⁹ Garland County, Arkansas Marriage Book 3: 158.

²⁰ George Baker household, 1900 U. S. census, Pulaski County, Big Rock Township, Little Rock, ED 77, stamped page 183A, dwelling 149, family 171; NA microfilm T623, roll 73.

²¹ Daisy Baker household, 1910 U. S. census, Garland County, Hot Springs, ED 63, stamped page 94A, dwelling 87, family 87; NA microfilm T64, roll 50.

²² *Arkansas Gazette*, February 26, 1972.

Arkansas Queries

ABBOTT – EDDLEMAN – ELLER – STINNETT – DICK – PLESS – DAY – SOWERS: I am looking for information on these families in Arkansas. The Abbott family lived in Washington Co. **Dorthy Abbott Castro**, 111 Donna St., Lepanto, AR 72354-2421

AMOS: Reverend Professor Ralph Amos – Early 1900s Alma, AR; Montrose, AR; Allpart, AR; Palestine/Forrest City, AR. **Ms. LaVerne Proctor-Streeter**, 73 Kingston Rd., Grovetown, GA 30813, email lps4196@aol.com.

ARMSTRONG: Hugh and Catherine (Neal) Armstrong – Washington Co., m. 1852; Nina (Armstrong) and James R. Hurn – Washington and Benton Counties. **Mrs. Gladys Schmidt**, 9952 Madaford Ln., St. Louis, MO 63123-6236

BOLLINGER: Do you have any kind of birth record on William Henry Bollinger and his sons James Albert Bollinger, Elbert Henry Bollinger, Elmer Franklin Bollinger, and Valua Henry Bollinger? Do you have an Arkansas map that has Elmo, Arkansas on it? **Louise Wren**, 502 N. State, Elk City, OK 73644-3954

BUCHANAN: Searching for burial site of my grandfather – Claud(e) Buchanan. Born around 1865 in England, came to USA in 1887 and died around 1940-1960. Most likely burial was in Little Rock, Pulaski Co., AR. **Kenneth H. Barnes**, 8456 Marys Creek Dr., Ft. Worth, TX 76116, email big sandyorchard@msn.com.

CARPENTER: John Carpenter m Sarah Jackson 1841 Carroll Co MS and was enumerated there in 1850 & 1860

census. Sarah d before 1860. Children: Samuel/Emanuel/Alfred 1842, Amy 1844, Gilbert 1849, William 1851, Martha/Mary 1854, Dennis 1855, Elizabeth 1856, Sarah 1858, all born MS. John & children came to AR about 1869. In Howard twp, Conway Co, AR, 1870 with second? wife Mary. Children Jackson, Clara, John, Joanna may be hers. Do not find John 1880; widow Mary may be mother-in-law in Moses A. Powell household, Lick Mtn. twp, Conway Co., p. 342D. Son Emanuel m Sarah ? before 1869 – MS or AR? They had John W. 1869, Mary Jane 1871, Dennis G. in 1873. Emanuel enumerated in Conway Co., AR, 1870 & 1880. Not located in 1900. Where was he? His son John W. m Louise Stracner 1893 Howard Co., AR. Father Alfred in his household 1910 Howard Co., AR. John and Louise's son Henry Grady Carpenter married Myrtle Anna Henry 1918, Polk Co., AR. **Susan Boyle**, 57 Plantation Acres Drive, Little Rock, AR 72210-3627; 501-455-9921; email *susanb1996@aol.com*.

CURTIS – McDANIEL/McDANIELS – KALLSNICK:

I'm looking for information on my grandmother and great aunt. The Little Rock and Garland County court house supposedly burned down between 1900 & 1915. The information I do have is as follows: Rubye Louise Curtis (McDaniel or McDaniels) b abt 1910 m in Newton, Harvey Co, KS 1928. Sister Elsie Kallsnick (McDaniel or McDaniels) b abt 1907 m and lived around Hot Springs, Garland Co, AR m Joe Kallsnick 1925 Hot Springs, AR. The story goes my great grandfather left his wife and children (maybe more siblings) shortly after Rubye was born in 1910. The mother then died shortly thereafter and the children went to live with relatives. No birth records are available. There is reference to an Aunt Margaret Fatheree. My second cousin in Little Rock is trying to gather information also. Any assistance you can provide would be appreciated. I want to know great-grandparents

information. **Bradley E. Cole**, 7424 N. Donnelly Ave., Kansas City, MO 64158, email bbcole@aol.com.

FULLER – MONTGOMERY -- COLEMAN: Interest in Fuller – Montgomery – Coleman ancestry for Conway and White counties and surrounding areas. **Donna R. Fuller-Valenzuela** 7036 San Miguel St., Paramount, CA 90723, email donaloyd@sbcglobal.net.

HARMON: Looking for information on the Thomas Wilson Harmon family – Yell County, Dardanelle area late 1800s. **Nancy R. Jones**, 23425 51st Ave So., Kent, WA 98032-3390, email mcnrjones@comcast.net.

LEWIS – HOLT: Seeking information on Alvis Gatson Lewis (1827-1916) of Evansville (Washington County). He was among the (?) children of Samuel Lewis (1801-1863) and Bricey Holt (1804-1873). One of his(?) children was my great grandfather Alvis Edwin Lewis (1853-1945). **Greig Lewis**, 9005 Moye Dr., El Paso, TX 79925, email flewis1@elp.rr.com.

REED – ASHCRAFT – WILLIAMS – TATE: John Reed 1920-1930 Hot Springs, Garland Co.; Savannah Ashcraft 1930 Hot Springs, Garland Co.; Edmond Williams 1860-70 Lapile, Union Co.; Isaac Tate, Johnson Twp, Union Co. **Eddie Louise King**, 4471 Holly Ave., St. Louis, MO 63115-3152

TIDWELL: Seeking information from decendants of P. B. Tidwell, known to have been an adult living in Wickes, AR in January 1905. He was the uncle of my grandfather Benjamin Houston Tidwell b 5 May 1870 Corinth AR. **W. A. Monk, Jr.**, 15492 Nell Lynn Lane, Tyler, TX 75707, email wamonkjr@webtv.net

TONY – BAKER: Seeking info on Toney and Baker surnames in Randolph Co AR and African-American families of Randolph and Lawrence counties. **Cindy Bennett Robinett**, 1038 Oak Ridge Road, Ravenden Springs, AR 72460, email cindyr@blackrivertech.edu

TREADAWAY: Looking for marriage of Thomas Newton Treadaway of Choctaw, Van Buren Co AR to Nancy Lumpkin or Roberts, probably 1869-70. Also need verification and details of his death 11 Nov 1897 in a mill explosion, probably at Choctaw. **Angela Mainwaring**, 32 Troon Trail, Durango, CO 81301-3754, email amain@ekiva.net

WALKER: Seeking information on Richard Frank Walker. Came to Izard Co AR between 1852 & 1860 with wife Sara Jane Cobb Walker and son George Alexander Walker. Frank served in Confederacy from Arkansas and died in Izard Co after 1880. Said to be buried in Lunenburg, Izard Co., but not listed in Izard Co cemetery book. Seek death date & burial place. **Jan Hudson Samuels**, 949 Scenic Ranch Circle, Fairview, TX 75069, email windmillc@aol.com

Salt Lake City Trip

AGS is sponsoring a research trip to Salt Lake City March 27 – April 2, 2006. There are only a few spaces still available. Contact Jan Davenport at jhdavenport@comcast.net for information.

Book Review

Obituaries: Where to Find Them in the Cabot Paper Dating From 1927 to 1999 With 23685 Entries. By Linda Evans, compiler and publisher, 7285 Hwy 89 South, Cabot, AR 72023. 641 pages. Plastic cover, plastic bound. The author offers print outs of single surnames for \$5.00 plus 25 cents per page, including postage and handling. She asks for corrections by email to le126@earthlink.net or by mail. To buy the book, contact the compiler.

The book is in landscape format with columns for first name, last name, age, date of death, location (page and column), date of paper, and cemetery/place. The compiler arranged the data alphabetically by the second or last name column. Unfortunately, the newspaper is not named nor is the state. Let it be known that this book refers to Cabot, Arkansas, located in the extreme northwestern corner of Lonoke County, where it meets White County on the north and northeastern Pulaski County on the west. In her forward, Ms. Evans admits that the names in the index might vary from the bold name in the obituary heading, because she tried to use maiden names and correct full names where known. She also used cemetery books and the social security death index as sources for additional information or annotation. In some cases, the other sources varied from the obituary information. She informed this reviewer that she read the Cabot Herald, the Cabot Star, and the Cabot Star-Herald at the Cabot library which did not have issues for 1936-1938, January 1939, August 1939 to December 1948, January 1950 to December 1955, 11 and 18 January 1957 and 30 August 1957. This book will be useful to researchers looking for twentieth century death information for individuals with Cabot, Arkansas' ties.

Susan Boyle, Little Rock, Arkansas

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