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Cousins Venie (left) and Becky Quattlebaum were raised as twins in Van Buren County, Arkansas. Their story is on page 88.

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**2005 Third Place
AGS Family History Writing Contest**

The William Jackson Powell Family

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Members of most families pass along stories about their family history. If they investigate the stories, many find within them some truth, some fiction, and some wishful thinking. The story of William Jackson Powell and his family is that way.

William was born about 1823, probably in Elkmont, Limestone County, Alabama, where his father John Powell was living in 1830.¹ John named William as a son in his will along with five older children: three sons, John, Adam, and Caleb; and two daughters, Elizabeth and Tabitha.²

In 1820 John Powell's household had resided in Giles County, Tennessee, and had contained a female between the ages of sixteen and twenty-six that was most likely his wife.³ By 1830 the family had moved to Limestone County, Alabama, and John Powell's household in the census of that year contained no female old enough to be John's wife,

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¹ John Powell household, 1830 U. S. census, Limestone County, Alabama, stamped page 35, line 2; National Archives [NA] microfilm M19, roll 4.

² John Powell will (1847), Limestone County Will Book 9: 140, County Clerk's Office, Athens, Limestone County, Alabama.

³ John Powell household, 1820 U. S. census, Giles County, Tennessee, page 16, line 28; NA M33, roll 124.

nor did his household in the 1840 census.⁴ Apparently William's mother had died before 1830 and her name remains unknown. John Powell died in September 1847. He was prosperous enough to leave each of his children \$750 from the sale of his property as well as personal items.⁵

About ten months after his father's death, William Jackson Powell, at about twenty-five years of age, married Rebecca Frances Crutcher on 18 July 1848, in Limestone County.⁶ She was the daughter of Reuben Crutcher and Elizabeth McCargo of Virginia.⁷ The young couple settled down to married life and within two years they had two sons: John Reuben Powell and William Adam Wyche Powell. It appears that William Adam Wyche Powell was named for his father William, his Uncle Adam Powell, and William Wyche Wilborn, the husband of his Aunt Elizabeth Crutcher.

Between the birth of William and Rebecca's son William and that of their daughter Tabitha in 1852, the family left Alabama and moved to Mine Creek Township in Hempstead County, Arkansas.⁸ Following the birth of Tabitha, five more children were born to William and Rebecca in Hempstead County. They were Dudley Crutcher, Caleb Tinsley, Charles Marion, Mary Eliza and Alfred Jackson.

⁴ 1830 U. S. census, Limestone Co., Ala., p. 35, line 2; Jno Powell household, 1840 U. S. census, Limestone County, Alabama, page 146, line 18; NA M704, roll 8.

⁵ Limestone County Will Book 9:140.

⁶ Limestone County Marriage Licenses Book 1832-1862, p. 576, license #2278, Limestone County, Alabama; microfilm 1035011, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah.

⁷ Rebecca Frances Crutcher entry, *International Genealogical Index [IGI]* (Salt Lake City: Family History Library, 1999), citing film 1396270 for batch 8630309, sheet 25.

⁸ William Powell household, 1860 U. S. census, Hempstead County, Arkansas, population schedule, Mine Creek township, Nashville post office, page 870B, dwelling and family 1289; NA M653, roll 43.

About the time that William Jackson and Rebecca Powell's sixth child was born, our country was on the verge of the Civil War. Even though he was the advanced age of forty years, William joined the Confederate effort and went off to war, leaving his wife with seven children and an eighth child on the way. Rebecca was not completely alone. Her brother Robert A. Crutcher, his wife Susanna (Vance), and their five children had also moved to Hempstead County and lived not far from the Powell family.⁹ Robert also joined the Confederacy, but how long he was gone from home is not known.¹⁰ The two sisters-in-law at least had each other for moral support.

The family story that has been passed down says that William Jackson Powell fought with the "Davis Blues." After many years of research we discovered that the "Davis Blues" was a State Militia unit formed to protect the home front.¹¹ As the war worsened the militia was disbanded and the members joined different regiments within the Confederate Army. William enlisted in Company C of Monroe's First Arkansas Cavalry on 20 March 1863, at Washington, Arkansas.¹² His company muster roll for January and February 1864 indicated he was absent with the remarks, "captured at Backbone Mountain Sept 1, 1863." By 6 November 1864 he had rejoined his unit and

⁹ *Ibid.*, page 867, dwelling and family 1205.

¹⁰ R. A. Crutcher, compiled military record, (private, Company A, Fiftieth Militia), *Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of Arkansas*, microfilm M317, (Washington: National Archives), roll 240.

¹¹ *Nashville News*, Nashville, Arkansas, 8 January 1887, p. 4, col. 3; photocopy of article in Subject File, "Davis Blues, CSA," Arkansas History Commission and State Archives.

¹² William Powell, compiled military record (private, Company C, Monroe's First Cavalry), *Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of Arkansas*, microfilm M317, (Washington: National Archives), roll 5.

was detailed in the quartermaster's department, being "unfit for field service."¹³

While William Jackson Powell was away at war, his two oldest sons, John Reuben and William Adam, kept the farm going. John was just fifteen and William Adam was only thirteen. What a great responsibility this must have been for such young boys.

According to family stories, William Jackson Powell returned home from the war with unhealed wounds. His brother-in-law, Dr. John A. Milhous, wrote a prescription for his ailment.¹⁴ The prescription was for "white swelling and bone felon." To modern doctors, white swelling would most likely have been an infection and bone felon would have been a deep bruise on, or around, the bone. Possibly this type of wound could have been caused by a musket ball. The prescription was written about 1865. Today one wonders if the cure was worse than the ailment. Various barks and roots were to be boiled in water, crushed and strained; then wheat bran or corn meal added. A "polatis was to be made from this decoction" and then applied to the affected area as hot as the patient could bear. Over and over again!

Apparently, William Jackson Powell never fully recovered from his wounds. In March of 1866, he wrote his will, beginning with "Being weak of body, but sound of mind and memory..."¹⁵ He died by April 1867 when his will was proven. According to a distant cousin, William was buried in a family plot on the Cowling farm, between Nashville and Sulphur Springs in what is now Howard County. Our research has not revealed the location of this farm, nor if the burial information is correct.

¹³ Ibid.

¹⁴ Photocopy of original prescription in possession of Wanda Payne and Mary Burchfield.

¹⁵ William Jackson Powell will (1867), Hempstead County Will Book C: 232-4, County Clerk's Office, Hope, Arkansas.

In his will, William Jackson Powell had requested that all his property and holdings remain on the plantation for the use and benefit of his lawful heirs. He named his wife Rebecca F. and each child in order of their birth. He chose his wife Rebecca and friend John Justus as executors, giving them power to dispose of property necessary for the raising and educating of his children.

A letter written by John Reuben Powell to Zachary Justus in March 1868 indicates the closeness of the Powell and Justus families.¹⁶ Zachary had left the area due to trouble of some sort with the local Indians. In the letter John told Zachary, "...Miss Lizzy Waldon has married and that cuts me out and you out too. Mr. Justus, he is married to Marthy Borian and I reckon that beats you." John wrote that he was going to school with Zachary's brother Rufe. Toward the end of the letter he wrote, "I went to Little Rock last year and it rained on me like the world without end. I had three bales of cotton. I taken it there and brought your pa's chimney back and before I got back pa died four days before when I am at home." He told Zachary he missed him and asked would he have his likeness taken and send it to him, and he would do the same. He closed the letter by saying, "I will come to a close by saying write soon and I will answer. Your Friend until death, John R. Powell."

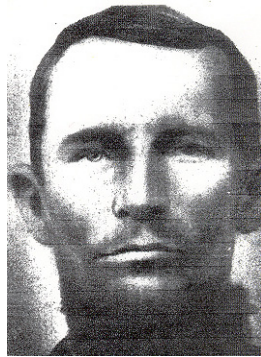
At the time of her husband William's death, Rebecca was left with seven children. Their youngest child, Alfred Jackson Powell, had died at the age of one year. The remaining children were between the ages of five and eighteen. Of these seven children, three would die very young: John Reuben, in 1870 at age twenty-one; Caleb shortly after John at age twelve; and Mary in 1874 at age

¹⁶ Copy of original letter in possession of Wanda Payne and Mary Burchfield

thirteen. We can only imagine the immeasurable heartache the young widow must have endured.

After her husband's death, Rebecca Frances Powell kept her family together in the same location. In 1870, when she was forty years old, she was enumerated as a farmer with eight hundred dollars in real estate and five hundred dollars in personal estate.¹⁷ In 1873 their area of Hempstead County became part of the new Howard County, and in 1880 the census enumerator found Rebecca still farming, helped by sons Dudley and Charles, listed as farm hands residing in her household.¹⁸ Some time after 1880 Rebecca moved to Winthrop in Little River County, Arkansas, to be near her son Charles Marion. She died there on 10 November 1899 and was buried in Camp-ground Cemetery near Winthrop.¹⁹

William and Rebecca's son William Adam Wyche Powell,²⁰ our great-grandfather, left us with many unanswered questions. He married Mary Ann Freeman about 1871,²¹ but their marriage record has not been



William Adam
Wyche Powell

¹⁷ Rebecka Powel household, 1870 U.S. census, Hempstead County, Arkansas, population schedule, Greenville post office, page 368, dwelling and family 289; NA M593, roll 54.

¹⁸ Rebecca Powell household, 1880 U.S. census, Howard County, Arkansas, population schedule, Nashville township, enumeration district [ED] 116, page 70C, dwelling and family 201; NA T9, roll 46.

¹⁹ *Little River County, Arkansas, Cemetery Census*, (Washington, Arkansas: Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives), 60 (Camp Ground Cemetery).

²⁰ This is the only known picture of William Adam Wyche Powell.

²¹ William Powell household, 1900 U. S. census, Polk County, Arkansas, Ozark township, ED 103, page 328B, dwelling 184, family 194; NA T623, roll 72. In this census, the Powells said they had been married for twenty-nine years.

located. The marriage was not recorded in Hempstead or Sevier counties; perhaps it took place in nearby Pike County, the records of which were destroyed in a courthouse fire. Mary Ann told her granddaughter, Vada Elease Powell Ritchey, that she was Choctaw Indian, but that ancestry has not been verified. William Adam Wyche Powell and Mary Ann Freeman were the parents of eleven children: Mary Ann, William David, Bruce, Alfred Jackson, Maudie Rocillia, Amanda R., Milburn Henry, Dosia, Addie L., Oscar Grady and Walter Edward.

In 1880 William and Mary Ann Powell were living with their two oldest children, Mary and William, next door to his mother Rebecca's household in Howard County when the census enumerator visited.²²

Only nine of their eleven children were living by 1900.²³ Dosia died at a very young age. In about 1903, when Bruce Powell was about twenty-one years old, he was shot and killed by a one armed man at a wedding chivaree at Broken Bow, Oklahoma. The man was never caught. Bruce left a wife and two children.

So sad that few wish to talk about it, was William Adam Powell's tragic death in 1900 and its aftermath. Desperate for work at any wage or condition, he suffered through rain and frosty nights and mornings to haul lumber to the mill. As a result he suffered a terminal case of pneumonia. William Adam Wyche Powell died in Grannis, Polk County, Arkansas, and was buried in a cemetery that was later covered over by the Gilham Dam Reservoir.

The Corps of Engineers built the dam to impound waters for the reservoir. The family story is that the Corps served notice on all families that they should contract to have the

²² William Powell household, 1880 U.S. Census, Howard County, Arkansas, population schedule, Nashville township, ED 116, dwelling and family 202; NA T9, roll 46.

²³ 1900 U.S. census, Polk County, Arkansas, Ozark township, ED 103, page 328B, dwelling 184, family 194.

remains of their loved ones disinterred and reburied at another cemetery of their choice at their own expense! William's family had so little money, they had no recourse but to see the waters gradually encroach, and then cover the entire area surrounding the cemetery with William reposed beneath the lake waters. As far as we knew from the family, his body was not moved. However, when we contacted the Corps of Engineers we were firmly told that they had moved all the graves, but they had no records showing where each was relocated. Consequently, where William's body was moved to and whether it is marked is unknown.

William's wife, Mary Ann, eventually moved her family back to Mine Creek in Hempstead County where she had four children between the ages of eleven and seventeen still at home in 1910.²⁴ By 1920 Mary Ann was residing in Howard County with her youngest child Edward living with her.²⁵ It was shortly after that that Mary Ann gave up her own home and lived with first one child and then another. She died 25 August 1924 at the home of her son William David Powell at Dierks in Howard County, Arkansas. Mary Ann is buried at Unity Cemetery in Nashville, Arkansas.²⁶

²⁴ Mary Ann Powell household, 1910 U. S. Census, Hempstead County, Arkansas, Mine Creek township, ED 79, page 148A, dwelling and family 4; NA T624, roll 52.

²⁵ Mary Ann Powell household, 1920 U. S. census, Howard County, Arkansas, Buck Range township, ED 20, page 216B, dwelling 34, family 35; NA T625, roll 64.

²⁶ Helen Lightfoot, Barbara Griffin, and Carolyn Griffin, *Cemetery Inscriptions of Howard County, Arkansas*, (published by the compilers, 1981), 230 (Unity Cemetery).

Cutting-Edge Research

by Lynn Ewbank

Courtesy, *Family Tree Magazine*, October 2000

<http://www.familytreemagazine.com>

Don't miss the potential photo finds in records such as those of state licensing boards.

Most genealogists regularly use government records in their family quest. What seems to be a mission impossible can quickly turn into a mission accomplished through searches of federal records such as census and military records and county records, including those of marriages, taxes, deeds and the county court system. While many genealogists also look to state governments for vital statistics such as birth and death dates, few ever search deeper. This is unfortunate because more and more government records have made their way into state repositories since the advent of records and information management.

State government records range from governors' papers to state land records to records collected by licensing boards. For example, the *Records of the Arkansas State Board of Barber Examiners, Deceased Barber Files, 1937-1987* might not raise your heartbeat on first glance. But it's an amazing collection that traces an entire profession throughout the state. While most of us regularly visit our barber or hair stylist, how many would think to search such records for family history information?

Was your ancestor involved in a profession similarly regulated by a state board? Auctioneers, bail bondsmen, court reporters, dieticians, foresters, medical practitioners, plumbers, embalmers—all were licensed by state boards. If you suspect your ancestor might have been in such a profession, then take a turn off the main record road. Search for and examine those lesser-used records. You may

Let's take those Arkansas barbers, for example. The barber-examiner records are currently available on microfilm in the Arkansas History Commission research room. Looking at them, you can determine basic information including age at the time of application (a clue to the person's birth date), race, how long your barber ancestor had been in practice, his educational background, whom he worked for and where the barber was located. Since the license was renewed yearly, barbers are easily traced when they moved to new locations, even outside of Arkansas. The file might also include the barber's actual written test, correspondence between the barber and the board, and copies of obituaries. It may contain medical information, too. Barbers, for example, had to submit to a yearly examination for syphilis, and later tuberculosis, to help prevent the spread of disease.

As a photo archivist, I'm particularly thrilled that the board required each barber to submit two photographs with the application. One was attached to the license and the other stayed with the barber's file, where you can find it today. Some photos include dates the photo was taken, the photographer's name and location, and other photographic information such as postcard backs. Sometimes the photo gives a glimpse of the barber's shop and even parts of the surrounding town.

The Arkansas History Commission's Stage One Digitization Project has digitized the records and photos of barbers who are no longer active. The commission makes the images and their bibliographic records available on its Web site <www.state.ar.us/ahc/>.

Who knows what similar treasures might await you in your ancestor's state records? To start your search, check with the state history commission or archives.

Early Arkansas County Marriage Certificates Missouri Territory, 1815-1818

The following marriage records were abstracted by the late Margaret Smith Ross in 1955 from Arkansas County, Arkansas, Record of Deeds, Book B. A filmed copy of this book may be found at the Arkansas History Commission and State Archives on Arkansas County Records microfilm roll 33, which is Family History Library microfilm 977369.

p. 71-72. 30 Sept. 1815. **HUGH STEEL** to **CAROLINE REFELD**, by Andre Fagot, J.P. Witnesses: James Scull, Frederick Notrebe, Charles Refeld, Joseph Refeld. Filed 30 Oct. 1815.

p. 105. 2 May 1816. **FRANCIS CHATIGNEY** to **ELIZABETH BRINEBACK**, by Andre Fagot, J.P., at Arkansas. Witnesses: Bte. DesRuisseaux, Francois Ruisseaux (by his mark), Michel Pettersell (by his mark), and Andre Fagot. The bride and bridegroom, Francois Chatigney and Elizabeth Brinack [sic] also signed, both by their marks. Filed 14 Sept. 1816.

p. 201. 7 August 1816. **JOHN DODGE** Esqr. to Miss **ETTIENETTE DE VAUGINES**, by Andre Fagot, J.P., at Arkansas. Witnesses James Scull, Caster de Vilemont, Eli J. Lewis, Joshua Norvell, Frederic Noterebe. Filed 13 July 1816 [sic].

p. 203. 18 July 1816. **JEAN BAPTISTE GREVER** to **VICTOIRE BONNEAU**, by Andre Fagot, J.P., at Arkansas. Witnesses: Jean Baptiste Calliot (by his mark), Pierre Lefevre fils, Louis Bogy, and Francois Michell (by his mark). Filed 12 Sept. 1816.

p. 203-204. 12 Sept. 1816. **ELI J. LEWIS** to **SARAH STILLWELL**, by John Dodge, J.P. Witnesses: A. S. Walker,

Joshua Norvell, Francois Vaugine, Hewes Steel, Frederic Notrebe, Jas. Scull. Filed 12 Sept. 1816.

p. 240-241. 26 Sept. 1816. **JOHN GOSET** to **ROSANNA PIKE**, by William Black, J.P., in Cash township, Arkansas county. Witnesses: William Doggett (by his mark), Mary Stokes (by her mark). Filed 8 March 1817.

p. 323. 13 March 1817. Certificate dated April 30, 1817. **JOHN KAPPELER** to **LIENCY ROGERS**, by John Carnahan, minister of the gospel. Filed 20 May 1817.

p. 324. 15 Nov. 1816. **PETER WHETSTONE** to **DICE WEBSTER**, by John Billingsley, J.P. Filed 29 May 1817.

p. 324. 23 [April?]1817. Certificate dated April 30, 1817. **WILLIAM WILLY** to **ABIGAIL WHETSTONE**, by John Carnahan, minister of the Gospel. Filed 29 May 1817.

p. 324. 13 April 1817. **JOHN CUNNINGHAM** to **RUTH PIRCE** [sic], by John Billingsley, J.P. Filed 29 May 1817.

p. 324. 4 April 1817. **MIKIEL HAGERTON** to **SARAH STOKES**, by William Black, J.P., in Cash township, Arkansas county. Witnesses: Joseph Black (by his mark), Chursey Stokes (by his mark). Filed 29 May 1817.

p. 328-329. 5 June 1817. **WILLIAM ARRONTON** to **CLARY TACKET**, both of this county, by Sylvanus Phillips, J.P. Witnesses: Townsen Webb, John Faught, Isaac Harkins. Filed 5 July 1817.

p. 329. 12 April 1817. **BENJAMIN A. MUZZY** to **SUSANAH TACKET**, both of this county, by Sylvanus Phillips, J.P. Witnesses: Townsen Webb, Wm. Strong. Filed 5 July 1817.

p. 356. 30 May 1816. **JOHN HAMBLETON** to **MISS ELIZABETH COULTER**, by Peter H. Bennet, J.P. for Point

Chico township, Arkansas county. Certificate dated 7 Aug. 1816. Filed 19 Nov. 1817.

p. 356. 2 June 1816. **WILLIAM WARD** to **PEGGY YOUNG**, by Peter H. Bennet, J.P., township of Point Chico, county of Arkansas. Certificate dated 7 Aug. 1816. Filed 19 Nov. 1817.

p. 357. 5 June 1816. **WILLIAM PETERSON** to **SUSANNA OCARREL**, by Peter H. Bennet, J.P. for township of Point Chico, county of Arkansas. Date of certificate, 7 Aug. 1816. Filed 19 Nov. 1817.

p. 357. 18 June 1816. **AUGUSTEAN GEYOU** to **NANCY HARRINGTON**, by Peter H. Bennet, J.P. for township of Point Chico, county of Arkansas. Date of certificate 7 Aug. 1816. Filed 19 Nov. 1817.

p. 357. 8 Feb. 1816. **WILLIAM FUTREL** to **HAZEY ROGERS**, by Wright Daniel, J.P., county of Arkansas, township of Big Rock. Filed 19 Nov. 1817.

p. 357. 24 July 1816. **EDWARD PROCTOR** to **NANCY GROCE**, both of this township, having acknowledged the children named Polly Wilkens, John Proctor and Jenny Proctor prior to said marriage their lawful heirs. Married by Benjamin Fooy, J.P. Filed 19 Nov. 1817.

p. 358. 11 June 1815. **JAMES MURPHEY** to **ELIZABETH COURTNEY**, both of Arkansas county, by Sylvanus Phillips, J.P. at his dwelling house in Arkansas county. Witnesses: Edward Davis, Jas. Dougherty, George Seabourn. Filed 19 June 1817.

p. 358. 21 April 1816. **THOMAS SCOTT** to **SALLY CHUMLER** (or Shumler), by John Billingsley, J.P., Cadron township. Filed 19 Nov. 1817.

p. 358. 9 July 1815. **JAMES LEMMONS** to **SARAH HACKER**, by John Billingsley, J.P. Filed 19 Nov. 1817.

p. 418. 7 Nov. 1816. **PIERRE MICHEL** to **ELIZABETH PERTUIS**, by Andre Fagot, J.P. Witnesses: Carlos de Villemont, Joseph Bogy, Michel Petersel, Pierre Pertuis. Filed 10 Feb. 1817.

p. 419. 21 Feb. 1818. **WILLIAM DROPE** to **ELOUISA DARDENNE**, by John Dodge, J.P. Witnesses: Ignace Bogy, Maurice Fontenal, Jean Jardelo, Francis Vaugine fils. Filed 21 Feb. 1818.

p. 427-428. 24 March 1818. **JOSHUA MORVELL** to **MARIA CRAIG**, by John Dodge, J.P. Witnesses: Wigton King, Samuel Moseley, R. L. Pryor, Harold Stillwell, A. S. Walker, George R. Sampson. Filed 24 March 1818.

p. 489. 20 April 1817. **ELISHA BUNCH** to **NANCY YOUNG**, by Peter H. Bennett, J.P. township of Point Chico, county of Arkansas. Filed 9 May 1818.

p. 487-488. 11 July 1817. **THOMAS DAVIS** to **CYNTHIA WHITE**, by Peter H. Bennett, J. P. township of Point Chico. Filed 9 May 1818.

p. 488. 30 August 1816. **MANUEL FERRENO** to **NANCY CLARY**, by Peter H. Bennett, J.P., township of Point Chico. Filed 9 May 1818.

p. 488. 4 Nov. 1816. **JOHN WILKINSON** to **CYNTHE BOYCE**, by Peter H. Bennett, J.P. township of Point Chico. Filed 9 May 1818.

Listening for the Untold Stories: Strategies for Capturing the Narratives of Women in the South Prior to the 20th Century

Part 2, continued from volume 44, number 1

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The Case of Women's Stories in the Antebellum South

In genealogical research, finding information about female ancestors prior to the 20th century is notoriously daunting.¹ My goal in these articles is to describe how I have had the good fortune to release the voices of several female ancestors. In the process, I also hope to offer a set of tips for others as they seek to do similar research. It happens that the ancestors whose stories I want to tell were all Southern women—two from the antebellum period, one from after the War. I believe, however, that the tips I am providing will work no matter what stories from the underside one is seeking to hear. They apply to hidden voices from other cultural settings, from times and places other than the American South.

Women are certainly a prime example of the problem I described in Part 1—the challenge of hearing hidden voices in history. Though the “official” histories of the antebellum South have long been written as if its culture was created only by socially prominent white men—e.g., planters, military leaders, etc.—we are now coming to see from various sources being taken seriously for the first time that the role of women in sustaining antebellum Southern society and its economy was

¹ As an illustration of how this new field of genealogical research is attracting attention, precisely because of the difficulty of recreating women’s lives and retrieving women’s stories: as I first composed this article, the monthly e-newsletter of Genealogical Publishing Company, www.genealogical.com, featured on 26 August 2003 an article entitled “Are Female Ancestors Eluding You?” focusing on Christina K. Schaefer, *The Hidden Half of the Family: A Sourcebook for Women’s Genealogy* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1999).

enormous.² Keeping plantation households running on a day-to-day basis, supervising servants, doctoring all the sick on the place, cooking and/or managing the kitchen, doing the dairy work, brewing and making wine, sewing, and washing took enormous amounts of female energy. On small farms, the strata of the so-called "po' whites", women often shocked observers from other regions by doing hard fieldwork, plowing while their husbands loafed or hunted. Without Rebecca Bryan and her intensive labor to keep his household going and his crops raised, Daniel Boone would hardly have been able to gallivant about and make his mark on history. And to note the preceding is not even to touch on the backbreaking work of women living under conditions of forced servitude in the social system of the antebellum South.

However, finding documents to demonstrate the contributions and illuminate the lives of women in this culture—to recover their authentic voices—is not at all easy. In legal documents of the antebellum South, women often appear only by their married names (and then rarely, usually when selling property that involved dower rights); this makes merely discovering the *names* of wives a challenge, even in families of high social status in the colonial South. In Virginia law, which formed the basis of the legal codes of all Southern states other than Louisiana, women were virtual slaves of their husbands. As Thomas E. Buckley puts it, "Once married, a woman was 'under coverture'—her husband controlled her person, property, and children."³

In this system, women could not, without their husband's consent, bring suit, make contracts, execute deeds, dispose of an estate by will, or administer property left to them. A case in point from my own family research: before his death in 1851, my ancestor Joseph Pryor, who owned a number of slaves in

² See, for instance, Catherine Clinton's classic work *The Plantation Mistress* (New York: Pantheon Books, 1982); and Julia Cherry Spruill, *Women's Life and Work in the Southern Colonies* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1938).

³ Thomas E. Buckley, "Placed in the Power of Violence: The Divorce Petition of Evelina Gregory Roane, 1824," *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* 110, No. 1 (January 1992), 32.

Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, deeded several slaves to each of his eleven children. According to family stories that have passed down in the family of his daughter Mourning, who married Eli Nelson Langford, a Baptist minister, slaves named Peter and Miranda went to Mourning Pryor before her family moved to White and Van Buren counties in Arkansas. But these stories indicate that Rev. Langford would not allow his wife to have the slaves until they were deeded directly to him.⁴

One can only assume that the insistence of his son-in-law on having direct ownership of his wife's property (which reinforced what was already the prevailing norm of the Anglo South) would have made perfect sense to Joseph Pryor, since in his 22 September 1851 will in Tuscaloosa County, he specifies that his then wife, Catherine (Elliott) Embry Hughes, whom he married after his children's mother Sarah (Odle?) had died, could keep precisely half the coverlets and counterpanes she had made while married to him. The will states:

I give to my wife Catherine Hugs Pryor one negro named Lucinda one young Sorrel mare nice one saddle and bridle two cows & calves one Ewe of Sheep one bed & Stead all the quilts She has made whilst she has been living with me one half the coverlids also one half the counterpains **it is understood that she only is to have one half of the coverlids & counterpains she has made whilst living with me** one sett of plates cups & Saucers knives forks dish one Safe, one spinning wheel one black trunk two pine chest and all the wearing apparel I also give her one tract of Land consisting of one hundred and twenty acres the South East End of the John Ellison tract including the lower Cabbins.⁵

The will stipulates that all the rest of the property both real and personal was to be auctioned and the proceeds divided among Catherine and his children. When one reads such

⁴ See Elizabeth Pryor Harper, *Twenty-One Southern Families: Notes and Genealogies* (privately published, Albuquerque, 1985), 133.

⁵ Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, Will Book 1: 286 (emphasis mine).

documents, one cannot avoid concluding that the gender arrangements of the Old South are not far from those of the patriarchal system of ancient Israel, where men prayed daily, “Praise be you, Adonai our God, King of the universe, because you have not made me a woman. Praise be you, Adonai our God, King of the universe, because you have not made me a slave.”

Louisiana, I have noted, is an exception, and later, when we examine the story of my ancestor Eliza Jane Smith, we’ll see the enormous difference that the Napoleonic legal code, which formed the basis of Louisiana law, could make in women’s lives and the records Louisiana women left behind. Because it was based on the Napoleonic code, Louisiana law named women in legal documents, even after their marriage, under their maiden names. Women in Louisiana could also own property separate from their husbands.

In my own family research, I’ve found that this was an attraction to some women who moved to Louisiana from the Southeast. Once in Louisiana, they took full advantage of the autonomy granted to them by Louisiana law. In the 1830s, for instance, a Lawson family connected to my Harris family by marriage moved to Homer in Claiborne Parish and Ringgold in Bienville Parish, where members of my family also settled. After making the move, some of the Lawson brothers wrote back to their sisters in Georgia, urging them to come out to Louisiana. Writing from Claiborne Parish on 15 May 1838, Andrew Lawson urges his sister Alice at Marion, Twiggs County, Georgia, to move to Louisiana, since “the butter is as yellow as Goshen” there; and—if that were not enough to entice her—he adds that “ladies can hold separate estates here and there is some excellent lands that can be entered about here yet.”⁶

I’ve said that some of the women who moved to Louisiana took full advantage of this right. A case in point: one of the Lawson sisters, Mary Baker Lawson, married Allen Harris, a brother of my ancestor Simeon Lawrence Harris. In Claiborne

⁶ See Vera Meek Wimberly, *Wimberly Family History* (privately published, 1979), 100-1, which transcribes the original letter without noting its location or owner in 1979.

Parish records, I've found an 1854 case file and several deeds showing that Mary sued for separation of her property from Allen's, claiming he was wasting her property. She was granted the right to control her property as a *femme sole*. Mary's action is, I suspect, closely connected to the fact that, in January of the same year, Allen Harris was prosecuted for embezzling \$3000 from the parish, of which he was sheriff and whose courthouse is built on land he donated. I'm happy to report that despite the separation of property and an apparent divorce following it, the couple is buried side by side in the Old Homer Cemetery as though they lived their entire lives in connubial bliss.⁷

When one recognizes the ways in which the Virginia-based template of female "coverture," which formed the basis of the legal code of the Anglo South, subjected women's lives to male control for many generations, one can understand the appeal—to women, at least—of the Napoleonic model employed by Louisiana law. The longstanding power exerted by the "coverture" pattern, with its underlying assumption that women

⁷ Mary Baker Lawson seems to have sued Allen Harris for a separation of property in 1854, since Claiborne Parish Deed Book B: 328-9, notes that pursuant to a verdict of District Court of Claiborne Parish, #592, M. B. Harris vs. Allen Harris, M. B. Harris is sole owner of 3 slaves and various cows. The decree stipulates that M. B. Lawson is to be entirely separate in property from her husband, and that she is to be free as a *femme sole* to control her own affairs and property. Claiborne Parish District Court Book B: 86-9, casts light on the separation of property. This notes that since coming to Louisiana, Mary B. Lawson had acquired a large amount of property in her own right. Her husband Allen Harris was in embarrassed circumstances, and she wanted separate control of her property, including 6 slaves, money, and livestock. *Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Northwest Louisiana* (Nashville and Chicago: Southern Publishing Company, 1890) notes that Allen Harris was vigorously prosecuted for embezzlement that occurred while he was sheriff, and had taken over \$3000 (p. 385). This action must have been all the more embarrassing for Allen Harris's wife since her brother Andrew Lawson had been made judge of the 17th District the fall before (*ibid.*, p. 387). On Harris as sheriff and a donor of land for the Homer courthouse, see D. W. Harris, *History of Claiborne Parish, Louisiana* (New Orleans: W. B. Stansbury, 1886), 21, 103.

lacked the ability to function independently of male control, is evident in events that occurred in the lives of descendants of the Joseph Pryor discussed previously. My mother was a great-granddaughter of Joseph Pryor's daughter Elizabeth, who married Zachariah Simms Simpson. The oral tradition of my Simpson family recounts that, when my great-grandfather Mannen Clements Simpson died at Slate Spring, Mississippi, on 3 November 1886, his sole son, my grandfather William Zachariah Simpson, inherited total control of all the family's property. This was what his mother wanted, and how his father had arranged for things to be as he died. My grandfather was away at school at the time, and was expected to come home and take care of his mother and three sisters.

A story handed down within the family illustrates how my grandfather controlled the lives and property of the entire family. When the family moved from Mississippi to Jefferson County, Arkansas, in 1887, the three sisters—Arabella, Augusta, and Lula—were permitted to plant their own patch of cotton, ostensibly for “pin money.” But according to stories told by Gussie's daughter Lula Mae Arendale Giersch, when W. Z. Simpson took the cotton to market each year and sold it, the money the sisters made went into the family's funds, which he controlled, and not into the hands of the three sisters who raised the cotton.

Lula Mae also told me in several interviews that the sisters resented having to comb and curry a white riding horse, Fritz, that W. Z. Simpson brought to Arkansas in 1887. However, according to Lula Mae, W. Z. Simpson's role as the patriarch was staunchly reinforced by his mother Samantha Jane Braselton Simpson, who adored him and upheld his control of all the family's resources. In traditions sanctioned by longstanding custom, even those who would not, on the face of it, appear to benefit from the traditions may be complicit in upholding them.

Nor did the legacy of Joseph Pryor—“It is understood that she only is to have one half of the coverlids & counterpains she has made whilst living with me”—end with his grandson Mannen Clements Simpson and Mannen's son W. Z. When W. Z. Simpson died in 1930, he left money to his two sons—*only* his sons—in the expectation that they would take care of

their five sisters. The oldest son and a half-brother to the rest, whose mother died giving birth to him, proceeded, unfortunately, to waste his inheritance; the other, W. Z., Jr., used his inheritance to send sisters Katherine and Pauline to college.

In societies that allow women so little autonomy (and most of American society was like this until the not-too-distant past), finding historical documents to illustrate the crucial roles women play can be difficult. In the colonial and antebellum South, this challenge is compounded by the fact that, even at the highest social levels, women were not infrequently illiterate. The assumption was that, since women didn't transact business, they should excel at the social and domestic graces (cooking, conversation, needlepoint), and not worry themselves with men's affairs, including reading and writing. The educated women of New England frightened Southerners, male and female alike, with their willingness to transgress "proper" gender roles and assume male responsibilities—a transgression considered freakish in traditional Southern culture.⁸ By contrast, the diaries and letters of New England women who visited the South up through the 19th century note that they found Southern women simple-minded to a fault, always willing to chatter away (conversation was a desirable social grace), but without much of substance to talk about, since they often didn't read, and when they did, chose light novels rather than works that improved the mind.

The heritage of male control of women in the South did not die without a battle (*has* it died even now?). Another family story I heard often as a child: my grandfather W. Z. Simpson hotly opposed woman suffrage, thinking that allowing women to vote permitted them to meddle in men's affairs. He particularly didn't want women meddling when (to his way of thinking) they didn't know enough to meddle constructively. When she gained the vote, my grandmother would spite her husband by refusing to tell him for whom she voted, leading him to conclude that she

⁸ For a novelistic treatment of this theme, see Stark Young's novel *So Red the Rose* (New York: Scribner, 1953), which weaves stories handed down in his northeastern Mississippi family regarding life in that region before the Civil War.

deliberately cancelled his vote in every election that came along. And maybe she had reason for the spite, since, whenever she would tell him she feared she might be losing her mind, he'd reply, "Darling, I wouldn't worry. It takes a smart person to lose her mind." After he died in 1930, when she dared finally to cut her hair, she found that she had had headaches for years because the hair coiled on top of her head was so heavy—and she could not cut it, because her husband refused to allow her to do so.

To summarize: (**tip #1**) if we want to release the hidden stories of women, we first have to have a strong desire to hear what they have to tell us. It's worth noting that the family stories about my grandfather's patriarchal attitudes came down not in the male line of my grandfather, but in the female lines of W. Z. Simpson's sisters Arabella and Augusta. They were the ones who had reason to resent his control, and who were willing to talk about it—as my mother resented and talked about her father's decision to leave money to his sons, but not his daughters. Women's stories are more likely to be preserved by women themselves than by the men who sought to control "their" women.

To recover voices obscured by "official" history, (**tip #2**) we also have to be creative, (**tip #3**) to leave no stone unturned, and (**tip #4**) to sift through family documents with an ear attuned to the hidden stories they are able to tell us. Where women (or those who wrote about the women in their lives) were literate, diaries and letters are valuable sources; otherwise, we may get glimpses of women's hidden lives, and hear their lost voices, in oral history, legal documents (we sometimes have to range far and wide to find these), and (**tip #5**) handiwork such as quilts, crochet work, and other artifacts into which women poured their creativity.⁹

⁹ On these artifacts as sources of genealogical information about female ancestors, see Kristine Loosley, "The Tapestries of Our Lives: Heirloom Quilts Tell Family Stories," *Family History Magazine* 57, No. 6 (Nov.-Dec. 2003), 23-28; Shauna Kennedy Wenger and Janet Kay Jensen, "Recipes: A Taste of Your Family Legacy," *ibid.*, pp. 32-38; and Jacqueline L. Tobin and Raymond G. Dobard, *Hidden in Plain View: A Secret Story of Quilts and the Underground Railroad* (NY: Anchor Books, 2000).

LONOKE ARKANSAS NEWS

Or Why We Should Check More Than One Source

Mr. Jonathan Smith of Jackson, Tennessee, discovered the following newspaper articles in the old Memphis *Avalanche*. The first article reports the burning of the Lonoke County, Arkansas, courthouse in 1881. The second article from 1885 mentions brick making for the rebuilding of the courthouse, plus the weather, and the comings and goings of a few Lonoke citizens. A search of the Lonoke newspapers at the Arkansas History Commission and State Archives was undertaken to corroborate the dates and information, but instead uncovered a discrepancy in the name of the person contracted to supply the brick for the new courthouse. The final two articles printed below had appeared in the *Lonoke Weekly News* previous to the second one mentioned above and provide a different name for the brick maker. We do not know how local information passed from Lonoke to Memphis for printing the same or following day. But in this case, at least some of the data was conflicting.

THE DAILY MEMPHIS AVALANCHE,
AUGUST 21, 1881, p. 1.

COURTHOUSE BURNED

What it cost the Temperance People of Lonoke County to Hold a Meeting

Little Rock, August 20. – The courthouse of Lonoke county, situated in the town of Lonoke, burned to the ground last night. The temperance people held a mass meeting in the early part of the evening. After adjourning they left a candle burning, and by some means the board upon which it was placed became ignited and set fire to the building, totally destroying it. Very few of the records were saved. Loss about \$7000.

THE DAILY MEMPHIS AVALANCHE, FRIDAY
MORNING, SEPTEMBER 11, 1885, p. 2, col. 3 and 4.

LONOKE, ARK., ITEMS

Mr. H. A. Toby, the gentleman who superintended the brick work at England & Co.'s brick store last winter, is here and will commence making brick at the Seasums' brickyard at once for our new courthouse. He has also bought Wm. Terrell's brick-kiln.

Mr. A. M. Hartley, who left here in the spring of 1884 for Missouri, returned last week, having found no better place than Lonoke. He has bought a half a block of ground from Mr. C. R. Hallum and will commence the erection of a residence at once.

Mr. Sam N. Castle, formerly bookkeeper for Mesers. Hodden & Farrington here, now with their Memphis house, spent several days in Lonoke this week. He has promised to come again in January to do some "courting." He has hosts of friends here who will always be glad to see him.

Mr. G. England returned from his eastern trip Tuesday. Mr. J. E. England, jr., who went with him, remained at Exeter, N. H., where he will attend college.

The work on our new college is progressing rapidly. The contractors hope to be ready to turn over the keys by September 19 as per contract, but we think it will push them to do so by that time.

Hon. O. M. Owen, ex representative from this county, has gone to Georgia, where he was called by the serious illness of his father.

The heavy rains that fell here Tuesday have gladdened the hearts of the farmers considerably.

The skating rink at England's Hall was opened last night, and largely attended.

The new scenery just received by England & Co., from a well known Chicago house for their new hall, has arrived. It is beautifully and tastily gotten up and few if any operahouses in the state will have nicer scenery than this.

Prairie chicken and deer hunting is all the rage here now since the game limit has expired.

LONOKE WEEKLY DEMOCRAT
SEPTEMBER 3, 1885, p. 4, col. 2

Mr. W. I. Irby has contracted for the brick work on the new courthouse and will arrive tomorrow to begin arrangements for laying the brick.

LONOKE WEEKLY DEMOCRAT
SEPTEMBER 10, 1885, p. 4, col. 5

Mr. W. I. Irby has arrived from Jonesboro. He has purchased the Terrell kiln of brick and will proceed at once to make a two hundred thousand kiln of brick at the old brick yard north of town. He expects to begin laying brick on the court house by the first day of October. The building will be erected on the vacant block fronting Capt. W. T. High's livery stable.

MENA WEEKLY STAR
Index of Obituaries and Death Notices, 1900 - 1903

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[Continued from Volume 44, Number 1 – March 2006]

The notice of death may have come in one of several forms; an obituary, a local news item, correspondence from surrounding community columnists, resolutions of respect from fraternal organizations, or a full article. This index includes only deaths of local interest occurring in Mena and surrounding area, of former residents living elsewhere, or current residents whose death occurred elsewhere.

The index is for the weekly version of the Mena Star and not the daily version that was published at the same time. It is likely that most items printed in the smaller daily version were also printed in the weekly version. However, it should not be assumed so. Researchers finding an article of interest in the weekly paper should also check the daily paper for the possibility of more information or detail.

The newspapers used for this index were microfilmed by the Arkansas History Commission and State Archives. Missing issues include: (1900) - Mar 15, Aug 30, Oct 25, Nov 1, Nov 15, Dec 6; (1901) - Jan 3 through Jan 24, all of February and March, Apr 18, May 9, May 30, all of June and July, Aug 1 through Aug 22, Nov 28, Dec 12 through Dec 26; (1902) - Mar 13, Jul 17, Jul 24, Aug 7, Aug 21, Aug 28, Sep 4, Sep 11, Dec 25; (1903) - Jan 15, Jan 22, Apr 9.

Following each name is the date of the newspaper and page.

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Adkins, I. B.	1/18/1900	5
Brooks, Mr.	1/18/1900	4
Masters, dau of William	1/25/1900	5
Petross, B. C.	1/25/1900	5
Philpot, Sarah Elizabeth	1/25/1900	4
Green, Mary	2/1/1900	5
Larimer, (woman)	2/1/1900	5
Murphy, infant of Geo.	2/1/1900	8
Bard, Rev. B. Frank	2/8/1900	4
, “Paddy”	2/8/1900	8
Keener, Mrs. Henry	2/8/1900	4
Powell, Mrs. Richard	2/8/1900	4
Collins, Grandmother	2/22/1900	5
Moon, Dr.	2/22/1900	8
Lynch, Pete	3/1/1900	5
Willis, W. M.	3/8/1900	5
Deason, Mrs. Joe	3/22/1900	5
Deason, Joe	3/22/1900	5
Guthrie, H. J.	3/22/1900	5
Harris, William	3/22/1900	8
Conn, Mary	3/29/1900	5
Mathis, W. C.	3/29/1900	3
Frost, Della	3/29/1900	4
Hensley, Robert W.	3/29/1900	5
Thompson, Thomas	3/29/1900	5
Leming, James Hill	4/5/1900	4
Myers, boy	4/5/1900	3
Salsenbury, Rube	4/5/1900	5
Niles, J. F.	4/5/1900	5
Potter, Mrs.	4/12/1900	5
Salyers, Mrs.	4/12/1900	5
Moore, William	4/19/1900	10

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Cummings, Grandmother	4/19/1900	10
Taylor, Joseph A.	4/26/1900	5
Sanders, Mr.	4/26/1900	5
Deaton, Mrs. Henry	5/3/1900	5
Kay, Mrs. Will	5/3/1900	5
Emery, A. C.	5/3/1900	4
Van Nada, Mrs. Sol	5/10/1900	5
Craddock, Sidney	5/17/1900	4
Graves, Sidney	5/17/1900	5
McCord, Mrs. J. M.	5/17/1900	5
Calkins, J. M.	5/17/1900	5
Caulkins, J. M.	5/24/1900	5
Robb, Harry Robbins	5/31/1900	8
Webster, W. H. J.	6/7/1900	3
Gibson, infant of Edwin	6/14/1900	4
Moore, W. C.	6/21/1900	4
Moore, W. C.	6/21/1900	5
Miller, George N.	6/28/1900	5
Moore, W. C.	7/5/1900	5
Bonner, Ralph	7/12/1900	5
Ringold, Lillie	7/12/1900	5
Shaw, B. D.	7/12/1900	5
Adkisson, Hattie	7/19/1900	3
DeHart, John	7/19/1900	8
Kinney, Amelia	7/19/1900	5
Melroy, Mary O.	7/19/1900	3
Sunderman, son of Wm.	7/19/1900	5
Downes, W. S.	7/19/1900	3
Chambers, G. W.	7/26/1900	5
Barton, Mrs. W. D.	7/26/1900	5
Beckler, Fannie	7/26/1900	3
Alexander, A. P.	8/2/1900	8
Martin, Dr. J. M.	8/9/1900	3
Higgins, Mrs.	9/6/1900	8

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Southern, Margaret	9/6/1900	8
Stilson, Merle D.	9/6/1900	8
Scanlon, Steve	9/20/1900	5
Jordan, J. E.	9/20/1900	5
Powers, Fred W.	9/27/1900	6
Barham, Mr. M. B.	9/27/1900	5
Fry, Artibell	9/27/1900	8
Miller, Lola	9/27/1900	8
Weliford, infant of Wm.	9/27/1900	8
Martin, G. T.	10/4/1900	6
McGinty, Joe	10/11/1900	5
Holdar, Ersie	10/11/1900	5
Rabjohn, Mr. B.	10/11/1900	5
James, Rev. E. S.	10/18/1900	5
Ferguson, Jack	10/18/1900	8
Ansell, Cozette	11/8/1900	8
Busby, J. W.	11/8/1900	8
Dagg, Mrs. Josephine	11/8/1900	5
Joplin, Robert	11/8/1900	4
Pool, John Leland	11/8/1900	8
Smith, Fay	11/8/1900	6
Dagg, Mrs. Josephine	11/22/1900	4
Dagg, Mrs. Josephine	11/22/1900	6
Petty, infant son of Geo. W.	11/22/1900	6
Self, Mrs. N. E.	11/22/1900	5
Batson, P. D.	11/29/1900	5
Harris, Charles	11/29/1900	5
Dagg, Josephine	11/29/1900	6
Furr, Mrs. Will	11/29/1900	5
Baker, James	12/13/1900	6
Bowman, infant of James	12/20/1900	8
McKinney, Ethel	12/27/1900	5
Cotton, J. J.	12/27/1900	5
Sherley, Mrs. Parson	12/27/1900	8

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Watkins, Buella	12/27/1900	6
Steele, Mrs. Fannie	1/31/1901	8
Bates, infant of G. W.	4/4/1901	8
Henderson, Mrs. Carrie	4/4/1901	4
Maddock, Grandmother	4/4/1901	8
Wimberly, Renie	4/4/1901	6
Baggs, Robert	4/4/1901	4
Allen, Mrs. John	4/11/1901	5
Conklin, J. R.	4/11/1901	5
Phillis, Glenn Avery	4/11/1901	3
Brown, William	4/25/1901	5
Connally, Addie	4/25/1901	6
Kenworthy, Mrs. L. J.	4/25/1901	5
Oliver, Mollie	4/25/1901	6
White, Ed	4/25/1901	5
Wilson, Mrs. John A.	4/25/1901	6
Wilson, Davey	4/25/1901	6
Mitchell, Aunt Rebecca	5/2/1901	4
Brommer, Mr. R. L.	5/2/1901	5
Martin, Feral	5/2/1901	8
Mitchell, Mrs. D.	5/2/1901	6
Unsford, Mrs. Tom	5/2/1901	5
Lunsford, Lila	5/2/1901	4
Kenworthy, Mrs. J. L.	5/2/1901	4
Alix, dau of Mrs. E.	5/2/1901	5
Brommer, Robert L.	5/2/1901	5
Mitchel, Nora	5/16/1901	5
Hudgins, child of Ode	5/23/1901	5
Larson, Anders	5/23/1901	6
Waters, Sallie	5/23/1901	5
Cald***, Mattie	8/29/1901	4
Potter, A. J.	8/29/1901	3

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Ewin, Watts A.	9/5/1901	5
Miller, Mrs. Martha	9/5/1901	6
Arnold, Oliver	9/12/1901	8
Cartwright, Lydia	9/12/1901	5
Loos, Ignatz Von Leola	9/12/1901	3
Hoyos, Louis	9/12/1901	8
Cartwright, Lidia	9/12/1901	8
Willoughby, W. M.	9/19/1901	4
Miller, Mrs. John	9/19/1901	5
Lindsey, Mrs. T. J.	9/19/1901	5
Wimberly, Dr. M. M.	9/19/1901	6
Lohorn, Mrs. A. C.	9/26/1901	5
Huddleston, John	9/26/1901	4
Wimberly, M. M.	9/26/1901	6
Allen, Peter B.	10/3/1901	4
Clover, Mr.	10/3/1901	6
Self, daughter of W. A.	10/3/1901	5
Allen, Peter B.	10/10/1901	8
Bates, Joseph	10/17/1901	8
Self, Mrs. T. A.	10/17/1901	5
Sims, Mrs. John	10/17/1901	5
Burr, daughter of George	10/24/1901	5
Shane, Mr.	10/24/1901	8
Taylor, infant	10/24/1901	8
Jett, infant of W. F.	10/31/1901	4
Noves, Mr.	10/31/1901	4
Stroup, Mrs. Rinda	10/31/1901	7
Moles, Paschal	11/14/1901	5
Porter, Mrs. R. W.	11/14/1901	5
Van Camp, Mr.	11/14/1901	5
Cabler, N. W.	11/21/1901	5
Cross, child of John	11/21/1901	5
Allstoll, Mrs. Saran	12/5/1901	3

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Hollie, daughter of Mr.	12/5/1901	8
McDonald, Everett	12/5/1901	5
Woods, Mrs.	1/2/1902	3
Mows, Mr.	1/9/1902	?
McClane, James	1/23/1902	?
Smith, Arlie	1/23/1902	?
Bruton, Elgie	1/30/1902	8
Cummings, Mrs. W. P.	1/30/1902	8
Mills, Mrs. Jack	1/30/1902	3
Winn, H. C.	1/30/1902	8
Johnson, Mr. H.	2/6/1902	6
May, Columbus	2/6/1902	5
Montgomery, William	2/6/1902	4
Olney, C. S.	2/6/1902	4
Brewer, Drew	2/13/1902	8
Kelly, baby of W. M.	2/13/1902	6
Taylor, Charley	2/13/1902	8
Mose, Mrs. J. W.	2/20/1902	2
Rice, baby of M. J.	2/20/1902	3
Welty, daughter of W. F.	2/20/1902	6
Cummings, Lucy Belle	2/20/1902	4
Rodman, Elmer E.	2/27/1902	3
Shields, A. B.	2/27/1902	3
Grayson, infant of E. B.	3/6/1902	4
Wise, B. F.	3/6/1902	5
Barber, Dr. R. F.	3/27/1902	8
Fields, George	3/27/1902	8
Jones, Mrs.	3/27/1902	8
Pledger, Mrs.	3/27/1902	5
Sharp, baby of J. H.	3/27/1902	5
Thacker, Geter	3/27/1902	5

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Banks, George E.	4/10/1902	5
Banks, George E.	4/10/1902	6
Hudgins, Holder	4/10/1902	6
Hudgins, Odie P.	4/10/1902	6
Ridling, George	4/10/1902	5
Welch, daughter of Jake	4/10/1902	4
Shields, A. B.	4/10/1902	5
Lane, Byron Rich	4/10/1902	8
Ridling, George	4/17/1902	6
Edwards, Mary	4/17/1902	4
Edwards, Mary	4/17/1902	6
Liles, C. C.	4/17/1902	4
Liles, C. C.	4/17/1902	6
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Brown, Henry	5/1/1902	8
Whitcomb, H. M.	5/1/1902	3
Erickson, Albert	5/1/1902	6
Gordon, Willie	5/15/1902	8
Isaacs, L. R.	5/15/1902	8
Phillips, Alma Lee	5/15/1902	8
Woodford, R. F.	5/15/1902	8
Howard, B. F.	5/29/1902	3
Howard, B. F.	5/29/1902	4
Barham, Harty	6/12/1902	?
Henderson, J. K.	6/12/1902	?
Witt, Hal	6/12/1902	?
Estes, Anna Leora	6/12/1902	?
Legate, daughter of Ben	6/12/1902	?
Cummings, Lucy Belle	6/19/1902	4
Means, Ida	6/19/1902	4
Wallace, Mrs.	6/19/1902	4
Wallace, Mrs.	6/19/1902	5
Boyce, Mrs. Matilda	6/26/1902	6

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Earl, nephew of A. J.	6/26/1902	5
Estes, Mrs. Tom	6/26/1902	6
Wallace, Mrs. M. A.	6/26/1902	6
Smith, Calvin	6/26/1902	8
Baker, Mrs. Lizzie	7/3/1902	8
Harrison, Berry	7/3/1902	6
Harrison, Mrs. George	7/3/1902	8
Cummings, Belle	7/3/1902	8
Jackson, Tom	7/10/1902	3
Jacobs, child of Orville	7/31/1902	4
Whisenant, son of Will	7/31/1902	4
Cotton, J. J.	8/14/1902	?
Hilton, John Wade	8/14/1902	?
Pate, Robert	8/14/1902	?
Patton, Mrs. Lizzie	8/14/1902	1
Patton, Samuel	8/14/1902	1
Young, Mrs.	8/14/1902	1
Daniel, infant of A. F.	9/18/1902	8
Pate, R. G.	9/18/1902	1
Faulkner, Venn	9/18/1902	6
Longnecker, infant of D. F.	9/18/1902	8
Cummings, Mrs. S. B.	9/25/1902	8
Grayson, daughter of E. B.	9/25/1902	5
Maggard, Norah	9/25/1902	8
McFarland, baby	9/25/1902	3
Jackson, baby of David	10/2/1902	8
Phipps, J. S.	10/2/1902	1
Pearl, Walter C.	10/2/1902	3
Harrover, W. A.	10/2/1902	8
Cling, Bessie	10/9/1902	6

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Miller, Frank	10/9/1902	8
Abernathy, Phillip	10/16/1902	3
Burton, Charles	10/16/1902	7
Corley, Cora	10/16/1902	8
Dunman, Etta	10/16/1902	1
Dunman, Etta	10/16/1902	7
Dunman, Etta	10/16/1902	8
Thompson, Ethel	10/16/1902	8
Bissell, Lemuel Harvey	11/6/1902	4
Forsee, Mr.	11/6/1902	8
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Copeland, Wiley B.	11/13/1902	8
Hasler, Ed	11/13/1902	1
Shearer, D. H.	11/13/1902	1
Shearer, D. H.	11/13/1902	5
Stranburg, Mrs. W. L. A.	11/13/1902	6
Davis, John	11/13/1902	6
Weber, W. R.	11/13/1902	6
Booth, Mrs. N. E.	11/20/1902	4
Booth, Mrs. R. T.	11/20/1902	6
Mace, infant of Bob	11/20/1902	5
Patrick, Mr.	11/20/1902	1
McDonald, Frank	11/27/1902	5
Kirton, infant of S. W.	12/4/1902	8
Mullins, Mrs. Will	12/4/1902	6
Webster, Charles	12/4/1902	8
Cook, Madora	12/11/1902	1
Willis, Mrs. W. H.	12/18/1902	5
Bissell, Mrs. C. H.	1/1/1903	6
Matthews, John	1/1/1903	8
McCulloch, J. D.	1/1/1903	8

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Porter, Mattie	1/1/1903	6
Smith, Mrs. Thomas	1/1/1903	8
McCullough, Mr.	1/1/1903	8
Brown, Mrs.	1/8/1903	6
Pearl, Mr.	1/8/1903	1
Bell, infant of W. S.	1/29/1903	5
Hayle, Milton	1/29/1903	8
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Sanders, infant of Newt	2/5/1903	8
Terry, Harold	2/12/1903	8
Wilcox, Father Nathan A.	2/12/1903	8
Evans, Mabel	2/19/1903	4
Garrett, infant of Walter	2/19/1903	5
Bean, George	2/26/1903	8
Bellew, Arthur	2/26/1903	8
Lang, daughter of J. H.	2/26/1903	8
Howlett, child of R. I.	3/5/1903	6
Hope, Laura	3/12/1903	5
Leming, Iley	3/12/1903	8
Robins, Robert	3/12/1903	8
Murphy, Dr. C. C.	3/12/1903	4
Gifford, Mrs. Isaac	3/19/1903	6
Gifford, Mrs. Isaac	3/19/1903	8
Gifford, daughter of Ira	3/26/1903	8
Chambers, infant of Alva	4/2/1903	6
Pitts, Mac	4/2/1903	8
Seabolt, Picken	4/2/1903	3
Worrell, J. W. Sr.	4/2/1903	8
Brewer, Mrs. M. M.	4/16/1903	5
Brewer, Mrs.	4/23/1903	6
Reese, Dr. William A.	4/23/1903	5

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Henderson, Henry	4/30/1903	8
Potter, Mrs. H. N.	4/30/1903	5
Sexton, Owen	4/30/1903	8
Bolton, J. W.	4/30/1903	1
Potter, Mrs.	5/7/1903	6
Ford, infant daughter of B.	5/7/1903	1
Huston, Mrs.	5/14/1903	1
Potter, Mrs. Harriet N.	5/14/1903	6
Ridling, Mrs. Margaret	5/14/1903	1
Wimberly, Tennessee Owen	5/14/1903	1
Winton, infant of J. B.	5/14/1903	1
Winton, infant of J. B.	5/14/1903	6
Wimberly, Mrs. M. L.	5/14/1903	3
McDonald, Tennessee	5/21/1903	8
McDonald, Mrs. Cliff	5/21/1903	3
Ridling, Mrs. Margaret L.	5/21/1903	6
Stevens, Mrs. Lon	5/21/1903	6
Gilmore, Nora Rowena	5/28/1903	6
Willis, Mr.	5/28/1903	6
Dupree, C. C.	6/4/1903	5
Milton, infant of Jesse	6/4/1903	8
Robbins, Mack	6/11/1903	6
Barnes, Joe	6/18/1903	8
Hopper, Earl	6/18/1903	4
Hall, Mrs. G. W.	6/18/1903	5
Abney, William	6/25/1903	8

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Church, Mrs. George H.	6/25/1903	3
Davis, Othie	6/25/1903	4
Redmon, infant girl of Mr.	6/25/1903	4
Burke, Harry	7/2/1903	1
Dobson, baby dau of R. L.	7/2/1903	1
Plunkett, infant of C. E.	7/2/1903	3
Plunkett, infant of C. E.	7/2/1903	5
Balstine, Andrew	7/9/1903	6
Cayce, M. S.	7/9/1903	3
Kennedy, Mrs. M. M.	7/9/1903	1
Whisenhunt, dau of W. T.	7/9/1903	5
Willhite, Monroe	7/9/1903	6
Cole, Mrs. Sallie C.	7/16/1903	4
Field, Mrs. A. C.	7/16/1903	6
Lockhart, Mr.	7/30/1903	5
Dunn, J. A.	8/6/1903	4
Isom, Anthony	8/13/1903	1
McDonald, infant of Cliff	8/13/1903	3
White, George	8/20/1903	4
Nix, Martin Van Buren	8/27/1903	5
Naler, William	8/27/1903	5
York, Mrs. G. P.	9/3/1903	6
Edwards, Zack	9/3/1903	7
Ridling, Mrs. Minerva	9/10/1903	7
Burnett, Mrs. J. M.	9/10/1903	8
Hill, infant of James	9/10/1903	8
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Chambers, Mrs. Mary A. J.	9/10/1903	4

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Pope, Lillian Beatrice	9/17/1903	6
Scates, infant son of W. A.	9/17/1903	4
Abernathy, inf. of Columbus	9/24/1903	7
Hayes, "Grandma"	9/24/1903	8
Hilton, James	9/24/1903	5
Jones, infant twins of Fay	9/24/1903	7
Petty, John T.	9/24/1903	8
Harrison, Taylor	10/8/1903	12
Penrod, Chas. B.	10/8/1903	12
Rhodes, infant	10/8/1903	8
Worrell, Claude	10/8/1903	12
Cole, Chas.	10/15/1903	10
Penrod, C. B.	10/15/1903	7
Penrod, C. B.	10/15/1903	9
Worrell, Claude	10/15/1903	9
Worrell, Claude	10/15/1903	10
Ingram, child of Mr.	10/22/1903	11
Hilton, son of J. N.	10/22/1903	11
Hogeland, C. W.	10/22/1903	7
Ingham, Sydney Arthur	10/22/1903	11
Stockton, Chas.	10/22/1903	5
Foot, Mr.	10/29/1903	12
Donaldson, Mr.	11/5/1903	9
Harvey, Holliday	11/5/1903	10

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Bates, George	11/5/1903	11
Pool, D. A.	11/5/1903	8
Jones, Rev. Frank	11/12/1903	10
Hopper, William	11/26/1903	7
Watson, Thomas	11/26/1903	10
Burns, A. F.	11/26/1903	8
Chatham, Dewey Hall	12/3/1903	8
Daniels, Maude	12/3/1903	9
Grayson, E. B.	12/3/1903	9
Grayson, E. B.	12/3/1903	12
Culbertson, Elmer	12/10/1903	8
Chatham, Douglas	12/10/1903	11
Duesenbury, Annie L.	12/10/1903	6
Parker, J. H.	12/10/1903	10
Vine, son of Mrs.	12/10/1903	9
Grayson, E. B.	12/10/1903	10
Cohn, Thos.	12/17/1903	9
Durham, M. E.	12/17/1903	8
Miller, George R.	12/17/1903	12
Parker, Frank	12/17/1903	9
Parker, Frank	12/17/1903	10
Warren, Alice Lucile	12/17/1903	9
Conn, Dode	12/24/1903	8
Keys, Mr.	12/24/1903	9
Venerable, baby of Joe	12/24/1903	12
Lee, William	12/31/1903	12

Becky Quattlebaum: A Family Story Retold

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Everything you read or hear about your family isn't necessarily true. If you have been doing family history research for any length of time this isn't news to you. Oral family history has a way of changing through the years.

When I first heard the story of Becky Quattlebaum, I committed it to paper as soon as possible, noting who told me, where and when. As I discovered new cousins through my research I would ask about the story and hear much the same tale. I searched out records to support or disprove the story, viewing it as a puzzle and assembling the pieces.

There was some discrepancy in opinions of Becky's origin. Some people thought that Becky was the daughter of Paul and Lucy (Rivers) Chastain Quattlebaum. Others thought she was a stepdaughter of Lucy. The true story was told eventually by Becky's daughter Ailene and confirmed by Becky herself.

Becky was born Mamie Rebecca Quattlebaum on 29 March 1906 in Van Buren County, Arkansas, the daughter of Enos Quattlebaum and his first wife Mamie Rebecca Studevan. Mamie died in childbirth and Enos was faced with caring for his newborn daughter, as well as a two year-old son. Faced with this daunting responsibility, Enos trekked over the hill carrying little Becky to the home of his brother Paul and Paul's wife Lucy who lived on top of a mountain about two miles north of Bee Branch.

Paul and Lucy's daughter Venie had been born just ten days before Becky. It was into this home that Enos brought his newborn daughter and placed her in the arms of his sister-in-law. Lucy began to nurse and care for Becky along with her own daughter. However, because Lucy was

unable to provide sufficient nourishment for both babies, the community developed a unique infant feeding plan.

From all around the surrounding area, nursing mothers answered the call. Each woman climbed aboard a wagon and traveled to the Quattlebaum home and took her turn nursing these infants. At church the two babies were passed around among the nursing mothers for feeding.

The 1910 census attests to the fact that Becky was Paul's niece,³⁶ but for six years Lucy raised Vena and Becky as twins. Vena's hair was light and Becky's was dark, but their hairdos were done in the same manner. They were also dressed alike, as was the custom with twins. Existing photos attest to the healthy, happy development of both children.³⁷

When Becky was six years old, her father Enos, remarried³⁸ and no doubt longing for his daughter, wanted Becky to return to his household. Perhaps without considering the effect upon the child and the rest of the family, he took her from the home in which she had been raised and from the only mother she had ever known. This was a traumatic and heart-rending experience for Becky. However, tragedy, sorrow, and disappointment colored her life only in a positive way. Throughout her life she was always kind to others and thoughtful of their comfort.

³⁶ Paul Quattlebaum household, 1910 U.S. census, Van Buren County, Arkansas, population schedule, Bradley township, ED 119, stamped p. 55A, dwelling 161, family 163; National Archives microfilm T624, roll 66.

³⁷ Photograph of Venie and Becky Quattlebaum, in possession of author.

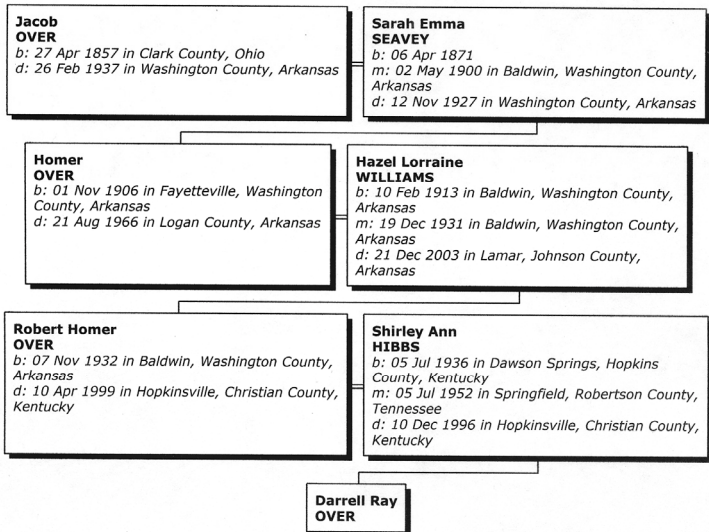
³⁸ E.E. Quattlebaum to Susie Rhoades, Van Buren County, Arkansas, Marriage Book 9: 48.

Arkansas Ancestry Certificates

Nineteenth Century Arkansas Ancestry Certificate for Darrell Ray Over through Jacob Over

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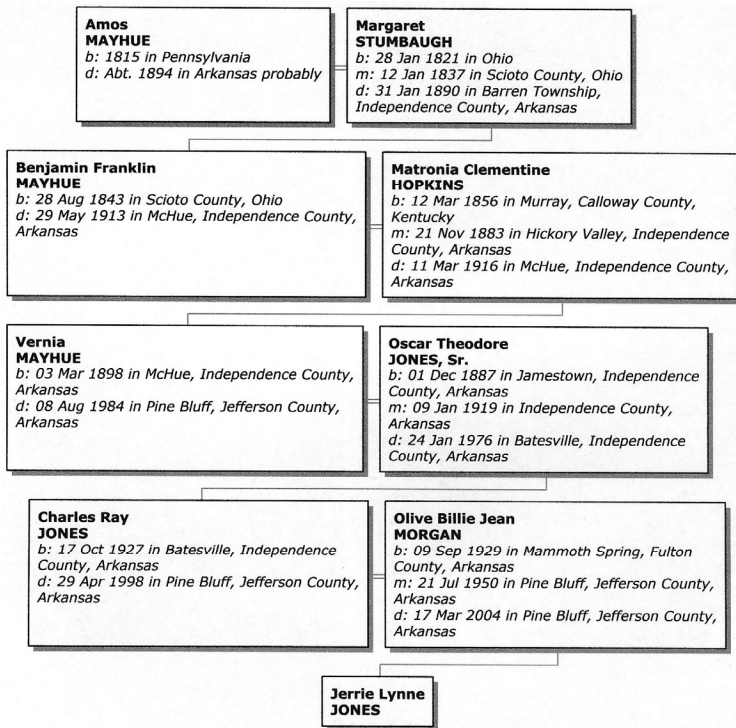
Darrell Ray Over received a Certificate of Arkansas Ancestry for the nineteenth century period based on documentation submitted for the following lineage. The nineteenth century ancestor was Jacob Over. Jacob Over appears in the marriage records of Washington County on 2 May 1900.



Nineteenth Century Arkansas Ancestry Certificate for Jerrie Jones Townsend through Amos Mayhue

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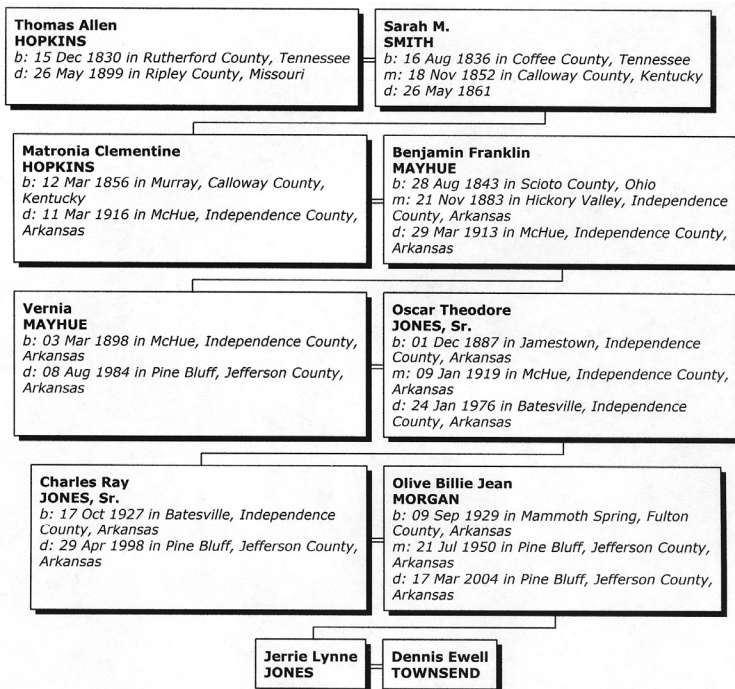
Jerrie Jones Townsend received a Certificate of Arkansas Ancestry for the nineteenth century period based on documentation submitted for the following lineage. The nineteenth century ancestor was Amos Mayhue. Amos Mayhue appears in the 1870 Independence County census.



Antebellum Arkansas Ancestry Certificate for Jerrie Jones Townsend through Thomas Allen Hopkins

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Jerrie Jones Townsend received a Certificate of Arkansas Ancestry for the antebellum period based on documentation submitted for the following lineage. The antebellum ancestor was Thomas Allen Hopkins. Thomas Allen Hopkins appears in the 1860 Lawrence County census.



Arkansas Queries

MARTIN: Seeking information on Samuel H. Martin & wife Sarah Martin. They married in Franklin Co TN. Moved to Marion Co AR in 1840. Moved to Newton Co AR. Samuel is 56 in the 1870 Newton Co AR census; wife Sarah is 50; their son John M. Martin m Susan Virginia Hardister; son James C. Martin m Arminta F. Robinson; both live by Samuel & Sarah. Samuel is not in the 1880 Newton Co AR census. Sarah is living with her daughter Elizabeth & her husband H. T. Martin. By 1900 census Sarah apparently died. Any info on any of these Martins would be appreciated. Thanks. **Margery Wheeler**, email *Wheelerwm@aol.com*.

MAY – VAUGHAN: Seeking information on Daniel Morgan May and Cora Ellen (Vaughn) May m 16 Feb 1902. Daniel Morgan May was b 26 Jun 1881 and was the son of George Washington May b 8 July 1840 in Mason Co KY and Margaret (Arthurs) May. Cora Ellen Vaughan was b 11 Jan 1880 and was the third of ten children born to James Randolph Vaughan and Elizabeth Lee, probably m in the early 1870s. Our records show that all ten Vaughan children were born in Clifty, Madison Co AR. By 1902 Daniel Morgan and Cora Ellen May were in the Needmore, Vinita area of Oklahoma. **D. Alan May**, 1310 – 24th St. SE, Auburn, WA 98002-7840, email *maytribe@comcast.net*.

MCKUIN: Need a little help with the McKuin family line from Conway & Van Buren AR. Later moved to Southeast MO (1930-40s ?). **Ron McKuin**, 2760 Barron Road, Poplar Bluff, MO 63901, email *rMcKuין@semo.net*.

MOORE: Need parents or siblings of Albert B. Moore of NC. Found in Marion Co AR 1860 census. Also any information about his murder in 1866 in Marion County. **Helen McMindes**, 5201 Stagecoach Rd, #10, Little Rock, AR 72204, email calark@comcast.net.

NAPIER – CLAIBORNE: Looking for Ophelia A. Napier & James Claiborne who married in Independence Co AR in 1857. Ophelia was daughter of Madison C. Napier b 1808 TN, d 1860 Batesville AR. Ophelia was in Batesville in 1862 visiting her sister Mary Rey and possibly went to St. Louis. James Claiborne d abt 1874 but do not know where. Ophelia was raising several children after her husband's death. Ophelia was alive in 1876 when her sister died. **Teresa Citarella**, 2275 Springs Landing Blvd., Longwood, FL 32779.

O'DANIEL: Information on the **Happy Bend Church** near Blackwell in Conway County. Looking for the O'Daniel family buried in the Happy Bend Cemetery and photos of the church, old records with names of church members and date church disbanded. Earliest documented burial is 1871 and the latest was 1942. It was a Methodist Church built by Jason Franklin Summerhill. If anyone has information please contact me. **George Richardson**, 3425 So Clarkson St., Englewood, CO 80113.

PETTY: Need information on John H. Petty of Desha Co AR. Need copy of marriage bond dated 1886, marriage license returned in 1887. He was born in Tishomingo Co MS; eldest son John Westley Petty also in Desha Co AR and in Hot Spring Co AR in 1910. John H. Petty was in Co. E 26th Infantry in War Between The States, CSA. **Jessie M. Ashford**, Colonial Arms #108, 1220 So. Main St., Malvern, AR 72104.

PORTER – LOWRY – DELAMAR – THOMPSON – CREAMER – BRIGHT – GARRETT: Need information on these surnames. **Ann Lowry**, 75 Whitewood Cir., Edgemont, AR 72044-9606, email ramlowry@artelco.com.

POWER – BUTLER – ADKINS – RUTHERFORD – COSTON – ETHERIDGE – WILCOX: I am interested in the following families that came to Hot Spring Co AR – John Gaine Power (1845), Elizabeth Butler (1845), Thomas Nathaniel Adkins (1849), David Thomas Rutherford (1870), William H. Rutherford (1873), John Andrew Coston (1884), John Green Etheridge (1884), Gordon Hall Wilcox (1886). **Ralph A. Coston**, P.O. Box 163, Warren, AR 71671, email racoston@earthlink.net.

ROSS – CAMPBELL – RAY: Who was Isaac W. Ross, age 65, b GA, in 1880 census of Pike Co., AR, White Twp., p. 479? His much younger wife Mary E., age 37, 16 year-old stepson Benjamin Huddleston, and two year-old son Isaac F. Ross imply a second marriage. Could Isaac also be the father of Martha Adaline, said to be surname Ross, b ca 1843 GA, m (1) John C. Campbell who d 1880 Pike Co., and (2) Elijah Ray ca 1881, had daughter Mandy Jane Ray 1882. **Susan Boyle** 57 Plantation Acres Drive, Little Rock, AR 72210-3627; email susanb1996@aol.com

SCOTT: Looking for an unknown Scott ancestor. He married Elizabeth Marshall abt 1863, somewhere in the Searcy or Van Buren Co area. He and Elizabeth had two daughters: Angeline and Mary. Angeline was b Apr 1864 and Mary was b in 1867/68. He is not listed with his family on the 1870 census of Van Buren Co. On the 1880 census of VB Co Elizabeth is listed as divorced living with

her two daughters. Elizabeth m Daniel P. Wilson in Nov 1880 in Clinton, AR. **Kathryn Garcia**, 5111 Tiffany Circle, Killeen, TX 76549, email KGSearcher@aol.com.

SHIRLEY: Samuel Shirley b 1809-1810, m bef 1843 to Elizabeth “Eliza” A. Bryant, prob in Cobb Co GA. She was b 10 Nov 1819, Morgan Co GA; d aft 12 Jun 1880, Moro Twp. Calhoun Co AR. Samuel d bet 1862-1870 in AR. He may have been married previously, and living in Smithland, Lincoln Co KY with a wife and two sons in 1860. Samuel and Elizabeth were living in Moro Twp, Bradley Co AR on the 1860 census. Known children were: (1) Henry W. Shirley, b 1845/6 GA; (2) Wilson Shirley, b 1848-50 GA, d 03 Apr 1897 Lee Twp, Cleveland Co AR; (3) Georgianna Shirley, b abt 1850, d 1894-1908 in AR, m Collin Tapley Crabb, lived in Dallas Co AR; (4) Margaret A. Shirley, b 1855/6 GA, d aft 12 Sep 1872 Bradley Co AR, m William Lackey; (5) Bryant Shirley, b 1856/7 GA, d bet 1860-1870 AR; (6) Roseanna M. Shirley, b 1856/57 GA, d aft 25 Dec 1882 Cleveland Co AR; (7) Rebecca Shirley, b 1860-1861 AR, d aft 1870; (8) Josephine Shirley, b 1863/1864 AR, d aft 1870. **Ruby Edith Davies**, 4725 Ventura Lane, Fort Collins, CO 80525, email cpq19m5p@gte.net.

SULLIVAN – WYATT – WILLIAMS – EACHOLS – DODD: John W. Sullivan, Sulphur Rock, Independence Co AR, d abt 1862. Nancy D. Wyatt, Independence Co AR, b abt 1859. William Dudley Williams, Independence Co AR, b abt 1852. Maud Eachols, Independence Co AR, d abt 1948. Delilah Ann Dodd, Independence Co AR, b 2 Feb 1839; d 10 Sep 1912. James Henry Wyatt, Independence Co AR, d 5 Mar 1910. **Ron Sullivan**, 133 Felps Court, Colleyville, TX 76034, email viohow@msn.com.

Book Review

Index of Death Notices Appearing in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, January 1 to June 30, 2005. By Oscar G. Russell. Published by Russell Publishing Company, 506 Loop Road, Sherwood, Arkansas 72120-2216. 260 pp.; 10,396 entries indexed alphabetically by surname. Hardbound, \$34. Include Arkansas tax-exempt number where applicable.

This volume is another in a continuing series of death-notice indexes from Mr. Russell. As indicated by Mr. Russell in his introduction, not all obituaries listed appeared in a Central Arkansas edition of the newspaper and are clearly marked with (*1) in the column to the far right of the page. Each page consists of eight columns: Surname, Given Name, Town of Death, State of Death, Age of Individual, Date of Newspaper, Page and Column Number and lastly the Edition. Mr. Russell further explains the use of USPS state abbreviations, “n/s” to indicate no age given, and “inf” for children under the age of one year. He advises the reader of the fact that there are some duplications because news articles were also searched and the information given may differ from one account to another. Mr. Russell has included a 2005 calendar to facilitate the researcher in establishing the day of the week the death occurred.

The Index will aid researchers of Arkansas death notices.

Rita Anderson
Little Rock, Arkansas

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