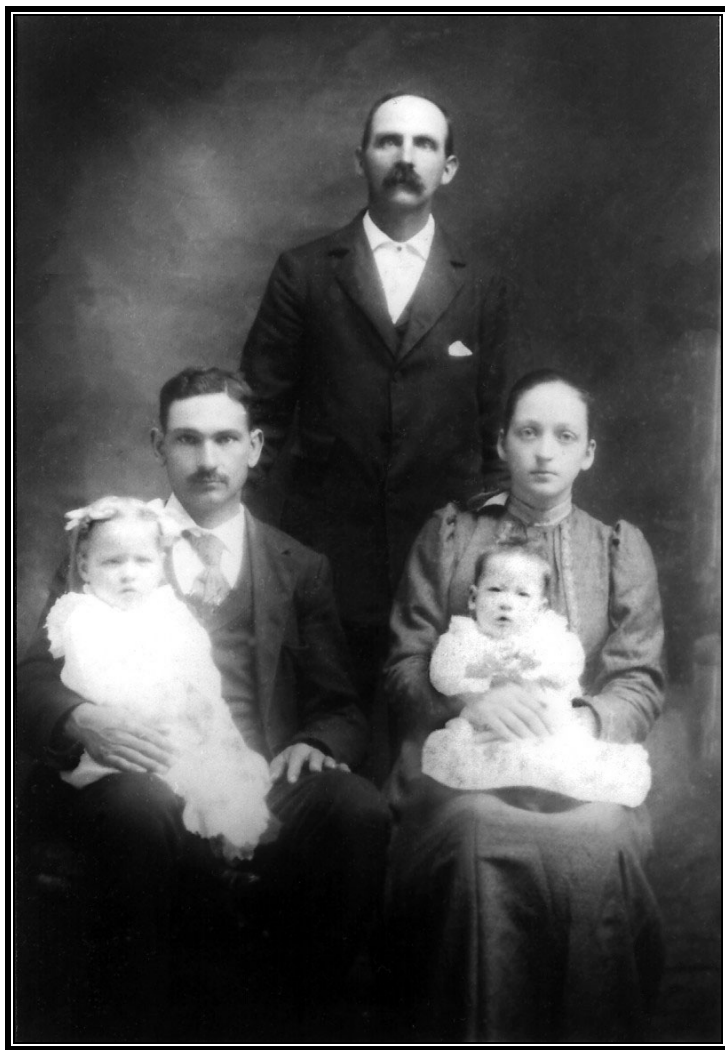


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Standing: Benjamin F. Smith, father of Leliar.
Photo taken about 1902.

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

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[Part 4, continued from Volume 44, Number 3, September 2006]

Three Stories, continued

Aunt Mollie Simpson

I never met old Aunt Moll Simpson, as my family called her, though I feel I must have done so at some point in my life, since her name was mentioned constantly when I was growing up. She was a cautionary tale, just as she had been in my mother's childhood, when her mother often said, "Girl, if you don't get control of that high temper of yours and that jealous heart, you'll end up like your old aunt Moll Simpson, who lost her mind." To hear my grandmother Hattie (Batchelor) Simpson tell it, insanity was something strictly confined to the Simpson side of the family; it never reared its head on her Batchelor side of the family. And it was a moral failing, rooted in inability or refusal to control one's baser emotions, particularly jealousy and rage.

Hattie herself had never met Aunt Moll, who evidently died in the 1880s—probably before Hattie was even born in 1888, and certainly many years before Hattie had met and married Moll's nephew William Zachariah Simpson. Though she was spoken of as a familiar presence, warning us of dire consequences if we did not behave, none of us ever knew much about her—except for the bare fact that she was an aunt of my grandfather William Z. Simpson. When I began to do family history, I began to add tiny bits to the bare bones of her story: I quickly found, for instance, that she appears on censuses from 1850 through 1880 as Mary Simpson, born in 1841 or 1842.¹

¹ Zachariah S. Simpson household, 1850 U. S. census, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, population schedule, District 2, page 219, dwelling and family 406; National Archives [NA] microfilm M432, roll 24; Mary L.'s age is given as 9. Zachariah S. Simpson household, 1860

About the only real historical evidence we have that she even existed is her listing in her parents' household in 1850 and 1860, and after that in the households of in-laws up to the date of her death, which is itself elusive.

She also appears in estate documents of her parents Zachariah Simms Simpson and Elizabeth Pryor, however, and these were my first introduction to the real Aunt Moll, the first documents that made me begin to realize that there was a larger story to this elusive relative of long ago than the scarecrow figure sketched by the cautionary tales I heard as a child suggested. When I began to track the history of this side of my family, the first trace I found of Aunt Moll's intriguing "real" life was when she showed up at the sale of her parents' estate in 1870. When the land was first sold on 22 January 1870, my great-grandfather, Mannen Clements Simpson, a brother of Mary L., divided it into tracts of 280, 200, and 480 acres. The 280 acres represented the home tract and evidently had the family's house on it. Mary L. Simpson bid for and bought the home tract.²

Claiming that the land had sold for less than its real value (the entire 960 acres sold for a mere \$225), Mannen C. Simpson had the sale declared invalid and petitioned for its resale. Another sale was held on 14 March, with the home tract now going to Elizabeth Simpson, wife or widow of Mary's brother Richard A.

U. S. census, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, population schedule, Western Division, page 676, North River post office, dwelling 673, family 609; NA M653, roll 25; Mary M. was listed as age 18. Rosabella Simpson household, 1870 U. S. census, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, population schedule, Precinct 4, New Lexington post office, page 248, dwelling 106, family 102; NA M593, roll 43; Mary was listed as age 28. Robert Smith household, 1880 U. S. census, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, population schedule, Beat No. 7, Dodson's post office, enumeration district [ED] 155, page 603B, dwelling and family 326; NA T9, roll 34; Mary was listed as sister-in-law, age 30. Note that all censuses prior to 1880 consistently imply that her year of birth was around 1841-1842.

² Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, Orphans Court Book 10: 375-7; and Tuscaloosa County Inventories and Orphans Court Book 1868-70: 224-5. The estate file has also survived, and contains the original sale return.

Simpson,³ whose descendants say he disappeared in the war years, perhaps abandoning his family and moving to Texas where he died. In the first sale, Mannen C. Simpson's wife's uncle William T. Long (m. Louvenia Catherine Winn) had bought the tract of 200 acres; the second sale again sold this tract to Long. In the initial sale, the 480-acre parcel had gone to Thomas B. Clements, a half-brother of Zachariah S. Simpson; at the second sale, this land went to George W. Norris, a son of Zachariah S. Simpson's daughter Emeline, who married Rev. William Siras Norris. At this sale, the 960 acres netted \$528.

Some twenty years prior to this, 1600 acres belonging to Zachariah S. Simpson's father-in-law Joseph Pryor in the same area (the northwest quadrant) of the county had sold for \$1,767.⁴ Granted, the Civil War had intervened and utterly destroyed the economy of the area, and a 28 October 1869 interrogation of George W. Norris and John D. Haley in the estate file notes that, while the landholdings of Zachariah S. Simpson included some very good land, some of it was of a "peculiar situation and character." Still, one cannot read the estate documents without asking whether Mannen C. Simpson was an effective administrator of the estate—and there are indications throughout the documents that his siblings considered that this question might need to be raised.

Pore through the extensive estate file for Zachariah S. and Elizabeth (Pryor) Simpson, and unanswered questions jump out everywhere. The most obvious one is the one I have just raised: whether Mannen C. Simpson's siblings had confidence in his administration. The administration fell to him by default, since he was the only male heir still living in Tuscaloosa County at the time of his parents' demise. Three of his older brothers, Joseph Pryor, John T., and William Henderson Simpson, had either been killed as Confederate soldiers or died of illness in the war.⁵

³ Original Sale Return, Zachariah Simpson Estate File, County Clerk's Office, Tuscaloosa, Alabama; also Tuscaloosa County Inventory Book 1868-70: 217.

⁴ Tuscaloosa County Inventory and Orphans Court, Book 1852-4: 1-6, 29 January 1852.

⁵ Joseph Pryor Simpson, aged 40, died at McLemore's Cove two days after being wounded at Chickamauga; J. P. Simpson, compiled military record (private, Company G, 51st Alabama, Partisan Rangers),

Richard, as noted previously, is said to have gone to Texas and was never heard from again. The only remaining brother, James Clements Simpson, was living in Mississippi when his parents died and couldn't settle the estate. The settlement fell to the youngest son, Mannen, who was the next child in the family after Moll and the next-to-youngest child of all.

One bone of contention between Mannen as estate administrator and his siblings was clearly that, when he petitioned on 26 August 1869 to sell the land of Zachariah S. Simpson, his list of the heirs of his parents (who died within three months of each other in 1869) omitted his sister Moll, as well as the widow and children of his brother William.⁶ On the same day, Rosabella Loduska (Camp) Simpson filed a complaint on behalf of her children, evidently with the support of the other

Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers Who Served in Organizations Raised in Alabama, microfilm M311 (Washington: National Archives), roll 447. John T. Simpson died in the hospital at Corinth, Mississippi on 13 May 1862, aged 27; since the papers indicate he was hospitalized several times for pneumonia, this was possibly the cause of his death; J. T. Simpson compiled military record (private, Company G, 50th Alabama Infantry), *Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers Who Served in Organizations Raised in Alabama*, microfilm M311 (Washington: National Archives), roll 444. William Henderson Simpson was in the same unit as his brother John and died 4 June 1862 in the hospital at Corinth of "disease" at age 26; W. H. Simpson compiled military record, (*ibid.*).

⁶ Tuscaloosa County, Alabama Orphans Court Book 10: 270-1; original document in estate file. Zachariah S. Simpson died on 6 March 1869, and Elizabeth (Pryor) Simpson on 22 June 1869, according to the Bible of granddaughter Lela Augusta (Simpson) Arendale. The Bible was published by the American Bible Society in New York in 1884 and was given to Lela Augusta Simpson by her father Mannen C. Simpson on her twelfth birthday on 26 September 1886. It is now in the possession of the Local and Genealogical Collection of the Tuscaloosa, Alabama, public library, 1801 River Road, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401. The dates of death of Zachariah S. and Elizabeth (Pryor) Simpson are entered into the Bible register in the handwriting of their son Mannen, who died on 3 November 1886.

heirs of the estate, several of whom were subpoenaed to testify on behalf of Loduska.⁷

Why the conspicuous omissions of heirs whose relationship to the estate was, after all, very easy to prove? It's hard to avoid wondering if there was not some deep-seated family tension that had to do with the complex marriage relationships between the Simpson and other families living near them in Tuscaloosa County. Loduska Camp was the daughter of Mark Moore Camp and Mary Caroline Winn. Mannen C. Simpson's wife Samantha Jane Braselton was the daughter of Mary Caroline (Winn) Camp's sister Elizabeth Ann Winn, who married Wm. H. Braselton. According to a Winn researcher in Northport, Alabama—Lorene Williamson, who shared the following information with me by letter on 21 September 1989—Sime Camp, a descendant of Loduska's brother George W. Camp, once told her that Mary L. Simpson had been engaged to Loduska's brother Hosea Camp, who disappeared during the Civil War. When he did not return from the war, Mary L. refused to marry anyone else, hoping always for his return. It is worth noting that, after her parents died, Mary L. moved in with her sister-in-law Loduska, with whom she is enumerated on the 1870 census, only four pages from the family of Mannen and Samantha Simpson.⁸ Given that Mannen Simpson's wife was a first cousin of Loduska and Hosea Camp, it is impossible to avoid wondering what role interfamilial tensions in families other than the Simpson family might have played in the drama surrounding the estate of Zachariah S. Simpson. However, the final settlement of the estate on 14 August 1871, which occurred after Mannen C. Simpson resigned as administrator on 19 April 1870, still excludes Loduska and her children, although she bought the family's dining room table at the sale of personal property on 23 November 1869, evidently the dining table of

⁷ Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, Orphans Court Book 10: 351; original petition in estate file. Mary L. Simpson, William S. Norris (husband of Emeline Simpson), and Sarah O. Simpson Smith, another heir, were all subpoenaed on the day Loduska filed her petition; on the 28th, Sarah's husband Robert Smith was subpoenaed, along with Emeline Simpson Norris (see original documents in estate file).

⁸ Rosabella Simpson household, 1870 U. S. census, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, population schedule, page 248, NA M593, roll 43.

Joseph Pryor, which Zachariah S. Simpson had bought at his father-in-law's estate sale on 29 January 1852.⁹

It is also hard to avoid asking if part of Mannen Simpson's motive for having the initial sale of his father's land declared invalid was to prevent his sister Moll from buying the homeplace. Given that Mannen also excluded Moll from the list of the estate heirs, the invalidation of the original estate sale seems definitely to be about more than obtaining a better price for the land. It cannot be beside the point that the society in which this family lived would not easily permit an unmarried woman to own substantial property independent of male control. One cannot help but wonder as well where Moll got the money to buy the land and her parents' house.... Nothing indicates that she had ever been gainfully employed up to this point in her life.

The controversy regarding the estate and Mannen's handling of it seem to have caused a decisive break in his relationship with his family in Alabama, since, in the year after the estate was settled, he moved his family from Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, to Slate Spring, Mississippi, where his brother James and uncle Samuel Pryor had already settled. Stories passed down in whispers by my family hint at turbulence in the family's life—turbulence rooted in problems Mannen may have brought into the family circle. These stories speak of Mannen as a “ne'er-do-well” who worked as an overseer on a relative's plantation in Mississippi, and as the turnkey of the county jail. He died young at the age of 41: though yellow fever epidemics were sweeping through east central Mississippi in the 1880s, killing scores of people each season, one also wonders if heavy drinking played any role in his early demise, as it did in the early death of at least one grandson. More gaps: the Simpsons were a tight-lipped bunch who would rather carry unsavory family secrets to the grave than to reveal them; they would not be happy with me for doing so, even now, when no one closely connected to these stories is living.

⁹ Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, Orphans Court Book 10: 375-7; Mannen C. Simpson filed the return for the sale of personal property on 24 January 1870; see also Tuscaloosa County Inventories and Orphans Court Book 1868-70: 224-5. The account of the sale of Joseph Pryor's estate is in Tuscaloosa County Inventory and Orphans Court Book, 1852-4: 1-6.

After finding the estate records and noting all the unanswered questions they raise, particularly regarding the relationship of my great-grandfather to his sister Moll, I managed to hunt up various Simpson relatives still living around Tuscaloosa. Here's the story they told me. Note that it coexists very uneasily with the crazy-old-Aunt-Moll legend passed down in my branch of the family—presumably from Mannen Simpson himself, in whose relationship to his sister there evidently ran bad blood.

The story told by relatives still living in the area in which Moll lived out her life is that she wasn't crazy at all: she was simply a strong, self-directed woman in a society that didn't encourage women to have such traits without male "coverture." As Virginia Harless Montgomery of Northport informs me in a 26 September 1989 letter, "About the insanity of Moll, I have talked to several older cousins and they said they did not think she was crazy but a very independent woman." When her beau did not return from the war, she lived with first one and then another relative, refusing to marry, spending her latter years with her sister Emeline, whose husband pastored Nazareth Baptist church in Tuscaloosa County, a church founded by his father Rev. John Norris.¹⁰ Some cousins I have interviewed said Moll died at Emeline Norris's home, and was buried beside her sister in the Nazareth cemetery. If she ever had a tombstone, it's long gone. Others indicate that she is buried in the Winter family cemetery beside her nephew William C. Smith in a grave marked only by a rock.¹¹

Two very different stories—a crazy woman, or a strong, independent, unconventional one: take your pick. Which is right? We just don't have enough historical evidence to be certain. Was the cautionary tale William Z. Simpson told his wife Hattie a story tainted by bad blood between his father and aunt? Given the complex intermarriages and crisscrossing Winn-Camp-

¹⁰ Meryl Sherwood, "Norris," in *Pioneers of Tuscaloosa Co., Alabama, Prior to 1830*, edited by Tuscaloosa Genealogical Society (Montgomery: Herff Jones, 1981), 179.

¹¹ The latter tradition is recounted by Virginia Harless Montgomery of Northport in a letter to me dated 28 August 1989 in which she tells me she had the story from Fleda Montgomery Mouchette, who recalled her mother and grandmother (Sarah Simpson Smith) putting flowers on Moll's grave and telling stories about her.

Simpson family lines, had something happened in the wider family network to cause the bad blood? What should one make of the hints that Mannen Simpson may have had a darker side, one that might have affected his administration of his parents' estate? Given that his grandfather Joseph Pryor had stipulated in his will that Joseph's second wife was not to inherit quilts and counterpanes she had made with her own hands, did Mannen feel the need to punish a sister who had somehow gotten "out of control?" Tantalizing unanswered questions: Ellen Douglas is wise to observe, "All these silences, all these unfinished tales, these lacunae in the evidence, are intolerable to me. *What kind of people are these?* I keep asking myself. No. Not *What kind of people are these*, but *What kind are we?*"¹² Ultimately, the unfinished lives of these ancestors raise questions about our own unfinished lives, and what any outsider, including our kin, will make of those lives once we are gone.

Aunt Belle

Belle's story brings us beyond the antebellum period and to Arkansas. As background: in my childhood days, when my family talked about the move of the Simpsons from Mississippi to Arkansas in the fall of 1887, they never talked about the motives for that move. Until the middle of the last century, those who knew the motives for the move weren't talking. And the rest of us had not been let in on the story.

We did know from family stories, letters, and the Bible of his daughter Lela Augusta (Simpson) Arendale¹³ that Mannen Simpson died at Slate Spring, Mississippi, on 3 November 1886, and that his son William Z. came home at that point from a school to which he had been sent, to make a living for his mother and three sisters. These stories and his own information indicate that he had been studying law and was unable to complete his studies after his father's death.

¹² Ellen Douglas, *Truth: Four Stories I Am Finally Old Enough to Tell* (Chapel Hill: Algonquin), 175. Emphases in original.

¹³ Lela Augusta (Simpson) Arendale Bible, American Bible Society, New York, 1884, in custody of Local and Genealogical Collection, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Public Library.

In the early 1950s, my parents moved briefly to Columbus, Mississippi, not far south from Slate Spring. While we lived there, my mother drove up to Slate Spring to visit cousins. As she met these new-found cousins, with whom family members in Arkansas had kept in touch by letters but had not visited, she had the feeling that one cousin was less than welcoming. After her first trip to Slate Spring, my mother wrote cousins in Arkansas to talk over her feelings about the reception she had gotten from this particular cousin, who had been decisively frosty to her.

In letters she and her sisters (who were also part of the letter-writing campaign) received back from cousins descending both from Mannen Simpson and his brother James, a story started to take shape. My grandfather's sister Elizabeth Arabella (Simpson) Colfax, called Aunt Belle, was at the center of this story, and, as we discovered, had apparently been at the center of my great-grandmother's decision to move her family to Arkansas in 1887.

Some of the most useful information my branch of the family received during this period of probing murky family secrets came from a daughter of Augusta [called Gussie] (Simpson) Arendale, Lula Mae (Arendale) Giersch, who was then living in Salina, Kansas. Lula Mae had her mother living with her at this time, and was able to benefit from information Gussie shared directly with her—and had evidently shared with her over the years, vowing her to silence in the process. The story she tells in the following excerpt from a 14 January 1954 letter to my mother's sister Pauline Nickells of Pine Bluff came directly from her mother. In this and subsequent transcriptions of letters, I've preserved the original spelling and punctuation:

It seems after Grandpa Simpson died—Aunt Belle went astray—so to speak. She had a baby before she married (well not really). She was keeping company with a very nice young man whom Grandma approved of but evidently Aunt Belle liked someone else too—so she 're-nigs.' Although went ahead and married this suitor only to have a fully developed little boy quite ahead of schedule. Imagine that! Anyway her husband saddled his horse and went for the Dr. The Dr. came but the husband didn't, and I don't believe he ever did come back. Could you really blame him? Anyway, I never really understood, but the baby died after a time....Remember Mom

saying Grandma Simpson and Aunt Belle slept together with the baby—as was the way in those days—and they discovered the baby dead one A.M. and Grandma always did worry about that and blamed herself for its death. She was of opinion one or the other had rolled on it in their sleep. I guess her conscience hurt her because she couldn't help disliking the little thing, under the circumstances.

Aunt Belle must have been about 18....Anyway, the way Aunt Belle was disgraced in those terrible days—the family couldn't hold up their heads—so nothing left to do but go away....I remember Mom saying the different good neighbors begged them to stay on, but Grandma had had more than she could bear, Grandpa's death and Aunt Belle's disgraceful misbehaviour was just too much.¹⁴

Although the story this letter tells appears to be rather straightforward, close reading raises some interesting questions about the extent to which the narrative captures what actually happened. Perhaps the most important of these is why Lula Mae offers with one hand the explanation that Belle had a child out of wedlock and then takes this claim away with the other hand by saying, “[W]ell not really.” Another source dating from the same period is even more enigmatic: this is a 20 December 1953 letter of a granddaughter of James C. Simpson, Mary Lou (Hall) Gill. Regarding Belle's transgression, Cousin Mary Lou simply says, “Cousin Belle stepped across the conventional line and your family moved to Ark.” “Stepped across the conventional line” is a euphemism that covers a multitude of sins: the ambiguity of the observation, and the casual way Mary Lou links Belle's misbehavior to the family's flight from Mississippi, raise more questions than they answer.

Mary Lou's mother Florence Esper Simpson and her husband William Joseph Hall had moved their family to Conway prior to my family's arrival in Arkansas. After my family arrived,

¹⁴ From conversations I had with Lula Mae before her death, I am certain that the unconventional spelling of “reneege” was not intended in any way as a racial slur. It was her attempt to produce the pronunciation she heard when the story was told, and she put it into quotation marks to point out that she was writing in dialect.

apparently thinking they had left all close family ties safely behind in Alabama and Mississippi, Cousin Esper arrived by train one day at Redfield, where my family had settled, unannounced and bringing Mary Lou and her siblings Clifford and Edith with her. They walked up to my great-grandmother's house, found her on the porch churning butter, and, as they later told Lula Mae, apparently didn't receive a warm greeting. Esper, they feared, had a "long tongue;" it's clear from this congeries of letters and family stories that there was some originating event back in Mississippi that explains the family's sudden flight from Mississippi to Arkansas. It's also clear that they regarded Arkansas as the kind of place people went to escape from the past. What's not clear, however, is precisely what had happened with Belle.

Tidbits about Belle's personality, which begin to paint in some of the blank spots in the narrative, have passed down in family stories that appear in other letters. These indicate that she had a high temper and headstrong ways. In a 29 March 1989 letter to me, Lula Mae tells a story her mother had told her. The letter says that when the family first came from Mississippi, they remained at Marianna a year after crossing into Arkansas, to plant a cotton crop in spring of 1888. Following this (and what appears to have been a brief sojourn in southeastern Missouri), they settled in Jefferson County, Arkansas, at Redfield, where they first lived in a small house by the Arkansas River. Belle was noted for being a fine seamstress, a skill that may have been passed on from Samantha Jane Simpson's mother Elizabeth Ann (Winn) Braselton, since the 1860 census lists her occupation as a seamstress.¹⁵ The story Lula Mae heard from her mother goes like this: on a certain day as Belle was sewing in their little house by the Arkansas River, she couldn't see well. According to Lula Mae, she decided then and there to take matters into her own hand:

¹⁵ Elisebeth Braston household, 1860 U.S. census, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, population schedule, Western Division, North Port post office, page 628B, dwelling 281, family 264; NA M653, roll 25.

Aunt Belle decided she needed more light to do her sewing....Aunt Belle decided to cut another window in the wall. She grabbed a saw and went to work, but found the saw seemed to pinch each time it went through the wall. She became really upset.

A young fellow Angus [McNeill] had nothing to do that day—just as he had nothing to do any day. His doting mother was pretty wealthy and would not allow her darling son to go out to the fields and work—so he was pretty bored. Then he had a thought. He would go over and visit the 3 Simpson girls to pass time. As he neared the cabin (way back), he saw this saw working in the wall. He thought it would be fun to pinch it each time it came through the wall. This is what made Aunt Belle angry. She sent my mother out to see if she could tell what the trouble was. My mother soon saw the trouble, but just froze in her tracks when Angus motioned for her to keep quiet. Aunt Belle, who was getting more upset by the minute, called out “Gussie, Gussie,” then came out to see what had happened to Gussie. She soon saw what was happening. Angus was so amused he was bent over laughing and slapping his thighs—too amused to see aunt Belle pick up a stick of stove wood and attack him. My mother said he really got beat up. She thought aunt Belle was going to kill him—or at least cripple him. I would think Angus got his amusement that day!

At some point either just after this event took place, or perhaps while the family was sojourning at Marianna, Belle met her (second?) husband, John Colfax. Family stories suggest that John Colfax may have been a man with a streak of volatility—the proverbial bad boy—and something about bad boys seems to have attracted Belle’s attention. In that same 14 January 1954 letter that tells why the family moved to Arkansas, Lula Mae also tells the story of the meeting between Belle and John Colfax this way:

When our people met John the first time he was in a wagon going along the road, dead drunk—or probably just sort of “sloppy” drunk, as Mom told about how he was swearing & how he was dressed. (Had on his best suit and

shirt but bare footed, as he had lost his shoes and hat). He stopped off at their house for water and before long in the weeks or months to come (couldn't have been too long), he and Aunt Belle got married and they all decided to go to Missouri at his suggestion.

A “sloppy-drunk” man, swearing, hatless, and shoeless, though wearing his best suit: what more could a woman attracted to bad boys look for in a potential spouse?

As this and other letters of Lula Mae explain, John Colfax had been orphaned early in life, and Lula Mae's Arendale grandparents, who lived along the Black River in northeast Arkansas near the bootheel area of Missouri found John Colfax and a sister Ida living alone on a houseboat, and raised them. Census data appear to corroborate this story. On the 1870 census, I found John C. Colfax, aged four, and sisters Ida and Emma, both age one, living with parents Schuyler and Melvina Colfax at Preston in Union County, Illinois.¹⁶ By 1880, John and Ida Colfax were in the household of John and Sarah Arendale of Duty, Lawrence County, Arkansas.¹⁷ The Colfax children were listed as wards of the Arendales, aged twelve and eight, both born in Missouri (though the 1870 and other censuses indicate that John C. Colfax and his sister were born in Illinois). Their parents' places of birth were listed as unknown. Also in the Arendale household in 1880 was a son Delmon, aged twelve. According to stories told by Lula Mae, when John Colfax encouraged the Simpson family to go briefly to Missouri, Lela Augusta Simpson met Delmon Arendale, a druggist, whom she married and who returned to Redfield with the Simpson family when they moved there. The marriage of Elizabeth Arabella Simpson and John Colfax occurred on 17 July 1889, according to Gussie Arendale's Bible, and her own marriage to Delmon Arendale took place on 6 September 1896. There is no record of either marriage in Jefferson County, Arkansas, nor have I found

¹⁶Schuyler M. Colfax household, 1870 U.S. census, Union County, Illinois, population schedule, Preston township, page 521B, dwelling 141, family 130; NA M593, roll 284.

¹⁷John Arendale household, 1880 U.S. census, Lawrence County, Arkansas, population schedule, Duty township, ED 161, page 510, dwelling 350, family 354; NA film T9, roll 49.

one elsewhere. Since the family lived very near the Grant County line and apparently attended Orion Baptist church in Grant County, it may well be that the marriages took place in Grant County, whose records have burned.

Belle had three children by John Colfax—Sylvester, who was born and died in 1891, Earnest, who died in 1917 at age 25 several years after a train had severed one of his legs, and Ella, who grew up to raise a family. Until her marriage to Benjamin Matthews in Redfield in 1912, Ella lived with and was raised by my grandfather and his mother, Belle having died of tuberculosis at the young age of thirty in 1897. Her sister Lula Jane died two years later of the same illness, unmarried and aged twenty-five. I found John Colfax marrying again in 1898 in Grant County to Mamie B. Weaver, although he appears on the 1900 census in Pulaski County with a wife Anna and only one child, his son Earnest, in the household.¹⁸ Ella was living with her grandmother Samantha Simpson at Redfield on this census¹⁹—why not with her father? I know from family stories that my grandfather (who is absent from this census, for some reason, as is his brother-in-law Delmon Arendale) continued to have Ella living with him until shortly before his marriage on 12 June 1912 to Hattie Batchelor, six months after Samantha Simpson died. He kept Ella, whom he and other family members called Baby, in his will for some years thereafter, to the consternation of my grandmother.

The 1910 census may provide a clue as to why Samantha and her son William Z. Simpson decided to raise Ella Colfax. The only match I can find for John C. Colfax on this census is a C.J. Colfax, aged 40, born in Missouri. He was a prisoner in the state penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.²⁰ While I don't have proof positive that this is John C. Colfax, the data regarding him roughly matches data on other censuses (though it seems likely

¹⁸ John Colfax household, 1900 U.S. census, Pulaski County, Arkansas, Eagle township, ED 97, page 172A, dwelling 298, family 299; NA film T623, roll 74.

¹⁹Samantha Simpson household, 1900 U.S. census, Jefferson County, Arkansas, Barraque township, ED 80, page 207B, dwelling and family 5; NA T623, roll 63.

²⁰Kansas State Penitentiary, 1910 U.S. census, Leavenworth County, Kansas, Delaware township, ED 84, p. 49B; NA T624, roll 444.

he was born in Illinois), and I do not find any other match for him on this census. And there's a family story that may provide a clue pointing to the match with the Leavenworth prisoner: in her 14 January 1954 letter cited above, Lula Mae Giersch states that, at some point after John Colfax moved to Redfield, he shot and killed a man in a quarrel. According to Lula Mae, he then fled to Missouri to escape prosecution and returned to Arkansas after it seemed safe to do so.

Note a tendency that seems to emerge in the stories Lula Mae recounts: when facts about family members are none too flattering, her stories tend to embroider such that, though somewhere within the narrative there are threads of accuracy, these threads have been so covered by fancy stitches that it is difficult to discern the original threads. Lula Mae and her mother were people of the highest character. I knew both of them and would not want to impugn their integrity. At the same time, I also knew both of them to have had a strong sense of family pride, which may well have caused them to remember unpleasant events in a way that cleaned those events up with slightly misleading narratives.

In the end, who was Belle Simpson, then? What was her story? I don't think we'll ever know, fully. She's the only member of my grandfather's family of whom I am not sure I have a picture. Among the pictures I have of her sister Lula is a small, partially rusted tintype showing a woman standing cheek to cheek with Lula. The woman could well be Belle. My mother remembered pictures of her aunts that hung in the parlor of my grandparents' house in Redfield until my grandmother moved the family to Little Rock in 1947. According to my mother, whereas Lula was fair with blond hair and blue eyes, Belle had brown eyes, dark hair, and a dark complexion. The two young women in the tintype fit this description.

It seems somehow appropriate that the single picture we have of Belle is as difficult to identify as are the outlines of her life story. What is the truth behind the story of her marriage to a man who had not fathered her child—a man who left her when he found the child was not his? I can find no evidence of any marriage for Belle before 1887 in Mississippi. Granted, the Calhoun County records burned in 1922, but the family seems actually to have been living across the county line south of Slate

Spring at Cadaretta in Webster County, where they were enumerated on the census in 1880, and where they began to appear in the minutes of Philadelphia Baptist church in 1872.²¹ I can find no marriage record in Webster County, whose records have survived. I have also scanned copies of newspapers in both counties for the years in which Belle would have married, without finding any information about a marriage. It seems very likely to me that Belle's child was born without benefit of clergy, and that this is actually what caused my great-grandmother to leave Mississippi. Lula Mae told me once that Samantha Simpson (whom Lula Mae could remember from her childhood) could not possibly let her family know she had raised an "ungovernable" daughter. Her relatives in Alabama included a great-uncle, Abner Winn, who had been a Methodist minister and state representative from Tuscaloosa County. What to do when a daughter in Mississippi has gone astray? Arkansas beckons....

From the tidbits available to us, this much is clear about Belle's story: she certainly lived life according to her own lights, as, apparently, her aunt Mollie also did. Both may have been stigmatized by their culture for their independence; they both lived in times and places in which women were expected to depend on males for protection and sustenance, and were expected to adhere to codes designed for them by their fathers and brothers (or by mothers who did not wish to challenge those codes directly).

In each of the stories I have told, we hear only faint echoes of the voices of the women in question; there are gaps in each story that never may be filled completely. Some of those gaps exist because of the paucity of documentation. Others seem to be due to deliberate obfuscation on the part of families intent on protecting the reputation of assertive or wayward female members. Even so, the voices of the three women do manage to come through loud and clear, precisely because each in her own

²¹ M. C. Simpson household, 1880 U.S. census, Sumner County, Mississippi, population schedule, ED 177, page 396C, no dwelling numbers, family 226; NA T9, roll 668. [Sumner was renamed Webster County in 1882.]

way dared to assert some control over her own life and destiny in social structures designed to thwart that self assertion.

And this leads me to a final tip. To release hidden voices such as those we hear in these narratives, we need to take all the bits and pieces we can gather, put them together in the most coherent narrative we can construct, gaps and all, and then the real learning process begins: **(tip #7)** to discover the stories of hidden female ancestors, we must learn all we can about the social, economic, and legal history of the time and the place we're studying, insofar as this history affected women.

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MENA WEEKLY STAR
Mena, Polk County, Arkansas
Index of Obituaries and Death Notices, 1907 - 1909

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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. The March 14, 1907 issue is missing from the microfilm.

To the right of each name is the date of the newspaper and page.

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| North, George W. | 1/3/1907 | 2 |
| Rainville, Louise | 1/3/1907 | 2 |
| Clearwater, Mrs. J. W. | 1/3/1907 | 8 |
| Guinn, baby of Vester | 1/3/1907 | 8 |
| Turner, infant of W. T. | 1/3/1907 | 8 |

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| Wimberly, infant of M. L. | 1/10/1907 | 2 |
| Harmon, Martelia | 1/10/1907 | 8 |
| Adkisson, Mrs. | 1/17/1907 | 8 |
| Harris, Mrs. Ibbia | 1/17/1907 | 8 |
| St. John, A. W. | 1/24/1907 | 1 |
| Lockwood, Charles | 1/24/1907 | 2 |
| Griffin, Nettie | 1/24/1907 | 3 |
| McCann, Mrs. Agnes Allen | 1/31/1907 | 1 |

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| St. John, A. W. | 1/31/1907 | 3 |
| Cotton, Tom | 1/31/1907 | 4 |
| St. John, A. W. | 1/31/1907 | 4 |
| Barrett, A. E. | 1/31/1907 | 8 |
| McDaniels, child of Henry | 1/31/1907 | 8 |
| St. John, A. W. | 1/31/1907 | 8 |
| Backman, Mr. | 2/7/1907 | 4 |
| Dunman, O. M. | 2/7/1907 | 4 |
| Scott, Mrs. Mary | 2/7/1907 | 5 |
| Stevens, D. O. | 2/7/1907 | 5 |
| Cotton, Tom | 2/7/1907 | 8 |
| Dunman, O. M. | 2/7/1907 | 8 |
| Garrison, J. B. | 2/7/1907 | 8 |
| Long, Mrs. William | 2/7/1907 | 8 |
| White, Joseph | 2/14/1907 | 4 |
| Barton, son of Mrs. | 2/14/1907 | 5 |
| Harwell, son of Andy | 2/21/1907 | 5 |
| Gray, Mr. | 2/21/1907 | 8 |
| Raben, child of Mr. | 2/21/1907 | 8 |
| Connor, baby of Mrs. | 2/28/1907 | 1 |
| Mantooth, T. J. | 2/28/1907 | 3 |
| Harshman, Joe | 2/28/1907 | 5 |
| Bales, daughter | 2/28/1907 | 8 |
| Pumphrey, H. C. | 2/28/1907 | 8 |
| Willbanks, baby of Mrs. | 2/28/1907 | 8 |
| Deweese, Mrs. W. H. | 3/7/1907 | 3 |
| Sleeper, S. | 3/7/1907 | 3 |
| Murph, Capt. R. D. | 3/7/1907 | 8 |
| Payne, child of J. A. | 3/7/1907 | 8 |
| Ellison, Mrs. Brownfield | 3/21/1907 | 1 |
| McClure, J. H. | 3/21/1907 | 1 |
| Ellison, Mrs. James M. | 3/21/1907 | 3 |
| Dodd, Rev. Dr. R. D. C. | 3/28/1907 | 8 |
| Moore, Mrs. Sam | 3/28/1907 | 8 |

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| Dodd, Dr. R. D. C. | 4/4/1907 | 3 |
| Dodd, Dr. R. D. C. | 4/4/1907 | 8 |
| Dooley, baby of Jesse | 4/11/1907 | 8 |
| Maddox, baby | 4/11/1907 | 8 |
| Beavers, Leah | 4/18/1907 | 8 |
| Fitzsimmons, Mrs. Lee | 4/18/1907 | 8 |
| Guinn, Mrs. Noah | 4/18/1907 | 8 |
| Smith, Emma | 4/18/1907 | 8 |
| Wright, Mrs. Lizzie | 4/25/1907 | 1 |
| Adkisson, Marion | 4/25/1907 | 2 |
| Stinnett, Silas | 4/25/1907 | 5 |
| Swayder, Mrs. | 4/25/1907 | 8 |
| Harris, W. C. | 5/2/1907 | 3 |
| Everett, Carl | 5/2/1907 | 8 |
| Lenox, Mr. | 5/2/1907 | 8 |
| Owens, Ula | 5/2/1907 | 8 |
| Morris, Mrs. | 5/9/1907 | 2 |
| Shultz, E. J. | 5/9/1907 | 5 |
| Dolby, Mrs. T. H. | 5/9/1907 | 6 |
| Cole, infant of W. R. | 5/16/1907 | 5 |
| Faulkner, child | 5/16/1907 | 5 |
| Pearin, child of Allie | 5/23/1907 | 8 |
| Petty, Dorothy Dean | 5/23/1907 | 8 |
| Workman, Jeremiah | 5/23/1907 | 8 |
| Hanna, Mrs. Roxie | 5/30/1907 | 5 |
| Gifford, Gladys | 5/30/1907 | 8 |
| Lochridge, Mrs. Indiana | 5/30/1907 | 8 |
| Steel, I. J. | 5/30/1907 | 8 |
| Dodd, Brother R. D. C. | 6/6/1907 | 2 |
| Steel, I. J. | 6/6/1907 | 3 |
| Winton, Mrs. George | 6/6/1907 | 5 |
| Adkison, Cleve | 6/6/1907 | 8 |
| Owensby, Calvin | 6/6/1907 | 8 |
| Scott, Liza | 6/6/1907 | 8 |

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| Adkison, Cleve | 6/13/1907 | 3 |
| Adkison, Cleve | 6/13/1907 | 5 |
| Crawford, Mrs. John | 6/13/1907 | 8 |
| Fisher, inf. son of Marion | 6/13/1907 | 8 |
| Groves, Mrs. Bettie | 6/13/1907 | 8 |
| Groves, Mrs. Robert | 6/13/1907 | 8 |
| Jones, Mrs. Sallie | 6/13/1907 | 8 |
| Smallwood, Mr. | 6/20/1907 | 3 |
| Fair, Green | 6/20/1907 | 8 |
| Farless, Mrs. J. T. | 6/20/1907 | 8 |
| Smallwood, Mr. | 6/20/1907 | 8 |
| Cox, Rhoda | 6/27/1907 | 2 |
| Cox, Rhoda | 6/27/1907 | 3 |
| Gibson, William Richard | 6/27/1907 | 8 |
| Wagner, Dr. | 6/27/1907 | 8 |
| Crawford, Zona | 7/4/1907 | 4 |
| Hope, Mrs. A. P. | 7/4/1907 | 8 |
| Lovins, Mrs. J. W. | 7/11/1907 | 2 |
| Farless, Annie | 7/11/1907 | 8 |
| Lowrey, son of Chas. | 7/11/1907 | 8 |
| Taylor, Grandma | 7/11/1907 | 8 |
| Teters, baby of W. J. | 7/11/1907 | 8 |
| Chambers, Mrs. Cordelia | 7/18/1907 | 8 |
| Dover, Richard | 7/18/1907 | 8 |
| Truit, Will | 7/25/1907 | 5 |
| Hill, infant of J. M. | 8/8/1907 | 3 |
| Dodd, Dr. R. D. C. | 8/8/1907 | 5 |
| Moore, Merle | 8/8/1907 | 5 |
| Sleeper, Seymour | 8/8/1907 | 5 |
| St. John, A. W. | 8/8/1907 | 5 |
| Sullivan, James | 8/8/1907 | 5 |
| Latimer, infant of Sam | 8/8/1907 | 8 |
| Petty, infant of George | 8/8/1907 | 8 |

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| Crawford, Little | 8/15/1907 | 8 |
| Taylor, Lula | 8/15/1907 | 8 |
| Fry, Gus | 8/29/1907 | 2 |
| Robertson, Tom | 8/29/1907 | 3 |
| Bates, George | 8/29/1907 | 8 |
| Knight, dau of Calvin | 8/29/1907 | 8 |
| Love, Will | 8/29/1907 | 8 |
| Naler, Mrs. | 8/29/1907 | 8 |
| Philpot, Mrs. Marion | 8/29/1907 | 8 |
| Sexton, Mattie | 8/29/1907 | 8 |
| Cannon, Mrs. B. F. | 9/5/1907 | 2 |
| Owens, Mrs. D. | 9/5/1907 | 2 |
| Crosson, Jesse | 9/5/1907 | 3 |
| Greer, Mrs. Thomas | 9/5/1907 | 3 |
| Anderson, John | 9/5/1907 | 5 |
| Barron, infant of Ben. F. | 9/5/1907 | 8 |
| Cannon, Mrs. B. F. | 9/5/1907 | 8 |
| Crosson, Jesse | 9/5/1907 | 8 |
| Fry, Gus | 9/5/1907 | 8 |
| Lawrence, Clyde | 9/5/1907 | 8 |
| Orr, Mrs. W. W. | 9/5/1907 | 8 |
| Cole, infants of Joe | 9/12/1907 | 8 |
| Crosson, Jesse | 9/12/1907 | 8 |
| Gordon, Jane | 9/12/1907 | 8 |
| Lawrence, Daniel C. | 9/12/1907 | 8 |
| Orr, Mrs. W. W. | 9/12/1907 | 8 |
| Wagner, Milo | 9/19/1907 | 1 |
| Hull, Paul Owen | 9/19/1907 | 2 |
| Winters, Granville | 9/19/1907 | 2 |
| Wagner, Milo | 9/19/1907 | 5 |
| Bush, Jimmie | 9/19/1907 | 8 |
| Crawford, Mrs. Mattie | 9/19/1907 | 8 |
| Orr, Mrs. Sallie | 9/19/1907 | 8 |
| Thomas, G. W., Sr. | 9/19/1907 | 8 |
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| Hall, S. B. | 9/26/1907 | 8 |
| May, Alex | 9/26/1907 | 8 |

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| Nichols, Lessie | 9/26/1907 | 8 |
| Willis, baby of Sam | 9/26/1907 | 8 |
| Warren, son of William | 10/3/1907 | 2 |
| Warren, William | 10/3/1907 | 2 |
| Bedlow, infant | 10/3/1907 | 8 |
| Duckett, A. T. | 10/3/1907 | 8 |
| Duckett, Turner | 10/3/1907 | 8 |
| Gale, infant | 10/3/1907 | 8 |
| Hunsucker, Mrs. S. M. | 10/3/1907 | 8 |
| Caldwell, Mrs. Frank | 10/17/1907 | 1 |
| Dickson, Venus Saleta | 10/17/1907 | 2 |
| Smith, Cretia | 10/17/1907 | 2 |
| Smith, Cretia | 10/17/1907 | 8 |
| Gale, Mrs. William | 10/24/1907 | 2 |
| Dalby, E. P. | 10/24/1907 | 3 |
| Bird, Mrs. R. G. | 10/24/1907 | 5 |
| Gale, Mrs. William | 10/24/1907 | 8 |
| Garrett, dau of Press | 10/24/1907 | 8 |
| Hunsaker, Mrs. Sarah | 10/24/1907 | 8 |
| Allen, Grandma | 10/31/1907 | 2 |
| Hale, John P. | 10/31/1907 | 2 |
| Barber, Mrs. J. H. | 10/31/1907 | 5 |
| Hall, I. H. | 10/31/1907 | 5 |
| Stafford, baby of Marion | 10/31/1907 | 5 |
| Allen, Grandma | 10/31/1907 | 8 |
| Allen, Mrs. Nancy | 10/31/1907 | 8 |
| Shirley, infant of Willis | 10/31/1907 | 8 |
| Huston, Mrs. Fannie | 11/7/1907 | 5 |
| Barber, Mrs. Rebecca | 11/7/1907 | 8 |
| Doggett, Hicks | 11/7/1907 | 8 |
| Gatlin, son of W. A. | 11/7/1907 | 8 |
| Hardin, Will | 11/7/1907 | 8 |

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| Looney, baby of Mrs. James | 11/7/1907 | 8 |
| Stafford, baby of Marion | 11/7/1907 | 8 |
| Barnes, Mrs. Neely | 11/14/1907 | 1 |
| Barnes, Mrs. Neely | 11/14/1907 | 8 |
| Knodd, Mrs. Fritzie | 11/14/1907 | 8 |
| Robinson, Mrs. Josie | 11/14/1907 | 8 |
| Hicks, Mr. B. | 11/21/1907 | 5 |
| Lambert, Mr. | 11/21/1907 | 8 |
| Robinson, baby of W. H. | 11/21/1907 | 8 |
| Harrison, Hezza | 11/28/1907 | 1 |
| Hicks, B. T. (Bee) | 11/28/1907 | 1 |
| Lysles, Mrs. Janie | 11/28/1907 | 1 |
| McCarty, baby of Charles | 11/28/1907 | 1 |
| Draper, George W. | 11/28/1907 | 5 |
| Etchieson, J. R. L. | 11/28/1907 | 5 |
| Etchison, Mr. | 12/5/1907 | 8 |
| McCulley, Myrtle | 12/5/1907 | 8 |
| Pierce, baby of W. D. | 12/5/1907 | 8 |
| Lewellyn, T. G. | 12/12/1907 | 3 |
| Toon, Thomas | 12/12/1907 | 3 |
| Wilkinson, Earl | 12/12/1907 | 5 |
| Harris, Hessie | 12/12/1907 | 8 |
| Wilkinson, son of J. F. | 12/12/1907 | 8 |
| Lewis, inf. son of Newt | 12/19/1907 | 3 |
| Walling, Mrs. Helen E. | 12/19/1907 | 3 |
| Legate, Mrs. Mary A. | 12/19/1907 | 5 |
| Beaver, Mrs. Sallie | 12/19/1907 | 8 |
| Corley, Ada | 12/19/1907 | 8 |
| Edwards, T. P. (Pink) | 12/26/1907 | 1 |
| Tucker, John M. | 12/26/1907 | 5 |

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| Bonce, Mrs. Monroe | 12/26/1907 | 6 |
| Legate, Mrs. Elizabeth | 12/26/1907 | 6 |
| McCarthy, Joe | 12/26/1907 | 6 |
| Jones, A. M. (Uncle Abe) | 1/2/1908 | 3 |
| McGill, Alf | 1/2/1908 | 3 |
| Kuykendall, J. M. (Uncle Jim) | 1/2/1908 | 6 |
| Terrell, Mrs. J. C. | 1/7/1908 | 8 |
| Todd, Mrs. Hattie S. | 1/9/1908 | 2 |
| Slangstrom, Dr. Olaf | 1/9/1908 | 5 |
| Guinn, Mrs. Willie | 1/9/1908 | 8 |
| Nichols, Mrs. Jessie | 1/9/1908 | 8 |
| Parnell, Haywood | 1/9/1908 | 8 |
| Boles, H. B. | 1/16/1908 | 3 |
| Williams, infant of John | 1/16/1908 | 8 |
| Holder, Mrs. J. K. | 1/23/1908 | 2 |
| Cole, Fannie | 1/23/1908 | 8 |
| Holder, Mrs. J. K. | 1/23/1908 | 8 |
| Knight, infant | 1/23/1908 | 8 |
| Townsend, John | 1/23/1908 | 8 |
| Turner, James | 1/30/1908 | 1 |
| Cole, Fannie | 1/30/1908 | 3 |
| Doty, Wright | 2/6/1908 | 2 |
| Cole, Fannie | 2/6/1908 | 3 |
| Leathers, Mrs. J. R. | 2/6/1908 | 5 |
| Hendrix, Mrs. B. | 2/6/1908 | 8 |
| James, Mrs. Beulah | 2/6/1908 | 8 |
| McAlester, Dr. M. | 2/13/1908 | 3 |
| Turner, Vera | 2/13/1908 | 5 |
| Bates, Wesley | 2/13/1908 | 8 |
| Cross, dau of George | 2/13/1908 | 8 |
| Estes, Judge Joseph | 2/13/1908 | 8 |
| Mathis, baby of E. J. | 2/13/1908 | 8 |
| Tidwell, Mrs. | 2/13/1908 | 8 |

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| Walker, Wesley | 2/20/1908 | 2 |
| Roshong, W. H. | 2/20/1908 | 3 |
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| Bates, John Wesley | 2/20/1908 | 4B |
| Kirton, Ruth Shephard | 2/20/1908 | 4B |
| Anthony, dau of Crawford | 2/20/1908 | 8 |
| Walker, Wesley | 2/20/1908 | 8 |
| Danrymple, James | 2/27/1908 | 8 |
| Harrison, Uncle Marion | 2/27/1908 | 8 |
| Walker, Wesley | 2/27/1908 | 8 |
| Whisenhunt, Noah | 2/27/1908 | 8 |
| Lewis, Mrs. Sylvia | 3/5/1908 | 1 |
| Thomas, Judson | 3/5/1908 | 1 |
| Kizer, Mrs. A. J. | 3/5/1908 | 2 |
| Miller, Mrs. Maggie | 3/5/1908 | 2 |
| New, Mrs. William | 3/5/1908 | 8 |
| Wood, baby of Alve | 3/5/1908 | 8 |
| Roberts, baby boy of John P. | 3/12/1908 | 5 |
| Alstot, George | 3/12/1908 | 8 |
| Demus, Mrs. S. H. | 3/12/1908 | 8 |
| Hill, Mrs. Levi | 3/12/1908 | 8 |
| Knight, Mrs. M. E. | 3/12/1908 | 8 |
| Rowton, infant of J. L. | 3/12/1908 | 8 |
| Weir, Mrs. Eva | 3/19/1908 | 2 |
| Spear, J. C. | 3/19/1908 | 4 |
| Bates, Mrs. Wesley | 3/19/1908 | 8 |
| Hill, Robert | 3/19/1908 | 8 |
| McDonald, J. L. | 3/19/1908 | 8 |
| Shepherd, David | 3/19/1908 | 8 |
| Spear, Cal | 3/19/1908 | 8 |
| Murrey, Mrs. | 3/26/1908 | 3 |
| Sartain, Carter | 3/26/1908 | 3 |
| Ford, Jim | 3/26/1908 | 5 |
| Brock, Mr. | 3/26/1908 | 8 |
| Daniel, E. G. | 3/26/1908 | 8 |
| Elliott, Belmer | 3/26/1908 | 8 |

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| Elliott, infant of James | 3/26/1908 | 8 |
| Griffin, Mrs. Jordan | 3/26/1908 | 8 |
| Johnson, Grandma | 3/26/1908 | 8 |
| Sartain, Carter | 3/26/1908 | 8 |
| Shepperd, David | 3/26/1908 | 8 |
| Barnett, infant of Prof. | 4/2/1908 | 8 |
| Roberts, infant of Travis | 4/9/1908 | 8 |
| White, Mrs. R. | 4/9/1908 | 8 |
| Woolley, L. H. | 4/9/1908 | 8 |
| White, Mrs. Rebecca | 4/16/1908 | 5 |
| Bomans, dau. of L. F. | 4/16/1908 | 8 |
| Keller, R. W. | 4/16/1908 | 8 |
| Knight, Grover | 4/16/1908 | 8 |
| Thurman, baby of John | 4/16/1908 | 8 |
| Bond, B. S. | 4/23/1908 | 1 |
| Reed, Mrs. G. W. (G. H.) | 4/23/1908 | 1 |
| McBride, A. J. | 4/23/1908 | 5 |
| McBride, Uncle Jack | 4/23/1908 | 8 |
| Whittaker, Vander | 4/30/1908 | 2 |
| Cooksey, Ruth | 4/30/1908 | 5 |
| Graham, W. F. | 4/30/1908 | 5 |
| Moseley, baby boy of Jesse | 4/30/1908 | 5 |
| Cooksey, Ruth | 4/30/1908 | 6 |
| Graham, W. F. | 4/30/1908 | 8 |
| Whitaker, Vander | 4/30/1908 | 8 |
| Williams, Morris | 4/30/1908 | 8 |
| Holt, George | 5/7/1908 | 1 |
| Moreland, Mrs. Mollie | 5/7/1908 | 3 |
| Dowd, Mrs. Ida Hall | 5/7/1908 | 5 |
| Holt, George | 5/14/1908 | 3 |

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| Bardin, Mrs. D. C. | 5/14/1908 | 5 |
| Chaffin, Will | 5/14/1908 | 5 |
| Graham, William F. | 5/14/1908 | 5 |
| Walker, Joseph Wesley | 5/14/1908 | 8 |
| Bates, infant of William | 5/21/1908 | 8 |
| O'Connell, Pat | 5/21/1908 | 8 |
| Reynolds, Mrs. A. | 5/21/1908 | 8 |
| Reynolds, Mrs. Asa | 5/21/1908 | 8 |
| Allen, Mrs. William | 5/28/1908 | 5 |
| McGuire, son | 5/28/1908 | 8 |
| Merberger, Mrs. June | 5/28/1908 | 8 |
| Cooper, Mrs. Matilda | 6/4/1908 | 2 |
| Yocum, Mrs. Lucinda | 6/4/1908 | 3 |
| Cooper, Mrs. Matilda | 6/4/1908 | 8 |
| Pettitt, Z. M. | 6/4/1908 | 8 |
| Pettitt, Z. M. | 6/11/1908 | 8 |
| Reynolds, infant of Aly | 6/11/1908 | 8 |
| Everett, S. J. | 6/18/1908 | 5 |
| Scott, ?? | 6/18/1908 | 5 |
| Milam, infant of John | 6/18/1908 | 8 |
| Cunningham, Mrs. Mary E. | 6/25/1908 | 2 |
| Boston, Mrs. Susie | 6/25/1908 | 8 |
| Capeheart, Irene | 6/25/1908 | 8 |
| Henderson, Grandma | 6/25/1908 | 8 |
| Whittaker, Vander | 7/2/1908 | 1 |
| Dorton, infant of Melvin | 7/2/1908 | 8 |
| Holder, Mr. E. | 7/2/1908 | 8 |
| Roden, Gladys | 7/9/1908 | 3 |
| Stewmons, Mrs. R. F. | 7/9/1908 | 3 |

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| Brawley, Monroe | 7/9/1908 | 8 |
| Vest, Mr. | 7/9/1908 | 8 |
| Hendrix, infant of J. S. | 7/16/1908 | 8 |
| Seller, baby of Luther | 7/16/1908 | 8 |
| Tidwell, J. J. | 7/16/1908 | 8 |
| Harwell, Ora | 7/23/1908 | 3 |
| Harwell, Ora | 7/23/1908 | 8 |
| Allen, John | 7/30/1908 | 2 |
| Moore, M. J. | 7/30/1908 | 8 |
| Blake, A. M. | 8/6/1908 | 8 |
| Blake, A. W. | 8/6/1908 | 8 |
| Brandon, Chas. | 8/6/1908 | 8 |
| Tilman, Mrs. Addie | 8/6/1908 | 8 |
| Estell, Mrs. | 8/13/1908 | 8 |
| Howard, Mrs. M. | 8/13/1908 | 8 |
| Patterson, infant of Lee | 8/13/1908 | 8 |
| Scott, Viola | 8/13/1908 | 8 |
| Holder, Fred | 8/20/1908 | 8 |
| White, infant of C. C. | 8/20/1908 | 8 |
| Wilson, Henry | 8/20/1908 | 8 |
| Bounds, A. L. | 8/27/1908 | 1 |
| Murphy, Grandpa | 8/27/1908 | 5 |
| Arnold, Mrs. John | 8/27/1908 | 8 |
| Blake, Roy | 8/27/1908 | 8 |
| James, Dr. A. C. | 8/27/1908 | 8 |
| Dover, child of Willian | 9/3/1908 | 8 |
| Dover, Forest | 9/3/1908 | 8 |
| Robertson, Mrs. Helen Ihone | 9/3/1908 | 8 |
| Joplin, Delilah | 9/10/1908 | 1 |
| Smith, infant of G. W. | 9/10/1908 | 1 |
| Green, Mrs. D. L. | 9/10/1908 | 8 |
| Green, Mrs. Roma | 9/10/1908 | 8 |
| Sellers, Ruby | 9/10/1908 | 8 |
| Sorrels, W. A. | 9/10/1908 | 8 |

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| Bates, baby of Ezra | 9/24/1908 | 8 |
| Boles, baby of Nervie | 9/24/1908 | 8 |
| Moore, Uncle Jim | 9/24/1908 | 8 |
| Joplin, Fred | 10/1/1908 | 2 |
| Joplin, Fred | 10/1/1908 | 8 |
| Quinn, Mr. | 10/1/1908 | 8 |
| Howard, baby of Mon | 10/8/1908 | 8 |
| Smith, baby of Dr. | 10/8/1908 | 8 |
| White, Mrs. Molly | 10/15/1908 | 5 |
| Allen, baby of W. D. | 10/15/1908 | 8 |
| Burton, Mrs. | 10/15/1908 | 8 |
| Franks, Mrs. | 10/15/1908 | 8 |
| Green, Mrs. Roma | 10/15/1908 | 8 |
| Hendricks, J. K. | 10/22/1908 | 2 |
| Pirtle, Ben F. | 10/22/1908 | 5 |
| Bates, baby | 10/22/1908 | 8 |
| Bates, Molley | 10/22/1908 | 8 |
| Bates, Mollie | 10/22/1908 | 8 |
| Bailey, John | 10/29/1908 | 5 |
| Trummell, Rufus | 11/5/1908 | 2 |
| Jarrett, T. E. | 11/5/1908 | 3 |
| Cole, Frank | 11/5/1908 | 5 |
| Hilton, Irene | 11/5/1908 | 8 |
| Dunfee, Fern | 11/12/1908 | 3 |
| Dunfee, Percy | 11/12/1908 | 3 |
| Dunfee, Velma | 11/12/1908 | 3 |
| Booth, Myrtle | 11/12/1908 | 4 |
| Johnson, Mrs. E. S. | 11/12/1908 | 8 |
| Moore, Mrs. E. W. | 11/12/1908 | 8 |
| Tucker, Edna | 11/12/1908 | 8 |
| Wright, Dr. A. W. | 11/12/1908 | 8 |
| Egger, infant of J. M. | 11/19/1908 | 1 |
| Fields, A. C. | 11/19/1908 | 2 |
| Richards, Mrs. W. E. | 11/19/1908 | 2 |
| Mathews, Porter | 11/26/1908 | 1 |

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| Woods, baby of James | 11/26/1908 | 1 |
| Price, baby of Staley | 11/26/1908 | 2 |
| Davis, Walter | 11/26/1908 | 8 |
| Irwin, James | 12/3/1908 | 1 |
| Decker, baby | 12/3/1908 | 8 |
| Mayes, Mrs. Louisa | 12/3/1908 | 8 |
| Mays, Mrs. Dave | 12/3/1908 | 8 |
| Moore, Marvin | 12/3/1908 | 8 |
| Cook, J. N. | 12/10/1908 | 2 |
| Wilson, Mrs. Laura | 12/10/1908 | 2 |
| Awbrey, Ollie L. | 12/10/1908 | 3 |
| Fish, Mrs. Margaret | 12/10/1908 | 3 |
| Wight, Phil | 12/10/1908 | 3 |
| Wight, Philip | 12/10/1908 | 8 |
| Goddard, Mrs. Peter | 12/17/1908 | 3 |
| Nichols, Louis | 12/17/1908 | 7 |
| Branch, Fred | 12/17/1908 | 10 |
| Goddard, Mrs. Peter | 12/17/1908 | 10 |
| Faulkner, W. F. | 12/24/1908 | 2 |
| Jackson, Mrs. M. E. | 12/24/1908 | 5 |
| Pardon, Mrs. | 12/24/1908 | 8 |
| Neislar, Mrs. Josephine | 12/31/1908 | 2 |
| Hyatt, Sam | 12/31/1908 | 3 |
| Sandlin, Mrs. Beulah | 12/31/1908 | 8 |
| Guinn, baby of Harvie | 1/7/1909 | 8 |
| Guinn, dau. of Harvey | 1/7/1909 | 8 |
| Terrell, Mattie | 1/7/1909 | 8 |
| Hicks, Tom | 1/14/1909 | 1 |
| Philpot, Caroline | 1/14/1909 | 1 |
| Sims, John | 1/14/1909 | 1 |
| Campbell, son of C. A. | 1/14/1909 | 3 |
| Lear, James B. | 1/14/1909 | 3 |
| Bales, baby boy of Arthur | 1/14/1909 | 8 |

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| Barton, baby of H. | 1/14/1909 | 8 |
| Cunningham, inf. of S. M. | 1/14/1909 | 8 |
| Estes, baby of H. O. | 1/14/1909 | 8 |
| Hicks, Bud | 1/14/1909 | 8 |
| Sanford, baby of Cornelius | 1/14/1909 | 8 |
| Roberts, J. P. | 1/21/1909 | 1 |
| Rogers, Mrs. Martha | 1/21/1909 | 4 |
| Earnest, C. Columbus | 1/21/1909 | 8 |
| Hicks, T. A. | 1/21/1909 | 8 |
| Fields, James | 1/28/1909 | 1 |
| Rudolph, John | 1/28/1909 | 2 |
| Rudoff, John | 1/28/1909 | 8 |
| Judd, Jacob | 2/4/1909 | 2 |
| Fields, Jimmy | 2/4/1909 | 8 |
| Suits, Bob | 2/4/1909 | 8 |
| Raden, Gladys | 2/11/1909 | 1 |
| Cunningham, Mrs. S. M. | 2/11/1909 | 5 |
| Wickam, Howard | 2/11/1909 | 8 |
| Cunningham, M. V. B. | 2/18/1909 | 4 |
| Terrell, Martha Ann | 2/18/1909 | 8 |
| Ballew, children of R. H. | 2/25/1909 | 2 |
| Griffith, Letitia | 2/25/1909 | 2 |
| Wimberly, Mrs. Willis | 3/4/1909 | 1 |
| Wimberly, Mrs. Willis | 3/4/1909 | 8 |
| Phelps, Rev. T. B. | 3/11/1909 | 1 |
| Cannon, Mrs. Viola | 3/11/1909 | 5 |
| Carter, mother of John | 3/11/1909 | 8 |
| Howard, baby | 3/11/1909 | 8 |
| Sargent, child of Joe | 3/11/1909 | 8 |
| Cunningham, James | 3/18/1909 | 2 |
| Wimberly, Ham | 3/18/1909 | 2 |

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| Lendquest, John | 3/18/1909 | 5 |
| Collins, W. M. | 3/18/1909 | 8 |
| Phelps, T. B. | 3/18/1909 | 8 |
| Wimberly, Ham | 3/18/1909 | 8 |
| Olney, Clark Sedwick | 3/25/1909 | 1 |
| Hoffman, Mr. | 3/25/1909 | 8 |
| Reynolds, son of W. B. | 3/25/1909 | 8 |
| Roling, Mrs. Mattie B. | 3/25/1909 | 8 |
| Woods, Jeff | 3/25/1909 | 8 |
| Jones, John | 4/1/1909 | 1 |
| Atwell, Mrs. Levi | 4/1/1909 | 2 |
| McKee, William | 4/1/1909 | 2 |
| Olney, Clark Sedwick | 4/1/1909 | 2 |
| Townsend, Charles | 4/1/1909 | 8 |
| Townsend, Charlie | 4/1/1909 | 8 |
| Goodner, Mrs. Mark | 4/8/1909 | 8 |
| Goodner, Mrs. Mack | 4/15/1909 | 1 |
| Masters, J. P. | 4/15/1909 | 1 |
| Chamblin, David | 4/15/1909 | 2 |
| Masters, Jake | 4/15/1909 | 2 |
| Stockton, Mrs. Lennox | 4/15/1909 | 2 |
| Pettit, Giles | 4/15/1909 | 5 |
| Barber, Mrs. A. J. | 4/15/1909 | 8 |
| Barber, Mrs. Leda | 4/15/1909 | 8 |
| Benson, baby of W. C. | 4/15/1909 | 8 |
| Cunningham, James | 4/15/1909 | 8 |
| Fowler, Grandpa | 4/15/1909 | 8 |
| Masters, J. P. | 4/15/1909 | 8 |
| Stockton, Mrs. Virgie | 4/15/1909 | 8 |
| Barber, Leda | 4/22/1909 | 1 |
| Mitchell, R. A. | 4/22/1909 | 1 |
| Fields, Jacob | 4/22/1909 | 2 |

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| Mitchell, R. A. | 4/22/1909 | 2 |
| Furr, Mrs. John | 4/22/1909 | 5 |
| Thornton, Fred | 4/29/1909 | 5 |
| Shaley, inf. of Ed | 4/29/1909 | 6 |
| Leonard, baby of Coleman | 4/29/1909 | 8 |
| Beasley, children | 5/6/1909 | 2 |
| Beasley, Mr. | 5/6/1909 | 2 |
| Coffman, baby of William | 5/6/1909 | 2 |
| Williamson, Asa | 5/6/1909 | 2 |
| Edmond, Annie | 5/6/1909 | 8 |
| Threwett, Arthur | 5/6/1909 | 8 |
| Odell, Robert | 5/20/1909 | 1 |
| Thornton, Fannie B. | 5/20/1909 | 2 |
| Sandlin, inf. of J. E. | 5/20/1909 | 8 |
| Johnson, Loren | 5/27/1909 | 1 |
| Roach, Milton | 5/27/1909 | 4 |
| Shaver, Robert G. Jr. | 5/27/1909 | 4 |
| Johnson, Loren | 5/27/1909 | 8 |
| Moseley, Mrs. Annie | 6/3/1909 | 2 |
| Moseley, Mrs. Annie | 6/3/1909 | 6 |
| Hammond, Dr. | 6/3/1909 | 8 |
| Petty, inf. of G. W. | 6/3/1909 | 8 |
| Rogers, inf. John | 6/3/1909 | 8 |
| Bogle, Mrs. Alice | 6/10/1909 | 8 |
| Ferguson, baby of Aaron | 6/10/1909 | 8 |
| Ferguson, child of Columbus | 6/10/1909 | 8 |
| McCoy, Mrs. Will | 6/10/1909 | 8 |
| Mills, Mr. | 6/10/1909 | 8 |
| Mosgrove, Charles | 6/10/1909 | 8 |
| Lowe, Lucinda | 6/17/1909 | 5 |
| Low, Mrs. | 6/17/1909 | 8 |
| Turpin, T. E. | 6/24/1909 | 1 |
| Cox, Mrs. Ora | 6/24/1909 | 8 |

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| Rogers, inf. dau. of John | 6/24/1909 | 8 |
| Ham, W. D. | 7/1/1909 | 2 |
| Jackson, Mrs. M. | 7/1/1909 | 3 |
| Helton, son of John | 7/1/1909 | 8 |
| Jackson, Grandma | 7/1/1909 | 8 |
| Lewis, W. J. | 7/1/1909 | 8 |
| Chamblin, Grandma | 7/8/1909 | 1 |
| Clark, Mrs. Emeline S. | 7/8/1909 | 1 |
| Clark, Mrs. W. L. | 7/8/1909 | 8 |
| Hamilton, baby | 7/8/1909 | 8 |
| Holmes, Mrs. O. | 7/8/1909 | 8 |
| Upton, boy | 7/8/1909 | 8 |
| Hoover, baby of Sebe | 7/15/1909 | 1 |
| Reed, Grandma | 7/15/1909 | 5 |
| Wilson, Leighton | 7/15/1909 | 5 |
| Brown, Mrs. Lum | 7/22/1909 | 4 |
| Widener, Mrs. W. G. | 7/22/1909 | 4 |
| Bates, T. G. | 7/22/1909 | 5 |
| Cross, Minnie | 7/22/1909 | 5 |
| Cross, Myrtle | 7/22/1909 | 5 |
| Hilton, Jesse | 7/22/1909 | 5 |
| Johnson, Mrs. L. J. | 7/22/1909 | 5 |
| Stone, T. J. | 7/22/1909 | 5 |
| Beavers, Rev. Frank | 7/29/1909 | 1 |
| Cross, daughter | 7/29/1909 | 1 |
| Garrett, baby of Nick | 7/29/1909 | 1 |
| Wright, Barton | 7/29/1909 | 1 |
| Beard, Fred | 7/29/1909 | 4 |
| Brown, Irene | 7/29/1909 | 5 |
| Anderson, Mrs. Estella | 8/5/1909 | 1 |
| Beaver, Frank M. | 8/5/1909 | 1 |
| Green, Verna | 8/5/1909 | 2 |
| Powers, Mrs. Carrie C. | 8/5/1909 | 5 |

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| Lawrence, dau. of Annis | 8/5/1909 | 8 |
| Lawrence, Lizzie | 8/5/1909 | 8 |
| Crosson, Dovie | 8/12/1909 | 1 |
| Crosson, G. P. | 8/12/1909 | 1 |
| Harrison, Minnie | 8/12/1909 | 1 |
| Henderson, George W. | 8/12/1909 | 1 |
| Langfeldt, Mrs. W. | 8/12/1909 | 2 |
| Cole, inf. of Will | 8/12/1909 | 8 |
| Jackson, Mrs. Margaret | 8/12/1909 | 8 |
| Looney, inf. of H. | 8/12/1909 | 8 |
| Crosson, Dove | 8/19/1909 | 1 |
| Harrison, Minnie | 8/19/1909 | 1 |
| Anderson, Mrs. T. F. | 8/19/1909 | 2 |
| Case, G. W. | 8/19/1909 | 8 |
| Riley, Grandpa | 8/19/1909 | 8 |
| Barber, Mrs. E. | 8/26/1909 | 8 |
| Barton, son of Henry | 8/26/1909 | 8 |
| Harrison, Mrs. Marion | 9/2/1909 | 1 |
| Pirtle, B. F. | 9/2/1909 | 1 |
| Tilton, Mrs. W. S. | 9/2/1909 | 1 |
| Ward, Flora May | 9/2/1909 | 1 |
| Eskew, Neal Clem | 9/2/1909 | 3 |
| Simms, W. O. | 9/2/1909 | 3 |
| Husky, Roy | 9/2/1909 | 5 |
| Ridling, H. C. | 9/2/1909 | 5 |
| Barton, children of Henry | 9/2/1909 | 8 |
| Barton, Ruben | 9/2/1909 | 8 |
| Harrison, Mrs. | 9/2/1909 | 8 |
| Liner, Mrs. George | 9/2/1909 | 8 |
| Ridling, Rev. Henry | 9/2/1909 | 8 |
| Myrick, Estella | 9/9/1909 | 5 |
| Martin, son of Fred | 9/9/1909 | 6 |
| Chambers, child of Alvil | 9/9/1909 | 8 |

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| Cox, Della | 9/9/1909 | 8 |
| Larson, James | 9/9/1909 | 8 |
| Nichols, Cora | 9/9/1909 | 8 |
| Choate, child of Jessie | 9/16/1909 | 1 |
| Kellar, G. M. | 9/16/1909 | 1 |
| Johnson, Mrs. Sarah J. | 9/16/1909 | 2 |
| Parker, Lela Sue | 9/23/1909 | 3 |
| Smith, Mrs. G. W. | 9/23/1909 | 5 |
| Douglas, dau. of Neal | 9/23/1909 | 8 |
| Harrison, Minnie | 9/30/1909 | 1 |
| Hook, Mrs. | 9/30/1909 | 8 |
| Seers, Mr. | 9/30/1909 | 8 |
| Sutton, inf. of W. J. | 9/30/1909 | 8 |
| White, inf. Carl | 9/30/1909 | 8 |
| Clement, Willie | 10/7/1909 | 1 |
| Strawn, Rosebud | 10/7/1909 | 2 |
| Christianberry, Johnnie | 10/7/1909 | 8 |
| Myres, inf. of E. D. | 10/7/1909 | 8 |
| Strawn, Rosebud | 10/7/1909 | 8 |
| Ridling, Rev. H. C. | 10/14/1909 | 5 |
| Steel, Estella | 10/14/1909 | 8 |
| Steele, Louise | 10/14/1909 | 8 |
| Bankston, Mrs. Arabella | 10/21/1909 | 4 |
| Loving, Mrs. | 10/21/1909 | 4 |
| Hope, A. P. | 10/28/1909 | 1 |
| Baker, S. S. | 10/28/1909 | 5 |
| Brock, Mela | 10/28/1909 | 8 |
| Colley, J. L. | 10/28/1909 | 8 |
| Baker, Sam S. | 11/4/1909 | 3 |
| Crawford, Uncle Sam | 11/4/1909 | 8 |
| Jones, Nancy E. | 11/11/1909 | 1 |
| Crawford, S. J. | 11/11/1909 | 3 |
| Woodworth, Elliot L. | 11/18/1909 | 8 |
| Young, Sophia | 11/18/1909 | 8 |

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| Black, Calvin | 11/25/1909 | 1 |
| Horner, G. F. | 11/25/1909 | 1 |
| Smith, J. C. | 11/25/1909 | 3 |
| Reeves, Andrew | 11/25/1909 | 5 |
| Paulk, Volney E. | 12/2/1909 | 1 |
| Jacobs, John | 12/2/1909 | 2 |
| Tankersley, Amanda | 12/2/1909 | 2 |
| Harbin, Mrs. S. | 12/2/1909 | 3 |
| Dodd, baby of John | 12/2/1909 | 5 |
| White, Mrs. Susan | 12/2/1909 | 5 |
| Beaver, Grandma | 12/2/1909 | 8 |
| White, Mrs. Susan | 12/2/1909 | 8 |
| Paulk, Volney E. | 12/9/1909 | 1 |
| Beavers, Mrs. Sarah A. | 12/9/1909 | 2 |
| Beavers, Grandma | 12/9/1909 | 8 |
| Eeds, Grandma | 12/9/1909 | 8 |
| Eeds, inf. of Clark | 12/9/1909 | 8 |
| Settles, Mrs. Mary J. | 12/9/1909 | 8 |
| Wilson, W. S. | 12/9/1909 | 8 |
| Shelley, A. M. | 12/16/1909 | 1 |
| Banker, Pearl | 12/16/1909 | 8 |
| Banks, Pearl | 12/16/1909 | 8 |
| Eads, baby of Clarke | 12/16/1909 | 8 |
| Lowery, child of Tom | 12/16/1909 | 8 |
| Walsh, M. E. | 12/23/1909 | 5 |
| Johnson, Mrs. W. S. | 12/23/1909 | 8 |
| Roby, baby of Emmett | 12/23/1909 | 8 |
| Adams, Mrs. M. M. | 12/30/1909 | 5 |
| Lilley, Mrs. Hattie G. | 12/30/1909 | 5 |
| Stewart, Horace | 12/30/1909 | 5 |

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History of State's Post Offices is a Social History, Too

Tom W. Dillard

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Among my family and friends, not the least of all my wife and son, I'm considered an incurable nerd when it comes to history – especially Arkansas history. My wife had the occasion to remind me of this already obvious fact when I recently asked her to order a copy of a book on Arkansas post offices. She made no comment; she allowed the grin on her face to speak for her.

I did not take the occasion to remind her, as I sometimes do, of the obvious fact that she is lucky I am not interested in bass fishing. That is an interest where I could really spend some money, given the necessity of having a bass boat with AstroTurf carpeting – not to mention a large truck to pull the whole rig. Instead, I explain patiently that this book is full of interesting tidbits on Arkansas place names, and not a little social history.

Titled *Arkansas Post Offices, From Memdag to Norsk*, the book was compiled by Russell P. Baker of the Arkansas History Commission in Little Rock. The copy I bought is a revised edition, published in 2003 by the Arkansas Genealogical Society (P.O. Box 17653, Little Rock, AR 72222). Other than a brief introduction and illustrated explanation of how the book was compiled from a variety of sources (since there is no reliable encompassing government list), this truly is an alphabetical listing of every known post office ever established in Arkansas.

More than 6,500 Arkansas towns have had post offices at one time or another. Many of these turned out to be short lived. Accident, in southern Montgomery County, had a post office from 1888 to 1890, but that short duration might have been because of the unfortunate choice of name. The settlement of Ada in Stone County (not the ones by the same name in Conway, Montgomery or Washington counties) had an even shorter life; it was born and died in the same year, 1907.

The postal system has changed a great deal over the years. Until well into the 20th century, politics played a major role in naming local postmasters. Indeed, dispensing federal jobs – especially postmasterships in larger towns – became the glue that held together the Arkansas Republican Party during its lean years after 1874 when the “Redeemer” Democrats regained power and ended Reconstruction. “Post Office Republicans” became their unfortunate nickname.

Smaller post offices, which is to say the great majority, were not considered political plums – and the income from such postmasterships was minimal. A general store owner often doubled as the postmaster, and the mail was distributed along with groceries. Having a post office in a store meant that people often gathered there, with older men hugging the potbellied stove in the winter and whittling away at sticks on the front porch during the warm months.

Many of the small post offices were named after the first postmaster. Scobey, in Cleveland County, was named for John P. Scobey. Harbour in Calhoun County, which existed from 1886 to 1904, was the namesake of Postmaster John H. S. Harbour. Post office names changed frequently. Rohwer, the Desha County community that became a large relocation camp for interned Japanese-Americans during World War II, was originally named Harding.

The book does not address how Ink in Polk county got its name – which has been a source of speculation for years. The story, which seems too good to be true, is that the person completing the paperwork for a post office took literally the form’s direction that the line reserved for the name be filled in with ink. Records do not address that probable bit of rural mythology, but they do record that the Ink post office was established in 1887 and closed in 1967. Interestingly, the original plan was to name the post office Melon, but the authorities rejected that name.

I have always wondered how Eros, in Marion County got its name. Baker tells us the post office was intended to be named Sweet Water. In my mind I can see the disappointed locals getting together in 1880 and deciding to one-up the postal authorities by giving the town a name that might have raised eyebrows among the upright Victorians.

Possibly the most famous post office in Arkansas today is at Romance, in rural White County, which does a booming business each year leading up to Valentine's Day. The name was chosen in 1884 when the original suggestion, Clifty, was rejected.

The post office at Vimy Ridge in Saline County was originally named Germania, reflecting the large number of German immigrants who settled in the area. During World War I anti-German sentiment resulted in a petition to change the name of the post office. To add insult to the injury, the post office was renamed in honor of a recent battle in which the Allies defeated the Germans.

So, you can see that *Arkansas Post Offices* is far more than nerd literature. Next time you see my wife, remind her how expensive a bass boat is these days.

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***Arkansas Post Offices From Memdag to Norsk:
A Historical Directory 1832 – 1990
By Russell P. Baker***

This very useful resource has been revised and is now being bound with a spiral binding for ease of use. The price is \$25 and it may be ordered from the Arkansas Genealogical Society. See the enclosed order form for information about shipping charges and tax; the AGS order form can also be printed from the website www.agsgenealogy.org.

Leliar Bell (Smith) Ainley of Randolph County, Arkansas, and Her Family

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During her long lifetime, Leliar Bell Smith resided in three different states, but she never lived more than a hundred miles or so from her birthplace. Unlike the more common westward migration of many families, her family's movement was typical of the kind that often occurs in areas where three or more states meet, such as is the case with Tennessee, Arkansas, and Missouri. Leliar's father Benjamin F. Smith was born in Weakley County, Tennessee, but as an adult he was frequently on the move, and he left records in most of the counties of northwestern Tennessee during his lifetime, as well as in northeastern Arkansas and southeastern Missouri. It is with the use of a wide variety of records and published materials created in several different states and counties that the researcher is able to track the family's comings and goings.

Leliar was born 25 June 1882 in Dresden, Weakley County, Tennessee,¹ but she moved with her family first to Randolph County in northeast Arkansas, then to Ripley County in southeast Missouri, and finally back to Randolph County, Arkansas, as a married woman, all before she was eighteen years old.

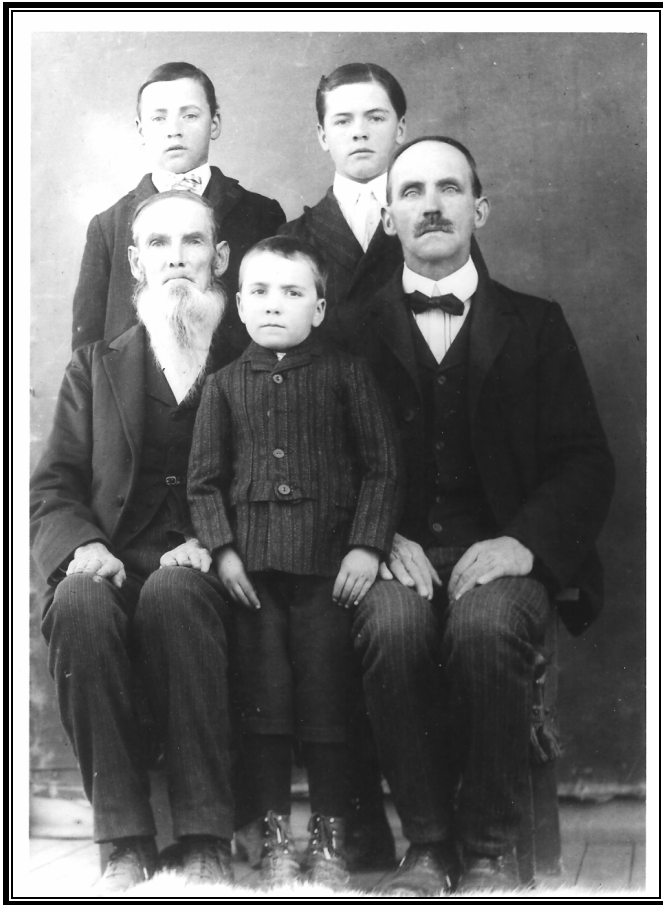
Leliar's father Benjamin and her mother Martha P. Stoker had married 31 October 1877.² In 1880 they were enumerated in Weakley County with their one-month old son, Tom (later called Ira Alvin), who had been born in May.³ Besides Ira Alvin and Leliar, Benjamin and Martha had four other children: William

¹ Leliar Bell Ainley obituary, *Pocahontas Star Herald*, Pocahontas, Arkansas, 17 May 1973, page 12, column 2.

² *Weakley County, Tennessee, Marriage Records*, Vol. 2 (Martin, Tennessee: Weakley County Genealogical Society, 1984), 74.

³ Ben F. Smith household, 1880 U. S. census, Weakley County, Tennessee, population schedule, 7th Civil District, enumeration district [ED] 170, page 223, dwelling and family 328; National Archives [NA] microfilm T9, roll 1285.

Everett in 1885, Benjamin Covie in 1888, Joseph Orbin in 1889, and Preston.⁴ It is likely that the Smith family remained in Weakley County until after the death of Leliar's paternal grandmother, Mary E. (Wescot) Smith on 3 March 1897.⁵



A. W. SMITH, SEATED LEFT, WITH SON, BENJAMIN F. SMITH,
SEATED RIGHT AND THREE OF BENJAMIN'S SONS

⁴ Obion County Historical Society, compiler, *Obion County History*, 1: 360.

⁵ James Buckley Chapter, NSDAR, compiler, *Weakley County, Tennessee Cemetery Listings*, (Sharon, Tennessee: 1980), 246, (Pleasant Hill Cemetery).

In that same year Leliar's father B. F. Smith was assessed for two horses, two cows, five hogs, and one pleasure carriage in Siloam township, Randolph County, Arkansas.⁶ However, according to a descendant, the family had moved into Ripley County, Missouri, by the time their lives were disrupted by the death of Leliar's mother, Martha (Stoker) Smith.⁷ Benjamin F. Smith married his second wife, a very young Josie Beloate, in Ripley County, on 19 October 1899.⁸ Exactly one month later, Leliar herself married at Naylor, Missouri, to William Henry Ainley,⁹ who was from Randolph County, Arkansas. Perhaps the young couple had met each other when the Smiths lived in Arkansas two years earlier. William was born 4 October 1867 in Randolph County, the son of William Ainley and Myra (Reynolds) Johnson.¹⁰ Indeed, the 1900 census enumerated Leliar and her new husband living with his parents William and Myra Ainley in Randolph County.¹¹

Leliar's father Benjamin moved back to Tennessee with his new wife, his young stepson who had been born in Arkansas, and his own young sons, Leliar's brothers, from his first marriage.¹² There he married for a third time in Dyer County in

⁶ B. F. Smith entry, Randolph County 1897 tax roll, Siloam Township, page 84; microfilm 1293716, Family History Library [FHL], Salt Lake City, Utah.

⁷ Family information provided to this writer by Addie (Ainley) Jones, daughter of Leliar and granddaughter of Martha.

⁸ Ripley County Marriage Book 4:117, County Clerk's Office, Doniphan, Missouri, microfilm 927727, FHL, Salt Lake City, Utah.

⁹ Ainley-Smith marriage, 19 November 1899, Recorder of Deeds, Ripley County, Missouri, original certificate in possession of Addie Ainley Jones in 1998, copy in possession of this author.

¹⁰ Margaret A. Barnhart, *Cemeteries and Burial Sites of Randolph County, Arkansas* (Warm Springs, Arkansas: Pegasearch, 1988), 92 (Ingram Cemetery). Also William Henry Ainley obituary, *Pocahontas, Star Herald*, 5 May 1952, page 12, column 4.

¹¹ William Ainley household, 1900 U. S. census, Randolph County, Arkansas, Siloam township, ED 112, page 150, dwelling 103, family 105; NA microfilm T623, roll 74.

¹² Benjamin F. Smith household, 1900 U.S. census, Weakley County, Tennessee, 18th Civil District, ED 130, page 255, dwelling 43, family 45, NA T623, roll 1605.

1905,¹³ the same year his oldest son Ira married in Weakley County.¹⁴ From Benjamin's third marriage came another daughter, Addie Lois, born 19 March 1909.¹⁵ Leliar's birth family was growing at the same time as her own household.

Leliar and William had settled down in Randolph County, Arkansas, and started their family. Their first child, Addie Bell Ainley, was born 15 November 1900,¹⁶ and their second daughter, Edna Gertrude, followed less than a year and a half later on 26 March 1902.¹⁷ On 30 May 1907 Leliar and William welcomed their first son, Clarence Esker Ainley.¹⁸ The 1910 census provides us with a snapshot of the family living in Little Black Township where William was doing general farming on his own farm that he owned outright.¹⁹ A county directory of that same year calls him a United Baptist.²⁰

Unfortunately, over the next four years, Leliar and William would bear the grief of losing two children. William C. was born 30 September 1911 and died 24 July 1912; and Benjamin O. was born 18 January 1914 and died two months later in March. Both were buried nearby in Ingram Cemetery.²¹

¹³ Smith-Michael marriage, Dyer County Marriage Book 1904-1908: 247, County Clerk's Office, Dyersburg, Tennessee; microfilm 833222, FHL, Salt Lake City, Utah.

¹⁴ Smith-Lena marriage, Rootsweb.com, Rootsweb's World Connect Project, online <<http://wc.rootsweb.com>>, Virtus Edmundson <VirtusEd@aol.com> database edafo448, Edmundson Family All Branches, Twigs and Leaves-Revisited, downloaded 7 October 2006.

¹⁵ Addie Lois Smith, delayed birth certificate, no. D-105820 (1942), State of Tennessee, Department of Public Health, Division of Vital Statistics, Nashville, Tennessee.

¹⁶ Addie Bell Jones obituary, *Pocahontas Star Herald*, 7 May 1998, page 14, column 4.

¹⁷ Barnhart, *Cemeteries and Burial Sites of Randolph County, Arkansas*, 238 (Pitman Cemetery).

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, 88 (Ingram Cemetery).

¹⁹ William Ainley household, 1910 U.S. census, Randolph County, Arkansas, Little Black Township, ED 121, page 154, dwelling 115, family 116; NA T624, roll 63.

²⁰ L. F. Blankenship, *Directory of Randolph County, Arkansas 1910* (Pocahontas, Arkansas: Star Herald Printing Company, 1978), 57.

²¹ Barnhart, *Cemeteries and Burial Sites of Randolph County, Arkansas*, 88 (Ingram Cemetery).

No doubt thinking of their three remaining children, in 1915 William and Leliar deeded an acre of land to School District No. 55 for a school, an indication of their commitment to their community and to the value of education for all children.²² The deed stated that when the property ceased to be used for school purposes it was to become the property of W. H. Ainley or his heirs. In 1917, the family included another future student, when Iva C. Ainley was born on 9 September. The one-room Ainley School that this family made possible has been closed for many years now.

According to her daughter Addie, Leliar was typical of the rural women of the time, making quilts and sewing all the family members' clothes. She was a good cook, using a wood cook-stove to provide delicious meals for her family. The family kept an orchard from which she gathered peaches, pears, and apples to preserve. Likewise, the vegetable garden provided beans, corn, and other vegetables that she harvested and canned. She wore her hair up in a bun on the back of her neck, and as she aged she walked with a cane. From time to time, her father Benjamin would drive a wagon and team from Dyer County, Tennessee, to visit her, and sometimes her brothers would come to visit from Weakley County.²³ One brother, Joseph Orbin, actually married in Randolph County, Arkansas, in 1910.²⁴

As with all parents, it must have been a joy for William and Leliar to watch their children grow up, marry, and start their own families. Their second child, daughter Edna Gertrude was the first to leave the family home. She married Walter Redman Vester 7 January 1921 in Randolph County.²⁵ Walter, born in 1891, was a farmer there until he retired, and they moved to Doniphan, Ripley County, Missouri. There he died 1 February

²² Randolph County Deed Book 78: 358, Circuit Clerk's Office, Pocahontas, Arkansas.

²³ Interview with Oldean (Jones) Abshier, Leliar's granddaughter, of Maumelle, Arkansas, by this author, 20 April 2006.

²⁴ Smith-Lusk marriage, Randolph County, Arkansas, Marriage Book 16: 373, County Clerk's Office, Pocahontas, Arkansas; microfilm 1293699, FHL, Salt Lake City, Utah.

²⁵ Randolph County Marriage Book 20:98, FHL microfilm 1293701.

1981, and Edna died a few years later on 8 November 1984. But they are both buried at Pitman Cemetery in Randolph County.²⁶

Two weeks after her sister's marriage, the oldest daughter Addie Bell married 22 January 1921 to Clarence Alden Jones,²⁷ who had been born 15 July 1901.²⁸ Clarence was a farmer and schoolteacher who taught at schools in and around Randolph County and died 30 March 1986.²⁹ From her mother Leliar, Addie had learned to be a good cook. She was renowned for her white beans, slowly cooked all day and expertly seasoned. She was also famous for her stacked apple cake consisting of thin cakes layered with sugar-and-cinnamon-seasoned applesauce. Addie, a member of the Grandview Free Will Baptist Church near Supply, lived a long life. When she died 1 May 1998 at Pocahontas,³⁰ her funeral was held at Grandview, where her grandchildren and great-grandchildren sang several hymns in celebration of her life, while her grandson Eddie Jones played the piano and her granddaughter Linda Ridings served as leader. Both Clarence and Addie are buried in Ingram Cemetery in Randolph County.³¹

Leliar and William's third surviving child, Clarence Esker Ainley, married Flossie V. Julian 18 September 1926.³² He farmed until they moved to Doniphan, Missouri in 1944. Flossie died there 16 November 1972³³ and Esker followed on 30

²⁶ Barnhart, *Cemeteries and Burial Sites of Randolph County, Arkansas*, 238 (Pitman Cemetery).

²⁷ Randolph County Marriage Book 20:101, FHL microfilm 1293701.

²⁸ Barnhart, *Cemeteries and Burial Sites of Randolph County, Arkansas*, 92 (Ingram Cemetery).

²⁹ Clarence Alden Jones death certificate no. 44-005155 (1986), Arkansas Department of Health, Little Rock, Arkansas. Clarence Alden Jones obituary, *Pocahontas Star Herald*, Pocahontas, Arkansas, 3 April 1986, page 14, column 1.

³⁰ Addie Bell Jones obituary, *Pocahontas Star Herald*, 7 May 1998.

³¹ *Ibid.* Also Barnhart, *Cemeteries and Burial Sites of Randolph County, Arkansas*, 92 (Ingram Cemetery).

³² Randolph County Marriage Book 22: 172, FHL microfilm 2200500.

³³ Barnhart, *Cemeteries and Burial Sites of Randolph County, Arkansas*, 88 (Ingram Cemetery).

August 1986.³⁴ Like Addie and her husband, Clarence and Flossie were also buried at Ingram Cemetery.³⁵

Unfortunately, Leliar and William's youngest child Iva C. became ill and died 5 June 1942 at age twenty-four years and was buried in Ingram Cemetery.³⁶

After fifty-two years of marriage, Leliar's husband William Henry Ainley died on 8 May 1952³⁷ and was buried in Ingram Cemetery next to three of his children.³⁸ After his death Leliar moved a few miles away from their home to live with her daughter Addie Jones. On occasion, she would travel to Doniphan, Missouri, to visit with her other daughter and son there.³⁹ She died 10 May 1973 in Doniphan, but she was buried next to the family in Arkansas.⁴⁰

Leliar may have come from a family that moved often and scattered later, but as an adult she married a man who stayed in one place. They put down roots and kept their children close around them. When some of those children moved away, they didn't go far and went to an area that Leliar had known as a young woman. And they all came home to be buried in Randolph County, Arkansas.

³⁴ Clarence Esker Ainley obituary, unknown newspaper, clipping in possession of Oldean Abshier.

³⁵ Barnhart, *Cemeteries and Burial Sites of Randolph County, Arkansas*: 88 (Ingram Cemetery).

³⁶ *Ibid.*

³⁷ William Henry Ainley obituary, *Pocahontas Star Herald*, 15 May 1952, page 12, column 4.

³⁸ Barnhart, *Cemeteries and Burial Sites of Randolph County, Arkansas*, 88.

³⁹ Leliar's granddaughter Oldean (Jones) Abshier, Maumelle, Arkansas, in conversation with this author, 20 April 2006.

⁴⁰ Leliar Bell Ainley obituary, *Pocahontas Star Herald*, 17 May 1973, page 12, column 2.

Arkansas Queries

BARKMAN: Seeking information on Jacob Barkman, Clark Co, died in Clark Co 1852. **Ann Early**, 1719 E. Furman St., Fayetteville, AR 72703; email amearly@uark.edu.

BAXLEY: David Samuel Newton Baxley was living in Logan Co AR about 1880 – 1910. He had three wives: Alice, Rebecca, & Malinda. Looking for information – documents – photos. **Mr. & Mrs. Millard A Baxley**, 1212 Brandon Ct., Irving, TX 75060; email millard.baxley3@verizon.net.

BLEVINS – Crawford County, Mountainburg – William Henry Blevins, my g-grandfather, filed land patent cert #5315, appl 16611 on 23 May 1890 for 160 acres 36/12N/31W. I can't locate any record/deed of the disposition of this property after his death 7 July 1911. Also, seeking any record reporting Wm Henry's death in Chester, Crawford Co, AR – he lived in Mountainburg, buried in Chester Cemetery. Family lore is that he died at the dentist's office in Chester. **Kenneth W. Blevins**, P.O. Box 2444, Arlington, VA 22202-0444; email KenBlevins@msn.com.

BROWN: Need death and burial place of Benjamin Cyrus Brown ca. 1900-1905 probably in Clark Co, AR. On the 1900 census of Caddo township he was correctly listed as age 62, although his birth date was inaccurately recorded as Jan 1842. He was a Confederate veteran. **Susan G. Boyle**, 57 Plantation Acres Dr., Little Rock, AR 72210-3627, email susanb1996@aol.com.

GLANTON – HOMES: Seeking info on Margaret E. Glanton & John O. Homes who married 29 Oct 1871 in Woodruff Co AR. Margaret may also have been called Emma. **Robert R. Edwards**, 300 Lakeridge Drive, Russellville, AR 72802-9276; email bobandcarolyn@cox-internet.com.

HANSON -- BROWN: Obadiah Hanson b 1876 Hempstead Co, AR, son of James W. Hanson and Nancy A. P. Agan, m Mary Elizabeth Brown 1897 Clark Co, AR. She was b 1874 GA, dau of Benjamin Cyrus Brown and Elizabeth Hope Freeman. Obadiah, Mary, and son Vener enumerated 1900 Titus Co, TX, next door to Obadiah's father James Hanson's household. In 1910 Caddo Twp., Clark Co., AR, census of her mother's household Mary Elizabeth was a widow with two additional children Ruby b 1901 and Opal b 1903 AR. Where and when did Obadiah died? Where is he buried? **Susan Boyle**, 57 Plantation Acres Drive, Little Rock, AR 72210-3627; email susanb1996@aol.com.

HARROD: Dr. George Harrod, who practiced medicine in and around Clarksville AR volunteered for the Confederate Army and was commissioned a Capt. He participated in the Battle of Pea Ridge, AR and was shot in the hip or leg. He was known as Crippled George. He eventually moved to Faulkner Co and lived in a community known as Beryl. I would like to know if you have any more information about Dr. Harrod that I don't have. **Harrod L. Flake**, 3709 Idlewild Ave., Little Rock, AR 72116.

HOLT – HYATT – BIGGER – COOPER: Researching Holt & Hyatt families of Hempstead Co; J. E. Bigger family, Amity, Pike Co; and the Cooper family of St. Joe/Snowball near Harrison. Appreciate any information. **S. Haxby**; P.O. Box 932, Burlington, WA 98233; email Thaxby37@msn.com.

HUGHS / HUGHES: Please help us find the parents of our ancestors, Jesse Hughes (or Hughes) b NC 1813, m Mary Ann ___?___ abt 1835. They moved to Hot Spring Co., AR about 1844. We find the family in 1860 and 1870 but know nothing about their parents. Thank you for any clues. **Betty Smithson**, 159 W. 200 N. #302, Salt Lake City, UT 84103; email spsmithson829@hotmail.com.

MACKEY – I am looking for info on Wade Thomas Mackey b Mar 1891 possibly Clark Co. He m Viola Hartsell 1910 Clark

Co. Wade died 1957 and is buried at Hickory Grove. Wade had a brother, Albert, and a sister, Birdie or Virdie who may have married a Tillman Collins. Also, Hiram Mackey b abt. 1850 TN, d 26 Sep 1885 AR. He m Margaret Lea Hughes. She was b 1861 AR and d 11 Apr 1979 in Clark Co. Hiram's parents are James W. Mackey and Mary Ann Caroline Shackelford. James d abt 1893 AR, supposedly buried at Unity Cemetery. They had the following children: James, Alexander, John Martin, George & Hiram. James also m2 Sarah Moore abt 1857 TN; m3 Mary Ann Stafford abt 1868 AR; m4 Margaret Haltom abt 1882 AR – last wife. Other children listed are: Sarah L., Keaton, W. L., Virginia, Thomas J., James W., Myrtle Mae and Davie Lee. These may have been children of various wives, not his. Any information would be greatly appreciated.

Belinda Smith, 9910 Hwy 150, Shepherd, TX 77371; email bdiane62@yahoo.com.

McCARLEY: Seeking information on Abraham McCarley in Pope and Yell Counties, 1830-1852. Buried in Upper Spring Creek Cemetery (not verified). Member of state militia.

Mary R. Jamison, 2706 39th Street, Lubbock, TX 79413; email mrjamison@sbcglobal.net.

MOON – McKAY – LANE – ROUSE – ISGRIG: Looking for information on the following surnames: Moon (Jefferson Co); McKay (Little Rock); Lane (Ft. Smith); Rouse (Hot Springs); and Isgrig (Little Rock). **Phae H. Dorman**, 2452 Deer Valley, Midland, MI 48642; email pdorman@aol.com.

NOWLIN: James Bryant Nowlin m Nellie Dodson Hays. James' father was John S. Nowlin. Nellie's father was Dodson Clayton Hays (buried Saline Co AR). James & Nellie lived their later years in Pulaski Co AR. I'm looking for their children and other descendants. Mary (Nowlin) Sharp married Edgar B. Sharp. **Paula C. Stobaugh**, 249 Wall Street Ln, Russellville, AR 72802; email dstobaugh@centurytel.net.

PATRICK: Pope Co., query for Sealy Patrick, wife of W. H. "Henry" Patrick. They were in Pope Co., AR by 1880. She died

before 1890. Is there any record of her death in Pope Co.? I can't find any reference that lists her death. Any help would be appreciated. **Gayle P. Cohen**, 1800 Starling Dr., Jonesboro, AR 72401; email jcohen@inet-direct.com.

TAYLOR – FRAZIER: I am looking for help with research on my great-grandparents. My paternal great-grandfather was William Zachary Taylor (May 1845-1908) in Hot Springs. On my paternal grandmother's side, I seek information on William Riley Frazier (b. 24 July 1880) who lived in Hot Springs. **Teresa Hegerich**, 355 Lloyd Rd., Aberdeen, NJ 07747; email kkwemaeda@excite.com.

TOMLINSON – GAITHER – MASON – HARMON – GRAY – RUSSELL: Request any data on Perry & Emaline (Gaither) Tomlinson; Alexander & Virginia (Harmon) Mason; and Joseph & Mary Ann (Russell) Gray. **Col. William Holmes Tomlinson, USA(Ret)**, 1890 Shadowlawn St., Jacksonville, FL 32205; email Ishadow@comcast.net.

WASHINGTON: Any death record for Stephen Washington b 1793 in VA. He lived in Cherry Valley, Cross Co. (Poinsett Co. at one time). He died around 1866 in Cross Co. Stephen was the slave owner for my maternal family. **James S. Walker, Jr.**, 9699 County Rd. SS, Amherst Junction, WI 54407-9137; email Jimtrojan@aol.com.

WINCHESTER – RUSSEL: Robertson Winchester m Judith Russel. They lived in Hardin Co TN at one time & Sebastian Co AR. Robert b 8 Oct 1811 Rutherford Co TN, Judith R b 23 Feb 1815. Robert d 7 Mar 1886 - have not been able to locate place of burial. **Alma L. Costello**, 19488 Baker Rd., Bend OR, 97702-7930; email almamike@bendnet.com.

Book Reviews

Rynders Family: Selected Histories. Compiled and published by John W. Gibbons, 1518 Colonial Drive, Godfrey, IL 62035; 2004. bjgibbons@piasanet.com. 663 pp. Index. Hardback. \$65.00, includes shipping and handling.

In the forward the author states that the focus of the book is Andrew Rynders of New York State and Waverly, Illinois, and his sons Andrew, William, and Isaiah and their descendants.

The table of contents outlines the parts of the book, each devoted to one descendent family. Each descendant is numbered, with Andrew Rynders being 1.0, and his fifth child Andrew, Jr., being 1.5. Andrew, Jr.'s first child Sarah is 1.5.1, and so on. Stephen A. Douglas Rynders (1860-1935), the sixth child of Andrew Rynders, Sr., resided in Hot Springs, AR.

The book begins with an introduction to the immigrant ancestor, John Rynders, who came to Dutchess County, New York, from Holland about 1750, served in the American Revolution, and died in Saratoga County, New York, in 1822. The author explains that much of this early information came from the research of others. He briefly presents John's two wives and the thirteen children he had with them, including the aforementioned Andrew. He lists many variant spellings of the surname and provides brief historical context for New York State and Illinois, and for specific counties, for the time periods in which the families lived in those places. Published sources that were consulted are mentioned within the text.

Family charts, beginning with the immigrant John, introduce each generation in the focus lines with spouses, children, and their numbers. The numbers name the later sections of text and photos that further treat each of those persons. Relevant charts are reproduced at the beginning of those sections.

This attractive book has two-column text that is easy to read and clear, nicely arranged photocopies and photographs. Eleven appendices contain a variety of additional information, including about sixty pages of documentation in the form of transcripts and photocopies of original documents.

Thomas Harton of Warren County, North Carolina and Some of his Descendants with Connecting Families Thompson, Bell, Hicks, Hardaway, Collier, Pegram, Moore, Bathurst, Lacefield, Love. By Jane Harton Peyrouse, privately published, 2005. Softback. Indexes, photographs. For information e-mail Jackpeyrouse@charter.net.

The late author's stated purpose was to find as many American ancestors of her father's family as she could. Many of them were traced to south of the James River in Virginia. Her earliest proven Harton ancestor is the Thomas of the title who received a Granville Grant on Hub Quarters Creek south of the Roanoke River in what is now northeastern Warren County, North Carolina. He married Mary Bell whose ancestry the author traced to Massachusetts and England.

Mrs. Peyrouse skillfully presented information from land, probate, and court records to illustrate the complicated interwoven connections of the families in the area. She also included her analysis of data in many cases. Basic information about names, dates, and places is presented in register format, often followed by abundant text describing the subjects' lives and their locales. Each family is treated in a separate section and each section is indexed. Unfortunately there is no complete general index for the entire book. Endnotes are provided for some sections but not for others. Chapter 2 about the Thompson-Bell family inexplicably contains both footnotes and endnotes.

Fifth generation John James Harton was born in Springfield, Tennessee, in 1817 and died in Quitman, Arkansas in 1887. The author's grandfather Daniel lived in Conway, Arkansas. Descendants of various other branches of the family ended up in Arkansas as well.

The review copies of these books have been donated to the Arkansas History Commission and State Archives.

Susan Boyle, Little Rock, Arkansas

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This certificate is for an ancestor who resided in Arkansas prior to June 15, 1836.

Antebellum

This certificate is for an ancestor who resided in Arkansas prior to May 6, 1861.

Nineteenth Century

This certificate is for an ancestor who resided in Arkansas prior to December 31, 1900.

To prove ancestry in Arkansas, a lineage of the direct ancestor must be submitted to AGS, along with source documents to prove these facts. A family group sheet of the ancestor who resided in Arkansas must be completed with primary sources as proof. All sources must be cited, photocopied and submitted with the application. The citation must be easily searched for verification. Examples of acceptable documents include: census records, church or bible records, tax lists, court records, military records, land patents, deeds, newspaper items, etc. Send copies, not originals, since they will not be returned. Periodically, the applications are filmed by the Arkansas History Commission and State Archives, where they may be accessed through the Biographical Index.

It only costs \$10 to apply for an Arkansas Ancestry Certificate. To receive an application write to Tommy Carter, 10106 Sulphur Springs Rd., Pine Bluff, AR 71603 and send your name and address with \$1.00 for postage or print it from the website at www.AGSGenealogy.org. Complete the application form and return it with \$10.

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