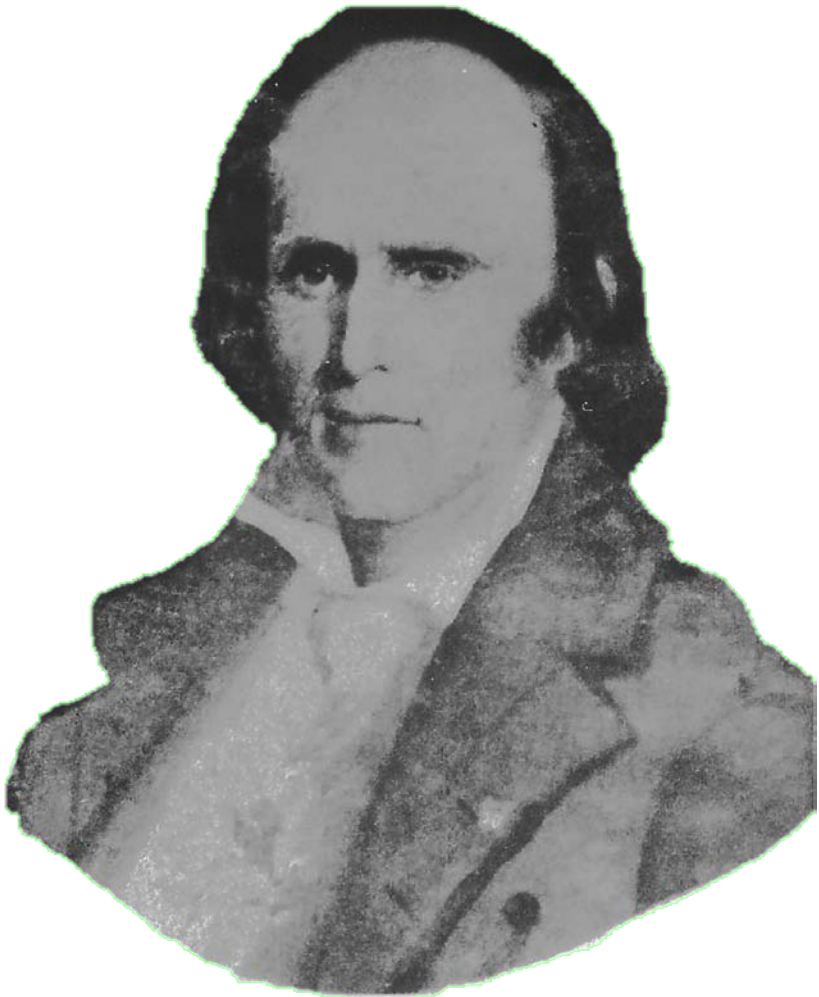


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## EDITOR'S NOTES

The first article in this issue is the winner of the 2008 Family History Writing Contest. It reflects a great deal of research in a variety of original, published, and online sources to trace members of the Ruddell family from their capture by Indians in frontier Kentucky to their early settlement at the site of Batesville, Arkansas. One purpose the author had in mind when he wrote the article was to correct a widely accepted, but mistaken and confused, characterization of two brothers.

Small-town newspapers often print informative articles about the residents in their circulation areas. In 1915, the El Dorado Times published a number of articles describing marriages of fifty or more years as well as at least two articles about that year's high school graduating class, including the commencement program and the names of the graduates.

The third article continues with the history of the Batesville Orphans' Homes. While the first two parts treated the Odd Fellows' Widows' and Orphans' Home, this part provides some history of the Masonic Home which opened in 1910 and includes lists of residents and staff members.

The final installment of the 1868 Hempstead County voter lists provides the names of the qualified voters in Alexander, Centerville, Cottinghams, Fulton, and Springhill precincts during Reconstruction.

Fiftieth wedding anniversaries have been considered an important event for quite some time, as evidenced by a reprint here of a three column article from an 1899 issue of the Arkansas Gazette describing the Golden Wedding of General and Mrs. Thomas J. Churchill. A considerable amount of their personal history and names of their relatives are revealed.

AGS is very excited about hosting the national Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference in Little Rock in September 2009. Paula Stewart Warren has written an article that will make you want to join us for an exciting, enjoyable, and educational week.

As usual we bring you Arkansas Ancestry Certificate lineage charts. Hundreds of certificate applications have been submitted since 1991. They cover many different families in all parts of Arkansas from the colonial era through the late nineteenth century. Filling out the applications requires the researcher to review and analyze his data, to locate missing information, and to prove that each generation really does connect with the previous and the subsequent ones by providing adequate

documentation of the sources of the information. When the certificate is obtained, the completed applications are archived at the Arkansas History Commission and filmed for use by future researchers. They represent an excellent way for a researcher to both preserve and share his family history. AGS is now awarding Arkansas Civil War Ancestry Certificates. Watch the web site at [www.agsgenealogy.org](http://www.agsgenealogy.org) for details.

Three pages of new queries from members give everyone an opportunity to make contacts with fellow researchers or help someone with a brick wall problem. Submit as many queries as you want when you renew your membership or at any time during the year by emailing them to [Publications@agsgenealogy.org](mailto:Publications@agsgenealogy.org).

Finally, two new volumes of Perry County marriages and an Arkansas research guide give us the rare opportunity to include book reviews with an Arkansas connection. If you are publishing a book about Arkansas history, records, or families, send us a copy to review. We will donate the book to the State Archives, the Butler Center for Arkansas Studies, or the library of your choice.

Please send us your family history, obituaries, a cemetery survey, Bible records, or interesting documents or county records to publish in the quarterly. Remember the articles will be indexed in the PERiodical Source Index for other researchers to find. This is your journal. You can help us make it a good one with your contributions.

Family History Writing Contest entries are due by the end of June next year. You will find the rules and entry form in the back of this journal. Winners will be notified in August, and prizes will be awarded during the FGS Conference next September.

Susan Gardner Boyle

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**2008 Winner:**  
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**THE RUDELL FAMILY: STUFF THAT MOVIES ARE  
MADE OF**

*Dale Hanks*

On 22 June 1780, an overpowering force of Shawnees, Canadians, and British raided Captain Isaac Ruddell's U.S. Army fort in Bourbon County, Kentucky.<sup>1</sup> The Indians killed many white settlers on the spot. They attacked Captain Ruddell's wife, snatched an infant son from her arms, threw him into a fire, and burned him to death.<sup>2</sup> Two other sons, Abraham and George, were among those who lived to tell the tale. Some thirty years later, they established homes in Batesville, Arkansas. Batesville, possibly the oldest surviving town in Arkansas, is situated in Independence County at the center of Ruddell Township named in honor of this family.<sup>3</sup>

After the massacre, 470 men, women, and children survivors were marched 800 miles to Detroit. The victors divided their prisoners among themselves, destroying many families. George Ruddell, who would later settle in Batesville, was among prisoners marched to Detroit, and later to Canada. The Shawnee warriors immediately claimed for adoption two of Captain Ruddell's sons, Abraham, age six, also destined for Batesville, and his brother, Stephen, age twelve.<sup>4</sup>

The Shawnee adoption process was a matter of life or death. Abraham and Stephen had to pass bravery tests. One test required them to run a certain distance with a live coal under their arm. Another test made them roll down a steep bank. If one cried, or in anyway failed the trial, he was

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<sup>1</sup> Lewis Collins, *History of Kentucky* (Frankfort, Kentucky: Kentucky Historical Society, 1986), I: 20.

<sup>2</sup> Harold T. Smutz, *John Ruddell of the Shenandoah Valley: His Children and Grandchildren* (Webster Groves, Missouri: H. T. Smutz, 1974), 13-14.

<sup>3</sup> Josiah H. Shinn, *Pioneers and Makers of Arkansas* (Little Rock, Arkansas: Democrat Prtg. and Lit. Co., 1908), 341.

<sup>4</sup> Allen W. Eckert, *A Sorrow in our Heart: the Life of Tecumseh* (New York: Bantam Books, 1993), 871.

rejected and killed by tomahawk. If he did not cry, he was adopted.<sup>5</sup> Both boys passed the tests, and soon grew into white Shawnee warriors.

In his book, *Man's Rise to Civilization as Shown by the Indians of North America*, Peter Farb says that persons adopted by Indians were thoroughly integrated into all aspects of their society. As adopted sons, Abraham and Stephen had the same rights and obligations of others in the tribe. They had new parents, new kin, and new allegiances. A white individual could become an extremely important person in Indian society on his or her own merits. Those adopted were so completely integrated into Indian culture that many of them refused to return to the whites when given the chance.<sup>6</sup>

After fifteen years with the Shawnees, Stephen and Abraham were finally reunited with their father. Years later, in pursuit of the story behind this real life drama, M. A. Murphy, a reporter for the Terre Haute (Indiana) Express, interviewed a local resident, Mr. Boord.<sup>7</sup> Mr. Boord, a close neighbor of Captain Isaac Ruddell in Bourbon County, Kentucky, was acquainted with Stephen and Abraham. According to Mr. Boord, their reunion with their father began at a meeting in 1795 between the Indians and U.S. Army General Wayne at Fort Wayne in northwestern Indiana.

An Indian Chief had taken the initiative to arrange a council with General Wayne about a possible treaty between them. Not knowing how he would be received by General Wayne and his troops, the Chief took along a detachment of his warriors for protection.

Approaching Fort Wayne, the Shawnee warriors managed to capture a soldier outside the fort. The Shawnee Chief told the soldier they meant no harm. The soldier agreed to carry a message to General Wayne that the Chief wanted to meet with him. General Wayne, accompanied by a guard, came outside the fort. They were all riding horse-back.

General Wayne, astonished that the Indian could speak such good English, asked the warrior if he knew Stephen and Abraham Ruddell.

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<sup>5</sup> Pearl Ruddell Rieves, "Early Days of Historic Ruddell Family," *Independence County Chronicle*, Independence County Historical Society, Batesville, Arkansas, Vol. 1, No. 1, October 1959, 20-27.

<sup>6</sup> Peter Farb, *Man's Rise to Civilization as Shown by the Indians of North America from Primeval Times to the Coming of the Industrial State* (New York: E. P. Dutton, 1968), 261-63.

<sup>7</sup> News clipping dated August 1883 in Lyman C. Draper, "Tecumseh Papers," *The Draper Manuscripts*, State Historical Society of Wisconsin, microfilm roll 118, Series YY, 5: 53-56.

The Chief said he did. After a few more questions by General Wayne, the Chief, with his hand striking his chest, said, "Me—Stephen Ruddell."

I will let Mr. Boord continue the story in his own words:

"Where is your brother?" asked General Wayne. "Here he is," said Chief Stephen, leading Abraham forward. But Abraham was an ornery looking Indian, and General Wayne 'did not take a shine to him'.

"You return here when the moon has twice filled, and I will show you your father," said the General...(At the appointed time), Chief Stephen met his father with a dignified and chiefly air, and offered him the pipe of peace. The father recognized him. "Where is my other son?" asked the father. "My brother will not be here before tomorrow as he is with the soldiers," said Chief Stephen. Abraham, in true Indian style, had picked up with the soldiers and got drunk on firewater. He had trashed every soldier in the fort, and it had become necessary to 'buck and gag' him to make him quiet...when the father (Captain Ruddell) gazed upon him (Abraham) he declared him no son of his, and wanted to brain him. But General Wayne reasoned with him and at last the father recognized him.

Daniel Trabue, an eyewitness the day Chief Stephen Ruddell and his party approached General Wayne, offered his version of the event.<sup>8</sup> Although some of his details vary from Mr. Boord's account, their reports are similar. Trabue said:

I was at Fort Jackson about 6 Miles from Greensvil, And at a Distance in the pearae (prairie) we saw an Indian rideing up towards the fort, and when he got in a bout 200 Yards he halted. Capt. McColester beckoned to him and told him to advance. He cam up some nigher and stopped. Capt. McColester went out to meet him and I went with him. We took no arms with us, and this Indian told us he was a chief and he was willing to talk about this Traty (treaty). He could speake broken English.

Capt. McColester asked him if he knew Stephen Riddle and Abram Riddle. He said he Did. Capt. McColester told this Indian that the father of these Riddles was then at Grensvil and wanted very

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<sup>8</sup> C. R. Young, editor, *Westward into Kentucky: the Narrative of Daniel Tribute*, (Lexington: University of Kentucky Press, 1981): 139-141.

much to see his children. Capt. McColester invited this Indean to come to the fort and Drink some Whiskey. He refused and after talking some time and asking him more perticular about the Riddles, he said, ‘Me’, striking his hand on his brest, ‘Me Stephen Riddle’.

...He Did not look like anything elce but a full-blooded Indean. However, in a little time they came to the fort. They was all on horseback—to wit, Stephen Reddle and his squagh, Abram Riddle, and Abrams Adopted brother.<sup>9</sup> They all alighted and came in the fort and all had the appearrence of Indians. They weare all painted and very Dirty and shabby. However, as they has some silvir trenkits hanging about their necks and breasts, and some broaches in their breechcloaths, and beeds in their leggans and Moxckersons, I suppose they thought themselves fine; yet they weare all Dirty looking creatures. They all Drank Whiskey and ate very hearty...none could speak English but Stephen...Stephen’s squagh was a Old, ugly, black looking, Dirty wench of a creature.

After the moon had twice filled, Stephen returned to General Wayne’s headquarters in search of his father. Captain McColester brought Captain Isaac Ruddell in and presented Stephen, then age twenty-seven, and Abraham, age twenty-one. Immediately, Captain Ruddell cried out loud and fell to the floor moaning and wailing, “*My children are Indian!*” Stephen took hold of his father and said, “*Hold your heart, Father. Hold your heart.*” Old Captain Ruddell continued weeping and thrashing about for some time. When he looked at his sons he would resume his pitiful groaning and carrying-on.

The next morning, Captain Ruddell coaxed Stephen and Abraham into washing their painted bodies and putting on new clothes. Two hours later they discarded their “pale-face clothes” and returned to their Indian dress.

To appease their father, Stephen and Abraham agreed to accompany him the short distance to Fort Greenville. To his father’s dismay, Stephen refused to go without his squaw. After they had arrived in Greenville, several of Stephen’s horses ran away. When asked if he was going to hunt them down, Stephen said that his squaw had already gone after

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<sup>9</sup> It is presumed that the adopted brother of Abram was from the Indian family into which Abraham had been adopted. The contemporary spelling of “Ruddell” was written in various forms on the frontier.

them. She was gone three or four days. She found the horses forty miles away—all five of them—and brought them in by herself.<sup>10</sup>

Stephen's Indian squaw did not adapt well to white man's ways, so he took her back to the Shawnees. Later, he moved his foster Indian mother to Missouri and looked after her for the rest of her life. After his foster mother's death, Stephen moved to Illinois. He founded the first religious society in Ursa Township, and donated land for the first church there.<sup>11</sup>

Stephen, born in 1768 in Frederick County, Virginia, was married four times to: (1) his Indian squaw (name unknown); (2) Catherine Kingrey, 2 October 1797 in Bourbon County, Kentucky; (3) Susan David, 6 July 1809, Bourbon County, Kentucky; and (4) Rachel Wood, 6 April 1834 in Lincoln County, Missouri. He died 12 October 1845 at Ursa, Adams County, Illinois.<sup>12</sup>

Abraham was born 3 August 1774 in Frederick County, Virginia. Like Stephen, his return to his white family came after the Treaty of Greenville in 1795. Two years later he married Mary Culp in Bourbon County, Kentucky, 23 August 1797.<sup>13</sup> Born to them were: Sarah, David, Isaac, Abraham, Jr., Daniel Culp, Elizabeth, Sally, Esther, and America Ann.

Abraham eventually joined his father, Captain Isaac Ruddell, in Bourbon County, Kentucky. Isaac had built a gristmill there in 1788, and a saw mill in 1795. Abraham helped his father operate the mills. Isaac ran the grist mill and Abraham managed the saw mill. A small village known today as Ruddell's Mills grew from Captain Ruddell's settlement.

Ezekiel Rogers said that Abram (Abraham) "...returned to Ruddells Mills, but not until his father had built him a nice house, where he lived peaceably, often entertaining his old Indian friends. He told of accompanying Indians on their murderous expeditions and boasted he had 'used his tomahawk until his arm became exhausted'."<sup>14</sup>

Several years after their return to white society, both Abraham and Stephen went back to the Indians. Abraham went back briefly as a spy

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<sup>10</sup> Young, *Westward into Kentucky*, 142.

<sup>11</sup> Murray, Williamson, and Phelps, publishers, *The History of Adams County, Illinois* (Chicago: 1979), 559.

<sup>12</sup> Bob Francis, *Root and Branch*, list of Ruddell's Fort captives, retrieved online 9 February 2008 from <http://www.shawhan.com/captives1.html>, Ruddell's Station.

<sup>13</sup> "Bourbon County Marriages, 1786-1800," *Register of the Kentucky State Historical Society*, Vol. 22, No. 64, 21 Jan 1924, page 70.

<sup>14</sup> Ruth Patton Leppert, *Ezekiel Rogers (1764-1811) A Soldier in the Revolution and His Descendants* (Chicago: Captain John Whistler Chapter, D.A.R., 1971), 139.

for the U.S. Army.<sup>15</sup> He performed his undercover work in the War of 1812 while serving as a private in Allen's 1<sup>st</sup> Rifle Regiment, Kentucky Volunteers.<sup>16</sup> Stephen returned to the Indians as a Baptist missionary. He made regular missionary visits to the Shawnees and Delawares, and introduced Christianity among them.<sup>17</sup>

Both Abraham and Stephen became important figures as interpreters during the Indian Wars and the War of 1812. They facilitated high level negotiations between the United States and Indian tribes.<sup>18</sup> Their language skills made them a novelty on the frontier. Few (if any) whites or Indians could speak both English and Indian dialects like the Ruddell brothers.

George Ruddell, an older brother of Stephen and Abraham, married Theodosia Linn at Ruddell's Fort, Bourbon County, Kentucky, 12 April 1779. This was fourteen months before the Indian massacre at Ruddell's Fort. They survived, and were among the prisoners marched to Canada.<sup>19</sup> George and Theodosia were released after two years of captivity there and returned to Kentucky.

George was born 14 February 1757 in Frederick County, Virginia. Theodosia was born in Pennsylvania around 1760. They were parents of Sarah, born 1781 in Hog Island, Michigan; Elizabeth, 14 February 1783, Bourbon County, Kentucky; Abraham, 6 June 1785, Bourbon; Isaac, 8 January 1788, Bourbon; John, 12 June 1793, Bourbon; George, 10 September 1796, Missouri Territory; Rebecca, 12 March 1799, Missouri Territory; and Cornelius, 10 November 1801, Missouri Territory.<sup>20</sup>

In 1796, Abraham Ruddell and his older brother, George, left Kentucky with their families and settled near New Madrid, Missouri.

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<sup>15</sup> [anonymous], Ohio in the War of 1812: First Newspaper in the West Reserve, *Ohio History, The Scholarly Journal of the Ohio Historical Society*, 28 (July 1919, Number 3): 358.

<sup>16</sup> Index to the Compiled Military Service Records for the Volunteer Soldiers Who Served During the War of 1812, National Archives and Records Administration [NA], Washington, D.C., M602, roll 180. Accessed online at [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com), War of 1812 Service Records.

<sup>17</sup> John W. Wayland, *History of Shenandoah County* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1980), 637.

<sup>18</sup> Colin G. Calloway, *The Shawnees and the War for America* (New York: Penguin Group, 2007), 136.

<sup>19</sup> Francis, "Ruddell's Fort Captives."

<sup>20</sup> Smutz, *John Ruddell of the Shenandoah Valley*, 33.

They established large farms close to the Mississippi River.<sup>21</sup> George's farm was situated on Pemiscott Bayou in southeast Missouri.<sup>22</sup>

George Ruddell served as a Captain in the Missouri Territory Militia, before and after the Louisiana Purchase in 1803. In 1809, a committee of five militia officers at New Madrid, John E. Hartt, J. B. Oliver, Stephen Ross, Joseph Lewis, and Josh Humphries, petitioned General William Clark to appoint Captain George Ruddell as Indian agent. The officers said, "Many Justices of the Peace, ignorant of the Indian language act in darkness and are not satisfied with their own decisions...that Captain George Ruddell has a personal acquaintance with a number of the Indians, their manners and customs."<sup>23</sup>

George ran for Territorial Senator from Lawrence County, Missouri Territory, in 1816.<sup>24</sup> He may have been defeated, but his widespread popularity suggests that his candidacy may have gotten lost in a political boundary shuffle. His Missouri Territory area soon became part of Lawrence County, Arkansas Territory. This same area separated from Lawrence County in 1820 to become Independence County. In any case, he does not appear in the Arkansas legislative records.

The New Madrid earthquakes in 1811-12 forced Abraham, George, and their families to leave Missouri. The rampaging Mississippi River swallowed much of their farmland during the earthquake.<sup>25</sup> By this time, Abraham's wife, Mary, had died. Abraham, his children, and a nephew,

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<sup>21</sup> A. C. Jeffery, *Historic Wolf House: the Family and the Times*. "Historical and Biographical Sketches of the Early Settlement of the Valley of White River, Together with a History of Izard County," reprinted from the *Melbourne Clipper*, 1877, by the Wolf Family Reunion Committee: Norfolk, Arkansas, 9 June 1984, 43-44.

<sup>22</sup> Louis Houck, *A History of Missouri: from the Earliest Explorations and Settlements until the Admission of the State into the Union*. (Chicago: R. R. Donnelley & Sons, 1908), 60.

<sup>23</sup> "The Territory of Louisiana-Missouri, 1806-1814," *Territorial Papers of the United States* (Washington: U.S. government printing office), 14: 270.

<sup>24</sup> Smutz, *John Ruddell of the Shenandoah Valley*, 30.

<sup>25</sup> *Wikipedia Encyclopedia*. The New Madrid earthquake, the largest earthquake ever recorded in the contiguous United States, occurred 7 February 1812. It was preceded by three other major quakes: two on 16 December 1811 and one on 23 January 1812. These quakes destroyed half of New Madrid, sank large areas into the earth, altered the course of the Mississippi River (it appeared to run backwards for a short time), formed new lakes (notably Reelfoot Lake, Tennessee), created gigantic sandblows and great upheavals in the land. The earthquake tremors rang bells in Boston, Massachusetts, broke sidewalks in Washington, DC, created big ripples in the Great Lakes, and shook the Mississippi River valley from Minnesota to New Orleans. Accessed online 12 February 2008 at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New\\_Madrid\\_Earthquake](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Madrid_Earthquake)

John Francis Ruddell, then headed out to make a new start in Batesville, Arkansas.<sup>26</sup> Robert Neill, a lifelong native of Batesville, knew Abraham and John Francis personally. He wrote that they arrived in Batesville in 1814.<sup>27</sup>

In his writings about the White River Valley, Judge A. C. Jeffery tells us that George Ruddell and his son, John Francis Ruddell, had a falling out over some land in Missouri. John Francis, then age twenty-one, left after the spat to join his uncle Abraham in the journey to Batesville.<sup>28</sup>

After moving to Batesville, John became rich, and Abraham became famous—a legend in his time. George left Missouri for Batesville a short time after his son and younger brother. He, too, became prominent in local affairs at Batesville.



RUDELL MILL CA. 1900

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE OLD INDEPENDENCE COUNTY REGIONAL MUSEUM  
AT BATESVILLE, ARKANSAS

<sup>26</sup> Jeffery, *Historic Wolf House*, 43-44.

<sup>27</sup> Robert Neill, *Reminiscences of Independence County*, copy of unpublished manuscript, date unknown, in possession of the author. Robert Neill was a General in the Arkansas Militia.

<sup>28</sup> Jeffery, *Historic Wolf House*, 44.

Shortly after arriving at Batesville, John Francis Ruddell established and operated Ruddell Mill, the first water-powered mill in the White River Valley. He ran this mill until his death in 1867. The mill was destroyed during the Civil War. It was rebuilt but, years later, endured a second destruction by fire.<sup>29</sup> It was again rebuilt and thrived during the World War I era.

The stone foundations of this mill, the most popular one in the area, still fascinate visitors three miles west of Batesville. Massive granite blocks, each weighing tons, formed the water race to run the machinery. As a teenager, I frequently visited this old mill site and marveled at the ingenuity and engineering skills demonstrated there by the Ruddells. This site is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.<sup>30</sup>

Both brothers, Abraham and George, had sons named Abraham. Abraham, son of George and Theodosia, was a miller with his brother, John Francis Ruddell.<sup>31</sup> He died in Arkansas 22 November 1855 at age seventy.<sup>32</sup>

Abraham Ruddell Jr., son of Abraham Ruddell Sr., the Indian captive, established a grist mill at Jacksonport in 1827.<sup>33</sup> Jacksonport, thirty miles down White River from Batesville, faded away after the Civil War. It was resurrected as Newport, a short distance away. Abraham Jr. sold his mill and land claim to John Francis Ruddell's partner, Townsend Dickinson. Dickinson, in turn, sold the property to Captain Todd Tunstall, a steamboat captain, proclaimed as Grandfather of Jacksonport.<sup>34</sup>

As their mills prospered, the Ruddell family began acquiring land in the counties of Jackson, Independence, Izard, Baxter, Fulton, Stone, Cleburne, and Randolph. Their land holdings approached 2,000 acres by 1860.<sup>35</sup>

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<sup>29</sup> *Batesville Weekly Record*. Batesville, Arkansas, 14 Sept 1939.

<sup>30</sup> Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, Little Rock, Arkansas, accessed online 15 February 2008 at <http://www.arkansaspreservation.org/historic-properties/national-register>

<sup>31</sup> Ancestry.com, *One World Tree*, online database accessed 29 February 2008.

<sup>32</sup> <http://www.shawhan.com/ruddell.html>, accessed on 7 March 2008.

<sup>33</sup> <http://www.arkansaspreservation.org/historic-properties/national-register>

<sup>34</sup> <http://local.arkansas.gov/local.php?agency=Jacksonport>

<sup>35</sup> United States General Land Office Records, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, 1796-1907, Automated Records Project; Federal Land Patents, State Volumes. See also John Ruddell household, 1860 U.S. census, Independence County, Arkansas, population schedule, Ruddell township, Batesville post office, page 33, dwelling 39, NA M653, roll 43, accessed Ancestry.com, 10 February 2008.

John Francis Ruddell became one of Arkansas' wealthiest men. By 1860, his personal land holdings grew to 1000 acres in Independence County and several nearby counties. He owned fifty-five slaves in 1850 including twenty-six males and twenty-nine females. Seventeen of his slaves were mulattos.<sup>36</sup> Judge Jeffery described John as "...a warm-hearted friend, a man of strong intelligence which seemed to be directed in the channel of accumulation, often to the detriment of other virtues."<sup>37</sup>

The Civil War set John's slaves free, but he kept some (perhaps all) of them as employees. One, Bill Ruddell, age forty-three, made his way to Tennessee after the war and then returned to Batesville to work for John Ruddell. Tennessee Freedmen records show a contract between John and Bill dated 2 September 1865.<sup>38</sup>

Most of the Ruddells and their slaves lived on or around Ruddell Hill in West Batesville. A fairly large black community remains in that area today. Quite likely, many of them are descended from the Ruddell slaves.

John Francis Ruddell served as Independence County Coroner in 1827-1829.<sup>39</sup> In 1859, public interest mounted for removing navigational hazards in White River between Jacksonport and Batesville. He joined a committee of ten prominent citizens to study ways and means for improving navigation. With Civil War clouds looming on the horizon, the committee abandoned its plans.<sup>40</sup>

John Francis Ruddell married Mary Gill, daughter of Reverend George Gill of Independence County. Born in Indiana in 1812, she died at Denton, Texas, 11 July 1876. All their children were born in Independence County: Sara Jane, Eliza Jane 1842, John Lynn 27 Feb 1844, George Wesley 17 Jan 1845, Margaret Adelaide 1848, William Byers 1849, and Mary E. 24 Jan 1851. John died in Batesville 17 April

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<sup>36</sup> John Ruddell listing, 1860 U.S. census, Arkansas Slave Schedule, Independence County, Batesville and Ruddell township; accessed at [www.Ancestry.com](http://www.Ancestry.com) 10 February 2008.

<sup>37</sup> Jeffery, *Historic Wolf House*, 43.

<sup>38</sup> Freedmen's Bureau online. *Index to Contracts between Tennessee Freedmen and Employers in the District of White River, Batesville, Arkansas*. Records of the Asst. Commissioner for the State of Tennessee, contracts 1 Jan 1865-1 Jan 1868, NA microfilm, M999, roll 34.

<sup>39</sup> Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, <http://www.arkansaspreservation.org/historic-properties/national-register>

<sup>40</sup> Duane Huddleston, Sammie Rose, Pat Wood, *Steamboats and Ferries on White River: a Heritage Revisited* (Conway, Arkansas: University of Central Arkansas Press: 1995), 54.

1867.<sup>41</sup> John and Mary's grandson, Lawrence Ruddell, son of William Byers Ruddell, served as Independence County sheriff during the World War I era.<sup>42</sup>

After moving to Batesville, Abraham's fame, as the legendary Indian captive, spread throughout Independence County and beyond. Fent Noland, a noted writer of the time, recorded the essence of Abe's widespread notoriety. Here are some excerpts from Noland's commentary about Abe as it appeared in the Batesville News, 4 March 1841. In 1908, the article was reprinted in Shinn's *Pioneers And Makers Of Arkansas*.<sup>43</sup>

Abraham Ruddell, of Independence County... never knew much about his home or his parents, for on June 22, 1780 the Indians fell upon the little settlement and with savage ferocity tomahawked its residents, carrying off as a prisoner the little curly-headed Abraham Ruddell. They carried him over into Kentucky and the same something that prompted his savage captors to spare his life, prompted the great Tecumseh... to take him into his family as an adopted son... He grew up under Tecumseh's eye and was trained by that renowned warrior in all the arts of Indian life and Indian warfare. He learned the language of the tribe, played Indian boyhood games and took part in all the Indian wars. He was adept in the use of a tomahawk... He was skilled with the bow.... In the use of the rifle he had no superior... When the tribe fought other Indian tribes Ruddell fought at Tecumseh's side.... He had no particle of cowardice in his system and was far more venturesome than even his savage friends.

...After sixteen years of captivity... Ruddell went back to his own people, a stranger in their midst... His counsels were sought by the border woodsmen... In 1811 he became a soldier of the United States... served throughout the war and went...to the fairest part of what is now Independence County, in that township which will forever carry his name. Grand old Abraham Ruddell! Was there ever a man more respected in the County?

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<sup>41</sup> Ancestry.com, *One World Tree*, accessed 12 Mar 2008.

<sup>42</sup> World War I draft registration cards, 1917-1918, Arkansas, Independence County, Draft Card R, Lawrence Ruddell; NA M1509, roll 1530397, accessed at Ancestry.com 12 March 2008.

<sup>43</sup> Shinn, *Pioneers and Makers of Arkansas*, 339-342.

...a man of his word, honest...never asked for a bond, and hated a liar...not only respected, but loved, and at his death...the whole county grieved. He loved the forest and spent the greater part of his time in its depths.... He never injured any man and all men were his friends.

...[this] testimonial to the character of Abraham Ruddell is one of the brightest parts of old Independence County history.... No more romantic character ever lived on Arkansas soil.... He was 'The Last of the Mohicans', as it were, but his life story ought not to die.

This is, indeed, a magnificent tribute, but there is a problem. According to several reliable sources, most of it is fiction. Overwhelming evidence shows that Fent Noland's eulogy was wasted on the wrong man. The real person who fit Noland's description was not Abraham, but his older brother, Stephen. Stephen had risen in the Shawnee Nation to a high Chief, outranked only by his Indian brother, Tecumseh.

In his book, *Pioneers and Makers of Arkansas*, Josiah Shinn said that Fent Noland, author of the glowing tribute, was the "greatest of early Arkansas writers...the wandering comet of the literary sky."<sup>44</sup> But even comets fizzle out. Noland might have produced more accurate writing and less hyperbole had he been able to access source materials likely unavailable to him at the time to supplement his interview with Abraham Ruddell.

To be sure, I don't want to beat up on Abraham and Fent. I am willing to give Abraham benefit of doubt. He lived to be almost seventy, and it is natural for one to make mistakes recalling events given that length of time between their occurrences and their narration. And in Fent's defense, his writing reflects the conventional, flowery style of early Arkansas literature.

The Shawnees abducted Abraham and Stephen while in Kentucky at their fathers' fort—not in Virginia as Noland said. Moreover, "the great Tecumseh" as described by Noland, did not spare Abraham and take him into his family as an adopted son. Tecumseh was only twelve at the time—the same age as Stephen. Stephen, not Abraham, became Tecumseh's adopted brother.

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<sup>44</sup> Shinn, *Pioneers and Makers of Arkansas*, 335.

Allan Eckert's research on Stephen Ruddell and Tecumseh shows they were the same age, and became very close brothers.<sup>45</sup> Stephen's Indian name was "Sinnanatha" meaning "Big Fish." Tecumseh gave him that name as a result of wrestling when kids. Stephen could always wiggle and slip away from Tecumseh's grasp like a big, unruly fish. Both grew close to six feet tall and developed strong, lean physiques. They learned to speak each other's language. Stephen taught Tecumseh to read and write English and many customs of the white man—even table manners.

Stephen Ruddell and Tecumseh learned warrior skills from Chisika, their older brother. They would organize sham battles, dividing the village boys into two groups, then lead war parties in a series of raids, ambushes, and counterattacks. This was not meant to be merely casual fun for kids (although it was), but part of a Shawnee warrior's formal education.<sup>46</sup>

In Stephen Ruddell's fifteen-page, handwritten account of Tecumseh, he states that Tecumseh "made use of all his eloquence to instill into their [Indians'] minds honorable and humane sentiments...he was widely different from other Indians—perfectly good humored and free from those savage ideas which distinguished his companions, and always reforming them from their folly. He was by no means savage in his nature, and always expressed the greatest abhorrence when he heard of acts of cruelty or barbarity practices."<sup>47</sup>

Based on many descriptions of the close bond between Stephen Ruddell and his brother, Tecumseh, Stephen clearly had some influence on that magnificent warrior's thinking.<sup>48</sup> The wide differences between Tecumseh's nature and that of other Indians strongly suggests that positive moral values and principles of the Ruddell family found their way to this powerful, sensitive, and compassionate Indian Chief through Stephen.

The Hollywood movie, *Brave Warrior*, released in 1952, is the story of Tecumseh and Stephen Ruddell during the War of 1812. Jay Silverheels, better known as Tonto on TV's Lone Ranger, plays the role

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<sup>45</sup> Eckert, *A Sorrow in Our Heart*, 256-60, 484, 491, 869, 911.

<sup>46</sup> Russell David Edmunds, *Tecumseh: and the Quest for Indian Leadership* (Boston: Little, Brown and Co., 1984), 23.

<sup>47</sup> Stephen Ruddell, "Reminiscences of Tecumseh's Youth," *The Draper Manuscripts: Tecumseh Papers*, State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Series YY, roll 118, 1:120-133.

<sup>48</sup> Glenn Tucker, *Tecumseh: Vision of Glory* (New York: Bobbs-Merrill Co., 1956), 39-40.

of Tecumseh. Jon Hall portrays Stephen, Tecumseh's most trusted friend and confidant.<sup>49</sup>

According to Green a different family adopted Abraham—a clan known as Black Fish.<sup>50</sup> They gave him the Indian name of Black Hawk. The Indians trimmed off the outer rims of his ears and he wore ear bobs. George G. Boord's account published in the Draper Manuscripts said that "Stephen married a squaw and became a chief on account of his bravery. But Abraham was never more than a common, dirty Indian...an ornery looking Indian."<sup>51</sup>

In his book, *The Frontiersman*, Eckert says that because Abraham was six years younger than Stephen when adopted, the influence of Indian association was much more in evidence in him than in his brother, Stephen.<sup>52</sup>

John Wayland says that Abraham "never became 'civilized', but was always in manner an uncouth Indian."<sup>53</sup> He is described in the Draper Manuscripts as "...six feet one inch high, spare and bony, and in his conversation betrayed that he had been raised by the Indians."<sup>54</sup>

Sugden says that, "Abe made a poorer readjustment to white society. He spoke only broken English, and shunned company; his appearance was as wild as any Indian's, with the rims of his ears split for ornaments and trailing on his shoulders."<sup>55</sup>

John M. Ruddell, son of Stephen, represented Adams County in the Illinois House of Representatives in 1846-48. In November 1884, he responded to Lyman Draper's inquires about his Arkansas uncle, Abraham Ruddell. Writing from his home in Marcelline, Adams County, Illinois, John M. Ruddell said, "I can't tell on what part of White River Uncle Abe lived. I have never been able to get up any correspondence with any [of] his family..."<sup>56</sup>

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<sup>49</sup> The New York Times, *Movie Reviews* accessed 2 February 2008 at <http://movies.nytimes.com/movie/85886/Brave-Warrior/overview>.

<sup>50</sup> Don Greene, *Historic Shawnee Names of the 1700s*, [www.shawnee-traditions/Genealogy/Names/Names.html](http://www.shawnee-traditions/Genealogy/Names/Names.html).

<sup>51</sup> *The Draper Manuscripts*, Series YY, roll 118, 5:53.

<sup>52</sup> A. W. Eckert, *The Frontiersmen* (Boston: Bantam Books, Little, Brown, and Co., 1967), seventh printing, June, 1980: 871.

<sup>53</sup> Wayland, *History of Shenandoah County*, 637.

<sup>54</sup> Ancestry.com, *A History of Missouri*, p. 161, retrieved 3 March 2008.

<sup>55</sup> John Sugden, *Tecumseh: a Life* (New York: Henry Holt and Co., 1997), 36.

<sup>56</sup> *The Draper Manuscripts*, Series YY, roll 119, 8:43.

Judge A. C. Jeffery of Batesville, Arkansas, a life-long friend of the Arkansas Ruddells, wrote a short account of the family in 1877. He said this of Abraham:

Old Abe Ruddell was captured by the Indians in the settling of Kentucky while a small boy and was not changed or given up till nearly grown. He talked very brokenly and always had a decided Indian appearance. He shunned people except his intimate acquaintances. On one occasion he went to witness a ball and when some compliments were paid to a young lady's dainty foot and ankle while dancing, old Abe said, "Yes, looks jes like pins stuck in a pumpkin seed."<sup>57</sup>

In any case, Abraham was unique. He could identify every tree and plant in the forest by their Indian name. His extensive knowledge of medicinal herbs and Indian healing practices was impressive.<sup>58</sup> He served as a grand juror for Independence County in November 1821—a year after the formation of the County. His transition from a primitive Shawnee upbringing to a respected citizen and successful business career in early Arkansas was a giant leap by any standard.

Captain Isaac Ruddell lived to be eighty-one and died in February 1812 at Ruddell's Mills, Kentucky.<sup>59</sup> His will left his children, Abraham, Stephen, George, and Betsey (Mulhering) quite well off. George, later of Batesville, received 1,000 acres in Kentucky, and \$100 cash. Abraham, later of Batesville, and Stephen were left one slave each along with 390 acres. They split another 200 acres and the mills, and the home place three ways with their sister, Betsey. Betsey and her husband, John Mulhering, received another 200 acres.<sup>60</sup>

In her will recorded at the Bourbon County, Kentucky, March Court, 1815, Elizabeth Ruddell, wife of Isaac, gave their son George a bay horse and a cow. She set free two black slaves, George and Esther. They were granted a new "soot" of linsey each, new shoes, a sow shoat, and

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<sup>57</sup> Jeffery, *Historic Wolf House*, 44.

<sup>58</sup> Eckert, *A Sorrow in Our Heart*. Eckert says it is likely that Abraham was adopted into the family of a medicine man where he gained vast knowledge of Indian doctoring with herbs and other remedies.

<sup>59</sup> Pauline Ruddle Harman, *Ruddle-Riddle Genealogy and Biography*, as reported at [www.Shawhan.com/ruddell.html](http://www.Shawhan.com/ruddell.html), accessed online 23 January 2008.

<sup>60</sup> Isaac Ruddell will, Bourbon County Will Book D, 239-41, Bourbon County Courthouse, Burlington, Kentucky.

enough corn for their grain for one year.<sup>61</sup> Abraham was not mentioned in her will.

Abraham died in Batesville 23 February 1841 at age sixty-six. He is memorialized by a monument on the State Capitol grounds in Little Rock as one of the soldiers of the War of 1812 buried in Arkansas.<sup>62</sup>

Abraham's will, written 14 December 1840, proven and filed 10 March 1841 named as heirs his wife, Mary; son Daniel C.; daughter America Ann Caldwell; two granddaughters, Polly Ann Shannon, 'alias Polly Ann Miller, daughter of William and Elizabeth Shannon' and Amanda Malvina Harris, daughter of James and Esther Harris; Abraham R. Graham, Malissa Criswell, Daniel H. Criswell, Charles A. Criswell, and Mary Jane Criswell all heirs and legal representatives of my daughter, Sally Graham, afterward, Sally Criswell; and the lawful children of "my son, Isaac Ruddell deceased." Daniel C. Ruddell and Andrew Caldwell were named executors. No mention was made of unlawful children.<sup>63</sup>

At least one of Abraham's children preceded him in death. In 1829, the Arkansas Gazette printed an obituary of Abraham Ruddell's daughter, Esther:

Died-near Batesville, on the evening of the 11<sup>th</sup> instant, Mrs. Esther Harris, wife of Mr. James Harris and daughter of Mr. Abraham Ruddell Sr. of Independence County. In the death of Mrs. Harris, society has lost one of its most useful ornaments. Amiable in her disposition, she was beloved by all who knew her...<sup>64</sup>

John Francis Ruddell's daughter, Betty Ruddell Goodwin, inherited Ruddell Mill after her father's death in 1867. She sold it to her brother, William Byers Ruddell. William enlarged the mill and began milling "Lilly Brand" flour. The popularity of this brand created such a demand that William again increased the capacity of the mill. He operated the mill until his death in 1917.<sup>65</sup>

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<sup>61</sup> Elizabeth Ruddell will, Bourbon County Will Book E, 266; Bourbon County Courthouse, Burlington, Kentucky.

<sup>62</sup> Personal site visit by the author, 30 September 2007.

<sup>63</sup> Abraham Ruddell will, Independence County Will Book A: 53-56, Independence County Courthouse, Batesville, Arkansas; FHL film 1288743.

<sup>64</sup> *Arkansas Gazette*, Little Rock, Arkansas, 23 September 1829, 3:1.

<sup>65</sup> Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, <http://www.arkansaspreservation.org/historic-properties/national-register>

George Ruddell's wife, Theodosia, died in Little Rock in 1830. A Batesville newspaper had previously recognized her for having lived in Batesville longer than any other resident at the time—fifty-nine years. Her obituary in the *Arkansas Gazette* said, “She was a native of Pennsylvania and among the first settlers of Kentucky...she was taken prisoner at Ruddell's Station by British and Indians in 1778 and continued with them about two years in upper Canada...she received a slight wound in the siege while preparing bullets for her husband and others.”<sup>66</sup>

After Theodosia's death, George, now seventy-seven, obtained a land grant in Texas in 1834 and left Arkansas. He died three years later in 1837 at age eighty in Nacogdoches County, Texas. He left a large estate in land, slaves, and personal property in Texas, Arkansas, and Missouri. His sons, John, from Independence County, and Abraham from Jackson County, Arkansas, went to Texas to settle the estate.<sup>67</sup>

The incredible journey Abraham and George Ruddell made from Indian captivity to prominence in early Arkansas affairs affirms that truth is sometimes stranger than fiction. As Hollywood discovered many years ago, Ruddell family history is the stuff movies are made of. Few (if any) Arkansas pioneer families could match their amazing story of successful lives in two cultures as different as night and day. Not only did they survive a savage wilderness—they rose from the ashes of Shawnee subjection to productive millers, farmers, and good citizens in Arkansas' beginning years. As Fent Noland pointed out, “Theirs is a story that ought not to die.”

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<sup>66</sup> *Independence County Chronicle*, Batesville, Arkansas, vol. 33, Nos. 1 and 2, October 1991- January 1992: 43; reprint of newspaper clipping from *Batesville Republican*, 10 Sept 1873.

<sup>67</sup> *Will of George Ruddell*, posting by James Landers dated 28 June 2004 and *George Ruddell of Independence County, Arkansas, estate settlement* posting by James Landers 2 May 2005, retrieved 6 Mar 2008 from Ruddell Family Forum online at <http://genforum.genealogy.com/ruddell>. There are conflicting reports on his place of death. Some say he died in Batesville, Arkansas, but his will suggests he died in Texas.

## ARTICLES FROM THE EL DORADO (ARKANSAS) TIMES 1915

*Tommy Carter*

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Thursday, 13 May 1915, p. 1, col. 6. High School Graduates.

There are seventeen young people in the graduating class of the El Dorado high school this session, thirteen girls and four boys. The following are the names of this class of splendid young people.

Alto Elizabeth Axum, Helen Price Babb, Harry Kingsley Dixon, Lean Goodwin, Kathryn E. Hilliard, Helen Curtis Lyen, Willie Pearl McCain, Eleanor McDonald, John William Marshall, Alice Womble Martin, George Jefferson Martin, Gladys Morgan, Idelle Nash, Nancy Katherine Peters, Lela Puryear, Rosaline Sinclair, John A. Broadus Smith.

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Thursday, 20 May 1915, p. 4, col. 3. El Dorado High School Commencement Program. [Last paragraph]

Friday evening, May 28<sup>th</sup>, the graduating exercises of the High School will be given at the Baptist church. This class is the largest ever graduated from the El Dorado schools and should be a pride to all of our citizens. Judge Henry S. Yocum, an alumnus of the local school, the State University, and the University of Virginia, will deliver the principle address to the graduates. Every one is cordially invited to attend these exercises. It means much to our young people; let us show them it means something to us.

### HIGH SCHOOL CLASS

Alto Axum  
Harry Dixon  
Eleanor M'Don'ld  
Kathlyn Hilliard  
George Martin  
Nancy Petters  
Idele Nash  
Broadus Smith  
Lena Goodwin

Willie Pearl McCain  
Helen Babb  
Helen Lyen  
Alice Martin  
Henry B. Miles  
Gladys Morgan  
Lela Puryear  
Rosalie Sinclair  
William Marshall

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Thursday, 15 July 1915, p. 4, col. 4; Golden Wedding.

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Rev. and Mrs. A. Hinson, two miles south of the city, celebrated their golden wedding, last Sunday. A large number of their friends was present to enjoy the splendid dinner. Mrs. Hinson was sick, but enjoyed the visit of their friends.

These good people were born in Union county N. C., and were married on July 11, 1865. They came to Arkansas 26 years ago. Bro. Hinson entered the ministry 20 years ago and has served some of the best country churches in the county.

There are nine living children and more than fifty grand children in their family. The dinner was served picnic style on long tables in the yard. A large crowd was present.

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Thursday, 22 July 1915, p. 4, col. 6; Silver Wedding.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stinger celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this week. A splendid six o'clock dinner was served. The following were present: Mrs. and Mrs. Stinger and daughter Miss Justine, Mr. and Mrs. Jett, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Rylands, Mrs. Agnes Johnson, Fred Hays and Dr. Neihus. All engaged in a delightful card party after dinner. Mrs. Terry won the honors.

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Thursday, 16 September 1915, p. 8, col. 2; Married Fifty-six Years.

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While at Lawson attending the Fifth Sunday Meeting, we made our home with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. White, two of the oldest citizens of the county. They have been married fifty-six years. Mrs. White is suffering with partial paralysis of the right side. "Uncle Johnny" as he is familiarly known among his many friends, although 84 years old, is as spry as a boy. He boasts that he allows nobody to "wait on the old man." He has a nice little farm, does his own work, plows, hoes, looks after his stock and works every day.

He grows corn, potatoes, peas, peanuts, sorghum, has his pastures, cows, hogs, chickens, and horses that he can care for, making an independent living and money beside. He has a fine crop and is always able to contribute liberally to charities and to the support of his church. He and his good wife have been active church workers since childhood and are happy in the service of their Master. It is a benediction to be in their home and hear them tell of the goodness of their God in his dealings with them.

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Thursday, 23 September 1915, p. 1, col. 4; Golden Wedding.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Riley of Champagnolle street celebrated their golden wedding, Sept. 14, at the home of their daughter Mrs. Aylmer Flenniken. They were the recipients of a large number of beautiful presents. The out of town guests were Joe Sumners of Little Rock, brother of Mrs. Riley; Mrs. Thomas of Little Rock a sister of Mr. Riley and their daughter, Mrs. Susie Thomas of Hope.

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Thursday, 21 October 1915, p. 1, col. 1; Been Married Fifty Years.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Gaddy of Juno celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Gaddy was 82 years on the 15<sup>th</sup> of last month. Mrs. Gaddy will be 62 years old Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>. They are in fine health and say that God has abundantly blessed them. They have four sons and three daughters, all of whom are living. They own a good farm near Juno, but spend most of their time among their children.

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Thursday, 18 November 1915, p. 1, col. 4; Will Celebrate Golden Wedding.

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Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Stocks of Norphlet will celebrate their golden wedding, on Wednesday December 13. They are among the pioneers of this city. Mr. Stocks is a veteran of the Confederate army.

## HISTORY OF THE MASONIC HOME, BATESVILLE, INDEPENDENCE COUNTY, ARKANSAS

*Betty Clayton*

The second children's home located in Batesville during the early 1900s was the Masonic Home. Records from the Masonic Home are archived at the Old Independence Regional Museum in Batesville, Arkansas. The museum holds a video tape made in 1991 containing photographs of the buildings and grounds, groups of children, and individual residents documenting the approximate years of 1927 through the 1940s. The first part of the video presents the history of the Home narrated by former resident Ruth McCarson Bowen. The second part of the video includes photos of Camp Takodah with the Herbert Smith family singing in the background. Wayne Hesterly reads a poem about life and farm work at the Home. The third part shows reunions and the 1972 tornado damage to the Home buildings, which had been sold to Arkansas College [now Lyon College] in 1948. The video and the records are accessible to the public visiting the museum.

The three-building Home was constructed in 1908 and 1909. The first child, Henry Stroud, entered 1 January 1910. The first Superintendent was Mr. W. P. Tuggle, age twenty-three, and the Matron was his wife who was age twenty-four. They served through 1918. In 1910 there were thirty-six residents, including the staff. The Home closed in 1947 and the buildings plus 100 acres were sold to Arkansas College. The last six children were moved to the John Brown School in Siloam Springs.

The following list of the staff was compiled from the 1991 video:

Superintendents: Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Tuggle, 1910-1918; G. W. Longdon, 1918-1919; H. W. Bibb, 1919; W. G. Lewis, 1919-1920; B. C. Lee; Mrs. E. M. Calloway; Mr. and Mrs. Galbraith; Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Sessions; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Eubanks; Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Sims.

Matrons: (for girls) Mrs. W. P. Tuggle; Mrs. E. M. Calloway; Mrs. Clausel Haden; Mrs. R. Rooks.

Matrons: (for boys) Mrs. Allie Belew; Mrs. Virgie Metcalf.

Farm Bosses, Utility Men: Brown Martin; Thomas Markham; Charles Perry; Jeff Morris.

Cook: Mack Valentine (30 years); Carol Rucker.

Laundry helper: Norine Valentine.

Seamstress: Mrs. F. A. McDonald.

Another list, entitled “Photos of Masonic Home Residents (some shown throughout adulthood, also)” was compiled from the same video and contains the names of residents at the Home who were in the photos on the video tape. They include the following:

Stephens family 1927	Claude Holland & mother
Martin Smith	Allen Wayne Phillips
Gloria Smith	Conie Cox
Mary Ann Ray	Ruth Smith
Barbara “Ethel” Roberts	Darnell Smith
Crystal Lee Graves	Joe Ray
Lorene Blount	Leo Holloway
Marian Phillips	Maydell Murphy
John Withrow	Thelma Pursley
Melba Fry	J. W. Grimes
Burnett Burgett	Lucy Duffle
Juanita Williams	Ezra Mannon
Doris Clark	Mrs. Lena Sims
Ann Dial	Laura Lacy Sessions
Wayne Hesterly	Conrad Glover
Louise Green	Malcolm Satterfield
Dorothy Brady	Hoyt Alexander
Albert Broding	Barbra Ford
Anna Louise Sims	Martha Ellen Brooks
Junior Funk	Iris Alexander
Edgar McCowen	Louise Murphy
Laura Lacey Jernigan Sessions	Alta Watkins
Millard Harper	Henry Lee
Betty Ford	B. Letterman
Benny Crawford	John Wittrow
Syble Smith	Paul Beals
James A. McKinnon	J. C. Barber
(mother) McKinnon	Dale Smith
Ruth Shoemaker	J. W. McKinnon
Vela Mannon	Charles McKinnon
Paul McCarson	Frances Fry
Virginia Hunnicutt	Camille Clark
Betty Harper	Calvin Smith
Jack Young	Wilma Lou Williams

Roberta Cromwell	Bernice Mannon
Dick Hollis	Gene "Gus" Murphy
Billy Smith	Tommy Phillips
Alvin Williams	Katie Burton
Loyd Smith	Adolphus Sessions
Harry Stroud	Ruth Hollis
Murphy Alexander	Virginia Smith
Ruth Robbins	Wayne Hesterly
Betty Harper (1928)	Nadine Smith
Monte Burgett	Malcolm Harper
Myrlene Goodson	Horace McKinnon
Bootsie Goodson	Rugh McCarson
Pete Grimes	Cassie Harges
Cubby Sims	Willene Funk
Myrtle Hamm	Oliver Smith
R. C. Galbraith	Iris Harper
Woody Thomas	Adele Williams
Joan Burton	Pauline Duffy
Dorothy Alexander	James Richards

At the bottom of the list: "Other residents' identified photos could have been missed on this list. All of these photos are identified on the video."

Eleven loose pages contain a list, apparently chronological, of all the children who had been received into the Home from the time it opened, totaling 535. No date appears on the report or on the pages, but the list seems to cover the entire time the Home was operating, up to the closing date in 1947. The report was titled "Statistical Report of Children." In addition to each child's name and gender, the list includes the name, number, and location of the lodge that sent each child and the reason the child left. Some were dismissed or reached the age limit of the home; some ran away or did not return from a visit; others went to live with relatives, most often their mother. Some were still living in the Home when the list was made. Lodges that sent children were located in towns all over the state. [Ed. note: This long list of 535 names will be printed in the March 2009 issue of *The Arkansas Family Historian*.]

The Masonic Home records include a note passed on to the home about a man who had made a list of children who were there at the same time that he was a resident. The note consists of the following:

This was given to me by Aubrey Helms. He lives at Drasco, phone number 668-3204. His father, Arvie Helms, made this list in 1925 of the children there at that time, including himself and two brothers. Aubrey said his father was there about seven years. If you would like to call him, he would be glad to talk to you about this.  
[signed] Danny Ray.

There must have been a cover page, because the transcription included in the records contains the following:

“The names of those, once my intimate friends. Names of Masonic Home & School ‘chums’. Gone, all of them! but not forgotten.

A memory that’s gone  
A dream that’s crushed  
And a heart ever longing  
For days that are gone.”

Arvie’s list that was attached to the note was hand-printed on small lined tablet paper and had the following notes written at the top of three of the four pages:

1. “The names of the boys and girls who were in the Masonic Home and School when I was.”
2. “The careless days of childhood are the happiest.” Alongside this note is Arvie’s drawing of the front of the three Masonic Home buildings and the trees surrounding them.
3. “After childhood, grave responsibilities; after childhood happy days are o’er.”

Walter Allen  
C. C. Allen  
Bascom Biggs  
Hattchet Biggs  
Guss Biggs  
Dennis Biggs  
Addye Allen  
Eliazebeth Allen  
Hazel Stenhouse  
John Stenhouse

Grace Stenhouse  
Joseph Stenhouse  
Edith Foster  
Nellie Foster  
Johhnie Foster  
Alva Foster  
Lois Foster  
Roberta Cromwell  
Zed Cromwell  
Oliver Cromwell

Cargile Mathis  
Jack Mathis  
Willie Williams  
Wilbert Williams  
Alvin Williams  
Adell Williams  
Arvie Markham  
Lawrence Markham  
Logan Camp  
Prudie Camp  
Verlon Rhynes  
Myrtle Rhynes  
Pierce Rhynes  
Cecil Atkins  
Preston Beck  
Jewel Beck  
Cecil Pickins  
Jewel Ledbetter  
Florence White  
Lloyd White  
Harold White  
Hollis White  
Samuel White  
Robert Smith  
Sam Smith  
Otis Roberts  
Guss Roberts  
Ethel Roberts  
Eugene Roberts  
Lois Watkins 1924-1929  
David Watkins 1924-1931  
Martha Watkins 1924  
Ivan Watkins 1924-1933  
George Holloway  
Albert Holloway  
Clifford Holloway  
Leo Holloway  
Ernest Hargis  
Irene Hargis

Marvin Hargis  
Cassie Hargis  
Willie Evans  
Charlie Evans  
Arlie Stafford  
Myrtle Matthews  
Seth Matthews  
Fay Anderson  
May Anderson  
Grace Millhorn  
George A. Millhorn  
Irene Childress  
Horace Robbins  
Syble Robbins  
"Jack" Robbins  
Jimmy Grundy  
James Elliott  
Ruth Powell  
John Mason  
Dorthy Mason  
Dorthy McCumpsey  
William McCumpsey  
Ardell McCumpsey  
James McCumpsey  
Glen Scott  
James Scott  
Russell Anderson  
Jessie Mae Brewer  
Agness Weirbacker  
Marian Cain  
Harry Cain  
Joseph Ray  
Mae Russell  
Arthur Russell  
Princess Russell  
Arvie Helms  
Jewel Helms  
Paul Helms  
Margie Bowers

Hazel Speed  
Anville Speed  
Herman Speed  
Francis Downs  
Alice Bombarger  
Alta Mae Westfall  
Clara Mae Long  
Pearl Mears  
Thala Reynolds  
Susie Chapman  
Marlan Chapman  
Thomas Chapman  
Lewis Chapman  
Opal Phillips  
Florence Phillips  
Thelma Phillips  
Viola Page  
Edna Page

Bonnie Page  
Evelyn Cox  
Merle Cox  
Bonnie Cox  
Alice Coulter  
Wanda Coulter  
Edwin Sullivan  
Woodrow Sullivan  
“Billy” Sullivan  
Edna Battles  
Virginia Battles  
Adron Starnes  
Erlene Starnes  
Ernestine Starnes  
Beatrice Denny  
Robert Denny  
Winona Denny  
Jim Denny

Two undated newspaper pictures are included in the files for the Masonic Home. The names of the newspapers were not noted. One is a group picture of the Masonic Home children taken around 1927 or 1928 and used for notification of an upcoming biennial reunion. The other picture, captioned “Postcard History” is a side view of the front of the three buildings of the Masonic Home on a postcard. The card had a penciled date of 7 June 1917 on it. A bit of history is written under the picture, giving the opening and closing dates and mentions the fact that Arkansas College campus was, at the time of the newspaper article, on the land where the Home and its farm operations had once stood.

## HEMPSTEAD COUNTY VOTER LISTS - 1868

*Transcribed by Gloria Futrell*

These lists were transcribed from Family History Library microfilm 1007496 which is Hempstead county records Roll 87 at the Arkansas History Commission and State Archives, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Many of these voters marked with an X and the registrar signed their name for them. Others signed their own name. These persons were affirming allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and the laws of the State of Arkansas, allowing them to vote.

### Alexander Precinct

<b>September 23, 1868</b>					
			Alex May	21	Farmer
			Alford Cowling	36	Farmer
			James Nelson	25	Farmer
George F. Walden	24	Farmer	Jesse Yonge	36	Farmer
W. M. Lewis	46	Farmer	Green Hill	35	Farmer
P. C. Scott	28	Farmer	Bedford Brown	46	Farmer
P. C. Scott	28	Farmer	Billey Walker	22	Farmer
J. Mc. Scott	47	Farmer	Isaac Bishop	25	Farmer
O. L. Anderson	43	Farmer	John Walker	27	Farmer
A. B. Rogers	37	Farmer	Robert Walker	45	Farmer
R. E. Walden	49	Farmer	Fed Walker	30	Farmer
Thomas S. Leake	38	Farmer	W. E. Green	21	Farmer
R. G. Steele	40	Minister	T. J. Thompson	39	Farmer
Amos Wright	30	Tanner	W. R. Latimer	24	Farmer
T. F. Williams	45	Farmer	S. B. Bishop	23	Farmer
J. T. Holt	27	Farmer	Alford Stewart	42	Farmer
C. L. Lewis	23	Farmer	Denton Sumner	65	Farmer
Thomas G. Parker	56	Farmer	Thomas H. Coley	33	Farmer
C. C. Webb	33	Farmer	N. D. Crawford	37	Mecanic
H. M. Suttle	22	Farmer	J. J. Nelson	40	Farmer
William Singleton	40	Farmer	W. C. Sypert	41	Farmer
J. Clingan	36	Farmer	J. R. Holcombe	31	Farmer
J. T. Lewis	22	Farmer	H. S. Wilson	26	Farmer
Albert Norwood	57	Farmer	Peter Gosnell	51	Farmer
George Walker	46	Farmer	A. H. Gosnell	22	Farmer
Nathaniel Green	33	Farmer	C. A. Irvin	28	Farmer
Crofford Byers	24	Farmer	J. H. Beene	25	Farmer
Auston Smith	23	Farmer	T. A. Summerhill	23	Farmer
Steve Tollett	25	Farmer	E. W. McCrary	55	Physican
James T. Stone	41	Farmer	A. C. Chandler	21	Farmer
James W. Cannon	44	Farmer	J. S. Mitchell	31	Farmer
James H.	59	Farmer			
Alexander					

A. F. Cowling	22	Farmer	W. H. Carey	28	Farmer
D. A. Cowling	21	Farmer	W. M. Watson	26	Farmer
S. W. White	22	Farmer	Wm. R. Brinkley	52	Farmer
J. K. Floyd	22	Druggist	Auston Williams	44	Farmer
Robert Jarman	28	Farmer	Henry Lyns	25	Farmer

John L. Jarman	21	Farmer
John I. Daniel	52	Farmer
A. J. Daniel	23	Farmer
P. D. Williams	29	Farmer
W. H. Webb	44	Farmer
W. K. Cowling	26	Farmer
Burrel Green	46	Farmer
Henry Jourdan	23	Farmer
George Colter	22	Farmer
Stephen Colter	25	Farmer
Jourdan Jones	60	Farmer
Lewis Walker	48	Farmer
Amanuel Colter	51	Farmer
G. E. Bryant	30	Farmer
Wm. H. Hicks	30	Physician
Y. H. Hutchinson	33	Farmer
Thomas Brewer	53	Farmer
James McClendon	24	Farmer
C. S. Anderson	38	Farmer
R. A. Leslie	30	Farmer
W. H. H. Biggs	27	Farmer
Isaac Scoggin	29	Farmer
James C. Coulter	27	Farmer
Charles Deloney	53	Farmer
Tom Glaspey	28	Farmer
Steward Deloney	49	Farmer
James Ware	53	Farmer
John H. Ball	26	Farmer
W. G. Scoggin	39	Farmer
B. F. Scoggin	36	Farmer
D. Speer	50	Farmer
A. C. Biggs	22	Farmer
Richard Scoggin	27	Farmer
Wiley Williams	29	Farmer
James Walker	35	Farmer
Benn Walker	23	Farmer
Nathan Chandler	25	Farmer
J. H. Jones	35	Farmer
C. W. Leslie	22	Farmer
F. M. Bouden	28	Farmer
William Cooper	21	Farmer
W. G. Lane	24	Farmer
J. T. Lane	36	Farmer

### September 24, 1868

John H. Dorsey	47	Farmer
James E. Power	50	Farmer
John F. Bridgman	24	Waggon Maker
T. J. Maldin	43	Black- smith
John W. Standlee	23	Farmer
Eli Furguson	24	Farmer
John Walker	23	Farmer
Stephen Tollett	59	Farmer
Bob Morrison	49	Farmer
John Cooper	43	Farmer
William Scott	48	Farmer
N. W. Whitmon	52	Farmer
Daniel A. Reeder	50	Farmer
Benjamin Franks	52	Farmer
W. H. Lewis	26	Farmer
Samuel H. Lewis	25	Farmer
E. J. Hankins	26	Mill Right
Henry Jones	47	Farmer
Jim Brown	23	Farmer
Prince Marchal	53	Farmer
J. W. Camion	21	Farmer
W. C. Hungate	53	Farmer
Joe G. W. Vowell	24	Farmer
A. Anderson	35	Farmer
J. R. Wolff	31	Farmer
W. R. Norwood	34	Farmer
John B. Copeland	42	Farmer
John S. Clark	45	Farmer
G. W. Anderson	22	Farmer
Henry Harrison	22	Farmer
James Amey	50	Farmer
William Monro	46	Farmer
William H. Lane	38	Farmer
Peter Poter	24	Farmer
Elijah Merrell	42	Minister
John W. Coulter	21	Farmer
F. P. Holt	21	Farmer
J. H. Holt	23	Farmer

J. M. Norwood	27	Farmer	D. C. Cowling	37	Teacher
L. L. Reeder	25	Merchant	J. M. Puckett	34	Farmer
A. S. Hutcherson,	31	Cirt	J. F. Chaffin	29	Farmer
Jr.			James Coley	64	Farmer
W. H. Warren	31	Farmer	Thomas Mayben	64	Farmer
G. L. Martindale	40	Farmer	John P. Cowling	23	Farmer
Marvin Furguson	23	Farmer	A. J. Draper	38	Farmer
David J. Parker	23	Farmer	James Lewis	59	Farmer
Elijah Merell	22	Farmer	G. C. Lewis	22	Farmer
Edward Farley	21	Farmer	William Chandler	36	Farmer
Henry Loid	53	Farmer	John Start	45	Farmer
E. Schirmer	38	Sadler	E. T. Delony	35	Farmer
Henry A. Jones	52	Lawyer	S. S. Sanger	50	Farmer
Peter C. Jones	25	Farmer	O. M. Bryant	32	Farmer
Bolivar May	40	Merchant	George Allen	22	Farmer
D. S. Wagner	26	Miller	Daniel Chandler	41	Farmer
J. N. Collins	26	Farmer	Emry Chandler	58	Farmer
Thomas Woodbery	47	Farmer	E. P. Craig	56	Farmer
S. M. Lee	35	Black-	John Webb	27	Farmer
		smith	E. L. Bradley	36	Farmer
J. A. Reed	58	Farmer	Daniel Bradley	46	Farmer
James H. Deloney	46	Physician	J. B. Robins	52	Farmer
E. R. Martin	24	Farmer	James Martindale	64	Farmer
J. O. Coley	28	Farmer	Bery Sutton	44	Farmer
Obadiah Jones	23	Farmer	John P. Langston	39	Farmer
C. H. Jackson	31	Farmer	Wm. Bryant	60	Farmer
J. J. Coley	24	Farmer	A. R. Floyd	25	Farmer
D. M. Jackson	24	Farmer	E. A. Taylor	35	Farmer
J. J. Gist	45	Farmer	Joseph Holcomb	42	Merchant
W. D. Franks	21	Farmer	W. H. Robins	21	Farmer
L. W. Delony	33	Farmer	J. M. Garrett	32	Farmer
John Gist	46	Farmer	H. Norwood	23	Farmer
J. B. Jackson	21	Farmer	Anderson Putman	46	Farmer
J. W. Whitmore	22	Farmer	William Ison	30	Black-
W. R. Gist	24	Farmer			smith
Richard King	64	Black-	B. F. Cannon	22	Farmer
		smith	W. P. Craig	22	Farmer
Rufus Whitmon	30	Farmer	S. H. Robins	50	Farmer
William Craig	64	Farmer	William G. John	33	Farmer
Robert Caldwell	45	Farmer	F. T. Shepherd	21	Farmer
J. L. Daughtery	21	Farmer	J. T. Johnson	55	Farmer
William Chesshir	54	Farmer	L. A. Williams	29	Farmer
Charles Jourdin	22	Farmer	R. L. Fulton	57	Teacher
Joseph Litchford	37	Miller	John Beene	26	Farmer
R. C. Mitchell	41	Farmer	W. M. Ervin	38	Farmer
W. M. Greenhaw	51	Farmer	William E. Scott	67	Farmer
B. T. Greenhaw	23	Farmer	J. L. Wesson	26	Farmer
B. F. Vaughan	36	Farmer	E. Clingan	35	Farmer

J. W. Myrick	22	Farmer	Charles R. Scoggin	30	Farmer
E. C. Myrick	50	Farmer	Sam Hutcherson	22	Farmer
Silas Magby	28	Farmer	Charley Heartfield	60	Farmer
Davis Hutson	51	Farmer	Charley Hill	21	Farmer
J. J. Webb	26	Farmer	Jordan Hendrick	46	Farmer
L. G. Fulmer	35	Farmer	William Wesson	28	Farmer
J. T. Kelly	30	Mecanic	George Winn	26	Farmer
J. F. Smith	27	Farmer	Granvil Whitmore	62	Farmer
J. G. Crawford	28	Mecanic	Milton Jones	32	Farmer
P. M. Yong	21	Farmer	Jo Delony	42	Farmer
Joseph Blevins	28	Mecanic	George Gambol	52	Farmer
B. F. Smith	23	Farmer	Frank Wallis	47	Farmer
Peter Williams	45	Farmer	Peter Whitmore	52	Farmer
Oswell Delony	29	Farmer	Jacob Dickson	48	Farmer
Albert Thomas	23	Farmer	H. C. Helbert	22	Farmer
James Scoggin	23	Farmer	R. B. Peel	40	Farmer
Lilbern Scoggin	23	Farmer	S. A. Stone	26	Farmer
Bob Leek	69	Farmer	A. N. Moser	42	Farmer
Willis Hayls	28	Farmer	John Merrell	53	Farmer
Giden Wesson	24	Farmer	G. B. Bridgman	45	Farmer
Newton Wesson	21	Farmer	H. M. Wakefield	59	Farmer
Lewis Clardy	43	Farmer	E. Shelton	64	Farmer
David Cain	29	Farmer	V. H. Shelton	38	Farmer
Martin Wesson	44	Farmer	J. T. Marbury	45	Farmer
Frank Walker	29	Farmer	E. M. Shelton	21	Farmer
Frank Whitmore	40	Farmer	F. M. Oakley	40	Farmer
Abraham Gibson	28	Farmer	Yong Founton	45	Farmer
Sam Wilson	42	Farmer	Edward Jackson	36	Farmer
York Manuel	55	Farmer	Charley Mason	22	Farmer
Primus Wesson	36	Farmer	Joseph Yong	28	Farmer
Wiley Wesson	21	Farmer	Cew Williams	28	Farmer
Abraham Graves	45	Farmer	S. T. Taylor	21	Farmer
Henry Walton	25	Farmer	Jack Walker	21	Farmer
Anthony King	22	Farmer	Sam Cumins	27	Farmer
Benjamon Walton	23	Farmer	William Powel	34	Farmer
Fed Allen	25	Farmer	Charles Merrell	51	Farmer
Adam Clardy			T. C. Sullivan	30	Farmer
G. W. Leake	29	Farmer	A. C. Young	33	Farmer
J. L. Williams	44	Farmer	J. W. Smead	24	Farmer
W. Mc. Mitchell	21	Farmer	M. C. McCrary	34	Farmer
Peter Gipson	27	Farmer	J. R. H. Cummings	51	Farmer
Alen Scoggin	31	Farmer	W. H. Brown	23	Farmer
Lewis Morris	47	Farmer	W. A. Greer	33	Farmer
Richard Hill	22	Farmer	Stephen Jones	39	Farmer
Daniel Leek	45	Farmer	Jno. P. Lawley	22	Farmer
William Scoggin	28	Farmer	J. M. Barns	23	Farmer
Alen Smith	27	Farmer	J. Sanders	22	Farmer
Colman Scoggin	22	Farmer			

**October 15, 1868**

Winter Witherspoon	50	Farmer
Miles Jordan	29	Farmer
Lud May	24	Farmer
Redick Jordan	26	Farmer
Joshuah May	22	Farmer
J. Conger	48	Farmer
E. B. Rockett	27	Farmer

**October 16, 1868**

Jock Cock	70	Farmer
Aaron Walker	38	Farmer
Tom Deloney	27	Farmer
Iley White	22	Farmer
John Singleton	37	Farmer
John Carey	31	Farmer
D. M. Goodlett	27	Farmer
Calvin Brewer	26	Farmer

**October 17, 1868**

J. L. Reed	37	Teacher
Ned Bradley	37	Farmer
Allen Carr	33	Farmer

C. W. Goodwin	31	Farmer
W. A. Sevedge	21	Farmer
W. H. Castleman	26	Farmer
Jacob Hill	45	Farmer

**October 20 & 21, 1868**

Frank Walker	62	Farmer
Calvin Lyons	49	Farmer
C. H. Green	24	Farmer
William Litchford	30	Farmer
James Meritt	53	Farmer
William Dyer	34	Farmer
Valentine May	56	Farmer
William C. Lewis	21	Farmer
John Chessire	22	Farmer
M. M. McGuire	31	Farmer
A. C. Ferguson	21	Farmer
M. A. Elliott	35	Farmer
M. C. Elliott	68	Farmer
John Cold		
W. M. Roberts	27	Farmer
Thomas J. James	44	Farmer
J. W. Smith	52	Farmer
Morris King	39	Farmer
A. J. Smith	21	Farmer
Andrew Castleman	23	Farmer

**Centerville Precinct**

**September 14, 1868**

M. A. Whatley	50	Farmer
Neill Munn	28	Farmer
John Mouser	50	Farmer
George W. McRoy	28	Farmer
Joseph East	62	Farmer
J. P. Mason	61	Farmer
Robert Collens	30	Farmer
Richard Sanderford	49	Farmer
D. L. Fore	48	Farmer
G. T. Crain	24	Farmer
R. W. Glenn	34	Farmer
E. A. J. Evans	51	Farmer
H. M. Bates	31	Farmer

D. H. Eavens	26	Farmer
P. Web	58	Farmer
Thomas Butler	54	Farmer
Plesent Oren	40	Farmer
B. F. Eavens	22	Farmer
D. F. Garrett	45	Farmer
H. H. Woodul	66	Farmer
Ira Cornelius	52	Farmer
H. W. Stokes	61	Farmer
A. L. Turner	22	Farmer
T. O. Garrett	41	Farmer
S. S. Brooks	22	Farmer
J. E. Harris	31	Farmer
A. H. Waddle	51	Farmer
C. B. Rogers	28	Farmer
S. J. Glass	27	Farmer

A. McDonald	46	Farmer	Robert Jones	23	Farmer
U. J. Whatley	28	Farmer	John Wadkins	38	Farmer
Esais Baker	52	Farmer	Benn Ware	33	Farmer
L. McDonald	21	Farmer	Samuel Tomas	50	Farmer
Charles Anders	21	Farmer	Jo Branch	25	Farmer
George Ware	26	Farmer	Terry Smith	40	Farmer
Peter Fuller	23	Farmer	Flanders Simmons	22	Farmer
John F. Fuller	31	Farmer	Plesant Allen	55	Farmer
W. Weaver	80	Farmer	Wesley Cornelius	21	Farmer
S. D. Munn	23	Farmer	William D. Baker	29	Farmer
B. W. Stokes	29	Farmer	George Simmons	41	Farmer
James Wylie	71	Farmer	Jack Garriett	21	Farmer
H. K. Reynolds	27	Farmer	Conrey Folks	25	Farmer
Edward Cruse	64	Farmer	Henry Jackson	21	Farmer
B. C. Goine	29	Farmer	Abeham Garrett	50	Farmer
S. T. Bright	27	Farmer	Alen White	53	Farmer
J. W. Fore	37	Farmer	Bob White	45	Farmer
T. Wylie	38	Farmer	Henry Jones	38	Farmer
J. M. Woodul	24	Farmer	William Dancler	27	Farmer
J. L. White	56	Farmer	Ruben Hawkens	49	Farmer
A. J. Purtell	28	Farmer	Benn Hurvey	24	Farmer
J. M. Munn	34	Farmer	John Curry	50	Farmer
G. M. Franks	27	Farmer	Bartlet Turner	27	Farmer
W. G. Strange	23	Farmer	B. M. Purtle	34	Farmer
J. M. Lee	28	Farmer	Zadoc Ware	60	Farmer
James S. Jones	46	Farmer	Parker Sullivan	63	Farmer
J. Lee	22	Farmer	C. P. Gleghorn	23	Farmer
R. W. Lowry	24	Farmer	B. D. Gleghorn	23	Farmer
M. C. Capps	28	Farmer	W. L. Johnson	36	Farmer
J. C. Todd	21	Farmer	J. R. Douglass	34	Farmer
A. G. Bailey	45	Farmer	A. C. Sutton	48	Farmer
J. W. Bennett	45	Farmer	G. W. Hart	33	Farmer
Joseph Woodul	47	Farmer	A. C. Lowry	22	Farmer
R. E. Cornelius	26	Farmer	J. A. Smith	35	Farmer
S. D. Edens	42	Farmer	Ellec Willson	34	Farmer
Jas. H. Campbell	49	Farmer	Omstead Green	50	Farmer
H. N. Cornelius	30	Farmer	Hero Willis	50	Farmer
W. N. Sutton	26	Farmer	Steward Lowry	40	Farmer
Jas. W. Weaver	43	Farmer	George Cantley	25	Farmer
H. G. Barham	23	Farmer	James Block	21	Farmer
John S. Weaver	46	Farmer	Samuel Steverson	21	Farmer
B. F. Hopkins	56	Farmer	John Smith	25	Farmer
A. C. Pickard	44	Farmer	C. H. Burton	37	Farmer
Henry Smith	37	Farmer	W. J. Baker	22	Farmer
Coffey Wesley	53	Farmer	B. F. May	25	Farmer
Mikel Severe	28	Farmer	J. W. May	23	Farmer
Sam Folks	49	Farmer	John E. Stearling	44	Farmer
Thomas Dempsy	63	Farmer	Garland P. Bright	33	Farmer

Martin Adams	58	Farmer
J. H. Beaucamp	43	Farmer
B. W. Beaucamp	26	Farmer
B. T. Baker	35	Farmer
W. M. Candle	45	Farmer
Hiram Powell	56	Farmer
Benjamin May	55	Farmer
Z. R. White	39	Farmer
J. R. Jones	31	Farmer
W. E. F. Jones	38	Farmer
J. W. Keith	37	Farmer
Benj. Beard	45	Physician
R. G. Scott	37	Farmer
W. P. Powell	21	Merchant
D. M. Eagle	34	Physician
Pery Smith	38	Farmer
G. W. Crews	32	Farmer

**October 19, 1868**

Amanuel Dickson	42	Farmer
Robert Shaw	44	Farmer
James Jones	43	Farmer
G. L. Ayres	23	Farmer
Colmon Roberts	28	Farmer
Charles Uman	49	Farmer
Edmund Hood	21	Farmer
H. T. Smith	38	Farmer
A. Mitchell	34	Farmer
W. A. Mitchell	45	Farmer
J. H. Reich	24	Farmer
H. P. Hicks	40	Farmer

**Cottinghams Precinct**

**September 11 & 12, 1868**

P. C. Hamilton	40	Farmer	Dan Rubin	23	Farmer
A. J. Daniel	27	Farmer	Edmon Crabtree	28	Farmer
Charles Steverson	45	Farmer	Solomon Williams	75	Farmer
J. J. Smith	33	Farmer	Sam McEntosh	21	Farmer
Canon Scott	41	Farmer	Jeff McGill	37	Farmer
William Ringo	28	Farmer	Sango Williams	46	Farmer
Jim Woodberry	43	Farmer	Phillips Dedman	26	Farmer
Isaac Nellson	26	Farmer	Ed Caple	35	Farmer
George Ring	21	Farmer	Peter Noland	30	Farmer
Abraham Spragins	40	Farmer	Cain Scott	58	Farmer
James Pope	22	Farmer	Antney Scott	27	Farmer
Gus Green	33	Farmer	Antney Morlow	56	Farmer
Sam Nellson	21	Farmer	William Hews	21	Farmer
Marcus James	55	Farmer	William Keys	42	Farmer
Randle Williamson	50	Farmer	John C. Harrison	22	Farmer
S. L. Mitchell	48	Farmer	F. D. Barrow	44	Farmer
T. H. Price	26	Farmer	A. G. Harris	64	Farmer
William McGill	40	Farmer	James M. Harris	39	Farmer
John Wilson	23	Farmer	S. G. Spragins	39	Farmer
Izereal Blevings	46	Farmer	Henderson Brewer	85	Farmer
William McEntosh	60	Farmer	Aaron Brewer	24	Farmer
Ned Adkins	48	Farmer	Dualls Baker	53	Farmer
John Mulrose	25	Farmer	Alford Hyden	29	Farmer
Vester Blevings	28	Farmer	Tom Henegan	40	Farmer
Sam Williamson	24	Farmer	John T Barton	52	Physican
			Veryiles Flowers	60	Farmer
			I. A. Murphy	47	Mecanic

**October 16, 1868**

Archa Burt	50	Farmer
Ausburn Fulsom	22	Farmer
William R. Long	52	Farmer
William B. Long	24	Farmer
H. James	72	Hatter
M. B. Deaton	39	Farmer
Dudley Watt	50	Farmer

**October 17, 1868**

M. D. Bell	40	Farmer
J. Taylor	27	Farmer
W. H. Askew	38	Farmer
D. B. James	38	Farmer
Jorden Price	32	Farmer
Gills Hopson	26	Farmer
C. A. Black	60	Farmer
F. J. Warren	50	Farmer
Jesse Bryant	42	Farmer
Alexander McDougold	22	Farmer
Thomas Price	30	Farmer
Moses Yearger	25	Farmer
Nero Snowden	22	Farmer
Cimon Wilson	22	Farmer
R. H. Bruce	42	Farmer
G. W. Aaron	62	Farmer
Wesley Stone	37	Farmer
Calvin C. Stone	21	Farmer
Lemuel J. Eley	23	Farmer
E. T. Wells	28	Farmer
W. H. James	45	Farmer
Charles W. Carter	35	Farmer
J. D. Hampton	35	Farmer
James Southworth	22	Farmer
Wylie Roberson	30	Farmer

Daniel Wallis	30	Farmer
Tulerter Hawkins	40	Farmer
<del>S. W. Cox</del>	21	Farmer
Robert Green	27	Farmer
James P. Askew	45	Farmer
Peter H. Southworth	27	Farmer
Thomas Yarberry	50	Farmer
Joseph Yarberry	22	Farmer
William Wilson	47	Farmer
J. C. Price	28	Farmer
S. H. Nelson	26	Farmer
J. M. Harper	23	Farmer
Jacob Brown	44	Farmer
William J. Hill	43	Farmer
Stephanas Hill	23	Farmer
Henry M. Bennett	32	Farmer
W. F. Spears	26	Farmer
Henry Allen	51	Farmer
Samuel Allen	71	Farmer
John W. Newton	35	Farmer
John Blevins	25	Farmer
W. M. Brown	30	Farmer
Charles Goznell	42	Mecanic
A. M. Seward	26	Farmer
W. B. Britt	23	Farmer
L. D. Beene	44	Farmer
P. B. Nolen	25	Farmer
J. W. Pearce	23	Farmer
M. V. Barns	28	Farmer
D. C. Williams	55	Farmer
Jerry Reynolds	50	Farmer
W. D. F. Smith	58	Farmer
John Nolen	48	Farmer
Thos. Aaron	34	Preacher
James W. Moore	41	Farmer
B. F. Lewis	26	Farmer
A. D. Lewis	35	Farmer

**Fulton Precinct****September 17, 1868**

A. E. Chambless	51	Farmer
Richard Smith	55	Farmer
Harvey Smith	42	Farmer
Jim Rieace	31	Farmer

Sam Fields	45	Farmer
General Scott	25	Farmer
Alonzo Lomax	21	Farmer
Carolina Lomax	32	Farmer
Berry Leer	44	Farmer
James Presley	22	Farmer



**October 17, 1868**

Sandy Smith	23	Farmer
Orrigan Carrigan	27	Farmer
Oliver Isley	40	Farmer
Alex Nash	26	Farmer
Arnold Stafford	21	Farmer
Jack Hart	70	Farmer
Henry Perkins	28	Farmer
Bob Nash	21	Farmer
George Leegan	49	Farmer
Antney Wright	78	Farmer
Charles Mitchell	27	Farmer
Jo. Parker	24	Farmer

Gid Hill	28	Farmer
Washington Crofton	40	Farmer
Tilmon Harpool	25	Farmer
Felicks Anderson	23	Farmer
Hilyard Brunson	27	Farmer
Henry Gilbert	30	Farmer
Benn Fin	39	Farmer
Richard M. Johnson	24	Farmer
E. G. Powell	40	Farmer
J. D. Arnett	22	Farmer
William W. Wilson	39	Farmer

**Springhill Precinct****September 15, 1868**

H. B. Montgomery	42	Farmer
John Motion	23	Farmer
R. F. Sullivan	61	Farmer
W. W. Jackson	65	Farmer
H. W. Moses	57	Farmer
G. W. Carter	37	Carpenter
James T. Kidd	31	Farmer
William A. Kidd	22	Farmer
R. B. Kendall	39	Farmer
T. F. Wilson	45	Farmer
J. E. Spates	27	Farmer
J. R. Wilder	43	Physician
H. W. Allen	30	Farmer
R. H. Williams	38	Farmer
T. A. Turner	27	Physician
W. T. Howard	29	School Teacher
T. J. Jones	49	Farmer
J. R. Sullivan	27	Farmer
H. B. Turner	24	Merchant
David Grounds	50	Farmer
John S. Turner	49	Farmer
William N. Yocum	25	Farmer
George H. Lewis	23	Farmer
Jesse Canon	27	Farmer
H. G. Wilson	42	Farmer
Richard Morris	66	Farmer

John A. Todd	38	Farmer
John Colwell	22	Farmer
George H. Colwell	67	Farmer
James H. Roberts	46	Farmer
John P. Owens	34	Miller
Wm. A. Moss	26	Farmer
J. H. Greenhaw	36	Farmer
Vanburen Ratcliff	32	Farmer
James J. Herrin	24	Farmer
Benjamin Moton	21	Farmer
William Horn	38	Farmer
J. H. McCroy	24	Farmer
William Huckabe	51	Farmer
Thomas Hardy	65	Farmer
William A. Burns	56	Farmer
Andrew Giles	69	Farmer
Tom Bostick	30	Farmer
Bryant Reynolds	24	Farmer
James Murffree	70	Farmer
Franklin Griffin	46	Farmer
Frank Junior	22	Farmer
E. T. Richards	39	Farmer
J. W. McAdams	21	Farmer
F. S. Young	28	Farmer
John B. Arter	24	Farmer
M. K. Burns	27	Farmer
James Erwin	45	Farmer
Martin A. Fricks	56	Farmer
Isaac P. Shuvars	67	Farmer

John W. Grounds 24 Farmer  
 Turner H. Fricks 29 Farmer  
 W. R. Spates 23 Farmer  
 M. L. Hinton 30 Farmer  
 T. J. Young 21 Farmer  
 M. Reeves 45 Farmer  
 John Simes 46 Farmer  
 Sam Burns 24 Farmer  
 G. J. P. Jackson 22 Farmer  
 James Blanton 27 Farmer  
 Wyatt Phillips 30 Farmer  
 L. R. Phillips 32 Farmer  
 H. Quillin 38 Farmer  
 John Byford 35 Farmer  
 Jackson Heltibrand 32 Farmer  
 W. H. Turner 28 Farmer  
 J. A. Phillips 27 Farmer  
 P. F. Finley 22 Merchant  
 J. E. Davis 36 Blacksmith  
 A. Sinyard 26 Farmer  
 Christopher Poterfield 53 Farmer  
 T. H. Vines 23 Farmer  
 W. S. Kent 26 Farmer  
 N. L. Cothran 33 Farmer  
 John H. Davis 43 Farmer  
 N. T. Burns 35 Farmer  
 Elija Giles 30 Farmer  
 Steven Brisker 57 Farmer  
 Willie Jones 57 Farmer  
 W. H. Jones 39 Farmer  
 H. J. Powel 60 Farmer  
 W. P. Cox 30 Farmer  
 J. A. Jones 33 Farmer  
 S. Giles 43 Farmer  
 J. F. Holinsworth 30 Farmer  
 C. J. H. Betts 49 Merchant  
 S. C. Burns 27 Farmer  
 J. B. Huckabee 24 Farmer  
 Tapley Courtice 65 Farmer  
 W. B. Morgan 41 Farmer  
 N. W. Hardy 39 Farmer  
 Bradford Hinton 71 Farmer  
 Charles Bennett 38 Farmer  
 James W. Stephenson 41 Farmer  
 A. R. Hanson 45 Farmer  
 J. N. Montgomery 23 Farmer

Henry Swartz 22 Blacksmith  
 John A. Burns 43 Farmer  
 A. S. Jackson 39 Farmer  
 S. R. Watson 24 Farmer  
 J. F. Oneal 22 Farmer  
 T. J. Ellis 27 Potter  
 Wm. M. Duke 45 Farmer  
 T. J. Scitchens 25 Farmer  
 J. W. Dobson 34 Farmer  
 T. J. Weldon 46 Farmer  
 Joel Adams 25 Farmer

**October 15, 1868**

Ed Johnson 22 Farmer  
 Warner Smith 42 Farmer  
 George Harris 28 Farmer  
 Willis Bartow 42 Farmer  
 Charles Lacy 42 Farmer  
 John Clark 29 Farmer  
 Thomas Nelson 45 Farmer  
 Alford Yount 54 Farmer  
 C. M. Hervy 45 Farmer  
 Nerer Loyd 70 Farmer  
 T. F. Spates 24 Farmer  
 Moses Harper 22 Farmer  
 Steven Grayham 47 Farmer  
 Dennis Brisco 28 Farmer  
 Robert Spigner 22 Farmer  
 Alex Williams 23 Farmer  
 Peter Cheatham 67 Farmer  
 Booker Ransy 65 Farmer  
 Wilson Cook 56 Farmer  
 Anderson Sevear 60 Farmer

**October 16, 1868**

Alex Pryer 65 Farmer  
 Merida Moore 60 Farmer  
 Amanuel Thoson 37 Farmer  
 J. C. Greeson 34 Farmer  
 Martin Herrin 25 Farmer  
 A. J. Bundy 54 Farmer  
 J. J. White 53 Doctor  
 J. C. Mauldin 46 Farmer  
 M. C. Turnbaugh 46 Farmer  
 Henry Mauldin 22 Farmer  
 J. R. Morris 37 Farmer

J. C. Huckabee	36	Farmer	Aberham Riber	38	Farmer
H. P. Bearden	26	Farmer	Harrison Burton	23	Farmer
			Andrew Leegan	22	Farmer
			W. H. Gibbons	48	Farmer
			Giddien Hester	21	Farmer
			W. R. Mims	24	Farmer
			J. C. Fricks	27	Farmer
			H. M. Fricks	31	Farmer
			W. C. Fricks	29	Farmer

**October 19, 1868**

Andy Green	26	Farmer
Josiah Bland	26	Farmer
Walker Hindman	21	Farmer
Bob Mucklevene	25	Farmer

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**Previously Unknown Revolutionary War Veteran Buried in Arkansas?**

The following death notice was found in Jonathan Kennon Thompson Smith's *Genealogical Nuggets from Some of the Antebellum Newspapers of Memphis and Randolph, Tennessee* (Jackson, Tenn.: J. K. T. Smith, ca. 1998), 62.

July 29, 1847, (1-177)

Robert Scott, a Revolutionary War veteran, died in residence of his son, James Scott near Osceola, Arkansas, July 17, 1847 in his 85<sup>th</sup> year.

—Contributed by Russell P. Baker

## **FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF GENERAL THOMAS J. CHURCHILL AND ANN SEVIER CHURCHILL**

*Submitted by Bill Hanks*

The following article appeared in the Arkansas Gazette on Tuesday, 1 August 1899 on page five, in columns one through three. Besides providing details of relationships between several early, prominent Arkansas families and historical events that helped shape their lives, the article presents a glimpse of the sentimentality and refined manners of a certain class of people in an earlier time. The article includes a romantic poem that Mr. Churchill wrote in honor of his wife and recited to the company gathered to celebrate their anniversary.

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### **GOLDEN WEDDING**

Gen. and Mrs. Churchill Will Celebrate That Event

ONE WITNESS PRESENT

Mrs. Gilbert Knapp Attended the Wedding July 31, 1849

The most notable celebration in many years in this city was the celebration yesterday of the golden wedding, or fiftieth anniversary, of Gen. and Mrs. Thos. J. Churchill. They were at home to their friends at 805 Main street last evening from 9 to 12 o'clock and over 500 invited guests called to pay their respects to the aged couple and tender them congratulations on the happy rounding out of half a century of married life.

The rooms were beautifully decorated in gold and white, symbolic of the "golden" anniversary. The spacious lawn was resplendant with Japanese lanterns, which cast a soft glow all around. In the front vestibule of the residence Kuttner's orchestra discoursed sweet music during the evening. In the room on the right two charming young ladies presided over the punch bowl. In the dining-room dainty refreshments were served under the direction of Bott, the prince of caterers. A feature of the refreshments was the little squares of cake on which in icing were the figures "50." Beautiful streamers of golden ribbon hung from the chandeliers. Sunflowers formed a part of the general decorations, reminding one of Thomas Moore's poem.

In the left room stood the reception party, composed of Gen. and Mrs. T. J. Churchill, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Churchill, Mr. and Mrs. E. D.

Langhorne (St. Louis), Mrs. John F. Calef (St. Louis), and Mrs. Ralph L. Goodrich. Gen. Churchill was attired in the conventional suit of black and his wife in a handsome costume of black silk with white decorations. She wore a set of pearl ornaments, which were given to her by her gallant young soldier-husband, as a bridal present fifty years ago. On her corsage she wore a large bouquet of beautiful white bride roses. The other ladies of the reception party were attired in white organdie costumes with diamond ornaments. There were many beautiful and costly costumes worn by the guests. Many costly and handsome presents were received by the couple.

The guest of honor at the anniversary was Mrs. Gilbert Knapp, now living at Toltec, Ark., who was present at the marriage of Gen. and Mrs. Churchill. She was the only witness present last night. She presented the couple with a small golden clasp on which was engraved "1849-1899. C." It was attached to a large ribbon and a sheet of parchment on which were the following lines, written by Mrs. Knapp, she reading them to the guests:

You'll find this little clasp is not a fetter:  
Love in your hearts is joined as this one letter,  
Which you have worn with grace for fifty years  
In happiness supreme and sometimes tears.  
May your congenial minds have all the bliss  
This world bestows, and more when gone from this.

Three generations were present last night, the children of the third generation being Thomas J., Jr., Marie and Hooper Churchill, the pretty little children of the oldest son Samuel, and his charming and accomplished wife, and Annie Sevier and Churchill Langhorne, children of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Langhorne, of St. Louis.

During the evening Gen. Churchill read the following, composed by himself:

"We were married in the house now owned by Gov. Eagle. It was then the property of Judge Ben Johnson, of the United States court for Arkansas, who was one of the most courtly, aristocratic and refined gentlemen I ever met. He was the very soul of honor. He was the grandfather of my wife and it was from his hands that I received her, as both of her parents were dead. She is a grand niece

of Gov. John Sevier, of revolutionary fame, and one of the heroes of King's Mountain. She is of French Huguenot blood and the family name was Xavier, but changed to Sevier. She is allied to the nobility and the royal houses of France.

Why do men bow down and worship  
Fair woman in all climes and lands?  
Because of all the works of God,  
She is the loveliest creation of his hands.

Fifty years ago today  
How well I do remember,  
We joined our hands and hearts.  
Just one month before September.

You were then but a little bud,  
That I plucked from its fragile stem;  
But that little bud to me  
Is worth more than a king's diadem.

Fill up our glasses  
And we will drink to thee:  
For of all the days of the year,  
This is the sweetest to me.

Fill them up to the brim,  
And we will drink to thee;  
For every sip I take  
Will be but a sip of love for me.

Another year has rolled around,  
Bringing many a joy and pleasure;  
But my heart is loyal still  
To wife, its dearest treasure.

'Tis said that matches are made in Heaven,  
And I sometimes think it true;  
For when our eyes first met,  
I gave my heart to you.

Do you remember in the ring I gave thee  
Was written, "Rather die than change"?  
And for me to alter one single word

Would indeed be strange.

Do you remember, my precious one,  
When I asked you to be my bride  
How you blushed and wept,  
But nestled closer to my side.

Do you remember, my precious one,  
When we at the altar knelt,  
And pledged our faith and love,  
Which in heart and soul we felt?

The flowers seemed sweeter  
When thou wer't nigh:  
And the stars looked brighter  
As they hung in the sky.

I want no other hands but thine  
To close my eyes in death:  
I want no other lips but thine  
To catch my parting breath.

I want no other eyes but thine  
To look at mine with love:  
I want no other soul but thine  
To meet in Heaven above.

If I have caused you a single tear to shed,  
It gave me greater pain than you;  
For every tear that fell  
I've blotted out with two.

Will age and wrinkles  
Dim my love for thee?  
Oh no; those wrinkles are  
But waves of gold to me.

I have been in other climes and other lands,  
Have seen the melting eye and bewitching mouth;  
But of all the girls of the world,  
Give me the girl of the sunny South.

In 1846, when Lieut. Thos. J. Churchill was on his way with the First Kentucky mounted riflemen to Mexico to fight the “greasers,” the command tarried a while at Little Rock and the handsome young Kentucky lieutenant, then but 22 years of age, was entertained at the mansion of Judge Benjamin Johnson, now occupied by ex-Gov. Jas. P. Eagle. He met Miss Ann Sevier, grand-daughter of Judge Johnson, and daughter of United States Senator Ambrose H. Sevier. Throughout the Mexican campaign Lieut. Churchill did not forget the enjoyable sojourn he spent in Little Rock, nor did he fail to remember the pretty daughter of Senator Sevier. At the close [of] war he came to Little Rock, in 1848, and decided to locate here. Meanwhile he wooed and won the idol of his heart. His marriage to Miss Sevier occurred in this city July 31, 1849, in the Johnson mansion, Rev. Joshua F. Green, pastor of the Presbyterian church, performing the ceremony. The minister’s widow, Mrs. Harriet F. Green, is still living and resides at 218 Arch street, in this city.

After his marriage, Lieut. Churchill devoted himself to planting on a large plantation near this city, until in 1857 he was appointed postmaster at Little Rock by President Buchanan, he holding this office until 1861. At the outbreak of the war he raised a regiment of cavalry called the First Arkansas Mounted Riflemen and served with much distinction until the close of the war, when he bore the title of major general. In 1874 he was elected state treasurer and re-elected in 1876 and 1878. In 1880 he was elected governor of Arkansas on the Democratic ticket and was inaugurated January 13, 1881, and served one term. Gen. Churchill was born near Louisville in Jefferson county, Kentucky, March 10, 1824.

## THE ROOFER AND THE WAYWARD HEADSTONE

Russell P. Baker

Recently, Mark Davis, a reporter for the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* newspaper, penned a human-interest story that should melt even the hardest heart.<sup>1</sup> It is a story of how one man's love of history reunited a wayward Civil War gravestone with its rightful owner. It was my privilege to have a part in this Civil War drama.

It all began sometime ago when a roofer named Jerry Fraser, working at a vacant house in Marietta, Georgia, a suburb of Atlanta, discovered a weathered gravestone shaped marble slab beneath a pile of leaves. Clearing off years of accumulated dirt and debris, he saw it was undeniably a grave marker. He could just make out an inscription on the under side: W. J. PARKER, CO E, 9TH ARK. He had found one of the many gravestones scattered around the area that mark the final resting places of the thousands of Confederate soldiers who lost their lives defending Atlanta during the latter part of the Civil War.

Now he knew what it was, but where did it belong? He wrapped the old stone in a blanket and placed it in the back of his pickup truck, beginning a journey of inquiry that reached from Atlanta, to Washington, D.C., to Little Rock, Arkansas.

He first took it to the local historical society in Marietta where staff members confirmed that it was indeed a Civil War era Confederate headstone. However, it did not belong in their local National Cemetery. They sent him on to the Oakland Cemetery in Atlanta, where some 7,000 Civil War soldiers are interred. There he met Kevin Kuharic, the cemetery's director of restoration and landscapes. He was not surprised at Fraser's find. Davis' article stated that people often bring him stray Civil War era gravestones that turn up in the area. When he checked the register of Civil War soldiers buried in the cemetery, he found two Parkers who served in the 9<sup>th</sup> Arkansas Infantry, W. G. Parker and W. J. Parker. However, the records revealed a further mystery: both pointed to the same gravesite. When he inspected the location, he found a stone of W. G. Parker, but no marker for W. J. Parker. A check with the National Cemetery Administration in Washington revealed that the stone for W. G. had been set in 1986. But what about the stone Fraser had found?

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<sup>1</sup> "Mystery in Marble," *Atlanta Journal Constitution*, 2 October 2007, [www.ajc.com](http://www.ajc.com).

This is where I come into the picture. By now the story had made its way to the ear of the Atlanta reporter, Davis, who called my office at the Arkansas History Commission/State Archives in Little Rock, Arkansas, seeking information about W. J. Parker. I took up the challenge of trying to locate information about this man and determine why his gravestone was in Atlanta. The 9<sup>th</sup> Arkansas Infantry of the Confederate Army is called the “Parson’s Regiment”, because in its ranks were some forty Protestant ministers of the gospel. It was mostly composed of men from southern Arkansas who fought at Corinth, Franklin, and Atlanta. Of its original 1,400 men, only some thirty survived the War unscathed. Looking through the compiled military service records of this unit, I found many men named “Parker”, including Rev. Uriah Parker, an elderly Baptist preacher I had done research on before. I looked at the records of W. G. Parker, thinking that the name on the old weathered stone might have been misread. However, it was the next name on the list that rang a bell. It was Williamson J. Parker, Co. E, 9<sup>th</sup> Arkansas Infantry.<sup>2</sup> Shortly before the battle of Shiloh in April of 1862, this young man took ill and was sent to the military hospital in Atlanta for treatment. Evidently, he died there on 18 March 1862 of some sort of illness. According to an old card in our files, this CSA soldier was buried in Oakland Cemetery.<sup>3</sup> Eureka, together we had solved at least part of the mystery. The stone has since been returned to its proper location.

Evidently, at some point, it was erected over Parker’s grave in Oakland Cemetery. Unfortunately, by circumstances unknown, it was broken off at the base and carried away from the cemetery. It eventually found its way to a lawn near Marietta, where it was buried under leaves and debris. Now due to the inquisitiveness and commitment of a humble roofer, this unassuming stone once again stands silent vigil over a brave man’s grave.

According to Davis’ article, Fraser, when told that his wayward headstone was once again in its proper place, said, “Goodness that just makes the hair stand up on your arm. That’s just the greatest.” America needs more men like Mr. Fraser.

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<sup>2</sup> Williamson J. Parker, compiled military record (Pvt., Co. E, 9<sup>th</sup> Arkansas Infantry); Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers Who Served in Organizations From the State of Arkansas, NA microfilm 317, roll 113.

<sup>3</sup> Deaths and Burials of Arkansas Confederates, Raymond Watkins Collection, Box 1, Folder 5, Arkansas History Commission, Little Rock, Arkansas.

## THE GENEALOGICAL WORLD IS COMING TO ARKANSAS

*by Paula Stuart-Warren, CG  
FGS/AGS 2009 National Publicity Co-Chair*

The genealogy world will converge on Little Rock September 2-5, 2009. The Federation of Genealogical Societies and the Arkansas Genealogical Society invite you to join with your fellow genealogists. Mark it on your calendar and be sure to visit [www.fgs.org](http://www.fgs.org) soon (and often) to learn more about the spectacular genealogy conference that will be held at the Statehouse Convention Center. The full program will be online soon and once we get to January 2009, it takes just a few clicks of your mouse to register online. The program has many unique lectures and family historians of all levels will be thrilled at the lineup. The host hotels are the Peabody and the Doubletree. Once you visit the FGS website, be sure to click on the Conference Blog that was launched September 7<sup>th</sup>. This is the place to learn about the lectures, speakers, exhibitors, special events, luncheons, and banquets. The blog will carry updates about the conference and will help you be prepared to be a part of this wonderful event.

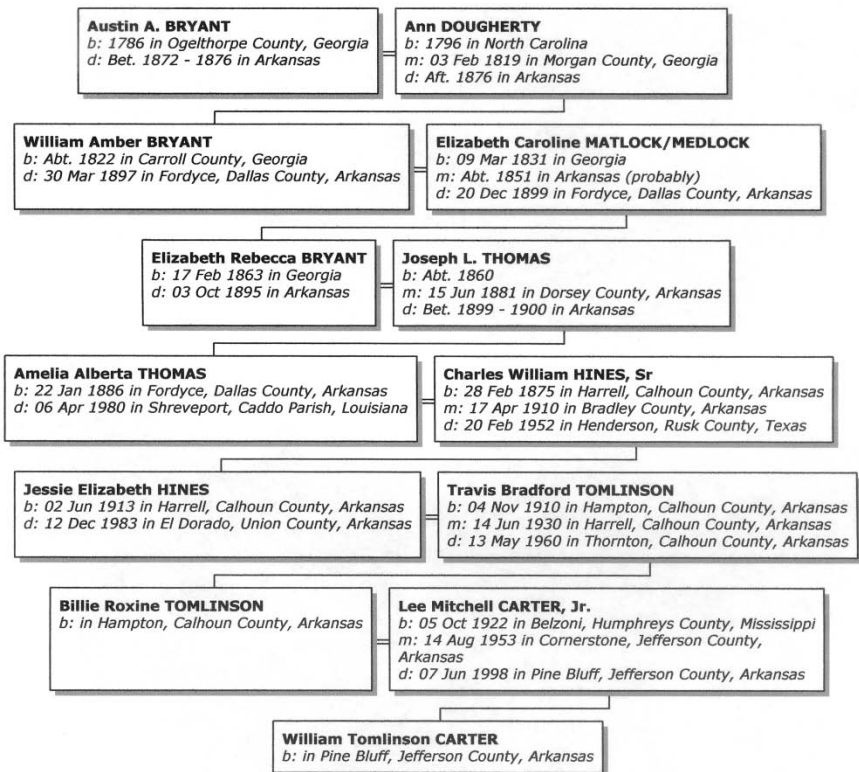
Why should you attend this conference? For the education, networking, books, software, databases, history, fun, and good food, of course. Four plus days of genealogical excitement, including announcements about new books, software, databases and finding aids. The AGS E-Zine will also carry important conference news over the coming months. Jan Davenport, the National Conference Chair for FGS/AGS, and the great conference committee she has assembled, will be calling on all of us for help before and during the conference. There will be conference registration fee rebates for volunteers! Watch the conference blog and AGS E-Zine for details. Let's show the genealogical world great Arkansas hospitality.

# Arkansas Ancestry Certificates

## Antebellum Period Ancestry Certificate for William Tomlinson Carter

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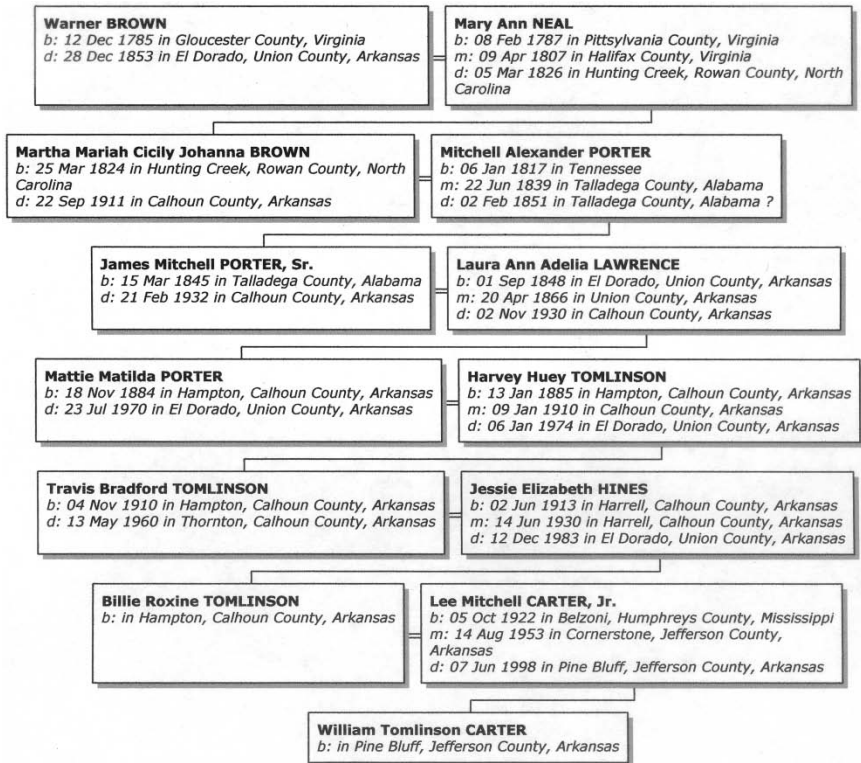
William Tomlinson Carter received a Certificate of Arkansas Ancestry for the Antebellum period based on documentation submitted for the following lineage. The Antebellum ancestor was Austin A. Bryant. Austin A. Bryant was in Bradley County on or before 3 January 1857.



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William Tomlinson Carter received a Certificate of Arkansas Ancestry for the Antebellum period based on documentation submitted for the following lineage. The Antebellum ancestor was Warner Brown. Warner Brown was in Union County on or before 11 November 1845.



## Arkansas Queries

Members may submit as many queries as they wish at any time. E-mail to [Publications@agsgenealogy.org](mailto:Publications@agsgenealogy.org) or post to AGS, PO Box 17653, Little Rock, AR 72222.

**BERRY – DILL – SHIRLY – WATKINS** – These families are ancestors of Bennett Watkins b 1812 Rutherford Co, NC m 26 Dec 1833 St Clair Co, AL to Anne Emily Shirly. He came to present day Sharp Co, AR in 1850s. Wish to share data on these ancestors. *Kirby D. Watkins*, 1511 Tulip Dr, Arlington, TX 76013-5036.

**BLYTHE – WILLIAMS – WOOD – YATES** – Need parents and spouse of John Blythe b NC ca 1790-1800. He appears on the Arkansas Territory 1830 census in IZARD Co. Served as IZARD Co Coroner 1830-1835. Only two of his children are known: Mendoza Jackson b 1815 in KY m Clarinda Wood, dau of Marion Williams and Abraham Wood, Jr. and Missouri b in KY ca 1816 m John Wood son of Eady Yates and Abraham Wood, Jr. The Blythes lived in part of IZARD Co that became Marion Co. Blythe twps in both Marion and Boone counties are named for him. *Frances Jernigan* 520 Colony Rd, Little Rock, AR 72227-2947 [melrose50@aol.com](mailto:melrose50@aol.com)

**DILLARD – HAYES** – I am trying to find any information on James Dillard and his wife Sarah, Pike Co, AR. He is listed on the 1850 Pike Co census. He was b abt 1810 in NC according to the census. Their dau Ann E. was my gggrandmother. *Janie L. Hayes*, 19131 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Weed, CA 96094 [nannyh35@snowcrest.net](mailto:nannyh35@snowcrest.net)

**HARVEY – NIXON – THOMPSON** – Needing any info on Minnie Harvey b 1869 GA, dau of John T. Harvey b 1831 NC and d 1891 Faulkner Co, AR and his wife Sarah. Minnie's stepmother was Elizabeth Adelia Thompson b 1858 Bradley Co, AR; also had half siblings Perniecy Jane Harvey b 1882 Faulkner Co d 1957, Little Rock, Pulaski Co, AR; Joseph L. Harvey b 1889 AR d 1908; William H. Harvey b 1885 AR and James T. Harvey b 1880, AR. *Margaret Nixon*, 8807 Boulder Ln, Little Rock, AR 72227 [mitchnix@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mitchnix@sbcglobal.net)

**JORDAN – LAMB – LONGSHORE – LYNCH – SINIARD – SNODGRASS** – These families are ancestors of Sarah Lois Barrett b 1895, Craighead Co, AR. Wish to share data on these ancestors. **Kirby D. Watkins** 1511 Tulip Dr, Arlington, TX 76013-5036.

**LINGO – NAYLOR – STEVENSON** – I am trying to locate documented information (birth, death, marriage) for Nanny Stevenson Naylor b abt 1854 of Hattiesville, Marion Co, AR. Nanny m Whitaker Whitman Naylor and had one child, my ggm, Cora Lee Naylor b 23 Oct 1883 in Hattiesville. It is possible that she was married before to a man named George Stevenson and her maiden name was Lingo, although I am not sure how accurate this information is. Since the 1890 census was destroyed I have not been able to find any records of her marriage to Whit Naylor or what happened to her. According to the 1900 census Whitaker Naylor remarried a woman named Mary and my ggm Cora was listed as a member of the household. **Christy L. Green**, POB 3034, Camp Verde, AZ 86322 montanamorning@msn.com

**POPE – RICHARDSON** – Seeking descendants of Richard Martin Pope, b ca 1849 in Gasconade Co, MO. Resided in Marion Co, AR in 1870; may have moved to Miller Co, MO. Who did he marry; when/where did he die? He was son of Thomas Pope and Emily Richardson. **H. Martin Soward, III**, 5215 Dove Nest St, San Antonio, TX 78250-4708 h.martin.soward@sbcglobal.net

**SKINNER – TAYLOR** – Looking for parents of Marion McKensey “Mack” Taylor b 17 Sept 1860 in AR. Resided in TX by 1885. Married Zora A. Skinner 13 Dec 1885, Morris Co, TX. Died 5 Mar 1939 in Dallas, TX. In 1900 census he gives his and his father’s place of birth as AR. **William E. Taylor**, 127 Deer Trail, Searcy AR 72143 ferntaylor@aol.com

**ROBERTSON – WOODARD – WOODWARD** – Interested in ancestors, siblings, descendants of Samuel Monroe Robertson and Sarah Woodard (Woodward). Samuel b 1840 in TN, d 1881 in Jefferson Co, AR. Sarah b 1843 in NC, d 1877 in Pine Bluff, AR. He is in the 1880 census in Whiteville Twp, Jefferson Co, AR. He served in 9<sup>th</sup> Ark Inf, CSA. **Robert E. Robertson**, 3276 Hiwan Dr, Evergreen, CO 80439-8926

**BOYT – HARRELL** – Seeking info on the Eli Harrell family. In 1850 census Eli and his wife, Cherey were living with their son John G. Harrell and his wife Martha R. in Mitchell twp of Poinsett Co, AR. Eli was 72 years old making his birth date ca. 1778. Eli/Eley was b in NC, where he married Charity Boyt on 3 Jan 1804 in Gates Co. The Cherey in the 1850 census mentioned above could have been this same Charity. Eli served in War of 1812, listed on Muster Roll of First Regiment, Hertford Co, NC organized in Aug 1814.

Besides some tax records, Eli is found on the 1810, 1820 and 1830 censuses for Hertford Co, NC. Eli and his oldest son David are on the 1840 McNairy Co, TN census and then moved to Poinsett Co, AR sometime in the 1840s. In 1850 Poinsett Co, AR, Eli's sons were living as neighbors: John G, Eli Jr, and David. In the 1860 census they were scattered: John G in Independence Co; David in St. Francis Co, and Eli Jr. perhaps in Jackson Co. Eli Sr. was not listed in John G's household but his wife Cherey was. I seek dates of the death and burial of Eli and Cherey Harrell.

In the 1850 Poinsett Co census there is a 16 year old A. J. [Andrew Jackson] Harrell living with John G. Harrell. Who were A. J.'s parents? Was he the twin brother of Richard Harrell, also 16 years old, and son of David Harrell, John G.'s bro who lived next door to him in the 1850 census? Neither Andrew Jackson nor Richard has been located in 1860, but both appear to have served in CSA in 1862. In 1870 and 1880 censuses of Smith twp, Cross Co, AR they were next door neighbors.

Andrew Jackson is buried in Cogbill Cemetery, Wynne, Cross Co, along with three wives and several children. I have not found the exact birth and death dates of Richard or where he is buried.

I will appreciate any leads on either of these queries, as Eli Harrell, Sr. is my ggggrandfather. **Norman Harrell**, 1121 SW Hillside Dr, Burleson, TX 75028-5663 nharrell@p3mc.com

**WOHLENBERG** – Seeking any information on this family who lived in Rich Mountain near Mena in 1880s. **Harold and Dan Wohlenberg**, 1821 Annette Dr, Irving, TX 75051

## *Book Reviews*

**The Family History Research Toolkit.** By Michael Hait. Genealogical Publishing Company, 3600 Clipper Mill Rd., Suite 260, Baltimore, MD 21211; 2008. CD. To order call 800-296-6687 or go to [www.genealogical.com](http://www.genealogical.com).

The Research Toolkit CD contains twenty-two forms to be used to record genealogical information. About half of them are for census data and the rest are a pedigree chart, a family group sheet, and various forms for recording research notes, transcriptions and extractions.

The forms are all Adobe PDF forms which can be printed as blank forms to be filled in by hand or they can be filled in on the computer and printed.

The census group includes forms for recording census data from 1850 through 1930 plus household tracker forms which help track a family through several census years. There is also a form for recording census neighbors and one called a “household estimator” on which a family can be recorded along with counts that would be expected for census years 1800 through 1840.

The most interesting forms are 1) a land history form for recording the history of ownership of a given piece of land, 2) a form for recording the pertinent data from a metes and bounds land deed and 3) a probate worksheet for organizing data from a probate case.

There are also very complete forms for recording source notes from books, the internet, and microfilm.

The forms all contain places to record source information and would be helpful in deciding what information to record even if these forms were not used.

The toolkit would be very useful to beginning genealogists as well as long-time researchers still struggling with how best to organize their data for their own use and for posterity.

*Rebecca Wilson, Little Rock, Arkansas*

***Perry County, Arkansas, Marriages, 1881-1947*** and ***Perry County, Arkansas, Marriages, 1947-2000***. Compiled by Roberta Anderson. Published by Perry County Historical and Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 156, Perryville, Arkansas 72126. 268 pp. and 212 pp. respectively. Order from Perry County Historical and Genealogical Society at the address above. The first volume is \$35 + \$6 shipping. The second volume is \$30 + \$6 shipping. Both may be ordered at the same time for \$60 + \$6 shipping.

It's always helpful to have access to a marriage index to quickly look for, or eliminate the possibility of, a marriage record in a particular county. These two volumes have the same arrangement. Each volume contains a groom index followed by a bride index, which means that each marriage is actually indexed twice. Each index is arranged alphabetically by surname and includes the full name of the bride and the groom, their ages if stated in the record, the date of the marriage, and the name of the marriage book and page where the marriage was recorded. In the introduction to each volume, the compiler explains the marriage books included in that volume (Perry County Marriage Books A through H in the first volume and Books 17 through 22 in the second volume). She also explains that G was used to name two marriage books and that the second Marriage Book G follows Marriage Book H and covers the dates December 1938 through May 1947. This explains why both volumes include 1947 marriages and informs researchers that only 1947 marriages that were recorded after May of that year will be found indexed in the second volume.

These volumes are very neatly done, easy to read, and arranged with a simplicity that is as appealing as it is beneficial. Every page contains column headings as well as a footer indicating the years covered and whether it's the bride or groom index. These elements are very helpful to the researcher flipping through the pages looking for the relevant index and the needed part of the alphabet.

Every genealogy library in Arkansas should have these volumes. They will be a great help to Perry County researchers everywhere and to others looking for that long-lost marriage that must have been recorded somewhere.

*Susan Boyle, Little Rock, Arkansas*

***NGS Research in the States: Arkansas.*** By Lynda Childers Suffridge. Eds. Kay Haviland Freilich and Ann Carter Fleming. National Genealogical Society, 3108 Columbia Pike, Suite 300, Arlington, Virginia 22204-4304. 2008. 46 pages. Soft cover, \$14.50 members, \$17.50, non-members includes shipping. Less expensive PDF download available. Order at [www.ngsgenealogy.org](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org).

Compiled by a long-time Arkansas researcher, *Research in Arkansas* is one of the latest in the NGS Research in the States Series. Some of the earlier guides are being revised as new state guides are being published. This book is not a how-to-do book, but a valuable basic resource that will help you understand the connection between Arkansas history and the resources you need to use to research your families there. The volume is slim and light enough to carry with you in your bag for quick look-ups or ideas as you research.

The book contains three parts: History and Settlement; Archives, Libraries, and Societies; and Major Resources. First is a brief outline of the all-important geography which so influenced travel and settlement patterns. A concise history touches on native groups, European explorers, the French and Spanish colonial period, the territorial period, statehood and defining events of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century.

A list of archives and libraries, state level, regional, college, and public, both in and outside Arkansas, provides addresses, phone numbers and URLs, and brief descriptions of their collections. A sampling of genealogical and historical societies includes mailing addresses and URLs. Some of them publish quarterly journals and/or operate archives or libraries.

More than half the book is devoted to major documentary resources, comprising atlases, maps, biographical collections, censuses, directories, county records, court records and land records in all time periods and levels of government, ethnic and women's records, military records, newspapers, religious records, vital and voter records. The author briefly explains why, how, and by whom the records were created and where they, or published forms of them, may be located.

More than 180 footnotes provide source documentation, authors and titles of published resources the researcher may wish to access, and web site addresses.

No Arkansas researcher should be without this book.

*Susan Boyle, Little Rock, Arkansas*

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It costs only \$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](http://www.agsgenealogy.org). Complete the application form and return it with \$10.

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## Family History Writing Contest

Arkansas Genealogical Society is sponsoring a writing contest for 2009 to promote sound genealogical research in Arkansas and encourage quality writing and publishing of family history.

First Prize, the Bobbie Jones McLane Award, is \$150. The award is named for the long time Arkansas researcher, author and publisher, in recognition of her contributions to Arkansas research and to the Arkansas Genealogical Society.

The Second Prize winner will receive \$75 and the Third Prize winner will receive \$50.

**Judging will be based on quality of research; use of primary and secondary sources; citation of sources by footnotes or endnotes; style, theme and content; and use of graphics (photographs, maps, charts).**

Winning entries will be announced and prizes awarded at the November 2009 AGS Fall Conference. The first place entry will be published in the December 2009 issue of the *Arkansas Family Historian*.

The judges and the editorial board reserve the right to limit prizes to acceptable submissions. All entries become the property of Arkansas Genealogical Society. The author will retain all publication rights.

### CONTEST

**WHO** The AGS Family History Writing Contest is open to everyone except members of the Editorial Board.

**WHAT** The contest is limited to family history articles with an Arkansas connection. Entries should be about 4000 words or less and not have been previously published.

**WHEN** Submissions must be postmarked by 30 June 2009.

**HOW** Submissions must be accompanied by an entry form. (See following page.) Please provide a short statement of your genealogical research experience and send one printed copy of your entry to the mailing address and an electronic copy to [publications@agsgenealogy.org](mailto:publications@agsgenealogy.org). or send one printed copy and a CD or floppy disc copy of your entry to the mailing address. In order to ensure confidentiality in judging, do not include your name in the article or on the title page.

**WHERE** Mail your entry to AGS Contest, P.O. Box 17653, Little Rock, AR 72222. If you include an e-mail address, you will receive confirmation of receipt of your entry.

**JUDGING** At least three separate and independent persons will read, judge, and rank all entries as to their acceptability and according to the criteria stated above.

**Arkansas Genealogical Society  
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**Entry Form**

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*A member of the National Genealogical Society and the Federation of Genealogical Societies*

The Arkansas Genealogical Society began in 1962 and is incorporated as a non-profit organization. The purpose of this society is to promote and educate its members in genealogy, to publish articles pertaining to Arkansas ancestors, and to locate and preserve genealogical, historical, and biographical information determined worthy of publication.

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Any person interested in genealogy is encouraged to become a member by payment of dues in advance for one year. Annual dues are \$25.00 for individual, \$35.00 for family (only one publication per family), \$50.00 for residents outside the USA and \$100.00 for patrons. This includes a year's subscription to the society's periodical. Make your check or money order payable to: AGS, P. O. Box 17653, Little Rock, AR 72222.

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