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On the Cover: Elizabeth Cushing Ring (1873-1907), wife of Patrick Ring of Little Rock. Courtesy of Bill Hanks, Little Rock, Arkansas. See article on page 153.

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In this issue as in preceding ones, the articles represent the research and writing efforts of members of this society, some of whom are also members of the board of directors of the society. Belonging to a society provides opportunity for more than paying dues and waiting for the mailman to bring the next newsletter or journal. Contributing articles and information for publication benefits the donor, his fellow members, and the genealogical community at large.

This issue brings you Bill Hanks' look at members of two Irish immigrant families who settled and met in Little Rock around the turn of the twentieth century.

AGS board member Betty Clayton of Paragould has contributed a transcript of an article from a Greene County newspaper which recounted important dates and events in the history of that county. Since successful family history research requires historical knowledge about ancestors' locales, we are pleased to reprint the article here.

AGS board member Rebecca Wilson transcribed the 1867 voter lists of Ouachita County which we continue here with the names of qualified males from eight additional precincts.

Marti Kehoe has provided a brief history of Quattlebaum Cemetery in Van Buren County and some of the people buried there. Active community interest keeps the cemetery "alive" after more than one hundred years.

AGS board member and treasurer Whitney McLaughlin has extracted nineteenth century birth and death information from the *De Queen Bee* newspaper in Sevier County and provided it to us to print.

Besides a regular Arkansas Ancestry Certificate chart, three new Arkansas Civil War Ancestry Certificate applications have given us lineage charts detailing families with a Civil War ancestor who fought for or lived in Arkansas, or received a Civil War pension as an Arkansas resident. Your queries and three book reviews complete this issue.

We look forward to hearing from you and printing Bible records, cemetery surveys, historical and family history articles, obituaries, and other important records that you may send us to print.

Susan Gardner Boyle

THE IRISH CUSHINGS AND RINGS OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

Bill Hanks

I hope that you will indulge me in this paper. I have written much of it from memory, trying to recall as much as possible of what I heard from my late wife, Patricia Ring Brown, about her maternal grandparents over thirty-five years. She was only about thirteen years old when the last of them died. What she knew from her parents and grandparents was learned mostly before she left home to attend a boarding high school as a teenager. There are no written family or Bible records to rely on, only public records, such as census, birth and death records, newspaper obituaries, and city directories. With the exception of my son, who reviewed what I wrote and offered his additions and corrections as he heard and remembered them, I am the last living person who knows most of this. All information presented here without citation was provided by my wife in conversation.

The Cushing Family

Thomas and Bridget (Geraghty) Cushing had the following children born in County Westmeath, Ireland.¹

1. Mary Anne Cushing born 15 April 1864.
2. Bernard Christopher Cushing born 31 May 1865.
3. Philip Cushing born 25 September 1866.
4. Thomas Cushing born 17 April 1868.
5. Bridget [Delia] Cushing born 3 March 1869.²
6. Edward Cushing born 11 October 1870.
7. Margaret Cushing born 25 November 1871.
8. Elizabeth Cushing born 28 December 1873.
9. Jane Cushing born 5 October 1875.

¹ International Genealogical Index [IGI], British Isles, online at www.familysearch.org.

² Bridget appears in later records as Delia. The same birth date and parents' names as the extracted record for Bridget in the IGI appear on her death certificate; Arkansas State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Death Certificate 722, Mrs. Delia Ring, 17 September 1946.

All information in the IGI was from extracted birth or christening records, except for that of Margaret whose information was submitted by a researcher. The extracted records in the IGI carry a higher percentage of accuracy than the submitted information. The exact nature of Margaret's birth information suggests a probable family or civil source although it is not indicated. The parish of Killucan is listed in the IGI for the first four children and Margaret. No parish was included for Bridget, Edward, Elizabeth, or Jane, only the county of Westmeath. The mother's surname was Geraghty for Mary Anne, Margaret, Elizabeth, and Jane. The mother's name was given as "Doyle or Geraghty" for Bernard, Philip, Thomas, Bridget, and Edward, all extracted entries, indicating that it appeared that way in the original record.

Thomas Cushing was said by the family to have had three wives and a total of twenty-one children. The names of the other twelve children are not known, because the registration of births was not required in Ireland before 1864. [If they can be found in church records surviving for the parish remains to be investigated.] The birth and death dates of Thomas and Bridget Cushing are not known. The family story was that Thomas Cushing and some of his sons came to the United States after being placed on the "Proscribed List" by the English, which identified them as members of the Irish Brotherhood, and that there was a price on their heads.

Sisters Bridget [Delia] and Elizabeth [Lizzie] Cushing crossed the Atlantic on their own together as girls, about ages fifteen and eleven, arriving at the Port of Galveston, Texas, in 1884, the year a bad storm nearly destroyed the island city. They were refused safe haven at the convent and had to fend for themselves until their father and brother could come from Oregon to get them. Although my wife recalled that Delia and Lizzie Cushing were seventeen and fourteen-years old when they got off the ship at Galveston, putting their year of arrival at about 1886, in the 1900 census Delia told the census enumerator she arrived in the United States in 1884.

In 1900, Delia was residing with her brother, Bernard Cushing, in Mammoth Precinct, Juab County, Utah. He had arrived in the United States in 1882, was single, naturalized, and working as a quartz miner.

Delia was divorced and had given birth to two children, but none were living. She gave her occupation as nurse.³

The family told several stories about Dede, as Delia was nicknamed, during her time living in the west. They recounted that the wife of a Blackfoot Indian Chief had given birth to twins during a very cold winter and the babies were not doing well. Dede Cushing took charge of the situation. She placed the babies in warm water to get them warm and wrapped them up really well to keep them warm and they lived. The family considered this a daring feat as the Indians were fierce and if the babies had not lived it could have cost her life.

While Delia Cushing lived in Salt Lake City she took care of a family member who may have been dying of cancer. The Mormons befriended them, allowing them a license to operate a chili kitchen, and may have given them other assistance. For the remainder of her life she felt kindly towards the Mormons, and whenever their missionaries were in Little Rock, they always knew they could call on her for food and shelter.

Delia's sister, Lizzie Cushing, married a railroad man, William Lowder, in one of the western states. By the 1890s they were in Arkansas where he was a brakeman for the Little Rock and Fort Smith Railroad, and by 1900 they had two sons, Pat and Charley. Lizzie divorced Mr. Lowder, and in October 1904 in Memphis, Tennessee, she married Patrick F. Ring of Little Rock, Arkansas.⁴ He was formerly of St. Louis, Missouri, and had been reared in Crawfordsville, Indiana. He was a men's clothing salesman and had been brought to Little Rock by Gus Blass around 1900. In 1906 Pat and Lizzie (Cushing) Ring had a daughter, Lisbeth Julia Ring. According to the family story, in 1907 Lizzie Ring thought Pat had been unfaithful to her. Though expecting another child, she rode a horse to downtown Little Rock and "horse-whipped" her husband on Main Street, after which she started bleeding and bled to death.

The sisters, Delia and Lizzie, had a bakery on Main Street in the early 1900s. My wife's father remembered them as two of the prettiest women in Little Rock.

³ Bernard Cushing household, 1900 U.S. census, Juab County, Utah, Mammoth Precinct, ED 100, p. 17A, dwelling 336, family 349; National Archives [NA] microfilm T623, roll 1683.

⁴ Alexis Wade Schwitalla, Ph.D., *Who's Who in Little Rock, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-one*, Who's Who Publishers, Little Rock, Arkansas: 1921, 116.

After Lizzie died, Delia became the second Mrs. Patrick F. Ring,⁵ helping to rear her nephews, Pat and Charley Lowder, and her niece, Lisbeth Julia Ring. In time Delia became known as “Grandmother Ring,” even though she was really a great aunt. She maintained that her Cushing family had been on the land for a thousand years in Ireland, that they were well-off “lace-curtain” Irish and had raised horses. She spoke with a brogue, and spoke Gaelic as well as English.

Her sister, Mary (Cushing) Smith Daveney, came from Sydney, Australia, for a six-month visit. While she was in Little Rock she was listed on the 1910 census.⁶ She brought several novelties from Australia, including an ironwood club which has survived in the family for almost a century.

The sisters’ sibling, Philip Cushing, came to the United States in 1890 and he and his wife Nora and eight children were in Gainesville, Cooke County, Texas, at the time of the 1910 and 1920 census enumerations. He worked as a hostler [taking care of horses] for the railroad.⁷

The Ring Family

Like the Cushing family, the Ring family emigrated from Ireland and came to the United States. Timothy and Julia (Casey) Ring had three children:

1. Mary A. Ring born ca.1862.
2. Patrick Francis Ring born 27 August 1864.
3. Timothy Ring born 28 December 1865.

The last two children were born in the town of Broadford, County Limerick.⁸ Pat Ring always said he was from County Cork, a neighboring county. Although his birth date is recorded as 27 August

⁵ A marriage record has not been located. Perhaps it was a common law marriage.

⁶ Finigan Patrick [*sic*] household, 1910 U.S. census, Pulaski County, Arkansas, City of Little Rock, Ward 1, ED 106, sheet 17B, dwelling 370, family 376; NA film T624, roll 62.

⁷ Phil Cushing household, 1910 U.S. census, Cooke County, Texas, Justice Precinct 1, City of Gainesville, ED 48, sheet 6B, 908 Moran Street, dwelling 85, family 88; NA film T624, roll 154. Phillip Cushing household, 1920 U.S. census, Cooke County, Texas, City of Gainesville, ED 31, p. 60, 908 Moran Street, dwelling 194, family 277; NA film T625, roll 1790.

⁸ IGI, British Isles, www.familysearch.org.

1864, Pat claimed 31 July 1864; the former may have been his baptism date in the Catholic Church.

Julia (Casey) Ring and her three children arrived at the Port of New York on 1 October 1867, debarking from the ship “City of Antwerp,” which had departed from Liverpool in England and stopped at Queenstown in Ireland.⁹ The father, Timothy Ring, was apparently already in the United States. The whole family was in Montgomery County, Indiana, by the time of the 1870 census enumeration. Timothy Ring’s birth year based on age varies by five years in the 1870 and 1880 census for Montgomery County, indicating a birth in either 1835 or 1840.¹⁰ The mother, Julia (Casey) Ring, was born about 1833 or 1834 in Ireland according to her age in the 1870 and 1880 census. The city of Crawfordsville, Indiana, has a record of Julia Ring’s death on 1 May 1890, at age 57.¹¹

Timothy Ring visited or lived with his son Pat Ring’s family in Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1911.¹² My wife left a written account of her great-grandfather Timothy Ring:¹³

My mother spoke very little about her Ring kin as she despised them. The only other Ring relative I know much about was my great-grandfather, Timothy Ring. It seems that he came to Little Rock with the intention of living with his son, my grandpa, Pat Ring; probably not at grandpa’s invitation as he was a great embarrassment to him. Timothy was an alcoholic and not always a cheerful one, but a cussing abusive person. He was described to me as being a small, wiry, red-headed man who carried a shellalee [Ed. shillelagh] (a heavy wooden walking stick). My father remembered him well. He said he and the other kids used to tease Timothy because they liked to see him go on a

⁹ Ancestry.com, New York Passenger Lists, 1820-1957 [database online], Provo, Utah: Generations Network, 2006, cites NA film M237, roll 286, list 1036, lines 27-30.

¹⁰ Timothy Ring household, 1870 U.S. census, Montgomery County, Indiana, Madison township, p. 157, dwelling and household 139, [age 30], NA film M593, roll 345; and Timothy Ring household, 1880 U.S. census, Union township, ED 93, sheet 6B, dwelling 50, family 51, [age 45], NA film T9, roll 300.

¹¹ Ancestry.com, Indiana Deaths, 1882-1920, cites City Health Office, Crawfordsville, Indiana, WPA Book CH-37, p. 96.

¹² 1911 Little Rock City Directory, p. 473, Timothy Ring; he was boarding at 2522 Battery; his son P. F. Ring’s residence was listed as 2518 Battery.

¹³ Patricia Ring Brown Hanks, personal journal, June 1994 entry.

tear. He would chase them with his shellalee and with a heavy brogue cuss them out and also shout at them in Gaelic. I can imagine a high old time was had by all parties to the fray.

Timothy used to embarrass grandpa and grandma. In an effort to curtail his drinking, and perhaps thereby his unpleasant disposition, they had denied him access to alcoholic beverages. So Timothy went down to a saloon, which was on the first block of Main Street just around the corner from grandpa's tailor shop. Being flat broke he proceeded to beg drinks as follows: "Could you spare me a drink? I'm Pat Ring's father, but the ungrateful wretch won't even give his poor old father the price of a drink, and he makes his poor old father sleep in the stable with the animals." In reality, my grandmother had fixed Timothy a very nice apartment over the stable. My grandfather succumbed to Timothy's extortion and opened him an account at the saloon. Under what circumstances Timothy went back home I don't know, but it is my understanding that he lived to be 99 years old.

The Cushings and Rings were Catholics. Aloysius was Pat Ring's confirmation name. My wife said her grandmother Delia Ring prayed devoutly every day, but she does not remember her grandparents ever going to church. However, her grandfather supported the Catholic Church and schools financially, and they always called on him when they needed money for something.

Patrick Francis Ring was boarding in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1900.¹⁴ Before he came to Little Rock, he was trained in the retail men's wear business by Jewish businessmen in St. Louis. He is listed in the *Little Rock City Directory* for the first time in 1902, and the 1903-04 city directory listed his employer as Gus Blass Dry Goods Company.¹⁵ By 1906 his residence was 2522 Battery Street and he had his own business, Ring & Co. Tailors, at 109 West Markham Street.¹⁶ The author can remember seeing his name in small inlaid tiles in the sidewalk in front of this store in the 1950s. This was at the southwest corner of Markham and Main Streets. He did not make the men's suits himself, but owned and

¹⁴ Georgia Hawkins household, 1900 U.S. census St. Louis, Missouri, ED 393, p. 39, line 30, 1711 Goode Ave.; NA T623, roll 900.

¹⁵ Little Rock City Directory, 1902, p. 407; 1903-1904, p. 502.

¹⁶ Little Rock City Directory, 1906, p. 462.



PATRICK FRANCIS RING
(1864-1945)

Photo from Bernie Babcock, *Little Rock Sketch Book*, volume 1, no. 1, July 1906.

managed the tailor shop that did. He was a skilled salesman and was remembered as a neat, well-dressed man who wore the finest suits with diamond stick-pins.

By 1911 Pat was living at 2518 Battery Street, and about 1922 he bought the home at 1915 Wolfe Street where he lived the remainder of his life.¹⁷ In 1923 he retired and sold the tailor shop to Raymond G. Gesell, who had been managing it.¹⁸ Judge J. C. Hart, a Justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court, lived next door to Pat. They were beer-drinking buddies, with Delia Ring making the home-brewed beer for them during prohibition.

Pat was also a slum landlord. As a child in the 1930s, his granddaughter (my wife), Patricia Ring Brown, would go with him when he went to collect the rent. He kept his houses

rented even during the depression, because he allowed tenants to pay what they could afford. He didn't learn to drive a car until he was an old man. He had a red and black LaSalle roadster with a rumble seat, and he drove it in whatever gear it was in when they started out. His side of the road was down the middle.

¹⁷ Little Rock City Directory, 1911, p. 473; 1922, p. 402.

¹⁸ Little Rock City Directory, 1923, p. 408; and 1925, p. 208.



PATRICK FRANCIS RING (1864-1945)
AND HIS SECOND WIFE DELIA (CUSHING) RING (1869-1946).
Photograph in possession of author.

In the market crash of 1929 Pat Ring lost several hundred thousand dollars. Fortunately, his son-in-law was a lawyer and managed to get a handle on things before he lost everything. Even with all he lost, he was still better off financially than most people at the time. Pat was an active Democrat and an old-time ward boss. He worked to have the Seventh Street viaduct built under the railroad tracks, as he had property on that street, and he thought it would enhance its value. Pat had made most of his money not in the tailor shop, but in real-estate transactions. My wife remembered that he had a very beautiful style of hand-writing and he could figure compound interest in his head. She would go to him for help with her math word problems from school, and he would always tell her the correct answer, but he couldn't provide all the steps in between that the teacher wanted to see.

Pat's two step-sons, Pat and Charley Lowder, after serving in World War I, made their homes in Cleveland, Ohio.¹⁹ Pat married Elsie Visoky and worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad, and Charley married Rose Peat and worked for the street railway. When the brothers retired they moved to Florida where they died, both without issue.

Pat Ring's wife Delia learned that he was not supporting his illegitimate daughter, Sadie Ring.²⁰ Delia convinced him that supporting Sadie was the right thing to do, which he then did. Sadie married a machinist named Adrian Miller, I believe. They lived and died around the San Francisco Bay area and, to my knowledge, had no children. My wife's family visited with them when her father was stationed there in 1945 during World War II.

Pat Ring's daughter, Lisbeth Julia Ring, was born at Little Rock, Arkansas, on 21 July 1906. She was baptized by Father Maurus Rohner at St. Edward's Catholic Church and attended grade school at Our Lady of Good Counsel. She graduated high school at Mount St. Mary Academy where she was an athlete and basketball star. She lacked one week of completing nurses training at St. Vincent Infirmary when she

¹⁹ Joseph V. Visoky household, 1930 U.S. census, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, City of Cleveland, Ward 33, ED 269, sheet 8B, dwelling 26, household 27, line 98, Pat Lowder was son-in-law; NA T626, roll 1782. Sydney Chase household, Cuyahoga County, Cleveland, Ward 26, ED 465, sheet 25B, line 58, dwelling 43, household 70, Charles Lowder was a divorced boarder; NA T626, roll 1777.

²⁰ Sadie was listed in Little Rock City Directory in 1908, p. 417, so she must have been a young lady by then.

was dismissed for marrying Robert James Brown on 11 May 1927.²¹ She and Bob Brown were divorced in the late summer of 1947.

When Lisbeth Julia Ring finished high school she started her pre-medical studies at the University of Arkansas with plans to become a medical doctor. Her father found out about it and made her stop that course of study, because he did not consider it a profession for women. She went into the nursing program instead, but they had quite a big fight over it. One can imagine how this came off, her being his only child and very much used to getting what she wanted. She later became an editor for *Reader's Digest* at Mt. Pleasant, New York. She died there on 11 November 1961 and was buried at Ferncliff Cemetery in Hartsdale.²²

Lisbeth was the mother of three children all born at Little Rock, Arkansas. The eldest was Brigid Anne Brown who was born 7 June 1928 and died 15 July 1983 in Texas. She married Henry V. Stewart, II, in 1947 and they had five children.

Lisbeth's second child was my wife, Patricia Ring Brown, born 20 December 1932 and died 6 December 2006. She married David P. Chandler in 1950, and they were divorced in 1968. She married me in 1971. She had two children and was a graduate of Mississippi University for Women and the UALR School of Law.

The last child was Robert Joseph Brown, born 17 March 1938 and died 6 June 2007. He married Nan Selz in 1961 and had two children. He was a graduate of Yale University, the University of Arkansas School of Law, and the Divinity School of the University of the South. He was also a graduate of the Naval Investigative School and George Washington University. He was in the Office of Naval Intelligence, Department of the Navy (1954-1966) and served as a Marine Corps officer (1960-1963).

Pat Ring's three grandchildren are gone now, but will be remembered as very gracious, intelligent, and witty people. It was always a great pleasure to be in their company.

When Pat Ring was old and his grandchildren were not yet grown, he set up a trust to ensure that a fair amount of his wealth was there for them. The trustee and administrator of his trust was their uncle by

²¹ Saline County, Arkansas, Marriage Book S, p. 29; Arkansas History Commission MFILM County, roll 0004923, Saline County Records roll 104; Family History Library microfilm 1955485.

²² Lisbeth Brown death certificate, New York State Department of Health, 1961, #333787, Westchester County, New York.

marriage, an attorney named Charles S. Harley.²³ They were allowed money for expenses during high school, and when the youngest of them reached the age of twenty-one, a final distribution of the trust was made. My wife made good use of most of her money. It paid for her college education, a house full of the best furniture, some of which is still in my home, and an automobile equipped as any young lady who liked fast cars would love—a 327-cubic-inch V8 International Harvester engine with a four-barrel Holley carburetor, a Borg-Warner racing transmission, and power brakes.

When the Ring Irish-Catholic immigrant grandparents died, Lizzie (Cushing) Lowder Ring on 26 June 1907 at age thirty-three,²⁴ Patrick Francis Ring on 13 December 1945 at age eighty-one,²⁵ and Delia (Cushing) Ring on 17 September 1946 at age 77,²⁶ they were buried on the west side of Willow Street in the Little Rock Oakland Cemetery.

My personal observation is that these Irish, like fine horses, were high spirited. They had high energy levels and a tremendous capacity for academic achievement and work.

²³ *Arkansas Gazette*, Little Rock, Arkansas, 4 October 1960, page 12A, column 3. Harley served as the Clerk, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Arkansas (1917-1954) prior to resuming his private practice of law.

²⁴ Oakland Cemetery Record, p. 272. *Arkansas Gazette*, Little Rock, Arkansas, 27 June 1907, p. 7, col. 5, and 28 June 1907, p. 7, col. 5.

²⁵ Arkansas State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Death Certificate, 1945, #1128; *Arkansas Gazette*, 16 December 1945, p. 13A, col. 6; *Arkansas Democrat*, 13 December 1945, p. 22, col. 3; 15 December 1945, p. 2, col. 4; and 17 December 1945, p. 8, col. 3.

²⁶ Arkansas State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Death Certificate, 1946, #722; *Arkansas Gazette*, 18 September 1946, p. 11, col. 2; 19 September 1946, p. 18, col. 5; *Arkansas Democrat*, 18 September 1946, p. 2, col. 2; 19 September 1946, p. 22, col. 3.

EVENTS IN THE HISTORY OF GREENE COUNTY, ARKANSAS

Betty Clayton

Paragould celebrated its 75th birthday in 1958 and this article was one of many about the history of the city and county published in local newspapers. *The Big Picture* was a local newspaper of the 1940s and 1950s.

The Big Picture, Paragould, Arkansas, Jubilee Edition,
Thursday, July 17, 1958

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PARAGOULD - GREENE COUNTY STORY

- 1541 - Forty Spaniards (De Soto's Scouts) crossed the "ridge" and traded Spanish trinkets to the Delawares for beans and roasting ears.
- 1686 - Four Frenchmen crossed the ridge near Walcott and traded French jewelry to the Shawnees for tobacco and clay pipes.
- 1773 - Several Frenchmen appeared at the Delaware village near Delaplaine and forced the Indian women and children to vacate their log huts.
- 1778 - A band of Delawares returned to their former village and forced the Frenchmen to vacate their old homes and leave the vicinity.
- 1804 - Daniel Boone and ex-Governor Bogg (of Missouri) visited the Osages near Lorado and asked the Indians to make corn-meal bread and cook fish.
- 1808 - White men of unknown nationality stopped near Lafe and engaged the Osages to help locate and gather certain medicinal herbs.
- 1811 - During month of December, an earthquake "shook the ridge."
- 1812 - During the month of January, another earthquake caused "sunk-lands" in St. Francis river bottoms and the Mississippi River flowed backwards (up-stream) for forty-eight hours.

- 1813 - "Arkansas" was attached to Missouri as one county, with one representative appointed to the Missouri Legislature that met in St. Louis.
- 1815 - Lawrence County was created, that embraced Greene and others that were created later.
- 1817 - Davidsonville, first Post Office approved in Arkansas, was the only P.O. for the whole of N.E. Arkansas and S.E. Missouri for years.
- 1819 - Arkansas county was detached from Missouri and became Arkansas Territory.
- 1820 - Benjamin and Samuel Crowley moved to the ridge (that later took the name of "Crowley's Ridge") and were the first white settlers in Greene County.
- 1832 - The Government approved a Post Office for "Crowley" that was established in the Crowley home and the two brothers were the first Postmasters.
- 1833 - The Arkansas Territorial Legislative enactment creating Greene County was approved November 5th of that same year.
- 1835 - First official county seat was established at Paris, about 5 miles N.E. of Gainesville, where all county records were intact for five years.
- 1836 - Arkansas territory was admitted to the Union as a state, and many fine families from the eastern states moved to the "ridge" that year.
- 1840 - County seat was removed from Paris to Gainesville, where the county records were housed in four different buildings - three of which were destroyed by fire (twice in 1874 and the third time in 1876) causing complete loss of all records.
- 1850 - The first school in this county was conducted by Robert H. Hailey in a log house on Eight Mile Creek about 1-1/2 miles north of Paragould sometime prior to 1850.
- 1874 - Rev. J. D. C. Cobb set up the Gainesville Times, the first newspaper of this area. In 1884 Paragould residents were subscribing to a news media owned by Rev. David B. Warren.
- 1882 - The St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Helena Railroad and the St. Louis, Arkansas and Texas Railroad formed "a crossing" which later became known as Parmley.

- 1882 - April 17th, official approv[al] was received for a Post Office to be called "Paragould". (The name was "coined" by using a portion of the name of Col. J. W. Paramore and the surname of Jay Gould) and a few months later freight and express was billed to Paragould.
- 1883 - Town of Paragould was incorporated March 3, 1883. The Methodists founded the first church to be erected in Paragould, followed by the Catholic Church in the same year.
- 1884 - The county seat was removed from Gainesville to Paragould, where the records were kept in the home of R. H. Gardner until the completion of the new frame building on the site of the present City Service Station at Third and Emerson.
- 1888 - The county records and offices were removed to the new brick courthouse that cost \$14,700. The belfry cost \$700 and the two-story jail cost approximately \$7,000. The Greene County bank was incorporated.
- 1890 - By this date Post Offices had been established at Crowley, Paris, Gainesville, Walcott, Lorado, Poplar Creek, Fontaine, Finch, Bethel, Halliday, Herndon, Delaplaine, Marmaduke, Stonewall, Tillmanville, Lafe and Paragould.
- 1891 - Electric lights were installed in the homes and on the streets of the city that was destined to gain national recognition later.
- 1892 - First fire fighting equipment was purchased by the City and a fire station, size 45' X 12', was built.
- 1896 - Paragould Telephone Co. was incorporated May 14 and located on the southeast corner of Pruett and Emerson Streets.
- 1898 - The city water plant was installed and improved again in 1915 and in later years.
- 1900 - Paragould's two school districts were consolidated to form the S-1 district.
- 1904 - First rural mail route in Greene County was laid out in the latter part of this year but was not actively established until February 1905.
- 1905 - The Missouri Pacific established R.R. shops and roundhouse in Paragould.
- 1907 - First hospital for the city was incorporated as Paragould Sanitarium.
- 1908 - City mail delivery service was set up in Paragould November 16, 1908, with three carrier routes.

- 1907 [*sic*] - On December 31st Paragould became a first class city.
- 1912 - Paragould streets were paved in part, and a \$50,000 appropriation was secured for the present Post Office Building which was built in 1913 and occupied in 1914. J. Harry McPherson was postmaster.
- 1915 - Paragould Chamber of Commerce was organized through absorption of the Commercial Club of former days and has continued to be an active and useful medium for the advancement of Paragould and trade area.
- 1916 - The "White Way" system was installed with 76 streetlights in use.
- 1925 - Paragould procured a cash grant of \$2,000 from the Harmon Foundation of New York, and the funds were used in development of the Harmon Playfield at north edge of city limits.
- 1930 - A meteorite weighing 910 pounds was found near the Finch community, with citizens of this area witnessing its plunge to earth. Now in Chicago Museum.
- 1934 - Paragould was honored by winning the cup for the "Clean-up, Paint-up and Fix-up" campaign, offered by the national bureau for the outstanding town in Arkansas in cleanliness and civic beautification.
- 1935 - Miss Romayne Tate of Greene County was declared the highest ranking 4-H Club girl in America.
- 1936 - Celebration of Arkansas Centennial and dedication of Crowley's Ridge State Park, near Walcott.
- 1937 - Ely & Walker Dry Goods Co. located a shirt factory here.
- 1944 - Paragould Post Office became first class office, July 1st.
- 1947 - Greene County Tech School District was organized, the largest in Arkansas. Tech High opened. Present enrollment 540 and 1900 in district.
- 1948 - Established were *THE BIG PICTURE*, Ed White Junior Shoe Factory, KDRS Radio Station.
- 1949 - Community Methodist Hospital opened. Greene County Fair Association organized and the first County Fair held on the new Fair grounds.
- 1950 - Dickson Memorial Hospital purchased for use as a City Hall and Municipal Building.

- 1951 - Greene County Library established. Tastemark Dairy organized as a processing plant for much of Greene County's dairying industry. Mid-South Gas Company installed natural gas lines in Paragould. The City also was awarded first place in the State Community Accomplishment Contest. Seventeen miles of new paving was put down in Paragould. City again receives first award in Community Accomplishment.
- 1952 - Fairview Rural Community Improvement Club is awarded first place in the first state sponsored contest on the rural improvement program. *The Big Picture* also receives first in state in promotional work.
- 1955 - Municipal Utility Building constructed.
- 1956 - Three new city school buildings completed.
- 1957 - New 250,000-gallon water tower erected. Modern 20-bed Greene Acres Nursing Home constructed. Emerson Electric Mfg. built and placed in operation.
- 1958 - Last year's postal receipts for the City of Paragould reached an all-time high of \$147,510.04.

1867 VOTER LIST
OUACHITA COUNTY, ARKANSAS
PART 3

Transcribed by Rebecca Wilson

In 1867 the U.S. Congress passed acts providing for the registration of voters and holding of elections in the former Confederate states. Otherwise qualified males of age twenty-one who had not voluntarily served in the Confederate Army could register after taking an oath. Some of these voter registration lists for Arkansas survived and were filmed by the Mississippi State Archives. The lists are by county and then by election precincts that correspond to 1867 townships. The names in each township are not alphabetical but are sometimes numbered. The following is part of the list of Ouachita County, Arkansas, voters. Every attempt has been made to preserve original spelling. The film may be accessed at the Arkansas History Commission and State Archives, General Microfilm file, Voters: Voters Lists 1867, Ashley – Yell Cos., 0001959, roll 1.

Marion Election Precinct

No.	Name		
	Page 18	16	Ruphus Toney
		17	Abram Thomas
1	Adam Powell	18	Martin Blair
2	Alex. Williams	19	Isham Burnell
3	Geo. Bennett	20	Daniel George
4	Caesar Lewis	21	Aaron Pipkin
5	Green Lagrone	22	Toney McIntire
6	Chadrick Nelson	23	Saml. McIntire
7	Jacob Ellis	24	R. S. Harwell
8	Saml. Stockman	25	A. J. Leslie
9	George Beard	26	James Leslie
10	Albert Blair	27	T. P. Simpson
11	Henry Lewis	28	A. Pope
12	Cyrus Newbery	29	L. E. Dawson
13	Henry Skulls	30	G. W. Hill
14	Stephen Stricklin	31	T. L. Simpson
15	Peter Seymore	32	J. J. Turberville

33	J. M. Wright	69	Nathan Crawfford
34	E. Turberville	70	Pompy Stockman
35	E. B. Ellis	71	Joseph Tolks
36	A. O. Coleman	72	Thornton Hodnett
37	J. L. Lewis	73	George Toney
38	T. D. Criner	74	Richmond Randle
39	H. C. Stockman	75	B. F. Hodnett
40	E. D. Billingsly	76	John J. Ross
41	E. Yarbrough	77	Joseph Jordan
42	J. M. Williams	78	Charles Weaver
43	J. C. Robinson	79	John Adams
44	J. B. Jordan	80	Augustus Brown
45	G. W. Jephus	81	James Neely
46	John Wright	82	Milton King
47	James Chism	83	Smartin Dawson
48	J. W. Criner	84	Toby Dawson
49	Israel Ross	85	Benjiman Dawson
50	W. P. Hailer	86	Edward Criner
51	Joe Shireg	87	Mathew Strickland
52	C. L. Shirey	88	J. D. Jordan
53	John W. Moon	89	Reason Criner
54	Josiah Shireg	90	S. E. Williams
55	Richard Perry	91	C. O. Allen
56	Robert Bowman	92	C. H. Beard
		93	Isaac Waters
	Page 19	94	Larkin Lafayette
57	Moses Greggs	95	Abram Weston
58	Joseph Laymar	96	J. W. Ingram
59	Bedford Jordan	97	Jessie S. Ingram
60	Alfred Mitchell	98	Richard Lee
61	Clement Armstrong	99	Orchard Preston
62	Wm. Armstrong	100	Jackson Hattey
63	Daniel Armstrong	101	Thompson McCoy
64	Hardy Brown	102	Asa Elliott
65	Moses Stockman	103	Dennis Stockman
66	Charles Lewis	104	Robert Grenin
67	Thos. Greggs	105	J. W. Brown
68	R. L. Warmich	106	C. A. Broach

107	Hyrum Knight	129	Andrew McIntire
108	J. B. Bennett	130	J. D. Haltom
109	C. F. Coleman	131	Richard Tatt
110	Henry Weaver	132	E. B. Anderson
111	Thos. Warnick	133	W. C. Yarbrough
112	Cyrus Davidson	134	J. S. Ratlif
		135	E. G. Gurning
		136	J. D. Edgar
		137	J. W. Ingram
		138	J. S. Sherry
		139	Jno. W. Kennedy
		140	R. R. Hodnett
		141	M. F. Cross
		142	James Lewis
		143	H. J. Huffman
		144	G. C. Lewis
		145	Berring Stephens
		146	John Ware
		147	Peter Crawford
		148	E. W. White
		149	W. H. Carin
		150	E. Tuberville
		151	J. Robinson
		152	J. L. Ingram

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Jefferson Election Precinct

No.	Name	9	J. T. Beard
		10	Calvin Wheelington
		11	Lawson Cross
		12	Berry Browning
		13	Isham Browning
		14	N. W. H. Garrett
		15	Jas. W. Saunders
		16	Thos. Mendenhall
		17	H. D. Hearon
		18	F. M. Hodge

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1	A. K. Lankaster
2	T. Gibson
3	Marton Murphy
4	B. F. Johnson
5	A. Cheatham
6	W. B. Murphey
7	C. W. Hodge
8	Thos. J. Rowe

19	H. Foster	
20	John Philipps	
21	J. G. Murry	
22	W. S. Garner	
23	Hugh Gillespie	
24	Wm. N. Jenkins	
25	Thos. Vernon	
26	H. E. Rogers	
27	Joseph Alexander	
28	Joseph Mason	
29	John Garrison	
30	R. A. Henderson	
31	T. W. Bearden	
32	Berry Beard	
33	B. F. Reddick	
34	Chas. Hodge	
35	J. E. Dunn	
36	J. W. Starritt	
37	Jessie Moore	
38	Mack Cross	
39	Archibald Oglesby	
40	A. J. Mendenhall	
41	James Browning	
42	Joseph Jenkins	
43	Isaac Young	
44	Jack Jenkins	
45	Moses Lea	
46	Wyatt Young	
47	Isaac Jenkins	
48	Frank Joseph	
49	W. H. Potter	
50	P. B. Jones	
51	Jordan Mendenhall	
52	William Fish	
53	G. Mendenhall	
54	Washington Simpson	
55	Charles Young	
56	Jerry Young	
		Page 22
57	Calvin Mendenhall	
58	James Madden	
59	H. E. Good	
60	G. W. Cox	
61	E. J. Barksdale	
62	Hugh Cooper	
63	Allen Pipkin	
64	Alex. Brown	
65	Geo. Meredith	
66	F. M. Dillahunty	
67	Wesley Young	
68	Daniel Simpson	
69	W. B. Johnson	
70	Aden Johnson	
71	J. H. Lusby	
72	John Lusby	
73	J. A. Wilson	
74	Wm. Taylor	
75	Dennis Watts	
76	Toney Watts	
77	Reuben Gardner	
78	Jackson Warren	
79	Berry Fricks	
80	Greenwall Manley	
81	Wright Parr	
82	Saml. Murphy	
83	Henry McCollomn	
84	Alex. Leake	
85	Joe Beard	
86	Joshua Leake	
87	Toby Randle	
88	Mortimer Turpin	
89	Emanuel Charles	
90	R. Mansfield	
91	M. Walker	
92	J. H. Mason	
93	J. D. Simpson	

94	J. P. Rogers	123	Robert Brown
95	W. R. Valient	124	John Wilson
96	J. T. Young	125	Martin Young
97	T. E. Harrell	126	Alex. Wiley
98	Saml. Christopher	127	Joseph Harrison
99	Morris Leake	128	W. W. Blankenship
100	Jo. Clever	129	David Edwards
101	Adam Leake	130	J. W. Forbes
102	Jo. Leake		Revision of 1868
103	James Bell	131	E. H. Wesson
104	James Leake	132	E. B. Warren
105	Alex. Herby	133	A. Goad
106	Matt. Leake	134	W. Baker
107	Levy Adair	135	P. L. Simpson
108	Julius Hatley	136	Dennis Watts
109	Perry Adair	137	A. D. Jenkins
110	Bedny Festen	138	J. D. Dittahanty
111	W. H. Dalrymple	139	R. B. Simpson
112	Edward Leake	140	Willis Sledge
	Page 23	141	David Smart
113	Solomon Leake	142	O. J. C. Formby
114	Isaac Williams	143	B. F. Morris
115	James Blake	144	J. T. Morris
116	Lewis Dyer	145	Allen Washington
117	R. B. Walker	146	G. W. Bailis
118	John Parr	147	S. A. Arington
119	B. W. Stokes	148	R. F. Box
120	J. W. Rhodes	149	W. A. Blankenship
121	Saml. Nelson	150	Randolph Lasly
122	Isaac Leake	151	J. R. Formby

Smackover Election Precinct

No.	Name	2	A. Autery
	Page 24	3	J. H. Burnett
1	Stephen Hudson	4	R. F. Hughes

79	Robert Burris	93	H. B. Hare
80	Jessie Walker	94	A. J. Watkins
81	Derry Stephens	95	W. T. Wesson
82	David Green	96	S. L. Meredith
83	Thos. Green	97	T. C. Burris
84	Henry Green	98	Peter Green
85	Nathan Hall	99	Benj. Jones
86	W. S. Green	100	Chas. Kendrick
87	A. Green	101	Charles Pate
88	S. W. Green	102	Wm. Gatlin
89	J. H. Edwards	103	Saml. Gasster
90	J. W. Arnold	104	Samuel Pope
91	F. M. Griffith	105	C. J. Holt
92	John H. Wilson	106	K. H. Harrington

Bridge Creek Election Precinct

No.	Name	20	Jas. S. Grissom
	Page 26	21	Sebern Wells
1	Sampson Wright	22	A. P. Watson
2	Philipp Morgan	23	A. J. Wells
3	B. W. Mayne	24	John W. Smith
4	W. E. Turner	25	C. W. Watson
5	J. D. Wilson	26	J. W. Burton
6	A. S. Perry	27	F. J. Booth
7	John F. Burns	28	Hardy Goodwin
8	B. Poindexter	29	Joel Moses
9	W. C. Renfro	30	J. A. Smith
10	Geo. Smith	31	H. P. Jackson
11	Wm. Reinach	32	W. S. Moses
12	A. P. Renfro	33	G. W. Dannelley
13	David H. Gooch	34	Stephen McDuffee
14	Willis Wells	35	B. J. Tyson
15	A. Hudgens	36	Saml. Smith
16	Joseph Smith	37	R. C. Morris
17	James Wilson	38	H. F. Hagg
18	Mathew Pridgen	39	D. Rhodes
19	Wm. Poindexter	40	Wm. Martin

41	W. H. Johnson	46	J. M. Thompson
42	W. M. H. Watson	47	J. A. Burton
43	H. McCrea	48	Thos. Bearins
44	A. B. Myatt	49	Bennett Perminter
45	R. Myatt		

Lafayette Election Precinct

No.	Name		
	Page 27	29	W. W. Pace
1	G. W. Livingston	30	Jessie Cook
2	B. M. Buntyn	31	J. J. Comer
3	Jas. H. Carrell	32	Richard Elliott
4	Johnathan Rogers	33	J. C. Cook
5	Alex. Thompson	34	N. M. Yarbrough
6	Cato Mason	35	Edward Smith
7	Julius Mason	36	Mark Pace
8	Grant Elliott	37	Robert Pace
9	Isaac Yarber	38	Wade Livingston
10	Ezekial Elliott	39	E. M. Hambrich
11	Richard Frazier	40	Harrison Roper
12	Emsey Patrick	41	Cader Roundtree
13	Wm. Livingston	42	A. H. Holcomb
14	Wm. Yarbrough	43	Kobie Pace
15	William Pace	44	Wm. Pace
16	E. D. Rogers	45	Prima Jones
17	W. M. Rogers	46	Elom Furr
18	J. A. Livingston	47	Anthony Goodwin
19	L. Carter	48	John Patent
20	Saml. L. Watt	49	Robert Parr
21	A. J. Mitchell	50	John W. McCord
22	John Durham	51	F. M. Lane
23	W. F. Wakefield	52	Franklin Elliott
24	Richard Holcomb	53	J. B. Hickman
25	Chas. Livingston	54	B. P. Flynt
26	W. G. Hickman	55	Elijah Gatlin
27	S. F. Aora	56	Gilbert Elliott
28	D. B. McGraw		

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- 57 Jackson Parr
- 58 Osborn Elliott
- 59 George Patent
- 60 Thos. Elliott
- 61 J. E. Higgs
- 62 Ralph Jourman
- 63 Warren McClellen
- 64 David McCarter
- 65 Henry McDaniel
- 66 Lewis Powell
- 67 Terry Reynolds
- 68 R. Bradshaw
- 69 Thomas Parr
- 70 Doctor Parr
- 71 Eli Fogle
- 72 Robert Pace
- 73 G. W. Hayes
- 74 W. C. Oglesby
- 75 J. W. Dan
- 76 Wesley Grear
- 77 Isaac Brooks
- 78 Wesley Hildrith
- 79 H. M. Reynolds
- 80 M. V. Tyson
- 81 T. L. Pedron
- 82 E. S. Webb
- 83 John Tutt
- 84 Americus Dean
- 85 W. M. Wilson
- 86 H. A. Buck
- 87 Thos. Williams
- 88 J. E. Dean

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- 89 A. J. Harp
- 90 Henry W. Rogers
- 91 Theo E. Wilson
- 92 Wells H. Wilson
- 93 James Elliott
- 94 Olen Dairl
- 95 Geo. M. Adamson
- 96 Able Horris
- 97 Nathan Jeffers
- 98 James Daniel
- 99 W. R. Pitman
- 100 W. M. Pitman
- 101 S. Aaron
- 102 J. G. Wilson
- 103 T. H. Carter
- 104 W. A. McAnuthy
- 105 Fairfied Elliott
- 106 James Dorris
- 107 W. F. Avry
- 108 C. H. Reynolds
- 109 Joel Butler

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- 120 E. M. Jeffers
- 121 Saml. Jeffers
- 122 Walter Newman
- 123 Ezekial Daniels
- 124 Wm. C. King
- 125 G. H. Smith
- 126 Columbus Reynolds
- 127 John Bell
- 128 Anthony Hugh

Washington Election Precinct

No. Name
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- 1 Jessie Franklin
- 2 T. W. Mitcham

Union Election Precinct

No.	Name		
	Page 31	23	M. Moon
1	W. H. Harper	24	Jas. C. Culp
2	W. W. Frazier	25	Jas. H. Chambliss
3	Jas. Gamill	26	Sampson Nutt
4	Grant Jones	27	John Johnson
5	Saml. Elliott	28	Joseph Spears
6	David Melear	29	C. B. McLendon
7	C. H. Vaughn	30	F. N. Winburn
8	Willis Arnold	31	Wm. Nutt
9	Josiah Nutt	32	G. B. Lindsey
10	Wm. M. Byers	33	L. Winburn
11	W. P. Gammill	34	Wm. Brown
12	Sampson Nutt, Jr.	35	Joseph Barker
13	A. F. Lindsey	36	W. C. Moss
14	B. B. Vaughn	37	Corbin Holdman
15	B. W. James	38	Willis Dilsworth
16	S. N. Cathey	39	W. C. Sullivant
17	J. W. Gamble	40	W. J. Stringer
18	J. H. Blair	41	A. G. Jordan
19	J. A. Burnham	42	E. W. Norman
20	Chas. Braziel	43	Edward Carter
21	Daniel Cathey	44	M. B. Brazil
22	A. W. Tidwell	45	F. M. James
		46	S. M. Womack

Freeo Election Precinct

No.	Name		
	Page 33	8	Wm. Dempsey
1	O. J. Lindsey	9	W. H. Andrews
2	Anderson Thrower	10	Wm. Gray
3	Alexander Daniels	11	Edward Lambert
4	Starlin Juniel	12	Anthony Lambert
5	Jacob Humphre	13	Robert Earl
6	A. L. Padgett	14	Miller Ferrell
7	N. Padgett	15	Dillard Saunders
		16	J. H. Blackwell

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|----|--------------------|----|----------------|
| 17 | S. Patterson | 55 | A. M. Peterson |
| 18 | John Bryan | 56 | B. Gatlin |
| 19 | L. S. Bell | | Page 34 |
| 20 | John W. Bell | 57 | R. A. Barlow |
| 21 | Stantford Yeager | 58 | W. S. Jones |
| 22 | Peter Colbert | 59 | S. H. Jones |
| 23 | M. Thrower | 60 | Jeremiah Henry |
| 24 | Lewis Thrower | 61 | W. T. Grayham |
| 25 | Robert Lambert | 62 | P. A. Bennett |
| 26 | Wm. V. Yeager | 63 | J. T. Bennett |
| 27 | S. Chandler | 64 | A. C. Riggs |
| 28 | William Matt | 65 | W. P. Riggs |
| 29 | Ludwell Thrower | 66 | T. J. Gatlin |
| 30 | James Juniel | 67 | Joseph Thrower |
| 31 | John Dillworth | 68 | Simon Parham |
| 32 | Alfred Thrower | 69 | W. A. Bennett |
| 33 | Henry Humphre | 70 | G. H. Thompson |
| 34 | Dennis Marshal | 71 | W. S. Butler |
| 35 | Anderson Parker | 72 | W. N. Thompson |
| 36 | Wm. Thrower | 73 | W. G. Clay |
| 37 | William Juniel | 74 | Needham Brian |
| 38 | Henry Rideout | 75 | G. D. Padgett |
| 39 | Vesant Juniel | 76 | J. Launius |
| 40 | Willis Thrower | 77 | Wm. Bennett |
| 41 | Coleman Rideout | 78 | J. L. Riggs |
| 42 | John Juniel | 79 | T. P. Riggs |
| 43 | Saml. Earl | 80 | F. P. Jordan |
| 44 | P. Lambert | 81 | J. B. Yeager |
| 45 | Wm. Juniel | 82 | A. L. Lewis |
| 46 | Joseph Arrington | 83 | M. C. Gossett |
| 47 | Caesar Jenerson | 84 | Chester Zider |
| 48 | Isaac Hogan | 85 | W. N. Clay |
| 49 | J. W. Juniel | 86 | W. R. Wermer |
| 50 | John Juniel | 87 | E. L. Miner |
| 51 | Dennis Clay | 88 | N. C. Padgett |
| 52 | A. T. J. Humphries | 89 | T. S. Hurt |
| 53 | W. B. Howard | 90 | J. C. Chapell |
| 54 | W. Birdsong | 91 | M. Butler |

QUATTLEBAUM CEMETERY VAN BUREN COUNTY, ARKANSAS

Martha Loftis Kehoe

In 1881, Phillip Quattlebaum, who had come from Benton (later Calhoun) County in Alabama, deeded part of his homestead on Harmony Mountain in Van Buren County, Arkansas, for a cemetery after a small baby died in his community.¹ The name and grave location of the baby are unknown.

The first known interment in Quattlebaum Cemetery is that of Phillip himself when he died 21 November 1888. He was a veteran of the Creek Indian Wars, serving under Captain House.² Phillip Quattlebaum shared a family heritage of military service. His father was George Washington Quattlebaum who enlisted as a volunteer in the war with England on 9 December 1812 and served as a fifer stationed near Bull Point on Beaufort's Island, South Carolina.³ George, in turn, was the son of Johannes Quattlebaum who served under Francis Marion, the American general nicknamed the Swamp Fox during the American Revolution.⁴ Johannes, who was born in 1742 in Williams Township, Pennsylvania, was the son of Petter Quattlebaum, an immigrant in Philadelphia by 19 October 1736.⁵

There are actually three markers for Phillip in Quattlebaum Cemetery: a marble gravestone he shares with his second wife, Mary Monk; a military monument; and a rock column with the plaque containing his military history and information. A community project resulted in a

¹ Searches of Van Buren County direct and indirect deed indexes reveal no recorded deed for this transfer; Family History Library microfilm 1029956 and 1029957.

² Paul Quattlebaum, *Quattlebaum, A Palatine Family in South Carolina*, 1950, Reprint from *South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine*, Vol. XLVIII, No. 1, January, 1947: 107, cites National Archives [NA], Indian Wars, Pension Records.

³ George Quattlebaum, Youngblood's Regiment, South Carolina; Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers Who Served During the War of 1812; NA M602, roll 170. Paul Quattlebaum, *Quattlebaum*, p. 9, cites NA, Bounty Land Grants.

⁴ "Roster of South Carolina Patriots in the American Revolution," *South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine*, XLVIII, 6: 795. The Index to Revolutionary War Service lists him as John Quattlebaum, NA microfilm M860, roll 42.

⁵ Paul Quattlebaum, *Quattlebaum*, p. 2, cites Ralph Strassburger, *Pennsylvania German Pioneers*, (Norristown, Pa., 1934) I, p. xxxi.

marker erected at his gravesite in his honor. His grandchildren erected a larger monument in 1965.

Nine of Phillip's nineteen children are buried near him. They include the following:

Julia Ann (Quattlebaum) Sumner, 20 May 1835-10 April 1892
 Melva Blackwell (Quattlebaum) Sisson, 20 June 1836-1926
 Ellender (Quattlebaum) Loftis, 1846-1910
 Martha Elizabeth Ann (Quattlebaum) Loftis, 28 October 1853-1941
 Sarah Jane Demarice (Quattlebaum) Phillips, 27 October 1862-1924
 Thomas Paul Quattlebaum, 18 October 1874-5 October 1940
 Barbara Savannah (Quattlebaum) Rhodes, 1 April 1876-22 February 1941
 Homer Bellflower Quattlebaum 1877-1895
 Enos C. Quattlebaum 10 September 1879-8 October 1953

The high degree of kinship throughout the small rural community and a certain amount of stability in residence resulted in many relatives being buried in the cemetery. Wanda (Loftis) Whitaker, a great-great-granddaughter of Phillip Quattlebaum, died in 1993 and joined direct ancestors in seven different families buried in Quattlebaum Cemetery. Besides Quattlebaum and Loftis, those families include McKim, Farmer, Gray, Sanders, and Castleberry.

Wanda was the last of five generations in an unbroken line of Quattlebaum descendants whose lives spanned the twentieth century and most of the nineteenth back to the time of Phillip's birth:

Wanda (Loftis) Whitaker, 1 February 1939-29 September 1993
 Luther Clinton Loftis, June 1918-9 October 1993
 Clinton Lafayette Loftis, 3 February 1882-11 April 1954
 Martha Elizabeth Ann (Quattlebaum) Loftis, 28 October 1853-1941
 Phillip Quattlebaum, 27 October 1811-21 November 1888

Wanda's Loftis family includes four generations of descendants buried in the cemetery:

Wanda (Loftis) Whitaker, 1 February 1939-29 September 1993
 Luther Clinton Loftis, June 1918-9 October 1993
 Clinton Lafayette Loftis, 3 February 1882-11 April 1954
 Labon Barton Loftis, 28 March 1854-10 November 1930

In her McKim line, Wanda Loftis joined her mother, grandfather and great-grandfather McKim:

Wanda (Loftis) Whitaker, 1 February 1939-29 September 1993
 Ola (McKim) Loftis, 27 July 1915-4 February 1985
 John Calvin McKim, 28 September 1892-13 May 1960
 Isaac Grayson McKim, 1866-1913

Four generations of Farmer descendants interred in Quattlebaum Cemetery include:

Wanda (Loftis) Whitaker, 1 February 1939-29 September 1993
 Ola (McKim) Loftis, 27 July 1915-4 February 1985
 John Calvin McKim, 28 September 1892-13 May 1960
 Mary Fertimer (Farmer) McKim, 10 January 1868-14 April 1968

Four generations of Gray descendants buried in Quattlebaum Cemetery are:

Wanda (Loftis) Whitaker, 1 February 1939-29 September 1993
 Ola (McKim) Loftis, 27 July 1915-4 February 1985
 Willie Lee (Gray) McKim, 28 September 1894-20 October 1976
 William W. Gray, 16 May 1864-31 July 1948

Four generations in a direct line of the Sanders family include the following:

Wanda (Loftis) Whitaker, 1 February 1939-29 September 1993
 Ola (McKim) Loftis, 27 July 1915-4 February 1985
 Willie Lee (Gray) McKim, 28 September 1894-20 October 1976
 Sarah Lee (Sanders) Gray, 5 April 1870-13 May 1917

Three generations of Castleberry descendants are buried there as well:

Wanda (Loftis) Whitaker, 1 February 1939-29 September 1993
 Luther Clinton Loftis, June 1918-9 October 1993
 Ellen (Castleberry) Loftis, 4 May 1881-30 September 1956

Besides displaying the extensive amount of kinship that often exists in rural communities, the cemetery is also an example of an historical family burial ground that served an entire community and has been maintained and honored for more than a century. In 1979 an additional two acres of land became part of the cemetery, enlarging it to four acres in all. In 1985 a board was elected to maintain a perpetual care fund. The old part of the cemetery contained 485 graves in May of 1988.

Decoration Day is observed annually on the second Sunday in May which is Mother's Day. The exact date of the first decoration is unknown, but it was already a custom before the national Mother's Day was established in 1915. Decoration Day is a community event, a homecoming, a day to honor ancestors in the country cemetery by placing flowers on the graves and sharing an old-fashioned southern dinner on the grounds.

In 1988 the Choctaw Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, located between Bee Branch and Clinton, began furnishing flags to be placed on veterans' graves. Some of the older members of the community have carried out this job.

There are veterans from six different wars buried in the cemetery: the Indian Wars, Civil War, First and Second World Wars, Korean War, and Vietnam Conflict.

The cemetery contains graves of five Civil War veterans. The local veterans include Hugh F. McKnight, Tommie Ford, Robert Lake, and William Sisson. The fifth was a Mr. Kayze, a northern soldier who died while traveling through the area. There are no dates on his stone.

Eleven veterans of World War I are buried in Quattlebaum Cemetery, including one who also fought in WW II. They include Frank McKim, Arlie Martin, Johnnie Martin, Fritz Simmons, Lee Mills, Morgan Montgomery, Bethel Sumners, Ruby Loftis, Claude Fullerton, Erwin Bentiff, and Newton Appleby.

Of the World War II veterans, four also saw service during the Korean War; two of them were husband and wife and two were nurses. They were Everett McKim, Wilbur Baker, Willie McKnight, Chester Loftis, Kenneth Riddle, Clarence Ford, and Artie Winingham.

As of 2006, the cemetery held seventeen Korean War veterans, including Amos Loftis, and three Vietnam veterans, one of whom was with the Border Patrol.

In 1944-45 a building was erected in which to hold funerals and decoration services. The building was sponsored by the Harmony Mountain Home Demonstration Club, and the work was done by

community members. In 1958, with the help of generous donations from current and former residents, the club was able to finish the building with plaster board and paint.

In 1967 the community built two brick columns at the second entry to the cemetery. Into those columns were placed plaques engraved with the names of all the veterans buried there at that time.

In the same year, a brick pier was erected for the bell. Nettie Faye (Ford) Hutchison, daughter of Tom and Ruby (Winningham) Ford, and a long-time resident of the Bee Branch area, told of an old custom. When someone died, the bell was rung. The men would stop work and dig the grave and the women would start cooking.

In 1966 Mamie Rebecca (Quattlebaum) Gilliam, daughter of Enos Quattlebaum, started a project to mark every grave. In 2008, just before Mother's Day/Decoration Day, a new sign was erected, donated by a Quattlebaum descendant.

To reach Quattlebaum Cemetery, take U.S. Highway 65 to just north of Bee Branch, and go west on County Road 20, called Quattlebaum Road.

Decoration Day Crowd at Quattlebaum Cemetery, May, 1918



Front Row:

?,?,?, Homer Rhoades, Ben Fullerton, Roscoe Sumners,?,?, Claudie Barker, Howard Fullerton, Farrell Roberts, Vernon Martin, Willie McKnight,?,?,?,?

Second Row:

Tennie Bell Craig, Ruth Prescott, Arizona Stripling, Uncle Tommy Ford, Ruby Ford, Verlie Martin,?,?,?, Aunt Mary Quattlebaum, Hattice Gilmore, Lizzie McKnight, Ray Malone and baby,?,?,?,?

Third and Fourth Rows:

Donna and Villa Robertson, Ocie Martin, Jane Martin, Loyd Fullerton,?, Nossie,?, Tom Ford holding Opal,?,?, Viola McKnight holding Mildred, Ruth McKim, Verlie Crownover Fullerton, Ethel Rhoades,?, Bertha ?,?,?,?

Back Row:

Willie Martin, George Martin, Ella McKnight Loftis,?, Arlie Martin, ?, Charlie Fullerton, behind him is George McKim,?, Sumners boy, McKnight, Edgar Elder,?, Earl Cullum, Beeler Fullerton, Roy Malone,

People identified by Mayme McKnight Mitchell, of Fontana, CA



Claudie Stripling, Howard McKnight, Luke McKnight, Willie Castleberry, Floyd Cates,?,?,?, Clarence Sumners, Van Jones,?,?,?, Sumners boy.

Aunt Martha Ford, Howard McKnight, Aunt Mattie McKnight holding May, Pearl Sumners Riddick,?,?, Mayme McKnight, Roy Malone's wife and baby,

Cates man, Essie Stripling, Ruby Prescott, Mrs. Eva Fullerton holding Mavis McKim, behind her are Mandy Montgomery, Mollie Elder Johnson, Quattlebaum,?, Birdie Sumners, Esther McKim Martin, Flossie Sumners,

Hattie Martin Fullerton, Lucy McKnight Martin, Ollie Loftis, Sumners girl, Oscar Martin,?, Cowan McKnight, Clint Sumners, Frank McKnight, John Ruby Loftis,?

**THE DEQUEEN BEE (WEEKLY)
DEQUEEN, SEVIER COUNTY, ARKANSAS
DEATHS AND BIRTHS, 1897- 1900
Part 1, June 1897-July 1899**

Whitney McLaughlin

The DeQueen Bee newspaper was established 4 June 1897, about the same time as the founding of the town of DeQueen in Sevier County. It is a weekly newspaper published on Fridays. Microfilmed copies of the paper beginning with the 25 June 1897 issue are available at the Arkansas History Commission with very few missing issues.¹ Microfilm may also be found at the Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives in Washington, Arkansas, and at the DeQueen Public Library.

The entries noted here are extractions of births and deaths found in the microfilmed copies of the paper. Events of statewide or national interest are not included. Although only births and deaths of local interest were extracted, they represent a large area surrounding DeQueen including much of Sevier County, Polk County, Howard County, Little River County, and extreme southeast Oklahoma.

The entries include the name of the deceased or newly-born, the date of the newspaper, the page number, and an extraction of the information printed.

Stewart, Mrs. J. J., 25 June 1897, p. 6; died at her home Saturday after illness of several weeks; of Center Point

Unknown man, 25 June 1897, p. 6; killed Saturday near Center Point when thrown from his wagon

Gilmore, Geo., 9 July 1897, p. 1; shot near Chapel Hill a few weeks ago; a man named Smith confessed to the prosecuting attorney

Stepenson, Howard, 9 July 1897, p. 1; died Saturday of inflammation of mouth supposed to have been caused by spider bite; buried Texarkana Sunday; 15 month old son of T. J. Stepenson

¹ Arkansas History Commission MFILM NEWS, roll 000130, DeQueen Bee, June 25, 1897-April 19, 1901, roll 01.

McCord, 9 July 1897, p. 8; birth of nine pound girl to Coley McCord last week; "Ultima Thule" column

Gilmore, Geo., 9 July 1897, p. 8; murdered; witnesses summoned in case of State vs. Lennard, Prewitt and Ollie Chastine

Dixon, 9 July 1897, p. 8; died last night after protracted illness; six month old infant of E. P. Dixon and wife; "Ultima Thule" column

Amos, Henry, 16 July 1897, p. 4; died July 4, 1897, at his home near DeQueen; aged 61 years; came to Sevier county about 20 years ago; leaves wife and ten children; buried in Chapel Hill cemetery July 5

McClendon, Betsy, 16 July 1897, p. 4; died Friday July 9 at the home of her grand-son-in-law Eli Harris; in her 90th year; born in Lawrence county, Mo. about 1808; removed to this county with her father Thomas Butcher at the age of nine years; married first to Andrew Dollarhide (deceased); married second to Geo. McClendon who proceeded her in death many years ago; leaves only grandchildren and great grandchildren; buried at Chapel Hill

Scaggs, Mrs. Louis, 23 July 1897, p. 7; Louis Scaggs had misfortune to lose wife and baby last Sunday; "Racket Hill" column

Scaggs, 23 July 1897, p. 7; died last Sunday; baby of Louis Scaggs; "Racket Hill" column

Franks, 13 August 1897, p. 8; birth of 10 pound boy to S. Franks and wife; "Eagletown I. T." column

Pinckard, 13 August 1897, p. 8; birth of girl to A. Pinckard and wife; "Eagletown I. T." column

Little, 27 August 1897, p. 1; birth of girl to Greenberry Little

Allen, Mann, 27 August 1897, p. 1; died August 24; of Cove in Polk county; brother of Mr. W. M. Allen

Humphrey, 10 September 1897, p. 4; birth of 11 pound boy to W. J. Humphrey

10 September 1897, p. 5; birth of 10 ¼ pound boy to correspondent from Sand Hills

Dyer, Israel, 10 September 1897, p. 8; resident of Sulphur Springs; disappeared from home about the last of June, found dead 3 miles from his home about 7th of August; hat, cartridge belt and purse with about \$6 found nearby; coroner could not decide whether suicide or murder; aged 21; half brother of James Dyer; married; funeral sermon preached Sunday; buried at Sulphur Springs about 8th of August

Murphy, 24 September 1897, p. 1; birth of girl to Wes Murphy; “Christian Home” column

Charley, Willie, 8 October 1897, p. 3; instantly killed Sunday when thrown from horse at White Sand church 3 miles northwest of Fowlersville, I. T.; home near Luk fatah, I. T.; age 20

Isbell, 15 October 1897, p. 1; birth of 10 pound girl, father Branche Isbell

Arterbury, Albert Sydney Gibson, 22 October 1897, p. 1; born October 19, 1897 at 16 pounds

Tatum, Mr. Hood, 22 October 1897, p. 1; died last Saturday; prosperous farmer; “Eagletown I. T.” column

Goin, Sampson, 22 October 1897, p. 1; deputy sheriff murdered; William Going and Ramson Crosby, both Choctaws, convicted; “Eagletown I. T.” column

Branum, Missouri, 22 October 1897, p. 1; tombstone being put on her grave by Ben Snead and Mr. Howard of Doakville, I. T.; “Eagletown I. T.” column

Pinckard, W. H., 22 October 1897, p. 1; tombstone being put on his grave by Ben Snead and Mr. Howard of Doakville, I. T.; “Eagletown I. T.” column

Jossey, 22 October 1897, p. 8; died one day last week; infant of C. P. Jossey; “From Forge” column

Fowler, Mr. N. M., 22 October 1897, p. 8; died on the 9th inst.; of Fowlersville, I. T.; postmaster of that place; 61 years of age; spent many years as pastor of the Baptist church; leaves several children; "Ultima Thule, Oct 12, 1897"

Going, Sampson, 29 October 1897, p. 1; murdered; deputy sheriff of Eagle county; conviction in Choctaw Nation supreme court of Wm. Going and Ramsey Crosby

Goff, 29 October 1897, p. 1; birth of twin girls to Mrs. Fannie Goff last Sunday morning; "From Silver Hill" column

Lane, William, 29 October 1897, p. 1; fell from the upper piazza of the European hotel last Saturday; died Monday

Nally, John, 5 November 1897, p. 1; foreman of railroad section crew killed in train accident last Monday; buried at Johnsonville; services conducted by B. F. Cannon

Denson, 5 November 1897, p. 4; birth of son to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Denson of Fowlersville, I. T.

Wright, 12 November 1897, p. 1; birth of girl to Ed Wright of DeQueen

Dixon, 12 November 1897, p. 1; birth of girl to Tom Dixon household in the Dollarhide settlement

Nally, Jno., 12 November 1897, p. 1; foreman of section 60 killed by a train one day last week near Gillham; was attempting to rescue one of his men caught under the hand car

Bunch, Mrs. Elendor, 12 November 1897, p. 8; died on the 4th inst. at her son's Elder S. Bunch of this place; 70 years old; lived in Sevier county 33 years; leaves three children advanced in years

Reese, 12 November 1897, p. 8; infant of William Reese died on the morning of the 9 inst. at Forgy, Howard county; buried in the Dassey cemetery

- Allen, Mrs. M. C., 19 November 1897, p. 1; died November 17, 1897 at Janssen, Ark. at the age of 71 years; mother of Mr. W. M. Allen; leaves seven children; husband died August 10, 1896; buried in Dallas (Polk county) cemetery Friday
- Amos, Thos., 19 November 1897, p. 1; prominent Choctaw of Eagletown killed November 11 while on way home from DeQueen by Foston Fubbs, a Choctaw desperado; shot in side; was an ex-sheriff of Eagle county; ran a saw mill
- Hudson, Wash, 19 November 1897, p. 1; prominent Choctaw of Eagletown killed November 11 while on way home from DeQueen by Foston Fubbs, a Choctaw desperado; shot in heart and shoulder; ruling elder in the Mountain Fork Presbyterian church
- Dyer, 19 November 1897, p. 1; infant child of Rev. and Mrs. James Dyer died one day last week
- Watson, 19 November 1897, p. 4; birth of twin boys to W. R. Watson of Lockesburg
- Axton, Mr., 17 December 1897, p. 4; died last week of Bright's disease; "Lebanon News" column
- Gilbert, Maggie, 8 January 1898, p. 1; died Tuesday the 4th; daughter of Thomas Gilbert; "Silver Hill" column
- Cook, 8 January 1898, p. 3; birth of girl to John Cook and wife; reported by T. B. Atchley of Umpire
- 21 January 1898, p. 8; birth of girl on the 7th to brother of Sand Hills correspondent "Oliver"
- Hendrick, Alex, 4 February 1898, p. 1; died January 22 at his home near Chapell Hill; about 70 years old; buried in cemetery at Chapel Hill on Sunday the 23rd
- McKinley, Mrs. Thursa, 4 February 1898, p. 1; died Tuesday the 25th, ultima; 80 years old

Brown, Brunson, 18 February 1898, p. 1; died Saturday night at his sister's residence; son of Rev. Russel Brown; body taken to his home in Polk county; buried Sunday evening; "From Gillham" column

McKinley, Mr. N. C., 18 February 1898, p. 1; died of pneumonia Thursday February 10 at his home near Chapel Hill; 48 years of age; citizen of this county for 25 years; member of Methodist church; leaves wife, four daughters and five sons; buried Chapel Hill cemetery

Johnson, Mrs. Rebecca, 18 February 1898, p. 1; died February 4 at her home near Horatio; wife of D. F. Johnson; of the Cumberland Presbyterian church; leaves husband and two children; 72 years old

Jones, Mr. J. W., 25 February 1898, p. 1; of New Boston, Texas; news of his death reached here a few days ago; purchased land in town and was frequent visitor; served as Clerk of Bowie county, Texas

Mayshaw, Mr., 25 February 1898, p. 1; killed February 14 from tree limb falling on top of his head while testing saw at Mr. Norburg's mill camp; buried in cemetery just east of DeQueen; leaves a wife and adopted child

Cox, 4 March 1898, p. 6; birth of child at home of Mr. Billie Cox; "Lebanon News" column

Griffin, 11 March 1898, p. 1; daughter of Cy Griffin burned to death while helping father plow ground being burned off; her mother also badly burned; buried at Horatio Saturday

Woodruff, 11 March 1898, p. 5; birth of girl to Mr. Woodruff and wife

Turner, Mrs., 1 April 1898, p. 1; died suddenly last Friday; buried Saturday; "From Gillham" column

Turner, Mrs. Delila L., 8 April 1898, p. 4; died Friday night of last week very suddenly of heart disease at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. M. C. Burk; aged 69 years, 2 months and 10 days; came here from Poteau, I. T. where she had resided since death of husband James

Turner on January 2, 1892; buried at Gillham cemetery Saturday; “March 28, 1898 Gillham, Ark.”

Favre (Fobbs), Foster, 15 April 1898, p. 1; committed suicide in jail at Alikchi (Sulphur Springs), I. T., on Wednesday night, April 6; cut his own throat; to be tried for murder of Tom Amous and Wash Hudson

Robert, 22 April 1898, p. 5; birth of son to Mr. Robert; “Accident” column

Bell, Capt. J. H., 22 April 1898, p. 8; died last Saturday at Nashville, Arkansas of apoplexy; was candidate for County Judge of Howard county

Ogden, Nora, 20 May 1898, p. 1; died Wednesday, May 4; buried in cemetery at Chapel Hill; daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ogden

Wolfe, Mrs. Ellen S., 17 June 1898, p. 2; died June 1898 at her home near Ultima Thule, Arkansas; aged 46 years; born in Lancaster County, South Carolina and lived there until five years ago; leaves a husband and six children

Moses, Mrs. W. A. [?, unreadable], 24 June 1898, p. 1

Bauer, 8 July 1898, p. 1; birth of girl to Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Bauer

Williamson, Thomas, 15 July 1898, p. 1; died July 13, 1898 at his home in this city; son of Mrs. S. E. Dollarhide; buried in the Lockesburg cemetery

Boyd, Mrs. Mary E., 15 July 1898, p. 4, died July 4, 1898 at her residence in this city; widow of Wm. A. Boyd; taken sick October 30, 1897; sister to John A. Hughes, Robert Hughes, Mrs. M. E. Daniels and Mrs. J. M. Callaham; born November 9, 1848, three miles east of Centre Point, Howard County (then Pike), Arkansas; united with M. E. church at age 12; married November 4, 1869; three children born but only one lived to bless her life, Walter A.; buried by her husband in the Centre Point cemetery; “From Centre Point Advocate”

Tallet, 5 August 1898, p. 1; birth of baby girls to Mr. Tallet and wife

Bolden, Ira Ellis, 5 August 1898, p. 4; died August 19, 1897; aged 1 year and 11 months; youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Bolden; from Edna Roberts of Huntsdale, Missouri

Smith, Dr., 5 August 1898, p. 4; jury in Millwee trial for murder of Dr. Smith stood 4 for acquittal and 8 for conviction

Bauer, Marjorie, 12 August 1898, p. 1; died Saturday morning in this city; infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Bauer

Jones, 12 August 1898, p. 1; Henry Cook and Charles Lee who were sent to penitentiary one year ago for murder of Jones were pardoned by the Governor

McNeal, Charlie R., 26 August 1898, p. 1; died Saturday at McDonnell Hotel; remains shipped to his home in Omawa [Onawa?], Iowa; "Gillham Dots" column

Tanner, Georgia, 26 August 1898, p. 2; died about 2 weeks ago; verses written in memory of death

Pickens, 2 September 1898, p. 1; child of Robert Pickens died last week of congestive chill; "Lockesburg Locals" column

Taylor, 2 September 1898, p. 1; birth of boy to Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Taylor

2 September 1898, p. 1; Birth of girl Wednesday to Mr. and Mrs. A. T. _____? _____

McNeil, G. [C.?] R., 2 September 1898, p. 1; card of thanks from Mr. and Mrs. E. R. McNeil and family of Anana(?) [Amana?], Iowa

Hughes, 2 September 1898, p. 1; birth of boy to Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hughes last week; "From Petty" column

Hannah, Dumpsie, 9 September 1898, p. 1; died Thursday, September 1; daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hannah; visiting aunt in western Texas at time of death

Erwin, ___ A., 9 September 1898, p. 1; died at division hospital in Chickamauga; in company I; formerly lived at Grannis; buried in the national cemetery

Hannah, Pattie P., 9 September 1898, p. 2; died August 31, 1898 at home of her aunt Tece Auren in Clarendon, Texas; born September 17, 1876 near Ultima Thule, Sevier county; second daughter of Bro. W. C. and Lou Hannah; better known as Dumpsie; survived by father, mother, two sisters and five brothers; joined M. E. church South in 1891 at Masonic Hall

Burson, 23 September 1898, p. 1; birth of boy to Mr. and Mrs. Burson

McCord, 23 September 1898, p. 1; infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McCord died Tuesday night

Coulter, Mrs. C. P., 30 September 1898, p. 1; died Wednesday, September 21 at her home a few miles east of Lockesburg

Crane, 30 September 1898, p. 1; man found dead a few days ago; thought to have been dead about 2 weeks; found by Frank Andrews lying across bed with his head resting on his gun lock; about 45 years old

Wood, W. A., 30 September 1898, p. 4; died Friday night from injuries suffered when he fell in John Stephen's well last week

Coulter, Mrs., 30 September 1898, p. 4; John McKean and his mother went to Lockesburg Wednesday to attend funeral

Strickland, Sam, 7 October 1898, p. 1; formerly of this county; was a sargeant in the first Arkansas but was at Fayetteville on furlough

Howell, Mrs., 7 October 1898, p. 1; wife of the foreman of the Williamson lumber mills; made an attempt to shoot husband in back last Friday; taken to prison; found in a senseless condition Saturday and given medical aid; died Sunday

Shirrock, Mrs. Joe, 7 October 1898, p. 4; formerly of this place; started with her husband to Texas a few days ago; "Fair View Notes" column

McCord, 14 October 1898, p. 1; two year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McCord died Tuesday evening, October 11

Williamson, Berry, 28 October 1898, p. 4; member of Baptist church at Mt. Pleasant; memorial resolutions of Baptist church

Edwards, 11 November 1898, p. 4; unknown man found dead on railroad tracks near K. C. P. & G. depot Saturday; body mangled; thought to be killed by freight train; identified as Edwards who worked up the road

Thornton, 18 November 1898, p. 1; died Tuesday morning; infant of D. M. Thornton who lives a few miles east of here on the Cossatot

Morgan, 25 November 1898, p. 4; birth of boy to Dr. Morgan household

Davis, Mrs. Sarah Ann, 9 December 1898, p. 1; died Sunday November 27, 1898 at home of her son, E. L. Davis of this city; in her 77th year; native of Mississippi; member of the Baptist church for twenty years; buried in old Chapel Hill cemetery

Hoggard, Mrs. Jennie, 6 January 1899, p. 1; died December 24, 1898; born December 27, 1873; married J. W. Hoggard August 6, 1893; five children born of which three preceded mother in death; joined the Baptist church in early girlhood; née Jeter

Hallman, Mrs. J. P., 13 January 1899, p. 1; died Wednesday January 4 after two years of suffering from acute rheumatism; of Ultima Thule; buried in the Chapel Hill cemetery Friday

Moore, Marion, 13 January 1899, p. 1; thought to have drowned in Cossatot last Friday evening riding the mail from Lockesburg to Horatio; Negro mail rider; his horse went to Lockesburg Friday night riderless and with a wet saddle on; mail sacks found afterward but no body discovered at last account

- Sparrow, Paul, 13 January 1899, p. 1; died last week with pneumonia; mail rider from here to Petty; "Gillham Gossip" column
- Vancil, James M., 13 January 1899, p. 2; died January 5, 1899 after many months of weary suffering; in the 69th year of his life; served in the Confederacy under Ross of Texas; married Isabella Moreland in 1865 whom he survived 17 years; joined Baptist church in 1881 but became converted in last years to Christadelphians sect
- Harris, Dona, 13 January 1899, p. 2; died Thursday night from congestion of the brain; buried in cemetery at Chapel Hill Friday; daughter of M. Harris
- Corley, 20 January 1899, p. 1, drowned; daughter of J. C. Corley living near Lockesburg; was teaching in Polk county near Mena
- Harris, Dona, 20 January 1899, p. 1; died January 5, 1899 of congestion of the brain; buried Chapel Hill cemetery
- Verbines, 27 January 1899, p. 1; birth of boy at Verbines home
- Harris, Dona, 27 January 1899, p. 1; Resolutions from Baptist church in memory of
- Wallis, John T., 27 January 1899, p. 2; died December 29, 1898 of meningitis; was 24 years old; member of Cumberland Presbyterian church; son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Wallis
- Fluorney, Mrs. George, 10 February 1899, p. 1; died Monday from effects of a serious burn she received a week ago when her clothes caught on fire while she was washing; lived a few miles east of this place
- Foster, Joe, 17 February 1899, p. 1; killed last Saturday in explosion of Mr. Palmer's mill in Wycks, a few miles south of here
- Jones, Burgher H., 17 February 1899, p. 4; died in Manilla last week; officer in the regular army; brother of Mrs. Emma Welcome

Tong, Dill, 3 March 1899, p. 1; killed when thrown from train Tuesday night; was riding the blind baggage

Kennett, Willie T., 3 March 1899, p. 1; died February 7 at University Place, Nebraska; he requested a year or two ago that Rev. H. H. Ridings preach his funeral at Silver Hill from John 3-16; request will be complied with fourth Sunday in May; "Gillham Gossip" column

Booth, 3 March 1899, p. 1; birth of girl to John Booth

Barnes, 3 March 1899, p. 1; birth of boy to Lum Barnes and wife

Benson, Cyrus H., 3 March 1899, p. 4; died February 2 of typhoid pneumonia; was a citizen of this county, near Lockesburg, for fifteen years; of Bells, Texas; brother B. C. Benson received the news of this death

Holman, Mrs. Mary B., 10 March 1899, p. 4, died at her home near Ultimathule, Arkansas February 1899; born December 20, 1823 in Charlotte county, Virginia; married Captain C. K. Holman September 14, 1842 in Sevier county; among the early pioneers of this country; member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church

Wilson, 31 March 1899, p. 1; birth of boy last Friday to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wilson

Autrey, Mrs. Louis, 31 March 1899, p. 1; died Tuesday evening at this place; buried in Lockesburg cemetery Thursday; suffered illness for some weeks

Smith, Mrs. E. A., 7 April 1899, p. 4; died Monday morning at her home near Chapel Hill; had been ill for some time; mother of James and Joseph Smith

Smith, Mrs. E. A., 21 April 1899, p. 1; resolutions of respect from the Ladies' Home Mission Society of the M. E. church

Smith, Sister E. A., 21 April 1899, p. 4; tribute of respect from auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Little Rock

Conference, Prescott District, at Chapel Hill, of which she was president

Hayes, 28 April 1899, p. 1; birth of girl to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hayes

Tower, Chief T. A., 12 May 1899, p. 1; buried Friday, May 5 by the Pequod Tribe No. 25, Improved Order of Red Men; born in Ohio in 1849; survived by widow and four daughters

Murphy, Will, 26 May 1899, p. 1; died Tuesday morning; accidentally shot in the thigh a few weeks ago; leg had been amputated due to gangrene

Walsh, Dave, 26 May 1899, p. 4; died Monday morning at the home of C. W. Story of this city; from an attack of nervous prostration caused by a hurt on a hip; was lumber grader at Williamson Brothers' lumber yards; remains shipped to his brother in Arkadelphia; labored to give his sister a college education

Gillham, Robert, 26 May 1899, p. 4; died last Friday in Kansas City; funeral in Kansas City on Sunday; general manager of the K. C. P. & G. railroad

Sanford, Uncle Bob, 26 May 1899, p. 4; died suddenly last week; of Lockesburg; 87 years old

Wommack, 2 June 1899, p. 1; thanks from Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wommack for help during sickness and death of their little daughter

Davis, Mrs. George, 2 June 1899, p. 1; died Monday night

Hall, G. A., 2 June 1899, p. 1; died this week; born at Lindon, Cass county, Texas in 1874; affectionate father and husband

Davis, Jennie, 2 June 1899, p. 1; died last Monday; wife of G. G. Davis; member of Missionary Baptist church; leaves husband and two small children

Holmes, Robert, 2 June 1899, p. 2; died a few days ago with measles; lived near Williamson Bro's mill

Wommack, Nellie, 2 June 1899, p. 2; died Thursday of measles; two year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wommack

Bauer, 2 June 1899, p. 2; died Saturday at home; infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Bauer; buried at the Chapel Hill cemetery Sunday

McKean, 9 June 1899, p. 4; birth of girl Saturday to Mr. and Mrs. W. G. McKean

Penrod, 9 June 1899, p. 4; died Saturday; infant child of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Penrod

Cannon, Oma, 23 June 1899, p. 1; died September 189(3 or 8); In Memoriam

Walsh, Mr. J. D., 23 June 1899, p. 2; died May 22, 1896 [*sic*] at residence of Mr. Story; "I'm glad I'm going to die, for I'm going to my dear parents"

Denson, Gussie E., 7 July 1899, p. 2; died December 28, 1898 near Bagwell, Texas; aged seven years, six months, three days; survived by father, mother, six sisters and five brothers; is the first of twelve children to die; from a loving sister in Bagwell

Colvin, 7 July 1899, p. 2; brother of G. B. Colvin and Mrs. F. M. Smith in Beebe died

O'Neal, Ruth, 14 July 1899, p. 2; acrostic in memory of

Fuller, Martha, 14 July 1899, p. 2; Died June 20, 1899; 80 years of age; member of the Missionary Baptist church for sixteen years; buried in Mount Ida cemetery

Williamson, Sister W. H., 14 July 1899, p. 2; Died May 12, 1899; wife of John Williamson; survived by husband and one child; buried in Mount Ida cemetery

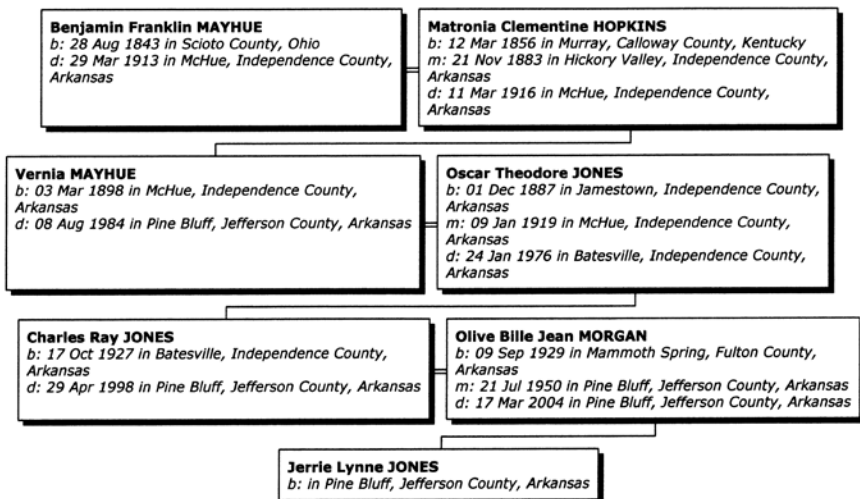
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Arkansas Ancestry Certificates

Arkansas Civil War Ancestry Certificate for Jerrie Jones Townsend

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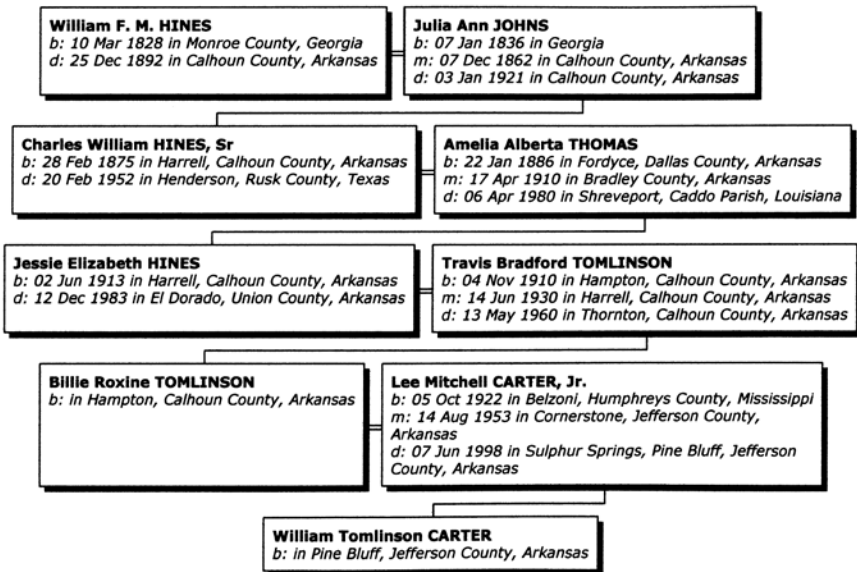
Jerrie Jones Townsend received a Certificate of Arkansas Ancestry for the Civil War based on documentation submitted for the following lineage. The Civil War ancestor was Benjamin Franklin Mayhue. Benjamin Franklin Mayhue was a Private in Co. G, 131st Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, Union Army and received a pension while living in Arkansas.



Arkansas Civil War Ancestry Certificate for William Tomlinson Carter

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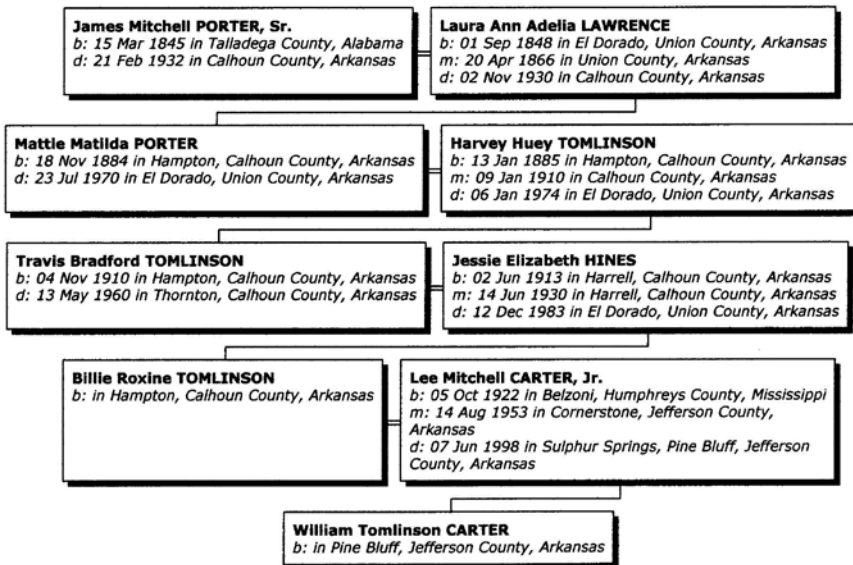
William Tomlinson Carter received a Certificate of Arkansas Ancestry for the Civil War based on documentation submitted for the following lineage. The Civil War ancestor was William F. M. Hines. William F. M. Hines was a Private in Co. C, 19th Regiment, Arkansas Infantry, Confederate States Army.



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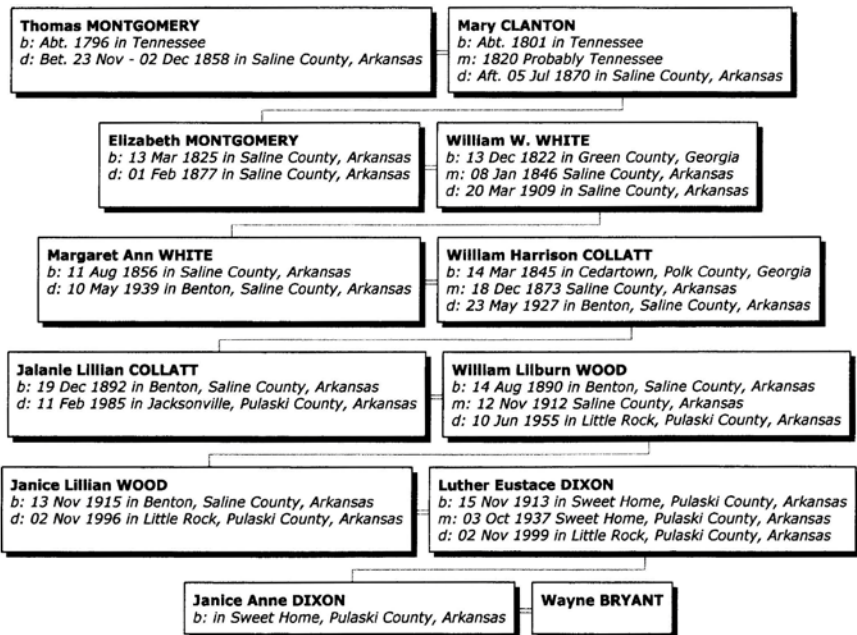
William Tomlinson Carter received a Certificate of Arkansas Ancestry for the Civil War based on documentation submitted for the following lineage. The Civil War ancestor was James Mitchell Porter, Sr. who was a Private in Co. F, Hardy's Regiment, Arkansas Infantry, Confederate States Army.



Arkansas Territorial Ancestry Certificate for Anne D. Bryant

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Anne D. Bryant received a Certificate of Arkansas Ancestry for the Territorial period based on documentation submitted for the following lineage. The Territorial ancestor was Thomas Montgomery. Thomas Montgomery was in Saline County, Arkansas, by or before 13 March 1825 when his daughter was born there.



Arkansas Queries

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

ADKINS – PROCTER – JACKSON – Seeking date/place of death for James H. Adkins b 1859 AL. Listed in 1900 Cross Co, AR census as a raftsman with wife Sarah Procter Jackson and children Mary and John. Courthouse records show him deceased in 1916. *Patsy Spencer Hooper*, 2153 LaSalle Ave., Gretna, LA 70056-4514

BEAVER – PENDERGRASS – NEELEY – CLOPTON – TATUM – QUICK – WAITS – Lines I'm working on: Wilson A. Beaver & misc. Pendergrass – Carroll & Madison Co's; Henry Clay Neeley – Benton & Sebastian Co's; misc. Clopton – Sebastian & Scott Co's; Jesse, W. C., Joe Tatum – Cleburne Co; G. H. & David Quick – Sebastian Co; misc. Waits – Madison Co. *Mildred Tatum*, 1301 Taft Hwy Spc 166; Bakersfield, CA 93307-6284, mildee@sbcglobal.net

CHAPMAN – Seeking information on my grandfather, James Silas Chapman, Jr b 4 May 1884 Newton Co, AR. Brother: Wm Walton Chapman b Dec 1893 AR. Sister: Mary Rose Chapman b Jan 1893 AR. Mother: Mary Frances b May 1855 AR, married 1876/78 to Allen Lucas; then m. 1883-1889 to James Silas Chapman, Sr, probably AR. *Marianne Rugeley*, 1217 Cindy St., Crowley, TX 76036, ldyedtr@charter.net

CLARK – Need family information on Albert D. Clark. The following is from the 1920 Jonesboro, Craighead Co, AR census: Albert D. Clark 32 WM AR; Hannah 30 WF AR; Chester A. 8 WM AR; Geneva 7 WF AR; Hershel 5 WM AR; Mildred 3 WF AR; Willmer 10 months WM AR. *Charles N. Ferguson*, 811 So Market, Shawnee, OK 74801

CLARK – Need family information on the following members of the Clark family. The following is from the 1900 Denton Twp, Scott Co, AR census: John Clark WM Feb 1865 35 AR; Liza wife Mar 1866 34 MO; Alec son Jan 1885 15 AR; Albert son May 1888 12 AR; Esther dau Feb

1890 10 AR; Ada dau Oct 1891 8 AR; Mary A. dau Mar 1896 4 AR; Etta dau June 1899 11 months AR. *Charles N. Ferguson*, 811 So Market, Shawnee, OK 74801

CLARK – Need family information on James Elec Clark b Jan 1885 in Scott Co, AR, d 19 Jan 1965, Buried: Sand Springs, OK. Wife: Roxie. Lived in Tulsa, OK. Parents: John W. Clark & Eliza Gibbens. *Charles N. Ferguson*, 811 So Market, Shawnee, OK 74801

CRITES – Need family information on the children of Marvin Crites & Dorothy Higginbotham: Donald, b 1940; Anna Marie, b 1941; Mary? b 1945. All the children were born in Oklahoma City, OK. After the parents' divorce, Dorothy married an older gentleman bet 1945-1950 in Oklahoma City, OK and moved to Arkansas. In 1985 Donnie was in Florida and the girls were in Oklahoma. Will appreciate any help given. *Charles N. Ferguson*, 811 So Market, Shawnee, OK 74801

FLOWERS – FULLER – HUGG – COLEMAN – MONTGOMERY – I am looking for all info on my g-grandmother Nancy Arilla Flowers-Fuller, daughter of Edward Flowers (Cherokee Nation). Her husband was Johnathon E(?) Fuller; they had sons, Melvin and Verlon (my father). Also interested in Alma & George Hugg; Esper Coleman, & Hugh P. Montgomery. *Donna Ruth Flowers Fuller-Valenzuela*, 7036 San Miguel St., Paramount, CA 90723, donaloyd@sbcglobal.net

GIBBONS – GIBBENS – FIELDS – BROWN – Need death date & place of burial on Seriphia Gibbons/Gibbens b 1861 MO. She married Elbert Brown 1883 Scott Co, AR. They had one daughter, Lula L. b abt 1889 AR, married John Fields. Elbert Brown was born 1850 TX. Will appreciate any help given. *Charles N. Ferguson*, 811 So Market, Shawnee, OK 74801

GREENHILL – I am looking for information about the death of William Henry Greenhill and his wife Amanda Josephine Williams. He was born 8 Feb 1849 AL (probably Lawrence Co) and died on or about 29 Oct 1883 in AR. She was born about 1855 TN (from the 1880 census) and died about the same time as her husband died. They married 12 Jan 1871 in Lawrence Co, AL. They lived at one time in or around Charleston, Franklin Co, AR. They are listed in the 1880 census of

Sebastian Co, AR. Her mother, M. A. Williams is also included in the household. They are my great-grandparents and they had the following children: Ann Eliza Greenhill, b 21 Jul 1873 AL (probably Lawrence Co), d 9 May 1947 AL; Arthur Edgar Greenhill, b 27 May 1876 in Charleston, Franklin Co, AR, d 3 Feb 1944 in Decatur, Morgan, AL; C. G. Greenhill (female) b Nov 1879 AR (info from 1880 census), she probably died on or before 29 Oct 1883 in AR. Ann Eliza and Arthur Edgar were orphaned when their parents died. Arthur Edgar was my grandfather and he was raised by an aunt. **Charles L. Dinsmore**, P.O. Box 2368, Anniston, AL 36202, cdinsmore@bellsouth.net

HENARD – SORRELS – GLENN – JOHNSON – Interested in anyone with these surnames in eastern Arkansas and DeSoto Co, MS. **Dora F. Robinson**, 300 Lo Hawk Drive, Heber Springs, AR 72543-2015, dfcerob@suddenlink.net

IRWIN – BROWN – Would like information about the Irwin and Brown families who lived in Mississippi Co, AR near Blytheville in or around 1910. John Irwin married Mamie Brown and they had two children. Both John and Mamie were deceased by 1920 and buried in Sawyer Cemetery which I understand was abandoned long ago. What happened to the bodies buried there? **Mamie Parker**, 20838 W. Foxtail Ct., Plainfield, IL 60544, mlupie@sbcglobal.net

LEWIS – RHOADS – Seeking descendants of Moses Vandever Lewis b 1833 in Vineyard Twp, Washington Co, AR, d 1905 Washburn, Sebastian Co, AR, married Sarah Rhoads 1855 in Logan Co, AR. Children included Jones, Samuel Newton, Alvis Clinton, Henry, Isaac. **Greig Lewis**, 9005 Moye, El Paso, TX 79925, flewis1@elp.rr.com

PRINCE – BUELY – Researching the ancestors of Cary A. Prince (b abt 1802 SC) and wife Julia Buely (b abt 1807 SC) who moved from South Carolina (possibly Union Co) to Tennessee and then on to Conway Co, AR. By 1850 they were living near Lick Mountain. I am descended from their daughter, Mary Adeline Prince who married Witheral Anderson Wilson on 29 July 1854. **Saundra Thixton**, 25258 Airport Rd., Philomath, OR 97370, sandythixton@peak.org

ROBERTSON – BYRD – Interested in exchanging info about Richard Robertson, b abt 1806 VA, d near Pine Bluff, AR, and his wife Clara (Clairsy) Byrd, b abt 1807 NC, d near Pine Bluff, AR 1871. Children were: Mansel M., Nelson M., Elizabeth, William Garrett, Thomas Mathias, Samuel Monroe, and John Pleasant. *Robert E. Robertson*, 3276 S. Hiwan Dr., Evergreen, CO 80439-8926

RUDELL – GRAHAM – CRISWELL – A daughter of Abraham Ruddell of Batesville, Independence Co, AR, Sarah Ruddell married Moses Graham circa 1818, he died in 1821, she then married Ambrose Criswell in 1820s. Does anyone have a date of death for Sarah Ruddell Graham Criswell? *Bill Hanks*, 1217 W. 3rd St., Little Rock, AR 72201

SMITH PLANTATION – SABB – BOATRIGHT – I would like to know the location of the Smith plantation. I know that it was located in Jefferson Co about 11 miles northwest of Pine Bluff. My gg-grandparents, Marlborough Sabb and Lettie Boatright were married on the Smith plantation in 1873. *Lettie Sabbs and Nettie Nesbart*, 2449 E. 93 St., Chicago, IL 60617, nlj3@aol.com

SOWARD – HOTCHKISS – MEAD – Seeking date and place of marriage of West Walker Soward and Matilda Hotchkiss, daughter of Hezekiah Knight Hotchkiss and Lydia Mead. All were in St. Francis Co, AR ca. 1836-1839 then settled in Independence Co., AR by 1840. Need dates of death for Hezekiah and Lydia. He is on 1850 census, she is not. *H. Martin Soward, III*, 5215 Dove Nest Street, San Antonio, TX 78250-4708, h.martin.soward@sbcglobal.net

WASHINGTON – FROST – JACKSON – Seeking information about John Washington of Crittenden Co, AR; b 20 Dec 1884 in Ramer, TN; his wife, Dora Frost-Jackson Washington, b 25 Dec 1890; and their daughter Lucille b 1914. *James S. Walker*, 9699 County Rd SS, Amherst Junction, WI 54407, jimtrojan@aol.com

WOOD – Need parents and birthplaces of Abraham, Sr. and Catherine Wood, both born prior to 1770 and died between 1830-1840. They came from Bedford Co, TN to Lawrence Co, AR (present-day Marion Co) ca. 1818 and settled on Crooked Creek, just east of Yellville. *Frances Hook Jernigan*, 52 Colony Rd., Little Rock, AR 72227, melrose50@aol.com

Book Reviews

Finding Granddad's War. By Jeffrey Badger. Ancestry Publishing, 360 West 4800 North, Provo, UT 84604. 2008. Order online at www.theancestrystore.com. 321 pages, photos, maps, bibliography. Paper with Glossy paper cover. \$19.95.

Jeffrey Badger never knew his grandfather, Leo Kavanaugh, who died when Jeffrey was two months old. Jeffrey's mother was able to tell him what kind of man his grandfather was, but she knew nothing about his World War II experiences. As a young adult Jeffrey was interested enough to search for information about his grandfather's military unit, the 978th Engineer Maintenance Company. When someone sent him a brief history of the unit written after the war and containing the roster of the 377 men who had served in it, Jeffrey started trying to contact those men to find someone who had known his grandfather.

The resulting book is the author's story of his quest for knowledge about his grandfather, the search for people who knew him, and the heartwarming process by which he reconstructed the two years of Leo's World War II life. The author located thirty-two men from his grandfather's company and interviewed them by mail, phone, E-mail and in person. They sent him hundreds of photographs. Four of the men were his grandfather's best friends.

In time, the author used their information to visit the places in Europe where the unit had been stationed or had passed through. There he gained more information and insight from residents who had been there in 1944, and they gave him more photographs.

The story of the search is told mainly through copies of the letters, transcriptions of the interviews, and the photos he collected. The result is an anecdotal account of the daily life of the young soldiers trying to do their job and their best for their country.

The book provides an informative but informal history of a small part of the World War II experience through the reminiscences of ordinary soldiers who lived it and survived it.

Those interested in the experiences of the common soldier through their own words will enjoy this book.

Susan Gardner Boyle
Little Rock, Arkansas

Finding Your Italian Ancestors, A Beginner's Guide. By Suzanne Russo Adams, AG. Ancestry Publishing, 360 West 4800 North, Provo, Utah 84604, 2008. 189 pages includes tables, maps, illustrations, photographs, copies of original records, glossaries, bibliography, index. \$19.95. Glossy paper cover. Order from www.theancestrystore.com.

The author begins with the usual advice about getting started with home sources, finding out what's already been done, determining the foreign locality, naming customs, learning the language, and searching for whole families.

She points out the importance of starting foreign research in United States resources and explains the use of census, immigration and naturalization records, WW I draft registrations, vital records, city directories, church and cemetery records, and newspapers and obituaries.

She then shifts the focus to Italy, explaining regions (like U.S. states), provinces (like U.S. counties), towns, and neighborhoods or hamlets, the use of maps, atlases and gazetteers, and the clustering of surnames. She suggests using the Family History Library catalog to find records from specific locations and learning more about places online.

Three chapters are devoted to civil records and church records and a fourth addresses reading those records, including language, handwriting, and abbreviations. A chapter about Italian archives explains military records, tax lists and censuses, passports, notary acts, and school records. The author includes advice about preparation to visit the archives and accessing records once you are there.

The chapter about internet research explains the value and use of both subscription and free sites focused on surnames, geography, maps, archives, and Italian sites.

The appendices include glossaries of Italian words and phrases, occupations, dates and numbers; a timeline of Italian history; seven letters of request for various records in both Italian and English versions; a list of genealogical and historical societies in both the U.S. and Italy; and resources such as professional associations and conferences and seminars. The bibliography is organized in categories such as atlases, handwriting guides, Italian-American history, and source citation.

All in all, one wanting to launch into Italian research would likely find this book very helpful.

Susan Gardner Boyle

The Sleuth Book for Genealogists, Strategies for More Successful Family History Research. By Emily Anne Croom. Originally published by Betterway Books, Cincinnati, 2000. Reprint 2008 by Genealogical Publishing Company, 3600 Clipper Mill Road, Suite 260, Baltimore, MD 21211-1953. Order online at www.genealogical.com. 290 pages, charts, lists, photocopies of original documents, appendices, endnotes, bibliography, index. Glossy paper cover. \$34.95.

This is a book to prepare and guide beginning genealogists or jump-start experienced researchers who are bogged down or stone-walled. The author details her philosophical approach of research as sleuthing, which it is, and illustrates it repeatedly with relevant quotations from *Sherlock Holmes*, *Hercule Poirot*, and other books, authors, and characters.

In her own words, Ms. Croom “concentrates on methods and strategies for more successful research” in this publication. In this day of finding “everything” on the internet, she reminds us of the necessary basics and effective standard procedures.

The table of contents, the foreword, and the introduction lay out the keys to good genealogical research: organizing, focusing, planning, cluster genealogy, gathering and documenting evidence, analyzing data, evaluating, arranging ideas, and sharing success. The author addresses each factor individually and thoroughly, and relates them and reinforces them, increasing the understanding of every factor in every chapter.

Descriptions and explanations are clear, and comparisons of genealogical processes to common everyday things are helpful. The author draws her reader into an understanding of various sources, types of evidence, whole-family or cluster research, documentation, citing sources, and effective methods and processes. Chapter Five, “Gathering Information: Research,” describes and illustrates the use of census, probate, land and tax records, but woven in are discussions of context, reliability of sources, date discrepancies, old and new style calendars, map study, and analyzing every piece of data. In another chapter she discusses the value of writing reports. Three final chapters present case studies and two appendices review the basics and provide samples of documentation.

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