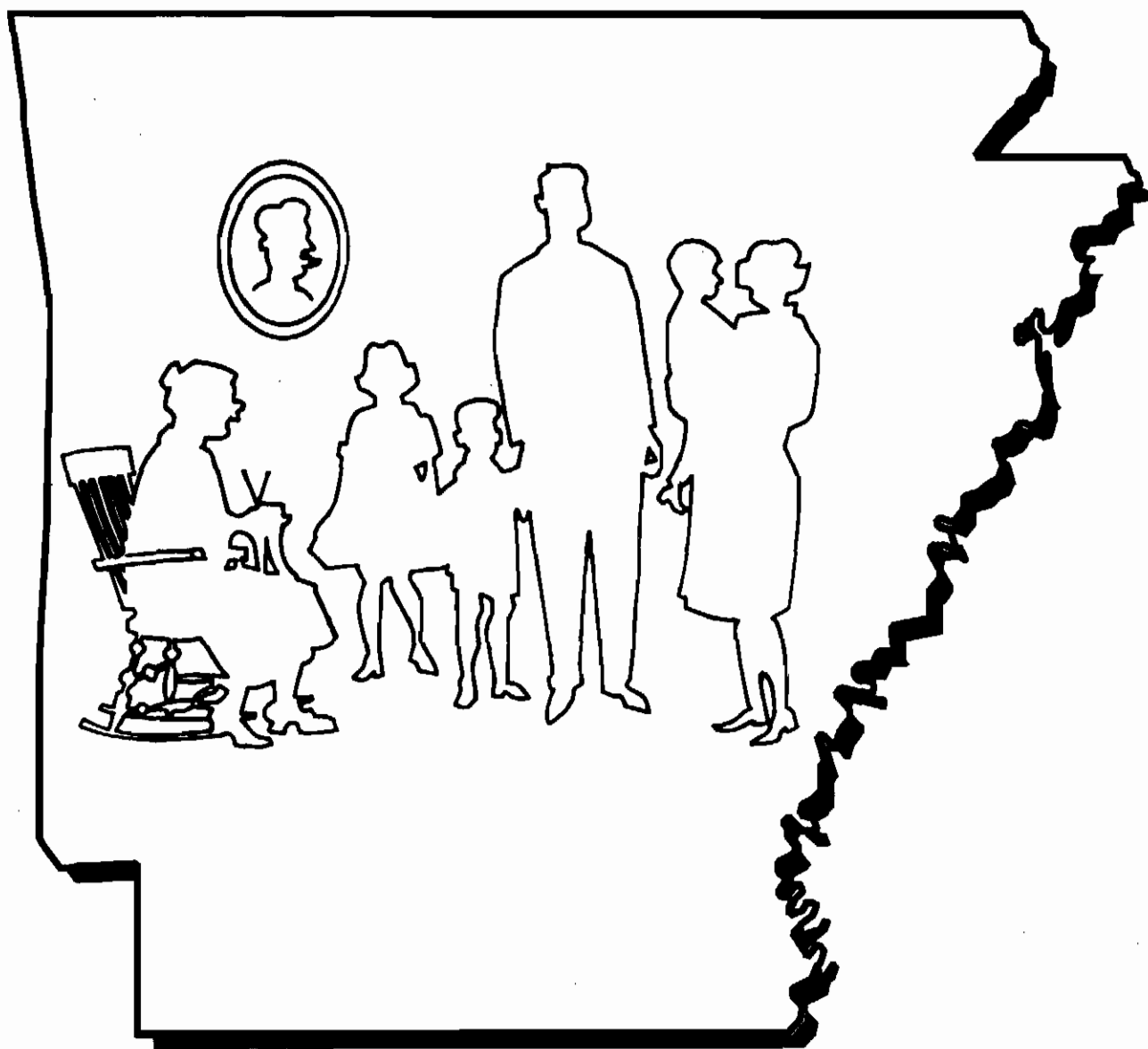


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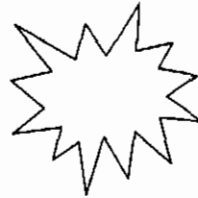
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President's Page

A LAST WORD FROM THE "PRES"

2002 is rapidly slipping away and soon a new year will be upon us. With it will come new challenges and opportunities of all kinds. It is my prayer that it bring all of you health and happiness. 2003 will also bring in a new slate of AGS officers elected at our annual meeting in October. Jan Davenport from North Little Rock will be our new president. First vice president will be Linda McDowell from Little Rock. Second vice president will be Suzanne Jackson from North Little Rock. Louise Mitchell from Brinkley will continue as secretary, as will Treasurer, Alvin Black, from Mount Ida and society historian Wensil Clark from Little Rock - a good mix of "old hands" and enthusiastic new members.

I have enjoyed my four years as your president. It has not been too difficult a job because of the cooperation and hard work of the AGS Board and many of our individual members. During our fall workshop and book fair this year, we celebrated our 40th anniversary. What a time we all had! On Friday night, 100 plus members and guests had generous portions of cake and lots of punch. The many anniversary souvenirs we had to offer charmed everyone. Some were sold out as soon as they were placed on display. Special tee shirts, tote bags, nice blue shirts, "funeral home" fans, pens, and highlighters all sporting our AGS logo were proudly displayed by all present. Several remarked that we should have another "anniversary" party next year since we had so much fun at this one. The teachers of our Friday night classes had full classrooms and got rave reviews for their efforts.

Tony Burroughs our featured speaker on Saturday capped a perfect weekend. Those of us who heard his lectures came away with a

new understanding of just what genealogy and family history is all about. I know we will have Tony back for future programs.

This has also been a year of hard but productive work for AGS. Just in time for our fall meeting, we received copies of the hardback and CD version of our new Arkansas Prior Birth Index. Literally years in the making, this unusual source will revolutionize Arkansas genealogical research. Be sure to order your copy today. The limited hardback edition may not be reprinted when the current supply is depleted. The CD version is now being mailed to those who pre-ordered it. Order forms appear elsewhere in this issue.

We are also now hard at work on the newest edition of our well-received "Arkansas Surname" series. These ever-popular little paperbacks are an attempt to connect our scattered members with other researchers who share a common Arkansas surname. If you are a current AGS member, you can submit up to ten ancestral surnames for this publication free. Contact Alvin Black, AGS, 162 Black Forest Rd., Mount Ida, AR 71957, who is in charge of this project. If you write him and send a S. A. S. E. he will send you a form if you request one. Be sure to read the instructions carefully. The directory will be published toward the end of 2003 if we receive enough surnames. I've sent mine in.

Please keep an eye out for material that would make an article of interest to our readers. How does information on Arkansas families get into our quarterly, the Family Historian? It comes from members like you. If you want more information on your family or the county of your interest, be creative, copy cemetery inscriptions, abstract some church records, write up a story about your

family, send along a transcript of a Civil War letter, etc.

There is a world of information just waiting for you to locate, capture, and share. In a way, each of our members is an "assistant editor" when it comes to supplying information for possible publication.

Thanks once again for all your support while I have been your president. I could not have done it without each of you. Let's try for 40 more years. Ours is the best genealogical society in Arkansas.

Russell P. Baker, AGS President

In Remembrance

A memorial has been received in memory of Mrs. Evia P. Standridge.

Obituaries From The Past

Submitted by Jan Hearn Davenport, 1 Cinnamon Road, North Little Rock, AR 72120

Log Cabin Democrat, Conway, Arkansas
March 30, 1967, page 2

Aaron A. Milam, 93, a retired farmer of Rt. 2, Greenbrier died Tuesday (March 28, 1967) at Memorial Hospital. A native of Pontotoc County, MS, Mr. Milam was born September 24, 1873, a son of W.A. Milam and Mary Nixon Milam. Surviving are two sons, E. R. Milam and E. J. Milam, both of Conway; two daughters, Mrs. Clarice Wilcox of Greenbrier and Mrs. John Brannon of Paducah, KY, 16 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren.

George Jefferson Pearson, aged 89, who lived alone, was found dead on the floor of

his home at Wooster. A coroner's investigation revealed Mr. Pearson died of natural causes. Mr. Pearson was born in Alabama July 3, 1861, and had lived in Wooster 80 years. Surviving are a daughter, Mr. M. E. Thomas of Conway, a son A. E. Pearson of Plainview, a sister Mrs. Hester Carter of Wooster; a brother, J.E. Pearson of Oklahoma and 17 grandchildren

Log Cabin Democrat, Conway, Arkansas
September 29, 1938, page 2

Death came at 11 a.m. today to Mrs. S.F. Davenport (Susan Frances Pearson) aged 84 at her home, 1700 Duncan St. A resident of Conway for 30 years, she was a native of Alabama, born there March 27, 1854. She came to Faulkner county at the age of 15. She is survived by six daughters, Mrs. F.E. Allen of Little Rock, Mrs. Willie Chapman of Tulsa, OK, Mrs. J.A. Hutto of Varner, AR, Mrs. J.D. Gassaway of North Little Rock, Mrs. R.V. Griggs, of El Paso, TX, and Miss Frankie Davenport of Conway and a son Sanford Davenport of Conway.

Log Cabin Democrat, Conway, Arkansas
August 23, 1956, page 2

Mrs. Hester Cornelia Carter, 90 year old resident of the Pleasant Valley community, died at the home of a son, Chester Lee Carter Saturday. A daughter of the late William Nathan and Elizabeth Carter Pearson she was born in Tuscaloosa, AL, Feb. 11, 1866. She lived in Arkansas 87 years. Her husband was the late John Lee Carter. Also surviving are five other sons, W. N. of Greenbrier, T. D. Carter of Wooster, M. L. Carter of Goodwell, OK, C. B. Carter of Stuttgart, and C.J. Carter of Green Bay, WI; a daughter, Mrs. M. R. Patton of Greenbrier, 23 grandchildren, and 22 grandchildren.

Box 908

Seminar for Beginners Announced

The Arkansas Genealogical Society, in co-sponsorship with Heritage Seekers Genealogy Club of North Little Rock, AR, will conduct a one-day series of classes April 12, 2003, at the Airport Holiday Inn, Little Rock, AR, on "Back to Basics." These classes will be designed to introduce Beginners to Genealogical and Family History Research as well as enhance the methods and procedures of seasoned researchers. Beginners are encouraged to attend and learn the best ways to research and record family histories in Arkansas and beyond. Look for a registration form in the next Newsletter and plan now to attend and bring a friend!

Joan Vickers, 110 Pine Meadows Loop, Hot Springs, AR 71901, advises that a Stone County History Book is under preparation and manuscripts are being solicited. Manuscripts should be in narrative format without long lists of 'just genealogies.' Photographs welcome, but no originals – copies only, which will not be returned. Few rules otherwise, but specifics can be obtained from the committee or by mail (send SASE), or from the website. Stories pertaining to locations within the county are also solicited.

Manuscripts may be mailed to: Stone County History Book, C/O Stone County Library, PO Box 1105, Mountain Home, AR 72560.

For those with Internet connections, the ongoing status will be listed at: www.rootesweb.com/~arscgs

The chairman of the History book Committee is Russell E. Corzine, 3041B Highway 262, Onia, AR 72663.

On March 29, 2003, the Village Genealogical Society, Hot Springs, AR, will present George K. Sweitzer, Ph. D on Frontier Religion and Its Genealogical Effects, Researching in Burned Out Counties and Pennsylvania Genealogical Research. Contact Sheila Beatty, 27 Doblez Circle, Hot Springs, AR 71909 for more particulars.

Ridge Roots 2003 will be held 22 March 2003 at the Cathedral Baptist Church, Jonesboro, AR, featuring Leslie Collier on the topic "Tracing Female Ancestors." Contact the Genealogy Society of Craighead County, PO Box 844, Jonesboro, AR 72403-0844, for details.

Reunion

"Celebrating Chapmans" meeting will be held in Richmond, VA, May 13-19, 2003. Contact this family association at 770 South Post Oak Lane, Houston, TX 77056-1913, for full details on the event.

New Surname Directory Now Being Compiled for AGS Members

Be sure to take advantage of this new compilation. Use the form in the back of this issue to enter the ancestors you are researching, and get in touch with others searching your lines.

The deadline is approaching!

Certificate of Arkansas Ancestry Report

By Jan Eddleman, 1807 Sunshine Mine Rd.,
Hackett, AR 72937

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three categories:

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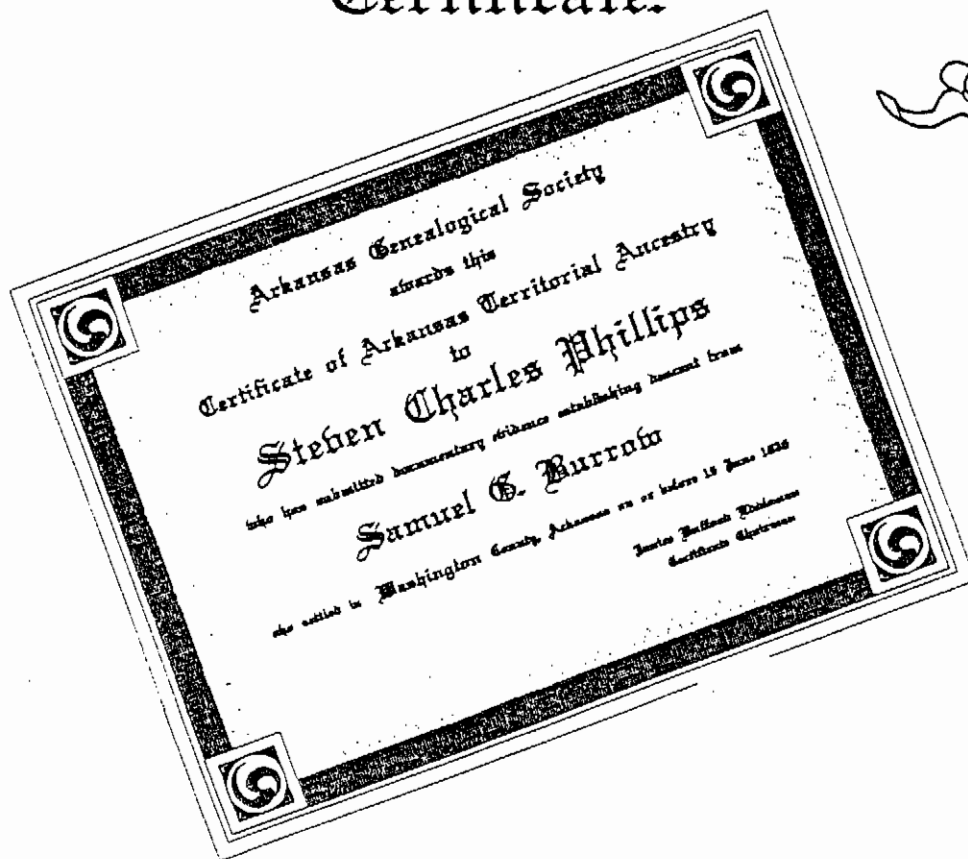
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6 May 1861;

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before 31 December 1900

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Springs, AR 71902-0908, for an application
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Ashley County 1849 Tax List

Submitted by Russell P. Baker, 6525 Magnolia, Mabelvale, AR 72103, from microfilm copy at the Arkansas History Commission. The headings of the columns show content.

Name	No. Acres	Location	No. Slaves
Anderton, Ples			
Arnold, John			
Arnold, James			
Allen, Young S.			
Allen, Clearmont C.			
Allen, Josiah			4
Adams, David			
Adams, Joseph			
Adams, Berry	56	T 17 S, R 5 W	
Agee, William	3825.20	T 15 S, R4 & 3W	
Barnett, Jas.			
Bull, Johnson	160	T 15 S, R 6 W	
Bull, Robert	160	T 15 S, R 6W	8
Bull, Ambrose	160	T 15 S, R 6 W	5
Burton, Jas. C.			
Biddle, G. O.			
Billings, Cain C.			
Boyd, Francis A.	120	TR15 S, R 8 W	5
Bond, Mary R.			1
Baker, John			
Brovard, Archi.			
Brady, Samuel			
Brady, Thos.			
Bagley, Lewis			
Bryant, Hiram			
Bryant, Stephen H.			
Bryant, John F.			
Brooks, John			5
Benson, Caleb			
Bean, John			
Bull, James			
Barnett, John D.			
Brown, Geo.			
Cooper, Stephen			
Clark, Micheal			
Crawford, Jno. M.			2
Christmas, Buckner D.			
Crawford, Geo. T.			
Chiron, Acan Jr.			
Chiron, Acan Sr.	68	T 15 S, R 8 W	
Cabeen, Jno. T.	272	T15 S,R 8 W	

Chon, David			
Condrey, Lilard			
Colborn, John D.			
Church, Jas. C.			
Cates, Jas.			
Cates, Wm. J. F.			
Cargaial, Robt. J.			
Carland, Jas. J.			
Coker, John F.			
Coker, John			1
Cartright, John T.	160	T 15 S, R 6 W	
Cameron, Angush			1
Citler, Wm. W.			2
Cunningham, Philip			
Condrey, Thos M.			
Clary, Solomon S.			
Curtice, Jas. G.			3
Carkough, Hen.			
Cook, Samuel			
Collins, Jno. M.			
Coulter, Jas. E.			
Carter, Jno.			
Dailey, Mik			
Denton, Gor. N.			
Dade, Hen.C.	121	T 17 S, R 5 & 4 W	3
Deal, Lamarcus			
Dodridge, Elias			
Dillon, Martin			
Denson, Reu. G.	200	T 15 S, R 6 & 7 W	
Denson, M. & J.	80	T 15 S, R 7 W	3
Denson, Rufus K.	16-	T 15 S, R 7 W	1
Daughty, S.C.			
Dickey, Wm. M.			
Daniels, John			
Denson, Isaac	140	T 15 S, R 7 W	7
Daniels, Wm.	240	T 15 S, R 7 W	15
Denson, J.N.			
Derton, Philip	104	T 16S, R 8 W and T 15 S, R. 8 W	
Deglase, Dan.			7
Dean, Dav. H.			1
Dean, Josep. P.			3
Denson, Nat.	200	T15 S, R 6 & 7 W	
Denson, Thos. C.	260	/T 15 S, R 6 & 7 W	7
Denson, Lemuel.	40	T 16 S, R 7 W	
Dabney, Jas. L.			
Same, as Executor			4
Denson, E. C., Admr.	80	T 15 S, R 7 W	4
Ducker, W. M.			

Duvall, Frank			
Doyle, Jno. W. P.			5
Everett, Jno. W.			
Files, Oliver			
Ferrell, Wm. H.			8
Flewellen, Gideon	80	T 15 S, R 7W	
Fisher, Jno. P.	855.44	R 17 S, R 4 & 5 W	18
Fogle, Jack	72.58	T 15 S, R 8W	
Feming, Sam			
Feming, Hark			4
Gellespy, Hen.			
Garner, Wilford	614	T 15 & 17 S, R 4W	25
Gregory, Geo. B.			14
Geig, Jas. Estate	63	T 17 S, R 5 W	
Griffit, Calvin			
Graham, Jno. L.	160	T 15 S., R 5 W	
Grisle, Samuel			
Grubbs, Jas. S.		% 14 S, R 6 W	
Guilder, Wm. C.			1
Guy, Dan. D.			2
Heslep, Wm. N.			5
Hendrix, Sam			
Hawkins, Joshua	160	T 15 S, R 6 W	
Hulle, John			
Hawkins, Jno. L.			9
Harris, Jno. W.			
Hinkson, David	200	T16 S, R 7 W	1
Hamlet, Thos.			
Herd, Jno. D.	90	T 16 S, R 5 W	1
Hathaway, Cirus	345	T 15 S, R 4 W	3
Hinkson, Jno.			
Holloway, Jas. L.			5
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Hawkins, J. B.			
Hulle (or Huble), Jas. M.	40	R 17 S, R 8 W	
Heslep, Argile			1
Heslep, Dan. D.			
Hill, Micheal			1
Heslep, D. W.			
Hamlett, Sandy			
Hoalt, William			
Hogue, Wm. J.			
Hogue, Wm. T.			
Honeycutt, Sebron			
Haskins, Wm.			
Hank, Epephroditey			
Hanley, Joel			13
Hanley, Epenetus			
Hanley, Cecilius			2

Hannah.			
Irvin, Benjamin	160	T 15 S, R 6 W	
Journegan, Hardy			
Jordan, Jas.S.	160	T 15 S, R 6 W	
Johnson, Jas. M.			
Jackson, John S.			
Jerrell, Brantley			
Kimbrow, Geo. W.			
Kimbrow, Thos. T.			5
Kinchelow, Wm. W.			
Killgore, Jas.			
Kenedy, Horam M.			
Kirkpatrick, Elijah			
Kirkpatrick, Ann	880	T 15 S, R 5 6 W	1
Lambert, Cyprian			7
Long, John H.	80	T 15 S, R 7 W	
Lacy, Jas. W.			
Lee, William	40	T 15 S, R 7 W	
Laughrenz, John			4
Lee, Miles W.	960	T 15 S, R 5 W	
Lewis, William			
Martin, Jac. A.			
Martin, John			
McShan, Jas. C.			
McShan, Geo. W.	160	T 15 S, R 6 W	
Murphey, A. L.			
McGarey, Edward			
Mooney, Jas. M			
McRight, Anderson			1
Morris, Wm.			3
Mooney, St. D.			
Mauney, Ann			4
Madison, Jas. H.			
Meason, John G.			
Meason, William			
Newton, Jas.			1
Newton, Isaac J.			
Norris, William			2
Norris, Jas.			
Oneal & Grubbs			
Owens, Hansford D.			
Oats, Jeramiah			
Pouncey, Jno. D.			
Pernell, Edward			
Phillip, Sam. B.			
Philip, Thos. A.			
Pippens, D. L.			7
Pippens, Jef.B.	960	T 15 S, R 4 W	5
Plar, Sam			

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Same, Guardian W. Roberts			3
Roberts, Mary			3
Same, Guar. Roberts, E. L.			2
Same, Guar. M. E. Garrett			2
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Sime, Jas.			2
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Smith, Right C.	2394.43	T 15, 16, 17 S, R 4 & 6 W	
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Stanly, Rich.			1
Silors, Jacob			
Sanders, Reight			4
Smith, Green			
Stevens, Josiah	320	T 1 S, R 5 W	
Stroop, Levi B.			
Stevens, Sa. Ja.			4
Stanley, Shed.	59.4	T 17 S, R 5 W	
Sudduth, David			3
Smith, Sam R.			
Stewart, Lagh. C.			3
Scarborough, Joh.			
Sims, Dav. D.			
Sparks, Sam	120	T 15 S, R 7 W	
Shelton, Wm.			
Shelton, Jas.			
Shelton, Jas. B.			
Sims, Jas.			
Stepheson, Mat.			
Stepheson, Wm.			
Sawyers, Joseph			
Segars, Jehu			1
Stewart, Jno.	80	T 15 S, R 4 W	3
Segars, W.A.			2
Skinner, Jno. D.			
Shanks, J. P.			
Stevens, Thos.			
Stevens, Thos			1
Trammel, Rob.			5
Trammel, Hen.	571	T 16 S, R 5 W	7
Same, Executor			13
Taylor, Alford			
Thumond, T. T.			4
Thompson, R. A.			3
Thompson, K. B.			

Thompson, Moses			5
Thompson, John N.			
Thompson, Thos. S.			6
Thurmond, Wm			
Thumb, Wm. H.			2
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Tatum, Jas.			
Tiner, Ben J.			
Venters, Easterland			
Vaughn, Wm. R.			
Wallace, John, Adm.	320	T 5 S, R 4 W	
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Wallice, Preston			1
Wallice, Josiah F.			1
Wallice, Frances			3
Watson, Lott			
Watson, Jas. T.			
Withers, Richard F.			2
Willis, Robert			
Wills, Mallachia			1
Willis, Wm. E.			2
Worthington, G. W.	120	T 16 S, R 7 W	
Same, Guar. L.M. Stevens			5
Walker, Alex			
Willis, John S.	40	T 16 S, R 7 W	
Watkins, Thos.			
Wilson, Frederic			
Whyte, Samuel			
Wheeler, Jas.	102.50	T 15 S, R 8 W	
Wheeler, Wm.	101	T 15 S, R 8 W	
Wigley, Wm.			
Wilson, Charles			
Watson, Elias			
Watson, Demsey			
Wallace, Saml.			
Willis, Milton R.	40	T 16 S, R 8 W	2
Wilson, John B.	80	T 19 S, R 9 W	4
White, Wm. G.			
White, Saml. J.			
White, Robert			
Williams, B. J.			1
White, Joel			
Walker, Lemuel M.	472.34	T 15 S, R 4 & 5 W	
Yager, Elijah			

Old Ebenezer Cemetery

Pike County, AR

Submitted by Alvin Black, 162 Black Forest Road, Mount Ida, AR 71957

On Rock Creek Road near Glenwood, Arkansas, there is a small graveyard called Old Ebenezer Cemetery. There are 22 graves with headstones, and several more marked with just rocks. The earliest burial was in 1886 and the most recent was in 1958.

Anyone interested in helping preserve and care for this cemetery should contact Alvin Black at the address shown, or Russell P. Baker, 6525 Magnolia Dr., Mabelvale, AR 72103

This cemetery is often confused with another cemetery a few miles to the south named Ebenezer, which is located near Kirby (in the same county).

Following is a listing of the identifiable graves in Old Ebenezer with their dates:

T. O. Black - 19 Feb 1864 - 9 Nov 1902
Rev. J. J. Hughes - 29 Sep 1827 - 5 Apr 1917
M. J. Hughes - 15 Jun 1835 - 8 Dec 1921
Mary Etta Ligon - 26 Dec 1886 - 18 Jul 1958
H. S. Pasley - 8 Feb 1849 - 9 Jul 1909
P. A. Pasley - 13 Jan 1847 - 30 Oct 1927
Alice J. Power - 13 May 1859 - 31 Oct 1904
D. P. Roberts - 1860 - 1914
Lila Thornton - 10 Mar 1878 - 1 Sep 1895
Magga B. Thornton - Mar 1887 - Mar 1887

Mitchel Thornton - 12 Jan 1812 - 5 Nov 1895
C. C. Thrash - 14 Nov 1849 - 15 Feb 1937
George L. Thrash - 20 Apr 1889 - 18 Nov 1889
Kitty Thrash - 9 Jun 1857 - 6 May 1886
Mrs. M. E. Thrash - 8 Mar 1869 - 10 Sep 1909
Mary J. Thrash - 10 Sep 1874 - 26 Jan 1891
T. H. Thrash - 24 Jan 1843 - 8 Jan 1917
J. B. White - 14 Nov 1868 - 27 Jul 1947
Mrs. J. B. White - 29 Jul 1870 - 2 Jul 1938
John M. White - 24 May 1838 - 2 Jul 1903
Lemanda Hughes White - 11 May 1836 - 10 May 1912
William D. White - 19 Apr 1859 - 26 May 1922

John M. White and Martha J. Hughes were brother and sister. John married Lemanda Hughes, and Martha married Rev. J. J. Hughes, also a brother and sister.

J. B. White and William D. White are children of John and Lemanda. John and Martha had another sister (Prudence) who married Henry S. Pasley.

It is quite likely that all of those buried at Old Ebenezer are related in some way but all the connections have not been proven.

_____ Wagon Trail From Bibb County Hauled Pioneers to Arkansas

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Drive west from Centreville, Alabama on U.S. Highway 82 for a couple of days and you will be in El Dorado, county seat of Union County, Arkansas. Look in the phone book there and you might think you had never left Bibb County as you run down the list of familiar names.

The reason is very simple; many of Union County's first settlers came there more than a hundred years ago from Bibb County, Alabama. But when they set out by wagon train for Arkansas Territory in 1841, no one could say how long they would be traveling. They only knew it was a long and uncertain journey and hopes for a better life rode with them and kept them moving.

In those days, if things got very bad economically, folks were likely to hitch up and move on, and things were extraordinarily bad in 1841. Many of the first settlers of Bibb County had been soldiers under Gen. Andrew Jackson and some of them first saw their future home sites while serving in the Indian territory which was to become the state of Alabama.

But by 1837, Gen. Jackson had become President Jackson and [a] quarrel with the National Bank kicked off a panic which eventually dislodged many people from the very land which his wartime victories had opened up for them. Collapse of the commodities markets followed on the heels of financial panic and many farmers found themselves strapped.

So wagons began to form and move westward leaving the land in many cases for creditors, tax collectors and others to fight over. Stretched to the west was new land for a fresh start in those days.

In the fall of 1841, such a wagon train left Bibb County bound for Arkansas Territory and that new chance. One of its organizers was Elder Joab Pratt, one of the most energetic early Baptist preachers ever to ride horseback over the ridges of Bibb County. A son of Richard and Rebecca (Beavers) Pratt, early settlers of the River Bend Community, he was ordained at Enon Baptist Church in the early 1820s and could serve as the very model of the indefatigable preacher on horseback. His pastoral circuit by 1840 included Mt. Moriah and Haysop Churches in Bibb County and extended as far as Gilgal Church in Tuscaloosa County.

When economic disaster struck in 1841, Elder Pratt gathered stricken families from his several congregations and set out. Only sketchy facts are known about the trek to Arkansas but the wagons headed southwest instead of northwest toward Arkansas as U.S. 82 does today. Possibly they followed the old salt trail early settlers used to use when going to Louisiana for salt.

In any case, they did go to mid-Louisiana and then headed north. Pushing up through Louisiana, they came to the end of any sort of road at a point just below the Arkansas border. This point in Union Parish, Louisiana, is still known locally as Alabama Landing. From there, the emigrants and the slaves they had brought along with them had to hack

their way through what is now Union County, Arkansas. As they went, they noted that the soil was extraordinarily rich. But their destination was Saline Territory many miles to the north and they continued their slow progress until they reached there – by which time it was probably early spring and time to clear for their first crop.

In Saline Territory they founded the Philadelphia Baptist Church. This old church is still in existence and some of the stones in its cemetery are marked with the names Mayfield, Pumphery, McDaniel, Pratt and Cobb – all traceable to early Bibb County.

The community which grew up near Philadelphia Church is known as Prattsville, now in Grant County. John Pratt, younger brother of Elder Joab Pratt, and his wife, the former Louisa Pumphery, were leading citizens of the Prattsville community. In the cemetery of Old Philadelphia Church stand the markers of Berryman McDaniel (1788-1858) and his wife, Sarah (1797-1845), former members of Mt. Moriah Church in Bibb County. Nearby are buried a number of their children: daughter Louisa and her husband Nathan Pumphery, brother of Louisa Pumphery Pratt; son Jordan McDaniel and his wife, the former Mary Shuttlesworth; son David McDaniel and his wife, the former Tabitha Ann Mayfield – all from Bibb County originally.

Bibb County records show that Nathan Pumphery and Louisa McDaniel were married by Elder Joab Pratt on 28 August 1834—long before the group thought of going to Arkansas. David McDaniel and Tabby Mayfield were married in 1844 in Arkansas. The names of their first three

sons in order of their birth reveal perhaps the relative rank of certain household heroes. First there was Joab Pratt McDaniel, born 1845; second, Andrew Jackson McDaniel, born 1851; and third, William Archibald McDaniel, born 1854 and named for his grandfather Archibald Mayfield, who died in Alabama before 1835.

Elder Joab Pratt and some of the other families liked the land they passed through on the way up from the Louisiana border and by 1845, a number of them moved southward and settled in Union County. Elder Pratt never forsook his calling and it is a family tradition among the Union County Pratts that he preached the first sermon ever preached in the frontier town of El Dorado. The early Baptist congregation there met in the courthouse in bad weather and in the open when the weather was good. Today their descendants meet in the magnificent building which houses the First Baptist Church of El Dorado.

Always the circuit rider, Elder Pratt traveled all over Union County starting new congregations of Baptists. Records of at least half a dozen Union County churches, some of them now extinct, show Elder Pratt as a presbyter or first pastor or sometimes both. Old Springhill Baptist Church, later known as Caledonia for the community in which it was located, appears to have been a center for former Bibb County folks. Elder Pratt was its first pastor and continued in service there for a number of years.

The old part of Caledonia Baptist Cemetery contains the markers of Andrew Jackson Mayfield (1815-1859) and his wife, Rachel Cobb (1815-1885) who were married in Tuscaloosa County,

Alabama on 9 September 1841, just before the wagon train left. A. J. Mayfield's brother, Elisha Mayfield, who stayed in Alabama, is buried at old Union Baptist Church near Keeton's Corner in Talladega National Forest. Rachel's sister, Rebecca, who married Rev. Daniel Ward of Bibb County, is buried in the Ward family plot at Antioch Baptist Church in Bibb County. A. J., Elisha and Tabitha Mayfield (of the Philadelphia Cemetery group) were children of Archibald and Tabitha Mayfield of the Sardis Baptist Church just over the line in Tuscaloosa County. Their sister, Adaline Mayfield, married John H Ward, ancestor of the Wards of Bethel Baptist Church and Brent in Bibb County.

A number of others who made the move to Arkansas left relatives in Bibb County but contact between the families appears to have failed to survive the passing years. Elder Pratt himself was one of several children and his brothers Absolom and Hopkins Pratt have many descendants in Bibb County. The Elder's wife, Frances Vernon, was a daughter of Obadiah Vernon, many of whose descendants live in Bibb County, especially around Vernontown.

All the children of elder Pratt and his wife went to Arkansas except daughters Adeline and Maria who were married to Jesse Miller and John C. Goodson, respectively. Adeline Miller died immediately after the birth of her only child, Joab Pratt Miller, in 1837. By the time the wagon train left, Jesse Miller was remarried to Edith Kornegay and they remained in Alabama, but Ezekiel and Mary Miller, Jesse's parents, went to Arkansas. John C. and Maria (Pratt) Goodson raised a large family in Alabama but by 1870 they, too, had

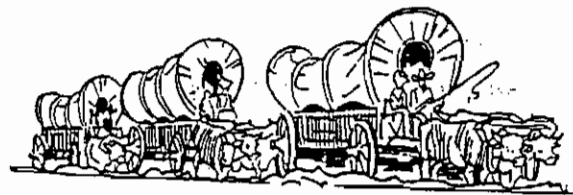
moved with their children to Union County, Arkansas, where Goodson descendants are numerous today.

The Union County Pratts of Arkansas and the Bibb County Pratts of Alabama have held family reunions at their respective locations each summer for many years without either group being aware of each other. This year some of the Union County Pratts were invited to the reunion in Bibb County. They didn't make it this year but contact has been renewed and Union County, Arkansas, is "just a little piece" down U.S. 82 From Bibb County Alabama in these times.

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History of Harrison & Boone County, AR

Submitted by Ed Sanders, 10 Choctaw Drive, Searcy, AR 72143, who said:

Recently I stopped in Harrison and ate in one of the city's premier eating establishments. Their menu had the following brief, but useful, historical sketch printed on it.

Harrison, the county seat of Boone County, is located in northwest Arkansas in the beautiful Ozark Mountains. Boone County lies 36 degrees north latitude and 16 degrees longitude west of Washington DC. The elevation is 1,250 feet above sea level. Indians were the first inhabitants of the area, the first probably being the Bluff Dwellers, who lived in caves in the bluffs along the rivers. In later times, the Osage, a branch of the Sioux, was the main tribe in the Ozarks and one of their larger villages is thought to have been east of the present site of Harrison. The Shawnees, Quapaws, and Caddo Indians were also familiar to the area. The Cherokee came about 1816 and never got along with the Osage. The hostility erupted into a full scale Indian war in the Ozark Mountains. By the 1830s, both tribes were removed to what would later become Indian Territory, and after would become Oklahoma. Some historians contend that the first white men to visit the area were some 40 followers of Hernando DeSoto and that they camped at an Indian village on the White River at the mouth of Bear Creek. It is more probable that the first white men were French hunters or trappers who followed the course of the White River. Following the Louisiana Purchase in 1803, settlers started moving into the Ozarks seeking free or inexpensive land. Most of these

early settlers were poor, ambitious, mainly Protestant, white, Anglo-Saxon, mountaineer pioneers from neighboring states of Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee and North Carolina. The basic population of Harrison today is composed of descendants of these same hardy pioneers. The greatest single occurrence affecting this area prior to the Civil War, strangely enough, did not take place here. It was the Mountain Meadows Massacre, which took place in Utah in 1857. The ill-fated wagon train of about 138 people was made up primarily of families from the hills of northwest Arkansas. The question of slavery was never as strong in this area due to the almost complete absence of slaves on the hill farms. With the secession of Arkansas from the Union, the area furnished organized companies for the Confederate cause and the greater portion of at least two Union companies. The period after the Civil War was relatively peaceful. With the Reconstruction Act of 1867, Arkansas came to know the carpetbagger and the scalawag. The local Reconstruction leader, Captain Henry W. Pick, was unusual in that he was able to live with and understand the hill farmer. It was Pick who was instrumental in having Boone County organized in 1869, having the town of Harrison planted and designated the county seat. The town was named for M. LaRue Harrison who surveyed and platted the town. Boone County was originally the eastern part of Carroll County and a slice of Marion County to the east was added six years later. There was, and is, a difference in opinion as to whether the county was originally named Boon as a boon to its citizens or Boone in honor of Daniel

Boone. The organizational act, however, spells it Boone. In the 1880s and 1890s, mining flourished around Lead Hill. The first long distance telephone line reached Harrison near the turn of the century. In the early 1900s the railroad came through, a Federal Court Division was established, a post office was built, the water and sewer systems were begun and streets were paved. Until World War II, the progress was slow and prosperity elusive. Roads were few and poor, drought was a constant threat to the small farmer, and the state itself was too poor to provide good roads or good education in the remote hills. In the late 1940s and early 1950s, the building of dams along the White River brought new impetus to the Ozarks. In 1947, an airport was built and plans were made for a hospital and city hall. On July 3, 1954, Harrison was officially raised in status to a first class city. Harrison's history has been one of constant growth and improvement in civic facilities, industrial expansion, agriculture, education and recreation. Harrison's economic base is built on manufacturing, retail and wholesale sales, agriculture and tourism.

Notes on Places Called White River

There are three places in Arkansas that have been named "White River." In addition, there is a navigable White River with several branches and hundreds of miles of stream beds.

The place the USGS map system designates as White River is described as follows: White River, AR, Desha County, a populated place, located at 33.53 degrees North Latitude and 91.04 West Longitude, as shown on the Montgomery Island 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. This is in southeast Arkansas. This location

was in Arkansas County from 1825 until that part of Arkansas County was transferred to create Desha County in 1838.

The other White River locations are: Washington County in the northwest corner of AR, and Independence County near the center of the state.



1880 Arkansas County Mortality Schedule _____

From the Arkansas History Commission & State Archives files

Transcribed and typed by Miss Bonnie G. Sanders, arranged alphabetically. Spelling as shown in original list.

<u>Dwel- ling No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Birth - Place</u>	<u>Month Of Death</u>	<u>Cause Of Death</u>	<u>Lived In County</u>	<u>Township</u>
69	Alexander, Jacob	4/12	M	W	Ark.	July	Congestion Brain	4/12	St. Charles
143	Alexander, Mary?	24	F	B	Ark.	July	Consumption	24	La Grue Dewitt Stanley Point de Luce
57	Alexander, William	40	M	W	Tenn.	Dec	Acute Nephintas?	--	"
56	Atten, Annie E.	40	F	W	Tenn.	March	Typhoid fever	6	Keaton
79	Bryant, Baby	3/30	F	B	Ark.	Jan.	Debility	3/30	Old River Bayou Meto
32	Baker, Caroline	50	F	B	Va.	March	Consumption	Wt	La Grue Dewitt Stanley Point de Luce
82	Barker, Christophere ?	1	M	W	Ark.	Aug.	Inflamation of bowels	1	"
412	Bevels, William	23	M	W	Ark.	March	Inflamaton of brain	12	Old River Bayou Meto
198	Bigham, Kate	37	F	W	Ark.	Jan.	Pneumonia	37	Old River Bayou Meto
287	Billingsley, Martin	29	M	W	Ark.	Nov.	Pistol shot	18	La Grue Dewitt Stanley Point de Luce
235	Bonmass, Maria	7	F	B	Ark.	July	Scarlet fever	7	Old River Bayou Meto
PR	Bratton, Lucy	17	F	W	Ark.	Unk.	Dropsy	Unk.	Crockett
237	Brazil, Nellie	17	F	W	Ill.	Nov.	Conjestion of bowels	1 day	Crockett
471	Brewer, Mary	20	F	W	Ark.	Feb.	Pneumonia	20	Old River Bayou Meto
209	Bumis,	1 da.	M	B	Ark.	June	Strangulation	1 da.	St. Charles

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209	Bumis, (Infant)	1 da.	M	B	Ark.	June	Strangulation	1 da.	St. Charles
205	Carter, Jamie E.	4/12	F	W	Ark.	Nov.	Pneumonia	4/12	St. Charles
PR	Child, Annie	25	F	B	Ark.	Nov.	Burned	Unk.	Crockett
46	Childers, Josiphine	36	F	W	Ark.	Sept.	Congestion of brain	36	La Grue Dewitt Stanley Point de Luce
26	Clay, Thomas J.	3/12	M	B	Ark.	Nov.	Whooping cough	3/12	"
112	Clayton, Catherine	50	F	W	Ark.	Jul.	Ersypelas?	50	"
156	Cook, Charles	23	M	B	Ark.	Nov.	Shot	Unk.	"
410	Cooper, Lilian	2/12	F	W	Ark.	May	Whooping cough	2/12	Old River Bayou Meto
383	Coyle, Ann	53	F	W	Ireland	March	Congestion	8	Old River Bayou Meto
411	Cummins, William	1	M	W	Ark.	Nov.	Congestion	1	"
386	Curr, Nora	6	F	W	Ark.	Aug.	Worms	6	"
182	Currie, Jessie	17	M	W	Ark.	Aug.	Inflammation Lungs	1	La Grue Dewitt Stanley Point de Luce
166	Davis, Infant	2/12	F	B	Ark.	May	Whooping couth	2/12	Old River Bayou Meto
51	Davis, Mis [sic]	58	F	W	Unk.	Oct.	Pneumonia	2	La Grue Dewitt Stanley Point de Luce
PR	Deraburg, Ann Francis	20	F	W	Ark.	Aug.	Malarial fever	---	Keaton
105	DeVall, Elizabeth	13	F	W	Ill.	June	Drowned	5	La Grue Dewitt Point de Luce
2	Dillard, (Infant)	3/12	M	W	Ark.	June	Croop[sic]	3/12	St. Charles
181	Dounene, (Infant)	1/12	M	W	Ark.	Feb.	Unk.	1/12	St. Charles
243	Dudley, Jackson W.	34	M	W	Kent.	March	Congestion of brain	10	Crockett
181	Dounene, Mary	28	F	W	Miss.	Jan.	Childbirth	1	St. Charles ^

158	Dumas, Willie	11/12	M	B	Ark.	May	Hooping cough	11/12	St. Charles
296	Dunn, Susana	12	F	W	Ark.	Aug.	Malaria Fever	12	Old River Bayou Meto
104	Evants, Cora	5/12	F	B	Ark.	May	Whooping Cough	5/12	St. Charles
104	Evants, John Andy	10/12	M	B	Ark.	May	Whooping Cough	10/12	St. Charles
2	Ewing, Samuel	63	M	W	Tenn.	May	Pneumonia	23	La Grue Dewitt Stanley Point de Luce
97	Fogee, Emma	4	F	W	Ark.	April	Hooping Cough	4	"
164	Fitzhugh, Charles	4/30	F	B	Ark.	Feb.	Convulsions	4/30	Keaton
452	Flemig, Virginia	1/12	F	B	Ark.	Sept.	Col. Infantism	1/12	Old River Bayou Meto
113	Fletcher, Thomas	18	M	W	Ark.	Feb.	Consumption	'8	La Grue Dewitt Stanley Point de Luce
196	Freeman, John	73	M	W	Kent.	Jan.	Brain fever	21	"
41	Furgeson, Wm. H.	7	M	W	Ark.	Aug.	Brain fever	7	Keaton
404	Garutson, Luther	3/12	M	W	Ark.	May	Whooping cough	3/12	Old River Bayou Meto
401	Garutson, Rosa	4/12	F	W	Ark.	Nov.	Croup	4/12	"
138	Gravitt, Infant	1/30	M	B	Ark.	Feb.	Hemorage from naval cord	1/30	Leaton
151	Gregory, Infant	3/30	M	W	Ar.	Dec.	Hives	3/30	Old River Bayou Meto
116	Hamilton, John	76	M	W	Penn.	Oct.	Unk.	10	La Grue Dewitt Stanley Point de Luce
366	Hampton, Sarah	23	F	W	Ill.	April	Pneumonia	5	Old River Bayou Meto
64	Hammond, Willie	4	F	W	Ark.	Sept.	Congestive chill	4	St. Charles
288	Herrill, Jennie	11	F	July	Ark.	July	Consumption	11	La Grue Dewitt Stanley Point de

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244	Hodges, Ananias	2	M	B	Ark.	May	Whooping cough	2	Old River Bayou Meto
37	Hogan, Sallie	17	F	B	Ark.	Oct.	Pneumonia	Unk.	La Grue Dewitt Stanley Point de Luce
156	Holmes, (Infant)	7 da	F	B	Ark.	Feb.	Pneumonia	7 da	St. Charles
156	Holmes, Betsy	26	F	B	Ga.	Feb.	Phthis is {Pulurondis?	9	St. Charles
67	Houston, Louisa F.	1/12	F	W	Ark.	April	Whooping Cough	1/12	Keaton
231	Huddleston, William H.	39	M	Q	N.C.	Dec.	Typhoid, Pneumonia	6	Crockett
94	Hudson, Infant	1	M	B	Ark.	June	Whooping cough	1	St. Charles
205	Johnis, Uriah	60	M	W	Nova - Scoti	June	Asthma	12	La Grue Dewitt Stanley Point de Luce
PR	Johnson, Edward	70	M	W	Ark.	July	Apoplexy	Unk.	"
21	Johnson, Jas. F.	6	M	B	Ark.	July	Dysentery	7?	Old River Bayou Meto
258	Jones, Infant	1/12	F	B	Ark.	Sept.	Convulsion	1/12	Crockett
--	Jones, David	20	M	W	Tenn.	July	Malaria fever	Unk.	St. Charles
98	Jones, (Hownoy)?	5/12	M	B	Aek.	July	Colic	5/12	St. Charles
251	Jordan, Infant	4/30	M	B	Ark.	Sept.	Premature birth	7/10?	Crockett
253	Keaton, Thomas C.	22	M	W	Miss.	Jan.	Pneumonia	20	Keaton
281	Kennedy, Myra A.	29	F	B	TN	Jan.	Child bed confirmed	3	Old River Bayou Meto
145	Lamb, LeRoy	1	M	B	Ark.	Jan.	Burnt to death	1	Keaton
8	Langham, Wallice	7/12	M	W	Ark.	Aug.	Colramborus?	7/12	La Grue Dewitt Stanley Point de Luce
156	Largue, Jude	20	F	W	Ark.	Oct.	Perpetal fever	20	La Grue Dewitt Stanley Point de Luce
197	Leonard, Calla	4/12	F	B	Ark.	Dec.	Burned to death	4/12	Keaton

242	Lesley, Mary A.	11/12	F	W	Ark.	May	Whooping cough	11/12	Crockett
121	Little, (Infant)	1 da	M	W	Ark.	Aug.	Unk.	1 da	St. Charles
153	Louis, Shadric	5	M	B	Ark.	March	Cerebro Spinal Fever	5	La Grue Dewitt Stanley Point de Luce
100	McAford, Marshal	4	M	W	Ark.	Oct.	Intermittent fever	4	"
180	McCowen, Robert	9	M	W	Miss.	April	Apoplexy	1/13	"
78	McGraw, Artie	11/12	F	W	Ark.	July	Brain Fever	11/12	"
57	McGraw, Jas. H.	27	M	W	AR.	Feb.	Spinal meningitis	27	St. Charles
169	McGraw, John Emma	5/30	F	W	Ark.	Oct.	Premature	5/30	La Grue Dewitt Stanley Point de Luce
4	McKinza, Marg D.	12	F	W	Miss.	Sept.	Congestion of brain	8/12	Keaton
21	Martin, Mary E.	3	F	B	Ark.	March	Bronchitis		Old River Bayou Meto
3	Mason, Rowland	5	M	B	Ark.	Jan.	Meningitis	4	"
106	Mason, Sarah F.		F	B	Ark.	April	Smothered	2/12	St. Charles
181	Mattmillon, Dora V.	4/12	F	W	Ark.	Jan.	Laryngitis	4/12	La Grue Dewitt Stanley Point de Luce
253	Maxwell, Julia	6	F	W	Ark.	June	Cerebro spinal	6	"
44	Midget, Sarah	25	F	W	Ark.	Dec.	Pneumonia	25	Keaton
268	Miller, Charles J.	53	M	W	N.C.	July	Indesition	28	Crockett
21	Miller, Ripley	1	M	W	Ark.	March	Whooping cough	1	St. Charles
174	Mitchell, Chas. J.	65	M	W	Ark.	Nov.	Cancer	65	La Grue Dewitt Stanley Point de Luce
11	Mitchell, Harry A.	43	M	W	Tenn.	Aug.	Belsory Cholic?	12	Keaton

131	Montgomery, James W.	4/12	M	W	Ark.	Jan.	Scarlet Fever	--	Keaton
130	Moore, J. R.	1	M	@	Ark.	April	Deutition	1	St. Charles
157	Nicholas, Loritte	1/12	M	B	Ark.	May	Smothered in bed	1/12	La Grue Dewitt Stanley Point de Luce
439	Nilson, Thomas	29	M	W	Ark.	April	Inflammation of bowers	29	Old River Bayou Meto
165	Pangel, Nettie	16	F	B	Ark.	July	Pneumonia	20	La Grue Dewitt Stanley Point de Luce
86	Pearson, Jessie	21	M	W	Ark.	April	Pneumonia	21	""
232	Perry, Francis P.	35	F	W	Ill.	Sept.	Congestive chill	5	Crockett
57	Polk, Gracie	6/12	F	B	Ark.	Feb.	Pneumonia	6/12	La Grue Dewitt Stanley Point de Luce
209	Porter, Mary J.	5/12	F	B	Ark.	Aug.	Inflamation of bowels	5/12	St. Charles
106	Ragland, Caroline	70	F	B	S.C.	Dec.	Unknown	3/12	La Grue Dewitt Stanley Point de Luce
426	Rawlet, Margaret	40	F	B	Ark.	March	Pneumonia	12	Old River Bayou Meto
21	Reeves, Rachal A.	23	F	W	Miss.	April	Perpetual fever	6	Keaton
113	Rifeld, Infant	7/30	F	B	Ark.	Jan.	Spasms	7/30	La Grue Dewitt Stanley Point de Luce
105	Rifeld, Parthene	9/12	M	B	Ark.	May	Whooping Cough	9/12	"
107	Rifeld, Smith	50	F	B	Ark.	Dec.	Pneumonia	50	"
135	Riley, Anthony	24	M	B	Ark.	June	Pneumonia	24	"
285	Rimell, Mary J.	32	F	W	Ark.	June	Dyspepsia		""
409	Robertson, James	9/12	M	B	Ark.	Aug.	Mumps	9/12	Old River Bayou Meto
248	Robinson,	12	M	B	Ark.	Jan.	Typhoid Fever	12	"

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192	Rogers, Partina	4	F	W	Ark.	Aug.	Cerebro spinal-meningitis	3	St. Charles
88	Rollins, Lafie	2	F	W	Ark.	Sept.	Congestive chill	2	La Grue Dewitt Stanley Point de Luce
88	Rollins, Mollie	1/6	F	W	Ark.	Nov.	Influenza	1/6	"
218	Rosey, Peter	62	M	W	France	Unk.	Pneumonia	10	"
PR	Sinayne, Judith	20	F	W	Ark.	Nov.	Perpetual fever	Unk.	"
83	Smallwood,	1/15	M	B	Ark.	Sept.	Unknown	1/15	"
158	Smith, Cyrus	1/12	M	B	Ark.	May	Scarlet fever	1/12	St. Charles
104	Sorrells, William W.	5	M	W	Ark.	Nov.	Acute Laryngitis	5	Keaton
27	Sparks, James H.	30	M	W	Miss.	Feb.	Dropsy	22	Keaton
48	Sparks, Mary S.	23	F	W	N.C.	Aug.	Malaria fever	11	Keaton
21	Stinblen, Mortia	40	F	B	Ark.	July	Dysentery	1	Old River Bayou Meto
2	Taison, Sarah A.	15	F	B	Texas	July	Convulsions	14	Keaton
249	Tason, Caroline	42	F	W	Ark.	March	Dropsy	42	Keaton
300	Taylor, John N.	3	M	B	Ala.	Jan.	Scarlet fever	3	Old River Bayou Meto
13	Thomas, Joanna	40	F	W	Ala.	Dec.	Congestive chill	14	La Grue Dewitt Stanley Point de Luce
181	Thorpe, Otto	4/12	M	W	Ark.	Oct.	Conjestive chill	4/12	St. Charles
73	Townsend, Sagustus	26	M	W	Miss.	April	Typhoid Pneumonia	1/12	Keaton
92	Trice, Richard A.	25	M	W	Tenn.	Aug.	Typhoid Malarial germ	20	Keaton
209	Turner, Benj. F.	2	M	W	Ark.	June	Congestion bowels	2	St. Charles
216	Unica, Leonard	16	F	B	Ga.	Nov.	Burned to death	13	Crockett
196	Visart,	15	M	W	Ark.	May	Dysentery	15	La Grue

	Cussie G.								Dewitt Stanley Point de Luce
245	Walker, James	24	M	WQ	Ala.	Nov.	Congestive Chill	18	Crockett
131	Walton, Jeannette	56	F	W	Tenn.	March	Pneumonia	25	St. Charles
2	Washington, Colin	2	M	B	Ark	Sept.	Whooping cough	2	Old River Bayou Meto
439	Watsson, Anna	26	F	W	Ark.	Aug.	Pneumonia	26	""
1	Watts, Alfred H.	3/12	M	W	Ark.	March	Whooping cough	3/12	St. Charles
69	Weatherford, Walter	20	M	B	Ga.	March	Pneumonia	4	St. Charles
247	Welch, Henrietta	5/12	F	B	Ark.	May	Whooping cough	5/12	Old River Bayou Meto
199	West, Louisa	22	F	W	N.C.	Aug.	Rheumatism	9	St. Charles
34	White, Maria	48	F	B	Tenn.	Oct.	Inflamation of stomach	3	Old River Bayou Meto
180	White, Sylvie	55	F	B	Vir.	Dec.	Pneumonia	20	La Grue Dewitt Stanley Point de Luce
94	Wilburn, Van	5	M	B	Ark	April	Asthma	2	Keaton
149	Wilson, Milford A.	12	M	W	Ill.	Aug.	Swamp fever	9/12	La Grue Dewitt Stanley Point de Luce
9	Winfrey, Fidora	1	F	B	Ark.	Nov.	Whooping cough	1	''
53	Wires, Chas.	15	M	W	Ind.	Aug.	Consumption	2	'
175	Wolfe, Sarah	58	F	W	Ky.	Jan.	Acute Rheu of brain	.54	'
187	Wortary, Pink	18	M	W	Ark.	July	Brain fever	13	''
195	Worth,	1/6	F	W	Ark.	Oct.	Influenza	1/16	''
22	Yulverton, Mary P.	18	F	W	Miss.	May	Pneumonia	7	Keaton
40	Infant Clemons	0/30	F	B	Ark.	Oct.	Stillborn	0/30	La Grue Dewitt Stanley Point de

									Luce
142	Infant Stillborn	SB	M	B	Ark.	Feb.	Stillborn		Keaton
439	____, Eliza	23	F	W	Ark.	June	Conjeston of bowels	23	Old River Bayou Meto
44	____, James H.	1/12	M	W	Ark.	Jan.	Premature birth	1/12	Keaton
145	____, John	7/12	I	W	Ark.	Jan.	Burnt to Death	7/12	Keaton
9	____, Louis	6/12	F	B	Ark.	Feb.	Dropsey brain	6/12	La Grue Dewitt Stanley Point de Luce



Old Newspaper Items

Submitted by Jann Woodard, 12008 Ginger Lane, Benton, AR 72015

Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows 1906 Meeting

Arkansas Gazette Oct. 25, 1906 –

Hot Springs: The fifty-seventh session of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows of Arkansas and the fifteenth annual assembly of the Rebekah degree were brought to a close tonight with a grand ball at the Park hotel. The conventions of organizations have been the most successful ever held, not only in attendance, but in the work accomplished.

The grand lodge was occupied yesterday afternoon in the election of officers. Nearly all of the officers were elected by acclamation with the exception of grand treasurer. There were several aspirants for the office, and the balloting lasted a considerable length of time. Past Grand Master A.C. Jones of this city was asked to enter the race, but declined in favor of G.W. Byington, who was elected.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows:

Grand Master: J. R. Donnell of Conway
Deputy Grand Master: L. D. Hickey of Jonesboro
Grand Warden: Geo. T. Humphries
Grand Secretary: Jno. P. Paul of Gravette, re-elected.
Grand Representative: L. S. O'Neal of Fort Smith, the retiring grand master.

The next meeting will be held in Eureka Springs. There were two other aspirants

for the honor of entertaining that body, namely, Paragould and Hot Springs. There was strong sentiment in favor of selecting Hot Springs, but in view of the fact that it is practically conceded that the next meeting of the sovereign grand lodge of the United States will be held here in 1908 it was thought best to yield to the importunities of Eureka Springs.

The Odd Fellows held an interesting session in the lodge room in the old city hall building last night, and the degree work was exemplified. The Rebekah's initiated a class of 24 candidates last night and gave an exhibition drill. This morning at 9 o'clock the delegates formed in parade and, headed by the Woodmen of the World band and the boys' band from the Orphans' Home, marched from the Park hotel to the Arlington and returned. The Rebekahs concluded their session with the election of the following officers:

President: Mrs. Rose Duttlinger of Little Rock
Secretary: Mrs. Medora A. Reid of Little Rock,
re-elected Treasurer: Mrs. M. J. Seitz of Pickett

Benton, Saline Co., 1897 Cyclone

Arkansas Gazette, Jan. 5, 1897:
Benton, Jan. 4 –

On last Saturday afternoon our people were surprised to hear the continued low rumbling of thunder in the distance, and see the quick flashes of lightning in rapid succession, and little dreamed of the fearful consequences that would follow

in the wake of this unusual electrical display. About 7 o'clock p.m. as the people in the town were assembled around their pleasant hearthstones, a low rumbling sound was heard in the distance, and before any of them had time to think or act, a cyclone was upon them. Passing through South Benton, coming from the Southwest, its course was northward, going around the foot of the hill, upon which the main part of the town is situated, leaving in its track death, destruction and desolation. After the fiercest part of the storm had passed, which was followed by a terrific hail storm, congregated around the depot of the Iron Mountain railroad company stood several young boys, anxious to do something to aid the unfortunates, and as the lightning flashed they looked upon a sight that would make the bravest tremble with fear.

A hundred yards down the track large trees were laying across the rails, which formed an impassable barrier, and in the distance was heard another rumbling sound, and the faint echoes of a whistle announced the approach of the north bound train. No. 56, which passes this station at the rate of forty-five miles an hour, coming with its load of human freight into the jaws of death. But Frank Richards, a beardless boy, stood there; with him, to think was to act, and realizing that it was one life against a hundred, he bravely snatched a lantern and ran as fast as he could, hoping every second that he could reach the outskirts of the fallen timber in time to give the signal that would save the lives of those on board the flying train. As he reached the place, only a minute or two ahead of the train, he began giving the signal, and thinking that the engineer would not stop for his signal set his lantern in the center

of the track and let him run over it, catching the train when they slowed down and informing them of the danger ahead. He was only a Benton boy, and an honest hardworking farmer, but his brave deed will ever be remembered by those with whom he lives.

After the passengers on the train had been told of his brave and noble act, they made up a purse to reward him for saving the lives of those on board, and the big purse given him amounted to ten dollars. While the purse was of no interest to him, nor would he have performed that act for any financial consideration, yet when a boy possesses such courage, and displays such bravery, by risking his own life to save others, if rewarded at all, such acts should be worth more than ten dollars, and he should be given a medal of honor. Soon after the storm had spent its force and while rain was coming down in torrents, when the result was known those who had escaped started out to administer to the wants of the unfortunates, and to render all aid and assistance in their power.

The reports at first were to the effect that several had been killed. A tramp, who was spending the night in an unoccupied house, had his neck broken. An inquest was held over his remains, and nothing was found on his person by which he could be identified. Nameless, homeless and friendless, he was laid to rest. The noble-hearted undertaker, Capt. J. F. Ray, and N. B. Stark, buried him at their own expense. The 14 year old daughter of Mr. Wm. Betterton was blown from his house, a distance of forty yards, sustaining very painful injuries. Mrs. Mildred Fagan was seriously injured, but not fatally. Several persons were more or less injured. The greatest hardship on

those rendered homeless was the exposure to the cold drenching rain, until assistance arrived and they were conveyed to shelter, and then a number were out all night.

Around the station, within a space of three hundred yards, no less than thirty families were deprived of houses in less than one minute. Buildings were thrown into splinters, and in some instances not a vestige of anything was left to tell where once stood the home of some of the people. Commencing at Saline river, one mile south of the depot, the pavilion, which was constructed by the orders of railroad men, of Little Rock, was razed to the ground, and next was the dwelling house and out-houses occupied by Mr. Oliver Elrod, and owned by Dr. J. K. Bell, was swept away.

Next was the house, barn and contents of Mr. James Martin, which were also carried away. The outbuildings on the property of John A. Wilkerson were blown away. A vacant house south of the depot was swept away; also five negro cabins.

The railroad company's tank except the reservoir was demolished; also several cars blown from the track. Mr. Frank Hartry, who at one time was a fireman, and also a brakeman, until he lost a leg, and who is now employed as pumper for the company, and has had charge of the tank at this place for the past ten years, and who had just completed one of the prettiest little homes in South Benton, lost his entire building, it being torn into kindling wood.

"Ted," as he is familiarly known, will not be forgotten by the railroad "boys," as he has friends on every road in the South

who will no doubt, "assist a brother in distress." Mrs. Pulaski Trammell and her daughter, Mrs. Emma Dickinson, lost about \$1,900, being about the heaviest losers.

Following is a partial list, as near as can be given of the loss of property in the immediate vicinity of Benton:

Pavilion, \$200;
J. K. Bell, \$800;
Jim Martin, \$600;
five negro cabins, \$500;
Frank Hartry, \$800;
railroad company, \$1,500;
L. H. Thompson, \$500;
Wash Ray, \$250;
Ike Lawrence, \$300;
D. M. Cloud, \$250;
Mrs. McPherson, \$500;
Walter House, \$100;
Walter Henderson, pottery shop, \$1,000;
D. H. Womack, (insured) \$1,500;
Wm. Betterton, \$100;
Mat Rupp, \$300;
Mrs. Eldecamp, \$500;
T. B. Lawrence, \$500;
R. J. P. Lemmons, \$500.

This estimate is upon property that was completely destroyed and will have to be rebuilt.



Arkansas Tribe Vanishes Entirely

Arkansas Gazette Mar 19, 1927,

Parkin, Ark., March 18
(written by Fletcher Chenault):

As you speed with the aid of modern inventions across the plains of eastern Arkansas, you are reminded that you are trespassing on the domain of an ancient civilization where the ghosts of vanished races haunt our times. Centuries ago those war-like tribes floated down the great river in their pirogues, dispossessing other races to be in turn dispossessed by men with pale faces armed with magic like the gods.

What has become of the once powerful Arkansas mighty hunters and warriors, whose name was to be perpetuated on the state's shield?

Gone! Vanished like the mist that scurries over the sea before the rising wind. Remnants of the Osages and the Quapaws, offshoots from this tribe, still exist, but of those warriors in eastern Arkansas of fine physique and dauntless courage, who forced the marauding Chickasaws to keep their distance, none now remain. Down the river they came from the land of the Illinois far back along the obscure trails of time.

They were hospitable and friendly to the early explorers, and these adventuring Frenchmen repaid their kindness by balling up their name. Marquette referred to them as A-kan-sea; La Salle got it as Ar-kan-sa, and DeTonti as Ar-kan-ces. Give LaSalle a headmark!

And then, after the poor Indians were gone, leaving no reminders of their stay,

but pottery and the name, the whites carried on a newspaper controversy about the pronunciation, which finally was settled by the written statues.

Even that has not put a crimp in Yankee usage, and if you go far enough North you will hear the well known "Arkanzas." It may have been the white man's controversy over the spelling and the pronunciation of the name which caused the Indians to roll up in their blankets and pass away. In the act of Congress of 1819 creating the territory, the name was spelled "saw" nine times and "sas" once. "Saw" was a 9 to 1 shot.

This division reached the United States Senate, where Senator Sevier was known as the "senator from Arkansaw" and Senator Ashley as the "senator from Arkansas." Finally the state legislature in 1881 put a stop to this foolishness by a resolution which sets forth the proper pronunciation. Ethnologists agree that the final "s" in Arkansas never should have gotten into print, because the French, who really derived the word from the best they could make of the guttural Indian tongue, did not use the consonant. And it does not mean "smoke water" or "bow" as some profess to believe, but something else known to the Indians, which is not any of our business.

When DeSoto led his Chamber of Commerce good will tour into Arkansas he found the Arkansas Indians living in mud-walled villages fortified with high circular towers. They worshiped a Great Spirit known to them as Coyocophil, and also the sun and the moon. Before going to war they painted their bodies black and fasted. after which they painted red, girded up their G-strings and whetted their tomahawks.

Time to move on then, Buddy! Maj. Lewismore Vaugine, who lived in Arkansas 150 years ago, is quoted on a good after dinner story about the Arkansas. He said that in a battle with the Chickasaws, the Arkansas chief learned the enemy was short of powder. He called a truce, commanded his braves to march by squads and dump their powder on a blanket on the ground. Then the Arkansasyer gave the Chick chief half this powder and the battle was resumed.

More Old Newspaper Notices

Submitted by Jann Woodard, 12008
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Arkansas Gazette Jan. 3, 1889 –
Westpoint, AR - Capt. James McCauley,
one of our prominent citizens and largest
planters, died of apoplexy today at 8
o'clock a.m.

March 13, 1889, Lonoke, AR - Last week
in the Pigeon Roost neighborhood a
young man named Taylor went up on a
house to adjust the plate. The plate turned
with him and he fell head foremost on the
end of a log and crushed his skull. The
plate also fell on him across the
shoulders, and he expired immediately.

March 13, 1889, Lonoke, AR - Capt. P.
H. Wheat of this County, and for many
years captain on White River, was
married to Miss Lou Boon at 9 o'clock
am, yesterday.

April 11, 1889, Prairie Grove, AR -
Ezekial Cowan and Ed Ezell, aged about
15 years, were drowned in Blair's Creek,

about seven miles north of this place.
They were bathing, and getting beyond
their depth and being together, each
clamped the other and both were
drowned. A third boy, who went to their
assistance, with difficulty extricated
himself from their fatal embrace. Their
parents were at church, where the boys
had accompanied them but left church to
go to the creek, which was near.

April 11, 1889, Harrison, AR Mr.
McBride was killed nine miles east of
here by J. Killion. They were brothers-in-
law. The row seems to have occurred at
Killion's house, because of the former
swearing before the children. McBride
lingered for several days, but died the
fifth instant.

September 15, 1889, Cabot, AR - Rev.
J.C. Wylie, Sr., died at the home of his
daughter-in-law, Mrs. J. M. Wylie, on
Wednesday, the 10th. He was about 85
years old and had been in feeble health
for several years.



Capt. Rees Pritchard

Arkansas Gazette, March 1, 1894:

Capt. Rees Pritchard, the best known, and for many years the most popular passenger steamboat captain on the Arkansas River, died at 9:20 yesterday morning at his home No. 621

Cumberland street. He was stricken with paralysis of the right side on the morning of February 15. He improved slightly and began to decline Monday, since which time he was only kept alive on stimulants till he died. Capt. Pritchard was born near Lynchburg, Va., October 8, 1813.

He came to Arkansas on the *Arkansas Mail*, a steamer then plying on the Ohio, Mississippi and Arkansas Rivers in 1832. He had begun steamboating at the age of 15 on the Ohio. He was continuously engaged in running of passenger and freight steamers on the Arkansas, Mississippi, Ohio, Tennessee and White Rivers from 1832 to 1882, a period of fifty years, his steamboat career covering a period of fifty-four years, a record almost without parallel.

He located in Little Rock in 1863, where he has resided ever since. He has lived in his late home since 1873. He leaves two brothers and a sister--one brother and the sister in Indiana, and the other brother in Indiana -- and belongs to a long-lived family, one of his brothers being 84 years of age. He married Margaret Hamilton, a sister of Capt. Fred Hamilton and Mrs. M. S. Horrocks, who died two and one-half years ago in this city. Among the boats of which he was owner and Captain were the *Rialto*, *Emma Dean*, *Fanny Sparrowhawk*, *Yuba*, *Moro Castle*, *Hickman*, *S. H. Tucker* (named after Little Rock's well-known citizen of that

name), *Chester Ashley*, *Celeste*, *Thos. H. Allen*, *Pat Cleburne*, *Clarksville*, *Maumelle*, *Marlin Speed*, G.H. Van Etten. The boats are named in the order in which he commanded them.

The *Chester Ashley* was burned during the war by the Confederates on September 8, 1863, when they evacuated the city, back of the State House, the *Pine Bluff*, *St. Francis* and *Julia Roan* being burned at the same time. The *Pat Cleburne* was blown up on the Ohio and was one of the finest side wheelers on the river. On the *Thos. H. Allen* he made twenty-four consecutive weekly trips without varying an hour in arrival and departure. He was generally known as "Old Safety," and planters and merchants along the river would place their families in his charge for long round trips to St. Louis, New Orleans and Cincinnati.

Among his contemporary Captains were Rube Haynes, Dismukes, Perry and Woodburn.

Capt. Pritchard was not only one of the pioneers, but one of the best known and most highly esteemed men in Arkansas. For many years since he broke a leg eight years ago he had been very feeble, yet was a familiar figure on our streets. His wide experience furnished inexhaustible reminiscence, which made him a very entertaining companion. To hosts of old Arkansans his loss is a personal one. He was very fond of pets and was always accompanied by one of them in his walks. He had one dog named "Jeff" named after the President of the Confederacy, who for years made the regular trips with the Captain to

Memphis. He was a white Scotch terrier. Jeff on one occasion left Memphis on a boat, missing his master and getting off at DeVal's Bluff, took the train, and came home alone to Argenta, the terminus of the Memphis road when he got in a bus where he met a friend of his master who put him off at home. He had made the trip so often that his instinct and training was unerring. There were many utterances of regret on the streets yesterday, at the news of his death. Capt R. A. Little said that his relatives of the ante-railroad days would often wait days for the arrival of Capt Pritchard's boat to ride with him.

The funeral will take place from the residence at 4 o'clock this afternoon, Rev. Wallace Carnahan officiating. The pallbearers will be Capt. T. J. Darragh, John N. Jabine, Phillip Pfeifer, C. T. Walker, J. H. Sannoner and S.M. Weaver. The interment will be at Mount Holly. Capt. Pritchard was a firm adherent of the Confederacy, contributing largely of his energy and means to the cause, as well as to charitable purposes.

Some 1914 Deaths and Marriages

Arkansas Gazette

April 4, 1914

Deaths:

John Greenshaw, at Pindall
Rufus Estes, at Lanty
Mrs. Lucinda Jackson, at Leslie
Mrs. J. A. Branch, at Branch
Mrs. Fayette Lane, near Hartford
Mrs. Jennie Dempsey, at Hartford
Henry W. Porter, at Monticello
Mrs. Bales, at Winthrop
Mrs. Mary J. Hurt, at Clarksville

Marriages:

Henry W. Lee and Miss Gertrude
Calkins, at Imboden
Henry Bragg and Miss Effie Kell, at
Imboden
Walter L. Milam and Miss Marguerite
Leona Pattis, at Hartford
Orval Hulsey and Miss Lula Chaney at
Burlington
J. E. Halter and Miss Roberta Faulkner,
at Eureka Springs
Charles Cotham and Miss Inez Holland,
at Hamburg
Arch Edwards and Miss Carrie Spence, at
Hartford
John Hagg and Miss Blanche Jones, at
Hartford
Homer Holder and Miss Mary Peabody,
at Branch
Luther Moore of Pindall and Miss Lelah
Lancaster of Leslie, at Leslie.
O. P. Crosby and Miss Anna Lowe, at
Stuttgart

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- 1) Queries are limited to members only
- 2) Please submit no more than one query per calendar year
- 3) Keep the query to approximately fifty words
- 4) Neatness counts! If possible, type, double spaced. Otherwise, print legibly leaving a space between each line.
- 5) Capitalize surnames
- 6) Remember the 4 W's"
- 7) Who - Give complete names of interest

What - What do you want? Keep it short and to the point

Where - Locality in ARKANSAS

When - Give a time period

Since we always work with a large backlog of queries, we strive to print them in the order in which they were received. It may be several months, however, before your query appears. We do use all queries received in a calendar year by the end of that year. We continue to receive queries with no name and address included. If the query gets separated from the envelope, we cannot use it. It simplifies the work of the all-volunteer staff of this publication if you send your query with your membership fee to Arkansas Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 908, Hot Springs, AR 71902-0908.

Phifer/Pfifer/Pheifer/Fifer/Phiefer/Peiffer, etc. Researching the African-American families of Ashley, Clark, Garland, Hot Spring, Jefferson, Pulaski and Union counties. Identified Phifers in NC, SC, Michigan, California, Illinois, Oklahoma and Ohio. **Bennie L Phifer, III, 5793 Forgebridge Dr., West Chester, OPH 45069; email: blp3rd@fuse.net**

Warren, Joseph L. and Massila A. lived in Wayne Co., TN, 1870 census; children: Harriet J., Frances E., William L., Marion D.,

Mary Ann A., Sarah D., and "Eighter" (Ada?). Need additional info, especially on Joseph, date and place of birth, etc. **Garry W. Warren, 832 Olde Mill Trace, Cottondale, AL 35455-1451**

Mayberry Trying to locate any information about Hattie Mayberry (m. Nathan Barrett) and Sallie Blake (m. Bob White) from Sheridan area; both born after 1870. Need any info on Mayberry line. **Mary King Barrett, 900 Woodlawn, Warren, AR 7671-3018**

Smith Casper Sylvester Smith, husband of Elizabeth "Lizzie" Wafford, was the first postmaster of Lamont, AR, in 1898. At his death in 1919, he was a member of the Columbian Woodman and the AQUW Lodge in Pine Bluff. Would like information on these organizations. **Marilyn Smith Ellen, PO Box 301, Benton, AR 72018-0301**

Crunk Looking for parents and siblings of John R. Crunk, b. 11 Dec 1848, AR, m. Lula Belle Bunton 23 Oct 1889 Butler Co., MO. Would like to hear from any Crunks and Buntons. **Marlene Brooks, 2037 Hillsdale Dr., Poplar Bluff, MO 63901**

Page, Morris Francis (Frank) Page, b. 1942 Jacksonville, AL, of David/Jane Page (Kings River, Madison Co., AR) Son John Franklin Page m. Ada Eliza Morris, Washington Co. To Gainesville, Cooke Co., TX? Remarried? Buried Garland Co., AR. Wife #1 or #2? **Margaret Nixon, 8807 Boulder Ln., Little Rock, AR 72227**

Strong Looking for child of James William and Belle (Heathen) Strong, possible birth year 1881, Chester, Crawford Co., AR. **Sandra Smith, 2624 Aspen Way, Billings, MT 9106-1575**

Tolbert, Evans, Hicks, McCollum, Lisenby, Benson Researching Reason

(Reece) Tolbert, Sr./Jr., and Jr.'s wife, Mary Ann(a) Evans, dau. of Joel J. Evans, Sr., and Emily Swaim. Period 1850-1880s. Want to locate Tolbert graves, related information. Graves not found in Evans Cemetery, Cabot, AR. **Billie Lisenby Dougherty, PO Box 68, Cabot, AR 72012-0068; email: blisdou@aol.com**

Qualls, Reed, Adamson, Wiley Seek info on these families in AR. **Tammy Sanders, 9535 St. Rt. 145 E, Dongola, IL 52926; email: tammys-family@excite.com**

Wallace William James Wallace, b. 1815, Ireland, d. after 1880, buried in Bluff City Cemetery, Nevada Co., AR with an old CSA marker. Is it possible to order a copy of the marker application. NATF Form 80 does not work. **Sandy Caulk, 3 Sun Valley, little Rock, AR 7205; email: marhac@aristotle.net**

Miles Seek info on Jeremiah H. Miles, b. c1825, resided Jefferson Twp., Desha Co. in 1870 with wife Rebecca; children: Alexander, Evin, Luvina, John N., Frances, M. Eldora, Harry E., all b. KY. In 1880 listed as John H. Miles, wife Malinda, in Prairie Twp., Drew Co. **Carol Miles, PO Box 5146, Bella Vista, AR 72714, email: dewar@ipa.net**

Fook(e)s Looking for burial place of George Lee Fook(e)s, supposedly in Sharp Co., AR, c1922, and Samuel Fook(e)s, also supposedly in Sharp Co., AR, c1903. **Stephen R. Fooks, 3511 N.W. 19th Place, Gainesville, FL 32605-2650**

Lunsford Am told Artemesia Ledbetter Lunsford was full-blood Cherokee Indian but have been unable to find info on her, her parents, etc. She m. B. S. (Benjamin Stephen) Lunsford in Craighead County on 28 Jan. 1886. At age 12 she was in household of an uncle, W. Bowen, in TN. And later inherited property from an uncle, Robert Bowen, also in TN. Seek any information.

Frances Finear, 1395 Camino Melano Dr., Santa Barbara, CA 93111

Pulaski House Seek the specific whereabouts of this boardinghouse or small hotel. Operated during Civil War, perhaps in North Little Rock, across river from Old State House and accommodated several prominent guests.

Assisting archeologist in compiling listing of **Mosaic Templar** burials at any location (easily identified by the MTA emblem of this African-American organization that furnished grave markers as a membership benefit). Direct any information to **Sybil F. Crawford, 10548 Stone Canyon Road, No. 228, Dallas, TX 75230-4408**

Plainview, Yell County, AR Want to correspond with anyone who lived or had ancestors in this area. Collecting family and/or biographical sketches as well as history of this area for its 100th birthday in 2007. **Sharon Hamilton, PO Box 69, Plainview, AR 72857-0069 (800-362-1601)**

Mays Looking for Thomas Mays, b. 18 Feb. 1825 TN/VA, d. c1860; Susan Mays, b. 2 May 1827, TN/VA, d. 1865. These are two of ten children to David Mays and Sarah W. Daniel who migrated from VA through TN to Dallas Co., AR. **Raymond Mays, 2332 Sul Ross Rd., San Angelo, TX 76904**

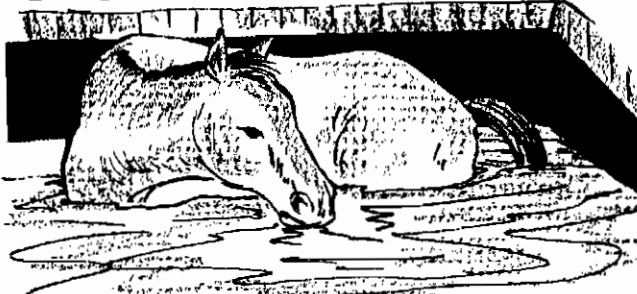
Lowry Did Isaiah R. Lowry die in Grant Co., AR? He was listed on the census for that county in 1880. Seek any information on Isaiah or his family. **Lenore Lowry Gifford, 3622 Johnson, Fort Smith, AR 72904**

Young, Phillips Seek info on Mary Ann Young, b. c1828 AR, d. 23 Feb. 1902, m.


30 Sept 1845, Madison Co., AR, Pleasant M. Johnson, b. c1824 TN, d. 22 Oct. 1904, Who were her parents? Phillips, Joseph O., b. 10 May 1954, Forsyth Co., NC, m. c1874 Madison Co., AR, Sioutha L. Johnson, b. 30 Jan. 1855, Madison Co., AR. Need proof of marriage. **Kim W. Ogier, PO Box 824812, Dallas, TX 75382**

Trexler Seek info on this family. Henry Trexler b. 1810 NC, lived in Brushy Lake Twp., Cross Co., in 1860. William P. Trexler, b. 1803 NC, settled in Crittenden co. in 1860. Both were dead y 1870 leaving many orphans. **Susan Murray, 6610 Summer Ave. No. 101, Bartlett, TN 38134**

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[History of] **Greenwood School District #25; the Heart of Sebastian County** (2001), hard cover, photographs, maps, drawings, 176 pages, full name index, \$35.00 plus tax, order from Greenwood School District, School History Project, 440 E. Gary, Greenwood, AR 72936.

Good histories of Arkansas' many rural school districts are as rare as hen's teeth. However, when they are available, they are a unique source of genealogical and local history information. Greenwood, located south of Fort Smith, was founded in 1851 as the county seat for newly created Sebastian County. The history of its school is a history of the community itself. It also contains information on the founding of nearby Camp Chaffee, a W. W. II army base. It makes good use of photographs and contains articles by a number of local historians. The full name index makes it a wonderful source of Sebastian County research. [RPB]

Descendants of Timothy Burgess Hampton and Margaret Moore of Butler County, Kentucky, by Robert W. Ford (2001), 116 pages, soft cover, photographs, and full name index. The price is \$25.00 for a printed copy, \$15 for a CD copy. Order from Robert W. Ford, 11302 Westbrook Mill Lane #102, Fairfax, VA 22030. The well-presented little work tells the story of eight generations of the family of Bobbie Mae Hampton Ford, wife of the author. She is descended from Timothy Burgess Hampton, who was born in England in 1795, and his wife, Margaret Moore

Hampton, who was born in 1805. They lived in Butler County, KY, and many of their descendants moved to western Arkansas, settling in Logan County. The work also contains information on the Collingsworth and Stafford families, as well as a history of the 26th Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, USA. The author makes excellent use of family photographs and his every name index makes it a pleasure to use. [RPB]

Drew County, Arkansas Cemetery Records Third Edition (2001) by the Drew County Extension Homemakers Club, c/o Mary Bellott, 130 Bill Henry Rd., Monticello, AR 71655-8932, 537 pages, hard cover, maps and a full name index. This is a revision of the much-appreciated 1994 edition of cemetery listings for this southeast Arkansas County. Its inclusion of a location map at the beginning of each cemetery listing was groundbreaking when it was published. This new volume is a reprint of that edition, to which has been added additional death information taken from local newspaper obituaries and from funeral home resources. The price is \$45.00 , plus \$5.00 for postage. This useful resource work should be on the bookshelf of every Drew County genealogist. [RPB]

Index to Death Notices Found in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette January 1 to June 30, 2002 (2002), published by Oscar G. Russell, 506 Loop Rd., North Little Rock, AR 72120-2216, 187 pages, hard and soft cover. The price is \$34 for the hard cover and \$21 for the soft cover. This is another of Mr. Russell's excellent indexes to deaths reported in

Little Rock's only daily newspaper. However, this may be the last, as Mr. Russell states that his "eyesight has finally failed" him. He has done the Arkansas genealogical researcher a great good by making this information so readily available. Write Mr. Russell for a complete list of his publications. [RPB]

I Acted From Principle is a bargain at \$34.95, a book you cannot put down. Dressed in a cloth cover, it is a 304 page hardback book, which includes maps and photographs. The book is published through the University of Arkansas Press and can be purchased on line at www.uapress.com. It was edited by Cynthia Dehaven Pitcock and Bill J. Gurley, and is an astonishingly rare daily account of Dr. William McPheeters "experiences as a Confederate Physician during the Civil War." Dr. William McPheeters, a native Kentuckian, went to St. Louis, Missouri in the 1840s after he received his formal training. A Confederate sympathizer, he was forced to flee St. Louis in 1862. McPheeters then joined Gen. Sterling Price's (one of the ranking officers in the Trans-Mississippi Department, and acted as Commander of the District of Arkansas for more than a year) staff as a surgeon. Dr. McPheeters put his skills to work treating soldiers battle wounds and diseases. The book also touches on the anguish Dr. McPheeters wife and children suffered by remaining in St. Louis and their eventual exile from the state of Missouri.

The editors have been careful to keep the journal in its original form, enhancing it with well-researched and colorful introductions. [RPB]

Robertson - Ruff Family history, by Vonceil Rust Robertson. Originally entitled

Entwined.. Robertson and Ruff Family History, privately published by the author about 1983, has been reprinted by Higginson Book Company 148 Washington Street PO Box 778 Salem MA 01970 orders@higginsonbooks.com for \$74.50. Contact the publisher for postage and handling charges. This book of nearly 500 pages contains maps, copies of county records, maps, photographs, and a full name index. It traces the history and descendents of John Robertson and John Ruff, who show up in Lawrence County, Tennessee about 1820 as neighbors of the famous Davy Crockett. Most of the families later immigrated to Arkansas and settled in Searcy County. Other families mentioned in this work are Hall, Boyd, Hamilton, Reddell, Petty, Brewer, St. Clair, Matthews, Turney, Steger, and Brooks. If you have Searcy County ancestors, you need a copy of this well done volume. [RPB]

AGS' Arkansas Prior Birth Index, on disc CD-ROM, Arkansas Prior Birth Index, Volume I The Arkansas Genealogical Society announces the publication of a comprehensive index of delayed birth records from Vital Statistics at the Arkansas Department of Health.

Arkansas did not require birth and death certificates until 1914, but with the passage of Social Security legislation in 1935 and the beginning of World War II in 1941, many people found themselves needing proof of age. They were allowed to collect data affirming their date and place of birth, sometimes in most ingenious ways – Bible records, sworn statements from doctors and midwives, even older siblings.

This material, filed in binders beginning in 1942, enabled the ADH to issue what were called "Prior Birth Certificates." In 1995, an Act of the Arkansas legislature allowed people doing genealogical research to obtain copies of birth records that were at least 100 years old, but there was no index to the large amount of material. In 1999, the Arkansas Genealogical Society approached the

Arkansas Department of Health about doing such an index. A database was set up at the department, and volunteers went to work at the site.

The following information was entered into the database: name of applicant, date and county of birth, and the mother's maiden name. Also included is the number of the ADH binder, and the volume and certificate number, which allows for ordering a copy of the actual certificate from the department for a fee. Even more data is available on the actual certificate, including name, age, residence, occupation, and place of birth of both parents; birth order of the child; twin or multiple births; the number of other children living at the time; and the total number of children born to the mother.

Some certificates are hand-written with the actual signatures of the parents; others are typewritten. This book contains 571 pages of names copied from ADH Binder 1 (1942), and workers have already begun on Binder 2 for future release. The oldest birth recorded in this volume dates back to 1849. The information is also available on a CD, searchable by applicant's name, county of birth, and mother's maiden name. Both book and/or CD can be ordered from: Arkansas Genealogical Society, PO Box 908, Hot Springs, AR 71902-0908. The price of the book is \$60 and the CD is \$30, which includes shipping and handling. Please allow at least two or three weeks for delivery.
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