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President's Page

2003 has been a busy year for the Arkansas Genealogical Society. Thanks to a group of very dedicated volunteers led by Susan Boyle, Volumes 2 of the Arkansas Prior's Index has been published and work on Volume 3 was started without missing a keystroke.

Russell Baker updated and revised two of his books, *Arkansas Township Atlas, 1819-1930* and *Arkansas Post Offices: From Memdag to Norsk, A Historical Directory, 1832-1990*. These two books are essential to anyone doing Arkansas research. Our publications chair, Gloria Futrell, put in a lot of overtime getting these publications ready to take to the FGS Conference in Orlando. Suzanne Jackson designed a very attractive display board and new brochures which we unveiled at FGS. We will be taking our display and publications to NGS GENTECH, January 22-24, 2004 in St. Louis. Hope to see you there!

AGS along Heritage Seekers Genealogy Club held a successful beginner's workshop in the spring; it was our first spring event in several years. We really have to thank our program chair, Linda McDowell and her committee for making it happen. They not only put together a great spring event, but had the most successful Fall Seminar and Book Fair in many years. How could we miss, with Cyndi Howells as our guest speaker?

It has been a good year, but now we are planning for 2004. AGS will hold our "Spring Event" at the Darragh Center at the Central Arkansas Library, April 3, 2004. If you haven't seen this beautiful facility, make plans to attend. There is more information about the event in this issue or you can check our website for updates.

The annual Fall Seminar and Book Fair will be held October 8-9, 2004 at the Holiday Inn Airport in Little Rock. Craig R. Scott will be the guest speaker. Craig's specialties are Revolutionary and Civil War records.

We are planning more workshops during the year by some of our talented local speakers. We will have more information about these in upcoming newsletters.

Salt Lake City is beautiful in early December, so plans are underway for a Salt Lake trip for AGS members in December 2004, if you are interested please let me know. It is not too early to be making reservations with the hotel and airlines. I can recommend that you use the intervening time to make a research plan, so not to waste a minute of precious research time.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!

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North Little Rock, AR 72120
jhdavenport@comcast.net

New member Mrs. Samuel I. Fishburn Woody II (Lee Hardin Woody) wrote: This is not a query. I just wanted to say how delighted I am to have found you.

My father, Robert Gray Hardin, grew up in Arkadelphia. Our family has been there for generations. In fact, we still own a farm in Clark County.

We descend from John Wilson, that fiery speaker of the House, through his daughter, Betsy Wilson, who married Abraham Kuykendall Hardin, son of Joseph Hardin, Sr. My grandfather was Clarence Hardin of Arkadelphia. I am looking forward to reading your publications.

New member Jacquelyn Benton, 1901 E. 13th Ave. No. 3F, Denver, CO 80206 writes: my family members are listed on the 1880 Alabama census, but cemetery records put them in Arkansas in 1883. Family oral history has it that they left Union Springs, Alabama, and ended up in Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas, traveling in covered wagons. My question is: what trails they would have

taken to get into Little Rock, bearing in mind that their original destination was actually Oklahoma.

This was a mixed race family making this trek – listed as colored on one census, mulatto on another – and having Indian blood?

From member Doris Kulp, 630 Montgomery Ave., Boyertown, PA 19512-3634:

I sure wish we could do something to spark interest in our young in the history of Arkansas, and encourage parents to pass on to them their genealogical past.

I was born in Columbia County, Mt. Holly, in 1940; my great grandfather was Barney Jones Jackson who came to AR in 1842.

I left Arkansas in 1990, but my heart is still there.

Certificate of Arkansas Ancestry Report

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

Arkansas Genealogical Society offers
Certificates of Arkansas Ancestry issued
in three categories:

Colonial - a resident of Arkansas before
1 January 1804;

Territorial - a resident of Arkansas
before 14 June 1834;

Ante-bellum - a resident of Arkansas
before 6 May 1861;

Nineteenth Century - a resident of
Arkansas before 31 December 1900

Send SASE with \$0.55 postage (2 ounces)
to AGS, PO Box 908, Hot Springs, AR
71902-0908, for an application form for
your certificate.

Territorial

Ancestor: Samuel Thomson Rice
County: Randolph
Submitter: Lois June Foster
17720 New Market Road
Dearborn, JMO 654439

Ancestor: William Tucker
County: Phillips
Submitter: Mary Nell Burnett
1603 Haverhill
Houston, TX 77009-3201

Mrs. Burnett submitted the same
information for her father, Elmer
Burnett.

Son of John D. Johnson

From the files of the Arkansas History Commission

September 10, 1859. J. C. Johnson started on a trip to Arkansas in company with B. F. Roberts and F. E. Johnson. (B. J. Roberts married Wincy Ann Johnson, daughter of Major John D. Johnson, on 20 Jan. 1859. She died of typhoid fever 17 Sept. 1859. F. E. Johnson must be Felix English Johnson, son of Major John D. Johnson and brother of Julius C. B. Johnson)

Stopped first fourteen miles from Reform, Alabama at the residence of William Bears. Traveled the next day to Macon Station on the Mobile & Ohio Ry. Stayed all night with Mrs. Garner who is a widow. Her husband died in July last. Saw nothing of particular importance up to this time to note.

The average price of land between Clolumbus and Starksville (Miss.) is from \$5.00 to \$25.00 per acre. Land is post oak and prairie - mostly falling, some fresh. Third night we stayed at Thomas Deloaches, twenty miles from Greensboro (Miss.) Looked at his plantation - saw some tallest cotton. Judged his crop would average 1200 pounds to the acre. Stayed at brother J F. Johnson's twenty-one miles east of Greensboro. (John Forsythe Johnson, son of Major John D. Johnson. John Forsythe Johnson married Nancy Smith Beard in 1856. EJ.) Examined his plantation carefully. He has some fair upland, originally oak and hickory - white sandy land, some very good slough land - black sandy soil perhaps one-third - some creek bottom land - part glady,

white clay - crayfishy - green briary - third rate land. From Greensboro to Grenada is forty miles. We stayed at John R. Tolbert's. From there to Mitchell's. Charleston is thirty-eight miles from Grenada. Some fine lands from Charleston to Helena (Ark.) - is seventy-two miles from Mitchell's to Helena, sixty miles through Mississippi River Bottom. From Helena to Little Rock, Ark. is one hundred twenty miles.

October 24th, 1859. We started from Weir this morning, twenty one miles from Little Rock. We saw some low, flat, generally poor - post oak and red oak lands. Tho we found some good land on the Arkansas River. Little Rock is a pretty place. On the west side is red and rocky for nine miles. We stay tonight at E. Dodd's. From Little Rock to Fouche is thirteen miles - a pretty stream of water, clear with white flint rock bed. North Fork twenty nine miles from Little Rock. Some good bottom lands - at the Saline four forks (now Benton, Ark.) the south fork is forty five miles from Little Rock. Some good tracts of land. Average price is \$5.00 to \$10.00 per acre. From Little Rock to Hot Springs is fifty two miles. The land rocky - gray rock, flint, slate - land broken. Hot Springs is a pretty place - it is rocky and mountainous. Rockport is the capital.

G. K. Robinson, Harold, Montgomery County, J. Cunningham, Cedar Glades, P. O. Harold, Montgomery County - twenty nine miles from Hot Springs. Fifty two miles from Hot Springs to Little Rock - forty five miles from Hot Springs to Mount Ida. Some good bottom land - some ruined by mountains and rocks. From Mount Ida to Murfreesboro is forty

five miles. The land is rocky and mountainous - small bodies of land. I don't like this land. From Murfreesboro to Washington is twenty seven miles. (William Needham Johnson, brother of Major John D. Johnson lived near Washington, Ark.) The land is level, tolerable good - some oak and pine - some prairie land. Washington is a pretty place - land deep white sand.

B. B. Jones, Fulton Ark. - E3.50. [sic] Fulton is on the Red River fifteen miles from Washington. Land level - some prairie, some post oak land - some pine and oak. Red River is red.

From Washington to Prairie DeAnn is twenty miles. (Jesse Johnson, brother of Major John D. Johnson lived here). Some fine lands here - black sandy, red oak, prairie land - generally level. I like tolerable well. Average price is \$5.00 to \$10.00 per acres. From Washington to Lewisville is thirty two miles. A flat, poor country, sandy, pine and oak - some cane - black jack. John Steele two miles from Lewisville - bill \$3.75. Lewisville the county seat of Lafayette County. A. Byrne - - Grove. Dr. B. Williams -Farmer thirty miles from Lewisville. A. Byrne to Haynesville, La. To J. W. Spinks is fifty five miles.

Claiborne Parrish some good lands - fair upland. Jackson Parrish, land thin. From J. W. Spinks to Monroe, La. Is twenty five miles - some tolerable good land. From Monroe to Richmond is eighty miles. Monroe is the capital of Ouachita Parrish. David Gleason - six miles from Monroe - bill \$4.00.

Bill from Reform, Ala. To Washington, Ark. was \$21.50, Washington, Ark. to Haynesville, La., \$2.75. Haynesville to

Plankeville \$2.00; Planksville to Vicksburg, Miss. \$6.75 - ferry \$1.75.

November 23, 1859. Poinchet five miles from Canton, Miss. \$1.25 for pony 50 cents. Tonight at Gray's six miles from Canton - bill \$1.60.

I landed home November 28, 1859 - found all well, or at father's on the evening of the 28th, and came home next morning the 29th. I am now at home warm & raining.

WAY BILL: Monroe, Richmond, Vicksburg, Canton, Louisville, Macon.

From Reform to Andrew Roberts - 250 miles (Andrew Roberts lived in the vicinity of Clarendon, Ark. on the White River, according to above route and mileage).

Andrew Roberts to Little Rock, Ark. 76 miles.

INVENTORY OF CALVARY CEMETERY

Lexington Avenue, Fort Smith, Arkansas

Submitted by Jan Eddleman, 1807 Sunshine Mine Road, Hackett, AR 72937. Previously published in *Frontier Researcher*.

Inventoried by Lisa Christian and Mary Halliburton

Lisa Christian and Mary Halliburton inventoried this cemetery as a project for their Arkansas history class at Southside High School, Fort Smith, in the spring of 1989. The cemetery is located on the west side of Lexington Avenue between Rogers and Dodson Avenues and is a Catholic cemetery

| Name | Birth | Death |
|-------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Ruby Flynn | 25 Dec 1898 | 25 Nov 1970 |
| Ben Kreiner | 30 Dec 1890 | 05 Mar 1953 |
| Margaret Kreiner | 17 Oct 1890 | 14 Oct 1978 |
| Agnes Rose | 15 Feb 1906 | 20 Sep 1906 |
| Alois Kaelin | 14 Aug 1851 | 01 Dec 1910 |
| Aloise Kaelin | 21 Jun 1846 | 09 Nov 1910 |
| Mary Weiman | 1859 | 1944 |
| W. F. Weiman | 1849 | 1906 |
| Joseph Limberg | 1875 | 1961 |
| Lorene Limberg | 1 Mar 1906 | 17 Oct 1906 |
| Nadine Alfano | 1870 | 1955 |
| Joseph Alfano | 19 Mar 1870 | 12 Oct 1975 |
| Anthony Alfano | 7 Jun 1907 | 123 Mar 1938 |
| Rose Breslin | May 1859 | 23 Oct 1902 |
| Charles Breslin | March 1859 | May 1926 |
| William Breslin | 29 Aug 1888 | 15 May 1977 |
| William Johnson | 1898 | 1986 |
| W. A. Johnson | 31 Jan 1873 | 09 Apr 1924 |
| Will Adams | 1863 | 1873 |
| Emette Adams | 1872 | 1970 |
| Alvena Ferrari | 14 Sep 1859 | 25 Dec 1951 |
| Joseph Ferrari | 25 Nov 1845 | 30 Nov 1911 |
| Anne Meyers | 24 Mar 1888 | 11 Aug 1926 |
| Vincent Meyers | 18 Nov 1881 | 15 Apr 1962 |
| Henry Altmiller | 26 Nov 1885 | 11 Oct 1944 |
| Mary Altmiller | 13 Oct 1886 | 28 Sep 1920 |
| Mary E. Altmiller | 17 Aug 1883 | 06 Mar 1962 |
| Katherine Drew | 1859 | 1911 |
| Andrew O'Grady | 20 Feb 1860 | 16 Dec 1928 |
| Mary O'Grady | 23 Apr 1898 | 07 Nov 1941 |
| Lambert Hammer | 1930 | 1934 |
| Gertrude Goebel | 1897 | 1986 |
| Mary Goebel | 1867 | 1912 |

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|---------------------|----------------|-------------|
| Julius Goebel | 1861 | 1948 |
| Herman Goebel | 1907 | 1930 |
| Stella Goebel | 1900 | 1979 |
| Fannie Goebel | 1889 | 1935 |
| Elizabeth Goebel | 1895 | 1931 |
| Eureka Hickey | 1870 | 1943 |
| Lillie Twers | 1856 | 1936 |
| Barbara Schmitt | 6 Jul 1839 | 27 Sep 1902 |
| John Schmitt | 24 Aug 1875 | 28 Oct 1929 |
| Charles Schmitt | 29 May 1923 | 26 Nov 1931 |
| Maggie Schmitt | 02 Nov 1873 | 24 Aug 1945 |
| Gertrude Sharum | 19 Jul 1860 | 01 Dec 2907 |
| C. R. Sharum | 1887 | 1932 |
| William Byrum | 1836 | 1886 |
| Mary Ann Byrum | 1837 | 1914 |
| John Moulder | 19 Oct 1906 | 19 Nov 1986 |
| Major John Huson | 1822 | 1886 |
| Richard Huson | 1877 | 1953 |
| Alice Huson | 1875 | 1946 |
| Mary Baums | 21 Oct 1863 | 16 Sep 1972 |
| Minnie Baums | 29 Dec 1878 | 17 May 1957 |
| Mitchell Muiney | 1867 | 1916 |
| Mary Muiney | 1865 | 1945 |
| Joseph Muiney | 1870 | 1946 |
| Amson Muiney | 1879 | 1975 |
| John Kehol | 15 Jan 1897 | 30 Jul 1951 |
| William Kehol | 1885 | 1971 |
| Mary Kehol | 1866 | 1931 |
| Lily Kehol | 27 Mar 1897 | 28 Jun 1958 |
| Henry Verfurth | 02 Apr 1842 | 29 May 1924 |
| Gertrude Verfurth | 19 Jul 1848 | 23 Sep 1926 |
| Frank Donahue | | 26 Jul 1913 |
| Guy Paino | 1879 | 1939 |
| Sylvia Paino | 1890 | 1982 |
| Ellen Kerwin | 1827 | 1897 |
| Rodrew Kerwin | 1869 | 1897 |
| Sister Hinch | | 09 Mar 1917 |
| Sister Kelly | | 13 Feb 1900 |
| Mother Kane | | 05 Feb 1917 |
| Sister Hearne | | Nov 1921 |
| Sister Henderson | | 9 May 1859 |
| Sister Brosman | | 04 Feb 1932 |
| Sister Iwokie | | 24 May 1949 |
| Frederica Eberhardt | (Age 56 years) | 06 May 1892 |
| Joie A. Gabera | 16 Sep 1918 | 02 Nov 1836 |
| Gertrude Freidel | 1871 | 1936 |
| Joe Schenk | 1883 | 1937 |
| J. F. Kelter | 1862 | 1938 |
| Clara Rupp | 1844 | 1938 |

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|-----------------------|--------------|-------------|
| John Rupp, Sr. | 1879 | 1922 |
| Francis E. Hoffman | 15 Apr 1900 | 20 Jun 1941 |
| Elizabeth Hoffman | 04 Dec 1857 | 17 Sep 1945 |
| Joseph Hoffman | 25 Dec 1853 | 22 Sep 1941 |
| James Bernard Reardon | 1920 | 1931 |
| Ella Brewer | 1875 | 1948 |
| Rose Agnes Helmer | 1885 | 1895 |
| John Watson (Harris) | 67 years old | |
| Anna Stremetz | 1900 | 1969 |
| Joseph Dine | 19 Mar 1872 | 22 Sep 1932 |
| John Erzen | 1859 | 1931 |
| Gerard Simmond | 1875 | 1897 |
| Rosa Vodisck | 06 Aug 1912 | 06 Feb 1914 |
| Anton Pike | 1853 | 1932 |
| Cora West | 19 Feb 1891 | 07 Feb 1929 |
| Theresia Stermetz | 29 Sep 1872 | 01 Mar 1950 |
| Anton Stermetz | 17 Jan 1885 | 28 Apr 1928 |
| Francis Schaffer | 1860 | 1928 |
| Joe Bonecontri | 30 Apr 1857 | 06 Jul 1927 |
| Anton Grill | 1901 | 1927 |
| Frank Pompey | 1882 | 1927 |
| Mike Pike | 17 Sep 1883 | 21 Mar 1968 |
| Mike Walkie | Age 36 years | 24 Nov 1903 |
| Emil Warna | June 1890 | 05 Sep 1926 |
| Martin Ragan | 1875 | 1926 |
| Thomas O'Frefer | Jan 1859 | 02 Mar 1925 |
| Louis Kerhliker | 17 May 1866 | 21 Feb 1926 |
| Lominic Mogell | 1841 | 1926 |
| Charles H. Ivers | 1880 | 1925 |
| Charles Myers | 1880 | 1925 |
| Frank Matzelle | 1862 | 1925 |
| John Hoffman | 1848 | 1920 |
| Joseph Metzef | 13 Mar 1879 | 08 Jan 1925 |
| Louise Darr Flatt | | 20 Oct 1924 |
| Daisey Davis | | 24 Mar 1954 |
| James Kane | 21 Dec 1874 | 15 Dec 1909 |
| Urban Sharum | 03 Jan 1860 | 10 Mar 1949 |
| Theresia Sharum | 14 Oct 1875 | 01 Aug 1955 |
| Sarah Euper | 1847 | 1913 |
| Agnes Euper Baum | 1874 | 1902 |
| Mary Kelly | 1888 | 1976 |
| Daniel Kelly | Age 3 years | 03 Nov 1884 |
| Danis Kelly | Age 25 years | 13 Jun 1908 |
| Julia Kelly | Age 71 years | 18 Apr 1927 |
| Jerry Kelly | Age 82 years | 04 Dec 1926 |
| Marquette Bell | 1886 | 1969 |
| Walter Harper | 25 Nov 1905 | 25 Sep 1930 |
| Arch Bell | 08 Oct 1887 | 21 Jan 1937 |
| Norina Porta | 24 Dec 1863 | 02 Oct 1952 |

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|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| G. D. Porta | 24 Jun 1864 | 10Oct 1947 |
| Zelinda Porta | 29 Sep 1906 | 17 Mar 1940 |
| William Smith | 06 Oct 1851 | 14 Oct 1939 |
| Mary Smith | 17 Feb 1851 | 22 Apr 1931 |
| Mayme S. Donahoo | 22 Jan 1878 | 14 Mar 2869 |
| Anna Meyers | 1890 | 1931 |
| Elizabeth Sharum | 1834 | 1885 |
| Patrick H. Williams | 17 Feb 1861 | 26 Sep 1890 |
| Michael Williams | 07 May 1873 | 08 Nov 1875 |
| Maurice Williams | 04 Oct 1871 | 12 Nov 1892 |
| Alexander Williams | 15 Apr 1838 | 18 Feb 1902 |
| Mary Williams | 17 Mar 1839 | 10 Feb 1881 |
| Rev. E. Corcoran | | 1854 |
| Rev. E. Hurley | | 1861 |
| Rev. M. Smyth | | 07 Jun 1900 |
| Sister O'Neil | | 23 Dec 1907 |
| Sister Keane | | 06 Aug 1906 |
| Sister Farrel | | 15 Oct 1926 |
| Sister Treresa Farrel | | 16 Jan 1892 |
| Sister O'Keefe | | 30 Jun 1879 |
| Sister Evans | | 29 Jan 1896 |
| Sister McGuire | | 29 Jan 1896 |
| Mother Supple | | 18 Jan 1920 |
| Mother Conner | | 26 Feb 1939 |
| Sister Leahy | | 11 Apr 1980 |
| Sister Kelly | | 24 Aug 1937 |
| Sister Tarrant | | 27 Nov 1873 |
| Beatrice Loren Irwin | 10 Apr 1912 | 02 May 1914 |
| Josephine Angeletti | 09 Sep 1915 | 10 Jan 1916 |
| Thomas W. Smith | 1914 | 1916 |
| Annie L. Kling | 17 Sep 1917 | 13 Jun 1920 |
| Mary Katherine Woods | 1870 | 1891 |
| Frank Stucin | 02 Mar 1887 | 08 Jan 1919 |
| Jessie Logie | 05 Aug 1912 | 07 Jan 1919 |
| Mary Sue Reddy | 04 May 1941 | 06 May 1941 |
| William Donald Vozel | | 07 Jun 1943 |
| Jimmie A. Kling | 1939 | 1943 |
| Steve Scemshak | 05 Nov 1863 | 18 Nov 1915 |
| Emila Diaz Gonzalez | April 886 | 31 Oct 1918 |
| Lawrence Braidy | 11 Oct 1875 | 17 Jan 1916 |
| Martha King | 13 Sep 1872 | 03 Jan 1918 |
| Frank P. Supen | 27 Mar 1853 | 14 May 1915 |
| Martha Ling | 13 Sep 1872 | 03 Jan 1918 |
| Frank Mason | 04 Jul 1905 | 17 Jan 1968 |
| James Sparks | 14 Sep 1936 | 17 Apr 1938 |
| William Richard Cleary, Sr. | 12 Dec 1874 | 17 Apr 1949 |
| Jessie Howard Cleary | 29 Mar 1890 | 05 May 1948 |
| Teresa Mildred Cleary | 20 Aug 1912 | 14 Apr 1936 |
| Dorothy Williams | 1864 | 1939 |

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|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Mattie McNesby | 14 Feb 1858 | 11 Apr 1921 |
| Margaret Holbert | 16 May 1842 | 15 Mar 1923 |
| Bert L. James | 21 Oct 1898 | 21 Jan 1931 |
| Dorothy J. Sullivan | 22 Jan 1878 | 27 Jun 1921 |
| Emmett Hoopaw | 01 Dec 1875 | 03 Oct 1945 |
| Lela James | 30 Jun 1902 | 07 Jan 1989 |
| Elmer O. Moak | 1894 | 1949 |
| Catherine E. Graham | 131 Jul 1882 | 27 Sep 1952 |
| Walter T. Graham | 18 Nov 1883 | 26 Nov 1972 |
| Grace D. Moak | 1900 | 1963 |
| Margaret A. Weil | 07 May 1890 | 14 Nov 1971 |
| Julian P. Weil | 16 Jan 1882 | 09 Jan 1954 |
| Margaret Drysdale | 1862 | 1938 |
| Charles Woodson | 1879 | 1961 |
| Isabel Woodson | 1884 | 1966 |
| Walter Woodson | 30 Oct 1914 | 28 Feb 1920 |
| James Robert Moore | 12 May 1937 | 12 May 1937 |
| Simon Williams | Age 60 years | 09 Feb 1901 |
| J. Paul Evans | 1836 | 1932 |
| Sam Valenceus | 16 Oct 1881 | 01 Feb 930 |
| Naomi Estell | | |
| Whitaker Tomlinson | 31 Jul 1896 | 01 Apr 1975 |
| Mary Ethel Barry | 05 Jul 1885 | 08 Sep 1969 |
| Emma Valenceus | 18 Feb 1893 | 29 Apr 1971 |
| Juanita M. Gazzola | 1913 | 1972 |
| Henry H. Euper | 14 Oct 1951 | 25 Sep 1872 |
| Beverly B. Euper | 05 Jan 1917 | 10 May 1973 |
| William H. Euper | 16 May 1914 | 07 Feb 1988 |
| Lawerence B. Burns | | 05 Feb 1888 |
| Rudolph H. Limberg | 07 Jul 1906 | 16 Aug 1988 |
| Leo T. Sharum | 06 Mar 1894 | 01 Mar 1962 |
| Hubert F. Limberg | 11 Aug 1892 | 20 May 1960 |
| Mary Harvey | 1899 | 1960 |
| A. A. Harvey | 1895 | 1956 |
| Nicholas Benedetto | 17 Sep 1912 | 15 Sep 1972 |
| George L. Bercher | 03 May 1910 | 09 Nov 1972 |
| Harry C. Sharum | 02 Nov 1919 | 25 Jun 1985 |
| Noah A. Sharum, Sr. | 20 Feb 1892 | 02 Sep 1974 |
| Clara E. Sharum | 26 Dec 1892 | 23 Sep 1974 |
| Arthur A. Sharum | 27 Dec 1887 | 13 Jan 1966 |
| Mary E. Neilhouse | 01 Jan 1898 | 27 Aug 1988 |
| Leo C. Neilhouse (Pvt. WWI) | 01 Sep 1892 | 03 May 1977 |
| Mary C. Evans | 12 Oct 1913 | 28 Jan 1087 |
| Charles F. Evans, Jr. | 19 Aug 1937 | 13 Nov 1972 |
| Lucille Evans | | 13 Dec 1932 |
| Martha Sloss | 06 Oct 1908 | 19 May 1986 |
| Agnes Mary Keating Domingos | 30 Nov 1914 | 26 Apr 1984 |
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| BABIES | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Janet Ann Careathers | 04 Dec 1937 | 01 Jan 1938 |
| Richard E. Bercher | | 16 Apr 1937 |
| James E.Bozian | | 18 Nov 1943 |
| Carole Campbell | | 06 Jan 1944 |
| Paula Sue Southerland | | 17 Sep 1949 |
| Tearance Adela Greve | 09 Aug 1946 | 21 Aug 1946 |
| Richard Eugene Earp | | 05 Mar 1982 |
| Christopher Robin Earp | | 01 Oct 1982 |
| Patrick Ryan Earp | | 04 Oct 1984 |
| Drew Edward Earp | | 03 Dec 1985 |
| Son of L.H. & K. Chastain | | 04 Oct 1947 |
| Frank & Henry Pearson | 1946 | 1947 |
| Anna Amelia Rumpf | 12 Mar 1982 | 24 Jan 1983 |
| Roberta Jane Tinder | | 04 Jan 1950 |
| Merged Rodriquez | | 25 Mar 1952 |
| Michele Lugene Hardwick | 17 Jun 1954 | 03 Dec 1054 |
| Son of Marjorie & Gene Bender | | 1939 |
| Mary Ann Preston | | 30Jun 1956 |
| Thomas Price | 23 Oct 1952 | 15 Apr 1953 |
| Brian Edward Merlau | | 09 Oct 1987 |
| Nguyen Anh Sandy | 20May 1980 | 19 Oct 1980 |
| Helen Frances Branco | | 8 May 1962 |
| Larry Dale McNabb | 10Oct 1962 | 12 Oct 1962 |
| Diana G. West | 19 Dec 1962 | 14 Apr 1963 |
| Jacqueline Keefer | | 26 Aug 1964 |
| Lisa Marie Wewers | 21 May 1967 | 23 May 1967 |
| Susan Ann Spradlin | | 25 Jun 1971 |
| Kristy Elizabeth Talbott | | 14 Jun 1972 |
| Vincent L. Whitfield | 1960 | 1972 |
| Son of Bill & Kristie Cobb | 10 Nov 1974 | 11 Nov 1974 |
| Jon Thomas Wood | | 21 Sep 1976 |
| Son of Frank & Cindy Edwards | | 03 Jun 1978 |
| Sisters | | |
| M. Consilia Creamer | | 05 Nov 1985 |
| M. Gerard Sheehy | | 29 Sep 1982 |
| M. Columba Corgoran | | 23 Jun 1978 |
| M. Lelia Ryan | | 29 Nov 1974 |
| M. Clementine O'Connell | | 23 Mar 1974 |
| M. Helen Walshe | | 02 Jul 1973 |
| M. Benagnus Buckley | | 20 Jun 1971 |
| M. Raphael Ryall | | 21 Jun 1971 |
| M. Antonio Supple | | 20 Oct 1968 |
| M. Loretta Whelan | | 06 Jul 1968 |

Coker Cemetery

Boone County, Arkansas



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This enumeration was taken Apr 1999 by Dee and Everett Burr. Some of the sandstone markers or metal markers are no longer there making some of the graves unmarked. The locations of the unmarked graves are on a map drawn in 1982 by caretakers of the cemetery.

This map is in our possession. For more information contact Dee Burr at searcher@yournet.com

1. ? Stone crypts - several sizes - no inscriptions
2. Biles, Seman, (Marker is 4x6 area of stones) Brother of Margret Plumlee (rode with William Quantrell)
4. Burr, Allie Claude. - 14 Sept. 1888 - 21 Jan. 1952
(father of Alson James, Everett L., Clarence F. and Alma Sue Burr Nichols)

5. Burr, Alson James - 31 Jan. 1914 - 4 June 1973 . TEC 5 U. S. Army WW2

(Father of Frank, William Henry, Everett L. and Alma Sue Burr Mathis)

6. Burr, Idie (Misenor) - 4 May 1862 - 17 Dec. 1927
(Wife of B.F)
7. Burr, Benjamin Franklin (B.F). - 15 Aug. 1854 - 31 Aug. 1916
8. Burr, Liza - 1 Jan. 1885 - 7 June 1935
(Wife of Allie Claude Burr)
9. Burr, Susie Ramsey - 16 Apr. 1918 - 29 Aug. 1987
dau/Charlie & Sarah Ramsey wife of Alson James Burr
10. Burr, Everett Leon - 15 Sep 1919 - 13 Sep 1997
husband of Fern Evans Burr, father of Joyce Talley and Delia Webster
11. Burr, Clarence Franklin - 4 Oct 1916 - 28 Feb 1999
Husband of Elma Lee (Amy) Gifford Burr
12. Clark, Althea - 4 May 1881 - 20 June 1882
dau/W. P. & Catherine

13. Clark, Joseph S. - 25 July 1877 - 10 Jan. 1919
(Died of flu)
14. Coker, Arthur - 6 Nov. 1895 - 2 Feb. 1922
15. Coker, Bird - 16 Oct. 1887 - 11 June 1904
16. Coker, Jim
18. Erwin, Charles No marker
Erwin, Nettie - No marker
19. Erwin, Troy L. - b & d 28 Feb. 1916
son of John R. and Vevia B. Erwin
20. Hall, George (No marker)
21. Heaton, Mary E. (Arnold) - 19 Feb. 1860 - 2 Feb. 1908
(married to J. M. Heaton 5 Apr. 1885)
22. Heaton, Nancy Ann (Thornberry) - 10 June 1842 - 15 Aug. 1882
married to J. M. Heaton 14 July 1866
23. Hurley, Infant (no marker)
Child of Dave and Ida Hurley
24. Ladd, Carl Lee - 17May1915 - 19Aug1992
25. Ladd, Dinsmore - 8 June 1899 - 26 Feb. 1920
(Died of flu)
26. Ladd, James Madison. - 9 July 1857 - 24 Oct. 1937
27. Ladd, Margaret - 11 Jan. 1860 - 28 May 1933
Reported to be Indian.
28. Ladd, William H. - 12 Oct. 1883 - 15 Mar. 1958
29. Ladd, Willie A. (Heaton)- 30 Dec. 1896 - 28 Mar. 1978
(Wife of Pleas E. Ladd, married 17 June 1914)
30. Ladd, Pleas E. - 21 Sept. 1891 - 25 Feb. 1941
31. Ladd, Pleas Junior - 19 May 1930 - 6 Apr 1994
32. Ladd, James Madison - 7 Jul 1922 - 29 Dec 1995
33. Larimer, Harvey S. - 3 Apr. 1861 - 27 Mar. 1931
(First husband of Georgia Heaton Morgan)
34. Martin, M.E. (Molly) (Infant)
Martin, H. L. (Infant)
35. Morgan, Georgia Heaton- 30 Aug. 1895 - 20 Apr. 1966
(Sister to Willie Ladd)
36. Nightengale, George - 1879 - 1969 (F. H. mkr. only) 1979
37. Penley, Infant
(Died of flu)
38. Penley, Infant
(Died of flu)
39. Plumlee, Benjiman H. - 5 June 1873 - 8 Sept. 1907
40. Plumlee, Ellar C. - 21 June 1883 - 22 July 1885
41. Plumlee, 2 infants b; d Dec. 1903 and 1905
Children of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Plumlee
42. Plumlee, Joe - 1 Feb. 1922 - 15 Sept. 1943
43. Lenard Plumlee (No Marker)
(Son of Joe and Ruby Plumlee)
44. Plumlee, Margret (No Marker)
45. Plumlee, Ruby (No Marker)
Wife of Joe Plumlee
46. Plumlee, Sparlin F. - 31 Dec. 1869 - 3 Mar. 1870
47. Plumlee, Waley (No Marker)
48. Stokes, W. D. - 26 Dec. 1870 - 11 Mar. 1954
(Second husband of Georgia Heaton Morgan)
49. Webster, Delia L. (Burr) - 12 Nov. 1940 - 3 Dec. 1977
(Dau. of Everett L. and Fern Burr. Married to Harrold Nikkel)

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1. Brackett, infant son of Oscar and Edith
1 July 1913 - 13 July 1913 .
2. Brackett, Clarence - 18 Nov. 1916 - 12
June 1918 n/James & Berdie P.
3. Brackett, James - 14 June 1892 - 23 July
1920
4. Brackett, Levi - 29 May 1850 - 10 June
1930
5. Doolen, infant girls of Charles & Sarah
- 24 Mar. 1905 - 12 Apr. 194
6. Doolen, Charles Eugene - 18 July 1901
- 31 Oct. 1905
7. Heaton, A. J. - 10 Aug. 1858 - 13 June
1936
8. Heaton, Alice C. - 2 July 1863 - 3 Feb.
1913
9. Heaton, James Armistead - 6 July 1877
- 3 Sept. 1943
Laudie - 27 Nov. 1879 - 2 Apr. 1957
10. Heaton, Sarah - 26 Sept. 1871 - 19 Feb.
1943
William - 22 Aug. 1866 - 22 Nov. 1931
11. Heaton, baby - of Wm. & Sarah
12. Heaton, Smith - 25 Aug. 1824 - 6 Mar.
1895 father
Sarah - 24 Aug. 1881 - 30 Dec. 1893
mother
13. Heaton, Wanda Lee - 21 Nov. 1931
14. Hulsey, Margaret J. - 5 Feb. 1838 - 25
Apr. 1914
15. Jones, Duane - b & d 17 May 1899
son/Thos. M. & Gertie
16. Jones, Gertie - d. 2 Mar. 1908 - 29 y. 5
m. 4 d. wife/Thomas M.
dau./C. W. & America Yeager
17. Officer, James M. - 1 Oct. 1834 - 18
Mar. 1859
18. Pass, John A. - 16 Nov. 1816 - 30 Oct.
1880
19. Pass, Mary Jane - 9 Dec. 1820 - 4 June
1900 wife/J.A.
20. Yeager, America L. - 22 Dec. 1862 - 5
June 1914

Or

How I Found Baker's Missing Foote

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SUMMARY: Persistent family tradition links the author's southern Baker Family with the famous New England Foote Family. Through decades of research by a number of family members, more than a few tantalizing tidbits of information about this connection have been uncovered. However, the preponderance of genealogical evidence containing that final "proof" was lacking until recently when I uncovered the following information. As is the case in many genealogical research projects, the final clue became known because of a case of serendipity. An "interesting but unrelated" query led to a half-forgotten deed abstract that unraveled an unsuspected set of complex inter-family relationships. This article illustrates the need for the researcher to keep in mind the possibilities in uncovering the hidden relationships within any frontier community.

Old Family Traditions

In his small, privately printed *Memoirs of the Baker Family*, published about 1960 in Hot Springs, Arkansas retired Methodist minister, Rev. John "Dhot" Baker, who was born in 1882, speculated at length about the origins of the family of his grandfather, Stephen Pelzer Baker, a Pike County, Arkansas pioneer, who died three years after Dhot was born. He

wrote, "[I am] convinced of the truth of the strong [family] traditions which have been handed down from one generation of Bakers to another, that Stephen Baker's father was named "FOOTE". One of the traditions is that two brothers named Foote were in the U. S. Armed Service immediately following the Revolutionary War. Each had the rank of Commissioned Officer. They had a difference with another officer and by accident, or in a fit of anger, one of them killed [that] officer. Both immediately deserted changed their name to Baker and fled to the South". He offered little evidence to support this tradition, although he did express the opinion that a shaking of, "some of the family trees of the Foote families in New York; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Bartimore, (sic) Maryland; [and] Connecticut [might] also be revealing".¹

The Baker Family Bibles

For many years this is where research into this family mystery stood until, with the help of the author's mother, the family Bible of Mrs. Mary Baker Palmer, a daughter of Stephen Baker, was located. Among other things, it contained her father's birth date, November 14, 1815, and birthplace, Maury County, Tennessee. It also contained information on the date and place of the marriage of her father to her mother, Nancy C. Spence, on November 27, 1844 in DeSoto County, Mississippi.² Since Rev. Baker did not mention these very important dates in his family history, it would appear that he had not seen this family Bible information.

In answer to a query placed by the

author in the *Arkansas Family Historian*, the official publication of the Arkansas Genealogical Society, then published at Little Rock, Arkansas, Mrs. Betty Mayberry of Fort Smith, Arkansas, a descendent of a brother of Stephen, James J. Baker, forwarded the names of the parents of these two men from the family Bible records of James J. They were Edmund Baker and Rebecca Phillips Baker.³ Using this information, it was not a great feat to locate the Baker Family on the 1830 U. S. Census of Lawrence County, Tennessee.⁴ By 1840, Edmund and his family were living at Mount Pleasant in the Northern District of Marshall County, Mississippi. This was the first concrete information on the family, Foote or Baker, to become known for several generations.⁵

An Indian Princess

In his *Memoirs* Baker also discussed another tradition, "which had been handed down from one generation to another since S. P. Baker's days. It is that the father of the first Bakers, who seemed to have settled in West Tennessee, probably Dyer County, Tennessee, married an Indian maiden, of the Cherokee tribe, thought to have been named 'Mahalie'".⁶ The Bible information supplied by Mrs. Mayberry disproved part of this tradition. Edmund Baker's wife was Rebecca Phillips. However, the west Tennessee connection with the family does have some basis in fact. Nancy Caroline Spence, wife of Stephen Pelzer Baker and the grandmother of Rev. Baker, was born in Madison County, Tennessee on May 22, 1821.⁷ After the death of her father, whose name has not yet been determined, she, her brother James, and her sister Mary, were taken in by her Uncle, Mark Spence, who lived in Dyer

County.⁸ It was here about 1838 that she married her first husband, Richard J. Vaughan, who died shortly after 1840.⁹ This Dyer County information must have come from Nancy Baker herself since she did not die until 1903. It is not known why Dhot applied this Spence tradition to the Baker Family.

The 1880 Census Records

Baker also reported that, "We have definite information that Stephen P. Baker had several brothers and sisters ... John Baker, Johnathan (sic) Baker (twin brother of John), James J. Baker, Sisters: Mahalie, [and] Lucinda".¹⁰ Later while researching census records for a unrelated family, the author of this article, came across Rebecca Phillips Baker, widow of Edmund Baker, listed on the 1850 U. S. Census of Ouachita County, Arkansas, as a member of the household of James and Elizabeth F. Hughes. She was sixty-two years old and told the census taker that she was born in North Carolina. This was quite a discovery since there was no recorded family tradition that she was ever in Arkansas. The race of all in the household was listed as "white". Living with Rebecca Baker were several of her adult children: Mahalia, born in 1813, John M., born in 1819, and Louisiana born in 1823, who is not mentioned in the *Memoirs*. They all indicated that they were born in Tennessee.¹¹ However, there was no Lucinda listed on this census. She either had already married or was dead. If this data is added to information from Stephen's Bible records; the birth information from the tombstone of Jonathan Baker, who is buried in the New Hope Cemetery near Spiro, Oklahoma, showing that he was born on November 23, 1819 in Alabama¹² and the family Bible records of James J.

Baker, indicating that he was born on July 2, 1822 in Tennessee,¹³ we arrive at the names of the following known or suspected children of Edmund and Rebecca Baker were: Stephen Pelzer, John M., Jonathan, James J., Mahalia, Louisiana, and maybe Lucinda.¹⁴

Follow-up research on some of these siblings using the 1880 U. S. Census revealed yet another family mystery. Stephen P. Baker, who lived at that time in Clark Township, Pike County, Arkansas, told the census taker that his father was born in Pennsylvania and that his mother was born in Alabama.¹⁵ His brother, Jonathan Baker, who lived near him in Amity Township, Clark County reported that his father was born in New York and that his mother was born in North Carolina.¹⁶ James J. Baker and Mahalia Baker Young King, who were living in Greenwood Town, Center Township, Sebastian County, Arkansas, both told the census taker that their father was born in Connecticut and that their mother was born in South Carolina.¹⁷ John M. Baker, another brother who was also living in Sebastian County at the time and who died on April 18, 1884, indicates in 1880 that his parents were both born in Mississippi. Using this data, Baker Family researchers were now confronted with the task of looking for a certain Foote, who changed his name to Edmund Baker, who was born in Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut, or Mississippi.¹⁸ However, the New England or New York information seems to fit better with family tradition. The family's tenure in Mississippi was much later.

The Foote Book

Following a suggestion from another Baker family researcher, Mrs.

Betty Baker Tidwell of Arkadelphia, AR, a thorough examination was made of Abram W. Foote's *Foote Family Comprising the Genealogy and History of Nathaniel Foote of Wethersfield, Conn.*, vol. 1, published in 1907. On page 286, the following fascinating information was found: "Ebenezer Foote, b. Watertown, Ct., Dec. 15, 1789; m. Rebecca Phillips, of Alabama". The list of Ebenezer's children that followed was even more interesting: Stephen Phillips, Ozro, John Mason, Jonathan, and a child named, Mahalia Louisiana Lucinda, followed by the notation "nothing further known". An examination of the history of the family of Ebenezer Foote, reveals he lived at different times in West Britain, Connecticut, Windsor, New York, and Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania.¹⁹ This information would prove to be one of the essential sources in unlocking the mystery of Baker's missing Foote.

There is an obvious similarity between the family of Edmund Baker and that of Ebenezer Foote, especially when the names and birth order of children are compared. Stephen P.²⁰ John Mason, and Jonathan match up. However, James J. has been left out and Mahalia, Louisiana, and Lucinda condensed into one person. All of this information fits more or less into family tradition and existing records. However, there has been no family tradition concerning a Baker son named *Ozro*. A check of a microfilm copy of the original edition of the *Foote Genealogy and History*, published in 1849, led to the discovery that the list of children of Ebenezer as printed in 1907 edition was incomplete. The original list contained the name of an additional son, "James Jenkins Foote", who had been left out of the 1907 edition.²¹ With this added information, the Foote list matches up

with all the names of Edmund and Rebecca's children except for a child with the unlikely name of Ozro.

Was my mystery now solved? If so, this would mean that the Baker Family, really the Foote Family, was still in touch with its Foote relatives in New England as late as the 1840s. Circumstantial evidence looked very good. Add to this the information that the maiden name of the grandmother of Ebenezer Foote was Baker²² and proof of a possible connection begins to mount. However, there remained the problem of Ozro Foote who could be Ozro Baker. Neither family tradition nor census records yet consulted had yielded any Ozro information. Perhaps, after all, these were just a set of unrelated coincidences. Would "proof" ever be found of this oft-told connection?

A New Direction

The final resolution of this family puzzle resided with someone who at first glance seemed to have no connection at all with the Baker family, Caledonia G. H. Moore. The author first came across Caledonia in 1971 while in northwestern Mississippi doing research on the family of Stephen P. Baker. Stephen is listed in the Southern District of DeSoto County, Mississippi on the 1850 U. S. Census.²³ While at the DeSoto County courthouse, an 1854 deed was found in which a woman named Caledonia Baker sold land to Robert B. Vaughan in an area that is now in eastern Tate County. What caught the eye was the fact that Stephen P. Baker was the Justice of the Peace who witnessed the deed. Was there a family connection between these two Bakers? A search of earlier deeds revealed that William Higgs had purchased the land in 1850 from Vaughan. Although this

information was interesting, no other obvious connection between Caledonia Baker or perhaps Caledonia Higgs and Stephen Baker was noted at the time. The information was filed away and there it remained for almost twenty-five years.

In 1994, a query appeared in the *Arkansas Family Historian*, now published at Hot Springs, Arkansas, requesting genealogical information on the family of Robert B. Vaughan. Within the past few years, Baker family researchers developed an interest in Vaughan research because the first husband of Nancy C. Spence, the wife of Stephen P. Baker, was Richard J. Vaughan. It was already known that Robert B. Vaughan, the man who purchased land from Caledonia, lived in the same community as did Stephen P. and Caledonia.²⁴ It was also known that both the Baker and Vaughan families left Mississippi about 1854 or so and settled near each other in Columbia County, Arkansas. Perhaps Richard J. Vaughan, the first husband of Baker's wife, Nancy, was related to Robert B. Vaughan. If so, might Nancy Baker have moved from Dyer County, Tennessee to old DeSoto County, Mississippi to live with her deceased husband's family after his death?

This Vaughan query called to mind the nearly twenty-five years old notes about a possible connection between the Vaughan family and Caledonia Baker. A review of this material set off a series of inquiries on the author's part that resulted in some remarkable connections between Caledonia and, of all people, Ozro, the missing Baker's Foote. Caledonia G. H. Moore was born about 1825 in Tennessee. Evidence indicated that she was a daughter of James Moore, a saddler from South Carolina, and his

wife, Nancy, who were pioneers of west Tennessee, coming there about 1822. Moore owned a large number of acres northwest of Jackson in Madison County.²⁵ On December 23, 1839, one of Caledonia's sisters, Mary M., married Robert B. Vaughan, a native of Virginia.²⁶ This was about the same time Richard J. Vaughan, thought to be a brother of Robert, married Nancy C. Spence.

Shortly before 1840, the Moore family moved to what is now eastern Tate County, Mississippi, then the southern district of DeSoto County. They settled near Flewellen's Cross Roads.²⁷ The Vaughan Family joined them in the area a few years later.²⁸ Evidently, Robert Vaughan brought with him his newly widowed sister in law, Nancy Carolina Spence Vaughan. On November 27, 1844 Nancy married a young man in the community named Stephen Pelzer Baker, who had just moved to the Cross Roads a short time before with his brother, Jonathan, and his sister, Mahalia.²⁹

On December 23, 1845, Caledonia Moore, Baker's wife's first husband's possible sister in law, married her first husband, James A. Spears. He seems to have died fairly soon because on December 13, 1849, she married her second husband, a thirty-four year old from Tennessee, William Higgs.³⁰ They became the parents of one child, John M. Higgs. However, Mr. Higgs was dead by 1853 and their child died soon thereafter.³¹

In June of 1850, William Higgs purchased 20 acres of land between the Cross Roads and the community of Bet for \$50.00 from his wife's brother in law, Robert B. Vaughan. After his death, Caledonia sold this land back to Robert B. Vaughan in November of 1854.³² As

has been seen, one of the witnesses to this deed was her neighbor and Vaughan's former sister in law's second husband, Stephen P. Baker.

By the time Caledonia sold her husband's land back to Vaughan, she had married for the third time. On February 7, 1854, she married Ozro Baker in neighboring Marshall County, Mississippi.³³ Ozro Baker, who was born in 1817 in Tennessee, was the "missing" son from the list of children of Ebenezer Foote, a/k/a Edmund Baker. Now he shows up in Marshall County, Mississippi married to the former sister-in-law of the wife of Stephen Pelzer Baker. Ozro married for the first time, about 1835, to a lady named Elizabeth, perhaps in Tennessee. By 1850 they were the parents of some five daughters and were living in Limestone County, Alabama.³⁴ Sometime between 1850 and 1854, Ozro's first wife and children disappear and he moves to DeSoto and Marshall counties, Mississippi, to live near his brother, Stephen. Although he and Caledonia were married in Marshall County, they made their home in DeSoto County near the Cross Roads.³⁵ By 1860 Ozro was either dead or had taken off for parts unknown. When the census was taken that year, Caledonia G. H. Moore Spears Higgs Baker was living in Marshall County with James H. Burnett, perhaps another of her brother's in law.³⁶

However, the story of this much married lady does not end there. By the end of the Civil War, she was living in Columbia County, Arkansas near the Vaughan and Baker families.³⁷ Here on March 17, 1867 Caledonia married a twice widowed an other former Flewellen's Cross Road citizen, Rufus A. Deaton,³⁸ who was born about 1825 in North Carolina. He appeared in

old DeSoto County, Mississippi early in 1850 where he married Mary A. Scott.³⁹ He and his family also moved from Mississippi to Arkansas about 1855.⁴⁰ He settled to the west of the Baker and Vaughan families in the Mars Hill Community in Lafayette County. Deaton's first wife was dead by 1864, when he married his second wife, Martha Tatom.⁴¹ She, however, did not live long. Caledonia and Rufus became the parents of one known child, Rufus R. Deaton, who was born about 1868.⁴² Both Caledonia and Rufus appear to have died by 1900.

Here then at last, all of the pieces of the puzzle fall into place. Due to the discovery of Ozro and his relationship to Caledonia, and her relationship to the Baker and Vaughan family, we can now say with a great deal of certainty that Edmund Baker was, in reality, Ebenezer Foote. Without Ozro, we would still be searching for the Baker family's missing Foote.

Endnotes

¹The name Pelzer, which was passed down through several generations of Stephen's descendants, refers to a worker in hides and pelts. See George F. Jones *German-American Names* (Baltimore, MD, 1990) p. 213. John Dhot Baker; *Memoirs of the Baker Family* (Hot Springs, AR, c1960), hereafter cited as *Memoirs*. Baker relied mostly on his own recollections to compile this family history. Because of his age, he was able to do little original research. His history is therefore a curious mixture of fact, fancy and tradition. However, his guess about a possible New England connection of the Foote family was right on the mark. No information has been located concerning a second Foote-Baker brother.

²"Family Bible of Mrs. Marry L. Palmer, New York, American Bible Society, 1858", hereafter cited as *Family Bible*. An abstract of the family information from this Bible is in the possession of the author. The Bible's present whereabouts is unknown.

³ "Family Bible of James J. Baker, New York, American Bible Society, 1850:", color photocopy in

possession of the author, *Arkansas Family Historian*, vol. 15. no. 2.:120, and Letter from Betty Baker Mayberry, Fort Smith, AR, Aug. 7, 1977 to the author. The names "Edmund Baker" and "Rebecca Philips" were written in blue ink in a different hand than most of the other entries in the Bible. However, the color and style of the entry matches that recording the death of James J. Baker in 1891.

⁴ 1830 U. S. Census Population Schedule, Lawrence County, TN, p. 306.

⁵ 1840 U. S. Census Population Schedule, Marshall County, Mississippi. See also W. L. Cargill, *Records of the Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church, Marshall County, MS, 1837-1884*. While the Bakers were not Baptists, many of their neighbors are listed in these records.

⁶ *Memoirs*, p. 3

⁷ *Baker Family Bible*, loc. cit.

⁸ Albert Hulme, "A Compilation of the History of Dyer County". Dyersburg, TN, *State Gazette*, Nov. 2, 1973. p 43 and 44; Dyer County Wills Book A, p. q39, 140 and 167; and International Genealogical Index (I.G.I.) File No. F837373.004; and 1850 U. S. Census Population Schedules, DeSoto County, MS, Southern District, p. 321.

⁹ Dyer Co., TN, Deed Records, Book E, p. 55-6 and 1840 U. S. Census Population Schedule, Dyer Co., TN p. 102. In this deed record, R. J. Vaughan appears as a witness on a Dyer County deed. This is the only record of him that has survived except for the 1840 census entry.

¹⁰ *Memoirs*, p.8.

¹¹ 1850 U. S. Census Population Schedule, Ouachita Co., AR, Smackover Township, p. 62. Elizabeth could be an additional daughter of Edmund. The name Mahalie proposed by Baker for the wife of his Foote Ancestor evidently came from the name of his great aunt, Mahalia Baker.

¹² Poteau Valley Genealogical Society, "New Hope Cemetery, Spiro, Oklahoma", LeFlore Co., OK Genealogical Records, vol. 9, (Poteau, OK, 1984), p. 78. His place of birth is on his tombstone. If John M. and Jonathan were twins, then both of them were born on Nov. 23, 1819 in Alabama. No family Bible records of Jonathan's Family have yet been located.

¹³ Baker Family Cemetery, corner of N. and W. Main Sts., Greenwood, Arkansas, inscription copied by the author and 1850 U. S. Census Population Schedule, Crawford Co., AR, Marion Township, p. 300. The family name is spelled "Barker" on this census. Census records give the birthplace of James J. Baker as Tennessee.

¹⁴ The 1830 census shows 5 sons and 3 daughters in Edmund's household.

¹⁵ 1880 U. S. Census Population Schedule, Pike

County, AR, Clark Township, p. 454a. His son, Joseph A. Baker, was the census taker that year in this township.

¹⁶ 1880 U. S. Census Population Schedule, Clark County, AR, Amity Township, p. 381b.

¹⁷ 1880 U. S. Census Population Schedule, Greenwood Town Center Township, Sebastian County, p. 598b. Mahalia married Dixon P. King in Sebastian county about 1853. See 1860 U. S. Census Population Schedule, Marion Township, Sebastian County, AR, p. 1040.

¹⁸ 1880 U. S. Census Population Schedule, Center Township, Sebastian Co., AR., p. 577b. See also "John Mason P. Baker and His Family, Sebastian County Pioneers" Individual file, Arkansas History Commission and State Archives, Little Rock, AR.

¹⁹ Abram W. Foote, *Foote Family Comprising the Genealogy and History of Nathaniel Foote*, vol. 1 (reprint, 1974), p. 156 and 286, hereafter cited as *Foote History*.

²⁰ The name Phillips for Stephen Foote's middle name might be an attempt to understand the unusual name of Pelzer.

²¹ Nathaniel Goodwin, *The Foote Family*, (Hartford, CT, 1849), LDS microfilm Roll No. 1017043, item 19, no pagination.

²² *Foote History*, p. 64 and 65.

²³ 1850 U. S. Census Population Schedule, Center Township, DeSoto Co., MS, Southern District, p. 321.

²⁴ 1850 U. S. Census, Population Schedule, DeSoto County, MS, Southern District, p. 327.

²⁵ 1822 Madison Co., TN Tax Records, p.72; Court Minutes, vol. 1, p. 65 and 477; and 1830 U. S. Census, Population Schedule, Madison Co., TN, p. 65.

²⁶ Little Rock, AR, *Arkansas Methodist*, April 28, 1897, p. 5, col. 1

²⁷ 1840 U. S. Census Population Schedule, DeSoto Co., MS, p. 122. A comparison of Moore's neighbors with the 1850 census and land records show that he was living just to the east of the Cross Roads about half way to the rural community of Bit.

²⁸ 1841 DeSoto County, MS Tax Records.

²⁹ 1842 and 1843 DeSoto Co., MS Tax Records; *Family Bible* loc. cit.; and *Hunting For Bears, Inc., Index to DeSoto Co., MS Marriages*, p. 14, hereafter cited as *DeSoto Co. Marriages*.

³⁰ DeSoto Co. Marriages, p. 280 and 133.

³² DeSoto Co., MS Estate Docket "1838-1863", Case No. 666. R. B. Vaughan was appointed guardian of Caledonia's child after her husband's death.

³² DeSoto Co., MS Deeds Book L., p. 188 and Book N, p. 125 and 175.

³³ Marshall Co., MS Marriages, Book E, p. 247.

³⁴ 1840 U. S. Census Population Schedule, Limestone County, AL, p. 173 and 1850 U. S. Census Population Schedule, Limestone Co., AL, District 4, p. 2b. His name is spelled "Ezra" in the 1850 census.

³⁵ 1854 DeSoto Co., MS Tax Records.

³⁶ 1850 U. S. Census Population Schedule, Marshall Co., MS, p. 28b and 1860, *ibid.*, p. 240.

³⁷ DeSoto Co., MS Deeds Book P, p. 536.

³⁸ Columbia Co., AR Marriages Book C, p. 26.

³⁹ 1850 U. S. Census Population Schedule, DeSoto County, MS, Southern District, p. 341 and *DeSoto Co. Marriages*, p. 78.

⁴⁰ 1854 DeSoto Co., MS Tax Records; 1860 U. S. Census Population Schedule, Lafayette Co., AR, La Grange Township, p. 21; and 1860 Lafayette County AR Tax Records. .

⁴¹ Lafayette Co., AR Marriages Book 2. p. 132

⁴² 1880 U. S. Census Population Schedule, Lafayette Co., AR, Mars Hill Township, p. 407b.

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... Once before, I posted a small amount of material on the great earthquake > which was centered around New Madrid, Missouri on 16 December 1811. Today, I am sending along a much longer account, written in response to an inquiry from Lorenzo Dow for a description of what occurred from a resident of the area at the time. Since this earthquake was felt as far east as New England, it has been estimated that it would probably fall into the range of a 12 on the Richter scale. It was an enormous set of shocks, which caused the Mississippi River to run backwards for a short time, created crevices which were, in some cases, a quarter-mile wide, created Reelfoot Lake in western Tennessee, and destroyed almost every man made structure for 150 miles. While no one was yet residing in the JP region at this time(it was still part of the Chickasaw Indian Nation hunting grounds), there can be little question that the event reshaped some of the area. Lakes and ponds were formed, and the banks of the Mississippi River were altered. Had the area been inhabited at the time of this quake, there would have been a high death toll from its effects, as there was in MO. People living in central and eastern KY were jolted awake by the quake, which caused small buildings to collapse and breakable items to be lost.

The quake was estimated to be a 5 on the Richter scale as far away as Charleston, SC, and a 4 in northern Florida. It was an

event the likes of which the area has not seen since.

New Madrid, Territory of Missouri,
March 22, 1816

Dear Sir, In compliance with your request, I will now give you a history, as full in detail as the limits of the letter will permit, of the late awful visitation of Providence in this place and vicinity. On the 16th of December, 1811, about two o'clock, A.M., we were visited by a violent shock of an earthquake, accompanied by a very awful noise resembling loud but distant thunder, but more hoarse and vibrating, which was followed in a few minutes by the complete saturation of the atmosphere, with sulphurous vapor, causing total darkness. The screams of the affrighted inhabitants running to and fro, not knowing where to go, or what to do - the cries of the fowls and beasts of every species - the cracking of trees falling, and the roaring of the Mississippi - the current of which was retrograde for a few minutes, owing as is supposed, to an irruption in its bed - formed a scene truly horrible.

From that time until about sunrise, a number of lighter shocks occurred; at which time one still more violent than the first took place, with the same accompaniments as the first, and the terror which had been excited in everyone, and indeed in all animal nature, was now, if possible doubled. The inhabitants fled in every direction to the country, supposing (if it can be admitted that their minds can be exercised at all) that there was less danger at a distance from, than near to

the river. In one person, a female, the alarm was so great that she fainted, and could not be recovered. There were several shocks of a day, but lighter than those already mentioned until the 23d of January, 1812, when one occurred as violent as the severest of the former ones, accompanied by the same phenomena as the former. From this time until the 4th of February the earth was in continual agitation, visibly waving as a gentle sea. On that day there was another shock, nearly as hard as the proceeding ones. Next day four such, and on the 7th about 4 o'clock A.M., a concussion took place so much more violent than those that had proceeded it, that it was dominated the hard shock.

The awful darkness of the atmosphere, which was formerly saturated with sulphurous vapor, and the violence of the tempestuous thundering noise that accompanied it, together with all of the other phenomena mentioned as attending the former ones, formed a scene, the description of which would require the most sublimely fanciful imagination.

At first the Mississippi seemed to recede from its banks, and its waters gathering up like a mountain, leaving for the moment many boats, which were here on their way to New Orleans, on bare sand, in which time the poor sailors made their escape from them. It then rising fifteen to twenty feet perpendicularly, and expanding, as it were, at the same moment, the banks were overflowed with the retrograde current, rapid as a torrent - the boats which before had been left on the sand were now torn from their moorings, and suddenly driven up a little creek, at the mouth of which they laid, to the distance in some instances, of nearly a quarter of a mile. The river

falling immediately, as rapid as it had risen, receded in its banks again with such violence, that it took with it whole groves of young cotton-wood trees, which ledged its borders. They were broken off with such regularity, in some instances, that persons who had not witnessed the fact, would be difficultly persuaded, that it has not been the work of art. A great many fish were left on the banks, being unable to keep pace with the water. The river was literally covered with the wrecks of boats, and 'tis said that one was wrecked in which there was a lady and six children, all of whom were lost. In all the hard shocks mentioned, the earth was horribly torn to pieces - the surface of hundreds of acres, was, from time to time, covered over, in various depths, by the sand which issued from the fissures, which were made in great numbers all over this country, some of which closed up immediately after they had vomited forth their sand and water, which it must be remarked, was the matter generally thrown up. In some places, however, there was a substance somewhat resembling coal, or impure stone coal, thrown up with the sand. It is impossible to say what the depths of the fissures or irregular breaks were; we have reason to believe that some of them are very deep. The site of this town was evidently settled down at least fifteen feet, and not more than a half a mile below the town there does not appear to be any alteration on the bank of the river, but back from the river a small distance, the numerous large ponds or lakes, as they are called, which covered a great part of the country were nearly dried up. The beds of some of them are elevated above their former banks several feet, producing an alteration of ten, fifteen to twenty feet, from their original state. And lately it has been discovered that a

lake was formed on the opposite side of the Mississippi, in the Indian country, upwards of one hundred miles in length, and from one to six miles in width, of the depth of ten to fifty feet. It has communication with the river at both ends, and it is conjectured that it will not be many years before the principal part, if not the whole of the Mississippi, will pass that way. We were constrained by the fear of our houses falling to live twelve or eighteen months, after the first shocks, in little light camps made of boards; but we gradually became callous, and returned to our houses again. Most of those who fled from the country in the time of the hard shocks have since returned home. We have, since the commencement in 1811, and still continue to feel, slight shocks occasionally. It is seldom indeed that we are more than a week without feeling one, and sometimes three or four in a day. There were two this winter past much harder than we had felt them for two years before; but since then they appear to be lighter than they have ever been, and we begin to hope that ere long they will entirely cease.

I have now, sir, finished my promised description of the earthquake - imperfect it is true, but just as it occurred to my memory; many of, and most of the truly awful scenes, having occurred three or four years ago. They of course are not related with that precision which would entitle it to the character of a full and accurate picture. But such as it is, it is given with pleasure - in the full confidence that it is given to a friend.

And now, sir, wishing you all good, I must bid you adieu.

Your humble servant,

Eliza Bryan

There is one circumstance which I think worthy of remark. This country was formerly subject to very hard thunder; but for more than twelve months before the commencement of the earthquake there was none at all, and but very little since, a great part of which resembles subterraneous thunder. The shocks still continue, but are growing more light, and less frequent. -

E.B.

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Rook Thomas Jefferson Rook was b. Grainger Co., TN, c1825, m. Catharine (Katie) Miller c1850 in MO (and later deserted). His Union Civil War pension file (#740672) reflects a non-specific death date in Izard Co., AR, between 1895-96. Looking for date and location of death, etc. **Mike Hardester, 318 Gaitway Ct., Jacksonville, NC 28546-973; 2Lakota@Earthlink.Net**

Want Need to find info on Walter Wilburn Want, b. 20 Nov 1816 in Quebec, Canada, d. 13 May 1862 in Prairie Co., AR, m. 22 Jul 1838 in Helena, AR, to Susan Harris, b. 24 Jul 1822 in Prairie Co., TN, d. 07 Jan 1870 in Memphis, TN. Their first daughter Martha Ann Want, b.23 Aug 1839 in New Albany, IN, d. 10 Mar 1908 in Memphis, TN, m. 23 Aug 1958 in Memphis, TN, to Andrew Jackson Sumpter, b. 1830 in Wayne Co., KY, d. 04 Aug 1875 in Memphis, TN. Their first two daughters born possibly Prairie or Phillips Co., AR, named Ella A. Sumpter, b. 02 Sept 1861, and Fortuna Sumpter, . 10 Feb 1854. Other three Sumpter children were born in TN after family moved to Memphis. **Lera Hogan Oldham, 2906 Kircaldy ct., Arlington, TX 76015; bolera@juno.com**

Horton Seek info on Robert Lee Horton, b. c1862, and other Hortons in AR c1810. **Jason D. Horton, 7600436, 2605 State St., Salem, OR 97310-1346**

Williams Looking for info on family of John Williams and Dicey Strickland, who m. 09/29/1836 in Greene Co., AL; children were Redding and Cynthia. Redding m. Catherine Hollingsworth and they had: Mary, Marion, Betty, Albert, Henry, Newton, Clarence, Lonnie and Lonie. At some point this family is believed to have migrated to Cedar Creek, Scott Co., AR. Believe Albert Williams m. Ellen Eulalah Sanders. Seek descendants who probably live in AR.

Lynda R. Pate, 12270 Pate Dr., Elrod, AL 35458

Ford, Treadoway, Johnson Searching Ford and Treadoway families in Faulkner and Van Buren counties; Johnson families in Jackson, Woodruff, Poinsett and Cross counties in Arkansas. **Ann Johnson, 21 Foxboro, Searcy, AR 72143-6420**

Nix, York, Beavers, Shackelford, Richards Thomas Nix (1826 GA-c1910 ARE) m. Martha Pool (1842 GA-c1935 Sevier Co. Children: Nancy/Nina; Sophronia m. J. F Martin; Thomas m. Minnie Beavers; James m. Mamie York; John, Julia m. John Richards ; Robert m. Nora Shackelford, and Joseph. **Margaret Nixon, 8807 Boulder Lane, Little Rock, AR 72227**

Holiman Searching for Emma Jean Holiman, b. c1926) or any of her descendants or friends. Last known married name was Martin (1980); daughter of Cornelious H. Holiman and Flora (Ward) Holiman of North Little Rock; granddaughter of William H. Holiman and great granddaughter of Dr. Joshua C. Holiman of Hot Springs. **Norman E. Holiman, 35 Green Brier Rd., Narragansett, RI 02882-5207**

Armstrong Hugh Armstrong and Catherine Neal (Nail) Armstrong m. 1852, Washington Co., AR; buried Weddinton, AR. Nina Armstrong Hurn and James R. Hurn m. Benton Co. c1900. Children: Eula, Orville, Lulu, Marie. Came to St. Louis c1919-20. Seek any information. **Mrs. Gladys Schmidt, 9952 Madaford Ln., St. Louis, MO 63123-6236**

Williams Seek info on Lucy Ann Williams - birth, marriage, death - she was b. c1842 VA, later moved to West

Helena, AR, m. man possibly named Charlie Harris, had child named Winnie Kezzi Williams on 2 June 1905. Lucy d. 920. **Victoria Ann Smith, 3321 North 41st, Milwaukee, WI 53216-3638**

Cypert Need any information on Cypert in Searcy, Van Buren and Pope Counties from 1850 to 1870. **Obera Cypert, 1620 first Ave. SW, Ardmore, OK 73401**

Lee's Landing Would like information on Lee's Landing, Lafayette S.W. in 1885 and the Lees who lived there, particularly for Ferdinand Lee and family. **Willowese Cheatham Grenier, 2316 44th Ave., Vero Beach, FL 32966-2043**

Maxcy Interested in info on Edward V. B. Maxcy (1841-1918), and wife Eliza Adelia Horan (18420-1911) buried in Wright's Chapel Cemetery in Sevier Co. Daughter Mary Emma m. David Benjamin Cowling. **Gary and Virginia Ross, 1000 Wade Hampton, Benbrook, TDX 76126-2504**

Wells, Buster Seek info on these families in Lawrence and Randolph Counties. **Carol T. York, 41 Four Winds Dr., Middletown, NJ 07748**

Minute Book Looking for minute book of Macedonia Baptist Church at Brightstar, near Doddridge, AR, from founding in 1857 through 1870; specifically death of Vina' Peacock. **Larry Singleton, 19134 NE 141st, Woodinville, WA 98072-9350**

Haynes, James and Amanda, came to Conway Co., AR, in mid-1880s; daughter Margaret Elizabeth m. John Will Bearden. There were other relatives of the Haynes in Conway Co. in early 1900s. Would like to correspond with

their descendants. **Graydon A. Dodson, 915 Wayne Ave., Reading, PA 19610-2211**

Shelton Seek descendants of Martha, b. 1845, and Deanie, b. 1855, Shelton, b. Hickman Twp., Scott Co., daughters of William Shelton and Winney Adair. **Violet Shelton Buehler, 854 Blue Crane Dr., Venice, FL 34292**

Jackson Need info on Mary Ann Jackson, b. AL 1845, d. AR 1907, m. (1) John Fearnery Phillips; m. 2) David? Kelly. Father Tom Jackson, no info; mother Dorcas Tabitha Gibbs, b. 1822, d. TX 1905; m. 2) Junius B. Miller. Jackson siblings Thomas J. and William? Miller siblings John, Richard, Cornelius, Nancy. **Jo Holsinger, 37272 Hunting Hill Lane, Purcellville, VA 20132-4330**

Jenkins Searching for info on Mrs. Sarah Jenkins and her daughters, Perlina and Mary, listed in Saline Co. census in 1850. **Mary Brown, 3139 Hwy 270 W, Sheridan, AR 72150-8518**

Baker Abner Baker, b. GA c1812-13, m. three times; only two wives known: Julia Barnbill/Barnhill, b. c1818 NC. Abner, Julia and children in Talbot Co., GA 1850; Julia d. before 1850. Children: (1) James M. Baker m. Martha Schermerhorn in Pulaski co., AR, 14 Dec 1883; (2) William A. Baker; (3) Silas N. Baker; (4) Elizabeth Ann Baker m. Abraham L. Lybrand in Pulaski Co., AR 20 Jan 1881; she d. 3 May 1934, Kansas City, MO; (5) John T. Baker, never married, lived in Broken Bow, OK, suicide; (6) ?Clara R. Baker m. J. R. Finley 20 Jan 881, Pulaski Co., AR. Julia d. before 1850 and family was living in Talladega Co. 1860. Have info on second marriage. **Mrs. Barbara L. Morrow, 2 Dogwood Circle, Nashville, AR 71852-9317**

Montgomery Need info on Lona Montgomery (1906-1971). Coleman and other married names not known. Where is she buried? **Donna R. Fuller Valenzuela, 7036 San Miguel, Paramount, CA 90723**

Ball Would like info on Jamina Ball and family, when died, where buried, info on her daughter Elizabeth. **Georgia L. Farwell, HC 81 Box 8663, Eagle Rock, MO 65641-9803**

Warren, Joseph L. and Massila A., lived in Wayne Co., TN, 1870 census; ch.: Harriet J., Frances E., William L., Marion D., Mary Ann A., Sara D., and "Eighter" (Ada?). Need additional info, especially on Joseph-date and place of birth. **Garry W. Warren, 832 Olde Mill Trace, Cottdale, AL 35453-9591**

Thompson William Thompson d. 24 June 1927. What county? Where buried? Any descendants? **Patricia Gill, 10109 51st Ave., College Park, MD 20740-1119**

Adams, Lewis Want to exchange info on Miles Adams, b. 1801 VA, d. 1885, Jacksonville, AR, and his wife, Hepsy Lewis, b. 1809 SC, d. 1852, lived near Jacksonville in 1850. Children: Jefferson R., Martha, Cary G., Miles W., Mary W., John W., David C., James J. L., Thomas McC., and Annie. **Robert E. Robertson, 3276 S. Hiwan Dr., Evergreen, CO 80439-8926**

Henson/Hinson Who were parents of Phillip (b. 1855 AR) and Nancy (b. 1858 AR)? Not in 1860 census. Were William and Ruth (Rollinson) (Hinson parents-maybe grandparents? What happened to them after 1827 marriage in Phillips Co., AR? They disappear also. **Dr. Barry J. Henson, 221 Via Los Miradoes, Redondo Beach, CA 90277-67621**

Watt, Standard, Scriber, Edwards, Miller, Ashley Co. Looking for info on John Watt (1770-1844), wife MaryMargaret, whose son, David D. Watt (1828-1878), wife Alice Edwards, and grandson, Pinkney A. Watt (1849-1919, wife Elizabeth Scriber, Missouri Miller, and grandson, Robert W. Watt (1876-1953), wife Mattie Standard, all lived in Hamburg, AR. **Byron Crain, 2235 W. Glenalden Dr., Germantown, TN 38139: bvcrain@prodigy.net**

Humphrey Seek any info on Harriet Garner/Johnson Humphrey who was in Howard Co., AR, in late 1800s. Her stepfather was a Dan Johnson. **Mrs. C.T. Patterson, 1105 Highway 108, Ashdown, AR 71822-9049**

Cathey Would like to hear from any Cathey researchers in Cross, Lawrence or Sharp counties. **Jean Cathey, 18064 Last Frontier Road, Quinlan, TX 7474-6383**

Mitchell Searching for parents of Charles Ed Mitchell, 1878, and five siblings: Maggie 1865; Luvenia 1867; Rosa 1870; Hollie 1873; William 1876, all b. KY. Arrived in Pulaski Co. 1885-1900. **NoraBell (Mitchell) Hildreth, 13815 Fortson Rd., Jacksonville, AR 72076; norhild@prodigy.net**

Ramsey Information wanted on Nancy Etta Ramsey, Clark Co., AR 1870-1890, who m. Giles Jones. **Wayne P. Mortensen, 133 Sedgefield Ct., San Ramon, CA 94583**

Martin Seek any info on Samuel and Sarah ? Martin living in Marion and Newton counties. In 1880 census Sarah is shown in household of H. T. and Elizabeth Martin, Prairie Twp., Newton

Co. Jewel S. Leonard, 6259 Lee Rd. 390, Opelika, AL 36804-1513

Chapin Thomas Chapin, b. 1856 Saline Co., AR, son of Augustine Chapin, b. 1832 MA; d. 1868 North Point, Pulaski Co., AR. C. Louisa Rowland b. 1839 GA. Looking for records pertaining to Augustine in AR – marriage, land, etc. **Vicki L. Keck, 5101 N. Hills Blvd. North Little Rock, AR 72116: vickicat@cmac.com**

Jones Seeking info on Jacob M. Jones, b. c1844 TN (where), younger brother of James Matthew Jones, b. c1840 TN?; both resided in Lawrence and Independence Cos. AR. Jacob m. Rebecca Crowell in Independence Co. their only known children were sons William and Jessie. James M. Jones m. 1) Mary ?; m. 2) Narcissa C. V. Roberts, daughter of Josiah Roberts and Mary (Polly) Stone; m. 3) Mary (Parr or Pigg). James M. d. by 1880 and Jacob M. was curator of James' estate and guardian of children of James and Narcissa: James Franklin Jones, b. 1858; Melissa Elizabeth (Betty) Jones, b. 1872, m. George Morris. Were James M. And Jacob M. related to Elbert and Delilah Jones who were in Lawrence Co. by 1850? **H. Martin Soward III, 5215 Dove Nest, San Antonio, TX 78250-4708L: hmsoward3@aol.com**

Roark Researching John and Phoebe Roark, b. TN c1816-1819 respectively; in Carroll (now Boone) Co., AR, by 1850. John d. between 1851 and 1870. Children: Susan; Christopher; Edith; Sarah; Harriet; Samuel; William; John; Mary; Lysander and Jeff D. Phoebe m. 2) William A. Harris. **Delores Y. Eveland, 13169 Briarwood, Cerritos, CA 90703-7368; reveland@prodigy.net**

Webster, Frances B. b. 12/14/1817 NC, became 3rd wife of Ref. David Barkley Cumming, a Methodist Missionary to the Indians, 03/11/1845 in Fayetteville, AR. Rev. Cumming served with the Ark. Methodist Conference from 1838 until he was transferred to the Missouri Methodist Conference and then to the Indian Nation Mission Conference. Francis d. 08/26/1874 and is buried in the Cumming Cemetery in Tiff City, MO. Need info on ancestors and/or siblings.
Joan G. Threet, 15511 Charles Dr., Alexander, AR 72002-2405

Outlaw Looking for information on possible parents of Georgianna Outlaw, b. 1861? AR; daughter of George W. Outlaw and Catherine Leonard/Lehnez.
George McIlween, 2102 End Valley Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45244

Pool Esther Elizabeth (Lizzie) Hash Pool b. Washington Co. 1844, d. c1894 OK; where? And where buried? Lizzie went with her daughter Mary Elizabeth Pool Maloy/Moloy. Pansey Moloy, b. c1892-93 OK can be clue to Lizzie's death and burial place. Pansy was daughter of David M. and Mary Elizabeth Moloy.
Dr. Kenyon B. DeGreene, 4345 Chaumont Rd., Woodland Hills, CA 91364

Scott, Andrew, Walter Ferguson, George Scull Crittenden, etc., and Jamison: Eliza Malvina, George, etc. Have 6 daguerreotypes c1850-65 from families that came to California. Trying to identify them. If anyone has photos of these people and/or their Arkansas kinsmen, I'll gladly swap images for comparison (have jpeg files).
Lynn Scott-Drennan, 137 Rambling Dr., Folsom, CA 95630-4644

Holt Searching for siblings and parents of James Ammon Holt, b. 1825 TN, m.

Sabrey Jones, b. 1823 AL. Also William S. (Bud) Holt, b. 1848. They moved to AR c1854. **Connie Pearl, 3309 E.Mt. Vernon, Wichita, KS 67218; cpearl@cox.net**

Roberts, Moses, b. 1806, living Richwoods Twp., Ash Flat, AR, in 1880. Seeking date of death after 1880, possibly late as 1895. Would appreciate anyone with Sharp Co. records to note if they find any information. **Lewis E. Roberts, 12015 NE 140th, Kirkland, WA 98034-2111**

Freeman, Byers Need info on Lewis, b. c1790, and Pressia Freeman. In Anderson Co., TN 1830-1840; in Union Co., GA, 1850-1860, nothing later. Also need parents of King David Byers, b. 1809 OH, wife Catherine Freeman in Anderson Co., TN 1840; Union Co., GA 1850; came to AR after Civil War; Van Buren Co. 1880; Pope Co., AR 1900. **Orene Scarberry Colbert, 164 Cypress, Mead, OK 73449**

Bradley, Turner, et al Need info on John P. Bradley and Sallie Turner, Johnson Co.; James R. Hinton, Franklin Co.; Hez. Lee, Searcy Co.; and John B. Treat. **Virginia Hoffman, 109 Lugo Dr., Fairfield, CA 94533-2868; branchseeker@aol.com**

Chancellor, Trickett Need information in Logan and Benton counties; births, marriages, deaths. **Ruth A. Dwinelle, 112 Bandelier Ave, Los Alamos, NM 87544-3408**

Turner Looking for 1870 census record for Lewis Turner and wife, Fannie, in Desha Co., AR. **Curtis G. Brasfield, 7540 S. Seeley, Chicago, IL 60620**

Burdell Seek info on William D. Burdell, b. England 1838, d. Little Rock, AR 17 Mar

1917. Wives: Sarah ?; Roxie Lena Cyphers/Syphers?. Children: John, b. NY; William; Joseph, Mary; Elizabeth all b. TN; Met; Callie; Floy b. AR. **Robert R. Edwards, 300 Lakeridge Dr., Russellville, AR 72802-9276**

Chappell Searching for Chappell family. Rushia Lenhart, 4306 Castleglen Way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628

Potts Will exchange info on Dr. John J. Potts, b. 1811, d. 1852 Roseville, AR; m. Susannah France, b. 1832 Wayne Co., OH. She d. 1889 Paris, Logan Co., AR. Connected to Sadler family. Nina Sadler Bell, 5220 Meadow Wood Dr., Wellington, FL 33414; nsbell@bellsouth.net

Briggs, Wilmoth Require information on Hughs Briggs or wife Myra Wilmoth, resided in Boone Co. 1872. Daughter Mary Ellen Briggs, b. Boone Co. c1 March 1872. Relatives may have resided in Flippin, AR, in same time. **Neal Noble, 49 Winsome Way, Newark, DE 19702**

Emery, Qualls, Reed, Chapmond Researching these lines in Arkansas and will share info. **Pauline Kouvalas, PO Box 6604, San Jose, CA 95150; hprew@infi.net**

Skinner Looking for parents of Emily and Sabra Ann Skinner, both m. James Blackstone White; Emily in 1846 in Dallas Co., AR; Sabra Ann in 1859. Sabra first m. Will Corbett. Also any info on Hendricks White and wife Peggy Newton who came from Knox Co., KY. **Virginia White Guyton, 902 Burleson, Smithville, TX 78957-1024**

Wallis Looking for parents of Hiram Wallis, b. 25 Oct 1826 TN, and wife, Rachel Cashman, b. 18 July 1824, AL;

also their children: Joseph W. Wallis, b. 1847, m. Jane Honeycutt; Thomas Edward Wallis, b. 18 June 1851 TN, m.1) Jane Evans, m. 2) Alzonina Hutchinson; John H. Wallis, b. 2 Mar 1853 TN, m. Frances James; William Carroll Wallis, b. 18Dec 1857 AR. **Nadene Spicer, PO Box 1103, New Caney, TX 77357; denespicer@aol.com**

Book Reviews and Notices

Russell P. Baker

Marriages of Mobile County, Alabama 1813-1855, compiled and edited by Clinton P. King and Meriem A. Barlow (1985) reprinted 2003, 181 pages, paper back. Order from Clearfield Company, Inc., 200 E. Eager St., Baltimore, MD 21202, price \$21.50, plus \$4.00 for postage. This well presented index contains some 12,000 names of men and women who married in the southern AL county of Mobile between 1813 and 1855/6. The index covers marriages recorded in the official records of Mobile County beginning in 1823 It also contains additional marriages listed in the "Index to Marriages White 1813-1855" compiled about 1855 from both county and church sources. Added to this are some 200 marriages from the so-called "Hamilton's Appendix" of area marriages during Mobile's 'Colonial' period from 1813-1821. All sources are placed together in one index for both brides and grooms. Reference is made of book and page number within the original records. An excellent little Alabama source book.

Two books by Bobbie Jones McLane, 222 McMahan Dr., Hot Springs, AR 71913-6243. Write Bobbie for a price quote for each. Both are excellent works that show a lifetime of excellent genealogical research.

The Family of Goodin Deaton (1814-1902) with Collateral Line of Tilmon Howell Both of Clark County, Arkansas (1997) hard cover, 363 pages, photographs, illustrations, charts, maps,

and full name index. This handsome volume combines excellent historical research with an understanding of family relationships that are essential to good genealogical research. The author's use of photographs, maps, and other types of illustrations made the product an entertaining as well as informative work. Goodin Deaton and Rev. Tilmon Howell were among the earliest pioneers of the northern Clark County communities of Alpine and Amity. Related families are Anderson, Dixon, Garner, Hill, Holcomb, Jones, Mitchell, Nash and Thomason.

The Family of John Jones [With a Ewing Connection] (2002) hard cover, 320 pages plus a full name index, photographs, maps and illustrations. This family story begins with John Jones who was born about 1755 and traces his descendants from North and South Carolina to Arkansas and throughout the South. Among them was Willis Jones who operated the famous Star of the West Mill on the Little Missouri River near New Hope in Pike County. Among the other interesting descendants of the Jones family chronicled in this well priced and easy to use volume is the famous Patsy Montana, whose song "I want to be a cowboy's sweetheart" was a staple of the 1930s Other families included in this work are Cubage, Dillard, Draper, Garner, Howell and Ketchum, many from Pike, Clark and Hot Spring counties.

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***Arkansas History Meets Technology:
Arkansas History Commission Photographs Online
By Lynn Ewbank, AHC Photo Archivist and SOD Grant Administrator***

The Arkansas History Commission, the official state archives, was created in 1905. Nearly 100 years later, times have changed and so have we. In 1996, the AHC made its first web presence. Our website was designed basically to equip patrons to come to our Research Room to conduct research. With the Stage One Digitization (SOD) grant project, begun in July 1999 and completed in June 2001, historic Arkansas materials from the state archives were accessible from the comfort of your own computer for the first time.

Collections were targeted for digitization based on meeting one or more of the following four-fold selection criteria:

1. Appeal to AHC patronage (i.e., genealogists, historians),
2. Need for better access (i.e., negatives),
3. Preservation issues (i.e., nitrate), and
4. Ease of digitization (i.e., processed collections of materials similar in size and type).

Based on the criteria, the following collections were chosen:

The E. C. "Ernie" Deane Photograph Collection. The largest collection included in the SOD project were nearly 7100 negatives made by E. C. "Ernie" Deane. Deane, a journalist, educator and long time member of the seven-member Arkansas History Commission, donated his negatives to the AHC in the 1980's. Even though they were hard for patrons to view, these black and white negatives of people, places and events across the entire state have been used steadily since collection processing was completed.

The *Persistence of the Spirit Negatives* were chosen because this collection of 4" x 5" black and white copy negatives made of over 550 photographs loaned for copy in the early 1980's is the most comprehensive black history research project in Arkansas history. Headed by Ken Hubbell, Persistence of the Spirit resulted in a permanent exhibit at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, two traveling exhibits, a book, a video and a website.

Next, we targeted the *Photographs from the Arkansas Deceased Barber Records*, 2750 photographs deemed valuable as a complete record of an entire profession.

Lastly, we digitized Arkansas Legislators from the *Shrader Negatives* (a sample of about 1400 nitrate negatives by photographer Joseph Shrader who came to Little Rock around 1900) and ten groups totaling 890 images from the *General Photograph File*.

A sample image and short description of each collection digitized is available in the SOD Gallery at www.ark-ives.com/photo/gallery. To see other project information click on:

SOD Project – information about the project and sponsors, and access to many project papers.

Buy - information on how to purchase prints and high resolution digital images.

Help – information on copyright, searching, cataloging, etc.

What's new – future updates.

Search – access to our OPAC.

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So, the question you probably have now is, "How do I access the images?" The process is simple. Open your favorite web browser and go to the AHC photographs page at <http://www.ark-ives.com/photo/index.php> or click on Arkansas Photos on the main page at <http://www.ark-ives.com>. Click on "Search" to open our online public access catalog or OPAC. Enter a search term such as a name, place or subject. For cataloging we used Library of Congress subject headings because they are standards with which most researchers are familiar. If you are accustomed to searching in libraries or on OCLC (the Online Computer Library Center) FirstSearch you will be right at home searching on our site.

After you have entered a search term, I recommend you leave the default setting on "keyword" and click on "search everything." "Search everything" targets all indexed fields (including title, subjects, abstracts, etc.) within a record. This search will give you the broadest results. If you get many hits, you may wish to refine your search, say for instance to a more specific, limited subject (i.e, from "women" to "african american women").

To use a personal example, I entered the name "Ewbank" and received two records, both of my mother, Madelyn Ewbank, who worked as a stenographer for the Arkansas House of Representatives in 1957. As such, she was included as part of the Shrader legislative negatives.

The search results contain only basic information such as call number, title and author. By clicking on the "View" button, I open the record where I can access additional information including the thumbnail of the image, description of the original photographic image, abstract information and subject headings. To see the entire MARC record, I can click on "view options" and choose "All" beside "view of records." In this case, additional information under "All" will include funding information, the acquisitions source, and a biographical note.

In either view, you can access a larger low resolution image or "reference" image, by clicking on the thumbnail. The reference image is high enough quality for Internet and reference use. And, it is free. You can save the image to your hard disk drive by right clicking on the image and selecting "save picture as."

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