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## FRIENDS OF GENEALOGY, INC.

The purpose of *Friends of Genealogy, Inc.* is to foster an interest in and to promote and encourage the development of genealogy. Our objectives are:

- 1. To share and assist any individual or organization with a common interest in genealogy and history
- 2. To promote and encourage the preservation of genealogical and historical materials
- 3. To teach the principles of correct documentation

Membership is open to all individuals and organizations interested in accepting our purpose and objectives. Annual membership dues are:

Individual \$15.00 Family \$20.00 Sustaining \$25.00 Life Memberships: Individual \$125.00 Family \$175.00

Our monthly meetings are normally held the first Saturday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room at Shreve Memorial Library, Broadmoor Branch, 1212 Captain Shreve Drive, Shreveport, Louisiana. Program topics and other meeting information are published in local newspapers. Following many of our meetings, we have informal round-table discussions for the purpose of assisting individuals with their research.

Our quarterly publication, *The Journal*, welcomes unpublished material pertaining to genealogy and history, particularly in North Louisiana. Other information includes pedigree charts, family group sheets, and reviews of books, publications, and other genealogical material donated to our organization. Queries are free of charge; they will be edited and published as space is available. Friends of Genealogy, Inc. is not responsible for the accuracy of contributed material.

We welcome exchanges of quarterlies and other publications. We also accept donations of books, publications, and other genealogical materials for review in *The Journal*. All materials are deposited in the Genealogy Collection of the Shreve Memorial Library in Shreveport, Louisiana.

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#### The President's Page

With the start of a new year for Friends of Genealogy, everyone is hoping to make great strides in their genealogy this year. We have had our beginner classes, recently, with great success. Our thanks goes out to the folks which helped with the programs and food.

We are planning our seminar this year for October 26, 2002 at the Bossier Civic Center. The speakers will be John and Barbara WYLIE, from Dallas, Texas. John is one of the founding members of GENTECH, a non-profit educational organization dedicated to helping genealogist use technology responsibly. He is a full time professional genealogist and has published many articles in national genealogical publications. He has served on many national organizational groups and the Dallas Genealogical Society, plus lectured all across the United States for national and local conferences. John's specialty is computers and computer programs. We will have him speak on at least a couple of topics during the seminar.

Barbara WYLIE, John's wife, is also a full time professional genealogist. She has lectured at many national and regional conferences, plus published articles in several of the leading genealogical publications. She is a past editor of the Garland, Texas Quarterly and GENTECH Conference Syllabus. Barbara's specialty is research techniques and data preparation for publishing. She will speak at the seminar on at least one of her topics during the seminar.

Let's all plan to attend the seminar and find a friend to bring along. We will announce the program topics later. If you wish to have input into the choices, go to <a href="https://www.johnwylie.com">www.johnwylie.com</a> on the Internet and look at the different presentations, which John and Barbara speak on. Then come to our monthly meeting and let us know your choices.

Do you have genealogical material, that you would like to get published? Our editor is always looking for material to put in the *Journal*. Don't let all your work go to waste on the shelf or in the closet. Send or give it to Danielle Neal at a meeting. She is always happy to receive material for the *Journal*.

John C. Head

# Mark Your Calenda

Meeting dates scheduled for 2002 by Friends of Genealogy, Inc.:

January 5, 2002 9:30 a.m. – Noon	February 2, 2002 9:30 a.m. – Noon	March 2, 2002 10:30 a.m.
Beginners Class	Beginners Class	
April 6, 2002	May 4, 2002	June 1, 2002
July 6, 2002	August 3, 2002	September 7, 2002
October 5, 2002	November 2, 2002	December 7, 2002

Unless otherwise noted all meetings are held at 1:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room, Shreve Memorial Library, Broadmoor Branch, 1212 Captain Shreve Drive, Shreveport, LA 71105 on the first Saturday of each month. However, times locations and topics are subject to change as noted below. Check local newspapers prior to each meeting, or call John Head 318-929-1730 for up-todate program information. (E-Mail: jw-enterprises/a,worldnet.att.net)

Monthly Board Meetings are generally held the Monday evening prior to the regular Saturday meeting at 5:30 p.m. Our Board meetings are open and all members are encouraged to attend at least one meeting during the year. Remember, this is your organization, please present your thoughts and ideas. Contact any Board Member for the time and location of any meeting you wish to attend.

The 13th Annual Rhodes-Johnson Family Reunion will be held June14-16, 2002 at Lake Bisteneau State Park, Area #1. For information contact the reunion committee at 1665 Highway 792, Heflin, LA 71039.

Texas Genealogy & Family History Fair, sponsored by the Walker County Genealogical Society, will be held June 22, 2002 in Huntsville, TX at the Walker County Fairgrounds, State Highway 30 (IH45, Exit 116) 4 miles west of Huntsville. Three sessions on how to research will be offered: Beginning Genealogy, A Fool Proof Filing System, and Native American Research. For information and updates call (936) 295-5551 or (936) 295-9483; go to www.DickensonResearch.com/wegen.htm or e-mail inquiries to info@ DickensonResearch.com.

The 14th Annual July Workshop of the Tulsa Genealogical Society will be held Friday and Saturday, July 13 and 14, at the John Knox Presbyterian Church, 2929 E. 31st Street, Tulsa, OK. Pam Boyer Porter, CGRS will speak on What's at the County Courthouse? Did He Serve? Researching Military Service Records, The Civil War in the American West, Rogues and Rascals: Divorced, Litigious, or Downright Criminal Relatives! For more information contact Phyllis Hawkins Phelps at (918) 834-2740 or the Society at www.tulsagenealogy.org.

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## Miss Ima G\* Bugg

#### \* Genealogy



Miss Ima G\* Bugg, our own unique, lighthearted research associate, has agreed to try to answer our questions and give us some research clues. If you are confused and in need of help, drop her a line. If she can't help you, maybe some of our readers can. Send your questions/comments to: Miss Ima G\* Bugg, Friends of Genealogy, Inc., P. O. Box 17835, Shreveport, LA 71138-0835.

Dear Miss Bugg: I have a listing in a family Bible that says my great grandmother was born on Easter Sunday 1873. Now Easter moves around all over the place, and these perpetual calendars do not give you Easter dates. How in the world will I ever come up with a date for her birth—ask the Easter bunny?

Dear Easter Seeker: Don't lay an egg. There are ways to solve this mystery. First, Easter doesn't move around all over the place. It is always between March 22 and April 25, one of those 35 days. Easter Sunday is the Sunday following the Paschal Full Moon date for the year. For all the nitty gritty on calculation of Easter dates, visit <a href="https://www.assa.org.au/edm.html">www.assa.org.au/edm.html</a>. Now, Easter Sunday in 1873, was April 13.

Dear Miss Bugg: We have a family legend that our ancestor was a teacher at Centenary College in Jackson, Louisiana. I have learned there is no Centenary College in Jackson anymore, it moved to Shreveport, Louisiana. Are there any records from the early days when it was in Jackson?

Dear Centenarian: Yes, there are! Centenary is the oldest college west of the Mississippi. It began in 1825. First contact Magale Library on the Centenary campus in Shreveport: Magale Library, Centenary College of Louisiana, 4911 Centenary Boulevard, Shreveport, LA 71104. You will enjoy visiting this library. Then you should motor over to Jackson, LA and visit the original campus. One dormitory remains as does a teacher's home. The old campus is one of the most tranquil sites I have ever visited.

Dear Miss Bugg: I finally found my great-great-grandmother in the 1860 Census, Martin was not her maiden name, but her first husband's surname. But there is a problem with her children. The enumeration lists 7: John, age 12; William, age 10; Martha, age 8; Carrie, age 6, Benjamin, age 6; Louisa, age 5; Hiram, age 2. The problem is that in 1870 she is married to Andrew Riley, from whom I descend, and only three of these Martin children are in the household: Benjamin, Louisa and Hiram. What happened to the twin Carrie and the other three children?

Dear Missing: You may be missing the point, not four children. There are several possibilities here. This could be Mr. Martin's second marriage as well as great-great-

grandmother's second marriage. We could be looking at "yours-mine-and-ours" in the children category. I am reminded of an acquaintance of some years back who, with no further explanation would introduce her children, giving their ages, and she had Jack and Jane, both age 10. Almost always the introducee would stupidly ask, "Oh, are they twins?" And she would answer, "No, they're two months apart." You could see the wheels begin to turn in the head of the introducee as mental work progressed on this possibility. Of course in this case both parents had children from a previous marriage. In great-great grandmother's case either the enumerator was lax in requesting surnames or, "for goodness sake, everyone in the county knew them anyway." Go spend a day or so in the marriage records and see if you can't get some more pieces to your puzzle.

Dear Miss Bugg: Census records indicate my grandfather was born in Texas, I have a baptismal record from a church in Texas, a family Bible listing his marriage says he was from Mississippi, but his death certificate states he was born in Alexandria, Louisiana. What should I go with?

Dear Choicy: Don't you just hate it when this happens? One thing for sure, the subject of the death certificate rarely gets to supply the information therein. I would not follow the information on the death certificate if all other sources point elsewhere. The baptismal record is a strong source. Have you traveled lately with a baby? No fun. Probably not any easier in grandpaw's time either. He was probably born in the vicinity of the church where he was baptized.

Dear Miss Bugg: I know family legends tend to be far out, but when I heard my English ancestor sold his first wife, I dismissed it as bunk. Something evidently did happen to her, but there are no funeral records in their village. Any ideas? What else should I look for?

Dear Bunkie: Prior to the establishment of a method to handle divorce matters in local English courts, divorce and its predecessor (that would be marriage) were occasionally handled in ways that were creative, to say the least. For example, a church marriage could be expensive, and might result in embarrassing questions, or rather, embarrassing answers to certain questions. To avoid that possibility, some couples chose to consummate their joining without benefit of clergy. While such arrangements might be universally recognized as marriages, they were not in fact legal, meaning they could be broken without benefit of a complicated divorce. One reported method of dissolving such a union was for the unhappy couple to appear in a principal town on market day, at which time the husband would auction off his wife! On the positive side, such auctions were often shams, with the results predetermined to the satisfaction of the parties. On the negative side, it is unlikely that a wife would have the opportunity to auction off her husband. I wonder, would it be more satisfying for a woman auctioning off her unsatisfactory mate to get a large purse, or to see his face when his value was put at just a few farthings? From Everton's Family History Newsline

# PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CEMETERY By Wanda Volentine Head

Providence Baptist Cemetery is located in southwest Caddo Parish. Take Louisiana Highway 525 west from Spring Ridge for approximately 2.5 miles, turn right (north) on Providence Road and go approximately 1.2 miles. The cemetery is on the left in Section 3, Township 15, Range 16 West. The survey of this cemetery was made in October, 1989. When possible I have included the obituary as annotation. Publication of these records began in the First Quarter, 2001 Journal, Vol. XIII, No. 1.

WHITE, Charles W. 22 Mar 1918 – 4 May 1955 (La. LCDR U. S. Navy, WWII)

Obituary – *The Shreveport Journal*, May 7, 1955. Graveside rites for Charles W. White, 37, who died Thursday at Chattanooga, Tenn. Following an accident involving a tractor, will be held at 2:30 pm Sunday at providence Cemetery near Spring ridge. The body was scheduled to arrive in Shreveport Saturday afternoon and will be taken to Rose-Neath Funeral Home Chapel to remain until the hour of services. Mr. White was born in Shreveport and received his early education here. He was a graduate of LAU and for the past 13 years was an engineer for the Tennessee Valley Authority. He was a veteran of services with the Navy during World War II and the Korean Conflict and was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Chattanooga. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Betty Wilson White and one daughter, Deborah White, both of Chattanooga and his mother, Mrs. Iona White of Tulsa, Okla.

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ELLIS, Alfred Wilson 1922 – 1924

ELLIS, Carrie Lee 15 Mar 1900 – 21 Aug 1981

Obituary – *The Shreveport Journal*, august 22, 1981. Services for Mrs. Carrie Lee Ellis, 81, of Shreveport, will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, August 23 at the Rose-Neath Marshall St. Chapel with Dr. John Sullivan, pastor and Rev. Bill Ascat, associates pastor of the Broadmoor Baptist Church, officiating. She died at 12:45 p.m. Friday, August 21, 1981 at Highland Hospital following a sudden illness. Mrs. Ellis, born in Bethany, LA, had been a resident of Shreveport 67 years and was a member of the Broadmoor Baptist Church and Dorcas Sunday School Class. Mrs. Ellis is survived by her daughter, Mrs. A. A. McKelvy of Shreveport; a brother, S. G. Alfred of Bethany, LA; two grandchildren, Pattie McKelvy of Houston, TX and Mike McKelvy of Norman, OK; and a number of nieces and nephews. Pallbearers will be Jack Lloyd, Shelby Alfred, Artel Howard, J. C.

Alexander, Fred Alexander, Norman Alexander. Memorial contributions may be made to the Bethany Baptist Camp.

ELLIS, Montie W. 25 Oct 1888 – 29 Oct 1950 (LA Pvt. 43 Inf. 15<sup>th</sup> Div.)

News Article—*The Shreveport Journal*, October 30, 1950. Bethany Man's Death Probed, May Have Been Victim of Beating, Officers Believe. East Texas and north Louisiana officers Monday continued their investigation of the death of a 61 year old Bethany man who, it was feared, might have been the victim of a beating. Dr. Charles S. Boone, deputy Caddo Parish coroner, said that an autopsy performed Monday morning revealed that Monte W. Ellis, the victim, suffered a brain hemorrhage as a result of extensive fractures of the skull. Ellis, an employee of the Arkansas Fuel Oil Co., suffered fractures on the left side of his head at the base of his skull over his ear and in the frontal region.

Dr. Boone reiterated an earlier statement that the fractures were caused by a blunt force, but said he could not determine how Ellis received his injuries until additional details are received from investigating officers in Texas. The injuries could have been inflicted with a blunt instrument such as a piece of pipe, or they could have been received by Ellis' being hurled headfirst from an automobile against a tree stump, a fence post, hard ground or any other solid object.

Found Near Wrecked Car. Ellis was found unconscious near his wrecked car on a lonely country road in Panola County, Texas, a short distance from Bethany, on the Louisiana-Texas line, at about 1 a.m. Sunday by J. Rainey Williams, a 17 year old Negro. The man died in Tri-State Hospital here at 2:30 a.m. Sunday without having regained consciousness.

Discovery of blood and other evidence of a struggle on the highway about a half mile from where the car left the road caused officers to theorize that Ellis may have been fatally beaten in a fight and that his slayer had attempted to make it appear that he was the victim of an automobile accident. Dr. Boone, after an initial examination of the body Sunday morning, said Ellis died as a result of a "blunt force" on the head. Such an injury, he pointed out, could have resulted from his being thrown head-first from a car against a tree stump, hard ground or other solid obstacle.

H. E. Ellis, brother of the slain man, and a special deputy sheriff, said the Bethany man was returning home from Marshall, Texas, when he was killed. A \$5 bill and some change was found in the victim's pockets, Dr. Boone reported. The spot where Ellis was found unconscious is about three miles northwest of Bethany on the old Shreveport-Elysian Fields Road. Deputy L. E. Reeves of Panola County took bloodhounds to the spot where blood was found in the road, but the dogs were unable to follow a scent more than three miles. Sheriff Corbett Akin of Panola County led officers in a continuation of the investigation Monday.

Evidence of Struggle. It was not known by officers whether Ellis was alone at the time he left Marshall for Bethany. Officers said Ellis' Model A Ford car apparently had been stopped at the point where evidences of the struggle were found. Small pine branches had been broken from trees, they said, and used to sweep the road in an effort to cover the blood.

Ellis' brother, expressing the opinion that efforts had been made to make the victim's injuries appear accidental, said the car had been started, put in second gear, and its gasfeed lever pushed all the way forward. The brother said the car first went off the road to the right, where Ellis fell out of the right door, then swerved across the road into a ditch. It then turned around, he said, and traveled down a 100 foot stretch of fence before coming to a stop against a pine tree.

Woman Heard Scream. Elnora Douglas, a negro woman, who lives nearby, said she heard a scream and the noise of the wreck at about midnight. She was afraid to go outside, she said, but lighted several lamps in her house. About an hour later Williams, the negro youth who lives next door to the woman, came home, and seeing the lights in her house, stopped to see if anything was wrong. She told him what she had heard and he then went out and found Ellis unconscious on the roadside.

Funeral services were to have been held at 2 p.m. Monday at the Bethany Baptist Church with the Rev. Fost Lott, pastor of the church, officiating. Burial will be in Providence Cemetery at Spring Ridge. Survivors include Ellis' widow, also of Bethany; a daughter, Mrs. Aubrey A. McKelvey, Jr. of Shreveport; two brothers, H. A. Ellis of Karnack, and H. B. Ellis of Minden; and two sisters, Miss Florence Ellis of Marshall and Mr. Leonard Loyd also of Marshall. Pallbearers will be Marvin Gootch, Jack Loyd, L. A. Loyd, Bang Ellis, Carl Spradley, Gilbert Morris, Norman Alexander and Carl Crenshaw. Honorary pallbearers will be employees of the Arkansas Fuel Oil Co.

The Shreveport Journal, October 31, 1950. Suspect Held in Ellis Case, Negro Operator of moonshine Liquor Still Questioned. Officers investigating the mysterious death of Monte W. Ellis of Bethany still were without a solution in the case Tuesday morning. Ellis, who was found in an unconscious condition near his wrecked automobile in Panola County, Texas, near the border town early Sunday morning, was believed to have been the victim of a brutal beating. The 60 year old employee of the Arkansas Fuel Oil Co. died in a local hospital at 2:30 a.m. Sunday without regaining consciousness.

One suspect, a 25 year old negro, is being held in connection with the case, officers reported. The negro was the operator of a moonshine whiskey still about 400 yards from where Ellis was found fatally injured.

Residents of the Latex community of east Texas told Monday of having seen Ellis several times during the early part of Saturday night and reported that the man had been drinking. Rex Johnson, owner of the Rex grocery store in Latex, said Ellis came to his store twice

and tried to telephone Sheriff Corbett Akin in an effort to obtain assistance for a sick child in the community.

McKELVY, Aubrey A., Sr. 23 Feb 1903 – 3 Jan 1973 Clara L. 15 Aug 1902 – 2 Mar 1965

Obituary – *The Shreveport Journal*, March 3, 1965. Funeral services for Mrs. Clara Lucille McKelvy, 62, of 309 Lister Street, are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. tomorrow at the Rose-Neath Home Chapel. The Rev. A. C. Cantrell, pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church, will officiate. Mrs. McKelvy, an active Shreveport realtor for several years, died at 4:25 p.m. yesterday at Schumpert Sanitarium after an eight-month illness. She was a member of the Bethany Baptist Church and the Order of the Eastern Star, Cedar Grove Chapter No. 135. Survivors include her husband, Aubrey A. McKelvy, Sr.; one son, Aubrey A. McKelvy, Jr. of Shreveport; two daughters, Mrs. E. T. Brown, Jr. of Baton Rouge and Mrs. S. A. Caseiola of Nederland, Texas; six brothers, Ford Hines and Talmadge Hines of West Monrow, Robert Hines of Haile, Ben Hines of Start, Joe Hines of Texas City, Texas and Curtis Hines of Longview, Texas; and five sisters, Mrs. J. C. McLean and Mrs. J. D. Johnston of Shreveport, Mrs. R. E. Hardwich of Start, Mrs. S. W. Harris of Sun, and Mrs. O. W. Hinton of Dallas, Texas. Pallbearers will be E. T. Brown, Sr., William Howard, George Allen Howard, Elmo Britt, T. C. Alexander and Aubrey Richey.

Obituary – *The Shreveport Journal*, January 4, 1973. Funeral services for Aubrey A. McKelvy, Sr., 69, of Nederland, Texas, the father of Aubrey mcKelvy, jr., and Mrs. E. T. Brown, both os Shreveport, were to be held today at 1 p.m. in the chapel of Boone Funeral Home of Bossier City with Rev. George Carkett, pastor of First Baptist Church of Greenwood, officiating. Mr. McKelvy, a native of Bernice and a Shreveport resident for the past 36 years, died Wednesday at 4:15 a.m. in Willis-Knighton Hospital following a lengthy illness.

HUDSON, Johnnie (Son) 28 Oct 1913 – 21 Feb 1989

Obituary – *The Shreveport Journal*,

February 22, 1989. Services for Mr. Johnnie Hudson, 75, will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday, February 23, 1989 at Providence Baptist Church. Officiating will be the Rev. Lloyd Stilley, pastor of Providence Baptist Church. Burial in Providence Cemetery under the direction of Rose-Neath Southside Chapel. Mr. Hudson died Tuesday, February 21, 1989 at 2:37 a.m. at Willis-Knighton Medical Center following a brief illness. He was born in Spring Ridge, LA and had been a Keithville resident all of his life. Mr. Hudson was retired from the Caddo Parish highway Department, was a member of the Providence Baptist Church, and a veteran of the U. S. Army, World War II. He is survived by three sisters, Emma Jane Maulden of Powderly, Texas, Irene Harthan of San Antonio, Texas, and Norma Davidson of Shreveport, and numerous nieces and nephews. Pallbearers will be Steve Hudson, Jimmie Hudson, John Hudson, Glenn E. Barron, Chuck Wilder, Windy Hudson, and James J. Davidson, Jr.

HUDSON, Henry Curry (Son)

17 Dec 1907 – 10 Apr 1975

Obituary – *The Shreveport Times*, April 11, 1975. Services for Henry Curry Hudson, 67, of Keithville will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Providence Baptist Church with the Rev. E. E. Ballard, church pastor, officiating. A native and lifelong Keithville resident, Mr. Hudson died Thursday at 6 a.m. in Willis-Knighton Hospital following a lengthy illness. He was a member of Providence Baptist Church and was a laborer. Survivors include three brothers, Johnny Hudson and Norton Hudson, both of Keithville and Charles Hudson of Dallas, Texas; and three sisters, Mrs. Irene Horthan of San Antonio, Texas, Mrs. Imar Jan Mauldin of Powderly, Texas, and Mrs. Norma Davidson of Greenwood. Pallbearers will be Steve Hudson, Jimmy Hudson, John David Hudson, Glenn Barron, Hardy Teer and Grady Wilder.

HUDSON, Mattie (Mama)

29 Jan 1884 – 26 Feb 1973

Obituary – *The Shreveport Times*, February 27, 1973. Funeral services for Mrs. Mattie Robinson Hudson, 89, of Keithville will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Providence Baptist Church in Keithville with the Rev. E. E. Ballard, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Providence Cemetery under the direction of the Rose-Neath Funeral Home. Mrs. Hudson died at 7:30 a.m. Monday in the Guest House Nursing Home after a long illness. She was born January 29, 1884 in Spring Ridge and had lived in Caddo Parish all of her life. She was a member of the Baptist Church. Survivors include four sons, Johnny Hudson, Norton Hudson and Curry Hudson, all of Keithville, and Charles A. Hudson of Dallas, Texas; three daughters, Norma Davidson of Greenwood, Emma Jane Mauldin of Paris, Texas; and Irene Harthan of San Antonio, Texas; two sisters, Maude Simpson of Shreveport and Lela Robinson of Dallas; 22 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

HUDSON, Silas H. (Daddy)

8 Nov 1881 – 21 Apr 1956

Obituary – *The Shreveport Times*, Sunday, April 23, 1956. Silas H. Hudson, 74, a retired farmer and former employee of the Caddo Parish Tax Assessor's Office, died at his home in Keithville at 6:15 p.m. Saturday. He had been ill for some time. Born in Spring Ridge, he was a resident of the Spring Ridge-Keithville community all his life and was a member of the Providence Baptist Church. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Martha Hudson of Keithville; three daughters, Mrs. Emma Jane Mauldin, Bogata, Texas, Mrs. Irene Harthan, Bloomfield, N.J., and Mrs. Norma Davidson, Greenwood; four sons, Curry H. Hudson, Johnnie Hudson, and Norton Hudson of Keithville, and Charles Hudson, Jasper, Texas; two brothers, Norman and Rush Hudson of Keithville; a sister, Mrs. Emma Ingram, Keithville; 21 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and a number of other relatives. Arrangements, in charge of Rose-Neath Funeral Home, are incomplete pending arrival of relatives from out of town.

HOLLINGSWORTH, Thomas J. (Father)

9 Dec 1902 - 10 Nov 1984

Claudine I. (Mother)

5 Mar 1915

Obituary – The Shreveport Journal, November 12, 1984. [Has picture of deceased.] Services for Mr. Thomas Jefferson Hollingsworth, 81, of Keithville, will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, November 12, in Providence Baptist Church. The Rev. Rodney Thomas, pastor, will officiate and the Rev. Steve Rainey, former pastor, will assist. Burial will be in Providence Cemetery in Keithville under the direction of Rose-Neath's Southside Chapel. Mr. Hollingsworth, a native of Logansport, died at 8 p.m. November 10, 1984 in Willis-Knighton Medical Center following a short illness. He had been a resident of the Shreveport area most of his life and was a retired mercantile store owner. He was a member and deacon of Providence Baptist Church. He worked for several years at LSU Medical Center and was on the nominating committee of Panola-Harrison Electric Co-op. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Claudine Ingram Hollingsworth of Keithville; one son, Oswald E. Hollingsworth of Little Rock, AR; two daughters, Barbara H. Carlisle of Largo, FL, and Sarah Beth Hollingsworth of Keithville; two sisters, Mamie Sojourner of Mansfield and Verna Mae Caddell of Leveland, TX; and two grandchildren. Pallbearers will be Robert C. Hall, Charles R. Herrington, David McClelland, Hardy Teer, Gary Teer, Charles Sojourner, Jack Hall and Roy Tabor. Honorary pallbearers will be deacons of Providence Baptist Church. The family suggest that memorials be made to the Providence Baptist Church Hymnal Fund.

IVY, Billie	25 Nov 1868 – 14 Jan 1888

IVY, Emma 14 Jul 1882 – 14 Mar 1886

IVY, Callie 26 Jan 1889 – 1 Mar 1890

IVY, Henry Coty 18 Feb 1895 – 2 Sep 1896

IVY, Andrew Alvin 16 Aug 1897 – 20 Aug 1903

IVY, Sammie 24 Aug 1899 – 20 Dec 1900

HUDSON, Mary Ann 1 Apr 1831 – 19 Aug 1915

HUDSON, N. A. C. 25 Jul 1825 – 16 Jun 1892

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IVY, Nora 14 Feb 1868 – 15 Aug 1974

CARLSON, Fanny (Mother) 17 Feb 1862 – 25 Apr 1950 John (Father) 19 May 1857 – 24 Jul 1950

GAULT, Fred (Masonic Emblem) 29 Dec 1889 – 22 Oct 1963

(Louisiana Co. B 142 Machine Gun Bat WWI)

Mary (Mother) 21 Apr 1883 – 13 Dec 1968

(Eastern Star Emblem)

To be continued . . .

#### Musings from the Internet

The editor would give credit if possible, but in the absence of a definitive author, I hope you will enjoy these musings with me.

#### A Hundred Years Ago . . .

The average life expectancy in 1902 in the U.S. was forty-seven.

Only 14 percent of the homes in the U.S. had a bathtub.

Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone and a three-minute call from Denver to New York City cost \$11.

There were only 8,000 cars in the U.S. and only 144 miles of paved roads. The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

Alabama, Mississippi, Iowa and Tennessee were each more heavily populated than California. With a mere 1.4 million residents, California was only the 21<sup>st</sup> most populous state in the Union.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower.

The average wage in the U.S. was 22 cents per hour.

The average U.S. worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.

A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2,000 per year, a dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year, and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.

More than 95 percent of all births in the U.S. took place at home.

Ninety percent of all U.S. physicians had no college education. Instead they attended medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press and by the government as "substandard."

Sugar cost 4 cents a pound. Eggs were 14 cents a dozen. Coffee cost 15 cents a pound. Most women only washed their hair once a month and used borax and egg yolks for shampoo.

Canada passed a law prohibiting poor people from entering the country for any reason. The five leading causes of death in the U.S. were pneumonia/influenza, tuberculosis, diarrhea, heart disease and stroke.

The American flag has 45 stars. Arizona, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Hawaii and Alaska had not been admitted to the Union yet.

The population of Las Vegas, Nevada was 30.

Crossword puzzles, canned beer and iced tea had not been invented yet.

There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.

One in ten U.S. adults could not read or write.

Only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.

Marijuana, heroin and morphine were all available over the counter at drugstores.

According to one pharmacist, "Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach and the bowels, and is, in fact, a perfect guardian of health." Eighteen percent of households in the U.S. had at least one full-time servant or domestic.

There were only about 230 reported murders in the entire U.S.

#### Headline Stories for the Year 2035 . . .

Fidel Castro finally dies at age 112; Cuban cigars can now be imported legally, but President Chelsea Clinton has banned all smoking.

A Spotted Owl plague threatens crops and livestock in Western North America.

Last remaining Fundamentalist Muslim dies in the American Territory of the Middle East (formerly known as Iran, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon)

George Z. Bush says he will run for President in 2036.

A 35-year study shows diet and exercise are the keys to weight loss.

Nursing home furor—Bill Clinton denies allegations of affair with candy striper.

Upcoming NFL draft likely to focus on use of mutants.

Baby conceived naturally—scientists stumped.

Authentic Year 2000 "chad" sells at Sotheby's for \$4.6 million.

Ozone created by electric cars now killing thousands in Los Angeles.

Average height of NBA players now nine feet, seven inches.

Microsoft announces it has perfected its newest version of Windows so that it now crashes BEFORE installation is completed.

New California law requires that all nail clippers, screwdrivers and baseball bats be registered by January 2036.

Pre-pre-kindergarten classes to be added to public school agenda.

Riding vacuum cleaner introduced by Sears.

Nobel prize given to Alfred E. Newman for invention of telescoping console on drive-thru ATMs. Couple arrested for forcing their dog to live outdoors.

DNA analysis proves Illinois man not descended from Noah—Ark stowaway suspected.

Elvis is spotted in Nevada rest home.

The U.S.S. Constitution (Old Ironsides) as a combat vessel, carried 48,600 gallons of fresh water for her crew of 475 officers and men. This was sufficient to last 6 months of sustained operations; she carried no evaporators.

However, on 22 July 1798, the U.S.S. Constitution set sail from Boston with 475 officers and men, 48,600 gallons of fresh water, 7,400 cannon shot, 11,600 pounds of black powder, and 79,400 gallons of run. Her mission—to destroy and harass English shipping.

Making Jamaica on 6 October, she took on 826 pounds of flour and 68,300 gallons of rum. Then she headed for the Azores, arriving on 12 November. She provisioned with 550 pounds of been and 64,300 gallons of Portuguese wine. On 18 November she set sail for England.

In the ensuing days she defeated 6 British men-of-war and captured and scuttled 12 English merchantmen, salvaging only the rum. By 27 January her powder and shot were exhausted. Unarmed, she made a night raid up the Firth of Clyde. Her landing party captured a whiskey distillery and transferred 40,000 gallons aboard by dawn. Then she headed for home.

The U.S. S. Constitution arrived in Boston on 20 February 1799 with no cannon shot, no food, no powder, no rum, no wine, no whiskey, and 48,600 gallons of stagnant water.

#### INDEX OF CADDO PARISH SUCCESSIONS

This is a previously unpublished index of the first original Caddo Parish Succession Suits. Neither the Index nor the suits have ever been microfilmed. The handwritten Index and the suits are located in the Caddo Parish Courthouse and the suits date from the inception of the parish (1838) to 1879. The Index was transcribed by Joe Slattery. Genealogy Librarian at Shreve Memorial Library in Shreveport, LA. The lower suit numbers are the earlier suits filed. [Series began in Vol. XIII, No. 2]

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#### Louisiana's Oldest Confederate Veteran

#### By Laura Hair Duffy

While visiting my Baker cousins and their daughters, they approached me about the idea of joining the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Their mother and grandmother had joined on our sole Confederate ancestor, Silas Perry, so I told them it would be easy to establish relationship to their mother and grandmother and go in under their membership. This was not what they wanted to do. They were excited about joining on the merits of their Uncle Eli Townsend, the last surviving Confederate veteran from the State of Louisiana. I agreed to do the research for them and this is what I found.

My research on Uncle Eli began with his Confederate pension application—well, William Townsend was a private in Co. B,  $27^{th}$  La. Infantry, but he enlisted at a time actually, applications—because it took four applications for him to get his pension. Where most pension applications are 7, maybe 10 pages in length, Uncle Eli's record runs on for 160 pages. Uncle Eli is quoted in *The South's Last Boys in Gray* as having only three complaints in life: his wife Maggie would not let him take his pipe to public functions, his skin was "rough as a lizard," and it took him so darned long to get his Confederate pension started. Let's investigate why it took so long.

William Townsend, know affectionately as "Uncle Eli" filed his initial application on November 6, 1935 from Jones, Morehouse Parish, LA. He gave his date of birth as April 12, 1849 in Meridian, MS. He said he enlisted at Norwood, LA and his residence at the time of enlistment was Norwood, Jackson Parish, LA. In the Confederate Co. B, 27<sup>th</sup> LA Infantry his commanding officer was Capt. Cobb. He stated he served from 1861 to 1862, then was captured and paroled by Union forces at Vicksburg, MS July 4, 1863. V. L. Sawyer and Joe Lancaster signed as witnesses who had known Townsend for 15 and 50 years, respectively.

The Board of Pension Commissioners promptly responds to inform William Townsend he has applied for a pension using an obsolete application form and he must reapply on the new form they enclosed.

So a second application was promptly filed November 12, 1935. In this application he provides more details. There is now a middle initial – D. His first commanding officer is still a man whose name he has forgotten, but the first commander was replaced by Capt. Gus Cobb. He served with a Tom James, now residing in Winnsboro, LA, and a B. Russell who is now deceased. He was sent to the Vicksburg Prison and after he was paroled July 4, 1863, he returned to the family farm at Norwood, LA and remained there for the rest of the war. His three wives were Suṣanna Wilks, Frances Pitts (a widow) and Lucy Stanley (also a widow). He states he has never before applied to the State of LA for a pension.

On this second application, V. L. Sawyer and J. K. Winfrey state they are long time friends of his, having known him for 10 years and 8 years, respectively.

The Board of Pension Commissioners in Baton Rouge responds on November 25, 1935 asking for the service record and, if possible, the correct age of the soldier.

Meanwhile the Board of Pension Commissioners in Baton Rouge writes to the War Department in Washington, D.C. in an attempt to verify Townsend's story. Washington replies December 3, 1935, "W. Townsend, also borne as William Townsend, not found as William D. Townsend, private, Company B, 27<sup>th</sup> Regiment Louisiana Infantry, Confederate States Army, enlisted September 8, (1862) at Camp Norwood. The Company muster roll for November and December, 1862, last on file, shows him present. He was captured at Vicksburg, Mississippi July 4, 1863 and paroled at that place July 7, 1863. No later record found. Age of the soldier is not stated." By this they mean they do have a service record for a W. or William Townsend, but have nothing under the name William D. Townsend.

The State Board of Pension Commissioners responds to William D. Townsend on April 2, 1936: "Your application for pension was rejected by this Board at the last meeting, for the reason that the evidence of your Confederate army service is not sufficient. One W. or when you were only thirteen years of age, so it is thought that this record refers to some other man of the same name. Proof of your service must be furnished before this Board will be able to allow you a pension."

Some background on the Confederate pension system may be helpful. Each southern state by act of its state legislature passed a pension program for the Confederate veterans living within the state. The place of enlistment or of Confederate service was not the determining factor, the state paying the pension was the state of residence of the veteran when he became aged and indigent. Louisiana passed the Confederate pension plan in 1898 and there were more than 18,000 applications processed over the years. The pension applications are contained on 152 rolls of microfilm. Suffice to say the Board of Pension Commissioners had reviewed and passed on many an application by the time Townsend first applied in 1935.

Next William D. Townsend makes an affidavit in Morehouse Parish on April 6, 1936, stating he does not recall his exact birthdate, but that he was 15 years old when he enlisted and that all the papers concerning his service were lost to a fire several years ago. The faithful V. L. Sawyer and a W. L. Pugh sign as his witnesses.

V. L. Sawyer, who is the member-designate of the Police Jury for the 10<sup>th</sup> Ward of Morehouse Parish, contacts a Bastrop attorney, W. H. Todd, Jr., and asks for his support of Townsend's application. W. H. Todd, Jr. writes such a letter April 6, 1936 stating in part, "Mr. Townsend is a very old man and is in destitute circumstances, and hasn't much longer to live and anything that you can do towards getting this pension approved will be greatly appreciated."

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John Coats, Service Officer in Bastrop, LA, even writes a letter of support April 6, 1936 saying, "The old man has no edication (sic) and after talking to him I sincerely believe that what he states is true . . . He relates of being captrued (sic) at the fall of Vicksburg also of being wounded at Vicksburg, Miss. and now carries a scar upon his right arm to prove his statement."

Also in a letter dated April 6, 1936, W. L. Pugh of Bastrop, LA, witness to the affidavit, writes that he has known William D. Townsend for 12 years and "it has been common knowledge and history that he was a Confederate Veteran during the war."

In a letter dated April 9, 1936, the Board of Pension Commissioners requests "church records or some other record that would verify applicant's age."

In a passionate plea John Coats, Service Officer, Parish of Morehouse, writes on April 17, 1936:

To be frank with you I truly think that if this case is turned down that this old man will loose his mind as he has been so hoped up over being able to be taken off the Parish relief rolls that He is like a child with A new toy, He is in what I call second child hood and a fine old gentleman, That is why I am appealing to you to try and give this man a chance to enjoy his last few years of life, I do not believe that the State of Louisiana wishes to see one of defenders die upon the charity rolls of the parish when He offered his life in defence of this state.

We have a two-year lapse in application activity and then William Daniel Tounsend has In Minden he solicits the aid of W. B. Armstead, a moved to Webster Parish. storekeeper, and another attorney, Floyd D. Culbertson, Jr. On July 11, 1938 Townsend has acquired a brand new set of facts for his pension application: He states his date of birth is April 12, 1846 in Parr County, Mississippi. Those familiar with Mississippi will be interested to learn there is a new county named Parr. At the time of his enlistment at Norwood, LA he lived four miles from what is now Ruston, LA. He continues to name his commanding officer as Captain Gus Cobb and now lists men he served with as John Orr, Jim Orr, Lum Knox, B. Russell and Dave Seats. He maintains he was captured and paroled in Vicksburg, Mississippi, but states he was not sent to prison. He states he has lived in Louisiana for 89 years in the parishes of Jackson, Lincoln, Winn, Grant, and other north LA parishes. He receives \$17 per month from welfare authorities and owns no property. He married Annie Wilks September 18, 1874 and she died in 1917. He next married Frances Pitts August 18, 1918 and she died in 1923. His last marriage was to Frances Stanley in June 1927 and she died in December 1929.

This application is witnessed by F. M. Farley and James W. Gibbard, given before notary Floyd D. Culbertson, Jr.

At this point his claim is once again receiving public support and we have a letter dated June 17, 1938 from Mrs. Fred W. Bradt, President of the T. A. Wood Chapter, U.D.C., 48

Mary Street, Alexandria, LA, enclosing a letter from a Mr. Culbertson in support of William D. Townsend's application.

On July 23, 1938, the Board of Pension Commissioners responds: "Your fourth application has been received. The date of birth in this fourth application does not agree with previous applications. Why not have Tom Jones give evidence of your service if he is still living? Who is he? Where does he live? Neither John Orr, Jim Orr, Lum Knox, B. Russell, nor Dave Seats can be identified as being in the company you claim to have served. Please explain why you remained at home following parole at Vicksburg rather than returning to service for the last two years of the war."

Then there is a letter dated Oct. 14, 1938, from the Board of Pension Commissioners confirming rejection of the application, "for the reason that evidence of your service in the Confederate Army is not sufficient."

At last Townsend appears to have found someone who will claim to remember him, and we have an affidavit from an Alfred Fuller of Dubach:

Personally came and appeared before me one Mr. Alf Fuller of Dubach, Louisiana, after being sworn, states that he is 92 years old, and served in the Civil War during 1861 until the close. That during his service he knew Willie Townsend whom served with Company B-27<sup>th</sup> Louisiana Inf.

This statement is given in order that Mr. Townsend may get his records correct and receive his pension as a soldier as Mr. Townsend due to his age is now unable to follow a gainful occupation and earn a living.

Mr. Fuller is a residence of Dubach, Louisiana, Parish of Lincoln and gives that statement of his own free will and accord with no enumeration, whatsoever.

Signed: Alfred Fuller

Sworn and subscribed before me this 18 day of Dec., 1939. AD

Ollie C. White Notary Republic

John Coats, Service Officer, American Legion, Scott L. Hood Post No. 51, writes the Board of Pension Commissioners again on Jan 30, 1940, in support of William D. Townsend's application for pension.

The secretary of the Board of Pension Commissioners responds to John Coats on Jan. 31, 1940:

Briefly, what the Board desires Mr. Townsend to furnish is proof of age and evidence of service. A William Townsend is shown to have been in Co. B,  $27t^h$  Louisiana Infantry, C.S.A., early in the war, but the Board must be satisfied that the present applicant for a pension was old enough to have been that man. Also, he is requested to state why he was not in the service during the last two years of the Civil War.

So the Board of Pension Commissioners writes to Alfred T. Fuller of Dubach, LA on Feb. 14, 1940, and asks if he knows of William D. Townsend's service after the fall of Vicksburg in 1863.

The answer to this letter, dated March 1, 1940, is written on the reverse side of the stationery. The handwriting is most definitely not that of a 92-year-old man and the signature does not even remotely resemble the signature on the affidavit of Dec. 18, 1939. Whoever the writer, he is concise and to the point:

In reply to your letter on reverse side hereof, I beg to say that I cant give you the present correct address of Mr. Willie Townsend, and I cant give you any evidence of any services of Mr. Townsend after the fall of Vicksburg, Miss.

Yours truly, *Alfred T. Fuller* 

Also on Feb. 14, 1940 the Board of Pension Commissioners writes to one Thomas J. James, RFD Columbia, LA, a certified pensioner, with questions regarding William D. Townsend.

In a letter dated Mar. 29, 1940, J. W. James, Merchant and Planter, Columbia, La., writing for T. J. James, states "I have known this man only since the close of the war."

Despite Alfred T. Fuller's reluctance to perjure himself by adding more details, Townsend is approved for a Confederate veteran's pension effective April Fools Day, 1940.

His record now contains some interesting correspondence involving the Department of Public Welfare. Mr. W. M. Stirling, Secretary of the Board of Pension Commissioners writes the State Board of Public Welfare in Baton Rouge:

His claim has been approved, and unless something unfavorable to the applicant develops, his name will be added to our pension roll.

Mr. Townsend stated that he was born at Meridian, Misss. (also stated as Parr County, Miss., in one application), on April 12, 1849 (or April 12, 1846). He claims to have been a resident of Louisiana for 89 years (in 1938), and to have lived during that time in Morehouse, Jackson, Lincoln, Winn, Grant, and other north Louisiana parishes. He has been married three times, but is now a

widower. He stated in his latest application (1938) that he was receiving \$17.00 per month from the Public Welfare.

No doubt you will want to drop Mr. Townsend's name from your rolls. We would like to know to what date he has been paid, or will be paid by your department, in order that we may know when to start his Confederate pension. Also, please give us the date of birth shown in Mr. Townsend's application for Old Age Assistance.

From Arline Ponder Huff, Junior Case Worker, and Gladys Montgomery, Parish Director, dated April 26, 1940, from Bastrop, Morehouse Parish, comes the reply to Mr. Stirling:

Please refer to your letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> regarding Wm. D. Townsend. Our records show Mr. Townsend's birthplace as Meridian, Miss. and his birthdate as April 12, 1849. This exact date was not verified, however, but his marriage record was used to verify that he was over sixty five years of age. This marriage was recorded in Book A, Page 28, in Lincoln Parish in November 1873. His name was given as "D. E. Townsend."

Our first application on Mr. Townsend was taken as D. E. Townsend but we later discovered that the E for Eli was a nickname and that his real name was William D. Townsend. We changed our records accordingly.

Our instructions state that we can verify eligibility for Old Age Assistance if the marriage record shows that they have been married longer than fifty one years, therefore, we used this marriage record as a verification of Mr. Townsend's age. He did not have any other proof of his birthdate.

Mr. Townsend received his last Old Age Assistance check on April 17, 1941 and we had planned to close the grant as of May 1<sup>st</sup> since Mr. Townsend had notified us that his claim for a Confederate Pension had been approved.

There is an obvious typographical error in the final paragraph where the year should undoubtedly be 1940. The letter is dated April 26, 1940 at the top. Please note that as a Confederate Pensioner, Townsend will receive \$60 per month (a \$43 per month increase for him).

By now, patient reader, you are probably saying over and over, "Check him out in the 1850 and 1860 Censuses!" While readily available to us, please remember there were no microfilmed copies of the Census enumerations in 1940. The Board of Pension Commissioners and the Welfare Department had to rely on the truthfulness of the applicant, on supporting affidavits, on church or Bible records, and on military service records in the National Archives, if they could be located.

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#### Jackson Parish, LA Tax Assessment Rolls 1865-1868

This list has been copied from the microfilmed records. The records were of poor quality at the time of filming and are in many places difficult or impossible to read. As a result, this transcription will contain many errors but it is hoped that this information will assist those researchers with Jackson Parish ties. As always, please verify this information with the microfilmed records.

The records list the taxpayer's name, the year of assessment, and quantity of land as well as the values of land, livestock, and personal property. We are listing here only the amount of land shown for each year; a blank field indicates that there is no listing for that taxpayer for that year. The years 1865-1868 are combined into one tax roll. "None" indicates that the taxpayer is listed for poll tax and/or personal property tax and does not own land.

No.	<u>Name</u>	<u>1865</u>	· <u>1866</u>	<u>1867</u>	<u>1868</u>	<u>Memo</u>
??	Goleman, B. A.	40	40	40	40	
??	Graves, B. B.	640	640	640	640	
??	Garry, T. P.			None	None	
??	Gatlin, Ed	None	None	None	None	
286	Graham, T.	1			None	
313	Gilbert, Nancy, Mrs.	400	400	400	400	
355	Gunter, Jno.	920	920	920	920	
374	Graves, J. N.		None	None	175	
385	Goodwin, R. P.	540	540	540	540	
390	Goodwin, Joseph			None	None	
391	Goodwin, Corn. M.				None	
526	Goodwin, Jno.	None	160	160	160	
530	Goodwin, Dan C.	120	120	120	120	
647	Gahagan, Lawrence			85	85	
748	Goodjoin, Nancy, Mrs.	560	560	560	560	
938	Gullatt, Pamali, Mrs.	560	560	560	560	
939	Gullatt, A.	120 ·	120	120	120	
943	Guthrie, Jas. L.			None	None	Lot Woodville
725	Gibson, Andrew	1800	1800	1640	1640	Store at Vienna
728	Gibson, W. C.			None	None	House & Lot at Vienna
?54	George, William	200	200	200	200	
??	Gullatt, William	None	None	None	None	
?42	Gullatt, John	640	640	640	640	
?77	Goodwin, H. E.	160	160	160	160	
?84	Goodwin, James M.	None	None	None	None	
?29	Goodwin, John P.	None	None	None	None	

No.	Name	<u>1865</u>	<u>1866</u>	<u>1867</u>	<u>1868</u>	Memo
??	Goff, C. W.			None	None	Steam Saw Mill
?05	Grigsby, Thomas M.	1120	1120	1120	1120	
?06	Girgsby, James			None	None	
?17	Green, C. B.	None	None	None	None	
1091	Gwin, W. H.	560	560	560	560	
1096	Gwin, W. T.	None	None	None	None	
1098	Gwin, A. D.				None	
1104	Griggs, James M.	200	200	200	200	
1143	Griggs, Lewis	640	640	640	640	
1146	Griggs, L. W.	None			None	
1141	Griffin, Dunken	120	120	120	120	
1140	Gibbs, William	None	None	None	None	
1160	Griffin, Lewis	80	80	80	80	
1161	Griggs, William		None		None	
1204	Gentry, T. C.	960	960	960	960	
769	Gay, E.	320	320	320	320	
771	Gay, M. A.				None	
775	Gahagan, L. M.				None	
849	Gregory, Lewis				None	
?24	Green, Allen	2740	2740	2740	3060	
??	Green, W. L.	160	160	160	160	Store at Vienna
??	Gates, P. W.			None	None	
??	Golson, John E.	None	None	None	None	
??	Green, J. L.				None	
?22	Guice, Nathaniel	160	160	160	160	
?19	Green, W. G.	200	200	200	200	
249	Graham, E. M.				None	
269	Graham, Agent for S. Trusk	620	620	620	620	3 Lots in Vernon
270	Graham, Agt for Battle Noble & Co.	520	520	520	520	
274	Graham, Agt for George Palmer	4510	4510	4510	4510	
275	Graham, Agt for R. S. Van Russell	1200	1200	1200	1200	
561	Gibson, James	1200	1200	1200	1200	
1410	Grambling, J. R.	None	None	None	None	Steam Saw Mill
1411	Grambling, A. M.	220	220	220	220	Steam Saw Mill
1412	Grambling, Sarah	560	560	560	560	
1500	Gordon, N. J.	None	None	None	None	
1445	Garr, Wm. P.	None	None	None	None	
1446 1559	Garr, Agent for M. E. Garr Greenwood, Frank	None	None		145 None	

No.	Name	<u>1865</u>	<u>1866</u>	<u>1867</u>	<u>1868</u>	<u>Memo</u>
40	Gilbert, Jackson			None	None	Colored
41	Gray, George			None	None	Colored
78	Green, Charles			None	None	Colored
211	Gilmore, Wm.			None	None	Colored
302	Gray, Lemar			None	None	Colored
463	Grant, Willis			None	None	Colored
560	Givens, Joseph			None	None	Colored
564	Gibson, Ned			None	None	Colored
597	Gardner, Virgil			None	None	Colored
610	Givins, T. J.			None	None	Colored
707	Griffin, Daniel			None	None	Colored
707	Graham, Parson			None	None	Colored
720	Givens, Henry			None	None	Colored
721	Givens, Monroe			None	None	Colored
735	Garr, George			None	None	Colored
736	Garr, Guss				None	Colored
868	Givens, Joseph			None	None	Colored
884	Graham, Jordan			None	None	Colored
902	Goode, Alex			None	None	Colored
??	Gullatt, George			None	None	Colored
??	Gant, Douglas			None	None	Colored
??	Granberry, Burrell			None	None	Colored
??	Goldsmith, Ned			None	None	Colored
?52	Gibson, Jack			None	None	Colored
?53	Graves, James			None	None	Colored
428	Goul, Warren ??			None	None	Colored
??	Givens, Jacob			None	None	Colored
??	Garnett, Edmond			None	None	Colored
35	Head, James K.				200	
45	Hearn, S. M.			360	360	
46	Hearn, S M. & W. B. Everett	400	400	400	400	
47	Hearn, O. R.		None	None	None	
48	Hearn, Agent for N. R. Hearn				None	
56	Hearn, A. F.	80	80	80	80	
61	Hearn, J. L.				None	
1297	Hearn, Agent for Sarah Hearn			None	None	
64	Hearn, Elijah	None	240	240	240	
104	Hearn, Thomas			None	None	
59	Hundley, A. L.				None	

No.	<u>Name</u>	<u>1865</u>	<u>1866</u>	<u>1867</u>	<u>1868</u>	<u>Memo</u>
	Hundley, Agent for S. M. Hundley				120	
71	Hood, W.	620	620	620	620	Steam Saw Mill & Tanyard
72	Hood, Agent for J. M. Newton	40	40	40	40	
87	Hobbs, William	160	160	160	160	
119	Holt, A. J.				320	
126	Horn, Samuel	160		160	160	
462	Hinton, P. F.				None	
145	Hancock, T. S.	480	480	480	480	
146	Hancock, Oscar	None	None	None	None	
172	Hill, Harrison	500	500	500	500	
176	Hamilton, Fred	280	280	280	280	
177	Hillard, Wm.	None	None	None	None	
178	Hancock, Henry	40	40	40	40	
260	Holder, J. P.	100	100	100	100	
279	Huddleston, J. D.	None	None	120	120	
285	Harper, J. M.	None	None	None	None	
290	Hart, Silas	None	None	200	200	
327	Harvey, Jas. T.	320	320	320	320	
339	Harvey, Nancy, Mrs.	300	300	300	300	
340	Harvey, C. H.			None	None	
343	Harvey, M. C.	None	None	None	None	
452	Hudson, Colonili, Mrs.	80	80	80	80	
475	Hogan, Jno.	280	280	280	280	
477	Hogan, Jno. Agent for					
	Caroline M. W. Crumming	200	200	200	200	
533	Hillard, Henry	None	None	None	None	
537	Hillard, K. T.				None	
569	Hines, Jno.	None	None	None	None	
605	Hinton, J. H.				None	
612	Howard, H.				None	
651	Huey, Jas. G.	280	280	280	280	

To be continued . . .

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Winston Churchill

<sup>&</sup>quot;The farther backward you can look, the farther forward you are likely to see."

#### **Doyline Cemetery**

#### by Debra Dame & Mike O'Rourke

The Doyline Cemetery is located on College Street, just south of the Methodist Church in Doyline, Webster Parish, LA. The gate of this cemetery reads "Doyline Cemetery, Established 1885". The cemetery was inventoried on 25 Feb 2001. This survey is submitted by Debra Dame (ddame@juno.com) and Mike O'Rourke (MDOR@juno.com) and is also available in the USGenWeb. This listing began in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ouarter 2001 Journal.

Additional information taken from grave marker is noted in parentheses. Abbreviations used include: O. E. S. = Order of the Eastern Star; D. A. R. = Daughters of the American Revolution.

LEWING (Double marker) Everlynn L. Arthur Emerson 01 Jun 1913 18 May 1913 13 Mar 1986 14 Jun 1982

(PVT US Army WW II)

Marion Pickett McBRIDE 02 Mar 1936 01 Jun 1991

Eugenia A. PICKETT died 10 Sep 1998 Aged 87 y, 5 m, 7 d (Funeral Home marker)

Victory Lee JOHNSON 05 Jul 1963 24 Oct 1964

O'NEAL (Double marker) Eber P. Nora C.

1888--1959 1900--1974

HARRIS (Double marker) Lisa Michelle James Michael 04 Dec 1969 14 Sep 1958 (blank) 10 Feb 1998 (Married 03 Jul 1993)

Anna T. ALMAND 26 Jun 1874 15 Aug 1968

SMITH (Double marker) James R. Adron H.

04 Aug 1915 26 Feb 1917 30 Nov 1999 (blank) (PFC US Army WW II) (Married 14 Oct 1933)

Ovie F. PICKETT 09 Sep 1908 13 Jul 1980 (S 3 US Navy WW II)

Freddy L. SAMPSON 15 Oct 1965 17 Oct 1965

Lonnie N. BURGE 23 Apr 1927 15 Jan 1966 (La. PFC 801 Area SCV Unit)

HARRIS (Double marker)

Max L. Carolyn R. 28 Mar 1934 17 Jan 1932 16 Aug 1989 (blank)

William F. ALMAND 06 Feb 1866 03 Jun 1935

J. B. ALMAND 16 Aug 1891 16 Jan 1937

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Joseph Gray PERRITT

06 Feb 1882 22 Apr 1949

Jewell McDOWELL

30 Jul 1915 16 Apr 1976

(Wife of Alton McDOWELL)

SHELLEY (Double marker)

John Jackson Mattie Chreene 13 Feb 1895 24 Jun 1907 26 Jun 1948 29 Feb 1992 (PVT. 39 Spruce Sq. WW I)

Charlie SHELLEY

17 Dec 1929 24 Jun 1985

(A1C USAF Korea)

BEARD (Double marker)

Bessie Joe

1895--1954 1892--1961

BROWN (Double marker)

William P. Mattie T. 24 Jun 1874 04 Jul 1882

24 Jun 1874 04 Jul 1882 13 Dec 1951 30 Jun 1960

Bobbie Belle Olive BROWN

16 Nov 1914 27 Mar 1932

Nicholson BROWN

19 Oct 1877 15 Oct 1931

(Woodmen of the World)

F. L. SMITH, Jr. 23 Apr 1923

09 Mar 1941

Troy A. SMITH 03 Jul 1927 31 May 1945 Florence Ellen ALEXANDER

27 Feb 1934 02 Sep 1984

(Daughter of Jewl & Richard BLACK

Alton McDOWELL

18 Aug 1915 18 Apr 1980

(Husband of Jewell McDOWELL)

Baby SHELLEY

(no dates)

HARVILLE (Double marker)

Ardis B. Mary 15 Dec 1919 08 May 1910 (block) 01 Oct 1992

(blank) 01 Oct 1992

REEVE (Double marker)
Charlie Martin Lela Christine Booth

15 Nov 1927 1936 14 Jun 1956 1956

(PFC 7112 Supply Sq. AF WW II)

Submitter's note: Lela C. B. REEVE b. 04 Oct

1936, d. 19 Jun 1956. She

was the daughter of Fred & Florence BOOTH.)

BROWN (Double marker)

Toombs Garland Eva Ruth

1904--1966 1907--1970

Miriam BROWN 07 Jan 1907 01 Aug 1963

Alice Davidson BROWN

27 Apr 1881 29 Oct 1966

SMITH (Double marker)

Floyd L. Ethel M. 07 Feb 1855 03 Oct 1890 03 Aug 1960 06 Aug 1944

Louise Ratcliff SMITH

10 Feb 1925 01 Sep 1950

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Will J. HARVILLE 28 Sep 1966

(blank)

James Michael GOODWIN

14 May 1949 22 May 1949

Virgil KREIDEL 06 Sep 1912 19 Jun 1989 (PFC US Army

HARRIS (Double marker)

Hamilton W. Darthie C. 29 Sep 1915 19 Dec 1919 20 Jan 1990 23 Mar 1981 (Tec 5 US Army WW II)

Louis Charlie BRADLEY

1918--1977

BRADLEY (Double marker)

Alma Mouser Louis Calvin 19 Jan 1900 19 Mar 1890 18 Nov 1988 15 Mar 1935

Ava Conly ALMAND

14 Jun 1896 19 Jan 1990

HARRIS (Double marker)

Dallas J. Ruby M. 12 May 1913 15 Jun 1912 26 Apr 1991 30 Nov 1997

(Married 14 Dec 1933)

Frances C. EMMETT 29 Jan 1906

29 Dec 1999

LEE (Double marker)

Robert Edgar Beatrice Faye Green 16 Jun 1942 14 Feb 1944

(blank) 18 Sep 1998 (Married 31 Aug 1962) BOOTH (Double marker)

John S. Clara Herren 09 Apr 1875 10 Nov 1879 20 Mar 1956 03 Jun 1972 (Married 57 y, 7 m, 8 d)

Maggie Booth WHITE

13 Sep 1873 28 May 1959

Nicholas C. HUMPHRIES

19 Mar 1886 22 Dec 1957

(La. CPL 51 Inf. WW I)

HARRIS (Double marker)

Homer (Infant) Patricia A. (Infant) 05 Apr 1955 11 Sep 1948

Mary R. BRADLEY

21 Aug 1920 15 Dec 1949

William F. MOUSER

26 Jun 1913 23 May 1998 ("Pappy")

(PVT US Army Air Corps WW II)

A. Carrol ALMAND

1895--1937 (Mason)

SHUMATE (Double marker)

Emmett S. Camilla T. 08 Oct 1886 24 Jul 1893 17 Dec 1939 10 Oct 1982

Ronald G. MILKE 04 May 1961

Jan 2000

(Funeral Home Marker)

MUDD (Double marker)

William C. Barbara 25 Apr 1934 01 Aug 1935 25 Jan 1998 (blank)

("Bill")

(A2 C USAF Korea)

Curtis Wayne MURPHY

01 Jul 1973 14 Dec 1996

Harold TOOTHMAN, Jr.

d. 07 Feb 2000 Aged 73 years

(Funeral Home marker)

Loye Alford WILLIS

18 Oct 1913 17 Oct 1991

Shirley W. WILLIS

16 Oct 1896 17 May 1956

Anna Brown WILLIS

07 Mar 1872 08 Jan 1951

Martha Willis CAMPBELL

01 Dec 1901 08 Nov 1940 (D. A. R.)

E. M. TOWNSEND

04 Aug 1829 06 Aug 1922

Sallie Price MORGAN

14 Dec 1879 27 Mar 1970

Wesley W. SHADLEY, Jr.

1926--1935

Roy J. COLEMAN

24 Oct 1904 03 Sep 1972

Huey P. MARTIN

Born & died 1929

(Infant son of Mr. & Mrs. J. N. MARTIN)

Infant TABOR

04 Jun 1934

(Daughter of Ralph & Ellen TABOR)

Henry Lee MONTGOMERY

12 Sep 1911 05 Jun 1927 Reggie Allen HART

31 May 1977 17 Jan 1999

FRIDENBERG (Double marker)

Robert W. Lilian M.

17 Jul 1935 26 Sep 1935 05 Oct 1996 (blank)

Augusta Brown WILLIS

07 Dec 1898 15 Feb 1987

John G. WILLIS 18 Jul 1872

13 Jun 1966

Gladden C. WILLIS 01 Sep 1901 08 Aug 1962

VENTRESS (Double marker)

Lelia Hodges S. Penn 02 Dec 1875 07 Sep 1869 20 Sep 1967 01 Apr 1925

Arthur B. STEWART

29 Aug 1907 27 Nov 1942 (Mason)

Willie A. SHADLEY

07 Aug 1892 20 Feb 1985

Wesley W. SHADLEY

1862--1932

Alice COLEMAN 10 Jul 1910 22 Jul 1932

(Wife of Roy COLEMAN)

Verbie D. ALLEN 04 Oct 1912

17 Oct 1933

MONTGOMERY (Double marker)

Irene Alex A. 1891 1881--1953

(single date)

Frank L. WILLIS 21 Aug 1925

22 Mar 1930

J. M. SMITH 26 Oct 1851 10 Feb 1932

George P. SMITH 18 Sep 1875 11 Oct 1920

R. B. SHELEY 05 Mar 1867 16 Jul 1923

Gladys Eugean SHELEY 07 Sep 1908 25 Jan 1928 (Wife of N. B. SHELEY)

Emma Lee WILLIS 31 Oct 1906 20 Oct 1997

John Stillmon WILLIS 07 Jan 1893 05 Aug 1968

Joe Ann Wilson WILLIS 12 Aug 1926 29 Nov 1949

Dorathy HOLLOWAY
25 Jun 1925
29 Jun 1925
(Daughter of W. H. & Corra HOLLOWAY)

WILLIS (Double marker)
Henry Clinton Annie Levins
14 Sep 1894 20 Mar 1894
24 Apr 1963 24 Jul 1979
(Cpl Co C 113 Fld Signal BN WW I)

Infant DOYLE d. 25 Dec 1893 Aged 2 months (Son of H. C. & Mamie DOYLE)

Henry Clay DOYLE 31 Jan 1849 07 Feb 1907

Arthur PERRITT 04 Mar 1874 25 Mar 1943 Willie M. SMITH 30 Aug 1859 04 Mar 1939

Mary Elizabeth Harvey SMITH 1877--1959 (Wife of George P. SMITH)

Mrs. R. B. SHELEY 04 Dec 1868 03 Dec 1935

Samuel Finley TRAMMEL 08 Feb 1899 18 Jan 1986

Virgie Williams WILLIS 19 Sep 1901 01 Jul 1948

Hazel Defreese WILLIS 06 Dec 1901 11 Aug 1986

Richard N. WISE 05 Dec 1878 20 Aug 1926

J. M. HOLLOWAY 06 Jan 1875 24 Jul 1931

Infant DOYLE 15 Dec 1903 06 Jun 1904 (Son of H. C. & Mamie DOYLE)

Mamie DOYLE 14 Dec 1859 06 Apr 1903 (Wife of H. C. DOYLE)

(Wife of H. C. DOYLE) Note: dates for the DOYLE infants and Mamie DOYLE were triple checked--are correct as listed.

D. B. DOYLE (no dates) (Woodmen of the World)

Joseph Columbus PERRITT 25 Jul 1853 24 Feb 1926 Fannie Laird PERRITT 07 Aug 1853

01 Jan 1936

H. E. TIPPIT 1876--1937

Willie TIPPIT

23 Dec 1878 03 Oct 1927

(Wife of H. E. TIPPIT)

Infant TIPPIT

b. & d. 28 Mar 1906 (son of Willie TIPPIT)

Ruth Reymolds TIPPIT

26 Apr 1913 25 Nov 1996 Jerelyn Doyle SELLERS

24 Jul 1930 22 Jan 1999

Nelia Maye Kirkley DOYLE

05 Jul 1903 09 Jan 1932

(wife of Bascom DOYLE)

KIRKLEY (Double marker)

William Benjamin 19 Nov 1872

Lula Martin 27 Jun 1875

23 Dec 1967

17-Aug 1953

VERNON (Double marker)

Jesty F. 28 Sep 1919 17 Mar 1981 Dorothy D. 05 Mar 1922 DOYLE (Double marker)

D. Banks 01 Jan 1892 Annie Kate 11 Jun 1893 17 Aug 1975

15 Dec 1992

KEMPER (Double marker)

Robert G. 31 Mar 1911 Sybil Watson 08 Nov 1913

11 Dec 1990

(blank)

Allena LONGFELLOW

08 Apr 1929 08 Apr 1985

29 Oct 1952

Barbara Eileen Bolin JENSEN

02 Feb 1922 04 Jun 2000

Emma Nettie Jackson BOLIN

04 Feb 1898 07 Jan 1994

Dayton C. BOLIN

18 Feb 1894 12 Oct 1967

Zeola Kirkley SPENCER

20 Nov 1901 22 Feb 1968

(Wife of Fritz L. SPENCER)

Fritz L. SPENCER

25 Aug 1899 31 Aug 1987

(Son of Noah B. & Margret M. SPENCER)

KIRKLEY (Double marker)

William Frank 19 Jan 1899

Necie Watson 25 Oct 1902

01 Jan 1979

08 May 1982

Zenia Doyle CHAPMAN

16 Nov 1925 16 Dec 1987 Bascom Kirkley DOYLE

10 May 1923 03 Apr 1977

Thurmon M. KIRKLEY

03 Apr 1913 15 Mar 1970 SHOLARS (Double marker)

Dr. Louis A.

Branch F.

1875--1940

(no dates)

To be continued . . .

### Fitting Epitaphs . . .

On the grave of Ezekial Aikle in East Dalhousie Cemetery, Nova Scotia:

Here lies Ezekial Aikle Age 102 The Good Die Young

Playing with names in a Ruidoso, New Mexico cemetery:

> Here lies Johnny Yeast Pardon me For not rising.

In a Georgia cemetery:

"I told you I was sick!"

In a Silver City, Nevada cemetery:

Here lies Butch, We planted him raw. He was quick on the trigger, But slow on the draw.

On a grave from the 1880's in Nantucket, Massachusetts:

Under the sod and under the trees Lies the body of Jonathan Pease. He is not here, there's only the pod, Pease shelled out and went to God.

Lester Moore was a Wells Fargo Company station agent for Naco, Arizona in the 1880's. He is buried in the Boot Hill Cemetery in Tombstone, Arizona:

Here lies Lester Moore Four slugs from a .44 No Les No More. In a London, England cemetery:

Ann Mann Here lies Ann Mann Who lived an old maid But died an old Mann Dec. 8, 1767

Memory of an accident in a Uniontown, Pennsylvania cemetery:

> Here lies the body of Jonathan Blake Stepped on the gas Instead of the brake.

A lawyer's epitaph in England:

Sir John Strange Here lies an honest lawyer, And that is Strange.

Fun with names with Owen Moore in Battersea, London, England:

Gone away Owen' Moore Than he could pay.

On Margaret Daniels' grave at Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, VA:

She always said her feet were killing her, but nobody believed her.

Anna Hopewell's grave in Enosburg Falls, Vermont has an epitaph that sounds like something from a Three Stooges movie:

Here lies the body of our Anna Done to death by a banana It wasn't the fruit that laid her low But the skin of the thing that made her go. A widow wrote this in a Vermont cemetery:

Sacred to the memory of my husband John Barnes who died January 3, 1803 His comely young widow, aged 23, has many qualifications of a good wife, and yearns to be comforted.

(I guess they didn't have personal ads back then!)

In a cemetery in England:

Remember man, as you walk by, As you are now, so once was I, As I am now, so shall you be, Remember this and follow me.

(To which someone replied by writing on the tombstone):

To follow you I'll not consent, Until I know which way you went.

## Frequently Seen Tombstone Symbols

Clasped Hands - symbol of marriage bond Lambs under weeping willow/doves/rosebud - child's grave Lily - symbol of purity or of the Resurrection Flower buds - budded on Earth to bloom in Heaven Hand reaching down from cloud plucking flowers – God gathering in his chosen Lady holding an anchor – symbol of faith Broken branch of a tree – a member of the family tree is go Crown or Laurel leaf crown – soul receiving promised crown in heaven Handing pointing to Heaven – symbol of soul ascended Sheaf of wheat – person gathered into the Master's barn *Urn – symbol of the body once the spirit has left* Broken column – life cut short Seashells – symbol of baptism *Tree trunk with limbs sawed off – Woodmen of the World member* Motto of Woodmen of the World - "Dum Tacet Clamat" - though silent, he speaks Three links of a chain - Odd Fellows member Broken sword - War veteran

One man, writing on the layout of modern-day cemeteries where stones are flush with the ground to facilitate mowing, says this indicates we value efficiency over the beauty of an upright stone. He claims this is just another example of the secularization of society.

Crosses were not used in Protestant cemeteries until more recent times. Neither were double tombstones for husband and wife.

Notes taken from talk given at April 1, 2002 meeting by Shana Faulk of the Bossier Parish History Center.

#### Brenda Williams Receives Adger Public Service Award



L. to R., Faedra Wills, Brenda Williams

For the first time a member of the Genealogy Department has been the recipient of Shreve Memorial Library's Adger Public Service Award for an employee's sustained excellent public service to senior citizens in the library. This is a cash award established by the estate of Blanche and Mountrie Adger, long-time patrons of the Broadmoor Branch, in appreciation for the outstanding service they and other senior citizens received at the library.

We are extremely proud to announce that Brenda Williams of the Genealogy Department has received this Award for 2001. Ms. Williams has been employed by Shreve Memorial for several years, and we sincerely appreciate her work in the Genealogy Department.

Each year Shreve Memorial Library accepts nominations for the Adger Award covering an employee's service the first nine months of the year. The nomination format requires at least three examples of the employee's assistance to senior citizens using the library, an endorsement by the employee's immediate supervisor and an endorsement by one other library supervisor. The deadline for submitting nominations is the last week-day of October. The nominations are reviewed by the Formal Education Assistance Review Committee during their last regular meeting each year, usually in early December.

Nomination forms are available from Shreve Memorial Library's administrative office during normal business hours. What a wonderful way to recognize the excellent staff of the Genealogy Department who constantly answer our questions, assist with the machinery and often listen patiently as we describe our research problems.

#### **Tips on Those Cemetery Photos**

Sonny Bamberg, a professional photographer, spoke to us March 3, 2002. Since I barely know how to load film into my camera, everything he said was news to me. First surprise was that a photograph consists mainly of light bouncing off a subject. If you have poor light, you will have a poor photo, regardless of shutter speed or film speed. Sonny suggests that if your tombstone is in a shady spot, try to use a flash or devise a reflector to put more light on the stone. Silver lame on a piece of cardboard will serve as a reflector.

What you see through the viewfinder is pretty much what you are going to have as your final result. If the image is not clear because of the light level through the viewfinder, exposing the film under these conditions is not going to improve the final photo.

Try to get on the same plane with the image you are photographing. Since most tombstones are about 18-24 inches above ground, kneel to take the picture, this puts your camera on an equal level with the inscription you are photographing.

Morning light is a cooler, bluer light. Noonday light coming from directly overhead casts problem shadows. Late afternoon light is probably best for outdoor photos, and 400 speed film is designed for outdoor use. In fact, more research has gone into perfecting 400 speed film than any other type of film. Take advantage of all that research.

Black and white film can be lightened or darkened in the developing process. You might want to consider using black and white for your cemetery photos.

Zooming in on a subject only crops the photo. Sometimes this is exactly what you need. Enlargements tend to lose the edges of the photo.

Do not cut corners on the developing of your film. Development of the film can make or break the resulting photos. The machines that develop film must be set properly for each type, each speed of film. Often the young people running a developing machine at a budget location will not bother to reset the machine for each roll of film they process. If you pick up your photos and they are terrible, do not accept the explanation that "something must be wrong with your camera." Do not rush your camera to the repair shop. Instead, try getting a professional photo shop to develop your film.

#### Ribbit -- Ribbit

"One of the most admirable things about history is, that almost as a rule we get as much information out of what it does not say as we get out of what it does say. . . .history consists of two equal parts; one of these halves is statements of fact, the other half is inference, drawn from the facts. . . When the practiced eye of the simple peasant sees the half of a frog projecting above the water, he unerringly infers the half of the frog which he does not see. To the expert student in our great science, history is a frog; half of it is submerged, but he knows it is there, and he knows the shape of it."

Mark Twain



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