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November 29, 2006

Dear Friends of Genealogy:

This will be my final "Editor's Letter" for the *Journal*. I am moving to Dallas, TX to make my home with my daughter and be near my son also. As one ages some changes are inevitable. Children need to locate where their employment dictates and parents need to follow at some point.

We have taken a poll on what is of most help to our *Journal* readers. It seems the majority of our members do not have NW Louisiana ancestors and "How To Do It" articles are of most benefit. Yet we want to continue to be a source of research data for the NW Louisiana area. We shall try to continue our legacy of doing both.

In 2007 we will publish two 50-page *Journals* and at least two newsletters. Your contribution of family stories, your research to date, helpful tactics you have learned - will be most beneficial to the new Editor and to your fellow members.

In my years with Friends of Genealogy, Inc. the most pervading characteristic of the organization has been *How can we help you?* Our group continues to be focused on the members and what we can do to assist them with their research. As I settle into a new city and a new home, I hope to have more leisure time to do genealogy research. I will continue my ties to Friends of Genealogy and hopefully by cooperating with those who are in Shreveport I can continue to take on research projects for those living in other areas of the United States.

May you have joyous holidays with family and friends, good health and much luck in your research. The old adage, *I'd rather be lucky than smart*, sometimes applies very appropriately to genealogy research.

Sincerely,

Danielle Neal

MARK YOUR CALENDER

- 12-16-06 FOG Christmas Meeting, 1 p.m., Broadmoor Library. Bring Your Favorite "Finger Food" & Your Best Christmas Stories
- 01-08-07 -
- 01-12-07 Salt Lake City, Utah Gen. Soc., Raddison Hotel. Call 1-888-UGA or Go to www.infouga.org"
- 01-20-07 FOG Meeting, 1 p.m. "Wanted, Dead or Alive: Good Source Citations" by Philip Adderley
- Mississippi Genealogical Society and Mississippi Depart. of Archives & History's Seminar. Speaker: Robert Scott Davis
- 02-17-07 FOG Meeting, 1 p.m., "Historic Star Cemetery" by Isabell Woods
- 04-14-07 Louisiana Gen. & Hist. Society;s Seminar
Baton Rouge at Holiday Inn/South
P.O. Box 82060, Baton Rouge, LA 70884

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Jimmie Jean Bowman & her husband, Gene Bowman, have been made honorary members of the Friends of Rosedown Plantation. Rosdown Plantation in St. Francisville, LA, has been purchased by the State of Louisiana. All donations of memorabilia, etc. are made to the Friends of Rosedown Plantation. Jimmie Jean & Gene have had a good bit to donate since the original builder of Rosedown was Gene's great-grandfather, Daniel Turnbull. Daniel Turnbull's daughter, Sarah, was married to James T. Bowman. They were Gene's paternal grandparents. If you are in the area of St. Francisville be sure to visit Rosedown Plantation and remember that FOG has a personal connection through our longtime friend & Trustee, Jimmie Jean.

CHRISTMAS AT ELLIS ISLAND

By Eugene Wood

Reprinted from *THE DELINEATOR*
Vol. LXXII, No. 6 December 1908

It seems to me we all feel a little puckery and as if we had bitten a green persimmon when we think of Ellis Island. There came over last year one million one hundred thousand, and one million the year before—always increasing. We begin to worry for our country. I don't mean that only those of us worry who work with our hands for a living and who dread the large advent of those who will work harder and longer and for less money than we, but I mean nice people, who haven't had a callous on their hands since they were on the college nine, and those who smilingly assure us that they "don't know a *thing* about housework." Such are gnawed with anxiety for our beloved Republic. Is it safe to let in such a horde of underbred who do not know cut glass from pressed ware? They're very low class, these immigrants, no doubt of that. One look at the size of their families proves it.

Along in Andrew Jackson's day it wasn't out of the way for a man to have twenty-eight children, fourteen by the first wife and fourteen by the second. How they ever managed it before extension dining-tables were invented I'll never be able to tell you—but that's all gone out of style, except among "the lower classes." If it keeps on, the day will come when the children in the public schools whose names have "insky" at the end of them will snicker at a name like Smith or Brown, because it sounds so funny and old-fashioned. I don't know that any of us whose forebears "fit into the Revolutionary War" especially hankers for that day to come. Maybe that's one reason why the mention of Ellis Island causes such a puckery taste in the mouth, so entirely unlike the nice taste that Christmas leaves.

At "that season wherein our Saviour's birth is celebrated" we do not like to think of anybody having a dull time of it. In the jails and prisons they have turkey and plum pudding, although bread and water is what will make good men and women of them, as is well known, and although the extra feed probably sets back their ultimate reformation months and months. So why not give the immigrants a real, rollicking, roaring good time that would enable them to forget their troubles? For although they've set their feet on the soil of the Land of Promise, and have probably sold the family cow and the ancestral plot of land to get the price of the passage over, they have to wait at Ellis Island for some one to come and get them—and waiting is so discouraging—or else they may be deported, and all they have to show for the cow and the ancestral plot of land is the memory of the ride between decks to America and back.

And all that is one reason why they should share in the Christmas fun—they're low in their minds. Another reason is that Ellis Island is a poor folks' institution. There's nothing stuck up about the people who land there, no foolish pride about their being able to pay for their own Christmas dinners, and they'd thank you to attend to your own business, if you've got any. They're the kind you can bawl at and order around, and shove this way and that, and make fun of before their faces, and they take it all without bridleing up and saying: "Sir-r-r! You are impertinent!" No. On the slightest provocation they will kiss your hand in weltering gratitude. (Do you know, I can't stand that, somehow. I have to snatch my hand away, even at the risk of hurting their feelings.)

When I add that in the case of the immigrants there cannot be the underlying suspicion that we are giving back in benefaction what we have already euchred out of the beneficiaries, you will see that Christmas festivities at Ellis Island are not only desirable but ideal.

There must be some consideration in the matter, though. It must be remembered that the employees at Ellis Island also are human beings and would like to eat their Christmas dinner at home. So the feast was fixed for the day before Christmas. It is a mere detail that a good half of all the large throng are Catholics, with whom the day before Christmas is a fast day, not a feast day. Another good half are Russian Jews who do not make much of a to-do over the birthday of the Prince of Peace, not having had it demonstrated to them that there is "peace on earth, good will to men," so far as they are concerned. Also it is an integral part of their religion that the way Christian people kill and cook meat is too mussy and slatternly for decent folk to eat; they had sooner starve to death. To be sure, this is all foolishness on the part of the Catholics and the Jews—anybody else's religion is very likely to be all foolishness—but I can readily understand that when a man hasn't much beside his prayer-book and a large family, he is likely to attach undue importance to the faith of his fathers, particularly if he happens to be fleeing persecution for it.

I should much have preferred to see them *all* jovial and on the broad grin, all greasy about the mouth and all drawing a long breath from time to time so as to make a little more room for the white meat and the dark meat, the savory stuffing, the cranberry sauce, the potatoes, the celery and the mince pie. I can conscientiously endorse the mince pie. I had a big piece myself. The little folks did certainly put the dinner away as well as anybody I ever saw; the young fellows, snappy-eyed, ready for any adventure, away from home and reckless, left little to be desired in the way of their appetite, and the young women, red-cheeked and with gay, outlandish kerchiefs tied under their chins, giggled and stuffed, giggled and stuffed, the way girls will. But there was a noticeable number of those who, disregarding the plenty before them, made out their dinner on an apple and a piece of dry bread. In vain the attendants bawled out, as they have to do every day: "*Alles kosher essen!*" ("All clean eating"). Uh-hum! They had not been born yesterday. It was all right, as the sign on the wall said, free and without price, but all the more reason to be suspicious. These *Krishts* are tricky. And couldn't you see that the same dishes were used for both milk food and meat food? "*Kosher?*" Tell that to the marines.

I honored the martyrs, but I admired the young folks. The world's before them. Get along? Why, sure they could get along. Two hands, a willing heart—isn't America the same as any other place? There are worse things than turkey on a fish day; *trifha* food is better than no food. It won't kill you, and so long as you aren't killed, why—anyhow, who's to tell on you? There is something attached to the under-eyelid of youth that makes the eye twinkle, if not wink.

But I felt proud of the martyrs, too, as they munched their apple and dry bread. Dinner is much, but duty is more. There is a lot in that.

Still, as I looked at the big dining-room, filled three times, I didn't have a really gay time. I knew it wasn't the Waldorf-Astoria, and I made allowances for the bare oak tables, the benches instead of chairs, the tin spoons and the crockery that you could kill a cow with. And the people weren't the Waldorf-Astoria crowd, either, and I did the best I could in the way of making allowances for "Get back there! Get back!" and "Step lively now! Don't be all day about it!" because I am talked to that way by *my* betters in the subway stations and on the bridge platform. And if those who were crying hard, with the tears running down their faces, because some of their family were in the hospital and they didn't know when they would get out, or because they were going to be sent back—if, I say, those who were crying hard didn't get a sympathetic arm around them and tender words of comfort, it must be understood that when you see people crying all day long and all week long, year in, year out, and you really can't do anything for them, you get kind of used to it and take

it philosophically. It's foolish and unreasonable of me, I know, but I'm so constituted that I can't have a really gay time when I see people crying hard, with the tears running down their faces.

And there were thoughts came to me as I looked through the dining-hall that disquieted me. I am one of those who think that every baby born into the world gets practically an even start with every other baby; that they all have equal chances to be good-looking (different styles of beauty) and smart (different departments of intelligence); that what they will turn out to be depends more on food and education than on heredity. If anybody disputes this, I will hire a hall and debate the question, but just now I am going on the supposition that I am right in this belief.

If they hadn't been dressed so funny, the young ones I saw there clutching a handful of the ma's frock or their pa's trousers leg would have done credit to anybody. And there was one little fellow that was a beauty. I'll show you his picture. There! Isn't that a sweet little boy! I wish he was mine. Melting dark brown eyes, dark ringlets from under his Russian cap, and the most beautiful features! I know there's a great difference in ideals of beauty, but I don't see how anybody could help thinking him just about right. Oh, but his mother was proud of him! And when I made him a little Christmas present he knew his manners and kissed the gentleman's hand. His name is "Shosshi." I don't know what his last name is; I don't know why he and his mother were detained, and I don't know what their fate was,--whether they did get through into the country where they don't kill Jews just because they *are* Jews (we are an enlightened people and don't hold spite against other races, burning them alive or keeping them from going to public school) or whether they had to go back to holy (and cruel) Russia.

But look at him. Suppose he is nourished well till he gets to be a fine, big young man; suppose he gets enough play and sleep; suppose he has enough to do to develop his brain through the ends of his fingers and suppose he has the right kind of schooling; suppose in the formative years of his life he is somewhat sheltered from the struggle so that he may enter the years of fruition with a sound mind and soul and body is there any human height to which he may not win?

I'm kind of glad I do not know his name. I dread to think that one of these days I may find Shosshi slaving in some sweat-shop for the bare life of him, long, long, unbelievably long hours for unbelievably small wage, panting for breath because, in the dull den he calls him home, consumption clings to the walls for two years at a time. I can yet feel his kiss on my hand, and it seems to me he is somehow kin of mine. Oh, God be good to little Shosshi!

But they were all nice-looking children. Their fathers and their mothers must have been likenesses of such children when they were little. They were but caricatures of them now, features and frames warped and distorted from what they should have been, souls and minds sordid and dull, crushed nearly out of human shape by what had come upon them since they were little children. Close saving, skimpy living, hard work from daylight to dark, no pleasures save what the beasts might understand, had done their work. They tell me there is real culture over in Europe, such as we in this new and half-baked land can hardly dream of. They say the nobility and landed gentry are very nice people, *very* nice people, far superior to "the steerage crowd, don't you know?" They say the grounds around the houses of these really nice people are simply beautiful—simply beautiful! Lawns so well-kept and all! And really good statuary; no cast-iron dogs or cement Venuses. I've no doubt that all this culture and refinement and good taste constitute a very pretty whistle. And it may really be only a fair price to pay for that whistle that the peasants' frames and features should be carved into grotesque caricatures of what they might have been; that having to work so hard and live on so little in order to support not only life in themselves but luxury in their betters, their minds and

souls should be but one step higher than the oxen's. The whistle may be worth the price—and it may not. We shall probably find out on the Judgment Day.

Now, you know you cannot have those thoughts and a gay time simultaneously. But I cheered myself with the reflection that the best part was yet to come. There was to be a Christmas tree, with presents, and, preceding that, "exercises." That struck right home, for, once upon a time, when I was about the age of Shosshi I stood under a big Christmas tree, certainly not shorter than sixty feet tall, and lisped out my part of the program:

"'Twa' the nigh' before Chrithmath, ay un all thoo thee houthe—" You know. You were there. It was in Center Street M. E., and each of us got an orange and a tiny bag of hard, clear candy all in images of fishes and acorns and such—red and yellow candy, strongly flavored.

But Ellis Island has a big, big place in which to hold "exercises." It has a nice, cheerful floor of slate kept quite clean. There is nothing on the walls to catch the dust. The windows are neatly barred with strong, substantial strips of steel. A seven or eight foot passage runs all the way around the big room, and a six-foot fence of closely-woven wire net tastefully painted with aluminum paint encloses what I should call a sort of hennery, with long narrow runs for the different kinds of poultry. Each run has two luxurious board seats about ten inches wide running lengthwise. The atmosphere is redolent of home. Perhaps I should say "of a Home"—a Home for the incurably insane, for instance.

To get into this place you have to hold your pass in your hand ready to show it to him that asketh. Every ten steps somebody in buttons accosts you with the cheery hail: "Hey, *you!* Where you going?" You never feel lonesome or neglected at Ellis Island. The only thing that troubles you is the thought of how the country has to be safeguarded against anybody getting into or out of Ellis Island unbeknownst. If that unwinking, ceaseless vigilance were to be relaxed for one little, little moment, what would become of us all?

The big, big room was practically empty when I got to it. Some dozen or twenty employees were resting from their labors. The chicken-runs had only three small broods in them—one in the Black Spanish pen, a mother and her little girl, the child in a coat of some kind of white skin with the fur inside; the mother in short skirts that came just below her knees, and wearing curious high felt boots, gay with brass filigree work upon them. She was where she could look up and see the motto, "MERRY CHRISTMAS" all in electric lamps ready to be lighted, but the unreasonable creature was crying! An official came for her, and the led her here, they led her there; they took her to see one man, they took her to see another man; she went into this room, she went into that, and when I left she was back in the Black Spanish pen, still crying, though the "MERRY CHRISTMAS" sign was in full glow. In the Plymouth Rock pen were a man and his wife. He had a fine, keen face; it might have been an artist's or a poet's. He had so keen and intellectual a face that I wondered if he wouldn't be snared in either of two ways; he might have a job promised him as soon as he landed, in which case he'd have to go right back; or he might be an anarchist. Anyhow, they put him in another wire pen. He looked worried.

As I stood peering through the wires at him, I heard a voice inquire in the Dublin accent, which I find the most bewitching in the English language, "Is Newark far from here, sir?"

"Why, no. Not far. An hour's ride, perhaps. Why?"

"My mother lives there. I telegraphed her yesterday when I got here but she hasn't come for me yet. D'ye think she'll come for me today?"

Thirteen-year-old boy—come all the way from Dublin alone! Sitting in a corner of the wire pen waiting for his mother, who might or who might not come for him—hungry, too! No dinner, no breakfast.

“Oh, you’re foolish,” I told him. “It was a fine dinner.”

He swallowed but stuck up for his conduct. “I wouldn’t eat with the likes of them. I couldn’t. They’re dirty.” (And the Russian Jews wouldn’t eat with the likes of him for the same reason!)

“They won’t send me back, will they, sir? D’ye think my mother will come for me, sir? I wouldn’t –” his chin began to tremble, and he choked a little—“I wouldn’t like to spend Christmas in this place!”

No, nor I.

“Sure she’ll come for you. She probably got the telegram too late yesterday. Maybe she’ll be on the next boat. It isn’t far,” I told him.

“I haven’t even had a look out of doors since I came,” he said.

Well, you know how it is. You want to give people a good time if you can. So, not thinking of the welfare of the Republic, I asked the man in charge of the wire pen if I couldn’t take the boy to the window and let him look out. I’d be responsible for him. And he, not thinking of the welfare of the Republic either, but noting that there were no other immigrants upon the floor, so that he couldn’t possibly get mixed up, consented. We were within ten feet of the window, within ten feet of a look at the sky and the earth and the gray waters of new York Bay, when the front legs of a chair which was leaned up against the big chicken-run came bang! on the floor, a man in buttons cried loudly, “It’s against the rules!” and snatched the boy away. Saved! Saved! The country was saved! For if that lonesome little fellow had got a glimpse of Liberty Enlightening the World, who knows what notions it might not have put into his head?

In the employees’ dining-room on this festal day they had music while they ate. Some Italian fellows in green velvet jackets played on mandolins and fiddles and a big, double-necked guitar. They played tunes that wouldn’t let you keep your foot still. And they sang songs, “Funiculi, Funicula” and “Santa Lucia” and “La Donna e Mobile” and all kinds of Guinea music, solos and quartettes, and all with such a fetching lurch of the head—*constancio* they call it in the directions. I saw one of the musicians afterward in the big room where the “exercises” were to be and I thought to myself: “That’s a good idea. They’ll sing the songs from home, the old airs familiar to the lonely immigrants and it will kind of cheer them up. It will seem more like Christmas to them.”

As the time for the doings drew near, the galleries began to fill up. On the platform, set where a large open space ends and the chicken-run begins, the distinguished visitors were arriving. Once in a while a door would open off into the unknown regions from the big, big room. You could see the immigrants arranged in much the same way that people are arranged on the bridge platform at six o’clock on a rainy night. Finally they streamed in, two lines of them—men and women—shepherded into the various chicken-runs, seated on the board seats, and told to sit right still. The festivities were about to begin. All were in a twitter of suspense; we, up in the galleries, because we were looking forward to the rollicking good time that was to be given to them below; they, from their looks, because they were wondering at which end of the line the massacre would start. They didn’t have the Italian string band for the music. They had an upright piano,

which in that big, big room was as largely sonorous as a mouth organ in the next county. A young fellow with pompadour hair played a voluntary at the beginning; made it up all out of his own head as he went along! It was something grand—exciting too, with a sort of sporting interest, for just when you began to think, “Ah, there’s a tune!” with a clever twist of the wrist he’d get away and do his *arpeggios* and scales in sixths again. He won. There couldn’t anybody catch him.

The other musical numbers on the program were; “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name,” “My Country, ‘Tis of Thee,” and the long meter Doxology to the tune of Old Hundred sung by the cong—by the audience of Russian Jews and Italian Catholics, assisted by the distinguished visitors on the platform, who hollered loud and off the key.

There was an opening prayer; there was reading of the Scriptures (both in English) but the main features of the “exercises” were addresses, eight of them—four in English, one in Norwegian, one in Swedish (there were no Swedes or Norwegians among these immigrants) one in German (quite a few held up their hands to show they understood German) and one in Italian. Though, as I said, the big half of the cong—of the audience—was of Russian Jews, there wasn’t one syllable in Yiddish. The Apostolic Benediction made up for that, though, in a kind of way!

Then they were all formed in line and chased up into the gallery, past the Christmas tree, stepping lively as per instructions, and each received a box of chocolate creams, a tract, and the men each a beautiful red cotton handkerchief.

It was indeed a Merry Christmas for all: for little Shosshi; for the martyrs to their faith who dined on an apple and a piece of bread when plenty was set before them; for the lonely Irish lad hustled away from the window lest he might get one look at land and sea, and the sky over where his mother lived; for the woman in the felt boots with the brass filigree work upon them (whom I saw still weeping in the Black Spanish pen when all was over), for all the downcast and desolate in heart who feared that all they might have to show for the cow and the ancestral plot of land would be the memory of the ride across the water between decks. But, most important of all, it was a Merry Christmas for the distinguished visitors. How they did enjoy each of the eight addresses! And how they did shake hands with each speaker at the conclusion of his masterly effort! And how they did sing!

But how would it be, d’ye think, at this Christmas entertainment on Ellis Island, if, instead of being penned up and made to sit still while distinguished visitors talk at them in an unknown tongue, the immigrants, people accustomed to stirring around, should have a chance to shake a foot while the gay fiddles squeaked?—do-see-so, and balance all, and swing the corners, allemand, grand right and left,—all that sort of thing, don’t you know? Lots of room for such a frolic! And don’t you think they’d like it better than eight addresses, four of them in English? And how would it be if they had the string band in and started up some of the old tunes they used to sing in their own country on the yon side of the gray and heaving sea? And, at the last, how would it be if on a big, white sheet there were thrown up pictures of the new country, so near in point of space, so far in point of steeling bars and chicken-wire—moving pictures of that new life to be a part of which they have endured so much and come so far?

The distinguished visitors might not enjoy it so much as hearing themselves talk, but even so----

Editor’s Note: I began reading this article in one of the old magazines my family saved, thinking it would be a touching story of the immigrants’ first Christmas in the land of

freedom. I was surprised to see that immigrant issues of today bear a close resemblance to those of 1908. We now have the hindsight to see what solid citizens those Ellis Island immigrants became. Perhaps we should develop a bit of foresight about today's immigrants.

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SOME ROUTES TAKEN FROM COLONIES TO NORTH LOUISIANA

1819—First major move by families from the colonies to Georgia & Alabama.

1837—Final push to Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri & Texas

***Kings Highway—Along the Atlantic Coast**

***Fall Line Road—from Fredericksburg, VA, to Augusta, GA**

***Federal Road—Washington, D.C. to New Orleans**

***Natchez Trace—Natchez, MS to Nashville, TN**

***Tallapoosa Wagon Train—Tallapoosa County, AL, to Union Parish, LA & Union County, AR**

***Wilderness Road—Big Lick (Roanoke), VA, to Kentucky, over Cumberland Gap**

***Dixie Overland Trail—Vicksburg, MS, to Texas (now called U.S. Hwy. 80)**

***Greenville, MS, to Texarkana (now called U.S. Hwy. 82)**

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CHRISTMAS TREATS from the HOMELANDS

Ancestors brought with them the holiday goodies enjoyed back in the country of origin, such as England, Holland, Germany, Ireland, and France. During this Christmas season, try some of these recipes from the collections of Nan McWhiney, Brenda Randall & her late mom, Doris Foster Custer.

ONTBIJTKOCC (DUTCH SPICE CAKE)

2 cups self rising flour	1/3 cup molasses (treacle)
1/2 cup dark brown sugar (demerara)	1 cup milk
1 tsp. each ground cloves, cinnamon & ginger	
1/2 tsp. grated nutmeg	Pinch of salt

Combine all ingredients to a smooth paste. Butter oblong 8x3" cake tin. Fill with dough & bake for about 1 hour at 300 degrees. When cooked, let cool in pan for 24 hours before serving. This cake keeps moist when put in the bread-bin with the bread. The Dutch serve it with "elevenses", buttered or on a slice of bread for breakfast.

KERSTKRANSJES (CHRISTMAS WREATHS)

2 cups flour	2/3 cup butter (margarine)
1/4 cup sugar	1 tbsp. milk
1 tsp. baking powder	Grated peel of 1/2 lemon
1 egg	1/4 cup shelled almonds
Salt	Rock sugar

Knead flour, butter, sugar, milk, baking powder, lemon peel and salt into soft ball. Leave to stand for one hour. Roll out sections of dough on floured board to 1/8" thickness. Cut out circles with 2-1/2" tumbler. Place cookies on small round object such as thimble. Remove centers & use to make more cookies. Coat dough "wreaths" with beaten egg & sprinkle them with mixture of rock sugar & blanched, chopped almonds. Bake at 350 degrees about 15-20 minutes, until golden brown. Leave to cool on sheet until no longer soft. Remove & cool further on wire rack. Pass gaily-colored ribbons through the holes & hang them on Christmas tree.

GERMAN CHRISTMAS COOKIES

1 cup honey	1 egg, beaten
$\frac{3}{4}$ cup brown sugar, firmly packed	1 tbsp. lemon juice
2- $\frac{1}{4}$ cups all-purpose flour	$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. baking soda
$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt	$\frac{3}{4}$ tsp. ground cinnamon
$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. ground allspice	$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. ground nutmeg
$\frac{1}{4}$ cup finely chopped almonds	$\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. ground cloves
$\frac{1}{3}$ cup finely chopped candied citron	Candied red cherry halves
1 cup plus 2 tbsp. powdered sugar, sifted	Whole blanched almonds
$\frac{1}{4}$ cup plus 1 tbsp. water (or rum)	

Heat honey in medium saucepan just until warm. Add brown sugar, egg & lemon juice, stirring well. Sift together flour, soda, salt & spices in large mixing bowl. Add hone mixture, almonds & citron. Stir until blended. Divide dough into fourths; cover & chill overnight. Roll one portion of dough to $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thickness on heavily floured surface. Keep remaining dough chilled until ready to use. Cut dough with 2- $\frac{1}{2}$ " round cutter. Place 2 inches apart on greased cookie sheet. Gently press cherry half in center of each & arrange 5 almonds radiating from center of each cherry. Bake at 375 degrees for 12 minutes or until golden brown. Cool. Combine powdered sugar & water (or rum). Stir until blended. Brush mixture evenly over warm cookies. Let cool completely. Repeat with remaining dough. Yield: about 2 dozen cookies.

NOTE: When first baked, cookies are hard & crunchy. They are typically stored in an airtight container for 2 weeks to soften, although they may be eaten earlier, if desired.

SPANISH HAZELNUT COOKIES

1 cup butter (margarine), softened	2 cups all-purpose flour
$\frac{1}{2}$ cup powdered sugar, sifted	1 cup hazelnuts, toasted &
Sifted powdered sugar	finely chopped

Cream butter in large bowl. Add $\frac{1}{2}$ cup powdered sugar, beating until light & fluffy. Gradually add flour. Beat well. Stir in hazelnuts. Chill 30 minutes. Shape dough into 1" balls. Place on ungreased cookie sheets. Bake at 400 degrees for 12-14 minutes. Remove immediately & roll in powdered sugar. Cool on wire racks. Yield: 3- $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen.

SWEDISH CHRISTMAS COOKIES

*½ cup butter (margarine), softened
1 egg, separated
1 tbsp. lemon juice
1/8 tsp. salt
18 candied cherries, halved*

*¼ cup sugar
1 tbsp. grated orange rind
2 tsp. vanilla extract
1 cup cake flour*

Cream butter in large bowl. Gradually add sugar, beating until light & fluffy. Add egg yolk & beat one minute. Add orange rind, lemon juice, vanilla & salt. Beat thoroughly. Add flour, mixing well. Chill 2 hours. Beat egg white slightly. Shape dough into ¾ inch balls. Dip each in egg white & roll in walnuts. Place 2 inches apart on greased cookie sheet & flatten slightly with bottom of glass dipped in flour. Place cherry half in center of each. Bake at 325 degrees for 20 minutes. Cool on wire rack. Yield: about 3 dozen.

FRENCH COOKIES

*5 eggs, separated
2 cups sugar
2 cups brown sugar, firmly packed
1 tsp. vanilla extract*

*6-3/4 cups all-purpose flour
1/8 teaspoon baking powder
2 cups butter, melted*

Beat egg yolks in small bowl until thick & lemon-colored. Set aside. Beat egg whites (at room temperature) in medium bowl until foamy. Set aside.

Combine flour, sugar & baking powder in large bowl. Mix well. Stir in butter, reserved egg yolks & vanilla. Fold in egg whites, blending well. Cover & refrigerate overnight.

Shape dough into 1-inch balls. Bake (a few at a time) in preheated, lightly oiled waffle iron 1 minute or until golden brown. Cool on wire rack. Store in airtight containers. Yield: about 11 dozen.

NOTE: Dough may also be shaped into balls & frozen.

ALSATIAN PLUM COOKIES

*¼ cup plus 2 tbsp. shortening
3 eggs 1-1/2 cups raisins
1-1/2 cups pecans, chopped
½ tsp. ground nutmeg
¼ tsp. salt
1 tbsp. half & half*

*2 cups sugar
1 pkg. (8 oz.) pitted dates
½ tsp. ground cinnamon
½ tsp. ground cloves
1 tsp. baking soda
4 cups all-purpose flour*

Cream shortening in large bowl. Gradually add sugar, beating well. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Grind together dates, pecans & raisins in medium bowl. Add fruit mixture, spices & salt to creamed mixture, stirring well. Dissolve soda in half & half. Add & stir until well blended. Add flour, blending well. (Dough will be stiff.) Divide dough into thirds. Shape each portion into a roll, 1-1/2 inches in diameter. Wrap rolls in waxed paper & chill until firm (or overnight). Remove waxed paper & cut rolls into ¼ inch slices. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Bake at 350 degrees for 10-12 minutes. Remove to wire rack to cool. Store in airtight containers. Yield: 10 dozen.

BIZCOCHOS (Spanish)

*2 cups lard, softened
2 egg yolks
3 tbsp. ground cinnamon, divided
1 cup Sauterne (sweet wine)*

*2 cups sugar, divided
5 cups all-purpose flour
1 tbsp. anise seeds*

Cream lard in large bowl. Gradually add 1 cup sugar, beating until light & fluffy. Add egg yolks, beating until well blended. Combine flour, 1 tbsp. cinnamon & anise in large bowl. Stir well. Slowly add to creamed mixture, alternately with wine, beginning & ending with flour mixture. Divide dough into fourths. Cover & chill at least 1 hour. Roll one portion of dough to ½ inch thickness on lightly floured surface. Cut into assorted shapes, using 2-inch cookie cutters. Place on greased baking sheets. Bake at 350 degrees for 12 minutes or until edges are lightly browned. Cool slightly on cookie sheets. Combine remaining 1 cup sugar & 2 tbsp. cinnamon in small bowl. Dredge warm cookies in mixture. Cool completely on wire racks. Store in airtight container. Yield: 6 dozen.

FATTIGMANDS BAKKELSE (Scandinavian)

<i>¾ cup sugar</i>	<i>2 eggs</i>
<i>8 egg yolks</i>	<i>3 tbsp. brandy</i>
<i>1 cup whipping cream</i>	<i>5 cups all-purpose flour</i>
<i>1 tsp. ground cardamom</i>	<i>Vegetable oil</i>
<i>("Grains of Paradise")</i>	<i>Powdered sugar</i>

Combine ¾ cup sugar, eggs, egg yolks & brandy. Beat until thick & lemon colored. Gradually add whipping cream & beat well. Sift together flour & cardamom. Add to sugar mixture, ½ cup at a time, stirring well after each addition. Cover & refrigerate overnight. Turn out a small portion of dough onto a lightly floured surface. Roll to 1/8-inch thickness. Cut into 3x2 inch diamonds. Make ¾-inch lengthwise slit in center of each & gently pull one corner through slit as far as possible without tearing. Drop 3 to 4 at a time into 4 inches of hot oil. Cook, turning once, 2 min. or until golden brown. Drain on paper towels. Sift powdered sugar over tops of cookies. Yield: 6 dozen.

GRECIAN DATE ROLLS

<i>¾ cup butter (margarine), softened</i>	<i>1 cup sugar, divided</i>
<i>1 egg yolk</i>	<i>3 cups all-purpose flour</i>
<i>½ cup milk</i>	<i>2 (8 oz.) pkgs. Pitted dates</i>
<i>1 cup chopped pecans</i>	<i>2 egg whites, lightly beaten</i>

Cream butter. Gradually add ½ cup sugar, beating until light & fluffy. Add egg yolk. Beat well. Gradually add flour to creamed mixture alternately with milk, beginning & ending with flour, beating well after each addition. Divide dough into thirds. Chill 1 hour. Roll one portion of dough to 1/8-inch thickness between 2 sheets of waxed paper. Keep remaining dough chilled until ready to use. Remove top layer of waxed paper & cut dough into 2-inch squares. Place 1 date in center of each square. Fold & press dough around date. Combine pecans & remaining sugar. Stir well. Dip cookies in egg whites then roll in pecan mixture. Place 2 inches apart on greased cookie sheets. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove to wire racks to cool. Repeat procedure with remaining dough. Yield: 6-1/2 dozen.

JAM KOLACHES (Poland)

<i>½ cup butter (margarine), softened</i>	<i>1 (3 oz.) pkg. Cream cheese, softened</i>
<i>1-1/4 cups all-purpose flour</i>	
<i>About ¼ cup strawberry jam</i>	<i>¼ cup powdered sugar</i>

Cream butter & cream cheese in medium bowl. Beat until light & fluffy. Add flour, mixing well. Roll dough to 1/8-inch thickness on lightly floured surface. Cut with 2-inch round cutter. Place 2 inches apart on lightly greased cookie sheets. Spoon ¼ tsp. jam on each cookie. Fold opposite sides together, slightly overlapping edges. Bake at 375 degrees for 15 minutes. Remove to wire racks to cool. Sprinkle with sifted powdered sugar. Yield: about 2 dozen.

NURNBERGER LEBKUCHEN (German)

<i>3 cups honey</i>	<i>3 eggs, beaten</i>
<i>2-1/4 cups brown sugar, firmly packed</i>	<i>1 tbsp. grated lemon rind</i>
<i>3 tbsp. Lemon juice</i>	<i>8-1/4 cups all-purpose flour</i>
<i>1-1/2 tsp. baking soda</i>	<i>1 tbsp. ground cinnamon</i>
<i>1-1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg</i>	<i>1-1/2 tsp. ground</i>
<i>allspice</i>	
<i>1 tsp. ground cloves</i>	<i>1 cup pecans, chopped</i>
<i>1 cup diced candied citron</i>	<i>Sliced almonds</i>
<i>Glaze (see recipe below)</i>	

Bring honey to boil in large Dutch oven. Remove from heat & cool slightly. Stir in sugar, beaten eggs, lemon rind & juice. Combine flour, soda & spices in large bowl. Gradually add to honey mixture, stirring well. Stir in citron & pecans, blending well. Cover & chill overnight. Shape dough into 1-inch balls. Place 2 inches apart on greased cookie sheets. Gently press balls into ¼-inch thickness with bottom of glass dipped in cool water. Gently press an almond slice in center of each cookie. Bake at 400 degrees for 10 minutes. Remove from oven & brush glaze (see recipe below) over cookies. Cool on wire racks. Yield: 14 doz.

<i>GLAZE:</i>	<i>1-1/2 cups sugar</i>
<i>1/3 cup sifted powdered sugar</i>	<i>¾ cup water</i>

Combine 1-1/2 cups sugar & water in small heavy saucepan. Cook over low heat, stirring until sugar dissolves. Cook over high heat, without stirring, until mixture reaches thread stage (230 degrees). Remove from heat. Stir in powdered sugar, mixing well. Place over low heat, if necessary, to maintain basting consistency. Yield: Glaze for 14 dozen.

PFEFFERNUSSE (German, "Pepper Nut")

<i>¾ cup molasses</i>	<i>¾ cup honey</i>
<i>¾ cup shortening</i>	<i>4 cups all-purpose flour</i>
<i>1 tsp. baking soda</i>	<i>1 tsp. salt</i>
<i>1 tsp. ground allspice</i>	<i>1 tsp. ground mace</i>
<i>½ tsp. pepper</i>	<i>¼ tsp. anise seeds, crushed</i>
<i>1 egg, beaten</i>	<i>Sifted powdered sugar</i>

Combine molasses & honey in medium saucepan. Cook over low heat until thoroughly heated, stirring frequently. Add shortening & stir until well blended. Remove from heat & set aside to cool. Combine flour, soda, salt, allspice, mace, pepper & anise in large bowl. Stir well. Add egg to cooled molasses mixture, stirring until well blended. Gradually pour into flour mixture, stirring just until dry ingredients are moistened. Allow dough to rest 15 minutes. Shape dough into 1-inch balls. Place 2 inches apart on greased cookie sheets. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes. Remove from cookie sheets & roll in powdered sugar. Cool on wire racks. Yield: 9-1/2 dozen.

SPRINGERLE (Bavaria & Austria)

<i>4 eggs</i>	<i>2 cups sugar</i>
<i>1 tbs. butter, softened</i>	<i>2 tbs. anise seeds, crushed</i>
<i>3-3/4 cups all-purpose flour</i>	<i>½ tsp. baking powder</i>

Beat eggs in large bowl until thick & lemon colored. Gradually add sugar & butter. Continue beating 10 minutes. Stir in anise. Combine flour & baking powder in medium bowl. Stir well. Add to egg mixture, stirring well. Roll dough to ½-inch thickness on lightly floured surface. Use a floured cookie mold or springerle rolling pin to imprint dough. Separate cookie squares, using a knife. Place 2 inches apart on well-greased cookie sheets. Let stand, uncovered, in cool, dry place 12 hours or

overnight to set design. Bake at 300 degrees for 12 to 15 minutes. Remove from cookie sheets & cool on wire racks. Store in airtight container. Yield: about 4-1/2 dozen.

TUILES WITH ALMONDS (France)

2 egg whites	½ cup sugar
½ cup blanched almonds, finely ground	½ cup all-purpose flour
¼ cup butter (margarine), melted	½ tsp. almond extract
½ tsp. vanilla extract	

Combine egg whites (at room temperature) & sugar in medium bowl. Beat until foamy. Add ground almonds, flour, butter & flavorings. Stir until well blended. Drop by heaping teaspoonfuls 2 inches apart onto three well-greased cookie sheets. Gently flatten cookies with a fork dipped in water. Bake, on sheet of cookies at a time, at 350 degrees for 8 minutes or just until edges are lightly browned. Cool 30 seconds on cookie sheet. Immediately loosen cookies & shape around a rolling pin. (Press gently against the pin for a few seconds.) Slide molded wafers off pin & place on wire racks to cool completely. Repeat baking & shaping procedure with cookies on remaining cookie sheets. Store in airtight container. Yield: about 2-1/2 dozen.

ZIMTSTERNE (Germany, "Cinnamon Stars")

3 egg whites	1 cup sugar
2 tsp. ground cinnamon	1 tsp. grated lemon rind
1-1/2 cups ground un-blanched almonds	2 tbs. all-purpose flour
1/8 tsp. salt	

Beat egg whites (at room temperature) until soft peaks form. Gradually add sugar, cinnamon & lemon rind, beating until stiff peaks form. Take out ½ cup meringue & set aside. Fold almonds, flour & salt into remaining meringue. Roll small amounts of dough at a time to ¼-inch thickness on a heavily floured surface. Cut with a floured star-shaped cutter. Place cookies 2 inches apart on greased cookie sheets. Frost each cookie lightly with reserved meringue. Bake at 300 degrees for 20 to 30 minutes. Remove to wire racks to cool completely. Yield: about 3 dozen.

HISTORY OF BELLWOOD, LOUISIANA

By Shirley Ann Ward

Bellwood is a small community located thirty miles south of Natchitoches or halfway between Kisatchie and Provencal. This community has a population of approximately two hundred and fifty people.

The Bellwood area now covers the smaller communities of LOTUS, SHADY GROVE and BELLWOOD. The land is slightly hilly with a good coverage of pine trees and other timber. Belle means beautiful; therefore, Bellwood was named for its beautiful woods.

Public places consist of two stores, a forestry camp, a wild life and fisheries camp and three churches. The U. S. Post Office for Bellwood is in Provencal, Louisiana.

The people make their living by several methods. Some of the residents are employed by the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, Forestry Commission, State Highway Commission, and the Public School System. Other members of the community make their living by farming, raising cattle, raising chickens or a combination of the above. A couple of the families keep the citizens supplied with groceries.

Bellwood's history began in the early 1800's. The name was not given until later years. The first record of a land transaction that the author was able to locate was by Joseph T. Montgomery on October 16, 1835. He is known to have come to this area in the year 1820. We do know that people lived there before this time because Mr. Montgomery bought the land from a John Boyce. There is no record of Mr. Boyce having purchased this land.

The first transactions recorded at the Natchitoches Parish Courthouse were in the early 1800's. Louisiana didn't become a part of the United States until 1803. A number of people had gotten Spanish Land Grants.

Dr. J. D. Addison, October 5, 1833 to August 30, 1897, bought a 1240-acre plantation in this area in the middle of the nineteenth century. He later built a store and had a post office installed on his land which he and his wife, Julia A. Moore, ran. These became the center of business for the people, and were the beginning of the Bellwood community.

There were several plantations located in this area in the early 1800's. There are two graveyards which were on one of these plantations. The graveyards are located at the Middle Creek Bridge. One of these was for the white people of the plantation and one in which the slaves were buried.

B. D. Owens was eighty nine years of age when he was laid to rest in the white graveyard on June 19, 1862. According to the information at the Natchitoches Parish Court House,

Mr. Owens was one of the richer members of the community. He bought numerous acres of land in this area. T. R. Bishop was another member of the community who was buried in the graveyard in 1861 at the age of forty-five.

A stagecoach road ran from Natchitoches through Bellwood with a stage stand at Alfred Marshall's place. Farther on to the east was an inn operated by the Beasley's. The travelers could get rooms for the night and food to eat.

Just outside of Bellwood on the road to Lotus was a saloon for those who desired that type of entertainment. Located where Doss Montgomery's land is now, was a race track which drew crowds from far and wide.

One of the plantation owners had his slaves build a large house of logs. We refer to it now as "The Old Clubhouse". The outstanding feature of this building is that huge beams for the ceiling go all the way across from side to side. The Old Clubhouse is in the stage of being repaired for use at the present time by a Mr. White. This building is located a short distance from Lee Booty's home.

The only industry other than lumbering in the Bellwood area at that time was a broom factory. A man of the community grew broom straws and made brooms to be sold.

The people of this time raised cotton, corn, cattle, hogs and some sheep. The cattle were wintered on the creek banks and cane breaks.

The three main water sources were Middle Creek, Kisatchie Creek and Santa Barbe. This is the old tale of how Santa Barbe got its name: One day a carrier, wagon or stagecoach, was taking some nuns across this country. (You know that if something happens to surprise nuns, they cry out in the name of a saint!) As they were crossing a bridge over a stream of water, the bridge fell in. The nuns yelled "Oh! Saint Bernard!".

The community of Bellwood continued to grow, but as it did so, the site began to shift farther north until its present location was reached. It is now located approximately two miles north of "Old Bellwood".

During the Civil War, there was a fort located at Old Bellwood. Trenches from it are still visible. Captain Du Fourge is believed to have been in charge of the fort. He later taught at one of the schools in the community.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt had one of his famous 3-C's camps, Civilian Conservation Corps, at the location of Old Bellwood in 1933.

Bellwood was located in what used to be known as the Sabine Strip. This was a strip of land claimed by the United States and Spain. The eastern side of this strip extended from Natchitoches, when it was on the other side of Red River, down the Calcasieu River. The

western border was inside present east Texas. Because of the conflict concerning ownership, neither country had law officers. This "country" became a haven for outlaws. John A. Murrell was one of the outlaws who were closely related to the Bellwood-Kisatchie area. He came to Bellwood between 1810 and 1818.

Murrell chose for his hideout a cave about two miles from the Old Bellwood site. The cave is at the base of one of the higher hills here. This made a nice hideout for Murrell and his gang. Murrell had other bases because he didn't care to work in one place.

Murrell's gang had stopped several mule trains at one particular hollow to rob them. There were so many mules killed there that the name "Mule Hollow" is still given to this particular valley.

Many of the people in various areas helped spot victims for Murrell's gang. Some of this gang lodged with the citizens of the communities. Usually these citizens owned two-story homes which provided easy hiding. Some of the citizens profited by robbing the robbers.

In the year 1834, Murrell was sentenced to ten years in jail for Negro stealing. Little was heard of him after his term was served. There are several tales concerning his death. One legend tells that Murrell was killed on Sheard's Branch, Lotus, and buried on the Kisatchie Creek bank. No one really knows how he died.

There are numerous old tales concerning the Murrell gang. One is that there is a pot of gold buried in the Bellwood-Kisatchie area. The cave and surrounding area has long been dynamited and dug up by treasure seekers.

It is believed that a rich man and his young slave traveled to Bellwood. They were one day's carriage drive from Natchitoches when the man became afraid that he might be robbed. They buried his wealth by one of the Bellwood roads, making it look like a grave by putting a stone at its head and a pine knot at the foot of the mound of dirt. Later, when crossing the Sabine on a ferry, the man was killed in an argument with the ferry operator. The Negro became afraid and ran. When he was an old man, the Negro returned to Bellwood to find this wealth. The roads had been rebuilt for many years and he could not locate the one on which they had traveled. This seems to make the tale true as the Negro did return.

One legend dealt with ghosts. Several people claimed to have seen ghosts at the graveyards near Middle Creek Bridge. The ghosts were always in the form of an old man and a little boy.

Professor C. C. Preston, from Ohio, started a school in 1850 at Sulphur Springs, which was one and one-half miles from Many. The tuition was \$4 to \$12 per month for each student, according to the course pursued. Courses offered were Natural Philosophy, Astronomy, History, Geometry, Latin, French, Algebra and common branches. The instruction was so thorough that Preston's reputation spread far and wide.

Walter Prichard writes: "After remaining in Sulphur Springs for around ten years, Preston moved his school to New Bellewood in the Kisatchie community, naming it Bellewood Academy. Its location appears to be in Natchitoches Parish. This school was discontinued during the Civil War. Mr. Preston went to Texas in 1863."

Several schools began to be established at Bellwood. Captain Du Fourge taught at the Breazeale Springs School on Middle Creek. Later he went to the Hickory Grove School which is north of Santa Barbe. The schools in and around Bellwood were characterized by the length of a school term, being from one to three months. THESE SCHOOLS WERE MAINTAINED BY PRIVATE SUBSCRIPTION ON PART OF THE PATRONS.

There were one or two one-room schools in each of the small communities in present Bellwood. As the years passed, Natchitoches Parish began to consolidate these small schools. The children walked several miles to school and paid one dollar per month per child to go to school three months a year.

The people of Bellwood community built their school. The lumber was cut at a saw mill operated by Walter Moss. He lived one-half mile east of the Bellwood School. The first six-month school term at Bellwood in 1908 was taught by E. A. Lee, who became the Natchitoches Parish Superintendent of Schools.

The Bellwood School operated with only a one-room school until P. A. Kounce was principal. A second room was added. The school continued to grow while Mr. Kounce was the principal until it reached its maximum enrollment with the largest number of teachers being five or six. This was brought about by the consolidation of the one-room schools in these small communities.

During the period of the maximum enrollment, Bellwood was made a junior high school. The ninth grade was discontinued about 1949. The seventh and eighth grades were discontinued in 1960, with all grades consolidated to Provencal by the fall of 1961.

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MEMORIES OF SCHOOL & LIFE IN BELLWOOD, LOUISIANA

Ah, sweet memories as I recall my early years in Bellwood. In 1933, I started to a beautiful country school for grades 1 through 9. It was a white lumber building one-fourth mile west of Louisiana highway 117. The front entrance porch was graced by the most beautiful white banisters and posts. At the edge of the porch and across the front classrooms were lovely and fragrant hedges.

The front porch led into a wide hall. On the left was the classroom for the 8th and 9th grades. This also served as the principal's office and biology laboratory. Mr. Earl Sylvest, the principal, taught there for the entire nine years I attended. Across the hall was a large classroom for the 7th grade, which I think Mr. Loy Honeycutt taught. A door at the back of the hall opened onto a beautiful long porch which was also graced with beautiful white banisters and posts and the most beautiful fragrant hedges. Three sets of steps on the right side of this porch led to three large classrooms on the left. The first of these was the classroom for the 5th and 6th grades, taught by Mrs. Burdette Dowden. Miss Gertrude Key, daughter of Mr. Tom Key of Provencal, LA, taught the 3rd and 4th grades in the next room. At the far end was the classroom for the 1st and 2nd grades which was taught by Miss Hazel Stahl.

The three rooms off the porch were identical, each having five tall windows with shades located on the east side and a cloak room on the west side between the two doors leading to the porch. There was a chalk board hung on the side wall near the cloak room and a long one all the way across the front of the room. In the cloak room, there were hooks on the wall for coats and caps, a huge wood box filled with long sticks of wood for burning in the long schoolhouse heater, and a long shelf for our lunches. Each person took his own lunch, usually an egg biscuit or sometimes a meat or peanut butter sandwich. Many times it would be a real sandwich and perhaps a teacake or apple.

Drinking water was provided by a well in front of the entrance to the school. There were three water kegs with spigots which could be reached on the outside of the well building. It took the janitor or a high school boy an entire recess time to draw fresh water with a bucket, pulley and rope to keep the kegs full so all the children could take turns drinking. The bigger kids saved their graded papers to make paper cups to use as water cups at recess. The smaller children weren't too successful at doing this and the cup would leak and wind up getting them wet. So the teacher encouraged each child to bring a tin cup to school. The cups had their names on them and were hung by the handles on a row of nails in the cloak room. In later years the well was plastered over and a red handled hand pump was put on it. Water ran through a long pipe to five or six water spouts for drinking.

Inside the yard fence, next to the gravel road, was a well-kept flower garden with shrubs, rose bushes and different types of blooming flowers. The garden was well kept by Mr. Sylvest and our janitor, Mr. Eugene Montgomery. In the center of the flower garden was a flag pole for the United States of America flag. "Ole Glory" was always raised and lowered each day, weather permitting. A lump always came into my throat when I saw the flag waving in the wind.

We used stiles to enter the schoolyard. For those of you who aren't familiar with stiles, they are steps about six or eight feet high going over a wire fence and back down the other side.

At one time, I believe there was a gate, or shutters, at the top of the stiles to prevent cattle or a mad dog, etc., from getting into the schoolyard.

The school building had a large auditorium with a stage and dressing rooms. In the auditorium were many folding plank chairs and two large cast iron schoolhouse heaters. The school had a Delco battery which powered lights to two of the school rooms and the auditorium. I well remember the many assemblies, 4-H club meetings, and high school plays we had there. The auditorium was also used for elections, community box suppers and political speakings, etc.

Each spring we had a school program in which every child participated, and we usually wore costumes for this performance. For many years Miss Hazel Stahl taught a tap dance class. Every year the class provided a special community performance in which the girls were always dressed in pink crepe paper dresses trimmed with tinsel. Graduations were always special with the stage beautifully decorated! In those days there was a graduation for both the 7th and 9th grades but the 9th graders really felt grown up going up on that state, knowing they were going to Provencal for high school the next year.

The year 1942 brought troubled times because we were in World War II. Parents made khaki uniforms, tan skirts and jackets with brass military buttons to be worn by the graduates. Khaki caps and, I believe black neck ties, were worn with white blouses. My class graduated in 1944 from Provencal High School, but it was very sad as two of our classmates had already left for the war. We wore the traditional caps and gowns, but we placed a shining blue star in each of the two empty seats. So we don't remember too much about the speeches at our baccalaureate and graduation services. Our hearts and eyes were too heavy!

Bellwood held a community fair each fall. The boys and the school janitor would pull Lespedeza hay and put it through a home-made press box, forming it into a bale. The girls and ladies selected pretty jars of canned foods, ears of corn, peanuts and potatoes to exhibit at the fair. Handmade quilts, hand stitched items and garments were entered for judging. Many ribbons were won at our fair on items entered in the Natchitoches Parish fair, and many went on to the Louisiana State fair.

We could buy hot dogs and ice cream cones on school fair day. With the help of our leader, janitor and other teachers, the children would make beautiful posters for the fair. For the borders we sliced black beans and white beans in half and glued them on in diamond and various shaped and then these were shellacked. Bellwood took first place prize at the Natchitoches Parish Fair for many years.

The Bellwood 4-H Club and Ladies Home Demonstration Club were always very active. The showcase, which is still in the community building, which once was the Bellwood School House, now holds many of the loving cups, trophies and ribbons won by these club members.

A Home Economics Department was added to the Bellwood School in 1940 with Miss Vera Moss its teacher. This included a nice kitchen which was added on one end of the 7th grade room. Desks were replaced with three large tables for cutting out and sewing garments and two brand new treadle Singer sewing machines. Boy, we new Home Economics girls felt rich! And we really enjoyed cooking in the modern kitchen.

In later years, after the 9th grade was moved to Provencal High School, the two home economics rooms were turned into a lunchroom with Mrs. Isia Ott as the cook. Mrs. Ott loved her work as well as every child there and served the most delicious and nourishing lunches ever heard of. She could do wonders with government issued dried eggs, cheeses and other commodity foods. The 7th and 8th grade girls took turns helping in the kitchen. Many learned to cook through her instructions, having the opportunity to cook dishes not prepared at home.

What a great improvement this wonderful lunchroom was! Prior to this, the teachers would mix two huge pots of vegetables with meat or soup bones which was cooked on top of a schoolhouse heater in the auditorium. Two of the girls kept it stirred during their study period. The children brought their own soup bowls and enjoyed the hot soup, along with their cold lunch brought from home.

Eventually the federal government had a kitchen installed and paid two or three ladies to cook school lunches. Tables for eating were set up in one side of the auditorium. At noon the children marched in and stood behind their sitting places and all sang the Doxology together before eating.

Patriotism was taught throughout our school years. Everyone learned the pledges and sang all the great songs about America. We must remember that this was the Great Depression era. The people were grateful for food and the federal government's assistance.

In the early 1900's, public education was just beginning. People began to realize that children needed to be taught the three R's – "Read'n, Rit'n and Rithmatic". During those days school was held for three months between planting seasons, and all ages were in one room. Parents paid tuition for each child and for each subject. This eventually changed to a flat fee per child for the three months.

In my early school days, most children walked to school. We had one school bus made of a lumber bed, with a canvas at open side windows that was rolled up on warm days and rolled down and fastened tight on cold or rainy days. We also had a covered-wagon bus which was pulled by a team of horses or mules driven by Mr. Gibb Parker. His route came from the Shady Grove community. There was a shed to keep the team and wagon in while at school.

As time progressed we had three metal buses similar to the coaches used now but much smaller. They were owned by their drivers, Mr. Claude Sawyer, Mr. George Montgomery and Mr. Dennie Stanley. Mr. Stanley met the other buses at Bellwood and then took the high school students to Provencal, returning in the afternoon to let students out on different routes. Later Lee Booty, Freeman Holland, Elmer Masters and Leo Norsworthy also drove privately-owned school buses. Other teachers that I recall were Mrs. Maude Gallien, Mrs. Earl Sylvest, Miss Vida Moss, Mrs. Vera Moss Madden, Mr. P. A. Koonce, Mr. C. A. Presley, Mrs. Elizabeth Mitchum and Mrs. Fletcher.

In my early childhood, there was a canning factory where families went to can their vegetables and beef, usually helping each other. They took turns using these federal government provided facilities. During those years most families usually did not have more than one or two bales of cotton, and some corn for their own meal and for livestock feed. Most families raised Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes and sugar cane. Everyone had gardens and some had truck patches from which they sold vegetables. They canned their food in glass jars, and dried their beans and peas.

There was a syrup mill in the community. The sugar cane was "stripped" and taken to the mill for processing. Usually a percentage of it was given to the syrup maker as payment. The mill consisted of a round grinder in the middle, with a long wooden bar pulled by a horse or mule. The cane was put in the grinder and the mules walked around it in a circle. The cane juice went down a spout into a tub. It was then strained and put in a big vat which had a fire under it. After it cooked a while, it was separated into three grades of syrup. The top was table syrup, next was molasses, and the bottom was the thickest which was used for various purposes. Nothing went to waste. The ladies usually made molasses candy at the end of the syrup making

day. The children got to eat the sweet foam that was skimmed of the cooking syrup. We remember it as a fun time. (Laverne Norsworthy's memories of their syrup making days.)

Men of the community worked at sawmills or on a road crew. Also, there was a CCC Camp (Civilians Conservation Corps), which was similar to the Army, as the men were regimented. The Camp was three miles south of Bellwood. It had barracks, mess hall, recreation hall, and garages full of work equipment to set out pine trees and fire fighting equipment to protect the Kisatchie National Forest. The CCC's gave work to young men who needed it. There were several crank-type telephones for the camp and community for use to get word out in case of forest or home fires.

Some of the young men were brought in as far away as Mississippi and Alabama. Entertainment for them on Friday nights was free picture shows. In warm weather, these were in an open air theater, but were held in a recreation hall on cold or rainy days. Many of the community families got to go and enjoy the show and fellowship. Many CCC young men found wives from girls they dated at these events. Many of them would come to Bellwood Baptist Church's evening services, especially to the protracted meetings in mid-summer (revivals), to sit with and walk the girl home. This writer so looked forward to a guy walking me home. By the time I was old enough to date, the camp was partly moved away, and many families owned cars and rode to and from church.

Dr. Addison from Provencal was the country doctor when I was born. Then a young, new doctor, O. R. Alford, married Miss Bertha Sparks, and they reared a large family just left of the Bellwood crossroads. He had a small office in his yard with a porch. You could visit his office or send word as he made house calls. He delivered all the babies there as Natchitoches was twenty-five miles away. People didn't go to the hospital unless surgery was needed. Dr. Alford owned a piano. In the summer, he let us use his home for our open air revivals. We used the porch for the piano and pulpit, and the steps were the altar. Kerosene lanterns were used for light.

Bellwood had several stores that have come and gone since the 1920's. The Sim Norsworthy Grocery and Mercantile Store still stands at the same location. It burned once, but was rebuilt. The store housed the Bellwood Post Office with Artis Norsworthy as its Postmaster. It carried a full line of groceries, dry goods, feeds, tools, notions, gas and oil. Mrs. Goldie Crittenden and Tom Leach were clerks for many years. People sometimes traded chickens and eggs for groceries. The store had an ice house with ice stored in sawdust. If someone was sick with malaria or other illness, we could buy a dime's worth of ice, carry it for a mile or two on a grass string, and, by walking fast, it did not melt before getting home. We could also have iced lemonade and berry juice.

In the mid 30's, Eugene and Tom Leach, brothers, built a grocery store with living quarters, on a hill located on the right side of the road, before reaching the crossroads. Tom left the business with Gene before the store opened, and joined the local CCC's. In the later 1930's, Tom built his own grocery store, located one mile north of Bellwood, on my father's land in front of our home. The businesses thrived because of World War II. There was a need to train soldiers on difficult terrain. A heavily wooded area of Vernon Parish, between Kisatchie and Leesville, was selected for the Fort Polk Army Base to be built. Many people were employed, and the grocery stores were doing a good business. People drove many miles for groceries, oil and gas, traveling to Ft. Polk.

Later, for years, day and night, we had “Louisiana Maneuvers” to train men for war. They even built a Vietnamese Village only a few miles south to train troops how to fight in Vietnam.

A short time after Eugene Leach opened his store, he sold it to an older brother, Henry, who operated it for many years. Henry sold it to Barney Hagen and his wife, “Dutch”. Down the road on the left, at the crossroads, Taylor Craft built a new store and did a flourishing business for a while, then sold it to Chester Roberts. Taylor moved to Kurthwood and built a store there. Wade and Gladys Jones operated the Craft store for a while, then it was torn down. Tom Leach’s health was bad in the late 1950’s so he sold his store and moved away, dying in 1964. Eugene Montgomery bought the Hagan store, moved the Post Office to it and became Postmaster. He added a crushing mill, to crush grain for feed, behind the store.

People had quit farming. They raised cattle and only grew feed crops. Sim Norsworthy’s health declined and the store was operated by his son, Jeff. Just a few years ago, Jeff died. His daughter, Gwendolyn, and her husband, Jessie Cole, along with Jeff’s widow, Olean, operate the store. The Norsworthy and Montgomery stores are the only ones in Bellwood now.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

- Oh, Precious Memories, how they linger, ever near me, and old home scenes of my childhood, in fond memory appear. As I ponder, hope grows fonder, precious memories flood my soul. (These words are from the song, “Precious Memories” by J.B.F. Wright.)
- When Moss Hill road, left of the crossroads, was so impassable, trees were cut for poles, and nailed together so wagons, cars and buses could get over it.
- The shortcut from school through the woods, across a branch which came out behind Dutch Hagan’s store. Children, who walked that shortcut, would carry
- flowers, either pink wild honeysuckle, yellow bell vines, large and small wood violets, redwood vine, or magnolia flowers to their teacher.
- Going on a picnic or for a swim at the Kisatchie Creek Iron Bridge.
- Fishing, going to a swimming hole, or witnessing a baptizing in Middle Creek.
- When the church piano was encased in a built-in wall cabinet and door locked so as to keep burglars from vandalizing it. Laura Murray was the pianist in those years. Others I recall playing the piano were LaVerne Norsworthy, Dixie Moss, the Leach girls (Viola, Auty Mae and Letha), and Elaine Curry.
- Mrs. Isia Ott renting rooms to the teachers.
- Squirrel gumbo suppers in the church yard when Bro. Efton Marton was pastor.
- Mothers boxing up a portion of their canned goods, and sometimes eggs or a hen, to pay the evangelist after a protracted meeting (revival). Money was scarce in those days.
- Picking blackberries and huckleberries, and selling them for 15 cents per gallon. Didn’t seem a fair price after the hot job of fighting mosquitoes, red bugs and snakes. Mayhaws were plentiful in those days and made great jelly.
- Helping split or stack a rick of fresh cut pine wood for stoves. The pine resin was sticky.
- The summer was so hot and dry that families had to carry their washing on a slide, pulled by a horse or mule, to a creek or spring of water. Hauling water for cooking and other needs.

- Thresh dry peas and beans, picking peanuts off the plants, dug Irish potatoes and sweet potatoes, get their “milk” all over you. Strip sugar cane, help haul it to the mill, see your syrup made.
- Drink “bitter” milk because cows ate bitterweeds, or sometimes stringy or ropy milk due to eating a certain type of plant. Ugh! Churned butter---Mm,m,m,m---so good on biscuits and cornbread. Sopped biscuits in molasses with cream on them.
- Almost freezing to death helping scald and scrape a hog. Helping Mama strip the hog’s innards, cleaning them real good, for sausage casings and fried chitlins. Watching Daddy make the sausage mix, then forcing it through an iron “sausage maker” into the casings.
- Going to the woods for hickory nuts or walnuts to crack for eating or for cakes. Searching for grapes, muscadines and possum or fox grapes (sour). Grabbing the vines and shaking hard to get them to fall to the ground. Mama made wonderful jellies with these. She even candied the muscadines’ thick skins as treats for her children.
- Daddy and family going into the woods where a bee hive had been found with lots of honey. Building a fire and smoking the bees out to get the honey comb out. Mama make a screen wire and cloth head mask that tied around the shoulders to protect Danny from getting stung. It was exciting to be out in the woods in the evening raiding the bee hive, hoping not to get stung.
- Playing a game where different color sticks of peppermint candy were put into a box and couples, boy and girl, would each draw out a stick of candy. If the color matched, they kept and ate their candy, getting to walk around the house with their partner. Young folks played KNOCK, POST OFFICE, SPIN THE BOTTLE, HAIL OVER, RACE, KICK THE CAN, DODGE BALL, RED ROVER, JUMP THE ROPE and PLEASED OR DISPLEASED.
- You could buy many different kinds of penny candy: jaw breakers, grape chum gum (5 sticks), double bubble gum, little orange squares of marshmallow candy with a real girls ring with different sets, a square of candy with a G-Man ring stuck in it or a beautiful butterfly-shaped pin. You could even buy penny Baby Ruth bars, Jolly Jacks and Butter Fingers. A nickel would buy any size Coke, soda and a huge Royal Crown (RC).
- Men smoked Bull Durham or Country Gentlemen’s tobacco in little cloth bags or Prince Albert in a red tin can. Our grandparents bought and dipped snuff. It had to have a certain number of dots on the bottom of the brown bottle. My Grandma Moss wouldn’t have it unless there were three dots on the bottle. People who could not afford to buy drinking glasses would always find someone to give them snuff glasses for juice or milk. Tea was later, but we all had to cultivate a taste for the black draught tasting tea. Soon tea glasses became bonuses for buying tea.
- When buying kerosene, you took a metal can with a spout and, after the clerk filled it, he would stick a small Irish potato in the spout so kerosene would not slosh out while you walked home. Sometimes, a corn cob was stuck down into a glass jug for the same purpose. Men who cut trees with cross-cut saws always carried a long neck bottle of kerosene with green pine needles stuck in the neck. When the pine resin got the saw to pinching, a little kerosene would be slung on both sides of the saw and it was loosened.
- Louisiana people were coffee drinkers. They had to have coffee in the middle of the morning and afternoon. There was always a fire in the wood stove, no matter how hot it was. A lot of times this was done just to heat water for the coffee or to keep the pot of coffee hot.

- Keeping milk fresh was a critical and hard thing to do as people did not have refrigerators or ice boxes. A string, rope or fishing line was attached to the milk pail or glass jug and was lowered into the well to keep it cold. When it turned over, the drinking water was milky for several days. Also we would go to the well every time we made coffee to get cream for it.
- Many farmers' crops were ruined by creeks overflowing their banks. The water overflowed and washed out roads, making travel difficult.
- The farmers stored cotton in the Cotton House in their field, where it was weighed and stored until it was all picked. Then the owner of a big truck would load their own cotton and go to someone else's field for their cotton. Sacks were put between each person's baled cotton so it could be kept separated at the gin. Parents gave their kids a penny per pound for picking cotton. With our earned money, we could order things we needed from the Sears or Montgomery Ward's catalog. We girls would pick out our own fabric, select two different patterns of print at 8 or 9 cents a yard, and one dressy fabric at 14 cents a yard. Mom would fill in the order, knowing how much yardage of fabric was needed for each child. What a chore to cut and sew clothes for her children. With five girls and one boy, Mom was always sewing at her treadle sewing machine. Women would swap dress patterns and cut their own out of newspapers.
- Beautiful dresses, dress shirts, curtains and table cloths were made out of cattle and chicken feed sacks. Flour sacks came in white or pretty prints for use in making clothing. A much needed item, quilts were made from these sacks. Beautiful designs were pieced together from scraps left over from making clothes. Many people dyed fertilizer, flour and meal sacks in different colors for tops or linings of the quilts. Women ripped up the tobacco sacks of Bull Durham or Country Gentlemen and made beautiful quilts that won blue ribbons at the fairs. Most all women and girls embroidered dresser scarves, table cloths, mantel cloths, pillow slips and bed spreads. There were always many beautiful white starched and ironed table scarves and piano covers at Bellwood Church, skillfully embroidered in many colors.
- Newspapers were used in many ways: Between bed springs and mattress, lined shelves in pie safes and wrapped sandwiches for school or work. I had many lunches wrapped in "Congressional Records" or "Market Bulletin".
- Hog meat was salted down in "salt boxes", then hung up and smoked in "smoke houses". Loops were made from bear grass, fastened to a pole into which nails had been driven, and the meat was kept hanging over a hickory wood fire smoke, preserving it.
- People cut and peeled poles to make their hoes, rakes, shovels, axe and broom handles. Paw Paw limbs were used to make brooms. To keep the yard cleaned up, brush brooms were made out of "brush" or little limbs. To scrub the old wood porches and floors of the house, if needed, sand was brought from the creek and used to get the dirt off the floor. It worked really good but sure got the back to hurting.
- Kerosene lamps were used at Bellwood Church and a grand Aladdin Lamp. Cardboard fans were the way to keep cool. Sometimes, the hand-held fans were made out of plain dried leaves, furnished by funeral homes or insurance companies. Do you remember the Baptist pallets for children; the A-men corner; the A-women corner; the long dresses; dressy aprons and bonnets worn by the older women, and pretty straw hats worn by the young ladies and girls. We made ribbed bonnets and slipped in folded paper to make them stiff.

- There was no electricity. Our iron flatirons were heated at the fireplace or on the wood stove. If heated at the fireplace, they had to be rubbed in the dirt to get the smut off. Most all clothes had to be ironed, as they were cotton. To make the clothes look nice, people made starch out of four and water boiled together. Those who could afford it bought a box of starch and mixed it with boiling water. After it cooled, it was skimmed and weakened down. The garment would be dipped in the solution, wrung out and then hung out to dry. Or it could be left on the clothes line on a clear night. The dew would dampen it, then it would be rolled up tight in a cloth and ironed later. Also, a vessel of water was used to sprinkle the dried clothes with your hand, then ironed on the ironing board. Some people bought a metal top with holes in it joined to a cork. This could be stuck in the neck of a pop bottle of water and sprinkling was more evenly done. As you can understand now, keeping your clothes and other cloth items looking nice required a lot of time and hard work.

I hope you have enjoyed reminiscing with me about the “older days”, which were happy days. I am Mrs. Lester Bryant now, living in Blue Mountain, Mississippi. Written by Tommie Leach Bryant over a period of years to the 1960’s.

Edited by Inez Ward Harwell and LaVerne Norsworthy Franks, November, 2006.

Editor’s note: Tommie is deceased now. We are fortunate that she cared enough about her school and community to write this essay. Her reminiscing of life before most of the population had electricity and the things that have made life much easier for people, reminds the “older folks” now of the good old days of slower and happier times. But, none of us would trade the advantages we have today for those times.

I grew up in Lotus, a small community located southwest of Bellwood at beautiful Kisatchie Creek with its white sand and clear water. I also attended Bellwood School, 1st through 8th grades. We remember the slower times, leisure trips to the creek, swimming, lying on that beautiful white sand bar and sunbathing after our swim. We enjoyed the fruits of our labor, especially when it was time for pulling peanuts, boiling them in salted water (goober peas) which my CCC Mississippi father, Carlis Ward, loved, or parching them.

It was beautiful and peaceful walking in the woods, listening to the leaves crackling under your feet, smelling the autumn aroma of dried leaves, hearing the many birds singing, seeing a deer and watching it run from you, and hearing the water gurgling in a small branch as you waded. Remembering those days and times can settle the overloaded mind, and quiet our heart as we go back to those peaceful days. Also, we could see God all around us in the unsullied nature and feel closer to Him.

As our bodies age and we can’t move so easily, we can remember the days of running so fast the wind whistled in our ears. The old washed out dirt road, with trees lining each side, felt so cool and good to our bare feet as we ran the mile to the mailbox on the main road. How sweet it was. Thank you, Tommie, for bringing all this back to us, and especially to me.

Mandy Inez Ward Harwell

Finding the Parents of Emma Eliza Owen

By Danielle Harrison Neal

Descendants of Emma Eliza Owen ran into a brick wall where her parentage was concerned. A fire in a parent parish (Jackson Parish) wiped out marriage and land records prior to 1880.

Emma Eliza Owen Trichel's Confederate widow's pension application yielded good data: born 21 Aug 1849 in Mississippi. Full maiden name of Emma Eliza Owen and that she was married 22 December 1865 "at home" in Douglas, Jackson Parish, LA.

The groom, Gervais Leonard Trichel, was from a prominent French family in Natchitoches Parish and his lineage could be documented back into the French colonial era in Natchitoches. Gervais Trichel was a Confederate veteran who served as sheriff and later as Louisiana State Senator from Natchitoches Parish.

So the search began with what we had—a home in Douglas, LA. The area of Douglas is in present-day Lincoln Parish, created in 1873. Lincoln Parish records did not begin until 1873—pertinent marriage records in Jackson Parish were gone.

A search of Jackson Parish cemetery records revealed only one Owen/Owens family in Jackson Parish: William I. Owen b. 1847 and his wife, Mary J., b. 1852. I traced him back through the census records as a potential brother or cousin of Emma E. Owen. William I. and Mary J. Owen were not in Jackson Parish until the 1900 Census. For the 1880 Census they were in Cleburn Co., AL and in 1870 and 1850 William is single in Bartlett Owen's household. There was no sister named Emma, in fact no female sibling at all born in 1848-49. There was nothing to prompt further research on William I. Owen.

In the 1860 slave schedule of Jackson Parish there was a Thomas P. Owen who owned one slave, but he was not in the index of 1860. I went to the slave schedule microfilm and copied down slaveholders on either side of Thomas P. Owen (10 before him; 8 following him). Then I checked the index for them and found a goodly percentage lived in New Orleans. So I went to the actual 1860 Census on microfilm hoping to find the community of Douglas in 1860. The "post office" locations on the pages were inconsistent. Vernon would be followed by Vienna on the following page and then subsequent pages would switch back and forth between Vernon and Vienna. I found only one page with Douglas listed as the post office, and many pages were too faded to read.

The first census Emma Eliza Owen is found in conclusively is the 1870 Census, Natchitoches Parish, where she is married to Gervais L. Trichel. In the 1880 Census the Trichel family (with now 6 children) is living with the sheriff of Natchitoches Parish, Samuel P. Raines. Gervais L. Trichel is a deputy sheriff, but providing a home for a

couple with six children seems a bit altruistic even for a good sheriff. I read biographical data on Samuel P. Raines and did a bit of research on him, but this, too, was a dead end.

Next I explored the possibility that a kinsman of Emma's served in Gervais' unit in the Civil War. Gervais served in the 3rd Regiment, Louisiana Infantry and I found a history of that regiment by W. H. Tunnard. There were no Owens/Owen soldiers at all. If she had a kinsman there, he had some other surname.

As a last-ditch effort, I checked the Lincoln Parish conveyance records index. In 1905 Emma Trichel sells land in Lincoln Parish to W. C. Berry. Since our library does not have microfilm of conveyance records past about 1900 for any of the parishes, a trip to Ruston, LA was called for.

The deed was found and copied and its content was disappointing: "January 14, 1905 AD This is to certify that I Emma E. Trichel do this day bargain, sell, transfer, and deliver to Wm. C. Berry all my land, rights and claims, situated in the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana, with all buildings and improvements thereon. Known as the Owen land, in said Parish, for the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00), to be paid as follows: Two hundred dollars (\$200.00) cash; one note for One hundred Dollars (\$100.00), payable Jan 1st, 1906." Signed by Emma E. Trichel; witnessed by Thomas J. Mangham and R. C. Smith; acknowledgment by Thomas J. Mangham; recorded Jan. 28th 1907.

Thank goodness my good friend, Jane Newberry, went along for the ride. She was calm enough to read the deed immediately following: "January 14, 1905 AD This is to certify, that I, A. Scott Owen, do this day bargain, sell, transfer and deliver to Wm. C. Berry all my lands, rights, and claims, situated in Lincoln Parish, State of Louisiana, with all buildings and improvements there, known as the Owen land, in said Parish on the following conditions: That Wm. C. Berry do hereby agree to take care of A. Scott Owen so long as he lives. Otherwise this contract is void." Signed by W. C. Berry and A. Scott Owen (by mark); witnessed by Thomas J. Mangham and R. C. Smith; acknowledgement by Thomas J. Mangham, recorded Jan 28th, 1907.

Now we have a sibling's name and a renewed census search turns up Thomas Powins in the 1860 Census, Jackson Parish, with his wife and four children, Emma being the youngest. I try to be real creative in these census searches, but I admit that combining the middle initial with the surname never occurred to me. The Thomas P. Owen family is found in Madison Co., MS in 1850 and in Meriwether County, GA in 1840..

Alexander Scott Owen filed for a Confederate pension in December 1904 and stated his place of birth was Meriwether County, GA. In addition he states he cannot earn a living now because he is "aged and ruptured and cancer."

Researcher's Notes: Always check land records, even if the parish concerned was not yet created when you suppose a land transaction should have occurred. In this case Emma married in 1865 and left Jackson/Lincoln Parish for good. However, she did not sell her interest in the land there until 40 years later. And sometimes it falls to the subsequent generation to sell the family farm.

Check the direct and indirect index on the parties to a deed. Collateral deeds may not always be conveniently located on the same page in the conveyance book.

Also, on the deed by A. Scott Owen, he was 69 years old and in poor health. That he signed by mark is no indication that he was illiterate. A man in poor health may well find his hand now shakes too badly or his eyesight is too poor for a valid signature. Many wills are signed by mark.

Try to be creative in census searches. I have seen John McAdams indexed as John M. Adams. Or Michael O'Malley indexed as Michael O. Malley. The enumerator often wrote down what he heard without asking how the name was spelled. An unusual name such as "Abimaleck" may get only the initial "A" from the enumerator.

Try a search with each of the given names found for an ancestor. A friend was researching Albert S. J. Neal who showed up on another census as Sidney J. Neal and it wasn't until as a substitute teacher she was showing a history class a film on the Civil War that featured Gen. Albert Sidney Johnston that she realized why her Neal ancestor had so many given names.

When researching cemetery records, be sure to look for your burials in the most recent county or parish; i.e., in the present-day county or parish. As in the research for this article, though the land may have been in Jackson Parish when the ancestor died, if it is now in Lincoln Parish, then books with Lincoln Parish cemeteries should be searched.

In breaking down this brick wall, I recalled what my late husband, Buddy Neal, said, "The impossible just takes a little longer."

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

By Philip Adderley from 11/18/06 FOG presentation

**The Library of Congress has a great website allowing free access to U.S. Congressional Documents & Debates 1774-1875: <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/>*

**Excellent land record research guides: (1) The 3rd edition of "The Source", edited by Loretto Szucs & Sandra Luebking (Provo, UT: Ancestry, 2006), (2) "Land & Property Research in the United States" by E. Wade Hone (Salt Lake City: Ancestry, 1997).*

**Remember: A Preemption Right and a Private Claim are very different "animals." The former only gave a squatter the option to buy the land(s) he lived upon before other members of the public could do so. The latter claimed to have a title to his/her land that originated with a foreign government or Indian nation, and s/he petitioned the United States government to recognize & confirm that ownership.*

"MINING the LAND RECORDS OF NORTHERN LOUISIANA"

By Philip Burnett Adderley

Useful Websites for Determining & Ordering Land Entry Case Files:

The Louisiana State Land Office website is a terrific place to access both federal and state land records documenting attempts—successful or not—to acquire federal or state lands within present-day Louisiana:

<http://lwebfn.doa.la.gov/slodocs/slo/home.asp>. You will need to download and follow its User Guide in order to install the image viewer software.

To help choose the right microfilm/tract books, order land entry case files based upon them, and track your progress, consider the following three websites:

1. Family History Library Catalog:

www.familysearch.org/Eng/Library/FHLC/franeset fhlc.asp.

Once there, do a title search for "tract books". Select "Tract Books" & then "View Film Notes." Find the state of interest & search for films containing one or more townships that fit your target geographical region.

2. You can order land entry case files on line from the National Archives and Records Administration:

<https://eservices.archives.gov/orderonline>. Note the "s" in "https". You must register with them in order to place

orders. Therefore you can order case files with a credit card. They will notify you by email if your case file has been located or not. If so, they tell you when they shipped the reproduction. Only then will your credit card be billed. To (1) increase the likelihood that the National Archives & Records Administration will find the case file and (2) reduce turnaround time, use tract book detail to fill in the on-line order. Use all tract book information, even if you have to insert what was not specifically requested (in other fields) by placing it in the comments field.

3. Bureau of Land Management—General Land Office Records: www.glorerecords.blm.gov/. This is a good site for details associated with successful land acquisitions, and for downloadable maps useful in platting your research findings. Find the map forms by clicking on Visitors Center and then Rectangular Survey System.

SEVEN STEPS for COMPREHENSIVE & EFFECTIVE COURTHOUSE LAND RESEARCH

1. Record or photocopy every instance of your target surname in "Grantor/Vendor/Direct" Indexes. Be sure to include spelling variants.
2. Record or photocopy every instance of your target surname in "Grantee/Vendee/Indirect" Indexes.
3. Read every Land Conveyance Book entry from steps 1-2 and record all Instrument Numbers. Abstract, transcribe or photocopy entries that do not have Instrument Numbers.
4. Request and read every Original Instrument. Obtain image copies of any instrument that (a) contains signatures or unique marks, or (b) differ from the conveyance book transcription.
5. Track and account for every conveyance coming into and leaving the possession of your target ancestor.
6. Map ("plat") every land parcel. Double-check your findings against originals.
7. (*Find* or) determine the cause of any missing conveyance.

WWI DRAFT REGISTRATION CARD INDEX, BOSSIER PARISH, LA DISCONTINUED
By Danielle H. Neal

Our series providing the WWI Draft Registration Card Index, Bossier Parish, LA was begun in the 2nd Quarter, 2003 *Journal*. With the first of the semiannual issues for 2006 we completed surnames beginning with M. At that time the series began, the only available source for this information was the microfilm in the Broadmoor Branch of Shreve Memorial Library. Much has changed in the short time since then.

Now the data from the WWI Draft Registration Cards for all counties throughout the United States is scanned and available at Ancestry.com. We feel the labor of taking the data off the microfilm or off that web site and replicating it in the *Journal* is unnecessary.

But I have no computer at home! Fear not. Many computers are available for public use at your local library. The libraries in Louisiana are connected with a state database that includes Ancestry.com and it may be accessed in the library for free.

The Shreve Memorial Library system in Caddo Parish now requires that patrons have a library card in order to log onto the public computers. Proof of residency in Caddo Parish through a valid drivers license or other photo ID is necessary to obtain a library card. If you are an out-of-town visitor to the system, a guest pass may be obtained.

The personnel working in the library will be happy to assist you in accessing Ancestry.com. Here is a step-by-step guide to the web site.

- Log onto the computer by entering the 14-digit number on your library card.
- A list of conditions for library use will appear. Click on the "Accept" button.
- The opening screen will have a number of icons on the left-hand side.
- Click on the "Other Databases" icon.
- The Louisiana Library Connection Databases screen will appear.
- Top of the list is Ancestry.com Library Edition.
- Click on that selection.

We have always depended on the libraries for the many books we research and the census microfilm. The computer access to Ancestry.com and Heritage Quest are merely new tools for the research we have been doing for years.

We still have to be aware of the source of the data we access by computer. We still have to weigh the evidence as primary, secondary, or (perhaps) trash. We always knew that just because a lineage was printed in a book, this did not guarantee its validity. This applies to lineages submitted to web sites also.

If you have ever made an error, then you should be somewhat forgiving of an indexer who misreads handwriting or an eager beaver researcher who publishes a lineage without documenting the data. I have no Latin, but the motto for today's researcher should be *Let the Researcher Beware*.

Good luck to you in your research. May 2007 be your lucky year.

WHEN THE FACTS DO NOT PROVE OUT ONE'S THEORY

By Danielle H. Neal

This study involves I. C. Wells of West Carroll Parish, LA who married Alberta "Tippie" Perkins on 17 May 1888, Book A, West Carroll Parish Marriage Records. Tippie is the daughter of Albert H. Perkins of Copiah Co., MS (c. 1840-1864). Albert H. Perkins married Laura Ann Wade 11 November 1863 in then Carroll Parish, LA. Laura Ann Wade Perkins second married Littleberry John Land, a widower. Laura Ann Wade Perkins Land has a life-span of 1848 to 29 Nov 1922.

An explanation of Tippie's nickname is in order. Her father, Albert H. Perkins, was undoubtedly nicknamed Tip and was the next to the youngest sibling of James W. Perkins. James W. Perkins named a son Albert H. (after his youngest brother) and this man was known as "Uncle Tip" by my mother. Albert H. Baggett (son of Rebecca Evelyn Perkins Baggett) was also known as "Uncle Tip" by my mother. Rebecca Perkins Baggett was the daughter of James W. Perkins. There are three sequential generations of men named "Albert H." who had the nickname "Tip."

Littleberry John Land (19 Jan 1827 to 28 Jun 1889) is buried in Midway Cemetery, West Carroll Parish. Also buried there are Alberta Perkins Wells (May 1865 to 26 Oct 1946), I. C. Wells (17 May 1865 to 13 March 1908) and their son, I. C. Wells, Jr. (born and died 3 September 1889). There is no burial record for Laura Land, but it is reasonable to assume she is buried in Midway Cemetery also.

My quest is for the parents of I. C. Wells and identification of the many family members living with him and later with Tippie Perkins Wells.

In the 1900 Census, West Carroll Parish, LA, E.D. 126, Sheet 19B we have the only listing of this married couple:

Wills, I. C.	Head	WM	b. Apr 1865	age 35	Md 12 yrs.	b MS	Fb MS	Mb AL	Farmer/Rents
T. P.	Wife	WF	b. May 1865	age 35	Md 12 yrs. 1/0 ch.	b LA	Fb AL	Mb MS	
H. L.	Bro.	WM	b. Feb 1890	age 10	Single	b MS	Fb MS	Mb MS	At School
Oliver, J. F.	Ne	WM	b. Jan 1886	age 14	Single	b LA	Fb LA	Mb LA	At School
Brown, Denis	Serv	BM	b. Dec 1874	age 25	Single	b SC	Fb SC	Mb SC	Farm Laborer

Note that the simple surname Wells is enumerated as Wills in 1900.

In the 1910 Census, West Carroll Parish, LA, E.D. 142, Sheet 1 B:

Wells, T. P.	Head	WF	45	Md 1	Wd 1/0 ch.	b LA	Fb LA	Mb LA	Boarding House
Martin, Emma	Niece	WF	9	Single		b MS	Fb MS	Mb MS	None
Wells, Hurston	Bro	WM	20	Single		b MS	Fb MS	Mb MS	Stock Driver
Lan, L. A.	Mother	WF	63	Md 2	Wd 1/1 ch.	b MS	Fb MS	Mb MS	None
Dickenson, Sam	Board	WM	43	Single		b MS	Fb MS	Mb MS	Carpenter
Calvet, Mary	Visitor	WF	74	Md 1	Wd 8/2ch.	b MS	Fb MS	Mb MS	None

Turner, A. C. Board W M 25 Married 1 4/12
 Turner, Galleny Wife W F 19 Married 1 4/12

b AL Fb AL Mb AL Farmer & Lawyer?
 b MS Fb MS Mb MS None

Here, also, locating these people by the computerized index at Ancestry.com is a real challenge: L. A. Lan is indexed as S. A. San and the Turner surname is indexed as Triner.

Try as I may, I find neither of these family groups in the 1920 Census. Tippie Wells is living in 1920 and is 55; Laura A. Land is still living in 1920 and is 73; the Turners, A. Clyde and Glenn, have 3 children by 1920. ???

In the 1930 Census, West Carroll Parish, LA, E.D. 62-6, Sheet 2B we find Tippie Wells living with the Turners:

Turner, Clyd	Head	M W 44	Married at 25	b AL	Fb AL	Mb AL	Farmer
Glen	Wife	F W 38	Married at 18	b MS	Fb Ms	Mb MS	None
Clyd Jr. Son		M W 17	Single	b LA	Fb AL	Mb MS	None
Glynn	Dau	F W 15	Single	b LA	Fb AL	Mb MS	None
Lara	Dau	F W 12	Single	b LA	Fb AL	Mb MS	None
Wells, Tippie	Sis-in-Law	F W 64	Widow	b LA	Fb MS	Mb LA	None

The indexing gremlin strikes again in 1930: The Turner surname is indexed as Feenan and Tippie Wells is indexed as Lippie Wells.

Tippie Wells, an only child, has slim to no opportunities to be an aunt except through marriage. Hence, J. F. Oliver in 1900, Emma Martin in 1910, and one of the Turners (either Clyde or Glenn) must be related to her husband, I. C. Wells.

Next I searched backward in time to learn of I. C. Wells' family. From the marriage record his first name is Iraneous. I am suspecting a character in a Shakespeare play, but a Google search informs me that Iraneous was an early Christian and his name pops up in relation to Elaine Pagels' The Gospel of Thomas. How this Wells family knew of Iraneous to name a child for him is a mystery.

Research into I. C. Wells' past led into Mississippi. In the 1880 census, Rankin County, E. D. 77, Page 15 (stamped page 409):

Melvin, J. S.	W M 41	Head	Egn. Sawyer & co.	b MS	fb NC	mb SC
Emma C.	W F 38	wife	Housekeeping	b MS	fb AL	mb GA
Wells, Emma	W F 8	Niece		b TX	fb MS	mb MS
I. C.	W M 15	Nephew	Milling	b MS	fb MS	mb MS
R. H.	W M 36	Bro-in-Law	Gin Wright	b MS	fb NC	mb NC
Cook, Jane F.	W F 44	Visitor	Traveling	b VA	fb VA	mb VA

Well, we have a lot of Emmas in this family. It is fairly obvious that R. H. Wells, brother-in-law, is the brother of Emma C., wife of J. S. Melvin. It also follows that Emma age 8 and I. C. age 15 are children of R. H. Wells.

I have yet to find R. H. Wells with I. C. Wells in the 1870 census, but I did find J. S. Melvin and Emma C. in Rankin County, MS, Township 6, page 14:

Melvin, Judge S.	31	M	W	Farm & Miller	\$4,900	\$2,700	b MS
Emma C.	28	F	W	Keeps House			b AL
Brown, Gus	27	M	B	Farm Laborer			b SC
Mary	24	F	B	Farm Laborer			b MS
Benjamin	15	M	B	Farm Laborer			b MS
Wiley	8	M	B				b MS
William	6	M	B				b MS
Alonzo	4	M	B				b MS
Irah	5	M	B				b MS
Charlotte	50	F	B				b SC

To further investigate the Melvins, I looked for them in 1900. Emma C. Melvin is a widow in Rankin County, MS, Beat 4, Pelahatchie Village:

Melvin, Emma C.	Head	W F b. Aug 1840	59	Wd	b AL	fb GA	mb GA	Landlady
Jackson, Julia A.	Mother	W F b Jun 1822	77	Wd	b GA	fb GA	mb GA	
Martin, Henry L.	Nephew	W M b Apr 1893	7	S	b MS	fb MS	mb MS	At School
Williams, Rose	Servant	B F b Aug 1875	24	M 3 yrs 2 chld/0 liv	b MS	fb MS	mb MS	Cook

Wait – Emma C. is supposed to be a Wells, did her mother marry a second time to a Jackson? I go to the 1860 census, Rankin County, MS, Page 16, for clarification:

Jno. R. Jackson	42	M	Farmer	\$5,200	\$13,000	b. GA
Julia A. Jackson	38	F				b. GA
Emma C. Jackson	19	F				b. AL
Betty P. Jackson	17	F				b. AL

Well, this is shooting down my theory that Emma C. and R. H. Wells are sister and brother. If they are not, why in the world did J. S. Melvin designate R. H. Wells as his brother-in-law in the 1880 enumeration?

I search for Julia A. Jackson in 1880 and find her in Rankin Co., MS, E. D. 77, page 45 (stamped 424):

Jackson, J. R.	W M 62	Head	Farming	b GA	fb GA	mb GA
Julia A.	W F 58	wife	Housekeeping	b GA	fb GA	mb GA
Wells, John S.	W M 11	grandson	Farm Laborer	b MS	fb MS	mb AL

Aha! I go in search of marriage records for Rankin County, MS. When I find them, they clear things up considerably:

*J. S. Melvin married Emma C. Jackson 16 Oct 1860 in Rankin Co.
R. H. Wells married E. P. Jackson 3 Jul 1861 in Rankin Co.*

A good working theory is nevertheless, still a theory. A majority of the time, my theories turn out to be valid. This time, it did not. You must keep digging and go with the facts, whether they agree with your theory or not.

I have no remedy for the wonderful people indexing the census records who cannot read 20th Century handwriting.

??? SURNAME SPELLINGS ???

HOW MANY CAN YOU THINK OF FOR YOUR FAMILY?

When the CUSTER family does research, these are the ones they have to check out, from Germany to America:

KUSTER KOSTER CUSTER KUSTERD KUESTER KESTER

CUSTARD KUSTARD KASTER KISTARD KISTER

GERSTER CASTER CASTOR KASTOR

KOESTER KIESTER

KEISTER

As Danielle's article points out, be sure to check for ALL of the possible spellings & derivations of the name you are researching. MAKE A LIST...using an index card is good...of those possible spellings & keep this with you as you research each family line.

MY LIFE GROWING UP IN CATAHOULA PARISH@

Recollections from Edna Heard Reitzell

02-04-08 to 08-02-06

The area where I grew up, near Harrisonburg, is along the original route from Natchez, where the Natchez Indians rose up and killed the settlers, then buried all the treasure they stole from them in the hills. My grandmother, Sarah Taunton, was an Indian. She was an orphan and had no siblings that we know of. We don't know her maiden name, but she was in her late 80's when she died. She's buried in the Heard Cemetery at Manifest. After my grandfather died, she married Peter Young, who was shot by the Jayhawkers. The family had fixed supper for them on the fireplace. After dinner, the men then took him off into the woods and killed him.

The area where we lived was near the river. When the river rose and the backwater was up, in an area we knew as "The Bursley", everybody would put their furniture on a float road, up near the hills, to keep it dry until the water level went back down again. My Uncle Buddy and his wife, Eloise, who was a really fine person, lived at Wallace's Ridge, in the swamp. When the backwater was up, they would camp out in our yard. We'd all visit and drink coffee way into the night and we kids would get to stay up late.

Everybody in Catahoula Parish was afraid of Lovie Fairbanks and his son, Sullivan Fairbanks. His wife, Sophie, was the sister of my grandfather, James Ephram Heard, Sr. Sullivan, who was about the size of Matt Dillan of Gunsmoke, was nice looking but very mean. He ran a saloon close to Jonesville, and once shot a black man off the sidewalk because he didn't step off the walkway when a group of whites tried to walk by.

Sullivan's children, with wife Pattie, were Ed, Ella, Clifton, Myrtle, Seville and Freddy. Ella had a pet black bear. The bear got into the smokehouse one day and ate up all the meat. Sullivan dragged the adult bear to death behind his car, as Ella screamed and wailed for him to stop.

Sullivan and a female Prudhomme cousin robbed a bank in a neighboring parish. Sullivan refused to give his cousin her part of the money from the hold-up. She waited for him to have his usual numerous drinks one afternoon, then get into his car to go home, so he wasn't as alert as he normally would have been. She stepped up on the running board of his car and shot him after he again refused to give her any of the hold-up money.

Lovie Fairbanks kept Sullivan's car after his death, but Lovie didn't drive very well and routinely did damage to the vehicles of other people. The most damage was done when Lovie and another man were on the ferry, but the man was afraid to say anything to Lovie. A state trooper came to my grandfather, James Heard Sr., and asked him to go to Uncle Lovie and take the license plate off the car so he couldn't drive it any more.

Had my grandfather not done as he was asked, I guess Uncle Lovie would have still been driving up until the day he died.

Sullivan and the other men, including Freddy, were off fox hunting. Freddy got sick during the hunt, left the group and headed home. The men had left before sun-up, so Myrtle was still in bed by the time Freddy got back to their house. Myrtle felt movement on her bed but thought it was her cat and slapped at it. Instead of the cat, she touched a man's hand. She struck a match and saw one of their field hands there in her bedroom. The man ran, but not before Freddy (who later became sheriff) saw him run away. Freddy got Sullivan and the rest of the hunters, who chased the man down with the hunting dogs. When they caught him, Sullivan shot him. The men then hung him in a tree as a reminder of what would happen to others who broke the law in Catahoula.

My grandfather, James Heard, was shot in a gun fight while at a dance at a church near Aimwell. A fight started during the dance. James went to his horse to get his gun off the saddle. As he turned, someone shot him. The bullet went between his ribs on the left side of his chest, through his lung and into the horse. His own gun misfired when he tried to return fire. Friends put him in a wagon and took him to the doctor. Granddaddy had donated the land for the Heard Cemetery and was buried there.

NOTE: This data was provided to Brenda Custer Randall, wife of "Nanny's" nephew, Jim. It helped her to stay calm that day (5/30/2002) in West Monroe, as we waited for her to see the doctor. She was 94 at the time, and physically stooped but still mobile, and her mind was "sharp as a tack". Brenda has since confirmed some of the dates from headstones, etc. Heard Cemetery is on Hwy. 126, near the intersection with Hwy. 8, just out of Manifest in Catahoula Parish, LA. Randall Cemetery is "in the vicinity" but more complicated to find. Edna is now buried beside her husband in cemetery in Clarks, near Columbia. Contact Brenda for a map.

Details shared by Nanny: Edna Mae Heard Taliaferro Reitzell (02/04/1908 to 08/02/2006), married to Walter Bullard Taliaferro, DOB 10/15/1906, on 09/31/1930; no children; divorced 05/1931; married Roy Ponsford Reitzell (10/19/1898 to 06/15/1961) on 05/22/1937; no children. Edna was daughter of James Ephram Heard, Jr. (1870 to 1940) & Mollie Mae Taunton (say, "Tanton") Heard (1880 to 1944). She was granddaughter of James Ephram Heard, Sr. (Jim) & Annie (don't know maiden name) and (don't know first name) Taunton & Sarah Taunton (about 1840 to 6/23/1927; headstone spelled Tanton). Edna's siblings were Jacob Roddie (Rod) Heard (01/05/1899 to 06/15/1980), Gladys Lillian Heard Richardson (01/02/1901 to 04/03/1986), James Isaac ("Dook") Heard (03/12/1906 to 1988), Willard Benjamin Heard (05/26/1915 to 1980) & Sarah Annee Heard Randall (mother-in-law of Brenda) (11/14/1917 to 01/05/1997). Siblings of Mollie Taunton Heard: Wealtha (sometimes called "Wealthy") Taunton Doshier (7/25/1871 to 7/26/1937), Tolly ("Dutch") Taunton; & Isaac ("Ike") Taunton. Siblings of James Heard, Jr.: Addie Heard & Cora Heard. Sullivan & Lovie Fairbanks are probably buried in Jonesville or Harrisonburg.

SALEM CEMETERY

Salem Cemetery is located on Louisiana Highway #9 at Athens,
Claiborne Parish, Louisiana.

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BAILEY, John T. (s/o J. L. & M. E. Bailey)	15 Jun 1909	26 Dec 1911
BAILEY, Mary Lee (d/o M. E. & J. L. Bailey)	17 Oct 1894	08 Dec 1896
FAIN, James Albert (s/o J. R. & Della Fain)	20 Aug 1891	05 Feb 1894
BUCKNER, Clarence C. (s/o J. E. & M. A. Buckner)	28 Sep 1905	10 Oct 1905
BAILEY, Lorena May (d/o J. L. & M. E. Bailey)	26 Nov 1896	07 Aug 1909
BAILEY, Lessie Orhee	15 Jun 1913	20 Sep 1919
DANCE, Alton A.	26 Feb 1880	12 May 1957
DANCE, Mona Mae	10 Mar 1883	18 Oct 1961
DANCE, Elizabeth Ann	18 Nov 1933	20 Nov 1933
DANCE, Julia Christian	15 Sep 1893	24 Nov 1974
DANCE, Jasper Gibbs Jr.	12 Nov 1884	24 Jan 1959
SMOCK, *William W.	27 Mar 1926	09 Dec 1978
*Julia Faye	22 Mar 1921	16 Dec 2002
CHAMBLISS, *Paul Rudisill (Daddy) {md 15 Oct 1940}	12 Mar 1912	04 Aug 1975
*Louise CRUMP (Mommy)	26 Jan 1908	25 Aug 1995
HICKS, Lila Mae [Rader FHM Longview, TX]	14 Feb 1925	09 Jun 2004
ABERCROMBE, Donald [Rose-Neath FHM]	15 May 1940	20 Nov 2004
LILES, Coolidge Hamilton (AM1 US Navy WW II)	28 Nov 1924	23 Feb 2002

SALEM CEMETERY

NORTH SECTION

WALKER, Robert Douglas (Father)	06 Mar 1887	27 Mar 1957
WATSON, Fuller	1878	1911
WATSON, *Bessye SIBLEY (Mother)	05 Jun 1888	11 Feb 1952
*Burton B. (Father)	24 Sep 1882	11 Jan 1967
STROHECKER, *Otho S. [WOW]	1867	1933
*Nevada W.	1878	1962



Otho & Nevada Strohecker marker



Eugene Watson marker

WATSON, Eugene A. [Mason] [WOW]	27 Feb 1872	11 Oct 1910
JOHNSON, #Clara B.	1890	1960
#P. D.	1877	1951
#Ada W.	1888	1908
#Infant		1908
#Sallie R.	1859	1947
#W. M.	1851	1919
WALKER, **Clinton	1897	1920
**Emma	1869	1953
**Oscar	1866	1906
BAKER, Daisy Mae	29 Jan 1877	26 Nov 1952
BAKER, R. W. [WOW]	28 Sep 1874	27 May 1915
BAKER, Harold Eugene (s/o R. W. & Daisy Baker)	25 Oct 1904	30 Sep 1906

SALEM CEMETERY

MARTIN, #Hazel Elizabeth	21 Dec 1909	27 Jul 1986
#Minnie Lee	13 Sep 1872	14 Jul 1954
#Kenneth	08 Jul 1907	16 Nov 1907
(s/o R. D. & M. L. Martin)		
#Louise	13 Jun 1902	02 Mar 1906
(d/o R. D. & M. L. Martin)		
#Robert David	22 Sep 1867	23 May 1941
McCLEISH, Lynwood BERRY	26 Jun 1893	02 Sep 1905
McCLEISH, *Willie WALKER (Mother)	13 Nov 1862	28 Jun 1942
*William John (Father)	05 Feb 1861	22 Jan 1939
PATE, Mrs. M. V.	29 Jul 1866	07 Jun 1905
PATE, Felix C.	10 Dec 1860	03 Jun 1906



Felix Pate marker



Peyton Pate marker

PATE, Peyton (Father)	15 Sep 1818	25 Sep 1873
PATE, Martha A.	03 Dec 1828	30 Jun 1888
HOWARD, *Tillman W.	05 Jul 1857	24 Jul 1935
*Lelah PATE	08 Dec 1866	13 May 1959
ACKLEN, *Walter N.	04 Oct 1883	25 Jun 1952
*Mollie M.	25 Dec 1886	22 Feb 1968
ACKLEN, Huffie E. (PFC US Army WW II)	09 Sep 1909	01 Aug 1982

SALEM CEMETERY

GANDY, *Dalton E.	03 Mar 1918	12 Jul 1978
*Mary H.	13 Feb 1925	
CAIN, #Earline GANDY	25 Sep 1916	13 May 1965
#Austin		[no dates]
BIZZELL, *David Galloway	18 Feb 1901	31 Oct 1971
*Elizabeth REED	15 Oct 1902	25 Sep 1964
Van HOOSER, *John	06 Jun 1875	04 Aug 1958
*Ila MORGAN	25 Apr 1877	23 May 1978
MORGAN, *Absalom F.	1848	1927
*Julia HUGHES	1852	1941
ACKLEN, Prather M.	27 Oct 1909	09 Sep 1911
ACKLEN, *Arren Hill	1877	1942
*Mary Gertrude	1878	1952
ACKLEN, *Claude Lynn	17 Aug 1912	02 May 1985
{md 16 Jul 1936}		
*Mary Addie RICE	02 Aug 1916	30 Jan 1979
DUKE, *Dennis Parnell	21 Aug 1907	06 Jan 1996
*Maybelle SAYERS	27 Oct 1911	06 Feb 2005
BAKER, Ila SINGLETON	14 Jul 1904	27 Dec 1980
BAKER, T. H.	02 Dec 1901	02 Jan 1953
BAKER, **Loy W.	1895	1934
HARTZELL, **Ethel D.	1895	1967
**C. Foster	1895	1968
DELONEY, *Willis W.	1889	1944
*Elsie W.	1891	1980
CRAIGHEAD, C. C. (MD) [Mason]	1875	1932
CRAIGHEAD, Elizabeth LINDLEY (Mrs. C.C.)	1886	1972
GREER, #William J.	03 Dec 1871	24 Dec 1949
#Anna HAYS	11 Jun 1877	07 Nov 1950
DELONEY, *Don Willis	04 Mar 1915	09 Mar 1980
*Mollie McGURK	08 Jan 1921	

SALEM CEMETERY

DELONEY, Lloyd E. [infant]		14 Aug 1943
CRUMP, Martha A.	1885	1973
ATKINS, Cage	18 Nov 1876	18 Nov 1911
DUTTON, George T. Jr.	04 Aug 1915	04 Aug 1915
DUTTON, **Mattie S.	1867	1908
**George T.	1862	1926
**Belle P.	1875	1946
DUTTON, William C. (Pvt US Army WW II)	17 Aug 1901	15 Dec 1981
DUTTON, Jacqueline E. (w/o W. C. Dutton)	29 Jul 1907	07 May 1935
NORRIS, #David Byrd [Papa]	1877	1927
#Frances Ann [Mama]	1882	1967
MARSALIS, #Joe Albert	29 Sep 1899	24 Nov 1984
#Susie ARDIS	13 Dec 1899	19 Dec 1991
MARSALIS, #James E. Sr.	16 Nov 1922	05 Nov 1988
#Katie Mae	02 Oct 1923	31 Dec 1988
BAKER, *Leon E. [Mason]	07 Dec 1870	01 Sep 1949
*Annie Mae	02 Aug 1874	09 Jan 1968
BAKER, Inf s/o Leon E. & Annie M.	12 Nov 1906	05 Dec 1906
PACE, *Rebecca Frances PATE	19 Dec 1862	16 Feb 1904
*William Henry	08 Dec 1856	09 Jul 1933
PACE, Inf of W. H. & Bettie Pace	03 Sep 1906	03 Sep 1906
ACKLEN, A. A.	29 Nov 1845	23 May 1905
ACKLEN, Fredonia M.	02 Sep 1851	22 Apr 1929
MORGAN, Jewel Irene	18 Feb 1918	23 Apr 1971
MORGAN, Printiss D.	24 Aug 1907	29 Jun 1908
MORGAN, Junus P.	04 Jul 1913	07 Mar 1914

SALEM CEMETERY

MORGAN, *Junus Lee	14 Apr 1881	19 Jun 1966
*Mona Elizabeth	03 May 1881	22 Dec 1969
Van HOOSER, *Cratie Lee	09 Jan 1899	29 Apr 1975
*Louise	21 Nov 1895	18 Mar 1981
LEWIS, #Henry Clay Jr.	29 Jul 1919	23 Jun 1977
#Henry Clay	03 Aug 1891	04 Jun 1973
#Mary GANDY	05 Feb 1893	11 Aug 1995
JONES, *Marvin E.	09 Jan 1910	05 Sep 1969
(LA PFC US Army WW II)		
*Hazel H.	19 Sep 1913	17 Mar 1984
SPEER, *Geddis B. (Pop)	23 Apr 1909	15 Mar 1967
*Willie B. (Mam Maw)	25 Sep 1911	
HARRIS, *John A.	18 Sep 1887	10 Jul 1965
*Carrie POOLE	10 Feb 1905	08 Dec 1976
ATKINS, *George E.	1882	1955
*Myrtle H.	1898	1976
STOVALL, D. V.	05 Nov 1918	04 Feb 1993
LATOOF, Isaac (Pvt US Army WW I)	25 Jul 1890	24 Feb 1978
LATOOF, Jewel ACKEL	02 Feb 1906	22 Aug 1981
ACKEL, John	24 Sep 1881	18 Jan 1946
ALLEN, Raymond	31 Oct 1941	04 Dec 1941
CHARPING, *Leon Dewitt	08 Dec 1907	25 Apr 1988
{md 15 Feb 1930}		
*A. Gladys SKIPPER	06 Nov 1911	06 Jan 1996
CHARPING, Leon Derwood	20 Oct 1935	31 Dec 1952
RODGERS, Geo W.	19 Aug 1891	??
[marker buried in concrete block covering death date]		
CHARPING, *John H.	06 Mar 1864	03 Jun 1947
*Leona V.	04 Dec 1870	01 Nov 1943
DAVIDSON, Linda CHARPING		[no dates]

SALEM CEMETERY

CODERRE, Nicholas Cameron DAVIDSON	22 Aug 1997	25 Jun 1999
CHARPING, *Lon S.	28 Apr 1905	28 Oct 1993
*Mildred L.	09 Aug 1912	10 Jul 2004
SHARPING, Melba L.	09 Feb 1933	16 Aug 1938
CHARPING, William Leroy (Brother)	06 Jun 1936	20 Jul 1936
ATKINS, *Emery L.	20 Dec 1914	15 Jun 2001
*Bessie D.	02 Jul 1917	
ATKINS, A. H.	20 Jan 1912	18 Aug 1914
ATKINS, *Hilary B.	15 Oct 1878	17 Oct 1948
*Rebecca L.	06 Jun 1885	21 May 1962
WIMBERLY, Ruth ATKINS (School Teacher and Business woman)	29 Jul 1909	03 Apr 1990
ATKINS, #Thomas Latimer	22 Mar 1904	14 Nov 1971
#Maude DAWSON (Mother)	18 Nov 1973	12 Apr 1964
ATKINS, Vera ROBINSON	22 Jun 1909	20 Nov 1998
ATKINS, Thomas Crillon	25 Jun 1870	27 May 1912
ATKINS, Ernest Courtney	21 Dec 1906	19 Mar 1924
ATKINS, Inf d/o L. M. & Mary Atkins	05 Mar 1927	06 Mar 1927
ATKINS, Lascomb Maurice	20 Oct 1902	13 Feb 1980
ATKINS, Mary MOFFETT (Artist & Musician)	05 Jul 1901	01 Jul 1984
NEEL, #Sam Hugh	08 Nov 1905	30 Jul 1948
#Sudie K.	17 Jan 1868	22 Feb 1955
#John L.	02 Sep 1869	04 Aug 1937
WALKER, Ivy G. (Mother)	22 Jun 1900	21 Aug 1945
ACKLEN, Ola Lee DANCE (w/o O. L. Acklen)	10 Jan 1874	20 Apr 1924
ACKLEN, Oscar L. [WOW]	19 Feb 1873	22 Dec 1920

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SHEPPARD, Inf s/o Dr. L. K. & A. M.	07 Jun 1916	10 Jun 1916
DILLON, #Fay R.	06 Sep 1911	05 Jun 1913
#Pauline	22 May 1914	10 Dec 1914
#Floyd Rice	27 Sep 1882	06 Nov 1954
#Willie Lee P.	31 Jan 1885	27 Dec 1972
PACE, # Inf s/o M/M D. H. Pace	15 Jul 1911	15 Jul 1911
#Dallas Head	26 Sep 1886	03 Aug 1959
#Etta H.	10 Mar 1888	08 Sep 1965
KNIGHTEN, James Reese (s/o W. A. & Carrie Knighten)	03 Jun 1909	30 Jun 1910
GANDY, *Dewell W.	15 Mar 1921	
*Norma B.	25 Sep 1923	21 Nov 1994
GANDY, *Fletcher Evans	27 Oct 1890	11 Sep 1965
*Vesta WHITE	04 Nov 1898	18 Aug 1954
WHITE, #Tigner E.	02 Nov 1874	02 Aug 1960
#Melva M.	14 Sep 1877	03 Mar 1941
SMITH, #Eustis Emory	04 Oct 1880	03 Feb 1958
#Jessie PACE	04 Feb 1883	26 Dec 1970
SMITH, *Bryant W. Sr. (Sgt US Army WW II){md 04 Apr 1942}	23 Dec 1911	02 Nov 1978
*Maudine VOLENTINE (Mama)	06 Aug 1920	14 Oct 2001
ROSS, #James Ronald "Ronnie"	28 Jul 1953	26 Dec 1954
#Cyril Laffette	04 May 1915	30 May 1982
WADLINGTON, Terry Wayne	1966	1995
PETERSON, *Frances E. (Gamma)	1910	1982
*Arthur W. "Art"	1909	1988
GORDON, *James W.	12 Jan 1942	01 Feb 1978
*Linda A.	16 Mar 1944	
YOUNGBLOOD, *Judy (Inf daus/o M/M Joe R. Youngblood)		31 Aug 1954
*Jo		31 Aug 1954
CHARPING, Pearl D.	10 Jan 1897	15 Aug 1964

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REYNOLDS, #Ewell D. (Rhode Island TME1 USNR WW II) #Elizabeth Theresa	19 Oct 1925 29 Dec 1928	02 Jan 1965 15 Aug 1970
REYNOLDS, *Margie F. *Lane G.	19 Jul 1933 17 Mar 1927	10 Aug 1977
WILSON, Lillian E.	16 May 1890	24 Jan 1980
WILSON, James Wesley (b. Howard Co., MO; d. Claiborne Parish)	02 Jun 1865	02 Feb 1951
HARKNESS, Ophelia W.	30 Nov 1916	01 Feb 1980
GANDY, Shellie EWING	06 Aug 1889	03 Nov 1953
GANDY, Prentiss Hughes	16 Jan 1934	17 Jun 1954
GANDY, *Ovid V. {md 22 Oct 1922}(Ch: Harold, Clyde, Dale, Jean, Helen, Prentiss) *Mattie L.	04 Feb 1890	07 Jul 1946 [no dates]
BOREN, #Shadrack L. (Capt Medical Corps WW I) #Grace CREWS (LA Pvt 23 WAC Co 21 Regt WW II)	13 Oct 1877 01 Feb 1895	05 Sep 1965 16 Oct 1964
LOWRY, John Amos	15 Jan 1872	19 Mar 1947
BLALOCK, *Lois Crews (Daughter)	1909	1938
CARROLL, *Lula CREWS (Mother)	1874	1943
GANDY, *Harry Byron (Ch:Harry Melton, Richard Allen) *Novyce COX	29 May 1908 23 Jun 1919	20 Sep 1919 07 Aug 2004
GANDY, Melton Heard	05 Jun 1902	28 Mar 1939
GANDY, *Wiley Nevens (Father) *Neva HEARD (Mother)	20 Aug 1864 28 Feb 1873	10 Sep 1917 08 May 1954
BOWMAN, *Carl M. (TN PFC 210 PW Co WW I) *Esther G.	01 Jan 1897 07 Oct 1905	14 Oct 1968 29 Jan 1977
RAINEY, Emma FRAZIER	1858	13 Jan 1921

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MARABLE, Stella FRAZIER	11 Apr 1867	28 Mar 1952
NEWTON, Chester Eugene	12 Nov 1925	03 Sep 2001
NEWTON, *Chester Earl	16 Feb 1883	30 Mar 1953
*Ella BYRD	12 Dec 1889	12 Nov 1979
NEWTON, Nannie Elizabeth	30 Jan 1914	20 Sep 1999
NEWTON, Oren C.	13 Jul 1920	24 Jan 2004
WILLIAMS, Lucy Lee	20 Feb 1882	21 Sep 1950
TIPTON, James S. (Father)	23 Apr 1856	30 Dec 1941
TIPTON, Nancy E. HAMMONTREE (Mother) (w/o James S. Tipton)	18 Jun 1859	23 Feb 1934
MULLENNIX, **John A. (Brother)	1893	1937
**Laura E. (Mother)	1863	1936
**Thomas J. (Father) 456	1850	1933
FRAZIER, *Charles C. (Father)	1862	1934
*Maggie R. (Mother)	1874	1949
BRYANT, #Cliffie Frazier	02 Jul 1894	22 Sep 1977
#Jacklon	1913	1918
MARKS, *Hosea Lee (Dad)	30 Sep 1898	28 Nov 1968
*Cleo WEBB MARKS DARST (Mom)	23 Nov 1909	17 May 1998
WAGGONER, Ronald Duane	09 Sep 1949	03 Feb 2001
GANDY, Joseph B. (LA Tec 5 60 Inf 9 Div WW II)	21 Jul 1916	17 Jul 1916
GANDY, *Walter Turner (Sgt US Army Korea)	06 Oct 1930	23 Jul 1999
*Patricia Anne	03 Dec 1936	17 Nov 1985
GANDY, #Milton Jimmy #[new grave - no marker]	11 Feb 1910	25 Jun 1963
ACKEL, *Freddie (Father) {md 09 Jul 1963}	02 Mar 1937	01 Aug 1995
*Joyce R. (Mother)	13 Feb 1946	

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AUSTIN, Billy Gene (Father) (Brother)	02 Nov 1935	24 Apr 1995
AUSTIN, *Edgar	08 Aug 1907	19 Nov 1983
*Mary	17 Dec 1912	20 Dec 1995
AUSTIN, Bernice (Cousin)	31 Mar 1933	28 Mar 1961
CHILDS, Nanie Bee (Aunt)	11 Nov 1916	07 Dec 1950
DUKE, *Frank (Father)	07 Jun 1889	14 Dec 1964
*Lula Lenora (Mother)	19 Jul 1890	28 Jun 1945
DUKE, B. M. (Uncle)	19 Jul 1928	11 Dec 1977
WHATLEY, #Hugh W.	10 May 1910	10 Mar 1971
(LA Capt 1473 SVC Comd Unit WW II)		
#Mary Jane, d/o M/M H. W. Whatley		21 Feb 1944
GRAY, Mildred Georgia GANDY (Aunt)	25 Jul 1906	07 Aug 1995
GANDY, *Walter Bun	07 Apr 1861	20 Nov 1943
*Elizabeth SMITH	07 Sep 1867	14 Oct 1941
GANDY, *Roy W.	04 Dec 1914	
{md 11 Jul 1937}		
*Vertis Y.	01 Jul 1918	
GANDY, *Erie Travania (Father)	13 Jan 1888	11 May 1960
*Mattie Lou MORELAND (Mother)	21 Oct 1889	06 Sep 1983
MARKS, *Alma I. CARLISLE	11 Aug 1895	02 Sep 1935
*Noah B.	22 Apr 1874	12 Dec 1956
VOLENTINE, #Millie Lee BISHOP	23 Feb 1889	02 Sep 1979
#Floyd E.	22 Dec 1888	07 Mar 1935
NEW, #Mary Doris VOLENTINE	06 Sep 1917	14 Nov 1991
VOLENTINE, #Mignonette	04 Jul 1911	23 Jun 1928
#Avis Van HOOSER	22 Apr 1917	
#Floyd Elmo Jr.	06 Nov 1915	25 Feb 2002
SHULL, #Jean VOLENTINE	17 Aug 1929	28 Jun 2003
HARTLEY, #Daisy Frazier VOLENTINE	31 Jan 1900	03 Sep 1980
VOLENTINE, #Drew S. [Mason]	18 Nov 1920	23 Jan 1987
(SSgt US Amry WW II)		
#Mary Virginia BAKER	25 Dec 1925	05 Nov 1996

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ABERCROMBIE, #Adolphus Jr.	28 Aug 1912	18 Mar 1960
#Lamar A.	25 Nov 1904	06 Nov 1950
#Adolphus A.	04 Feb 1870	24 Jan 1950
TIPTON, Tennie	12 Feb 1884	24 Feb 1945
ABERCROMBIE, James Mack	23 Jun 1914	21 Aug 1983
ABERCROMBIE, Gladys Van HOOSER	30 Oct 1915	11 Oct 1962
ABERCROMBIE, James Mack Jr.	27 Jun 1945	28 Jun 1945
EDWARDS, Josie Myrleen	25 Nov 1919	19 Aug 1994
WATSON, *Fred Davidson	19 May 1907	03 Jun 1984
*Bettie L. SMITH	17 Oct 1906	02 Jul 1995
GREER, #Murray Hays	08 Nov 1911	11 Dec 1979
(Tec4 US Army WW II)		
#Myrtle SUGGS	27 Oct 1917	14 Jul 2000
SMITH, #Marshall R. Sr.	20 Nov 1913	28 Aug 1981
(Tec4 US Army WW II)		
#Nellie Ree WALKER	28 Nov 1919	04 Apr 1995
#Marshall Ray, Jr.	16 Aug 1954	14 May 1986
GREER, Margaret Keener	28 Sep 1908	26 May 1992
McKINNEY, *William C.	21 Sep 1910	14 Mar 1985
*Clydee M.	25 Dec 1915	
SMITH, *Raymond E.	28 Dec 1924	
{md 07 May 1948} (Ch; Mark, Betty)		
*Marguerite B.	07 Dec 1929	
BYRNE, *Richmond O. Jr.	18 Sep 1910	29 Jul 1984
*Birtie A.	04 Apr 1912	01 Jan 1998
WILLIAMSON, Bill (Daddy)	11 Jan 1935	16 Mar 2004
DAVIDSON-CODERRE, Nicholas Cameron	22 Aug 1997	25 Jun 1999
(s/o Amanda Davidson & William CODERRE, Jr.)		
CHARPING, *Leon Dewitt	08 Dec 1907	25 Apr 1988
(Ch: Avis, Omega, Durwood, Carolyn, Nancy)		
*A. Gladys SKIPPER	06 Nov 1911	06 Jan 1996

ANCESTOR LUKE "L.C." CURBEY

TIDBITS BY INEZ WARD HARWELL,
GREAT, GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER – AUGUST, 2006

I had been searching for any information I could find on my great, great grandfather Curbey. He was the father of Lilly Inez "Ina" Massey Booty's mother, Udorah Lee Curbey Massey. The only record I could find on him was in the 1850 census, listing him being with Pettipool & Elizabeth Massey's family (my great, great, great grandparents). The next census was after the Civil War in 1870 wherein I found only Elizabeth & her youngest children.

At our 2004 Booty-Massey reunion, while cleaning the building we had used, I was telling my sisters & brothers about searching the library records for Curbey. My brother, James, told us about the Curbey grave in the woods not too far from where we grew up. My sisters & I were totally surprised to learn this. When we left Natchitoches, we all went to see the grave in the woods where Grandpa Curbey was buried, in the exact spot where he had killed a buffalo in the latter 1800's. I felt as though I had found a priceless treasure. His family had honored his wishes to be buried there. He had already carved "In memory of Luke Curbey" on a big rock. No one had thought to carve his death date on it.

No one I asked knew anything more about him. I asked different family members & could not find out any further information.

On July 15, 2006, I spent time researching Luke Curbey at Shreve Memorial Library's genealogy section, after attending "Friends of Genealogy" club meeting. I was hoping to find something I might have missed.

Two books had been left on top of the Louisiana Archives files in the "wars" section listing Confederate soldiers of Louisiana records, a-f. I am so glad they had not been filed. It was as if God had them left for me to spot. The information was located in Microdex 21, Microfile reel cp1.34, target card Mary Curbey. Luke C. Curbey & Mary Lee Curbey were the only Curbeys, but they were my Curbeys.

Luke died February 2, 1897, from "rheumatism" he acquired while in the war between the states. He was buried in woods very near a buffalo run, where he had killed a buffalo. My brother, James, explained that the "run" looked very similar to a gully, except it was worn smooth by the buffalo, rather than being worn down by running water, which leaves rocks jutting out.

The grave had been vandalized. It is on government property. Personnel had put rocks on top of it to discourage vandalism. In the Spring of 2006, Leo & Leothal Massey, along with some of Mid Massey's sons, added more rocks to cover the grave.

They cut the rock down to a headstone size, preserving the carving. The Massey boys put a very nice black iron fence around it. This gave Grandpa Curbey the respect he deserved in death. I have included a picture of the fenced area.

I got Luke's death date from information on a form where his wife had applied for pension benefits. Mary Lee Curbey, age 66, filed for widow's benefits under the Confederate Pension Plan, application #3515. She applied on August 21, 1905, noting that she was destitute, living on the "charity of the world". M. T. Boswell & P. P. Massey, of Lotus, signed her application as witnesses, stating that they were acquainted with her for 24 years. Andrew C. Presley was the Notary Public.

Information on the form showed she had to sell her land for debts, etc., in 1902. She sold 160 acres, December 30, 1902, in Township 6, Range 8, Natchitoches Parish, to V. O. Craft.

The second notarized form misspelled her last name "Kirbey". She signed her name with an "X". Her claim was approved November 25, 1906. She was approved to receive \$4.95 per quarter.

The application showed that Luke & Mary were married December 15, 1853, by Rev. Fuller of Homer, LA. They had, evidently, lived on the plantation in Claiborne Parish with Pettipool & Elizabeth Massey, where Luke was employed as "mechanic". Luke joined the 4th Louisiana Calvary Volunteers on March, 1862, at Summerfield, Claiborne Parish, LA, and was discharged May, 1865, at Campti, LA.



BLACKBEARD, the PIRATE

As prepared & presented by LaJuana Butler Goldsby

Setting the stage in history: The Gatlin Family in America began with John Gatlin, who came to Virginia. His first land patent was in 1636. He settled up the James River across from Williamsburg. He acquired much land for the transportation of immigrants from England. In the 1690's, he sold most of his land in Virginia. He and his son, William, migrated south across the Pamlico Sound and settled in the area that was later named New Bern.

The Palatinate is a region along the upper Rhine River in Southern Germany which supplied a large portion of the Swiss and German colonists who founded the town of New Bern in 1710, under the leadership of Baron Christopher de Graffenried. These settlers went to Holland first and then to England. From England, some 600 Palatines and about 100 Swiss sailed for North Carolina. Almost all the Swiss, but only about half the Palatines, arrived at New Bern. They were soon followed by de Graffenried.

The ones who survived crossing the Atlantic settled on plantations along the Neuse and Trent Rivers and their tributaries. This land was allotted to de Graffenried by King George II of England to colonize this area of the Carolinas.

Arriving in 1710, they lived prosperously until September of the following year when a war broke out with the Tuscarora Indians, aroused by the encroachments of the white settlers onto formerly Indian land. A large portion of the colonists were killed, including about one-third of the Swiss and one-half of the Palatines.

After the Tuscarora War (1711-1718), de Graffenried left North Carolina and went back to England. He had, however, used up all the available money and goods in settling the colonists but he had not given a deed to the colonists for the land they had settled on and cleared. The colonists discovered that de Graffenried had mortgaged their land to a Colonel Thomas Pollock, who evicted them from their land. To survive, they were made to work for low wages on their own land. Casualties of the war, widows, orphans and the elderly were left to the mercy of the colonists who were physically able to work.

King George II received many complaints of the Palatine dispossession by Thomas Pollock. They petitioned the king for restoration of their property. The petition told of the terms under which they came to America, under the guardianship of de Graffenried. They included information about the battles with the Indians, of Pollock's desertion of them to the mercy of the Indians, and his returning later to take their lands. Their petition was ignored.

JOHN EDWARD TEACH aka "BLACKBEARD"
(This information was researched by one of his descendants.)

Many stories have been written about the pilfering deeds committed by John Edward Teach, but no positive account has been written with conclusive facts verifying who “Blackbeard” really was. Speculation overwhelmingly points to Teach as the pirate, the perpetrator of numerous mischievous deeds and crimes. We begin with the fact that John Edward Teache, Peter Jacob Ruhl, John Randolph Fisher and John Michael Kissiebel are names of some on the list of colonists who arrived June 9, 1709, in the de Graffenried party.

History has left an speculative, but unconfirmed, account of a malevolent, vicious criminal, known as “Blackbeard, the Pirate”. John Edward Teach, however, if he was a pirate, also carried on a normal daily life, with activities not unlike those of his fellow colonists. During their darkest days, the pirate furnished money, goods and food for the colonists who were in dire need of these things, so they did not look upon him as such a bad sort, whatever his true identity.

Merchant ships during this time carried mostly grain, molasses, kegs of rum but very little “treasure”. Queen Anne of Britain allowed “Blackbeard’s” privateers to plunder French and Spanish ships during the War of Spanish Succession, plus he was allowed to keep the stolen goods.

With the collapse of the colony, “Blackbeard” would eventually relocate his main harbor to Bath Town, North Carolina, just across the sound from the province’s governor, Charles Eden. Teach and Eden were friends, as was Eden’s loyal secretary, Tobias Knight. Accusations abounded about Eden’s friendship with a pirate. Subsequently, his office was debased, as historians gave unkind reports of this relationship. In his trial for treason and high crimes, Colonel Edward Moseley screamed out at Gov. Eden, “It is like yea commands of a German prince!”, meaning that Eden was operating under the dictates of Teach, the pirate.

The Outer Banks was the primary position of the pirate. From this site, he could easily prey on ships traveling the American coast. The colony’s ruling officials turned a blind eye to his import business. Local townspeople, too, tolerated his presence because they liked to buy the goods he stole. Cloth and sugar from “Blackbeard” was much cheaper than imported British goods.

Eventually, Teach surrendered to Gov. Eden and received a pardon for the crimes of piracy he had committed. This arrangement, however, was not acceptable to Gov. Alexander Spotswood of Virginia, who set out to stop the pirate in an effort to please England, who was losing too much revenue as the result of the piracy. He sent two sloops, commanded by Lt. Robert Maynard of the Royal Navy, to Ocracoke. Seeing the sails of the Navy’s ships, “Blackbeard” knew that he was trapped. He and his men spent the night stockpiling ammunition on deck. They soaked blankets to put out fires. They spread sand on the decks to soak up blood. When morning came, Teach didn’t try to outrun the sloops, but, instead, waited at the ship’s wheel.

Lt. Maynard had observed that only sandbars lay between the Navy sloops and the vessel of the pirate, "Queen Anne's Revenge". His strategy was to wait for morning, and the tide, to raise his ships so they could glide over the sandbars and attack. When his sloops started moving toward the pirate ship, Teach ordered his crew to set sail. He seemed to be steering the ship directly toward the beach, but, instead, he eased the ship through a narrow channel between the beach and a barely visible sandbar. The excited Navy commander rushed toward the enemy vessel and crashed the sloops into the sandbar.

The pirates then blasted the sloops with cannons. Thundering explosions shook the waters. The pirate ship lurched forward and became stuck on a sandbar. One sloop was destroyed and Maynard's sloop was battered. He ordered his men to throw food and water barrels overboard to lighten the ship. The sloop floated free of the sandbar and edged toward the pirate ship. There was a terrible battle, with pistols firing and swords swinging, when Maynard's men boarded the pirate ship and surprised the pirates.

Teach and Maynard came face-to-face. Both men fired pistols. "Blackbeard" missed, but Maynard hit his mark. Teach still managed to swing his cutlass and snap off Maynard's sword blade. "Blackbeard" came in for the kill but a Navy seaman came up behind him and slashed his throat.

As a warning to other pirates, Edward Teach's head was cut off and suspended from the tow of Maynard's sloop. Maynard searched for the pirate's treasure, but found only supplies and letters. When "Blackbeard" died, the secret of his treasure died with him, if, indeed, he ever had one!

John Edward Teach, alias "Blackbeard", had a strong devotion to his native German people. He had offered the rejected people humane, generous and loyal deeds of love and affection because of the failed German colony. The inhabitants of the New Bern Colony lost everything they owned at the hands of the warring Tuscarora tribes and, afterward, the dirty deeds of the Province's politicians. Many of the Palatines were left destitute for almost 40 years, without restitution for their lamentable struggles, being forced to live almost like slaves. It is no wonder these people looked upon John Edward Teach as a hero, rather than as a criminal.

The Palatine people were obedient, self-sustaining, talented and industrious people. They were true founding fathers, forging ahead and making their contributions and legacy in the history of this country. They and their descendants honor and are proud of the heritage and are especially exuberant about their ancestor, John Edward Teach, who provided food, clothing needs and other necessary provisions by pillaging essentials for the little colony's widows, orphaned children and decrepit men and women to sustain their lives in the uncivilized province of North Carolina. It is no wonder that Teach has been called "The Robin Hood of the New Bern Colony". So sad is the fact that John Edward Teach and "Blackbeard" was overlooked in most past accounts of New Burn history.

"QUEEN ANNE'S REVENGE" ~ Why This Name?

Was this a declaration to the British Crown about the intolerable hardships of the settlers of the New Bern Colony? Or, did the name decry the plight of the Palatines being forced to give up their homes and land and dearly-held possessions because de Graffenried had mortgaged everything to Col. Thomas Pollock to try to preserve the fledgling colony? Some of the Palatine people fell into bondage or were merely Col. Pollock's plantation slaves for many years, mere squatters on their own land that had been given to them by Queen Anne of England, prior to their leaving England.

What do you know about

PIRATES IN SHEVEPORT

ON THE Red River?

(MORE TO FOLLOW IN FUTURE ISSUES)
If you have a story to share, let us know!

HISTORY of MOUNT ZION CEMETERY

1125 Hwy. 80 E, Calhoun, LA

At the close of the 18th Century, only hunters and trappers had penetrated into the wilderness of north and central Louisiana. However, on April 12, 1812, Louisiana was granted statehood and traders from the upper valleys took advantage of steam propulsion. Towns sprang up in outlying parishes along the Ouachita River.

Numerous cotton planters from neighboring Southern states migrated to Louisiana toward the fertile lands. Some came down the rivers on flatboats, while others came across the country in covered-wagon caravans, all in search of homes on a new frontier.

About 1820, part of the Maison Rouge "grant" of some 39,000 acres, was advertised for sale west of the Ouachita River. Typical American pioneers came to the beautiful pine forests, bought and cleared the land, and built homes and churches. As a result of the stagecoach route, known as the Dixie Overland Road, between Monroe and Shreveport, Ouachita Parish and its 640 square miles was sparsely settled by mid-19th Century.

In February, 1853, Urim Masonic Lodge #111, was issued a charter by the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana, having been instituted under dispensation in 1952. They located across the road from Forksville Academy, a lodge-supported and sponsored institution, located between Dixie Overland Road (now U.S. Hwy. 80) and the Illinois Central Railroad tracks. This building burned, as did the school, at which time the Lodge moved to Mount Zion Methodist Church, which stood at the northern end of Mount Zion Cemetery, some two miles east of Calhoun. In 1892, the lodge moved to Calhoun, where they met in Calhoun Collegiate Institute and High School, located on Hwy. 151, across the road from the Calhoun Cemetery. (Mount Zion Methodist Church had moved to Calhoun earlier.) The building at Mount Zion Cemetery was sold to Emmett Golson and the lumber was used to build his home. A bench from the church can be seen in Urim Lodge #111 in Calhoun.

Early land records available in the office of the Ouachita Parish Clerk of Court, Monroe, indicate the following property time line:

03/23/1881 (Book Y, Pg. 228), Angeline C. & George S. Lowery sold to John A. Covington
01/22/1892 (Book 33, Pg. 124), Mrs. M. L. Covington, & Mrs. Ida & John S. Bransford sold to J. T. Parker.
01/16/1894 (Book 35, Pg. 242), John T. Parker sold to Mrs. Mary E. Parker & Frank L. Parker.
01/03/1900 (Book 41, Pg. 179), Frank L. Parker & Meddie E. Parker, his wife, & Mrs. Mary E. Parker, sold to A. A. Gunby.
05/03/1900 (Book 41, Pg. 426), A. A. Gunby sold to W. V. Brownlee.
11/08/1904 (Book 51, Pg. 401), W. V. Brownlee sold to Board of Trustees, Mount Zion Cemetery. (See contents of document below.)

Calhoun Collegiate Institute and High School burned in 1908. One of the biggest steps in the history of the Calhoun area, at that time housing the only other high school in Ouachita Parish, was to build a brick building. The building was located south of the railroad track. When the Collegiate Institute burned, Urim Lodge #111 bought a store building from Bish Pipes, on Hwy. 151 near the railroad, and continues to meet there even now.

Dr. C. T Hines, the first Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana, served as the Master of Urim Lodge #111 in 1886 and 1889. He died in 1906 and is buried in Mount Zion Cemetery. The word "urim" means "light", and Dr. Hines was, and is, remembered by Masons as one who "lit lamps", one who worked collectively with others to shape events that affected his day, as well as events that influenced and affected the lives of many to come after him. On November 25, 1995, a monument was erected and dedicated by the Mount Zion Cemetery Committee and Urim Lodge #111, in memory of the members of the Mount Zion Methodist Church, Dr. Hines and the many soldiers buried at Mount Zion Cemetery.

CEMETERY DEED

"This indenture, made this day the 8th of Nov., 1904, between W. V. Brownlee, of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, partie (sic) of the first part, and T. I. Watson, W. L. Pooser, Emmett Golson, J. N. Fuller and R. R. Fuller, Trustees for the Mount Zion Cemetery, west of Old Forksville, La. on the Claiborne Road. For and in consideration of the sum of one dollar cash paid, I, Wm. V. Brownlee have by these presents bargained, sold, transferred and delivered unto the folling (sic) named Trustees and there (sic) successors, namely T. I. Watson, W. L. Pooser, Emmett Golson, J. N. Fuller, R. R. Fuller. The folling (sic) track (sic) or parcel of land lying and being situated in the Parish and State aforesaid, described (sic) as follens (sic) to wit: commencing about forty feet west where the Simpson Branch crosses the Claiborne Road, going thence South one hundred and forty yards, thence running west one hundred and seventeen yards. Thence going north to the Claiborne Road one hundred and forty yards. Thence going east along the Claiborne Road one hundred and eight yards to the place of beginning. Containing in all five acres more or less. Situated in the S.E. corner of the N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 25, T18N, R1E. I, Wm. V. Brownlee, myself, my heirs, assigns or administrators, do warrant and guarantee unto W. L. Pooser, Emmett Golson, J. N. Fuller and R. R. Fuller, Trustees for Mount Zion Cemetery, and their successors in office, lawful possession of the above described lot of land as a place that has been and to be used hereafter as a place of burying (sic) the Dead, forever. Thus done and signed and delivered in the presents (sic) of W. H. Anders and R. E. McMoy, two lawful witnesses on this the 8th of Nov., 1904."

This document is signed by W. V. Brownlee and appears to have been hand-written by him. It, with the accompanying "Witness Acknowledgement", were attested to and signed by N. G. Watson, Justice of the Peace, and filed on 10/9/1905 in the courthouse in Ouachita Parish.

Mount Zion Cemetery is sometimes referred to as "Brownlee Cemetery", since it was W. V. Brownlee who officially designated it as a cemetery in 1905. It had, however, been in use as a burial site since at least as early as the 1850's. (See the listing for graves of Benjamin Sheppard, 1855; Robert S. Gaston, 1852; Lucius Parker, 1858, plus McClendon family, 1862.) Cleo Murray, a former Trustee, reported seeing the remains of a vandalized headstone that had an 1822 date on it.

This history was begun by Doris Foster Custer as part of a booklet researched and published by her, with the help of her children, Brenda Custer Randall and Kenneth S. Custer. Proceeds from the sale of the 1996 booklet were donated totally to an improvement fund that enabled the construction of security fencing, a second driveway and other needed upkeep to this

not-for-profit community site. The funding, plus specific donations, was also used for a gazebo which is available to families having graveside services during inclement weather.

Following is a listing of the families buried in Mount Zion Cemetery. This list includes those already interred, as well as family members who have spoken for the remaining quite limited space. For additional information, call Dorothy Wilder Heacock, chairman of the board of trustees of Mount Zion at 318-644-2688.

MOUNT ZION FAMILIES – 1820 THRU 2006

- A: Adams, Allen, Anders, Anderson
- B: Bain, Bayne, Bell, Bennett, Boatright, Bond, Boothe, Borland, Bradford, Britt, Brakefield, Brooks, Brown, Brownlee, Bryant, Burch, Burns, Burrough, Bush
- C: Calhoun, Calloway, Carter, Charrier, Clampit, Clark, Cloyd, Collie, Coughlan, Covington, Cox, Craig, Crocker, Cross, Custer
- D: DeLora, Donald, Dow, Doyle
- E: Edney, Ellis, Ethridge
- F: Faust, Fenton, Finklea, Fontana, Foster, Foust, Frasier, Free, Freeman, Frost, Fryday, Fuller, Futrell
- G: Gainey, Gandy, Gaston, Gates, George, Gibson, Gilmore, Godfrey, Golson, Gordon, Gould, Graves, Greenlee, Gresham, Griggs
- H: Hadley, Hale, Hammond, Harnar, Harper, Hattaway, Heacock, Hendrix, Hendry, Herron, Hilton, Hines, Hodge, Hollingsworth, Howard
- J: Jennings, Johnson, Jones, Jordan
- K: Kees, Keys, Knaggs, Knapp, Knowles, Kotz, Krouskup, Kuhn
- L: Lawler, Lee, Leonard, Leporati, Letterman, Lewis, Lindsey, Littleton, Long, Lowery, Lucien
- M: Markgraf, Marnell, Martin, May, Mayes, McClain, McClendon, McClusky, McCurry, McDaniel, McIntosh, McLeod, McMoy, Milling, Mims, Mitchell, Moore, Moreland, Morex, Mullins, Murphy, Murray
- N: Naron, Neal
- P: Pace, Parker, Patterson, Pooser, Powell, Prewitt, Price, Prine, Puckett
- R: Randall, Reid, Richardson, Roberts, Robertson, Robinson, Rockett, Roy, Rucker, Russell
- S: Sample, Sanders, Sandiford, Savell, Saxon, Seeman, Sepulvado, Shackelford, Shaw, Sheppard, Sims, Skipper, Smith, Stewart, Street
- T: Tanner, Tatum, Taylor, Tedeton, Theobolas, Thompson
- U: Underwood, Utesch
- V: Vernon
- W: Walker, Wallace, Walsh, Watson, Watts, Wilder, Williams, Willingham, Wilmore, Witherington, Wright, Wyly
- Y: Young

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W	10	Allen	Michael Lynn	7/24/1970	7/24/1970	Infant s/o Troy & Emma Allen
X	2	Allen	Jimmie Sue McCurry	8/13/1944	11/3/1999	W/o Wayne Allen; d/o Jim McCurry
X	5	Allen	Kelli Michelle	5/12/1998	5/12/1998	Infant d/o Jackie & Robin Allen
Y	O	Allen	Wanda			d/o J. D. & Florence Allen
Y	1	Allen	J. D.	12/1/1919	7/18/1966	H/o Florence Allen
Y	2	Allen	Florence	10/14/1921	10/31/1992	W/o J. D. Allen
Q	61	Anders	Arthur Lee	10/3/1907	2/18/1908	Inside McClendon fenced area
T	57	Anders	W. H.	10/9/1856	4/17/1917	Woodman of World marker
T	58	Anders	Mary Epsy	12/25/1860	3/2/1934	Inside McClendon fenced area
J	36	Anders	Mary Taylor Fenton	3/20/1831	10/3/1877	Married first to J.W. Fenton, then to Anders
F	19	Anderson	Ethel Britt	8/16/1903	1/29/1987	d/o Wm. Robert & Sallie H. Britt
X	52	Bain	Kenneth			H/o Beverly Futrell Bain
X	53	Bain	Beverly Futrell			W/o Kenneth Bain; dau. Ruby/Roy Futrell
Z	56	Bayne	William H.	3/17/1906	2/18/1971	Sgt., U.S. Marine Corps., WW II
Z	57	Bayne	Ethel Brownlee	5/17/1909	11/14/1985	W/o William H. Bayne
S	4	Bell	Tillie		UNK	No other information
S	5	Bell	William George	5/19/1902	4/10/1985	
F	58	Bennett	J. P.	11/17/1919	11/17/1919	Infant s/o Earl & Leila Bennett
H	20	Bennett	Reuben H.	10/21/1871	UNK	No date of death
H	21	Bennett	Mattie Fuller	9/3/1875	6/3/1923	
Y	8-	Bond Family	Patricia Allen			d/o J. D. & Florence Allen
Y	17	Bond/Allen Family	Pat Allen Bond			
P	38	Boothe	Lou Annie Richardson	10/11/1898	8/21/1994	1 st hus. Defoe Richardson; 2nd Joe Allen Booth
L	31	Borland	Mae Russell	7/25/1904	5/13/1967	
L	32	Borland	Willie	6/3/1898	12/13/1972	
S	40	Bradford	Sallie C. Smith	5/18/1835	2/19/1902	W/o Dr. H. Bradford
K	17	Brakefield	Whitty	1/5/1893	1/3/1942	Pvt., 156th Infantry, 39th Division, WW I
E	16	Britt	Willie S.	9/11/1887	1/3/1910	s/o Wm. Robert & Sallie H. Britt
E	17	Britt	Basil Ovid	12/31/1891	10/3/1895	s/o Wm. Robert & Sallie H. Britt

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E	19	Britt	Susan		UNK	Sister of William Robert Britt
E	20	Britt	Louis		UNK	Brother of William Robert Britt
E	21	Britt	Mary		UNK	Sister of William Robert Britt
F	16	Britt	William Robert	1/21/1859	1/21/1937	
F	17	Britt	Sallie Holman	1/8/1869	4/27/1954	W/o William R. Britt
F	18	Britt	Edith	2/14/1906	10/31/1943	d/o Wm. Robert & Sallie H. Britt
F	25	Britt	Hugh A.	3/31/1899	6/13/1973	Major (Ret.), U.S. Air Force; both WW I & WW II
F	27	Britt	Robert Elmo	12/20/1896	11/11/1978	U. S. Army; WW II
F	30	Britt	Verna Russell	12/10/1903	7/21/1991	W/o Robert Elmo Britt
F	29	Britt Jr.	Robert Elmo	7/18/1925	11/25/1980	Em 2, U.S. Navy; WW II
E	61	Brooks	Mattie	2/12/1887	10/25/1908	W/o Thomas D. Brooks
V	44	Brooks	Mary Cade Irving	11/15/1865	7/16/1942	W/o W. T. Brooks "Molly"
V	45	Brooks	Paul R.	5/19/1900	2/12/1902	s/o W. T. & M. C. Brooks
V	48	Brooks	Wiley Taylor	4/6/1848	9/24/1900	
V	49	Brooks	Sallie Parker	10/1/1851	10/31/1877	W/o W. T. Brooks
V	51	Brooks	Josephus M.	6/11/1853	10/22/1879	s/o E. H. & S. W. Brooks
V	52	Brooks	Sarah W.	9/22/1816	4/29/1876	
V	53	Brooks	Elkanah H.	10/18/1812	5/27/1866	
V	56	Brooks	John M.	10/22/1834	10/28/1881	Mason
W	52	Brooks	Dr. Robert Lafayette	10/19/1887	1/9/1901	Mason
W	53	Brooks	Charlie D.	3/12/1861	3/9/1927	s/o E. H. & S. W. Brooks; Mason
W	51	Brooks Jr.	Elkanah H.	10/22/1844	6/21/1918	Mason
E	11	Brown	Harold Steven	1/13/1961	9/9/1998	S/o Fairy McCurry Brown Fryday & George Brown
E	12	Brown	George Donald			F/o Harold S. Brown; 1st H/o Fairy Gay McCurry
F	9	Brown	Sandra Lynn	2/22/1962	2/22/1962	Infant d/o Fairy Gay McCurry Brown & George Brown
V	4	Brown	Shelby	2/1/1914	1/8/1991	Pvt., W.S. Army, WW II
B	13	Brownlee	Letha Mayes	5/6/1921	12/30/1995	W/o William Taylor "Buddy" Brownlee
K	49	Brownlee	Maude Collie	0/0/1886	0/0/1917	1st w/o Wm. Edward Brownlee; s/o Lawrence Collie
O	28	Brownlee	Alton Carl "A.C."	7/10/1915	12/10/1998	H/o Sue W. Brownlee; father of "Butch" & Barbara

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O	29	Brownlee	Sula "Sue" Washburn	10/11/1917	9/10/1999	W/o A.C. Brownlee; mother of "Butch" & Barbara
O	30	Brownlee	Alton Carl	4/16/1937	6/22/1995	s/o A. C. & Sue W. Brownlee; nickname: "Butch"
W	41	Brownlee	Ben F.	1/5/1923	9/25/1960	
W	42	Brownlee	Unnamed Infant		UNK	d/o W. V. & Sophina Brownlee; no dates
W	43	Brownlee	Etta Harper	6/0/1879	0/0/1903	Unmarked; 2nd W/o J. M. Brownlee
W	44	Brownlee	Belle Ethridge	1/0/1867	0/0/1901	Unmarked; 1st W/o John M. Brownlee
X	41	Brownlee	Mattie Skipper Clark	2/12/1892	3/28/1957	W/o C. E. Brownlee; married 1/25/1933
X	42	Brownlee	Charles Emmett	11/17/1888	1/30/1966	H/o Mattie Skipper Clark Brownlee; nickname: "Holy"
X	43	Brownlee	Nettie Elizabeth Cole	5/26/1885	1/11/1931	W/o C.E. Brownlee; m. 11/28/12; dau. of Nute Cole
X	46	Brownlee	Glendora	1/5/1931	1/15/1931	Inf. dau.-Charles E. & Nettie Brownlee; died, whooping cough
X	48	Brownlee	Fanny Lou Della	8/15/1920	10/17/1920	d/o S. E. & Annie Mae Brownlee
X	64	Brownlee	William V. "Buck"	10/22/1853	9/3/1930	H/o Sophina Farr Brownlee; Mason
Y	35	Brownlee	Charles Milton	4/12/1924	7/29/1987	Hus. of "Monk"; m. 12/5/42; Army, 36th Mech. Cav., WWII
Y	36	Brownlee	Frances Ethel Charrier	3/9/1924	5/11/1997	W/o Charles Brownlee; nickname: "Monk"
Y	37	Brownlee	Lyndsey Charles			s/o Charles & Monk Brownlee
Y	47	Brownlee	Sophina Elizabeth	3/31/1854	12/1/1922	W/o William V. "Buck" Brownlee
Y	48	Brownlee	Steve E.	1/20/1892	9/5/1931	H/o Annie Mae Poston; married 8/27/1910
Y	49	Brownlee	Annie Mae Poston	10/29/1896	12/2/1953	W/o Steve E. Brownlee
Y	53	Brownlee	Arthur	0/0/1917	0/0/1918	s/o Rass & Willie Brownlee
Y	54	Brownlee	Ida	0/0/1912	0/0/1912	d/o Rass & Willie Brownlee
Y	55	Brownlee	Addie	0/0/1912	0/0/1912	d/o Rass & Willie Brownlee
Y	56	Brownlee	Inez	12/9/1913	12/9/1913	d/o S. E. & Annie Mae Brownlee
Z	59	Brownlee	William Edward "Ed"	7/00/1887	11/00/1953	
Z	60	Brownlee	Della Collie	0/0/1884	0/0/1936	2nd W/o Wimmiam Edward Brownlee
B	12	Brownlee	Wm. Taylor "Buddy"	1/21/1916	12/10/1991	H/o Letha Mayes Brownlee
A	12-	Brownlee Family	Buddy			
Y	30-	Brownlee Family	Paul E.			s/o Charles & Monk Brownlee
Y	34	Brownlee Family	Paul E.			
Y	38	Brownlee Family	Lyndsey Charles			

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X	40	Brownlee Jr.	Charles Emmett	3/0/1937	3/0/1937	Infant s/o Charles Emmett & Mattie Brownlee
G	64	Bryant	Harvey Lee	1/7/1898	8/28/1898	Infant s/o J. T. & K. E. Bryant
L	60-	Bulletin Board				
Z	13	Burch	Anse	8/13/1923	7/31/1970	
D	55	Burns	John		0/0/1894	Unmarked
F	41	Burrough	W. Antley	12/23/1855	2/4/1933	"Uncle" on tombstone
Y	19	Bush	Sherman Edward	7/21/1939	5/18/2006	
H	55	Calhoun	Samuel J.	3/28/1861	8/12/1875	s/o A. & S. J. Calhoun
P	9	Calhoun	Judy Ann	3/9/1952	11/9/1952	Infant d/o Milton & Ann Bryant Calhoun
P	10	Calhoun	Unnamed Infant	7/6/1964	7/6/1964	Unmarked
H	53	Calhoun	William Dougal		UNM	No other information
P	27	Calloway	Bertha Viola	7/18/1844	10/14/1876	d/o W. F. & A. A. Callowey
E	2	Carter	Guy Edward Jr.			
E	3	Carter	Wanda Faye Tanner			
Z	50	Clampit	Amanda Brownlee	0/0/1846	0/0/1910	Unmarked; W/o William McClain Clampit
C	18	Clark	Liza Skipper	8/15/1895	4/21/1962	W/o Rass C. Clark
C	21	Clark	Infant (Unmarked)			No dates & no information
C	22	Clark	Infant (Unmarked)			No dates & no information
C	23	Clark	Bessie			Inf.dau.of Margie Clark; g.dau.of Rass&Liza Clark
C	17	Clark	Rass C.	8/20/1893	4/8/1973	H/o Liza Skipper Clark; Mason
B	29	Cloyd	Emma Skipper	4/12/1912	12/8/1997	
B	30	Cloyd	Harvey	12/11/1907	3/16/1983	
B	31	Cloyd	Marshall C.	5/13/1942	9/23/1969	
B	32	Cloyd Family	Harvey			
K	48	Collie	Willie Lawrence		10/20/1928	H/o Edna Brownlee Collie; s/o Lawrence Collie
K	53	Collie	Lawrence	3/9/1882	6/4/1949	Husb.of Ellen Hattaway Collie; father of Otis & Irene
K	54	Collie	Ellen Hattaway	6/4/1885	9/12/1973	W/o Lawrence Collie; mother of Otis & Irene
Z	51	Coughin Family	Buddy			
Z	52	Coughin Family	Buddy			

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Z	32	Coughlan/Smith Fmy				
R	39	Covington	J. A.	6/28/1823	4/16/1885	H/o Theresa Covington
R	40	Covington	"Little Dick"	11/22/1869	10/30/1878	s/o J. A. & T. J. Covington
R	42	Covington	Theresa	12/8/1837	11/10/1879	W/o J. A. Covington
G	8	Cox	Don			
G	9	Cox	Gloria Lucille Tanner			
E	44	Craig	James A.	12/11/1821	2/1/1871	Mason
J	29	Cross	Horace Walter	3/15/1858	12/15/1858	Infant s/o Z.E.W. & Henrietta L. Cross
N	25	Custer	Owen Kenneth	8/11/1915	11/4/1977	Husb.of Doris; fath.of Brenda & Ken;PFC, US Army, WWII
N	26	Custer	Doris Jean Foster	3/23/1933	10/22/2000	W/o Kenneth Custer; d/o M.J. & Alvie Foster
N	24	Custer	Kenneth Stephen	12/11/1948		s/o Kenneth & Doris; Capt. US AF, Vietnam vet
P	7	Donald	Hubbard H.			H/o Pam Marnell
P	8	Donald	Pamela "Pam" Marnell		8/9/2004	W/o Hubbard; dau.-Pat & Dot Marnell
Y	3-	Dow Family	Bonnie Allen Dow			d/o J. D. & Florence Allen
Y	7	Dow/Allen Family	Bonnie Allen Dow			
J	8	Doyle Family	Wilda Faye Walker			
J	11	Doyle Family	Wilda Faye Walker			
F	15	Edney	Helen Dean Graves	3/1/1936	5/22/1993	
J	12	Ellis	Chuckie Lynn	9/7/1967	9/24/1983	
J	13	Ellis	Curtis W.	1/29/1965	8/3/1981	
D	30	Ethridge	Mary Watson Skipper	0/0/1875	5/7/1957	
M	29	Ethridge	Connie Bell	11/10/1898	1/31/1938	
M	30	Ethridge	Walter Brooks	2/14/1880	1/11/1957	
S	37	Faust	R.M.		UNK	No dates
S	39	Faust	S. Bennie Bradford	4/17/1866	4/17/1911	W/o R. M. Faust
J	35	Fenton	J. W.	0/0/1825	0/0/1857	He & inf. dau. In vault;from Eiffeline, Scotland; hus.of Mary
N	34	Finklea	S.R.		UNK	Co. H 0 23 SC, Inf, Conf. States of America
N	35	Finklea	Hardy	9/18/1886	10/20/1889	
M	20	Foster	Murphy James	01/00/1941	01/00/1941	Infant s/o Curtis N. & Sybil M. Finklea Foster

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M	21	Foster	Kathleen Fern	08/00/1946	08/00/1946	Infant d/o Curtis N. & Sybil M. Finklea Foster
M	22	Foster	Murphy James	5/10/1893	12/8/1934	H/o Florence Alvie McDaniel Foster; died of pneumonia
M	23	Foster	Florence Alvie McDaniel	9/29/1893	8/17/1984	W/o Murphy James Foster
M	24	Foster	J.P.	10/3/1919	11/29/1934	s/o Murphy J. & Alvie Foster; died of pneumonia
O	16	Foster	Billy Jack	12/22/1930	11/3/1999	H/o Jackie R. Foster; dad of Cindy; s/o M.J.&Florence Foster
O	17	Foster	Jackie Robinson			W/o Bill Foster;mom of Cindy; dau.of Jack & Eva Robinson
M	18	Foster	Curtis Norman	11/23/1917	8/1/1972	Sr.MSgt,USAF;vet-WWII,Korea,Vietman;s/o M.J.& Florence
Y	41	Foust	Unnamed Infant	6/21/1960	6/21/1960	Unmarked; infant child of "Jack" Harper & Charles Foust
Y	42	Foust	Unnamed Infant	8/9/1948	8/9/1948	Unmarked; infant child of "Jack" Harper & Charles Foust
Y	40	Foust	Helen Elizabeth Harper	2/2/1926	11/8/1989	W/o Charles Foust; nickname: "Jack"
Y	39	Foust Sr.	Charles Raymond	10/21/1924	5/15/1989	
R	33	Frasier	Joseph	3/29/1917	8/21/1943	PFC, Co. L. 169 Inf., 43rd Inf. Div., WW II; killed in action
S	34	Frasier	Maida Smith	9/24/1884	3/8/1985	
S	33	Frasier	Joe B.	9/30/1890	3/11/1950	
S	41-	Frasier/Smith Fmly	Joe B.			(3 unmarked graves in this area; no data available)
O	13	Free	Doris Lowery	8/16/1929	9/11/1992	
C	60	Freeman	Arien K.	8/29/1911	11/4/1993	W/o Robert Lee Freeman
C	61	Freeman	Mary	3/3/1941	10/12/1966	d/o Robert & Arien Freeman
C	62	Freeman	Betty Jo	10/13/1938	3/1/1958	d/o Robert & Arien Freeman
C	59	Freeman	Robert Lee	10/13/1911	7/17/1951	Husb.of Arien;dad of Jim,Bill,Betty,Jerry,Mary & Sue
C	56	Freeman Family	Robert			
E	9	Fryday	Alvin Glen	7/15/1945	2/15/2005	
E	10	Fryday	Fairy Gay McC. Brown			Mom of Harold S. Brown;dau.of Marjorie & Cecil McCurry
G	14	Fuller	Wynona Boatright			W/o Richard Fuller, Jr.
H	14	Fuller	Thirea Irene Golson	9/28/1886	11/27/1976	W/o Richard Fuller (Sr)
H	17	Fuller	J. N.	5/10/1880	12/23/1949	
H	22	Fuller	Addie	7/27/1873	5/22/1955	Called "Miss Addie"; 7th grade teacher at Calhoun School
H	23	Fuller	Ellen Elaine	12/19/1911	8/26/1914	d/o R.R. & Irene Fuller
H	25	Fuller	Frank Albert	8/23/1886	11/22/1896	s/o Dr. John M. & Ida J. Fuller

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H	26	Fuller	Ida Josephine Robinson	4/15/1851	4/10/1927	
H	27	Fuller	John Nathaniel	8/29/1842	12/24/1893	M.D.
H	28	Fuller	Blanche	9/16/1890	10/16/1890	Infant daughter
V	57	Fuller	"Little" Johnny	11/4/1878	9/12/1883	s/o John & J. V. Fuller
V	58	Fuller	R. B.	10/20/1876	1/1/1897	s/o John & Josie Fuller
V	59	Fuller	Josie V. Brooks	5/6/1850	12/22/1931	W/o John Fuller
H	13	Fuller III	Richard Robinson	12/6/1938	2/22/1992	
G	15	Fuller Jr.	Richard Robinson	5/11/1916	4/10/1988	
H	15	Fuller Sr.	Richard Robinson	3/22/1883	9/22/1950	H/o "Miss Irene" Golson Fuller; mason; nickname: "Partner"
X	55	Futrell	Charlotte Ann	9/29/1939	1/1/1942	d/o Roy & Ruby Futrell
X	56	Futrell	Ruby Brownlee	1/10/1918	6/22/1985	W/o Roy Futrell; mother of Beverly & Carolyn "Sissy"
X	54	Futrell	Roy	11/5/1916	10/10/1942	H/o Ruby Brownlee Futrell
H	30	Gainey	Martha May	2/10/1801	1/23/1876	
H	31	Gainey	Richard Robinson	9/2/1812	9/6/1879	
H	36	Gainey	Martha Elizabeth Gainey	0/0/1849	0/0/1909	W/o John H. Milling
Z	35	Gandy	Ellen Lucille	2/17/1916	11/9/1988	Aunt of Frances "Monk" Brownlee
I	34	Gaston	Robert Simmons	9/29/1843	9/26/1852	From Autauga County, AL; died while visiting mother
J	30-	Gazebo				
N	9	George	Gerald Denny			
N	10	George	Reta Gail Neal			
O	11	Gibson	Billie Don	10/0/1971	7/25/1972	
F	37	Godfrey	Wilber H.	3/23/1864	7/9/1885	s/o Rev. C. R. & M.A. Godfrey of East Feliciana Parish, LA
M	41	Golson	Emmett Wesley	4/30/1884	6/19/1950	H/o Gussie McMoy Golson
M	42	Golson	Gussie C. McMoy	1/1/1888	12/4/1973	W/o Emmett W. Golson; sister of A. H. McMoy
M	50	Golson	Unnamed Infant		UNK	
P	41	Golson	Marvin Roy	10/26/1893	4/4/1981	
S	28	Golson	Dr. Jack			H/o Dorothy Wright Golson; s/o Emmett & Eva Golson
S	29	Golson	Dorothy R. Wright			W/o Jack Golson
S	31	Golson	Joseph Ross	8/24/1976	9/7/2000	s/o Jimmy Golson/Debbie H. Gresham; g-s/o Ross/Cascille

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T	25	Golson	Unnamed Infant	0/0/1936	0/0/1936	Infant s/o Percy J. & Eva Golson
T	26	Golson	Unnamed Infant	0/0/1940	0/0/1940	Infant s/o Percy J. & Eva Golson
T	27	Golson	Percy Jewell	2/11/1896	7/5/1977	H/o Eva Hattaway Golson
T	28	Golson	Eva Hattaway	5/8/1914	2/8/1998	W/o Percy Jewel Golson (Sr.); mother of Percy Golson, Jr.
T	30	Golson	Eunice	11/22/1906	10/12/1995	2nd W/o Norman Bruce Golson
T	31	Golson	Norman Bruce	4/2/1890	3/11/1989	
T	33	Golson	Evie Brooks	1/16/1890	5/21/1941	1st W/o Norman Bruce Golson
T	34	Golson	Unnamed Infant	11/8/1927	11/8/1927	
T	39	Golson	Norman Randolph	3/11/1858	12/4/1900	
U	39	Golson	Bennie Sheppard	12/11/1860	4/14/1945	W/o N. R. Golson
X	22	Gould	Audrey Charrier			
X	21	Gould	Earl Vester	6/26/1926	8/27/2001	
X	17-	Gould Family	Earl Vester			
X	20	Gould Family	Earl Vester	3/30/1922	7/7/1970	(MS) S.Sgt., US Marine Corp.; WW II
R	31	Gresham	Debbie Hnot Golson			Mom of Joseph R. Golson; 1st cous. Jim Randall, Sr.
Q	31	Gresham Family	Debbie Hnot Golson			Mother of Joe Golson
M	45	Griffith	Mary Kay	5/1/1939	8/9/1941	d/o Dorothy McMoy Griffith & Herman Griffith
Y	28	Griggs	Kerry Dale	5/28/1965	8/16/2003	s/o Ronnie & Beverly Hale Griggs
Z	27	Griggs	Beverly Ann Hale	1/22/1944	10/21/1997	1st W/o Ronnie Griggs
Z	28	Griggs	Ronnie	7/18/1944		H/o Beverly Hall Griggs
Z	25a	Hale	Unnamed Infant			Moved 11/04 from Union Cemetery, Litroe; c/o K.D. & Mattie
Z	26	Hale	Mattie	2/28/1921	5/29/1970	Moved 11/04 from Union Cem.; died in auto accident
Z	25	Hale	Kenneth D.	7/3/1916	7/17/1980	Moved 11/04 from Union Cem; hus. Of Mattie Hale
X	24	Hale Family	Kent			Kent Hale, Rosiland Saxon
X	25	Hale Family	Kent			Ronnie, Angie & Tony Griggs
X	26	Hale Family	Kent			Kaila Walker
E	15	Hammond	Brandi			G-dau.of Jim&Gladys McCurry;dau.of Peggy M. Hammonds
C	16	Harnar	Virginia Jane Clark	3/21/1921	3/16/1990	d/o Rass & Liza Clark; nickname: "Coot"
X	58	Harper	William Howard	9/12/1901	11/19/1969	H/o Bertha Smith Harper

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X	59	Harper	Bertha Smith	2/21/1901	8/28/1988	W/o Howard Harper
X	60	Harper	Unnamed Infant	11/13/1928	11/13/1928	Infant s/o Howard & Bertha Harper
X	61	Harper	Decie Marie	8/26/1924	2/10/1925	
X	62	Harper	Unnamed Infant	7/5/1920	7/5/1920	Infant s/o Howard & Bertha Harper
Z	45	Harper	John Lee	6/12/1882	3/21/1960	H/o Lucy Brownlee Harper; married 12/23/1900
Z	46	Harper	Lucy A. Brownlee	1/23/1882	4/16/1928	W/o John Lee Harper
I	41	Hattaway	Beulah	8/23/1880	3/28/1908	d/o J. M. & A. M. Hattaway
M	51	Hattaway	Jack		UNK	1st hus.of Bertha McMoy; Pfc 164th Inf, 41st Div;drowned
H	60	Heacock	Mary Jane Crawford	8/3/1859	8/25/1905	1st W/o Robert P. Heacock,Jr.
H	61	Heacock	Cad W.	10/23/1897	9/23/1906	
P	40	Heacock	Michelle			
Z	39	Heacock	Donald Guyton	8/17/1938	2/7/2003	
Z	40	Heacock	Dorothy Sue Wilder	4/1/1940		
C	57	Hendry	Sue Freeman			
C	58	Hendry Family	Sue Freeman			
O	41	Herron	Gordie Hines	4/16/1876	10/7/1962	d/o C. T. Hines
W	55	Herron	Alice T.	12/24/1863	1/3/1890	
O	36	Hines	Frances McC.	4/20/1845	12/7/1921	
O	37	Hines	Dr. C. T.	9/8/1845	1/5/1906	Mason; 1st Grand Lecturer in State of Louisiana
O	40	Hines	Willie M.	12/19/1889	1/21/1924	s/o Dr. & Mrs. C. T. Hines
O	38	Hines Family				
O	39	Hines Family				
H	37	Hodge	Mary Ida Milling	12/31/1868	5/14/1961	
H	45	Hollingsworth	Amanda Milling	11/25/1880	2/4/1975	
W	27	Howard	Shirley Long		UNK	Dau. Of Gertrude & Ivo Long; no dates
I	30	J.N.F.	(Bricks)		UNK	
F	2	Johnson	Fred	1/8/1898	8/8/1982	Hus.of Fannie E. Johnson;dad of Frances Tanner
F	3	Johnson	Fannie E.	7/24/1905		W/o Fred Johnson; father of Frances J. Tanner
P	3	Johnson	J. M. "Jack"	4/6/1929	11/30/1950	1st hus.of Dot Marnell;dad of G.E.,Marsha & Pam

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P	1	Johnson Family	George			
P	2	Johnson Family	George			
P	4	Johnson Family	Dot Marnell			
Q	1-	Johnson/Utesch Fm.	George Johnson			
Q	8	Johnson/Utesch Fm.	George Johnson			
L	19	Jordan	Addie Lucille Davis R.	1/1/1920	12/4/1997	1st mar. to John Thomas Russell then J.C.Jordan
W	5	Jordan	Jefferson Clyde "J.C."	1/31/1912	5/17/2004	2nd husb. Of Beatrice Richardson Jordan
W	6	Jordan	Beatrice Richardson	11/23/1919	1/22/1974	W/o J. C. Jordan
Z	29	Knapp	Frances	0/0/1941	11/15/1999	W/o Richard Knapp;dau.of Beatrice B. Smith
F	42	Knowles	Daniel Levelle	8/7/1962	6/1/2002	"Danny"; s/o Rodney & Patsy Knowles
F	43	Knowles	G. B.	8/6/1914	1/26/1990	
E	45-	Knowles Family	David			
F	44-	Knowles Family	Rodney			
B	27	Kuhn	James Malcolm	1/30/1931	12/20/1985	
I	25	Lawler	John Simmons	10/17/1857	7/20/1858	s/o J. A. & S. J. Lawler
Z	11	Lee	Unnamed Infant	4/10/1997	4/10/1997	Grandchild of Bob & Gail Powell
Y	59	Leonard	William E.	6/18/1874	4/21/1930	Inscription reads: "Father"
Y	60	Leonard	Willie C.	12/13/1873	12/29/1949	Inscription reads: "Mother"
Y	61	Leonard	William D.		UNK	Was 6 years old at time of death
Y	62	Leonard	Nancy Ann	0/0/1910	UNK	No other information
Y	64	Leonard	Unnamed Infant	5/9/1905	5/9/1905	Infant s/o W. E. & W. C. Leonard
Z	62	Leonard	Sherman Kinson		UNK	s/o William T. Leonard
Z	64	Leonard	William T.	11/00/1898	10/00/1918	
C	45-	Letterman Family	Jerry			
W	35	Lewis	Betty Joe Parker	2/14/1929	6/13/1997	W/o Lloyd Lewis;dau.of Barney/Effie Parker
W	36	Lewis	Harvey Lloyd Sr.	6/17/1929		H/o Betty Joe Parker Lewis
W	2	Lindsey	Plez		UNK	s/o Will & Martha Jane Russell Lindsey
W	3	Lindsey	Jimmie		UNK	Dau.of Plez/Delores Lindsey;sis.of Delores Ann
W	3a	Lindsey	Martha Jane Russell		UNK	

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W	4	Lindsey	Will		UNK	
U	33-	Littleton Family	Wilbur			
V	27-	Littleton Family	Wilbur			Wilbur Littleton
X	37-	Littleton Family	Wayne			
O	60	Long	Unnamed Infant		UK	s/o Ivo Long; no other information
O	63	Long	Betty Louise		UNK	No dates
O	64	Long	Charles Herman	1/31/1943	1/22/1994	s/o Ivo & Gertrude Long
V	24	Long	Unnamed Infant		UNK	No other information
V	25	Long	Unnamed Infant		UNK	No other information
V	26	Long	Unnamed Infant		UNK	No other information
W	17	Long	Orian H.	9/22/1916	6/16/1930	Not here;buried Huntsville, TX by 2nd wife
W	18	Long	Gertrude Emma Lee	5/27/1920	6/28/2006	W/o Ivo Long
W	19	Long	Iva Grace	1/1/1907	4/8/1972	1st W/o Orian H. Long
W	20	Long	Unnamed Infant		UNM	No other information
W	21	Long	Unnamed Infant		UNM	No other information
W	22	Long	Timothy Glenn		UNK	Ivo Long's grandson; no dates
W	24	Long	Ivo Henry	12/25/1912	7/9/1983	
W	25	Long	Henry Lee	4/6/1940	7/2/1961	s/o Ivo Long
W	26	Long	Gwendolyn		UNK	No other information
W	28	Long	James Houston	9/17/1882	7/17/1958	Father of Gracie Long Mims
W	29	Long	Ollie Griffin	2/24/1897	12/18/1957	Mother of Gracie Long Mims
C	19	Lowery	Georgie Clark	0/0/1920	0/0/1941	d/o Rass & Liza Clark
O	9	Lowery	John Ed	4/5/1926	5/20/1976	
O	10	Lowery	Annie Mae	4/7/1904	4/21/1963	
O	45	Lowery	John Tom	1/28/1903	1/11/1935	s/o John C. & Agnes; dad of Mabel L. Sanders
O	46	Lowery	Agnes L.	7/22/1874	11/26/1945	
O	47	Lowery	J. C.	2/12/1870	11/17/1909	
O	48	Lowery	Agnes E.	12/24/1845	8/26/1903	W/o Thomas Lowery
O	49	Lowery	Clarence W.	6/0/1901	1/25/1969	(LA) Pvt., 8th Service Comd.; WW II

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O	53	Lowery	Alverne May	9/11/1923	2/13/1948	
O	54	Lowery	Arthur Jerry	4/10/2021	7/1/1997	H/o Venyce Lowery
O	55	Lowery	Nora Faye			
O	57	Lowery	Paul Edward	1/14/1953	6/5/1956	s/o Jerry & Venyce Lowery
V	13	Lowery	Henry Otis	1/10/1991	4/14/1991	
O	7	Lowery	Melba Carter	5/4/1918	10/16/1988	
N	3-	Lowery Family	James Earl			
L	11	Markgraf	Joan Mitchell	0/0/1940	8/2/2004	Mother of Lisa, Bruce, Scott; d/o Jerry Mitchell
P	5	Marnell	Dorothy T. Johnson	12/21/1929		W/o Jack Johnson/Pat Marnell; mom of G.E., Marsha, Pam
P	6	Marnell	Pat James	1/15/1931	4/17/1976	2nd H/o Dot Marnell
D	40	Martin	Gladys Russell	9/16/1920	3/8/1992	W/o Victor Martin
D	41	Martin	Victor	4/3/1914	8/23/2002	H/o Gladys Russell Martin
K	59	Martin	Unnamed Infant		0/0/1959	Infant d/o Victor & Gladys Martin
A	32	May	Megan Nicole	7/22/1988	7/22/1988	
A	32	May	Maggie Hope	10/29/1997	10/29/1997	
A	34	May	Cecil Mack (Mike)	6/12/1940	9/20/1991	H/o Monika May
A	35	May	Monika			W/o Cecil Mack (Mike) May
A	27	Mayes	James E.	6/6/1925	11/16/2000	H/o Frances L. Mayes
A	28	Mayes	Abby (Mr.)	6/16/1917	9/23/2000	Bro. of James E. Mays; Letha M. Brownlee; Clotile M. Calhoun
B	20	Mayes	Ella Elizabeth	1/1/1890	10/15/1984	
B	21	Mayes	William Harvey	9/17/1914	7/15/1991	
A	26	Mayes	Frances L.	6/17/1929	2/14/1997	W/o James E. Mayes
A	29	Mayes Family	James			
B	34-	Mayes Family	Ricky			
B	19	Mayes Jr.	Joseph Lacy	10/2/1890	12/6/1954	
S	19-	McClain Family	John			
M	28	McClendon	John Bennett		0/0/1962	
Q	49	McClendon	Unnamed Child		UNK	Child of A.D. & M.A. McClendon
Q	50	McClendon	Unnamed Child		UNK	Child of A.D. & M.A. McClendon

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Q	51	McClendon	Unnamed Child			Inside McClendon fenced area
Q	52	McClendon	Unnamed Child			Inside McClendon fenced area
Q	53	McClendon	Unnamed Child			Inside McClendon fenced area
R	48	McClendon	Unnamed Child		10/3/1862	Child of A.D. & M.A. McClendon
R	49	McClendon	Mary Ann Milling	3/15/1835	10/3/1862	(With their children)
R	50	McClendon	Alphin Demarcus	3/15/1821	10/3/1862	(With their children)
R	53	McClendon	Sarah Olive	10/31/1880	8/14/1884	Inside McClendon fenced area
S	52	McClendon	Unknown			(marked with concrete block)
S	55	McClendon	Sarah Bethea Newcomb	11/2/1831	9/24/1902	Inside McClendon fenced area
S	57	McClendon	Martha Snow	9/3/1855	7/8/1906	Inside McClendon fenced area
S	58	McClendon	Newcomb	1/7/1873	11/7/1938	Inside McClendon fenced area
T	49	McClendon	Unknown			(Rock marking grave)
Q	54-	McClendon Family	Alphin Demarcus			Inside McClendon fenced area
R	56	McClendon Family	Unknown			(Rock marking grave)
R	60	McClendon Family	Unknown			(Rock marking grave)
R	54	McClendon III	Robert William	7/15/1885	9/23/1889	Inside McClendon fenced area
R	55	McClendon Jr.	Robert William	7/31/1853	9/22/1928	Judge; inside McClendon fenced area
S	54	McClendon Sr.	Robert William	3/4/1825	9/7/1899	Inside McClendon fenced area
T	22	McClusky	George Thomas	9/16/1854	6/9/1894	Born in Alabama; granddad of Thomas McClusky
E	14	McCurry	William E. "Jim"	5/20/1911	8/18/1988	H/o Gladys P. Howard McCurry
F	6	McCurry	Fairell Ray "Buddy"	4/8/1941	10/9/2004	H/o Dorothy J. "Dot" Phillips McCurry
F	7	McCurry	Dorothy J. Phillips			W/o "Buddy" McCurry; from Archibald, LA
F	8	McCurry	Dorothy Jeanette	5/22/1966	5/22/1966	Infant d/o Buddy & Dot McCurry
F	10	McCurry	Marjorie Walker	2/6/1923	11/27/2004	W/o Cecil Fair McCurry; nickname: "Margie"
F	11	McCurry	Cecil Fair	2/9/1919	8/1/1990	Husb. of Marjorie W. McCurry; m. 4/15/1939
F	12	McCurry	Dahlia	9/19/1890	5/27/1958	
F	13	McCurry	Husey O.	9/29/1882	9/25/1969	
E	13	McCurry	Gladys P. Howard	9/1/1912	12/4/1979	W/o W.E. McCurry; mom of Jimmie Sue & Peggy
C	33	McIntosh	Kniller Skipper	4/16/1911	1/21/1997	W/o Albert G. McIntosh; nickname: "Doll Baby"

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C	34	McIntosh	Lonnie			s/o Albert G. & Kniller McIntosh; no dates
Z	1	McIntosh	Hayward George	8/2/1913	2/17/2000	Mar. 1st to Ivy Harper; dad of Lucy & Gay
Z	4	McIntosh	Ivy Bell Harper	7/30/1914	11/11/1991	1st W/o Hayward McIntosh; married 8/8/1934
C	32	McIntosh	Albert G.	11/24/1906	9/7/1974	H/o Kniller Skipper McIntosh
Z	2	McIntosh	Clarice Sims Wainwright	7/18/1916	12/22/1998	2nd W/o Hayward McIntosh
Z	5	McIntosh Family	Hayward			
P	16	McLeod	Christopher D. Balsamo	1/29/2000	4/28/2000	s/o Joe/Kelly McLeod; ggs/o Waymon Williams
M	44	McMoy	Carrie Owens	11/30/1877	4/10/1918	1st W/o A.H. McMoy; m. 8/4/1827, Pike County, AL
M	46	McMoy	S. E.		UNK	
M	47	McMoy	Robert Emmett	10/5/1836	10/27/1914	Hus. of Sara Dukes; s/o John/Mary Ann McMoy
M	48	McMoy	Sarah Ellen Dukes	2/20/1846	6/21/1923	W/o R.E. McMoy; m. 3/3/1861, Pike County, AL
M	52	McMoy	P. E.		UNK	
M	53	McMoy	Kate Frazier	2/28/1879	5/11/1954	2nd W/o Archie Huey (A.H.) McMoy
N	55	McMoy	Betty			Grandd/o A.H. McMoy
M	54	McMoy Sr.	Archie Huey (A.H.)	9/6/1876	12/13/1953	s/o Robert E. & Sarah Dukes McMoy
H	32	Milling	John Nathaniel	9/24/1873	10/14/1880	
H	33	Milling	Nicholas Richard	6/3/1866	12/18/1883	
H	34	Milling	John H.		UNK	Co. K, 2nd LA Infantry, Conf. States of Am.
H	43	Milling Sr.	Robert R.	9/8/1878	9/4/1932	
P	53	Mims	Vera Rockett	9/19/1900	8/11/1972	
P	54	Mims	Robert Lenwood	8/19/1878	10/2/1959	
P	55	Mims	Viola Irene Acree	3/8/1887	6/24/1924	Member of Eastern Star
P	56	Mims	Unnamed Infant	12/0/1931	12/0/1931	Unmarked; infant of Lenward & Vera Mims
P	57	Mims	Michelle Renee	0/0/1965	0/0/1964	Unmarked; infant d/o Reginald Mims
P	58	Mims	Reginald Lenwood	6/10/1933	4/14/2005	s/o Lenward & Vera Mims
P	59	Mims	Ida			W/o Reginald L. Mims
T	1	Mims	Bismark Dupree	5/4/1911	8/23/1963	(LA) Tec 5, 4611 Q M Truck Company, WW II
T	2	Mims	Carter Allen	8/2/1914	10/12/1975	
V	18	Mims	William Uriah	6/1/1906	2/5/1980	

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V	19	Mims	Gracie Edith Long	5/9/1911	4/7/1994	W/o William Mims; mother of W. J. Mims
U	18-	Mims Family	W. J.			
L	9	Mitchell	Fred A.	0/0/1928	0/0/1972	No other information
L	10	Mitchell	Lucille B.	0/0/1922	0/0/1961	No other information
L	12	Mitchell	Jerry Thomas	5/20/1884	5/29/1953	
L	13	Mitchell	Pearl Caroline	1/31/1884	8/15/1970	
N	60-	Monument				
W	46	Moore	Marie Brownlee			d/o Charles Emmett Brownlee
W	24a	Morex	Unnamed Infant		UNK	No other information
W	25a	Morex	Unnamed Infant		UNK	No other information
Z	33	Mullins	Hubert C.	4/2/1926	4/24/1992	Hus.of Betty Charrier; Sgt., US Army, Korea
Z	34	Mullins	Betty Charrier			W/o Hubert Mullins
Q	37	Murphy/Fontana Fm.	Beverly Moore Murphy			d/o Marie Brownlee Moore
Q	43	Murphy/Fontana Fm.	Linda Moore Fontana			d/o Marie Brownlee Moore
U	11	Murray	Cleo	9/4/1914	5/11/1998	Hus.of Evie Powell;dad of Earl Ray Murray
U	12	Murray	Evie Mae Powell	3/23/1921		W/o Cleo Murray; mom of Earl Ray Murray
U	13	Murray	Earl Ray	0/0/1940	3/27/2004	s/o Cleo/Evie Murray; Mason; Vet., US Army
V	10	Murray	JoAnne			
V	11	Murray	Henry Allen	2/12/1912	5/3/1987	
V	12	Murray	Margie Smith			
W	11	Murray	John Sellers	5/11/1884	3/27/1966	
W	12	Murray	Emma Williams	10/28/1895	3/18/1979	
W	13	Murray	Ethel Crocker	12/20/1916	1/10/1979	
W	14	Murray	Ottice Leland	9/19/1909	7/20/1987	
V	14	Murray Family	Margie Smith			
V	15-	Murray Family	Cleo			
T	10-	Murray/Jones Fmly.	Allen Murray			
T	15-	Murray/Jones Fmly.	Emma Murray Jones			
S	15	Naron	Patsy Allen			

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S	14	Naron	Jerry Dewayne	3/14/1949	9/17/2000	Hus.of Patsy Allen;s/o Louise/GeorgeNaron Jr.
Q	20-	Naron Family	Ronald "Ronnie"			
R	14-	Naron Family	Patsy			
P	12	Neal	Sheila	4/8/1954	2/2/2001	Dau.of Uby Lowery Neal Shaw;never married
P	63	Neal	Eugenia L.	1/21/1861	12/12/1938	
N	11-	Neal/Lowery Family	Christy Frost			Grandd/o Uby Lowery Neal Shaw
H	62	Pace	Jesse M. "Morris"	3/21/1932	9/11/2004	Hus.of Lavena;dad of Marsha,Jaudon,Galen
H	63	Pace	Lavena			
E	54	Parker	Mary E. Robertson	3/1/1832	6/10/1928	W/o J. F. Parker
E	55	Parker	James A. W.	11/29/1856	3/19/1877	s/o J. E. & M. E. Parker
G	35	Parker	Lucius L.	1/15/1858	9/20/1858	Infant s/o J. F. & M.E. Parker
H	38	Parker	E. Mary	12/27/1871	1/2/1916	W/o John T. Parker
H	40	Parker	John T.	9/22/1859	8/22/1926	
O	33	Parker	W. M.	UNK	Pre-1894	(Widow-MaryE.Parker bought 200 acres, 1894)
W	33	Parker	Effie Harper	11/8/1905	10/17/1990	W/o Barney Parker
W	34	Parker	John L. "JL"	12/23/1927	8/29/1993	s/o Barney & Effie H. Parker
W	31	Parker	Barney	0/0/1889	0/0/1958	H/o Effie Harper Parker
G	49	Pooser	John Allen	3/7/1857	3/7/1875	
G	50	Pooser	Martha A.	7/5/1826	9/2/1893	Mother of Tom Pooser
G	51	Pooser	James T.	11/5/1854	7/30/1939	"Uncle Tom Pooser"; s/o Martha Pooser
R	5	Powell	Talmage W.	10/20/1891	6/16/1970	
Z	6	Powell	Marshall Daniel "M.D."	3/14/1916	9/25/1972	1st hus.of RosaMae;Mason;Pfc,USA, WWII
Z	12	Powell	Scott Lee	9/26/1989	9/26/1989	Grandchild of Bob & Gail Powell
R	4	Powell	Zelpha Mae	2/12/1909	9/20/1962	
D	56	Prine	Troy	4/19/1940	11/2/1998	H/o Lorraine Prine
D	57	Prine	Lorraine	8/25/1918		W/o Troy Prine
D	53	Puckett	Louise			W/o David Sr.; mom of David H. Puckett Jr.
D	54	Puckett Sr.	David Harold	11/29/1936	4/27/1999	Hus.of Louise;b.Muscogee,OK;bro.of Richard
F	31-	Randall Family	Brenda Gayle Custer			

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U	56	Reid	Unnamed Infant		UNK	d/o Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Reid; no dates
U	57	Reid	Dora S.		0/0/1912	W/o W. H. Reid; no other dates
I	28	Richardson	Mary Gaston	8/19/1858	9/20/1858	Infant d/o T. P. & F. A. Richardson
P	37	Richardson	Defoe Ralph	2/23/1895	11/7/1963	1st H/o Lou Annie Richardson
P	39	Richardson	Unnamed Infant	2/3/1928	2/3/1928	Infant s/o Defoe & Lou Annie Richardson
W	7	Richardson	Ben F.	11/16/1896	1/12/1979	Father of Beatrice Richardson Jordan
W	8	Richardson	Ada Russell	7/4/1898	10/13/1986	Mother of Beatrice Richardson Jordan
D	18	Roberts	Margaret	7/1/1877	11/21/1965	
E	56	Robinson	Amanda Brooks	3/12/1809	11/24/1888	W/o James Robinson
H	52	Robinson	Amanda		UNM	No other information
O	14	Robinson	Eva Cockerhan	9/11/1909	12/8/1995	W/o Andrew; mom of Jackie R. Foster
O	15	Robinson	Andrew Jack	8/26/1905	2/7/1976	Hus. of Eva; dad of Jackie R. Foster
P	47	Rockett	Bobby Jack	0/0/1937	0/0/1937	Infant s/o Louie & Marjorie Rockett
P	48	Rockett	Louie Neal	6/5/1905	11/14/1970	H/o Marjorie Brooks Rockett
P	49	Rockett	Marjorie Brooks	3/8/1913	6/26/2001	W/o Louie; mom of Louie B. Rockett
P	51	Rockett	Floyd Henry	7/28/1875	2/23/1945	
P	52	Rockett	Carrie Ward	5/25/1878	1/6/1947	
T	7	Roy	Jo Ann	3/2/1947	5/5/1983	
K	10	Rucker	John A.	9/22/1902	6/19/1965	
K	55	Russell	Hicks	2/2/1918	2/17/1991	
K	56	Russell	Bessie Greene	3/16/1920	3/16/2005	W/o Hicks Russell
K	57	Russell	Frank L.	2/21/1889	5/19/1947	
K	58	Russell	Naomi H.	7/21/1893	8/10/1969	
K	60	Russell	John		UNM	Hus. of Malinda; died about 1949 or 1950
K	61	Russell	Malinda		UNM	W/o John Russell; unmarked
L	20	Russell	John Thomas	11/10/1919	12/29/1980	1st H/o Addie Lucille Davis Russell
L	21	Russell	William Greenlee	8/10/1891	6/8/1968	
L	22	Russell	Nettie Brakefield	9/17/1899	8/8/1982	
L	23	Russell	Harry William	7/28/1925	2/26/1936	

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O	62	Sanders	Laura	12/7/1856	7/9/1947	Called "Aunt Laura"
D	34	Savell	James A.	11/27/1924	3/11/1991	PFC, U.S. Army, WW II
D	32	Savell	Ronnie Lynn	1/5/1958	6/28/1959	
D	36	Savell Family	Velma			
K	21	Seeman	Unnamed Infant		UNM	s/o Mae Susan Shaw; died at age 13
K	23	Seeman	Mae Susan Shaw	11/30/1910	6/24/1991	
K	6-	Sepulvado Family	Helen Mitchell			
U	31	Shackelford	James Jackson	1/25/1869	2/11/1961	
U	32	Shackelford	Minnie Sheppard	7/3/1872	11/3/1950	
K	22	Shaw	Elma May	9/22/1918	5/21/1930	
K	24	Shaw	Sally Skipper	2/12/1908	6/12/1972	
K	25	Shaw	John Tom	9/16/1904	UNK	
O	12	Shaw	Uby Lowery Neal	3/6/1924	12/6/1999	Mother of 9 children
K	19	Shaw	Jefferson D.	8/26/1899	12/8/1982	PFC, U.S. Army, WW II
H	29	Sheppard	Benjamin M.	7/4/1854	12/18/1855	Infant s/o B. D. & C. Sheppard
U	54	Sheppard	A. W.	8/11/1828	9/25/1912	Mason
U	55	Sheppard	Thirza E.	10/19/1838	2/25/1884	W/o A. W. Sheppard
U	58	Sheppard	Della	0/0/1872	0/0/1920	d/o A. W. Sheppard
U	59	Sheppard	Samuel W.		0/0/1936	s/o A. W. Sheppard; no other dates
U	60	Sheppard	Willie B.	0/0/1879	0/0/1934	W/o S. W. Sheppard
K	37	Sims	J. Steve	8/19/1880	11/17/1953	
K	38	Sims	Clara Bell Kennedy	8/21/1893	4/25/1958	
K	39	Sims	James Steve	12/21/1914	1/30/1926	s/o Steve & Clara Sims
K	40	Sims	Thomas Freddie	9/22/1930	12/28/1994	Cremated 1/4/1995; ashes placed here 2006
K	51	Sims	Charles L. "Red"	8/1/1930	1/6/2004	Husb.of Ann Pace;s/o W.Zode & Eunice
L	38	Sims	James		UNM	
L	46	Sims	Anderson Forest	2/15/1871	5/3/1943	
L	47	Sims	Susan L. "Susie" O'Neal	9/18/1877	9/5/1961	
L	48	Sims	Frances Henrietta	1/8/1883	10/13/1941	

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L	49	Sims	Charlotte Rose	9/24/1939	8/6/1940	Infant d/o Frances & James Sims
L	51	Sims	James Charlie	3/21/1876	2/14/1949	
L	52	Sims	Walter Zoda	7/10/1907	5/29/1972	1st H/o Eunice Brown Sims Caughon
L	53	Sims	Eunice Brown	12/1/1911		
L	54	Sims	Rhonda Gail	3/13/1945	5/21/1975	Dau.of W.Zode/Eunice;born w/polio;coma 17 years
L	55	Sims	Michael & Robert		UNM	
L	56	Sims	Velma Lawrence	8/20/1904	5/9/1992	
K	50	Sims Family	Charles L. "Red"			
L	58	Sims Family	W.Z.			
L	59	Sims Family	Marie			
M	57	Sims Family	Jimmy Dale			
L	57	Sims Sr.	C. Leland Victor	4/19/1988	8/24/1945	
A	11	Skipper	J.T.	8/16/1923	8/3/1986	U.S. Army, World War II
C	25	Skipper	Jye			s/o "Babe" & Martha Jane Skipper; no dates
C	26	Skipper	Martha Jane		0/0/1912	W/o J.W. "Babe" Skipper; no other dates
C	27	Skipper	J. W.		0/0/1899	H/o Martha Jane Skipper; no other dates
C	28	Skipper	Jim			No dates & no further information
C	29	Skipper	Barney			First H/o Mary Watson Skipper Ethridge
C	44	Skipper	Candice Marie	1/10/1990	1/10/1990	
D	1	Skipper	Bill W.	8/17/1909	1/16/1982	
D	1a	Skipper	Ruby W.	5/24/1921	3/23/1977	
D	2	Skipper	Lucy Daniel	12/25/1887	4/15/1963	
D	3	Skipper	John Wesley	11/24/1883	6/29/1959	
D	21	Skipper	Robert M.	0/0/1912	0/0/1964	May be s/o Robert Eli Skipper
D	22	Skipper	Robert Eli	12/14/1885	4/15/1951	H/o Leona Jordon Skipper
D	23	Skipper	Leona Jordon	3/22/1896	1/14/1928	W/o Robert Eli Skipper
D	24	Skipper	Dozier	0/0/1915	0/0/1929	May be s/o Robert Eli Skipper
D	25	Skipper	Clifton	0/0/1918	0/0/1925	May be s/o Robert Eli Skipper
D	29	Skipper	Barney		UNK	First H/o Mary Watson Skipper Ethridge

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D	37	Skipper	Alice	4/30/1908	9/5/1963	W/o Kneed Skipper
D	38	Skipper	Kneed	4/00/1917	6/00/1978	H/o Alice Skipper
E	37	Skipper	John Charles	8/15/1930	9/26/2000	s/o Kneed/Alice;bro.of Rex,Odessa & "Buck"
E	38	Skipper	Rex			
P	62	Skipper	John W.	1/8/1861	4/10/1885	
A	10	Skipper	Mary Alice	7/15/1931	12/20/1994	
A	1-	Skipper Family	Phil			
C	35-	Skipper Family	Buck			
S	36	Smith	Sallie		UNK	May be dau.of R. M. Faust
S	38	Smith	Bettie	9/4/1856	11/26/1907	W/o J. F. Smith
T	36	Smith	Tobe	6/6/1880	4/6/1944	s/o J. F. & Bettie Smith
T	37	Smith	J. Frank	2/5/1858	7/17/1939	
T	38	Smith	Samuel Rather	1/18/1880	3/11/1937	s/o J.F. & Bettie Smith
V	1	Smith	William Newton	3/6/1898	7/2/1961	"Newt"; Pfc, Co 8, 17th Inf, WWI
V	2	Smith	Hazel Long	10/2/1914	7/29/1999	W/o "Newt"; mom of 7
V	3	Smith	Unnamed Infant	4/10/1967	4/10/1967	Infant s/o Robert & Brenda Smith
Z	30	Smith	Carlisle R.	7/17/1922	12/25/1980	
Z	31	Smith	Beatrice Brownlee	12/30/1923	UNK	
V	5-	Smith Family	Robert			
Z	7	Street	Rosa Mae Allen Powell	7/18/1928	1/21/2002	
G	4	Tanner	Stephen Lamon	10/14/1959	1/10/2001	Hus.of Sandra Adams; s/o Everett/Frances
G	5	Tanner	Sandra Lee Adams			W/o Stephen Lamon Tanner
G	6	Tanner	Everett Lamon			Hus.of Frances Johnson;dad of Stephen/Gloria/Wanda
G	7	Tanner	Frances V. Johnson			W/o Everett "E.T." Tanner
I	31	Tatum	Horace T.	2/2/1863	4/24/1863	Infant s/o J. & M. D. Tatum
I	32	Tatum	William Organ	10/20/1849	8/5/1855	s/o J. & M. D. Tatum
I	33	Tatum	Morris	1/23/1877	UNK	s/o J. & M. D. Tatum
B	33	Taylor	Sam Lee "Bo"	0/0/1969	9/22/2004	
H	35	Theobolas	Sarah Huey	8/10/1806	5/14/1891	Stone reads:"She never turned a stranger from her door"

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W	56	Thompson	Eugene Franklin	11/9/1862	1/18/1935	s/o Kinsian T. & William Thompson
N	28-	Underwood Family	Barbara Brownlee			d/o A. C. & Sue Brownlee; sister of "Butch"
G	62	Unknown			UNM	(Unreadable marker)
G	63	Unknown			UNM	(Unreadable marker)
W	1	Unknown			UNK	Metal marker with card; information not readable
X	36	Unknown	Unnamed Child		UNK	No additional information
O	4	Unmarked			UNM	(Possibly an old couple in this area)
F	56	Vernon	John Wilder	9/6/1932	9/6/1932	Infant s/o James C. & Ella Wilder Vernon
F	62	Vernon	Joan Carolyn	8/18/1935	6/4/1991	
F	63	Vernon	James C.	2/2/1897	10/30/1975	Pvt., U.S. Army; WW I
F	64	Vernon	Ella M. Wilder	8/14/1905	10/21/1991	
J	6	Walker	Ross Charles	6/20/1908	5/23/1987	
J	7	Walker	Ivy May	5/11/1914	10/5/1981	
J	9	Walker	Duke Clyde	6/10/1905	3/29/2001	Hus. of Verdell H.; dad of Wilda Faye; WWII vet
J	10	Walker	Verdell H.	10/5/1912	5/31/1999	W/o Duke; mom of Wilda F. Walker Doyle
X	28	Walsh	Unnamed Child	0/0/1884	0/0/1896	
P	22	Watson	Julius Commodore	2/7/1860	10/25/1900	
P	23	Watson	Susan C.	8/4/1842	1/17/1916	W/o N. G. Watson
P	24	Watson	Ella C.	5/2/1869	5/12/1888	d/o N. G. & S. C. Watson
P	25	Watson	N. G.	5/19/1838	9/26/1913	H/o Susan C. Watson; Mason
Z	8	Watts	Phyllis Kaye Powell	4/2/1953	9/3/1998	Dau. of M.D./Rosa Powell; sis. of Bob, Shirley, Andy
F	57	Wilder	John P.	9/21/1903	6/22/1917	
F	59	Wilder	John H.	3/13/1873	9/22/1929	
F	60	Wilder	Ida Francis Sims	2/10/1874	9/22/1944	
Z	41	Wilder	Loice P.	5/28/1908	2/17/1983	H/o Ella Harper Wilder; married 1/23/1930
Z	42	Wilder	Ella Lee Harper	8/6/1910	6/11/1988	W/o Loice Wilder
Z	53	Wilder	Harvey D.	12/22/1902	5/20/1986	Hus. of Louise Brownlee; m. 12/21/1929
Z	54	Wilder	Louise Brownlee	1/16/1912	2/4/1986	W/o Harvey Wilder
Z	55	Wilder	Unnamed Infant		UNK	Inf. s/o Harvey/Louise; lived one day

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P	13	Williams	Christopher Lamar	9/4/1972	10/12/1996	s/o Waymon Williams
P	14	Williams	Waymon Lamar	0/0/1935	10/18/2004	Husb.of Betty; USAF vet
P	15	Williams	Betty			W/o Waymon L. Williams
C	8	Willingham	David Randall			Nickname: "Randy"
C	9	Willingham	Kathy			W/o Jerry L. Willingham
C	10	Willingham	Jerry L.			Hus.of Kathy; s/o Onie Skipper Willingham
C	11	Willingham	Onie Marilyn Skipper			"Tinker";dau.of Alice Skipper;sis of Phil Skipper
S	6	Witherington	Faye	3/28/1935	10/10/1991	
T	5	Witherington	Clara Maude Bell	10/30/1879	2/22/1969	
T	6	Witherington	Ernest		UNK	No other information
T	8	Witherington	Annie Mae	11/10/1925	6/14/1999	W/o Charles C. Witherington
T	9	Witherington	Charles C.			
Z	48	Woods	Susie A. Harper	12/10/1902	11/22/1984	H/o Judson Woods; married 8/10/1919
Z	49	Woods	Judson W.	9/23/1899	3/13/1967	W/o Susie Harper Woods
H	9	Wright	Jack E., Jr.			
H	10	Wright	Jack E.	3/18/1904	1/1/1955	s/o Maud Fuller & Ezra W. Wright
H	11	Wright	Paul K.	0/0/1905	0/0/1986	No other information
H	12	Wright	Mabel Sorey	8/8/1906	0/0/1979	W/o Paul; 6th grade teacher, Calhoun Sch.
H	18	Wright	Unnamed Infant	3/14/1935	3/14/1935	Infant s/o P.K. & Mabel Wright
H	19	Wright	Maud M. Fuller	1/22/1878	9/1/1930	W/o E. L. Wright, MD
P	29	Wright	Gene Branson	8/23/1942	5/20/2000	Hus.of Pat Selby;bro.of Dot Marnell
P	30	Wright	Pat Selby			W/o Gene Wright
E	59	Wyatt	Frances L.	12/18/1843	10/7/1906	W/o S. T. Wyatt
K	45	Wynne	Elizabeth	4/27/1844	3/26/1918	W/o D. Wynne

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Obituaries & Deaths from North West Newspapers

Price, Sterling

1867/10/23 - The Death of Gen Sterling Price, Sad Conincidence: The following is from the St. Louis Times, of the 1st - Monday was a day of mourning for St. Louis, the funeral obsequies of Major Gen. Sterling Price and his daughter-in-law, Celeste, wife of Capt. Celsus Price, being observed at the First Methodist Episcopal Church south, corner of Washington Avenue and Eighth Street. The General died on Sunday morning, at fifteen minutes past 2 o'clock, of Mexican dysentery; and the daughter of Gen. Thos. L. Price, of Jefferson City, and wife of Capt. Celsus Price, son of Gen. Sterling Price, followed him at midnight of Sunday, of complication resulting from childbirth. Thus, within the brief space of one day, was Capt. Price bereft of a father, wife and child. The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, October 23, 1867]

Shreveport, Sexton's Report

1867/10/23 - Yellow Fever: We regret to say that we can give no more cheering this report this week of the fever that we did in our last issue. The past week exhibited a slight increase of mortality, and the disease appears to have assumed a more malignant type. Sexton's Report - The following is a list of the interments in the Shreveport cemetery for the past week, as reported by the Sexton - October 17: -----Soffley, dysentery; ----- Tullard, yellow fever; October 19: James Charleston, yellow fever; P. P. Mason, yellow fever; Edward Kelly (reason for death not noted); October 20: Miss Maggie Barbee, congestive fever; October 21: L. Ostermeyer, yellow fever; October 22: Parker Smith, congestive chills. (Noted that five colored persons had died) The Howard Association have 25 cases under treatment. [The Southwestern Shreveport, Louisiana, October 23, 1867]

Kendall, George Wilkins

1867/10/30 - Death of George Wilkins Kendall: The veteran editor and proprietor of the New Orleans Picayune, George Wilkins Kendall, say a New Orleans dispatch of the 22d, died at his residence at Postoak Spring, near Boerne, Texas, at 9 o'clock on the evening of the 21st inst., of congestive chill. He was about sixty years of age. He leaves a wife and four children. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, October 30, 1867]

Wood, Frank E.

1867/10/30 - Died in Marshall, Texas, on Monday the 21st inst., Mr. Frank E. Wood, formerly of Shreveport. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, October 30, 1867]

Lancaster, Nettie Hunter

1867/10/30 - Died in Minden, October 12, 1867, Nettie Hunter, daughter of Julius and Cornelia Lancaster, aged six years and three months. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, October 30, 1867]

Anderson, D. M. (Dr.)

1867/10/30 - Died in this city, on the 17th inst., of yellow fever, Dr. D. M. Anderson, formerly of Pike County, Missouri. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, October 30, 1867]

Shidet, Clara Christine

1867/10/30 - Died in this city, on the 18th inst., Clara Christine, daughter of Mr. V. and Mrs. E. Shidet. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, October 30, 1867]

Wolf, Isaac

1867/10/30 - Died in this city, on the morning of the 28th inst., of yellow fever, Isaac Wolf. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, October 30, 1867]

New Orleans, Typographical Union

1867/10/30 - New Orleans Typographical Union: The Picayune, of the 19th, says this body, which is composed of the printers of New Orleans, though not strictly a benevolent society, has performed many acts of charity during the present season. The society has suffered very severely from the epidemic, thirteen members having died, there from. The following are their names: R. M. Hiter, H. R. Maxwell, G. S. Leonard, W. H. F. Pound, J. G. Abbott, W. J. Hannah, F. J. Winter, John J. Ackerly, T. J. Edwards, S. P. Craig, M. S. Cunningham, J. G. Henry and John A. Glenn. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, October 30, 1867]

Russel, Ed

1867/10/30 - Texas Item, Grayson County: From the Sherman Courier of the 12th inst. - Killed. On Saturday evening Sergeant Reagan of the United States Army stationed at this place, shot and killed Ed Russel, a soldier. Insubordination is reported to have been the cause. We know nothing of the particulars. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, October 30, 1867]

Harris, John C.

1867/10/30 - Texas Item, Harrison County: The Flag of the 19th inst. has the following notice of the death of a prominent citizen of Harrison County - Still Another Old Citizen Gone. On Thursday, the 17th inst., Mr. John C. Harris, of this place, died of hemorrhage of the stomach, after about thirty hours of illness. Mr. Harris was universally esteemed and beloved, and has for years past filled the offices of Treasurer of Harrison County and City Treasurer, and was a man of irreproachable integrity, and of a kind and gentle nature. His loss will be sadly deplored by numerous friends, and their heartfelt sympathies are extended to his wife in her great affliction. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, October 30, 1867]

Shreveport, Sexton's Report

1867/10/30 - Yellow Fever: We regret to learn from the best information we can gather, that there is no abatement of the fever in this city and its environs. During the past week at least one hundred and twenty-five patients have been treated by our medical fraternity, of which, one hundred had to go through the "mustard bath," & c. As an evidence of its mild type, we refer to the mortuary report. The sudden change in the weather on Saturday was probably the cause of the larger number of deaths on Sunday and Monday. Since then the weather had moderated, and many more have been taken down, most of whom are doing well. We would again advise our absentees to stay away until the epidemic subsides, as those of our citizens who are able and willing to nurse are entirely worn-out from fatigue and grief. The following is a list of interments for the past week, as reported by the sexton (yellow fever is cause of all deaths): October 23 - Dan Brown; October 25 - Thomas Spencer, James Hornett; October 26 - R. Wheer, ---Wilson, August Horne; October 27 - J. W. Campbell, T. A. Ripley; October 28 - Dr. D. M.

Anderson, Isaac Wolf; October 29 - T. Walters, John Manlock, Clara Christine Shidet. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, October 30, 1867]

Tupper, John Joseph Sidney

1867/11/06 - Died in New Orleans, on Friday morning, October 18, at a quarter past 8 o'clock, John Joseph Sidney, infant son of P. Felix Coire and Elizabeth Callender Tupper. Another cherub has winged his way to heaven. The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 6, 1867]

Sartini, Frank

1867/11/06 - Died in this city, on the 2d instant, of yellow fever, Frank Sartini. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 6, 1867]

Blakemore, Robert M.

1867/11/06 - Died in this city, on the 2d instant, Robert M. Blakemore, aged 37 years. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 6, 1867]

Manheimer, Emma

1867/11/06 - Died in this city, on the 3d instant, Mrs. Emma Manheimer, aged 27 years, a native of France, wife of Morris Manheimer. (St. Louis papers please copy) [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 6, 1867]

Lachmann, Herman

1867/11/06 - Died in this city, on the 3d instant, of yellow fever, Herman Lachmann, aged 30 years. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 6, 1867]

Anderson, J. N.

1867/11/06 - Died in this city, on the 3d instant, of yellow fever, J. N. Anderson. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 6, 1867]

Davis, William

1867/11/06 - Died in this city, on the 4th instant, of yellow fever, J. William Davis, aged 33 years. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 6, 1867]

Blakemore, Robert M.

1867/11/06 - In Memoriam: At a meeting of Caddo Lodge No. 179, F. & A.M. of this city, held on the 2d inst. for highly respected and beloved brother, Past Master Robert M. Blakemore, who died in this city on the 2d inst., of yellow fever, after a brief illness, in the 37th year of his age. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 6, 1867]

Carter, John C.

1867/11/06 - Obituary: Died, in this city, on the 3d instant, of yellow fever, John C. Carter, aged 17 years, son of Major J. C. and Mrs. M. A. Carter, of Clarksville, Texas. (Clarksville Standard please copy) [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 6, 1867]

Diamon, J. J.

1867/11/06 - Texas Item, Houston: We learn from the Houston papers that Col. J. J. Diamond, one of the proprietors and senior editor of the Houston Journal, died in that city of the prevailing epidemic. Col. Diamond was a forcible writer and able conductor of the public journal, and a most excellent and suitable gentleman. We truly sympathize with his father and friends in their loss and sad bereavement. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 6, 1867]

Gregg, G. G.

1867/11/06 - Texas Item, Marion County: The Times of the 26th in speaking of the death of G. G. Gregg of Marshall says - We learn that Mr. Gregg, of Marshall, died at his residence in that city on Tuesday, and was buried on Wednesday. His funeral was one of the largest ever witnessed in Marshall. For nearly five years the deceased had been in bad health and for months the melancholy event of his death has been anticipated. He had many friends and was eminently worthy of them. For over twenty years he was a successful merchant in Marshall, and by the straight forward dealing, business capacity, and enlarged liberal enterprise secured an enviable reputation among all who knew him. He was a true friend, a safe counselor, and a man of warm heart. He was ever ready to engage in any good work, and to meet the demands of correct feeling by an enlarged liberality. Well may society mourn the loss of such a man, and as one who amply repaid its appreciation by ennobling acts. May the clods of the valley rest lightly upon him, and the fresh violets of spring breathe upon his tomb the incense of remembrance. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 6, 1867]

Garrett, James

1867/11/06 - Texas Item: Mr. James Garrett, an old and highly esteemed citizen of Jackson County, died recently at his plantation, on the Lavaca River. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 6, 1867]

Brown, Neill

1867/11/06 - Texas Item: On Saturday evening, the 12th inst., Wiley Pregden killed Neill Brown, at the stage stand, fifteen miles above Victoria. Pregden shot three times with a six-shooter, two shots taking effect. Brown had a six-shooter but did not draw it. He died instantly. The cause of the quarrel is not stated. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 6, 1867]

Graham, Joseph

1867/11/06 - Texas Item: The San Antonio Herald announces the death of Col. Joseph Graham, a well known citizen of Kendall County, and formerly its Chief Justice. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 6, 1867]

Varnell

1867/11/06 - Texas Item: The Waco Register learns that a difficulty occurred last week, at Patton's Mill, between a young man named Anderson and another named Varnell, in which the latter was killed, in a quarrel about racing. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 6, 1867]

Shreveport, Sexton's Report

1867/11/06 - Yellow Fever: We regret to state that we have not perceived any abatement in the plague during the past week, while the mortality has largely increased. The weather has been

just the kind to propagate the disease and cause it to terminate fatally. Every few days it will clear off cold and will, and kill those who are down with it, and then turn warm and develop new cases. We have been living here upward of fourteen years, and have never seen the like before. There are actually not enough well persons in the city who are disposed to nurse, to take proper care of the sick and dead. To procure a regular nurse is out of the question, and the patient may consider himself in luck to have somebody to sit up with him during the night. Every member of some families is down with it, while nearly all have suffered more or less. It is heart rending to enter the residence of a family and see the corpse of the father just leaving the house, while the mother, hardly able to be up, leans over the bed, nursing two or three children who are not expected to live. We have witnessed scenes like this. The Howard Association have been kept busy, day and night, doing yeoman service for the indigent sick. We trust that absentees will not think of returning at present. Let them remain away until the physician give notice of the termination of the plague. The following is a list of interments in the Shreveport Cemetery, as reported by the sexton: October 29 - Ph. Louis, ---Hendrick, unknown orphan; October 31 - Mrs. Likens, --- Thompson; November 2 - Robert M. Blakemore, Frank Sartini, Infant of J. Lewis, Infant of A. Sour; November 3 - Helen Smith, --- Walters, Samuel Jackman, --- Newby, John D. Thompson, Louis Chield, --- McDaniels; November 4 - Herman Lacman, John C. Carter, J. N. Anderson, Mrs. Emma Manheimer, M. Tonson, B. Chapman, J. William Davis, Edward Thompson, Infant of Thomas Johnson, James Stratton, Edw. Johnson, John Scott, Charles Emerman; November 5 - John Van Pelt, --- Bond, Charles Herman; six or eight Negroes were buried during the week. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 6, 1867]

Carter, John C.

1867/11/06. - Died in this city, on the 3d instant, of yellow fever, John C. Carter, aged 17 years, son of Major J. C. Carter, of Clarksville, Texas. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 6, 1867]

Shreveport, Sexton's Report

1867/11/13 - The Yellow Fever: Though we have had a very pleasant week of it, warm days with cold frosty nights, we have been unable to perceive little, if any, falling off in the number of patients under treatment. As fast as one gets up or dies another takes his place. It is not malignant as it was last week and easily yields to treatment, when taken in time with careful nursing. The deaths for the past week reached 24 against 40 for the week previous. The following is a list of the interments in the Shreveport Cemetery as reported by the sexton: November 5 - ---Richardson; November 6 - John Ausley, B. Trierweiler; November 7 - --- Scott, pauper name unknown; November 8 - Ellen Johnston, child of Mr. Reid; November 9 - Alice Owens, H. St. Johnson, Nathan Lowe, child name unknown; November 10 - Helena L. B. Spilker, R. W. Payne's child; November 11 - Henry Roth, Barry's child, John McCabe; November 12 - J. C. Beall, woman name unknown. Six Negroes were buried during the week. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 13, 1867]

Whiteman, Charles Peterson

1867/11/13 - Died at Willow Bend Plantation, in Bossier Parish, on the 6th inst., Charles Peterson, only child of Dr. and Mrs. Macd. Whiteman, age 13 months and 28 days. (Philadelphia Weekly Age and New Orleans Times please copy) [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 13, 1867]

Andrews, Thomas P. (Rev.)

1867/11/13 - Died in New Orleans, on the 26th ult., of yellow fever, the Rev. Thomas P. Andrews, aged 45 years, of Kaufman County, Texas. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 13, 1867]

Trierweiler, B.

1867/11/13 - Died in this city, on the 6th inst., of yellow fever, B. Trierweiler, aged 42 years. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 13, 1867]

Ansley, J. W.

1867/11/13 - Died in this city, on the 6th instant, of yellow fever, J. W. Ansley, aged 43 years. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 13, 1867]

St. John, Henry

1867/11/13 - Died in this city, on the 8th instant, of yellow fever, Henry St. John, aged 40 years, a native of the State of Ohio. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 13, 1867]

Beall, J. C.

1867/11/13 - Died in this city, on the evening of the 11th instant, J. C. Beall, Esq., one of our oldest and most respected citizens. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 13, 1867]

Spilker, Helena Louisa Bertha

1867/11/13 - Died in this city, on the morning of the 10th instant, of pneumonia, Helena Louisa Bertha, aged twelve years and two months, only daughter of Mr. F. W. and Mrs. Louise Spilker. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 13, 1867]

Roth, Henry

1867/11/13 - Died in this city, on the morning of the 11th instant, after a short illness, Mr. Henry Roth. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 13, 1867]

Lowe, Nathan

1867/11/13 - Died in this city, on the night of the 8th instant, after a short illness, Mr. Nathan Lowe. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 13, 1867]

Davis, J. William

1867/11/13 - Tribute of Respect: Caddo Lodge No. 179, F. & A. M., of this city for J. William Davis, who departed this life on the 3d inst., after a brief and painful illness. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 13, 1867]

Anderson, David M.

1867/11/13 - Tribute of Respect: Hall Shreveport Medical Society, November 9, 1867, at a special meeting relative to the death of Doctor David M. Anderson, who died of yellow fever, in this city, at 2 o'clock, Sunday, October 27, 1867. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 13, 1867]

Erdman, B.

1867/11/20 - Died in this city, on the 15th inst., of yellow fever, B. Erdman, a native of Strasbourg by Thorn, aged about 24 years. (Louisville, Ky. Papers please copy) [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 20, 1867]

Miller, J. J.

1867/11/20 - Died in this city, on the 16th inst., of yellow fever, J. J. Miller, in the 28th year of his age. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 20, 1867]

Phillips, W. A.

1867/11/20 - Died in this city, on the 17th inst., of yellow fever, W. A. Phillips, in the 23rd year of his age. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 20, 1867]

Earnest, Ruth

1867/11/20 - Died near Shreveport, on the 14th inst., Ruth daughter of Wm. C. Earnest, aged 19 months. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 20, 1867]

Goodwin, Prentice

1867/11/20 - Horrible Murders: The Bastrop Dispatch, of the 8th inst., gives an account of the murder of two boys in succession, one white, aged about 10 years, and the other black, aged about 12 years, by a man living near Plantersville in that parish, named Prentice Goodwin. Goodwin had started from home with the intention of murdering his brother-in-law, a Mr. Beecroft, and meeting the white boy in the road as he was returning from the mill, deliberately shot the boy in the head with a horse pistol with which he (Goodwin) was armed, causing instant death and mutilating the poor boy's head in a shocking manner. Riding on towards Beecroft's, Goodwin soon met the Negro boy whom he also murdered, and then endeavored to burn the body. The demon's rage seems to have been spent in these two bloody deeds as we hear nothing of his having executed his threats against Beecroft. The day following, Goodwin was arrested and is now in Morehouse jail. The Dispatch says the prevailing opinion is that Goodwin is crazy, and has been for a year or more. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 20, 1867]

Carter, Elias

1867/11/20 - Mr. Elias Carter, assistant assessor United States Internal Revenue, 3d District of Louisiana, was murdered lately in Franklin Parish, for the money he was supposed to have about him. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 20, 1867]

Beall, J. B.

1867/11/20 - Obituary: J. B. Beall, Esq., was born in Price George County, Md., removed to this state in early life, and settled in this city about the year 1839. He died at his residence on Monday evening, the 11th inst., aged 54 years. He was a good man; as a citizen he was public spirited, ready to promote the interest of his country or the community, orderly and attentive to business; as a neighbor, social, generous and kind. He excelled as a husband, constant, attentive, and always affectionate, and so managed his household, as to secure their highest esteem and

confidence. He was one of the oldest, most esteemed and worthy members of the Shreveport Bar, and was recognized as a sound and honest lawyer; a man of unswerving integrity. He was for several years Mayor of Shreveport and Justice of the Peace, he served the city with fidelity and honor. His remains were followed to the grave by a heart-stricken wife, a large number of sympathizing friends and members of the Shreveport Bar. R. S. T. (Long obituary with many comments concerning his virtues.) [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana November 20, 1867]

Carter, Mr.

1867/11/20 - The Tensas Parish Gazette, of the 2d ults: We hear that our neighbors, the Franklinites, are again in a state of agitation. Murder and rapine stalks over her innocent bosom, and the red hands rules supreme. Last Week Mr. Carter was murdered near Winnsboro, within one hundred yards of his own house, by two outlaws. Two freedmen who happened to be at work in a field nearby, and witnessed the murder, were also killed by the murderers, to silence their testimony. We hear one of the criminals has been captured and lodged in the parish jail. Mr. Bell, agent to Pratt, the gin manufacturer, was also murdered there a few days since, and his person robbed of several thousand dollars worth of notes. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 20, 1867]

Lobdell, Abraham

1867/11/20 - The West Baton Rouge Sugar Planter mentions the death by yellow fever of Abraham Lobdell, Esq., one of its "oldest and most worthy citizen." [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 20, 1867]

Shreveport, Benevolent Association

1867/11/20 - Tribute of Respect: Hall Young Men's Hebrew Benevolent Association, Shreveport, Nov. 17, 1867. At a regular meeting, held this morning by the members of this association for our late worthy brothers, Isaac Woolf, Nathan Lowe and Henry Roth; whereas, by their untimely death, their families have lost affectionate sons and brothers and this society worthy members. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 20, 1867]

Thompson, J. D.

1867/11/20 - Tribute of Respect: Masonic Hall, Shreveport, Nov. 15, 1867. At a regular communication of Shreveport Lodge No. 115, F. & A. M. held this evening for our late brother, J. D. Thompson. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 20, 1867]

Steele, Ella

1867/11/27 - Died in Elysian Fields, Texas, November 18, 1867, of congestion, Ella, infant daughter of Thomas and Sarah Steele, aged 22 days. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 27, 1867]

Bourgeois, Jos.

1867/11/27 - Died in this city, on the 20 inst., Jos. Bourgeois. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 27, 1867]

Jacobs, Ellen

1867/11/27 - Died near this city, on the morning of the 25th inst., Miss Ellen Jacobs, sister of Messrs. John, Thomas and Thornton Jacobs. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 27, 1867]

Crouch, Winder

1867/11/27 - Winder Crouch, an old and prominent citizen of Rapides Parish, committed suicide last week. The cause of the act is shrouded in mystery. The following note was found under the pillow of his bed: " October 13, 1867 - Mr. J. C. Dunbar: Dear Nephew - The first thing will be to straighten the corpse, then measure and send it to Mr. Unworth. Give three of the boys a dollar and a half each to dig the grave and clear away the weeds that are in the way of entering the grave yard. Then give to five of the men each one dollar to go down and assist in the burial. I want no masonry work, a rough box to put the coffin into will do. There are good boards for covering the coffin standing against the wall to the left hand of the cellar door; let Mr. Unworth know this. Tell him to make the coffin roomy. Hire Mr. Harrell's little wagon, mules and driver. I fogot to tell you that the grave is staked and marked out. Yours truly, Winder Crouch" [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 27, 1867]

Beckman, H. F.

1867/12/04 - Died in this city, on Saturday, the 30th ult., at 1 o'clock p.m., H. F. Beckman, an old citizen of this place. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, December 4, 1867]

Kimble, Andrew

1867/12/04 - Died in this city, on the 2d inst., Mr. A. Kimble, aged 41 years, a native of Pennsylvania, but for the last 19 years a resident of this place. He was an enterprising and industrious man, universally beloved, and in his death our city loses an energetic and good citizen. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, December 4, 1867]

Shreveport, Sexton's Report

1867/12/04 - Mortuary: The following is a list of interments in the Shreveport Cemetery, for the past week, as reported by the sexton: November 28 - Caroline M. Vaughn; November 30 - John Wilson, H. F. Beckman; December 2 - Andrew Kimble. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, December 4, 1867]

Heffner, Joshua Gill

1867/12/04 - Obituary: Died, at Carthage, Texas, November 2, 1867, of typhoid pneumonia, Joshua Gill, eldest son of James and Eliza Jane Heffner, of Shreveport, aged 24 years. He died among friends, but away from home and his loved ones. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, December 4, 1867]

Rimes, Mary (Mrs.)

1867/12/11 - Died in this city, on the 8th inst., Mrs. Mary Rimes, aged 42 years. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, December 11, 1867]

Moss, Clarence B.

1867/12/11 - Died on the 6th inst., Clarence B. Moss, aged 24 years; a native of Missouri. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, December 11, 1867]

Sewell, Rufus E.

1867/12/11 - Died on the 7th inst., Capt. Rufus E. Sewell. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, December 11, 1867]

Moss, Henry H.

1867/12/11 - Died on the 8th inst., Capt. Henry H. Moss, aged 52 years; a native of Scott County, Kentucky, and formerly a resident of St. Joseph, Missouri. (Missouri papers please copy) [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, December 11, 1867]

Sewell, Rufus E.

1867/12/11 - Obituary: Died in this city of Shreveport, December 7, 1867, Rufus E. Sewell; aged 28 years. (Lengthy article) [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, December 11, 1867]

Sewell, Rufus E.

1867/12/11 - Shot: On last Friday night, Capt. R. E. Sewell was shot by John A. Arnold. He died the next day. Arnold is in jail. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, December 11, 1867]

Beckman, H. F.

1867/12/11 - Tribute of Respect: Hall of Neigh Lodge No. 21, I.O.O.F., Shreveport, December 4, 1867 for H. F. Beckman, N. G. of this lodge. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, December 11, 1867]

Thatcher, J. S.

1867/12/18 - Death of Judge Thatcher of Mississippi: The Natchez Democrat of the 3d inst., announces the death by disease of the heart, of Hon. J. S. Thatcher, formerly of the Supreme bench of that State. The Democrat says he was a most agreeable gentleman, of very polished manners and great and varied scholarship, and universally esteemed in Mississippi. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, December 18, 1867]

Hewitt, Jas. & Newman, M. J.

1867/12/18 - Death of Two Prominent Citizens of New Orleans: The New Orleans Crescent of the 7th says since the 5th inst., two well known citizens and prominent business men of New Orleans have died, Mr. Jas. Hewitt, of the house Hewitt, Norton & Co., and Mr. M. J. Newman, of the banking house of Smith & Newman, corner of Camp and Common Streets. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, December 18, 1867]

Winter, Nelson

1867/12/18 - Mitigated His Sentence: One of the last official acts of Gen. Mouren was to mitigate the sentence of Nelson Winters, who was found guilty of murder in the first degree before the last spring term of the district court for Lamar County, Texas. It will be recollected by our readers that this man Winters, who is part nigger, was convicted of the murder of J. B. Duncan and sentenced to ninety-nine years in the penitentiary. The Texas press at the time

represented it as one of the most foul and diabolical murders on record, yet the late commander mitigated his sentence to tow years in the Sate Penitentiary. [The Southwestern, Shreveport, Louisiana, December 18, 1867]

[Unknown], Clara

1868/01/29 - "Clara." Lined dedicated to Mrs. E. J. S., of Shreveport, on the death of her third and last child. (A poem written by S. Bernard) [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, January 29, 1868]

Greenwood, Amelia B. Kennedy

1868/01/29 - Died in this city, on the 24th inst., Amelia B. Kennedy, wife of Frank W. Greenwood, aged 31 years. (Louisiana, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and New York papers please copy) [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana January 29, 1868]

Harney, John H.

1868/02/05 - Death of an Editor: The telegraph informs us of the recent demise of John H. Harney, for 24 years editor-in-chief of the Democrat at Louisville, Kentucky. Prof. Harney, prior to the starting of the Democrat in 1844, was principal of one of the leading colleges in Louisville, and during his presidency of that institution gave to the world a work on algebra, which though it met with little success as a standard work, gave the author much reputation as a mathematician. Mr. Harney was a Democrat of the old school, and his writings, terse and pointed, showed his opposed to what is termed progressiveness in politics. He died full of years and full of honors. Peace to his dust. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, February 5, 1868]

Hayes, Chas.

1868/02/12 - Died in New Orleans, on Saturday, February 2, 1868, at 1 o'clock p.m., of short illness, Capt. Chas. Hayes, of the steamer Starlight, aged 32 years. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, February 12, 1868]

1868/02/19 - (Texas Item, Grayson County) The Sherman Courier of the 1st, gives the following account of the mysterious death of James Perryman: James Perryman of this county, left Sherman Tuesday evening last with a two horse wagon, to go to his home about five miles from town. Sometime after dark the horses came home without any driver; the night was intensely cold, with a strong wind from the north, an ineffectual search was made during the night; the next morning search was continued, and the missing man was found dead within a half mile of home. No visible marks of violence were found upon the body, and as he left town sober it is hardly supposable that he froze to death; altogether the affair is rather mysterious. These are the facts in the case as we have received them. Investigation may develop the cause of death. No inquest has been held. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, February 19, 1868]

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