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The Association exchanges periodicals with other genealogical and historical organizations publishing data of general interest. These periodicals are then donated to the Broadmoor Branch Genealogy Section of the Shreve Memorial Library. We regret that we cannot exchange with limited family organizations. However, send samples of your publications for review. Since many publications possess information of value concerning families contain therein.

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From The President

Greetings

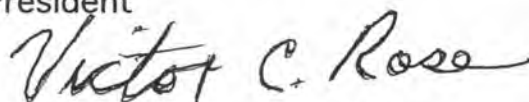
Each time that I have the privilege, as your president, to express my thanks to our faithful readers, I realize a great number of you are members of the Ark La Tex. Genealogical Association. As President I am especially pleased with the time and effort that has been put into this publication by our Editor Mr. Willie Griffin. Those of you who are closely associated with the publication of the "Genie" are aware of the time and patience given to assure that your copy reaches you in good order. I am especially fortunate for the past sixteen years, as a member of the association, I have had a part in the process of preparing and delivering of this publication, the "Genie". Genealogy still holds a major place in my "Life Style". I must remind you of the importance of your family history, keep your records up to date. I am a stern believer in helping other persons in genealogy. Sharing with others and learning through class work are most essential. I firmly believe, that a great numbers of those who search without having attended a class become frustrated and quit before they have reached their goal.

There are some articles that may appear in this issue that must be continued into a future issue. Our first consideration in this publication will be for the large number of our membership that are in the vicinity of the publications site, Shreveport La. If you are one of our readers and are unfamiliar with our headquarters we are located in Shreveport Louisiana, and the monthly meeting is held in the "Moore Center" on the second Saturday of each month, with the exception the month of August, we have our "Annual" Seminar". This copy of the "Genie" has been printed on the new printer the association purchased several months ago. With the purchase of our new printer, it does do a excellent job, we strive to produce the finest all around quarterly, for Quantity and Quality.

Considering this publication, the third issue for the year 2004, there is only a single issue that is to follow. I would not like to see this year go by and have a feeling that there has been less accomplished than what you had hoped for. If you are out there trying to make it on your own, yes those of you that have not had an opportunity to attend classes in the, "How Too Of Family Search". The longer you believe a class is not necessary you are fooling yourself. Personally I believe that there is still another way. I continue to take advice from others, many of the changes they have suggested are surprisingly good. I have just this week began to review my past records, there is so much more to learn from your own past mistakes. Most recent entries in my files show an improvement. I realize I have found a more efficient way of searching and making entries than in my early years of record keeping. While review is important it also gives you an opportunity to make corrections you had assumed as correct in the past.

When I am aware of what a family search involves I am disappointed in those of you who fail to take advantage of the opportunity this quarterly offers. The "Genie" can be a helper for each of you that are willing to share in Queries and Family Histories. Let us know what type of help you are seeking.

Victor C. Rose
President



The Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association welcomes:
Genealogy Librarian and History Director

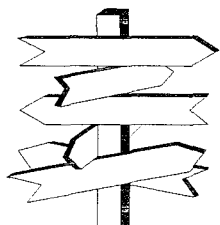
Shreve Memorial Library Genealogy Department recently welcomed *Heather A. McEntee* as the new Genealogy Librarian. Across the river, Bossier Parish Library Historical Center also welcomed *Ann Middleton* as the new History Director.

Heather A. McEntee was born and raised in Buffalo, New York. She attended the State University of New York at Buffalo and received a B.A. in History, specializing in Military and European History. In May 2003, she received the Master of Library Science also from the University of New York.

While in graduate school, Mrs. McEntee gained supervised practical experience while participating in internships. At the Amherst Museum in Amherst, New York, she learned about assisting patrons researching their family and local history. Heather interned at four Buffalo area hospitals, in their health science libraries, where additional library experiences were acquired.

She takes a personal interest in *genealogy*, after researching her own family history for quite some time. Heather is married and is no stranger to this area. Her aunt, uncle and cousins live here and her father once lived here and attended school in Caddo.

Heather looks forward to working with the members of the Association, so please let her know if she can be of any assistance to you.



Across the river, *Ann Middleton* is a native of Rayville, Richland Parish, Louisiana and a graduate of Rayville High School. Ms. Middleton attended the University of Louisiana at Monroe and received a B.S. in English Education and a minor in Library Science. Several years later she received the Master of Science in Library Science from Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge.

Ann has a total of ten years of professional library experiences with several of them in genealogy experience. She has served as Assistant Librarian at St Mary Parish Library, Franklin, LA; Library Assistant at The Historic New Orleans Collection, New Orleans, LA; Head of Genealogy and Special Collections Department at the Jefferson Parish Library, Metairie, LA; and Head of Genealogy and Special Collections Department at Ouachita Parish Public Library, Monroe, LA.

She has co-authored a book of collections: *A History of Monroe and West Monroe*, Published by Arcadia Publishers in 2002. Two additional talents she brings with her are researching and writing.

Ann said she is delighted to be in this area, and will be making plans to enhance the Center's ability to assist patrons with *genealogy*.

The Ark-La-Tex Annual Seminar

Submitted by Jim Johnson

The 38th Annual Seminar of the Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association was held on August 13 – 14, 2004 at the Holiday Inn, Bossier City, La. The keynote speaker was Russell P. Baker, archival manager for the Arkansas History Commission and State Archives in Little Rock. The Friday evening session began with Mr. Baker lecturing on Paleography, the study of old handwriting. Many changes in hand writing scripts have occurred over the centuries, and the knowledge of these styles can be beneficial in determining certain factors, such as, country of origin, the religious sect, and time period, when examining a document. This session was followed by snacks and refreshments and an opportunity to socialize and chat with others attending. Many thanks to our members for bringing in an assortment of food, chips, dip, desserts, and drink!

The topics covered Saturday morning were: **Genealogy in the Natural State**, an informative lecture on migration patterns to Arkansas, what genealogical documentation is available and location of these records; and **Gunsmoke and Cannon Shot**, a detailed discussion of Confederate and Union civil war units and the records available for research.

After we all enjoyed a hearty buffet lunch with entrees of roast beef and grilled chicken breasts with all the trimmings, Mr. Baker proceeded with **I'll Fly Away**, an enlightening presentation on the various records kept by southern churches, as well as those maintained at the denominational archives, and how those records can enhance the study of genealogy. The last topic of the day was **Southern Vital Records**, an overview of the vital records required by law, when this record keeping began, and how to obtain those records.

Mr. Baker's lectures were highly informative, and enlightening. Our association gained seven new members at the seminar. Congratulations to those new members! Although attendance was slightly less than what we would have liked, many that attended commented that this was one of the best seminars we have had to date!

UP AND COMING CONFERENCE

The Arkansas Genealogical Society will hold its Fall Conference on October 8 – 9, 2004. The conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Airport-East, I-440, Exit 3 (Airport Exit) in Little Rock, Arkansas. The guest speaker will be Craig R. Scott, president and CEO of Heritage Books, Inc., and Willow Bend Books, in addition to being a noted genealogical and historical researcher, lecturer, and author. Mr. Scott's presentation will focus on **Researching Your Military Ancestor** with presentations on the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. For more information, contact Suzanne Jackson at 501-835-9585, or email: hickorychips@aristotle.net

In Memory

Wilhelmina (Billie) Elston Sour
September 4, 1923 - July 12, 2004

Wilhelmina Sour was a member of ALTGA through December 31, 2002. She lived in Shreveport, LA. We understand that Mrs. Sour lived her last years with two of her sisters, Elizabeth Elston and Gretchen Benner. Services were held on July 17, 2004 at Noel Memorial United Methodist Church.

The Obituary can be found in
The Times - shreveporttimes.com: Friday, July 16, 2004

IMPORTANT NOTICE

ARK-LA-TEX Genealogical Association Dues Increased For 2005

The Board of Directors has approved an increase in annual membership dues for 2005 to \$20.00 per individual or institutional members and \$25.00 for joint members at the same address.

The dues were last raised on *January 1, 1988* and our expenses have greatly increased since that time. These new amounts are well in line with the dues charged by other genealogical associations, to which many of us belong.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Confederate Pensions:

Bossier Parish Connections

Filed in State Archives, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Extracted and Compiled by Jim Young

John M. Arnold of RFD 3, Benton filed a Confederate Pension Application on 15 October 1921. He was born 19 October 1842 in Georgia. He enlisted in March of 1861 at Newman, Georgia and at the final surrender he was at Mansfield, Louisiana in May of 1865. He had been a resident of Louisiana since 1869. John M. & Lou J. Arnold were married on 23 September 1874. He died near Benton from bladder trouble on 8 December 1928. Signing his death notice were: Mrs. Lou J. Arnold, J.B. Arnold, Mrs. Mary Arnold Stinson, J.H. Arnold and Mrs. Annie Lou Arnold Montgomery. Lou J. Arnold filed a Widows Pension on 17 December 1928. She was born in Bossier Parish on 23 September 1855.

M.A. Conatser of Rocky Mount filed a Confederate Pension Application on 27 May 1911. He was born 6 April 1843 in Marion County, Tennessee. He enlisted on 1 June 1862 at Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas and was near Fulton, Arkansas at the final surrender and sent to Washington, Arkansas for parole. At the time of his application he had been a resident of Louisiana since 1872, his wife was 72 and they had 1 boy & 1 girl. Ages: 39 & 31.

Gertrude Cochran Graham Gatling filed a Confederate Widows Pension Application in Bossier Parish on 18 September 1935. Her address was LSNC Station, Natchitoches, Louisiana. Gertrude Cochran was born 20 September 1877 at Red Land. She 1st married **Howard Graham** on 7 November 1902 and he died on 18 January 1907. Gertrude Cochran Graham 2nd married **Thomas J. Gatling** on 9 September 1909. He was born on 24 December 1844 in Shelby County, Tennessee. He was paroled on 20 May 1865 in New Orleans. Thomas J. Gatling died on 28 July 1925 at his home of pneumonia & high blood pressure. He is buried at Salem, Arkansas

Mrs. George L. Watson of Bossier filed a Confederate Widows Pension Application on 8 August 1927. She had been a resident of Louisiana since 1870. **George L. Watson** enlisted in 1861 at Eufaula, Barbour County, Alabama He was captured on 12 April 1865 at Salisbury, North Carolina and forwarded to Louisville, Kentucky on 29 April 1865. He was transferred to Chase, Ohio and received there on 4 May 1865. Personal description: age

- 38, height - 6', completion - dark, hair - dark, eyes - blue. George L. Watson died of heart failure in 1891 at Keithville, Louisiana. George L. Watson & Mrs. Watson were married on 2 July 1869. She was born in Georgia in 1838. It was her second marriage; her first husband was killed at the Battle of Chicamauga. She died on 17 February 1928. Signing her death notice was W.L. Gilmer, her only son.

Mattie Williamson of Plain Dealing filed a Pension Application on 28 January 1933 as the widow of Arthur Dudley. She was born on 13 October 1857 near the town of Lumpkin in Stewart County, Georgia. She 1st married **Abe Perkins** on 13 December 1872 in Stewart County, Georgia. He died in 1878. She 2nd married **Jourden Slaughter**, who was also a Confederate Veteran, on 30 April 1882 in Stewart County, Georgia. He died 30 May 1900. She 3rd married **Arthur Dudley** 30 April 1908 in Stewart County, Georgia. He died of LaGripes at Plain Dealing and is buried at Plain Dealing. She 4th married **T.J. Evans** in November of 1917 in Bossier Parish. He died 24 February 1928.

Arthur Dudley was born 17 June 1833 in Stewart County, Georgia and enlisted in the Summer of 1862 at Bellevue. Mattie Williamson Perkins Slaughter Dudley Evans died on 27 September 1936. Her final pension check was sent to **Mrs. Mary Wright**.

George W. Wilson of Ivan filed a Confederate Pension Application on 12 December 1898. He was born in 1842 near Winsborough, Fairfield County, South Carolina and enlisted in March 1861 at Chester Village, South Carolina. He lost his right eye at the Battle of Seven Pines, Virginia and was captured a few weeks before the surrender by General Sherman's Cavalry and paroled at RR Bridge over Catauba River between North Carolina and South Carolina. George W. Wilson & Mattie Keith were married in November of 1872 at Rocky Mount by Rev. Robert Martin. At the time of his application George W. Wilson had been a resident of Louisiana for 28 years, 2 years in Caddo and the rest in Bossier Parish. His wife was 47 and they had 4 boys & 3 girls. Ages: 26, 25, 23, 21, 19, 17 & 12. George W. Wilson died at Ivan, Louisiana of apoplexy on 28 October 1914 and Mattie Keith Wilson filed a Widows Application on 9 November 1914. She died 19 February 1924. H.B. Wilson signed her death notice.

Elam S. Dortch of Taylortown filed a Confederate Pension Application on 6 October 1927. He was born 15 September 1841 near Natchez, Claiborne County, Mississippi. He enlisted at Bellevue and was mustered in on 7 July 1861 at Camp Moore. Colonel Dortch was captured at Waynesboro on 2 March 1865 and sent to Fort Delaware, Delaware. He was released on 9 June 1865. At the time of his application he had been a resident of Louisiana since 1845 and his wife was dead. Notes: 1. Elam S. Dortch was a member of the Bossier Parish Police Jury for over 30 years and served in

the Louisiana State Senate from 1900 to 1908. He was also on the Bossier Parish School Board for a number of years. 2. Elam S. Dortch died at Atlanta, Georgia in the home of his daughter on 29 August 1943 and is buried in the Fillmore Cemetery. Pallbearers were: A.F. McDade, Sr., John F. Mercer, Will Mercer, A.E. Wallace, J.K. Walker, S.D. Hamiter & W.B. Graham.

3. Elam S. Dortch was survived by two daughters, Mrs. P.M. Colbert of Atlanta, Georgia (Pearl Dortch) & Mrs. Richard West of Terrell, Texas (Olla Lee Dortch). This file at the Louisiana State Archives contains an interesting obituary of **Colonel Elam S. Dortch**, the last living Confederate Veteran from Bossier Parish. He died just 15 days short of his 102nd Birthday.

John W. Dodson of Carterville filed a Confederate Pension Application on 8 February 1899. He was born 8 August 1840 near Columbiana, Shelby County, Alabama and enlisted in May of 1861 at Magnolia, Arkansas. At the Battle of Kenesaw Mountain, Georgia he was carrying a dispatch up the mountain to General Linn and was struck in the right shoulder and it split his shoulder blade. He was at Charlottesville, North Carolina at the final surrender, on his way back to the army, and was paroled at Augusta, Georgia. John W. Dodson & S.E. Jarrett were married on 9 February at Sheriff (or Sterrett) Alabama by Calvin Bass. At the time of his application she was 48 and they had 5 children, 3 boys & 2 girls. Ages 28, 24, 14, 12, & 10. He had been a resident of Louisiana about 33 years, living in Webster & Bossier Parishes. John W. Dodson died of natural causes/old age on 3 January 1923 at Plain Dealing and is buried in the Salem Cemetery. S.E. Jarrett Dodson filed a Widows Application on 22 March 1923. She was 73.

Rebecca Jane Roberson of RFD 2, Plain Dealing filed an Application on 1 March 1932 as the widow of Confederate Veteran George Anthony Smith. Rebecca Jane was born in 1853 in Lauderdale County, Mississippi and at the time of her application had been a resident of Louisiana since 1866. She 1st married **Clark Eckols** in 1876 and after his death she 2nd married **George A. Smith**. After his death she 3rd married **Walter Roberson** in 1892. And, "He (Mr. Roberson) later abandoned me, and never heard more of him." **George Anthony Smith** was born about 1843 in England. He enlisted on 6 April 1862 at Monroe and was paroled at Shreveport on 21 June 1865. He was married to **Rebecca Jane Eckols** on 11 April 1882 by P.R. Gilmer, Justice of the Peace. George Anthony Smith died of influenza in 1892 in Bossier Parish. Rebecca Jane Roberson divorced Walter Roberson on 18 December 1931 in Bossier Parish.

John F. Gladney of Ivan filed a Confederate Pension Application on 4 November 1909. He was born 25 August 1840 in Fairfield District, South Carolina. He enlisted 13 June 1861 at Bellevue and was paroled at

Appomattox. At the time of his application he had been a resident of Louisiana since 1850, his wife was 54 and they had a daughter 27. John F. Gladney & Hattie E. Clark were married on 1 October 1881 at Rocky Mount by Rev A.R. Banks. He died 26 July 1918 of natural causes/old age at Benton and is buried at Rocky Mount. Hattie E. Clark Gladney filed a Widows Application on 5 August 1918. She was 92. Hattie E. Clark Gladney died 17 October 1927. Signing her death notice was Mrs. Linnie Gladney Hosier, her only heir.

Madison Covington of Carterville filed a Confederate Pension Application in Bossier Parish on 31 May 1899. He was born 10 March 1832 near Cherraw Hill, North Carolina. He enlisted in May of 1862 and was a prisoner at Port Hudson for 17 days. He was at Natchitoches for the final surrender. At the time of his application Madison Covington had been a resident of Louisiana since 1836, living in Bossier Parish. His wife was 55 and they had 4 girls & 2 boys. Ages, 43, 41, 39, 37, 35 & 29. Madison Covington died on 2 June 1919. Signing his death notice were: William Covington, A.C. Covington, Mary Brantton, Margaret Rodgers, Love Malone & Rachel Johnson.

Dr. W.J. Baird of Plain Dealing filed a Confederate Pension Application on 22 April 1908. He was born 30 September 1836 near Port Gibson, Mississippi and enlisted at Port Gibson on 19 March 1862. He was wounded in the shoulder at Hatchie River near Oxford and was captured on 2 December 1862 at Abbeville, Mississippi. He was held as a prisoner in St. Louis, paroled in Springfield, Illinois and released at Alton, Illinois on 12 March, 1863. W.J. Baird & Lena Graham were married on 9 February 1892 at Red Land by Rev Jas. Mading. He died on 1 February 1911 of kidney & bladder trouble at the North Louisiana Sanitarium in Shreveport and is buried at Plain Dealing. Lena Graham Baird of Plain Dealing filed a Widows Application on 30 January 1917. She was 45 and had been a resident of Louisiana for 45 years.

Lydia Elizabeth Barnes of 1811 Walnut Street, Shreveport, filed a Confederate Widows Application in Bossier Parish on 17 July 1936. She was born 30 December 1858 in Kosciusko, Attala County, Mississippi and married **Acy Day Barnes** on 23 November 1876 at Kosciusko, Mississippi. Acy Day Barnes was born 13 December 1845 at Kosciusko, Attala County, Mississippi and enlisted on 30 April 1864 at Kosciusko, Mississippi. He was paroled at Columbus, Mississippi on 16 May 1865. Acy Day Barnes died on 3 February 1917 at Atkins, Louisiana of apoplexy.

J.W. Barnett of Carterville filed a Confederate Pension Application in Bossier Parish on 1 April 1905. He was Born 24 October 1827 in Madison County, Alabama. J.W. Barnett was residing in Bossier Parish but traveled to Vermillion Parish to enlist in the Confederacy on 1 June 1863. He was at

Natchitoches for the final surrender. At the time of his application he had been a resident of Louisiana since 1856, in Bossier Parish. He was a widower and had 5 sons and 1 daughter. His sons were 48, 42, 34, 31 & 28. His daughter was 40. J.W. Barnett died on 30 December 1912. Signing his death notice were: J.A. Barnett, J.C. Barnett, G.C. Barnett, W.H. Barnett, E.Z. Barnett & Mrs. M.G. Malone.

Ray Hamiter Bailey of Plain Dealing filed a Confederate Widows Application in Bossier Parish on 11 June 1918. She had been a resident of Louisiana for 47 years.

Henry M. Bailey enlisted on 7 May 1862 and was captured on 8 July 1863 at Port Hudson. He was exchanged and sent to Fort Blakely in Alabama. He was captured again and held at Ship Island until he was paroled in May of 1865. Henry M. Bailey & Ray Hamiter were married on 6 November 1886 near Plain Dealing by Peachy Gilmer, Magistrate. Henry M. Bailey died 7 March 1916 at Plain Dealing of organic trouble and is buried at Plain Dealing. Ray Hamiter Bailey died 25 May 1951. Signing her death notice were Mrs. A. Taylor & Harry Bailey.

Nancy E. Alexander Giddens of Atkins, Louisiana filed a Confederate Widows Application in Bossier Parish on 11 October 1912. She was 71 and had been a resident of Louisiana for 46 years. **Early P. Giddens** & Nancy E. Alexander were married on 6 October 1861 at Springtown, Texas. He enlisted at Springtown, Texas on 10 March 1862 in Co. B of 21ST Texas Infantry Regiment (Griffen's). He was discharged at Houston, Texas in May of 1865. Early P. Giddens died on 10 April 1900 at Bossier Point, Bossier Parish, Louisiana. "He died from a kick in the breast by a cow and died 3 days later. He is buried at Burns Grave Yard 3 miles south of Haughton." Nancy E. Alexander Giddens died on 9 February 1926. Signing her death notice were O.E. Giddens & Mrs. J.F. Horton. Note: This is Early Penn Giddens b 28 December 1837 in Jackson County, Georgia & Nancy Elizabeth Alexander b abut 1844 in Rush, Indiana.

Joseph S. Hilburn of Rocky Mount filed a Confederate Pension Application in Bossier Parish on 4 December 1908. He was born 4 February 1841 in Copiah County, Mississippi. He enlisted on 10 February 1862 at Montgomery, Winn Parish, Louisiana and was discharged at Natchitoches. At the time of his application Joseph S. Hilburn had been a resident of Louisiana for 67 years, living in Jackson & Bossier Parishes. His wife (Sarah Wilson) was 66 and they had 8 children living, 4 boys & 4 girls. Ages: 42, 38, 35, 31, 28, 26 & 21. They also had 3 children who were dead. Joseph S. Hilburn died on 18 January 1936 and his final pension check was mailed to J.S. Hilburn, Shongaloo, Louisiana. He is buried in Kendrick Cemetery, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana. The following children signed Joseph S. Hilburn's death notice: J.F. Hilburn, Mrs. Molie Kendrick, Mrs.

Josie Lowe, Mrs. Leanna Kendrick, G.A. Hilburn & E.H. Hilburn. (The signatures are faded & hard to read)

Sallie A. Belcher White of Benton filed a Confederate Widows Pension Application on 17 February 1913. She was 74 and had been a resident of Louisiana for 42 years. **Robert J. White** & Sallie A. Belcher were married on 19 November 1858 at Abbeville, South Carolina by Thomas Hoyt. He enlisted in July of 1861 at Abbeville, South Carolina and was captured at Petersburg, Virginia in April of 1865. He was sent to a prison at Harte Island, New York and paroled there on 23 June 1865. Robert J. White died 15 December 1873 near Palestine, Texas. "He was a traveling salesman and found on the road dead." Robert J. White is buried near Palestine, Texas.

John P. Logan of Sarepta filed a Confederate Pension Application in Bossier Parish on 23 February 1906. He was born on 8 January 1836 at Grenada, Yalobusha County, Mississippi and enlisted in August of 1862 at Mt. Lebanon, Bienville Parish, Louisiana. At the final surrender he was near Alexandria and was paroled at Shreveport. At the time of his pension application he had been a resident of Louisiana since 1845, his wife was 71 and they had 3 children (sons). Ages: 40, 30 & 24.

John P. Logan & Miranda Leggett were married on 29 August 1861 near Sarepta, Louisiana by Rev. Robert Martin. John P. Logan died of congestion in August of 1908 in Bossier Parish. Miranda Leggett Logan of Emma, Louisiana filed a Widows Application on 3 October 1908.

Sue C. Conway Logan of Benton, Louisiana filed a Confederate Widows Pension Application on 29 August 1913. **Joseph Edward Logan** enlisted on 7 June 1861 in New Orleans. He was captured at Petersburg on 3 April 1865 and paroled at Harts Island, New York on 21 June 1865. Sue C. Conway & Joseph Edward Logan were married on 5 December 1866 at Walnut Hill, Arkansas by Rev. J.M. Stephenson. Joseph Edward Logan died of pneumonia on 9 March 1894 at Walnut Hill, Arkansas and is buried at Walnut Hill, Arkansas.

George W. Bates of Haughton, Louisiana filed a Confederate Pension Application in Bossier Parish on 9 November 1899. He was born in Marion County, Missouri and enlisted in July of 1861 at Palumgra, Missouri. He was at Gainesville, Alabama for the final surrender and at the time of his application George W. Bates said he was married in Alabama and had moved to Louisiana some 17 years ago. He had a wife, 8 children & 2 step-children. George W. Bates & Sarah S. Yarborough were married on 8 November 1864 near Gainesville, Alabama by W.H. Pauley, Bap. M.G. George W. Bates died on 16 June 1900 at Haughton from "attack of brain trouble" and is buried at Fillmore. Sarah S. Yarborough Bates filed a Widows Application on 25 August 1902 in Caddo Parish. She was 62 and

living in Shreveport. Note: George W. Bates listed the name & age of each of his 8 children and 2 step-children on his application. And, it will require a family member or someone already familiar with the names for any degree of certainty. (This application was handwritten with what appears to be a lead pencil and is very hard to read.)

Ella Locke Mercer of Taylortown, Louisiana filed a Confederate Widows Application in Bossier Parish on 31 August 1928. She was born 12 March 1852 at Fillmore, Louisiana. **William Darius Mercer** was born in 1834 and enlisted at Natchitoches, Louisiana in 1861. He was at Natchitoches at the final surrender. Ella Locke & William Darius Mercer were married on 24 September 1872. He died at Taylortown on 8 June 1910 of infection from bad teeth. Louella Elizabeth Locke Mercer died in 1929. Notes: 1. Elizabeth N. Moresi of Lafayette, Louisiana wrote a letter on 27 April 1964 inquiring about W.D. Mercer's pension record & war record. 2. WILLIAM D. MERCER has been highly successful as a planter, and his plantation, which is one of the best in the parish, comprises 1,145 acres, situated about twenty miles below Shreveport, the home farm containing 260 acres. He started out in life for himself with nothing, but now has one of the loveliest homes in this section of the country, and as he is a thoroughgoing and industrious citizen, he raises about 300 bales of cotton annually. He was born in Butler County, Ala., in 1836, being the fifth of seven children born to the marriage of William Mercer and Delilah Ganby, who were born and married in South Carolina, their removal to Alabama being soon after their marriage. The father was a farmer by calling, and followed this occupation in his native State and Alabama until his death, which occurred in the latter State in 1878, his widow following him to his long home the following year, she being an earnest and consistent member of the Methodist Church at the time of her demise. Seth Mercer, the paternal grandfather, died in Butler County, Ala., and the maternal grandfather, Bookey Ganby, died in South Carolina. William D. Mercer unfortunately never attended school more than six months in his life, but by his own efforts, and by contact with the worked, he became an excellent and perfectly capable man of business. He left the shelter of his parents' roof at the age of eighteen years, and when twenty years old he came to Natchitoches Parish, La., moving shortly after to Caddo Parish, where, in 1862, he joined Company B, Second Louisiana Cavalry, and took an active part in numerous skirmishes. At the close of the war he returned to farm life, and in 1872 was married in Bossier Parish to Miss Ella, daughter of Edward B. Lock, who removed from Mississippi to this parish before the war, and died here soon after the close of hostilities. Mrs. Mercer was born in Mississippi, and has borne her husband eight children-three sons and five daughters. The family has resided on their present farm since 1871, and are among the substantial and honored families of the parish, Mrs. Mercer being a member of the Methodist Church.

Laura Maud Mc Lemore filed a Confederate Widows Application in Bossier Parish on 14 November 1919. She was 66 and had been a resident of Louisiana for 7 years. **Leonidas W. Mc Lemore** enlisted on 15 August 1861 at Hazlehurst, Mississippi. He surrendered as a 2nd Lt. at Citronelle, Alabama and was paroled at Jackson, Mississippi on 15 May 1865. Laura Maud Patterson & Leonidas W. Mc Lemore were married on 14 June 1868 at Beauregard, Mississippi. Leonidas W. Mc Lemore died on 26 March 1880 in Hinds County, Mississippi of heart trouble and is buried at the Salem Church in Hinds County, Mississippi. Laura Maud Patterson Mc Lemore died on 6 April 1931. Signing her death notice were: Mrs. Laura Holeman, Mrs. Margaret Bronson, Everett L. Mc Lemore, Oscar A. Mc Lemore & William R. Mc Lemore. (On his service record and In the Confederate Pension Applications Index Database at the Louisiana State Archives his target card reads - Joseph Walter Zachary. On his gravemarker his surname is Zackary.) Julia A. Holman Zachary of Plain Dealing, Louisiana filed a Widows Application in Bossier Parish on 4 June 1920 as the widow of Confederate Veteran Joseph Walter Zachary. She was 79 and had been a resident of Louisiana for 52 years. Julia A. Corley 1st married a Mr. Holman. Julia A. Holman was 2nd married to Joseph Walter Zachary on 2 November 1881 near Red Land by A.R. Edens, Justice of the Peace. Joseph Walter Zachary died at Carterville, Louisiana on 19 May 1910 of kidney disease/brights disease and is buried in the Salem Cemetery. Notes: 1. In a notarized affidavit dated 6 June 1921, Warner Young testified that he had served with Joseph Walter Zachary and that, as from a conversation with him, he remembers Joseph Walter Zachary as coming from near what is now Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana. 2. On 22 February 1964 Joseph Walter Zachary's granddaughter, Mrs. Julius L. Horton, wrote a letter to the Pension Board requesting genealogy info for the purpose of becoming a D.A.R. 3. Dates & spelling conflict with other records. 4. Julia A. & Joseph Walter Zachary had a daughter, Ethel Zachary b. 15 March 1889. 5. Julia A. Corley 1st married James Hodge Holman about 1858 in South Carolina and they had 7 children. James Hodge Holman was born 18 March 1832 in Barnwell County, South Carolina and died 2 October 1880 at Red Land, Louisiana.

Mathew Odom of Haughton filed a Confederate Pension Application in Bossier Parish on 17 February 1913. He was born in 1826 in Henry County, Alabama. He enlisted in June of 1863 in Claiborne Parish and was at Alexandria for the final surrender. At the time of his application Mathew Odom said he had moved to Claiborne Parish in 1860 and to Bossier Parish in 1885.

To be continued...

EXCHANGE PERIODICAL REVIEW

Compiled by Herman Weiland

Many of the periodicals we receive, in exchange for "The Genie", provide up-to-date ideas on how to solve your research challenges. Always search the periodical published in your geographical interest area, but don't overlook other periodicals that may include articles of general interest to the researcher or about families that have migrated. These periodicals are located at the Broadmoor Branch Library, Shreveport, Genealogy Section.

The "**Hoosier Genealogist, Vol 43/02**" published by the Indiana Historical Society, 450 West Ohio St., Indianapolis, IN 46202-3269 has an article entitled "**Research at the Family Records Centre in London England**" by Randy Bixby. It contains helpful hints on how to prepare for a trip to England and what you will find in the **FRC**.

The "**Hopkins County Heritage, Vol 20, No. 3**" published by the Hopkins Co. Genealogical Society, P O Box 624, Sulpher Springs, TX 75483-0624 has on pages 67-71 an article on the restoration of the **Hopkins County Courthouse**. This is a beautiful building, built in 1895 and now restored. Pictures are in the article. This would well be worth a trip to Sulpher Springs to view this courthouse. Pages 72-80 has a very informative article on **DNA testing** and its use in a study of the **Rainey/Raney** family.

The "**Family Findings, Vol XXV, No. 4**" published by the Mid-West Tennessee Genealogical Society, P O Box 3343, Jackson, TN 38303-3343 has on pages 123-127 an article by Dennis Ward, MD on **The Robison Family** of Rowan Co. North Carolina and Madison Co. Tennessee. If you have Robisons back there better take a look at this article.

The "**KINFOLKS**" Vol 27, No. 2" published by the Southwest Louisiana Genealogical Society, P O Box 5652, Lake Charles, La. 70606-5652 is full of interesting articles. Page 175, **Louisiana Purchase and the Neutral Territory** by Patricia A Threatt
Page 181, **Melungeon Roots** from the speech by **Dr. Brent Kennedy** at the Kentucky Genealogical Society meeting in May 2002.
Page 184, **The Sabine River Boundary** by William T. Block.
Page 191, **The WPA Projects & Genealogy**
You will be glad you took the time to review this periodical.

"**The Tree Tracers**" Vol XXVIII, No. 1 published by the Southwest Oklahoma Gene. Society, P. O. Box 148, Lawton, OK 73502-0148 has a cover picture of the **Comanche Code Talkers of World War II** and on pages 7-9 is an interesting article on **The Comanche Indian Veteran's Association** by Zona Atetewuthtakewa Suminski. There is also an article on **The Daugherty and LeBel Families of Southwest Oklahoma** submitted by Beverly Ruth Cole and Lotus LeBel Bradford. The Daugherty family had roots in *Monroe County, Tennessee* and the LeBel family in *Whitfield County, Georgia*.

The "**Tree Talk**" Vol 29, No. 1" published by the Cherokee Co. Genealogical Society, P O Box 1332, Jacksonville, TX 75766-1332 has on pages 26-29 an article by Michael John Neill on how to deal with the inconsistencies you find in your research entitled **Organize the Inconclusive with Discrepancy Charts**. I've been there and you have too.

"**The Melting Pot**, Vol XXVI, No. 2" published by the Melting Pot Genealogical Society, P O Box 936, Hot Springs, AR 71902-0936 has on pages 3-30 a very good article on the **Bosson Families**. Imm to Massachusetts but were in Tennessee by the 1840's.

The **St. Louis Genealogical Society "Quarterly** Vol 36, No. 3" published by the SLGS. PO Box 430104, St Louis, MO 63143-0010 has a pages 83-88 a very interesting article entitled "**The Southern Claims Commission: A Powerful Civil War Resource**" by Ruth Ann Hager. These are claims filed between Mar 3, 1871 and Mar 3, 1873 for losses to an individuals property during the Civil War. These records provide a wealth of information about those filers.

The "**Tennessee Ancestors**, Vol 19, No. 2", published by the East Tennessee Historical Society, PO Box 1629, Knoxville, TN 37901-1629 has on page 81 a very informative article entitled **Stolen Records on eBay** by Gwynn Thayer, Archivist, Tennessee State Library. Records thought lost from official repositories are showing up for sale on eBay. Page 113-138 contains many **Petitions to the Tennessee Legislature: Sevier County**.

The "**Bulletin**, Vol 53, No. 1", published by the Seattle Genealogical Society, PO Box 15329, Seattle, WA 98115-0329 has on pages 15-18 an article all of us should read and refresh our memory on **The Error of Their Ways** by Sally Mahoney. Tips to determine correct information when you have conflicting data.

The "**QUARTERLY**, Vol XXIX, No. 1", published by the **Northeast Mississippi Hist. and Gene. Society**, PO Box 434, Tupelo, MS 38802-0434 has on pages 7 - 31 the award winning essay given at the Daughters of the Republic of Texas Convention at Nacogdoches, Texas in 1998. It makes delightful reading even if the families may not be yours. The story is unfolded of **Robert F. Stephens of Columbia, So. Carolina** who was charged with murder in 1833 and immediately relocated to **San Augustine, Texas** assuming the name of **David Brown**. He lived in San Augustine until his death in 1847. "Brown" became a model citizen and quite wealthy. Get this quarterly and read the story.

The "**ANSEARCHIN**" NEWS, Vol 50, No. 4", published by the Tennessee Genealogical Society, P O Box 247, Brunswick, TN 38014-0247 has on pages 43-44 an interesting article on the **McBride Brothers of Tyler, Texas** entitled **Tennesseans Turned Texans**. The McBrides were originally from **Benton County, Tennessee**.

"**The Northeast Mississippi Historical & Genealogical Society Quarterly**, Vol XXIX, No.2", P O Box 434, Tupelo, MS 38802-0434 has on pages 59-71 many items on the **REV. HUGH QUIN** family of Lincoln Co., NC and Palo Alto, MS.

Nightriders and Vigilantes

Submitted by Glynn McCalman

Other Vigilantes

Those persons named above are only a fraction of the vigilantes, of course. There were Durhams, Drewetts, Davisons, Strouds, McIlwains, McLamores, Crews and others. Some of these lived east from Wheeling and nearer to Atlanta. Yet others came from the Mars Hill area and elsewhere. Some of those named in this paragraph were among the estimated 75 who rode to Atlanta from Clem's farm. The Crews for example lived at Wheeling and may be presumed among them. Parish historian Gregg Davies says that the name of Crew was prominent among the vigilantes and shouldn't be omitted. Presumably this was a son or sons of Rev. Charles Crew, a native of North Carolina who was pastor of the Montgomery Baptist Church in 1860 and of southern Winn Parish in 1870. The family may very well have been related to some of the other vigilantes inasmuch as they, too, were residents of Coosa County, Alabama in 1850.

[Chief Winn Parish Deputy Sheriff Gregg Davies has demonstrated special respect for the history of his parish and seems to know most of its families. We were fortunate to receive his encouragement and counsel at the initiation of our research and concerning details such as the Crew family-vigilantes connection.]

Other vigilantes came riding into Atlanta other than the Wheeling neighbors. We certainly don't intend to leave the impression that only persons closely connected with the Birds were responsible for dispatching the nightriders. We have focused on the group from around the Mount Zion-Wheeling community because they seem to represent the largest share of vigilantes and because they especially demonstrate some of the relationships which bonded them together for the solemn business confronting them on that fateful Easter Sunday.

THE ATLANTA SCENE

Well before the citizens at Clem's farm rode into Atlanta on Easter afternoon, tense drama was already well underway. Following is a summary of those happenings as laid out by the books of Briley and Peebles. Just as Easter Sunday activities were beginning at the Atlanta Methodist Church four of West's armed "deputies" rode up to the church and arrested Dan Dean's parents, other family members and some of their friends. West's plan was to find an excuse to kill them. They were placed under custody and taken to a room above Collier's store. Atlanta was the nearest village to West's home, but it may have been that room which provided the main reason Atlanta was the most frequent meeting place for the nightriders. Upstairs, it provided some measure of security while they planned their activities. And now it would become the center for the day's most dramatic events.

After West had the Deans arrested he made his usual appearance at the same church where on this special Sunday, he expounded on the Resurrection. After presenting what one witness, a Mr. Bazer, described as an excellent Easter sermon, West went from the church to the Alexandria highway. He would wait there patiently by the road with the unsuccessful intention to waylay a courier who was bringing \$5,000 from New Orleans for the purpose of rebuilding a school.

But while awaiting the courier and before the vigilantes arrived from Clem's farm some school youths of the community and their professor successfully freed the hostages and placed the "deputies" in custody in the upper room instead. Dan Dean arrived on the scene at about that time and pursued his plan to round up more gang members. Having been a member of the group he had learned the secret communication codes. One such signal was a summons to members for a meeting. He used a hunting horn to broadcast that signal, knowing that it would be repeated and echoed among gang members and thus congregate other inner circle members.

Early in the afternoon nightriders who had heard the signal summons began to drift into Atlanta one by one. The vigilante group from Clem's farm at Wheeling also came riding in, but in a large band estimated at about 75.

James Maybin and the Barrs

Carolinian James Maybin was not a resident of Wheeling, but a very important member of the vigilantes. He had been a Civil War soldier before owning a cotton gin in the community and for that was a competitor to John West, also a gin owner. However, it appears that his reason for being a leader of the vigilantes was not particularly related to cotton gins, but a genuine civic interest in the welfare of the community. Some time before the showdown he had traveled to New Orleans to seek help from the Reconstruction Governor Warmouth. Warmouth expressed his sympathy with Maybin's cause, but said there was little he could do because of the postwar turmoil in the state. He recommended that Maybin return to Winn Parish, form a posse and (in effect) eliminate the gang. To demonstrate his support he issued to Maybin a large number of blank pardons for vigilantes who might help resolve the problem.

Riding with Maybin were two of his wife's brothers, John and Sam Barr. Yet two more of her younger brothers were waiting in Atlanta where they had participated with the other youths who helped release Dan Dean's family and friends from the gang earlier that morning.

SHOWDOWN

Riding the half dozen miles or so up to Atlanta the vigilantes didn't know exactly what to expect when they arrived. We don't know how much they knew, if anything, about the holding of "good guys", then "bad guys" in the upper room. They hoped that a large number of the gang would be there and that the showdown would be as swift and successful as possible. But at the same time, they probably felt deep dread. Because some of the men they were set on eliminating had been their neighbors, even friends. Some may have even been blood relatives. They had marched off to war with some of them; shared rations, helped

plant and gather crops with them, participated in church activities and even (probably) intermarried with them.

Perhaps even more stressful was the fact that some of the vigilantes had probably walked a thin line of quasi-involvement in "outer circle" nightrider activities. After all, the movement had received initial cover from many, at least initially, as a "good guy" anti-Yankee, anti-scalawag, anti-carpetbagger clan. Nevertheless, at whatever cost, they were now resolved to put down the gang in whatever way necessary to protect their own families and civility as they understood it.

As is almost always true in similar ventures, what actually happened was remembered differently by the witnesses. There was general agreement later; however, that what happened was not what anyone expected to happen.

For starters, even though a firing squad might naturally have been expected, neither of the two highest profile villains, John West and Laws Kimbrell, would die from firing squad bullets.

Soon after the group arrived from Wheeling the known members of the gang were standing before a firing squad on the edge of the village. Two men were selected to fire toward each targeted nightrider, but only one of them was given a loaded weapon so that no one supposedly would know who actually committed the mortal act.

Owing his life to Laws Kimbrell, Dan Dean volunteered for the task against Kimbrell and when the moment came he would intentionally miss the mark, presumably not to permit Laws' exculpation from his crimes, but as a personal concession that Dean owed his life to him. Dean also proposed that the other marksman be Isaac Hicks (Peter Bird's grandson), fulfilling Kimbrell's request. Kimbrell hoped that Hicks also would spare him because he too had been saved once by Laws. At the fateful moment, therefore, Kimbrell fell to the ground as if executed. Strangely, his body was not carefully examined. The crowd then returned to Collier's Store to confront the tardy John West leaving only a teenager to guard the fallen bodies (from foraging animals). Seizing the opportunity Laws made his escape and fled to Texas.

When West finally arrived at Atlanta he was arrested by the vigilantes and prepared for the second march to the killing field. But before he could be led away someone in a concealed spot fired a mortal blast which virtually severed his head. In fact, the man assigned later to bury him at a brushy edge of the Atlanta Cemetery was "spooked" by the task and hurriedly left the grave without burying the head, which he had tossed aside temporarily while digging. When the unburied head was found in the brush some time later, it was placed on display at Collier's store, where it remained for decades.

ROUNDUP

Inasmuch as the Sunday executions had only netted a dozen or so of the gang, and since Laws Kimbrell was still at large, the vigilantes planned a second meeting at Clem's farm for Tuesday morning. Participants later described that meeting as more dramatic than the first.

The vigilantes were encouraged by their success, but controversial decisions were yet to be made concerning the roundup of the unpunished and what to do with some associates of the gang, especially the women and children. There was substantial sentiment in favor of killing the women. However, Matt McCain argued that they should be exiled, just run out of the country. His will prevailed.

One of the sad sequels to the nightrider roundup involves a victim who was apparently judged by the vigilantes to have "guilt by association" (or guilt by marriage). At about the same time some of my ancestors, McCalmans, Butlers and Walkers moved to the Brister community of southern Columbia County, Arkansas before the Civil War, another family, the Gilcreases, also arrived. They may have all attended the little Christie's Chapel Church together. Young "Bud" Gilcrease was then in his late teens, just the right age to serve in the impending war.

After the war, for some reason the Gilcreases moved to the Wheeling community, where Bud was attracted to and married Melmoth Kimbrell, a daughter of Uncle Dan and Aunt Polly and sister of Laws. We have no evidence that he participated in the nightrider crimes. In fact Briley offers evidence of "bad blood" between the Kimbrells and Gilcreases. A bad scene was created at Mt. Zion Church one Sunday when Lawson Kimbrell, the oldest son, stood at the end of a worship session and warned that rumors about "unlawful activities" must stop. Then he went directly to Elijah Gilcrease, Bud's uncle, shook him hard and warned that if he didn't stop (spreading the rumors) he would be in deep trouble. Some time later Elijah disappeared, presumably killed by the gang.

In spite of this apparent evidence that Bud wasn't a member of the gang, the vigilantes decided that he should not be excluded from the punishment imposed for other family members. Bud and Melmoth anticipated the judgment and fled toward Texas. They were overcome, however, and while Bud embraced his pregnant young wife he was executed by gunfire at close range, so close in fact that Melmoth's face was darkened for life by the powder burn. The unborn son, Eddie Gilcrease, was born three months later, grew up in the community and owned a store five miles from Wheeling at Verda for several decades before dying at age ninety.

EASTER SUNDAY 1873

Although the nightrider gang was for all practical purposes abolished on Easter Sunday 1870, the "wages of war" for Winn and Grant Parishes would continue to be paid for generations. There was poverty, limping veterans, the toils of widows and children of lost soldiers, memories of pain and hunger, and the great expense of lingering hate. And the hate erupted again at Colfax, the parish seat of Grant Parish exactly three years after the nightrider showdown. Rather than retell the details of whose foolishness created most directly to the tragedy at Colfax, it may be sufficient here only to describe part of the scope. It was the single bloodiest event in the whole postwar "reconstruction". In the town of Colfax a historical marker contains these words:

"On this site occurred the Colfax Riot in which 3 white men and 150 Negroes were slain. This event on April 13, 1873, marked the end of the carpetbag misrule in the South."

Interpretation of those words is probably dependent to some extent on the interpreter's cultural, political, racial and historical perspective. Some dispute the number 150, for example. But regardless of the bases of the interpreter's personal perspective, the ability to "connect the dots" between the wages of the recent war and the Colfax Riot is a "no brainer".

FAST FORWARD

Exactly 75 years after the showdown with West and his gang at Atlanta, Louisiana, on another Sunday afternoon in April 1945 some descendants of Peter Bird sat on the front porch of an old house at Walnut Hill, Arkansas. Walnut Hill is near the little town of Bradley and about the size of Wheeling. Also like Wheeling the old historic road passing through it is no longer the important one, abandoned just a few miles away. Diagonally across the crossroads also stood the little Methodist church where some of the Birds worshipped.

The conversation on the front porch covered local happenings, but like always, eventually turned to the current war. John Bird participated in the conversation with special interest. He was the youngest son of Lewis Garner Bird. It had been only a few months since virtually the same group had sat on the porch when a messenger stopped and approached the porch. "We regret to inform you that your son Richard Harland Bird - - - (has become a wage of war)". Other of John's sons was still in uniform, one amid dangerous activities in the Pacific theater.

John's niece, Gertrude McCalman was also on the porch. One of her uniformed "preacher boy" sons, Clyde McCalman, was currently involved in the final weeks of the war and another son, Byrd, was completing four years of service at a remote outpost in Alaska without furlough. Conversation was again interrupted when a car stopped out front and a somber faced messenger approached the porch. "We regret to inform you that your son, Clyde Vernon McCalman has - - - (become another wage of war)."

Some of us who have been compelled to contemplate the wages of war over a lifetime have concluded that in some circumstances there is no reasonable alternative to war. But some of us have also concluded that before the movers and shakers initiate war every available intelligence should be employed to seek a reasonable alternative. And if an acceptable alternative absolutely cannot be found, the wages of war should be carefully anticipated and weighed, against the wages of billions of dollars, but more, much more against the cost to those whose "remains" will be returned to the home cemeteries, to those who wait on the porches, and to those who hate, or are hated.

The attitude of the residents around Winn and Grant Parishes whom I have interviewed concerning the nightrider era seem to me to be particularly intelligent and admirable. None of them seems to be either overly ashamed or proud of that epoch in their community's history. They appear to recognize that it was no more or less than a glimpse of how humanity was and is anywhere, anytime. Having live 75 years around similar folks in three states of the deep South, two states in the North, one in the center and two others on another continent, and having studied what I could find about the families of their area, I

believe they are right. The problem bubbled up into a more vivid exposure because of the coincidences of time, geography and circumstances.

Some may feel that it's just as well that the activities described above be forgotten. Their opinion should be respected. Others who deserve respect are they who believe that the lessons from that era must not be forgotten. One such lesson may be that some common folks don't have much opportunity for moving and shaking, but will be called upon to pay the wages for the wars contracted by those who do. Therefore, those who sincerely believe that their war or whatever cause, is just, and say so, should have such right and deserve to be called patriots. And those who sincerely challenge the wisdom of a war or how it is prosecuted, or whatever other cause, should also have that right and deserve to be called patriots.

No. It is so much more than their right. It is their patriotic responsibility. Otherwise, if sincere opinions are suppressed, or if folks don't have enough courage to say what they believe we should expect that violence and terror such as that which invaded the area around Wheeling, Louisiana so long ago may eventually invade any of our communities.

So much for what I think I have learned from studying some nightriders and vigilantes.

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The Territorial Papers of the United States

By John Stemmons

After the Revolutionary War, many people desired to move west and obtain inexpensive land in the vast areas acquired by their new country from 1783 through 1803. The period following our nation's independence witnessed one of history's greatest migrations as a large percent of U.S. citizens and foreign immigrants moved from the Eastern Seaboard to the territories. Very few records were kept until an orderly form of government was established. Of course, record destruction took its toll. Therefore, many of our most difficult genealogy problems bog down in the period of the first territories of the United States. And, as luck would have it, many of the missing federal censuses prior to 1830 are for the territories before they became a state.

One of the best resources for this period is The Territorial Papers of the United States (listed below), which contains a wealth of information on many thousands of individuals making it an excellent substitute for lost census records. Numerous records not made by states or counties are contained in these volumes.

United States, Department of State, compiled and edited by Clarence Edwin Carter, The Territorial Papers of the United States Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1934-1962. 26 volumes. National Archives microfilm publications: M0721

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Vol. XVIII The Territory of Alabama. 1817-1819.
[Includes Alabama.]

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[Includes Arkansas and part of Oklahoma.]

Vols. XXII – XXVI The Territory of Florida. 1821-1845.

These books are one of the most underused resources for the U. S. territorial period because many researchers are unaware of their existence and they are to be found usually in the larger libraries. Many territorial records were filmed by the National Archives and are available at the Salt Lake City, Utah Family History Library and its various centers. There are few inventories and no indexes to the filmed records. They may contain information not published in The Territorial Papers of the United States.

Since there are so many volumes, it is really time consuming to search them all, especially for common names, but one should review each book because many persons migrated through several territories.

To make using The Territorial Papers of the United States more convenient and time saving the names and relevant information attached to the names before 1825 is being extracted to help one determine if the name has any meaning to their research.

To find this resource go to www.censustrail.com where all extractions have been combined into one database. This may help determine residence when one record doesn't list a locality, but another does. This remarkable database can be used at home without going to the library. It also provides multiple ways to search the data, including by soundex. This is helpful since the variety of spellings for names is unusually large. In addition, it provides a means of searching names by the boundaries of the territory or by the state, which later came from the territory. Although there is a fee for using this website, it is small compared to the wealth of information now contained therein and which will be added to from time to time.

Many of the names in these volumes are contained in petitions submitted to various governmental agencies. While most often just a name is given, there are many things you can learn about the persons listed, such as:

1. Clues that provide details about one's ancestors.
2. The migration trail of an ancestor through multiple territories or states.
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4. Names of potential family members that may have signed the petition also.
5. Information about individuals who lived in the area prior to its becoming a part of the United States.

While not on the website, the signature in the original petition can be used to compare with other known signatures of your ancestor to help identify individuals. This is especially helpful with common names. The website www.censustrail.com is very helpful in knowing what petitions to search for to see the original signature.

Many other records besides petitions are contained in these volumes such as an 1809 census for Madison County, Alabama.

A partial solution to your research problems for this period may be found in the information contained in The Territorial Papers of the United States.

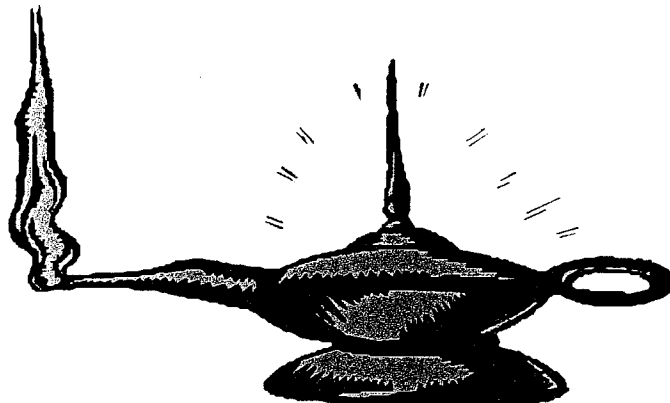
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The Democratic Clubs in Natchitoches, LA, 1876

Recorded and Submitted by Lynda Green Methvin of Bossier City, LA

The following is a list of Officers of the different Democratic Clubs in Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana as published in "The People Vindicator" Newspaper @ Natchitoches on September 23, 1876.

Addison, J. D.	President	Bellwood Club
Carter, A. V.	President	Bethel Club
Henry, Jos.	President	Tiger Island Club
Jack, W. H.	President	12th Ward Club
Kile, Jacob	President	8th Ward Club
LaCour, G.	President	9th Ward Club
Lane, L. N.	President	Grappes Bluff Club
Massey, A. P.	President	Beulah Club
Masson, E.	President	Cloutierville Club
Michaelson, A.	President	Camte (Camti) Club
Prudhomme, J. A.	President	Ile (Isle?) Brevelle Club
Roach, T. S.	President	Allen Club
Ross, W. C.	President	Lake Village Club
Trichel, L.	President	Black Lake Club
Wheeler, Allen	President	Little River Club



A List of Jurors for December

Published in the Natchitoches Republican Newspaper

Dated November 11, 1876

Recorded and Submitted by Lynda Green Methvin of Bossier City, LA

Aireauxx, W. H.

Basco, E.

Bates, G. W.

Bellonge, Antoine

Biles, J. J.

Blackman, Sharp

Caney, J. D.

Carter, A. V.

Collins, J. M.

Davis, Jake

Dixon, July

Dunn, Tom

Ellis, Wyatt

Farcelle, Francois

Fletcher, Squire J.

Fox, Nore

Gardner, C. S.

Garrett, A. M.

Gibson, Henry

Gilchrist, E.

Gillard, Joseph

Grandy, Alfred

Grant, R.

Gray, Samuel

Hunter, Henry

Jackson, Frederick

Jones, W. W.

Lamatte, Louis

Lester, G. G.

Marshall, John

Martin, J. B.

Metoyer, L. V.

Metoyer, Sanvill

Murdock, Spencer

Murray, Michael

Nichols, Jacob

Nichols, Thomas

Otis, Andrew

Owens, Ned

Palmer, Middleton

Payne, John

Pierce, A. J.

Powell, Isaac

Prudhomme, F. V.

Rains, C. P.

Raphael, Joe

Reid, Lawson

Simmons, S. S., M.D.

Singletery, R. J.

Smith, George

Sticknel, F. M.

Strone, J. D.

Sweat, Thomas

Thicklin, Jacob

Valsin, Joseph

Walker, J. T.

Washington, Thomas

Welch, William

Williams, H. C.

Williams, Peter



LOST FRIENDS: ADVERTISEMENTS CONCERNING AFRICAN AMERICANS

Transcribed by Bill PAGE

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After the Civil War African American newspapers began to be published throughout the southern states. Among the items published in those papers were notices from former slaves trying to reconnect with family members. While of obvious value to persons researching Black families, such notices also sometimes provide valuable information about the slave owning families. The following articles were transcribed from African American Methodist newspapers published in New Orleans. The column containing these advertisements was titled "Lost Friends."

Sally Harvey, concerning her son James who was owned by Jackson BOBO, who took James from Bastrop to Ellis County, Texas, in 1862, and Mrs. BOBO, took him from there to Millican on Brazos River. Any information may be sent to his mother, care of Rev. J. R. FENNER, Monroe, La., also about her son Thomas who was in the Union Army, and in 1862 passed through Bastrop - write to her in care of Rev. J. R. FENNER, Monroe, La. *New Orleans Advocate*, 25 May 1867

I desire information concerning my father, Sam MORGAN. I was separated from him in 1861, leaving him in Richmond, Virginia. Address Peter MORGAN, Millican, Texas.
Southwestern Christian Advocate, 21 June 1877, p. 4, col. 2

Dear Editor: I wish to get some information on my aunt. Her name is Juliet. She belonged to Lewis MAY in Louisiana, and he sold to a man by the name of PHILLIP. I can only think of some of her children's names: Sigh, May, Green, Myand, Charley. Elias is here with me. My father's name was Bill MAY, and my name was MAY, but I go by the name of: Wade HAMILTON, Bryan, Texas.
Southwestern Christian Advocate, 1 May 1879, p. 4, col. 2

Dear Editor - I desire information of my sister. Her name is Florence HENRY. Her mother's name is Kell CARTER. Last heard from she was in Bryan. Any information concerning her whereabouts will be thankfully received. Address me in care of Rev. A. M. GREGORY, Waco, Texas, [signed] B. J. HENRY. *Southwestern Christian Advocate*, 3 July 1879, p. 4, col. 2

Dear Editor - I have a lost daughter named Edna JERRETT. She went away with Dr. J. ROBINSON the last year of the war. When last heard from she was in Brownsville, Jackson Co., Ala. Her father's name is Jerry CHALMERS. When she went off I belonged to the same family of JERRETTs. I went off with Dr. Jerome Summerfield JERRETT. He married one Miss Lydia CASING. I then lived seven miles from Holly Springs, Marshall County, Miss. My daughter had sisters, Alice and Henrietta. All lived with the same family. Their grandmother's name was Nelly JERRETT. The father of these JERRETTs was a Methodist preacher. I came to Texas before the close of the war. [Signed] Darthulia MINOR, Bryan, Brazos Co., Texas. *Southwestern Christian Advocate*, 3 July 1879, p. 4, col. 2

Dear Editor: I wish to inquire about some of my lost relatives. I have two brothers and two sisters. My brothers are named Madison LORD and James Alvest LORD. When last heard from they were living in Bayou Sara, La. My oldest sister, Eliza Elizabeth LORD, when last heard from was somewhere in Alabama. My other sister, Ellen Mahoney LORD, when last heard from was living in South Carolina. My father's name is Sam BROWN; my mother's Betty BROWN. My mother and all the children belonged to one Wm. LORD, and I have a number of relatives living in Holly Springs,

Miss. I have an uncle named Affellow MONROE. When last heard from he was living in Philadelphia. Any information of any or all of them will be gladly received. Address me at Bryan, Brazos Co., Texas, [signed] Rebecca LORD. **Southwestern Christian Advocate**, 24 July 1879, p. 4, col. 2

Dear Editor: I wish to inquire through you for brothers, sisters and relatives. My mother's name was Matilda EARHART and father's Dan EARHART. I had a sister, Vickey, and a brother, Jim, that I remember. I left my mother and sister in the state of Georgia with old man EARHART. My father, my brother and a woman by the name of Sarah was brought to Texas about 20 years ago by Dr. George EARHART. My father died some time ago. The last I heard from brother, he was in Taylor, Smith Co., Texas. I remember of having struck one of my sisters on the head with an axe but I was too young to remember much about it. Any information will be gladly received. Address me at Bryan, Texas, in care of Rev. W. W. BROWN, [signed] Charley SHELTON. **Southwestern Christian Advocate**, 14 August 1879, p. 4, col. 2

John F. FRIEND, now in Morgan City, La., desires information of his father, Rev. Solomon FRIEND, a Methodist; last heard from in Brazos County, Texas, twelve years ago. **Southwestern Christian Advocate**, 18 December 1879, p. 4, col. 2

Mr. Editor - My father was Glasco BORGAS, mother Fereba MIVENS. I had three brothers - Elbert, Edmond and Solomon - and sisters Martha and Hannah. We all belonged to MIVERS. Martha and myself were sold to Bill WOOD and Hannah and Solomon were sold to Eph. YANN. All lived in Barnwell, South Carolina. Address me in care of Jordon BONNER, at Bryan, Texas, [signed] Mevier GITTRO. **Southwestern Christian Advocate**, 25 March 1880, p. 4, col. 2

Dear Editor - I wish to inquire for my mother whom Jack SAMPSON stole from his grandmother, Telalice STOKES, a widow, and carried her and my brothers to Georgia. Her name is Jennie STOKES; brothers Soothe, Stephen, Dick and Mancher STOKES. My sisters are Juliet, Honey and Mary STOKES. I had a brother, Cyrus JIMSON, who died about 35 years ago. Jack SAMPSON moved from Conecuh County, Alabama, to Chickasaw, Mississippi. I belonged to Telaice STOKES, but was living with JIMSON at that time and went by the name of William STOKES. Address me at Courtney, Grimes Co., Texas. I now go by the name of William MAY. **Southwestern Christian Advocate**, 17 June 1880, p. 4, col. 2

Mr. Editor - I wish to enquire brother Anthony. He belonged to Elias HODGES, of Barber County, Alabama. He was with a lawyer named SEALS, in Clayton, Barber County, Alabama, the last time I saw him - about 20 years ago. I do not know what name he goes by now. His mother's name was Jennie: she belonged to Green NEELEY. I belonged to Elias HODGES and was called Little Berry, as there were two Berrys on the place. Sister was sold to Jno. D. JOHNSON as well as I remember; she also belonged to Green NEELEY, and was sold with her husband, Phillip JOHNSON - her name was Matilda. I will pay for any information that can be given me of my brother or sister. My address is Millican, Texas, [signed] Berry NEWTON. **Southwestern Christian Advocate**, 9 September 1880, p. 4, col. 6

Mr. Editor - I desire to inquire for my husband and two children, a boy and a girl. Husband's name James McBRIDE; the girl's name is Georgia, and the boy's Cornelius McBRIDE. I have not seen them for four years, and cannot hear anything of them. Please address me at Millican, Brazos County, Texas, in care of Mrs. M. E. MARSHALL, [signed] Mary McBRIDE. **Southwestern Christian Advocate**, 16 September 1880, p. 4, col. 6

Dear Editor - I wish to make inquiry for my grandfather. His name is Jacob SCHELEY, and my mother left him when a child in Nashville, Tenn. They belonged to George McCLAREN, and were sold to Robert McCLAREN, and brought to middle Tennessee. My mother's name was Eliza Silvester McCLAREN but now is Eliza JOHNSON. Her mother's name was Julia Ann McCLAREN but she died when my mother was an infant. Any information please address to me at Bryan, Brazos County, Texas, Eliza JOHNSON, in care of Sarah BONNER.

Southwestern Christian Advocate, 4 November 1880, p. 4, col. 5

Dear Editor- I wish to make some inquiry through your paper for my son, Lue ELLER, whom I left in Alexandria, Va., with a man by the name of James CHATTUM, who bought me and my two children from William CAMPBELL. Edward died, and then I was sold to a man by the name of MELLON, a Negro trader, and CHATTUM kept my son Lue ELLER with him. I left him in Alexandria, Va. Please if found address me at Bryan, Texas, in care of Rev. Wade HAMILTON, [signed] Maria HENTSON. **Southwestern Christian Advocate**, 24 March 1881, p. 4, col. 6

Mr. Editor - I wish to make some inquiries for my kindred father and mother and two sisters. My father's and my name Joe Simon HILL, mother's name Betsey HILL, sisters names are Fanny HILL and Margaret HILL. We all lived in Houston, had a house rented from Mr. BRADLY. Sister Fanny was bound out in Houston, and mother moved to New York, and there she bound me out to a man by the name of Calven DeVERTS, a city guard. Write to me at Bryan, Texas, care of Rev. Wade HAMILTON. **Southwestern Christian Advocate**, 27 October 1881, p. 4, col. 6

Dear Editor - I wish to find daughter Ellen WHITLEY. She was taken from my son Sidney ROBERTSON at Millican in 1870 while I was gone to Bremond. Her father's name is George WHITELEY. The last I heard of her she was in Galveston, but I heard since she was not. Your information will be happily received. Address me at Bremond, Robertson Co. [signed] Mrs. William GIBBS. **Southwestern Christian Advocate**, 26 January 1882, p. 4, col. 5

Dear Editor - I wish to find out where my children are, Anthony, and Amanda OLIVER. I last heard from Anthony in Shreveport, he was then driving a dray. Old Mrs. OLIVER sold him in Milam Town Eastern Texas, to a man named Joel HOLBERT. Mrs. OLIVER lived near Sabine town. Mrs. OLIVER gave my daughter Amanda to her granddaughter Miss BIRDWELL, who after married Dr. SIMON he lived at Huntsville, Texas. It has been 14 or 15 years since I heard from them, any one knowing of them will do me a great favor by letting them know where I am or letting me hear where they are. Address Gracie OLIVER, care Frank FALCONER, Millican, Brazos Co., Texas. April 5th 1882. **Southwestern Christian Advocate**, 20 April 1882, p. 4, col. 5

Mr. Editor - I wish to find my father Sam HARRICE, I am the son of Hettie WRIGHTING who belonged to Billie WRIGHTING in Edenton, North Carolina. I last saw him in 1860 when we were coming to Texas with Stock WRIGHTING, we shook hands at New Orleans. I desire to know now whether my father is living or dead. Address me at Bryan, Texas, [signed] Sam WRIGHTING. **Southwestern Christian Advocate**, 21 October 1882, p. 4, col. 5

Mr. Editor -- I desire to inquire for my children, Manda and Anthony OLIVER. Together with Ellen, youngest daughter, they belonged to old Mrs. OLIVER. The old lady gave Manda to her granddaughter, and she moved to Huntsville, Texas. Anthony lived near the town of Milam, in Eastern Texas. We heard from Anthony since his freedom, and he was then in Shreveport, La. Ellen was found on Dr. ROGERS' farm, in Brazos County, Texas. We were known as Benjamin and Gracie OLIVER, but now go by the name of HUBBARD. Address care of Rev. John L. SMITH, Millican, Texas, [signed] Benj. HUBBARD. **Southwestern Christian Advocate**, 8 March 1883, p. 4, col. 6

Dear Brother - I wish to inquire for my people. Mother Maria, died in Stanley County, North Carolina, and belonged to Daniel FREEMAN. She had four sons - Calvin, George, Charles and Alien; and daughters, Hannah and Harriet. All belonged to Mr. FREEMAN. The last I heard from them before the war, George was still there. I had a son, Elias; his mother was Lucy ADDINGTON. Hannah was sold off to a Mr. MYERS, who took her to South Carolina. Address care Rev. J. L. SMITH, Millican, Texas, [signed] Calvin ADDINGTON.

Southwestern Christian Advocate, 7 June 1883, p. 6, col. 4

Dear Editor — I desire to hear from my relatives. My mother, Mary, belonged to Jess SILER, in North Carolina. Her children were Campbell, Oliver, Lucretia, and Lucinda. We were sold by Siler to Capt. JARRETT, in Georgia, in 1831. We were sold to THOMPSON, who swapped my mother and three children to Judge MORTON. That left me in the THOMPSON family until emancipation. My mother and brother Oliver and sister Lucinda were sold to a Negro trader, Harris THARP, and I have not heard from them since. My oldest sister and I lived together until emancipation, and she is here in Texas. Mother's youngest brother was Levi SILER. Address me in Brazos County Texas, at Millican, care pastor of M. E. CHURCH, [signed] Campbell SILER.

Southwestern Christian Advocate, 11 October 1883, p. 6, col. 6

Things to Think About! The Amazing Brain.
The brain does amazing things, doesn't it?

Instructions: Read the following sentence straight through without thinking about it.

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QUERIES

By Isabelle Woods

McGIBONEY
RITCHEY
WEILAND

Seek parents of Robert Russell RITCHEY b ca 1812 in TN, d ca 1868 in Cookeville, Putnam County, TN, who married ca 1834 Catherine McGIBONEY in McMinnville, Warren County, TN. When did Robert die and where is he buried? In 1882, Catherine with her children went to Texas. She died on 4 Mar 1894 and was buried in an abandoned cemetery near Eliasville, Young County, TX. Contact Mrs. Veretta RITCHEY WEILAND, 2511 North Waverly Drive, Bossier City, LA 71111-5933; E-mail: hweiland@bellsouth.net.

COPELAND
GREEN
METHVIN
NEWTON
RICHARDSON

Seek descendants of Andrew NEWTON GREEN b 1844 in MS, d 1921 in TX. After the Civil War, he moved from AR to San Jacinto County, TX. His children were: Mollie b 1878; James A. b 1880; Ida b 1887 who m Claudius RICHARDSON; Mattie b 1890 who m Richard RICHARDSON; Willie (a daughter) b 1895, and Dan b (?) who m Hattie COPELAND. Was Will GREEN b 1876, who married Laura (?) also a son of Andrew? Who are the children of Andrew NEWTON GREEN? Please write: Lynda GREEN METHVIN, 3237 Schuler, Bossier City, Louisiana 71112.

LAWSON
RITCHEY
WEILAND

Need the parents of John LAWSON b ca 1795, d before 1840, who m Jinsey (?), probably in St. Clair County, AL. His widow, Jinsy LAWSON, is in 1840 and 1850 U. S. Census Schedules for St. Clair County, AL. Who are Jinsy's parents? Contact: Mrs. Veretta RITCHEY WEILAND, 2511 North Waverly Drive, Bossier City, Louisiana 71111-5933; E-mail: hweiland@bellsouth.net.

JOHNSON
MARTIN
RITCHEY
WEILAND

Seek the parents of Nancy Jane MARTIN b TN, d before 1880 in Izard County, AR. Circa 1840, she m Isaac JOHNSON in Overton County, TN. Contact Mrs. Veretta RITCHEY WEILAND, 2511 North Waverly Drive, Bossier City, LA 71111-5933; E-mail: hweiland@bellsouth.net.



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A CORRECTION

FROM THE ALPHABETICAL MEMBERSHIP LIST

**NAME RESEARCHED; Vol. 38, SECOND QUARTER 2004, No. 2;
MRS. DANETA BARDSLEY IS RESEARCHING SURNAME "LITTON" NOT LIFTON.**

The Great Depression

Submitted by Thelma Sabbath

In the great Depression, life was very hard. We lived on a farm down in Gloster, Louisiana. But I was born in Grand Cane in 1918. There were nine of us. I was the oldest of six girls and three boys. We had no convenience in those days, no electricity, so we did not need a refrigerator. I can remember we had an old wooden icebox. Daddy would buy a big 50 pounds of ice and put it in the icebox and wrap it with old quilts, paper and rags. It would last for about two days because the weather was so hot it would melt fast. We used to use an ice pick and chop off some and put it in a bucket and made a bucket of ice water to drink.

For fuel we had wood cut off the land and the family wash was done by hand. The iron was heated on an old wood stove and it was always a little too hot or a little too cold. We worked very hard; our mother and father would see that we got done the things that we had to do.

Our work began at 4 in the morning when we fed the cows and chickens. In the summer we worked in the fields from sunup to sundown hoeing the cotton and corn. We would work in the fields in the hot sun without stopping until twelve noon. Then go to the house and get our milk and bread, our gravy and cornbread or a big pot of greens or peas. Our father raised everything that we ate. When the vegetables all ripened it was so grand. We were always glad when we had them all canned. We had milk and butter from our cows. It tasted delicious because it was so pure. There wasn't any government sanitary law we would strain the milk and drink it just as it was. Right after milking we would put it in a bucket and drop it in a well to cool. It would come out so cold and tasted so good.

We attended school at the old school house. The name of the church was Bethlehem Baptist Church where we went to Sunday school every Sunday morning and stayed for church. And the school was also Bethlehem School and had two rooms, two teachers. The school sat right next to the church. It had two rooms and between two rooms it had a big wooden heater that warmed both classrooms. There were no chairs for the students to sit in. Someone made some seats out of some old planks. He used two big wood blocks and nailed the planks on each end. The planks did not have backs so we had to sit up straight. There was no school cafeteria in those days. Mama would get up and bake two or three pans of biscuits and fry a big skillet of good smoked meat and fix our dinners. We would take a syrup bucket and the biscuits soaked up the syrup, but it was good anyway.

The teachers were very strict. Back then a person did not have to have a degree nor a diploma to teach school. They attended a teaching school. They could teach in the country, not in the city. Our principal was Mary Williams. She taught fourth grade and Veda Green, my aunt, taught the lower grades. Our first book was called a primer book and one reading was, "Alice said, 'Come cat, come to dinner'." The cat said, "No, I don't want no dinner."

It was no kindergarten, no Head start and the students was divided up about forty. The ones who were the smartest went to the higher grades. The teacher had us all standing in line and called out a word for us to spell and the ones what couldn't spell had to get out of the line and the ones that could spell, they moved on up.

Our pencils were brown lead. They cost only a penny. We used Big Chief writing tablets with a Big Chief on the front. There was just one kind and we all used that.

In school we would be quiet as a mouse. We learned our lessons from old textbooks by the light of a kerosene lamp. The teacher used paddles when we didn't behave. Our parents backed them up every step of the way. Dad and Mom was always seen and heard and we spoke to our elders, we said "Yes, M'am" and "No, M'am."

We made up our own games using stuffed dolls wrapped in rags for dolls. We played rope with an old plow line. We would make a bed of straw from a tree of pine and jump up and down on it. We used empty cans and bottles in our playhouse. We made straw dolls, shuck hats and shuck purses that we would sell in our grocery store for two or three pennies. We played hopscotch and Hide and Go Seek and sometimes we went swimming in the creek.

Our mother would go to the country store and buy material to make our dresses and underskirts. The material cost a nickel a yard and top price was ten cents. She would make pants for the brothers out of old cotton sacks. Picking cotton wore the bottom out of the sacks so she would use the best parts left after the cotton was picked. Our father made our shoes out of leather so we didn't have to buy them. The chairs we sat in our father made them also. The bottoms were made of cowhide. When you killed the cows, you saved the hides and dried it.

Our first car was an old T Model Ford. It didn't start with a key. The way to start it was to turn the crank and that got it kicked off. It took a very strong person to get that old T model car started, two very strong big men because in those days cars was very heavy because they was made out of good material. They weren't not just put together like cars are now for beauty.

So you see we had good times as well as bad and I really feel better about the life I had in the great Depression. We survived because God took care of us.

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BOOK REVIEWS

By Herman Weiland

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Red Hill Cemetery, Morehouse Parish, Mer Rouge, LA
By Isabelle Woods

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ID	SURNAME	FIRST	MIDDLE	TITLE	BIRTH	DEATH	COMMENTS/HSI/
132?		?			? ? --38	24 Mar 1963	
129	Alford	Guy	T.		16 Oct 1889	08 Sep 1969	LOUISIANA CPL CO C 318 SVC BN QMC WORLD WAR I
130	Alford	Ella	Grimes		28 Feb 1884	14 Aug 1967	
27	Alford	Juett			1915	1995	
131	Alford	Everett	J.		31 Mar 1886	08 Jun 1974	
33	Alford	David	Lee		1930	1994	Age 64; MM
157	Arles ?	Carrie			17 May 1919?	13 Jan 198?	
89	Armst---	?			1897	1921	Surname on Vault may be "Armstrong."
87	Armstrong	Joe			10 Feb 1908	08 Dec 1978	
82	Armstrong	Joyce	Marie			02 Sep 1958	Sole date on HS. Assuming it is her death date.
86	Armstrong	Laura	Dickerson		06 Sep 1906	18 Aug 1966	
90	Armstrong	John	Wesley		19 Feb 1943	21 May 1995	MM: Age 52
92	Armstrong	Talmadge			10 Feb 1910	07 Apr 1969	
93	Armstrong	Lula	Hunter		12 Aug 1930	28 Jan 1972	Wife
94	Armstrong	Annie	L.		03 May 1888	08 Aug 1965	
91	Armstrong	Andrew		Jr.	26 Feb 1915	18 Aug 1983	
196	Austin	Huey		Jr.	23 Feb 1936	31 Oct 1971	
194	Austin	Noah			1934	1997	
195	Austin	Elva	D.		1903	1976	
265	Bailey	Joe			25 Dec 1908	17 Jun 1961	LOUISIANA S SGT 4182 QM SERVICE CO WORLD WAR II
153	Baker	Callie			20 Apr 1904	30 Jul 1974	
264	Baker	Martha			09 Jn 1905	03 Jul 1974	
251	Barnes	Janec			09 Mar 1883	20 Aug 1980	First name may be "Jane C." or "Tanec"
45	Barton	Willie	Mae		05 May 1911	12 Aug 1996	
68	Bell	Lonnie			1904	1972	
209	Benton	Alice	Gardner		1892	1962	HSI: Married Jan. 16, 1915
208	Benton	Willie		Sr.	1892	1962	Duo w/ Alice Gardner Benton
69	Bradley	Tom			13 Jul 1887	27 Apr 1977	Grandfather
58	Brandon	Charles			23 Oct 1950	26 Mar 1989	
57	Brandon	Doris			29 Jul 1927	13 Sep 1987	
30	Brandy	Sytira	A		09 May 1927	23 Oct 1983	
62	Broughton	Arnett			09 Aug 1916	08 Dec 1990	FP: Parents: Laura Warner & Henry Broughton
34	Brown	Rosie	B.		--- Aug 1898	25 May 1978	Sister

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198	Brown	Ann	Dickerson		21 Jan 1905	11 Apr 1964	Sister
84	Brown	Henrietta			15 Jul 1900	25 Feb 1963	Mother
83	Brown	William			24 Sep 1877	05 Dec 1961	Father
2	Brown	Lela	M.		19 Jan 1952	27 Oct 1983	
211	Burkes	Lizzie			05 Apr 1900	09 Aug 1978	
70	Burrell	Wilbert			10 Oct 1910	16 May 1969	
203	Butler	Caroline			13 Nov 1906	04 Jan 1956	Sister
261	Calloway	Columbus			1874	1959	Duo w/ Jennie Calloway
260	Calloway	Jennie			1890	(Blank)	Duo w/ Columbus Calloway
245	Campbell	Berrill	Justine		15 May 1918	07 Jun 1955	Mother of Louise, Thomas, Dorthy
79	Chaffold	Johnny	Earl		28 Feb 1929	28 Feb 1984	PVT U S ARMY KOREA
99	Chandler	Mary			27 Dec 1905	03 Jan 1983	Daughter
249	Chandler	Inezil			16 Apr 1908	25 Dec 1985	
7	Cheseman	Lilbert			24 Sep 1921	19 Dec 1985	SP5 U S ARMY KOREA
109	Coates	Christian			04 Sep 1900	04 Sep 1975	
23	Cobb	Maggie	L.		12 Mar 1899	14 Jun 1993	Mother; FS: Mama Mag
21	Cobbs	James		Sr.	06 Jul 1898	03 Apr 1968	
51	Cook	Brenda	Sue		24 Mar 1951	14 Apr 1983	
152	Covington	B.	C.		19 Jun 1910	16 Jul 1965	
88	Covington	Velma			02 Feb 1936	20 Jan 1987	Exact dates from FP; Parents-Laura and Joe Armstrong
74	Davenport	Inez			(Blank)	(Blank)	Trio w/ George Walton and Gertrude Walton
20	Davidson	Earl			1903	1960	
169	Davis	Estella			02 Jan 1914	(Blank)	Duo w/ John Davis, Jr.
170	Davis	John		Jr.	29 Jul 1906	25 Oct 1988	Duo w/ Estella Davis
182	Debose	Samuel			31 Dec 1911	12 May 1977	
177	Debose	Sammie			20 Mar 1888	07 Oct 1957	
175	Debose	Irene			11 Nov 1880	17 Oct 1978	A Loving Mother & Grandmother
176	Debose	Ernest			1879	1956	Age 77; Our Beloved Father
183	Debose	Cora	W.		08 Jul 1881	2(?) Oct 1987	
200	Dickerson	Harper			1882	1954	Daddy
205	Dickerson	Odis			26 Dec 1915	20 Feb 1982	Duo w/ Eula Payton Dickerson; FS: OD
206	Dickerson	Eula	Payton		17 Sep 1919	(Blank)	Duo w/ Odis Dickerson; FS: EPD
174	Dowels	Gloria	J.		1945	1986	

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ID	SURNAME	FIRST	MIDDLE	TITLE	BIRTH	DEATH	COMMENTS/HSI/
173	Dowles	-ollie	D.		1912	1988	
168	Downs	Geanie	Edward		18 Aug 1917	05 Aug 1988	PFC U S ARMY WORLD WAR II
41	Edwards	Robert	E.	Jr.	18 Jan 1951	09 Apr 1993	SP4 U S ARMY VIETNAM; FP--Wife: Lula Mae White
248	Evans	Carolyn	(Jeanette)		23 Jan 1968	1992	Middle name and exact birth and death dates from FP
231	Field	Laxie	H.		07 May 1895	21 Sep 1972	Beloved Mother; FP--Parents: Grace and Vest Howard
230	Fields	Homer			10 Jun 1897	16 Oct 1957	LOUISIANA PVT CO. K CASUAL DET WORLD WAR I
188	Ford	John	Lee		11 Oct 1914	10 Apr 1990	Age 75
3	Freeman	Nathaniel			16 Oct 1919	08 Sep 1983	Duo with Lue Vonja Freeman
4	Freeman	Lue	Vonia		23 Jul 1923	(Blank)	Duo with Nathaniel Freeman
15	Garden	Dorothy		Mrs.	10 May 1926	01 May 1988	
14	Garden	Dave			? ? 1922	11 Jul ?	Vault
218	Gardner	W.	M.		15 Jun 1863	22 Jun 1959	
214	Gardner	Willie			28 Mar 1921	04 Jul 1980	PFC U S ARMY
213	Gardner	William		Jr.	10 Jun 1896	09 Dec 1983	U S ARMY WORLD WAR I
212	Gardner	George			12 Sep 1900	13 Oct 1972	Brother
219	Gardner	Rosa			06 Sep 1905	19 Aug 1957	
102	Grant	Cora			27 Aug 1896?	10 Apr 1958?	
53	Green	Earline	D.		15 Oct 1914	03 Jul 1981	
66	Grigg	Rosie	L.		1923	1993	
11	Haddick	Mattie			01 Sep 1883	13 Sep 1954	
121	Hall	Legusta			21 Jun 1916	29 Oct 1983	SGT U S ARMY WORLD WAR II
120	Hall	Malinda			1898	1994	
155	Harris	Gertrude			29 Apr 1936	17 Oct 1967	
101	Harris	Ivory	B.		23 Jan 1929	15 Mar 1978	Mother
100	Harris	John	T.		20 Jul 1920	22 Sep 1991	Father
39	Harris	Nathan			04 Mar 1887	25 Apr 1957	PVT CO B 530 SVC BN ENGR CORPS WORLD WAR I
17	Harris	Lillie	B.		10 Mar 1921	02 Jun 1979	
189	Harris	Gus			1914	1990	
190	Harris	Larry	H.		20 Feb 1953	25 Oct 1980	Son of Gus & Mae E. Harris
64	Harris	Earl			01 May 1922	11 Mar 1985	
128	Hawkins	Izola		Mrs.	18 Dec 1909	07 Dec 1995	
150	Hawkins	Edgar		Jr.	07 Jan 1956	31 Mar 1981	FS: "Hank"
24	Haynes	Ronald	Oneal		04 Jul 1967	25 Jun 1995	Age 28; MM

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29	Henderson	Fra(n)ces			1892	(Blank)	
28	Henderson	Robert	(Lee)		04 May 1971	26 Apr 1996	FP: Parents-Dorothy Briggs and Robert Henderson
50	Hill	Jasper			01 Jul 1887	28 Jan 1980	
48	Hill	Carrie	J.		14 Jan 1894	06 Mar 1964	
49	Hill	Mary	Lee		18 Aug 1918	01 Aug 1978	
52	Hill	Valentina	Nicole		14 Feb 1983	14 Apr 1988	
59	Hill	Willie			08 May 1926	13 Jul 1995	On MM Name: Willie Howard Hill, DOB 05 May 1926
60	Hill	Milton		Mr.	15 Nov 1919	11 Feb 1996	MM: Age 76
61	Hill	Viola		Ms.	(Blank)	05 Mar 1996	MM
164	Hobbs	Dan			28 Jun 1933	13 Jun 1990	Age 56
165	Hobbs	I.			28 ? 1930	02 Jan 1989	Age 58
40	Hobbs	Lillie			25 Dec 1904	09 Dec 1972	
32	Hobbs	Squire		Sr.	01 Jan 1888	06 Mar 1962	
43	Holiday	Dora	Lee		30 Mar 1914	06 Aug 1995	
18	Holmes	Jennie		Ms.	15 Oct 1915	19 Jul 1994	Age 78
115	Howard	Louis			20? Oct 1900	02 Jun 1991?	Birth date may be 28 Oct 1900
232	Howe	Frank	A.		15 Jun 1911	22 Feb 1961	LOUISIANA S SGT 337 AVN SQ AAF WORLD WAR II
141	Hudson	James			25 Dec 1912	23 Apr 1994	
98	Jackson	Nazree			22 Jul 1874	08 Mar 1973	Mother; Duo w/ Mary Chandler
38	Jackson	Dalton			1891	1966 ?	Beloved Husband of Hanna
158	Jenkins	Kelly	Lee		19 Oct 1935	29 Aug 1987	
76	Johnson	Albert			10 Feb 1914	16 Feb 1983	TEC5 U S ARMY WORLD WAR II
268	Johnson	Jimmie	C.		23 Jun 1919	30 Nov 1986	PFC U S ARMY WORLD WAR II
193	Johnson	James			--- Jun 1905	--- Jun 1987	
179	Johnson	Evelyn	Debose		03 Feb 1918	13 Mar 1994	
178	Johnson	Charlie			15 Dec 1895	18 Mar 1989	
199	Johnson	Lue Gertie	D.		17 Dec 1895	03 Sep 1969	
96	Jones	Willie	D.		1936	1991	PFC U S ARMY
5	Jones	Mary			1902	1953	Mother
6	Jones	Jessie			1894	1971	Father
8	Jones	Earline	Iberia		20 Jul 1926	29 Jan 1988	
246	Jones	Willie			03 May 1914	14 Dec 1976	Husband
237	Jones	Arthur			15 Jan 1914	22 Feb 1974	FP: Parents-Ida Washington and Jeff Jones

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ID	SURNAME	FIRST	MIDDLE	TITLE	BIRTH	DEATH	COMMENTS/HSI/
267	Jones	Louise			08 May 1895	08 May 1977	
242	Jones	Effie	M.		27 Sep 1906	01 Sep 1972	
253	Kincaid	Alma	J.		1934	1994	
250	Knoxs	Ozell			19 Jan 1914	05 Jul 1982	Mother
125	Kyles	Minnie	Sims		09 Apr 1891	19 Dec 1965	
124	Kyles	Ellis			01 Jan 1888	29 Dec 1974	
122	Kyles	Quenon	O.			Sep 1993?	Date on HS is "9-1993" assuming it's a death date
126	Kyles	Christine	W.		1918	1991	
135	Lee	Solomon			01 Jun 1927	29 Nov 1971	
97	Lee	Jamall	Eugene		09 Jun 1990	30 Mar 1992	
134	Lee	Eddie		Sr.	1900	1965	FS: ""Doc"
266	Lee	Viola		Mrs.	31 Jan 1923	09 Nov 1996	MM: Age 73
136	Lee	Odessa	T.		1926	1989	
137	Lee	Lester		Sr.	07 Aug 1953	22 Jun 1984	
31	Lewis	Blanch			1889	1956	
10	Lockett	Elay			09 Feb 1895	10 Oct 1972	LOUISIANA PVT CO D 817 ENGINEERS WORLD WAR I
217	Lollie	Bobbie	J.		26 Dec 1914	11 Sep 1984	
216	Lollie	Willie			10 Oct 1937	06 Jan 1987	Son
257	Mack	Eugene		Sr.	30 Dec 1920	24 Jan 1989	PFC U S ARMY WORLD WAR II; Parents: Mandy & Julius Mack
258	Mack	Daniel			1904	1966	Beloved Husband of Salee Mack; Age 62
67	Mack	Charlie			25 Dec 1897	14 Jun 1979	Husband
240	Malone	Estella	Sims		16 Jan 1922	15 Mar 1975	Mother
9	Marsh	Sarah			(Blank)	(Blank)	Our Beloved Mother
144	Mason	Viola	H.		22 Mar 1899	02 Apr 1992	
108	Matthews	Aaron			24 Nov 1934	27 Nov 1986	Age 52 Yrs
254	Matthews	Earl	C.		27 Jul 1927	19 Aug 1986	
185	McCoy	Evelyn			1909	1994	
181	McDaniel	Fannie		Mrs.	08 March 192	09 Aug 1995	Age 75
180	McDaniels	Sylvester			18 Jan 1917	09 Apr 1983	
204	McGehee	Melvin	L.		29 May 1919	13 Aug 1956	LOUISIANA PFC 480 AVIATION SQ WORLD WAR II
187	McWoodson	Celie			26 Sep 1900	16 May 1996	Age 95
184	Mitchell	Victor			1937	1992	
26	Mitchell	Joe		Sr.	13 Sep 1919	12 Nov 1972	

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ID	SURNAME	FIRST	MIDDLE	TITLE	BIRTH	DEATH	COMMENTS/HSI/
25	Mitchell	Lewis			07 Sep 1927	23 Sep 1984	
19	Mitchell	J.	J.	Rev.	1878	1952	Our Beloved Father
22	Moore	Isaac			29 Jul 1928	09 Mar 1978	
47	Moore	Milton			1890	1953	Beloved Husband Daddy Moore
243	Mullin	John			16 Jun 1892	20 Feb 1975	
244	Mullins	Brad			09 Aug 1976	22 Apr 1994	Age 17
95	Nickerson	Willie	Lee		16 Mar 1948	23 May 1962	
107	Odom	Leanna			16 Nov 1904	05 Oct ?	
106	Odom	Castile			02 Jul 1910	16 Dec ?	
210	Payton	Lula Mae	Benton		06 Sep 1928	09 Apr 1966	Our Precious Mother
225	Payton	Julia	R.		13 Apr 1884	25 Aug 1978	
156	Pearce	Pegross			29 Jan --32	02 Sep 1995	
167	Pegross	Iola			09 Sep 1906	13 Jun 1996	MM: Iola Williams Pegross; Age 89
166	Pegross	Roosevelt			22 Jul 1943	14 Jun 1994	
35	Peoples	Lottie	G.		11 Nov 1900	18 Jan 1987	
113	Perkin	Henry			01 Sep 1888	30 Jan 1962	
117	Perkins	Howard			11 Sep 1916	16 Jun 1978	HS has a Mason insignia
118	Perkins	Beulah			1919	1995	MM: Age 76
119	Perkins	Verna			26 Mar 1913	18 Nov 1984	
221	Pittman	Zola			13 Feb 1902	10 Feb 1990	
222	Pittman	Moran			11 Oct 1911	01 Nov 1995	PVT U S ARMY WORLD WAR II
228	Pittman	Matilda			24 Dec 1897	21 Dec 1961	
161	Pittman	Mattie			01 May 1893	20 Jan 1975	Mother
1	Pittman	Erma			15 Jun 1920	04 Nov 1970	
160	Pittman	Lizzie			04 Feb 1912	10 Dec 1985	
226	Pittman	Welcome			1914	1967	PVT U S ARMY WORLD WAR II
227	Pittman	Adam			05 Dec 1905	24 Jun 1965	
234	Pittman	Robert			1895	1970	
233	Pittmon	Jim		Rev.	05 May 1895	14 Sep 1966	
215	Ploughman	Kathrine			03 Nov 1920	12 Nov 1980	Sister
259	Polite	Sarah			29 Jun 1876	26 Oct 1961	Grandmother
12	Porter	Pernellar			06 Sep 1891	15 Mar 1957	
186	Potter	Shirley	Mae		10 Dec 1927	18 Jun 1996	

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ID	SURNAME	FIRST	MIDDLE	TITLE	BIRTH	DEATH	COMMENTS/HSI/
133	Potter	Bessie		Mrs.	16 May 1915	11 Sep 1995	Age 80
252	Powell	Marie			1907	1996	
105	Prater	Roosevelt		Jr.	10 Jul 1956	16 Dec 1995	
201	Quillar	Minnie	D. (or B.)		04 May 1906	(Blank)	Mother
202	Quillar	Jimmie			18 May 1913	05 Nov 1984	STM2 U S NAVY WORLD WAR II; Wife, Minnie.
159	Randle	Emma			1939	1989	Loving Mother
255	Ridgell	Violet			08 Feb 1937	25 Aug 1984	Wife
197	Robinson	Lelia	D.		10 Aug 1908	07 Nov 1990	FS: Grandmother
78	Rowden	Earnestine			22 Oct 1912	08 Jul 1978	Mother
77	Rowden	Arthur			23 May 1914	10 May 1970	
127	Scates	Bernard			12 Dec 1896	28 Mar 1963	LOUISIANA PVT U S ARMY WORLD WAR I
238	Sims	Earnestine	W.		10 May 1902	10 Feb 1972	Mother
239	Sims	Eddie			19 Jun 1901	04 Dec 1973	Father
191	Smith	Jimmie	Lee		07 Nov 1930	12 Jun 1992	PFC U S ARMY KOREA
235	Smith	Mamie B.	Wright		14 Feb 1898	02 Jun 1960	
146	Smith	Lula	E.	Sis.	08 May 1906	09 May 1970	We Love You Mother; HS #2: Lula Ella Smith
256	Smith	Jose			1921	1995	
85	Smith	-----e			27 Dec 1898	21? Jan 1967	DOD may be 31 Jan 1967
236	Smith	Julius	A.		31 Dec 1884	03 Sep 1924	
110	Smith	Lilla			10 Jan 1897	28 Nov 1982	
111	Smith	Milton			07 Oct 1894	01 Sep 1969	
114	Smith	Frank			10 Sep 1917	10 May 1981	U S ARMY
229	Solomon	Corean			29 Feb 1895	25 May 1962	
241	Solomon	Ella	Jones		21 Jul 1886	12 Jul 1967	
13	Taylor	Louis			1901	1963	Age 61; Beloved Husband of Redemer Taylor
104	Taylor	Annie	Mae		12 Aug 1912	07 Aug 1972	
138	Taylor	Mattie	R.	Mrs.	1913	1988	
103	Taylor	John			10 Dec 1898	11 Mar 1982	
139	Taylor	Alonzo		Sr.	19 Mar 1893?	13 Aug --73?	Age 81
262	Thomas	Lee	Ella		18 Sep 1932	14 May 1993	Wife; Mother
54	Thompson	Mamie	D.		18 Oct 1906	05 Feb 1984	Mother
224	Turner	Zola	Mae		29 Mar 1952	01 Dec 1954	
223	Turner	Zadia			10 Sep 1897	28 Sep 1985	

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72	Walton	George			(Blank)	(Blank)	Trio w/ Gertrude Walton and Inez Davenport
73	Walton	Gertrude			(Blank)	(Blank)	Trio w/ George Walton and Inez Davenport
65	Ward	Lewellen			20 Feb 1915	31 Mar 1987	PVT U S ARMY WORLD WAR II
42	Wasson	Martha			14 Feb 1872	29 Jun 1968	
46	Wasson	Lois			16 Jan 1924	07 Jul 1976	
140	Watson	Amanda			23 Mar 1901	11 Mar 1993	Mother; Age 91 yrs 11 mo 17 days
247	Webb	Anna	Rose			1993	
147	Whaley	Eugene	"Goat"		17 Jul 1934	11 May 1992	
148	Wheeler	Charles	F.		20 Jul 1972	22 May 1994	Son & Bro.; HS #2: Love Mother, Sister, & Brother
151	Wheeler	David			1918	1977	
44	White	Artie	Mae		01 Jan 1910	05 Jan 1972	
55	Wiley	James			23 Mar 1919	10 Oct 1988	PVT U S ARMY WORLD WAR II
56	Wiley	Oliver			31 Dec 1942	08 May 1983	Son
36	Williams	Leatha	Charles		06 Aug 1909	19 Aug 1972	
37	Williams	Lanie			02 Jun 1904	13 Nov 1900	FP: Parents-Elizabeth Ford & Eli Williams
220	Williams	Nannie	Lee		01 Dec 1923	09 Feb 1985	
112	Williams	Edward		Jr.	13 Aug 1928	09 Oct 1976	PFC U S ARMY KOREA; Deacon
75	Williams	Walter			1906	1982	
172	Williams	Mollie			--- Mar 1863	08 Aug 1974	
171	Williams	Sammie			28 Mar 1912	11 Jun 1973	
163	Williams	Harold	A.		10 Nov 1960	31 Mar 1981	
154	Williams	Lee	Roy		07 Mar 1912	18 Feb 1983	
149	Williams	Flora	Bell		1925	1996	Age 70
207	Williams	Lizzie M.	Benton		03 May 1918	04 Oct 1991	Mother
63	Wilson	Jimmie	Lee	Mr.	06 Feb 1928	10 Aug 1990	MM: Age 62
71	Wilson	Mack			10 Apr 1920	24 Oct 1982	
162	Wilson	Bettye	Sue		22 Jan 1954	17 Aug 1979	
145	Wilson	Gregory	Charles		19 Aug 1979	16 Jun 1994	Age 14
143	Wilson	McKenley		Sr.	09 Feb 1912	16 Apr 1989	"Little Buddy"
142	Wilson	Alma			08 May 1910	15 Sep 1988	Mother; FP: Parents-Nellie Jackson & George Wilson
116	Wilson	Ronny			18 Apr 1953	10 May 1983	SP4 U S ARMY VIETNAM
123	Wilson	Lois V.	Kyles		01 Feb 1917	02 May 1972	
16	Winston	Sam			08 Feb 1932	17 Aug 1981	PFC U S ARMY KOREA

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80	Winston	Robert			16 Jun 1905	12 Sep 1980	
81	Winston	Vest			12 Jan 1927	24 Jun 1973	Father; The Late Minister
192	Winston	Corrine		Mrs.		12 Jun 1900	Age 83
263	Woods	John			28 Jun 1885	20 Sep 1959	

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MER ROUGE CEMETERY ROAD
MER ROUGE, MOREHOUSE PARISH, LA 71261

Based on my collection of African-American funeral programs, this Cemetery is called by no less than four names in order of preference: Red Hill Cemetery, Hilltop Cemetery, Mer Rouge Community Cemetery, and Mer Rouge Cemetery. This reading is of the predominately African-American decedents on the left of the Mer Rouge Cemetery Road.

To reach the Red Hill Cemetery from the city limits of Bastrop, Louisiana, drive 2.2 miles on the Mer Rouge Road (Highway 165 North) to a point where on your left you see a white arch at the top of a hill. This is the Red Hill section of Mer Rouge, LA. Make a left from Mer Rouge Road (Highway 165 North) onto the Mer Rouge Cemetery Road. When you come to a fork on Mer Rouge Cemetery Road, take the left fork to continue on Mer Rouge Cemetery Road for one-tenth of a mile to the Red Hill Cemetery on your left.

If you take the right fork (road is unnamed) and proceed under a white arch with "Mer Rouge Cemetery" on it, you will go to a dead-end where burials of predominately White decedents' in the Mer Rouge Cemetery (aka Mer Rouge Community Cemetery) exists on both sides of this unnamed road. The Family History Club, Post Office Box 1227, Bastrop, LA, published in 1964 a list of burials in the Mer Rouge Cemetery in their book, *Known Burials in Morehouse Parish, Louisiana, and South Ashley County, Arkansas*. My funeral program collection also infer that a few Blacks were permitted burial during the mid-1970's with White decedents in the Mer Rouge Cemetery on this unnamed road that makes a right fork from the Mer Rouge Cemetery Road.

Symbols used in this list of decedents are: FP – Funeral Program of decedent in possession of Mrs. Isabelle Woods; FS – Footstone; HSI - Headstone Inscription; HS – Headstone; MM – Funeral Home Metal Marker.

Upcoming Programs

Submitted by Betty Jon Gorman

The Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association, Inc. meets the second Saturday of each month from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Randle T. Moore Center, 3101 Fairfield Avenue, Shreveport, LA.

During each meeting, topics of interest are presented by recognized lecturers and distinguished presenters. See List Below:

Philip Adderley, will speak to us at our regular meeting of September 11th. He will be speaking on "*Bermuda Research with its Connection to England and Virginia*."

"Show and Tell", will be the center of attention at our regular meeting of October 9th. This time members will bring us timely tips on their successes and finds.

Nita Cole, will speak to us at our regular meeting of November 13th.

The Annual Meeting and Christmas Party will be the center of attention at our regular meeting of December 11th.

If you have a subject or topic
you would like for our Association to have a presentation on...
Please let the Association know.

Contact ALTGA by mail at PO Box 4463, Shreveport, LA 71134-0463

FATHER: Henry Auer FETZER-133

Born: 13 DEC 1875	Place: Shreveport, Caddo, La.
Nam.: About 1900	Place: Marriage, Matilda B., Rioux, Shreveport La.
Marr: 28 MAR 1900	Place: Shreveport, Caddo, La.
Died: 18 JUL 1928	Place: Shreveport, Caddo, La.
Bur.: 20 JUL 1928	Place: Forest Park Cem., Shreveport, Caddo La, See notes

Father: William Peter FETZER-125 [30]

Mother: Elizabeth AUER-126

Other Spouses:

MOTHER: Matilda B. RIOUX-1007

Born: 16 FEB 1884	Place: Unknown
Nam.: 28 MAR 1900	Place: Marriage, Henry Auer, Fetzer, Shreveport La.
Died: 10 NOV 1948	Place: Palacios, Texas
Bur.:	Place: Forrest Park, Cem., Shreveport La, See notes

Father:

Mother:

Other Spouses:

SEX

M/F CHILDREN

1 Henry Melchoir FETZER-1008	Sp: Mattie CRUMP-1009 (1908) [330]
— Born: 14 DEC 1901	Place: Shreveport, Caddo, La.
M Marr: About 1925	Place: Shreveport, Caddo, La.
Died: 20 FEB 1965	Place: Texarkana, La.

FATHER Henry Auer FETZER-133 (1875)

Henry the son of William Peter Fetzer first started out selling vegetables at City Market near the KCS shops, 1899 City directory. In 1902 he was head clerk at Goldstein and Rose, Matilda was known as Maggie. He was a resident of Palacios Texas for many years. His wife Matilda died in this town in 1948. See Matilda family.

See Doc Ro-011-98 City Dir.

See Doc RO-025-99 cemetery, Forest Park birth, death, more

See Doc RO-039-02 birth, marriage, death, spouse, children, much more

MOTHER Matilda B. RIOUX-1007 (1884)

Matilda (Mattie) birth place unknown. In 1902 their home was 316 Crockett St. Their home was at 3634 Fetzer Drive (Lake Shore Drive 1996) and it was a favorite place for the Rose family to visit. She lived in Shreveport until about 1936 then moved to Palacios Texas. This is where she died.

See Doc RO-025-99 Forest Park Cem birth, death

CHILD 1 Henry Melchoir FETZER-1008 (1901)

Henry lived at 3624 Fetzer Dr. (Lake Shore Drive) in 1930 lived in Texarkana in 1948.

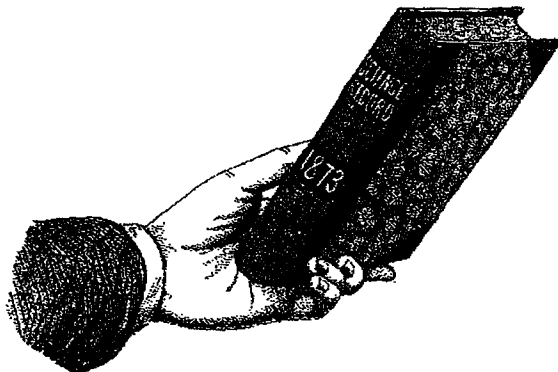
See Doc RO-025-99 birth, death Cem. Forest Park more

See Doc RO-039-02 parents, birth, spouse death more

FATHER: William Peter FETZER

MOTHER: Elizabeth AUER

FAMILY MEMBER	NOTE TYPE	FGR HISTORY NOTES
FATHER	William Peter FETZER- 125 (1826)	See Doc RO- 26- 2001 Map Fetzer Auer Subdivision located along Portland Ave. Shreveport. See Doc RO- 033- 2001 Marriage census, knowledge of Joseph B. Smith owner of candy store building Spring St. more
MOTHER	Elizabeth AUER- 126 (1832)	See Doc RO- 026- 2001 Fetzer & Auer Subdivision Shreveport
CHILD 1	John Nicholas FETZER- 129 (1868)	John Nicholas Fetzer son of William Peter Fetzer and Elizabeth Auer, died from Epithelinia, sextons report dated 6, Aug. 1899, J. N. Fetzer age 30, male, white, Dr. J. W. Allen.
CHILD 2	Maggie FETZER- 130 (1870)	(No FGR History Notes)
CHILD 3	William Peter Jr. FETZER- 131 (1871)	(No FGR History Notes)
CHILD 4	Adalla FETZER- 132 (1873)	(No FGR History Notes)
CHILD 5	Henry Auer FETZER- 133 (1875)	Henry the son of William Peter Fetzer first started out selling vegetables at City Market near the KCS shops, 1899 City directory. In 1902 he was head clerk at Goldstein and Rose, Matilda was known as Maggie. He was a resident of Palacios Texas for many years. His wife Matilda died in this town in 1948. See Matilda family. See Doc Ro- 011- 98 City Dir. See Doc RO- 025- 99 cemetery, Forest Park birth, death, more



Oaklawn Cemetary Search July 26, 1988 by Victor Rose Family Fetzner

John Nicholaus Fetzner B.Sept. 7, 1868 D. Aug. 5, 1899

John Auer B.Feb. 28, 1816 D. Apr. 1, 1896. Dying is but going home.

Margaret Elizabeth Rose daughter of Henry and Kate Rose B. Aug. 8, 1889
D. Oct. 15, 1889. Gone to be an Angel.

Haggie Fetzner B. Nov. 9, 1870 D. Aug. 25, 1871 Infant

George Washington Fetzner (Bible Record B. March 26, 1858).The portion
of the stone with the dates was missing.

Adella (Bible Adalla) Fetzner B. Feb. 16, 1873 (Bible Feb. 13) D. Aug.
8, 1878 (Bible Aug. 9)

Peter Fetzner B. Jan. 25, 1826 D. Sept. 11, 1880 Born in Geiselburg
Germany Bavaria.

William Fetzner son of Peter Fetzner (Bible William Peter Fetzner) B. Dec.
3, 1871 D. June 18, 1893.

Elizabeth Auer Fetzner (Wife of Peter Fetzner) Born in Switzerland Mar. 16,
1832 D. July 4, 1893.

Fetzner Bible Record for Peter Fetzner and Elizabeth Auer
who were married Dec. 17 1867, First child in
this marriage was 1858. Peter was from Geiselberg Germany and Elizabeth
was from Schaffhausen Switzerland.

George Washington Fetzner B. March 26, 1858

Katherina Amilia Fetzner B. Feb.6, 1860

Betty Fetzner B. July 22, 1862

John Nicholaus Fetzner B. Sept. 7, 1868

Haggie Fetzner B. 1870

William Peter Fetzner B. Dec. 3, 1871

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