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President's Message

Hello Members,

I hope all of you have made strides in your search for ancestors this year. The Bossier City/Shreveport area is a great place to do genealogical and historical research.

We in the Shreveport/Bossier City area are very fortunate to have some of the finest libraries with significant genealogical collections. The genealogy department in the Broadmoor Branch of the Shreve Memorial Library is second to none for a city of our size. Just across the Red River in Bossier City is the Bossier Parish Library Historical Center with a number of historical exhibits, and a growing collection of resources that are valuable to Bossier Parish research. Another great resource in our area is the Noel Library located on the LSU Shreveport campus. The Noel Library has a vast collection of Louisiana newspapers on microfilm as well as the archives and special collections departments with historical documents and material pertinent to Northwestern Louisiana and the Red River Region. Within a couple of hours drive from Shreveport/Bossier City, there are countless local parish public libraries, museums and college/university libraries that are great resources to help you with your ancestral search.

In addition, our association is striving to provide programs to further benefit those seeking to learn more about their heritage, as well as local history. Our March meeting featured Mr. Billy Adams who spoke of his ancestors who lived in North Louisiana; at our April meeting, Heather McEntee, gave an interesting presentation on Family History Scrapbooking; and last month's speakers were Dr. Gary Joiner and Monica Pels, who gave a presentation on the Historic Forest Park Cemetery in Greenwood and the pioneer families buried there. Our June program will feature John Agan, who will speak on the division of the old Claiborne Parish, and the resulting parishes that were formed.

In April, we held a special class for beginning researchers. Thanks to Cynthia Millen, Willie R. Griffin, Philip Adderley, Mae Feinberg, and Reed Mathews for their presentations. We had several other volunteers who also helped in making the class a huge success. We gained six new members from this class.

Our annual seminar in August is just around the corner and we are working hard to make this an event to remember. This years featured speaker will be Elizabeth C. Wells, who is an archivist and lecturer at Samford University in Birmingham. This event will be held on August 12th (Friday Evening) and August 13th (Saturday) at the Holiday Inn in Bossier City, Louisiana. In this Genie, you will find a seminar flyer and registration application. Mark your calendars and I hope to see you there!

Best Regards,

Jim Johnson
Second Vice President

COLLINSBURG, LOUISIANA

By Dale Jennings

The core families of Collinsburg were the Sentells, Nattins, Cavetts, Doles, and the McLeishes. It almost seems that one had to marry a Doles to live at Collinsburg. James R. Cavett married Martha Ann; Nathan Wesley Sentell married Mary Elizabeth; and William Calvin Vance, who lived at Collinsburg briefly, married Louisa M. – all daughters of Wilkerson Mercer Doles. Robert S. Doles, son of Wilkerson's brother Willis, married Adele, daughter of Cunningham McClenaghan. John H. Nattin's father, George Washington Nattin, lost his first wife, leaving him with several minor children. He remarried to Wilkerson Doles' sister, Nancy, and they had one daughter, Ophelia Nattin. George died in 1859 and his widow Nancy is enumerated as head of the Collinsburg household in 1860, with Ophelia, John and several other minor stepchildren. Nancy Doles Nattin remarried the next year to Samuel Bickley. Peter McLeish (McClish), the Scottish born family patriarch, married Nancy's sister, Elizabeth Doles, sometime in the 1840's. The McLeishes lived in Louisiana, probably at Collinsburg, for several years before moving to Arkansas, then alternately living there and in Louisiana. Peter was a hotel keeper near Walnut Hill, Arkansas, in the 1870 census, but died later that year and was buried in the Cottage Grove cemetery near Collinsburg. The surviving family moved back to Collinsburg, and a daughter, Mary Frances, married William N. Doles, brother of Robert S. Doles.

Mary Frances' brother, Robert W., had a large family that included Robert L. (Leonard) and Fort A. McLeish. Leonard and his father ran barges on Red River and operated their little store on the second lot south of the Collinsburg corner. The McLeishes had bought that lot, lot number three, and fifteen acres on the back side of the lots in Section 31 from Mary Frances in 1910. Leonard never married, but Fort married and had two daughters. Fort farmed and oversaw the Collinsburg agricultural operations of Doctor Charles Sherburne Sentell.

The quarter-section corner located a quarter mile south of the Sentell-Nattin store became a second Collinsburg community center. As the larger tracts were bought and sold between the Walkers, Abneys, Marks, Lyles, Nattins and Sentells, two one-acre and two half-acre lots, to include the Graham lot, were surveyed out and sold at or near the corner. John Nattin's house was also located there. Throughout the last half of the nineteenth century and into the next, these lots, which were on the Shreveport-Arkansas Road, were sold and resold among the Grahams, Hymans, Odoms, Kronenbergs, Davidsons, Keeths, Nattins and Sentells. They were usually described in the conveyances as being "in Collinsburg." Two of the lots would eventually be acquired and incorporated back into the Sentell land. John Nattin *annexed* the other two lots to his 240-acre tract, which included the S ½ of the NW ¼ of Section 32.

In 1875 the merchant Samuel Hyman bought a one-half-acre lot in the very northwest corner of the Section 32 tract described above from Joseph Marks. Marks, had purchased the tract from Nattin and Sentell in 1874, and resold it to Nattin minus

the half acre later in 1875. In 1879 Hyman also bought Graham's one-acre lot in the adjacent corner on the north. In September 1884, Hyman sold both lots, two cows & calves and two heifers to Amanda Odom for \$500, payable as follows: "services rendered me as housekeeper, cook, wash and iron from 22 Jan 1877 to present." Amanda sold the lots to L. S. Kronenberg for \$600 in February 1886. John Nattin sold David Davidson a triangular fractional acre on the south of the Hyman lots in 1880. When sold back to Nattin for \$42.78 by the Keeths in 1906, it was referred to as the "Davidson and Kronenberg lot," indicating that the two had probably had a joint venture there. Nattin purchased his one-acre lot from John Lyles in 1906. Although across the section line in Section 31, it was on the same side of the Arkansas Road and continuous with his Section 32 acreage and house site. Although no store buildings were mentioned in the conveyances, it can be assumed that the three merchants had at least one store at the quarter-section corner.

Collinsburg had been in a viable location at a crossroad on the main route between Shreveport and Arkansas and less than three miles from navigation on Red River. That advantage would end in 1888 when the St. Louis and Southwestern Railroad completed its branch line between Lewisville, Arkansas, and Shreveport. The Shreveport & Arkansas line, which became known as the "Cotton Belt," passed more than two miles to the east of Collinsburg. Without a railhead, the thriving trade center began a rapid decline, loosing out to the new "railroad town" of Plain Dealing three miles to the northeast.

Mattie, the youngest of Nathan Sentell's children, obtained her majority by emancipation in 1892. Nathan's will was executed the following year, and his \$93,495 estate was divided into three lots of equal value. John Mercer's lot included the "land constituting Collinsburg or Home Place," excluding the household furniture, and valued at \$7,000. This was described as "800 acres, more or less" and included the "store tract," but did not specifically exclude those lots previously sold from the tract. Later that year John sold the 800-acre "Collinsburg Home Place" to his older brother Will. This would have apparently included the Sentell store lot. John Mercer had returned to Collinsburg in 1892 after graduation from VMI and became affiliated with the store, as "N. W. Sentell & Brother." This period was marked by the terrible worldwide financial panic and crop devastations of 1892-93. That combined with demands on John Nattin for notes held by the Sentell estate resulted in Nattin loosing his land. George Sentell bought his 480-acre Collinsburg property at sheriff's sale in December 1893. Will Sentell also bought a great amount of Nattin's land at the sale. Nattin's store business was not in the sale, but he apparently lost his business to the Sentells at this time also. John Nattin was later able to redeem his Collinsburg land and much of his other property from the Sentells. John Mercer Sentell succeeded Nattin as Collinsburg postmaster on June 29, 1892. Postal records indicate that John Mercer's term as postmaster extended to 1906, but this must be in error. He married in October 1893 and the following spring moved to his Cairo Plantation near Dixie across the Red River many miles to the south. The Sentell's first three children were born at Cairo in Caddo Parish between 1894 and January 1900, and the family was enumerated there in the 1900 census.

By 1900 Collinsburg was reduced to one store, under proprietorship of N. W. Sentell, and the post office. Postal records show that Will Sentell was postmaster until 1914 when postal service was transferred to Plain Dealing. Vance and Keeth dissolved their partnership in 1890, and James Keeth moved his store operations to Plain Dealing. He and L. S. Kronenberg opened separate stores there and are shown as merchants in the 1900 census. Cavett and Doles moved their business to Plain Dealing as well. Mr. Kronenberg sold his two lots at Collinsburg to a Hyman relative in Arkansas, and they were finally acquired by Will Sentell as a \$6.23 tax deed in 1926. The 1900 census indicates that Will Sentell and John Nattin are both farming. R. S. Doles who lives at the next household to Sentell is "clerking," probably at the Sentell store. The only other Collinsburg neighborhood resident with a somewhat non-agricultural profession appears to be the black blacksmith, Toby Lyles. The census reports for the next three decades show only a small white population in the Collinsburg community. Primarily, they are the McLeishes, the Nattins and their kin, the Hedges, Walkers and Barnes; and the Sentells and the Sentell and McLeish kin, the Kings.

Will Sentell's thirteen children were all born at Collinsburg. Six were born to his first wife, Bettie Lilley Sherburne, between 1888 and 1898. His second wife, Ann Eliza Sherburne, Bettie's cousin, bore him seven children between 1903 and 1915. Upon Ann's death, her sister Eugenia (Dena) Sherburne moved into the house to help raise the children. Will Sentell's household number 437 was somehow skipped in the 1930 census enumeration, but was added to the end of the Ward 3 tally. Household number 248 in the 1930 census is headed by William J. Hedge, age 39, and "store manager." His wife Eppie N, also 39, is the daughter of John H. Nattin. Their three daughters are Mary 11, Dorothy 10, and Margery 7. Mary is Mrs. Albert Sidney Burt, who lives in Benton, LA; Dorothy is Mrs. A. A. Phillips, and Margory Hedge is now deceased. Mrs. Burt says that her father was working in the Sentell store at the Collinsburg crossroads for Mr. N. W. Sentell.

The Collinsburg home of Nathan Sentell, called "Will," or affectionately "Pa," held and still holds fond memories for the Sentell descendants and their families. Sallie Hutton Sentell Anderton, widow of a son, Doctor Charles Sherburne Sentell, recalls her first Christmas at Collinsburg. She tells in her little book, "Family Stories," that after giving the dinner blessing, Pa said, "Well, there are 39 of us here and 26 missing." In the book she and Novaline Sentell, one of Will's grandchildren, give many happy recollections of the large house with its big rooms, big kitchen and dining table, and its big hearts. Everything seemed large and needed to be to accommodate the multitude of grandchildren and their cousins who spent days or weeks of their summers at Collinsburg. Novaline writes, "We rode horses often..... the ride usually included a trip to the store to get a jawbreaker or Tootsie Roll, leaving the horse hitched at the water pump while we went into the store. You went up the steps, across the porch, and then into the store. This was a general store, run by Mr. Hedge. Mr. Hedge was usually listening in on the party line telephone when you went in (gathering the local news), and we would stand in front of the glass candy case deciding which piece. In the back of the store was the big wheel of cheese that he would slice from when somebody wanted to

buy cheese and crackers. There was other food on the shelves and saddles and hoes and spades and whatever else someone might need." Other remembrances are too numerous to recount, but copies of the book can be found at the LSU-S archives and the Bossier Parish Library Historical Center.

Mr. C. A. Rogers recalls that Will Sentell's saw mill and cotton gin were both located in the southeast corner of the Collinsburg crossroads, in Section 32, and that both were operated off the same steam engine. During the 1923 ginning season, Mr. Sentell had his left hand badly cut up in the "saws" of the gin, requiring its amputation. Mr. Rogers recalled that he had an artificial metal appendage, but wore a glove while attending church and other public functions.

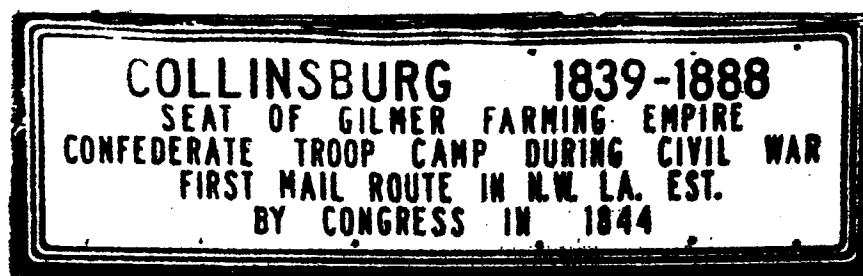
Nathaniel William (Will) Sentell died at his Collinsburg home in April 1836. In 1941 his considerable estate was partitioned between his twelve surviving children. Each received a part of the Collinsburg home place property in Sections 29, 30, 31 or 32. His son, George William Sentell, received the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 29. His son George Jr., who lives in Ohio, now owns the tract. Will's daughter, Henrie, married to Sterling Gladden, received the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32 as part of her inheritance. In 2000, the Gladden heirs sold seventy-one acres of this old Section 32 "store tract" to "Smith and Campbell." The same heirs sold their interest in that part of the "nine acres more or less" lying west of Collinsburg road to their cousin, C. Sherburne Sentell III of Minden, LA. Sentell's purchase comprised only the 1.29-acre corner lot and the corner of lot three that had contained the old Keeth & Vance store. The McLeishes already owned the other two lots, and Leonard and Fort had bought the remainder of the Section 32 strip, as well as another twenty acres across the road in Section 31, from Will Sentell in 1930. Fort McLeish would consolidate ownership of all the family property through settlement with the other McLeish heirs. In July 2003 Sherburne Sentell sold his newly purchased property to Fort and Wilma Garrett McLeish's daughter, Bobbye Jan McLeish Johnson, by then the owners of the other Collinsburg properties. Elizabeth (Beth) Sentell Fernandez inherited the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 29 north of the Sentell store. The Will Sentell home was in this tract. It was located on the west side of the Collinsburg-Plain Dealing road just more than a quarter mile north of the crossroads and well south of the Collinsburg Creek bridge. Beth lived in the house until it burned, in 1939 according to Eugenia Bridges of Minden, LA, a granddaughter of Will Sentell. Mr. Rogers said that everything was lost including the grand piano. The store building is believed to have burned in the late 1930's or early 1940's. Eugenia said that it was still there when a family reunion was held at Collinsburg in 1937 or 1938. Mary Burt's father, Mr. Hedge, was the last manager of the store. He died on December 3, 1937, in what was ruled a gun accident while crossing a fence. Mr. Hedge was despondent and may have died by an act of suicide according to Mrs. Burt. She said that when the store burned, probably in the late thirties, all was destroyed including the safe and the records it contained. Also, that none of the customers paid their store accounts. Mr. C. A. Rogers says that the store "wasn't doing any business," and thought that the store had already closed. Perhaps, those not paying their bills were those delinquent from the store's closing. Mr. Hedge's 1937 death notice, published the day of his death, stated that he was "a well known

North Bossier farmer and a former merchant at Collinsburg.” The little note taken, and the hazy memories about how and when the store was destroyed, strongly indicates that this was just the sad demise of another old vacant landmark. Will Hedge’s widow, Eppie Nattin Hedge, bought out the Collinsburg area interests of the other heirs when her father John H. Nattin died in December 1923. Her daughters later bought out her interests, which they still own. Mary Burt donated her one-acre lot in Section 31 to the African-American Clark cemetery association. The Collinsburg road has been realigned and now goes to the east of the fenced cemetery grounds.

Today (2004) the Collinsburg crossroads and site of the old Sentell store is marked on the west side of the intersection by the “Dutch John Road” sign, and on the east side by the “Collinsburg Road” sign. The road changes names here and the Collinsburg Road proceeds east to intersect with the “new” Benton-Plain Dealing route, State Highway 3. The north-south road completing the Collinsburg intersection is the “Old Plain Dealing Road,” previously “Shreveport-Arkansas” road, that runs north from Benton up to Plain Dealing. The crossroads is now virtually devoid of any signs of human habitation. After the Sentell house and store building burned, a few other buildings remained for many years. Rodney Bellar remembers the fine old house on the northeast corner being rented by the Demoss family. “Jan” McLeish Johnson remembers the same house later being rented by the Johnsons (no relationship). This had been a Sentell home, probably that of John Mercer Sentell while he lived at Collinsburg. Both Rodney and Jan remember the Nattin-Hedge house, which was rented to the Doughtys, and survived until about the late 1950’s. Jan says that her family home, a nice old “West Indies” style house, was built in about 1903 (That was the year Robert S. Doles bought the property from Nathan William Sentell). She says it was located well back from the Old Plain Dealing Road on a little hill, and was accessed by their lot, the second from the corner. This lot is not very deep, and the house was almost certainly located beyond the back edge of the lot on their Section 31 property. Jan said that the house had two rooms when obtained by the McLeishes from their Doles-McLeish kin. Four rooms were added and porches built around all four sides. She said her family had moved and the house was vacant when it burned in the mid-1970’s, and that Leonard’s store was torn down in about 1947. She remembers that there had been a blacksmith shop on the site of the old Keeth-Vance store.

A close inspection of the corner will disclose a blue concrete fence post at the edge of the woods just off the south side of Dutch John Road near the curve. A recent property survey identifies it as marking the Section 29, 30, 31 and 32 section corners. Running south from the post is a distinct man-made humped dirt ridge. It is several inches high with periodic remnants of old wooden fence posts and wire fencing along the top. This terrace runs for about 250 feet before turning east at a right angle back out to near the Old Plain Dealing Road. This feature clearly marks the boundary of the Section 32 corner lot that undoubtedly once contained the old Sentell-Nattin store.

Anyone wishing to offer corrections or additional information pertaining to Collinsburg is requested to contact me at 194 Vance Road, Benton, LA 71006 or e-mail at ljgeni@bellsouth.net.



The Collinsburg historical marker was erected by the Bossier Parish Bicentennial Commission in cooperation with Boy Scout Troop 202, Norwela Council, and assisted by the Bossier Parish police jury, on the occasion of the 1776-1976 Bicentennial. It was one of a series of signs that marked the Rocky Mount Historical Trail, a 10 ½ mile historical hiking trail from Coushatta Bluffs on Red River through Collinsburg to Rocky Mount, Louisiana. The signs, with exception of those at the Bluffs on the western end of the trail, disappeared long ago.



Beginner's Genealogy Class...2005

Stop for a moment and envision the *perfect beginners genealogy class*. It would have nearly the best genealogy presenters in the Ark-La-Tex. It would offer an unparalleled menu of more than a day's worth of different genealogy presentations over five hours, with as many as five different presenters. This perfect beginners genealogy class was not a fantasy it was real. It was the Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association Annual "Beginner's Genealogy Class", Saturday, April 30, 2005.

Jim Johnson, Second Vice President and this year's Chairperson said, "Our instructors did a superb job in developing their topics as well as delivering their presentation". Jim went on to say thanks to everyone for helping put on the Beginner's Class. He also says thanks to those who manned the registration desk, the resale table, as well as those that pitched in to help set up the room in record time early Saturday morning. Finally, a thanks goes to Chris for her efforts to publicize the Class. It was a team effort that made Saturday's class a Success.

The following persons joined the Association: Claude M. Beasley; Susan C. Engle; Edward E. Olds; Pandora M. Oliver...***Welcome To The Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association***.

William W. Wood Family Bible Has Found A Home
Contributed by Herman L. Weiland

Reference "THE GENIE", 2005, Vol. 39, Issue 1, page 14. I received a telephone call from **Georgia (Wood) Moore** of Germantown, Tennessee. She had been notified by her sister in Seattle, Washington about the existence of the William W. Wood Family Bible. We exchange periodicals with the Seattle Genealogical Association.

William Woolsey Wood is Georgia Moore's grandfather's first cousin, he married Phoebe Elizabeth Allred. The William W. Wood family owned a Hardware Store in Jamestown, Tennessee. This explains the postcard price list from a wholesale hardware supply business in Richmond, Virginia found in the Bible. Mrs. Moore already knew the children's birth dates that were listed in the Bible with the exception of the last child. She stated the Wood family came from Orange County, North Carolina to Tennessee.

There has been no contact from other Wood family members, therefore the Bible was sent to Georgia (Wood) Moore. She was delighted to receive this family treasure.

Joseph Lee McDade, Descendant of Bossier Parish Family Dies
Contributed by Herman L. Weiland

Reference "THE GENIE" 2003, Vol. 37, Issue 2, pages 87-91. The owner of the McDade Family Bibles, Joe L. McDade died on April 9, 2005, in Dumas, Texas. He was born December 10, 1915, in Dumas, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents Noel and Sue McDade and a brother Oliver "Cotton" McDade. He is survived by his wife Alice, five daughters, Sue Cherry, Mary Ann Fruits, Sidney Hammer, Linda Houston and Kym Campbell; one son Jody McDade; two sisters Lou Ella Pitman and Jayne Griffin. He also had 17 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

We have a copy of the complete obituary if any McDade family member desires one.

The Association tries to correct punctually any errors of fact or clarify any misleading information appearing in any publication of The Genie.

A correction:

In the First Quarter Genie 2005, Volume 39, Number 1, page 24; the article submitted by Joe Slattery...the title should have been "34 Texas Cavalry Soldiers Who Died In Shreveport In 1862", not 34th Texas Calvary. His email address should be: joeslatt@yahoo.com.

50TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

The Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association will produce a Historical Booklet, this year. This publication will include the History and Activities of the Association over the past 50 years. Your participation in this project (booklet) is welcome. You may submit photos, items of interest and/or your expressions about the Association as a member.

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Big Breakthroughs

Find out how 30 family historians hurdled their research brick walls and achieved genealogical success.

Ever wonder how you got stuck with such a difficult family tree to climb? You can barely get your research off the ground, let alone reach the highest branches. Meanwhile, it seems other genealogists are tracing their roots back to the Middle Ages! ***Don't worry:*** All family historians get research block sooner or later. And you don't have to be biologically blessed to break through it. Take a hint from these 30 winners of *Family Tree Magazine's* Brick-Wall Busters Contest. They came up with creative solutions to some of the most common genealogical conundrums—and their methods are remarkably easy to employ. Give your research a boost by adopting these habits of highly successful family historians.

1. Don't miss the mark.

I had no record of my grandfather's birthplace in Poland. One day I was cleaning out my mother's dresser drawer and going through her stamp collection, when I came across an envelope with a canceled stamp from Poland. It was from a relative of my grandfather, with whom he'd corresponded in the early 1900s. The town in Poland, Brzozow, was clearly printed on the postmark—much easier for me to decipher than Polish script.

—Deb Vevea - *Robbinsdale, Minn.*

2. Map it out.

The US Geological Survey's highly detailed topographical maps cover small areas and label creeks, family cemeteries, tiny rural churches and more. They're available in many libraries, or you can view and order them online at <www.usgs.gov>. Many libraries also have a comprehensive index to the names on these maps, the *Omni Gazetteer of the United States of America*. In it, I found a list of 41 Jordan cemeteries across the country.

—Rene Jordan - *Knoxville, Tenn.*

3. Get on target.

Copy and enlarge a map with your town of interest in the center. Using the distance scale, draw concentric circles at regular intervals, such as 10 miles, from that

town—you'll end up with what looks like a target. Then make an alphabetized list of town names appearing within each pair of rings. When you're working with records, you can refer to your list and determine if a strange-sounding location might be in proximity to your area of interest. For example, it was only after doing this exercise for Tolpuddle, Dorset, England, that I realized Dewlish (about which I'd received e-mails) was actually just down the road.

—Jacki Keck - *Williston, ND*

4. Reach out to other researchers.

I believe in leaving my name, surnames I'm researching and contact information (e-mail address, mailing address and phone number) every place I can think of. I left my genealogy card on a laundry bulletin board in the small town where my great-grandmother lived, and got four phone calls with information about her.

—Jana Jordan Shaw - *Burleson, Texas*

5. Start a letter-writing campaign.

I was getting nowhere on my search for my mother's father's family. I found Mom's old address book and started searching for family members. I put together an introductory newsletter with contact information, an explanation of what I was doing and a request for help. I was

amazed at the replies—e-mails, letters, photos, family information and names of more relatives to send the newsletter to. Now I do a newsletter about four times a year, and still get new information and meet new relatives. It's been a wonderful experience that's helped fill in a lot of my blanks.

—Liz Weiers - *Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada*

6. Publish your pedigree.

I've been researching my husband's Welsh lines, and have been successful using the Internet, the National Library of Wales <www.llgc.org.uk> and a local Welsh archive. On trips, we've found ancestral homes, churches and gravestones. But I definitely hit a brick wall on a couple of lines.

A distant cousin in England signed us up for a genealogical journal that focuses on my husband's family's region of Wales. In the first issue, I found helpful hints but nothing too substantial, so I decided to write an article about our family. Within three weeks of its publication, I received letters from readers related to us. Not only did they provide me with ideas for new resources, they also sent pedigree charts and stories about my husband's ancestors.

—Michelle Price - *Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo.*

7. Hit the big town.

Go to the city! For example, if your family was in the Midwest during the 1800s and you can't find them, look in Chicago. Many of our ancestors were drawn to cities. They may have gone to search for work, to be near relatives or the train station, or simply to sightsee.

I searched for years for my husband's great-grandmother Margaret Culton. She was supposed to have been born in Michigan in 1860, but I could find no records for any Cultons there. I looked in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Illinois, too. A year or two ago, I went back to the 1880

Illinois census—now with its every-name index—and there she was, living with her father and mother. They had been visiting her sister's family in Chicago—from their home in California. Cities are magnets for people, then and now.

—Bonnie B. Ruff - *Belfair, Wash.*

8. Put first names first.

When full-name searches on data Web sites such as Ancestry.com <www.ancestry.com> don't yield results—even though you've tried every spelling you can think of—try typing just a first name, plus a place and/or time period. I did this on HeritageQuest Online <www.heritagequestonline.com> (available through subscribing libraries) and found the mistranscribed and misspelled names of two ancestors who had eluded me for a long time.

—Donna Carnall - *Cherryvale, Kan.*

9. Conquer transcription errors.

I had tried everything I could think of to find my wife's grandfather in the 1930 census, with no luck. I looked him up in the 1929 Philadelphia city directory, and used the address to get a map of the area from MapQuest <www.mapquest.com>. I took the map to Stephen Morse's census Web site <www.stevemorse.org/census> and got the four most likely enumeration districts. Back in the census records, I searched those districts for the address, and there was Benjamin Trotman and family—although the name looked liked Tortman and was indexed as Talman. I had tried about 40 alternate spellings, including Tortman, and used Soundex, but never would have looked for Talman. It was just an error in transcription, but it took me 18 months to overcome.

—Gerald Mitchell - *Fillmore, Calif.*

10. Locate material witnesses.

A witness's signature can be important to your research. On my great-great-grandmother's Confederate States of

America widow's pension application, her oldest, then-unidentified daughter appears as a witness. With that name, I launched an Internet and phone-directory search for the area. I found two different families who knew they were kin but didn't know how. Then I took the witness's surname to the library where these families lived and read every genealogical society newsletter on file. In one newsletter, a researcher from Colorado referred to the married surname of my pension-application witness. I wrote her, and a few months later, she sent Bible pages that listed all my great-great-grandparents' children, except my great-grandfather—which was OK because I already knew all about him.

—Shirley Bray - *Oklahoma City, Okla.*

11. Follow the patterns.

I look for families' first-name patterns and for first names that are family surnames. Such patterns provide clues to female relatives' families, as it often was customary to give a male child his mother's maiden name. I've also found that in some cases, a daughter was given the mother's maiden name.

—Jeri Taylor - *Morehead, Ky.*

12. Focus on the effect, not the cause.

Many people spend a lifetime searching for their ancestors' naturalization records, and they never find them. I thought this would happen to me until I stumbled across a solution. My research subject, Manuel E. Rencurrell, was a longtime resident of Boston. I'd searched every available naturalization index to no avail.

I decided that instead of looking for the cause, naturalization, I'd look for the effect, voting. I requested Manuel's voter-registration records and received his voter card. This proved that he'd become a citizen—and his date of naturalization and the court where it happened were on the card.

—P. Emile Carr - *Palm Coast, Fla.*

13. Seek out neighborly advice.

In 20th-century city directories, you'll often find a street cross-index—an excellent resource for finding living relatives. This index is arranged alphabetically by street, then by the address numbers of houses, apartments and businesses. It also gives the residents' names. You can use a street cross-index to find names of people living next-door to an ancestor—if they still live there, they may remember your relatives.

—David Powell - *Grand Prairie, Texas*

14. Go slow and steady.

I knew an approximate date of birth (1809) for my ancestor and a rough location (Alsace, France). I ordered birth records on microfilm for one city at a time for all the cities in that area, and searched each one. All on one birth record, I found my ancestor's information, plus his parents' and grandparents'.

—Sally Jaquet Roberts - *Clyo, Ga.*

15. Take a sound approach to place searches.

My brick wall was finding my great-great-grandfather and his parents. According to his death certificate, he was from Milford, NC. I searched the Internet and atlases but couldn't find a town or county called Milford in North Carolina or the surrounding states. Finally, I located a Guilford County. That name rhymes with Milford, and on the census images at Genealogy.com <www.genealogy.com>, the handwritten Guilford looked like Milford. Sure enough, I found Great-great-grandpa and his family living there. Be sure to check out variations of place names, too.

—Sherry Daniels - *Garden Grove, Calif.*

16. Begin again.

Start over! Would you believe a computer crash got me over my brick wall? Being forced to painstakingly re-enter all my research into a new genealogy program helped me discover unseen facts that had

been at my fingertips the whole time. Facts I'd input three or more years ago (when I was too inexperienced to know what I'd found) looked entirely different when viewed with fresh, better-trained eyes. If you've spent more than a year barking up the same tree, try starting from scratch. Create a new file in your genealogy program (or splurge to update your software or buy a different brand) and see what information jumps out at you.

—Leah Ellison Bradley - *Louisville, Ky.*

17. Look around.

My great-great-grandfather died in Georgia while serving as a Confederate soldier during the Civil War. I searched that state's records for years without finding his wife's pension documents. Then I happened to search Alabama pension records for the surname Michael. That was when my great-great-grandmother's name jumped out at me. I discovered that a Civil War pension could be obtained in a state other than the one involving the death.

—Coy E. Michael - *Huntsville, Ala.*

18. Go to the right place.

This is so simple that it boggles the mind: When searching for death certificates, remember that you will find them in the city or county where the death actually happened—not necessarily the city or county of residence. I learned this after spending several hours searching in the wrong place.

—Calvin Lyons - *Powell, Tenn.*

19. Create a timeline.

I prepare a chronology sheet for each ancestor. It includes columns for the date, a description of what happened on that date, and the source of the information. This means all the facts I've found about that ancestor—from vital records, census enumerations, immigration and naturalization forms, and land and probate records—are in one place. I also include the ancestor's family members with birth,

marriage and death dates, and a "still need to find" list of records I haven't located yet. Preparing my chronology sheet forces me to take a second look at the information I've gathered. The long-forgotten facts I've rediscovered have helped me prepare my research strategy.

—Carole Magnuson - *Lockport, Ill.*

20. Get a little help from a friend.

I'm sometimes too close to a specific brick wall to view it objectively. So I "trade" problems with a friend. I try to find her missing information, and she tries to find mine. This brings a fresh look to a frustrating situation, and it's fun to help someone else.

—Karen Seibert - *Ft. Myers, Fla.*

21. Find the funeral home.

Can't find a birth certificate, but have a death certificate? Never underestimate the power of the funeral home. Our grandmother's state of birth, but not the city, was listed on her death certificate. We searched for years to no avail. Then we called the funeral home, which fortunately was still in business, and its records contained the information we were seeking.

—Jean F. Joseph - *Wethersfield, Conn.*

22. Browse the records.

On research trips with my husband, I've twice made breakthroughs while browsing through records just to kill time. In one instance, I found my fourth-great-grandfather's parents, who had eluded me for 30 years. Unfortunately, my ancestor's given name, John, was popular in his family, making him difficult to distinguish from other relatives.

I'd already searched an old hotel register—one so delicate, it had to be placed on pillows before I could open it—for John's signature. It was there, containing his middle initial S as usual. As my husband continued his research, I casually looked through the rest of the register to see if John had stayed at the

hotel any other times. He surely had, signing each time with the familiar S. Then I saw an entry in which an associate of John's had signed for him—and included John's full middle name. That middle name opened the doors in my brick wall. Not only was it his father's name, but it also was his great-grandmother's maiden name.

This new information led me to his father's will and the verification that this was the family I sought. Three-plus generations came from this one instance of browsing in a leisurely manner, rather than immediately zeroing in on a particular point.

—Evelyn Naranjo - *Rockville, Md.*

23. Read all about it in newsletters.

Look for newsletters of schools, universities, synagogues, churches and communities—you may find birth, marriage, Bat Mitzvah and Bar Mitzvah announcements, obituaries, donor lists, oral histories and photographs. Alumni lists in school newsletters often contain graduation years and maiden names. To find online newsletters with your surnames, use an Internet search engine such as Google <www.google.com>. The advanced search can help narrow your results by location. If you don't come up with an online newsletter, get the names of local organizations and publications from your search, and visit a nearby library or archive—it may hold documents from churches, clubs, schools and business associations in the area.

—Teresa Milner - *New York, NY*

24. Get your message across.

I've solved my two highest brick walls by posting a current family tree on genealogy message boards. Shortly after posting a tree with what little information I had on my natural maternal grandfather, I received an e-mail from a descendant of my grandfather's sister Ethel's husband. The e-mailer wasn't a blood relative of Ethel's, but he had the family Bible. In it were

complete dates and places of births and deaths—plus my great-grandmother's maiden name. With all this new information, I was able to track backward using census data. This led me to other family trees people had posted, along with source information. It turns out my great-grandmother descended from Frances Cooke of the Mayflower, along with other early settlers of this country. I was able to follow other family lines several generations back, as well.

—Mark Grosser - *Lancaster, Calif.*

25. Send updates.

Giving your family periodic updates is one of the most important things you can do as you research your family history. Your latest discovery may spark a relative's memory, and she'll recall new information for you. I've found this to be the case time after time in my own family.

—Ann Mohr Osisek - *Maitland, Fla.*

26. Take it with a grain of salt.

Census records told me my great-great-grandfather was from Hesse-Darmstadt in Germany, but I couldn't find anything more specific. His hometown wasn't on any of the usual sources, such as his declaration of intent or his death certificate, and I couldn't locate his naturalization papers. Family tradition held that he wasn't a churchgoer, which ruled out church records.

But while reading family obituaries, I noticed that a daughter-in-law had been a member of a German-speaking church. With nowhere else to look, I went to that church. I pored over the records, which were written in German, and was elated to find christening records for two of my great-great-grandfather's sons.

And then—there it was! The church's minister had conducted my ancestor's funeral service, and the record book identified the German village where he was born. Family tradition isn't always accurate.

—Dianne Beetler - *Bloomington, Ill.*

27. Work sideways with siblings.

Don't forget "side doors." Sometimes you have to find your own ancestors through their siblings. While searching online for my maternal great-grandfather, I found summaries of his death certificate along with his brother's. I ordered copies and between the certificates learned different versions of my great-great-grandfather's name. My ancestor's certificate gave only their father's nickname; his brother's gave the given name. Using this information, I was able to find the family in several census records and in court documents. One of the court documents was a will, which added another generation—my third-great-grandfather. From that point, I've been able to trace several family lines back to Virginia.

—Sylvia Nash - *Paris, Tenn.*

28. Try another time frame.

I couldn't find my in-laws' marriage record at the county courthouse. No one in the family knew when they were married or even where the ceremony took place. I followed a hunch that the wedding occurred fewer than nine months before their first child was born. At a local museum in their hometown, I searched the weekly newspaper for a wedding notice. Sure enough, I found an announcement; so back to the courthouse I went. I found their marriage license there, even though it wasn't listed in the index. The wedding didn't take place on the date the newspaper reported, but a few days earlier.

—Cynthia Rhoades - *Hagerstown, Ind.*

29. Search on the place.

I did an Internet search for the little village from which my parents and grandparents emigrated. I couldn't believe it when I turned up the Web site of an organization for people who had lived there. I had tried various spellings of the name (Hungarian, German and Romanian versions), and finally found it. Since then,

I've connected with second cousins who have given me invaluable help, as has the organization.

—Rose Mary Hughes - *West Henrietta, NY*

30. Scout out surrounding plots.

While at the cemetery, check around your ancestors' graves for other family members. I found an ancestor's mother-in-law's grave, and on that grave was the maiden name.

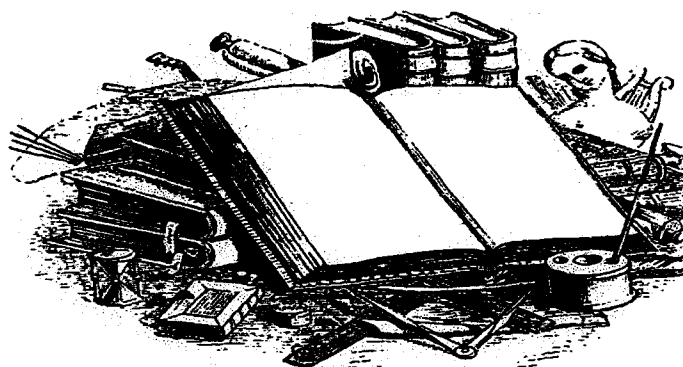
—Beth Green - *Jenison, Mich.*

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How to begin genealogy

If you've never done genealogical research—or if you've tried and gotten stumped—here are tips from the experts on how to launch your search the right way.

Find yourself

The usual trap is wading in too deep, too fast. To stay in control, start on solid ground. "Work backward in time from the known to the unknown," says **Sharon DeBartolo Carmack**, author of *Organizing Your Family History Search* (Betterway Books, 1999). Collect your own birth certificate and any other documents that connect you to your parents. Then prove the links from them to their parents.

Find your focus

Now that your grandparents are established, make a choice. "Narrow it down and pick just one," says **Emily Anne Groom**, author of *Unpuzzling Your Past* (Betterway Books, 2001). Concentrate on this "focus ancestor" until you can go no further. This will keep your search manageable.

Stay the course

It's tempting to skip generations and research that dashing Revolutionary War hero. But you must prove each generation's links, or you risk wasting time on an ancestor who may not be yours.

Begin on paper

Dig through attics and trunks for clue-encrusted gems: diaries, scrap-books, letters, address books, family Bibles, bankbooks, passports, yearbooks, membership cards, and so on. Deciphering the hints they hold will guide your online research.

Keep a record

Make a dated log of your findings and leads for further follow-up. Many how-to books and websites provide blank forms. There are also computer programs to help. Family Tree Maker, for one, can store sound, photo, and video files. Other popular programs include The Master Genealogist; Legacy Family Tree; RootsMagic; Reunion, which is for Macs; and the (free!) Personal Ancestral File, downloadable from www.familysearch.org.

Consider the source

Just because a document is old doesn't mean it's true. A death certificate, for example, can't have been checked by the person it's about. The best proof of a birth date is a birth certificate.

Visit the dark side

"There's a ton of information in divorce records, especially when you get back into the pre-no-fault days," says **Rhonda McClure**, author of *Finding Your Famous (and Infamous) Ancestors* (Betterway Books, 2003). Allegations such as infidelity had to be proven in court, so life details are plentiful. Check state archives and courthouses for other civil or criminal cases.

Remember the ladies

"Unfortunately, the maternal line is generally overlooked," says McClure. "But that's generally where you find most of your connections." When you do research women, be sure to check under maiden and all married names.

Learn the lingo

A "cousin" or "aunt" could be a second cousin or a great-aunt; "Sr." and "Jr." may distinguish between unrelated men of the same name. Could an immigrant (or an immigration official) have Americanized his name? Place names also change over time.

Try cluster-searching

Hitting a wall on your "focus" ancestor? Don't give up—there may be much to learn by studying his spouse, siblings, even fellow church members. A diary from your cousin's attic might mention your ancestor. A land sale, indexed at the county seat, might have been witnessed by him. Obituaries of children may contain information about their parents. — Nanette Varian

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The Annual Folk Festival

The 26th annual *Natchitoches/NSU* Folk Festival will be held on July 15-16, 2005 in air-conditioned Prather Coliseum. In addition to the narrative stages, music, dancing, and crafts that have become integral parts to the Festival, the Louisiana State Fiddle Contest will be held again at this year's Festival on Saturday. This year, KidFest will return in response to patrons' requests for child-oriented activities. We look forward to an outstanding 2005 Festival.

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Resources

An American life generates an awful lot of paper— licenses, land deeds, even lawsuits. Any basic how-to book, such as *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Genealogy* (Alpha Books, 1997) or *Genealogy Online for Dummies* (Wiley Publishing, 2001), can show you how to find these documents.

One-stop shops: Ancestry.com (www.ancestry.com)— the Bigfoot of genealogical search engines— lets you troll millions of records at once. Searching is free, as is viewing some results. Other results are available by subscription (\$49.95-\$189.95 a year). Other sites include www.afrigeneas.com, www.rootsweb.com, www.vitalrec.com, and familysearch.org.

Portal sites: If the Internet is a library, then portals are its card catalog, says Cyndi Howells, creator of the genealogy portal cyndislist.com and author of *Planting Your Family Tree Online* (Rutledge Hill Press, 2004). Such sites present organized links to scads of databases. Some of the other biggies: www.usgenweb.org, www.worldgenweb.org, www.genealogyhomepage.com, and www.genealogyportal.com.

Previous genealogies: Are you sure you're the first historian in the family? The Library of Congress has more than 40,000 family histories (<http://catalog.loc.gov>). The Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana (www.acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy), has an extensive genealogical collection. Also explore state archives and historical societies. One caveat: you must check your ancestor's work by locating the primary sources yourself.

Census records: Every 10 years, the feds make a record of the country's inhabitants by name. You can now see those records through 1930 (there's a 72-year privacy cutoff), as well as some state and special censuses. For an index, visit www.census-online.com or www.us-census.org. Images of census pages are available to ancestry.com subscribers, or for sale on CD-ROM. You can also view pages on microfilm at the National Archives and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' Family History Library, both of which have branches around the country.

Immigration info: Passenger lists spanning six centuries are available in reference books, on CD-ROM, and on fee-based genealogy sites; many are also searchable for free, thanks to sites like www.immigrantships.net and www.olivetreegenealogy.com. The Ellis Island site (www.ellisland.org) offers a searchable database of passenger manifests. The U.S. Citizenship and Naturalization Service site (www.bcis.gov/graphics/aboutus/history) also offers extensive tips and databases.

Military records: Look to the U.S. Armed Forces for vital records, a physical description, and much more. Try the Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System (www.itd.nps.gov/cwss) and The United States Internet Genealogical Society Military Collection Site (www.usigs.org/library/military/links). Look for a pension file (maybe under a widow's name) and bounty land warrant application files (land was sometimes awarded to vets). The National Archives and Records Administration (www.nara.gov) should have both.

Crying uncle There's help out there for you, if you need it. Ask for interlibrary loans, instead of traveling. If you beg, some librarians may even photocopy and mail the pages you need. Or you can hire help via the Association of Professional Genealogists (www.apgen.org/directory). Hourly fees typically range from \$30 to \$60. -N.V.

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34	Estes	James A.	2504 Sundsvall Ct.	Shreveport	LA	71118-2504	Estes, Gray, Marler & Johnson
35	Farrington (LM)	William	119 Donelon Drive	Hanrahan	LA	70123-4703	Kimball, McMain, McLaughlin & Farrington
36	Feinberg	Mae C.	9209 Blue Spruce Drive	Shreveport	LA	71118-2212	Holman, Rogers, Carey & Dudderer
37	Futch	Fay Brantley	179 Bear Creek Road	Farmerville	LA	71241-6101	Honeycutt, Roan, Riehburt & Rabun
38	Garsee	Billie Bickham	9073 Billiu Ridge Drive	Shreveport	LA	71118-2611	Erwin, Sansom, Garsee & Lagarce
39	Gatlin	Ms. Tommy	1501 Guadalupe Street	San Angelo	TX	76901-3136	Martin & Gatlin
40	Gorman	Betty Jon	P.O. Box 113	Diana	Tx	75640-0113	Fenlaw, Ward, Glass & Murdock
41	Goyne	Betty J.	10019 Canterbury Drive	Shreveport	LA	71106-8401	Brantley, Kelley, Pace & Franks
42	Goyne, Jr.	Carroll Heard	10019 Canterbury Drive	Shreveport	LA	71106-8401	Heard, Glass, Lee & Shackelford
43	Green	June S.	3310 Fairfield	Shreveport	LA	71104-4103	Sowers
44	Green	Leonard	3310 Fairfield	Shreveport	LA	71104-4103	Green, Peters, Montgomery & Grigg
45	Gregory	Kay Kerbow	# 3 Hillside Ct.	Austin	TX	78746-6436	Cain, Hyde, Little & Kerboce
46	Griffin	Patricia W.	3884 Winterpark Drive	Shreveport	LA	71119-7011	Williams, Forte, Wagner & Cobb
47	Griffin	Willie R.	3884 Winterpark Drive	Shreveport	LA	71119-7011	Hartwell, Kelly, Neal & Grissom
48	Grisham	Louise Jones	P. O. Box 202	Benton	LA	71006-0202	Grisham, Jones, Shortleff & Bryan
49	Hatcher	Buddy	3857 Elmer Ln	Shreveport	LA	71109-2040	Cremer, Patterson, Sample & Scott
50	Hatcher	Sarah S.	3857 Elmer Ln	Shreveport	LA	71109-2040	Baker, Harris, Shelemi & Szelemi
51	Henderson	Roy L.	334 Yolanda	Shreveport	LA	71105-4338	Coyle, Logsdon, Richardson & Tunget

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52	Hill	Emma	10916 Deauville Circle South	Fort Worth	TX	76108-4546	Hill, Ballard, Brown & Lilie
53	Hill	William B.	10916 Deauville Circle South	Fort Worth	TX	76108-4546	Hilbun, Brantly, Wimberly & Traylor
54	Hitchcock	Geraldine Stanberry	4015 Richmond Avenue	Shreveport	LA	71106-1031	Hale, Hawkins, Stanberry & Carter
55	Hope	Lillian B.	106 Larkin Street	Benton	LA	71006-9413	Barnes, Sharp, Edwards & Thompson
56	Howell	David B.	111 Parlange Street	Thibodaux	LA	70301-6434	Lewis, Tolleth, Sanders & Baird
57	Hunter	Margaret Phillips	973 Captain Shreve Drive	Shreveport	LA	71105-2806	Noland, Raborn, Prothro & Egleston
58	Jennings	Dale O.	194 Vance Road	Benton	LA	71006-9585	Vance, Brownlee, Arnold & Ace
59	Johnson	Evelyn Claire Elston	5506 Golden Meadows Dr.	Bossier City	LA	71112-4940	Elston, Harrell, Moore & Carr
60	Johnson	Elaine	1812 Crater Circle	Bossier City	LA	71112-4404	Arts, Adslar, Moreland & Thaner
61	Johnson	Jim A.	1812 Crater Circle	Bossier City	LA	71112-4404	Broom, Sanders, Merritt & Beene
62	Jones	Lynda Mason	3372 FM 3310 S	Henderson	TX	75654-9619	Franklin, Triplett, Alexander & Wilson
63	Keeth	James B.	5829 Archwood	San Antonio	TX	78239-1409	Keeth (Keith), Bailey & Ford
64	Kennedy	Ronald C.	11814 Laurel Meadow	Tomball	TX	77377-8583	Crump, Kennedy, Patterson & Gibson
65	Kintzing	Betty Green	3515 N. Market Street	Shreveport	LA	71107-3814	Green, Hostetter, Hanneman & Andresen
66	Lawhon	Patsy Phillips	318 Martha Avenue	Mansfield	LA	71052-2308	Mullen & Harlan
67	Lazarus	Harry A.	7709 Tampa Way	Shreveport	LA	71105-5701	Winchalaus, Votlucka, Hillreth & Ellis
68	Lewis	Elizabeth Howard	3013 Salem Drive	Shreveport	LA	71118-2020	Warth, Howard, Dupree & Lockhart
69	Loftin	Marguerite J.	1411 Edgemont Circle	Bossier City	LA	71111-2200	Rawls, Rogers, Elliott & Taylor
70	Mann	Emma Ruth	1310 Oden Street	Shreveport	LA	71104-3819	Haun, Lane, Cooper & Rippetoe
71	Mathews (LM)	Reed	24 Colonn Park Drive	Shreveport		71115-3165	Mathis, Rogers, Kirtley & Carlton
72	McAvoy	Sharron Bouchard	3782 Richmond Street	Shreveport	LA	71104-4737	Shealer, Bouchard, Wright & Haydel
73	McCabe	Betty Murphy	163 Adger Street	Shreveport	LA	71105-3001	McGraw, Wingo, Hurt & Murphy
74	McCann	Penny Edwards	215 Virginia Avenue	Minden	LA	71055-2046	Field, Bankston, Chiles & Posey
75	McCartney	Bess Gearen	4917 Patricia Drive	Eureka	CA	95503-6426	Gearen, Perkins, Cole & Berry
76	McGarhey	Suzanne Dampier	7640 S. Delaware Street	Indpls	IN	46227-2419	Dampier, McDonald, Atkinson & Weiland
77	McLaughlin	Jerry	P. O. Box 236	Oil City	LA	71061-0236	McLaughlin, Page & Warren
78	Nash	Lillian	8034 Captain Mary Miller Drive	Shreveport	LA	71115-2947	Robertson, Anderson, Howard & Winham

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79	Neal	Carola	P. O. Box 11634	Oakland	CA	94611-0634	Neal, Seals, Ward & Jamison
80	Nelson	Delight	1813 Bayou Circle	Bossier City	LA	71112-4036	Goodwin, Boyte, Quinn & Toner
81	Nelson	Dorothy L.	2901 W. Caperton Street	Shreveport	LA	71109-2309	Bailey, Hill, Thomas & Ervin
82	O'Brien	James Dewey	812 Braeburn Drive	Ft. Washington	MD	20744-6021	Skinner, Shackelford, Knott & Fletcher
83	O'Brien	Neoma O'Kelley	812 Braeburn Drive	Ft. Washington	MD	20744-6021	Stewart, Bramlett, Foster & Jacks
84	Olds	Edward E.	9426 Pitch Pine Drive	Shreveport	LA	71118-3951	Tolbert, Bamburg & Wren
85	Oliver	Pandora M.	3246 Schuler Drive	Bossier City	LA	71112-5124	Merchant & Ratliff
86	Owen	Ralph	562 South Joplin Avenue	Tulsa	OK	74112-2925	Owen, Moss, Powell & Martin
87	Owens	Raymon LaFayette	846 East River Road	Shreveport	LA	71105-2811	Owens, Chandler, Fields & Morgan
88	Pack	Daisy	8014 Lichen Lane	Spring	TX	77379-4545	Hamby, Lock(e), Dawson & McDowell
89	Petrey	Curtis N.	130 Chelsea Drive	Shreveport	LA	71105-4206	Poindexter, LaGrand, LeGrand & Ratley
90	Reed	Katie Slack	P.O. Box 94	Shongaloo	LA	71072-0094	Edwards, Lewis, Baker & Frazier
91	Reed	Robert (Bob)	P. O. Box 94	Shongaloo	LA	71072-0094	Van Scienver, Barkman, Mains & Farve
92	Reinhardt	David Leonhardt	2309 Greenbrier Blvd.	Pensacola	FL	32514-5612	Deloney, Reinhardt, Scheips & Brueggemann
93	Rinando	Nancy D. Kinkennon	722 Acklen Street	Shreveport	LA	71104-3902	Seward, Mitcham, Malone & Mothershead
94	Rose	Vernell S.	2933 Jonathan Lane	Shreveport	LA	71108-5563	Taylor, Patterson, Deweese & Seefeldt
95	Rose	Victor C.	2933 Jonathan Lane	Shreveport	LA	71108-5563	Rose, Willis, Chambliss & Drew
96	Ruggles	Marjorie Jane	1069 Cottingham Drive	Mt. Pleasant	SC	29464-3503	Leach, Carrow, Reavis & Ruggles
97	Sabbath	Thelma	1812 Jewella Avenue, #2305	Shreveport	LA	71109-2031	Green & Haynes
98	Sanders	Doris L.	1035 W 109th Street	Chicago	IL	60643-3733	Clark, Fisher, Blake & Sockwell
99	Sanders	Edgar G.	217 India Drive	Shreveport	LA	71115-3005	Sanders, Chandler, Kernop & Lucius
100	Sanders	Helen R.	217 India Drive	Shreveport	LA	71115-3005	Vance, Adkins, Harvey & Nix
101	Schick	Charlotte Carter	1017 Coral Isle Way	Las Vegas	NV	89108-1764	Ward, Mayfield, Beaird & Bond
102	Scott	Linda Darnell	446 Woodrow Street	Shreveport	LA	71108-4032	Sanders, Scott, Gilliard & Gillyard
103	Scott	Theophile N.	1820 East Kings Hwy, Apt. 60	Shreveport	LA	71105-3504	Scott & Tauzin
104	Speare	Joseph E.	1235 Chantilly Circle	Niceville	FL	32578-4330	Mason & Speare
105	Spilker	William G.	8805 W 80th Street	Overland Park	KS	66204-3307	Spilker, Bradley, Sample & Scott

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106	Stewart	Jessie Lee Barnes	1525 Sycamore Avenue, #221	Shreveport	LA	71103-2977	Barnes, Pipkin, Hampton & Lucy
107	Stinson	Barbara Wilkinson	246 Preston Avenue	Shreveport	LA	71105-3308	Stinson, Wilkinson, Butler & Greene
108	Stoll	Nellygrace (Chris)	2314 Belmont	Bossier City	LA	71111-2427	Stover, Fowler, Mays & Garland
109	Stovall	Linnie D.	421 W. Strange Street	Stamps	AR	71860-2015	Bothwell, Hendrix, Cummings & Hatch
110	Stover	Martha S.	4431 N. Fairway Drive	Shreveport	LA	71109-4907	Shoemaker, Miller, Green & Hines
111	Tice	Peggy	315 West Edgewood Avenue	Geneva	AL	36340-1112	Ramick, Tice, Hall & Harrell
112	Turner	Dorothy Y.	189 Ockley Drive	Shreveport	LA	71105-3022	Wingo, Prestridge, Rushing & Cannon
113	Walker	Harold Gene	8006 NW Aldwick Avenue	Lawton	OK	73505-4028	Walker, Tate, Brown & Hamilton
114	Ward	Walter Howard	103 Crestwood Drive	Tulahoma	TN	37388-5602	Ward, Gray, Murphy & Cathey
115	Weddle	Jack Talley	803 Herrington Drive	Springhill	LA	71075-2115	Weddle, Steves, Williams & Sharp
116	Weddle	Mary Talley	803 Herrington Drive	Springhill	LA	71075-2115	Talley, Morris, McCollum & Tomlin
117	Weiland	Herman L.	2511 N Waverly Drive	Bossier City	LA	71111-5933	Leonhardt, Rudy, Fairbanks & Lewis
118	Weiland	Veretta	2511 N Waverly Drive	Bossier City	LA	71111-5933	Ritchey, Battles, Yeager & Lawson
119	Weston	Dickie P.	2204 Surrey Lane	Bossier City	LA	71111-5540	Parris, Howell, Robertson & Goolsby
120	Weston	Morgan C.	2204 Surrey Lane	Bossier City	LA	71111-5540	Ruckman, Armstrong, Pattengale & Weston
121	Whatley	Constance C.	2046 Capt. Shreve Drive	Shreveport	LA	71105-3820	Hand, Martin, Thomas & Pate
122	Williams, Jr.	T. R.	6400 Middle Ridge Lane	Hixson	TN	37343-3526	Atkins, Tennille, Moseley & Willson
123	Wise	Anne C.	6011 Ellington Way	Bossier City	LA	71111-5719	Simmons, Lytle, Stuart & Bridges
124	Wise	Edwina Burrows	190 Ardmore Street	Shreveport	LA	71105-2108	McFordland & Merids (Mericle)
125	Wood	Julienne L.	6765 North Park Drive	Shreveport	LA	71107-9547	Wood, Shepherd, Hampton & Lothen
126	Woods (LM)	Isabelle M.	2016 Surrey Lane	Bossier City	LA	71111-5535	Huggins, Muniz & Quinones
127	Worley	Penny	2505 N. 13th Street	Temple	TX	76501-1315	Hart, Edwards, McCarty & Hinton
128	Jackson *	Kathy	P.O. Box 457	Oil City	LA	71061-0457	Johnson & Black

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2	Bossier Parish Library/History Center	2206 Beckett Street	Bossier City	LA	71111-3730
3	Public Library of Cincinnati	800 Vine Street	Cincinnati	OH	45202-2009
4	Claiborne Parish Library	909 Edgewood Drive	Homer	LA	71040-3009
5	Clayton Library Friends Clayton Library Center For Genealogical Research	P. O. Box 271078	Houston	TX	77277-1078
6	Dallas Public Library	1515 Young Street	Dallas	TX	75201-5499
7	DAR Library Continental Memorial Hall	1776 D Street NW	Washington D.C.		20006-5303
8	Dupre Library University of Louisiana at Lafayette	302 E. Saint Mary Blvd.	Lafayette	LA	70503-2038
9	Family History Center (S.J. Gene Library)	P.O. Box D	San Jose	CA	95151-0004
10	Family History Library	35 North West Temple	Salt Lake City	UT	84150-3400
11	Library of Congress [Complementary]		Washington D.C.		20006
12	Los Angeles Public Library	630 West 5th Street	Los Angeles	CA	90071-2002
13	LSUS Library & Archives [Complementary]	8515 Youree Drive	Shreveport	LA	71115-2399
14	Mid-Continent Public Library	15616 E 24 Hwy	Independence	MO	64050-2057
15	Natchitoches Parish Library [Complementary]	450 2nd Street	Natchitoches	LA	71457-4649

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16	New Orleans Public Library	219 Loyola Avenue	New Orleans	LA	70112-2044
17	The New York Public Library	P.O. Box 2237	New York	NY	10163-2237
18	Ouachita Parish Public Library	1800 Stubbs Avenue	Monroe	LA	71201-5787
19	Red River Parish Library-Coushatta		Coushatta	LA	
20	R. W. Norton Art Foundation	4747 Creswell Avenue	Shreveport	LA	71106-1889
21	Restor-A-Book (<i>Kathy Jackson</i>)	P.O. Box 457	Oil City	LA	71061-0457
21	Santa Clara County Historical and Genealogical Society	% Central Library 2635 Homestead Road	Santa Clara	CA	95051-5387
23	Shreve Memorial Library [Complementary]	1212 Captain Shreve Drive	Shreveport	LA	71105-2819
24	St. John The Baptist Parish Library	2920 Highway 51	LaPlace	LA	70068-3721
25	State Historical Society of Wisconsin	816 State Street	Madison	WI	53706-1482
26	State Library of Louisiana, Serial Division [Complementary]	P. O. Box 131	Baton Rouge	LA	70821-0131
27	Long Library University of New Orleans	Lakefront	New Orleans	LA	70148-0001
28	Weatherford Public Library	1014 Charles Street	Weatherford	TX	76086-5098
29	Webster Parish Library	521 East & West Street	Minden	LA	71055-2652
30	Wichita Genealogical Society	P.O. Box 3705	Wichita	KS	67201-3705

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Tradition and Traditional Sayings

Contributed by Herman Weiland

The next time you are washing your hands and complain because the water temperature isn't just how you like it, think about how things used to be. Here are some "facts" about the 1500's.

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May and still smelled pretty good by June. However, they were starting to smell, so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women, and finally the children. Last of all, the babies. By then, the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water."

Houses had thatched roofs - thick straw piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained, it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip off the roof. Hence the saying, "It's raining cats and dogs."

There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a problem in the bedroom, where bugs and other droppings could mess up your nice clean bed. Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how canopy beds came into existence.

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt. Hence the saying "dirt poor." The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on the floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they added more thresh until when you opened the door it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed across the entranceway to hold the thresh. Hence the saying, "a thresh-hold."

Cooking, in those days, was done in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving the leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while. Hence the rhyme, "Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old."

Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could "bring home the bacon." They would cut off a little and share with guests and would all sit around and "chew the fat."

Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with high acid content caused some of the lead to bleed onto the food, causing lead poisoning death. This happened mostly with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or the "upper crust."

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whiskey. The combination would sometimes knock the imbibers out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait to see if they would wake up. Hence the custom of holding a "wake."

England is old and small and the local folks started running out of places to bury people. So they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a "bonehouse" or "boneyard" and reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins, some were found with scratch marks on the inside and they realized they had been burying people alive. So they would now tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (the "graveyard shift") to listen for the bell; thus someone could be "saved by the bell" or was considered "a dead ringer."

And that's the truth.



Area Cemetery Photos Available For Viewing At Claiborne Parish Library

Claiborne Parish Library has set up a special computer in the genealogy section of the main library to view photos of area cemeteries. These color photos, stored on the computer's hard drive, were taken by Jackie Wiley and include many of the prominent cemeteries in Claiborne, Bienville, Bossier, Caddo and Webster parishes as well as some Columbia county cemeteries. In this photo project Mr. Wiley has concentrated on many of the older tombstones and their interesting inscriptions. This endeavor took Mr. Wiley many months and he is still working on photographing cemeteries he could not get to in the first phase of his project. The photos are beautifully done and provide intriguing clues into our area's families and history. For more information about this photo collection, please call the library at 927-3845.

Thanks to Bob and Katie Reed, for this article, April 8, 2005.

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600 Block of Commerce

Along Commerce Street lay the heart of Shreveport's downtown in the late 19th century. Facing the Red River, this row of buildings was close to the bustling transportation and trade that the steamboats created. Wagons lined the street, and horses and mules jostled for a place. The cotton economy was evident in the business transactions, as brokers and merchants catered to the growers' needs.

The oldest building in the block (third from the left) may date to 1852. It was originally owned by Mary Cane, a pioneer woman who sometimes is called the "Mother of Shreveport." The remaining buildings were built between 1885 and 1896.



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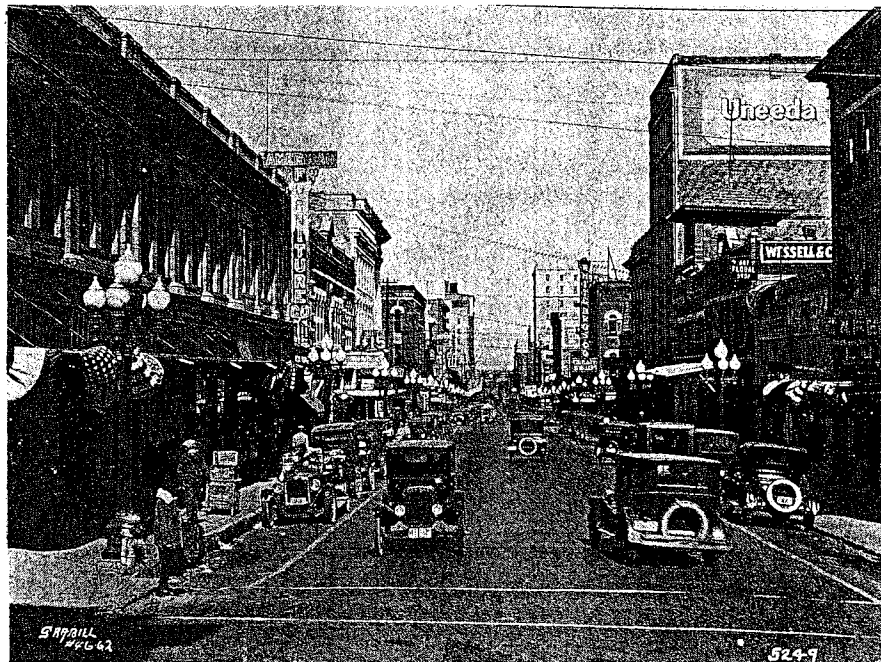
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The Downtown

Shreveport grew as a river town until gradually its business district spread over the gridiron pattern of streets that its founders had laid in 1837. First along Commerce and Market streets, and then up Milam and Texas, businesses offered their goods and services to an expanding population. By 1860, there was a courthouse on the public square, which before had been considered too far from the main district to be of use. Fine residences were built along the fringes, only to be overcome by business encroachment as growth continued from the 19th century into the 20th.

Transportation improvements after the Civil War had a revolutionary impact on the development of the central business district, as well as on the suburbs. First came horse-drawn streetcars and then electric ones. People no longer had to live within walking distance of their work, and population could be dispersed. The automobile vastly speeded the change begun by streetcar. After 1900, the business district became more rigidly defined and its functions more specialized. From then until World War II, when this guide ends, Shreveport's downtown entered an era of unprecedented importance.



Milam Street, looking toward river, around 1925.

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by Isabelle Woods

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ID	SURNAME	FIRST	OTHER	TITLE	BIRTH DATE	DEATH DATE	INSCRIPTIONS/REMARKS
214					16 Aug 1997	66 yrs; Other data of funeral home metal marker (MM) illegible
249	Adams	Glorina			17 Jul 1973	17 Jul 1973	Dual w/ Rosie Marie Adams
250	Adams	Rosie	Marie		18 Sep 1969	18 Sep 1969	Dual w/ Glorina Adams
22	Adams	Pearl	Mae		12 Jun 1922	28 Sep 1954	
91	Alexander	Deborah	A.		10 Aug 1956	08 Apr 1988	Mother
87	Allen	Arthur	L.		05 Mar 1919	15 Jul 1990	
335	Ary	Joseph		Jr.	25 Nov 1967	18 May 2001	33 yrs; metal marker only
240	Becks	Raymond		Jr.	1958	1990	
200	Bell	Maple	Boykins		23 Sep 1929	05 Dec 1977	Mother; Footstone: "Little Auntie"
175	Bennett	Leles					Name only on headstone (HS)
54	Bennett	Elson			1885	28 Nov 1957	Father
276	Bennett	Archie			19 Feb 1915	02 Jul 2004	
102	Bernard	Dorothy	Thomas		13 May 1943	16 May 2003	
221	Bernard	James	Perry		23 Apr 1884	25 Dec 1939	Husband; Dual w/ A. James Perry, Sr.
77	Bertha	Annie					
196	Bethune	Frances	Brown		06 Jul 1931	07 Jan 1981	
154	Blackshire	Mary	E.		02 Jun 1906	18 Jan 1963	
153	Blackshire	Clarance			1880	1973	Father
192	Boykins	Mary	Lee		11 Mar 1931	10 Dec 1989	
41	Brown	Lula			1878	1941	Photo on headstone; Ed Brown, Son
5	Brown	Luevenia			01 May 1916	17 May 1996	
37	Brown	Julius	M.		1922	1988	Vault
36	Brown	Ed	William		02 Sep 1907	29 Jul 1981	
40	Brown	Ora	Mottile Reed		02 Apr 1910	04 Jul 1938	
42	Brown	James	Monroe		16 Dec 1879	16 Jan 1962	
194	Brown	Cordie	R.		17 Sep 1911	08 Jan 2001	Vault; Dual w/ Nathaniel Brown, Sr.
195	Brown	Nathaniel		Sr.	01 Sep 1910	19 Nov 1982	Dual w/ Cordie R. Brown
197	Brown	Nathaniel		Jr.	02 Jul 1930	14 Jul 1970	
39	Brown	Georgie	C.		25 Dec 1901	02 Sep 1909	
297	Carter	Iantha	Lynette		25 Jan 1965	06 Feb 1965	
58	Caston	Pearl	Brown		04 Aug 1879	24 Nov 1954	76 yrs
229	Coleman	Bertha	Lee		21 Oct 1900	24 Dec 1944	44 yrs
361	Collins	Charlie	Antone	Little	04 Jul 1978	24 Jul 1978	20 months old; metal marker only

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282	Collins	Antonio			06 Mar 1976	30 Dec 2003	Vault; Age 27 yrs; age & dates from metal marker
283	Collins	Josephine			16 Apr 1930	22 May 2000	Vault; Age 69 yrs; age & dates from metal marker
9	Conner	Fred	"Buddy"		11 Feb 1923	20 Jun 1991	aka "Big Daddy"
92	Conner	Paul	"Baldy"	Jr.	09 Apr 1901	21 Jun 1987	
294	Conner	Jasper	L.		03 Jun 1927	04 Oct 1946	
46	Crosby	Webb			23 Feb 1889	14 Apr 1956	
150	Crutchfield	John	Wesley		15 Jun 1885	09 Feb 1972	
52	Curtis	Josephene				-- Sep 1951	75 yrs
248	Curtis	Willis			23 Jul 1913	16 Dec 1960	
212	Davis	Susie	Perry		30 May 1940	02 Sep 2001	Your Daughters Gwen, Kathy, Sharon, Cynthia, Joann
359	Davis	Lee	Arthur	Jr.	20 Nov 1937	26 Sep 1937	
215	Davis	Robert	Earl		21 Jan 1952	20 Oct 1996	Husband of Susie Davis
281	Devore	James		Jr.		29 Jan 2001	65 yrs; metal marker only
209	Dickson	Florence			04 Dec 1886	27 Mar 1944	First Sect Independent (sic) Benevolent Society
151	Dillard	Cap			17 Mar 1888	08 Sep 1970	LOUISIANA PVT US ARMY WORLD WAR I
236	Ellis	Ray	Henry		11 Dec 1933(?)	19 Mar 2000	Vault. Age 66 yrs from metal marker.
237	Ellis	George		Jr.	06 Apr 1944	15 Oct 1998	Vault
235	Ellis	James			26 Feb 1939	22 Nov 2004	Age 65; metal marker only
126	Ellis	Mattie	H.		16 Sep 1885	28 Apr 1956	Mother
132	Ellis	Will			04 Jul 1877	20 May 1948	Father
133	Ellis	Scott			08 May 1908	03 Feb 1945	
134	Ellis	Levsee			10 Apr 1910	19 Dec 1937	27 yrs
57	Fern	Evelyn			1901	1978	Vault
63	Fields	Clyde			16 Aug 1918	22 May 1965	LOUISIANA PFC 4380 QM TRUCK CO WORLD WAR II
277	Forbes	Clenity			1930	2003	Vault
312	Ford	Lydia	Jackson		13 Jul 1929	22 Mar 1997	
187	Garner	Beatrice	Pettaway		28 Feb 1907	26 Nov 1967	Mother and Sister
72	Gatlin	Tonya	C.		15 Mar 1975	03 Jun 1997	See Footnote No. 1 below for headstone's rear inscription
223	Gatlin	Walter			28 Oct 1915	24 Jan 2002	Father; complete birth and death dates obtained from metal marker
227	Gatlin	Willion	D.		1921	1987	TEC 5 US ARMY WORLD WAR II
339	George	Robert	Lee		08 Feb 1946	20 Feb 1998	HS & MM. Age 52 yrs and DOD is 19 Feb 1998 on metal marker.
351	George	Ruby			10 Apr 1921	20 Jun 1982	Vault
345	George	M.	C.		05 Apr 1916	17 Jan 1991	

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349	George	Eddie			02 Jan 1938	04 Jun 1985	
344	George	Arthur	Lee		02 Jan 1920	05 Mar 1992	US ARMY WORLD WAR II. Age 72 yrs from metal marker
337	George	Lucy				09 Jan 1996	100 yrs; metal marker only
353	George	Henry			09 Nov 1914	05 Jun 1971	
352	George	M.	C.	Jr.	16 Sep 1950	19 Feb 1979	Vault
348	George	Mamie			22 May 1888	20 Jun 1985	Vault
336	George	Martha	Ree	Mrs.		20 Mar 2000	57 yrs; metal marker only
358	Gibson	Charley				22 Mar(?) 198	Metal marker only
84	Gipson	Eddie	Ray		14 Mar 1947	04 Aug 2004	AB US AIR FORCE; metal marker states "Age 57 years"
329	Glover	Jimmie	David		20 Feb 1925	14 Jul 1981	PVT US ARMY WORLD WAR II
118	Green	Melvin			05 Sep 1968	17 Aug 1994	
333	Green	Albert			08 Apr 1939	23 Dec 1984	
301	Green	Emma	T.		1900	1969	
79	Green	Michael	Earl		08 May 1970	05 May 1996	"HPD 5795;" See Footnote No. 2 below, rear inscription
78	Green	Lithena	White Townsley		21 Aug 1902	01 Sep 1997	Mother of five children. See Footnote No. 3 below.
360	Green	Al					
322	Hall	John	L.		05 Mar 1933	02 Sep 1987	
327	Hall	Charles	Edward		18 Oct 1938	30 Nov 2001	
325	Hall	Douglas		Sr.	19 Jun 1909	04 Oct 2000	
288	Hall	Clara	M.		1862	1953	
324	Hall	Willie	M.		29 Jun 1914	01 Jul 1988	
139	Hall	Nancy			09 Nov 1868	30 May 1938	
191	Harris	Louise	White		04 Dec 1898	12 Feb 1990	Mother and Grandmother
65	Harris	James			17 Apr 1897	17 Oct 1969	COLORADO PFC US ARMY WORLD WAR II
81	Harris	Leon	Edward "Tre"	III	07 Jul 1982	07 Oct 2000	
21	Harris	Carrie			02 Jun 1885	17 Dec 1960	
61	Harris	Evelyn	Parks		22 May 1904	27 Jan 1963	58 yrs
59	Hart	Mary	Jane		03 Dec 1867	02 Nov 1967	79 yrs
313	Hart	Geneva		Mrs.	06 May 1936	19 Jul 1996(?)	Metal marker only
213	Hill	Lubirtha	Perry	Sis.	20 Apr 1924	19 Jan 1999	FP: Parents, Frizzella Pettaway and James Perry; sp. Joe Lee Hill
247	Himes	Willie	W.		19 Apr 1912	1 Sep ---	Metal marker only
292	Himes	Matilda			24 Aug 1895	02 Mar 1925	
315	Hines	Ida	Bell		18 Mar 1884	04 May 1964	Mother

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296	Hines	Melvin		Sr.	1878	07 Dec 1955	Father
293	Hines	Levissee	J.		1880	1942	62 yrs
356	Hines	Joseph	L.		05 Dec 1922	06 Jan 1992	CPL US ARMY WORLD WAR II
291	Hines	Mary			05 Aug 1855	08 May 1918	
341	Holbert	Annie	Lee		1907	1996	Vault
190	Host	Sallie			1873	15 Jun 1922	49 yrs
347	House	Carrie			23 Jul 1903	27 Jan 1990	
346	House	Elmer			27 Nov 1895	08 Jun 1988	
163	Hunter	Abron			05 Oct 1881	08 Oct 1956	75 yrs
161	Hunter	Rose	Zetter		01 Jan 1872	11 Sep 1918	
135	Hunter	Burl					59 yrs; Husband of Jennie V. Hunter
125	Hunter	Phil			13(?) Nov 1878	27 May 1975	Repair glue covers date of birth
136	Hunter	J.	C. (or G.)		15 Sep 1895	11 Aug 1925	
228	Hunter	Hattie			11 Sep 1881	15 Jan 1973	Mother
113	Hunter	John	W.	Sr.	16 Apr 1919	17 Jul 2000	PFC US ARMY; vault; exact dates from metal marker
123	Hunter	Elder	Silas	Sr.	29 Apr 1909	02 Jun 2004	"Elder" may be a religious title not his first name
112	Hunter	Morris		Jr.	25 May 1938	29 Sep 1991(?)	From metal marker: Age 53 years and death date, 30 Sep 1991(?)
99	Hunter	Wesley			24 Jul 1895	28 Jun 1982	
124	Hunter	Effie	Mae		13 Apr 1925	01 Mar 1991	
164	Hunter	John				20(?) Apr 191	72 yrs
108	Hunter	Arvilla	Green		30 May 1916	21 Sep 1996	Wife and Mother
111	Hunter	Morris		Sr.	22 Sep 1917	19 Nov 1992	
321	Hymes	Robert	Earl		07 Nov 1951	04 Jul 1994	
259	Hymes	Johnie			1882	1919	37 yrs
319	Hymes	Arch			1900	1968	
320	Hymes	Allie	J.		06 Sep 1914	17 Jan 1989	
289	Jackson	Milton		Jr.	19 Jun 1935	17 Mar 1963	LOUISIANA PFC CO E BATTLE GP 22 INFANTRY
310	Jackson	Green	A.		06 Oct 1945	11 Mar 1980	
309	Jackson	Andrew			17 Nov 1949	06 Mar 1970	
287	Jackson	Milton			20 May 1900	21 Jun 1979	
2	Jackson	Carol	Ann	Ms.	24 Jan 1958	14 Oct 2003	45 yrs and "Ms." from metal marker
202	Jackson	Johnny			30 Apr 1943	18 May 1943	
326	Jefferson	Bernice			02 Apr 1931	21 Sep 1993	

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199	Jelks	Thomas			05 Nov 1923	30 Jul 1964	LOUISIANA TEC 4 4351 QM BAKERY CO WORLD WAR II
31	Jelks	Garfield			-- Sep 1880	25 Apr 1954	
290	Johns	Jimmie			01 Mar 1891	26 Jun 1914	
32	Johnson	Clem				07 Apr 1945	65 yrs
152	Johnson	Willie			22 Aug 1911	20 Jul 1971	
146	Johnson	Failure		Mrs.	19 Jun 1913	14 Nov 2002	89 yrs; metal marker only
144	Johnson	Rosie	Mary		17 Jul 1948	20 Aug 1997	
143	Johnson	Lottie			25 Nov 1917	02 Feb 1985	
7	Johnson	Lucy	"Big Mama"		17 Nov 1926	20 Jun 1994	
270	Johnson	Annie			1884	15 Jan 1961	
104	Johnson	Jerome				11 Dec 1971	
273	Johnson	Bertha	P.		17 Dec 1904	25 Sep 1995	Mother
272	Johnson	Cary			24 Sep 1937	27 Apr 1973	
271	Johnson	Edgar			01 May 1908	03 Jun 1966	
269	Johnson	Charlie			1886	14 Jan 1961	
114	Johnson	Joanne	Adams		06 Mar 1946	14 Sep 2000	
82	Johnson	Charles	Edward		21 Aug 1965	09 Jan 2003	42 yrs; has a metal marker only
226	Johnson	John			06 Jun 1900	09 May 1986	
88	Johnson	A.	G.		09 Jul 1920	21 Dec 1997	US ARMY WORLD WAR II
20	Kelley	John	A.		10 Aug 1934	21 Jul 1961	
267	Kelley	Melvin			1964	2005	Vault
13	Kelly	Cora	V.		21 Dec 1902	27 Jun 1990	Mother
342	Kelly	James	Edward "Ed"	Sr.	29 Mar 1939	29 Jun 1995	
210	King	Cardell			26 Apr 1925	30 Jun 1973	LOUISIANA S1 US NAVY WORLD WAR II
208	King	John		Sr.	1902	1943	
211	King	Gwendolyn	Joy		02 Sep 1956	08 Mar 1982	
167	King	Emma			31 Jan 1863	31 Jan 1950	Footstone: "Mother"
168	King	John		Jr.	1927	1946	Son
233	Latin	Vickie	M.		1964	1995	Vault
73	Leftridge	Orante	T.		1977	1999	
14	Leftridge	Robert	L.		1914	1983	
109	Mack	A.	L.	Supt.	1923	1996	Vault
162	Mack	Mary				30 Jun 1918	46 yrs

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110	Mack	Missionary	Pearl		1924	1995	Vault; "Missionary" may be a religious title, not her first name
170	Mack	Ann			30 Aug 1890	11 Apr 1961	70 yrs
350	Mack	Robert		Jr.	03 May 1935	03 Jan 1978	
286	Mack	Robert					No dates on vault.
169	Mack	Martha			01 Mar 1906	02 Jun 1965	
285	Mack	Willie	Mae		1902	1991	Vault
340	McGee	Dennis			1914	1998	Vault and metal marker
216	McKenize	Mary	Perry		16 Oct 1936	27 May 1994	"In Loving Memory, Janet;" (Surname misspelled for "McKenzie"?)
217	McKenzie	Ronnie	E.		25 Jun 1957	04 Mar 2003	US ARMY
33	McKenzie	Josephine				17 Jun 1957	86 yrs
203	McMillon	Robert			18 Jun 1910	12 May 1970	LOUISIANA PVT CO B 367 INFANTRY WORLD WAR I; 2 hdstones
268	McMillon	Jennie	V.		05 Nov 1905	03 Sep 2002	
274	Mickens	Grover			1951	2004	Vault
121	Mitchell	O.	T.		1934	1991	Vault
300	Moore	Inez		Mrs.	1910	1991	Metal marker
53	Mosely	Lizzie			1861	1953	92 yrs
50	Mosley	Louis	"Main"		22 Nov 1869	01 May 1959	
49	Mosley	Rosetta	"Rosie" Blake		27 Sep 1905	22 Mar 1985	
193	Murdock	Ronnie	E.		23 Oct 1948	26 Jun 2000	Daddy; his second gravesite which bears a headstone.
145	Murdock	Ronnie	Earl			26 Jun 2000	51 yrs; metal marker only; second gravesite. See Footnote No.4
234	Myers	Mary	Lee		22 Oct 1923	16 Mar 1996	
51	Myers	Henderson			04 Jul 1900	06 Oct 1985	Papa
275	Myles	John	A.		29 Dec 1924	06 Mar 1985	Father
218	Neal	Eliza	L.		07 Dec 1914	25 Jan 1993	Mother
131	Odoms	Chestenia			1920	1949	Daughter of Jennie V. Hunter; Age 28
314	O'Key	Georgia	Hines		24 Feb 1915	22 Jul 1978	
338	O'Neal	Annie			1942	2004	Vault
334	O'Neal	Dorothy		Ms.	22 Aug 1958	17 Sep 2003	45 yrs; metal marker only
343	O'Neal	Kenneth	Ray		26 May 1964	11 Mar 1995	HS & MM. Age 30 yrs from metal marker only. Son & Father
1	Owens	Billy		Jr.	13 Mar 1955	27 May 2004	49 yrs; has metal marker only
15	Owens	Daisy	V.		08 Apr 1938	14 Feb 1982	Our Daughter & Sister
4	Owens	Micheal	L.		13 Jul 1958	26 Jun 1998	First name may be misspelled if it's "Michael"
140	Patrick	James			-- May 1900	-- Nov 1923 (?)	

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165	Patterson	Annie	Bell		1903	1969	
222	Perry	A.	James	Sr.	23 Apr 1884	20 Dec 1938	Dual w/ James Perry Bernard
220	Perry	Robert			17 Nov 1919	04 Jul 1928	
219	Perry	James		Jr.	25 Nov 1916	04 Jul 1928	
182	Perry	Frizella	Pettaway		14 Aug 1892	08 May 1993	Mother of Mrs. Lubirtha Perry Hill
183	Petiway	Maud			17 Dec 1912	28 Mar 1914	Dau of Joseph & Eliza Petiway
188	Pettaway	Joseph			1880	1969	
186	Pettaway	Julia	A.		-- Jun 1883	07 Dec 1945	Mother
185	Pettaway	Lorinza			09 Dec 1905	20 Aug 1962	
184	Pettaway	Henry		Sr.	-- May 1862	14 Feb 1920	Father
189	Pettaway	Nathan			1903	1982	Vault
178	Pettaway	Mack			1882	09 May 1920	
179	Pettaway	Violet				14 Oct 1915	75 yrs.
160	Phillips	Clinton			26 Jun 1896	28 Aug 1948	
29	Phillips	Jim				17 Oct 1943	
331	Pillars	Elzadia		Mrs.		4(?) May 1951	Died in Los Angeles, CA; Shreveport Sun, 16 Jun 1951, p2, col 6
295	Pillows	Elva			06 Feb 1926	04 May 1951	
44	Piper	Willie		Sr.		03 Feb 1956	82 yrs; Father
261	Piper	Carry			08 Apr 1892	16 Feb 1952	60 yrs
198	Piper	Ada	J.		06 Mar 1889	03 Dec 1967	Mother
45	Piper	Drain			10 Feb 1876	28 Mar 1955	82 yrs; Dad
355	Piper	Charley			1892	02 Jul 1972	
48	Piper	Callie			1878	19 Mar 1953	Mother
323	Pipkin	Mattie			24 Apr 1910	24 Nov 1984	
308	Pipkins	Minnie	C.		04 Jul 1895	04 Feb 1977	Footstone: MOTHER
238	Powell	Jannie			18 May 1880	14 Jul 1928	Mother
332	Powell	Curtis			1897	1965	
204	Powell	Zonie	M.		27 Feb 1935	09 Sep 1938	
225	Powell	Hattie	C.		1908	1983	Vault
56	Roberson	Louis		Sr.	1927	1983	PVT US ARMY WORLD WAR II
55	Roberson	Lillie	V.		22 Jun 1932	07 Jun 1984	
71	Roberson	Lillie	Lee		10 Jan 1907	15 Sep 1990	Mother
130	Roberson	Tyrone			24 Sep 2000	24 Sep 2000	Metal marker only; "Infant" "Age 0"

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157	Roberts	Frank				01 Nov 1942	Father; Dual w/ Sarah Roberts
158	Roberts	Sarah				18 Oct 1942	Mother; Dual w/ Frank Roberts
159	Robinson	Emma	Lee		15 Oct 1912	03 Oct 1984	Mom
305	Rogers				14 Aug 1980	14 Aug 1980	Infant of Donald Ray Rogers; metal marker only
201	Ross	Jesse			21 Aug 1896	26 Aug 1971	LOUISIANA PVT US ARMY WORLD WAR I
328	Russell	Pinkie	L.		08 Dec 1941	22 Sep 2003	Wife & Mother
43	Salone	Johnetter			1905	1973	
120	Salone	Y.	V.			09 Jul 1992	85 yrs; metal marker only
206	Salone	Sarah			25 Dec 1872	25 Apr 1942	
207	Salone	Martha				04 Feb 1927	Sunflower Chamber 2420, Keatchie, LA
171	Salone	Texas	O.		20 Apr 1892	31 Jul 1959	LOUISIANA PVT CO A 162 DEPOT BRIG WORLD WAR I
166	Salone	Martha	G.		22 Sep 1916	15 Jul 1965	
116	Salone	Y.	V.	Jr.	1935	1995	Vault
34	Sims	Gus			15 Sep 1890	27 Jun 1962	
262	Sims	Tom				17 Jun 1929	
253	Small	Neal				16 Feb 1953	77 yrs
254	Small	Susie	White		01 Oct 1875	29 Apr 1970	
107	Smith	Lula	V.		25 Nov 1902	15 Sep 1968	
100	Smith	Frank			10 May 1923	26 Jul 1980	SGT US ARMY WORLD WAR II
17	Smith	Thimothy	D.		1971	1973	
172	Smith	Mary			12 Sep 1876	16 Apr 1960	84 yrs
128	Smith	Alfred	Ray		27 Feb 1948	19 Sep 1963	
106	Smith	Ernest			25 Jan 1944	13 Mar 1969	
94	Smith	Arthur	James		01 Feb 1946	29 May 1986	
16	Smith	Robert	L.		24 Dec 1924	06 Jan 1975	S1 US NAVY
93	Smith	Charles				07 Aug 1992	53 yrs; metal marker only
230	Smith	Jeff			27 Apr 1920	08 May 1994	US NAVY WORLD WAR II
231	Smith	Bertha			17 Sep 1927	06 Nov 1993	Mother
127	Smith	Will			03 May 1883	16 Feb 1960	
8	Snow	Annie	G.		26 Dec 1921	31 Mar 1993	
89	Spearman	Maurice				18 Sep 1998	"Infant" and Age 11(?) from metal marker; no headstone
35	Stevens	Andrew			12 Jan 1907	29 Dec 1927	
28	Strong	Idia	B.		07 Jul 1897	02 Oct 1958	

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69	Thomas	Earl	S.		28 Jul 1943	24 Jan 1975	
76	Thomas	Mary	L. Piper		03 Oct 1902	26 May 1993	Mother of twelve children. See Footnote No. 5 below
62	Thomas	Willie	D.		03 Jul 1937	13 Mar 1972	
304	Thomas	Oscar			24 May 1935	16 Aug 1987	US AIR FORCE KOREA
23	Thomas	Essie	Lee		21 Nov 1920	30 Aug 1943	
30	Thomas	Andrew	J.		1879	1951	72 yrs
245	Thomas	Leroy			08 Jan 1947	06 Dec 1974	
243	Thomas	James	A.		28 Feb 1945	25 Aug 1977	
224	Thomas	John	B.		1919	1990	Vault
11	Thomas	Edgar		Sr.	29 Apr 1904	25 Sep 1975	FP: Parents-Bessie Ellis & Andrew Thomas/son Edgar Thomas, Jr.
83	Thomas	Ella	Wede	Mrs.	04 Sep 1950	29 Sep 2004	54 yrs; has metal marker only
10	Thomas	Elmo			1901	1983	Wife, Mrs. Emma Lois Bennett Thomas
85	Thomas	Patsy	Ruth	Mrs.	12 Mar 1952	09 Jun 2003	51 yrs; metal marker only
86	Thomas	Glyn	Edward		22 Jun 1954	08 Apr 1995	
354	Thomas	Almond	Jean		29 May 1949	08 May 1971	Has her photo on headstone
90	Thomas	J.	B.	Sr.	25 Jul 1920	13 Jan 1990	
70	Thomas	Emma	L.		07 Aug 1905	08 May 1998	FP:Parents,Sirnover Strong & Ernest Thomas/Sp Elmo Thomas, Sr.
318	Thomas	Mary	L.		25 Jan 1935	11 Nov 1957	
242	Thomas	Bennie	Lee		07 Oct 1926	25 Jan 1983	
303	Thomas	Andrew					Dates buried. Andrew J. Thomas (ID 30) is second gravesite on right.
101	Thomas	Irene			18 Feb 1915	31 Jan 1977	Mother
103	Thomas	Johnnie			12 Sep 1879	27 Jun 1974	
105	Thomas	Bessie	H.		18 May 1891	25 Oct 1976	
38	Thomas	Signora			27 Dec 1890	02 Apr 1928	Headstone against a tree; Sunflower Chamber 2420, Keatchie, LA
74	Thomas	Piper			03 Oct 1902	26 May 1993	
95	Thomas	Matthew		Jr.	05 May 1944	02 Aug 1989	
284	Tolbert	Willie	Jackson		19 Jun 1938	26 Jun 1994	US AIR FORCE VIETNAM
80	Tyson	Reginald	Dwayne		13 Apr 1983	09 Sep 2001	Purple Heart recipient; photo; See Footnote No. 6 below.
119	Washington	Lee			25 Mar 1940	14 Feb 1994	53 yrs; metal marker only
122	Washington	John	T.		11 Sep 1912	08 Sep 1986	
317	Washington	Mary			07 Feb 1890	01 Jul 1952	
311	Washington	Mary	"Meat"		19 Nov 1922	02 Jan 2001	Headstone (HS) and metal marker (MM). From MM Age 79 yrs
255	Washington	Henry			1865	12 May 1954	89 yrs

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115	Washington	Annie	B.		12 May 1921	22 Dec 1999	
117	Washington	Andrew			31 Jul 1910	19 Feb 1997	
137	Washington	Ida				18 Jan 1960	
138	Washington	Charley			24 Dec 1862	01 Apr 1941	
306	Washington	Billy	James	Mr.	03 Apr 1946	10 Feb 2003	56 yrs
307	Washington	Van			-- Sep 1905	-- Jul 1972	
141	Wheeler	Shepard			-- Mar 1901	-- Dec 1925	
156	Wheeler	Iceni				26 Oct 1949	93 yrs
155	Wheeler	Lucy			06 Sep 1872	02 Sep 1957	Mother
142	Wheeler	Dora					50 yrs
246	White	Larry			06 Oct 1972	20 Nov 1994	
252	White	Robert			1867	27 Oct 1913	
251	White	Lucy			1846	1925	
177	White	Gilliam		Jr.(?)			Name only on headstone
149	White	Robert	Lee	Jr.	18 Nov 1948	21 May 1973	
18	White	Douglas			07 Aug 1892	14 Aug 1970	Dual w/ Hattie White
27	White	Nezzie			27 Jun 1895	28 Oct 1916	Footstone: "NW"
25	White	A.	R.		29 Feb 1870	02 Feb 1948	
24	White	Florence			11 Nov 1878	06 Sep 1960	82 yrs
26	White	Jane			1864	18 May 1925	Age 70
19	White	Hattie			06 May 1895	23 Jun 1969	Dual w/ Douglas White
148	White	Bertha	S.	Sis.	05 Feb 1928	17 Dec 1991	Name on metal marker "Mrs. Bertha Mae White"
147	White	Robert	Lee	Sr.	14 Jun 1921	01 Jan 1996	US ARMY WORLD WAR II
129	White	Caesar	Dewayne		10 Nov 1987	15 Aug 1997	
264	Williams	Sallie	Tabitha		07 Jan 1875	16 Dec 1919	Dual w/ John Grant Williams, Sr.
97	Williams	Nettie	T.	Mrs.	30 Jul 1930	04 Jul 2003	Matt/Isiah/Robert/Charles/Shirley/Glen/Joseph
357	Williams	Isabella	Davis		06 Apr 1921	18 Jul 1981	
260	Williams	Selvia				30 Jan 1908	40 yrs
258	Williams	King			02 Feb 1888	20 Apr 1950	LOUISIANA PFC 319 SERVICE BN QMC WORLD WAR I
96	Williams	Otis			21 Jul 1922	08 Feb 1984	PVT US ARMY WORLD WAR II
263	Williams	John	Grant	Sr.	16 Aug 1868	27 Dec 1932	Dual w/ Sallie Tabitha Williams
47	Williams	Lizzie			06 Mar 1861	24 Nov 1951	85 yrs
265	Williams	Hughene			27 Sep 1900	29 Aug 1922	

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266	Williams	Baby				09 Sep 1925	
75	Williams	Bernard			03 Jun 1955	08 Feb 1992	
68	Williams	Walter	"Boot"		05 Sep 1926	15 Apr 1976	Father and Husband
67	Williams	Walter		Sr.	14 Sep 1902	05 Oct 1972	Dual w/ Minnie Lee Williams; has a daughter and grandchildren
66	Williams	Minnie	Lee		19 Jun 1905	06 Mar 1975	Dual w/ Walter Williams, Sr.
64	Williams	Mary	Lou		10 Mar 1889	18 Feb 1967	
298	Williams	Sawyer					
316	Williams	Jan			15 Jun 1850	06 Apr 1948	
239	Williams	A.	D.	Mr.	12 Apr 1931	16 Jun 1999	68 yrs. Metal marker only.
174	Williams	Yancy					Name only on headstone
256	Williams	Leanord			15 July 1908	10 Mar 1937	34 yrs
257	Williams	Thomas			05 Apr 1891	26 Jul 1958	LOUISIANA PVT US ARMY WORLD WAR I
173	Williams	Bobbie	Ray				Name only on headstone
205	Williams	Hardy			15 Jan 1860	07 Sep 1960	Sunflower Chamber 2420, Keatchie, LA
330	Williams	Haywood					No dates on headstone
299	Williams	A.	D.		16 Nov 1891	14 Jan 1967	LOUISIANA PVT US ARMY WORLD WAR I
176	Williams	Bill				1944	
98	Williams	Eddie	David		1900	1983	Vault
241	Willis	Arthur	Lee		04 Mar 1934	07 Sep 1991	PFC US ARMY KOREA
244	Willis	Benie	J.		21 Oct 1899	23 Jul 1977	
6	Willis	Mary	George		14 Aug 1922	25 Jun 1995	
232	Willis	Rhodia	M. "Mama Nig"		24 Jan 1900	12 Aug 1996	
180	Wilson	Mary	Jane		12 Jan 1851	20 Oct 1953	
302	Wilson	James			12 Jul 1953	30 Nov 2000	47 yrs
60	Wilson	Ed			04 Jul 1891	01 Jan 1964	LOUISIANA PVT 14 CO 162 DEPT BRIGADE WORLD WAR I
3	Wilson	Ed		Jr.	02 Aug 1923	16 Jul 2001	
181	Wilson	William				28 Jun 1907	50 yrs
280	Wilson	Shirley	Jean Fields		01 Aug 1949	12 May 2001	Dual w/ George Wilson II. See Footnote No. 7 below.
279	Wilson	George		II	04 Dec 1927	04 Jan 1987	Dual w/ Shirley Jean Fields. See Footnote No. 8 below
12	Wilson	Ella			26 Sep 1893	16 Sep 1993	
278	Wilson	Estel	Thomas	(Mrs.)	05 May 1929	15 Dec 2003	Metal marker data: Age 74 yrs; name "Mrs. Estel Wilson."

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Footnote No. 1: Headstone of TONYA C. GATLIN (ID NO 72):

At rear of headstone: "Father: Gary Gatlin/Mother: Carolyn Gatlin/Sisters: Monique S./Kenyatta S./Chemetria C./Son Domonique D."

At foot of headstone: Smaller headstone with birth and death dates of Tonya C. Gatlin ending with "Son Dominique D. and James"

Footnote No. 2: Headstone of MICHAEL EARL GREEN (ID NO. 79):

At rear of headstone: "Mother: Billie M. Green/Father: Charles Green, Sr./Brother: Charles Green, Jr./Sisters: Leanora Ann/Linda Gail/ Children: Destinee Branae/Whitney Mikelle/Diamond Kimberly/Eric J'Von"

Footnote No. 3: Headstone of LITHENA WHITE TOWNSLEY GREEN (ID NO. 78):

At rear of headstone: "My Children: Elizabeth Townsley/Willie L. Townsley/Isreal Green, Jr./Freddie H. Green/Robert E. Green"

Footnote No.4: Headstone & Metal Marker for Gravesites of RONNIE EARL MURDOCK (ID NO.193 and ID NO. 145):

Either the metal marker or the headstone may be misplaced. It is a common practice at this cemetery to discard metal markers into the bush beyond the perimeter of this cemetery, which is fenced at the front and rear. Ronnie E. Murdock's gravesite near the front fence has a metal marker. His gravesite site about four rows from the front fence on the northeast portion of this cemetery has a headstone. Instead of being misplaced, the metal marker may have been discarded beyond the front fence when the headstone was erected. Someone noticing this marker beyond the fence may have repositioned the marker found beyond the fence on the nearest grave inside the fence. As a result, Ronnie Earl Murdock erroneously has two marked gravesites bearing the same death dates.

Footnote No. 5: Headstone of MARY L. PIPER THOMAS (ID NO. 76):

At the base front of headstone: "Mother of Clyde, Mattie Lee, L.M., Linton, Valrie, Enoch, Archie, Oscar, Willie D., Carl Lee, Bertha, Annie "

Footnote No. 6: Headstone of REGINALD DEWAYNE TYSON (ID NO. 80):

At rear of headstone: "Mother: Debra Tyson/Grandmother: Elizabeth Tyson/Grandfather: Henderson Tyson/Sisters: Marinda M. Tyson/ Bianca M. Tyson/ Victoria M. Tyson"

Footnote No. 7: Headstone of SHIRLEY JEAN FIELDS WILSON (ID NO. 280):

At lower front of headstone: "We Miss You Mom, Latrinda/Cornelius/Latoya"

Footnote No. 8: Headstone of GEORGE D. WILSON (ID NO. 279):

At base front of headstone: "Father of Ethel/Carrie/Talbert/Shirley/George III/James/Gregory" plus "Husband of Estel"

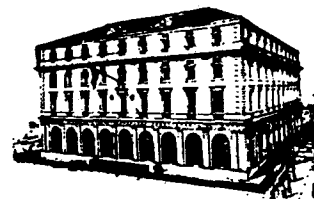
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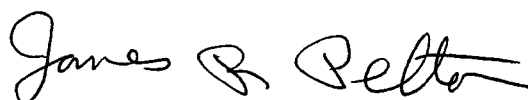
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BOOK REVIEWS

By Lynda Methvin

The following books were donated by Herman Weiland and are now in the Shreve Memorial Library, Broadmoor Branch, Genealogy Department.

TITLE: *SPRINGERS IN THE SOUTH* by Laura Coffey and Lidalee Mobley

This book begins with background on SPRINGER history dating back to the year 1042 in Germany. The first Springer found in the United States was Aaron Springer in 1783 in South Carolina. However, the Springer lineage discussed here begins with Aaron Springer born in 1781 in South Carolina. He was married three (3) times and fathered eight (8) children. Of the thirteen chapters in the book eight focus individually on each of his eight children and their descendants.

The geographical focus is Lawrence County, Tennessee and a listing of Springer marriages found there is also given. There are twenty-seven (27) illustrations in the form of copies of Revolutionary War Papers, Marriage bonds and licenses, Guardian bonds, Estate settlement papers and Coat of Arms. Includes index of every name within 264 pages.

TITLE: *GUARDIAN ANGELS, A HISTORY OF THE KILLEN FAMILY*
by Vickie Regina Rumble

The author, Vickie Rumble, credits her grandmother with instilling a love for family history when she was just a child. She and her own family are now active in Civil War re-enactments. Her grandmother is no longer living to tell family stories to her children so she has taken on this labor of love to preserve their family history for future generations. This is a story of a KILLEN family with Irish and Scottish history. Within its lineage there are several variants in spelling as follows: Kilin, Killin, Killeen, Killen, Killens, Killing and Killon.

There is information on five (5) family reunions which is of interest to Killen descendants. Genealogical and historical information spans time from the Killen's arrival in America in the 1750's to mid 1900's.

The primary geographical locations are Cumberland County, North Carolina and Lauderdale County, Alabama. There are six (6) pages of family photos that identify individuals but are lacking dates. There is an every name index for the 225 pages.

FAMILY RESEARCH GUIDE

Contributed by Herman L. Weiland

If you go to do research and find that you must carry a big notebook or other items to remind you of the families that you are researching then I think you will like this hint.

I have typed an alphabetical listing for each of my family surnames starting with the most recent member of that family. The most recent will be a female, since her marriage would generate a different surname. Her birthyear is listed, her marriage information provided and her line is then traced to her father, grandfather, great grandfather and as far back as is known. These will be listed in that order. I have also identified the immigrant member of that family and when and where they immigrated from and to where, if known. Basically you now have a replacement for many pages of Pedigree Charts. Since the list is alphabetize it is much easier to locate a family relationship. You may add additional information for each person as you feel will help your research.

- Most recent listed first.
- American lines only.
- Immigrants underlined.
- Dates may be actual or circa.

An example from my own listing...

ALLEN: Mary b.1668 (m William Wood)-Matthew (1635 Weymouth, Eng to Lynn, Mass)--George--John? b.1560

AWBREY: Joan b. 1640 (1690 Co, Brecknockshire, Wales to Radnor, Penn)(m David Price)--Thomas b.1610

BALDWIN: Maw b.1625 (1638 Aston Clinton, Eng to New Haven, Conn)(m Robert Plumb)-Sylvester--Sylvester--Henry--Richard--Robert b.1460

BURT: Sarah b.1620 (1638 Dean Prior, Eng to Nothampton, Mass)(m Judah Gregory)--Henry-

EARLE: Martha b. 1640 (William Wood Sr.)-Ralph(1634 England to Mass)--Ralph

LEONHARDT: Mary Lorena b. 1901 (m Fred Weiland)--Henry Lewis-Charles F. W. (1854 Grottkau, Prussia to Plymouth Rock, Mass)-John Frederick b c 1790

RITCHEY: Willena Veretta b.1931 (m Herman Weiland)-Willie-Henry Newton-Robert Russell b. 1817

RUDY: Olive Eudora b. 1864 (m Henry Lewis Leonhardt)-William M.-Rudolph (1817 Laufenburg, Ger to Zanesvilie, Ohio)-Rudolph b c 1760

WEILAND: Herman b. 1932 -Fred Berend Weiland-Berend Ubben Weiland (1882 Rysum, Ger to Maroa, Ill)--Ubbe Klassen Weiland--Berend Klassen Weiland--Klaus Berend--Berend Janssen-Janssen Arents b c 1700

Forest Park Plantation Cemetery Listing
Transcribed by Monica Pels, a History major at LSU-Shreveport]
*[Forest Park Plantation Cemetery is located deep in the woods
of Caddo Parish west of Greenwood, LA]*

Samuel J. Whitworth
Born Rockingham County North Carolina
September 4, 1786 - August 11, 1843
Owner of Forest Park Plantation

Margaret Dickson
Wife of Saml. J. Whitworth
March 23, 1795-November 6, 1862
Owner of Forest Park Plantation

J. M. Martin
August 17, 1846 - June 25, 1903
Co. G. 3rd La. Cavalry, CSA
*James Montgomery Martin, son of Elizabeth Effy Whitworth Martin and George
Washington Martin*

Delilah Martin Phillips
1850-1928
*Delilah Napoleon Martin Phillips, wife of Charles Claiborn Phillips, Sr., daughter of
Elizabeth Effy Whitworth and George Washington Martin, born November 15, 1850, died
February 27, 1928*

Charles C. Phillips
Co. D 11 LA Inf. CSA
1845-1913
*Charles Claiborn Phillips, husband of Delilah Napoleon Martin Phillips, born October
8, 1845*

Edgar S. Phillips
March 10, 1891-March 16, 1942
Pvt. 15 Service Co. SIGC, WWI, La.
*Edgar Schumpert Phillips, son of Delilah Napoleon Martin Phillips and Charles
Claiborn Phillips, Sr.*

Charles C. Phillips, Jr.
December 1, 1888- June 4, 1953
*Charles Claiborn Phillips, Jr., son of Delilah Napoleon Martin Phillips and Charles
Claiborn Phillips, Sr.*

E. W. B. Whitworth
Born Greene County, Alabama
November 1, 1830-April 24, 1851
*Ephriam William B. Whitworth, son of Samuel J. Whitworth and Margaret Dickson
Whitworth*

John Devers
1876-December 4, 1921
Choyce Chamber 4625
Greenwood, Louisiana

Isabella Whitworth
Wife of Z. Howell
Born Greene County, Alabama
November 9, 1832 - March 31, 1896
"May we be together in heaven/"
Isabella Jane Whitworth Howell, daughter of Samuel J. Whitworth and Margaret Dickson Whitworth

Joseph W. Howell
Died February 11, 1863
Joseph Whitworth Howell, son of Isabella Jane Whitworth Howell and Zachariah Howell, born April 8, 1862

Margaret W. Howell
Died August 5, 1867
Margaret Whitworth Howell, daughter of Isabella Jane Whitworth Howell and Zachariah Howell, born February 12, 1866

Elizabeth A. Howell
Died August 9, 1872
Elizabeth Arabella Howell, daughter of Isabella Jane Whitworth Howell and Zachariah Howell, born May 15, 1868

Lucy Mai Howell
Died January 8, 1878
Daughter of Isabella Jane Whitworth Howell and Zachariah Howell, born January 25, 1876

Z. Howell
Lieut. Co. A 25th La. Vol. Infy. CSA
Octobers, 1833-July 19, 1911
"Asleep in Jesus"
Zachariah Howell, husband of Isabella Jane Whitworth Howell

Ben J. E. Howell
Died June 23, 1904, 32 years old
Benjamin J. Edward Howell, son of Isabella Jane Whitworth Howell and Zachariah Howell, born November 1, 1872

Zack C. Howell
May 20, 1864-June 16, 1937
"My faith looks up to Thee"
Zachariah Christy Howell, son of Isabella Jane Whitworth Howell and Zachariah Howell born May 20, 1864

John W. Howell

February 1, 1870 - August 27, 1922

"In Thee O Lord, have I put my trust"

John William Howell, son of Isabella Jane Whitworth Howell and Zachariah Howell

Georgia E. Martin

Wife of J. P. Flourney

Nov. 1, 1852-March 10, 1899

Died in Greenwood, La

"He giveth His beloved sleep."

Georgia Elizabeth Martin, wife of James Patteson Flourney

James Martin Flourney

March 17, 1884 - January 29, 1899 at Greenwood, Louisiana

"Safe into the haven guide."

Son of Georgia Elizabeth Martin Flourney and James Patteson Flourney

Wm. C. Agurs

June 15, 1822 - October 19, 1878

William Gulp Agurs, wife of Margaret Dickson Martin

Margaret D. Martin

Wife of W.C. Agurs

September 27, 1848 - July 6, 1926

Margaret Dickson Martin, daughter of Elizabeth Effy Whitworth Martin and George Washington Martin

Bell Howell

Son of Wm. C. and Margaret D. Agurs

April 9, 1877-May 6, 1878

Bell Howell Agurs

Broken stone with only visible writing as follows:

Died December 28, 1868

Outside of the fence:

S. W. Old

Died July 29, 1853

42 years, 6 months, 9 days

"Go home my friends, dry up your tears

I must lie here till Christ appears,

When Christ appears, then I shall rise

And see him with immortal eyes."

Erected by E. S. Poag and S. T. Owens

Scottish Research *by Heather McEntee*

Are you researching your Scottish roots and not sure where to begin?
Here are some useful websites to help you get started.

1. www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk

- a. Contains vital records
- b. 1891 & 1901 census images; 1881 census index and transcript
- c. Births (1855-1903)
- d. Marriages (1855-1928)
- e. Deaths (1855-1953)
- f. Church records
- g. Costs money

2. www.scottishdocuments.com

- a. Index of 520,000 wills between 1500-1901
- b. Costs money ONLY if you want to see original record

3. www.catalogue.nationalarchives.gov.uk/search.asp

- a. Catalog for individual soldiers discharged to pension (1760-1854)
- b. Free

4. www.cwgc.org

- a. Soldiers that died in First or Second World War
- b. Free

5. <http://edina.ac.uk/statacc>

- a. Digitized version of the first two Statistical Accounts, covering 1790's and 1830's
- b. Doesn't contain names, only statistics
- c. Free

6. [www.genuki.org.uk/big/churchdb/ search.html](http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/churchdb/search.html)

- a. Parish locator database
- b. Free

7. www.scan.org.uk

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- b. Free

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