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## The President's Message

The Beginners Class for 2008 sponsored by the Association was great and filled with lots of genealogical facts, especially for beginners. The class focused on: Genealogical Forms and their organization presented by *Glenda Bernard*; The federal Census of the US and Evidence Analysis & Source Citations presented by *Phil Adderley*; How to conduct an Oral Interview presented by *Anne Wise*; and Searching the internet for Genealogical Information presented by *Reed Mathews*. During the class session each participant was given an opportunity to ask questions and make comments on each topic presented. Thanks, to the Educational Committee for a job well done.

By far the most significant response was on the overall rating of the class, the participant said it was excellent. It is worth noting that the participants noted that the topics were very important to them personally.

The class was held at the Broadmoor Library and hosted by a group of wonderful members of the Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association, during the week end of May 17<sup>th</sup>. A large crowd was on hand for the class.

Our challenge this year as was last year is to increase membership, have interesting programs, hold down costs of publishing the *Genie*, encourage each other to participate more, and submit information either as articles or queries. If you have not submitted an article or some information for the *Genie* before, we ask you to do so. It will take all of us working together to help ALTGA grow in the future as it has in the past.

Before signing off, I want to thank *Constance Whatley, Betty McCabe, Denise Chesson, Cynthia Millen, Herman Weiland, and Jim Johnson* for assisting with set-up and take-down, refreshments, registration, re-sale and the cookies were great. I would also like to thank, *Brenda Williams* at the Broadmoor Library Genealogy Department, for her assistance with the pre-registration.

Until next time, happy hunting and remember if I can be of any assistance, feel free to contact me, preferably by e-mail at: [wrapgriffin3@bellsouth.net](mailto:wrapgriffin3@bellsouth.net).

Regards,

Willie R. Griffin

## In Memory of Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association Members.

### **Mrs. Thelma Sabbath**



SHREVEPORT, LA- Funeral services for Thelma Sabbath, 89, was held at 2:30 pm on Saturday, May 3, 2008 at the Chapel of Heavenly Gates, 1339 Jewell St. Burial was at the Lincoln Cemetery with Rev. Pam Crews of First United Methodist Church officiating.

Ms. Sabbath passed away on Monday, April 28, 2008 following a brief illness.

**Obituary of Thelma Sabbath, *The Shreveport Times*, 2 May 2008, page 7B**

### **Mrs. Joan (Jo Ann) Virginia Linxwiler Lazarus**



SHREVEPORT, LA- Funeral services for Joan (Jo Ann) Virginia Linxwiler Lazarus, 80, was held 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 29, 2008 at Rose-Neath Marshall Street Chapel. Interment was at Forest Park Cemetery, St. Vincent Avenue. Officiating was Rev. Tom Howe, Associate Pastor of First United Methodist Church of Shreveport.

**Obituary of Joan Virginia Linxwiler Lazarus, *Shreveport Times*, 27 April 2008, p 7 B.**

*The membership mourns their recent death.*

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# MEMORIES OF SUMMERTIME VISITS TO OLD HAZELWOOD CEMETERY

*by Libby Dady Alcorn*

Louisiana had an abundance of fertile land, waterways, and a humid climate with enough rainfall to aid in the growing of corn, cotton and other crops. These natural resources in turn provided fish, wild game, and all the timber necessary to attract pioneers to Louisiana.

According to James M Williams' biography, he traveled from Pickens County Alabama to DeSoto Parish Louisiana in a wagon train with a hundred or so people including adults, children, and slaves. They arrived in DeSoto Parish December 1847. It is believed James and Susanah Cowley traveled with them. At the time James M Williams was married to the Cowley's oldest daughter Elizabeth. Isaac Joshua Best also traveled from Alabama to DeSoto Parish in 1847. According to his descendant Bettye Waldon, he and his family traveled to DeSoto Parish in a covered wagon pulled by a team of oxen. James M Williams, Elizabeth J Cowley Williams, James Cowley, Susanah Cowley, Isaac Joshua Best are all buried in Old Hazelwood Cemetery.



Old Hazelwood Cemetery was created out of necessity and dates back to the spring of 1848 when three young daughters of James and Susanah Cowley died and were buried there. Only a few short months after the James and Susanah Cowley family arrived in DeSoto Parish tragedy struck their family. Their seventeen-year-old daughter Margaret L Cowley died April 16<sup>th</sup> 1848. Their oldest daughter nineteen-year-old Elizabeth J Cowley Williams, wife of James M Williams, died several days later on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Emily H Cowley died May 6<sup>th</sup> 1848 on her sixteenth birthday. What a sad story. The burial of these three Cowley sisters was the beginning of Old Hazelwood Cemetery. James and Susanah Cowley had four additional children John L (b 1834), Mary Ann (b 1838), Thomas A (b 1846), and Middy P (b abt 1852).

*The pictures on the left are before and after pictures of gravestone for Margaret L. Cowley & Emily H. Cowley connected with the "Two Daughters of J & S Cowley" arch. They were two of the three daughters of James and Susannah Cowley buried in the cemetery spring 1848*



*Before and after pictures of gravestone for Elizabeth J. Cowley Williams, daughter of James and Susanah Cowley and wife of James M Williams*

Pioneer families in this area took an interest in education, civic affairs, and had a strong belief in God. In 1847 my great-great-great-Grandfather, Andrew Wyche Jackson arrived in DeSoto Parish from Perry County Alabama. That year he organized the Friendship Baptist Church where he preached for the next thirty-two years. In 1849 he aided in the formation of the Grand Cane Baptist Association for churches. In 1850 he founded the Hazelwood Baptist Church located on land adjacent to the cemetery. He served as the pastor at Hazelwood Baptist Church from its founding through 1856, in addition to continuing his ministry at the Friendship Baptist Church and the Mansfield Baptist Church. Between 1847 and 1852 he helped organize seven Baptist churches in DeSoto Parish. Some historians say he contributed more to Baptist growth in this area than any other person. The booklet, Minutes of the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Cane Baptist Association from 1905 reports the association represented 26 local Baptist churches.

DeSoto Parish was formed from Caddo and Natchitoches parishes in 1843. That same year the DeSoto Parish Police Jury voted to create a new town for their parish seat and named it Mansfield. The stagecoach road that connected Mansfield and Shreveport ran alongside Old Hazelwood Cemetery and the Hazelwood Baptist Church. The church and cemetery were approximately 30 miles south of Shreveport, 9 miles northwest of Mansfield, and 4 miles northeast of Grand Cane. Hazelwood Baptist Church was on land donated by Richard Foster, Mary Williams, and F N Williams. The land deed from Richard Foster was filed and recorded on June 7, 1852 in DeSoto Parish and states: "Richard Foster, a resident of said Parish of DeSoto who declared that he had donated and does by these presents give, grant, and donate with full guaranty ... unto James Cowley and John Ross, Deacons of the Missionary Baptist Church known as the Hazelwood Baptist Church and their successors in office for the use and benefit of said church the following described parcel of ground lying and being situated in the Parish of DeSoto aforesaid to wit: Commencing at the SW corner of the Lot given by Mary Williams and F N Williams to said church ...Section 3, Township 13, Range 14..."

These early pioneers brought their determination to provide for the education of their children. They soon established private schools in their homes where a teacher was employed and neighboring children could attend. As the population grew the need for public education grew. The Mansfield Female College opened its door in 1855. This was believed to be the first school for women west of the Mississippi River. In Keatchie, a nearby community, The Keatchie Female College opened its doors in 1856 under the sponsorship of the Grand Cane Baptist Association.

In October 1884 George Williamson, a pioneer from Shreveport, applied for a school to be built in Grand Cane and his request was granted. He established the school in a one-room building with more rooms added the following year. George Williamson and his wife were the first teachers. In 1885 the school became the first accredited public high school in Louisiana. In 1896 Grand Cane awarded diplomas to its first graduation class of consisting of three female students, May Cowley Wagley, Emma Goodwyn (Courtney), and Blanche Cook (Storey).

Here are a few mentions of the Hazelwood community and the Hazelwood Baptist Church found among the history of DeSoto Parish.

- Sally E Lancaster's manuscript A Welcome Hall writes about life in the 1870's in DeSoto Parish. Welcome Hall was the home of her Uncle Benjamin Franklin Wharton and Aunt Epps Goodwyn Loper Wharton where she grew up. "Uncle Franks greatest pleasure was giving balls and whenever he gave one he entertained lavishly without regard to expense. They came in carriages, buggies, wagons, and some brought their children. Guest came from Keatchie, Kingston, Grand Cane, Stonewall, Hazelwood, Mansfield, Shreveport and New Orleans. Old and young chatted, flirted and danced until dawn."
- In a handwritten letter from my great-great-grandmother, Mary Ann Cowley Jackson to her daughter Mollie S Jackson Burford believed to be written about 1893, Mary writes, "We will talk about it to ourselves. Oh God save Hazelwood Church." No reference in her letter as to why she writes this comment.
- The Mansfield Journal, dated Friday July 31, 1896 reported; "We are requested to announce that the ladies of the Hazelwood Baptist Church will have a dinner and ice cream festival on the church grounds on August 7<sup>th</sup>. The exercise of the day will be interspersed with music, speeches and recitation."
- An article in the Mansfield Journal May 28, 1897 reported; "last Sunday a large crowd of young people from Grand Cane visited Hazelwood Baptist Church".
- The Mansfield Journal - a wedding announcement on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January 1898 reported; "Mr. Sam C Harris and Miss Lalla Williams daughter of Mr. Sam T Williams of sixth ward were married at the bride's residence on the 16<sup>th</sup>. The groom Mr. Sam C Harris is a young farmer of the Hazelwood neighborhood of sterling character."
- The funeral notice for my great-great-grandmother, Mary Ann Cowley Jackson notes "The friends and acquaintances of Mrs. Mary A Jackson, wife of C G Jackson, are invited to attend her funeral at the Hazelwood Cemetery this evening at 2 o'clock. Funeral services will be held at the Hazelwood Baptist Church January 16, 1894."
- The 1899 obituary of John H Cowley reads "He joined Hazelwood Baptist Church in the year 1853 and was a conscientious and devout member of the same up to his death."
- The History of the Gloster Baptist Church, written by Minnie Hall Burford notes; "Around 1906 and 1907 Baptist families attended services at Salem Baptist Church near Stonewall and at Hazelwood Church east of Grand Cane. Around 1908 Hazelwood Church was disbanded."

- Listed in The Minutes of the Grand Cane Baptist Association, October 17, 18, 19, 1905; Hazelwood Church had 46 members; the pastor was E L Jones and his salary was \$100; O L Durham was the clerk; the value of the church land was noted to be \$1000.



*Mary Ann Cowley Jackson and Charles Green Jackson*

Inscriptions from gravestones in Hazelwood tell us of three men that fought in the Civil War and/or Mexican War: (1) John H Cowley enlisted the first year of the Civil War and served under O L Durham. He served until the war ended in 1865; (2) Charles Green Jackson's gravestone notes he fought in both the Mexican War and the Civil War. His Civil War discharge papers note "Corporal Charles Green Jackson enlisted in Mansfield on March 1, 1863 and served in the Infantry, "B" Company under Captain A H Thigpen until the end of the war". Further noted, "April 11, 1865 said soldier has one hundred twenty miles to travel to reach his home"; (3) W L Best's gravestone inscription states he "died on April 28, 1864 as a result of wounds he received in the Battle of Mansfield". He was 28 years old. The Battle of Mansfield was on April 8, 1864 and resulted in a victory for the Confederacy. Loss of life from this battle was estimated to be 4400 men (1500 Confederate). In December 2006 the W L Best headstone was found in Old Hazelwood Cemetery broken and leaning against a tree.

The actual "life" of the cemetery was between 1848 and 1934. There are approximately 80 people buried in Old Hazelwood Cemetery. Thirty-four were children under the age of 12. The cemetery was most active during the years 1848 and 1899 with only ten people buried there between 1900 and 1934. I do not know what happened to the Hazelwood Baptist Church and the community of Hazelwood except they disappeared through the years. Old Hazelwood Cemetery is all that remains.

James Cowley and Andrew Wyche Jackson's great-grandson John Green Burford (1889-1971) grew up in DeSoto Parish near the community of Gloster. John would visit Old Hazelwood Cemetery when he was a young boy with his mother, Mollie S Jackson Buford. When Mollie died in 1905 she was buried in Old Hazelwood Cemetery. John loved and respected his family and returned through the years to maintain the graves of his mother and his ancestors. When he was older he would take his children and grandchildren to Old Hazelwood Cemetery to teach them to care for the family graves.

Today Old Hazelwood Cemetery is located on land privately owned by the Billy Franklin family. In December 2006 my cousin visited Old Hazelwood Cemetery and sent me some pictures. These pictures showed a cemetery lost and forgotten through time. The cemetery was covered with thick underbrush; huge rotten oak and pine trees littered the area; the once beautiful wrought iron fences were now rusted, with many sections twisted and crumbled on the ground; there were gaping holes; broken grave vaults; a majority of the gravestones were broken and toppled to the ground; and cattle roamed freely. Old Hazelwood Cemetery looked to be lost forever.



*Picture taken in 2005, showing Jay Burford clearing debris. This is the Cowley section of old Hazelwood Cemetery as it looked after years of neglect*



*Picture taken in December 2006 and typical of the despair in Old Hazelwood Cemetery. The majority of the gravestones were broken and covered by debris.*

I had not been to Old Hazelwood Cemetery in 40 years, but those pictures jarred my memory. I thought back to those summertime visits with my Grandfather, John Green Burford. He would take my cousins and me to the cemetery to clean and weed his mother's grave and the graves belonging to her parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents. Looking at those pictures, I could not ignore the sad condition it faced. I made up my mind that I would try to restore Old Hazelwood Cemetery to the beautiful place it had once been. Thanks to the computer and online genealogy, it was my good fortune to locate Angela Wilburn, related through our ancestor James Cowley. In 2000 Angela had visited Old Hazelwood Cemetery and posted information about the cemetery online including her email address. I contacted her in January 2007 and we agreed to work together on the Old Hazelwood Cemetery restoration project.

I contacted Billy Franklin to tell him about our interest in cleaning the cemetery and to get his permission. He was very pleased. In February 2007 Angela and I hired Todd Kennedy to clear the property of the fallen trees and debris. Within a few weeks, Todd and his hard working crew were able to transform the cemetery. Todd Kennedy continues to maintain the property and without his dedication and hard work this restoration project would not be possible.



*Picture taken in March 2007 after Todd Kennedy and his work crew spent weeks clearing Old Hazelwood Cemetery of fallen trees and debris*



*Old Hazelwood Cemetery is located on private property owned by Billy Franklin (pictured above left), Libby Dady Alcorn, and Ralph Dady. . This picture was taken March 21, 2007, when a dozen volunteers gathered at the cemetery to clean approximately 80 gravestones and take an updated inventory.*



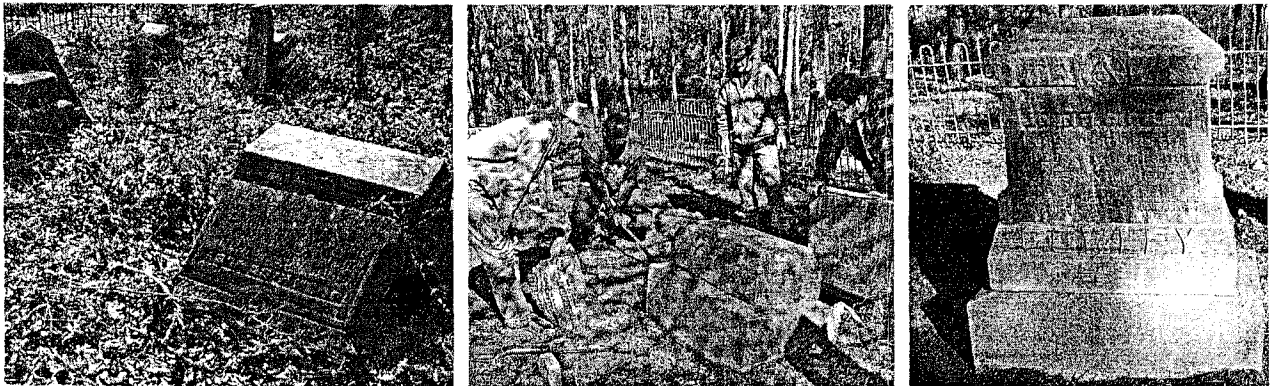
*On March 22 2007 four teens from the Fellowship Church youth group, along with their pastor Jay Burford helped clean approximately 80 gravestones at Old Hazelwood Cemetery. Pictured is Megan Crane washing James Cowley gravestone, assisted by Logan Adams and Andrew Adams. (Not pictured - Brandon Cloud)*

On March 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007 a dozen volunteers worked to carefully wash and rinse each gravestone. Those two days gave me a feeling of history coming full circle. The lesson of caring for Old Hazelwood Cemetery that my Grandfather had taught my cousins and me was again being passed to the next generation. Among the volunteers were my cousin Jay Burford, pastor of the Fellowship Church and four teens from the church's youth group. Ralph Dady, my brother, probed the cemetery grounds with a pitchfork and was able to locate many buried and broken gravestone pieces. He also found the buried gravestone of "Infant daughter of R & OE Best" that had been hidden for years, as it wasn't on any previous inventory for Old Hazelwood Cemetery. During these two days we were able to clean each of the gravestones, compile a photo inventory, and transcribed each headstone inscription. My Grandfather John Green Burford would be pleased.



In March 2007 we opened the Old Hazelwood Cemetery Restoration Account at Grand Cane's Capital One Bank. One of our first priorities was to build a fence to protect the area by keeping out the cattle. By April 2007 we had received enough in donations to hire Charley Young to build a fence enclosing the property. In April 2007 The Mansfield Enterprise and Toledo Bend Tribune newspapers each featured a full-page article about the cemetery restoration project. The Historic Grand Cane Association posted information about Old Hazelwood Cemetery on their webpage. The DeSoto Plume, published by the Desoto Historical Society, wrote a comprehensive story about Old Hazelwood Cemetery and our restoration project in their Spring 2007 issue. April 2007 I made a pictorial DVD showing the cemetery and our improvements and mailed about 40 copies to relatives and friends that had shown an interest in the project.

Generous donations made it possible in November 2007 to hire Earl Singer, with Central Monument, to level and fix 16 of the broken headstones in the cemetery. Included in the 16 we restored, were the gravestones belonging to the three Confederate soldiers, John H Cowley, Charles Green Jackson, and W L Best.



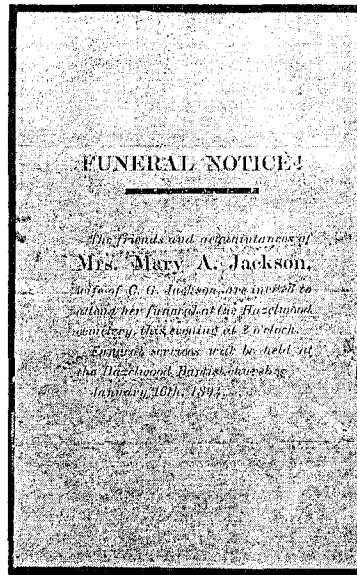
*Before and after pictures of gravestone for John H. Cowley, Confederate Soldier. Private donations made it possible to hire Earl Singer and his helpers shown leveling and remounting the massive gravestone. John H Cowley gravestone as it looks today*



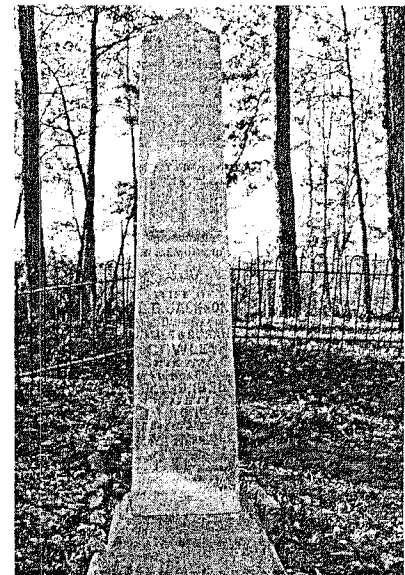
*Before and after pictures of gravestone for Mary T. Burford Booles (wife of W T Booles, daughter of John Baldwin Burford and Edna Jackson Burford) found broken and covered by a fallen pine tree in 2006 then remounted in 2007.*



Gravestone restored and cleaned in Nov. 2007 for Charles Green Jackson (1826-1911), Survived the Mexican/American War and Civil War;



Funeral Notice for Mary Ann Cowley Jackson (1838-1894):



Gravestone restored and cleaned in November 2007 for Mary Ann Cowley Jackson

In January 2008 the Toledo Tribune printed a full-page follow up article to update the progress. Also in January 2008 Angela completed writing her booklet, The Families In Old Hazelwood Cemetery, Desoto Parish, Louisiana. Her booklet has interesting information about the families buried in the cemetery, historical documents, family trees, and pictures. She is selling copies to raise money for the restoration project.

Angela and I know the future of Old Hazelwood Cemetery depends on finding others that share our interest. We continue to need financial support to reach our goals to level and restore the broken headstones; install a sign to mark the historical significance of Old Hazelwood Cemetery and Hazelwood Baptist Church; and to locate and contact more descendants of those buried in Old Hazelwood Cemetery. To date we have contacted and received donations from descendants of the Best, Burford, Cowley, Dubose, Jackson, Russell, Sample, and Yarbrough families. Already the 160-year-old cemetery has regained some of its beauty.

We appreciate any size donation

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## BURIED IN OLD HAZELWOOD CEMETERY

*by Libby Dady Alcorn*

(Located in Desoto Parish on private property belonging to Grand Cane resident Billy Franklin. The old stage coach road that ran nearby has vanished with time)

ABINGTON, Onie Williams

5/17/1874 – 10/11/1896: In memory of Wife of O. L. Abington – *Our darling one hath gone before to greet us on the heavenly shore*

BELL, William Warren

9/25/1879 – 1/13/1889: Son of M. E. & L. H. Bell – *Sleep on sweet darling and take thy rest, God called thee home he thought it best*

BELL, Infant Son of M.E. & L.H.

8/9/1886 – 8/9/1886: - *Budded on earth to bloom in heaven*

BEST, Infant Daughter of E.R. & L.

1/10/1877 – 1/21/1877

BEST, Infant Daughter of R. & O.E.

1/16/1876 – 1/23/1876: (Note: This marker was located 6" below the ground on 3/2007. Not previously on a Hazelwood inventory)

BEST, Joshua & Infant Son Curry BEST

10/11/1802 – 1/9/1852: Joshua Best age 49 yrs 2 months 28 days; Curry BEST, his son aged 1 year 10 months and 22 days (noted on same headstone) - *Father thou art gone before us, and thy saintly soul has flown. where tears are wiped from ev'ry eye and sorrow is unknown.*

BEST, Mable Clare

Died 8/5/1882 - *Our Little Mable age 8 months 16 days*

BEST, Maggie L.

9/15/1874 – 10/19/1877- *dearest Maggie thou hast left us here, thy loss we deplore, yet again in heaven with joy to greet thee where no farewell tear is shed*

BEST, Mary Elizabeth

3/25/1878 – 8/8/1881: daughter of E.R. & L.J. BEST; (Mary Elizabeth Best was noted on an earlier inventory, but her headstone was not located in March of 2007)

BEST, Richard D.C.

3/7/1872 – 1/21/1875: Son of E.R. & L.J. BEST

BEST, Samuel R.

4/30/1847 – 3/30/1884- *He is missed at home, his toil is o'er his work is done, and he is fully blest. He fought the fight the victory won and entered into rest*

BEST, TAC

11/23/1845 – 4/6/1871 - *Farewell dear mother, sisters, brothers, My Savior called me home*

BEST, Willie

7/7/1866 – 7/29/1867: *daughter of E R & L J Best – Our dear little Willie is with the angels*

BEST, W. L. - Confederate Soldier in Civil War

1/7/1836 – 4/28/1864 - *From a wound received at the Battle of Mansfield (CSA), His last words was...illegible... for the success of the Southern Confederacy*

BOOLES, Mary T. Burford

11/30/1818 – 11/25/1890 - *dau of J B & Edna Burford - Born in Green County Ga. Aged 71 years 11 months 25 days. Sleep on mother thy work is done. Jesus has come and borne thee home*

BURFORD, Mollie S. Jackson

9/29/1856 – 9/21/1905: *Wife of R B Burford - As a wife devoted, as a mother affectionate, as a friend ever kind and true*

BURFORD, Infant Daughter of R.B. & M.S.

No birth or death date - *Gone too soon*

COWLEY, Emily H.

5/6/1832 – 5/6/1848: (Note: Gravestone is connected to her sister Margaret by an arch - *Two daughters of J & S COWLEY*

COWLEY, James Cowley

3/2/1805 – 4/6/1883 - *In Memory of Husband and Father – He is missed*

COWLEY, JOHN H. - Confederate Soldier in Civil War

0/3/1834 – 11/18/1899: *Mason symbol on his gravestone - Aged 65 years 1 month 15 days. Asleep in Jesus Blessed Sleep from which none ever wake to weep*

COWLEY, Margaret L.

4/19/1830 – 4/16/1848: *gravestone is connected to her sister Emily by an arch - Two daughters of J & S COWLEY*

COWLEY, Susanah

No birth date given (records show 10/22/1810) – 10/26/1895 - *Wife of James – aged 85 years and 4 days*

DAVIDSON, Albert M.

Noted on previous cemetery inventory, but headstones were removed by family members before 2007. Died 8/1850: age 8 years 3 months

DAVIDSON, J. H.

Noted on previous cemetery inventory, but headstones were removed by family members before 2007. Died 6/1853; Aged 48 years

DAVIDSON, Victoria Janet

Noted on previous cemetery inventory, but headstones were removed by family members before 2007. 1/3/1869 – 6/8/1869: Infant daughter of J.P. & K.H. DAVIDSON

DAVIDSON, MARIE

Noted on previous cemetery inventory, but headstones were removed by family members before 2007. 1799 – 10/14/1884 (spelling on gravestone was noted to be DAVISON)

DUBOSE, Mary E. Moss

Died 8/11/1859: *wife of Isaac DUBOSE – age 53 years*

DUBOSE, Mary Narcissa Williams

8/3 or 8/5/1842 – 3/25/1879

DURHAM, Lizzie E

Died 2/2/1871 - *Daughter of L E & Dr C H DURHAM – Age 10 years 10 months 13 days. Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God. Do you mourn when another star shines out in the glittering sky. And the storms.?. Then why do you.?.*

DURHAM, Infant Son of C.H. & L.E.

2/25/1857 – 2/25/1857 - *Infant son of C H & L E Durham*

DURHAM, Lizze E Smith

1/11/1833 – 7/18/1861 - *Wife of Dr C H Durham, Born in SC, Asleep in Jesus blessed sleep from which none ever wakes to weep. A calm undisturbed repose unbroken by the lust of foes*

DURHAM, Martha J. Hagood

6/18/1819 – 9/5/1880 - *In memory of my wife*

DURHAM, Molsey Elizabeth Ross

Died 2/20/1873 *The unforgotten dead, our mother – aged 75 years.*

GOODWYN, Hopkins

1/11/1839 – 9/3/1850 - *son of Jesse H. & Sarah T. GOODWYN, born in Richland District SC died in DeSoto Parish*

GOODWYN, James Hopkins

1/17/1832 – 12/23/1852 - *Born in Richland Dist. SC, Son of Jesse H & Sarah T .  
GOODWYN. Died in New Orleans, LA He was a student of the medical college in that  
place*

GOODWYN, Jesse H.

1/25/1793 – 8/19/1862 - *Born in Richland Dist. SC*

GOODWYN, Sarah Thomas

3/15/1795 – 7/1/1854 - *Wife of Jesse H. GOODWYN & daughter of William & Mary  
HOPKINS – was born in Richland Dist SC and died in DeSoto Parish, La*

HARRIS, Andrew P.

7/8/1845 – 2/15/1903 (death date barely legible on gravestone) *In memory of our father;  
aged 58 years, 7 months, 7 days. Weep not he's gone to rest*

HARRIS, Mittie A.

4/3/1846 – 10/11/1897 - *Wife of A.P. HARRIS – Weep not she is not dead but sleepeth*

JACKSON, Charles Green

10/29/1826 – 9/15/1911 - *This monument honors a soldier who fought in both Mexican  
and Civil Wars – Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep from which none ever wake to weep*

JACKSON, Laura V.

4/16/1854 – 12/6/1908 - *Wife of C.G. JACKSON and daughter of Thomas & Mrs.  
OLIVER*

JACKSON, Mary A. Cowley

10/19/1838 – 1/15/1894 - *In memory of Wife of C.G. JACKSON and Daughter of James  
& Susan COWLEY born in Pickens CO Ala – age 55 years 2 months 27 days. She's gone  
to worlds above where saints and angels meet to realize our savior's love and worship at  
his feet*

JOHNSTON, Thomas

12/17/1832 – 12/24/1853 - *Son of Micojah & Martha JOHNSTON; aged 21 years 7 days*

LOPER, M. J.

No birth or death date given - *In memory of my husband*

LOPER, Two infant sons of M.J. & Keziah E. LOPER

No birth or death date given: Only one gravestone

NOTT, Rufus William

3/15/1858 – 2/17/1866 - *Died In New Orleans, aged 7 years 11 months 2 days*

PEYTON, Infant Son of Y.V. & Iva B.

7/28/1894 – 7/28/1894 - *A little flower of love that blossomed but.?. transplanted now above to bloom with God on high*

RICKS, Birdie

3/11/1892 – 3/12/1892 - *Infant daughter of Robt R & S V RICKS*

RICKS, Robert R.

8/18/1870 – 10/9/1892 - *In Loving Remembrance of My Husband* (Note: remainder of inscription illegible).

RIDGEWAY, Rachel Winn Fortson

10/20/1797 – 12/3/1872

ROSS, John A.

6/20/1806 – 10/1865 - *Father & Mother* (Note: connecting arch found buried but intact 3/2007)

ROSS, Mary Goodwyn

3/28/1816 – 3/1864 - *Father & Mother* (Note: connecting arch found buried but intact 3/2007)

RUSSELL, John

9/18/1786 – 11/1864 - *aged 78 years 12 days*

RUSSELL, Middy Duncan

1/22/1789 – 5/6/1858 - *Wife of John RUSSELL and Daughter of James & Elizabeth DUNCAN*

SAMPLE, James E.

6/9/1846 – 7/12/1904 - *Our Father and Mother – We shall meet again Dear parents, In a brighter time than this Where the anguish of this world of ours is lost in.?. Bliss* (note: James E. and Mary M. share gravestone)

SAMPLE, Mary Matilda Scott

10/19/1846 – 4/7/1888 - *Our Father and Mother – We shall meet again Dear parents, In a brighter time than this Where the anguish of this world of ours is lost in.?. Bliss;* (note James E. and Mary M. share gravestone)

TOMKIES, Laban Llwelllyn

1/13/1829 – 1/29/1889 - *In memory of; Born in Gaston Co NC. Died in DeSoto Parish, La; At Rest*

TOMKIES, Oleon

8/22/1864 – 8/24/1865

TOMKIES, Hopkins

2/25/1858 – 10/1/1860 - *Son of L. L. & E. V. TOMKIES*

WHARTON, B. F.

No birth or death date given

WILLIAMS, Cora E.

7/16/1851 – 5/29/1852 – *Daughter of J. M. & F.J.*: (Note: Shares arch connecting sister Emer's gravestone. 3/2007 found broken in pieces)

WILLIAMS, Elizabeth J. Cowley

5/14/1828 – 4/20/1848 - *Wife of Jas M. WILLIAMS*

WILLIAMS, Emer

4/19/1853 – 4/11/1853 – *Daughter of J.M. & F.J.* (Note: Shares arch connecting sister Cora's gravestone. 3/2007 found broken in pieces)

WILLIAMS, Francis Jane Ridgeway

12/10/1826 – 6/7/1905 - *Wife of J.M. WILLIAMS*

WILLIAMS, Ivy

12/30/1859 – 2/24/1863

WILLIAMS, J. Curtis

7/23/1854 – 10/13/1878

WILLIAMS, James M..

4/15/1818 – 7/26/1893 - *In memory of - aged 75 years, 3 months, 11 days* (Note: inscription illegible); Mason symbol

WILLIAMS, Jesse B.

6/7/1861 – 6/17/1862

WILLIAMS, Liew W.

3/17/1856 – 11/14/1862

WILLIAMS, Luvinda Jane

3/13/1869 – 8/10/1871 - *In Memory of - Daughter of S. T. & Annie WILLIAMS – Sleep on sweet babe and take thy rest, God called thee home he thought it best*

WILLIAMS, Mary Ann

5/17/1813 – 4/13/1884 - *Our Mother – Gone to rest*

WILLIAMS, Mary L.

6/21/1851 – 9/26/1906 - *Wife of S. T. WILLIAMS – As a wife devoted, as a mother affectionate, as a friend ever kind and true*

WILLIAMS, M. G.  
3/29/1869 – 4/30/1879

WILLIAMS, Robert L.  
1/20/1867 – 5/3/1868

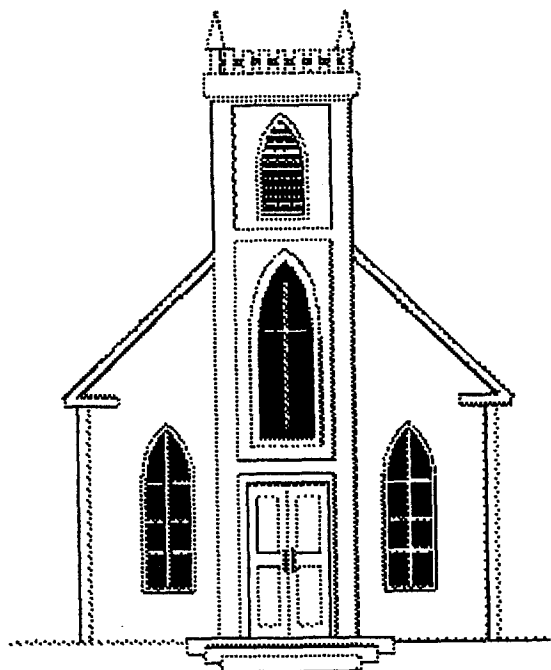
WILLIAMS, S. T.  
7/13/1850 – 7/25/1926 - *Asleep in Jesus, earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal*

WOFFORD, John O.  
1/8/1854 – 12/11/1902

WOFFORD, Martha Matilda "Tay"  
12/9/1855 – 3/19/1934

WOFFORD, Infant Daughter of J. H. & E. J.  
11/24/1858 – 11/24/1858; *Will some day.?.* (gravestone broken and next section missing)

YARBROUGH, Margaret N. Best & infant son Joshua B. YARBROUGH  
No birth date given – 9/4/1859 - *aged 25 years; Hope lies beyond dreams*



## **AUGUST 2008 SEMINAR**

**Speaker will be:**

**Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck**

**A.B. (cum laude); M.A., European History; M.S., Library Science; FNGS**

Lloyd Bockstruck is employed with the Dallas (TX) Public Library, since 1973 and currently serves as the Supervisor of the Genealogy Section. From 1969 to 1971 he served in the Missionary Journeyman Program of the Southern Baptist Convention with assignment to the Baptist Mission of East Africa where he served as teacher and librarian in the Mombassa (Kenya) Baptist High School. He has been on the faculty of IGHR since 1974 and was the first recipient of the Institute's Outstanding Alumni Award.

Mr. Bockstruck is the author of *Virginia's Colonial Soldiers, Genealogical Research in Texas, Revolutionary War Bounty Land Grants Awarded by State Governments*, and *Family Tree: Weekly Newspaper columns from the Dallas Morning News 1991 - 1996*. He received the Award of Merit from the NGS in 1982 and was named a Fellow of the society in 1993. In 1999, he was named the first recipient of the "Filby Prize for Genealogical Librarianship" offered by Scholarly Resources and the National Genealogical Society.

In 2003, Mr. Bockstruck was recognized by the North East Texas Library System with the Lifetime Achievement Award. In 2004, he was named an Honorary Member of the Hereditary Society Community. Bockstruck is active in numerous lineage societies and is featured in *Who's Who in America* among others. His genealogical interests include Southside Virginia, colonial America, and Germany.

**This all-day Seminar will be sponsored by the  
Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association  
On Saturday, August 9, 2008**



## NEAL FAMILY REUNION

July 18 - 20, 2008

San Francisco, California

**THEME: "Honoring and Preserving the Neal Family Legacy"**



*Did you know?*

The mother of Julia Neill (Godfrey Neill's wife) was born in Africa?

Several of the Neal brothers were part of a singing group in Winnsboro?

Franklin Parish, Louisiana, is named after Benjamin Franklin?

*Carole Neal, Coordinator  
2008 Neal Family Reunion  
FamilyRoots@att.net*

### The Nomination and Election Committee

A committee for the purpose of nominating officers and trustees of the Association shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members. This committee shall be formed not less than 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting of the Association. *You might be asked to serve!*

# Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association's "Horn-book Session"

*Submitted by Glenda Bernard*

The Horn-book Session; A new inclusion into the programs of the Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association meetings.

The Education Committee of the Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association began a new fifteen minute addition to the regular monthly meetings that would attempt to interest all levels of genealogical proficiency during 2007. The committee wanted, in Chairman Phil Adderley's words, "to educationally reinvigorate members to return to the 'basics", and to present snippets of genealogical research that would inspire and excite those in attendance. These sound bites have seemed to fulfill their purpose of genealogical interest thus far since many have been very positive about the presentations.

The term "horn-book" can be referenced as: 1) an elementary treatise; 2) a piece of wood with pieces of translucent horn attached to both sides. Between the wood and the horn was a piece of paper marked with the alphabet, and perhaps the Lord's Prayer. On the reverse side would be a picture. This formed the first schoolbook and was usually suspended from the child's belt. Taken from Barbara Jean Evans, A to ZAx: A Comprehensive Dictionary for Genealogists and Historians, 3rd edition (Midlothian, Virginia: Hearthside Press, 1995), p.140.

Thus, the horn-book sessions for the association are, in essence, a return to the elementary focal points of family history. It is hoped that the sessions will recapture some of the very same enticement and intrigue that captivated interest at the very beginning of this journey into the past.

*Glenda Bernard, is A member of the ALTGA's Education Committee.*

# ALTGA's Horn-Book: "Genealogical Preservation for Family Bibles"

*Prepared by Glenda Bernard for presentation and discussion at the  
ALTGA General Session of 12 April 2008.*

If one is fortunate to be given an old family Bible from previous generations, what steps must be taken to keep it in good condition for years to come? How can one best preserve the genealogical treasures that may be housed within its stained, torn, or brown-spotted pages? When this writer was so blessed to be the recipient of such a gem, answers to these questions among others were sought with enthusiasm!

Research into genealogical preservation proved that it was a simple, basic and not very controversial method. Of course, there are technicalities that can become a focus should a researcher care to delve more deeply into the scientific aspects of the subject, but for most family historians, adequate care of these precious heirlooms is not overwhelming. Some primary do's and don'ts seem to prevail in the current genealogical research:<sup>1</sup>

## Do's

- ❖ Have plenty of clean, clear space from which to work.
- ❖ Wash hands well or use white, cotton gloves to keep oils from penetrating the pages.
- ❖ Photograph the pages of interest; digital is preferable. Photocopying may break the binding. Any additional information about the persons mentioned in the Bible which may now be known about them, should be kept separate from the original and placed with any copies that were made.
- ❖ Consider removing all clippings, church bulletins, and memorabilia to copy. After copying, wrap these items that have been inserted into the Bible in acid-free tissue paper and place in an archival plastic sleeve. (This seems to be somewhat of an area of controversy. Some genealogists prefer to leave all of the inserts intact and photograph the page of the Bible with the items as they were found instead of removing them to a separate, protected location.)
- ❖ Transcribe the genealogical information beginning with the information from the title page, the Bible version, the publisher's name and location and the date of publication. Include your name as the transcriber, the date you transcribed it, and the person's name and address in whose custody the original Bible is presently kept (even if it is you).<sup>2</sup> Copy all family names, dates, and annotations as witnessed exactly as they were recorded, maintaining all punctuation, spelling, superscripts, abbreviations, words that were struck through, grammar,

etc. Underline letters that are guessed and use question marks in square brackets after a word that is unclear. Any and all changes added by you should be inserted in square brackets to indicate that the words are yours and not that of the original contributor. Note any unusual characteristics such as groups of entries for dates covering many years that were apparently made by the same hand at the same time; inconsistencies between the ink/pen used versus that which might have been expected to be used at the time of the original entry; etc.

- ❖ For large, family Bibles, store the Bible in an acid-free box with adequate space left inside.
- ❖ Choose an optimum storage space with moderate temperatures (about 68 degrees) and low humidity (about 40-50%). This is very important! Heat and humidity are enemies to avoid. Perhaps an interior closet which is not opened very often would be a good choice.

### **Don'ts**

- ❖ Have drinks or food nearby to stain the pages.
- ❖ Use paperclips, plastic bags, tape or other adhesives.
- ❖ Avoid extreme fluctuations in temperature.
- ❖ Avoid placing near open windows and water pipes.
- ❖ Avoid wood boxes and drawers. The chemicals migrate into the document.
- ❖ Place lower than four inches from the floor to avoid accidental flooding.
- ❖ Use PVC or PVA plastic for keeping small objects together.
- ❖ Allow newspaper clippings to touch the pages. Newspaper has chemicals in its make-up which "bleed" into the document too easily.
- ❖ Write on the document or try to clarify the print.

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<sup>1</sup> "PRESERVING OUR HISTORY, What To Do If You Have A Family Bible," digital article, Bergen County Historical Society.org (<http://www.bergencountyhistory.org/Pages/biblerecordinstruction.html>: April, 2008). Also, see, Katherine Scott Sturdevant, *Organizing & Preserving Your Heirloom Documents* (Cincinnati, Ohio: Betterway Books, 2002).

<sup>2</sup> If the person keeping the Bible does not wish their mailing address to be released, indicate "[contact the transcriber for mailing address]" in the transcription.

## ALTGA's Horn-Book: "Using 'Compiled' Louisiana Civil Codes"

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*Prepared by Philip Adderley for presentation and discussion at the  
ALTGA General Session of 10 May 2008.*

There it was! I found the original 1894 marriage license and marriage return for a long-sought-after couple in Bossier Parish courthouse. The Clerk of Court's staff had bound it with a few hundred other completed forms of the same pre-printed variety into Marriage Book I. But I was disappointed by what was *not* there—the marriage bond required of the husband and a surety. I wanted to see the bond because in 1894, females between 12 and 20 required the permission of both parents if living, the surviving parent, or the minor's tutor in order to marry. It was not unusual, in my experience, to see signatures of one or more of them added with the other bond signatures, perhaps in lieu of separate documentation providing proof of consent. How did I know that these were the exact legal requirements, not generally, but specifically in 1894? And how did I know that a marriage bond was required of all the marriages in *that* particular year, as opposed to some other year, say 1945?

The answers lie in a fantastically compact, two volume compilation and annotation of the entire set of Civil Codes of Louisiana—from the 1800 Project du Gouvernement, the territory's precursor to the 1804 Code Napoleon, to the most recently published session law from the Louisiana legislature. The Louisiana State Law Institute described the work edited by Joseph Dainow as "the indispensable starting point for any research in Louisiana civil law": *1972 Compiled Edition of the Civil Codes of Louisiana*, in *West's Louisiana Statutes Annotated*, Volumes 16-17 (St. Paul, Minnesota: West Publishing Company, 1973). Look for it on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the main branch of the Shreve Memorial Public Library System, in the Louisiana Collection. They sit as two volumes within a massive collection of volumes comprising *West's Louisiana Statutes Annotated*. However, they are entirely self-contained, with their own Table of Contents and their own index at the end of Volume 17. The hardback volumes cover everything from 1800 up to the last session of the 1972 legislative session, and one paperback supplement for each

volume bring the code forward to the present day. I have not yet needed the supplements for genealogical research, so let's focus on the hardback volumes.

Each article's legal content as of 1972 is listed in order by article number. What makes this compilation remarkable, though, is the content that follows each article:

- There will always be will be a set of cross references to other articles of the code that touch upon the one you are examining, even if the content prior to 1972 had been repealed. This means you can relatively quickly find and review associated articles that deal with other aspects, but stay roughly within the same fundamental topic.
- Every prior article *or act of the legislature* that preceded the 1972 version of the article is then listed in reverse chronological order. By comparing the changes that occurred going from one version of an article to its later version, one can immediately identify exactly the requirements in force at an exact point in time for that article.
- If a previous update, say one of the Civil Codes of 1870, 1825, 1808, or 1804, had basically the same provisions of law as the next set of code, the previous version is annotated, ranging from an exact match ("same"), to one where the wording was different but fundamentally agreed with the later version (e.g., "similar," analogous ,," or "in conformity with").
- French and English versions of the same code are listed side by side. If the English translation was lacking compared to the French version, a note provides the proper translation.
- Later articles that do not have corresponding entries in earlier codes are indicated. Thus one can tell in almost all cases when the provisions in question came into being for the first time.
- Early articles or statutes of the 1808 and 1825 Civil Codes that do not have a corresponding article in the Revised Civil Code of 1870 are carried in a separate appendix laid out in a manner similar to the structure of the Civil Code in general. Many items that deal specifically with slaves, for example, will appear there.

For the missing bond in my 1894 marriage case, Chapter 17 of the Acts of Louisiana Legislature in 1807 addresses the subject, but Article 105 of the 1825 Civil Code is the first that explicitly required a bond from the intended husband with a “surety” – someone who had the means and provided the guarantee to pay the bond as a penalty if an impediment to the marriage surfaced within the next two years. This requirement stayed in force, being modified as part of Article 101 of the Revised Civil Code of 1870, until its repeal by the Acts of Louisiana Legislature 1944, No. 23. So was a marriage bond required in 1894? Yes. How about in 1945? No.

Article 92 (in the 1972 code) addresses age limits with respect to permissions to marry. This table summarizes when the permission requirements changed with respect to age,<sup>1</sup> and what the new age requirements became. With the exception of the period from 1804 to 1808, the minimum age when persons could marry without permission was the age of majority, or 21 until 1972, and 18 thereafter.<sup>2</sup> Therefore the *uppermost* age requiring permission was 20 from 1808 to 1972, and thereafter 17.

Table 1. Statutes that altered ages affecting permissions to marry (before 1972)

Statute	Age range: males	Age range: females
Code Napoleon of 1804, Article 156	under 25!	under 21
Civil Code of 1808, Article 6	14(-20)	12(-20)
Article 92, as amended by Acts of Louisiana Legislature 1934, No. 140, § 1	18(-20)	16(-20)
Article 92, as amended by Acts of Louisiana Legislature 1956, No. 289	18(-20), but less than 18 w/court permission	16(-20), but less than 16 w/court permission

Thus in 1894 the exact age requirements for females in which permissions were needed was 12-20. Now, I recall stating that the permissions needed in 1894 were of both parents if living, .... Here is a little homework assignment to get you started. Review Article 97’s legislative history: determine in what time period the father’s decision to grant or deny permission *overrode* the mother’s if they disagreed.

<sup>1</sup> Other requirements regarding permissions changed at different times, such as who was required to give permission.

<sup>2</sup> See Article 37 of the 1972 Statutes. The age of majority was 21 from the Code Napoleon of 1804 to Acts of Louisiana Legislature 1972, No. 98, § 1, when it was lowered to 18.

## *EXCHANGE PERIODICAL REVIEW*

Compiled by Constance Whatley

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

**Blue Grass Roots**, Volume 34, Number 3, Fall, 2007, published by The Kentucky Genealogical Society, page 135, has an article on the use of [Http://books.google.com](http://books.google.com). The author provides quite a lot of information on his use of this site.

**The Johnson County, Kansas Genealogist**, Volume 36, Number 1, March 2008, page 3 is a listing chart listing members of this organization who have volunteered to be mentors for genealogical researchers who want a person they can call when problems are encountered. Names, phone numbers and email addresses are given as well as their area of expertise. This is a free service. What is not stated is if this is a service for their members only. However, if your brick wall is in that area, give one of these persons a call.

**Virginia Appalachian Notes**, Volume 32, Number 1, Winter, 2008, pages 11-17 is a listing of persons for whom a coffin was made by Marion Thomas Hall of Floyd County. This is an unusual resource, but perhaps it is an unrealized path for someone trying to overcome their brick wall. Also in this issue on pages 18-22 is an article entitled African American Ancestry. The subject of this article is a family named Blankenship.

**Ash Tree Echo**, Volume XLVIII, Issue 1, March 2008, published by the Fresno County Genealogical Society, Fresno, California, pages 4-16 is an article on the Native Americans of Fresno County with a listing of the Indian Census of 1880 of Fresno County.

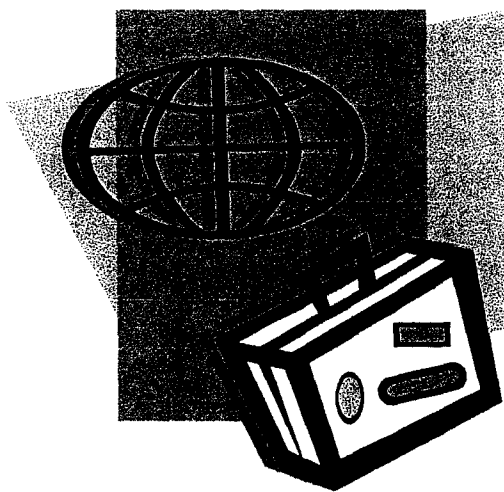
**Footprints. Volume 51**, No. 1, published by the Ft Worth Genealogical Society of Texas Pages 5-11 is an article entitled: History of the Scotch Irish or Ulster Scot by Linda Merle. If this fits into your research, she has listed her web site: <http://www.ulsterheritage.com>.



**The Ark Valley Crossroads**, Volume 9, No. 2, April, 2005, published by the Wichita Genealogical Society, Kansas, pages 5-6, contain an article regarding the scanning of Photographs. It lists 8 blunders people make and how to avoid them.

**Rabbit Tracks**, Volume 26, Number 1, Spring 2008, pages 1-2, published by Conejo Valley Genealogical Society, Thousand Oaks, California, are two research tips. The first is a website, [www.FamilySearch.Wiki.org](http://www.FamilySearch.Wiki.org). This wiki is a new research tool in the form of a website that allows users to add information and edit it as well. It is in read only format at present, but may become a very useful tool.

Secondly, there is another site, [www.rootsweb.com/~bwo/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~bwo/). This is a list of genealogical books owned by different volunteers who are willing to do lookups. Fifteen hundred volunteers contributed to this project and are willing to look up genealogical information in their books. This is a part of Rootsweb. The article contains instructions on its use.



## *Descendants of Arthur Downs by Isabelle Woods*

### *Generation No. 1*

1. ARTHUR<sup>1</sup> DOWNS was born 15 Jan 1842 in Prairie Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana, and died 28 Jul 1933 in Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana. He married EMILY KING 14 Jan 1867 in Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana, daughter of NELSON KING and PRISCILLA ?. She was born May 1846 in Louisiana, and died 21 Mar 1932 in Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana.

Children of ARTHUR DOWNS and EMILY KING are:

- i. WILLIAM H.<sup>2</sup> DOWNS, b. 15 Oct 1867, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; d. 09 Jan 1937, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; m. STELLA WATKINS, Abt. 04 May 1894, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; b. Jun 1874, Louisiana.
2. ii. LEMUEL DOWNS, b. 28 Feb 1869, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; d. 05 Oct 1923, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana.
- iii. NICEY DOWNS, b. 13 Apr 1872, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; m. JOSHUA MITCHELL, 02 Apr 1920, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; b. Abt. 1865.
- iv. ANNE DOWNS, b. 13 Oct 1874, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; d. 21 Mar 1875, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana.
- v. MARY MAGDALENE DOWNS, b. 17 Feb 1876, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; m. WILL SMITH, 19 Nov 1942, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; b. Abt. 1879.
3. vi. ARTHUR M. DOWNS, b. 20 Aug 1878, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; d. 1966, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana.
4. vii. JAMES DOWNS, b. 10 Jan 1881, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; d. 19 Oct 1969, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana.
5. viii. PRISCILLA DOWNS, b. 08 Jan 1884, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; d. 01 Feb 1972, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana.
- ix. THOMAS DOWNS, b. 28 Jul 1886, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; d. 16 Aug 1887, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana.
6. x. CLARA DOWNS, b. 14 Sep 1888, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; d. 19 Nov 1986.

### *Generation No. 2*

2. LEMUEL<sup>2</sup> DOWNS (ARTHUR<sup>1</sup>) was born 28 Feb 1869 in Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana, and died 05 Oct 1923 in Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana. He married CORNELIA MORRISON Abt. 21 Dec 1893 in Morehouse Parish, Louisiana, daughter of ELI MORRISON and SARAH ?. She was born Feb 1878 in Louisiana.

Children of LEMUEL DOWNS and CORNELIA MORRISON are:

- i. IZORA<sup>3</sup> DOWNS, b. Oct 1894, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana.
- ii. WILLIE DOWNS, b. Mar 1896, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana.
- iii. EMILY DOWNS, b. Feb 1898, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; m. NATHAN JONES, 28 Nov 1916, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; b. Abt. 1893.
- iv. SARAH DOWNS, b. Abt. 1900, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; m. (1) WILLIAM PEGROSS, Abt. 19 Dec 1918, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; b. Abt. 1897, Louisiana; m. (2) PAUL WHEELER, 26 Feb 1928, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; b. Abt. 1906, Louisiana; m. (3) LECESTER BANKS, 28 Oct 1934, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; b. Abt. 1900, Louisiana.
- v. LEMMIE DOWNS, b. Abt. 1901, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana.
- vi. BEATRICE DOWNS, b. Abt. 1903, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; m. J. B. HENDERSON, Abt. 08 Jan 1922, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; b. Abt. 1900, Louisiana.
- vii. BEULAH DOWNS, b. Abt. 1905, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; m. HENRY LUMPKINS, JR., 03 Mar 1944, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; b. Abt. 1912, Louisiana.
- viii. CICERO DOWNS, b. Abt. 1907, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; m. OLA WILSON, Abt. 1927, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; b. Abt. 1909, Louisiana.
- ix. MINNIE DOWNS, b. Abt. 1909, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana.
- x. ELI DOWNS, b. 31 Mar 1913, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; d. 13 Feb 1998, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; m. MARY PAYTON, 1933, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; b. 16 Jun 1913, Louisiana; d. 27 Jan 1994, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana.
- xi. OLLIE DOWNS, b. Abt. 1915, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; m. LUTHER HUDSON, 13 Jan 1935, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; b. Abt. 1909, Louisiana.

- xii. MATHEW DOWNS, b. Abt. 1917, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana.
- xiii. ARIAL DOWNS, b. Abt. 1918, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana.
- xiv. ZEAL EVADA DOWNS, b. Abt. 1919, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; m. ERLE EVANS, 22 Dec 1934, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; b. Abt. 1913, Louisiana.

3. ARTHUR M.<sup>2</sup> DOWNS (*ARTHUR*<sup>1</sup>) was born 20 Aug 1878 in Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana, and died 1966 in Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana. He married (1) ELIZABETH SIMS 28 Mar 1909 in Morehouse Parish, Louisiana. She was born 02 Jun 1889 in Louisiana, and died 08 Sep 1972 in Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana. He married (2) CALLIE SMITH 24 Aug 1954 in Morehouse Parish, Louisiana.

Children of ARTHUR DOWNS and ELIZABETH SIMS are:

- i. IONA<sup>3</sup> DOWNS, b. Abt. 1911, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; d. 07 Sep 1973; m. OSCAR BAILEY, 07 Dec 1935, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; b. Abt. 1912, Louisiana.
- ii. IRMA DOWNS, b. Abt. 1913, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; d. 07 Nov 1974; m. SYLVESTER HUDSON, 19 Nov 1933, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; b. Abt. 1912, Louisiana.
- iii. HOBART A. DOWNS, b. Abt. 1916, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; d. 04 Jun 1932, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana.
- iv. GEANIE EDWARD DOWNS, SR., b. 18 Aug 1917, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; d. 05 Aug 1988, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; m. ANNA LAURA ARMSTRONG, 03 Nov 1951, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; b. 15 Apr 1919, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; d. Bastrop, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana.
- v. FREEMAN DOWNS, SR., b. 19 Jul 1919, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; m. LORETHA BROWN, Abt. 1942, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; b. 08 Feb 1926; d. 29 Dec 1998.
- vi. TILLMAN DOWNS, SR., b. 28 Jul 1923, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; m. ELIZABETH MORRISON, 10 May 1949, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; b. 27 Jan 1927, Louisiana; d. 09 Feb 1982, Louisiana.
- vii. SAMUEL DOWNS, b. 30 May 1926, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; d. 10 Jul 2003, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; m. EARSLEY MORRISON, 18 Dec 1948, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; b. 18 Nov 1927, Louisiana.

4. JAMES<sup>2</sup> DOWNS (*ARTHUR*<sup>1</sup>) was born 10 Jan 1881 in Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana, and died 19 Oct 1969 in Morehouse Parish, Louisiana. He married (1) SUSIE SMITH 18 Jan 1907 in Morehouse Parish, Louisiana. She was born Abt. 1894 in Louisiana, and died 20 Feb 1922 in Morehouse Parish, Louisiana. He married (2) MATTIE JOHNSON Abt. 1924. She was born Abt. 1900. He married (3) MAMIE JOHNSON 23 Nov 1933 in Morehouse Parish, Louisiana. She was born Abt. 1908 in Louisiana.

Child of JAMES DOWNS and SUSIE SMITH is:

- i. JOHNNY<sup>3</sup> DOWNS, b. Abt. 1912, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; m. ROSIE BELL MILLER; b. Abt. 1914.

5. PRISCILLA<sup>2</sup> DOWNS (*ARTHUR*<sup>1</sup>) was born 08 Jan 1884 in Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana, and died 01 Feb 1972 in Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana. She married LLOYD WALTON, SR. 06 Jun 1908 in Morehouse Parish, Louisiana. He was born Jul 1888 in Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana, and died Abt. 1923 in Gould, Lincoln County, Arkansas.

Children of PRISCILLA DOWNS and LLOYD WALTON are:

- i. RALPH<sup>3</sup> WALTON, b. 1909, Vick, Bradley County, Arkansas.
- ii. BESSIE WALTON, b. Abt. Sep 1910, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana.
- iii. LLOYD WALTON, JR., b. 06 Apr 1912, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana.
- iv. LONNIE WALTON, b. 27 May 1914, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; d. 02 Feb 1975, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana.
- v. RAY DOWNS WALTON, b. 21 Jan 1919, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; d. 06 May 2007, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; m. FANNIE SMITH; d. May 2005.
- vi. MARY ELLA WALTON, b. 04 Apr 1921, Pine Bluff, Jefferson, Arkansas.
- vii. MILTON E. WALTON, b. 04 Apr 1921, Pine Bluff, Jefferson, Arkansas; m. ELIZABETH MARIE JOHNSON, 11 Jan 1948, Bastrop, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; b. 21 Mar 1931.

6. CLARA<sup>2</sup> DOWNS (*ARTHUR*<sup>1</sup>) was born 14 Sep 1888 in Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana, and died 19 Nov 1986. She married CHARLEY TAPPIN 22 Jan 1914 in Morehouse Parish, Louisiana. He was born Abt. 1892.

**Arthur Downs, Jr.,  
Private, Company "I", 51st Regiment,  
United States Colored Troops  
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Mr. Arthur Downs, Jr., rose from a slave and a civil war veteran to become a distinguished citizen of Morehouse Parish

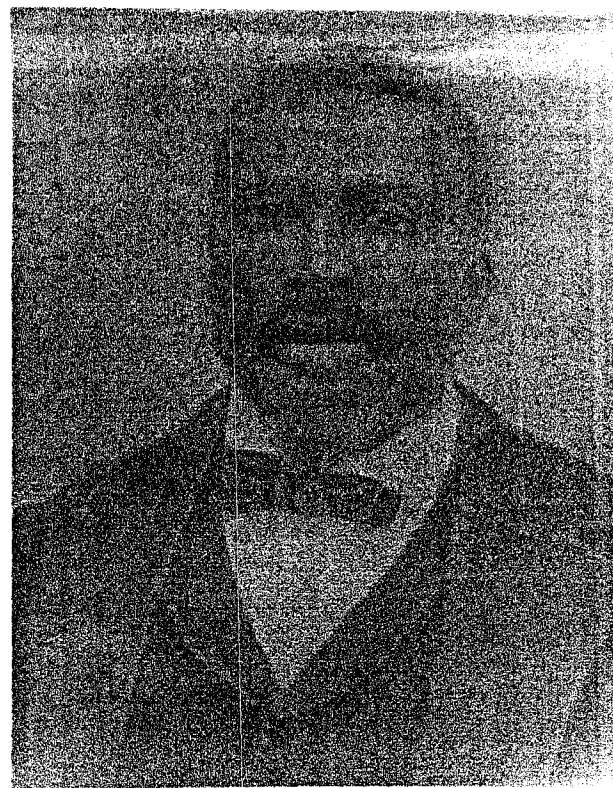
Mr. Arthur Downs, Jr., was born on January 15, 1842, on the Davenport Plantation at Prairie Mer Rouge near Bastrop, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana. (On July 10, 1886, "Prairie Mer Rouge" became "Mer Rouge, Louisiana.") His father, Arthur Downs, Sr., and his mother, name unknown, were slaves. Except for a few days before escaping from his enslavement to serve in the Civil War, Mr. Arthur Downs, Jr., had spent his first twenty-three years on the Davenport Plantation.<sup>1</sup>

At the time of Arthur Down's voluntary enlistment in 1864, Arthur was one of eighty-six slaves owned by Christopher Columbus ("C.C.") Davenport, Mer Rouge, Louisiana, in trust with other heirs.<sup>2</sup>

Christopher C. Davenport entered the Confederacy in March 1863 as a First Lieutenant in Company "F" of the 12th Louisiana Infantry Regiment. He was appointed as Captain of Company "F" the same year. He then commanded the Second Battalion of the Louisiana Heavy Artillery, mustering out of military service in 1865 at the rank of Captain.<sup>3</sup>

The Davenport family descends from the Thomas Barlow I family of Virginia, whose son, Henry Barlow (b ca 1726, VA; d ca 1815, KY) married Judith -?-. Their oldest son, James L. Barlow (b 1757, d 5 Nov 1827, LA) married Lucinda "Lucy" Edwards on January 13, 1780. James L. Barlow's oldest child, Mary "Polly" Barlow, married Captain Josiah Davenport (b 1771, Rhode Island; d 13 Feb 1835, Mer Rouge, LA) on September 22, 1811 in Mer Rouge, Louisiana.

Arriving in 1806, Captain Josiah Davenport was one of the earliest settlers in the area which



**ARTHUR DOWNS, JR.**

later became Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana. To this union two children: James Barlow Davenport (b 27 Oct 1812; d 20 May 1858) and Amelia Davenport (b 25 Nov 1822, LA; d 22 May 1877) were born. Mr. James Barlow Davenport married Sarah Elizabeth Brown.<sup>4</sup>

By 1860, their fourth child, Christopher Columbus ("C.C.") Davenport (b 8 Oct 1837, LA; d 7 Mar 1913, LA), became a co-owner of the Davenport Plantation.<sup>2</sup>

Arthur's grandson, Tillman Downs born on July 28, 1923, descends from a son, Arthur M. Downs. Tillman said he never learned why his grandfather's immediate family chose the surname of "Downs." (In his pension file Arthur Downs, Jr., answered the question: "Have you ever been known by any names other than that given in your application for pension," with, "No other names.")

Enlisting as Arthur Downs, his grandfather

volunteered to serve in the Civil War on October 21, 1864, at Goodrich's Landing, Louisiana, located on the Mississippi River. Arthur was enrolled as a Private in Company "I" of the 51st Regiment of the United States Colored Infantry commanded by Colonel A. Watson Webber with the leadership of Captain Charles Robinets, Lieutenant L. Plural, and Sergeant Gardenales. He served with George Harrison of Company "I" and Caleb Jones of Company "K" both of the 51st Regiment, United States Colored Troops.<sup>1</sup>

The 51st Regiment was organized on March 11, 1864, from the 1st Mississippi Infantry (African Descent). The Regiment performed service at Lake Providence, Louisiana, at Vicksburg, Mississippi, and was actively engaged in the assault and capture of Fort Blakely, Alabama, on April 9, 1865. The Regiment assisted in the occupation of Mobile, Alabama, on April 12, 1865. The Regiment also marched to and did duty at Montgomery and Mobile, Alabama. In June, 1865, the Regiment was ordered to New Orleans, then to Texas, performing duty on the Rio Grande and at various points in Texas until June, 1866. The Regiment was mustered out on June 16, 1866, when Arthur Downs also was discharged in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, as a Private.<sup>4</sup>

On January 14, 1867, Rev. Jacob Jenkins officiated at the marriage of Arthur Downs and Miss Emily King on Mrs. Amelia (Davenport) Brown's Place at Mer Rouge, Louisiana.<sup>1</sup> Emily (b 1847, LA, d 21 Mar 1932, LA) was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Priscilla and Nelson King. The Downs' family worshipped at the Oak Grove C.M.E. Church in Mer Rouge, Louisiana.

Lifelong residents of Mer Rouge, Louisiana, Emily bore Arthur ten children. However, a daughter Anne, died on March 21, 1875, and a son, Tommie, died on August 16, 1887. Thus only eight of their children survived by 1900: William "Willie" H. (b April 1868), Lemuel "Lemmie" (b June 1870), Nicey (b April 1872), Magdalene "Maggie" (b Feb 1876),

Arthur M. (b August 1878), James (b January 1881), Priscilla (b January 1884), and Clara (b September 1888).<sup>6,7,8,9,10,11</sup>

In 1875, Mr. Arthur Downs, Jr., purchased eighty acres five miles south of Mer Rouge, Louisiana, for nine hundred and sixty dollars (\$960.00) from Thomas Tendall.<sup>12</sup> Arthur Downs, Jr., eventually became a prominent farmer in the Mer Rouge area.

As youngsters, Mr. Tillman Downs said he and his cousins often wondered how their grandfather managed to excel in an environment where barriers to advancement were many and difficult to overcome.

He said that his grandfather learned to read, write, and became a prosperous and independent farmer. Known to pay cash for everything, Arthur Downs, Jr., purchased a brand new car in 1926.

Using his carpentry skills on his original acreage, Mr. Downs built a beautiful home for his immediate family and other homes for his children as marriages extended the Downs family

Tillman knew his grandfather was held in high esteem just by the way individuals deferred to his grandfather whenever they interacted with him. On a trip to town, the Davenport family, owners of a large general store, often extended an invitation to his grandfather and his family to sit in the office for a cup of coffee or for just a chat.<sup>13</sup>

In 1902 Arthur Downs, Jr., was described as dark complexioned with black eyes, graying hair, 5' 6" tall, and weighed 137 pounds. He stammered when he spoke. At 60 years old, Mr. Downs applied for a pension based on his military service in the Civil War. His pension grew from six dollars per month in 1902 to seventy-five dollars per month by June 30, 1933.

As he aged, Arthur Downs had difficulty performing duties required of him as a self-employed farmer. The rages of time took a toll on his heart, lungs, and eyes.

Arthur Downs' seventy-five dollar monthly pension was short-lived. Less than a month



**HEADSTONE OF ARTHUR DOWNS, JR.**

later, Arthur Downs, Jr., died on July 28, 1933, at the age of 91 years old.<sup>1</sup> It was also his grandson Tillman Downs' eleventh birthday.

Mr. Arthur Downs, Jr. is buried at the Jerusalem Baptist Church Cemetery in Mer Rouge, Louisiana. In 1933, this cemetery was known as "Galleon's Bridge," the burial site stated on Mr. Downs's death certificate.<sup>14</sup>

Based on his Civil War pension file and his death certificate, the dates on Mr. Downs' headstone are incorrect. Arthur Down, Jr.,'s birth date is January 15, 1842 not October 1842 inscribed on his headstone. His death date is July 28, 1933 not April 1933, inscribed on his headstone.<sup>15</sup>

A third error is in the book, "The Roster of Union Soldiers 1861-1865, United States Colored Troops" edited by Janet B. Hewitt. The entry for Arthur Downs states he attained the rank of "Corporal." No document in his pension file substantiates that Mr. Downs attained the rank of Corporal. It does state Mr. Downs served and mustered out of Civil War service with the rank of Private.<sup>16</sup>

Today, descendants of Mr. Downs reside in Mer Rouge, Louisiana. They are still engaged

in farming. Mr. Arthur Downs, Jr.'s great-grandson, Mr. Antwain Downs, is one of Morehouse Parish's farmers making a major impact on the economy in Morehouse Parish. The Downs' are a close-knit family who convene for a family reunion every two years. A book on their grandfather is contemplated.

Mr. Arthur Downs left a legacy of which his descendants are proud.

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## Varmint Watches & Floaters:

### Researching Criminal Case Files in Bossier Parish, Louisiana

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Jane and Ann, whose privacy I protect using aliases, planned their warehouse search with caution and trepidation. With good reason. As the parish courthouse's storage warehouse loomed before them, as many as 8000 criminal case files dating to the parish's 1843 formation waited silently for their discoverer's first touch in perhaps months. Some of the victims in those files were "floaters"—victims initially unidentified whom authorities pulled from the parish's lakes or bayous. Others held less ominous grievances by present day standards: killing a hog with intent to steal, non-payment of road taxes, violations of labor contracts, etc.

Jane and Ann's two-person approach reminded me of the buddy system that Boy Scouts use. Jane was the record retriever, outfitted with ladder and an unswerving determination to haul down the needed boxes. Ann stood "varmint watch," on the alert for the unseen hosts lurking in the warehouse's shadows, guarding their cellulose treasures. Ann's job was to stand firm long enough to alert Jane to a host's approach. In that event that one did, well, I leave the remaining details of the plan for them to describe in their own words—perhaps you will meet them some day.

Such are the travails of the staff at some clerk of court offices around the country as they try to satisfy our desire to recreate the lives of our ancestors. The commitment of the Criminal Records' staff in Bossier Parish's Clerk of Court's Office may seem overly dramatized by the writer, but I think 'Jane,' 'Ann,' and Mrs. Joan Carraway, the Clerk of Court, will vouch for the practical difficulties involved. This researcher is very grateful, partly because of their strong desire to be successful and helpful, and partly because they do so under less-than-ideal conditions.

With these things in mind, it is incumbent upon us to do as much preparatory work as possible, before making a criminal record request that can result in *several* hours of uncomfortable work, sometimes by two or more people spread over the course of a few days! The criminal record staff's usual customers are the legal community, so if you are unfamiliar with criminal records, then at least expose yourself to some of the terminology of the court system before approaching the staff. A good primer is Chapter 7 "Court Records" in *The Source*.<sup>1</sup>

For the most part the goal is to examine the original case file, which for genealogists usually consists of loose handwritten documents folded or wrapped together. When the legal system starts a case, it typically assigns a case number with subsequent entry into a Criminal Docket form. The

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<sup>1</sup> Sandra Hargreaves Luebking, Loretto Dennis Szucs, and Arlene Eakle, "Court Records," in Szucs and Luebking, editors, *The Source*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition (Provo, Utah: Ancestry, 2006), particularly see the segments on criminal cases.

latter includes the defendant name(s), the offense, and the date of filing. The orders of the court are subsequently placed on the same form, for the cases I reviewed. Cases can take various paths: the State may elect to no longer prosecute the case (akin to dropping the charges), the court may expunge the case from the record, or the case may go to trial.<sup>2</sup> Additionally, I have noted that for cases prior to 1930 in Bossier Parish, books of inquests and books of indictments are also 'must items' to review.

If the prosecution elects not to prosecute the charges, you might see a derivative of the Latin expression *nolle prosequi* entered on the docket form in Louisiana as 'nolle prossed.' The time between initiation of the case and the dropping of charges varies—sometime days, but in a few instances years. Sometimes the case file associated with these cases still exists, but do not expect it. For those that do exist, the case file content may be minimal, but you should still request it, since the charges may have been dropped well after the case was filed. Regardless of the time separation, the case file may contain all those witnesses who were (to be) summoned, the name(s) of the victims, the places involved, dates, etc.

I have not seen anything to date that leads me to believe that expunged cases have surviving case files. If future researchers encounter this situation, please consider submitting an article to the GENIE describing the case.

Finally, the case may go to trial. If it does, there are at least two things to examine for cases in the previous hundred years: the criminal docket history, and the case file contents. Even if the latter no longer exists or cannot be located by the staff, still consult the criminal docket if that record is available.

To determine if a criminal case was filed in Bossier Parish between 1904 and 1968, for example, examine Index Book 1 to Bossier Parish Criminal Suits. *The researcher must ask to see this and all other registers and books from the criminal records staff as the books/indexes are not directly accessible to the walk-in public.* This alphabetical index is arranged by surname of the 1<sup>st</sup> defendant. If there were multiple defendants, the term *et al* [and others] will be added after the first name. There is a counterpart "Register of Criminal Cases, Book 1, 1904-[blank]" that lists the case numbers in numerical order. The case files associated with these case numbers are not generally stored in the courthouse—the majority are warehoused. Therefore, to ease the burden on Jane and Ann and to improve the chances of location and retrieval, the researcher should make every attempt to determine the exact case number or a range of case numbers.

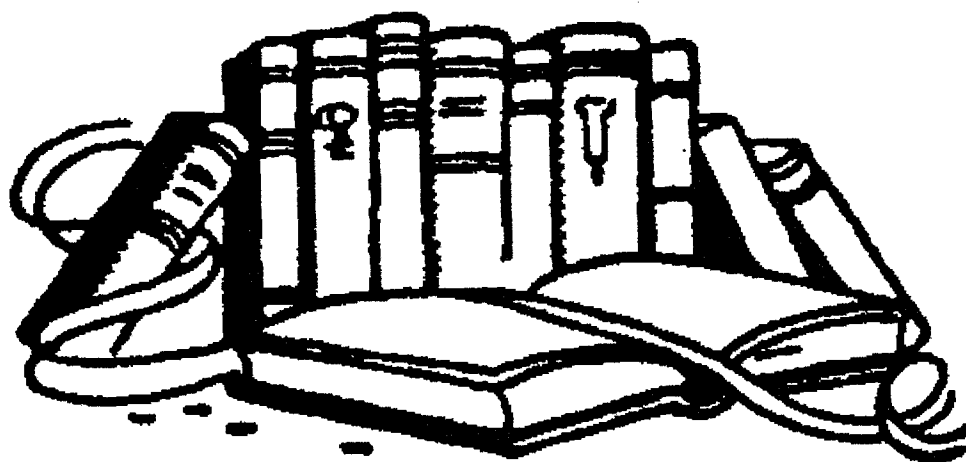
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<sup>2</sup> There are no out-of-court settlements in criminal cases as there can be in civil cases.



The following table lists all of the indexes and registers I have used in Bossier Parish to the present. I am grateful to the Criminal Records staff of the Bossier Parish Clerk of Court for their assistance in locating these items and making them available:

Source	Approximate Date Range	Remarks
"Bossier Parish Indictments and Bonds" and index.	up to 1887	The volume itself is 33 total pages. Its separately bound index has no label, but the criminal records staff keeps the index with the volume.
"Book of Inquests Bossier Parish"	1896-1912	Bound volume holding 139 handwritten pages. No index. Consider doing a page by page review.
Bossier Parish "Book of Inquests [Vol] 2"	1913-1930	Bound volume holding 152 pages. Index is part of front matter of this volume.
Index Book 1 to Bossier Parish Criminal Suits, 1904-1968.	1904-1968	Index only. Expect case files in this date range to be warehoused.
Bossier Parish "Register of Criminal Cases, Book 1, 1904-[blank]"	1904+	This volume is similar to the previous index but arranges the cases in numerical order. Case file #8406 (1904) is the first case file listed.
"Disposed Criminal Cases [#]1506 - 9049,"	1889-1910	This is a bound volume of pre-printed Criminal Docket sheaves. There are large gaps between case numbers in the years 1889-1897, and smaller gaps thereafter.



# Bossier Parish

## *Submitted by Marguerite Loftin*

Bossier Parish (pronounced BO ZURE) was created February 24, 1843, out of Claiborne Parish by ACT 33 of the Louisiana legislature, and was given the following territory:

*"Bordering on Red River, starting at the mouth of Loggy Bayou, thence following the shore of the said bayou to Lake Bisteneau, thence up along the shore of the said bayou to the line between the states of Arkansas and Louisiana, thence west on said line to the eastern bank of Red River, thence down along said river to the point of starting." The population in 1930 was 28,388, of whom 17,846 were colored. Its area is 777 square miles.*

The parish seat was established at Fredonia the same year but the name of the town was changed to Society Hill and finally to Bellevue before the end of the year.

Bossier was named for General Pierre Evariste John Baptiste **Bossier**, who was elected to Congress from this district in the same year that Bossier Parish was created. Bossier was the son of Francois Paul Bossier and the former Catherine Pelagie Lambre. General Bossier received his title as general of the Louisiana Militia. He was born in Natchitoches (pronounced NAK-oh-tush) March 22, 1797, of a Creole family which was among the first settle in this French community. He was highly educated and became an extensive sugar-cotton planter, entered politics and was a member of the Louisiana State Senate from 1833 to 1843. He served in the U.S. House of Representatives from north Louisiana from March 4, 1843, until his death in Washington, D.C.

On September 14, 1839, General **Bossier**, through his friends, Sylvester **Bossier**, Victor **Sompayrac** and P. C. **Morse**, challenged General Francoise **Gaiennie** of Cloutierville to a fight, a duel growing out of political differences, General **Bossier** being a Democrat and General **Gaiennie** a Whig, General **Gaiennie's** friends, Colonel L. G. **DeRussy**, F. B. **Sherburne** and J. G. **Campbell**, accepted the challenge and designated rifles as the weapons. On September 18, 1839, the persons named, with Dr. F. **Johnson**, Dr. **Dingles**, T. E. **Tauzin**, Phanor **Prudhomme**, and John F. **Cortez**, were present at "The Savannah" in the rear of Emile **Sompayrac's** Plantation. The first shot by General **Gaiennie** missed and the second shot by General Bossier killed his opponent, General **Bossier**, however, although one of the most popular men of his era of Northwest Louisiana, appears to have been overtaken by misfortune and committed suicide before finishing his first term in

Congress on April 24, 1844. After a Washington funeral, General Bossier's body was returned to his native Natchitoches. Rep. Bossier is interred in the Catholic Cemetery in Natchitoches.

Bellevue was incorporated and all former charters were repealed by ACT 179 of the Louisiana legislature, the limits of the town being given as the N ½ of Sec. 5, Township 19, and the S ½ of Sec. 32, Township 20, R 11 W. It is now another of the forgotten towns of Louisiana. For many years some abandoned buildings stood there, but now there is no vestige of the town and only a town site with one nearby country store. The parish seat was authorized to be moved from Bellevue by the election ACT 122 of 1888, and Benton, which had been incorporated by ACT 23, of 1876, was selected as the new parish seat, being more centrally located.

Cotton Grove Seminary of Bossier Parish was incorporated by ACT 76, of 1857, pg. 61. The incorporators were Daniel E. **Dickson**, Dr. James S. **Sandidge**, Dr. F. M. **Abney**, James A. **Herron**, John **Pickett**, T. W. **Abney**, Daniel **Clarke**, James **Ingram**, P. B. **Cash** and David **Hays**.

The Bellevue Academy Association was organized June 10, 1859. Bellevue like so many of the towns of that period was laid out around a parallelogram 200 feet wide with the courthouse near the northern end. Around the parallelogram were the mercantile houses and the Smith House, one of the famous hotels of the period. The Bossier Banner's Office and Law Officers were also located on this public square, but all have long since disappeared. Most of the town was destroyed by fire, November 18, 1872.

Benton, the parish seat is a comparatively new town, which arose on the Cotton Belt railroad, to which most of the inhabitants of Bellevue moved.

Plain Dealing arose in 1887 on the site of the Gilmer Plantation of that name. It too was a railroad town and was incorporated in 1890.

*Source:*

*The Shreveport Times, "Gen. Pierre Evariste Jean Baptiste Bossier," by David Colvin, Oct. 24, 1965, page 12-F.*

*The Free Encyclopedia: Wikipedia; at  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pierre\\_Bossier](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pierre_Bossier).*

*"Bossier Parish History, 1843-1993, The First 150 Years," by  
Clifton Cardin.*

## Last Will of Moses McDonald

*Transcription of the last will of Moses McDonald of Bossier Parish.*

*Note: Original spelling and grammar has been retained.*

The State of Louisiana  
Parish of Bossier

The 17th September A.D 1856

I Moses S. **McDonald** a resident of said Parish and state knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death and being possessed of the reasonable Exercise of my mental faculties Do hereby make and ordain this my last will and testament as follows, viz., First that my body be decently interred after my decease and a plain stone placed at the head and foot of my grave bearing the initials of my name M. S. M. . Second, that all my just debts be paid as soon as practicable thereafter Third, That an inventory of my entire effects within ninety days after my decease be taken dispensing with all the formalities of law, The Executors of this my will whom I shall herein after appoint will proceed by calling in three discreet free hold citizens of the Parish and State aforesaid who shall take an inventory of My entire effects without being sworn (?). That the Executors cause a copy of the inventory to be recorded and filed in the Probate office of said Parish. Fourth, That the Executors whom (whom) I shall herein after appoint Shall execute the guardianship for my minor heirs, whom I shall herein after name, Shall contract, buy or sell and under no circumstances whatever allow my succession to become responsible for any Contract not ratified by themselves. And make actual report of the income and expenditures of the succession and cause the same to be recorded and filed in the probate office of said Parish. Fifth, That my succession remain undivided during the lifetime or widowhood of my wife Mahalah Angeline **Trevilion** and that it be not removed without the Parish of Bossier & State of Louisiana until my youngest heir, viz, Bossier Dallas States McDonald arrives to the age of Twenty One Years, But in case of my wife Mahalah Angeline changing her condition by marriage, Then shall the Executors order a sale of the entire succession by advertising the same thirty days Terms of sale One, two and three years credit perchaisers giving their costs bearing Interest from date with approved security. The Executors shall then divide the proceeds of sale into two Equal parts and give one of the parts to my wife Mahalah Angeline **Trevilion** as her dower and take her receipt for the same. The other part they will keep at interest and apply it as follows to the giving a collegiate course of instruction to my sons Richard A.H.

McDonald, Moses S McDonald and Bossier D.S. McDonald and my Daughters Huldah E. **McDonald** and Ann Mariah **McDonald**. I wish to Receive an English Education and whatever amount Remains after my three sons aforsaid recieves a Colegiate Course I give and bequeath to my two daughters aforsaid equally to be divided between them. My Son John A.T. McDonald is now taking a colegiate course of instruction and private appropriations made for his graduation I consider him as having received his full share and Equal with my other heirs. I further more give and bequeath to my four sons above mentioned equally the recipt for making my scroffula bitters, which will be found amongst my valuable papers. Marked and Sealed and Directed to the care of my son John A.T. McDonald, which I wish him to receive and use till the other heirs become of age. For the protection of My Daughter Sarah Elen McDonald's grave (Disceased) I give and bequeath one fourth part of acre of land to be laid in a square form with the aformentioned grave in the center of the same, as a family grave yard or Potters Field never to be transfered but held as a Potters field and strongly guarded as such by the transfer of the legal subdivision of the section it is on; the particular spot where the grave is is well known in the back yard of my presant homestead I constitute and appoint my friend Vinston (?)Walker and my son John A.T. McDonald Executors to this my last will and testament And in case of Death of one or both, I constitute and appoint my friend Richard P. Chisolus (?) Executor of this my will. Having the most unbounded confidence in the integrity and fidelity of my friends I wish the usual formalities of Executors bond and oath to be dispensed with. Further requests I have none but that the acting Executors receive the usual compensations for the services.

Witnesses: Alien **Winham**

Moses T. **McDonald**.

[Source: Family Histories, Box 1, 0000-1998, Folder: 1997.012.001, Bossier Parish Library Historical Center.]

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An Alphabetical Membership list for '2008, with Names Researching.

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1	Adderley	Philip Burnett	9828 Deepwoods Drive	Shreveport	LA	71118-5037	Adderley, Hollis, Boorman & Burrett
2	Alcorn	Libby	lalcorn@mac.com				Burford, Cowley, Horley & Gregg
3	Alcorn	George	lalcorn@mac.com				Nicholson & Jackson
4	Anderson	Jack	P. O. Box 596	Webbers Falls	OK	74470-0596	Wallace, Allen, Garret & Barnes
5	Anderson, Jr.	John D.	4402 Oldfield Drive	Arlington	TX	76016-6227	Anderson, Allen, Wallace & Shockelford
6	Bain	Charleie Whitesides	7354 Camelback Drive	Shreveport	LA	71105-5008	Bain, Whiteside, Dobbs & Jackson
7	Bardsley (LM)	Daneta	1471 E. Penrose Drive	Salt Lake City	UT	84103-4466	Sullivan, Litton, Daniel & Worthington
8	Barron	Patricia Williams	939 Idlewilde Lane	Lake Charles	LA	70605-2639	McCain, Motes, Iles & Williams
9	Bell	(Martha) Maggie K.	114 Albert Avenue	Shreveport	LA	71105-3004	Bell, Robb, Reese & Webb
10	Bernard	Glenda Efferson	2922 Chardonnar Circle	Shreveport	LA	71106-8418	Smiley, Efferson, St. Clair & Simeon
11	Bowers	Kathryn Everett	5117 Sealands Lane	Fort Worth	TX	76116-8415	Everett, Cooper, Pleasant & Harper
12	Bradford	Mildred H.	1959 Bayou Drive	Shreveport	LA	71105-3405	Graves, Vines, Hill & McMillan
13	Bradley	Roberta	9912 Pilot Point Street	Ft Worth	TX	76108-4025	Copeland, Rushing, Bradley & Smith
14	Brann	Macy Diane Sandifer	5509 Kent Avenue	Shreveport	LA	71108-4125	Smith, Carter, Sandifer & Cooley
15	Broussard	Michael E.	645 Wilkinson Street	Shreveport	LA	71104-3131	Prejean, Delhomme & Bossier
16	Brown	Dorothy Chouch	4525 Naff Avenue	Bastrop	LA	71220-5301	Crouch, Howell, King & Newsom
17	Byone	Allen	4708 Fir Avenue	Seal Beach	CA	90740-3011	Beaudoin, Coutie, Rachal & Breval
18	Causey	Madge L.	208 W. K-Jon Road	Grand Cane	LA	71032-5212	Landry, Brunet, Medine & McElroy
19	Chapek	June Clark	1187 Barkston Circle	Aurora	IL	60502-6820	Crawford, Williams, Low & Franks
20	Chesson	Denise I.	615 Oneonta Street	Shreveport	LA	71106-1621	Illian, Compton, Todd & Chesson
21	Christian	Marilyn B.	924 Lincoln Drive	Shreveport	LA	71107-3118	Bradley, Garrison, Christian & Hampton
22	Coday	Linda A.	2402 Waverly Drive	Bossier City	LA	71111-2417	Coday, Atkins, Fox & Wilson
23	Cooper	Pamela J.	P. O. Box 7066	Vero Beach	FL	32961-7066	McMillan, Hall, Wilson & Crier
24	Craft	Sammie L.	2503 Cypress Villiage Drive	Benton	LA	71006-9118	Craft, Cotton, Turner & Basinger

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25	Davis	Wanda	32 East Sunset Drive	Kerrville	TX	78028-4817	Goff, Carter, Hickman & Wade
26	Dillard	Walter L.	330 Comstock Road	Dayton	NV	89403-9516	Caldwell, Ford, Watson & Salone
27	Duncan	Dianne M.	11 Fulton Way	Port Townsend	WA	98368-0044	Yarbrough, Gibson, Legg & Neely
28	Edwards	Juanita R.	3875 Line Avenue	Shreveport	LA	71106-1183	Peacock, Perkins, Edwards & Ott
29	Edwards	Robert Alland	521 W Cross Street	Benton	AR	72015-3698	McFerrin, Sandifer, Woodel & Van Veckhoven
30	Engle	Susan Cathleen	649 Spring Creek Road	Haughton,	LA	71037-9645	Kerrigan, Daniels, Creveston & Engle
31	Estes	James A.	2504 Sundsvall Ct.	Shreveport	LA	71118-2504	Estes, Gray, Marler & Richey
32	Farrington (LM)	William	119 Donelon Drive	Hanrahan	LA	70123-4703	Kimball, McMain, McLaughlin & Farrington
33	Gaines	Dr. Cheryl	903 E. 53rd Street	Chicago	IL	60615-4305	Norris, Taylor, Smith & Johnson
34	Garsee	Billie Bickham	9073 Billiu Ridge Drive	Shreveport	LA	71118-2611	Garsee, Lagarce, Sansom & Erwin
35	Gatlin	Tommy R.	1501 Guadalupe Street	San Angelo	TX	76901-3136	Hollis, Martin & Gatlin
36	Gorman	Betty Jon	P.O. Box 113	Diana	Tx	75640-0113	Fenlaw, Ward, Kennedy & Lowry
37	Goyne	Betty Brantley	10019 Canterbury Drive	Shreveport	LA	71106-8401	Brantley, Kelley, Pate & Binum
38	Goyne, Jr.	Carroll Heard	10019 Canterbury Drive	Shreveport	LA	71106-8401	Heard, Nutt, Lee & Shackelford
39	Gregory	Kay Kerbow	# 3 Hillside Ct.	Austin	TX	78746-6436	Cain, Little, Kerbow & Dooley
40	Griffin	Patricia W.	3884 Winterpark Drive	Shreveport	LA	71119-7011	Williams, Forte, Wagner & Cobb
41	Griffin	Willie R.	3884 Winterpark Drive	Shreveport	LA	71119-7011	Hartwell, Kelley, Neal & Grissom
42	Hamilton	Robert A.	503 Sophia Lane	Shreveport	LA	71115-2505	Hamilton, Sebastian, Hart & Baker
43	Hamilton	Margie	503 Sophia Lane	Shreveport	LA	71115-2505	Hart, Sebastian, McCarty & Young
44	Harwell	Mandy (Inez) Ward	3864 Fairfield Avenue	Shreveport	LA	71106-1012	Ward, Booty, Massey & Clark
45	Hatcher	Sarah Shelemi	560 Webb Rogers Road	Waskon	TX	75694-3854	Harris, Szelemi, Patterson & Cromer
46	Hatcher	Lewis E. (Buddy)	560 Webb Rogers Road	Waskon	TX	75694-3854	Baker, Shelemi, Sample & Scott
47	Hitchcock	Geraldine	PO Box 93	Hosston	LA	71043-0093	Hale, Hawkins, Stanberry & Carter
48	Hope	Lillian Barnes	106 Larkin Street	Benton	LA	71006-9413	Barnes, Henderson, Edwards & Sharp
49	Howell	David B.	205 South Thayer Avenue	Aberdeen	MS	39730-2833	Coulter, Webb, Baird & Gaithright
50	Hubbard	Erica L.	808 South 49th Street	Philadelphic	PA	19143-3402	Cade, Bradford, Taylor & Gatterson

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51	Hunt	Doris B.	5649 South Lakeshore Drive	Shreveport	LA	71119-4016	Hunt, Barr & Williams
52	Hunter	Margaret Phillips	973 Captain Shreve Drive	Shreveport	LA	71105-2806	Hunter & Noland
53	Jennings	Dale O.	194 Vance Road	Benton	LA	71006-9585	Ace, Brownlee, Vance & Arnold
54	Johnson	Evelyn	5506 Golden Meadows Dr.	Bossier City	LA	71112-4940	Elston, Harrell, Moore & Carr
55	Johnson	Elaine	1812 Crater Circle	Bossier City	LA	71112-4404	Arts, Adrain, Moreland & Fretter
56	Johnson	Jim A.	1812 Crater Circle	Bossier City	LA	71112-4404	Broom, Sanders, Merritt & Kea
57	Johnston	Barbar Stewart	2 Sears Court	Keokuk	IL	52632-2547	McBride & Stinson
58	Jones	Dorothy L.	7376 Grabault Road	Bastrop	LA	71220-4141	Stanley, Brownlee, Shephard & Lawrence
59	Jones	Edgar L.	7376 Grabault Road	Bastrop	LA	71220-4141	Jones, Chunn, Sproles & Greer
60	June	Virginia H.	5325 N Market Street	Shreveport	LA	71107-2505	Harvey, Hill, Ellis, Wright & Cory
61	Kennedy	Ronald C.	11814 Laurel Meadow Drove	Tomball	TX	77377	Kennedy, Glbson, Crump & Wilson
62	Lawhon	Patsy Phillips	318 Martha Avenue	Mansfield	LA	71052-2308	Mullen, Harlaw, Phillips & Strierkart
63	Lazarus	Harry A.	7709 Tampa Way	Shreveport	LA	71105-5701	Vollacka, Pyke, Emden & Lazarus
64	Loftin	Marguerite J.	2540 Beene Blvd	Bossier City	LA	71111	Rawls, Liermann, Faubel & Rusch
65	Mann	Emma Ruth	1310 Oden Street	Shreveport	LA	71104-3819	Rippetoe, Meeks & Haun
66	Marson	Sandra T.	3881 Ridge Road	Caston	LA	71016	Thrasher, Royalston, Allison & Toms
67	Mathews (LM)	Reed	24 Colonn Park Drive	Shreveport	LA	71115-3165	Mathls, Rogers, Kirtley & Carlton
68	McAvoy	Sharron Bouchard	314 Mossy Brake Road	Kamack	TX	75661-1868	McAvoy, Wright, Shealer & Jolly
69	McCabe	Betty Murphy	163 Adger Street	Shreveport	LA	71105-3001	McGraw, Wingo, Murphy & McCabe
70	McCann	Penelope Edwards	215 Virginia Avenue	Minden	LA	71055-2046	Field, Sanford, Bankston & Dodd
71	McGarhey	Suzanne Dampier	7640 S. Delaware Street	Indianapolis	IN	46227-2419	Dampier, Webb, McDonald & Gillaspie
72	McLaughlin	Jerry	PO Box 236	Oil City	LA	71061-0236	McLaughlin, Page, Price & Knotts
73	Miles	Deotha Brags	3313 Westheimer Street	Shreveport	LA	71103-2060	Miles, Humphrey, Lewis & Moss
74	Millen	Cynthia D.	8582 Dixie Blanchard Road	Shreveport	LA	71107-8175	Mormon, Brewster, Miers & Hester
75	Neal	Carola E.	P.O. Box 20921	Castro Valley	CA	94546-8921	Neal, Seals, Ward & Jamison
76	Nelson	B. Delight	1813 Bayou Circle	Bossier City	LA	71112-4036	Goodwin, VanCamp, Toner & Quinn



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77	Nelson	Dorothy L.	2901 W. Caperton Street	Shreveport	LA	71109-2309	Hill, Bailey, Thomas & Irvin
78	Owens	Raymon LaFayette	846 East River Road	Shreveport	LA	71105-2811	Owens, Chandler, Wilkes & Kemp
79	Pennywell	Mabel Willette	5804 Wallace Avenue	Shreveport	LA	71108-4028	Pennywell
80	Petrey	Curtis N.	130 Chelsea Drive	Shreveport	LA	71105-4206	Poindexter, LaGrand, LeGrand & Ratley
81	Phillips	Roy G.	460 Adams Road	Minden	LA	71055-7061	McDade & Phillips
82	Reed	Katie Slack	P.O. Box 94	Shongaloo	LA	71072-0094	Lewis, Edwards, Baker & Frazier
83	Reed	Robert E.	P. O. Box 94	Shongaloo	LA	71072-0094	Van Scienver, Barkman & Mains
84	Rose	Vernell S.	7110 University Drive, Apt. 206	Shreveport	LA	71105-5044	Taylor, Patterson, Deweese & Seefeldt
85	Rose	Victor C.	7110 University Drive, Apt. 206	Shreveport	LA	71105-5044	Rose, Willis, Chambliss & Berry
86	Sanders	Doris L.	1035 W 109th Street	Chicago	IL	60643-3733	Clark, Kendrick, Blake & Bilberry
87	Sanders	Helen R.	217 India Drive	Shreveport	LA	71115-3005	Vance, Adkins, Harvey & Nix
88	Sanders	Edgar G.	217 India Drive	Shreveport	LA	71115-3005	Sanders, Chandler, Kernop & Lucius
89	Schick	Charlotte Carter	1017 Coral Isle Way	Las Vegas	NV	89108-1764	Ward, Bond, Regan & Mayfield
90	Scholes	June L.	9404 Castlebrook Drive	Shreveport	LA	71129-4808	Landry, Medine, Scholes & Brunet
91	Spilker	Bonnie L.	8805 W 80th Street	Overland Park	KS	66204-3307	Molhusen, Lindsey, Floyd & Warmack
92	Spilker	William G.	8805 W. 80th Street	Overland Park	KS	66204-3307	Spilkon, Scott, Sample & Bradley
93	Stewart	Jessie Barnes	1525 Sycamore Avenue, #221	Shreveport	LA	71103-2977	Barnes, Phillip, Mason, Pipkins & Hampton
94	Stoddard	Margetta Spears	7310 Camelback	Shreveport	LA	71105-5008	Layne, Whitmore, Spears & Poole
95	Stoll	Nellygrace (Chris)	5007 Richland Place	Bossier City	LA	71112-5032	Stover, Stoner, Christie & Mays
96	Stover	Martha S.	4431 N. Fairway Drive	Shreveport	LA	71109-4907	Shoemaker, Miller, O'Berry & Albritton
97	Trull	Ester	2276 Strong Hwy	El Dorado	AK	71730-8459	Trull, Vines, Pipes & Barnes
98	Turner	Dorothy Y.	189 Ockley Drive	Shreveport	LA	71105-3022	Turner, Wingo, Rushing & Prestridge
99	Walker	Harold Gene	8006 NW Aldwick Avenue	Lawton	OK	73505-4028	Walker, Hamilton, Brown & Tate
100	Ward	Walter Howard	103 Crestwood Drive	Tulahoma	TN	37388-5602	Murphy, Gary, Willis & Kent
101	Weddle	Jack Talley	803 Herrington Drive	Springhill	LA	71075-2115	Weddle, Talley, Steves & Morris
102	Weiland	Veretta R.	2511 N Waverly Drive	Bossier City	LA	71111-5933	Ritchey, Yeager, Battles & Dearing

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103	Weiland	Herman L.	2511 N Waverly Drive	Bossier City	LA	71111-5933	Darling, Rudy, Fairbanks & Holbrook
104	Whatley	Constance C.	2046 Capt. Shreve Drive	Shreveport	LA	71105-3820	Davis, Martin, Thomas & Hand
105	Williams, Jr.	T. R.	6400 Middle Ridge Lane	Hixson	TN	37343-3526	Russel, Tennille, Williams & Atkins
106	Wilson	Bernard J.	9000 North Lattimore Lane	Tucson	AZ	85742-8859	Wilson, Tanner & Given
107	Wise	Anne C.	6011 Ellington Way	Bossier City	LA	71111-5717	Simmons, Lytle, Stuart & Norris
108	Wise	Edwina	190 Ardmore Street	Shreveport	LA	71105-2108	McFordland & Meridi
109	Woods (LM)	Isabelle M.	2016 Surrey Lane	Bossier City	LA	71111-5535	Taitt, Huggins, Muniz & Quinones

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1	Allen County Public Library	P. O. Box 2270	Fort Wayne	IN	46801-2270
2	Bossier Parish History Center	2206 Beckett Street	Bossier City	LA	71111-3730
3	Claiborne Parish Library	909 Edgewood Drive	Homer	LA	71040-3009
4	Clayton Library [Clayton Library Friends]	5300 Caroline Street	Houston	TX	77004-6896
5	Dallas Public Library	1515 Young Street	Dallas	TX	75201-5499
6	East Bank Regional Library	4747 W Napoleon Avenue	Metairie	LA	70001-2310
7	The DAR Library Memorial Continental Hall	1776 D Street NW	Washington D.C.		20006-5303
8	Genealogical Society of Utah	50 E. North Temple Street	Salt Lake City	UT	84150-3400
9	State Historical Society of Wisconsin	816 State Street	Madison	WI	53706-1482
10	Los Angeles Public Library	630 West 5th Street	Los Angeles	CA	90071-2002
11	LSUS Library & Archives [Complementary]	8515 Youree Drive	Shreveport	LA	71115-2399
12	Mid-Continent Public Library (Midwest Genealogy CTR)	3440 S Lees Summit Road	Independence	MO	64050-2057
13	Natchitoches Parish Library [Complementary]	450 2nd Street	Natchitoches	LA	71457-4649
14	New Orleans Public Library	219 Loyola Avenue	New Orleans	LA	70112-2044

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15	Public Library of Cincinnati	800 Vine Street	Cincinnati	OH	45202-2009
16	Red River Parish Library-Coushatta [Complementary]	P.O. Box 1367	Coushatta	LA	71019-2008
17	Santa Clara County Historical and Genealogical Society	2635 Homestead Road	Santa Clara	CA	95051-5387
18	Shreve Memorial Library Broadmoor [Complementary]	1212 Captain Shreve Drive	Shreveport	LA	71105-2819
19	St. John The Baptist Parish Library	2920 Highway 51	LaPlace	LA	70068-3721
20	State Library of Louisiana [Complementary]	P. O. Box 131	Baton Rouge	LA	70821-0131
21	The Historic New Orleans Collection	410 Chartres Street	New Orleans	LA	70130-2120
22	The Library of Congress [Complementary]	101 Independence Ave., SE	Washington D.C.		20540-0002
23	The New York Public Library [History & Genealogy Division]	P.O. Box 2237	New York	NY	10163-2237
24	University of LA at Lafayette - Dupre Library	302 E. Saint Mary Blvd.	Lafayette	LA	70503-2038
25	University of New Orleans - Long Library	2000 Lakeshore Drive	New Orleans	LA	70148-0001
26	Weatherford Public Library	1014 Charles Street	Weatherford	TX	76086-5007
27	Wichita Genealogical Society	P.O. Box 3705	Wichita	KS	67201-3705

## Interesting Entries From An Old Account Book During Years 1856-63

*This article was written in 1948 by Mrs. A. A. Hamiter of Bradley, Arkansas*

*This article was taken from the Bossier Banner Weekly Newspaper, Bossier Parish, Louisiana for August 12, 1948, Page 1, Col. 4 & 5. Microfilm: # 2006.022.032, Bossier Historical Center, Bossier City, Louisiana. Special thanks to Mrs. Ann Middleton, Director of the Bossier Parish Library Historical Center for her cooperation with this article.*

An old account book covering the years of 1856 through 1863, recently came into my possession. The study of its worn and faded pages reveals many things of interest.

Prices and entries remained fairly steady during the early years of this record, but at the beginning of the Civil War, a spiral in taxes, prices and scarcities began, just as they have done in recent wars.

This record was kept by John **Hamiter**, grandfather of my husband, the late Dickson **Hamiter**.

John Hamiter and wife, Patience Hodges **Hamiter**, Dave Hamiter and his wife, Rhoda Hodge **Hamiter**, John **Winham** and others came from Haynesville, Ga. [Georgia], in 1845.

John **Hamiter** settled in North Bossier Parish, Louisiana, on what was known as the Lewisville and Shreveport Military Road. He purchased a large body of land and engaged in many enterprises. He called his plantation home "*Oak Hill*."

By today's standards, the Lewisville and Shreveport Military Road would be considered a very poor one, but at that time it was the best in the section of the

country. It was part of a mail route running from Washington, Ark. [Arkansas], to Natchitoches, La.

During the Civil War this road was used by Confederate couriers and other military personnel, and they often stopped at "*Oak Hill*" for rest and refreshments.

Officers, their negro servants, enlisted men and horses were all charged the same price for a night's lodging—one dollar each. That price did not change, but the charge for shoeing a horse "round" advanced from four dollars in 1856 to ten in 1863. Occasionally some Confederate officer would come by and pay with Confederate money the accumulation of bills made by couriers and horses. Among officers' most often mentioned were Major Heard, Captain Benjamin **Turner**, Captain J. P. **Ingram** and Captain **Randle**.

Besides operating a blacksmith shop and a large plantation, Mr. **Hamiter** engaged in many other enterprises. Among them were a saw mill, grist mill, shoe shop and store or commissary.

The work was all done by slaves each trained for his special job. One trained as a carpenter was sometimes hired out to the neighbors for two dollars per day.

Mr. **Hamiter's** accounts indicate that the citizens of the southern part of Lafayette County, Arkansas, patronized him as much as his own parishioners, especially the citizens of the historical settlement of *Walnut Hill*, which was about twelve miles north of his home.

Among the names from *Walnut Hill* is that of Mrs. James S. **Conway**, widow of the first governor of the State of Arkansas.

An interesting item charged to a gentleman from *Walnut Hill* was the ironing of four negroes at a cost of three dollars each, in August of 1863. The irons were removed in December of the same year at a cost of one dollar each.

The first entry for money paid out for catching runaway slaves was in 1863. These entries indicate that the war was causing some restlessness among the slaves.

President **Lincoln** had issued his Emancipation Proclamation on January 1<sup>st</sup> of that year, but most slaves did not understand the meaning of it, or even knew about it, and were loyal and friendly to the families who owned them.

In 1859 a slave died while on a wagon trip to Shreveport and was buried there at a cost of \$16.

The price of slaves at that time seemed to average from seven to eight hundred dollars each.

Mr. **Hamiter's** account book shows that in 1856 he gave his daughter, Mrs. Catherine **Wyche**, fifteen negroes valued at \$10,000. He also gave his daughter,

Mrs. Harriet **Bryan**; fifteen slaves valued at \$10,000, and in 1858, his son, John H. Hamiter of *Walnut Hill*, received twenty-five slaves valued at \$20,000.

His overseers were paid from fifty to seventy-five dollars per month.

From his account book, it appears that people in this locality did not lack for a certain kind of stimulant, for there are many entries for grinding malt and mending stills, and even in 1863 Mr. Hamiter loaned one person \$3,200 to buy stills.

There was much paying of debts by exchange of commodities and notes, which indicated that money was scarce.

The absence of charges for corn, peas and potatoes, also grinding of meal in 1863 indicates that it was a dry year in this locality, with corn scarce.

Much of Mr. **Hamiter's** cotton and many beeves were taken over by the Confederate States Government and notes given for them.

In 1862 some cotton was sent by slaves to Shreveport and then by boat to Baton Rouge, and sold for ten cents a pound.

The most common entries made for drygoods were for Omaburgh, linseys, cottonade, cheap shoes and hats. Most charges for shoes ranged from \$1.50 to \$1.75 per pair.

An entry of interest in that of an overcoat at sixteen dollars, boots at four dollars and eighteen yards of fine shirting at 12 ½ cents per yard, sold to Dr. William **Searey** in 1858.

Another physician of that time who practiced for Mr. **Hamiter** was Dr. J. M. **Nuckles**, who lived near the town of what is not Plain Dealing, La. He has many descendants still living in that vicinity.

Corn and peas advanced from 75 cents in 1856 to \$2.50 per bushel in 1863. Lard soared from 15 to 50 cents per pound.

In 1863, nails were one dollar per pound, but lumber only 1 ½ cents per foot. Wool and copper as sold for one dollar per pound. Cow hides, eleven dollars and deer hides, three dollars each. In November, 1863, one pound of powder cost twelve dollars and a box of percussion caps fifteen dollars. A day's hauling with an ox team was five dollars.

The Louisiana Lake and Bayou Navigation Company employed some of Mr. **Hamiter's** slaves, for which he received \$1.50 per day in 1860, but by November, 1861, the price had risen to \$2.50 per day.

According to the account book, business transactions of all kinds had decreased a great deal by the year 1863. There were more entries for blacksmith shop work than anything else.

There was no income tax, but a heavy military tax. The Confederate States Government also sold bonds, some of which bore 7 per cent interest. A grand investment if they could have been collected.

In 1863, the war which brought havoc and destruction to the South had been in progress for more than two years, but the handwriting as to the outcome was not

yet on the wall. The Southern aristocracy was still confident of victory. They met their problems courageously, endured hardships and privations cheerfully and even wrested some joy from those precarious days.

Horse racing was a favorite amusement, and on May 28, 1863 the spring races opened at Lewisville, Lafayette County, Arkansas. The greatest attraction was the race between "*Tubbs*," imported filly owned by Mr. **Hamiter's** son, John H. **Hamiter**, of *Walnut Hill* and the filly "*Fanny Little*," owned by Col. C. N. **Little**. The prize was \$5,000, aside.

*Death* ended the record kept by Mr. **Hamiter** in January of 1864. He was laid at rest in the family burial plot at his plantation home, as was the custom in those days.

Not far distant on the same plantation was the graveyard where his slaves had been buried for two decades.



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