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President's Message

The immediate future presents opportunities of challenges for the membership of our great Association. I strongly believe that there are a number of current and future milestones in the Ark-La-Tex history which are currently of interest to our membership. However we need to hear from you.

As we look forward to another year each and every member of the Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association is challenged to become more actively involved in the association. One way to do this is to write an interesting article(s) of your family history (to be shared) for the association's publication, "The GENIE." Many individuals who are members of our association have valuable knowledge of this area and are willing to share, please do so. We all have an interest in preserving the heritage of the area. I encourage you to become an active member in the association by participating in programs and serving on committees. Again, I call upon each of you to submit articles; of news worthy information which you feel would be of interest to our readers. The Ark-La-Tex area has an interesting history that needs to be told.

Have you been thinking about researching a certain topic or writing about a certain person, but have been putting it off, stop the procrastination and get to work. We would all enjoy reading about what you have discovered in your research.

I am excited about the future of the "Genie" and of the association; with all of us working together the history of the Ark-La-Tex can come alive and be made known for everyone to enjoy and ponder.

An active support of the members of the Ark-La-Tex Association is needed now more than ever. An aggressive participation by each and every member will make the association a vibrant force in the preservation of local history. Watch for announcements of upcoming meetings of the association and make plans to attend to ensure that this coming year will be a grand one for our association.

Willie R. Griffin
President

In Memory of Linda L. Atkins Coday

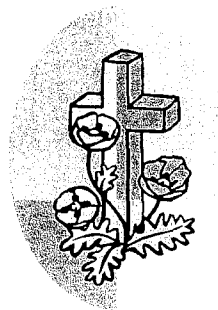


BOSSIER CITY, LA - Graveside services for Mrs. Linda L. Atkins Coday, 80, will be held at 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, November 19th at the O.E. Price Memorial Cemetery in Logansport, LA, with a memorial service following on Friday, December 5 at 11 AM at Kings Highway Christian Church in Shreveport. Officiating will be Rev. David Brice.

Mrs. Coday was born on January 30, 1928, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Allen Daniel Atkins and Lucile Wilson Atkins. She was a resident of Bossier City for the majority of her life. She was a 1945 graduate of C.E. Byrd High School and a 1948 graduate of Centenary College. Linda enjoyed a 30 year teaching career in the Ark-La-Tex, teaching in Caddo, Bossier, and Webster parishes. She enjoyed working in the yard and doing family genealogy. She especially enjoyed her trips to visit family in Rankin County, Mississippi. She was a member of the Pelican Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Ark-La-Tex genealogical Association, and a life long member of Kings Highway Christian Church.

Mrs. Coday was preceded in death by her mother, Lucile Wilson Atkins, father Allen David Atkins and infant daughter Nancy Lea Coday. She is survived by her husband of 50 years Fred Charles Coday, Jr., son Tom David Allen Coday, daughter in law, Amanda Rochelle Coday, and grand children, Trent and Skylar.

Source: The Shreveport Times: Obituaries, Tuesday, November 18, 2008, Page 5B



ALTGA's Horn-Book: "Negative & Exclusionary Evidence – What They Are and How to Use Them"

*Prepared by Philip Adderley for presentation and discussion at the
ALTGA General Session of 11 October 2008.*

Mistrial! As the jury foreman on a capital murder case in Mississippi, I took the first poll of our jurors after protracted analysis and discussion. No unanimous verdict. Under the laws of Mississippi at that time, a guilty verdict required all twelve jurors to reach the same conclusion, and for each to stand one by one in the juror box and verbally attest to his or her decision.

Prospects for a unanimous guilty verdict were dim after that 1st vote. We were not the only jury to tread this path. Unknown to us, the bailiff told me later, each of the previous four or five juries who heard the same case deadlocked without a verdict. All resulted in mistrials!

The prosecution's case hinged upon circumstantial evidence. Genealogists today call circumstantial evidence "indirect evidence," because it does not directly answer the question at hand. In this case the question was, "Who killed the victim?"

We continued the deliberation process, focusing upon the defendant and the indirect evidence, through several more iterations. No unanimity. No verdict. Questions were sent to the judge via the bailiff. More deliberations. No verdict.

Without explaining to my fellow jurors, I suggested a different tack using genealogical methods to help the jury reconsider the evidence. The twist was to **not** focus on the defendant: I asked my fellow jurors to assume that the defendant did not kill the victim, and that someone else from the public at large was responsible, anyone they wished. Then we determined what would have had to take place for each "Someone Else" to have killed the victim. We used "indirect evidence" presented to us during the course of the trial that we all could accept as uncontested. We also considered "negative evidence"—the *absence* of evidence, direct or indirect, that we would have expected to find if "Someone Else" had committed the crime. The jury determined that it was virtually impossible for the "Someone Else" to have killed the victim. The case evidence allowed us to "exclude" or rule out, in effect, the entire universe of possible killers except one, the defendant. After the next poll I notified the judge through the bailiff that we had reached a unanimous guilty verdict.

The case above involves "negative evidence" and "exclusionary evidence." These terms may seem complex and abstract, but, in reality, many researchers subconsciously work with them –

almost constantly. Think about all the searches that you conduct that come up empty-handed, or the search results that reveal candidates that cannot be the right answers to your research question. In the former instance you may have the beginning of a “negative evidence” scenario. In the latter instance you ruled out or excluded results that cannot be the answer.

Dealing with negative and exclusionary evidence requires research discipline and an open mindset. Many times we solve genealogical questions without relying heavily upon either, and unfortunately that spoils us. This is because our whole research focus is geared to locating positive findings amid an ocean of information. We key on positive, non-zero answers to our research questions, and our failed searches are often discarded or ignored as we press on. Some change their search parameters and continue using the same source. Others move on to other sources. It takes a mindset that is open to both positive *and* negative evidence as the searches evolve. It takes research discipline to fully cite all sources examined in a search.

Failed searches, for example, are a starting point for building a case involving negative evidence. How does one cite negative evidence? Elizabeth Shown Mills instructs us:

*Negative evidence—the absence of evidence one would expect to find—can be as critical as positive evidence in historical research. When a search within a specific body of records yields negative results, your citation needs to identify not only the party conducting the search but also the date of the search and the parameters of the search.*¹

Here is a hypothetical negative evidence case. Let’s say that two successive U.S. census population schedules in 1910 and 1920 suggest that an adult person of interest is “not there,” when in fact a family’s oral tradition is telling us otherwise. Do the person’s absences from these censuses give us enough *negative evidence* to conclude that the person did not live there? Since we have not exhausted all the record sources that a prudent genealogist would consult before trying to reach a conclusion, the answer is not yet. A disciplined researcher completely documents and cites negative search results before continuing.

Add birth, death, and marriage record searches. Suppose there are no results found for anyone of that surname or variant. Do we have enough to conclude that the person did not live there? Not yet. So we completely document and cite negative search results and move on.

Suppose we now add conveyance/deed books; mortgage books; civil suits; *and* criminal, religious, tax, and newspaper records to the search plan for that time period. Suppose all have “no results found.” Document and cite the negative search results. Assuming that the record

¹ Elizabeth Shown Mills, *Evidence Explained! Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 20027), 463. See also Elizabeth’s definition of negative evidence on p. 25.

sources are robust and with no major gaps in coverage, is it possible to form a conclusion that the person of interest was not there in that time frame? Hmmm. Perhaps the total sum of all the negative evidence gathered to date may support that conclusion.

What happened in the above negative evidence scenario? We documented and cited negative search results, on the spot, as successively more record sources were thrown into the search process and exhausted. A positive result that magically answered the question did not occur. But by the end of the search, we put ourselves in the position of suggesting a completely different answer to the question (He was never there, Martha!). And we were in a position to properly support the conclusion with a range of sources and their citations.

Exclusionary evidence is another tool often used in advanced genealogical research. The evidence itself may be direct, indirect, negative,² or some combination of the three. As in the murder trial jury deliberations noted above, there may be a mixture of evidence with respect to the person of interest that does not allow us to reach a conclusion to our research question. On the other hand, we may be able to exclude all other candidate answers but one. This, too, requires research discipline, as now we must fully research every candidate thoroughly in order to be able to effectively rule it out.

Let us pose, hypothetically, that a Tom Smith married a Penelope Ann Stuart in November of 1900 in Caddo Parish, but there were three and only three Tom Smiths of about the same marriageable age residing in the parish before the marriage. The marriage record has no information describing Tom's parents. Tom is "of Shreveport." The surety on the marriage bond is Robert Smith. Penelope is 21 and "of Shreveport." No parental information is provided. Which Tom married Penelope?

We must research all three candidates. Assume that all record sources have been exhausted and the following information has been gathered:

Tom #1 lived on East 66th Street and served in World War I. His draft registration showed that he was single and lived in Shreveport at the time of his registration. Tax records and city directories showed that he lived at the same address from 1895 until World War I. As a precaution, a check of civil suit divorce actions showed no suits involving a Tom Smith or a Penelope Ann Smith in this time period.

Tom #2 lived on Fairfield Avenue in 1900, single, and owned his home in the 1900 population schedule of the United States Census. The 1900 Shreveport City Directory showed a person of

² See Mills, *Evidence Explained! Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace*, 25, for definitions of all three types of evidence, but take the time to study the entire section entitled "Fundamentals of Evidence Analysis" which begins on page 15 for an outstanding treatment of the whole topic.

this name at the census address. He continued residing at this address per future city directories. In 1901 his city directory listing had "Ann" in parentheses following his name, suggesting that his wife's name was Ann. A 1925 succession of Rachel Ann Smith filed in the Caddo Parish courthouse showed that she had married a Tom Smith in Bienville Parish in October 1900, and that they had resided continuously in Shreveport from then until her death in 1925. Her bequest s included gifts to her uncles Richmond and Ulysses Grant and her mother Ann Tillie Grant. The court appointed husband Tom Smith as Administrator of her Succession.

Tom #3 lived on Cotton Street per the 1900 population schedule, single, and a boarder. The 1900 Shreveport City Directory showed a Tom Smith at the same address, with no apparent wife. A Robert Smith appeared as a boarder two dwellings away. Tom stopped appearing in city directories beginning in 1901. Robert stopped appearing in 1902. Personal tax records showed that Tom paid personal property tax in 1900, but he was not assessed in 1901 or thereafter. One block away, a Charles Stuart household appeared in the 1901 Shreveport City Directory with apparent wife Penelope in parentheses. This family did not appear in the 1900 census population schedule for Caddo Parish. A married couple Charles and Penelope Stuart, aged 44 and 43, appeared in a 1900 Little Rock, Arkansas population schedule with a daughter Ann aged 21.

Of the three, Tom #3 appears to be a candidate, but while the indirect evidence associated with him is tantalizing, it is insufficient by itself to conclude that he married Ann, the possible daughter of Charles and Penelope Stuart. On the other hand, there is *exclusionary evidence* that effectively rules out or *excludes* the other two Toms. Tom #1 never married before World War I. Tom #2 married an Ann, but in Bienville Parish a month before the Caddo Parish marriage. Ann's likely maiden name was Grant, and the succession record suggests that Tom #2 and she had a continuous, uninterrupted marriage. Thus, a genealogist should be able to make a case – using the complete combination of evidence associated with all three Toms – that Tom #3 was the only person of the three who could have married Penelope, and that the indirect evidence associated with him, although weak, was at least consistent with the case details. To allow for the remote possibility that another candidate slipped through our net, the researcher can couch her/his conclusion with qualifiers: "Tom Smith #3 *probably* married Penelope Ann Stuart," or "Penelope very likely married Tom Smith #3."

Add Negative Evidence and Exclusionary Evidence to your genealogical toolkit.

RED LAND, LOUISIANA

By Dale Jennings

Red Land is known to have had four stores. The stores operated under a number of different owners and partnerships. On December 30, 1865, Campbell and Cavett sold out their Red Land holdings to Martha Ann Edens Swindle and her husband, John Jones Swindle. An enterprising young man, John was emancipated by his father, Caleb, in October 1859 to engage in the grocery merchant business at Plainville. He and Martha, the daughter of planter and parish tax collector, Washington Edens, were married on January 1, 1861, when she was fifteen. In 1865, they entered into the general mercantile business in Red Land. The Swindle purchase included the Campbell & Cavett store building and the dwelling of J. B. Campbell. Excluded from the sale was the right of way to the Red Land Masonic lodge hall above the store. The old mercantile partnership also sold the Swindles their Lots 1 and 2 in the Red Land Seminary tract, excluding the northwest one-fourth of Lot #2. Campbell and Cavett sold that quarter acre to Samuel A. Boggs on the same day. Boggs paid \$17.00 for his purchase, and the sale to the Swindles was for \$1,200.00. Mr. and Mrs. Swindle sold a one-third interest in their Red Land property to Martha's brother, Alfred K. Edens, in March 1869 to form the partnership of Swindle & Edens.

Swindle & Edens (in liquidation) sold Thomas W. Power the southeast fourth of Lot #2 in February 1871. On August 18, 1871, the firm made an exchange of property with George Washington Phelps. They sold him the south three-eighths of Lot #1 and a one-acre lot outside the seminary tract, but abutting the east side of Lot #1. Mr. Phelps sold them a triangular shaped half of T. W. Abney's old lot that joined their store on the west. Phelps lived on his one-acre lot and built a grocery store on his Lot 1 property. Power also opened a grocery store on his new Lot 2 parcel, but sold it back to Swindle the next year. Swindle, in turn, sold the store to Jessie C. Sutton the following year. (Sutton would sell the property to John Swindle and William Benton Boggs of the firm Swindle & Boggs on December 30, 1879)

Swindle & Edens sold all of their remaining Red Land property to the partnership of Crawford & Covington in December 1872. Crawford was Joshua B. Crawford, who had clerked for Swindle in Red Land, and Wilson Covington was the son of Miles and Martha Covington. This sale included the old store and house, a blacksmith shop on the aforementioned three-fourth acre of Abney's old lot, and the one and one-eighth acres remaining in Lots 1 and 2 on the seminary land.

Another firm, Swindle, Crawford & Company, was soon formed, with which Covington remained associated. That firm was dissolved and Swindle retained his store and mercantile business. Crawford & Covington was revived and purchased the northwest quarter of Lot #2 from Samuel Boggs for \$50.00 in February 1877, and then in March bought the Lot #1 property from Mr. Phelps for \$300.00. Early resident Andrew Johnson said that the Crawford & Covington store was in front of the church, which would place it on the Lot #2 site. (A much later sale of the lot shows it to

contain a "store house" building) They operated their general store there until the early 1880's. Their account ledgers show that they sold dry goods, hardware, boots, shoes, hats, groceries, liquors, tobacco, family and patent medicine (to include "opium" (morphine), a pain killer). They also bought cotton. The ginned cotton was hauled to Collinsburg or one of the river landings – contracted for by the large cotton buyers for shipment to New Orleans. Wilson Covington left the firm to devote his full attention to farming and the business continued as "J. B. Crawford." At this time, Mr. Crawford entered into a partnership with blacksmith, William G. Benthall, as Crawford & Benthall. The two businesses kept separate books and credit accounts. Mr. Johnson, whose father had worked for Mr. Benthall as a "striker," said that the blacksmith shop had been located northeast of the church. Benthall had his household next to that of G. W. Phelps in the 1880 census. The shop was probably on the north side of the road on the Lot #1 property sold by Phelps to Crawford & Covington.

Red Land had two churches. In April 1877, John Swindle sold Lot #10 to the trustees of the Bossier Circuit, Methodist Episcopal Church South, "for a place of divine worship." On February 28, 1885, the seminary trustees sold the north half of Lot #14 to the trustees of the Salem Missionary Baptist Church, "said church now located in Red Land." Many trustee members of both the seminary and the Salem Church boards were the same individuals. On that same day, Swindle sold the church Lot #11 (the Salem Church's present location). Lots 10 and 11 had been sold by Samuel A. Boggs to Francis Smith. Mr. Smith sold the lots to William Cooper, and Cooper sold them to John Swindle – all during the year 1871. No record of a conveyance between the Red Land Seminary trustees and Boggs can be found in the Bossier clerk of court's office.

It was said that during the early part of the 1880's, the women of Red Land strongly objected to the grocery stores selling alcohol on Sundays, calling them, "saloons." They evidently doubled as drinking places. (None of the census reports between 1860 and 1880 show Red Land to have had an innkeeper, saloon keeper or a bartender) In 1884, a delegation from the church was said to have approached the grocery store proprietors and asked them to close on Sundays. They refused, resulting in a November 1884 local option election for or against the overall sale of "intoxicating liquors" in Ward 4. The prohibitionists won by a vote of 61 to 41.

In October 1879, William Benton Boggs applied to the U. S. Post Office Department for a post office at Red Land and concurrently to be its postmaster. His application was approved effective November 3, 1879. Boggs, the son of Samuel J. and Lucinda (Barnett) Boggs, had received a good education at the Red Land school, entered the employ of John Swindle at age twenty-one, and became a partner in 1878. The 1880 census shows W. B. Boggs, age 24, to be "Dealing in General Merchandise" and a boarder with the Swindles. On November 18, 1880, he married Estella, the seventeen-year-old daughter of John and Martha Swindle. Boggs supplied the postal department with the information that the facility would be located on the Northwest Quarter of Section 28. This places it on the north side of town, at Swindle's store. He stated that Red Land had about one hundred inhabitants and that the community area to be serviced had a population of sixteen

hundred. Also, that the post office would be on the mail route between Homer and Collinsburg. The application was for the "Red Land" post office, but consistent with its penchant for one-word names, the postal department designated it, "RedLand."

Early Red Land had a succession of resident physicians beginning with Doctor John Joseph Scott. He was born in South Carolina in 1837 and came to the Red Land area by horseback as a young medical graduate in 1858. It is known that he received his degree from the Augusta Medical College. (Medical school attendance was information required of physicians registering to practice in the parish) John married Elizabeth Allen, daughter of Gideon Allen, in October 1859. Martin Martin had married Elizabeth's older sister, Matilda. Doctor Scott returned from the war to resume his Red Land practice. Elizabeth died in July 1865, leaving him with two little daughters. He remarried to Irish-born Honora Cullen in May of the following year and they would have three more daughters. Miss Cullen was said to have been a school teacher who came to the Red Land area as a war refugee from Baton Rouge (no doubt as a consequence of the Federal occupation of that city). The doctor advertised in June 1866 that he was offering college preparatory medical classes at his office. This training at moderate terms was to encompass a series of courses in the various branches of his profession to include practical anatomy. Doctor Scott's advertisement in the *Bossier Banner* gave his mailing address as Plainville, La. "Matt" Martin, widow of Martin Martin, sold Scott his office and house lot in August 1866, and he purchased additional adjoining lots. The 1870 census shows Red Land to have a physician identified as "Bill Scott." It is clear by the composition of his family that "Bill" is Dr. John J. Scott. In 1871, he sold the four acres that included his office lot to the G. A. Wyches. The Scott family moved to Benton, then to Minden, and by 1876 to Shreveport, where Doctor Scott died in early December 1907.

Gustavus A. Wyche received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from Kentucky's Louisville School of Medicine in 1845. He is shown as a resident of Madison County, Alabama, in a February 1860 slave sale conveyance. By the time of the 1860 census, G. A. Wyche is a 45-year-old Bossier Parish planter, on rented land. (The enumerator exceeded his instructions in making that distinction) He is residing in the area of Collinsburg with his two young children. Although shown as having been born in Georgia, a later census has him born in Tennessee, and his parents in Virginia. His relationship to Robert E. Wyche is not known, but he is enumerated in the household next to Robert, who is a 30-year-old planter, also born in Georgia. A widower, Gustavus married Jane Dooly in 1862 and they would have three more children. The Wyches cannot be found in the 1870 census. However, in April 1871 Mrs. G. A. Wyche, assisted by her husband, purchased Doctor Scott's four acres in Red Land, which would become known as the "G. A. Wyche place." In the 1880 census, he is a 66-year-old physician. That census shows a second physician in Red Land, Doctor A. H. Herring. Doctor Wyche died suddenly at Red Land in October 1887.

Doctor Alexander H. Herring did not purchase land in Bossier Parish. He is known to have received his degree in medicine from the New Orleans School of Medicine. Much of what is known about Doctor Herring is found in his 1883 succession records. He left his widow Leona and minor daughter Mary an estate of

\$4,582.49. This included assets in the bank of the Knights of Pythias. Although he owned no real estate, he had a small farmstead as evidenced by his estate property inventory. It included a "pony horse," mare, cow and calf, three hogs and plow stock. He had been in practice at Red Land from 1879 until his death after a lingering illness in June 1883. The 1880 census gave his age as forty-one and his birthplace as Georgia. The June 16, 1960, *Bossier Banner-Progress* repeated a news item originally published in the *New Orleans Picayune* on July 8, 1887, which concerned the belated burial of Dr. A. H. Herring. He desired that his body should be placed in a temporary brick vault above ground until at some proper time it could be carried to Georgia for internment in his family burial ground. The first part of his request was accomplished, but for some reason the second part was not carried out. (Although not told in the article, his widow soon remarried to a man who lived in De Soto Parish) Finally, some two and a half years later, the vault was opened and the casket with remains was buried underground there in the Salem Cemetery. (The article was prompted by "a startling phenomenon" in which the entire figure of the corpse and body parts to include veins, lungs, brain and bones were imaged on the pine boards enclosing the sealed metal casket, all within the brick vault)

George Washington Lockey's physician registration shows that he began his medical practice at Red Land in 1882. He received his medical degree from the New Orleans Medical School as did Doctor Herring. Unlike Dr. Herring who had no other relatives in Bossier Parish, Dr. Lockey was probably related to the other Lockeyes in the parish. He was born in Arkansas in about 1830 and came to Louisiana from Alabama. In the 1880 census, 51-year-old Lockey was living in Ward 5 well south of Red Land. He was a farmer, although not yet a land owner. (It was common for doctors to engage in agriculture at least until they could build up a medical practice) The doctor had a 39-year-old wife and seven children ranging in age from eighteen to one year old. He purchased no land near Red Land and may not have remained there long.

Doctor William J. Baird was born in Mississippi in 1836. He graduated from the Missouri Medical College of St. Louis in 1861 and became an assistant surgeon in the Confederate army. He came to Shreveport in 1868 and after a short time there moved to the little town of Rocky Mount, south of Red Land. He married Lucy Fullenwider in 1872. She sued him for a legal separation of property in 1878. In 1880 they were enumerated in Township 22, probably in the community of Ansel ten miles southeast of Red Land. Lucy became the first postmaster there and held the office from July 1882 until July 1888. Doctor Baird began his practice at Red Land in January 1886. On January 25, 1890, William A. Wyche, a son of Doctor and Mrs. G. A. Wyche, sold the Wyche place to Lucy Baird assisted by her husband, William Baird. Lucy became the Red Land postmaster in September 1890, six months after the Red Land postal facility was destroyed by fire. The following year Lucy Baird filed for divorce and custody of their two children, alleging in the suit that her husband had been guilty of adultery with (left blank) and other persons unknown. Lucy won the suit, which was contested in court by Doctor Baird. (The specifics of the proceedings were omitted from the divorce suit record) The divorce was granted on January 28, 1891. The *Bossier Banner* on February 18, 1892, announced the marriage of Dr. W. J. Baird to Miss Lena "Grayham," the ceremony having been conducted at Red Land

on February 9th by Elder J. M. Mading. Lena (christened Malena Graham) was the twenty-year-old daughter of prominent Bossier Parish planter, Joseph L. C. Graham. The Bairds went on to have a son and two daughters. Postal records indicate Lucy again served as postmaster at Ansel, from January 1891 until December 1894, followed by a two-year term at the Durr Post Office southwest of Haughton. In 1895, Doctor Baird sold his twelve acres adjoining the Wyche place to Doctor T. N. Keoun and moved with his family to Plain Dealing, three miles to the southwest. He had a successful practice there until he became ill and died at a Shreveport sanitarium on February 1, 1911.

Thomas Nehemiah Keoun (rhymes with "town") was born in Arkansas in 1868. He graduated from Memphis Medical College in 1890 and came to Red Land that year to practice medicine. He married Miss Lulah Edens, the daughter of Alfred K. Edens, in 1891. After fifteen years there, Doctor Keoun bought the residence and drug store of Plain Dealing's doctor, R. H. Blackman, who was relocating to Ruston. The Keoun family moved to Plain Dealing in January 1906, where they would raise their son and two daughters. Besides having a successful medical practice and holding the office of coroner, Keoun purchased numerous properties in Plain Dealing and in Bossier and Caddo Parishes, pursuing both mercantile and farming interests. He was a civic leader, contributing to the growth and development of the community. It was while serving as President of the Plain Dealing School Board of Directors that he clashed with the Bossier Parish Superintendent of Public Education over a much publicized "scandal" at the Plain Dealing High School. In April 1908 Superintendent Joseph E. Johnston, under pressure from the teachers, revoked the teaching license of Principal E. D. Burgess over a disciplinary issue with one of his students. Several of the students had absented themselves from school as an "all-fools-day" joke and were made to stay after school to make up their time. The principal also cracked down on the students and teachers for "courting" at school. John Carstarphen, an adult male pupil, was then caught walking with a female student and insulted one of the female teachers whom he blamed for his troubles. He reportedly told Mr. Burgess that he knew enough "dirt" on him to get him fired. It was then perceived that he had the principal under his control and would not make an apology to the teacher. When Burgess allowed him to resign from school rather than assent to a petition by the six teachers to announce John's suspension at chapel period, the irate teachers went out on strike under protection of the Superintendent. Doctor Keoun took the side of Mr. Burgess and had a confrontation with "Professor" Johnston at a meeting of the board. Dr. Keoun and the other Plain Dealing local board members tendered resignations and he and Johnston exchanged their disagreements publicly in the *Bossier Banner*. The much loved Doctor Keoun lived in Plain Dealing until his death in 1948, and is buried in the Plain Dealing Cemetery.

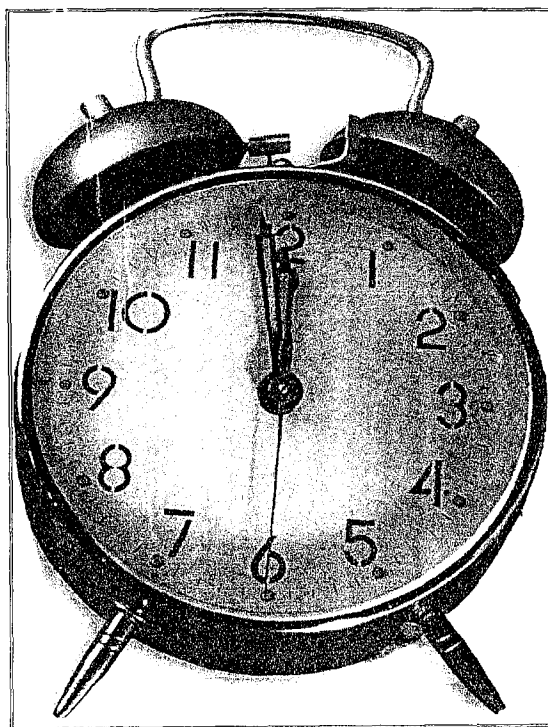
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If you have an item of historical or genealogical interest for the Arkansas, Louisiana or Texas researchers, about upcoming events, new resources, research tips and/or other information, please contact me. Please make sure to include a subject line with the words "For the Genie."

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 Section, Shreveport, Louisiana.

The *Tree Searchers*, Volume 50, Number 2, 2008, published by the Kansas Genealogical Society, page 45, is an excerpt from a presentation by Rick Mandigo to KGS members. It is called "Un-Blocking the seasoned Genealogist" that discusses four problems encountered by researchers.

Secondly on page 49 is an article by Larry Jones entitled "Do you Google?" This may be an avenue beneficial for some researchers.

Valley Leaves, Volume 42, Issue No. 4, June of 2008, published by Tennessee Valley Genealogical Association, Huntsville, AL, on pages 120 and 130 is an article "Things You Should Know". Three of these are (1) Lowcountry Slave Records, (2) Passenger Lists (new additions) and (3) Land Record Deeds.

The *Louisiana Genealogical Register*, Volume LV, Summer 2008, published by the Louisiana Genealogical & Historical Society, pages 80-86 is a list of Slave Conveyances of early St. Helena Parish. Page 86 also lists a website for large slaveholders of 1860 and African American surname matches from 1870. freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~ajac

The *Kettle*, published by The Melting Pot Genealogical Society, Little Rock, AR, Volume XXXI, August 08, page 29 is a short article stating this organization will research any request they receive. There is no charge for this service, but a small donation will be appreciated.

Tracks & Traces, published by Union County Genealogical Society, El Dorado, AR, Volume 30, Number 1, Spring 2008, pages 39-40 contain an article entitled Computer News. This article has information regarding helpful videos pertaining to genealogy. See <http://www.rootstelevision.com>.

Ancestry, published by Palm Beach County Genealogical Society, Fla, Volume XLIII, Number 4, page 150, is a list of free genealogy sites. Many such lists have been published previously; however there may be some that are new to our readers.

The *Vernon Genealogist*, published by the Vernon Historical & Genealogical Society, Leesville, La, Volume XV, Number 2, 2008, pages 23-66, are a group of articles on the Louisiana Maneuvers held in the 1940's. These are very interesting articles even though they are not related to genealogy.

CHRISTMAS EVE HOUSE FIRE

Submitted by James "Jim" G. Jones

The date of the fire was Christmas Eve, 1919. The location was in Unionville, Louisiana. Unionville is located on Highway 167 between Ruston and Dubach (About 2 miles South of Dubach). The store that my grandparents and parents owned is on the National Register of Historical Places and is still standing but vacant. The store was built in 1888 and is located at the intersection of Highway 822 and Highway 167.

As told by my Mother Colvin Ruth JONES

When this incident happened we were living in a house North of our store which is not there now. So many people we know lived in this house. Originally it was Stone Colvin's home – Lamar and Charlie Green's grandfather. There was a long porch on the front and a partial hall on the side toward our store on which a water well was located. Mother has two large chests, one located in the parlor and one in adjoining room. In these she kept her best linens, quilts, etc. It was Saturday, Christmas Eve and we had all eaten our supper at the store. Mother could cook here because we had lived several years in the store. It wasn't unusual to keep the store open late because we had so many farm customers. To get to the point of this story, maybe, Mother knowing how cold the house would be grabbed a large wooden orange crate to start a quick fire in the fireplace with a dash of coal oil. Theo and I were dancing all over the place filled with anticipation and excitement. Theo and I were roasting ourselves in the front and freezing in the rear and preparing to hang our stockings. The orange crate could not be broken apart and some of the crate went up the chimney and caught the soot on fire. I told mother I heard a "dobber nest" fall. Daddy checked and then we heard something else fall and he yelled "House on Fire!" Now I was only 4 and Theo was 8 years. Daddy was outside yelling "ladder", Mother was running down hall screaming "fire" and trying to draw water. Theo was bringing out mattresses and by this time, daddy was on the roof tearing off shingles to keep the fire from spreading and I disappeared. A carload of young people was passing coming from Ruston. They stopped to help. A "bucket brigade" was formed and the fire was brought under control. Now to tell where I had disappeared – I had gone into one of the chests where I had earlier discovered my doll for Christmas hidden by Santa and had calmly walked out into the yard and yelled "Daddy, look, look, I found my doll". And Tut being our dear Daddy who always had time for us no matter how busy he was, looked down and said "that's my baby". Theo said I had my arms stretched up just bouncing in the light of the fire. Aunt Effie had sent Theo and me Kewpie dolls with other goodies and every Christmas since Theo had done some animated thing to remind me of the incident. Here is one!

As told by my Aunt Theo Colvin Roberson

It had been a dry, cold November and December with much wind. We were living in a big old six-room house just North of the store. There was a long porch

across the front with an enclosed hall running the length of the house, but after two rooms this long porch opened on the South, with rooms on the North and a well at the end. Mother and Daddy occupied the fireplace room on the left as you entered from the porch on the East side and Ruth and I had the smaller room just past their bedroom. Across the hall, there was the parlor. Mother had a large chest in this room, as well as one in the second room on the right. In these she kept her best linens, quilts, etc.

We had been having a very busy Christmas week at the store. Since we had lived for several years in the back of the store, it was possible for Mother to prepare and serve any or all quick meals there. This she usually did at a time when she was working steadily in the store. It was Saturday, Christmas Eve and we had eaten our evening meal and had kept the store opened late, which was not unusual because the store served a farming community and was busier early in the morning or later in the afternoon. As we began to prepare to close the store, Mother, knowing how cold the house would be, grabbed an orange crate to build a quick fire in the fireplace aided by a dash of coal oil. Of course, Ruth and I were dancing all over the place, filled with anticipation and excitement. We knew Daddy's Christmas ritual of collecting all the left over toys and along with fruits and candy delivering them to the children in the community, black and white, whose parents had had a lean year. All of this made for much joy for Ruth and me.

When we got to the house, Mother's quick-fire was built and we "kept the fireplace warm" as we roasted in front and froze in the rear. While we were getting our stockings ready to hang and preparing to go to bed – mother warming irons to put in the beds – we heard what Ruth called a "dobber nest" fall, nothing uncommon in that old house. Daddy later told us he had been worried because the box could not be broken apart. Mother had placed it so that some of the box was up the chimney. This had set the soot on fire. He'd gone outside to check and everything seemed to be OK, but when the sound came of something falling, he'd checked again and yelled "House on Fire!"

Pandemonium!!! Daddy was outside getting ladder, etc.; Mother was running down the hall-porch yelling, "Fire! Fire!" as loud as she could and beginning to draw water. I began to carry mattresses, cover and all, out of the house and Ruth disappeared! Ruel lived on the hill behind us and he and Arma and Cousin Garl came immediately, but when he got there Mother was still at the well yelling, "Fire! Fire!" and the rope was off the roller. She was drawing no water! A carload of young people had been to Ruston and was returning and they stopped to help. Daddy had begun ripping off shingles around the fire so it would not spread. A bucket brigade was formed and the fire was brought under control. In the midst of all the confusion, Ruth had gone into one of Mother's chests where Ruth had earlier discovered a hiding place for Santa. She had not told me! Calmly she walked out into the front yard, planted her little short legs, and called, "Tut, look! Look! I found my doll". Daddy, being our dear Daddy who always had time for us no matter how busy he was, looked down and smiled, saying, "That's my baby". Ruth had her arms stretched up, just bouncing in the light of the fire!

After thoughts:

The doll was from aunt Effie's box of goodies that she'd sent for Christmas. It was the year we got the baby Kewpie dolls – she was so proud of them.

I was unable to pick up the mattresses when they had to be brought back inside. Ruel said if the fire had lasted much longer, I would had "de-furnished the house". It did not last long – Ruel and Arma were still getting their Christmas ready – so he was dressed. The carload of kids got there just as Ruel fixed the rope! Not sure Ruel was married – he married in Aug 1920. I figure this took place in 1919 – but it may have been 1920.

[Editor's Note: *These two stories were sent to the "Genie" as a result of a "Family Legacy Writing Workshop," presented by Linda Weaver Clarke, on October 11, 2008, held at the Broadmoor Branch Library Lecture Room, for Family History Month in October. Linda Weaver Clarke is an author who has written several novels based on her genealogy research. She seamlessly weaves true ancestral stories on past ancestors who lived in a particular place and time with a fictional storyline to create a tale, which pulls the reader closer to that time period. Her novels are more like a conversation with a close friend, than a book full of words. These stories are printed as they were given.*

WILLIS POLLARD CEMETERY

Caddo Parish, Louisiana

This cemetery is located on Louisiana Highway 169 about two miles south of Springridge, Caddo Parish, Louisiana. B. R. Randolph, who copied these inscriptions 10 December 1970, reported at that time that all but one of the stones were down, and that several known to have been there at one time were now missing.

BELL, Sallie dau of
C. M. BELL died 22 Feb 1901
age 19 yrs (Broken stone)

JETER, Martha A. wife of
E. A. JETER
5 Jan 1834-24 Sep 1855
aged 21 yrs 8 mos 9 dys

NORMAN, D.
25 Mar 1832-3 Apr 1874

POLLARD, Emeline J.
11 Mar 1811-13 Aug 1897

POLLARD, Henry A.
9 Jul 1829-25 Aug 1872

POLLARD, Sudie E. T.
dau of Willis and Emaline POLLARD
18 Jun 1850-7 Dec 1880

POLLARD, Willis T.
22 Feb 1841-30 Sep 1866

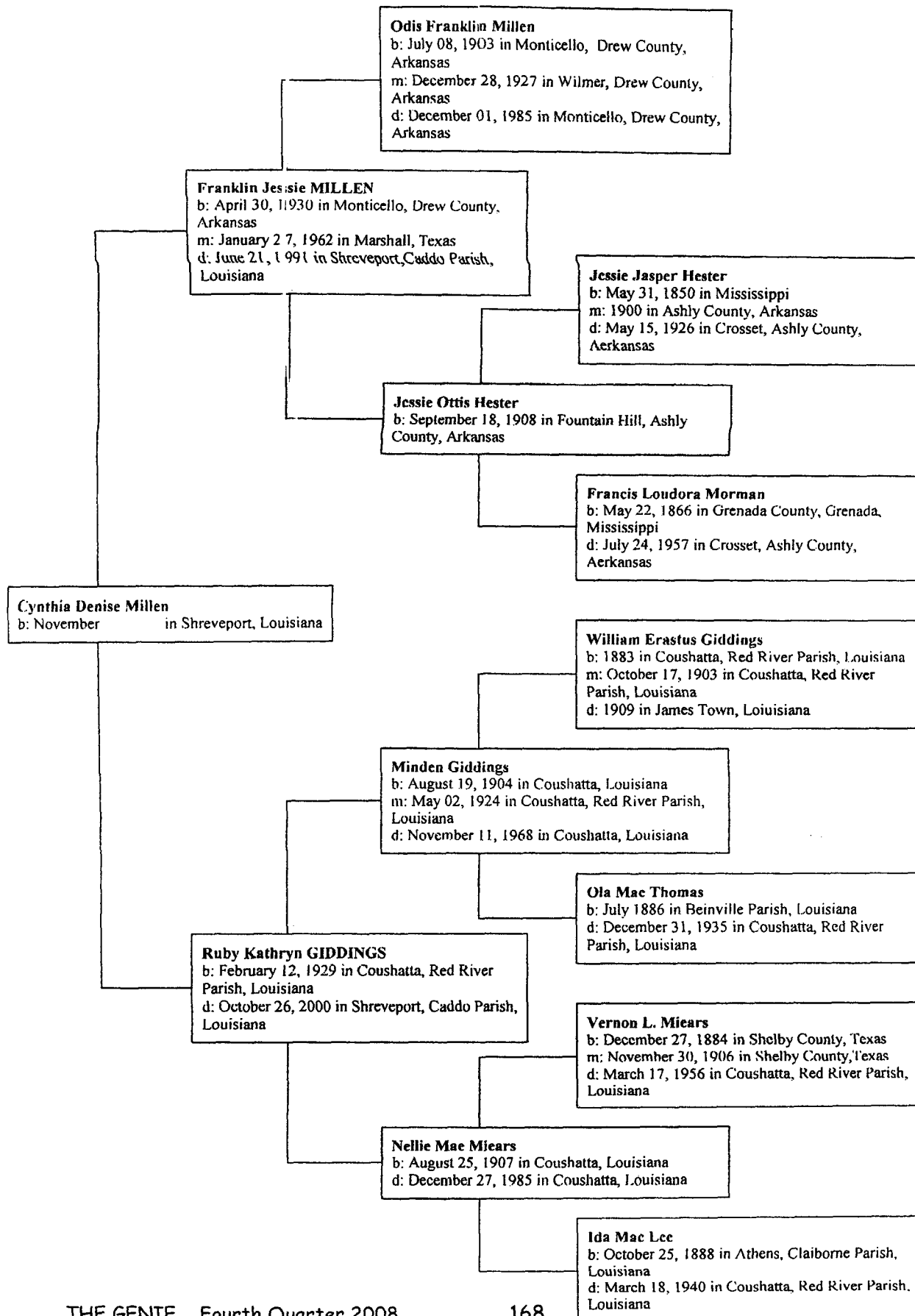
POLLARD, Willis
was born 13 Apr 1807 and
died 22 Feb 1877

(There is a base for a large stone next to Emeline J. Pollard, probably the grave of her husband Willis Pollard, Sr. I searched the area carefully for this stone. There are a number of unmarked graves in this old family cemetery)

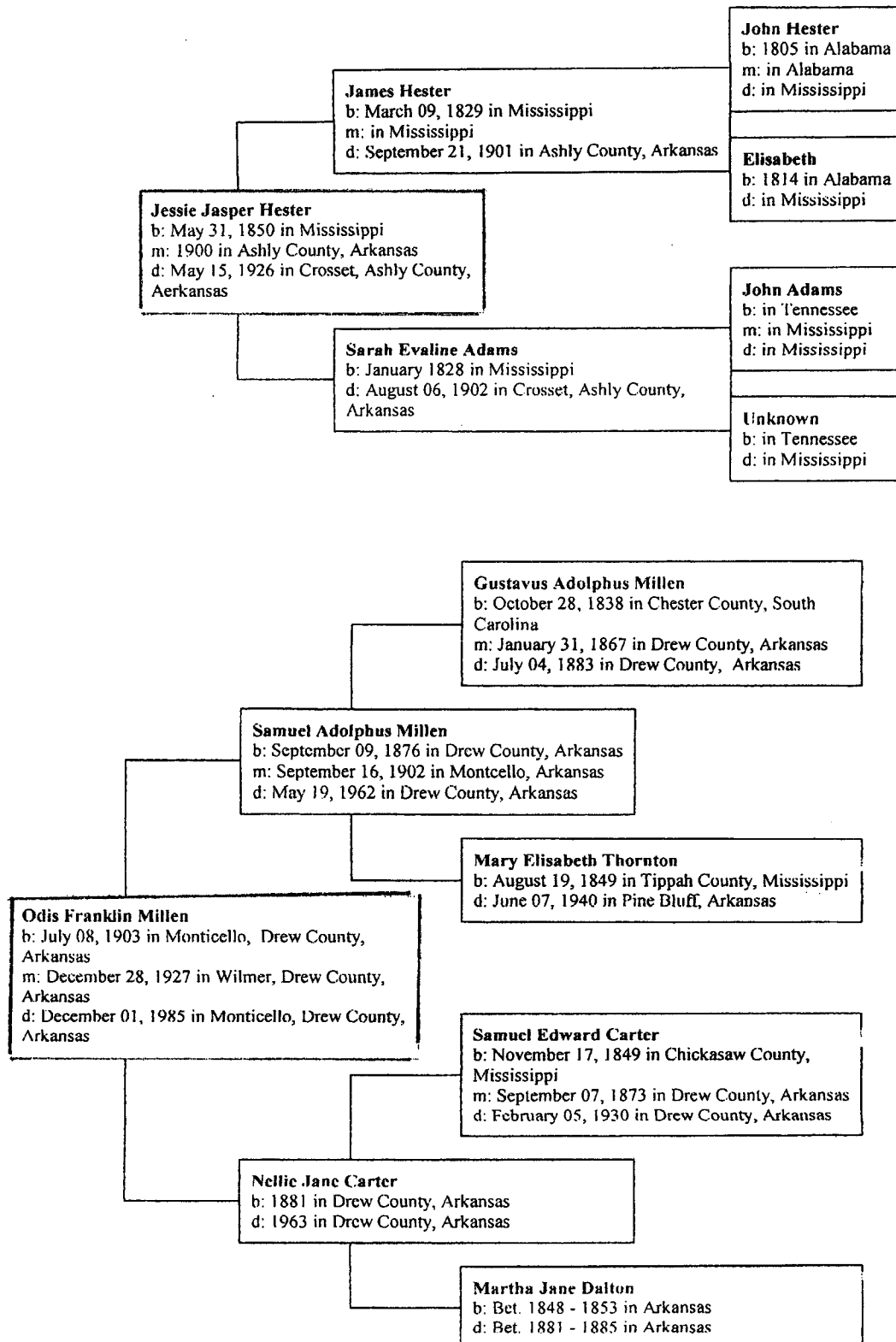
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HOW TO FIND CONFEDERATE MILITARY AND PENSION RECORDS

The agencies listed below are repositories for Confederate pension records. The veteran was eligible to apply for a pension to the State in which he lived, even if he served in a unit from a different State. Generally, an applicant was eligible for a pension only if he was indigent or disabled. In your letter to the repository, state the Confederate veteran's name, his widow's name, the unit(s) in which he served, and the counties in which he and his widow lived after the Civil War. Some repositories also have records of Confederate Homes (for veterans, widows, etc.), muster rolls of State Confederate militia, and other records related to the war.

For information on procedures and fees for requesting copies of records, contact the appropriate repository.

Alabama Department of Archives and History

624 Washington Avenue, Montgomery, AL 36130-0100

Telephone: 334-242-4363

In 1867 Alabama began granting pensions to Confederate veterans who had lost arms or legs. In 1886 the State began granting pensions to veterans' widows. In 1891 the law was amended to grant pensions to indigent veterans or their widows.

Arkansas History Commission

1 Capitol Mall, Little Rock, AR 72201

Telephone: 501-682-6900

In 1891 Arkansas began granting pensions to indigent Confederate veterans. In 1915 the State began granting pensions to their widows and mothers. Two published indexes are available in many libraries:

Allen, Desmond Walls. "Index to Confederate Pension Applications (Conway, Ark.: Arkansas Research, 1991)."

Ingmire, Frances Terry. "Arkansas Confederate Veterans and Widows Pensions Applications (St. Louis, MO: F.T. Ingmire, 1985)."

Florida State Archives

R. A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250

Telephone: 850-487-2073

In 1885 Florida began granting pensions to Confederate veterans. In 1889 the State began granting pensions to their widows. A published index, which provides each veteran's pension number, is available in many libraries:

White, Virgil. *Register of Florida CSA Pension Applications* (Waynesboro, TN: National Historical Publishing Co., 1989).

Georgia Department of Archives and History

5800 Jonesboro Road, Morrow, GA 30260

Telephone: (678) 364-3700

In 1870 Georgia began granting pensions to soldiers with artificial limbs. In 1879 the State began granting pensions to other disabled Confederate veterans or their widows who then resided in Georgia. By 1894 eligible disabilities had been expanded to include old age and poverty. A published index is available in many libraries:

White, Virgil D. *Index to Georgia Civil War Confederate Pension Files* (Waynesboro, TN: National Historical Publishing Co., 1996).

Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives

Research Room, 300 Coffee Tree Road, Frankfort, KY 40601

Telephone: 502-564-8704

In 1912, Kentucky began granting pensions to Confederate veterans or their widows. The records are on microfilm. A published index is available in many libraries:

Simpson, Alicia. *Index of Confederate Pension Applications, Commonwealth of Kentucky* (Frankfort, KY: Division of Archives and Records Management, Department of Library and Archives, 1978).

Louisiana State Archives

3851 Essen Lane, Baton Rouge, LA 70809-2137

Telephone: 504-922-1208

In 1898 Louisiana began granting pensions to indigent Confederate veterans or their widows.

Mississippi Department of Archives and History

P.O. Box 571, Jackson, MS 39205

Telephone: 601-359-6876

In 1888 Mississippi began granting pensions to indigent Confederate veterans or their widows. A published index is available in many libraries:

Wiltshire, Betty C. *Mississippi Confederate Pension Applications* (Carrollton, MS: Pioneer Publishing Co., 1994).

Missouri State Archives

600 W. Main, P.O. Box 1747, Jefferson City, MO 65102

Telephone: 573-751-3280

In 1911 Missouri began granting pensions to indigent Confederate veterans only;

none were granted to widows. Missouri also had a home for disabled Confederate veterans. The pension and veterans' home applications are interfiled and arranged alphabetically. Typically, the pension file is small, perhaps four to eight pages, containing a standard application form and may include letters of recommendation from family members or others.

North Carolina State Archives

Physical Address:

109 East Jones Street, Raleigh, NC 27601-2807

Telephone: 919-733-7305

Mailing Address:

North Carolina State Archives

4614 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-4614

In 1867 North Carolina began granting pensions to Confederate veterans who were blinded or lost an arm or leg during their service. In 1885 the State began granting pensions to all other disabled indigent Confederate veterans or widows.

Oklahoma Department of Libraries

Archives and Records Management Divisions

200 Northeast 18th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Telephone: 1-800-522-8116 (nationwide) ext. 209

In 1915 Oklahoma began granting pensions to Confederate veterans or their widows. A published index is available in many libraries:

Oklahoma Genealogical Society. *Index to Applications for Pensions from the State of Oklahoma, Submitted by Confederate Soldiers, Sailors, and Their Widows* (Oklahoma City, OK: Oklahoma Genealogical Society Projects Committee, 1969)

South Carolina Department of Archives and History

8301 Parkland Road, Columbia, SC 29223

Telephone: 803-896-6100

A state law enacted December 24, 1887, permitted financially needy Confederate veterans and widows to apply for a pension; however, few applications survive from the 1888-1918 era. Beginning in 1889, the SC Comptroller began publishing lists of such veterans receiving pensions in his *Annual Report*. From 1919 to 1925, South Carolina granted pensions to Confederate veterans and widows regardless of financial need. These files are arranged alphabetically. Pension application files are typically one sheet of paper with writing on both sides. Also available are Confederate Home applications and inmate records for veterans (1909-1957), and applications of wives, widows, sisters, and daughters (1925-1955).

Tennessee State Library and Archives

Public Service Division, 403 Seventh Avenue North, Nashville, TN 37243-0312
Telephone: 615-741-2764

In 1891 Tennessee began granting pensions to indigent Confederate veterans. In 1905 the State began granting pensions to their widows. The records are on microfilm. A published index is available in many libraries:

Sistler, Samuel. *Index to Tennessee Confederate Pension Applications* (Nashville, TN: Sistler & Assoc., 1995).

Texas State Library and Archives Commission

Web pages: Genealogy and Archives & Manuscripts
P.O. Box 12927, Austin, TX 78711
Telephone: 512-463-5480

In 1881 Texas set aside 1,280 acres for disabled Confederate veterans. In 1889 the State began granting pensions to indigent Confederate veterans and their widows. Muster rolls of State militia in Confederate service are also available. A published index is available in many libraries:

White, Virgil D. *Index to Texas CSA Pension Files* (Waynesboro, TN: National Historical Publishing Co., 1989).

Library of Virginia

Archives Division, 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219
Telephone: 804-692-3888

In 1888 Virginia began granting pensions to Confederate veterans or their widows. The records are on microfilm.

Source: The U.S. National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001
Telephone: 1-86-NARA-NARA or 1-866-272-6272; www.archives.gov
Confederate Pension Records; Updated December 12, 2007



Cemeteries of Shongaloo And the surrounding communities; As of Saturday April 21, 2007

My name is Jackie Wiley. I was born in Cullen in 1943. That year my father changed jobs - from the International Paper Company in Springhill to the Remington Rand Corporation who was operating the munitions plant for the Defense Department. Later in my first year my father moved our family to Dixie Inn. Three months after the end of the war we moved to Shongaloo - 105 millimeter Howitzer ammo no longer being in great demand. I graduated valedictorian at Shongaloo High School in 1961 and at Louisiana Tech in 1965 with a major in Mathematical Physics and a minor in Computer Science. I lived and worked in Shreveport for a couple of years and went on to live in Houston for most of the remaining years. Along the way I lived also in Sydney, Perth, Mexico City, Dallas, San Antonio, Galveston, Nacogdoches, Denver, and Boulder. Seven years ago I returned to the area to live; because there's no match for the climate or the people. I became interested in the early history of the area and set out to photograph as many of the tombstones of its cemeteries as I can.

Digital photography was the right tool at the right time. I have over 66,000 photos so far, fully indexed. The index alone has required over 2 million keystrokes. Clever use of the search feature of any browser allows for searches on given names, surnames, birth year, death year, and combinations. Current computers can do this search in about 2 seconds. The photos are from 158 cemeteries of the area bounded on the east by Arcadia, on the south by Ringgold, on the north by Magnolia and in the west by Shreveport - an area of approximately 3,000 square miles which sits astride the oldest and most heavily travelled immigration route across North America.

The photo collection consists of JPG files arranged in folders and occupies 102 gigabytes of an external hard drive; 46,000 are 16x12 inches (1600 x 1200 pixels); 19,000 are 30 x 20 inches (3072 x 2048 pixels); and, about 1,000 are 640 x 480 pixels. One copy of these photos is available for viewing at the Bossier Parish Library Historical Center on Benton Road in Bossier City. Ann Middleton is Director there. She has the photos available for viewing on all networked computers in the library.

Another copy is available at the Claiborne Parish Library: in Homer. The Librarian at Homer is Pamela Suggs. She has a dedicated computer for viewing these photos. These photos are available for purchase only as a complete set on an external hard drive. The connector should be USB 2.0 or Fire Wire (IEEE 1394). A purchaser should have a good photo viewing program such as ACDSee.

Included are historic cemeteries at dozens of communities: Bellevue, Rocky Mount, Cottage Grove, Collingsburg, Ivan, Shiloh, Plain Dealing, Fillmore, Doyline, Dixie Inn, Minden, Sibley, Yellow Pine, Heflin, Fryeburg, Dubberly, Nine Forks, Ringgold, Ada, Gibsland, Arcadia, Athens, Tulip, Marsalis, Hurricane, Aycok, Lisbon, Summerfield, Sharon, Hico, Arizona, Pine Grove, Evergreen, Flat Lick, Germantown, Gilgal, Langston, Harris, Union Springs, Sikes Ferry, Melon's Landing, Springhill, Porterville, Sarepta, Cotton Valley, Hortman, Shongaloo, Millerton, Dykesville, Haynesville, Gordon, Colquitt, Wade, Standpipe, Blackburn, Lebanon, Coal Springs, Homer, Walkerville, Emerson, Chalybeate Springs, Macedopia, Magnolia and Shady Grove - to name, a few. There are scores of photos each for hundreds of surnames.

My genealogy file is posted online under the title: Wiley Family of Shongaloo at: RootsWeb.com (aka) <http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=AHN&db=jackiewiley&id=IOOOO1> and GenCircles.com (aka) <http://www.gencircles.com/users/jackiewiley/1>

It includes thousands of individuals from these cemeteries. It's a two hundred year genealogy (longer for my direct lines) with twenty-five thousand individuals of one family related by blood or marriage. The genealogy file has required another one million keystrokes. Indeed, the photos and genealogy file is companion works. Most who read these words at this site, though not listed, are members of this family.

I hope this work will be useful for genealogist and those interested in the early history of this area. Special thanks to Tommie Blunt O'Bier and Wanda Volentine Head. This is a work in progress.

Best wishes,
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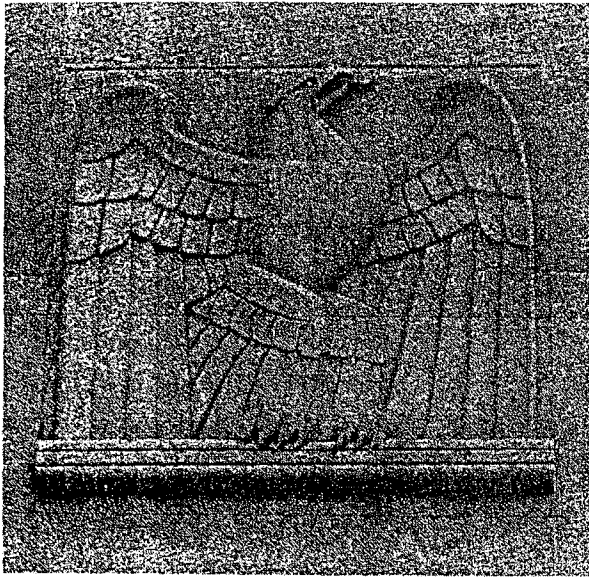
United Mercantile Bank 509 Market. 1910.

This 10-story steel and brick structure was Shreveport's first modern skyscraper. Built for Commercial National Bank, it was the scene during the 1920s of confrontations between the bank and Huey P. Long, a local lawyer who later established a political dynasty in Louisiana.

The architectural firm Mann and Stern of Little Rock lavished white-glazed terra cotta on the building. The walls rise to a baroque finale with a deep, ornate cornice. Windows are of a modified Chicago style of the kind developed by architect Louis Sullivan.

The lower floor has been remodeled along modern lines, and the building is now occupied by the United Mercantile Bank.

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Commercial National Bank 329 Texas Street. 1940.

This building could be at home in New York City, as well as in Shreveport: Its “wedding cake” design reflects the New York building code’s emphasis on setbacks, which allow light to reach the street. The connection between the two cities came through the architects: McKim, Mead and White of New York worked in association with Sam G. Wiener of Shreveport. The builder was James Stewart and Company, also of New York.

The Commercial National Bank building is transitional in nature and points to the later contemporary or “curtain wall” style of office buildings. Art Deco details adorn the shaft, and the lobby is graced by large murals depicting the area’s history. The



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building was among the first in the nation to incorporate a cellular floor, which allowed electrical wiring underneath to be rearranged. The parking garage was added later.

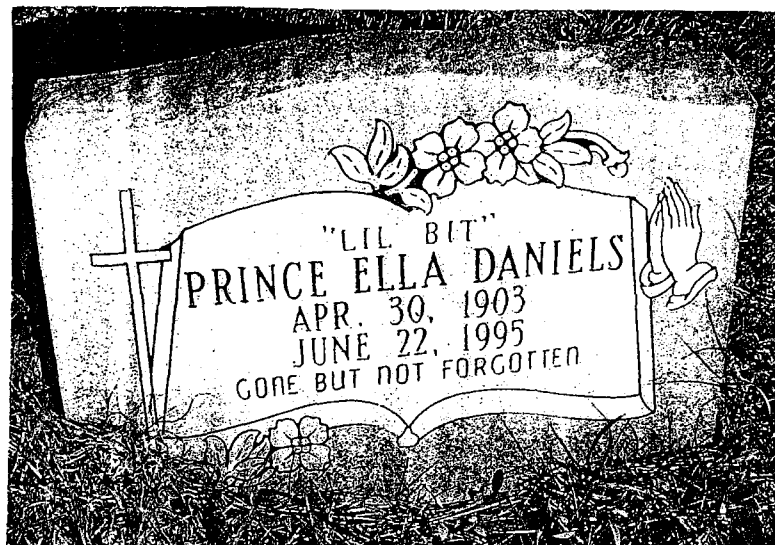
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Wham Brake Cemetery; Ouachita Parish, LA

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DIRECTIONS: From Morehouse Parish Court House, Bastrop, LA, go south on Highway 139 (Old Monroe Road) for eleven miles. Cemetery is on left.

ID	NAME (Last, First, Middle)	PRE/SUFFIX	BIRTHDATE	DEATHDATE	INSCRIPTION/NOTES
53	AUSTIN, ED		10 SEP 1880	26 NOV 1925	
58	AUSTIN, JESSIE MAE		11 MAY 1923	05 FEB 1975	FS: "AUSTIN."
97	BAILEY, JOANN WOODS		10 JUN 1905	26 MAR 1990	
4	BARKER, CATHRINE	MRS.	13 NOV 1923	10 MAR 1997	AGE 73
3	BARKER, TOM			24 MAR 1989	FUNERAL HOME MARKER (FHM)
100	BRIGGERSON, --ELL		20 AUG 1847	03 JUL 1947	HS DAMAGED IN SEVERAL PLACES
106	BRIGGERSON, HARRY		18 MAR 1848	22 JUN 1922	
95	BRIGGERSON, LUCY		27 DEC 1867	05 NOV 1950	WIFE OF SAM COLLINS
93	BRIGGERSON, MARY		27 AUG 1883	30 NOV 1952	
99	BRIGGERSON, PHIL		1880	1958	
92	CAMPBELL, SUSIE		10 SEP 1907	07 DEC 1998	
6	CHARLESTON, LELA WILLIAMS		01 JAN 1894	17 DEC 1965	MOTHER
27	CHARLESTON, MANCE		15 SEP 1887	01 FEB 1966	HS RESTS UNDER A LARGE TREE
86	COLLINS, AGGIE		15 JUL 1910	05 NOV 1989	
122	COLLINS, ANDREW			03 OCT 1981	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 09 OCT 1981
98	COLLINS, EUGENE		12 MAR 1905	19 APR 1989	A LOVING BROTHER
124	COLLINS, MARY	MRS.		23 JAN 1990	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 25 JAN 1990
120	CONWAY, ALBERTA			14 JUL 1979	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 17 JUL 1979
22	DANIEL, OLLIE MAE		26 NOV 1894		HS: "BORN ARK " HALF OF HS IS MISSING.
31	DANIEL, ROBERT LEE		1924	2007	AGE 83. FHM.
107	DANIELS, AUSTIN		1892	1939	
19	DANIELS, FRED		13 MAR 1885	25 MAY 1963	DADDY
18	DANIELS, GERTRUDE		01 MAR 1889	26 JAN 1964	MOTHER
29	DANIELS, ISOM		10 DEC 1903	09 JAN 1965	DADDY. H/O PRINCE ELLA HUTCHINSON DANIELS
17	DANIELS, OLIVER		25 JUN 1908	19 MAR 1982	BROTHER
30	DANIELS, PRINCE ELLA "LIL BIT"		30 APR 1903	22 JUN 1995	FP: PARENTS-CASSIE GORDON & CHARLIE HUTCHINSON
119	DANIELS, RUTH		06 JUL 1900	01 JAN 1990	
118	DAVIS, ALBERT	REV.	01 SEP 1914	17 FEB 1996	FHM
35	DAVIS, MARY P.		08 MAR 1915	30 APR 1980	SISTER
126	DAVIS, SMITH	REV.		25 AUG 1990	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 31 AUG 1990
108	FARRIS, ANNIE		12 AUG 1885	29 JUL 1984	
66	FLAGG, REBECCA			-- JAN 1955	
76	FORD, SAMUEL		09 AUG 1933	28 JUN 1987	SP 3 U S ARMY
134	FUDGE, NICCIE WATSON BURKE			01 JAN 1996	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 08 JAN 1996



OBITUARY

"SISTER PRINCE ELLA HUTCHINSON DANIELS was born to the late Cassie Gordon and late George Hutchinson on April 30, 1903 in Morehouse Parish.

"She accepted Christ at an early age at Salem No. 1 Beulah Baptist Church in Collinston, Louisiana. During this time, the church was under the leadership of Rev. Monroe White.

"She later united with the Greater New Mt. Olivet Missionary Baptist Church in Chicago, Illinois, under the leader-

ship of Rev. Fred E. Daniels. Sister Prince Ella Hutchinson Daniels remained a faithful member at Greater New Mt. Olivet until her health failed.

"On March 27, 1927 Sister Daniels was joined in Holy Matrimony to Isom Daniels who preceded her in death. Sister Daniels and her husband resided at 1001 South McGuire Avenue, Monroe, LA, during most of their marriage. Sister Daniels relocated to Chicago to live with her son, Joseph, and family after the passing of her husband.

"Ms. 'Lil Bit,' as she was affectionately called, passed from this earthly life Thursday, June 22, 1995 at Denton Community Hospital in Denton, Texas. She was preceded in death by her sisters: Mattie B. Bridgerson and Ozell Dorn and by her brothers: L. G. and Porter Hutchinson.

"Left with cherished memories are her beloved children: Joseph Daniels of Chicago, IL; Robert Daniels of Detroit, MI; and Edna Stringer of Denton, TX; one special daughter-in-law Dorothy Daniels of Chicago, IL; and two elder cousins: Elmyra Barnes and Ellen Pratt, both of Monroe, LA. Also left with cherished memories are eleven (11) grand children: Doris Bryson, Betty Marshall, Marie Daniels, Jacquelyn Daniels, Ramona Saulsberry, Felicia Catlin, Edith Snell, David Stringer, Jr., Robert Earl Daniels, Darryl Daniels, and Joseph Cassie. In addition, she leaves with cherished memories seventeen (17) great-grand children and eight (8) great-grand grand children and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends."

WHAM 30

Source: Funeral Program. "In Loving Memory of Sister Prince Ella Hutchinson Daniels," dated June 28, 1995, in possession of Mrs. Isabelle Woods, 2016 Surrey Lane. Bossier City, Louisiana.

WHAM BRAKE CEMETERY, OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA

ID	NAME (Last, First, Middle)	PRE/SUFFIX	BIRTHDATE	DEATHDATE	INSCRIPTION/NOTES
20	GARRISON, SARAH		15 APR 1874	11 NOV 1947	OUR PRECIOUS MOTHER
39	GHOLSON, JANE		1869	1956	
38	GHOLSON, O. G.			13 MAY 1907	HS DAMAGED AT YEAR OF DEATH.
24	GHOLSTON, BEN		19 JUN 1893	13 FEB 1961	LOUISIANA PVT 3 DEPOT SVC CO ASC WORLD WAR I
133	GIVENS, BERTHA			?? JUL 1996	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 01 AUG 1996
8	GIVENS, J. F.	REV.	26 MAR 1927	06 OCT 1995	DADDY
12	GIVENS, JOHNNY	JR.	14 MAY 1954	19 MAY 1993	FHM: "JOHNNIE FRANK GIVENS, JR.; DOD 29 MAY 1993"
11	GIVENS, ORA W. "NAN"		28 AUG 1905	11 JUL 1988	MOTHER
9	GIVENS, OSCAR "DUB"		28 FEB 1925	28 MAR 1996	LOVING BROTHER AND FATHER
101	GLOVER, ANN		22 OCT 1961?	24 SEP 1964	SURNAME AND MONTH OF BIRTH ILLEGIBLE
130	GOLDSBY, FRANK			09 NOV 1991	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 14 NOV 1991
15	GREEN, EMMA		19 NOV 1914	16 JUN 1934	
61	HARRIS, RILEY		20 MAR 1889	22 NOV 1964	OLD HS BEHIND NEW HS HAD BIRTH YEAR AS "1892."
2	HARRIS, THORNTON		02 FEB 1879	07 SEP 1967	
85	HIGHTOWER, MITT C.		01 JAN 1877	13 FEB 1975	
7	HOGG, MILDRED G.		01 NOV 1933	29 MAR 2003	CHILDREN LISTED ON REAR.
64	HOGG, ROBERTA J.		06 APR 1902	04 DEC 1974	MOTHER
75	HOGG, WARREN	SR.	12 FEB 1898	10 NOV 1985	
65	HOLMES, SILVY		1887	1964	MOTHER
21	HUGHES, ALEX		01 JAN 1900	14 MAR 1982	HUSBAND
16	HUGHES, FANNIE D.		22 NOV 1906	31 MAR 1983	WIFE
34	HUTCHINSON, ESTELLE		04 JUL 1886	13 MAY 1977	MOTHER. HS DAMAGED AT YEAR OF DEATH.
71	JACKSON, CALVERT L.	SR.	28 JUN 1961	14 MAY 2000	
68	JACKSON, DAISY		24 MAR 1922	22 AUG 1994	ALSO HAS FHM READING: "DAISY L. JACKSON"
62	JACKSON, DOROTHY		14 JAN 1945	08 JAN 1978	
69	JACKSON, PEARLIE		31 DEC 1965	22 AUG 1994	
88	JACKSON, TYRIK J.		25 JUN 1998	19 SEP 1998	MIDDLE NAME: "JAQUAN," OBIT, B (LA) E DTD 23 SEP 1998
48	JANNUARY, LIZZIE		20 MAR 1888	19 MAR 1923	
129	JOHNSON, DELLA	MRS.		?? JUN 1998	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 16 JUN 1998
23	JOHNSON, LUCY		1870	13 MAY 1937	MOTHER. HS LAYS UNDER A RED BERRY LADEN TREE.
49	JOHNSON, MOSE		29 JUL 1918	20 JUN 2003	BELOVED HUSBAND AND FATHER
51	JONES, MARY		1908	1972	
52	JONES, PERCY		30 JUN 1906	12 AUG 1985	FATHER
10	LEWIS, CLARENCE L.		18 SEP 1882	25 JAN 1964	FOOTSTONE (FS): "BUD"

OBITUARY

"Funeral services for MRS. DOROTHY JACKSON, 33, will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at the New Star Baptist Church with the Rev. Lee Edward Armstrong officiating.

"Mrs. Jackson died Sunday at E. A. Conway Hospital in Monroe following an illness of several months.

"Survivors include her husband, McClinton Jackson; three children: Clifton, Antonio and Rhonda Michelle Jackson; her mother, Mrs. Daisy Jackson, all of Bastrop; five brothers: John Calvin Young, Las Vegas, Nev.; Robert Jackson of Monroe; Thomas Turner, Frederick Jackson and Walter Jackson, all of Bastrop; three sisters: Beatrice and Pearlie Jackson and Juanita Turner, all of Bastrop.

"Interment will be in the Wham Cemetery under the direction of Loche's Mortuary."

WHAM 62

Source: Obituary of Dorothy Jackson in *Bastrop Enterprise*, Bastrop, Louisiana, dated January 13, 1978, Family History Club Library, Snyder Museum, Bastrop, Louisiana.

OBITUARY

"Funeral services for PERCY JONES, 77, will be at Loche's Chapel at 1:00 Sunday afternoon with the Rev. J. F. Givens officiating.

"Interment will be in the Wham Cemetery on the Old Monroe Road under the direction of Loche's Mortuary.

"Mr. Jones died Monday, July (August ?) 12 at E. A. Conway Memorial Hospital in Monroe after a lengthy illness.

"Survivors include five sons: Lee Edward Jones of Bastrop, James Donnell Jones, Thomas Henry Jones, Jimmy Allen Jones, all of Los Angeles, Calif.; and Harold C. Jones of Oakland, Calif.; one daughter, Cleo Jones of Oakland; two brothers: Peter Jones of Collinston and Cornelius Jones of Oakland; 14 grandchildren and ten great grandchildren."

WHAM 52

Source: Obituary of Percy Jones in *Bastrop Enterprise*, Bastrop, Louisiana, dated August 17, 1985, Family History Club Library, Snyder Museum, Bastrop, Louisiana.

WHAM BRAKE CEMETERY, OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA

ID	NAME (Last, First, Middle)	PRE/SUFFIX	BIRTHDATE	DEATHDATE	INSCRIPTION/NOTES
121	LINDSEY, FRED			22 FEB 1980	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 26 FEB 1980
125	MACK, LOUIS EDWARD	JR.		?? JUN 1997	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 20 JUN 1997
113	MARTIN, AMERICUS		25 DEC 1881	12 NOV 1971	FATHER
112	MARTIN, KATIE		27 NOV 1888	13 JAN 1975	MOTHER
111	MARTIN, RUDOLPH M.		18 JAN 1917	09 MAY 1982	U S ARMY WORLD WAR II
63	MATTHEWS, LEOLA		15 AUG 1904	24 OCT 1974	A LOVING MOTHER AND FRIEND
116	MITCHELL, ELIJAH				DATES FADED; HS HAS BEEN OVERTURNED ON ITS FACE.
87	MOORE, ALANZO		01 JAN 1925	09 AUG 1985	
33	MOREHEAD, WILLIAM		25 DEC 1893	19 DEC 1967	DADDY
60	NETTLES, JAMES T.		1956	1998	VAULT
115	OWENS, IRA L. "TEE"		03 AUG 1921	10 AUG 1987	SISTER
43	PATRICK, ARTHUR		15 FEB 1896	15 NOV 1965	A LOVING HUSBAND, FATHER AND FRIEND TO ALL
59	PEOPLES, LYDIA B.		19 NOV 1924	16 NOV 1979	
42	PITMON, JOHN		16 AUG 1879	29 NOV 1939	FATHER. OLD HS WAS DUO W/ "PINKIE PITTMON."
40	PITTMAN, TOM		22 AUG 1896	01 JUL 1954	LOUISIANA PVT CO A 328 SVC BN QMC WORLD WAR I
117	PITTMON, JANE?		10 JUN 1886	23 APR 1940	
41	PITTMON, PINKIE		1887	1940	MOTHER. OLD HS WAS DUO W/ "JOHN PITTMON."
13	PORTER, WALTER		26 JUN 1923	13 APR 1951	BELoved BROTHER.
46	ROBINSON, BESSIE		23 DEC 1910	11 NOV 1981	MOTHER
1	ROBINSON, GROVER	REV./SR.	06 APR 1928	26 AUG 2000	U S ARMY WORLD WAR II
45	ROBINSON, HENRY L.	SR.	26 NOV 1944	26 SEP 1998	LOVING HUSBAND AND FATHER. VAULT.
44	ROBINSON, JOHN		18 OCT 1940	01 MAR 2000	FHM
47	ROBINSON, JOHN		12 SEP 1908	19 MAY 1973	DADDY. VAULT.
36	ROLAND, ED		09 NOV 1905	14 JUL 1980	PFC U S ARMY WORLD WAR II
37	ROLAND, LIZZIE		22 JUL 1902	26 OCT 1982	COUSIN
109	ROSS, LUVENIA		14 JAN 1910	05 DEC 2002	
110	SAULSBERRY, LOUISE "LUCILLE"		12 MAY 1916	23 JUL 1994	FS: "MADEAR"
25	SCOTT, SAM		05 JUN 1900	25 OCT 1918	
14	SIMPSON, BERTHA GIVENS		12 APR 1949	25 JUL 1996	
55	SMITH, MACK E.	SR.	10 OCT 1913	26 JUN 1989	CPL U S ARMY AIR CORPS WORLD WAR II. VAULT & HS.
94	SMITH, ROSIE C.		01 MAY 1894	03 JUL 1975	
84	SMITH, TILLIE		19 JAN 1894	27 NOV 1979	
123	STEWART, EBBIE			?? DEC 1979	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 21 DEC 1979
32	STRINGER, DAVID		24 DEC 1924	12 APR 1963	LOUISIANA TEC 5 381 QM TRUCK CO WORLD WAR II

OBITUARY

"Sunday, December 23, at 11 a.m., funeral services will be held for EBBIE STEWART at St. Timothy Baptist Church with Reverend Perkins officiating.

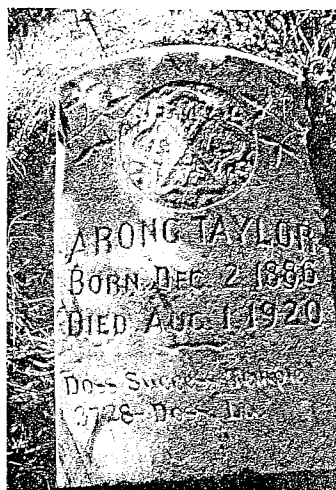
"Interment will follow in Wham Cemetery under the direction of Morehouse Funeral Home.

"Mr. Stewart was a native of Rayville. He was living in Bastrop and he was a member of St. Timothy Baptist Church.

"He is survived by his wife, Lenoria Stewart of Bastrop; two sons: Earl and William Hollins, both of Seattle, Washington; his sister, Theresa Robinson of Rayville; a step-daughter, 5 step-grandchildren, and a number of other relatives."

WHAM 123

Source: Obituary of Ebbie Stewart in *Bastrop Enterprise*, Bastrop, Louisiana, dated December 21, 1979. Family History Club Library, Snyder Museum, Bastrop, LA.



Left:
One of the oldest headstones
at Wham Cemetery

ARONG TAYLOR
BORN DEC 2, 1886
DIED AUG 1, 1920

Doss Success Temple
3728, DOSS, La.

WHAM 114

OBITUARY

"Funeral services for MRS. (V)IOLA WALLACE, 88, of Collinston have been set for 11 a.m. Wednesday in Salem No. 2 Baptist Church with the Rev. A. F. Givens officiating.

"Interment has been set for Wham Cemetery under the direction of Morehouse Funeral Home.

"Mr. Wallace died Thursday in Morehouse General Hospital after an extended illness.

"She is survived by one son, Tom Barker of Collinston; two daughters: Daisy Jackson of Bastrop and Ivory M. Treadway of Houston, Texas; 25 grandchildren and 51 great grandchildren."

WHAM 67

Source: Obituary of Mrs. Wallace in *Bastrop Enterprise*, Bastrop, Louisiana, dated January 17, 1978. Family History Club Library, Snyder Museum, Bastrop, Louisiana.

WHAM BRAKE CEMETERY, OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA

ID	NAME (Last, First, Middle)	PRE/SUFFIX	BIRTHDATE	DEATHDATE	INSCRIPTION/NOTES
132	TAPPIN, OPHELIA	MRS.		18 APR 1990	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 19 APR 1990
114	TAYLOR, ARONG		02 DEC 1886	01 AUG 1920	DOSS SUCCESS TEMPLE 3728, DOSS, LA. MTA SYMBOL
56	TAYLOR, FRED	SR.	08 SEP 1899	31 DEC 1972	
90	TAYLOR, GEORGE		1870	08 AUG 1938	
89	TAYLOR, JULIA BRIGGESON		30 APR 1882	30 NOV 1962	
128	TAYLOR, LEE ELLA			14 JUL 1988	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 21 JUL 1988
57	TAYLOR, MAMIE		12 NOV 1906	25 APR 1994	MOTHER. FS: "MAMA MAMIE."
91	TAYLOR, SANDY	REV.	-- APR 1876	10 JAN 1957	
5	THURSTON, VIVIAN W.		22 DEC 1940	09 OCT 2004	FHM
77	TIPPIT, JOE LOUIS		29 JUN 1945	06 JAN 1997	DADDY
82	TIPPIT, MAJOR		27 DEC 1902	20 FEB 1984	
80	TIPPIT, MASON	SR.	27 OCT 1912	07 APR 2000	DUO WITH MILLIE TIPPIT.
79	TIPPIT, MILLIE		15 MAY 1915	20 JUN 1985	DUO WITH MASON TIPPIT, SR.
135	TIPPIT, SALLIE	MRS.		27 OCT 1982	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 29 OCT 1982
83	TIPPIT, SINNIE DAVIS		09 DEC 1904	20 MAY 1972	
78	TIPPIT, WILLIE LEE		31 DEC 1939	10 MAY 1992	DADDY
70	TREADWAY, IVORY		15 JAN 1927	05 JAN 2000	
28	TURNER, CHARLIE		05 JUL 1875	?	ONLY TOP OF HS ABOVE SOIL
50	TURNER, CORA		02 MAY 1890	27 FEB 1976	GRANDMOTHER
81	UNKNOWN		05 NOV 1915	27 OCT 1982	NAME ON HS UNDER SOIL.
74	WALLACE, EARLEAN	MRS.	19 MAY 1921	24 MAR 1973	
103	WALLACE, GEORGE		09 JUL 1910	03 MAY 1964	LOUISIANA PVT CO B 871 AAA BN CAC WORLD WAR II
73	WALLACE, JOE	SR.	10 AUG 1918	08 SEP 1995	
54	WALLACE, LUE		27 JUN ---	30 JUN ---	HS DAMAGED; YEAR FOR BIRTH AND DEATH MISSING
67	WALLACE, VIOLA		-- JUL 1897	12 JAN 1978	
26	WASHINGTON, T. S.	REV.	15 SEP 1852	29 JAN 1939	OUR PASTOR
131	WASHINGTON, WILLIE MAE	MRS.		?? JUL 1998	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 02 JUL 1998
105	WHITE, BURLIN		10 MAR 1900	06 APR 1974	DUO WITH JESTINE WHITE
104	WHITE, JESTINE		27 MAY 1918	21 JUL 1966	DUO WITH BURLIN WHITE
72	WILSON, IBERIA		07 SEP 1963	14 MAY 2000	
127	WILSON, ROBERTA W.	MRS.		16 NOV 1988	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 19 NOV 1988
102	WOODS, JOSEPH		25 DEC 1896	29 AUG 1964	LOUISIANA PVT CO F CASUAL DET WORLD WAR I
96	WOODS, SINNIE		16 MAR 1873	31 DEC 1972	

QUERIES

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Learning About Your Family Tree In Genealogy

Researching family history is something that many people dabble in, wanting to know more about where they came from and maybe even try to see where their family line might end up in the future. An interesting thought of some is that family history can divulge much information about our personalities. Some are simply curious. A family tree gives a detailed lineage for finding how history affects us currently.

Many people begin genealogical research following a major event in their lives. A birth or death in the family, marriage, or other major turning point can spawn an interest in genealogical research. Other people begin a family tree history simply out of curiosity or interest. Often a heritage project begins as a way to fill time over a summer and becomes a lifelong hobby.

Whatever your reasons for wanting to research your family tree history, there are some standard methods that are generally used. First, you will want to interview your family members, particularly the older generations.

They can give you information about their parents and grandparents, brothers and sisters and aunts and uncles. You will also want to determine whether any sort of written history already exists, perhaps in a family Bible.

Once you have gotten all of the information that you can, you will be ready to move on to records searches. The Social Security Death Index is a wonderful resource for anyone performing genealogical research. The Index allows you to search for records of people who have died in the United States.

Simply enter as much information as you know about the person and the Index will provide all matching records. You can use this resource to find someone's social security number and the state and zip code of his or her last residence, as well as exact dates of birth

and death. This information can help you determine where to go next in researching your family history.

Land records can be helpful in determining the property holdings of your ancestors and help you trace your family history to specific locations or towns. Census records may also provide information, though these will not give data on direct households.

Census records are useful in providing information on dates or family members. Both types of documents may be available online, though this depends on the time and location of the period you are researching.

Many other types of records may also help you in your search. Depending on your specific research situation, you may discover military records, probate records and other documents. Each of these records that you uncover will add a bit more data to your family history.

Delving deeper into your family tree history can be a wonderful hobby to take up. You'll gain a better understanding of yourself, as well as how you came to be where you are. One interesting factor is that the quest for a complete family history never ends, and there will always be one step more back in time that you can take, making the hobby an everlasting pursuit for knowledge.

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Obituaries: December 16, 1925

Submitted by Willie R. Griffin

[Note: The following Obituaries were reported in The Shreveport Times, Wednesday Morning, December 16, 1925.]

HANSON, Mrs. J. H.

Mrs. J. H. Hanson, 69 years old, a pioneer resident of Keatchie, La., died at a local sanitarium Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, following a lingering illness of several weeks. Mrs. Hanson had been a resident of Keatchie for 32 years, having moved here from Mississippi. Funeral services will be held from the Shiloh Baptist Church, Keatchie [LA], Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with the Rev. Gilbert Hancock, pastor of a Baptist church in DeBerry, Texas, officiating. Interment will be made in the Shiloh cemetery under the direction of the Wellmon Undertaking Company. Mrs. Hanson is survived by her husband, six daughters, Mrs. W. G. Faires and Mrs. Ira Jones, Shreveport; Mrs. Letha Bagley, Keatchie; Mrs. C. H. Stakes, Abilene, Texas, and Misses Eugenia and Beulah Hanson, both of Logansport, and two sons, Arthur and Wade, both of Shreveport.

ESTOPINAL, Sidney J.

The body of Sidney J. Estopinal, 46 years old, employed on the Louisiana Railway and Navigation Company, near Baton Rouge, who died at a local sanitarium Monday afternoon, was sent to New Orleans Tuesday night by the Ahearn Funeral Home for burial.

WILLIAMS, Charles R.

The body of Charles R. Williams, 50 years old, is being held in the Wellman Undertaking Parlor while efforts are being made to locate relatives. Williams, who was employed as a teamster, was on his way to work Tuesday morning when he became suddenly ill. He stopped on the steps of a Negro home at 562 Schumpert Street and was taken into the house, where he died a few moments later, apparently from natural causes.

TAYLOR, Mrs. Margaret (Special to The Times.)

Joaquin, Texas, Dec. 15 [1925] – Mrs. Margaret Taylor, 74 years old, died at her home Saturday morning at 7 o'clock of pneumonia. Just a week previous she had participated in a birthday dinner given at the home of her son, Jesse, who died a week ago. Aunt Margaret, as she was affectionately known, was a pioneer woman and is survived by Cleo Truitt, Joe Truitt, Annie Coleman and Lou Childs, daughters; Josh, Dave, Arthur and Clarence, sons; John and Jim Taylor and Mrs. Bettie Oats, step-children. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, the Rev. J. N. Fore. Interment was in Jackson Cemetery Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

O'BRYAN, Alice (Special to The Times.)

Longview, Texas, Dec. 15 [1925] – Miss Alice O'Bryan died Sunday night after several months' illness. She was the daughter of Dr. A. F. O'Bryan, deceased, and leaves two sisters, Mrs. Louis Gelzer, of Orangeborough, S. C., and Mrs. George Teague, of Longview. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. J. Coy Williams, of the Methodist church with burial in Greenwood Cemetery.

WILSON, W. M. (Special to The Times.)

Lake Charles, Dec. 15 [1925] – W. M. Wilson, for 30 years a resident of Lake Charles, died at his family home here early Saturday night, after a short illness. Mr. Wilson was 65 years old and was born in Tuscorea, Ill. The deceased is survived by his mother, widow and four children, all of Lake Charles. Interment was made in Orange Grove Cemetery Sunday.

DEMPSEY, Mrs. Anne (Special to The Times.)

Lufkin, Texas, Dec. 15 [1925] – Mrs. Anne Dempsey, 81 years old, one of the oldest women of the county, died Sunday night in her home at Homer, six miles south of Lufkin, following an illness lasting several weeks. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon, the Rev. W. T. McMullen officiating, with interment in the Homer Cemetery. She is survived by the following children: Mrs. C. B. Massingill, Mrs. J. H. Massingill, Mrs. R. H. McMullen and Mrs. W. J. Lumley, all of Angelina County.

JONES, Mrs. Ophelia (Special to The Times.)

Lufkin, Texas, Dec. 15 [1925] – Funeral services for Mrs. Ophelia Jones, 47 years old, who died Saturday at her home in the Pollock community, were held from the family residence Sunday afternoon, with interment in the Gann Cemetery. She is survived by her husband and several children.

TIGNER, L. E.

Funeral services for L. E. Tigner, about 65 years old, who died at his home, 1536 Stevens Avenue, Tuesday afternoon at 1:20 o'clock, will be held from the family residence at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon with the Ref. R. E. Goodrich, pastor of the First Methodist Church, and the Ref. M. E. Dodd, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be made in the Greenwood Cemetery under the direction of the Roll Osborne and Sons Funeral Home. Surviving the deceased are two daughters, Misses Flavia and Leslie Lee Tigner, both of Shreveport; three brothers, Fletcher Tigner, of Valentine, Texas; Charles Tigner, Abilene, Texas, and George Tigner, of Homer, LA. Mr. Tigner was a prominent real estate man here, being a member of the firm of Tigner and Mercer. Active pallbearers will be Edmund Conger, Sidney Lee Conger, George Conger, J. T. Tigner, McIntyre Prescott, Penn Leary, Graham Leary, all nephews of the deceased.

[Source: The Shreveport Time, Vol. LIII - No. 199, Wednesday Morning, December 16, 1925, Page 20; LSUS - Noel Memorial Library Microfilm Department.]

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Need Assistance

**The Drouth Sufferers of Sabine Parish Overlooked.
No Part of the State Donation Has Gone to Them.**

An Article from Thursday's daily [Shreveport Weekly Journal]

[Note: During 1896 north Louisiana suffered a great drought that affected many farmers. Were your family affected? Source: Shreveport Weekly Journal, Vol. 1, No. 4, Thursday, February 25, 1897, page 2, Film # 42, Microfilm located at LSUS, Noel Memorial Library, second floor, Room 221.]

The drouth sufferers of Sabine parish seem to have been overlooked in the distribution of provisions, etc., by the State Relief Committee. The contributions of Shreveport and other places were forwarded to the chairman of the State Relief Committee for equal and fair division, but it appears that the sufferers in Sabine have been overlooked. The Journal calls attention to this fact, because it feels that the excellent people of Sabine are equally as worthy of assistance as those of other drouth stricken sections. They are not begging either but are trying to help themselves and help one another. Those who were more successful in raising good crops are helping those of their neighbors, so far as they are able who failed to raise crops on account of drouth.

The merchants and citizens of the thriving town of Many held a mass meeting a few days ago for the purpose of ascertaining the actual needs of the sufferers of that section and what the merchants of that place are doing, can do, and will do to aid the destitute people of that parish. After some discussion of the subject, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved by the merchants of the town of Many, La., in mass meeting assembled, that the appeal of many of our citizens for aid owing to their failure in a crop last year, touches a sympathetic chord in our hearts. Not many years ago it was the boast of our parish that there were no mortgage of record in our parish, her people were prosperous and happy, but the great decline on cotton for several years, and the unprecedented drouth last year has changed many homes to places of want. Many of us who have done a credit business, advanced on last years' crop until it has greatly drained our resources, and at this time we have promised to extend credit to all

that we can possibly accommodate, and will therefore be totally unable to relieve all; hence, will appreciate any assistance that can be procured from other more fortunate sections of our fair State. Sabine has always been noted for the industry and thrift of its people, and they regret to make known their condition, and our fellow-citizens through out the State can be assured that any assistance given them will be remembered, and if opportunities permit will be duly reciprocated.

Resolved further, that the papers throughout the state be requested to publish this resolution, and any donation given Don E. SoRelle our solicitor appointed by the police jury, will be highly appreciated by us.

J. B. VanDagear & Sons, A. [Addison] W. Estes, R. [Richard] H. Burens, A. [Adolph] Dover, W. M. Odum, W. J. Davis, Chairman and J. [John] H. Williams, Secretary.

The police jury of that parish also met in special session for the purpose of taking such steps as were deemed advisable to render aid to the suffering and destitute parishioners. The jury adopted resolutions calling on the patriotic citizens of each ward in the parish to call ward meetings, and organize for the purpose of extending private aid to the extent of their ability, to relieve those who cannot make arrangements for themselves and who need immediate relief, and in this manner help their fellow citizens until other assistance can be procured.

Investigation revealed the fact that never before in the history of the parish has such distress prevailed among the people of certain sections of the parish.

The Journal trusts that the state relief committee will look into this matter at once and extend aid immediately by giving those people a division at least of the provisions and money recently donated by the business men and citizens of Shreveport to the drouth sufferers of north Louisiana, Which was forwarded to the chairman of the State Relief Committee.

13 Indicted by Federal Jury

[Second Charge of Embezzling Postal Funds Filed Against Postmistress]

(By The Associated Press.)

Lake Charles, La., Dec. 9 [1925] – Introduction of testimony on a defense motion asking for a continuation in the case of Wilbur "Dutch" LACAZE, former chief of police of De Ridder, charged with violation and conspiracy to violate the national motor vehicle theft act, occupied nearly the entire morning session of federal court Wednesday. The continuance was sought because of the absence of Harvey SLAYDON, of De Ridder, claimed by the defense to be a material witness. The motion was taken under advisement by Judge DAWKINS.

Two indictments against George B. FORCE, formerly assistant postmaster at De Ridder, and against Henry O. SUMMERALL, former clerk in the De Ridder post office, were among the 13 [thirteen] indictments returned by the grand jury, which finished its investigations last Tuesday, and was excused for the term. Force, charged with embezzlement of postal funds, and with overcharging of postage and reusing cancelled postage stamps, pleaded not guilty, and the case was fixed for trial next May. SUMMERALL, charged with embezzlement of postal funds, pleaded guilty and sentence was deferred.

Miss Tina DEMPSEY, former postmistress at Barham, Vernon Parish, who was to be tried this week for embezzlement of postal funds, was indicated by the new grand jury on a second charge of like nature and the two cases were consolidated and fixed for trial for nest May.

[Source: The Shreveport Time, Vol. LIII - No. 193, Thursday, December 10, 1925, Page 16; LSUS - Noel Memorial Library Microfilm.]

QUERIES FROM THE PAST

By Isabelle .M. Woods

BALLARD
HEWGLEY
HOGAN

Will trade biographical info on Walter A. HOGAN m Mary BALLARD (dau of Hirma T. BALLARD of Choctaw Co., MS), who came from MS to TX then to AR. Need their death dates, burial places, and names of their children. Katherine is the name of one child. Write: Anna Beth HEWGLEY, 744 W. William Cannon Dr., #1002, Austin, TX 78745-3972.

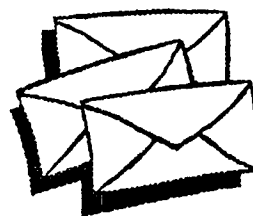
CULPIN
TEALS
SHIVERS

Researching TEALS (Natchitoches Parish, LA) and SHIVERS (Tyler Co., TX). Write: Mary SHIVERS CULPIN, 33606 Chalkstone Cove, Austin, TX 78730.

DISMUKES
HARDY
HEWGLEY
THOMASON

Desire to correspond with descendants of Mary F. (HARDY) DISMUKES, w/o Edmund DISMUKES, Jr. After being murdered in AL where and when was Edmund buried? Mary came to AR circa 1879-1880 from Macon Co., AL, with two children: Mary E. (DISMUKES) THOMASON and Henry J. DISMUKES. With whom did they travel and where did they settle? Write: Anna Beth HEWGLEY, 744 W. William Cannon Dr. #1002, Austin, TX 78745-3972.

**AUSTIN
COX
GIBSON
LEE
NORMAN
REDDEN**



Need info on James Monroe COX b 20 Oct 1862 in AR or GA, who m Julia Ann NORMAN, dau of Levi W. NORMAN and Milly B. REDDEN, abt 1883, probably in Bowie Co., TX. Also seek descendants of Julia's siblings: (1) Ellen Elizabeth NORMAN, b abt 1855, Union Par., LAS m Joseph Robert LEE, living in Bowie Co., TX in 1880. Ch: Alford H., b 1876, Elizabeth Tommie b 17 Aug 1878, m Alfred L. GIBSON and had a hotel in Durarvt, OK, and James W. b 1879. (2) Jeff NORMAN b 1861 Union Par., LA, lived in Bowie Co., TX 1880. (3), Half-brother, Joseph AUSTIN, son of Willis AUSTIN and Milly, b 1869 Union Par., LA, lived in Bowie Co., TX 1880. Contact: Betty Jean COX, 39011 Roundtree Lane, Squaw Valley, CA 93675-9668 or e-mail: Mtncousin@aol.com.

**BEECHER
MIX
STEPHENS**

Desire obituary and/or death record of Adrian Elrpy MIX b 30 Apr 1908, d ca 15 Dec 1987 in Shreveport, LA. His parents were Gerald Elroy MIX (buried Shreveport, LA?) and Neva Elizabeth STEPHENS d 1946 Falconer, NY. Must mutually pre-set costs before re search is done. Write: Jane L. BEECHER, 1063 Scotts Corner Rd., Milford, DE 19963

BELLOWS

Will exchange info on Doc BELLOWS b 15 Aug 1866, LA. Where born? Where and when died? Parents allegedly d in a cholera epidemic, after which Doc, Daniel and another brother moved from LA to TX. Will pay for copies of birth and/or death records. Contact: Frank W. BELLOWS, 10116 San Pablo Ave., or P. O. Box 36, El Cer-rito, CA 94530-0036 Ph: 510-525-3052 or FAX 510-525-8901.

Memorable Cemetery Readings From The Genie Files

NEAL CEMETERY Bradley County, Arkansas

This cemetery is located on Route 15 south of Hermitage, Arkansas. (Copied 1 April 1988 by Danielle and Buddy Neal.)

Plaque at gate:

In Memory of J. C. Neal
He ventured where others dared to go.

Infant daughter of O.F. & M. E. NEAL born & died 9 Sep 1894	JAMES, Amanda S. 13 Nov 1861-26 Jul 1923	NEAL, Elise W. b. 17 Feb 1903
NEAL, Clarence son of J. J. & Ada NEAL 6 May 1888-8 Nov 1898	NEAL, W. M. 1869-1897	HERRING, William D. 27 Sep 1860-28 Dec 1931
NEAL, J. J. 18 Jul 1853-2 Aug 1915	NEAL, Sr., O. F. 1817-1885	HERRING, Martha N. 22 Feb 1867-26 Mar 1934
NEAL, J. C. 2 May 1864-22 Dec 1912	NEAL, T. R. 1858-1871	DAY, Robert Burns 22 Jul 1887-7 Feb 1982
Infant son of Q. F. & H. DAVIS born & died 25 Sep 1917	NEAL, Sidney T. 1877-1881	NEAL, Mattie C. 25 Aug 1890-21 Apr 1984
Infant son of Mr. & Mrs. J. E. BARNES born & died 30 Sep 1911	NEAL, J. O. 1879-1882	KLINE, John W. 1867-1938
NEAL, David 1849-1911	NEAL, Belle Childs 1858-1883	KLINE, Alma N. 1895-1987
PIRTLE, Jimmie N wife of I.E. PIBTLE 26 Oct 1882-4 Sep 1910	Infant daughter of J. J. & Ada NEAL 1 Feb 1895	HAYDEN, Robert C. 19 Jan 1893-3 Sep 1970
Infant son of W. D. & Martha HERRING Sep 1894	NEAL, Pollie 22 Jan 1872-25 Feb 1955	NEAL Wiloate b. 24 Mar 1908
NEAL, Olga Ferdinand dau of O.F. & M.E. NEAL 22 Mar 1898-29 Apr 1900	NEAL, Thomas L. 1881-1918	RANDALL, John Spencer 1898-1964
NEAL, Catherine 1830-1926	PIRTLE, Addye 1882-1963	NEAL, Olga 17 Jun 1906-5 Dec 1980
	NEAL, Jr., O. F. 4 Jan 1856-17 Mar 1944	LIPTON, David Mitchell son of John M. & Jenelle LIPTON-1961
	NEAL, Mary E. 3 Oct 1867-19 Nov 1949	DAVIS, Quincy F. 20 Aug 1891-22 Feb 1965 m. 19 Nov 1916
	NEAL, Johnnie M. b. 29 Aug 1900	DAVIS, Hattie N. 25 Feb 1896-12 Oct 1978

DAVIS, Fred Laverne
29 Apr 1924-6 Mar 1980
m. 14 Sep 1943
TURNER, Betty
b. 20 Sep 1925

NEAL, J. Clifton
6 Feb 1892-27 Mar 1969

NEAL, Cora G.
25 Sep 1895-27 Nov 1969

NEAL, Vince
21 Feb 1904-17 Jul 1986
m. 23 Feb 1926
REYNOLDS, Myrtle
26 Feb 1909-2 Dec 1974

NEAL, Vince David
7 Jun 1932-28 Apr 1982
S1 U.S. Navy-Korea

NEAL, Robert Randall
son of Thomas and
Dorothy NEAL
d 12 Apr 1961

HARRELL, Charles H.
20 Apr 1916-26 Dec 1963
m. 12 Jun 1942 to Rae P.
T/Sgt U.S.A. WW II

PARKER, S. Van
14 Feb 1887-9 Aug 1986
m. 27 Dec 1914

PARKER, Iva N.
21 Sep 1892-2 Dec 1974

NEAL, David Clarence
9 Oct 1905-23 Sep 1985
Major WW II U.S.A.

HOLBROOK, Virginia
b 14 Sep 1910

NEAL, James Bryon
b 1 Oct 1910
m. 28 May 1938
DICKSON, Marguerite
27 Jul 1910-29 Nov 1982

NEAL, Jeannette Elizabeth
dau of J.B. & Marguerite
NEAL
b & d 1942

NEAL, Marc Dickson
b Jun d Jul 1968

NEAL, Jr., Ray
18 Sep 1926-3 Dec 1949
"Buddy"

NEAL, Ray
9 Feb 1901-10 Jun 1970
m 24 Jul 1925
NEAL, Ruth T.
b 24 Aug 1907

REID CEMETERY

Caddo Parish, Louisiana

This cemetery is located at the intersection of the Henderson Gin Road with Mooringsport-Blanchard Road in Section 21, Township 19 N, Range 15 W, almost on the line between Sections 20 and 21. It is only about 25 feet from the Mooringsport-Blanchard Road, but is difficult to see because of the brush. It was in poor condition at the time it was copied. (Copied 27 February 1971 by B. R. Randolph.)

ELDER, Lucy
wife of W. W. ELDER
21 May 1872-10 Dec 1902

REID, Elizabeth
wife of D. R. REID
24 Mar 1841-19 Feb 1874

REID, Sarah
wife of D. R. REID
8 Jan 1843-25 May 1912

REID, D. R.
15 Apr 1838-22 May 1913

TIPPET, Francis
d. 17 Aug 1888
aged 70 yrs.



The Value Of Newspapers

By Victoria Wilson

4747 N. 30th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53209

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The most common use of newspapers in genealogical research is for the obituaries. True, there is much information that can be obtained such as birth date, birth place, maiden names, married names of sisters and daughters, dates of immigration and marriage and more. Obituaries can be a very important source but a newspaper can contain much more.

Were any of your ancestors possibly married for 50 years? There might be an article or at least a mention of their 50th anniversary. A picture or a list of all children and grandchildren might be included. Place of marriage (possibly the hometown in the old country) might also be given.

If you don't know when they were married you can search for the anniversary by taking the year of the oldest known child's birth and adding 49. This gives you a point to start at. Remember to work backwards in years. For a child born in 1850 start your search at 1899, then 1898, 1897 until found.

After you have found the 50th anniversary and at least an approximate wedding date, check papers for 25th, 60th, 75th anniversaries. Also check if any of the collateral lines were married 50 years (especially the immigrant ancestor's brothers and sisters).

A small death notice in an ancestor's old locale can tell where to search for death records, burial etc. in the new location. This is especially important when an aged parent (known to reside with one child) dies while visiting another child or friend who lives in another town or state. Death notices, unlike an obituary with all its information, states merely who died, when and where and maybe a survivor, although even this meager information can be extremely important. Today's papers carry many local death notices, 2 or 3 obituaries and a few death notices in other places.

Birth notices may be found even when birth registration (which was usually not required until around 1900) is not available and baptism records can not be found. A child could be born after 1880 and have married and moved away before 1900, therefore not having any census connection with his or her parents. Some birth notices even include names of grandparents, visitors to the new baby (relatives?) and other information. This type of information might be found in the local gossip columns for weeks after the child is born. An example is 'Mrs. Barbara Pirsch of Kendall, South Dakota spent the weekend in our town to visit her month old nephew, John Zingsheim, son of Peter and Caroline.'

Marriage information can also be very extensive, often including the names (and possibly home towns) of all of the guests, names of parents and grandparents of the couple, names of all members of the wedding party (and relation to the couple) and even a listing of gifts received (take note of out-of-town gifts from possible relatives.) Names of clergy, soloist, organist etc. might also be given.

Gossip columns (or society or local news as they are often called) have such information as 'Miss Catherine Wolf of our town is visiting her cousin Miss Anna Pfeifferberger in Milwaukee.' This example gives not only another location of family members, but a surname possibly unknown till now. A prominent family might be mentioned in each column. Out of town births, deaths and marriages attended by local persons would be placed in this column. Also school graduations, awards won and club news may be mentioned giving many leads.

General news items can also give genealogical clues by recommending other sources of information. An old newspaper mentioned one of my ancestor's sons as "Sheriff Christian Limbach". This lead to searching for a biography of a man who was before thought to have been a farmer only.

Current newspapers are also of use to genealogists. Some papers have regular genealogy columns, with advice and queries. These can be helpful in location information and/or people in a distant city. Another way to find someone or their descendants is through the personal ads in the classified section. Almost all newspapers will run this kind of ad for a fee.

One way to learn if a newspaper was published in the area and time of your interest is to consult "Ayer's Directory of Publications". It has been 'Published annually, without interruption, since 1869' according to the title page. It lists all newspapers and magazines by name and location. A list of other newspaper guides follows below.

After learning the name of the newspaper and years available contact the inter-library loan librarian of your library. Newspapers are usually only loaned when on microfilm, due to age and fragility of some papers. The state archives of the state you are interested in may have a collection of it's state's newspapers and indices of some kind for some of the papers. If there is a foreign language paper in the area of the same nationality as your ancestor definitely check it for all clues in addition to the local English papers.

It may take hours to read through old newspapers to find an anniversary or missing birth etc. but it is well worth the time in the amount of clues available.

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