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President's Message

This has been a very productive summer for our association. We have presented several educational programs this quarter and have gained a number of new members. The featured speaker at our July meeting was Don Weathersby, a local historian and actor. He presented a fascinating program on the lifetime contributions of Peter Youree, who had a very significant impact on Shreveport as a merchant, real estate developer, banker, and politician during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Mr. Weathersby's presentation enlightened us all about Peter Youree's many achievements. Additionally, Marilyn Christian, of our Education Committee, presented the monthly 'Hornbook' session. Her program "Our DNA Dilemma" included an explanation of the growing popularity of DNA testing, as well as the differences in the Y chromosome and mitochondrial tests.

Our annual seminar in August was a phenomenal success. The attendance significantly exceeded that of past years. I owe a debt of gratitude to the local genealogy societies for supporting this event. John Sellers, noted genealogist and lecturer, was the featured speaker and his lectures provided the audience with an in-depth understanding of the many facets of courthouse research.

Our September meeting was also very well attended. The guest speaker was Mr. Ernie Roberson, who is the Caddo Registrar of Voters, and is also a local historian and author. The focus of Mr. Roberson's presentation was his recently published book, "Lost Shreveport, Vanishing Scenes from the Red River Valley", which was co-authored by Dr. Gary Joiner. Mr. Roberson delighted the audience with stories of Shreveport's past. The 'Hornbook' session was presented by Glenda Bernard, our Vice President and also a member of the Education Committee. She explained several library programs available for locating genealogical books, records and other sources. These include the interlibrary loan program using 'Loan Shark' and Worldcat.org for finding books and other resources at nearby libraries.

In this letter, I would like to recognize Ms. Constance (Margie) Whatley for the outstanding support she continually provides to our association. Margie is a dedicated member who over the years has served admirably in a variety of important roles. She is a former board member, and has consistently been a faithful volunteer for numerous 'hard to fill' tasks. She has served as a recording secretary, and as registrar for numerous events such as classes, workshops, and seminars. For the past several years, she also has been the manager for our Periodical Exchange Program, and wrote reviews of articles appearing in other genealogy societies' periodicals for publication in The Genie. Regardless of the requirement or level of difficulty, Margie can always be depended on, and always completes the task in a very professional manner. We are fortunate to have Margie as a member of the association.

Jim Johnson
President

REMINISCENCES OF THE OWENS FAMILY

By Inez Owens White

1906 - 1998

My grandfather James M. Owens was born in North Carolina in 1813. He was married to Eliza B. Owens. His father was born in the latter half of the 1700's in Virginia.



Albert Lafayette Owens

"Grandpa"

My father, Albert Lafayette Owens, was born in Alabama, in 1846. He voluntarily joined the Confederate Army at age 17. A brother, Thomas Owens, was killed in action and is buried at Shiloh. After the War Between the States, he returned to Cleburne County, Alabama, and farmed near Heflin, Alabama. He married Frances and began their family of eleven (11) children. They were: William T. (1868) settled in Shreveport, Louisiana; Laura E. (1870) who married Hicks Martin and moved to Texas. Her grandson Dewey Martin became a star and performed in films in the 1950's and 60's. James Washington (1872) moved to Eunice, New Mexico, and eventually became a millionaire through oil. Dossia R. (1874) became a farmer near Heflin, Alabama. Martha Cora (1876), Aunt Cody, married a Wilson and lived all her life in the environs of Bonnertown, Tennessee. Albert Elijah (1878-1963), Wesley M. (1880) lived in Oklahoma and Missouri. Myrtie, Aunt Myrt, married Luther Stephens and lived in Florence, Alabama. Adie Lee died in her 20's unmarried. Mary Elizabeth Sultina (Ballard) lived and died in

Winston County, Alabama. The youngest child, Belle, married a Baxter and moved to Lubbock, Texas.

Sometime after 1880 the family moved to Winston County, Alabama, where Albert Lafayette became Superintendent of County Schools. He later became a Methodist Minister.

Albert Elijah Owens (Papa) left Winston County in the late 1890's and went to Ardmore, Alabama, looking for work. He hired out as a laborer to farmers or to sawmills and in that way met William Mastin Hopwood and his wife, Edna Geneva. The Hopwoods had a farm and hired Papa to work the crop for a season. In this way he met the Hopwood's adopted daughter, Mollie Georgia Smith. Papa and Mollie were married when she was fifteen (15) years old, Mollie had a brother, Frank, who lived to be 100, and three sisters, Lizzie (Whitt), Mattie (Parker), Jenny (Merrill), whose descendants still live in Ardmore, Alabama, in 1987. In the meantime, Papa's father, Albert Lafayette, had moved to Golden, Mississippi, remarried and bought a farm. Papa, together with his wife, their two children, Edna and Albert, and the Hopwoods, moved to Golden where Papa was in the livery business. While living there, Ila was born. The three children were Edna Viola, 1901-1986, William Albert, 1903-1967, and Ila Gertrude, 1906. Edna became a school teacher and eventually retired from Owens Junior High School in Limestone County. William Albert also became an educator and an administrator and eventually became Superintendent of the Limestone County School System where, in the early 1940's, he founded the first black public high school in Limestone County history. Later the Owens Junior High School was named in his honor. He was Assistant Superintendent of Athens, Alabama, City School system and Principal of the Athens Elementary School at the time of his death in 1967. Ila also became a school teacher and taught in Chattanooga,

Tennessee, at the old Jefferson Street School until her marriage and move to Toney, Alabama, to become a housewife. She later did substitute teaching at Ardmore, Alabama, and worked as a teacher's aide. Mollie died in 1908 of tuberculosis and Papa took the three (3) children to stay with their Aunt Jennie Merrill in Ardmore, Alabama. Papa returned to Golden, Mississippi. Papa's father, Albert Lafayette, whose first wife Frances had died and is buried near Double Springs in Winston County, Alabama, had met and married Roxanna Underwood and had started another family. Their children were Inez (1906), Ezra (1903-1963), Ethel (1901-1919) and Erastus (1909). Inez became a school teacher and retired from Lexington School in Lexington, Alabama. Ezra became a chef and worked all over the U.S. and died in Florida. Ethel died as a young girl and Erastus died when he was only eight (8) months old.

Albert Lafayette's second wife, Roxanna, had a daughter, Delia, by a first marriage. After Papa's first wife, Mollie, died, he married Delia, whom we all called Mama. Papa got the three children from Ardmore, Alabama, and brought them back to Golden. Mama and Papa were to have nine (9) children of their own: Ruble, Loamie, Ivone, Ossie B., Othella, Cleetus, Cavell, Layman and Landon.

Ruble married William Blackwood and became a housewife and lived in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee. Loamie married Loyce Bynum and lives in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Ivone married Foster Hammond, who died in World War II, and worked at the First National Bank of Florence, Alabama, her entire career. Ossie B. married Ruby Trapp and served in World War II.

Othella married Morris Howard, worked in New Jersey in World War II, and afterwards became a housewife. She died in an automobile accident in 1972. Cleetus served in World War II and after the war moved to Noblesville, Indiana, and married Ethel May. Cleetus and May both worked at Firestone Tire and Rubber Company and retired in 1980.

Cavell married W. C. Alien, became a housewife and lived in Muscle Shoals, Alabama. She died in an automobile accident in 1972. Layman married Vida Mae Ferrell and became Principal of the Powell School, then, when the schools in the county were consolidated; he was Assistant Principal of the Greenhill School until his retirement. Landon served in the Army during the Korean War. He subsequently moved to Noblesville, Indiana, and worked for General Motors. He married Mary Dollar.

So Mama and Papa reared their own nine (9) children, his three (3) children and the three (3) from his father's second marriage to Mama's mother, a total of fifteen (15).

Nanny Hopwood and Roxana died and the entire family decided to move to Lauderdale County, Alabama. Papa bought 80 acres of mostly wooded land from a Mr. Simms, located about 1 mile north of the crossroads of the Grassy Community. The property was also about 1 mile south of the Bonnertown, Tennessee, community which lies on the Tennessee state line.

In November 1912, we moved from Golden, Mississippi, to Grassy, Lauderdale County, Alabama. We came in wagons and a-surrey. We were several days in coming. Grandpa and Mr. Turbyville (an elderly friend) drove two horses to the surrey in which the drivers sat on the front seat. Mama, Edna, and Ethel sat on the back seat holding Ruble and Loamie on their laps.

Ila and Inez sat at the feet of the drivers facing them. Their backs were against the front of the surrey. They had a lap rug over their legs and laps and part of the time, over their heads.

The first night or two we were on the road, we camped out. We slept in the wagon. Traveling behind the surrey were six or eight two-horse wagons loaded with our belongings. Ezra and Albert rode on some of the wagons. The road from here to Golden then was the long way around. There were no black tops or bridges.

When we got near Barton, it began raining. Papa found a family that let us spend the night. He told them if Mama and the children, Grandpa and Mr. Turbyville could have shelter, he and the other drivers, plus Ezra and Albert, would sleep in the wagons. But there was an empty house near, someone had just moved out, so the men slept in that house. Of course, more than one wagon had bedding on it, feather beds, quilts, and pillows. The lady had a bed for Grandpa, Mr. Turbyville, and Mama and baby. Mama had quilts brought in to make pallets for the children. It rained all night and the next day so we spent two nights there.

The last night on the road we camped out on this side of Florence, somewhere around Shoals Creek. We started early the next morning so as to come all the way the next day. We did come all the way, but not all the way in daylight.

There was no mail route closer than Grassy. For several years we sent to Grassy to mail letters and pick up the mail. We didn't have a daily paper for a number of years.

The cemetery at Grassy was small when we came. Ethel was the first family member to be buried there (1918). Soon after that Grandpa and Papa generated enough community interest to start a Decoration Day and decided to have it on the second Sunday in May (This memorial is still observed.)

Bonnertown, Tennessee, was an established community and named when we came. There was no church, only a one-room school. Soon all who were interested started having church there. Most of the people were either Methodist or Baptist. In 1912, the Methodic decided to build a church across the road from the school. The land was given by Mr. Alien Bonner. This building was a large wooden building, 40 x 80, weather boarded and painted. The Baptists helped to build the church and continued to worship with us until some time in the 20's, when they built a church of their own across the road. Once when we were in this building-during a revival, which was the only time we had night services, due to the distance our Pastor had to travel (this was horse and buggy days). The church was 80 feet long, with two aisles extending all the way from the Pulpit to the front doors. A young man came to church one night who had had one drink too many. In those days almost everyone had large families, and most everyone kept meal and flour in barrels. The preacher got on a hard luck story. The young man had come more than halfway to the front before he took his seat. Near the middle of the service he got up and proceeded to leave. The preacher stopped and waited for him to reach the door before he started again. He said, "Now, where was I?" The young man (Tom Akins) turned around and said, "You were in the bottom of the meal barrel." Several people sniggered, Papa loudest of any. Next morning Grandpa said, "Leggie, I was ashamed of you last night, sniggering about what Tom said, everybody knows your laugh!"

There had been a school at Grassy, but there were only two teachers. There were six of us in school when we came here, and soon Ruble was old enough to enroll. We walked to Grassy, unless it was raining hard or the snow was deep. Then Papa carried us and came for us in the wagon. The rooms at school were heated with wood burning stoves. Each community was to furnish

wood, cut and hauled to the school. Parents were assessed according to the number of children in school. Papa's assessment ran high.

Supervised play was unheard of then, we played where we wished, but we knew to hear the bell that ended play time. We never thought about getting permission from Mama to have a friend spend the night, therefore, two or more could show up with a friend for the night. Children never got a bath except on weekends. A bathroom was unheard of.

Wrestling was Ezra's and Albert's favorite sport. At least twice each winter they came up with the itch. As sure as they did, all of us had to go through that doctoring, "poke root rub".

Papa was always a school trustee. Then the trustees had a lot of responsibility. The county or state had no part in heating or lighting, custodian or general up-keep. All of this was left up to the community. Papa took a big interest in politics. If someone he really liked was in the race for a county office, he would work hard to get him elected. I have heard some of the people at the courthouse say that all a candidate had to do was to get Lige Owens to endorse him and he would get the whole corner of the county up here to vote like he did. He was always in on everything if it was for the good of the community. Papa was always on the committee to solicit money for any community project. If someone had had a fire, a long expensive sickness, or an accident of any kind, Papa would take up money for the family. Once he was taking up money for someone. He went to a man (who was known to have more money than anyone else in the community) and asked the man for some money. The man fumbled in his pockets, then said that he didn't have a bit of money. Papa saw that he wasn't going to give any money, so he said, "Well, tell you what, you just sign right here," and gave him a sheet of paper. The man asked, "Now, what's that for?" Papa said, "I'm asking those who don't have the money and can't give to sign this sheet. Those who give, sign the other sheet." The fellow fumbled in his pockets again, then said, "I found some money I didn't know I had."

Papa was very persuasive. Once he and Layman had gone a short way above Lawrenceburg to a singing one night. Papa never went anywhere day or night bareheaded. His best hat was always a Stutson. When he called for his hat he always said, "Get my 'Stutson'." On this night they had gotten a mile or two from the church when Papa missed his hat. He said, "Here, turn around. I've left my 'Stutson'." Layman argued that there would be no way to get into the building, everyone was gone. But he turned around and back they went. On the back side the windows, were high off the ground. Papa got under the window and told Layman he would give him a lift. Papa got a hold of one of his legs to give him a boost. About that time a patrolman happened to be passing by and saw them. He wanted to know what they were up to. Papa said, "I left my 'Stutson'." The patrolman told them that they would have to wait and come back when the church was open. Papa said, "I live way down in Alabama, just come here and help me give this boy a leg." Before the patrolman knew what he was doing, he was helping them break in. So they got Papa's "Stutson" and everyone was happy.

Once during cotton picking season (before Edna married) it had rained and was too wet to go back to picking. We kids wanted to get out of the house so as not to be told something to do. We took off to the "cotton house". Ila and Inez were playing. The boys were climbing around catching birds. Edna brought her crocheting and came out there. The boys were climbing around by putting their toes in cracks of the walls. They kept climbing over Edna and she reached up with the hand with the crochet needle and jabbed Albert's "rear". She jabbed harder than she realized. The

hook on the needle just dangled while Albert danced a jig. He was really telling the news but he wouldn't let anyone touch it. Finally, Papa had to come get it out.

One spring day it was raining and there was no T.V. to watch or radio to listen to. Landon was 7 or 8 years old. He was playing around the barn and found a rat bed full of young mice, slick as a button, not a hair on them. Landon came to the house with a double handful of these mice slick as could be. He put some of them on Inez. She went into a frenzy, begged him not to put them on her, but he just kept chasing her. On and on he kept chasing her. Finally, she was tired (mad too!). She grabbed a handful of the mice and crammed them down his shirt collar. Landon fainted dead, fell kerplunk to the floor. Mama began to wring her hands, "You've killed my baby." Inez was so mad at him she didn't care if she had. Mama was in shock and couldn't think what to do. Inez was too mad to do anything. But Ruble and Ivone brought water and wet towels and brought him around. But that stopped the mice chase.

All the children used to get around a large library table with an Aladdin lamp to study at night. One night all was quiet, everyone tending to our business - Loamie said what does p-u-f-r spell? What does p-u-f-r spell? Oh, I know - pull that's what it spells.

Another time he asked what does b-a-c-o-n spell? Nobody answered. What does b-a-c-o-n spell? Ruble said, "Loamie, nobody can study where you are, you ought to know that spells back-on."

Our toilet, an outside one, was down by the garden - when Layman was a little brat. He needed to go one morning, but it was too far for him to make it to the privy, so he stopped under the grape vine. This was in the spring and it had been raining lots and the earth worms were everywhere - an unusually long worm crawled out of the ground, Layman hollered, "Good lordy, mercy, somebody come here." Mama ran to the door. "What is it, Layman?" "Oh, it's a snake or a bear one."

Mama and Papa delighted in keeping the grandchildren after they were big enough to want to stay with them. I guess Hilda and Kaye stayed more than any of the others. Layman and Vida Mae both did all their college work after the children were born.

Especially Kaye wanted to stay there nearly all the time. She had an ear ache one night, and was begging Layman to take her to Mama's. He said, "I've got the very same thing she puts in your ear." Kaye was big enough to know something about "the facts of life". She said, "All you and Mother did was born me, Papa and Mama raised me."

Grandpa had a brother just younger than he. Uncle Crow lived at Five Points, just up the road a few miles. He was also a preacher. They were getting up in years. You know people got old then younger than they do now, but Grandpa and Uncle Crow could never agree on just how certain stories happened. To us children they (behind the back of the other) would say, "Now brother or Crow (whichever was talking) didn't tell that right. It was so and so" and give us another version of how something happened.

This was also in a revival, and one of them broke out singing, "I have a mother high up in heaven, sitting on the seat by Jesus." Grandpa, as usual, couldn't let Crow take the show, and he broke out, "I have a mother high up in heaven sitting on the seat "by God." They kept going, each trying to get louder than the other. Using all the verses - mother, father, brother, sister (etc).

We all looked forward to Christmas. As long as Mama and Papa lived we drew names. There were so many we couldn't give more, we always had the tree there.

Mama always wanted the tree put up early. It was always a big live cedar. It had to be in the bedroom, away from the heat. As soon as the tree was up Mama began to tell us to start bringing the packages. On Christmas day we had a big Christmas dinner. As soon as we could possibly finish in the kitchen, Santa would appear from somewhere and start handing out presents. That took nearly all afternoon.

They also looked forward to Easter. All the grandchildren liked to go there to hunt eggs in the pasture below the house. Each family would bring a basket full of boiled, colored eggs. Neither Mama, Papa nor William Blackwood would help hide the eggs. They wanted to hunt for them.

The Owens family continues to this day to have two family get-togethers a year. They are the second Sunday in May, Mother's Day and Decoration Day at the Grassy Cemetery, and a Sunday near Christmas Day. These gatherings are at the old home place where Layman and Vida Mae Owens now live. When Papa died in 1963, all of the children deeded the remaining forty acres to Layman and Vida Mae in appreciation for the love and care and, yes, the sacrifice they made for Papa after Mama died by moving in with him.

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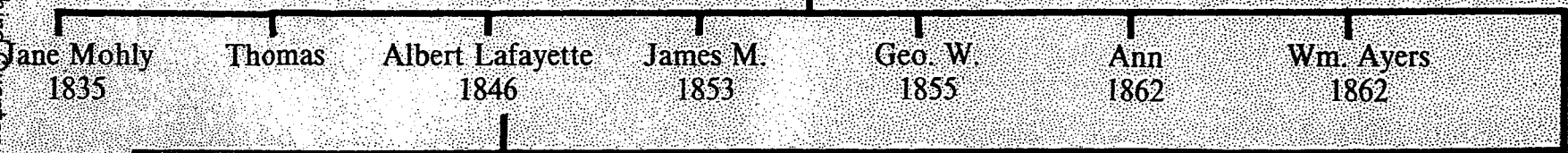
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OWNES, WM T. (1900 U.S. Census)
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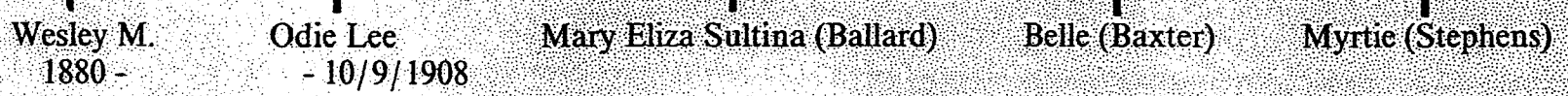
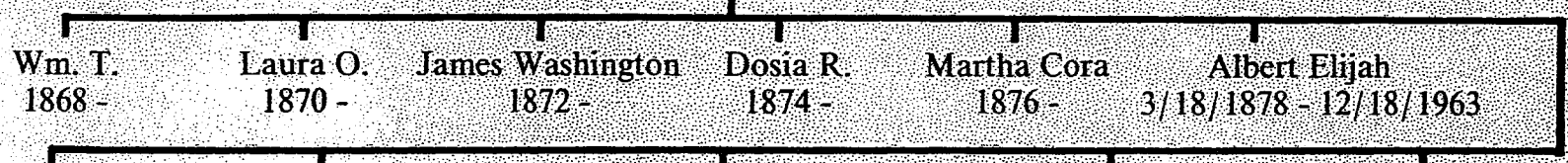
Editor's Note: This article was submitted by Ray Owens [Raymon Lafayette Owens]. Ray says that one time he wrote to an address in NW Alabama [Grassy, Lauderdale Co.] and asked if there was anyone there doing genealogy. The answer was NO, but they informed him that they had put together a Family Cookbook as a money raiser for the church. So he bought the cookbook, and at the beginning of this cookbook were several pages of traditional and original family history, titled: Reminiscences of the Owens Family. At the end of these pages was a Genealogy Chart, where he located his Grandfather, Wm. T. [William], b. 1868. (see OWENS, WM. T. (1900 U.S. Census); ALABAMA, WINSTON COUNTY, CROSSROADS; Age: 33, Male, Race: WHITE, Born: AL; Series: T623 Roll: 44; Page 270.)

Many cookbooks offer insight into the daily lives of women and families of a particular era. They also afford an examination of the communities' ethnicity, social networks, and food trends. Some volumes include advertisements for local businesses, helpful hints, and recipes for regional specialties.

James M. Owens m. Eliza B.
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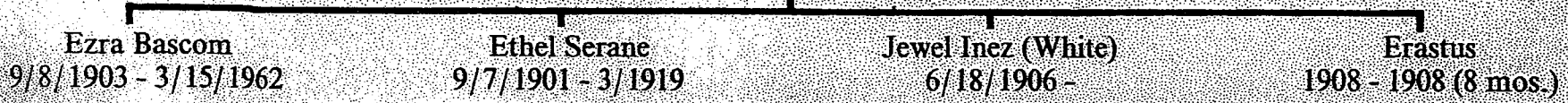


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GILBERT, LOUISIANA: A BRIEF SKETCH

By Elizabeth Earle Carroll

In 1818, Thomas Benjamin Gilbert and Tilmon Gilbert, founders of a pioneer family in North Louisiana, left Missouri and settled in Catahoula Parish, Louisiana, on Tiger Bayou. The two brothers purchased plantations in the area, married, and settled down to raise their families. Their wives were sisters, Louisa and Elizabeth Guice, originally from Mississippi. Ben's wife, Louisa, bore him eleven children after their marriage in 1826. After her husband's death in 1855, Louisa Guice Gilbert gathered her family and took them back to her native state of Mississippi. In 1859, she purchased 620 acres of land in Franklin Parish near Oakley Cemetery; the following year she returned with her family to Louisiana. The children grew, married and prospered. The seventh child, Thomas Benjamin Gilbert I, founded a corporation, the T. B. Gilbert Co. With the profits derived from this company, he and his son, Thomas Benjamin Gilbert, Jr., expanded their landholdings. By the time of her death in 1898, the 620 acres of land purchased in 1859 by Louisa Guice Gilbert had grown into a four thousand acre empire. Her grandson, Thomas Benjamin Gilbert, Jr., a widower and father of four children, had become one of the most prominent men of the community.

Before 1890, a cluster of farms referred to as "Lower Settlement" by many but formally known as the community of Oakley was the center of activity for the area. In that year, however, the New Orleans and Northwestern Railroad put a line through, thus shifting the community center. A railroad station was built on property owned by T. B. Gilbert, Jr., and the first traffic on the new line, a freight train running from Vidalia to Rayville, balled the jack through Calhoun in July. In August, a general store owned and operated by S. T. Yancey was founded near the station, having moved from a site near Oakley. The Yancey family followed in December, the first family to move to the new community, then known as Calhoun.² Shortly thereafter, Claude C. Cochran erected a second general store in order to meet the growing needs of the community. In 1892, local residents petitioned the federal government to establish a post office in their community. As there was already a Calhoun, Louisiana, the name of the town was changed to Gilbert. The Oakley post office was closed and moved to the Yancey store building, where it remained until 1955. So, with a post office, two small stores, and a railroad depot, the village of Gilbert was born.

The town made steady progress over the next decade. In 1912, a group of citizens carried a petition to Governor J. Y. Sanders in Baton Rouge to have the village incorporated. This was done on June 24, 1912. The village limits

extended over a one mile radius and encompassed a population of 326. Governor Sanders appointed Dr. H. B. Womble as mayor. Aldermen were J. W. Griffing, F. M. Harkey, and C. B. Tucker. J. C. Peyton was designated as Clerk, George Kelly as Marshal. The Lawson Act, a set of rules pertaining to small towns drawn up by the state, governs the Village of Gilbert. Its mayor and three aldermen serve without pay. The 1970 census recorded a population of 630.

There were no male descendants in the fourth generation of the T. B. Gilbert family, so, the name ended its direct lineage with the death of T. B. Gilbert, III in 1934. There are now twelve living male descendants with the Gilbert name, none of whom reside in Franklin Parish, Louisiana.

As a closing note to this brief history, one must consider as Gilbert's leading citizen the name of Major General Claire Lee Chennault, Commander of the 14th Air Force in the Asian Theater during World War II. General Chennault spent most of his youth in and around Gilbert, primarily at the home of his grandfather, Dr. William Wallace Lee.³ General Chennault retiree in 1945 and resided in Monroe until his death in 1961 at the age of sixty-eight. He is buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia,

NOTES

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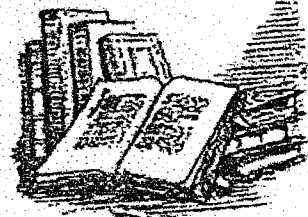
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EXCHANGE PERIODICAL REVIEW

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, LA.

Tracks and Traces, Volume 30, number 1, Spring 2010, published by The Union County Genealogical Society, El Dorado, Arkansas, pages 39-46, has an article: The Negro News, January-March 1966.

Ash Tree Echo, Volume 45, Issue 2, July 2010, published by Fresno County Genealogy Society, Fresno, California, page 59, is a website-North Carolina Genealogy.net. This Site has a page for each county.

See page 60 for information on a project to index Freedmen Letters from North Carolina is now available.

The Ark Valley Crossroads, Volume 21, Number 3, July 2010, published by the Wichita Genealogical Society, Wichita, Kansas, page 14, lists technology tips on using Facebook and Genealogy.

Topeka Genealogical Society Quarterly, Volume 40, Number 1, January 2010, published by Topeka Genealogy Society of Kansas is an article with the title: New and Free DAR outline databases. The DAR announced the availability of the DAR Genealogical Research System (GRS) on its public website. The direct links are: http://www.dar.org/library/outline_research.cfm or www.dare.org. The GRS is a growing collection of databases that provide access to the many materials collected by the DAR over the last 119 years. Included in this collection of databases is the GRC National Index which has been available to researchers for the past few years.

The Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association's thoughts and prayers go out to all who have been suffering through health problems, hospitalizations and surgery. Take care and may you soon be well again.

W. C. VANCE AND THE "FIRST SHOT" OF THE CIVIL WAR

By Dale & Larri Jennings

(William Calvin Vance came to Bossier Parish, Louisiana, from South Carolina shortly after the end of the Civil War. He continued to be one of that parish's major planters even after moving across Red River to Shreveport, where he resided until his death in 1898.)

The first shot of the American Civil War is usually thought to have been one fired by a South Carolina cannon on Federal forces at Fort Sumter on April 12, 1861. The Congressional 128-book *The War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Reports of the Union and Confederate Armies* includes an earlier engagement. Series I, Volume I, Chapter I (Operations in Charleston Harbor, S.C.), pages 9 and 10, suggests that the first shot of that conflict might be considered to have occurred January 9, 1861.

First Lieutenant Charles R. Woods of the U.S. Army's Ninth Infantry submitted his January 13th report on his attempt, under orders, to reinforce the Rebel besieged Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor. He had embarked for there from New York with two hundred men under arms on January 5, 1861. This was a clandestine mission in which the merchant steamer *Star of the West* was used for transport. They arrived at Charleston, South Carolina, on the night of the 8th and next morning attempted a dash to the island fortress. Lt. Woods reported that his vessel was opened on by a masked battery near the north end of Morris Island about five-eighths of a mile distant. Before being fired upon, they had seen a red palmetto flag flying, but saw nothing otherwise to indicate the presence of a battery of cannon there. Woods related how the *Star of the West* was struck twice and had other near misses. He determined that having lost the crucial element of surprise, they would have to abort the mission and return to New York.

Lieutenant Woods had surmised correctly that the South Carolinians had gotten word of his attempt to come to the aid of the Union held Fort Sumter. He would learn only later that his ship had been fired on and struck by a contingent of students from Charleston's collegiate military academy, The Citadel. The fortress garrison later surrendered on April 13th after the long siege and then a sustained shelling by the harbor's heavy gun emplacements. At this point peace between the United States and the Confederate States of America was irretrievable.

Captain William Calvin Vance fought in nearly all of the great battles of the Army of Northern Virginia, beginning with First Manassas (Bull Run), and lastly with the Army of the Carolinas. His regiment (Second South Carolina) was released to that command to help defend their native state upon Sherman's march to the sea from Atlanta. They fought in the last great battle of the war, the Battle of Bentonville, North Carolina, between General Sherman's army and General Joseph E. Johnston's Army of the Carolinas. They were surrendered with Johnston's army not long afterward, following the surrender of General Lee to General Grant.

Probably the war experience that five-time wounded Cal Vance liked most to retell was the bloodless first shots of the war on the *Star of the West* by the Citadel Cadets. That was the only exploit that his family and friends chose to mention in his October 13, 1898, *Bossier Banner* obituary: "He attended school first at Columbia, and later finished his education, at the Citadel in Charleston. From there he went with a corps of cadets who fired the first gun of the war on the "Star of the West," when that ship attempted to reinforce Fort Sumpter (sp) Jan. 9, 1861." (The writer of Calvin's *Shreveport Daily Times* obituary attempted to use the anecdote, but showed an embarrassing lack of historical perspective.)

We took a vacation trip to Charleston several years ago, in part to try to verify the role of Larri's great-grandfather in the repulse of the *Star of the West*. The curator of the Citadel's historical archive was helpful in providing us with the record of Calvin's attendance. W. C. Vance – as all cadets at that time – attended the academy's prep school, the Arsenal Academy in Columbia, his freshman year. He then transferred to the Citadel for his remaining three years, graduating on April 9, 1861.

The curator gave us an uncopyrighted little booklet entitled, "The Boys Behind The Gun," by a long-time head of the Citadel English Department, Dr. A.G.D. Wiles. Although undated, it was the result of extensive research by Dr. Wiles for a 1957 school library murals project. The mural's image of Citadel cadets firing on the *Star of the West* appears on the cover of the booklet. The thrust of the author's research was to identify the participants, particularly the gun crew on the "No. 1 Gun," which fired the first shot (a warning shot across the bow of the ship). He could only conclude that either academy superintendent Major P. F. Stevens or Cadet Captain John M. Whilden would have given the order to fire, and that George Edward Haynsworth had pulled the lanyard. He cited the next day's edition of the *Charleston Mercury* with the information that the cadets had manned a battery of four 24-pounder cannon, and that their contingent at Morris Island was forty strong. The excessive number was probably to provide security for the gun crews.

Citadel superintendent Stevens had been ordered to Morris Island with his siege guns and the cadets to help drive off any Federal ship attempting to reinforce Fort Sumter. Their favorable position near the entrance to the bay and the alertness of their sentinels allowed them what was arguably the first shot of the Civil War.

Unfortunately, Dr. Wiles could find no roster or muster role at the school, state archives or elsewhere to identify the great majority of Citadel cadets who took part in what must have been a never-to-be-forgotten experience. There is no reason to believe that Cadet William Calvin Vance was not among that number.

(Larri Hunt Jennings, wife of ALTGA member, Dale Jennings, is the great-granddaughter of William Calvin Vance through her mother, Larry Vance Hunt, and her grandfather, William Calvin Vance, Jr.)



William Calvin Vance
Age and Date Unknown



JAMES GERMAN McDADE

Among the planting families of Northern Louisiana, none have been more prominently identified with its material and cultural development than the McDade family, and James German McDade, whose name introduces this biography, is a worthy representative of the family for he has done much to build and uphold that reputation.

Mr. McDade is the third in three generations to bear the name of James German; his father and grandfather both having borne those Christian names. Mr. McDade is a native Texan, his birth having occurred on August 1, 1863, in



Fannin County, that state. However, he is more a Louisianian than a Texan, as he was born there while his father and mother were residing in Fannin County for a short period.

J. G. McDade, father of our subject, was a native of Alabama, and a son of James German McDade. As a young man he came to Louisiana where he met and married Miss Sallie Council, whose native state was Mississippi. After their marriage they moved to Texas, but after a few years returned to Bossier parish, Louisiana. Mr. McDade's active life was spent in this parish where he accumulated large land holdings and was highly esteemed. He served as a soldier under the stars and bars, and in after years was a crusader in rebuilding his beloved southland during the treacherous days of the Carpet-

baggers. He died in the prime of his life at the age of forty-four. But even in that short span of years he had left his mark indelibly impressed on his community. His greatest contribution to his state was his children. Of twelve children born to him and his good wife, seven are now living, and they need no introduction to the readers of "NORTHWESTERN LOUISIANA." They are Mrs. H. P. Moore, of Bossier City; Mrs. N. D. Johnson, of Shreveport; Mrs. Sallie Boyett, of Sarepta; J. T. McDade, of Waterproof; W. E. McDade, of Belcher; A. F. McDade of Taylortown; R. E. McDade, of McDade; and James German, of whom we write.

As a boy, Mr. McDade attended the public and subscription schools at old Fillmore, near his father's plantation, and during these same years he assisted his father by keeping the books in his store at Fillmore. He did not, however, remain under the parental roof, preferring to broaden himself by outside contacts. He taught school for one year in the rural school system of Bossier parish, after which he was employed on the plantation owned by Murff and Skannal. In this latter employment he received the wage of twenty-five dollars per month and his room and board. An insight into his nature can be seen by the fact that for the whole year that he worked for Murff and Skannal, he did not draw his monthly wage until the end of the year, receiving the total of three hundred dollars in one sum. His next employment was in a general mercantile business at Ash Point.

By 1891, Mr. McDade had accumulated enough capital to become a plantation owner himself, and it was in that year that he purchased the Jersey Farm Plantation in Bossier parish where he made his home until 1894, when he and his brother, W. E. McDade, purchased the Bluff Plantation near Sligo, Bossier parish. It was on this plantation that a large portion of his active life was spent. It consisted of approximately one thousand acres of the finest land in the Red River valley, and is now a part of Barksdale Field. In 1913 Mr. McDade moved to his present home in Haughton, but continued to conduct the Bluff Plantation until it was sold in 1927. Since 1927, Mr. McDade has enjoyed a well earned retirement from his former activities as a planter, and now as autumn approaches he re-lives in his memory those active days, when after a hard day in the saddle on the plantation, he returned to his home to enjoy its warmth and comfort, and watch his daughters ripen into womanhood.

Mr. McDade's first marriage was to Miss Maggie Lindsey, and they were the parents of one daughter, Wilhelmina, who is now the wife of J. W. Elston, of Shreveport, and the mother of Margaret, J. W., Jr., Mary Elizabeth, Wilhelmina, and Gretchen Elston.

On August 20, 1894, the wife and mother passed to her reward and on September 5, 1899, Mr. McDade wedded Miss Mary Cornell of Haynesville, Louisiana, whose father was a Methodist minister. The living children of this latter union are: Gretchen, who married L. A. Ross, resides at Lufkin, Texas, and has one daughter, Sarah; Cornell, the wife of L. N. Johnson of McIntyre, Louisiana, and the mother of Marianna, Leslie Neil, and Joan Johnson; and Mamie, who is now Mrs. James G. Cowles of Shreveport. Mr. Cowles is an attorney-at-law, and they have one daughter, Mamie.

Mr. McDade has had an interesting career as a public official and Bossier parish owes much to his constructive efforts. He was elected a member of the police jury in 1912, and served continuously until 1936 when he refused to enter the race for re-election. For half of this period, or twelve years, he was chairman of the Finance Committee and for the other twelve years he was president of the body. When he ended his long term of service he was given a gold medal on which appears the inscription "In appreciation for faithful

service." He also championed the cause of education by serving on the board of the Haughton public schools.

Mr. McDade has had an interesting career as a public official and Bossier membership being with Haughton Lodge No. 95, F. & A. M., of which he is a past master and is now treasurer. He also holds membership in the Consistory at Shreveport, and is a Noble of the El Karubah Temple of A. A. O. N. M. S. The Woodmen of the World also numbers him among its members. As a churchman he has been a member of the board of Stewards of the Haughton Methodist Church for many years.

James G. McDade is one of the principal owners of Elston, Prince and McDade of Shreveport. This firm is one of the largest and most progressive wholesale grocery firms in northern Louisiana, and he also owns extensive acreage in farm land but he leaves the active management of it to younger men.

Mr. McDade's life has been clean, he has never taken a drink of intoxicating liquor or used tobacco, and his only visit to a pool hall cost him a dollar and a half, so he never went back. He is a worthy example of the rewards of thrift, diligence, and service to his community, but his life has not been without its grief. The loss of his son, who died at the age of eight years was irreparable and Mrs. McDade died on December 2, 1937, but he has his four daughters and his grandchildren who are devoted to him and he finds the fullness of life in them and a host of friends.

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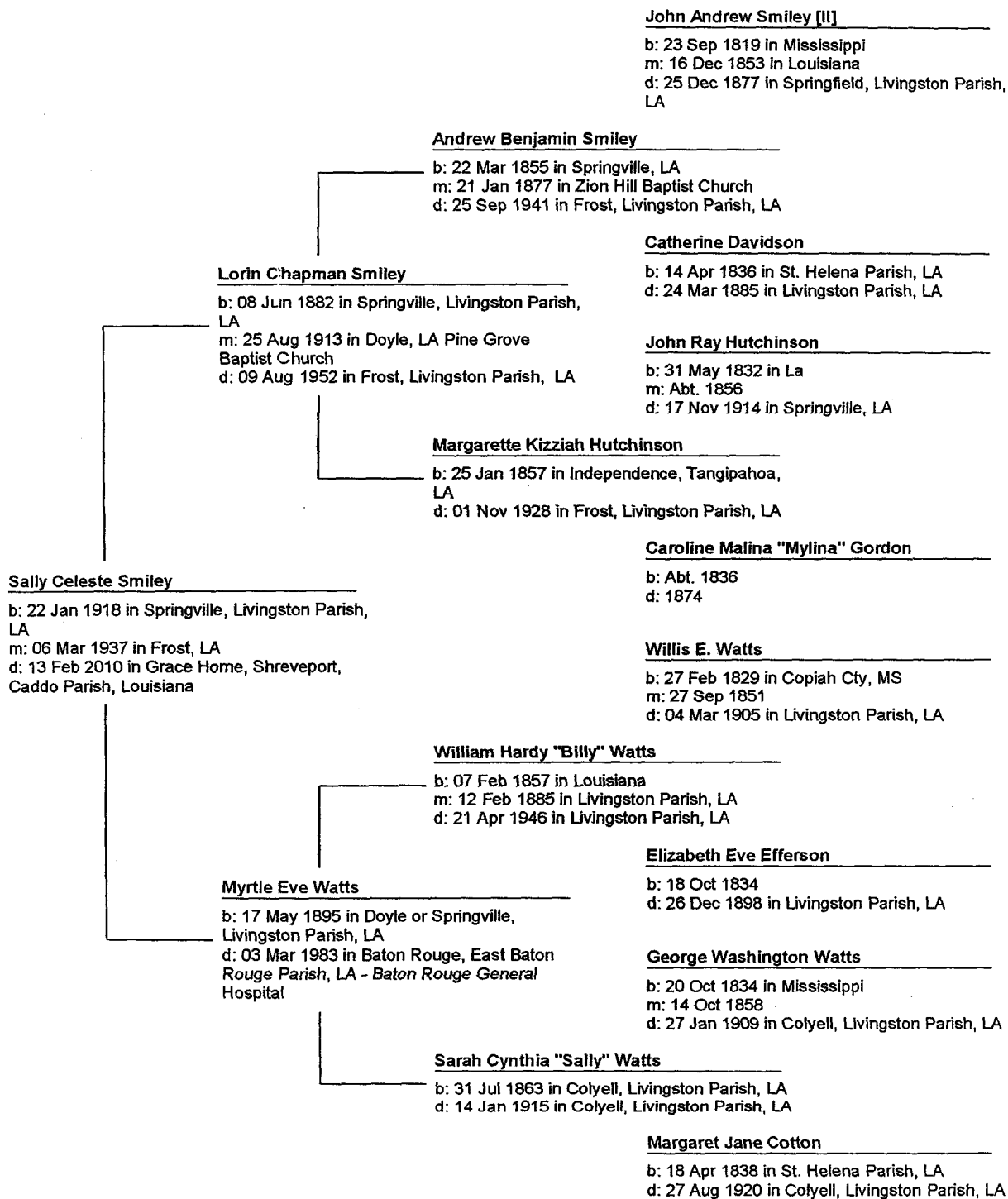
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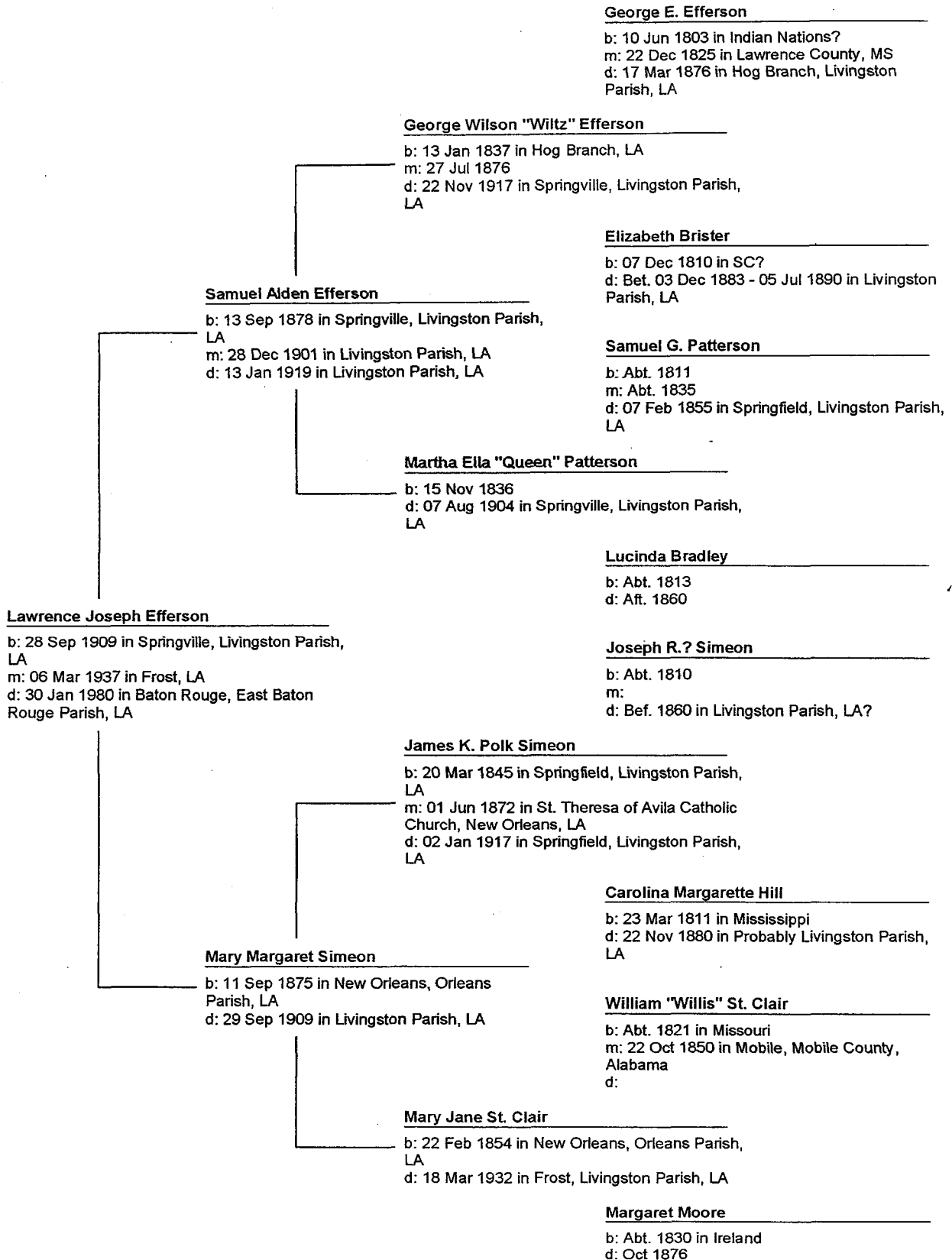
Ancestor Chart of Glendia E. Bernard¹

In order to include additional generations, the ancestor chart for Glenda E. Bernard follows on two separate pages. Her parents were Lawrence Joseph and Sally Smiley Efferson.

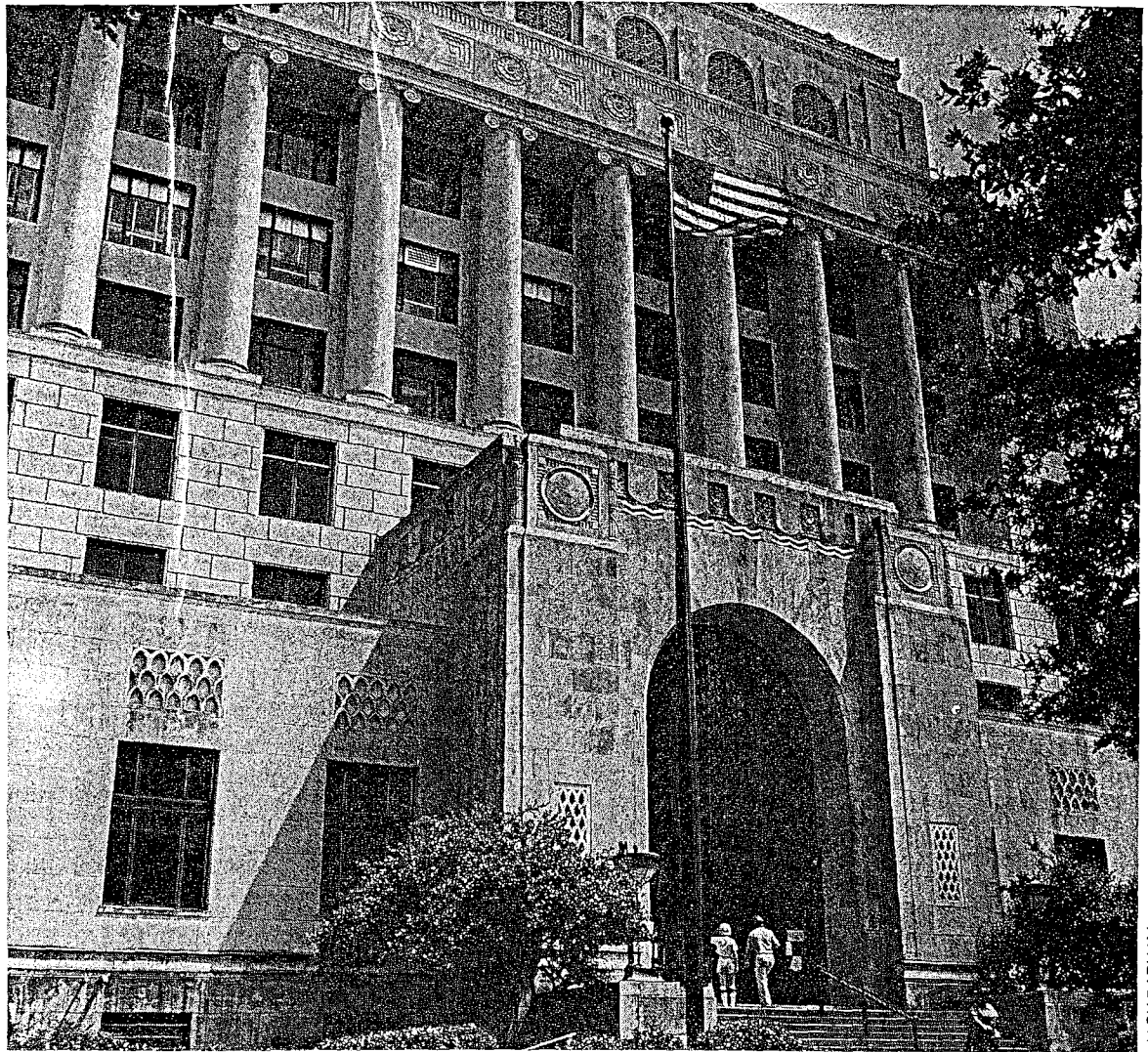


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Ancestor Chart of Glenda E. Bernard



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Caddo Parish Courthouse *500 Texas Street. 1928.*

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Three courthouses have stood on this public square. The first was built in 1860, and it hosted three sessions of the state legislature after Shreveport became the capital of Confederate Louisiana. The second was built in 1892. Its style was Romanesque Revival.

The present structure was designed by the Edward F. Neild firm and built by the Glassell-Wilson firm. It was officially dedicated on April 21, 1928.

By then, taxpayers had paid the five-year, two and one-quarter mill tax that was dedicated for the building's construction cost, which totaled \$1,250,000.

The building is effective in its massive blocking and classical symmetry, and it embodies a variety of architectural styles, old and new. It has arches on the top floor and over the center entrances. Other decorations include Ionic columns, carvings in the

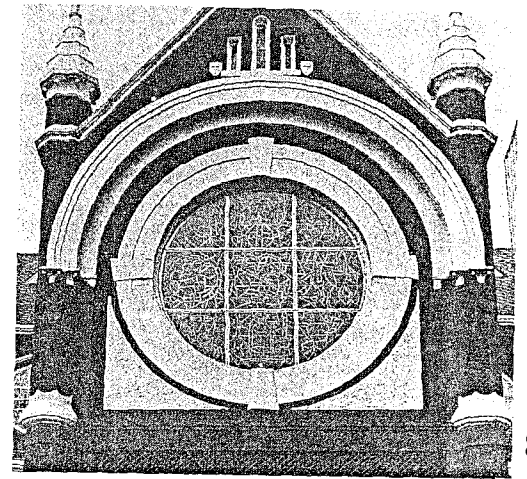
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Holy Trinity Catholic Church Fannin and Marshall. 1896.

Tradition dominates this Romanesque Revival structure, even as modern office buildings tower over it in the background. Here gathers the oldest Catholic congregation in Northwest Louisiana. Five stained-glass windows — out of some 60 in all — commemorate the five Catholic priests who died ministering to the sick during Shreveport’s yellow fever epidemic in 1873. Italian marble altars and carved marble altar railings are said to be among the oldest and finest works of art in the area. Two Gothic side altars are from the chapel of the demolished St. Vincent’s Academy.



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This is the second building on this site, and it was designed by J. M. Clayton. The rectory at the side was designed by the Edward F. Neild firm and built in 1928.

2010 Annual Seminar Report

Submitted by Jim Johnson

The Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association held its annual seminar on August 14, 2010 in the George Pearce Hall at the Broadmoor United Methodist Church in Shreveport, Louisiana. The featured speaker for this year's event was noted genealogist and lecturer John Sellers, who resides in Hopkins County, Texas.

A major focus of John Sellers' lectures was courthouse research. A trip to the courthouse can be both rewarding and challenging. With a good understanding of the records kept, courthouse research can unlock some of the puzzles of your family research. Mr. Sellers began the first session with "What's Hidden in Courthouse Records?" and summarized the types of records maintained, and also some records that may be found in unusual places. For instance, deed records may include the name of a spouse, heirs, locations, etc. that result in important clues.

In the second session, "What do You Mean it Burned?", Mr. Sellers gave optimism to those of us that had an ancestor in a county where the courthouse burned. In some courthouse fires, at least some of the records were saved, or were located somewhere else when the fire occurred. In other cases, county officials may have re-recorded some of the records, i.e. land deeds. Other record-keeping agencies and institutions located in the same or adjoining county or parish might also have either the original or a reconstructed record. It is believed that the only three counties that completely lost their records due to fires were in Butler and Franklin Counties in Alabama and Twiggs County in Georgia.

In the next session, Mr. Sellers discussed "History's Role in our Genealogical Pursuits" and explained that having knowledge of social history and historical events can help solve the proverbial brick wall. In determining the location where records are recorded, it can be helpful to know when the state was admitted to the Union, as well as when the county was created. One should also take into consideration significant historical events, i.e. wars, natural disasters, and epidemics in searching for ancestors.

The fourth and last session was "Learning Where Your Ancestor Played, Prayed, Lived and Died". When searching for an elusive ancestor, clues can sometimes be found by closely examining census schedules, by using advanced online search techniques, and by focusing on communities where members of the same family moved or thought to have moved. Careful attention should also be paid to names of witnesses on deeds and on probate, marriage, and other courthouse records.

Attendance at this seminar was awesome. There were 73 in attendance, more than we have had in several years. Special thanks to the local genealogical societies for supporting this event.

Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery

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This Cemetery is at the left and right of the Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church, 7121 Oak Ridge Road, Mer Rouge, Louisiana

ID	NAME (Last, First, Name)	PRE/SUFFIX	BIRTHDATE	DEATHDATE	INSCRIPTION/NOTES
90	SHAW, ALBERT			02 MAR 1965	
112	SHAW, COLONEL		22 NOV 1913	29 OCT 1974	
361	SHAW, FARRIS			07 MAY 1984	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 14 MAY 1984
413	SHAW, LEOLA	MRS.	25 APR 1917	19 OCT 1994	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 24 OCT 1994
	91 SHAW, MARY		1877	01 JUL 1917	
139	SHAW, SALONE		23 SEP 1904	23 JUN 1989	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 29 JUN 1989
386	SHAW, ULIS			24 FEB 1984	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 02 MAR 1984
	83 SHELTON, EATTIE		02 OCT 1875	03 MAR 1960	MOTHER
383	SHIELD, PEARL	MRS.		25 FEB 1978	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 01 MAR 1978
470	SMITH, ADELINE	MRS.		JUN 1987	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 16 JUN 1987
	86 SMITH, ALBERTA		07 OCT 1917	27 JUL 1970	
141	SMITH, ANNIE		28 OCT 1910	07 NOV 1996	MOMA
398	SMITH, ARIE	MRS.		08 OCT 1993	FUNERAL NOTICE, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 14 OCT 1993
119	SMITH, C. W.		27 DEC 1909	26 OCT 1972	
246	SMITH, DORIS PAYTON		23 AUG 1921	BLANK	DUO W/ (REV.) ELLIS SMITH, (JR.).
203	SMITH, ELLIS	SR.	1888	1959	AGE 70. DUO WITH ELOISE SMITH
245	SMITH, ELLIS	REV. / JR.	22 JAN 1918	04 SEP 2000	DUO W/ DORIS PAYTON SMITH. FP: PARS-M/M ADELINE & ELLIS SMITH, SR.
204	SMITH, ELOISE		1912	1955	AGE 42. DUO WITH ELLIS SMITH, SR.
435	SMITH, EURIL	SR.		MAR 1988	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 11 MAR 1988
202	SMITH, FANNIE		1942	1999	VAULT
494	SMITH, INFANT			30 OCT 2005	OBITUARY, NEWS-STAR (MONROE, LA) DTD 03 NOV 2005
441	SMITH, IRIS MAE JEFFERSON	MRS.		06 FEB 1989	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 10 FEB 1989
206	SMITH, JIMMY R. (RAY)		1955	23 DEC 1993	VAULT. OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 30 DEC 1993.
155	SMITH, KATIE MOORE		07 MAR 1895	13 MAR 1968	
120	SMITH, LILLIE		26 MAR 1910	16 MAR 1999	MOTHER
165	SMITH, LOVIE		1919	FEB 2005	DUO WITH ROBERT SMITH
508	SMITH, RAYSHAWN T.			01 SEP 1999	FUNERAL NOTICE, NEWS-STAR (MONROE, LA) DTD 06 SEP 1999
164	SMITH, ROBERT		1919	1989	DUO WITH LOVIE SMITH
211	SMITH, VEOLA ANDERSON		15 MAY 1918	14 APR 1988	MOTHER. OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 18 APR 1988
205	SMITH, VIOLA		05 DEC 1915	25 NOV 1952	AGE 38. BEST GUESS AT SURNAME FROM VAULT NAME PLATE
167	SMITH, VIRGINIA DELL	MRS.	01 JUL 1906	19 MAY 1999	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 21 MAY 1999
208	SMITH, WARREN		1921	2001	VAULT. OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 01 NOV 2001.
176	SMITH, WILLIAM	III	26 AUG 1984	19 APR 1987	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 22 APR 1987
284	SNYWE ?, ROSINE BRANDON		17 AUG 1929	15 AUG 2001	FHM

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339	SPEARMAN, HENRY EDNA		13 FEB 1943	13 JAN 1971	FP: PARENTS-MR. & MRS. IRMAN (DAVIS) AND ALEX SPEARMAN
352	SPEARMAN, IRMA DAVIS	(MRS.)	25 AUG 1919	23 JUN 2000	FUNERAL NOTICE, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 28 JUN 2000
169	SPEARMAN, RILEY ALEX		29 DEC 1912	12 MAR 1986	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 14 MAR 1986
168	SPEARMAN, WILLIE E.		21 NOV 1945	11 AUG 1994	SGT U S ARMY VIETNAM
69	STEWART, CAMMIE L.		21 APR 1932	24 JUN 2005	FP: PARENTS-EMMA MORRISON AND JOHN HENRY WHITE
45	STOKES, CORA "WARE"		25 APR 1945	09 SEP 2005	MOTHER. FUNERAL NOTICE, BASTROP (LA) ENTERP. DTD 15 SEP 2005
140	STRONG, ESTELLAR		04 JUL 1900	20 JAN 1992	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 24 JAN 1992
230	TATUM, JESSIE		16 OCT 1952	11 FEB 1998	
43	TAYLOR, NEOMIA G.		30 APR 1949	07 FEB 1989	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 09 FEB 1989
144	THAXTON, EARL		25 OCT 1918	13 MAY 1982	US ARMY WORLD WAR II
143	THAXTON, LEBRUCE		31 DEC 1920	09 MAY 1982	PFC U S ARMY WORLD WAR II
145	THAXTON, LONNIE LEE		23 MAY 1932	04 SEP 1993	
183	THOMAS, JOSEPH J.		20 JUL 1920	17 JAN 1950	LOUISIANA TEC 5 259 SIG HV CONST CO WORLD WAR II
17	THOMAS, NELSE		01 APR 1918	24 MAR 2005	FUNERAL NOTICE, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 31 MAR 2005
355	THOMPSON, ALICE	MRS.		18 MAR 1982	FUNERAL NOTICE, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 19 & 23 MAR 1982
506	THORNTON, RONALD E.		23 SEP 1953	12 AUG 2009	FUNERAL NOTICE, NEWS-STAR (MONROE, LA) DTD 15 AUG 2009
207	TINDALL, ROSA BELL		1915	04 NOV 1996	FUNERAL NOTICE, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 08 NOV 1996
163	TUCKER, ANN I. (IVORY)		01 JAN 1898	31 AUG 1986	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 3 SEP 1986, FTNOTE # 4
68	TUCKER, BREARD		1917	2001	FUNERAL NOTICE, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 04 JAN 2001.
162	TUCKER, EMMETT		03 FEB 1896	06 NOV 1951	
217	TURNER, A. C.			12 OCT 1973	BORN IN LOUISIANA
364	TURNER, FLETCHER			DEC 1976	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 29 DEC 1976
474	TYLER, CLARENCE			22 DEC 1989	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 28 DEC 1989
324	TYLER, DORA M. (MARIE)		14 JAN 1955	18 DEC 1993	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 22 DEC 1993
323	TYLER, ROXIE (ANN MINNIEWEATHER)		02 AUG 1936	24 SEP 1999	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 28 SEP 1999
186	UNKNOWN		10 FEB 1897	14 JULY 1946	TOP PORTION OF THIS MILITARY HEADSTONE IS MISSING.
448	WALLACE, CELISTINE	MRS.		15 MAR 1991	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 18 MAR 1991
87	WALLACE, NELSON ?			1991?	VAULT'S NAME PLATE IS ILLEGIBLE.
116	WALTON, LONNIE		27 MAY 1914	02 FEB 1975	PFC U S ARMY WORLD WAR II
344	WALTON, RAY DOWNS	BRO.	21 JAN 1919	06 MAY 2007	FP: PARENTS-PRINCE ELLA DOWNS & LLOYD WALTON, SR.
353	WARE, CHAR'DASIA		02 NOV 2007	08 DEC 2007	FUNERAL NOTICE, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 12 DEC 2007
357	WARE, DENNIS			26 JUL 1982	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 29 JUL 1982
475	WARE, DENNIS			01 JUL 2006	OBITUARY, NEWS-STAR (MONROE, LA) DTD 07 JUL 2006
370	WARE, GUSSIE RUTH	MRS.	11 FEB 1911	03 MAY 1977	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 06 & 07 MAY 1977

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366	WARE, LUE DELLA	MISS		21 JUL 1984	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 27 JUL 1984
408	WASHINGTON, C. B. "HENRY"			29 MAR 1994	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 01 APR 1994
268	WATSON, ROBERT EARL		17 OCT 1940	11 MAY 2006	
3	WEBB, JOHNNIE	BRO.	09 MAR 1905	?? DEC ????	
459	WELSTON, JAMES			26 DEC 1987	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 02 JAN 1988
122	WILLIAMS, ALTAGOR		10 SEP 1964	03 JAN 1992	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 08 JAN 1992
219	WILLIAMS, BULAH LEE		04 DEC 1932	03 JAN 1977	
222	WILLIAMS, C. L.		04 AUG 1909	12 OCT 1969	
72	WILLIAMS, ED		15 OCT 1896	03 FEB 1967	LOUISIANA PVT U S ARMY WORLD WAR I
451	WILLIAMS, JAMES			06 APR 1998	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 09 APR 1998
123	WILLIAMS, JIMMY		10 SEP 1901	06 APR 1989	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 11 APR 1989.
453	WILLIAMS, JIMMY (JIMMIE) LEE	JR.	16 FEB 1932	31 MAR 1998	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 06 APR 1998
220	WILLIAMS, JOHNNY LEE		19 JUL 1905	05 FEB 1977	
404	WILLIAMS, LAURA	MRS.		03 FEB 1995	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 10 FEB 1995
479	WILLIAMS, LEON			13 JAN 1986	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 16 JAN 1986
117	WILLIAMS, MAGNOLIA		10 SEP 1908	03 OCT 1987	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 07 OCT 1987
193	WILLIAMS, MARY S.		14 MAR 1880	02 APR 1970	
218	WILLIAMS, PRINCE ELLA		06 APR 1913	16 OCT 1985	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 19 OCT 1985
13	WILLIAMS, ROSE MARIE (HENDERSON)		10 NOV 1952	03 JUL 1986	FUNERAL NOTICE, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 09 JUL 1986
439	WILLIAMS, SAM P.			09 OCT 1989	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 13 OCT 1989
142	WILSON, CHARLES "TATER"	JR.	03 FEB 1929	20 APR 1995	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 27 APR 1995
209	WILSON, CHARLIE			23 FEB 1937	LOUISIANA PVT 318 LABOR BN
354	WILSON, DAVID EARL	SR.		09 SEP 1985	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 14 & 17 SEP 1985
430	WILSON, PARNELL ROBERT			14 DEC 1991	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 18 DEC 1991
146	WINSTON, IRENE J.		06 OCT 1910	28 MAY 1974	MOTHER
182	WINSTON, OLLIE M.		1932	1985	
147	WINSTON, WILLIE	SR.	10 APR 1908	02 MAR 1984	
327	WINZER, LAWTON LEE		24 JUN 1964	28 JULY 1989	A.K.A. "BIG JOE." BEST GUESS AT SURNAME INSCRIBED ON A SLAB.
194	WOODS, MATTIE	MRS.	17 DEC 1914	03 AUG 2005	FUNERAL NOTICE, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 08 AUG 2005
286	WORTHY, DANIEL LEE		1922	1973	PFC U S ARMY WORLD WAR II
406	WORTHY, ERIC DEWAYNE			02 OCT 1991	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 04 OCT 1991
472	WORTHY, KEVIN PERNELL			28 JUN 1987	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 03 JUL 1987
340	WRIGHT, ROBERT		14 MAR 1933	04 JAN 2007	FP: PARENTS-MR. & MRS. LIZZIE (BRANDON) AND FRANK WILLIAMS
118	WRIGHT, THOMAS LIMMIE			12 APR 1944	

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365	YOUNG, LUCIELE SAWYER	MRS.		16 AUG 1983	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 19 AUG 1983
10	YOUNG, TOSIE "SUGE"		22 NOV 1919	28 FEB 2004	LOVING AUNT

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ADDITIONAL FRONT OR REAR LENGTHY HEADSTONE INSCRIPTIONS

- NO. 1 (ID NO. 63 AND NO. 64) DOUBLE HEADSTONE OF ESSUL PAYTON AND MOLLIE YOUNG PAYTON
CHILDREN—EARLEAN, MALVEEN, ESSUL JR.; MARY, JOSEPH SUSIE, CHARLIE, EULA, DORIS, QUNNIE,
MINNIE, IVORY, MOLLIE ANN, GEORGE
- NO. 2 (ID NO. 106) HEADSTONE OF FANNIE HARRIS RHODES
RHODES, LORENZO, LIL OLIVER, CAUSBY, GAYLE, SHARON, JESSIE, MAVIS, ALEXIS, VERTICE
- NO. 3 (ID NO. 109) HEADSTONE OF PEARLIE BIAS
CHILDREN: LONNIE, ANANAIS, ETHEL, C. W., EVEL, WILLIAM, EDNA
- NO. 4 (ID NO. 163) HEADSTONE OF ANN I. TUCKER
CHILDREN—CATHERINE, BREARD GRANDCHILDREN—VIRGINIA, JEROME, JERRY, TREVELYN, JESSICA
- NO. 5 (ID NO. 187) HEADSTONE OF VIRGINIA CAROL DAVIS
CHILDREN: DIANNA, JEFF, FRANCIS, CHARLIE, JIMMY, DEBBIE, BETTY, VINCENT, JOVANNIE, JOE NATHAN
- NO. 6 (ID NO. 253) HEADSTONE OF VIOLET LEWIS
"FOUNDER AND BUILDER OF SPIRITUAL CHURCHES IN BASTROP, LA, EL DORADO AND LITTLE ROCK, ARK."
- NO. 7 (ID NO. 4) HEADSTONE OF ALEX "DICK" LINEAR AND MINNIE IRMA LINEAR
CHILDREN: ALEX, JR., EDWARD, SR., HERMAN, SR., HENRY, DOUGLAS, SR., JERRY, PATRICIA

OBITUARY

"SISTER ELOISE BROWN was born to the late Frank Davis and Mary Harris. Mrs. Brown departed this life on November 26, 1984 at 6:00 p.m. She was born in Morehouse Parish on March 10, 1905.

"She joined Oak Grove C. M. E. Church. She was a member of Household of Ruth.

"She married the late Joe Brown in 1923 and to this union 13 children were born, with two preceding her in death.

"She leaves to mourn her passing: (7) daughters and (1) adopted daughter, Loretha Downs of Mer Rouge, Louisiana; Olla Mae Dickerson and Rose Lee Williams of Bastrop, Louisiana; Odessa Pattilo, Eloise Caldwell, Maple Lee Hutcherson, Iberia Houdge, and Minnie Davis—all of Las Vegas, Nevada; (4) sons: James Brown and Ellis Brown of Las Vegas, Nevada; Jessie Brown and Joe Willie Brown of Toledo, Ohio; 46 grandchildren, 54 great grandchildren, (2) sisters: Liddie B. Sawyer of Bastrop, Louisiana, and Ollie Spice of Oakland, California; a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends."

JC 330

Source: "Funeral Services for Sister Eloise D. Brown" (photo) dated December 2, 1984 in possession of Mrs. Isabelle Woods, 2016 Surrey Lane, Bossier City, Louisiana.

OBITUARY

"BROTHER BENNIE CARTER was born February 13, 1903 to the late A. C. and Mary Carter in Thomasville, Alabama. He departed this life August 21, 1987 at his home on North 16th Street in Mer Rouge, La., after a lengthy illness.

"He confessed Christ at an early age in Thomasville. Later after moving to Mer Rouge, he united with the Oak Grove C. M. E. Church under the leadership of Rev. C. J. Jackson.

"On January 12, 1963, he united in holy matrimony with Inez Armstrong of Mer Rouge.

"He leaves to cherish his memory: three daughters: Mrs. Eleanor Brown of Mer Rouge, La.; Ms. Sharon Rudolph and Ms. Ann Payne—both of Pensacola, Florida; one son, Mr. David Carter of Oakland, California; two sisters: Mrs. Ethel Young and Mrs. Adell Owens—both of Chicago, Illinois; two nieces: Mrs. Jean Marie Jones of Pensacola, Florida; and Ms. Patricia Watson of Collinston, La.; one nephew, Mr. Thomas Carter of Oakland, California; and fourteen grandchildren. In addition, he leaves a host of cousins and a number of close friends."

JC 332

Source: "Funeral Services for the Late Brother Bennie Carter" dated August 27, 1987 in possession of Mrs. Isabelle Woods, 2016 Surrey Lane, Bossier City, Louisiana.

OBITUARY

“BROTHER ERNEST DAVENPORT was born April 28, 1916 in Collinston, Louisiana, to the late Mr. and Mrs. Tilford Davenport.

“He departed this life Friday, May 13, 1988 at Oak Woods Nursing Home in Mer Rouge, Louisiana.

“He confessed Christ at an early age at Jerusalem M. B. C. under the leadership of Rev. Miller. Later he moved to St. Louis, Missouri, and became a member of the West Side M. B. C. where he served as an usher and deacon for many years.

“In 1986, he moved to Bastrop, Louisiana, and united with the Cherry Hill #2 M. B. C. where he remained a deacon until God called him home.

“He was united in holy matrimony in 1933 to the late Sister Essie Ford Davenport.

“He leaves to carry on: one son, Brother Kirk Davenport of St. Louis, Missouri; one brother: Brother Willie Davenport of Los Angeles, California; two nieces: sister Mary Davenport Hamilton of Bastrop, Louisiana, and Sister Margo D. McElroy of St. Louis, Missouri; one nephew, Brother Huey Davenport of Collinston, Louisiana; and a host of relatives and friends.”

JC 53

Source: “In Loving Memory of the late Brother Ernest Davenport” (photo) dated May 16, 1988 in possession of Mrs. Isabelle Woods, 2016 Surrey Lane, Bossier City, Louisiana.



ERNEST DAVENPORT

OBITUARY

“BROTHER JESSIE IVORY DAVIS departed this life on January 12, 1972, at Gerald Champion Memorial Hospital in Alamogordo, New Mexico. He was born on January 20, 1888 in Mer Rouge, Louisiana. Brother Davis was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis of Mer Rouge.

“Brother Ivory received Christ at an early age at Oak Grove C.M.E. Church. He was married to Emma Robinson. To this union, 3 daughters were born: Mable Lucille, Lubertha, and Myna.

“Brother Ivory Davis leaves to mourn his loss: three daughters: Mrs. Lucille Woods and Mrs. Lubertha Smith of Oakland, California; and Mrs. Myna Byles of Kansas City, Kansas; five sisters: Mrs. Lillie B. Sawyer, Mrs. Ella Brown, Mrs. Lula Bell Lee of Bastrop, Louisiana; Mrs. Anna Tucker of Gallion, Louisiana; Mrs. Ollie Spiker, Oakland, California; one brother: Sam Davis of Bastrop, Louisiana; fifteen grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.”

JC 333

Source: “Obsequies for Brother Jessie Ivory Davis” (photo) dated January 2, 1972 in possession of Mrs. Isabelle Woods, 2016 Surrey Lane, Bossier City, Louisiana.



JESSIE IVORY DAVIS

OBITUARY

"BRO. ALFRED GREEN was born on August 22, 1905 to the late Leah and Willie Green of Mer Rouge, Louisiana. He departed this life on July 31, 1972 at 8:30 A. M. at his home.

"He confessed Christ in 1925 under the leadership of the late Rev. Doc Miller of Jerusalem Baptist church. In 1933 he married Eva Burrell. To this union eleven children were born.

"He leaves to mourn: his wife, Eva Green; five sons: Roosevelt Green and Alfred Green of Pine Bluff, Arkansas; Lester Green, Joe Lee Green, and Larry Green of Bastrop, Louisiana; seven daughters: Viola Seay and Eva Green of Chicago, Illinois; Ella Z. Wimberly of Crossett, Arkansas; Bobbie Jean Mason, Lottie Green, Maggie Green, and Cherry Green—all of Bastrop, Louisiana; twenty-eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren; one sister, Carrie Jones of Seattle, Washington; two brothers: Lester Green of Seattle, Washington; and Wesley Green of Mer Rouge, Louisiana; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends."

JC 94

Source: "Funeral Service In Memory of Bro. Alfred Green" (photo) dated August 6, 1972 in possession of Mrs. Isabelle Woods, 2016 Surrey Lane, Bossier City, Louisiana.

OBITUARY

"The hour glass, with its sands of time has slowly, but surely, spilled its contents; and with the passing of the last sand, without turning back to bid us farewell, went the life of our friend and loved one.

"IVEY JAMES HARRIS was born and lived his life's span in the Village of Mer Rouge, Louisiana. He was the son of the late Richard Harris and Callie Reed Harris, the seventh child in a family of seven.

"On November 27, 1921, he was united in Holy Matrimony to Cordelia Dunklin and they were blessed with eleven children; two of which preceded him in their infancy.

"He accepted Christ in 1947, was baptized and fellowshiped in the Eudora Baptist Church under the administration of Rev. W. S. Robinson. Two years later in 1949, he cast his lot with the Mount Calvary Baptist Church and there his membership remained until death.

"He departed this life on October 29, 1971, at 12:30 A.M.

"Surviving are his wife, six daughters: Mrs. Vera C. Carter, Mrs. Bettye M. Keeler, Mrs. Helen C. Hill, Mrs. Hazel D. Drumgoole, Mrs. Sadie L. Rose, and Mrs. Callie E. Wilson; three sons: Columbus C. Harris, Ivey Harris, Jr., and Felix Harris; twenty-five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; two sisters: Mrs. Della Henderson and Mrs. Cora Mae Foster and numerous other relatives and friends."

JC 21

Source: "Funeral Services for Ivey James Harris, Sr." (photo) dated November 2, 1971 in possession of Mrs. Isabelle Woods, 2016 Surrey Lane, Bossier City, Louisiana.

OBITUARY

“...Sister **PERNELLA (PENELLIE) HUNDLEY** was born to the late Mr. and Mrs. Albert Shaw. She was born October 6, 1901, in Mer Rouge, Louisiana.

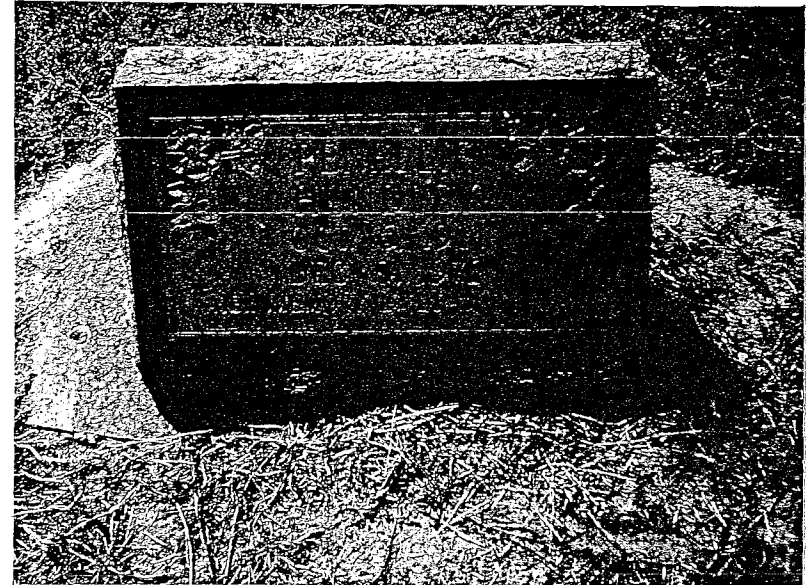
“She joined church at an early age. She departed this life December 8, 1978 in the Morehouse General Hospital, Bastrop, La., after a lengthy illness.

“She was married to Mr. David Hundley in 1938.

“In memory of her passing are: her husband, Mr. David Hundley; two daughters: Mrs. Mary Leon Barfield of Oakland, Calif.; and Miss Vertie Lee Hundley of Bastrop, La.; three sons: Mr. Clezie Higgenbotham of Bastrop, La.; Mr. O. C. Higgenbotham of Oakland, Calif.; Mr. Johnny King of Chicago, Ill.; three sisters and four brothers; four grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.”

JC 29

Source: “Funeral Service for Sister Pernela Hundley” dated December 14, 1978 in possession of Mrs. Isabelle Woods, 2016 Surrey Lane, Bossier City, Louisiana.



**PENELLIE
HUNDLEY**

**OCT 6, 1901
DEC 8, 1978**

HER MEMORY IS DEAR TO US



GREEN ROBINSON, JR.

OBITUARY

“Life came to a close on March 8, 1987 for BRO. GREEN ROBINSON, JR., at the Morehouse General Hospital following a lengthy illness.

“He was born to the late Mr. & Mrs. Green Robinson, Sr., on December 2, 1894. He later united in matrimony with Sirmary Robinson.

“He confessed to Christ in 1916 and became an active member of the Oak Grove C. M. E. Church under the leadership of the late Rev. Secrease. There he served the church in various capacities, which included Sunday School Teacher, Superintendent of Sunday School, and as a Steward. Serious illness for several years caused him to limit his duties at the church. So every day that he felt good, he would get his Bible, catch the Senior Citizen’s bus, and there he would read scriptures and discuss the bible with his brothers and sisters present. He just couldn’t stop talking about Christ.

“He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Sirmary Robinson of Bastrop; three sons: Luther Robinson, and Nathaniel Robinson of Oakland, California; and Arthur Robinson of Berkeley, California; four daughters: Maerie Grant of Stockton, California; Ellazeen Matthews of Sacramento, California; and Queenie Evans and Virthous Rowden—both of St. Louis, Missouri. He leaves 42 grand children in addition to a host of great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, plus many more wonderful relatives and loving friends.”

JC 337

Source: “In Loving Memory of Bro. Green Robinson, Jr.” (photo) dated March 15, 1987 in possession of Mrs. Isabelle Woods, 2016 Surrey Lane, Bossier City, Louisiana.

OBITUARY

"SIS. EARLEAN ROBINSON departed this life October 15, 1970 at 9:00 A. M. in Morehouse General Hospital, (Bastrop, Louisiana).

"She was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ivory Duncan of Mer Rouge, Louisiana. She joined Eudora Baptist Church (Mer Rouge, Louisiana) under the leadership of Reverend Caddine in 1927. Later she joined the Little Zion A. M. E. Church under Rev. Caldwell in Jones, La.

"She was married to Mr. Sam Hunter in 1938. To this union no children were born. In 1947 she married the late Mr. Lee Edward Robinson. To this union, two...children were adopted.

"She leaves to mourn her mother, Mrs. Mary Washington of Blythe, California; two daughters: Miss Mary Ethel of Davenport, Mer Rouge, La.; Mrs. Joe Ann Clark of Kansas City, Mo. Three sisters, Lillie Mae Wilson, Mer Rouge, La.; Mrs. Mandy Thomas and Mrs. Estell Thomas of Winsboro, La. Four brothers: Mr. Joseph Duncan, Crossett, Ark.; Mr. Jimmie Lee Jones of Winsboro, La.; Mr. Willie Washington, and Mr. Roosevelt Washington of Blythe, Calif.; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends."

JC 341

Source: "Funeral Service for Sis. Earlean Robinson" dated October 18, 1970 in possession of Mrs. Isabelle Woods, 2016 Surrey Lane, Bossier City, Louisiana.

OBITUARY

"BROTHER WILLIAM ROBINSON was born to the late Rev. G. R. Robinson and Mrs. Laura Wright Robinson May 1, 1889 in Mer Rouge, LA. He was the first born of nine children.

"At an early age he joined Robinson Chapel C. M. E. Church, Mer Rouge, La. Later he moved to Bonita, La., and joined the St. Joe A. M. E. Church. After moving to Bastrop, he united with the St. Mary C. M. E. Church where he served on the Steward Board until he was unable.

"His first formal education was done in Mer Rouge, La., after which he attended Homer College, Homer, La.

"He was married to the late Mrs. Ella Causey Lacy. To this union were born four children. Two preceded him in death.

"On October 26, 1982, at 8:55 P.M., he passed away in his sleep at the Hickory Manor Nursing Home, Bastrop, La.

"He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Zoella R. Johnson, Bastrop, La.; Mrs. Irazone R. Osborne, Grambling, La.; sixteen grandchildren, thirty-four great grandchildren, seven great-great grandchildren; two brothers: Mr. Green Robinson, Jr., Bastrop, La; Mr. Limmie Robinson, Sparks, Nevada. One sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Robinson Dudley, Mer Rouge, La., and many other relatives and friends."

JC 338

Source: "In Loving Memory of Brother William Robinson" dated October 30, 1982 in possession of Mrs. Isabelle Woods, 2016 Surrey Lane, Bossier City, Louisiana.

OBITUARY

"RILEY ALEX SPEARMAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Spearman, departed this life Wednesday, March 12, 1986, after a brief illness.

"He was born in Coffeerville, Mississippi, and moved to the Bonne Idee Community in 1919 at the age of seven.

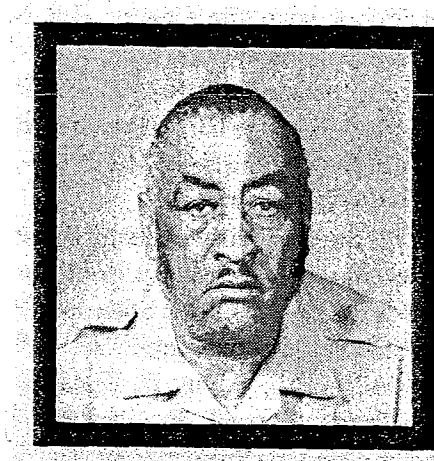
"Brother Spearman united with the Cherry Hill No. II Missionary Baptist Church at an early age.

"He married Irma Davis Spearman in 1938 and from this union two daughters and four sons were born. Hazel and Henry Edna (deceased), Roy, Willie, Alvin, and Samuel. He also has a son and daughter from a previous marriage.

"He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Irma Spearman of Bastrop, Louisiana; two daughters: Emma Robinson and Hazel Whaley of Bastrop, La. Five sons: Alex Spearman, Jr., of New Orleans, La.; Roy Spearman of Bastrop, La.; Willie E. Spearman of Los Angeles, Calif.; Alvin D. Spearman of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and Samuel E. Spearman of Grambling, La. One brother, Eugene Spearman of Mer Rouge, La. Twelve grandchildren, five great grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends."

JC 169

Source: "Obsequies of Mr. Riley Alex Spearman" (photo) dated March 15, 1986 in possession of Mrs. Isabelle Woods, 2016 Surrey Lane, Bossier City, Louisiana.



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13. <http://archive.scotsman.com>

Tip Of The Quarter

Newspaper research is a valuable resource that most genealogists do not use. Many names, dates and events can be discovered and explained by reading the old newspapers.

Many State and Local Libraries has large collections of old newspapers in special collections. Newspapers dating back to the 1700's to the present have been microfilmed. Many of these old newspapers have even been indexed.

Various types of records are found in the newspaper. Obituaries, which vary in content, birth, marriages, divorce, legal notices, court dockets, lists of taxpayers, county/parish fair winners, etc. These events will be helpful in establishing the residence of persons at particular times.

The United States Newspaper Program is a cooperative national effort among the states and the federal government to locate, catalog, and preserve on microfilm newspapers published in the United States from the eighteenth century to the present. Funding is provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Technical assistance is furnished by the Library of Congress.

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NEH is an independent grant-making agency of the United States government dedicated to supporting research, education, preservation, and public programs in the humanities.

First explore and learn about the Ark-La-Tex humanities councils programs.

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ARKANSAS

The Arkansas Newspaper Project has cataloged 3,400 titles, including the first *Arkansas Gazette* published in 1819. The project has received \$659,854 in NEH support.

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An important function of this Special Collections is to support research and writing in Arkansas studies.

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The 1794 New Orleans *Moniteur de la Louisiane*, the state's first French newspaper, is among the 4.8 million pages microfilmed. The project has received \$303,073 in NEH support.

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LSU has been actively involved with the United States Newspaper Program (USNP), since 1986.

TEXAS

Among the 1,194,041 pages microfilmed are the *Blooming Grove Rustler* and the *Evening News and Dinner Horn*. The project, which includes the newspapers of Jewish, Czech, and German settlers, has received \$1,401,998 in NEH support.

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For more than 40 years, The Center for American History's Research and Collections Division has preserved the historical and social heritage recorded in the pages of newspapers in Texas and throughout the United States.

By all means don't overlook the basic newspaper. Many local newspapers report social events, out of town visitors, school events, etc. All of these items can tell you about the events in your families' life. You can establish what events happened on the day Grandma and Grandpa were married, or the day your mother was born. Researches will learn about the community and the area as well.

Hospitality Committee Chairperson Needed

The Ark-La-Tex Association still need someone to volunteer as our Hospitality Committee Chairperson. No experience necessary! Even if you cannot fill the position permanently, we'd be grateful if you could do it for several months. What will you have to do? Attend General Meetings, as well as our special events in March, to set up, oversee, and dismantle the Refreshment table. It involves arriving at the Randle T. Moore Center by 1:00 p.m. in order to start the coffee pot, so that it will be ready by the break. You will have help most times during the general meetings. You will not have to bring the goodies unless you want to because other members have and will volunteer to do this. This position is suitable for anyone: man, woman, couple, or even someone who is already volunteering in another capacity. Please contact Jim Johnson at (318) 746-1851 or jjohnson747@suddenlink.net.

What interesting facts do you know about YOUR ancestors?

Taken from Family Storylines
<http://www.familystorylines.com>

Just think:

1. Approximately **35 million Americans** are linked by blood to one (or more) of the 102 pilgrims who came to America on the Mayflower in 1620.
2. It has been estimated that nearly **half of all Americans** today can trace their family history to at least one person who passed through the Port of New York at **Ellis Island**.
3. The United States has taken a **census every 10 years since 1790**. The most recent publicly available census is that of 1930. Each census lists the people alive in the United States at that time (your ancestors!) and identifies interesting information about each person.
4. 3 million men fought in the **Civil War**. Depending on your age, these men could have been your 2nd or 3rd great-grandfathers. If all of your ancestors were in the United States at the time that means you could have had up to **eight 2nd great-grandfathers** and **sixteen 3rd great-grandfathers** who fought! Fascinating records exist for many of those ancestors who fought.
5. The **Homestead Act** of 1862 made public land available to anyone who was willing to pay a small filing fee and “improve” the land for five years. Before the act was repealed in 1934, over **1.6 million applications** were processed for **270 million acres** of public land. If your ancestors applied for land, very interesting family information can be available through these records.
6. **1870** is an important year for African American genealogy. As the **first post-Civil War U.S. Census**, it was the first time **former slaves** were listed by name. Previously, only the slave owner was named and slaves were identified by a count.
7. **Coats of arms** were used beginning around **1200 A.D.** Since knights wearing armor all looked alike, the shield of each was painted in a way that he could be recognized. Although many people today are interested in finding a coat of arms for their family, it is not as simple as finding one for your last name. There can be many coats of arms for a **single last name** or none at all. A coat of arms is specific to a particular family, so you need to trace several generations of your ancestors to see if there is a coat of arms for your family.
8. In 1917 and 1918, approximately **98% of men** under the age of 46 living in the United States completed a **World War I draft registration card**. Chances are, you had male ancestors who registered, and you can get a copy of their original draft registration card – an interesting document placing your ancestors in a major historical event.

9. The vast majority of *African Americans* are *descendents of about 400,000 Africans* brought to North America as slaves in the 18th and 19th century. Most of these slaves came from a small section – only about 300 miles long – of the Atlantic coast between the Congo and Gambia rivers in East Africa.
10. Anthropologists claim that *everyone on earth* is a 40th cousin. That would mean that any two people can find at least one common ancestor who has lived since 800 A.D.
11. The *1900 U.S. Census* was the *first to list Native Americans* living on reservations. Native Americans not living on reservations were listed beginning in 1860. In prior years, Native Americans were not listed at all unless they lived in settled areas, were taxed, and did not maintain a tribal affiliation.

Shreve Memorial Library

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Jackson Independent Newspaper: Obituaries

Submitted by Willie Griffin

Obituaries...

From the Jackson Independent Newspaper (Published, Thursday of each week), Jonesboro, Louisiana, 5 July 1990, page 3A, column 1. [Newspapers housed in the Jackson Parish Library.]

Funeral services held for Ed Crowley

Funeral services for Edwin W. (Ed) Crowley, age 87, of Monroe, were held on Friday, June 29, 1990, at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel of Mulhearn's Funeral Home, Sterlington Road, in Monroe.

Rev. Harold Hughens and Rev. Lee McGlone conducted the services.

Mr. Crowley was born in Monroe in 1903, and died at his home there on June 27, 1990. He served in the Army Air Corps in the Philippine Islands. When he returned to Monroe, he became an agent with Lamar Life Insurance Company of Jackson, MS, and represented them for 56 years.

He was a charter member of Parkview Baptist Church, where he served as teacher, deacon and church clerk. Mr. Crowley was the first President of the Monroe Exchange Club.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Ruby Key Crowley; his daughter, Marilyn Lewis; son-in-law, James E. Lewis; and grandson, Beau Lewis; area relatives are Mr. and Mrs. Haskell Fairchild of Monroe, Mr. and Mrs. Joe G. Key of Jonesboro and Mr. and Mrs. A very East of Natchitoches.

Pallbearers were Dr. James Padgett, Dr. Charles Smith, Phillip McCrary, Fred Huenefeld, Jr., Erwin Ward, Frank Swayze, Thomas C. Dansby, Sr. and Johnny I. Johnson.

Honorary pallbearers were A. B. Kelly, Fred E. Causey, James Michaud, Gerald Olcott, Howard Lewis, Leo Terzia and Johnny Glover.

Services held Monday for Tyler Davis

Services for Tyler Eads Davis, 2-day-old infant son of Paula Cosby of Eros, were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, July 2, 1990, in the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Eros. Ellis Lewis and Shelton Coleman conducted the services.

Burial was in the Church Cemetery under the direction of Southern Funeral Home of Jonesboro.

Tyler Davis died Saturday, June 30, 1990, in the West Jefferson Medical Center in Gretna.

Survivors include his mother, Paula Cosby of Eros; two brothers, Kyle Davis and Joshua Heath Cosby, both of Eros; Maternal grandparents, Ed and Carolyn Eads of Eros; maternal great grandfather, Harvey Lewis of Eros; maternal great grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Z. Davis of West Monroe; Two uncles, Steven Davis and Brian Edward Davis, both of Eros; numerous great aunts, great uncles and cousins also survive.

Funeral services held for Emmett Sorrells

Funeral services for Emmett B. Sorrells, age 83, of Hodge, were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, June 30, 1990, in the Buck Edmonds Memorial Chapel in Jonesboro. Dr. Herb Dickerson, Rev. Jimmie Miller and Rev. Wayne Toms conducted the services.

Burial was in the Garden of Memories Cemetery, near Jonesboro, under the direction of Edmonds Funeral Home of Jonesboro.

Mr. Sorrells died Thursday, June 28, in the Schumpert Medical Center in Shreveport, after a lengthy illness. He was a native of Winn Parish, but had lived most of his life in Jackson Parish. Mr. Sorrells had worked 42 years at the Paper Mill in Hodge and retired as an Assistant Power Superintendent. He was a member of the Jonesboro-Hodge Lodge, No. 280 F&AM, a member of the First Baptist Church in Jonesboro and was a member of the Will Barr Sunday School Class.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Louise Wheeler Sorrells of Hodge; one son, Donald B. Sorrells and wife, Charleen of Shreveport; one daughter, Mrs. Sophia Roberts and husband Bobby, of Bossier City; three grandsons, Robin Roberts of Shreveport, Jason Roberts of Bossier City and Tom Sorrells of Shreveport.

Pallbearers were Bobby Clyde Brinson, F.C. (Red) Stewart, Edward Hughes, Huel Heard, R. C. Martin and Armond Stroud.

Honorary pallbearers were Purvis Nash, Wayne Brinson, Emmett Lowrey, Waymon Smith and Ross Robinson.

Mrs. Willie Bruce dies after lengthy illness

Mrs. Willie Mae Bruce, age 74, of Ruston, formerly of Hodge, died Friday, June 29, 1990 in the Lincoln General Hospital in Ruston, after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Bruce was a native of Jackson Parish and had lived in Hodge most of her life. She was a homemaker. Mrs. Bruce was preceded in death by her husband, John C. Bruce.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, July 2, in the Buck Edmonds Memorial Chapel in Jonesboro. Rev. Randy Scrivner conducted the services.

Burial was in the Gayla Traina Cemetery under the direction of Edmonds Funeral Home of Jonesboro.

Survivors include two sons, Jackie Ramsey of Grand Prairie, Texas and Johnny Bruce of Baton Rouge; one brother, D. B. Mettchell of Hodge; four grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Troy Smith, Bud King, Doyle Bridges, Ross Pullin, Roy Crowell and Grady Dean.

Obituaries...

From the Jackson Independent Newspaper (Published, Thursday of each week), Jonesboro, Louisiana, 12 July 1990, page 3A, column 1. [Newspapers housed in the Jackson Parish Library.]

Mrs. Alma Arington dies after short illness

Mrs. Alma Ruth Arington, age 74, of Quitman, died Tuesday, July 3, 1990, in the Lincoln General Hospital in Ruston, after a short illness.

She was a native of Anniston, Missouri, and was a homemaker. Mrs. Arington was preceded in death by a son, Thomas Lee Arington.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, July 5, in the Buck Edmonds Memorial Chapel in Jonesboro. Rev. Billy Franks and Rev. Tommy Long conducted the services. Local arrangements were under the direction of Edmonds Funeral Home of Jonesboro.

Other services were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, July 7, in the Chapel of the Shelby Funeral Home in East Prairie, Missouri. Burial was in the Anniston Cemetery, in Anniston, MO under the direction of Shelby Funeral home of East Prairie, MO.

Survivors include her husband, Rev. Linvel Arington of Quitman; five sons, Harvie Linvel Arington, Jr. and George Marion Arington both of Hot Springs, Arkansas; Barbee Mark Arington of Indianapolis, Ind., William White Arington of Daytona Beach, Fla, and Rev. Terry Don Arington of Quitman; Three daughters, Mrs. Edna Janye Knowles of Summerfield, Ill., Mrs. Lucretia Ruth Robinson of South Roxana, Ill., and Mrs. Linda Bruce Mizell of Stonington, Ill.

One sister, Mrs. Amanda Pear-son of Vienna, MO; six brothers, Tom White of Waldron, Ark., Marion White of Van Buren, Ark., George White of Mayfield, Ky., J. C. White of Brea, CA, Bill White of Mena, Ark., and Terry Bruce White of Parkersburg, W.V.; 27 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Porter Buckelew dies after lengthy illness

Porter Arthur Buckelew, age 87, of Jonesboro, died Saturday, July 7, 1990, in the Jackson Manor Nursing Home, after a lengthy illness.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, July 9, in the Chapel of Southern Funeral Home in Jonesboro. Bishop Loy Garr, President Buel Magee and Elder Don Smith conducted the services.

Burial was in the Gayla Traina Memorial Cemetery near Jonesboro, under the direction of Southern Funeral Home of Jonesboro.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Jewel Buckelew of Jonesboro; three sons, Timothy Wayne Buckelew and Jimmy Buckelew, both of Jonesboro and Bobby Buckelew of Winnfield;

Five daughters, Mrs. Billie Louise Ross of Bossier City, Mrs. June Fontenot of Sulphur, Ms. Jessie Buckelew of Jonesboro, Mrs. Hazel Isreal of Ukiah, CA, and Mrs. Doris Jimerson of Keithville; Two step-daughters, Mrs. Virginia Clark and Mrs. Elouise Potter, both of Many; one sister, Mrs. Clara Freeman of Jonesboro; 31 grandchildren, 52 great grandchildren and 4 great-great grandchildren.

Funeral services held for Mrs. Mabel Gatlin

Funeral services for Mrs. Mabel Elizabeth Gatlin, age 95, were held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, July 7, 1990, in the Chapel of Southern Funeral Home in Jonesboro.

Rev. Ray Prager conducted the services. Burial was in the Jonesboro Cemetery, under the direction of Southern Funeral Home of Jonesboro.

Mrs. Gatlin, a former resident of Jonesboro, passed away Tuesday, July 3, in the Glen Valley Nursing Home in Glenwood Springs, Colorado, after a lengthy illness.

Survivors include one son, Mack M. (Sonny) Gatlin of Jonesboro; one daughter, Mrs. Mary Gatlin Prager of Pineville; one sister, Mrs. Nell Parker of Jonesboro; six grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Harold Alien, Richard Zuber, Johnny Gatlin, Scott Gatlin, Steve Jordan and Don Milam.

Funeral services held for Sam Lucky

Funeral services for S. R. (Sam) Lucky, age 72, of Jonesboro, were held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, July 5, 1990, in the Buck Edmonds Memorial Chapel. Rev. George Mc.Vay and Rev. Art Baker conducted the services.

Burial was in the Gayla Traina Memorial Cemetery near Jonesboro, under the direction of Edmonds Funeral Home of Jonesboro.

Mr. Lucky died Tuesday, July 3, in the Willis-Knighton Hospital in Shreveport, following a short illness. He was born in Natchitoches, but had lived most of his life in Jonesboro. He worked as an accountant in the Woodlands Office of Continental Can Company in Hodge for 35 years. Mr. Lucky was a veteran of World War II, and was a member of the Jonesboro United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Marguerite McKinney Lucky of Jonesboro; one son, Bob Lucky of Brevard, North Carolina; one daughter, Mrs. Sue Horn and husband, Wayne of Brevard, North Carolina; one granddaughter, Amanda Horn of Chapel Hill, North Carolina;

Four brothers, Jack Lucky of Rincon, Georgia, Paul Lucky of Bossier City, Elmer Lucky of Marietta, Georgia and Ernest Lucky of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Three sisters, Mrs. Margaret DeBellevue of Crowley, Mrs. Ernestine Beasley of Jackson, MS. and Mrs. Norma Ruth Hunter of Shreveport.

Pallbearers were Hank Lowrey, Herman Warren, Glen Roy Robinson, Jimmy Robinson, Art Trevison, Larry Holers, George Keys IV and Charles Garrett.

Honorary pallbearers were Lionel Roundtree, L. C. (Boe) Harville, Joe Key, Woody Holmes, Dan Tohline, Joe Webb Swanner, V. C. (Buck) Adkins, James D. (Bud) Robinson, Joe Burns, and Mervyn Parker.

Obituaries...

From the Jackson Independent Newspaper (Published, Thursday of each week), Jonesboro, Louisiana, 19 July 1990, page 3A, column 1. [Newspapers housed in the Jackson Parish Library.]

Funeral services held for R. J. Franklin

Funeral services for Robert J. (Pete) Franklin, age 61, of Ruston, were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, July 14, 1990, in the Mineral Springs Church. Rev. E. D. Morris and Rev. Doug White conducted the services.

Burial was in the Mineral Springs Cemetery under the direction of Kilpatrick Funeral Home of Ruston.

Mr. Franklin passed away Friday, July 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the V. A. Hospital, after a short illness. He was a veteran of the Korean War.

Survivors include two brothers, William Franklin of Dubach and Elvin E. Franklin of Ruston; two sisters, Eula Otwell of Ruston and Annie Ruth McFearin of Quitman.

Pallbearers were Tommy Duke, Richard Franklin, Elvis Franklin, Donnie Franklin, Curtis Otwell, R. D. Roach, Jr., Donald Franklin, Raymond Duke and Gerry Franklin.

Mrs. Dolly Truelove dies after lengthy illness

Mrs. Dolly Dimple Truelove, age 69, of Jonesboro, died Friday, July 13, 1990, in the Schumpert Medical Center in Shreveport, after a lengthy illness. She was a native of Jackson Parish and was a homemaker. She was a Baptist.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, July 15, in the Buck Edmonds Memorial Chapel in Jonesboro. Rev. Frank Shields conducted the services. Burial was in the Springhill Cemetery under the direction of Edmonds Funeral Home of Jonesboro.

Survivors include her husband, S. J. (Dink) Truelove of Jonesboro; one son, Ernie Truelove of Jonesboro; two daughters, Brenda McLeroy of Keithville and Tulonna Kennedy of Chatham;

One sister, Mrs. Sunday Knighten of Shreveport; two brothers, Henry Ford of Shreveport and Mac Ford of Arcadia; three grandchildren, Franklin Van Alstyne, Ramonda Van Alstyne and Lisa Truelove Robinson, all of Keithville.

Pallbearers were Mike Law, Lindell Lowery, Larry Pardue, Ike Rogers, Bill Malone, and Stewart Knighten.

Willie Lee Gryder dies after lengthy illness

Willie Lee Gryder, age 81, of Eros, died Wednesday, July 11, 1990, at Glenwood Regional Medical Center, after a lengthy illness.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, July 14, in the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints with Ellis Lewis and Lawrence Phillips officiating.

Burial was in the Williams Cemetery under the direction of Southern Funeral Home of Jonesboro.

Survivors include his wife, Roberta W. Gryder of Eros; two stepdaughters, Joyce Smith and Dorothy Taylor both of West Monroe; one stepson, J. B. Taylor of Eros; one sister, Hazel Isaac of Monroe; two step-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

He will be remembered by all as a very kind, compassionate, Christian man.

Funeral services held for Neil Basinger

Funeral services for H. C. (Neil) Basinger, age 77, of Shreveport, formerly of Jonesboro, were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, July 14, 1990, in the Buck Edmonds Memorial Chapel in Jonesboro.

Rev. Earl T. Gentry conducted the services. Burial was in the Antioch Cemetery, near Quitman, under the direction of Edmonds Funeral Home of Jonesboro.

Mr. Basinger died Thursday, July 12 in the Willis-Knighten Hospital in Shreveport after a brief illness. He was born in Jamestown, but lived most of his adult life in Shreveport. Mr. Basinger was a veteran of World War II where he served in the South Pacific Theatre. He was a member of the Lowe-McFarlane Post No. 14 of the American Legion, and was a member of the Disabled American Veterans. Mr. Basinger was a retired road crew foreman for the Louisiana Department of Highways. He was an avid hunter and sportsman.

Survivors include two daughters, Jeanelle Alexander of Shreveport and Joan Basinger of Oregon; one sister, Mrs. Estelle Langstori of Glenwood, Arkansas; Three brothers, Willard Basinger of Greenwood, Ray Basinger of Shreveport and D. L. Basinger of Arizona; numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

Pallbearers were Robert Basinger, Gary Basinger, Mike Basinger, Don Lewis, Rudy Bangan and E. A. Roy.

C. W. Griffin dies after lengthy illness

Charles W. Griffin, age 51, of Winnfield, died Friday, July 13, 1990, at his home, following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Griffin was a native of Winn Parish, was a graduate of Calvin High School and worked for many years in construction as a carpenter. He was a Baptist.

Funeral services were held at 4:00 p.m. Saturday, July 14 in the Bethlehem Baptist Church in Calvin. Rev. Glen Griffin and Rev. Ernie Yokurn conducted the services.

Burial was in the Bethlehem Cemetery in Calvin, under the direction of Edmonds Funeral Home of Jonesboro.

Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Beatrice Carpenter of Calvin; three brothers, Don Griffin of Springhill, Mack Carpenter of San Antonio, Texas and Wayne Carpenter of Jonesboro.

Pallbearers were Tom Traywick, Hubert Howard, John E. Garrett, Roy Griffin, Gary Hemphill and Sherman Carpenter, Jr.

Honorary pallbearers were Lonnie Chandler, Clarence Brock, Edd Barridge, and Sherman Carpenter, Sr.

Remember the collaterals...

How is your search for your ancestors? If you can't find a death certificate for your ancestor on file, you can search for records on his/her brothers and sisters. The records for your ancestor's cousins may lead you to cemeteries where previous generations of your family are buried. Don't just do genealogy and focus on your ancestors - do whole-family research and learn more.

Is this the correct person?

When you find /in entry of interest in an index, keep in mind that people often share the same or similar names. A name is only one identifier of a person, and because you found the *name* you're seeking doesn't mean you've found the *correct person*.

Obituaries...

From the Jackson Independent Newspaper (Published, Thursday of each week), Jonesboro, Louisiana, 2 Aug 1990, page 3A, column 1. [Newspapers housed in the Jackson Parish Library.]

Mineral services field for Mrs. Dorthice Clary

Funeral services for Mrs. Dorthice Whatley Clary, age 42, of Jonesboro were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 26, 1990, in the Hodge United Pentecostal Church. Rev. Mark Briggs and Rev. T. F. Tenney conducted the Services.

Burial was in the Gayla Traina Memorial Cemetery, under the direction of Edmonds Funeral Home of Jonesboro.

Mrs. Clary died Wednesday, July 25, at her home, after a lengthy illness. She was a native of Jena, had lived in Baton Rouge and Ferriday, but had lived in Jonesboro for the past ten years.

Mrs. Clary attended Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, and received her Masters Degree from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. She attained her 30-Plus in the spring of 1990, and was working on her Doctorate at Northeast Louisiana University in Monroe at the time of her death. Mrs. Clary was a teacher in the Jackson Parish School System, and was State Coordinator for the Deaf Ministries for the Louisiana District of United Pentecostal Churches. Her sorority was Delta Kappa Gamma-Educational Society. She was a member of the Hodge United Pentecostal Church.

Survivors include her husband, Glen Clary of Jonesboro; three daughters, Delene Whatley and Kari Clary, both of Jonesboro and Candee Clary of Baton Rouge; her mother and stepfather, Margie and Warren Dufore of Zachary; One sister, Mrs. Denise Bran-non of Hendersonville, Tennessee; and one brother, Gavin Whatley of Baton Rouge.

Pallbearers were Rodney Robison, Rick Robison, Randy Robison, David Chestnut, Glint Collinsworth, Rusty Puckett, Scott Carter, Patrick Treadway, Mark Treadway, Jared McMurray and Leonard Harper.

Honorary pallbearers were Mike Jaynes, Sparks Robinson, Todd Culpepper and Bruce Blackburn.

Funeral services held for Mrs. Fannie Thompson

Funeral services for Mrs. Fannie Mae Thompson, age 73, of Jonesboro, were held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 24, 1990, in the Sand Hill Baptist Church. Conducting the services was Rev. Otis Hill, Rev. David Brown and Rev. D. C. Anderson.

Burial was in the Mt. Zillah Baptist Church Cemetery, under the direction of Winnfield Funeral Home of Winnfield.

Mrs. Thompson passed away Wednesday, July 18, in the LSU Medical Center in Shreveport, after a lengthy illness.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Helen D. Wyatt of Jonesboro; four sons, James Thompson and Columbus Thompson, both of Jonesboro; Arite Lee Thompson and Jimmie Thompson, both of Yakimo, Washington; Two sisters, Betty Lou Wyatt of Jonesboro and Eva Ray of Shreveport; one brother, Eve Williams of Fairfield, CA; One son-in-law, Curtis Lee Wyatt of Jonesboro; thirteen grandchildren; seven great grandchildren and a host of loving nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Mrs. Jeanette Huff dies after lengthy illness

Mrs. Jeanette Turner Huff, age 56, of Hodge, died Sunday morning, July 29, 1990, in the Glenwood Regional Medical Center in West Monroe, after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Huff was a native of Hodge, was a graduate of Jonesboro-Hodge High School, and attended Louisiana Tech University in Ruston. She was a member of the Hodge Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 31, in the Buck Edmonds Memorial Chapel of Jonesboro. Rev. Willis Ray Curtis and Rev. Perry Lassiter conducted the services.

Burial was in the Gayla Traina Memorial Cemetery, under the direction of Edmonds Funeral Home of Jonesboro.

Survivors include her husband, Robert L. (Bob) Huff of Hodge; one daughter, Mrs. Trish McLean and son-in-law, Phil of Baton Rouge; one grandson, Andy McLean of Baton Rouge; her father and mother, Ray and Voree Turner of Hodge.

Pallbearers were Joe Harveston, Kenneth Brown, James Earl Harvey, Charles Garrett, Leonard Bosch and Woody McDonald.

Funeral services to be held for Anthony Leslie

Anthony Jerome Leslie, age 19, of Hodge, died Monday, July 30, 1990, at the Jackson Parish Hospital, from injuries received in an automobile accident.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, August 4, in the Galilee Baptist Church in Hodge with Rev. E. L. Johnson officiating.

Burial will be in the Galilee Baptist Church Cemetery under the direction of Our Christian Funeral Home of Ruston.

He was a 1990 graduate of Jonesboro-Hodge High School and was a member of the basketball team.

Survivors include his parents Johnny and Priscilla Leslie of Hodge; one brother, Johnny Leslie, Jr. of Kansas City, Kansas; three sisters, Loretta Leslie and Ingrid Leslie of Hodge and Donnetta Leslie of Shreveport; and his maternal grandparents, Donnie and Maggie McConnell of Chatham.

Visitation will be Friday, August 3 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel of Our Christian Funeral Home.



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