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President's Message

Our association enjoyed a very productive summer and we have benefited from a number of educational events this quarter. In July, we had as our guest speaker Joe Slattery of the Genealogy Department, Broadmoor Branch Library. Mr. Slattery presented a PowerPoint slide show of archived photographs highlighting historic homes that were in downtown Shreveport in the 19th and early 20th century era. His presentation was based on extensive research into the lives of some 40 prominent families that resided in Shreveport during that time period.

The annual seminar held in August was very much a success. We were privileged to have Trevia Wooster Beverly as our guest speaker, along with Tejas Publishing and Research as our book vender. Attendees representing a number of genealogical societies in North Louisiana and Texas were present. Support and participation from other organizations helped make this year's seminar a success.

At our September regular session, we had a full agenda with three speakers. Gail Thompson, Regent of the Vivian Chapter of the Daughters of American Revolution, explained DAR's mission of patriotism and of preserving American history. Jim Jones, Chairman of our Education Committee, reported on his family's recent trip to Salt Lake City to conduct research at the LDS Family History Library, and enlightened the audience with the vast amount of resources available in that library. Our featured speaker was Teresa Micheels, who is a board member of the Friends of the Municipal Auditorium and oversees tours of that facility. Ms. Micheels explained the history and architecture of the building, showed numerous photographs of distinguishing features of the auditorium, and delighted the audience with stories of many famous musicians who performed at the auditorium early in their careers.

On this occasion, I wish to recognize two of our dedicated members. Jim and Esther Jones are among a select group in our association who go 'beyond the call of duty' to insure our programming and educational goals are met. Jim serves as Recording Secretary and is the Chairman of our Education Committee. He was a key instructor at this year's 'Genealogy Education Month' events, and has presented numerous programs at our regular sessions. Esther is a Trustee on our Board of Directors and also is a member of the Education Committee. Among other duties, she served as a registrar at our seminar, as well as, at other key events. Additionally, Jim and Esther regularly contribute articles to be published in The Genie, and are among the first to volunteer their services wherever needed. We are fortunate to have Jim and Esther as members of our association.

Jim Johnson
President

REMINISCENCES OF THE OWENS FAMILY

Written By Inez Owens White
Submitted By Raymon Owens

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.

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 60s. 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 Bonmertown, 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 Hop wood'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 Sorings 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, Ivene, 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. Ivene 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 went 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 Methodists 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, weatherboarded 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 service, 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. L 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 Stetson. 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 Ivene 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 sells 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 hollowed, "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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USING DIRECTORIES IN GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

Submitted By Esther Eley Jones

DIRECTORIES

Genealogists have many resources available in researching family history. Directories are one of those resources useful in placing an ancestor or relative at a certain place at a particular time. Often a researcher may be tempted to think the only directories available or useful for genealogical research are city directories. City directories, though, are only one of several types of directories family historians can use in research of ancestors. Others include those that are geographically oriented, directories of institutions and organizations, professional or occupational directories, directories oriented by hobby or other common interests, and directories of directories. Directories are books listing individuals or organizations alphabetically or thematically with details such as names, addresses, and telephone numbers.

USES OF DIRECTORIES

They are useful as a census complement or census substitute for locations and times when state or federal census schedules are not available. Many researchers check only for the head of household; however, clues can be missed using that method. Always scan the surname for others living at the same address. One can usually find a sister, brother, or other relative living at the same address. We found Jim's Uncle **Edmon** and his wife, Jewell, renting a house in Fayetteville, Arkansas on Meadow Street, and living at the same address was Edmon's brother Garland Jones, who is Jim's dad. City directories are very helpful when researching in this century since the last census available at this time is the 1930; however, the 1940 census scheduled for release 01 April 2012. Directories can also be useful in establishing the migration and settlement patterns of our ancestors. We traced **Edmon Jones**, his wife Jewell, and **Garland Jones** from Junction City, Arkansas to Fayetteville, Arkansas and finally to Shreveport using college directories and city directories. Directories also often specify whether the person named was an owner, renter, or boarder. If your ancestor owns land, that means land and/or deed records should also be available. As you follow a name or group of names through a sequence of directories, you may notice changes in occupation, address, and marital status. Using a map to reference an address, you may find that someone moved from one neighborhood to another neighborhood.

Institutional and Organizational Directories

Institutional and organizational directories include school yearbooks, alumni directories, special club directories, and church directories. Some college directories listed the students, faculty, officers, and staff members, and listed the name, address, and phone number of each person.

Yearbooks and Alumni Directories

Yearbooks concerning activities, such as fraternities, societies, ROTC, and honor societies are places to look when researching an ancestor. A student directory also is a resource for those in-between years, and might be useful to trace an ancestor.

Our Research Using College Directory and City Directories

City Directories are useful in providing specific identifying information. If you know where your ancestor attended college or university, publications from these institutions can be helpful in locating your ancestors' places of residence over time. Jim and I were researching James Garland Jones, Sr., Jim's dad, and needed to fill in the gap of his college years to complete his life story and place him at a specific place and time in our research. We had searched the Union County, Arkansas United States Federal Censuses for 1920 and 1930.

Granderson Monroe and **Eva Mae Attaway (Jones)** of Three Creeks, Union County, Arkansas had four sons, Emon O., Edmon N., Gordie M., and **James Garland Jones**. James **Garland** was born to **Granderson and Eva Mae Jones** 24 August 1911. James **Garland** married **Ruth Lea Colvin** 5 June 1939 in Union Parish, Louisiana. Garland died 16 September 1974 in Dubach, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana. Jim and I were researching his father and had very little information to go on in our search. We found handwritten notes in a collection of notes that Jim's father, James Garland Jones, Sr. and mother, Ruth Colvin Jones wrote on family history, and in those notes was information about Garland; however, we did not have any other information to use in our research.

Jim was missing links in the research of his dad in certain areas and we needed to connect those links to complete the life story of James Garland Jones, Sr. Two kinds of directories useful in connecting the missing links in researching James Garland Jones, Sr. were *college directories* and *city directories*. We heard from family stories that Garland attended college at the University of Arkansas, and lived with brother Edmon and his wife Jewell. Our mission was to find where he attended college and gather information on his college years. We looked for *directories* of the college and the city, and found both of those directories in the library archives at the University of Arkansas.

The *college directory* listed names of the students and faculty, street addresses, telephone numbers of both, and student majors. The *city directories* listed the population of that particular city, an alphabetical index of the population used to find an individual in the directory, an index of abbreviations used in the directory, abbreviations of given names, husbands and wives' names, occupation, place of employment, and, if the individual listed was a student, it stated student.

James Garlon (spelling on diploma) Jones graduated from Junction City High School 16 May 1929 in Junction City, Arkansas. Our first search was the State Agricultural and Mechanical

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 Jones John E (Minnie M) clk ICGR h245
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 Jones Leila (c) maid 258 Prospect av h241 St
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College at Monticello, Arkansas. The 1930 Boll Weevil College Yearbook shows Garland in the Le Cercle Francais, French Club, Star Society, track team, football team, and basketball team. The 1930 Boll Weevil College Yearbook is the only yearbook with Garland Jones listed at this particular college.

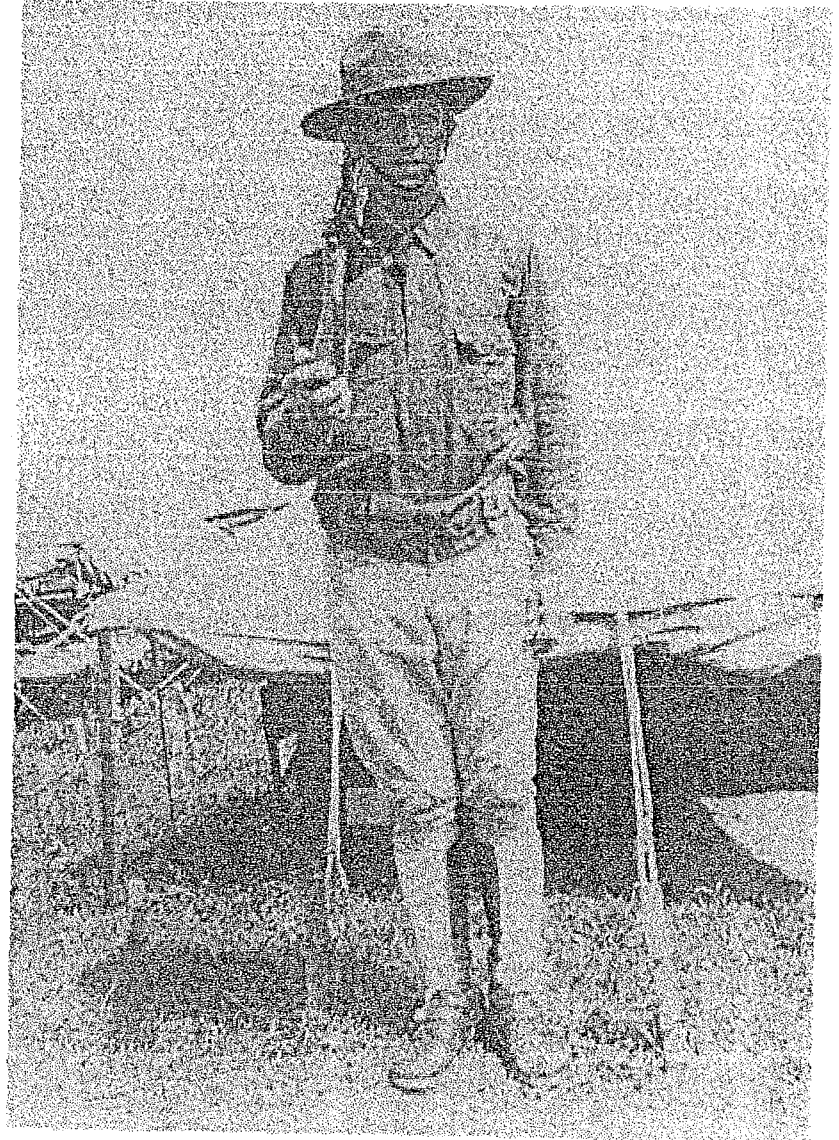
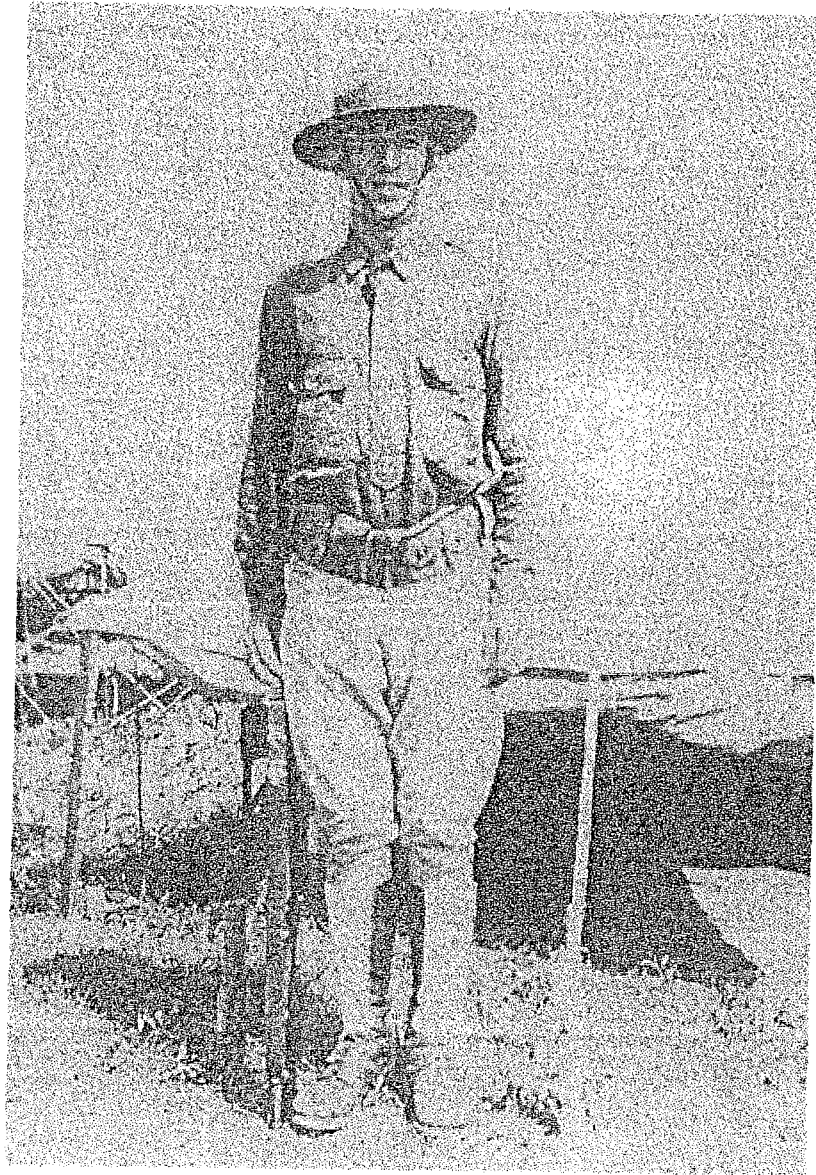
We made a trip to Fayetteville, Arkansas for further research at the University of Arkansas Library and the Fayetteville Public Library. We found James **Garlon** (alternate spelling for Garland) in the 1931-1932 University of Arkansas Directory, Register of the Students, Faculty, Officers and Staff Members. He was a sophomore in the College of Art and Sciences and his address was Meadow Apartments No. 1, phone 1212J. We also found Edmon and Jewell **Jones** in the 1932-1933 Fayetteville, Arkansas City Directory living at the Meadow Apartments No. 1 address. At that time, Edmond was assistant manager for Montgomery Ward & Company. We found another Fayetteville, Arkansas City Directory for the previous years, 1929-1930 with Edmon H. **Jones** and Jewell **r** (renter) 123 E. Spring Street. Edmon at this time was a yard foreman working for Ferguson Lumber Company, and Jewell Jones was manager for Mutual Motor Company. The next *city directory* we searched was the 1935-36 Fayetteville, Arkansas City Directories. Garland's brother Edmon and his wife Jewell are not listed in the 1935-36 directories. We presumed they moved from Fayetteville.

We knew from family stories Edmond **Jones** lived in Shreveport and worked for Western Auto Store. We searched the 1937 Shreveport City Directory and found Edmond H. **Jones** (Jewell) assistant manager Western Auto Supply Company living in h (house) 144 Dalzell. In the 1937 Shreveport City Directory we found J. Garland **Jones** slsmn (salesman) Western Auto Supply Company **r** (renter) living at the YMCA. We assumed since Edmon and Jewell moved Garland moved also after completing the semester at the University of Arkansas. He then took a leave from college, and worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, then moved to Shreveport and worked for Western Auto for a while and returned to college to complete his studies. Garland returned to college at Louisiana Polytechnic Institute as a senior and graduated 31 May 1938 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Liberal Arts.

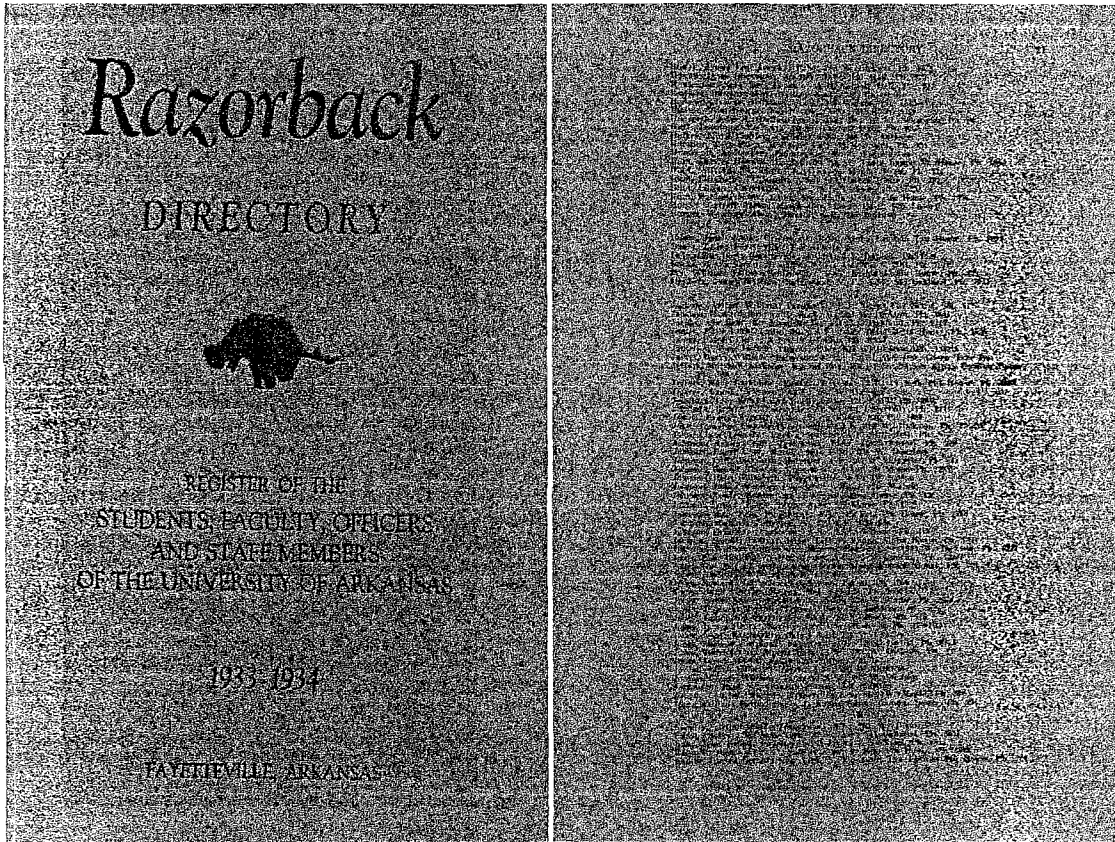
The year, 1929, James Garland Jones graduated from high school the Great Depression started and lasted until the late 1930s or early 1940s. Garland was attending college from 1930 to May 1938. The Great Depression was a worldwide economic depression. After analyzing the information from the University of Arkansas directories and the Fayetteville *City Directories*, we concluded Garland worked while attending college. In the 1933-1935 University of Arkansas *Directories*, Garland is living on 20 N Block. This was the address for the Fayetteville Fire Department. We presumed Garland worked as a firefighter and lived at the fire station. We acquired a photo of Garland in a firefighter's uniform with a group of firefighters.

We decided from the evidence that James Garland Jones completed his studies and received a college degree even though those were difficult years. James Garland **Jones** 'college diploma was in a collection of memorabilia from Ruth Jones' collection. We acquired a list of Louisiana

James Garland Jones
in his R.O.T.C. *Uniform*



A copy of the 1933-1934 Razorback Directory for the University of Arkansas Fayetteville, Arkansas, and page 21 and a listing of J. Garland Jones and his personal information. J. Garland Jones was a junior in the college of Arts and Sciences at the university. He lived on 20 N. Block and his Ph 115. Garland worked for the Fayetteville Fire Department and lived at this address.



Polytechnic Institute graduates with Jones, J. Garland on the list. We also acquired J. Garland Jones' college transcript from Louisiana Polytechnic Institute and saw his course work for his college years. His entrance units from Junction City High School, college credits from the State Agricultural & Mechanical College for 1930 at Monticello, University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, Arkansas for 1931-1935, Louisiana Polytechnic Institute Ruston, Louisiana for 1937-1938, and course grades were on this transcript. Also on the transcript were Garland's father, G. M. Jones' name, occupation, and address.

Jim and I used the college and city *directories* to place James Garland Jones, Sr. at a particular place and time. There were spelling variations for James Garland Jones and with the documents from other verified sources, James Garland Jones, Sr. and Ruth Colvin Jones' handwritten notes and reliable family stories this is the correct James Garland Jones, Sr.

City directories and *college directories* can be the most rewarding resources when searching for ancestors living in an urban location within the last one hundred years. City directories are underutilized, readily available tools for any genealogist attempting to establish a detailed, year-by-year timeline of an ancestor's life or migration history. You may be pleasantly surprised to find that your ancestors lived in a community that published a city directory or there is a college directory. If you know where your ancestor attended college or university, publications from these institutions can be helpful in locating your ancestors' places of residence over time. It is at least worth a search to see.

Directories can provide some of the best leads for discovering new sources of genealogical data. In addition to identifying specific information found in a directory for your ancestor, directories are useful in placing an ancestor or relative within a geographic and historic context. City and college directories were useful in connecting missing links in Garland Jones's life story and providing information for his college years.

Sources:

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2. 1930 U. S. Union County, Arkansas, population schedule, Junction City, Police Jury Ward 10, enumeration district (ED) 56-17, sheet 11-B, dwelling 16, family 19, "Dutch" G. Jones.
3. *Handwritten notes by James Garland Jones, Sr. and Ruth Colvin Jones – (note dated)*
4. *Junction City High School Diploma, 16 May 1929; Junction City, Union County, Arkansas*

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To all those who shall see these presents, greeting:

Know ye, that reposing special trust and confidence in the fidelity and abilities of

Cadet James S. Jones

with the approval of The President of the University of Arkansas, I do hereby appoint him

Company
11th

to rank as such from the

day of October, 1923.

He is therefore carefully

and diligently to discharge the duties of his office by performing and doing all manner of things belonging thereto. I do strictly charge and require all noncommissioned officers and cadets under his command to be obedient to his orders as

He is to observe and follow such orders and directions from time to time, as he shall receive from his superior officers and noncommissioned officers set over him by competent authority.

This warrant to remain in force until the end of the school semester in which issued, unless extended by endorsement below by the M. M. S. & T. Major, Major of Arkansas, or by his direction.

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UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

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11. *Bachelor of Arts Degree; Liberal Arts, 31 May 1938; Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, Ruston, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana.*
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2011 Annual Seminar Report

Submitted by Jim Johnson

The Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association held its annual seminar on August 13, 2011 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 Trevia Wooster Beverly, who resides in Houston, Texas. Ms. Beverly has served as a member of the Angelina College genealogy faculty since 1998, as well as assistant coordinator and program chairman. She has presented numerous lectures and workshops to genealogical and historical societies throughout Texas. We were also privileged to have as our book vender this year, Tejas Publications & Research, which offered an excellent selection of genealogy books for sale.

Ms. Beverly began the first session with "Mississippi: Researching the Magnolia State". The name roughly translates from Native American folklore and means "Father of Waters" for the great Mississippi River that forms the western boundary and empties into the Gulf of Mexico. Mississippi was organized as a territory in 1798 and was admitted to the union in 1817 as the 20th state. She discussed important cultural and historic events that shaped Mississippi and used those timetables to link history and genealogy.

Her second lecture was titled "Tarheels and the Palmetto: Researching the Carolinas". She focused on historic events impacting the Carolinas as it transitioned from a colony to a province, and eventually into statehood, as its borders were determined. European immigrants that first settled in North Carolina were largely German and Scots-Irish that had earlier arrived in Philadelphia. Early immigrants arriving in South Carolina were Dutch that previously were in New York, as well those that arrived direct from Holland. Also, there were many Quakers, Huguenots, and Scotch Presbyterians that settled into South Carolina.

In the next session, Ms. Beverly explained the significance of the Natchez Trace Papers collection maintained by the University of Texas in Austin, and the Natchez Trace Research Collection acquired by the University of Southern Mississippi at Hattiesburg. Both collections document life and culture in the lower Mississippi River Valley in the area of the old Natchez Trace from the late seventeenth century through the early twentieth century, and include significant amounts of genealogical information.

Ms Beverly ended the seminar with a fascinating lecture on "Women and Their Records". She explained that even from the 'ladies of the night', women have left records from the beginning of time. Their march to equality has redefined a woman's place in our nation, and thus, leaving a paper trail. Records that include a maternal ancestor's maiden name might appear in death certificates, cemetery records, newspapers, church records, and various court house documents.

This was another very good year for seminar attendance. The head count was 70, and several were from out of state. Thanks to the local genealogical societies for supporting this event.

OBITUARY of *Brythal Thigpen* **Written by R.M. Gathright**

The church at Lebanon, Claiborne Parish, LA, in conference April 29th, 1900, appointed me to write a memorial of our departed brother, Deacon B. Thigpen.

He was the son of Elder Joseph and Clara **Thigpen**; was born Feb. 13, 1831, in Green County, Alabama. Married Miss Antoinette Fannie **Hitchcock**, March 4th, 1852; moved to Jackson Parish, LA, in 1856, and in 1857 he moved to Claiborne Parish, LA. He was baptized into the fellowship of Lebanon Church by Elder M.C. **Parker**, Nov. 4th, 1877, and was ordained deacon August 31, 1878.

He was the father of twelve (12) children, nine of whom are still living and were around his bedside when he fell asleep to wake no more in this world. He breathed his last April 27, 1900.

He was carried from his humble home in the town of Homer, LA to Lebanon Church where the up-worthy writer tried to speak words of comfort to the bereaved family and sorrowing friends; after which his sleeping dust was laid away to await the resurrection.

Brother **Thigpen** was a worthy brother, a good and faithful deacon and was a good disciplinarian. His manner of speaking was humble and childlike, and his words always seemed to be seasoned with grace. He was true to his church and pastor. We as a church feel that our loss is great, but we hope that our loss is big eternal gain. We deeply sympathize with the heart stricken and bereaved wife and children. O, may the God of all grace be with them and us, reconciling as all to this providential stroke, and may we all be enabled by grace divine to follow the worthy example set by our esteemed brother.

In conclusion let us say that the community has lost a good citizen, the wife a good husband, and the children a loving, kind and affectionate father.

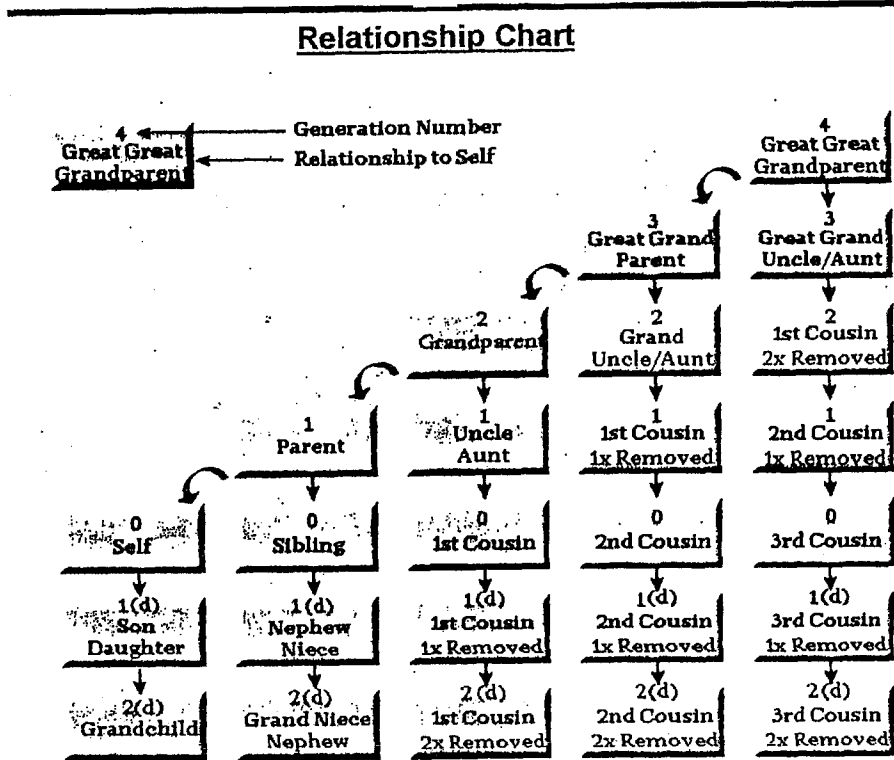
Read and approved by the Church and ordered to be sent to Trumpet and Gospel Messenger for publication. **R.M. Gathright.**

Editor Note:

*The 1880 U.S. Census reports that Brythal **Thigpen** was living in Ward 3, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana. He was a White Male, 49 years old, born: AL. Also living in the household: Antoinett, wife; James B., son; Susie A., daughter; Joe H., son; Julett G., daughter; A.J., son; Paniah C., daughter and his mother, Claria.*

Source:

Obituary/Newspaper Item (Microfilm)
 The Guardian-Journal News
 Homer, Claiborne Parish, LA
 Wednesday, 24 October 1900
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HOWELL HILL CEMETERY
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AT COLLINSTON, LOUISIANA, TAKE HIGHWAY 134 WEST AND TURN RIGHT ON NORSWORTHY ROAD.
THE HOWELL HILL CEMETERY IS AT THE TOP OF A HILL WHERE NORSWORTHY ROAD DEADENDS.

ID	NAME (Last, First, Middle)	PRE/SUFFIX	BIRTHDATE	DEATHDATE	INSCRIPTION/NOTES
85	AILES, MAHLIE		14 AUG 1874	07 JUN 1946	
86	AILES, PICKEN			21 DEC 1941	
118	ATKINS, ABRAM	JR.		25 OCT 1980	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 31 OCT 1980
55	ATKINS, ADVAL		05 MAR 1895	30 APR 1952	LOUISIANA PVT US ARMY WORLD WAR I
61	ATKINS, ANDREW W.		13 JUL 1869	16 AUG 1937	HAS TWO HEADSTONES
62	ATKINS, EMMA		26 NOV 1866	30 OCT 1915	WILLIAMS CHAMBER 2261, COLLINSTON, LA
73	ATKINS, FANNIE		1872	20 JUL 1928	
18	ATKINS, LOUISE B.(BETHENEA		04 DEC 1905	17 MAY 1993	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 19 MAY 1993
13	ATKINS, LUE		17 APR 1877	30 MAY 1921	MASSEYS CHAMBER 3721, COLLINSTON, LA
12	ATKINS, P.		24 DEC 1848	26 OCT 1914	WILLIAMS CHAMBER 2261, COLLINSTON, LA
17	ATKINS, STEPHANIE		24 OCT 1962	26 DEC 1999	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 28 DEC 1999
127	ATKINS, VELMA	MRS.		09 AUG 1997	OBITUARY BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 13 AUG 1997
58	ATKINS, VICTORIA		1900	28 DEC 1994	DUO. OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 29 DEC 1994
57	ATKINS, W. P.		1894	1960	DUO WITH VICTORIA ATKINS
19	ATKINS, WINFRED O. (OVILLE)		18 FEB 1907	21 OCT 1998	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 23 OCT 1998
72	BARFIELD, ANDREW		15 JUN 1901	06 MAR 1983	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 11 MAR 1983
119	BARFIELD, CATHERINE MARIE			AUG 1976	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 31 AUG 1976
108	BARFIELD, DAVID		05 AUG 1889	01 AUG 1977	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 6 AUG 1977
113	BARFIELD, JIMMIE		20 JUN 1934	12 MAR 2002	FUNERAL NOTICE, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 15 MAR 2002
122	BARFIELD, LEORA L.	MRS.		13 JAN 1984	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 20 JAN 1984
68	BARFIELD, ROBERT		15 AUG 1898	04 JUL 1974	HUSBAND AND FATHER. FP: FATHER-ANDREW BARFIELD
64	BARFIELD, RUBY JEAN		10 AUG 1939	11 NOV 1996	
21	BIAS, ANANIUS		1891	28 MAR 1984	DUO W/ LILLIE M. BIAS. OBIT., BASTROP ENTERP., 30 MAR 1984
22	BIAS, LILLIE M.		1893	29 JUL 1986	DUO W/ ANANIUS BIAS. OBIT., BASTROP ENTERP., 1 AUG 1986
60	BLACKMAN, JOHN H.		18 JUL 1904	24 MAR 1945	DUO WITH MARY R. BLACKMAN
59	BLACKMAN, MARY R.		07 JUL 1903	17 JAN 1990	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 26 JAN 1990
99	BLOCKER, HERMON		15 AUG 1924	02 OCT 1959	PVT WORLD WAR II
121	BLOCKER, JESSIE			22 NOV 1979	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 29 NOV 1979
114	BLUFORD, JOHNNY MABLE		30 MAY 1950	31 MAY 1950	
76	BRADLEY, TINNIE B.		1919	14 MAR 1986	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 18 MAR 1986

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105	BUTLER, MARIAH		09 JUN 1892	03 MAR 1975	FP: FATHER-BEN FOSTER
56	CASH, MANNIE HILL		1875	1959	
52	COLEMAN, SIMMIE		1878	1953	
65	DAVIS, ALMEDA		05 MAY 1907	19 DEC 1993	
94	DAVIS, DOUGLAS		04 AUG 1878	04 NOV 1942	
66	DAVIS, DOUGLAS		09 MAY 1908	21 JUL 1989	HUSBAND
110	DAVIS, EMILE			09 NOV 2005	F N, NEWS-STAR (MONROE, LA) DTD 15 NOV 2005
98	DAVIS, JOHN HENRY		08 JAN 1912	22 AUG 1977	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 26 AUG 1977
92	DAVIS, LOVIE		16 NOV 1886	21 JAN 1943	
93	DAVIS, TOLBERT		28 JUL 1921	23 JAN 1960	
26	DUFFY, SALLIE		1891	1959	MOTHER
67	DYER, JAMES H. (HOWARD)		25 MAY 1947	22 FEB 1992	SP 4 US ARMY VIETNAM.OBIT., BASTROP ENTERP., 28 FEB 1992
109	FAULKNER, ARTHUR		20 AUG 1891	07 APR 1980	FP: PARENTS-SALLIE HUTCHINSON & SAM FAULKNER
106	FAULKNER, CEASAR PAUL		07 APR 1893	06 APR 1978	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 14 APR 1978
107	FAULKNER, IRENE (GATES)	MRS.	15 SEP 1906	14 SEP 2006	FP: PARENTS-M/M FANNIE AND MOSE GATES
116	FAULKNER, NORA	MRS.		JUL 1977	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 11 JUL 1977
77	FAULKNER, SAM		20 DEC 1854	06 DEC 1927	
79	FAULKNER, SAM		10 MAR 1890	07 JUN 1978	
135	FIELD, WILLIE MAE			04 OCT 2010	F N, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 08 OCT 2010
49	FIELDS, CAROLINE H.		1904	1997	FUNERAL NOTICE, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 7 NOV 1997
125	FIELDS, GUY LOUIS			JAN 2001	FUNERAL NOTICE, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 12 JAN 2001
28	GORDON, THEODORE		1909	1989	SON
80	GRIFFIN, JAMES E. (EDWARD)		04 DEC 1897	06 AUG 1977	US ARMY WORLD WAR I. PARS-EVELYN MOORE & G P GRIFFIN
81	GRIFFIN, SALLIE BERNICE AT		13 JUN 1905	24 APR 2000	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 1 MAY 2000
97	HALL, MARY E. RAINEY		15 MAR 1885	30 MAY 1935	
84	HILL, BIRDER		10 MAR 1900	27 SEP 1925	
83	HILL, MANNIE		26 OCT 1921	28 NOV 1927	
88	HOGG, COMMADORE		21 MAR 1900	14 JUL 1985	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 19 JUL 1985
46	HOGG, ERNESTINE		1880	1929	MOTHER. DUO WITH HENRY HOGG
47	HOGG, HENRY		1867	1952	FATHER. DUO WITH ERNESTINE HOGG

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MARIAH BUTLER

"The angel of death has again visited the St. Timothy Missionary Baptist Church and taken from our midst Sister MARIAH BUTLER whose parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. Ben Foster. She was born on June 9, 1892 in Morehouse Parish in Louisiana.

"She passed from this life on March 3, 1975.

"At an early age she was converted and joined the William Chapel C.M.E. Church at Collinston, La. After moving to Bastrop she united with the St. Timothy Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. H. A. Duvall. There she remained until death.

"Sis. Butler leaves to mourn: two sisters, Mrs. Lottie Mann and Mr. Beulah Dunlap, both of Bastrop, La.; one niece of West Helena, Ark., and a host of great nieces and nephews as well as other relatives and friends."

Source: "Funeral Service for Sister Mariah Butler" (photo), March 9, 1975 in possession of Isabelle Woods, Bossier City, LA. [HH 105]

NORA FAULKNER

"Funeral services for MRS. NORA FAULKNER, 80, are being held today, Monday, at 2 p.m. at Mt. Sinai Williams Temple C. M. E. Church of Collinston. The Rev. Sherman Davis is officiating.

"Mrs. Faulkner died Thursday at Hillview Nursing Home following a brief illness.

"Survivors include her husband, Arthur; one daughter, Mrs. Rosie Shiloh; her sister, Mrs. Minnie Butler; a number of grandchildren and other relatives.

"Interment will be at Howell Cemetery under the direction of Loche's Mortuary."

Source: Obituary of Mrs. Faulkner, *Bastrop Daily Enterprise*, 119 East Hickory, Bastrop, Louisiana, dated July 11, 1977. [HH 116]

ROBERT "BOB" SMITH

"ROBERT (BOB) SMITH, 89, of Collinston died Saturday, April 26, at Morehouse General Hospital following a lengthy illness.

"Funeral services will be held

today at 4 p.m. at Mt. Sinai William Temple CME in Collinston with the Rev. James Rhodes officiating.

"Burial will be in Howell Cemetery in Collinston under the direction of Loche's Mortuary.

"Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Stella Robinson Smith of Collinston; one son, Robert Smith, Jr., of Gardena, California; one daughter, Oletha Welerford of Paramount, California; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Source: Obituary of Robert (Bob) Smith, *Bastrop Daily Enterprise*, 119 East Hickory, Bastrop, Louisiana, dated May 1, 1986. [HH 123]

HAROLD LEE TENNANT

"Services for HAROLD LEE TENNANT, 62, of Bastrop, will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, April 2, at the Galilee Baptist Church in Collinston.....

"Mr. Tennant died Friday, March 25, at 4:28 p.m. at Morehouse General Hospital following a short illness.

"He was a native of Collinston and a lifelong resident of

Morehouse Parish. He was an Army veteran of World War II and a member of the Mt. Sinai William Temple C.M.E. Church in Collinston.

"Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Thelma Tennant of Bastrop; seven children: Henry Tennant of Monroe, La.; Leonard Tennant of Detroit; Ella L. Tennant Gray, Bastrop; Alma Tennant Williams of Fort Hood, Texas; Sharon Payne of Los Angeles; Jerry Payne of Las Vegas; and Roosevelt D. Payne, Bastrop; four brothers: Jewel L. Tennant of Detroit; Willie C. and James H. Tennant, both of Collinston; and Freddie L. Reese of Bastrop; four sisters: Alice M. Tennant Williams of Houston; Gladys M. Tennant Jones; Patricia Tennant and LaShon Tennant, all of Collinston; eight grandchildren, one aunt, Bertha Tennant Robinson, and a number of nieces and nephews..."

Source: "In Loving Memory of Brother Harold Lee Tennant (Tennant)," April 2, 1988 in possession of Isabelle Woods, Bossier City, LA. [HH-11]



HOWELL HILL CEMETERY

AT COLLINSTON, LOUISIANA, TAKE HIGHWAY 134 WEST AND TURN RIGHT ON NORSWORTHY ROAD.
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ID	NAME (Last, First, Middle)	PRE/SUFFIX	BIRTHDATE	DEATHDATE	INSCRIPTION/NOTES
100	HOGG, JOE		01 JAN 1890	25 APR 1962	
45	HOGG, LEROY		15 MAR 1897	03 MAR 1926	
87	HOGG, MARY AILES		30 SEP 1901	08 JUL 1975	
112	HOGG, WILLIE			29 JUL 2010	F N, NEWS-STAR (MONROE, LA) DTD 06 AUG 2010
39	HUTCHENSON, M. L.		11 JUL 1885	09 JAN 1906	SON OF E & F HUTCHENSON
38	HUTCHERSON, EPHRON		06 JUN 1850	25 AUG 1921	
35	HUTCHERSON, FANNIE		05 SEP 1858	16 MAR 1922	
44	HUTCHINSON, ELISHA	(SR.)	30 JAN 1913	24 FEB 1992	TEC 5 US ARMY WORLD WAR II. HAS A MILITARY & A BASIC HS.
133	HUTCHINSON, ESTELLA GHOL MRS.		04 JUL 1886	13 MAY 1972	FP: PARENTS-M/M JANE AND OLIVER GHOLSTON
132	HUTCHINSON, L. G.			07 SEP 1977	FP: PARENTS-M/M ESTELLA AND GEORGE HUTCHINSON
42	HUTCHINSON, MAE FRANCES		08 NOV 1922	12 NOV 1984	SISTER. OBIT., BASTROP (LA) ENTERP. DTD 14 NOV 1984
41	HUTCHINSON, MANERVIA		24 DEC 1883	05 OCT 1921	WILLIAMS CHAMBER 2261, COLLINSTON, LA
43	HUTCHINSON, ROBERT L.		28 MAR 1915	17 NOV 1952	LOUISIANA PVT CO B 1908 ENGR AVN BN WORLD WAR II
37	HUTCHINSON, WILLIE		30 APR 1912	02 JUN 1981	DADDY
54	JEFFERSON, LETHA		30 APR 1889	21 NOV 1926	
29	JOHNSON, BESSIE		1897	1938	MOTHER
90	JOHNSON, CHARLIE		16 FEB 1899	17 APR 1973	PVT US ARMY WORLD WAR II
91	JOHNSON, LEON		15 AUG 1906	02 NOV 1984	FUNERAL NOTICE, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 2 NOV 1984
89	JOHNSON, NANCY BELL		23 JAN 1914	29 OCT 1973	
130	JOHNSON, VELMA LEE	MRS.		02 NOV 1989	OBITUARY BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 08 NOV 1989
75	JONES, FANNIE		1886	1952	
111	JONES, TORATHER MOORE	(MRS.)	11 APR 1898	28 JAN 1995	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 3 FEB 1995
95	JORDAN, CLARA		1900	1937	
78	JORDAN, REV. MAJOR	SR.		16 AUG 1949	AGE 71
115	MANN, LOTTIE	MRS.		06 NOV 1981	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 10 NOV 1981
104	MANSFIELD, DOROTHY		20 JUN 1927	16 JUN 1983	NEWS ITEM & OBIT., BASTROP (LA) ENTERP., 17 & 21 JUN 1983
103	MANSFIELD, LIZZIE (ROSE)		06 DEC 1909	23 MAY 1976	
101	MANSFIELD, ROSIE		02 JUN 1921	26 OCT 1994	
102	MANSFIELD, TEITA WOODS		08 JUL 1888	26 DEC 1965	
33	MASSEY, EPHRAM		11 JUL 1916	12 JUN 1953	LOUISIANA SGT CO C 371 INFANTRY WORLD WAR II

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32	MASSEY, JOSEPH J.	SR.	15 JAN 1876	27 APR 1951	FATHER
34	MASSEY, POLLEANDER		06 JAN 1880	03 MAR 1957	MOTHER
96	MILLER, HARRIETTE		1858	1922	
36	MILLER, LELA BELL		19 MAR 1887	04 APR 1925	MASSEYS CHAMBER 3721, COLLINSTON, LA
129	MITCHELL, CHARLIE BRACK "			JAN 1999	OBITUARY BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 29 JAN 1999
20	MOORE, ETTA VIRGINIA SMIT	MRS.		04 JUL 2009	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 09 JUL 2009
5	MOORE, JOE ALBERT	SR.			JOE JR./LIZZIE/FLORENCE/BLANCHE
4	MOORE, ZENOBIA (ATKINS)		08 SEP 1905	21 FEB 1984	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 24 FEB 1984
2	MORRIS, HELEN (GERTRUDE)		28 FEB 1906	05 FEB 1991	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 8 MAR 1991
1	MORRIS, WILLIAM H. (HEARD)		24 JUN 1901	14 NOV 1985	FP: PARENTS-M/M MARY JANE (WANZO) & ALLAN MORRIS
120	POINTER, MAGGIE LEE	MRS.		DEC 1977	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 13 DEC 1977
50	ROBINS, ANNIE		15 OCT 1858	22 MAY 1929	MASSEYS CHAMBER 3721, COLLINSTON, LA
14	ROSS, ANNIE		18 DEC 1898	22 SEP 1922	
15	ROSS, BOB		1892	1929	
16	ROSS, NANCY		1875	1945	
126	SCATES, RUTH			17 NOV 1990	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 20 NOV 1990
124	SCATES, TAZIEL WELL "T. W."			OCT 2004	FUNERAL NOTICE, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 04 OCT 2004
51	SHARPE, ETHEL		1871	1948	
3	SIMS, JORATHER	MRS.	11 APR 1898	28 JAN 1995	
123	SMITH, ROBERT "BOB"			26 APR 1986	OBITUARY BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 01 MAY 1986
128	SMITH, STELLA	MRS.		09 NOV 1989	OBITUARY BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 14 NOV 1989
27	TAYLOR, SIMMIE		1874	1959	MOTHER
8	TENANT, BILL		1873	1946	
9	TENANT, CALLIE		1877	1940	
11	TENANT, HAROLD LEE		08 MAR 1925	25 MAR 1988	PFC US ARMY WORLD WAR II
10	TENANT, JEWEL		1898 ?	1974	
7	TENANT, WILLIE LEE		07 APR 1912	30 SEP 1984	
131	TENNANT, CEDRIC			21 JAN 2008	F N, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 29 JAN 2008
117	THAXTON, RUTH HOWARD			20 APR 1985	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 26 APR 1985
63	THOMPSON, BEATRICE A.		09 MAY 1897	12 MAR 1991	FP: PARS-EMMA HUTCHINSON & ANDREW WALTER ATKINS

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48	TURNER, ADELINE H.		26 FEB 1906	07 JUL 1975	MOTHER
25	WALLACE, ADELINE		1856	1953	
31	WALLACE, ANDREW		1884	1951	BROTHER
30	WALLACE, BENJAMIN		1886	1912	BROTHER
71	WALLACE, FANNIE		1841	22 AUG 1944	MOTHER
69	WALLACE, LONNIE		28 FEB 1888	21 OCT 1985	LOUISIANA PVT 1 CL 508 ENGRS
70	WALLACE, NED		24 JUN 1843	17 APR 1915	WILLIAMS CHAMBER 2261, COLLINSTON, LA
24	WALLACE, WILLIAM		1837	1938	
23	WALLACE, WILLIAM	JR.	1878	1979	SON
6	WARREN, MARIE		1892	1973	
82	WASHINGTON, DINAH			09 JUN 1922	AGE 55
40	WASHINGTON, ORA H.	(MRS)	01 NOV 1889	22 JUL 1990	"BABY DOLL." NAME ON F P: "ADDIE ORA WASHINGTON"
134	WHITE, FLETCHER			06 JAN 1952	OBITUARY, MOREHOUSE ENTERPRISE DTD 08 JAN 1952
74	WILLIAMS, MONROE	REV.			AGE 78. HUSBAND OF LOTTIE WILLIAMS
53	WITHERSPOON, ODIS JULIUS	SR.	11 AUG 1908	28 NOV 2000	NAME ON FP: "REVEREND OTIS WITHERSPOON, SR."

ABRAM ATKINS, JR. Atkins died Saturday, October tonight between the hours of 7 BARFIELD, 20, of Collinston 25, at his home following a lengthy illness. p.m. and 8 p.m. at the funeral were held at 1 p.m., today in home chapel." home chapel." home chapel."

"Funeral services for ABRAM ATKINS, JR., 94, have been set for 2 p.m., Saturday, November 1, at Mt. Sinai-Williams Temple C.M.E. Church with the Rev. James A. Rhodes officiating. "Interment will follow in the Howell Cemetery under the direction of Loche's Mortuary.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Sallie A. Griffin of Collinston and Mrs. Georgia A. Alexander of Oakland, California; ten grandchildren; 35 great grandchildren; and 14 great-great grandchildren.

"Quiet hour has been set for

Source: Obituary of Abram Atkins, Jr., *Bastrop Daily Enterprise*, 119 East Hickory Avenue, Bastrop, Louisiana, dated October 31, 1980. [HH 118]

CATHERINE MARIE BARFIELD

"Funeral services for CATHERINE MARIE BARFIELD, 20, of Collinston were held at 1 p.m., today in Salem No. 2 Baptist Church with the Rev. F. M. Moore officiating. "Interment was in the Howard Hill Cemetery of Collinston under the direction of Miller Funeral Home of Monroe. "She died Friday at St. Francis Hospital in Monroe after a brief illness.

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"Survivors include her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Barfield of Collinston; two daughters: Petarcha Barfield and Nicole Barfield, both of Collinston; three sisters: Mrs. Norma Reese of Houston, Tex.; Miss Joyce Barfield and Miss Laurie Barfield, both of Collinston; two brothers: Jimmie Barfield and Bruce Barfield, both of Collinston; and her paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. David Barfield of Collinston."

Source: Obituary of Catherine Barfield, *Bastrop Daily Enterprise*, 119 East Hickory, Bastrop, Louisiana, dated August 31, 1976. [HH 119]

ROBERT BARFIELD



ROBERT BARFIELD

"BROTHER ROBERT BARFIELD, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Barfield, was born August 15, 1898, he was called to rest July 4, 1974.

"Brother Barfield was converted in 1935 under the pastor-

age of the late Rev. Tom Washington and united with the Little Bethany Church and remained there until death.

"He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Zilla Barfield, 4 sons: David Barfield of Oakland, California; Leon Barfield of Bastrop, La.; Jerylen Barfield of San Francisco, California; McArthur Barfield of Monroe, Arkansas; twenty-six grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, 8 nephews, 7 nieces, two brothers, David Barfield of Collinston; and Andrew Barfield of Collinston, and a host of relatives and friends."

Source: "Obsequies for Bro. Robert Barfield," (photo), in possession of Mrs. Isabelle M. Woods, 2016 Surrey Lane, Bossier City, Louisiana. [HH 68]

ANNIAS BIAS

"Funeral services for ANNIAS BIAS, 91, of Bastrop will be held at 2:30 p.m. Monday, April 2, at Ollie Grove Church, Collinston, with the Rev. L. H. Harris of Tallulah

officiating.

"Interment will follow in Trousel Hill Cemetery* under the direction of Montgomery Funeral Home.

"Mr. Bias died Wednesday, March 28, at Morehouse General Hospital following a lengthy illness.

"Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Lillie Mae Bias; one sister, Edna Burks, Bastrop; and a brother, Earl Smith of Peoria, Ill."

*Annias Bias shares a double headstone with his wife, Lillie Mae Bias, at Howell Hill Cemetery.

Source: Obituary of Annias Bias, *Bastrop Daily Enterprise*, 119 East Hickory Avenue, Bastrop, Louisiana, dated March 30, 1984. [HH 21]

LILLIE MAE BIAS

"Funeral services for MRS. LILLIE MAE BIAS, 93, will be held 1 p.m. today in the Ollie Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Collinston with the Rev. L H. Harris officiating.

"Interment will be in the Howell Cemetery in Collinston

under the direction of Montgomery Funeral Home.

"Mrs. Bias died Tuesday, July 29, at the Sterlington Hospital.

"Survivors include two sisters: Mrs. Paralee Jackson of Forrest City, Arkansas; and Mrs. Leverna Heller of Bastrop.; and several nieces and nephews."

Source: Obituary of Lillie Mae Bias, *Bastrop Daily Enterprise*, 119 East Hickory, Bastrop, Louisiana, dated August 1, 1986. [HH 21]

CEASAR PAUL FAULKNER

"Brother CEASAR PAUL FAULKNER was the tenth child of the late Sam and Sallie Faulkner.

"He was born April 7, 1893 in Morehouse Parish. On April 6, 1978 the Lord called His own to rest.

"He confessed a belief in Christ in 1908 under the leadership of Rev. Robert L. Shepherd and united with the William Chapel C.M.E. Church of Collinston, La. During his active life he served in various capacities of the church. He remained a faithful and loyal

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member until death.

"He leaves to cherish his memory: a loving and devoted wife, Mrs. Irene Faulkner; one daughter, Ms. Lucille Faulkner, Detroit, Mich. Four stepdaughters: Mrs. Mae Francis Hutchinson, Mrs. Catherine Mason, Bastrop, La.; Mrs. Versie Lee Tennant, Collinston, La.; Mrs. Mary Lee Johnson, Monroe, La.; one stepson, Willie Lee Hopson, Flint, Mich. Two brothers: Sam Faulkner, Oakland, Calif.; Arthur Faulkner, Bastrop, La. Twenty grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, a number of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends...."

Source: "Obsequies for Brother Ceasar Paul Faulkner" dated April 15, 1978 in possession of Mrs. Isabelle Woods, 2016 Surrey Lane, Bossier City, Louisiana. [HH 106]

JAMES EDWARD GRIFFIN

"JAMES EDWARD GRIFFIN was born December 4, 1897 in Ketchi (Keatchie), Louisiana, to the late Rev. G. P. Griffin and Evelyn Moore Griffin.

"He joined church at an early age. He was an active member in church activities. He was the church secretary for many years, President of the Steward Board, Class Leader, Sunday School Teacher and a member of the Trustee Board. He was an active member until his health failed.

"He served in World War I. "On June 8, 1930 he was united in Holy Wedlock with Sallie Atkins. To this union nine children were born.

"Left to cherish his memory are: a loving wife, Mrs. Sallie A. Griffin of Collinston, LA; five boys and their spouses: Peter J. Griffin (Veristine) of St. Louis, Mo.; Jessie Griffin (Sarah Ruth), Willie A. Griffin (Ruby), Johnnie L. Griffin (Bessie) and Artis Lee Griffin of Minneapolis, Minnesota; four daughters and their spouses: Mrs. Dorothy Brandan (Oneal) of Bastrop, La.; Mrs. Evelyn Brown (Leon), Mrs. Betty J. Burrell and Miss Lucille Griffin of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Thirty-four grandchildren and eight great

grandchildren, two sisters: Mrs. Hattie Bennett of Arcadia, La., and Mrs. Lillie M. Williams of Oakland, Calif.; one brother: Mr. Robert Griffin of Oakland, Calif., and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends."

Source: "Obsequies for Brother James E. Griffin" dated August 11, 1977, in possession of Mrs. Isabelle Woods, 2016 Surrey Lane, Bossier City, Louisiana. [HH 18]

MAE FRANCES HUTCHINSON

"Services for MAE FRANCES HUTCHINSON, 62, will be held at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, at Mt. Sinai Williams Temple with the Rev. Rhodes Will officiating.

"Interment will be in the Howell Cemetery at Collinston under the direction of Loche's Mortuary.

"She died Monday, Nov. 12, in Bastrop after a long illness.

"Survivors include her mother, Irene Faulkner; one brother, Willie Hopson, Flint, Mich.; three sisters, Mrs. Mary Johnson of Monroe; Mrs. Hayward, Calif.; Mr. John Katherine Mason of Bastrop,

and Mrs. Versie L. Tennant of Collinston; and other relatives."

Source: Obituary of Mae Frances Hutchinson, *Bastrop Daily Enterprise*, 119 East Hickory, Bastrop, Louisiana, dated November 14, 1984. [HH 42]

NANCY JOHNSON

Sister NANCY JOHNSON was born in Collinston, La., January 23, 1914, to the late Douglas and Lovie Rainey Davis. She was the sixth of ten children.

"She was converted at an early age at the Salem No. 1 Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. F. C. Williams, Collinston, La.

"She departed this life Monday, October 29, 1973 at 3:40 P.M. in the Morehouse General Hospital, Bastrop, La.

"Among the survivors are one daughter, Mrs. Mae Frances Moon, Dallas, Texas; two sisters: Mrs. Mary Wright, Memphis, Tenn.; Mrs. Q. V. Morehead, Wilmot, Ark. Four Brothers: Mr. Willie D. Davis, Davis, Bastrop, La.; Mr.

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Manning Davis, Oakland, Calif.; and Mr. Porm Davis, Bastrop, La. Two Grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives."

Source: "Funeral Services for the Late Nancy Bell Johnson" dated November 3, 1973 in possession of Mrs. Isabelle Woods, 2016 Surrey Lane, Bossier City, Louisiana. [HH 89]

WILLIAM HEARD MORRIS

"BROTHER WILLIAM HEARD MORRIS was born to the late Allen and Mary Jane Wanzo Morris, June 24, 1901 in Union Parish, (Louisiana).

"On November 14, 1985 at 5:20 a.m. at Hickory Manor Nursing Home, Brother Morris was called to his heavenly home.

"At an early age he confessed a belief in Christ and began his duties as a Christian worker.... At the time of his death, he was a member of the St. Phillip Baptist Church. He served as deacon, choir director, and church treasurer. He served faithfully in his church until his health began to fail.

"He was united in matrimony

to Helen G. Moore Morris. They had one foster daughter, Kathleen Newton.

"To cherish his memory, he leaves: a loving and devoted wife, Helen Morris; a foster-daughter, Kathleen Newton; three sisters: Mrs. Lovie Fowler, Mrs. Jerdeaner Moore (Elder William T. Moore) of Detroit, Michigan; and Mrs. Francis Bright of Marion, Louisiana; two brothers: Edward Morris of Compton, California; and J. T. Morris of New York City; four step-sisters, Martha Streeter of Pine Bluff, Arkansas; Rosa Watson of Crossett, Arkansas; Louisa Brown and Vertie Conn of Los Angeles, California; three step-brothers, Jessie Streeter of Crossett, Arkansas; Morris Streeter of Los Angeles, California; and Edward Streeter of Washington, D. C; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends."

Source: "In Loving Memory of Brother William Heard Morris" (photo) dated November 18, 1985 in possession of Mrs. Isabelle Woods, 2016 Surrey Lane, Bossier City, Louisiana. [HH 34]

MAGGIE LEE POINTER

"COLLINTON — Funeral services for MRS. MAGGIE LEE POINTER, 83, will be at 2 p.m., today, at William Chapel Methodist Church in Collinston with the Rev. Sherman Davis officiating.

"Burial will be in Howell Hill Cemetery under the direction of Miller Funeral Home of Monroe.

"Mrs. Pointer died after a lengthy illness, Saturday, in the Hickory Manor Nursing Home.

"Survivors include one son, J. D. Pointer of Collinston, one daughter, Mrs. Magnolia Tugwell of Detroit, Mich., 12 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren."

Source: Obituary of Mrs. Maggie Lee Pointer, *Bastrop Daily Enterprise*, 119 East Hickory, Bastrop, Louisiana, dated December 13, 1977. [HH 120]

FLETCHER WHITE

"Funeral rites for FLETCHER WHITE were held yesterday at Mr. Sinai C. M. E. Church. The Rev. Timothy McCormich,

pastor, was in charge of the service.

"Mr. White died at his home Sunday night after a short illness.

"He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lillian White of Houston, Tex.; two children: Stepye Joe and Leroy White; one sister, Mrs. Louise Tennant and brother-in-law, Mr. Leon Tennant of Collinston; two brothers: Mr. Gus Golf and Bill White of Houston, Tex.; four nieces: Miss Georgia Tappin, Gladys and Marie and Allie Mae Tennant and Bessie Mae Jackson. Five nephews: Harold, Willie Wright, and David of Houston, Tex.; Garbell and Charlie Jackson.

"Interment was in the Howell Hill Cemetery with Smith Funeral Home in charge."

Source: "Funeral Rites Held For Fletcher White," *Morehouse Enterprise*, Bastrop, Louisiana, dated January 8, 1952, Section 1, Page 3, Column 1. [HH 135]



Genie's Tips, Tidbits & Helps

Submitted By Esther Jones

Why use a research log in research?

Most of us do not take the time to use a **research log**. As a beginning genealogist or family historian, it is a good practice to take accurate notes, document your sources precisely, and use a research log. A research log is a tool that helps to organize and track your research work, and a list of sources you already searched. The log can include the places you plan to search and the purpose of each search. It is a summary of significant findings and the location of those findings. It is a good practice to make notes of the sources you searched even if you did not find anything. It is important to document research strategies you used in your search, and write down any suggestions for your next search. Research logs save time because you do not need to search the same source again.

What information should I write on my research log?

Before you search for an ancestor, write down the:

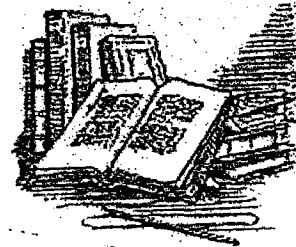
- Ancestor's name
- Objective(s): An objective is what you want to find out about your ancestor, such as a birth record, death date
- Date of search
- Location Call number
- Description of Source (Author, title, year, pages) such as Church Records of [locality]
- The call number—microfilm or book number—for the source
- Name of the library or archive where the source is kept

After you search a source, write down:

- Any comments about your research such what you found
- Whether or not you made a photocopy
- Notes about what you did not find
- Purpose of research, years, and names searched
- Document number if there is one

PERIODICAL EXCHANGE REVIEW

Compiled by Glenda Efferson Bernard



The Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association is part of an exchange program with other genealogical societies across the nation. The idea is to obtain newsletters and bulletins from these various societies in exchange for a copy of "The Genie." This very successful endeavor benefits genealogists who visit the Broadmoor Branch of the Shreve Memorial Library in Shreveport, Louisiana. The items discussed in this article, along with many others, are found on magazine racks to one's right upon entering the Genealogy Department.

Your eyes will "bug out" for sure when you take a look at the many new booklets and newsletters available at the library. Three items are highlighted below for you to ponder and consider:

East Texas Family Records, Winter 2010, published by the East Texas Genealogical Society in Tyler, Texas, offers six counties with specialized records: Anderson County, Gregg County, Henderson County, Panola County, Rush County and Smith County...all in East Texas and very near the Ark-La-Tex! The scope of this publication includes elementary school ledgers, orphaned marriage licenses, and an index to obituaries, among others. The "Regular Features" section is filled with interesting tidbits, book reviews and upcoming seminars.

Kinfolks, published by the Southwest Louisiana Genealogical Society, Inc., Lake Charles, Louisiana, September, 2011, is a great source for South Louisiana researchers. Be sure to check out their unique articles specifically related to the area as well as excerpts from *The Weekly Echo*, 1868, newspaper, a cemetery listing for Hackberry, Louisiana, as well as an article enumerating the Calcasieu Parish Masonic membership.

Le Raconteur, Le Comite des Archives de la Louisiane, Inc., September, 2011, is a MOUTHFUL, but is a terrific periodical sponsored by the Louisiana Archives in Baton Rouge. It has a broad spectrum approach to genealogy across the state which means that there is a concerted effort to provide information that appeals to many different people. For example, some of the articles include "Passports, Permissions and Licenses for 1771," "Natchitoches Parish Business Licenses, 1870," and "S.B. Thomas: Religion, Business and Family in East Feliciana Parish, 1834." Although difficult, the editor does a very good job of including a wide range of research of interest to Louisiana family history enthusiasts. Much of this publication contains lengthy transcriptions from primary sources which can be a "gold mine" for researchers with ancestors who lived in the state.

Cass County Connections, published by the 2001 Cass County Genealogical Society, Summer 2011, is a rather large offering out of Atlanta, Texas. This entire edition is centered on the WOMMACK /WOMACK family from this area of East Texas. Ancestor charts are plentiful with long notes interspersed throughout and surprisingly, these notes were included for the earliest generations. Beginning with William WOMMACK in 1792 in North Carolina, to Elijah WOMMACK in 1824 in North Carolina, to William R. WOMMACK born in 1861 and moving to Cass County, Texas, before his death in 1916, and finally to James Elijah WOMMACK , born 1886 and G.B. WOMMACK, born in 1925. Should any of your ancestors be faintly connected in spelling to this WOMMACK line in Texas, this edition of the *Cass County Connections* is certainly worth a look!

The Tree Tracers, June -August 2011, is presented by the Southwest Oklahoma Genealogical Society out of Lawton, Oklahoma. Oklahoma culture is very evident in these articles. Beginning with a historical account of the Lawton Public Schools to numerous member pedigree charts, one can easily sink into the pioneer and Native American influences of this part of the country. An extremely interesting narrative is found in "Oklahoma Indian-Pioneer Histories, 1936-37 Interviews by WPA Workers." This fascinating account reads like a diary account weaving the daily chores of the inhabitants, their first school, and the few organized churches there as late as 1936. Transcriptions of a 1905 Lawton News-Republican newspaper is extracted as well as "Oklahoma Confederate Pension Application Files, Abstracted and Annotated by Linda Norman Garrison," as well as a portion of the "Comanche County Marriage Records." So different from the norm, this publication is a must!

The Vernon Genealogist, April/May 2011, highlights the heart of Central West Louisiana. A special insert to another large publication is "The Shreveport *Times* Depression Days, a Photo Perspective." These copies of photos are reproduced very well and are easy to see and read regarding the 1930s in Louisiana. Many memorials are printed as well as copies of newspaper accounts of Vernon Parish. Some of these include "Hobo 'Sign Language,'" "The Unfortunate History of the Atakapas Tribe," and "A Trip Through Holly Grove Community History." Also included is an interesting article depicting the "Centennial-Plus-Eight Church Anniversary" of the New Willow Baptist Church in Leesville, Louisiana. This information appears to be a copy of the entire program of this celebration of Sunday, December 3, 2008.

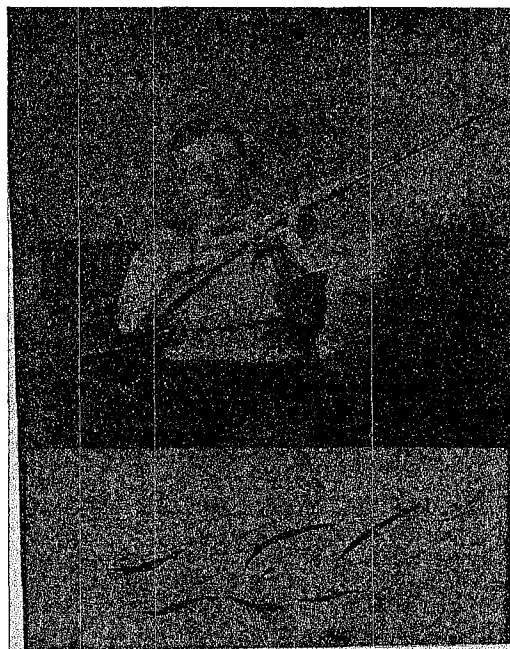
IDENTIFYING FAMILY PICTURES

Submitted By Brenda Randall

We've all done it ... come across that family photo, down deep in a box with absolutely nothing written to help us identify who the subject might be and/or where Mom or Aunt Sally might have gotten the picture.

That's the case with this postcard. It depicts a white male, probably in his 30's, holding a rifle with stubs of arms. Further examination shows his right leg is missing at the hip and his left leg is missing at the knee. The postcard is from Commercial Photographic Company, Davenport, IA. It bears the logo of "Bawden". There is no writing on the back of the card.

I found the postcard recently in a box containing Custer, Foster and McDaniel family pictures. It's identified with the last name Custer by a small card pinned to the front, but the jury's still out as to the first initials. So what do we do next to try to determine who this man might be when there is no family member left to talk with?



WHAT IS the TIME PERIOD?

1. The rifle is a .22 caliber Winchester Model 1890 with a round barrel. This gun was made 1890 to 1933 and cost \$15 new. It is a pump action weapon as opposed to a lever action. Subject might have been able to fire the gun using the small appendage on his right arm but someone else would have likely had to pump it to put another round in the chamber.
2. Commercial Photographic Company is no longer in business in Davenport, IA. The postcard is 1911-1922 era. The Bawden's (source of the logo) did photography under several business names.

Based on these two known facts, we can possibly determine that this photograph was made around 1915. If the young man in the photo is about 30-35 years old, his date of birth would be about 1880-1885.

WHAT ABOUT HIS PHYSICAL CONDITION(S)?

1. Could one have survived these injuries incurred during a military conflict?
2. Are there any historical/genealogical sources that would specify such physical limitations?

After consulting with several medical professionals, it is the opinion that this man was likely born with these deformities. Medical care on the battlefield during the early 1900's probably would not have been sufficient to save the life of one who had lost both arms and legs. The man appears to be happy and well-adjusted. He is dressed well but this could be a "costume" provided by the photography studio.

WHAT ARE THE INITIALS?

1. First guess was D. E. Custer. Using the "Index of Custer Families" by Milo Custer, we located a Deskin Elzie Custer (1854-1931) of Greene County, IA. With the help of Greene County, Scott County and Iowa Genealogical Society, and the living grandson of this man, he has been ruled out.
2. Other suggested options are D.P.O. Custer and D. R. Huster. As yet, no person with either of these names has been located in Iowa census records.
3. Staff at SLC's Family History Library suggest that the name is R. O. Custer.

My grandfather is Riley Oscar Custer (1878-1933), born in Illinois. To the best of my knowledge, he had all his arms and legs. He died before my mother and father met and my father (Owen Kenneth Custer, 1915-1977) never spoke to me about his father. As the youngest of seven boys, he was quite close to his mother. My parents lived with her (Nancy Bell McWilliams Custer, 1882-1950) and my great grandmother (Sarah King Custer, 1852-1947) in Shreveport briefly before I was born. It is possible, however, that there is still an unknown relative from my Custer lineage who is the subject seen in this photograph.

WHAT ELSE CAN WE DO?

1. It would help to have disability records but no such information was included in census records during this time period.
2. In the picture he appears to be well-adjusted to his predicament. We will continue to research newspaper articles in the Davenport, IA area for some reference to a quadriplegic that is able to fire a rifle. He should have been a source of conversation in that area.
3. Continue to ask for help from others by publishing the photograph.

The Challenge of African American Research

By Curt Witcher

Conducting successful African American genealogical research can be a challenging adventure. In recent years, the challenge has been lessened and the adventure heightened by the growing body of publications relating to this ethnic group. Special-interest groups and genealogical societies nationwide are publishing key guides, new bibliographies, and important how-to books. Before delving into published sources, however, it is always important to pause long enough to organize one's own personal papers and review standard research methodology.

Putting It All in Context

Important in any genealogical investigation as a part of sound research methodology, but particularly key when researching African American ancestors, is the process of framing one's research within the proper context. Some veteran researchers simply call this process "contexting." Contexting involves (1) understanding what is transpiring in the nation, state, county, and city for the particular time period being researched; (2) knowing the migration, naming, prejudice, and settlement patterns of the particular family and ethnic group being investigated; (3) understanding the religious, benevolent, political, and other special organizations which might have been extant in the geographic area and may have interacted with the ethnic group in question; and (4) being cognizant of the implications laws, codes, and regulations may have had on the creation, maintenance, and location of pertinent historical records.

The revised edition of *The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy* (Salt Lake City: Ancestry, 1997) includes a very useful chapter entitled "Tracking African American Family History." The chapter provides genealogists with an excellent foundation for researching this ethnic group, detailing various types of records, the types of information they contain, and where one can locate them. The chapter also has a generous number of notes and concludes with a bibliography.

African American Military History

There are many important resources for the researcher of African American family history. One of these is the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society. Joining this society is a wise move for the family historian interested in this ethnic group. Another helpful resource is a massive tome dealing with the African American military experience entitled *Black Soldiers—Black Sailors—Black Ink: Research Guide on African-Americans in U. S. Military History, 1526—1900*, compiled by Thomas Truxtun Moebs (Chesapeake Bay, VA: Moebs Publishing Co., 1994). Nearly 1,700 pages, this work is largely a bibliography of

sources, arranged in several major sections to assist the researcher in accessing specific materials. The first section is a bibliography of writings by African Americans, followed by an annotated chronology. The next two sections contain a subject bibliography with author cross-references, and a listing of unit histories from 1729 to 1900. Ten appendixes round out the publication, covering more than four hundred pages. United States Colored Troops regimental records, Congressional Medal of Honor winners, Confederate publications, and portraits of veterans can be found in these appendixes.

What makes this work particularly useful is its comprehensiveness. While many genealogists initially prefer publications which provide family names with associated vital events and family data, comprehensive bibliographies, properly used, certainly can be worth one's research time. Such bibliographies provide the researcher with a vast collection of resources crucial to establishing the proper context in which to conduct research, as well as citations to records that can be searched for more family-specific data. Citation analysis, the process of looking through the citations, notes, and bibliographies of published materials for further leads and resources, is a less-frequently-used but quite worthwhile endeavor for family historians. This process assists one in finding as much supporting documentation as possible while working to acquire the maximum amount of primary source materials.

Black Heritage Sites

At the recent American Library Association annual meeting, an important work for African American researchers, *Black Heritage Sites: An African American Odyssey and Finder's Guide*, by Nancy C. Curtis, Ph.D. (Chicago: American Library Association, 1996), received the prestigious Denali Press Award. This award is given to reference works of outstanding quality and significance that furnish information about ethnic and minority groups in the United States. This compilation, arranged by general geographic region within the country, yields much detail about a significant number of historic sites. The material is very useful for building a context within which to conduct area-specific research, and also supplies some potentially useful family data. Each section contains endnotes, as well as a bibliography of works consulted by the author.

African Americans in the Confederacy

As with other areas of genealogical research, periodical literature plays a vital part in African American family history. There are a significant number of African American historical and genealogical societies which publish newsletters and quarterlies. There are also special issues of local, regional, and state genealogical periodicals focusing on African American records and research methodology, as well as numerous articles in geographically-based magazines. One of these special issues is unique—volume fourteen of the

Journal of Confederate History series (Atlanta, GA: Southern Heritage Press, 1995). This particular volume has a series title which accurately describes the nearly two hundred pages of text: "Forgotten Confederates: An Anthology about Black Southerners." And what an anthology it is!

The work contains a number of heavily footnoted articles on the role of African Americans in the Confederacy. A number of these notes may very well lead to sources of data that are vital for particular family history research. Other articles contain abstracts and lists from compiled military records, extensive biographical sketches, obituaries, veterans' narratives, and selected correspondence. The issue is completed with a bibliography of sources for the study of African American Confederates. A compilation such as this special issue challenges the researcher to investigate all possibilities and search for a wide range of records while engaging in Civil War-era African American genealogical research. It also challenges the researcher to seek facts and rigorous documentation rather than give credence to stereotypes and information found in undocumented general-history texts.

Internet Sources

The Internet can play a key role in assisting those engaged in African American research. There are a number of excellent sites which assist the researcher in locating historical data, help identify individuals who are working on particular family lines, and provide a means for networking. A number of these sites can be easily located by using one of the many Internet search engines, such as Yahoo! or Altavista, or by visiting some of the more popular genealogy sites, such as Cyndi's List, and looking for the ethnic or African American pages at the site.

The Afrigeneas Homepage is an excellent example of the type of information researchers can find when looking for African American genealogy sources on the Internet. The page is well organized and contains numerous links to important genealogical resources worldwide. From this home page, one can subscribe to the Afrigeneas mailing list, a place where queries can be asked and answered, significant research discoveries can be shared, and information about upcoming symposia, conferences, and seminars can be disseminated.

There are a host of other links on the Afrigeneas Homepage, including links to The Genealogy Home Page, ROOTS-L RESOURCE, the African American Genealogy Group of Pennsylvania, the USGenWeb Project, the African-Native American Genealogy Page, underground railroad data, books and pamphlets on African Americans, a directory of genealogical libraries, and basic search strategies. As with an increasing number of sites, this site also links the genealogist to searchable data files, including the National Park Service's United States Colored Troops database.

One can also find a link to ***The AfriGeneas News***. ***The AfriGeneas News*** is an online newsletter intended to be a center for sharing genealogical tips and resources from the African American online chats at America OnLine and from the Afrigeneas mailing list. Among its many informational items, this online newsletter contains a question-and-answer section called "From the Archives," a list of current commemorative events scheduled around the country (such as the 9th Cavalry cemetery dedication in Las Animas, New Mexico), links to genealogy books, and numerous valuable links from the main Afrigeneas Homepage, such as black studies on microfilm, Britannica black history, and explanations of important historical events. Researchers from novice to seasoned genealogist can find much assistance at this Internet site.

With these works—and the other sources certain to be found as one explores them—the genealogists interested in African American family history should enjoy much success.

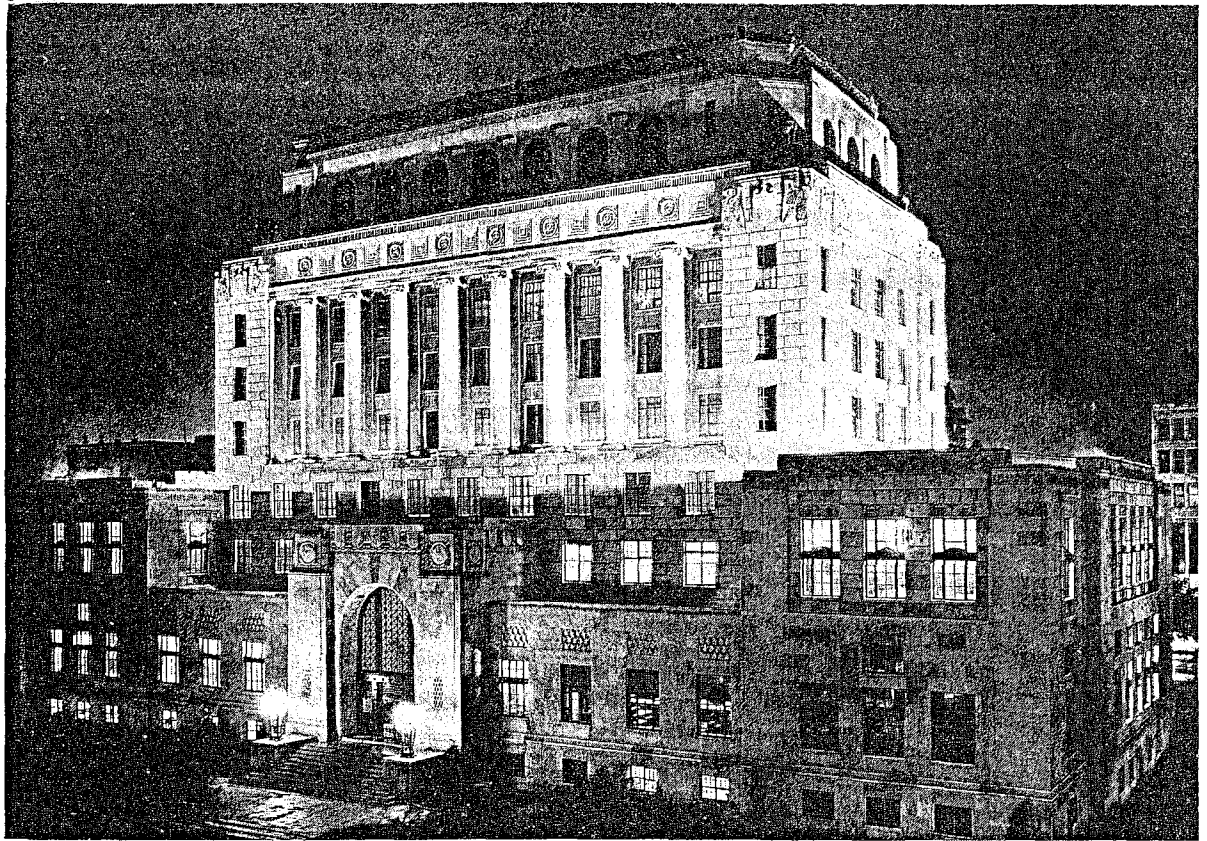
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Historic Shreveport

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Courthouse as it appeared shortly after construction.

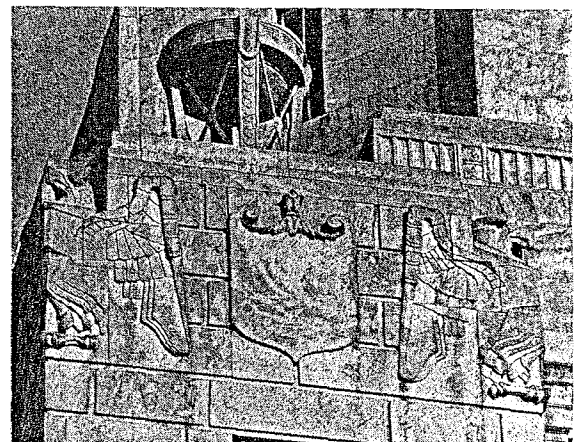
Indiana limestone exterior and some Art Deco features. The impressive lobby has yet a different, much richer style. Additions have expanded the building but maintained its symmetry.

The courthouse design so impressed Harry Truman, then a county judge, that he made Edward F. Neild a consulting architect for courthouse projects in Kansas City and Independence, Missouri. The Kansas City structure resembles the one in Shreveport. When he became president, Truman made Neild architect for reconstruction of the White House and later architect for the Truman Library in Independence.

The live oak trees around the courthouse square are believed to be descended from trees that graced the parks and squares of New Orleans. The seedlings were purchased around 1903 by Thomas Fletcher, a Caddo

District Court judge. Twenty-four were planted, and most lived. When the Police Jury proposed cutting the trees in 1943 to rid the square of starlings, angry residents filed suit to block the action. A group of women stood guard, lest any harm befall the beloved oak trees.

The Confederate monument was erected on the square by the United Daughters of the Confederacy in 1905.



THE DIARY OF HENRY GERARD HALL

Submitted by James G. (Jim) Jones

INTRODUCTION

This portion of a personal diary came into my possession in September 2010 when I found it in a family history book at the Rescue Mission Thrift Store in Shreveport, Louisiana. My wife and I frequent thrift stores, flea markets, garage sales and estate sales for items that are of interest to us in our family history research. While perusing the bookshelves that day, I came across an unusual book that turned out to be an unpublished family history of the Hamilton and Gayle families of Bossier Parish, Louisiana. I had to have the book and was able to purchase it for less than a dollar. Upon closer examination of the book when I got it home I discovered that there were personal histories of the ancestors of the Hamilton and Gayle families and also articles about some of the history of the Shreveport Bossier City area. One interesting article in the diary was a portion of a personal diary of Henry Gerard Hall that included entries from September 29, 1872 to October 7, 1873 and told of the everyday life and events in Shreveport during that time. Henry G. Hall passed away following this last entry of yellow fever at the age of forty.

Henry Gerard Hall was an educated and learned gentleman who lived in Shreveport immediately following the Civil War. He was born in South Carolina but moved to the area of Elysian Fields, Texas with his family as a boy of about 10 years old. He served in the Civil War as a Confederate officer in Company A, 28th Texas Cavalry (dismounted), Randal's Regiment of the First Texas Lancers. He enlisted April 12, 1862 at Shelbyville, Texas at the age of 29 and fought in battles in both Louisiana and Arkansas. He received a promotion to Major in May 1862 and to Lieutenant Colonel in April 1865. After the Civil War, he practiced as a lawyer in Caddo and surrounding parishes and parts of east Texas and in the 1870's was elected judge in Caddo Parish.

The donation of this family history book to the Genealogy Branch at the Broadmoor Branch of the Shreve Memorial Library has made it available to the genealogy research community. This story of finding this book needs to remind all of us as family history researchers to be aware and on the lookout for any record headed for destruction and make it part of archive records for researchers that follow us.

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29 September 1872.

We went to Church and heard a temperance Harangue not very edifying. Pep, Austin & Jennie came in the evening after Fuller and Allen went away. I walked up to see Dr. Ragland, with McIvor at sunset. I read Maury's Geography at night.

30 [September 1872].

Pep and Jenny left for Elysian Fields. Austin and I went down together. I wrote some letters - saw Molly at Mrs. George's - got some corn and came out with Austin. Had some pleasant, encouraging talk with several persons today. Tom Sims and young Wilkinson and intended to go out to the Country tomorrow.

Oct 1. [October 1872]

Molly met me at Burnside's and went to my office and talked there some time. I rose early in the morning and started down to get on the cars, but was a little too late to go out to Major Ross Wilkinson's. I did not regret the failure much. I had a conference at the Post Office with Keating, Dempsey Files, F. Legardy and others in regard to the election and my Candidacy for Parish Judge. Austin did not come out at night with me but came afterwards.

Oct 2. [October 1872]

Alonzo arrived before breakfast and Austin went down with us. I looked for conveyance to send for Molly's furniture and found Dempsey Files, whose name and person I did not connect together till now. I hired him to haul the things down. Then I helped Molly fix up her room. Saw Ross Wilkinson and R. White on business - also Braden clk, Mr. Peyton came in and Eva afterwards - I was detained till late and Eva came out with me. Mark and Mag visit us at night. Mr. Thompson came to consult me today.

Oct 3. [October 1872]

Went down with Eugenia and Eva - staid about my office most of the day - felt badly p.m. Ann's husband came. I attended the Republican nominating convention at night. Austin stays with us.

4th, Friday [October 1872]

I went to ray office and then back to the republican convention which I soon left. They nominate Chas. O. Phelps for Parish Judge and he declines. Mat Moore came.

5th Sat. [October 1872]

A great gathering of people to hear Warmoth and his candidates speak. I attended a little to business for Mr. Thompson Miller who called on me yesterday or before. All our family and Mat attend the fire exhibitions and at night. After we left three men were killed. Dick Wright, Wm. Wright and policemen Shepherd.

6th [October 1872]

Mat takes me to Keatchie in his carryall and I stay at Peyton's. We stopped and gathered chinquapins and they made me sick. Heard Bro. Adair preach at night, he did well.

7th [October 1872]

I proceeded to Mansfield in a buggy with Mr. Mason, arrived 11 ½. Called on the Foster's at evening.

8th [October 1872]

I conclude to return to Shreveport to get some evidence and c, and in regard to the canvass for Judge. Case continued so I can leave. Judge Levissee's horse and buggy bring me home from about 1 to 9 p m.

9th [October 1872]

I spent the day in Shreveport getting Key's evidence and talking with several members of the Ex. Com. Got all ready by night.

10th [October 1872]

Returned to Mansfield by Kingston.

11th [October 1872]

Attended the Court and prepared for my lecture.

12th [October 1872]

I delivered a lecture at night on the progress of geographical knowledge.

13th [October 1872]

Attended church morning and evening. Sunday.

14th & 15th [October 1872]

Waited on the Court and on Tuesday I went out to Mr. Rives.

16th [October 1872]

Judge Levissee and I come to Keatchie for dinner and then home at night.

17th [October 1872] I spent the day in my office and in town - Announced myself as candidate for Parish Judge. Came home for dinner; went back again, and got corn and cotton seed meal.

18th [October 1872] Passed most of the day in town - dined with Fuller and found that there was to be a meeting at Spring Ridge tomorrow and I arrange with Keating to attend.

19th [October 1872] My sleep was broken. I rose early went to the depot to meet Keating. Then down town and it was an hour before we got off. Reached Spring Ridge about 11 and staid till nearly sunset and then drove home 20 miles at 10 minutes past 8.

20th [October 1872] Attended church with Eugenia and Hally. Jesse stays at our house while Fuller and Allena go to Mr. Colquit's. Mrs. Scovill visits us at evening.

21st [October 1872] Monday I was in the Parish Court a while - then in my office writing letters. Made partial settlement with Pitkin. Sold a note to Pires and settled several things, account in bank and remittance to Cin. and Mr. Cooke.

22nd [October 1872] It was foggy, cloudy and rained in the morning. I rode down - came home to dine at 2 ½; returned and staid till late; called to see Mrs. Sherod on my way out. Read History of Constitution at night.

23rd [October 1872] Spent part of the day at my office. Called to see Geo. Bertrand on my way home, met there C. Hauser and others.

24th [October 1872] Went to market before breakfast. Called to see Bertrand on my way down. Read in my office, came home to dinner, and went back with Henry. Read at night at home.

25th [October 1872] Friday I went to Parish Court and had a new trial on the Pitkin case.

26th [October 1872] Eugenia and all went down with shopping and Mr. Cooke came to our house while all but Isaac were gone. We met him down there and all came out at evening.

27th [October 1872] All went to Church, but I remained at home not well. Conclude to go to Marshall early tomorrow and meet Mr. Cooke in the evening at Greenwood.

28th [October 1872] Went down before day to the depot and waited about the market and c till the cars started. Reached Marshall, attended to business and returned late. While in Marshall I got a dispatch the horse was out and no use to stop at Greenwood so I came home. Horse had been found. Rain fell in the night.

29th [October 1872] Rained and kept me and Mr. Cooke in doors all morning. We went down town afternoon and staid till near sunset attending to sundry items.

30th Wednesday [October 1872] Mr. Cooke home started home after breakfast. I went to market before breakfast. Clear and cool. I attend in my office most of the day. Mr. Brown works on my well-curbing. Read History of the Constitution at night. Called on Molly afternoon. Met Col. Williamson today.

Thursday 31 (Written not 3) [October 1872] Nothing remembered but that I attended my office part of the day and electioneered a little occasionally.

Nov. 1st 1872 [November 1872] Nothing more than yesterday except that I wrote some letters and Dr. Ragland was brought to our house afternoon from the infirmary. I went down and sat with Col. George Williamson at night and Wise came in.

2nd [November 1872] Still about town as usual - many people about town- this being the last day before election except Sunday. O yes, I went up to visit Mrs. Johnson and daughter in company with Thompson. Drank tea and staid up, writing till midnight and reading the Southern Review. Looked for my furniture, found Peter Brown whom I had taken for Dempsey Files.

November 3rd 1872 Sunday We attend church or I alone.

4th [November 1872] This day was taken up with the general election.

5th Tuesday [November 1872] I attended at my office afternoon - kept at home by rain all forenoon. Col. Marsh had work for me.

6th [November 1872] Uncertainty still in regard to the election but the Greely ticket carries it here and it seems likely that all or nearly all the Parish ticket is elected with it. I called on Mrs. Sims pm.

7th, 8th, 9th [November 1872] Little else done except about the election. It be comes evident that the Republican ticket was fully and fairly elected, but the majority is made to turn the other way by stuffing the Mooringsport box. On Saturday the 9th 31 voters from Mooringsport swore that they and 200 in all voted the republican ticket at Mooringsport.

10th Sunday [November 1872] I attended preaching and a conference meeting.

11th [November 1872] I continue preparing papers relating to election frauds. A. Flournoy and brother came in my office. Court was called a little and I was there a few minutes.

12th [November 1872] I went to market early and saw Paine and Polly.

13th [November 1872] The days go by still the same - preparing to file suits for contesting elections.

On 14th [November 1872] I file 4 such petitions. Cold.

15th [November 1872] About my office most of the day. Dr. Taylor was in a good while and others. Cold.

16th Sat. [November 1872] At office trying to pay taxes. Court (Dist) adjourned doing nothing. Sent letter by Allena to Colquitt.

17th Sun. [November 1872] I did not go to Church. J. W. Cook came at night.

18th [November 1872] Colquitt came and I paid taxed and insurance on my life. Wrote in my office. Cocoanuts and apples for Jennie's birthday. Writing in office.

19th [November 1872] Writing in office all day nearly, milder weather.

21st [November 1872] On the 21st Dr. Ragland died. His nephew Dr. M. Ragland arrived a day or 2 before.

22nd [November 1872] The funeral took place about 3pm. I was little in my office these days, 21 and 22. Confusion and uncertainty in regard to elections still continue.

23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th [November 1872] Attended Parish Court a little. Went to Church at 11. Rain begins before day and continues most of the day. I brought home some lard. Doing but little in my office - about home reading as usual. Jennie comes down to shop for Mrs. Ragland and I went with her.

27th [November 1872] Dr. Taylor spent a large part of the day In my office. Read Wallenstein and G. Adolphus at night. Cold.

28th [November 1872] Taylor with me in my office and others. Not much done.

29th [November 1872] I took Hally and Henry to the show. Aquilla W. Ballard was put in jail and sent for me.

30th [November 1872] Ballard was discharged for lack of evidence. Hally's birthday.

De. 1st, 1872 [December 1872] I carried Hally and Henry to see Mrs. Sherrod, left them at Fuller's and went to church. Warm weather today.

1st to 8th [November 1872] During this week I attended daily at the office, in suspense awaiting the action of the Courts and authority on the subject of election returns. About Wednesday I got corn from Horace and put Pink up to fatten. Mrs. Reed a widow came to my house on Wednesday. Mrs. Ragland left on Tuesday. Pegues and I fixed up an injunction for Pitkin Friday, Thursday and Saturday. Toward the last of the week the decision of the U. S. Circuit Court in New Orleans seems to settle the question as to the Returning Board in favor of the Republican Party. I read the History of the Constitution and others.

9th to 13th [December 1872] Since the 8th things have gone on as usual. The political contest has continued, the federal and executive seem finally to have decided for the Republican Party. On the 12th I received the birds eye view of Shreveport, and paid \$5 for it on 13th. On the 13th also Mrs. Reed went down town to try to get off toward Harrisonburg. I got a load of wood 11th and paid for having it cut up 13th. Two copious white frosts 12th and 13th seem likely now to be followed by rain on 14th.

14th [December 1872] Mr. Rutherford sent for me to consult about Mr. Fanner's water packed cotton.

15th to 20th [December 1872] On Sunday I did not go to church, rainy weather begins. Monday 16th I attended at ray office, but little more. I became sick with cold and remained at home all day Tuesday 17th, yes Wednesday 18th eving Mr. Holloway came and I went down with him and wrote until after dark, preparing for possible injunctions. He came again Thursday 19th and I did not go down: on Friday I went and staid all day. I made a ladder at home. Mr. Hargrove came to talk with me in the evening. Cold and nearly clear. It was on Wednesday the 18th that Mr. Holloway came to see me: so he must have got the news of the dispatch on the 18th or 17th. So the news of the commissions must have come not earlier than 17th or 16th, and they must have been issued about that time, 16th tho dated 4th Dec.

20th to 25th [December 1872] Extremely cold weather from 23rd. On 21 Saturday night I attended Quarterly Conference. Preaching Sunday 22nd. In conference again 23rd Monday and then in my office. Mr. Boon called about his ease 1st on 23rd, I think, at least he talked with me 24th and 25th. I was busy in extreme cold getting wood to Mrs. Robinson on 24th - called to see Molly there. Called to see Miss Dodd also 24th and got piano sent. On 25th I dined with Fuller. Hired Mack in the evening to cut wood for me.

26th [December 1872] Attended in office most of the day - wrote letters and got beef. Brought Henry's wheelbarrow home and other things on 24th. Called on Tabor with bill today 26th.

27th [December 1872] Extremely cold. Went late to office. Peter Brown brought some corn from Horace Logan. Cloudy all day. Called on Molly and - spoke for wood at Jones for them. Sent draft to N. O. for premium on life policy to A. P. Cleveland agent.

28th to 31st [December 1872] I attended at my office daily doing but little. On Sunday 29th I failed to go to Church the day being rainy and cloudy. Peter brought me more corn 31st & I stored it after night to avoid wet.

January 1st 1873. I received my commission as Parish Judge of Caddo Parish today, and gave up my law office and moved my books and c to Kilpatrick's office. Cloudy and damp all day. Pleasant talk with Mrs. O'connor at evng and she gave me eggnog. Rode out with Maj. Ashton.

2nd [January 1873] Soon after breakfast I went to Judge Looney and he administered to me the oath as Parish Judge of Caddo Parish. Heavy rain last night. My salary \$2,500 a year begins today.

3rd - 7th [January 1873] Jany 7th night. I moved my books on the 2nd to the corner office occupied by Kilpatrick. On the 3rd, I fitted up further there - was called to see Molly. On the 3rd A. S. Field arrived while I was at home afternoon. I went down with him next day the 4th Saturday and we were together in town a little. Fuller's trade is about to be broken on account of alleged defects in R. T. Buckner's title. Rainy weather Field went out thinking he might go with the wagon home, but on coming home in the evening I found him there having concluded to let his wagon go home and come again. Sunday 5th we were about to start to Church when Fuller and John Watson came. I called to see Col. Williamson on the 3rd. His wife had a child that night and it died the next. In Court House 4th. 6th Field and I go to town together & return.

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by persistent efforts of the fusionist to keep up a legislature and government. On the 7th Field and I walk down together - his wagon comes in. I called to see Molly. Tenny comes to claim his office and Kilpatrick removes. I must move also. I came home before Field and went to see about Isaac who had gone over to the road to wait for Field's wagon. I carried Henry G. Jr. along and found Isaac nearly dead apparently. But I had him moved into a house and he revived. Field arrived after we began to eat and we had our birthday dinner together again. We are each 40 years old today. After dinner I went with him to his wagon and saw Issac comfortably lodged in the wagon on his way to his son in Panola. I hope he will be kindly treated the rest of his days. As I bade him goodbye I told him I did not expect to see him again until we meet in the better place. I repaired the windows about the place.

8th - 12th January. On the 8th Wednesday Flem Logan came and killed a beef for us. I am occupied during these days in trying to get a settlement of Fuller's matter with Dr. Bennett. On Thursday evening Austin and Pep came and staid all night with us. Molly had been sick for some days and for 2 or 3 days has been thinking of moving to my house. I took Hally and Henry with me to see her on the 9th. On the 10th Friday I moved her home to my house in Mr. Howell's carriage. Mat Moore has been in town since yesterday, 9th and I see him only a moment as I passed with Miss George. He leaves without seeing her on the 11th, Austin staid with us again at night, but not Pep 10th. Saturday 11th I counselled Hensley in regard to his claim on Trosper. Saw Egan and Dr. Bennett for Fuller. Uncertainty and confusion still prevail in regard to the State Government and offices.

12th Hally and I take Henry down to Fuller's and left him, and went to the Presbyterian church. Weather has become mild. Fuller's wife came out p m, but I was lying down to rest and slept off a headache.

13th Monday I moved my office furniture into Mr. Pitkin's store. In the evening Pep and Austin came - but Mr. Cooke came first - then Alonzo. But Mr. Cooke and Alonzo went down to Fuller's afterwards. I bought things at Burketts.

14th. Austin and Pep start home. Mr. Wellborn came for me and I went down and helped him to examine a land title for Mr. Rudd and him - sold by Dr. Schumpert. Uncle Lucian was here and I talked with him and went to help him sell his cotton. Mr. Cooke came out.

15th. Wednesday. Mr. Cooke started home in the rain this morning. I went to my office - called on Teat for W. C. Browning and Co. - then saw Judge Egan. Wrote some in Lawron's office. It turned cool pm.

Met Field in town and he and Eaton afterwards came out with me. I brought out a crosscut saw part of the way and Ellen the rest,

17th. Field and Eaton left today. I sat with Pitkin and wrote some letters. Brought out some meal and got wood.

18th. Early I went to market (not for meat) and to mail letters. 19th-22nd. On the 19th I went to the Presbyterian Church. Afternoon Fuller and I walked out toward his 10 acre tract of land. On Monday 20th I went down calling at the Williams. 21st Alonzo arrived in the evening. I planted onions on the 20th and peas on 22nd. Attended about town each of these days. Woodley's business occupied me also on the 20th. Alonzo, Field and me start home afternoon of 22nd. I saw the new law for settling contests for judicial office today and withhold my petition under the intrusion act.

Jan 23rd, 1873. I attended in the Court House awhile today. It turned cold last night. Holloway's case came up today on some dilatory motions and was put off till next Tuesday. News came that the Supreme Court today decided the case of the returning Board in favor of the Boyce Longstreet and Lynch board. Peyton and Eva came this evening. Cold.

Jan. 24th, 1873. I was about town a little but not in the Court House. Eva and her husband staid at Fuller's. I was with her on street afternoon. Dougherty came to see us this morning.

25th. Peyton and Eva left in the sleet and rain this morning. I was in the Court House a little arranging my business to go out with Henry Hanks to see if Molly will go down with him to Longview. They started too late to go on the train of cars 5, and staid at the Planter's Hotel.

Sun. 26th. The 14th anniversary of our wedding. I tried to get a duck at market, but found none. I remained at home all day. King Williams came to see me.

Monday, 27th. I moved my office into Lawton's late room today. Attended in the Court House a little. Henry was to fix a fence but did no-work of value. Snow fell at night. Received a dispatch

25th from W. C. Browning and Co. and wrote to George Lane today.

28th. I walked down in a rapid snowfall. Remained in my office awhile and then in the Court House a little and in my office again. Called at Mrs. George's to see Molly who is not gone to Longview - I called twice but she could not go out with me, the street cars are not running on account of snow. Walked and talked with Col. Williamson a little. Mrs. Scovell came home.

29th. I was in town part of the day; went to see Molly but she could not come out. The cars are not running on the street today because the track is so obstructed by ice. I suffered with cold feet and took a headache which became severe during the night.

30th. I was so sick that I could not go down till after noon. I went to Mrs. George's and then to Mrs. Robertson's after Molly who came out with me. It was clear and became much warmer. The snow melts away in part today. Ann was down with rheumatism this morning and Eugenia had to get breakfast. Henry, Ann's husband fails to cut wood or do anything useful except in small amounts. He has been living on us for a month and now refuses to work to pay for it. His wife has lain helpless much of the time and we will be bound to drive him from the house.

31st. January, Friday I was in my office most of the time today - did not go to the Court Houses. Prepared some notes for use in my contest for Parish Judge. Saw Fuller and then Judge Egan who told me if I obtained my office by means of the law lately passed he would not recognize me as Parish Judge and that the Bar would not. The insolent attempt of public to tyrannize. I came home later than usual.

Feb. 1st, 1873 Saturday a cloudy day. I attended at my office but did not go to the Court House that I remember.

2nd. Wet day and no church. I went to Looney's to see Molly who is there sick. In the evening I went to the drug store to get medicine for her, taking the children.

3rd. Went down late, rode on the passenger train -- met Woodley, got Wood and sat in the office writing nearly all day. Damp and gloomy. Gloomy times. 4th Woodley, Dr. Wells, new barrel of flour, etc.

5th. I sat in my office most of the day. Conferred with Herndon touching a compromise among contestants for office. Prepared a submission for Fuller and Bennett. Read decision of Supreme Court in Morgan vs. Kennard. Henry begs to stay, promises to pay me \$12 for his past board and me and \$2 per week for this week and each following week. W. B. Peyton was in this morning.

6th. Sat in my office most of the day, conferring with Lawton and prepared briefs. Another talk with Herndon and then with Holloway. Austin met me in a drug store, [a line missing]

Molly. 8th I passed the day mostly in my office. Got a barrel of potatoes hauled out at even.

Sunday, February 9th, 1873. Austin spent most of the day with us and the night. I attended the Methodist Church and a church meeting. We walked to Judge Levissee's pm. Fuller and Allena were at our house while I was gone to church. Austin stays all night.

Feb 10th. As Austin and I walked down the steamboat arrived at the wharf with Uncle Sam Watson, wife and child. I saw them on board. Staid in my office most of the day. Called on Maj. Ashton in the evening.

Feb. 11th. I was summoned and went to the Court House as witness but was not needed (In Sherrod's case). Found Uncle Sam in my office, talked and went with him to dinner. I resolved yesterday to go to Marshall today but learned that Court there adjourned on the 4th for 2 weeks. So I am not to go at present. I found when I got home the children were gone to Fuller's and I went down there after supper and got them.

Feb. 12th. Uncle Sam called at my place and talked, then we walked to the depot and round the new railroad track - to Fuller's and there I dined. Austin and I went down and I wrote letters. At night I read R. D. Owen's "Debatable Land."

13th. I walked down with Austin and around town afterwards. Settled C. Kennedy's claim also with Ashton and remitted to J. Rudd \$91.30 and to R. W. Wright \$32.05. Uncle Sam came in to talk with me. I came out late and brought marbles from Uncle Sam to Henry. Eugenia read to me from R. D. Owen's Book.

14th - 15th Little remembered (now 18th) but I attended at my office and yes - attended to Hez. Grilly's case for him both days. My suit of clothes from New York. Sent out plants to Mr. Cooke.

Sunday, 16th. I attended the Methodist church and dined with Fuller's folks and they all case out, Johny and I walking. I rode out with my little boy Henry.

Monday I was roused before day to go for Mrs. Steele, but it was a false alarm. I was in the Parish Court - then returned home and staid most of the day. Sam and Henderson sawed my logs up 18 blocks.

18th Feb. 1873 I was roused at midnight and went for Mrs. Steele and our little girl was born just about 3 o'clock. Its right hand is defective, all the fingers being rudimentary or suppressed, but the forefinger has one joint nearly developed. The thumb is complete; all the rest of it is complete. Yesterday was remarkably bright and clear. Yet today it becomes cloudy and rains in the evening. I have fruit trees planted out today by Henderson and my fence fixed up. A great fire broke out in E. and B. Jacob's fine store this morning and destroyed much property. Fig trees planted on the 4th.

19th. I got dispatch at noon to come to Marshall but too late to get ready to go - I wrote in my office and attended to other matters and arranged to go to morrow. 20th I went to Marshall, conferred with Lane, took breakfast, sat in the room with the City Council, examined and signed settlement with Tevis. Was also in Clerk's office and with Pope. Saw Stedman, went to the Depot and waited for the cars. Read Owen's "Debatable Land". Reached home before dark.

21st. Went early to Fuller's for the children and brought them home. Learned that Eliza Heffner died about 5 o'clock this morning. I wrote letters in ray office most of the day. A strong wind through the night brings cold.

Feb. 22nd. I waited at home till the hour for the funeral at Heffner's but they conclude to defer the burial hoping the father will come home. I went down but did little at my office. Returned home early. Had work done on the well. Mrs. Watson & Allena visit us in the morning. Cold.

February 23rd, 1873. Sunday I attend church and take dinner with Fuller's people and they all come to our house pm.

24th. Monday I dined with Fuller's folks and Uncle Sam's and attended them to the cars as they started to Marshall, Longview, Galveston, N. O. and Memphis. I called on Murphy for description of lands to be mortgaged. E. Price staid with us, 25th. I took mortgage for W. H. Woodley from Sale and Murphy.

26th. Bright and clear once more and drying fast. I copied a brier, Grant's message indicates that things must be closed in a short time. Ann left today and I went over to get bread and see Laura. Then later I took son Henry and went to Mr. Barnes.

27th Feb to March 5th. I made no record. On the 25th or about that time the President sent a message to Congress taking very decided ground on the affairs of La. in case Congress should not act; and on the Senate refused to act. Sunday, 2nd I did not go to church. On the 4th I had four fig trees planted. Austin cane 5th. I received 4th my M S review and on 5th news of Sister Rebecca's bereavement. On the 4th and 5th Woodley was with me, and Hatcher on the 5th. Bed of sweet potatos made 3rd or 4th.

March 6th and 7th. I spent part of each day at my office and part at home gardening a little. Some rain fell on the 7th.

13th, Thursday. On the 8th I did not go to church the day being rainy. From the 8th to this day I have gone to my office awhile each day, but spent rather the greater part of the time about the garden and other home interests. On the 12th Flem Logan begins to break up ground for me, and continues 13th. On 12th Hally sets the first hen on 13 eggs, but 4 were laid to her today and we mark the original 13.

On the 11th I learn from the evening paper that Dr. John Torrey is dead. The news makes a deep impression on me. Today I obtain a large swinging lamp which now hangs over my table and gives me better light than I have had for a long time and my eyes do not hurt. It seems probable that I will be allowed to enter quietly on the duties of my office as Parish Judge. This will give me a more settled feeling and my pursuits will be more regular. The weather is bright and mild and things seem fair.

13th to 21st, I have been staying at home most of the time gardening and writing. On the 19th I filed a rule against Judge Ford and on the 20th service was dismissed for want of authority in the persons pretending to be clerk and sheriff. 21st I staid at home nearly all day - went down in the evening.

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