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The Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association is a Section 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization incorporated in the State of Louisiana.

The purpose of this organization is:

- To collect, preserve and make available genealogical documents and records
- To encourage an interest in genealogy and to sponsor educational programs for its development
- To promote the Shreveport/Bossier City area as having significant resources for genealogical and historical research
- To compile and publish a quarterly publication, *The Genie*, composed of records of genealogical and historical importance, helpful research information, and ancestral queries.



The Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association meets on the second Saturday of each month from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the Randle T. Moore Center, 3101 Fairfield Avenue, Shreveport, LA.

The membership year is from January 1 through December 31 and dues are \$20.00 annually for individual or same household family memberships. Dues for those members joining in the last half of the year (July 1 - December 31) are \$10.00. Membership renewals are due by January 31 at the "whole year" annual rate. Payment may be made online through PayPal, by regular mail, or at regular meetings. Refer to our website: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~laaltga/join.htm> for details.

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We welcome family history and genealogy research articles and records, especially those that are likely to be of an interest to others. Some examples are family pedigree charts, cemetery surveys/records, family and community histories, and transcribed courthouse records. We also accept articles describing a genealogical "brick wall," as well as queries. All submitted material should be typed or very plainly written and sent to our mailing address above or emailed to our editor at thegenie.editor@gmail.com. Please note that *The Genie* cannot be responsible for errors or inaccuracies, but will hasten to publish correction.

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The President's Message

Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association is embarking upon another great year! We hope that you have found an ancestor or two lurking around the corner. Two discoveries occurred recently which left an impression on me. As a friend shared her genealogy thoughts one morning, a challenge from a popular blogger came to mind. Amy Crow Johnson in her blog, www.nostorytoosmall.com, issued a challenge to her readers last year. It was called "52 Ancestors in 52 Weeks." You can read about the basics here: <http://www.nostorytoosmall.com/52-ancestors-in-52-weeks/>. Essentially, she encouraged family historians to write a sentence, a paragraph, or post a picture, etc., about an ancestor for each week of the year. Ms. Johnson, a certified genealogist, encouraged writers to include sources in all of their weekly posts. Documenting where information was found can mean that research on a particular ancestor may not end with the work we have done; others can use our sources to continue the research as well. If this idea appeals to you, it is not too late to backtrack just a little and complete 2016 by writing about 52 ancestors in 52 weeks!

Another discovery arose upon viewing *Finding Your Roots* with Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. The program investigated the genealogical past of Dustin Hoffman and Mia Farrow in Season 3, Episode 10, of this recent 2016 television offering. The broadcast illustrated the point of communicating what we know about our ancestors to our descendants. Both of these celebrities shared their lack of knowledge about their grandparents as to their failures and accomplishments, how they looked, and what kinds of people they were. They both mentioned never knowing the bravery and heroism of their family. No one had ever told them about their grandparents, and no one had left a written word about their ancestors. Researching ancestors and documenting where the information was found has proven to be more tedious than these television programs sometimes project. However, this segment of *Finding Your Roots* may be worth a look! This free program can be viewed in its entirety until April 4, 2016, at this site: <http://www.pbs.org/weta/finding-your-roots/maps-of-stars-full-episode/15947/>.

As you read the articles in this issue of *The Genie*, please consider submitting your family story, cemetery listing, genealogy research problem, query, newspaper clipping, or favorite ancestor photo along with a descriptive caption. Consider sharing what you know with your family and with us. We love to read about anything GENEALOGY!

Glenda Bernard

Vice-President's Message

1st Quarter 2016

Family Historians

I'm a family historian, not a professionally trained historian, and I freely admit my research has a narrow focus, my family. I strive to properly document the research on my branches and collaborate when the opportunity comes along. I may be a simple family historian, yet it doesn't mean I want to engage in sloppy research. We are all life-long learners, and participating in family research allows us to continue to grow in our ability to search and understand records as well as strengthen our mental acuity. We become better analysts as our research skills improve. Our genealogical work is credible when there is supporting evidence for our family record.

There are those days when I ask myself, "Why am I doing this?" Deep into my thoughts (for two seconds), I conclude that I like shaking the family tree for the stories of courage, fear, struggle, redemption, joy, and success because I am from all of that mix. My ancestors may have quietly lived their lives in the shadow of historical events, yet their stories are no less important to me in the timeline of history.

I need not work in a vacuum on my family tree. We, family historians, are drawn to like-minded people who enjoy the hunt for elusive records. We want those records that will add to the family story as much as anyone does. We join genealogical associations to learn tips and strategies from each other to aid us in the hunt. Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association gives us the opportunity to interact with people with similar pursuits. The Association offers outstanding speakers for meetings and practical research strategies with the hornbook sessions.

The 2016 New Year started off well for our association with exceptional speakers and pragmatic hornbook discussions. At the January meeting, Peggy LaCour's hornbook, "If It Had Been a Snake..." was a reminder for all of us to go back and review our work. We may see clues we missed earlier with a refreshed perspective. Notes that were not clear may become clearer after more recent research. Peggy shared a personal letter from an uncle as an example. Rereading her uncle's letter revealed clues that had been missed earlier but made sense now because of current research. So, Peggy strongly urged us to revisit our notes and documents for clues that may have been missed in the past.

Lise' Taylor, Broadmoor genealogy librarian, demonstrated how to access the OverDrive system to view archived copies of *The Genie*. With a library card, one can sign up for OverDrive and check out digital copies of *The Genie*, as well as books to read on electronic devices.

The extended "Bits and Pieces" segment concentrated on background information on Lisa Louise Cooke, the speaker scheduled for the March 12 event at St Jude's. Video

interview snippets that Ms. Cooke has done in the past were played for members so that they could understand her background as a family historian and also to encourage registration for the March 12 program. Listeners particularly enjoyed the interview segment with author Rick Beyer, especially his reading of his own family story, "A Plate of Peas," featuring his grandmother and mother.

We were fortunate to have Erica Hubbard, Director of Library Services, Houston Community College and host of the Original Red River Sankofa Project, as our speaker in February to celebrate African American heritage month. Erica has become an avid genealogist tracking her north Louisiana ancestors. She has done impressive work discovering her ancestors and mapping North Louisiana plantations and cemeteries. She offered specific steps to identify slave owners as a means to identifying their slaves.

Several "Bits & Pieces" were presented for members to consider. Background information was provided on The Harrison County Courthouse in Marshal, Texas, the 1880 DDD Supplemental Census Record, Preserve The Pensions Project, A Century of Lawmaking For A New Nation, and author Lalita Tademy's historical novels based on her own family history research in Louisiana.

The hornbook was a demonstration of the Flip Pal portable scanner. The Flip Pal is a tool every family historian needs to take along to courthouses, libraries, archives, and family reunions. Concomitant with the portable Flip Pal is the digital tool YouTube. The video web site, YouTube, was introduced as a viable tool for the family historian to find How-To videos to assist with researching, to watch interviews with genealogy experts, to take virtual tours of archives, libraries and museums, and maybe even to find family documentaries. A list of suggested keyword searches was provided on the handout.

The March 12 meeting, scheduled at St. Jude's Catholic Church's John & Rose Miciotto Center in North Bossier, had to be rescheduled because of the historic, disastrous flooding in North Louisiana. Our speaker has agreed to provide us with dates so we can plan for another Saturday. The Education Committee is working with Lisa Louise Cooke on a new date in the very near future. Once those plans are finalized, members and guests will be notified; we appreciate everyone's patience. We can all relate to Mrs. Cooke, who is a seasoned, authentic, family historian. Her easy-to-follow tips and research strategies can assist the seasoned researcher as well as the beginner. Her website www.genealogygems.com is loaded with ideas and up-to-date information from the genealogy world. Visit her website and blog to become familiar with our renowned speaker. The future looks good for our organization. Our members are the best, our programs are informative, and the hornbook segments are instructional.

Looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting,

Sonja Webb

Periodical Exchange Review

Contributed by Reed Mathews

The Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association currently exchanges periodical publications with dozens of historical and genealogical organizations across the country. These exchange publications are donated to the Genealogical Department at the Shreve Memorial Library. It is the purpose of this column to make readers aware of these wonderful resources for the family historian by giving brief descriptions of the publications and their content.

Clark County Historical Journal *The Clark County Historical Journal* is the annual publication of the Clark County Historical Association, which is headquartered in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. The 2015 edition is a wonderful compilation of local history. This issue is printed on heavy paper. There is an un-numbered section that includes a membership roster and many photographs of the Association's activities during the year. The 110 numbered pages are loaded with mainly member-submitted material.

"Louis T. Kretschmar: Man and Myth" divides truth from lore, but fails to explain completely Kretschmar's sad death. The authors debunk the romantic tale that Louis Kretschmar, a Yankee captain, called a halt to the looting of the Heard family estate when he encountered young Molly Heard playing the piano. Louis Kretschmar married Molly after the Civil War, but he was actually a Confederate cavalryman from Missouri. Molly died shortly afterward. Kretschmar stayed in Clark County and married Belle Murdock in 1870. Kretschmar won a state senate seat, but disgraced himself. He eventually took his own life.

Many of the articles from this issue focus similarly on one person. Clark County seems to have cultured some fascinating individuals. The CCHA published *Crooks, Scoundrels, Notorious Characters, and other Legendary Figures in Clark County, Arkansas* in 2015 to document some of them. The CCHA also recently published *This 'n' That by Hal: a collection of W. H. Halliburton's news features, 1909-1976*.

It is just a minor complaint that this edition seems to have been devoted too heavily to Civil War and Reconstruction era history. To be fair, one of the most interesting stories was "The Clark County Ku Klux Klan Debates of 1922-23." "Gurdon Becomes a Town: Petition for Incorporation, 1880" and "Arkadelphians in World War II" present lists of names of residents who lived in more recent times which are so valuable to genealogists.

The Clark County Historical Journal is a compendium of rich, personal stories. It is very well illustrated and immanently readable. Family historians and history lovers in general will find much in these pages. References are cited fairly uniformly in end notes for each article. Genealogists will love the every-name index to the volume. The members of the Clark County Historical Association and editor, Wendy Richter, should all be very proud of their wonderful scholarship.

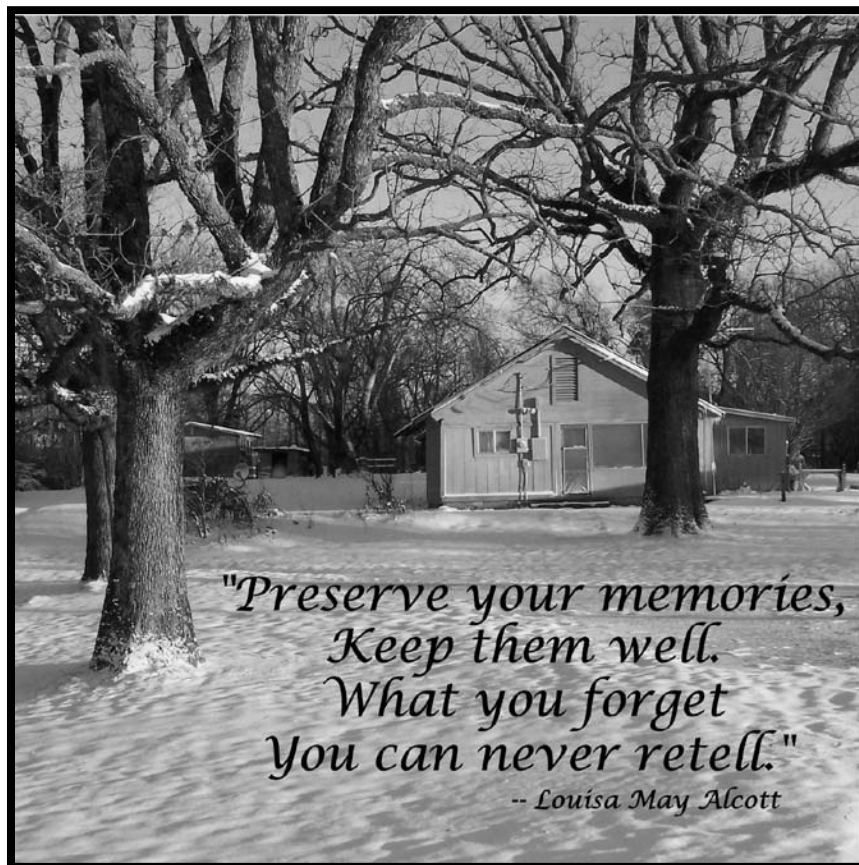
Hopkins County Heritage *Hopkins County Heritage* is the quarterly publication by the Hopkins County (Texas) Genealogical Society. The December 2015 edition, soft-covered and staple-bound, contains 35 numbered pages. The issue is well illustrated, but not indexed.

Articles in this issue cover a wide range of topics. "Two of Our Own" tells the story of Captain Roger L. Mills and PFC George W. Moten, two Hopkins County men who lost their lives to German atrocities during the Battle of the Bulge. "Como, Texas" and "Saltillo, Texas" give brief histories of the towns. A list of members of the Hopkins County Genealogical Society and a list of surnames researched by HCGS members are included. "Rediscovering Our Genealogical Library" announced that a new database search is available for searching the society's extensive archives. More than 80 new titles donated to the society's library were listed.

According to President Ronnie Glossup's message from this issue, *The Hopkins County Heritage* won the second-place periodical writing award at the Texas State Genealogical Society Conference in 2015. Congratulations to editor, CarolAnn Dixon, and to the members of the HCGS for this recognition of their good work.

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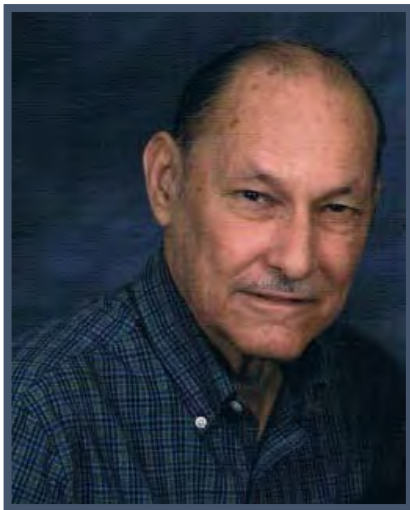
Photo contributed by Elaine Johnson. This house originally belonged to my great grandmother, then my grandmother and finally my mother. I grew up here and have many happy memories of living here.



ARTICLES PUBLISHED IN *THE GENIE* BY DALE JENNINGS

Mr. Dale Jennings, a well-known Bossier Parish, Louisiana, historian, has shared his articles with the Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association since 1994. Through the years, we have been privileged to print nearly fifty historical writings in various copies of our quarterly, *The Genie*! Many people have sought his aid in learning about their family histories through his diligent efforts to write of the people and places of Bossier Parish. The chart below indicates the name of the article, the issue number, and year for each of his submissions. Begun in 2015, Shreve Memorial Library's Genealogy Department is in the process of digitizing older copies of *The Genie*. The library presently has several volumes of these copies accessible online through a program powered by Overdrive. The library houses copies of all of these articles, however, not all are online at this time. Hopefully, soon all of Mr. Jennings' articles can be read through the library's website, www.shreve-lib.org.

The editors say thank you, Mr. Jennings!



Dale Jennings was born in Wyoming County, PA, in 1937 and moved to George West, Texas at the age of eight. He is a 1955 graduate of George West High School. He holds a BA degree from Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, LA. He has been married to Larri Hunt for forty-eight years, and they have two daughters. They live in Benton, LA near Shreveport. Dale is retired from the US Army, having served in Vietnam, France, Germany, and the Dominican Republic, as well as many stateside assignments. He is a member of the Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association and has published many articles in local newspapers and historical and genealogical publications. He has published a memoir entitled *A Boy's Eye View of George West & Live Oak County from the 1940's & 1950's*.

ARTICLE TITLE	QUARTER	YEAR
The Arnold Family of Bossier Parish	1	1998
The Arnold-Tidwell House	1	2003
Bossier Parish Slave Marriage Records	2	2010
The Brownlee Family of Bossier Parish	4	2015
Cash Point Plantation	1, 2, 3 & 4	2000
Chalk Level Plantation	3 & 4	2007
Coates Bluff	2 & 3	2009
Collinsburg	4	2004
	1 & 2	2005
Cottage Grove Community, Bossier Parish Louisiana	4	2010
	1 & 2	2011
The Day the Barn Burned	4	1996
Early History of Benton, LA	3 & 4	2005

ARTICLE TITLE	QUARTER	YEAR
Elam Dortch's Ash Point and Woodlawn	2	2006
Flaniken Family Shenanigans	3	2002
Friendship Baptist Church	1	2006
George Paysinger, A Priceless Slave and Prosperous Planter	3	2003
Gilmer-Jones Letter	1	2007
Gold Point Plantation	4	2011
	1	2012
History of Benton Road	3 & 4	2013
Hopewell Cemetery	2	2007
Hughes Spur and Alden Bridge	3 & 4	2012
	1 & 2	2013
It Ain't Necessarily So	3	1998
James and Paulina Pickett	4	2006
	2	2007
A Letter from a Concerned Uncle	4	1994
A Letter Written Home From the Valley	3	1995
The Lion Hunt	3	2001
Lofers, Drunkards and Grass Widows	4	2004
The Lost and Confused	4	2002
Oakland Plantation	4	2015
Old Coates Bluff Graveyard	3	2006
Old Red River Cemetery	1	1996
Orchard Plantation	1	2004
Pandora Plantation	4	2009
	1	2010
Perkins Genealogy and Letter	2	2002
Red Land	3 & 4	2008
	1	2009
Searching for Calvin (Vance)	2, 3 & 4	1998
	1, 2 & 3	1999
Slave Surnames	2	2003
The Smisson-Bradford House	1	2016
The Town of Gilmer, LA	2	1998
Trouble on Red River – The Bossier Riots	4	1999
Unidentified Bossier Parish Burial Site	1	2008
The Vances of Bossier Parish	4	1994
	1 & 2	1995
The Vances of Fannin Street	3	2005
The "Vance" in the Vance Guards	3	2002
Vanceville, Louisiana	2	2001
The Vanceville Tournament	1	2002
J. P. Vance and His Succession	1	2002
W. C. Vance and the "First Shot of the Civil War"	3	2010
Wild Lucia	4	2005
Willow Chute Plantation and the Community	1 & 2	2003

From the files...

Submitted by Brenda Randall from her obituary work with Friends of Genealogy.

Published 05 April 1873 in *The Shreveport Times*, Shreveport, LA

“Babcock—We saw last evening the act of charter incorporating the Phoenix Fire Company, the signers of which are of a character which will make this an a No. 1 company, embracing a large number of our most prominent men. The officers are Col. R. H. Lindsay, President; Nathan Gregg, Vice-president; Jas. V. Nolan, Secretary; W. Penn Ford, Treasurer; Andy Currie, Foreman; John Mundy, 1st Pipeman; W. F. Buckelew, 2nd Pipeman. Messars. W. P. Ford, J. F. Looney and L. R. Simmons were chosen as delegates to the Fire Department.”

NOTE: Further research on the “Find A Grave” (FAG) site (www.findagrave.com) found the following:

LINDSAY, Robert Hume, Lt. Col 16th LA Inf (CSA), Co C “Caddo Fencibles”, Co F “St. Helene Rebels”. FAG Memorial #11024181 in Oakland Cemetery.*

NOLAN, James V., Pvt Co I 18th LA Inf, “Orleans Cadets”. Memorial #11025147 in Oakland Cemetery.*

FORD, William Pendleton “Penn”, Pvt Co D 6th LA Cavalry; paroled at Shreveport 7 June 1865. Memorial #11020026 in Oakland Cemetery.*

CURRIE, Andrew W. “Andy”, Pvt, Capt Nutt’s Co, LA Cav. Memorial #6919704 in Greenwood Cemetery.*

MUNDY, John. Memorial #152994352 in Oakland Cemetery.

BUCKELEW, Wilbur Fisk, Pvt Co A, 6th LA Calvary, POW, paroled at Shreveport 07 June 1865. Memorial #6919551 in Greenwood Cemetery.*

LOONEY, Jerimiah F., QM Dep MO (CSA). Memorial #10691824 in St. Joseph Cemetery, Shreveport. NOTE: First person in Shreveport to be killed by automobile.

SIMMONS, Louis R., Pvt. Fenner’s Bty, LA Artillery. Memorial #31768538 in Metairie Cemetery in New Orleans/Metairie.*

GREGG, Nathan. Nothing found.

*Indicates members of Gen. Leroy Stafford’s Camp #3.

St. Paul Christian Methodist Episcopal Cemetery, Belcher, LA

Contributed by Erica Hubbard

St. Paul Christian Methodist Episcopal Church's cemetery, located in Belcher, LA, dates back more than 100 years holding many grave markers of many prominent African Americans in the community in addition to markers dating back to individuals born into slavery. The church can trace its beginnings to Carolina Bluff CME in Benton where a group of enslaved humans from Rushpoint Plantation were allowed to attend worship services. The enslaved humans began to organize themselves and with the permission of their slaveholders, Michael & Hannah Dickson, who were also Methodist, they were allowed to construct a small, log cabin at Rushpoint plantation with 19 charter members so they could worship. After the Emancipation Proclamation, additional charter members & some charter member descendants deeded property to establish St. Paul in the present day Belcher, LA, just north of Dixie in 1880. In 1924, a new sanctuary was erected on the same deeded property. In 1961, the present day sanctuary was remodeled and still stands today. Hettie Adger, a long time parishioner, contributed generously to St. Paul by giving property to expand the cemetery. The cemetery continues to remain the resting ground of many African Americans and former enslaved African Americans in the community.



This cemetery transcription below was made possible by the organizers, parishioners, cemetery caretakers and volunteers of the 10th Annual Memorial Day Sankofa Worship Service, May 29, 2005 at St. Paul Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. The list is not complete, due to the difficulty in surveying a number of tombstones in hard to reach areas. If you know of someone buried in the cemetery and their names are missing, please contact the church located at 200 Gray St., Belcher, LA 71004. You can also send an email to: info@redriversankofa.org with the deceased's full name, date of birth and date of death and the information will be added to the listing below.



(Note: Some of this info was provided orally by Clarence Glover Jr, whose father, Clarence Glover Sr., served on the original building committee for the church.)

Name	Birth	Death	Inscription
Adger, Annie Bell	1-29-1929	11-29-2002	None
Adger, Bernice Galloway	1930	1997	None
Adger, Bessie	1890	1990	None
Adger, Cora	2-16-1877	12-15-1979	None
Adger, Coryuine	11-14-1886	5-13-1975	US Army, WWI
Adger, Dora	1886	1906	None
Adger, Edward Lee	11-22-1926	5-12-1984	None
Adger, Henry	1923	2006	None
Adger, Sr., Henry	5-15-1886	5-8-1964	None
Adger, Hettie	8-15-1875	11-5-1963	None
Adger, Sr., John	1-15-1867	5-27-1952	None
Adger, Josephine	1884	1987	None
Adger, Lula Watson	5-12-1903	12-24-1992	None
Adger, Marie	12-25-1979	4-29-1967	None
Adger, Noah	10-31-1905	9-28-1989	US Army WWI
Adger, Sam	1872	1945	None
Adger, Tom	not inscribed	not inscribed	LA PVT COA, 371 Infantry
Adger, West	1892	1964	None
Adger, Jr., Willie	4-6-1920	6-1-1995	PFC US Army WWII
Adger, Sr., Willie	1895	1981	None
Aery, Mary	5-11-1870	2-13-1961	Age 90
Allen, Easter Nelson	1904	1-9-1959	55 Years Old
Allen, Holly	not inscribed	not inscribed	None
Arye, Bill	12-9-1913	2-21-1961	LA PVT, 509 Ordnance, WWII

Name	Birth	Death	Inscription
Baley, Jennie	not inscribed	3-27-1913	None
Baker, Rilliar	1890	2-6-1956	None
Baker, Theo	1913	1962	None
Belcher, Nancy	4-15-1890	11-3-1962	None
Bolden, Dallas	6-7-1914	3-15-1965	None
Bolden, Nick	10-28-1904	7-4-1929	None
Boxley, John	1-22-1922	2-17-1999	US Navy
Bradford, Carrie	1900	1936	None
Bradford, Charlie McKellia	11-5-1887	11-21-1975	None
Bradford, Elmer	not inscribed	not inscribed	None
Bradford, Elsa	10-20-1892	5-22-1970	None
Bradford, Isaac	2-22-1905	2-3-1992	PVT US Army WWII
Bradford, Jacob	11-25-1896	1-11-1964	Louisiana PVT Sup Co 806 Pioneer Inf WWI
Bradford, James	9-1-1933	3-21-1964	None
Bradford, James "Tom"	1916	1928	None
Bradford, John H. "Pee Wee"	9-8-1944	6-13-1994	None
Bradford, Sr., John L.	1928	1998	Son of Tillie and Irene (Patterson) Bradford
Bradford, Jorden	1858	1928	None
Bradford, J.S.	4-1-1890	4-30-1968	None
Bradford, Sr., Julius	10-31-1920	3-20-1997	US Navy
Bradford, Mary Lee	2-22-1912	9-14-1997	None
Bradford, Mary T.	12-7-1879	6-26-1960	None

Name	Birth	Death	Inscription
Bradford, Melvin	not inscribed	not inscribed	PVT US Army
Bradford, Mildred	?-10-1869	?-2-1952	Age 88
Bradford-Adger, Nannie	1882	?	Daughter of Squire and Jane Bradford
Bradford, Rosetta	1846	1936	None
Bradford, Sadie L. Belfrey	9-20-1916	3-1-1994	None
Bradford, Sam	not inscribed	5-12-1907	None
Bradford, Squire	not inscribed	9-16-1924	67 Years old
Bradford, Jr., Tillie	1908	1972	None
Bradford, Sr., Washington	3-14-1881	7-23-1971	None
Bradford, Lillie M.	7-2-1888	4-30-1978	None
Brinson, Joydell B.	1945	1998	None
Brooks, Carrie	6-19-1900	8-27-1974	None
Brown, Emily	3-19-1852	3-16-1921	None
Brown, Rebecca	9-15-1875	2-22-1955	None
Bryant, Calvin	4-25-1922	4-9-1983	TEC4 US Army World War II
Bryant, Willie	2-10-1896	7-7-1952	None
Burney, James	11-3-1920	12-6-1946	None
Cade, Amos	9-13-1893	5-1-1959	Louisiana PFC Engineers, World War I
Cade, Johnnie B.	9-1906	1-14-1959	58 Years old
Cade, Oliver*	1841	9-21-1921	*Note: Added after transcription. Death certificate indicates he was buried at St. Paul's.
Carter, Mattie Culpepper	7-22-1907	1-2-1999	None
Carter, Victor Chars	9-27-1959	9-23-1971	None

Name	Birth	Death	Inscription
Carter, Jim	4-15-1865	5-27-1914	St. Joseph Temple
Carroll, Peter	1877	not inscribed	None
Carroll, Jr., Thomas	8-17-1913	6-9-1960	Louisiana CPL 440 QM Service Co. World War II
Chamber, Mother Mattie	1884	1946	None
Chism, Clinton	not inscribed	11-13-1954	None
Chism, John	6-1-1911	7-24-1925	None
Chism, Wade	not inscribed	1-28-1919	St. Joseph Temple, Dixie, LA
Cole, George	not inscribed	11-30-1921	Robert Circle No. 1089
Coleman, Matt	3-25-1887	12-29-1965	None
Collen, Aunst	not inscribed	3-9-1928	Lilly of Valley Chamber #3305, Belcher, LA
Collin, Lizzie	3-10-1856	10-31-1959	None
Collins, Addell	2-15-1880	11-15-1964	None
Collins, Emmie	5-1-1919	6-19-1961	None
Collins, Allen	1871	2-21-1920	None
Culpepper, Violet Ann Bradford	2-1-1914	1-29-2002	None
Dennis, Nettie Lee	9-23-1917	9-23-1954	37 Years old
Denver, Ella	not inscribed	not inscribed	None
Edwards, Melton	not inscribed	2-1922	4 Years old; Supreme Royal Circle of Friends of the World
English Sr., Arthur	not inscribed	not inscribed	None
English, John H.	1943	1960	Age 17
Flippins, Mary	1904	1927	None
Foster, Lee Arthur	9-3-1933	11-12-1997	None

Name	Birth	Death	Inscription
Fraizer, Molise	1914	11-14-1917	Daughter of Ed & Vader Fraizer
Fuller, Ada	not inscribed	3-5-1919	30 Years old
Gadson, Elijah	1881	1953	None
Galloway, Frankie M.	1926	1964	None
Galloway, Hattie	1890	1956	None
Galloway, John A.	1915	1963	None
Galloway, Maggie P.	3-7-1916	4-18-1997	None
Galloway, Steve	4-6-1884	6-15-1968	None
Gates, Pearl	10-25-1912	9-2-1952	None
Gatterson, Roosevelt	12-31-1909 <i>(incorrect, born 1900)</i>	6-10-1954	My sweet husband, Gone but not forgotten.
Gay, Clarence	not inscribed	not inscribed	War Veteran
Gay, William	not inscribed	2-27-1923	None
Gayle, Janie G.	7-16-1915	3-9-2003	None
George, Harriet	1834	6-31-1919	85 Years old
Germany, Frank	1857	1929	None
Germany, Julia	1864	1930	None
Germany, Lucinda	2-7-1834	3-19-1930	None
Gilliard, Rachel	1877	6-1922	45 Years old
Gilmore, Lillie	9-2-1878	3-6-1958	None
Gilmore, Mary	1882	3-26-1967	None
Gipson, Addie	1881	1946	None
Gipson, Fannie	1887	1964	None
Gipson, Lonnie	6-12-1886	1-10-1960	None

Name	Birth	Death	Inscription
Givens, Joe	not inscribed	5-22-1928	45 Years old
Glover, Sr., Clarence Ernest	5-1-1928	4-21-1981	None
Goins, Emma	not inscribed	8-9-1926	Supreme Royal Circle, Robert Circle No. 1089
Gray, Chabela	11-19-1979	6-17-2004	24 Years old
Green, Gilbert	1899	1960	None
Green, Lul Green	4-28-1947	6-9-1964	None
Green, Martha	1859	6-19-1923	None
Green, Odessa R.	10-23-1912	5-1-1938	None
Griffin, Adeline	5-10-1887	2-12-1961	74 Years Old
Hall, Sam	3-15-1892	1-28-1960	PVT Infantry WWI
Hamilton, Mother Harette	not inscribed	9-9-1924	70 Years old
Harris, Adger	not inscribed	4-1-1946	Mother / 86 Years old
Harris, Blankenship Viola	1913	1995	None
Harris, Rev. Alonzo	5-1-1908	2-19-1995	None
Harris, Corine Head	3-21-1913	11-13-1995	None
Harris, Mennie	not inscribed	9-5-1927	None
Harris-Bradford, Olean	1933	2008	Wife of Luther (Red) Bradford
Head, Ella Tisby	1864	1-27-1962	None
Head, William	1870	1938	None
Holmes, Malinda	1840	4-3-1912	None
Howard, M.M.	not inscribed	6-6-1919	Vienna Circle No. 1071
Hunter, Alberta	12-11-1904	3-15-1957	53 Years old
Hunter, Kitty Ann	1878	?-30-1927	None

Name	Birth	Death	Inscription
Ivory, Eliza	1873	1918	48 Years old
Jackson, Dave	10-9-1909?	10-9-1909?	L957
Jackson, Ophelia	not inscribed	2-1926	29 Years old
Jackson, Willis	1883	1913	None
Jackson, Z.J.	not inscribed	11-7-1922	St. John Circle No. 1053
James, Jr., Daniel	not inscribed	1-28-1935	None
James, J.H.	1841	1-5-1925	34 Years old
James, Lizzie Maple	7-4-1906	5-20-2002	None
Jefferson, B.	1927	2007	None
Jefferson-Bradford, Claudie B	1924	2007	Wife of Robert Bradford
Jefferson, Clyde	4-15-1904	5-11-1969	None
Jefferson, Isaac	1905	1983	None
Jefferson, J.W.	not inscribed	12-19-1920	St. John Circle No. 1053
Jefferson, Katie M.	1903	1997	None
Jefferson, Murphy D.	1929	2007	None
Jefferson, Oscar	1932	2003	None
Jefferson, Rogers	7-14-1902	2-13-1972	None
Jefferson, Savannah	2-2-1882	12-2-1961	None
Jefferson, Tom	1858	1945	None
Jefferson, Will	1882	1964	None
Jefferson, Jr., Willie	8-7-1907	8-9-1999	None
Jenkins, Ida	1887	1956	None
Johnson, Geraldine W.	7-31-1868	12-26-1966	None
Johnson, Joseph	1928	1992	None

Name	Birth	Death	Inscription
Johnson, Robert S.	5-22-1931	5-2-1970	None
Johnson, Roxie	1-29-1881	6-29-1968	None
Johnson, Willie L.	9-22-1921	6-6-1964	None
Jones, Goldie	2-14-1890	6-6-1959	None
Jones Jr., Henry J.	8-13-1952	9-3-1952	None
Jones, Judge	9-22-1892	10-16-1971	None
King, Jim	9-15-1878	9-1-1954	None
Kissie, Carrie	1877	1963	86 Years old
Landum, Willie	not inscribed	7-1-1924	89 Years old
Lane, Robert	12-24-1881	9-24-1955	73 Years old
Lee, J.W.	12-20-1894	5-13-1966	None
Lee, Maggie L.	5-15-1896	11-20-1969	None
Level, Alix	1876	1953	None
Lewis, Mattie G	7-4-1922	7-29-1962	40 Years old
Manson, Houston	1875	7-17-1957	82 Years old
Maple, Henry Lee	2-16-1948	11-17-1959	None
Maple, James Lizzie	1906	2002	None
Maple, Jimmie	4-26-1899	2-24-1970	None
Marks, Peter	not inscribed	1912	Gone but not forgotten
Martin, A.L. Moody	7-4-1890	11-20-1957	None
Martin, Mamie Grey	-	1926	None
Martin, Mary "Shug"	7-4-1900	7-13-1980	None
Martin, Susi	9-18-1866	7-25-1954	86 Years old
Martin, Willie	3-24-1915	3-15-1996	US Army WWII

Name	Birth	Death	Inscription
McCall, Ada	1889	1959	None
McCrimmons, Albert	10-4-1895	10-6-1965	LA PVT 25 Co, 161 Depot Brig, WWI
Miller, Mary	1893	1959	None
Milton, Robert	5-31-1888	2-25-1958	None
Montgomery, Alice	1868	not inscribed	None
Montgomery, Delia	7-12-1859	7-23-1943	84 Years old
Montgomery, Green	1859	11-15-1931	72 Years old
Montgomery, Lavana	10-11-1898	12-20-1953	None
Moore, Leanord	3-19-1919	5-8-1958	None
Morris, Easter	5-1-1865	10-4-1955	None
Mosley, Elija	not inscribed	2-15-1919	8 Years old
Owens, John "Dee Dee"	12-16-1939	12-4-2003	None
Patterson, Amanda	not inscribed	8-23-1928	Vienna Circle No. 1071
Patterson, Fannie	not inscribed	4-13-1924	Eastern Star
Patterson, Irene	2-17-1911	4-3-1974	None
Player, Charlotte	5-20-1893	4-25-1970	None
Player, Flemon	not inscribed	1925	Vienna Circle No. 1031
Player, Mahalia	7-26-1901	11-10-1962	Wife of Deacon Oliver Player
Player, Martin L.	not inscribed	not inscribed	None
Player, Mother Teo	12-26-1913	4-24-1962	None
Player, Jamie	1893	9-7-1956	None
Plouche, Haywood	3-12-1889	3-27-1967	LA PVT COA 162 Depot Brig, WWI
Randle, Anne Gray	not inscribed	3-1-1906	None

Name	Birth	Death	Inscription
Rawls, Walter	not inscribed	2-27-1935	LA PVT ICL 512 Engrs
Richardson, James	1899	?-2-1966	67 Years old
Richardson, Maggie	2-18-1881	July ?	54 Years old
Roach-Bradford, Janie	1863	1934	Wife of Squire Bradford
Roberson, Sallie	not inscribed?	9-5-1916?	None
Roberson, Tenus	1-1-1861	4-13-1922	None
Robert, Morris Williams	not inscribed	1-6-1924	Circle No. 1089 Supreme Royal Circle of Friends of the World
Robertson, Mary	not inscribed	6-23-1916	Vienna Circle No. 1071
Ross, Louisa	not inscribed	5-5-1923	45 Years old
Scoggins-Taylor, Maggie May	1881	1970?	Wife of Eddie Taylor
Shington, Johnies	12-6-1921	7-1958	31 Years old
Simmons, Richard	4-20-1886	12-28-1969	LA PVT COG, 806 Pioneer Inf. WWI
Smith, Abe	1862	1942	None
Smith, Adline	1869	1960	None
Smith, Edith	1870	1942	None
Smith, Jackson	9-25-1908	9-29-1926	None
Smith, Jeff	not inscribed	2-17-1959	None
Smith, John	5-8-1891	9-3-1961	LA PFC CO-C, 526 SVC VN Engineer Corps WWI
Smith, Sallie	1868	1-5-1915	47 Years old
Stewart, Alice	3-16-1880	6-22-1920	None
Stewart, M.L.	1889	9-22-1955	None
Stewart, Monroe	not inscribed	not inscribed	Military

Name	Birth	Death	Inscription
Strickland, Sallie	5-9-1869	7-11-1955	None
Stroud, Vinie	6-20-1865	6-23-1962	None
Taylor, Albert	4-8-1941	8-8-1969	LA SP4 US Army-Vietnam
Taylor, Eddie	1881	1964?	Husband of Maggie May Scoggins
Taylor, Emma	3-14-1883	4-21-1956	Age 79
Taylor, Georgia	6-4-1881	8-10-1925	None
Taylor, Ivory	1883	1946	None
Taylor, Jessie	10-8-1908	5-26-1962	None
Taylor, Marie	1881	1952	None
Taylor, Mary Jane M.	1887	1964	None
Taylor, Roberta	5-30-1884	11-19-1953	69 Years old
Taylor, Seargy Lee	6-6-1926	6-9-1965	PFC BTRYB27, Armed FABN
Taylor, Stella	5-18-1884	1-12-1956	<i>(tombstone incorrect, born 1874)</i>
Thomas, Elizabeth	2-15-1851	2-9-1935	None
Thomas, Emperor Napoleon	2-14-1852	7-10-1927	St. Joseph Temple 873, Dixie, LA
Thomas, Flossie M.	4-4-1905	3-7-2004	None
Thomas, Jeffery	not inscribed	not inscribed	None
Thomas, Sr., Joseph S.	8-27-1881	12-15-1949	None
Thomas, Jr., Joseph	5-10-1909	8-13-1959	Age 50 Years old
Thomas, Martha	not inscribed	not inscribed	None
Thomas, Mary R.	4-27-1876	12-7-1955	None
Thomas, Matthew	2-1-1902	1993	None
Thomas, Mattie	1888	1930	None

Name	Birth	Death	Inscription
Thomas, Ulysses	1875	1938	None
Thomas, Will	11-7-1895	6-3-1964	None
Thomas, Willie	-	1924	None
Tidwell, Cora	1897	3-17-1963	None
Tooke, Nellie	3-20-1880	5-4-1965	75 Years old
Walker, Joseph	11-30-1887	9-25-1919	He died in the service of his country No. A. 262327
Warren, Lillie	1897	1952	None
Washington, Johnnie	1921	1953	None
Watson, Sophia	not inscribed	7-16-1969	None
Williams, Annie	not inscribed	2-22-1925	Robert Circle No. 1089
Williams, Annie B.	1-1-1905	4-1-1959	None
Williams, Eddie Mae	7-4-1904	1-7-1970	None
Williams, Hariett	12-15-1895	6-24-1914	None
Williams, Henry	1924	1946	None
Williams, Napolion	not inscribed	1-9-1922	1 Years old
Williams, Sam	6-30-1891	6-16-1969	LA PVT CO DEV BN L69, Depot Brigade WWI
Williams, Willie	9-31-1897	7-1-1954	LA PVT COC419 RES Labor BN QMC WWI
Wilson, Lula	5-17-1907	2-8-1955	None
Wise, Ida Mae	10-2-1908	2-5-1970	None
Wright, Doris V.	7-3-1951	4-4-1992	None
York, Rosa	not inscribed	11-7-1919	Springfield Chambers, 2486 Dixie, LA
Young, Callie	9-3-1880	12-13-1917	None

THE SMISSON-BRADFORD HOUSE

By Dale Jennings

The circa 1877 Smisson-Bradford House stood on Airline Drive a few miles south of Benton in north Bossier Parish until moved in 2004. The old home site near the corner of Airline and Kingston Road is now marked by a cluster of pecan trees and a large, more-than-a-century-old magnolia tree. The magnolia was said by previous owner Clara Bryan to have been planted on February 10, 1904, the birth date of the first owner, Sallie Smisson's grandniece, Jeanette McIntyre.

Background on the home site property precedes the George Washington Arnold family's relocation to Bossier Parish, Louisiana, from Coweta County, Georgia, in 1860. This planter family, consisting of Mr. Arnold, his wife Salina Sims Arnold, five sons, and four daughters, was following a pattern of westward movement across the South seeking newer, more productive planting ground. The site was one of two connected 320-acre half sections selected for purchase by the Arnolds. These tracts were back from the Red River but on the edge of the river plain and were desirable for grazing and the cultivation of cotton and corn. This property (West half of Section 21, Township 19, Range 13) on which the house would be built, runs along the west side of the present Airline drive. The other tract (East half of Sect 16, T 19, R 13) joined the first at their corners at the Airline Drive-Kingston Road junction, with Airline forming its west boundary (see map).

The Arnolds chose to reside on the Section 16 tract, which had a sturdy heart-pine-hewn log house, now known as the Arnold-Tidwell House on Linton Road, west of Airline. The property on which the Smisson-Bradford house would later be built was called the "Burnham tract" at this time. Those 320 acres were purchased from the U. S. government in 1839 by Angus McNeill, the primary founder of Shreveport, and in 1845, they were acquired by Judge William Beck at a sheriff's sale. Beck sold the property to Mary E. Land, wife of attorney and Judge Thomas T. Land, who sold it to Jackson Burnham in 1850. By then it had buildings, improvements, and crops (an 1859 survey map by Roswell Elmer in the Bossier Parish Clerk of Court's office shows a complex of buildings to include a gin just west of where the Smisson-Bradford house would later stand). Jackson also bought the Section 16 tract that year and transferred it to his brother and partner, Benjamin Walker Burnham, in 1852. This was in conjunction with an exchange of slaves in which Jackson received a net gain of thirteen slaves.

Jackson and his brother, Benjamin Burnham, are shown as 31-year-old Bossier Parish residents in the 1850 Bossier census. Jackson was a married planter and his brother a single overseer. Jackson Burnham died in 1855, and his "Burnham tract" plantation was sold at succession sale in 1857 in settlement of the estate. That same year, Benjamin sold his Section 16 plantation and moved to Morehouse Parish. The buyer of both properties was Doctor James S. Sandidge. Doctor Sandidge sold both plantations to George Washington Arnold in 1860.

George W. Arnold died in 1868, followed by his wife in 1872. Their succession was opened in January 1877, and the estate property was divided between the seven surviving children. Emily Frances (Emma), who was married to Thomas Jefferson Tidwell, received a parcel of land containing the Arnold-Tidwell home. Another daughter, Sarah Malita (Sallie), had married a

Texan, B. F. (Bernie) Smisson, in October 1875 and had gone to live with him in Texas, probably Jefferson. Sallie's part of the estate included one hundred acres of the Burnham tract plantation. Upon receiving her inheritance, they returned from Texas and built their home there on Willow Chute Bayou on what was then a segment of the Linton-Bellevue Road.

The Smissons lived on and farmed their plantation through the deaths of Mr. Smisson and their only child, Bernie, who died unmarried in 1938. In 1917, Sallie's niece, Sallie Tidwell married Richard Bradford, who became a partner in the gin business with his wife's brothers, Thomas A. and Washington S. Tidwell. The Bradfords are said to have, at some point in time, moved in with the widowed Sallie Smisson. In 1938, she gave him a power of attorney to conduct her business.

Richard Bradford's brother was Roark Bradford, the well-known writer. He gained fame primarily for his fictional stories written in the 1920s and 1930s based upon local black plantation tenant families along Willow Chute Bayou. He is said to have written many of his works while staying with the Smissons and Bradfords and from a little cabin at the nearby Red Chute Plantation home of Sallie Bradford's brother, Thomas Arnold Tidwell. Roark used the Little Bee Bend Plantation further down the bayou as the setting for several of his stories.

Roark Bradford's best known work, *Ol' Man Adam an' his Chillun*, was adapted for the stage by Marc Connelly as *Green Pastures*, for which they were awarded the Pulitzer Prize in 1930. Thomas and "Wash" Tidwell had bought the Little Bee Bend Plantation in 1919. The Smisson-Bradford plantation itself came to be called "Little Bee Bend" (with a historical sign to that effect later placed in front of the house). The adjoining plantations were owned by members of the same family, and this renaming may have been a way to better publicize Roark Bradford's works. In 1932 the Tidwells sold the historical Little Bee Bend Plantation to Roark under his corporate name, "Little Bee Bend Land Company, Inc."

Sallie Bradford continued to live with her aunt Sallie Smisson after the death of Richard Bradford in 1943. When her aunt died in 1949, Sallie Bradford inherited the property and continued to live there until her death in 1976. The Bradfords had no children, and she willed the plantation to her sister-in-law, Clara, wife of Thomas Tidwell, remarried to John Bryan. Clara had no natural children, and when she died in 2000, she left the property and house to her niece, Daisy "Doodles" McKim, whom she had raised and adopted. Before the McKims died, they sold the property, but she donated the house to Doctor Robert E. Hewlett, DVM, and his wife Tracy for preservation. The Hewletts moved the historic house to Holly Hill Farms, their residence and horse farm, on Old Plain Dealing Road north of Benton. The familiar old barn was torn down at this time, and the large corn crib was donated to the Bossier Restoration Foundation. It is collocated with the restored Hughes House and other historical structures at their heritage center exhibit on Benton's old courthouse square. Bob and Tracy have restored the house to a remarkable state and use it as a guest house for visiting judges and official guests to her horse show events.



The Smisson-Bradford House is pictured above at its original location. It is a one-story, dog-trot style, raised, cottage plantation house with pitched roof, clapboard exterior siding, and front gallery. The outside central hallway (dog trot) has been enclosed and a rear extension added for extra rooms. [Photograph taken by Dale Jennings].



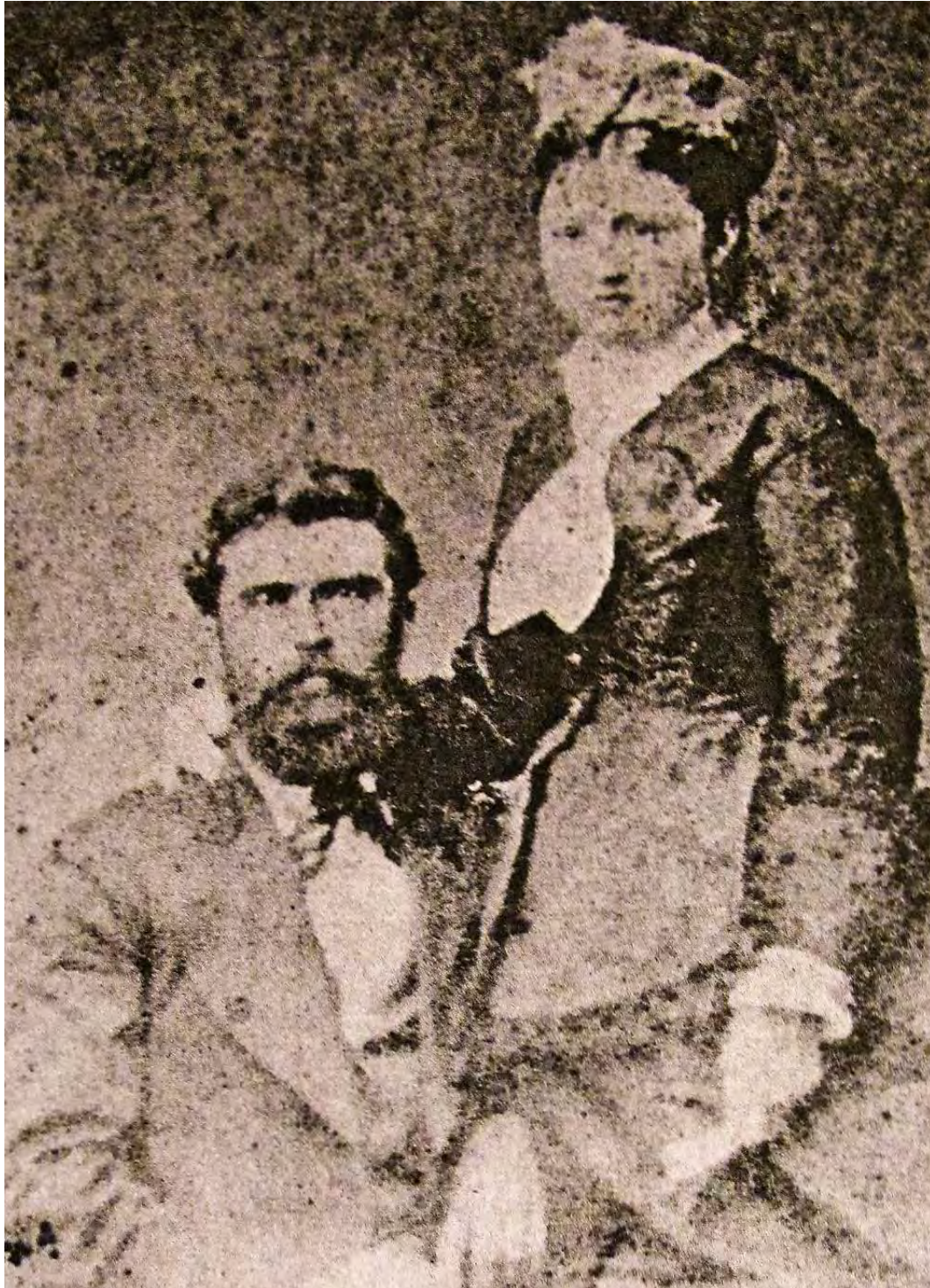
Pictured here are the historical sign about Little Bee Bend Plantation and its connection to Roark Bradford and the Smisson-Bradford House with the old magnolia tree in the background. [Photograph taken by Dale Jennings].



Bossier Parish map depicting Arnold-Tidwell and Smisson-Bradford homes. [Map designed by Dale Jennings].



Undated photograph of Roark Bradford and his dog, Nemo. Photograph obtained from the McKim Collection, P2002-035-310, Bossier Parish Library Historical Center.



Wedding photograph of B. F. (Bernie) and Sallie Arnold Smisson taken in October, 1875. Photograph obtained from the McKim Collection, P2002.035.131, Bossier Parish Library Historical Center.



GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Brenda Custer Randall

Contributed by Glenda Efferson Bernard

Brenda Custer Randall works tirelessly to help others with their family history research! She is the recording secretary and hospitality chairperson for the Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association. Her work on the Board of Directors of the association is second to none. You have probably seen her near the refreshment table each month refilling the punch bowl or adding more goodies to the plate. She is a gracious hostess!

Brenda Custer was born in Monroe and lived in West Ouachita Parish most of her life, where she graduated from Calhoun High School and LA Tech in Ruston, Louisiana. She met her husband, Jim Randall, while she attended Tech; Jim studied in commercial art at Northeast University in Monroe. They married in April before Brenda graduated in January at Tech.

During the Vietnam War, Jim was sent to Okinawa, Japan, and Brenda later spent a year there with her husband. While there she held a military job as a civilian teaching high school English, and later she worked at the business college there. Her job was equivalent to a U.S. Army captain. "We taught the Japanese a lot about the USA," she said.

Back in the states, Brenda worked as a "Kelly girl." One of those jobs became permanent at the Royal Sonesta Hotel in New Orleans where she made reservations for the Super Bowl, Sugar Bowl, and Mardi Gras. "I had fun meeting all those important people," she said. After two years, back in north Louisiana, Jim served as Asst. Chief of Police in Ruston while Brenda worked for the Ruston State Bank. They both have worked in a variety of jobs. "We worked in whatever was available at the time since we were rather mobile," she said with a smile.

As Jim's employment changed when he went to work with his father as a petroleum land man, Brenda worked at First National Bank in West Monroe as one of its vice presidents. She said laughingly, "I was sent to do whatever was needed to be done. I arranged for the purchase of watermelons from a high school buddy who displayed about 250 of them inside the bank. They were given to folks who bought CDs....in place of a toaster." Brenda has that same attitude today!

While Jim went west to work as a land man, Brenda remained in West Monroe to care for her mom who was ill at the time. In 1990, she worked for the state welfare office where she helped clients find jobs. "I worked my way out of a job when I put all of my clients in Ouachita, Caldwell, Morehouse, and other surrounding parishes to work," Brenda said.

Jim's work took him all over the United States to WA, OR, NV, CA, and VA. The turning point came, however, when a wheel to his trailer had frozen in the ground; he had had enough! He came home and continued to work in the oil and gas industry, but this time from the courthouse. Meanwhile, Brenda had met Jane Newberry and was so influenced by her and her genealogy that Brenda asked if they could move to Bossier. And that they did in 2004! Brenda was employed by the state of Louisiana during 1990-2004 and retired as an office manager at LSU.

Jim and Brenda have two sons, Jim Jr. and Mike. Jim Jr., an ER nurse and his wife, Kary, have one-year-old twins. Mike and his wife, Sharlet, are both ER nurses and have volunteered numerous times with Operation Smile.

Genealogy has played a major role in Brenda's life since her retirement. She "discovered" genealogy because of the influence of Jane Newberry as well as her brother. He shared his genealogical knowledge with Brenda and her mother. They even took a genealogy trip to Germany to search for the Custer family. Brenda joined Friends of Genealogy in 2004 and has served in various capacities with Friends of Genealogy (FOG), most recently with the obituary project and Find A Grave.

We are so fortunate to have Brenda "work" with us in our association. She has been employed all of her life in many different kinds of occupations; however, Brenda's "work" always appears to be fun! Thank you, Brenda, for sharing your joy, your knowledge, your smile, and your humor with us!

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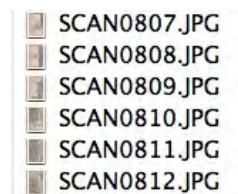
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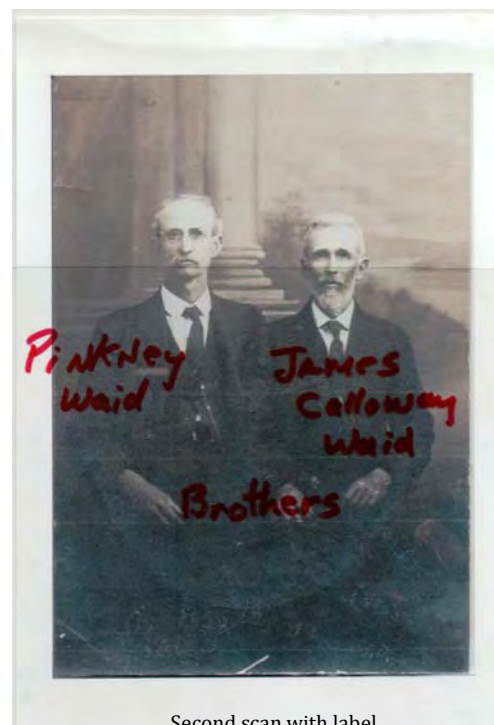
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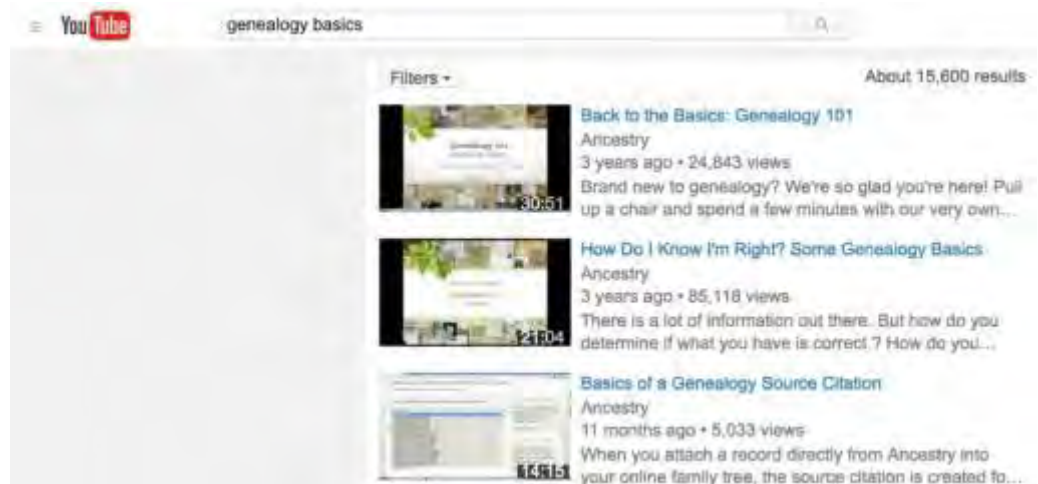
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The Genie Celebrates 50 Years of Publication

Contributed by Jim Johnson

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of *The Genie*, we are providing some of the early history of the Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association along with some key articles that appeared in *The Genie* during those 50 years. In this issue we will summarize some of the early highlights of the Association as well as some feature articles that were included in *The Genie* during the period 1967 - 1979.

The Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association was founded on December 10, 1955, and incorporated in the state of Louisiana on January 11, 1971. The Association's first president was Lester White. During its first few years, the Association published various bulletins, including the booklet, *Ancestors in Review*, to disseminate genealogical information and news of interest to its members. But in early 1967, the Association, under the leadership of newly-elected president, Richard T. Colquette, embarked on a new project to collect and publish bible records, cemetery records, queries, and other genealogical materials. This publication was initially called the *Ark-La-Tex Newsletter*.¹ Mrs. Margery Wright served as the editor from 1967 - 1969 and was an employee of the Shreve Memorial Library. In April 1967, a contest was announced to find a name for the newsletter. In the first issue of *The Genie*, published in the summer of 1967, the president announced that Miss Josephine Miller was the winner of that contest. The name suggested by Miss Miller was *The Genie*. The same issue included a solicitation for an artist in the Association to draw a sketch of a genie appearing from a lamp as a masthead for the new publication.² Since 1967, there have been two sketches or caricatures of the masthead. The first sketch was that of a male genie drawn by Mrs. Cleo Schoolfield, and it first appeared on the cover of the October 1967 issue. In 1970, this male version was replaced by a female genie drawn by Mr. Roland E. Moore.³ Mr. Moore's version of the genie appeared on the cover of every issue of *The Genie* from July 1970 thru 2013, when it was replaced by a map depicting the Ark-La-Tex region.



Oct. 1967 – April 1970



July 1970 – Dec. 2013

¹ "Report from the Shreve Memorial Library's Genealogy Room," *Ark-La-Tex Newsletter*, Vol. 1, No. 1, Spring 1967, p. 1

² "The President's Page: Greetings," *The Genie*, Vol. 1, No. 3, Summer 1967, p.1

³ "Review and Preview," *The Genie*, Vol. IV, No. 3, July 1970, p. 3

As with any non-profit organization, there are volunteers who contribute countless hours and much energy to insure that goals are met and initiatives are undertaken; this is indeed the case with our Association. Among the names of members mentioned frequently in *The Genie* during the 60s - 70s are the following:

- Louise Barnett served six years as president. Among her accomplishments, she negotiated an agreement with The Genealogical Society of Utah (predecessor of FamilySearch.org) to obtain donor copies of microfilmed records of Louisiana courthouses that were, in turn, donated to the Shreve Memorial Library. After her death in 1971, and in her memory, the Association established the Louise Barnett Memorial Fund to purchase materials for the Genealogy Department of the Shreve Memorial Library.
- Retired Lt. Col. Floyd Richardson Farrar Sr., a World War I and II veteran, who was well-known in local historical and genealogical circles, served the Association as treasurer the first 12 years of its existence.
- Fern Ainsworth was a charter member of the Association and served as the Association's president in the late 50s and again during 1981 - 1984. Ms. Ainsworth was also instrumental in developing curriculum, teaching genealogy classes and workshops, as well as presenting programs.
- Ennis M. Tipton served as the Association's president during the period 1969 - 1972. He was a retired fire prevention officer, active in the Masonic Lodge, and a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. He owned a small print shop and served as a printer for the Association.
- Emma Lee Tipton (wife of Ennis M. Tipton) served as editor during the same period and contributed numerous articles that were published in *The Genie*. She was also a member of several fraternal and civic organizations.
- Margery McGraw Wright was employed by the Shreve Memorial Library and supervised the Genealogy Department. She was the first editor of *The Genie* and later served the Association as a trustee.
- M. L. "Pete" Nance served in several positions including 1st vice president; he was chairman of the programs and publicity committees in 1973 and president during the period 1974-76.
- James A. Clement Jr. served as a trustee in 1975 -76. He was a professional genealogist and historian; he also authored a column in *The Genie* titled "Genealogically Speaking" during the years 1975- 1977. In this column, Mr. Clement provided answers to those who submitted their questions or problems.
- Willie Farley served in various positions on the board, including as a trustee during 1976 - 1978. She was a major contributor of articles based on her research in neighboring parishes.
- Veda Thornhill served as the Association's president during 1977 - 1980. She was an Association member for forty years. Among her accomplishments were orchestrating three annual genealogical congresses, two in New Orleans and one at Centenary College in Shreveport.

The following are reprints of a few of the many notable articles that appeared in *The Genie* during the 60s and 70s.

REVIEW AND PREVIEW

How do you like our new cover? Our old Genie served us faithfully and well, but he has retired to live out his days in the quiet comfort of his magic lamp, beneath the shade of his old family tree. We were reluctant to let him go. Good Genies are as hard to find as lost ancestors, but our members tackled the job of finding a replacement with their usual ingenuity and vigor. The results are obvious. Mrs. Roland Moore persuaded her husband to do the sketch of our beautiful new girl Genie and he became so intrigued, he has joined our association. If you can look at her without smiling, then you just don't know about Genies, or about artists.

In 1967, Miss Josephine Miller named our Quarterly "The Genie" and Mrs. Schoolfield drew the sketch for our first cover.

Our meetings during the last quarter in the Colonial Room of the Captain Shreve Hotel have been very successful, but you will be glad to know that we are going back to the Library for our meetings. Beginning Saturday, July 11, 1970, our regular meetings will be held on the upper floor of Shreve Memorial Library. Mrs. Rembert and the entire Library staff have gone to quite a bit of trouble to make this possible, and we are most grateful.

At our April meeting, Billy Randolph gave a very fine talk on old cemeteries of this area, and tentative plans were discussed for field trips to copy tombstone inscriptions from those which have not been inventoried. In June, Mr. Randolph was appointed chairman of the Cemetery Committee, and he is the best person we know for this job.

In May, a panel discussion was conducted by Mrs. Margery Wright and Mr. Norman E. Gillis. These experts were able to answer many questions asked by those present, and a great deal of information was presented.

Our June meeting was highlighted by reports from Mrs. Martha Harvin on the Dallas Workshop and by Mrs. Frank Slimer, Jr. on her recent trip to Fayette, Sumter and Tuscaloosa Counties of Alabama. Mr. Rupert Peyton, retired newspaper editor, gave a very interesting summary of the first white settlers of Bossier Parish.

The program for July has not been completed, but a representative of the Shreveport Beautification Bureau will discuss their Oakland Cemetery project, Dr. T. V. Holmes, Jr. will report on the Institute of Genealogy at Samford University, which he and E. M. Tipton attended, and plans for the Workshop will be completed.

Please read the separate page in this issue on the Special Workshop Edition of the Genie. This is very important. See Page 6.

NANCE OF CORNWALL, compiled by M. L. "Pete" Nance, 472 Ockley Drive, Shreveport, La. 71105. A history of genealogy of the Nance (Nans) Family of the County of Cornwall, England. This condensed 15-page report in off-set print can be obtained from the compiler for \$5.00 per copy, postpaid.

Main features include an eight generation Nance pedigree, and a sixteen generation pedigree on one of the allied families, Arundel of Trerise (Trerice) and their connections to the Royal Families; history of the family arms; manor houses in which the Nances lived; and a full explanation of the alias Trengove, uses by whom, and when, plus other interesting data.

"Review and Preview" The Genie, Vol. IV, July 1970, No. 3, page 3



MRS. CONSTANCE LOUISE BARNETT

Mrs. Constance Louise Barnett was born in Austin, Texas 14 September 1890, the only child of George Sublett Walton and Emily Palm, and was of French Huguenot-Swedish descent. She married Dr. H. N. Barnett in 1937 and seven months later moved to Benton, La., where Dr. Barnett became Director of the Bossier Parish Health Department. Mrs. Barnett died in Temple, Texas on 2 November 1971, survived by her husband, a daughter, Mrs. Margaret McQueen of Austin, Texas and a grandson, Mr. Bruce Ryan of Estacada, Oregon.

Mrs. Barnett was active in many civic and patriotic organizations and a member of U.D.C., D.A.R., Colonial Dames of America Chapter 6, and at the time of her death was Registrar of The Daughters of Colonists of America and a member of the Board of Directors of the Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association. She served as President of this Association for six years, during which time she negotiated the agreement with officials of The Genealogical Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for donor copies of microfilmed records from all Louisiana Parish courthouses to be presented to Shreve Memorial Library.

To honor this long time, outstanding member, and because we know this is what she would approve, the Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association is establishing THE LOUISE BARNETT MEMORIAL FUND in her memory, to remain open for one year, January 1 to December 31, 1972. All proceeds from this fund, which will be tax exempt, will be used for materials for the Genealogy Department of Shreve Memorial Library. A special committee is being appointed to manage this fund and to select the materials. Members of all U.D.C., D.A.R., Colonial Dames, and Daughters of Colonists of America, as well as personal friends of Dr. and Mrs. Barnett and the family are invited to join in this Memorial to a devoted and honored lady.

All contributions should be sent to THE LOUISE BARNETT MEMORIAL FUND, c/o Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association, P. O. Box 71, Shreveport, La. 71161, or deposited with the librarian in the Genealogy Room of Shreve Memorial Library, 400 Edwards Street, Shreveport, La. All contributions will be acknowledged individually and published in The Genie.

"Mrs. Constance Louise Barnett", The Genie, Vol. VI, Jan. 1972, No. 1, page 3

SHREVE MEMORIAL LIBRARY'S COLLECTION OF MICROFILM
OF ALL LOUISIANA PARISH CLERK OF COURT RECORDS
IN PARISHES FORMED BEFORE 1900 TO BE COMPLETED SOON

In 1961, the Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association entered into an agreement with the Genealogical Society of the Latter Day Saints of Jesus Christ whereby the Ark-La-Tex would secure permission from Clerks of Court in all Louisiana Parishes for the LDS to Microfilm their records. For this assistance Ark-La-Tex would receive free donor copies of all microfilm from all parishes to be deposited in the Genealogy Department of Shreve Memorial Library.

Microfilming was completed in 35 parishes and 3,196 rolls of microfilm were received by the Ark-La-Tex Association and presented to Shreve Library. Then, in 1970, changes in policy, personnel, rising costs, and other factors resulted in cancellation of the agreement to the effect that we would not receive free donor copies of the microfilm from the remaining parishes formed before 1900.

After lengthy negotiation, a new agreement has been reached so that the Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association will be able to purchase the microfilm from all remaining parishes at a special price. When this is completed, Shreve Memorial Library will be the only public Library in Louisiana to have the entire collection of all Louisiana Parish Clerk of Court Records prior to 1900 which were microfilmed by the LDS Genealogical Society.

This totals approximately 4,400 rolls, plus film from three parishes not yet microfilmed, valued at \$8 to \$10 per roll, or about \$40,000.00. Its total value to all genealogists, historians, patriotic Societies, attorneys, students, lease departments of oil companies, others needing such data, and to Parish Clerk of Court is beyond estimate.

Clerk of Court offices do not have time or personnel to do your research for you or to locate the records you need. To order copies of original courthouse records in most parishes or counties, the document must be identified by Book, page and entry number, title or name and date. Many searchers can not travel from courthouse to courthouse to find this information. With the microfilm available in Shreveport Library, we can locate the records and order certified or photo copies by mail from the Parish Clerk of Court without difficulty or delay. We are requesting a price list of certified and photo copies from all Parish Clerks of Court for publication in the July GENIE to make it easier for all of you to obtain such material. This will also enable these Clerks of Court to serve you better.

We are deeply grateful to the Genealogical Society of the Latter Day Saints of Jesus Christ for the donor copies already received and for their generosity in making it possible for us to purchase the rest of this microfilm. They have done an outstanding job in helping to preserve these old records, and have cooperated in every way possible to enable us to complete the collection for Shreve Memorial Library.

Our only problem now is to raise the necessary funds to purchase the film. All our members, other organizations, groups and individuals interested in genealogy, history, libraries, cultural and educational resources in the Ark-La-Tex Area are urged to contribute to this project at once. All contributions will be tax exempt and contributors names will be published in The Genie. Make your check payable to Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Society, specify "MICROFILM FUND", and mail to P. O. Box 71, Shreveport, La. 71161.

"Shreve Memorial Library's Collection of Microfilm", The Genie, Vol. VII, April 1973,
No. 2, page 4

- HOW "THE GENIE" CAME TO BE -
By: Margueritte G. Nation

The Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association was organized in 1955 with President Lester White, Secretary Eleanor Fletcher and sixteen members.

Fern Ainsworth was president in 1958 and for a short time a Newsletter was published.

In July 1961 thru 1962 with Ernest Neil Gray as Editor, the organization published Vol. 1 - No. 1, 2 & 3 of "Ancestors in Review". Records were copied and submitted by members and volunteer searchers, under the direction of Louise Barnett, who was president for six years.

Ben Achee also served a term as president.

R.T. Colquette was elected president in 1967 with Marjorie McGraw (later Mrs. Wright) Genealogical Librarian of Shreve Memorial Library as Editor of the Newsletter.

A contest was conducted for a suitable name for the publication. Josephine Miller a member was the winner, with her entry "THE GENIE". Mrs. Wright served as Reporter, Editor and Publisher of The Genie for three years.

Ennis M. Tipton was president from 1969-1972. Emma Tipton was Editor for five years.

T.V. Holmes Jr. was president in 1973, M.L. "Pete" Nance was elected president in 1974, Gordon Wallace Smith as Editor of The Genie.

Veda Thornhill was elected president in 1977 to serve a term of two years, with John A. Manry, Editor of The Genie and Lewis Thornhill, Assistant Editor.

We are proud of our "Genie" and wish to thank everyone who has contributed to making it a success.

"How The Genie Came to Be," The Genie, Vol 12, July 1978, No. 3, page 135

The SAGA of JENNIE L. ROBERTS WOODS HOLMES HEATON
03 July 1851 to 03 November 1926 – Or Not?

Contributed by Brenda Custer Randall

The headstone for Jennie Heaton (Find a Grave #82714890) is one of more than 1500 of those buried at the Colorado State Veterans Center at Homelake Cemetery in Monte Vista (Rio Grande), CO. Also buried at this picturesque site are her two spouses, William Henry Holmes (FaG #41421225) and Corp. Andrew J. Heaton of Company K, 15th Indiana Infantry (FaG #60461033).

Jennie's headstone with its memorial is one of several hundred that I have added to this site.

Earlier this year, I received an email from "fhable" (#48901081), another contributor to "FindAGrave.com," that might be of help to the numerous family members connected to Jennie, as well as give other researchers insight into the enormous "brick wall" Jennie's story reveals.

The following has been added to Jennie's memorial:

According to the Civil War pension record of William Henry Holmes, Jennie Holmes filed for a widow's pension after the 17 December 1915 death of her husband. The pension filings have some confusing and conflicting statements that caused Jennie's pension to be initially rejected and delayed. The following is a general summary of the pension records:

1. Jennie's maiden name may be Jennie L. Roberts; the "L" may stand for Lind. William H. Holmes had reported Jennie's maiden name as Jennie L. Price-Wilson, but Jennie stated, "The Jennie L. Price-Wilson was my mother, and my maiden name was Jennie L. Roberts. My mother married two times, and I was the daughter of Jennie L. Price." Jennie married William H. Holmes under the name Jennie L. Woods (though the marriage certificate has her surname as Wood).
2. Jennie stated she was first married, for about three months, to Thomas Woods when she was 17 years old; the marriage was in Chicago, Illinois, but she provided no date. She further stated that Thomas was an Englishman who became homesick and wanted to go back to England. Jennie let him go (no divorce) and on the way back to England he died in Canada (while on the boat, he fell down from heart failure), but she does not have a date of death or evidence of the death. She was a widow for seven years after he died. William H. Holmes had earlier

stated that Jennie's former husband was Robert Wood, and that marriage took place in Chicago on 10 June 1873. William further stated that Robert was an Englishman (not a naturalized U.S. citizen and not a soldier in the Civil War) and died of heart trouble at Detroit, Michigan, in April 1875.

3. Jennie married William H. Holmes at Silver Cliff (Custer County), Colorado, on 07 June 1882.
4. In a witness letter for Jennie's pension, dated 10 February 1917, Andrew J. Heaton wrote, "I knew Mrs. Jennie Holmes and her husband W. H. Holmes, since 1879 and was in Silver Cliff, Colorado when they were married in 1883, I think it was, and know they lived together up to the time of his death here in December a year ago."
5. On 10 February 1917, Jennie finds, for the first time in this process, the marriage certificate for her marriage to William H. Holmes.
6. Finally, after much back-and-forth communication, Jennie's pension was approved on 05 October 1918. She was to get \$25 per month, but she remarried before the pension was approved.
7. Jennie was remarried on 29 September 1917 to Andrew J. Heaton. On 16 November 1918, Jennie wrote to the Bureau of Pensions, "I have received my pension which was justly due me over two years ago but turned down by you. But as I was without any means of support I married another soldier and he and I are trying to eke out a living on his pension and as the law prohibits me from drawing a pension I will return these papers unsigned.
8. Jennie's birth year is unclear. The tombstone has 1851. The pension record has her birth year somewhere from 1845 to 1856. Which year is correct? There is no definitive answer. In the pension record it appears that she was 37 years old in 1882 when she married William, so her birth year would be about 1845. If, as Jennie mentions in the pension record, her first marriage was at 17 years of age, then her first marriage was in about 1862 (if born in 1845) or about 1868 (if born in 1851). But William H. Holmes stated that Jennie's first marriage was in 1873. If the first marriage occurred when she was 17 years old, then her birth year would be about 1856.
9. Andrew J. Heaton died on 13 September 1921, and Jennie went through the widow's pension process again.

A Sneak Peek into the December Meeting

Contributed by Glenda Efferson Bernard

Applause must have been heard by the neighbors living next door to the Randle T. Moore home on 12 December, 2016. Smiles abounded from men and women who left the home with warm memories of time well spent with friends. The gorgeous plates and bowls of “Christmas” food, lovely holiday music from the harp, and plentiful measures of genealogical wisdom were shared by all. It was almost a magical time! We wanted to take this opportunity to give you a peek into the day. If you were unable to partake of the experience with us, perhaps these few photos will help you visualize some of the fun we had. Try to plan to be with us in 2016!



Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association

Presents Lisa Louise Cooke

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Join Lisa for a conversation about the modern face of genealogy and technology.

Rescheduled
for June 11



Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association

Location: St. Jude Catholic Church, The John & Rose Miciotto Center, 4700 Palmetto Rd., Benton, La. (north on Airline Dr., south of Benton)

When: Saturday, ~~March 12, 2016~~

Registration: Doors open 8:15 am

Time: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Fee: \$10 Members \$20 Non-members



*Bring a sack lunch or visit several close by sandwich shops for lunch break

Lisa leads the conversation for "capturing our past with technology" with the following topics:

1. Google Tools & Procedures for Solving Family History Mysteries
2. How To Reopen & Work A Genealogical Cold Case
3. Ways to Enhance Your Genealogy Research with Old Maps
4. The Great Google Earth Game Show

Come hear national speaker Lisa Louise Cooke, who is the host and author of GenealogyGems and FamilyTree Magazine Podcasts; also known as the Google Guru and the author of four books.

Registration at : www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~laaltga OR download Registration form and mail to P.O. Box 4463, Shreveport, Louisiana, 71134-0463 Make checks to Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association