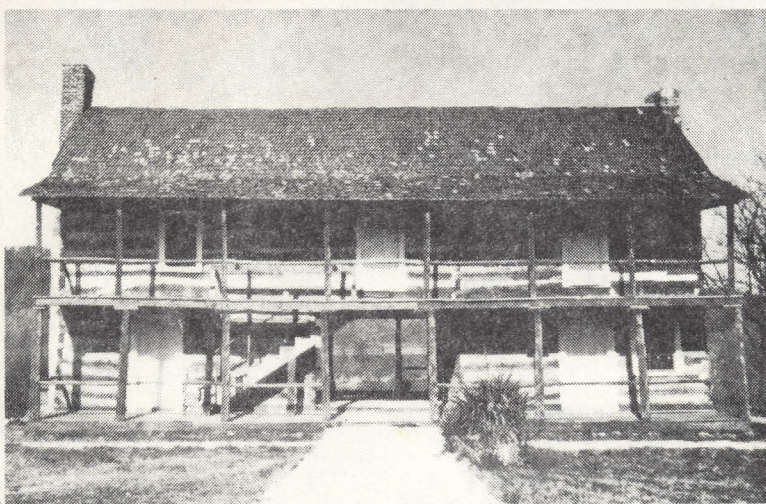


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The Wolf House is the most historical building in Baxter County.

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BAXTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETINGS

December 5, 1983

Larry Pitchford, who was in charge of the construction for the Corps of Engineers of the newly completed Veterans Memorial Bridges on Lake Norfork, presented the program. He showed slides covering the progress of construction, some of the problems encountered, and some of the new techniques used in the erection of bridges of this type.

A business meeting including the election of officers preceded the program. The incumbent officers were elected with the exception of Historian. John G. Beecroft was elected Historian.

January 3, 1984

The meeting of the Society featured Chris Tullgren whose very interesting slides of the wilderness areas in this region brought to our attention what has been, or could be done, about their preservation and use.

February 7, 1984

A former President of the Society, Don Hubbell, was the speaker. He told many humorous stories of the so-called "hillbillies" of the Ozarks. He is much interested in the history of our area and has written the history of Bennett's Bayou.

 MOUTH-WATERING PIE SUPPERS

Mary Ann Messick in her book, "The History of Baxter County", published in 1973, gives us much information of interest to "natives" as well as newcomers.

"The Monkey Run schoolhouse wasn't just for school, it was the center of community activity. Pie suppers and box suppers were a favorite way to raise money. Local musicians provided entertainment before the bidding on the pies began. The success of a pie supper was judged by several criteria - the size of the crowd, the number of pies to be sold, how much money was raised, and the number of fights that broke out between hopeful swains bidding for their favorite girl's pie. The girls would spend hours beautifully decorating their pie boxes - then would switch and carry in somebody else's box. This trick once caused a free-for-all after one young man spent a week's wages on the box he thought belonged to the girl he was sweet on - only to find he had bought the pie of her 10-year-old sister. This pie supper was thereafter a measuring stick for all others - it was a great success. Enough money was raised for green window shades, a dozen library books and new erasers for the blackboards."

 BRUSH ARBORS

"The men went into the woods and cut small trees and saplings. These were trimmed, making poles for the outside frame and the roofing. The roof was covered with the tree branches. Benches were made from split logs. Lighting was provided by pine torches placed on the side poles. It didn't really matter whether the light was very bright, except at the pulpit and for the song leader (he was usually the only one with a songbook). The music was accompanied by a fiddle, guitar, harmonica - or usually the leader just 'pitched' the songs - and they sang their hearts out."

THE NAMING OF RAPP'S BARRENS

The town we all know now as Mountain Home was formerly known as Rapp's Barrens. The name of Mountain Home is first noted about 1857-1860, but the early settlers of the Mountain Home area referred to it as Rapp's Barrens. Just when the name Rapp's Barrens was first used is not known, but how the name came to be, might possibly now be known.

In approximately 1814, Walter Talburt, Sr., Simeon Talburt, and Frederick Talburt, Jr. moved to the White River along with their sister Nancy Talburt Hargrave and her husband John Hargrave.

Some time later, Simeon Talburt moved to the Mountain Home area. Just when he moved is not known, but he did file a Patent on some land in that area on January 14, 1839. His brother Walter Talburt filed at the same time on additional land in the same area Sec. 9 and also in Sec. 10.

Walter Talburt did not spend much time on his holdings there, but continued to live near the White River. Probably, the lands were left in the care of Simeon under some arrangement, since he did live there on his Patent. What is known is that no other Patents were filed in the four sections that comprise the bulk of Mountain Home today by anyone other than Talburts until 1853 when James Young and Martin Wolf each filed a claim in Sec. 4.

According to family records, Simeon Wilhoet Talburt's nickname was Rapp. In December of 1849, Walter M. Talburt and Polly Hightower Talburt gave birth to a son whom they named Joseph Rapp Talburt after his uncle's nickname. (From Talburt family Bible)

Simeon (Rapp) Talburt was the area's first resident Patent holder, probably one of, if not the oldest, resident of the area, and since he was also a preacher, was much respected as well.

As a preacher, Simeon Talburt probably had at least a fair education for those days. This also would place him in a position of respect in the community. Together with the knowledge that he was the oldest resident land owner, it is not at all improbable that the area would bear his name.

The Random House Dictionary defines "Barrens" as a level to gently rolling ground with sandy soil, few trees, and generally infertile. This somewhat describes the lands in the Mountain Home area and together with the other information could easily explain how "Rapp's Barrens" got its name.

The Rapp's Barrens Post Office was changed to Mountain Home in 1857; but the 1860 census still refers to the general area as Rapp's Barrens.

The following is a list of Patents issued in Sections 4, 5, 9 and 10 of Township 19 North, Range 13 West, from the Commissioner of State Lands in Little Rock.

Section 4

George O. Goodall 12-17-1857
 James Young 10-7-1853; 9-17-1853; 11-15-1856
 Martin J. Wolf 3-26-1857; 10-24-1853
 John D. Russell 8-18-1857

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Section 5

Martin J. Wolf 9-8-1857
James H. Cole 11-28-1857
John W. Due 11-26-1884
Jesse G. Copeland 7-1-1897
Jane Young 8-19-1857; 7-1-1858
Edward McNamara 3-13-1890
Newton H. Ballon 1-15-1887

Section 9

Walter Talburt 1-14-1839; 8-10-1857; 5-20-1852
Randolph Casey 4-26-1856; 11-13-1856
John S. Russell 7-5-1858
Abraham Hunsaker 6-23-1853
Walter Talburt, Jr. 10-7-1854
S. W. Talburt 1-14-1839

Section 10

Walter Talburt 5-4-1885; 1-14-1839
Jacob Wolf 2-26-1857
Henry H. Talburt 12-19-1857
Samantha Scoville 5-4-1885
James M. Cook 9-9-1895

The information for this account was furnished to us by Jerry Talburt of Batesville, Arkansas. His genealogy of the Talburt family is extensive and well documented. Any errors should be attributed to me in my haste to gather and write down what I could.

- Submitted by Don and Arline Hubbell

JOHN BOATS

The plans for the old john boat, on display at the Ralph Foster Museum at the School of the Ozarks at Point Lookout, Missouri, show that it was 19 feet, $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches long with a middle beam of 3 feet 8 inches. The stern was 2 feet, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches broad and the bow was 1 foot and 1 inch. It was 1 foot and 2 inches from the gunwhales to the bottom except at the stern where it was 10 inches and at the bow where it was 1 foot and 1 inch. It is interesting to note that even in this primitive boat, the fisherman was prepared for one important contingency of the angling art. There was a bottle opener attached to the port side near the stern seat. The john boat has undergone some subtle changes but essentially the craft, which has been sold by the thousands in many parts of the world, still is the work horse of the White River. Nor has its original color, a dull green, ever been changed. Who built the first john boat? Obviously it was named for someone with the first name "John" but who was he? Whoever, he was, he made a lasting contribution to recreation and fishing, not only on the White River, but on many other streams.

- The White River of the Ozarks, John Fleming 1973

PHOTOGRAPHS

Mrs. R. M. Ruthven, Jr. (Frances Eatman Ruthven) contributed these photographs.

- 1. Main Street, Mountain Home 35 years ago, looking north from intersection of 8th Street and Highway 62.

Business buildings on west side include: Willis Morris, Produce; H. L. "Bert" Brown, Saw sharpening; Neill Eatman, Ford Agency; Golden Rule Shoppe; Ozark Cafe; J. T. Tracy Store; Higgenbotham Cafe; DeLapp Grocery; "Doc" Dunbar Barber shop; Cora Bodenhamer Milliner and Hardware. Upstairs: Cozy Theater; Arthur Keller, Photographer; Baker Bros. Mercantile.

Buildings on east side of Main Street: Arthur Parks Garage; Albert Baker's Store; Tipton Drug Store

- 2. Methodist Sunday School, Mountain Home, 1912

Front row seated: ____, Ed Wolf, ____, Wayland, ____

13th from left: Ralph Morris, Norman Halburt (?)

Second row on their knees: Bryan Haley, ____, Edie Ruth Clayton, ____, ____, ____, Doris Morris, ____, ____, ____, ____, ____, Wolf, Thelma Hale, ____, Leonard Conley, ____, ____, ____, ____, ____, seated - Kate Wolf

Third row seated: ____, ____, ____, Tracy, ____, Baker, ____, Neill Eatman, ____, Mrs. Jim Martin, Miss Georgia Leonard, Mrs. Ennis Shiras, ____, ____, ____, ____, ____, ____, Mrs. R. L. Conley, ____, ____, ____, ____, ____, Vina Pate, ____, ____, ____, Isaac Morris

Fourth row standing: ____, ____, Frank Love, Robin Morris, ____, ____, ____, ____, Omar Bucher, Rea Tipton Love, ____, ____, ____, ____, ____, ____, Henry Waylans holding Eva, Mrs. Henry Wayland, ____, Faye Tipton, Mrs. Omar Bucher, ____, Mrs. Isaac Morris, Tracy, Tracy, Tom McClure, ____, ____, ____, Marie Conley, ____, ____, ____,





MOUNTAIN HOME CEMETERY

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Twenty-one in the series of articles on cemeteries in Baxter County, Arkansas, by D. Garvin Carroll.

The Mountain Home Cemetery is located in the city limits six blocks south of the town square, just off Main Street.

CARNEY

Charles A. Carney	1900	1963
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CARRICO

Alma Carrico (wife of A.A. Carrico)	Feb. 9, 1901	Nov. 21, 1965
W.B. Carrico	Mar. 16, 1842	Nov. 27, 1923

CASE

Jennie A. Case	1847	1934
J. H. Case	Feb. 1, 1836	Sept. 2, 1889

CASEY

Ada Ellis Casey	Nov. 3, 1886	Mar. 22, 1871
Cathrine Casey (W. of Reb. Hiram)	1788	1883
Cynthia Casey	Feb. 28, 1812	Mar. 5, 1879
Col. R.D. "Ron" Casey	Mar. 16, 1810	Feb. 23, 1896

CAYLOR

Marie Conley Caylor	1901	1940
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CHASE

Joe H. Chase	1901	1942
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CLARK

Ernest E. Clark (Kansas Pvt., 40 W.S. Vo. Inf.)	June 28, 1877	Mar. 30, 1951
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CLARNO

Henry E. Clarno	1888	1964
Katherane Clarno	1888	1951

CLINKINGBEARD

E. M. Clinkingbeard	1856	1947
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CLUTE

Allie (dau. C.W. Clute)	Oct. 20, 1892	July 9, 1900
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CODY

Cora L. Cody	Jan. 18, 1879	Jan. 6, 1950
James Cody (Co, I-II N.C. Inf. C.S.A.)	July 21, 1843	June 28, 1934
Wm. H. Cody	Jan. 26, 1880	Dec. 22, 1958

CONLEY

J. H. Conley	1863	1939
Susie J. Conley	1872	1935

COLE

Catherine L. Cole	1846	1907
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COOPER

Hattie C. Cooper	1882	1960
Joseph Edward Lee Cooper	1880	1958
Wm. L. Cooper	1875	1963

COWAN

Dwight G. Cowan	Nov. 25, 1844	Oct. 1, 1899
James L. Cowan	1870	1945
Margaret Anne Cowan	1885	1964
Sarah M. Cowan	Sept. 26, 1852	Jan. 3, 1923

CRAIG

Arthur Lester Craig (Ark. 52 USNRF WW I)	Apr. 19, 1897	Jan. 20, 1966
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CRUMP

Robert Edward Crump (Ark. Maj. CAC., Res. WW I)	July 26, 1885	Dec. 19, 1949
Robert Crump (son of R. E.)	Oct. 19, 1910	Feb. 18, 1912

CYPERT

Anderson T. Cypert	Jan. 19, 1868	no date
Mary C. Cypert (dau. of Thos.)	Dec. 29, 1979	July 23, 1881
Sarah F. Cypert	Dec. 26, 1872	Jan. 21, 1945

DARROW

Nelson E. Darrow (Band 1st 3rd, Conn. Inf. Sp. AM. War)	July 31, 1873	July 30, 1935
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DAVIS

Berneil Davis	Feb. 6, 1922	Apr. 15, 1947
Fannie Davis	1870	1962
Herbert Davis (son of James)	Dec. 28, 1888	July 30, 1935
Lee Davis	Aug. 5, 1865	July 14, 1905
Orá L. Davis	1887	1967
T. M. Davis	1870	1937

DAWSON

E. G. Dawson	May 27, 1874	Dec. 31, 1923
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DEATON

Harry Deaton (son of A.B. & Leona)	Feb. 22, 1884	Jan. 30, 1903
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DENTON

Hiram F. Denton (116 Inf. 29 Div.)	no date	Oct. 10, 1918
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DERKS

Anne O. (J.H.) Derks	June 22, 1851	Feb. 23, 1900
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DICKERSON

M. E. Dickerson	1863	1902
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DICKEY

Darin Dickey	Aug. 20, 1840	Mar. 6, 1902
Rachel A. Dickey	July 5, 1840	Aug. 1, 1925

DIXON

Geo, E. Dixon (1st Lt. Dental Corps WW I)	Nov. 3, 1880	Oct. 9, 1950
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DODD

Maude A. Dodd	Nov. 20, 1861	July 18, 1954
Mercy Hannum Dodd	Dec. 8, 1833	Sept. 14, 1907
Neil Hamilton Dodd	Aug. 10, 1888	June 6, 1890
Orrin L. Dodd	Dec. 11, 1813	Dec. 10, 1898
Wallace Dodd	Oct. 6, 1893	Feb. 17, 1903
Warren Dodd	June 20, 1856	Sept. 1, 1866
Warren Allen Dodd	Mar. 31, 1885	Feb. 17, 1887
William L. Dodd	Dec. 12, 1860	July 17, 1918

DOEHRING

E. Joe Doehring	1875	1906
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DOUD

O. H. Doud	no date	no date
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DOUGLAS

Mamie Douglas (dau. of M.E. & W.H.)	Sept. 10, 1880	June 30, 1896
M. E. Douglas	Feb. 28, 1854	July 24, 1916
W. H. Douglas	Feb. 5, 1850	Dec. 25, 1918

DRYER

Joyce Ann Dryer	1951	1959
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DUE

M. Vetia Due	1853	1887
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DYER

Annie F. Dyer	Aug. 2, 1840	Jan. 10, 1917
Efith Dyer	1902	1932
Hal Dyer	1912	1918
Myrtle Dyer	1875	1942
N. N. Dyer	Mar. 28, 1833	Sept. 11, 1901
Nat Truman Dyer	1894	1946
Wylie M. Dyer	1868	1936

EASLEY

Nancy Rebecca Easley	1874	1957
Wm. Bert Easley	1873	1955

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EATMANN

Glen A. Eatmann	1835	1909
Eleandra Eatmann (dau. of W.B. & Martha)	27 yra. 1 mo.	Oct. 4, 1877
Fannie Eatmann	1870	1914
Henry G. Eatmann	Aug. 17, 1877	Sept. 23, 1877
Infant son of W.F. & Mattie		Apr. 17, 1900
Jane L. Eatmann	1840	1904
Mattie B. Eatmann	1872	1925
Robert N. Eatmann	9 mo. 3 days	July 14, 1888
Wm. F. Eatmann	1868	1925

EDWARDS

Nora E. Edwards	Aug. 23, 1877	Mar. 1, 1879
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EHRMANN

Daniel Ehrmann	1878	1958
Sophie Ehrmann	1893	no date

ELLIOTT

Hattie M. Elliott	1868	1893
Lucinda Elliott	no date	no date

ELLIS

Rev. J. E. Ellis	Sept. 21, 1896	Apr. 5, 1960
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ELSE

Frederick Else	July 18, 1864	Apr. 4, 1929
Capilola Else	Oct. 13, 1867	Jan. 10, 1949

ENGLAND

Infant son B. B. England	1943	1943
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EBGLISH

Harold E. English	1896	1955
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ERSKINE

Donald Erskine	1915	1932
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EUBANK

J. E. Eubank	Aug. 7, 1861	Nov. 12, 1936
Sarah E. Eubank	Apr. 7, 1861	June 16, 1940

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FARLEY

Edgar H. Farley	Feb. 3, 1859	Nov. 23, 1898
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FEAZELL

Freda J. Feazell	1916	1946
Harry F. Feazell	1876	1940

FEEMSTER

Silas Calvin Feemster	1875	1940
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FIELD

J. M. Field	1843	1926
N. D. Field	1842	1921
Robert H. Field	Sept. 6, 1881	Dec. 8, 1942
Ruby M. Field	1916	1940

FINLEY

Coy Finley	Sept. 22, 1893	Mar. 27, 1939
James L. Finley	July 25, 1840	May 26, 1916
Mittie Finley	Oct. 15, 1846	Feb. 5, 1887

FLEMING

Dell H. Fleming	June 17, 1875	Feb. 13, 1952
Pauline J. Fleming	Mar. 27, 1876	Oct. 28, 1926
Samuel Fleming (Sp. Amer. War)	Feb. 25, 1871	Nov. 19, 1953

FORD

Thelston W. Ford (Ark. T Sgt. 1009 Engr. Oil Fld. Br. WWI)	Oct. 9, 1907	Mar. 9, 1952
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FORESTMAN

Elizabeth Moore Forestman	1870	1958
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FOSTER

Bradley Foster	Dec. 24, 1890	no date
Emma June Foster	Oct. 17, 1894	Aug. 3, 1966
Floyd Foster (Ensign USNAF)	Apr. 5, 1914	Oct. 30, 1941
G. W. Foster	Aug. 6, 1843	May 21, 1920
Laura J. Foster	no date	Nov. 15, 1904
Mary J. Foster	Sept. 8, 1951	Sept. 6, 1902
Ray Bob Foster (Ark. 2 Lt. 53 AAF JRP Canier Sq. WW II)	Dec. 11, 1919	Feb. 10, 1945
Robert Foster	May 7, 1868	Apr. 10, 1899

FOUNTAIN

Lula Hazel Fountain	68 yrs	June 3, 1962
William Oliver Fountain	51 yrs	Feb. 6, 1934

A PRIZE-WINNING NEIGHBOR

After having seen most of the world as chief petty officer in the Navy, Dale Berke chose Arkansas as his home when he retired from active duty in 1960. Since then he has worked for the government and after his second retirement he began a third career, one that is making both Berke and his adopted state famous among international woodcarvers.

It began with Berke grubbing and cutting deadwood stumps around his lake-side home near Mountain Home. His aim was nothing more than to clear some of the property and pile some wood for the winter. That changed, however, when he cut through the heart of a dead black walnut. "I couldn't burn it up," he says. "There had to be a better use for it." There was. With the help of his first carving teacher, C. K. McCormick of Mountain Home, Berke found out what.

Within six months of his beginning to carve, Berke had won two honorable mentions, a fourth place and a fifth place at the 1975 International Wood Carvers' Congress in Davenport, Iowa. There he met Chris Effrem, a teacher of woodcarving from Minneapolis. "I asked him if I was good enough to go to his school." Effrem, a native of Greece where woodcarving is still learned by apprenticeship to a master, said, "Yes."

Returning to Arkansas after a brief course with Effrem, Berke continued to let the shape of the wood dictate the shape of his carving. He won more prizes at prestigious shows with his renderings of wildlife and of Indians.

Even though Berke only carves when he is in the mood or when the fish are not biting, he has made amazing progress in this his third career, acting as a judge as well as contestant in shows as far away as Toronto. In 1982, just seven years after he began carving, he won another first at the Toronto National Exhibition with his stylized Cooper's Hawk, done in the black walnut he loves so well. One of his Indians, a 33 inch Sioux warrior, also in black walnut, took a second, and his lion pendant of painted basswood earned a first in the jewelry competition.

Dale Berke, we salute you!

- Adapted from the Arkansas Times, June 1983
by Helen Tanger

QUIPS & QUOTES

Jim Reid in The Baxter Bulletin, February 6, 1984

Isn't it rather strange that out of 365 days in the year, we devote one each to mother and father and seven of them to National Pickle Week?

Despite what the cartoonists make him look like, Uncle Sam is a gentleman with a very large waste.

Sign in a Bull Shoals real estate office: "Bald is beautiful. God made only so many perfect heads. The rest he covered with hair.

A Mountain Home boy said to his dad, "If black-eyed peas are so lucky, how come they get the black eyes?"

HILL LATIN

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Shortly after he came back, he was in this office and stated that he was evidently insane at the time he made this prediction and left on his trip. He also stated that his condition was always worse in the summer time than in the winter, the heat seeming to affect him. When he relinquished his home stead it is said that he told the party that it would burn up within 40 days.

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