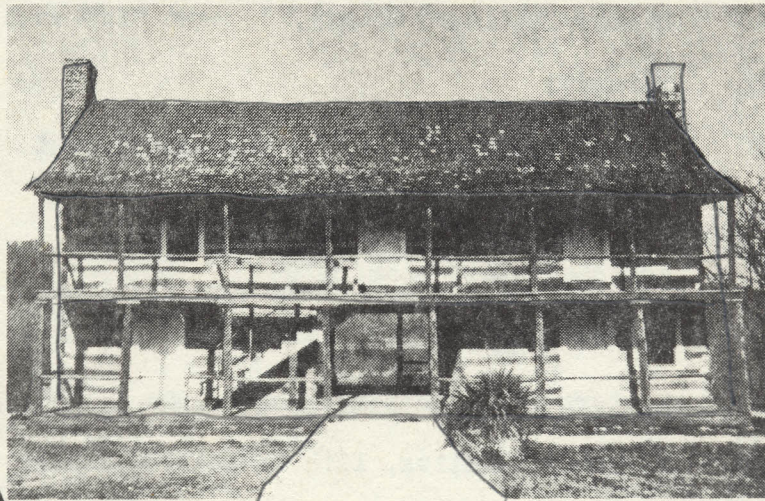


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The Wolf House is the most historical  
building in Baxter County.

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FLASH - LATEST NEWS - DECEMBER 4, 1985

Baxter County will provide assistance in repairing the damage done to the Casey House which was heavily hit during the tornado of November 18. Quinby Smith, vice president of the Society approached the Baxter County Quorum Court about possible financial aid in making the repairs. In the tornado, the roof was blown off, as you can see by the pictures on page 26.

Rebuilding the roof is the primary concern and it is estimated that the materials will cost about \$ 2,000. The Society has already received several donations for the repairs which will be used first, and then will use any county appropriations as needed. Several members helped to clear away the fallen trees and debris which had blown over from the fairgrounds, and at least two more work days are planned.

The Casey House is a county-owned building. Because of maintenance by the Society, the house is perhaps in better condition now than when the county first put a roof on it. Mr. Smith feels that the public is generally in favor of restoring the house which has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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"I am working with the field archivist at U of A, the director of museums at Little Rock, newspaper editors, historical societies and other organizations in an attempt to catalog interesting, unusual, informative or unique sites in the state. For Baxter County I have listed Norfolk only. I would appreciate more information. For example, the town of Cotter seems to be an interesting one, possibly a railroad town of the 1930's? Also, Mountain Home as the county seat should have some historical sites as well as a 'period' courthouse.

"These attractions don't have to be large or even historical. Cemeteries, log structures, art deco, natural and man-made oddities, any Ripley Believe-it-or-not item all are fair game. Any help you could give would be appreciated. "

Bill Earngey, 9 Steel Street, Eureka Springs, AR 92632

Donna Lonon, 201 Avenue C., Waxahacjie, Texas, 75165 wants information. "Bettis, Red - on page 73 of the Hitsory of Baxter County is a picture of Grandma Bettis. I believe this woman is Hester A. Red Bettis, widow of John J. Bettis, a blacksmith in the Buford community 1880 to 1895. He is butied in Fairview Cemetery, but where is she buried? Would like to correspond with anyone researching these families."

Donna Lonon also makes a suggestion. "I know it is difficult to find anyone to contribute research material to this quarterly. Everyone is busy and strapped for time, but it would be more interesting for those of us away from Mountain Home to read about past history than about minutes of the last business meeting."

Nadine Chambliss of 1327 South Marlborough, Dallas, Texas, writes, "I still wish someone would finish the Baxter County marriages and someone lse would catalogue the graves in the Monkey Run Cemetery. Oh, how I would love to be able to come uo and do it!"

Editor's Note: Garvin Carroll hopes to do the Monkey Run Cemetery soon.

Joseph Bloom believes he has listed the marriages as far as he should.

Frances Brengle of 6619 Pheasant Road # 16, Baltimore, MD 21220 writes, "For the past three years I have edited a newsletter by subscription \$12 yearly published quarterly, known as "Worthington Descendants" covering all branches of the Worthington surname and its many allied lineages. The newsletter includes an unlimited free query column, open to all as long ad the query relates to Worthington. Many of our ancestors made their homes in your state. Will you kindly give notification of our newsletter in your publication?"

## HISTORY IN IZARD COUNTY

A Talk given by J. Newt Blankenship  
to the Society at its October 1985 meeting

The IZARD COUNTY Historical Society is establishing a permanent historical site at Athens, the site of the first courthouse built in our county. It is located on the Boswell Road between Calico Rock and Mount Olive. This was your county seat from 1830 to 1836, as well as the county seat for much of what is now Fulton, Carroll, Van Buren, Searcy, and Stone Counties. This part of our history was almost forgotten and the site is now a sparsely populated, wooded area. A map of Arkansas, printed in the early 1830's, shows only one town in IZARD County and that was Athens, one indication of its importance at that time. When we began the project, there was nothing there to show that it had ever been an important "seat of justice" for a large part of north central Arkansas.

Because this is located in an isolated part of our county, we thought it best to erect a large painted sign mounted on a rock base. The usual metal sign would, most likely, never be noticed. A space capsule will be inserted in the rock base giving the history of the town and the names of donors with the amount of money contributed. The sign is 4 by 8 feet and will be easily seen. We also hope to have a split rail fence across the front of the site. Dedication will take place the second Sunday in April 1986 at 2.30 and we invite everyone to attend.

When IZARD County was formed in 1825 the western and northern boundaries were clearly defined with the White River on the west and the Missouri state line on the north, but the eastern and southern boundaries were not as clearly defined. For the first fifty years, IZARD County's boundaries were changed so often that it is difficult to tell at any given time exactly how much territory it covered. Most of the changes were made on the north, the west and southern parts of IZARD, with minor changes on the east.

Dr. Thomas Bruce has done an in-depth study of the subject entitled "Where, O Where Is IZARD???". At the end of four single-spaced, typewritten pages showing changes the Legislature had made, he commented that this was not a comprehensive list of the changes, but only some of the major ones. There were several years when the Legislature changed the boundary three or four times. It was a simple case of "The Legislature giveth and the Legislature taketh away."

We are all aware that Liberty (now called Norfolk), Major Wolf, and the Wolf House were important to our history. In 1825 the Territorial Legislature stated that the Town of Liberty was to be the temporary "seat of justice" for the newly formed county. In 1829, the Territorial Legislature authorized the commissioners of IZARD County to receive donations of land adjoining Liberty in order to extend the town site and to lay off this land in town lots, reserving suitable lots for a courthouse. Why a permanent courthouse was never established remains a mystery. On October 20, 1836 the Legislature repealed the act, making the Town of Liberty the seat of justice for IZARD County. The act stated that donations were to have been made by individuals for the erection of public buildings, which buildings were never erected, and that the seat of justice had been removed, and that donations had never been paid. That may be the clue to why the commissioners decided to build the courthouse at Athens. Evidently there was some conflict and a neutral site was chosen.

In 1830 Athens consisted of one store, a blacksmith shop, a tavern, and a saw and grist mill, the only one in the county. The citizens wasted no time in building a courthouse. It was a far cry from the temporary courthouse at the Wolf House which was considered a mansion. It really

## HISTORY IN IZARD COUNTY, continued

was a mansion compared to the rough log cabin erected at Athens. This was a one-story log cabin twenty feet square. There were no windows but there were two doors, one on the east side and one on the west side. According to Karr Shannon's history of Izard County, the woodpeckers were so bad in the vicinity they almost ate up the courthouse during the first two years until a bounty of five cents a head was offered. Evidently woodpeckers were causing trouble. There is evidence that the large, pileated woodpecker, which is now almost extinct, was at one time a nuisance and destroyed some woodlands.

When the courthouse was built at Athens no provision was made for heating the room, so late in the fall it was decided to build a chimney. A meeting was called for the purpose of making the necessary arrangements. At this meeting some extravagant persons, who were in favor of progress, advocated building a stone chimney. They declared that old Peter Young and Sol Hess were both skilled in this kind of work and could build a chimney of stone that would look much better than one built of stick and clay and would last forever. Jim Creswell took a very decided stand against the motion and, in bursts of oratory, declared that he was not in favor of "grinding the people to death with taxes". He also said he was in favor of holding to old landmarks and building chimneys of stick and dirt as all had been accustomed to and which would be much cheaper. The arguments of this staunch servant of the people were too logical to be disregarded, so the first courthouse ever built in Izard County had a stick and dirt chimney. Architectural historians say this was the only courthouse in Arkansas that had what they called a "mudcat" chimney.

In 1837, when Marion County was formed from land taken from Izard, the county seat was moved to Mount Olive and remained there until an election was held, and Melbourne was made the county seat in 1875. The courthouse at Mount Olive was a great improvement over the rough log cabin at Athens. It was a two-story log structure. An administration had come into power with so little mercy for the taxpayers that a stone chimney was built. Extravagance continued and about three years later the log building was weather boarded. This building was so substantial that it stood for over a hundred years, but is no longer.

Can you imagine what court week was like at Mount Olive 128 years ago? Court week was always a time the male population looked forward to as "whooping and hollering". Horse trading with plenty of "white lightning" for everyone. Mount Olive was a pioneer village of only a few occupied houses. The only overnight lodging place was the Alex Dillard frame hotel which was always overcrowded, especially during court week. All the lawyers, officers, jurors, and ordinary citizens who could afford it, clamored for whatever quarters were available.

The picture of what court week was like at Mount Olive in 1857 is best told by Shelby Kennard. He was an attorney and also editor of a Batesville newspaper. Being both a lawyer and a reporter, he had a double purpose for being there. The story he sent back to his paper was dated April 29, 1857. The room he was assigned was sixteen by eighteen feet with three beds in it and two pallets on the floor. He said "They were all occupied by two and three individuals each in various states of sleep from drowsiness to that unconscious state which is accompanied by the loud snoring of the sleepers and, besides these, a crowd of unquartered outsiders clamoring for a share of sleeping space on the ground and stumbling around in the dark."

It was under these conditions that Kennard was attempting to write a newspaper article and prepare a brief for the trial the following day. He found it almost impossible and apologized to his readers, saying "The few lines which I have sought time to jot down, will be without the slightest degree of premeditation."

## HISTORY IN IZARD COUNTY, continued

Now for the most controversial part of our historic site project - that is, to mark the grave of John P. Houston, our first County Clerk. We know that many historians have said that his grave site is unknown, but we are convinced he was buried at Athens. This part of our history has been researched for about twenty years and our editor has collected a large file beginning with letters written in the 1950's by the late Effie Combs, lawyer and comptroller for the State, who was trying to determine the exact date of John's birth and death, without success. John was Sam Houston's brother. In the 1960's the late State Senator, Orville Cheney, began an extensive correspondence, carrying on the research that Effie Combs began. He was planning to erect a marker at Houston's grave. In the letter to the National Archives Records Service, Cheney wrote, "I know a little cemetery in which John P. Houston is buried and also the exact location of his grave." Cheney was born about a mile from Athens and, as a child, his father often pointed out Houston's grave. Before Cheney's death, he turned over all his and Effie Combs' correspondence on the subject to our editor, Mrs. Lindley, and asked her to continue pushing for an historic site and a grave marker at Athens.

In 1975 the property at Athens was owned by Walter Swink. He said Orville Cheney pointed out the Houston grave site and said to be sure and mark the location, so that the State Historical Society could place a marker on it which they had promised Mr. Cheney they would so. In the Bicentennial Year of 1976, Mr. Swink and his daughter Melissa, decided that the grave should have a better marker than the rocks that had been piled up on the grave. So together they placed a very large, heavy stone on which she crudely but legibly chiseled the name, John P. Houston. It is at the head of the grave.

One of the first references to Houston being buried at Athens appeared in a newspaper account in the Melbourne Clipper in 1877. It was written by A. C. Jeffery, who stated that John P. Houston held the office of clerk in IZARD until he killed himself drinking at Athens. Some historians say he never moved to Athens. In 1877 Mr. Jeffery said that Houston could have held any office if he had not ~~ben~~ shipwrecked by drunkenness. Others maintain that when the county seat was moved from Liberty to Athens, Houston stubbornly refused to move. That much is correct, but two years later, he changed his mind, ran for the office of County Clerk and was elected. According to the Secretary of State's records, Houston ran for three more terms. We believe he died before finishing the 1836-38 term because there is no record of his moving to Mount Olive when the county seat was removed from Athens.

In 1931, the Baxter Bulletin carried an article on "James" Houston. The name James is often found in articles, but this is an error that has been perpetuated, and we hope to correct it. The articles ended with the following, "Men living today who were familiar with his records state that they were kept perfectly. However, all Houston;s records were destroyed in a fire which destroyed the courthouse at Melbourne in 1889."

Editor's Note: Mr. Blankenship is the Deputy Director of the North Central Arkansas Education Service Center at Melbourne, and an officer in the IZARD County Historical Society. He showed a drawing of the memorial to be erected.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindley and several members of the IZARD County Society accompanied Mr. Blankenship to our meeting.

## TORNADO!

November 18, 1985 will be remembered for long in Mountain Home. A tornado tore through the southeast section of the city about 9.20 p.m. It caused much damage also in Marion County where three women died and ten were hospitalized. Four were treated for minor injuries in Baxter County. Hundreds of trees were blown down and in the accompanying pouring rain debris flew over a wide area of the County. Two boat docks at Gamaliel were heavily damaged.

In Baxter County, James Lowe (one of the Society members who is vice chairman for the American Red Cross in the County), reported from its inspection that 256 houses were damaged with five destroyed, 44 had major damage, and 192 with minor damage. Six mobile homes were destroyed, and eleven had minor damage.

In Marion County the Red Cross said ten houses were destroyed, six had major damage, and 19 had minor damage. Three mobile homes were destroyed, and one other mobile home had major damage.

The Baxter County Emergency Services director reported damages close to \$5.8 million dollars and probably would be higher. This figure does not include damage to county roads and bridges.

The junior high school and the kindergarten were badly damaged, as were the Day Care Center, a number of buildings at the nearby Fairgrounds, three churches and several businesses.

The Casey House, a fragile "dog-trot" house on the Fairgrounds, had its roof blown off, the porch and chimney partly blown down. The pictures show very graphically what happened. Members of the Historical Society gathered on Saturday, November 23, for a clean up and a preliminary view of what needs to be done to restore this, one of the oldest houses in the County and which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Mountain Home is fortunate that even though there was great destruction, there were no deaths or serious injuries. And the loss of a large number of old trees in the Mountain Home Cemetery and in many yards, will be felt for years to come.

Helen Tanger

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In explaining that any item or thing was not fancy or deluxe, the oldtimer would say, "I'll swear to you, it was just as plain as cornbread."

A small man was many times described as being lightweight, and they would say, "Why, honest to God, he wouldn't make a noise walkin' in dry leaves."

A tall, tall tree was described as being "four or five axe-handles to the first woodpecker hole."

They told about one small country town that was so small that they didn't even have a town idiot. Said they just took turns being "it".

"Aw shucks, you can hear anything over in our part of the country - except the TRUTH and meat a'fryin'..."

Mary Ann Messick, History of Baxter County





CASEY HOUSE

Hit by tornado November 18, 1985, 9.30 p.m.

Photographs by Howard Knight November 22, 1985



## BAXTER COUNTY HISTORY IN THE RECENT PAST

An influential figure in the lives of a large number of Mountain Home High School graduates is Guy Berry in whose name the Middle School was named and dedicated in October 1985. He served as superintendent of Mountain Home schools from 1931 to 1939.

Quinby Smith served as master of ceremonies. He presented a plaque at the impressive ceremony. Others taking part were Opie Hargrave; Pete Stovall, president of the Mountain Home school board, Judy Strother, a member of the board; Al Hunter, school superintendent, Don Quinn, principal of the Middle School. Letters from former students were read by Libby Owen Baker. Talks were given by J. W. Wolf and Frances Eatman Ruthven who expressed thanks "for the part you played in our yesterdays" and hopes that "our grandchildren in this school will find teachers like the Berrys." Mr. Wolf recalled that Mr. Berry "instilled mighty fine discipline in the whole student body." Senator Dale Bumpers was unable to attend but in his letter said, "I know of no one in our State who has contributed more to education than Guy Berry."

As honest a person as I've ever known. A dedicated educator. A person who tempered discipline with understanding, and genuine concern for his students. Someone you could go to with your troubles. These are a few of the opinions heard when some of the graduates reminisced about their youth at the reception for Mr. and Mrs. Berry following the dedication. "Nothing greater could have happened to me," said Mr. Berry, "The greatest and best job I ever had was in Mountain Home."

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A new education center in Mountain Home is composed of two separate organizations which occupy the former First Baptist Church property on East 6th Street.

The Mountain Home Vocational-Technical and Adult Basic Education Center began operations in September and uses the part of the church property known as McClure Chapel. (Before that, it was the Roller Funeral Home.) The center offers vocational classes to area high school students, and adult education classes for those seeking to finish work on their high school diplomas.

The Mountain Home branch of North Arkansas Community College and eventually classes by a state university, was established by a committee which raised well over \$ 375,000 for obtaining the remainder of the First Baptist property. This higher education project, not yet given an official name, will use the sanctuary, junior high department and youth buildings.

These two institutions will add much to the area's possibilities for the further education of its young people.

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Also, in October 1985 several alumnae of the former Mountain Home Academy recalled their early days there. The successful effort to fund a higher education center in Mountain Home 'way back when' may have surprised some people.

Louise Fleming wrote in the Baxter Bulletin on October 8, "Some 30 years before Mountain Home was officially incorporated - when free public education wasn't something to take for granted - an academy was established here where tuition was nominal, or free of charge. And by the close of the 1800's,

## HISTORY IN THE RECENT PAST, continued

on up until the third decade of this century, Mountain Home had a junior college which attracted students from a wide area.

"In 1853 Professor J. S. Howard opened the Mountain Home Male and Female Academy. The two-story, white frame building was erected three blocks south of the courthouse square, on land donated by Howard's brother-in-law, Col. Orrin L. Dodd. The Guy Berry Middle School is now located on this site. The Academy closed at the start of the Civil War and didn't reopen until 1868.

"Then another building was erected, enrollment increased, and the faculty was expanded. Ministerial students were admitted free of charge, while others paid \$1 per month. In the grade school, pupils were first divided according to reading and spelling ability, then taught mathematics and other subjects. The advanced students learned Latin and the classics. In later years, Mrs. M. N. Dyer, wife of a local attorney, gave piano instruction. A Normal Department provided education for future teachers."

Frances Shiras in her 1939 History of Baxter County, commented, "The Academy did much to mould and benefit the community and its efforts can still be felt in Mountain Home."

Baptists of the White River Association in 1889 began plans to establish a junior college here, with the emphasis on training ministers and teachers. It opened in September 1893 with 166 students from Arkansas and surrounding states, and 11 teachers. After several changes in affiliation and economic conditions, by 1930 the Association closed its mountain schools. Bereft of Association funding, the Mountain Home College struggled to exist independently, but was forced to close in 1933. The women's dormitory at 4th and College Streets is the only building still standing, converted into apartments and offices.

In 1983 the alumni of the college gathered at the site and dedicated a handsome bronze plaque commemorating the wide influence of the college. The base incorporates the cornerstone and other stones listing names familiar to long-time area residents. Many cars with out-of-state license plates stop to view the monument - the visitors with gray hair often showing youngsters where they lived and studied.

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The Baxter House Adult Day Care Center was dedicated in October 1985 for residents 60 years and older. It is not a nursing home, but provides care for the elderly during the day when members of the family must be absent from home. The center was established through the cooperation of Baxter County, the Area Agency on Aging, and the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District. It is located on State Highway 5 South.

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Migratory birds in the U. S. were tagged by the Department of the Interior with metal strips reading "Wash. Biol. Surv." - Washington Biological Survey. The code was changed, so the story goes, after a farmer from Arkansas wrote to the department: "Dear Sirs, I shot one your crows. My wife followed the cooking instructions attached - she washed it, boiled it and served it. It was the worst thing we ever ate."

Baxter County

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THRASHER FAMILIES

Buckhorn Township

THRASHER, Richard--Head--Jan. 1838--62--Miss., Tenn., S.C.  
Mary C.--Wife--Mar. 1851--47--Miss., Ala., Ala.  
Jackson V.--Son--Aug. 1871--28--Ark., Miss., Miss.  
Mattie--Daughter--Mar. 1878.--22--Ark., Miss., Miss.  
Lafayette--Son--Dec. 1880--19--Ark., Miss., Miss.  
Edward L.--Son--Aug. 1885--14--Ark., Miss., Miss.  
Loama L.--Son--Oct. 1887--12--Ar., Miss., Miss.  
Rufus S.--Spn--June 1890--9--Ark., Miss., Miss.  
Trulan W.--Son--Jan. 1893--7--Ark., Miss., Miss.  
Martin, Donnie--Daughter--Sep. 1874--25--Ark., Miss., Miss.  
Martin, Sidney M.--Grandson--Sept. 1897--2--Ark., Ark., Ark.  
Martin, Norah E.--Granddaughter--Nov. 1899--7/12--Ark., Ark. Ark.

North Fork Township

THRASHER, Lottie C.--Sister-in-Law--Mar. 1845--55--Miss., Miss., Ala.  
(Living with John L, Own, his wife, Mary M. and ninechildren.  
Mary M. is listed as Feb. 1861--39--Ark., Miss., Ala.)

THRASHER, Charles S.--Head--May 1863--37--Ark., Tenn., Ala.  
Nancy A.--Wife--Oct. 1874--25--Ark., Tenn. Ark.  
Rose E.-- Daughter-- Apr. 1900--1/12--Ark., Ark., Ark.  
Yearry, Sarrah A.--Servant--Sep. 1872--27--Ark., Ark., Ark.  
Yearry, Clarence--Boarder--Mar. 1896--4--Ark., Ark., Ark.  
Yearry, Minnie--Boarder--Jun. 1900--4/12--Ark., Ark., Ark.

THRASHER, Vin W.--Head--Jan. 1854--46--Miss., Tenn., Ala.  
Mary B.--Wife--Oct. ;871--28--Ark., Ark., Tenn.  
Oscar--Son--Aug. 1887--12--Ark., Miss., Ark.  
Joda--Son--Sep. 1890--9--Ark., Miss., Ark.  
Jossie L.--Daughter--Dec. 1893--6--Ark., Miss., Ark.  
Deller E.--Daughter--Mar. 1896--4--Ark., Miss., Ark.  
Ray--Son--Sep., 1898--1--Ark., Miss., Ark.

THRASHER, C. (Clifford?) T.--Head--Nov. 1857--42--Miss., Tenn. Ala.  
Lovie (Loyis?) Wife--Sep.1867--32--Ark., Ark/, Ark.  
Allice--Daughter--Sep., 1885--14--Ark., Miss., Ark.  
Henry C.--Son--Nov. 1886--13--Ark., Miss., Ark.  
Ida--Daughter--July, 1889--10--Ark., Miss., Ark.  
Bettie--Daughter--Jan. 1892--8--Ark., Miss., Ark.  
Jessie R.--Son--Nov. 1893--6--Ark., Miss., Ark.  
Deller--Daug ter--Dec. 1895--4--Ark., Miss., Ark.  
Callie--Daughter--Nov. 1897--2--Ark., Miss., Ark.  
Vin T.--Son--May 1899--1--Ark., Miss., Ark.



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North Fork Township

THRASHER, Jessie C.--Head--Aug. 1851--48--Miss., Tenn., S.C.  
Chintha M.--Wife--Aug. 1864--35--Ark., Ark., Tenn.  
Richard F.--Son--Apr. 1881--19--Ark., Miss., Ark.  
Walter E.--Son--Dec. 1882--17--Ark., Miss., Ark.  
Maggie B.--Daughter--Mar. 1884--16--Ark., Miss., Ark.  
Cora E.--Daughter--Jan. 1886--14--Ark., Miss., Ark.  
Charley B.--Son--Feb. 1888--12--Ark., Miss., Ark.  
Steller L.--Daughter--July 1890--9--Ark., Miss., Ark.  
Dottie M.--Daughter--Aug. 1892--7--Ark., Miss., Ark.  
Elma D.--Daughter--June 1896--3--Ark., Miss., Ark.  
Ethel A.--Daughter--Jan. 1899--1--Ark., Miss., Ark.

THRASHER, Thomas--Head--May 1848--52--Divorced--Miss., Tenn., S.C.

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REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN  
Evelynne Olson

July 1985

Picnic at the Casey House  
Quinby Smith and Garvin Carroll the cooks  
Potluck supper  
About 30 attended

August 1985

Meeting in the Courtroom of the Courthouse  
"Superstitions and Sings" - members' participation

September 1985

Meeting in the Courtroom of the Courthouse  
Slides and talk by Garvin Carroll, with slides prepared by the  
Arkansas Sesquicentennial Commission in Little Rock  
Hostesses - Irma Bloom and Helen Tanger

October 1985

Last meeting in the Courthouse  
Soaker - J. Newt Blankenship, Izard County Historical Society  
Hostess - Evelynne Olson

November 1985

Meeting Keller Hall of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church  
Speaker - Member Leo T. C. Davis, "My Early Years in Education"  
Hostess - Olive Knight

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MATERIAL FOR THIS MAGAZINE IS SCARCE!

Your Editors realize the need for the kind of articles Ms. Lonon wants, but we can't do it by ourselves. We beg, entreat and ask you to contribute your knowledge and memories of the past. What happened? Who did what? How did they do things differently from now? You don't need to type it, just write it in longhand and get it to us. Anything dealing with the past, especially in our area would be acceptable.

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THRASHER FAMILIES

Barren Creek Township

THRASHER, Lafayette--Head--29--Ark., Miss., Miss.  
Mattie--Wife--21--Mo., Tenn., Mo.

Buckhorn Township

THRASHER, Jack V.--Head--37--Ark., Miss., Miss.  
Delle--Wife--39--Tex., Tenn., Ky.  
Irene--Daughter--6--Ark., Ark., Tex.  
Jervis--Son--2--Ark., Ark., Tex.  
Irma--Daughter--2/12--Ark., Ark., Tex.  
(-----), Mary--Head--59--Widow--Miss, Ala., Ala.  
Gow--Son--22--Ark., Miss., Miss.  
Edd--Son--25--Married--Ark., Miss., Miss.  
Rosa--Daughter-in-Law--16--Married--Ark., Okla., Mo.  
THRASHER, Truland--18--Ark., Miss., Miss.  
(Boarder with John C. Guthery Family)

Northfork Township

THRASHER, Donnie Z.--Sister-in-Law--35--Widow--Ark., Miss., Miss.  
(Living with Albert O. Sammons, His wife Mattie and five  
children. Mattie is listed as 32--Ark., Miss., Miss.)  
Note: Also listed with this family are a nephew, Sidney M. Martin,  
12, and a niece, Nora A. Martin, 10)

THRASHER, Charles S.--Head--46--Miss., Tenn., Miss.  
Nancy A.--Wife--36--Ark., Tenn., Ark.  
Rosetta--Daughter--10--Ark., Miss., Ark.  
Herbert E.--Son--5--Ark., Miss., Ark.  
James A.--Son--2--Ark., Miss., Ark.  
(An elderly Arnold family lived next door.)

THRASHER, Ceero (ciers?)--Head--52--Miss., Tenn. Miss.  
Lovina (Louina?)--Wife--45--Tenn., Tenn., Mo.  
Henry--Son--22--Ark., Miss., Tenn.  
Ida--Daughter--20--Ark., Miss., Tenn.  
Bettie--Daughter--18--Ark., Miss., Tenn.  
Jessie--Son--16--Ark., Miss., Tenn.  
Della--Daughter--14--Ark., Miss., Tenn.  
Callie--Daghter--12--Ark., Miss., Tenn.  
Ewing--Son--9--Ark., Miss., Tenn.

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## THRASHER FAMILIES continued

Northfork Township

- THRASHER, Vin W.--Head--56--Miss., Tenn. Miss.  
Mary B.--Wife--39--Ark., \_\_\_\_ Tenn.  
Jody--Son--19--Ark., Miss., Ark.  
Josephine--Daughter--16--Ark., Miss., Ark.  
Dellar E.--Daughter--14--Ark., Miss., Ark.  
Ray N.--Son--11--Ark., Miss., Ark.  
Guy L.--Son--7--Ark., Miss., Ark.
- THRASHER, Jesse C.--Head--58--Miss., Tenn. N.C.  
Cynthia M.--Wife--45--Ark., Tenn., Ark.  
Dottie M.--Daughter--17--Ark., Miss., Ark.  
Zelma D.--Daughter--13--Ark., Miss., Ark.  
Ethel I.--Daughter--11--Ark., Miss., Ark.  
Hattie E.--Daughter--7--Ark., Miss., Ark.  
Annie T.--Daughter--3--Ark., Miss., Ark.
- THRASHER, Andrew T.--Head--33--Ark., Miss., Mo.  
Laura A.--Wife--33--Ark., Ark. Ark.  
Adams, Emma --Lodger--19--Single--Ark., U. S., U. S.
- THRASHER, Frank R.--Head--29--Ark., Miss., Ark.  
Lydia E.--Wife--23--Ark., N.C., Ark.  
Norma F.--Daughter--2--Ark., Ark., Ark.  
Lillie L.--Daughter--1--Ark., Ark. Ark.
- THRASHER, Charles W.--Head--22--Ark., Miss., Ark.  
Hattie--Wife--17--Mo., U. S., Mo.  
Lela M.--Daughter--0/12--Ark., Ark., Mo.
- THRASHER, Charlotte M.--Sister-in-Law--65--Miss., Tenn., S.C.  
(Living with John L. Owens, his wife Mary M., and nine children.  
Mary M. is listed as 49, Miss., Tenn., S. C.)
- THRASHER, Thomas G.--Head--32--Ark., Miss., Mo.  
Cordelia--Wife--28--Mo., Mo., Mo.  
Olna (?) E.--Son--9--Ark., Ark., Mo.  
Albia I.--Daughter--6--Ark., Ark. Mo.  
Ruby E.--3--Ark., Ark. Mo.
- THRASHER, Walton E.--Head--27--Ark., Miss., Ark.  
E tta--Wife--26--Mo., Va., N. H.  
Paul E.--Son--1 2/12--Ark., Ark. Mo.  
Wilson, Ida M.--Mother-in-Law--59--Widow--N.H., Vt. N.H.  
Wilson, Clarence A.--Brother-in-Law--16--Mo., Va., N.H.

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