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

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MEETINGS

1986

- June 3 Karyn Vaughn and Jo Ann Roden gave a slide presentation of early schools in Baxter County
 July 1 Picnic at the Casey House
 Aug. 5 Emma Lee Ross gave a talk on Arkansas history in observance of the State Sesquicentennial
 Sept. 2 Movie at the Cinema Centre Movie Classics Theatre as guests of the owners, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wright
 Oct. 7 Meeting in St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Inez McFarland won the quilt given to the Society by the Hill and Holler Quilt Club. Helen Tanger gave a brief history of the church, and of the Daughters of the American Revolution
 Nov. 2 No meeting because of election day
 Dec. 2 Games by Leo T. C. and Opal Davis

1987

- Jan. 6 Ernest Grassel played tapes of vaudeville, radio and movie routines of old time comedians
 Feb. 3 Tape of the history of rural electric cooperatives by James Lowe
 Mar. 6 Trip with the Archeological Society to the School of the Ozarks Museum
 Apr. 7 Mrs. Guy King told of her trip with the State Sesquicentennial Wagon Train
 May 5 Charles and Kathy Blackburn, co-chairmen of the Mountain Home Centennial Committee, and Dea Self, president of the Chamber of Commerce, explained about the many events planned for the celebration in April 1988. They presented a large, beautifully decorated cake with the Centennial logo.
 June 2 Meeting at the Cinema Centre Movie Classics Theatre
 July 7 Traditional picnic at the Casey House

REPORT ON "HISTORY OF BAXTER COUNTY" BOOK SALES

When the Historical Society had Mary Ann Messick's book reprinted just over a year ago it was necessary to borrow a little over \$ 3,300 after receiving monies from advance book sales in order to pay the School of the Ozarks for printing of the books.

The money was borrowed from members and friends, mostly in amounts of \$ 100. These loans have been paid except for one person who loaned \$ 500 and asked that her loan be deferred until others had been repaid, and Mary Ann Messick who loaned \$ 1,000 of which over half has been repaid.

We still owe just under \$ 1,000 but sales are continuing slowly but regularly. We have the books available at the County Library, the Chamber of Commerce office, and the B & R Office Supply on East Ninth Street just east of College. The prices are: \$ 3 for the separate index, \$ 14.95 for the book and index, or \$ 15.95 for both if mailed.

Everyone has been most cooperative and has helped with the sales free of charge. Talk up the sales so that we can finish retiring our indebtedness. I almost forgot to mention that the Baxter Bulletin ran an ad for us without charge and helped greatly with the sales.

- Quinby Smith, President

BOOK REVIEW

With the deluge of books now on the market supposedly pertaining to the life, manners, and morals of the early Ozark settlers, it is indeed refreshing to find one which can be read and enjoyed without the lingering suspicion that the author has indulged in considerable "poetic license" in order to make his book more entertaining.

OZARKS BAPTIZINGS, HANGINGS, AND OTHER DIVERSIONS by Robert K. Gilmore is just such a book. It covers the period of 1885-1910 and is devoted primarily to southern Missouri and a part of northern Arkansas.

The table of contents lists such subjects as literaries, closing of school programs, religious gatherings, pie suppers and many other popular social events of the time. Mr. Gilmore lets us observe these events through the eyes of local newspaper correspondents. This in itself is highly entertaining since the editors of that day apparently were unconstrained by libel laws and allowed their spleen to spill at will over anything which irked them. They were equally enthusiastic in heaping praise on any subject which met with their approval. The text, accompanied with an array of old photographs of school programs, baptizings, hangings, and social events gives the reader a vivid picture of the early settler insofar as his social life was concerned.

A brief quotation from the book on an event that occurred in the West Plains-Mountain Home area is typical of the entertainment to be had from the pages of this trip into the past:

"The third of this trio of ill-starred theatrical lights achieved its modicum of fame as the "Apollin Minstrels." The company consisted of five boys, who allowed themselves several rehearsals in West Plains before starting out to play one-night stands in the small towns of southern Missouri and northern Arkansas. The Johnson Opera House in West Plains lent them several hundred tickets (mostly complimentary ones), and bills were printed, advertising their coming:

BOOK REVIEW, continued

THE APOLLIN MINSTRELS

A company composed of artists well known
in the profession

THE FINEST MUSICAL AND MINSTREL SHOW EVER PUT ON THE STAGE

ADMISSION 25 and 15 cents

People who carry guns please keep
outside the gut wires

From this point the story of the "Apollin Minstrels" can best be told in the words of the hometown correspondent:

"On a bright morning and in a covered wagon they left, Attie being their first stand. Here a small sized crowd greeted them and they next tried Thomasville. At this place Joe Allen busted the head of his banjo and the boys had to lay off a day waiting the arrival of another banjo head. At Moody enough money was taken in to pay for the banjo repairs which safely arrived from West Plains and was hailed with joy. At Viola the box office receipts amounted to a dollar and ten cents which paid the bill for the horse feed. The next stop was at Bakersfield where a full house greeted the minstrels when the curtain went up. While Onzello Dixon was singing "The Deacon's Dilemma", a big mosquito from Bennett's Bayou who had a free pass to the show took a reserved seat on the very point of Onzello's nasal organ. The houncer of the show had to be called to fire the intruder out, which was done after a lively scrap. At Gainesville, the boys got tired of cooking their own grub and put up at a tip top hotel. Here they played to empty chairs and when they started to leave the town next morning they found their baggage had been attached for board, and the Apollin's would have come to grief had it not been for the timely aid of several of the Harlin boys. From there they jumped down to Arkansas where Onzello sang a new song especially composed for the occasion. As to their trip into Arkansas, not a word could be learned, but from the looks of the boys we suppose that the people of Arkansas made it very interesting for them, and they were thankful to have escaped with their lives."

This is only one sample of the enjoyment to be had from Mr. Gilmore's book. The last section consists of some forty or fifty pages of recorded interviews with old timers of southern Missouri.

Anybody interested in the social history of the Ozark region will find this book interesting, informative, believable, and hard to lay down once it has been started.

- Don Hubbell

A LOOK BACK

North Arkansas Electric Cooperative was incorporated March 3, 1939 in Salem, Arkansas. It was established as a self-help corporation with technical and monetary (loans) assistance from the Rural Electrification Administration. REA hired local people at \$.25 per hour for 100 hours to construct the lines so the people could afford to have their houses wired for electricity.

NAEC's first office was a construction headquarters at Calico Rock. The first section of power line was energized at Gassville on June 6, 1940. That line served about 350 accounts.

The headquarters office was moved to Viola shortly thereafter, but when power lines were energized there, it caused such interference with the old one-wire magnets telephone system that the operation was moved to Salem in 1942.

REA said they would not tolerate an office without a telephone, so the entire office was loaded into the back of two pickup trucks and moved to Salem.

A branch office was first opened in Mountain Home in 1951 just off the Square. Its two employees were Boyce Drake, serviceman, and Nellie Hickman, cashier.

The cooperative then built the building now occupied by Arkansas Western Gas, then moved to its present location on Highway 62 NE in 1965.

The cooperative now has over 21,000 accounts, about half of which are located in Baxter County. The cooperative also serves in Fulton, Izard, Sharp, Marion and Stone Counties.

Clyde Bryant was the first president of the board and served, except for a three-year period, until 1970. He served on the board of directors since its incorporation in 1939 till 1976.

Mack E. Curlee of Mountain Home is the only living board member of the original board.

It was through the efforts and dedication of these men that rural north Arkansas got electricity.

-Information from Larry Goza of Salem
- Submitted by Alyce Marbury, daughter of Mack Curlee

PHOTOGRAPH OF INCORPORATORS, NAEC

Seated, left to right:

Tom Biggs, Poughkeepsie

M. E. Curlee, Mountain Home

T. S. Lunn, Mammoth Spring

P. T. Vail, Salem

Edison Dillard, Oxford

Standing, left to right:

Clyde Bryant, Mountain Home

Shelby C. Ferguson, Ash Flat

Erby Carroll, Viola

C. F. Niven, Fulton County Agent, Salem

Not Pictured:

Marvin Standeford, Franklin

These were the original nine incorporators of North Arkansas Electric Cooperative. The county agent was very instrumental in organizing the cooperative and getting it started. The same was true of county agents throughout the country.

PHOTOGRAPH OF LABORATORS, WASH.

Seated, left to right:

Tom Black, Fortknapsale

M. E. Gules, Mountain Home

T. B. Lunt, Mountain Spring



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THE ATHENS COMMUNITY

In one of his many articles for the Salem Headlight, the late Vester Williams offered the following on May 29, 1958 as part of a long series on Salem and Fulton County:

"The first Baptist church in Fulton County was established in the 1840's. J. S. Rogers in Centennial History of Arkansas Baptists, named Friendship, established in 1840 and Pleasant Grovr and New Hope in 1846.

"The locations of Friendship and New Hope Churches are not known at this time, but Pleasant Grove was at what is now known as State Line, near Moko, Arkansas.

"These churches were still in existence in 1850, and all three were of the White River Association at that time. Friendship reported 20 members in 1850 and Rev. B. Hawkins was pastor. This church may have been in what is now Baxter County; since the pastor gave his address as Bannett's Bayou (at that time Fulton County extended as far west as range 14 west of the fifth principal meridian.)"

There are several reasons to believe the Friendship Church and the church at Athens could be one and the same, thus making it the oldest church in Fulton County (now Baxter) and certainly one of the oldest in Baxter County.

The first criterion for establishing a church, of course, would be a population sufficient to support it. In Schoolcraft in the Ozark by Hugh Park, Mr. Schoolcraft mentions sratyng with a family by the name of Wells on Bennett's Bayou. He also mentions the Wells family being accompanied by neighbors ona deer hunt. This was in 1818 and 22 years before the establishment of the Friendship church. Several families moved in later as the area along Bennett's River, Bennett's Bayou and the Northfork River offered excellent farming land as well as hunting, fishing, and transportation, too, on the Northfork. Some of these other families which were there by 1840 and some much earlier, such as the Talburts, McUrry, Tyler, Minyard, Hawkins, Shipman and McCarty. The 1840 census lists 27 families residing in Bennett's Bayou Township, which at that time included a large portion of present Fulton County. Many families were not counted for a number of reasons and the population was no doubt even larger than the census shows. One thing is certain, the area was populated enough to support two post offices by 1848. One was established in the Fluty Chapel area with Benjamin Hawkins serving as its first postmaster, and later in the yar by Thomas Sapp. The second post office was in Fulton County in the Vidette area and approximately where the Shrable Cemetery is now located. These two post offices are not more than 4 miles apart, with the Athens Cemetery and church located in a direct line between them and on or very close to the old Batesville-Big North Fork Road. This would seem to indicate a sufficient population for the formation of a church.

Secondly, and equally important, is the need for a driving force. The area had this in the form of at least two persons. The first being Benjamin Hawkins, who was employed by the Baptist Home Mission Society of New York in 1832 to serve in Arkansas. Records show he served as an Elder in the formation of the Rocky Bayou church at Lunenburg in IZARD County in 1832. He next appears in the Bennett's Bayou census records for 1840 and subsequently filed a location on acreage in the Fluty Chapel area. The Centennial History of Arkansas Baptists further states that Mr. Hawkins served as pastor of the Friendship Church in 1851. This would have been less than 4 miles from his home and in a reasonably well populated area for the time. The book goes on to mention in a brief biography on Mr. Hawkins that he also practiced medicine.

The second individual who just as easily influenced the formation of this church was Fedrick Benton Talburt, Jr. He moved from White River to the Bennett's River-Bennett's Bayou area sometime prior to 1840 and settled in the Custer area (now under Lake Norfork) and eventually purchased land there.

THE ATHENS COMMUNITY, continued

According to Clarence Talburt of Enterprize in Fulton County and a direct descendant of Fedrick Talburt, this church was built by slaves owned by Mr. Talburt. He could have been a pastor there as well, for many Talburt men were active in the Baptist faith at that time. There are two Talburts listed as Reverend on the Norfolk store accounts of 1851-53. In later years a John Jackson Talburt did serve as minister in this church in Athens and he or others of his family also taught school there.

There are no other records known at this time which might give a clue on who else might have helped form the church or which branch of the Baptist church it might have been.

Inscriptions from two tombstones in the Athens Cemetery offer additional information, but rather than clarify the issue, only confuse it. They are:

Consecrated to the Memory of
Thomas Baker
Who died March 14, 1854 aged 69 years.

Also
Ruth Baker His Wife
Who died July 19, 1859 aged 63.
Members of the Regular Baptist Church.

On the second tombstone is the following:

William Anderson. Born 1799-Died 1872.
He helped organize the Primitive Baptist on the fourth Sunday in August 1848.

I underlined the names of the churches to point out that these people felt it was important to show which church they were members of, and consequently to point out which church they were not member of.

Were there two separate organizations in this small community at the same time? Or, was the Regular Baptist church formed and later reorganized to the Primitive Baptist faith?

Whatever happened, in 1892 George Claiborne donated two acres of land in the Cumi community to be used as the site for a Missionary Baptist church. At that time, the Baptist Church of Old Athens apparently reorganized (again?) to Missionary Baptist and moved to what is now New Athens. The church was also used as a school until a new school could be built. The school still stands and serves as a community building, but the church was torn down when the lakes were built.

The old Athens Cemetery is seldom used anymore and is all but forgotten except by the families of the old settlers and is not as well cared for as it once was. There is no trace of the hand-hewn old church-school building now except for a few stones and few people can be found who remember what it looked like.

- Donald Hubbell

PHOTOGRAPHS

The Old Athens church-school as it looked in 1919. What appears to be doors in the end of the building is actually where the fireplace was. There was one at either end of the church. When one of the Talburt families who lived nearby was "Jayhawked", as Clarence Talburt says, the church was used as a home for a short time.

The second photograph is a cemetery scene at Old Athens and was also taken in 1919 during a family reunion.

Reading from left to right:

1. Simie Talburt - oldest son of Thomas Simeon Talburt and his second wife, Malinda Shrable. Her father was killed by Jayhawkers.
2. Okie Brown Edwards. Wife of Asa (Ace) Brown, son of Matthew Brown.
3. Laura Isabell Wilson. Wife of Thomas W. Talburt. His father, John Jackson Talburt, was a preacher at this church. Laura Bell was a sister to William Hunter Wilson who was robbed and murdered in 1894. This results in the deaths of two suspects who were shot to death by vigilantes while chained to the floor of the old Mountain Home jail.
4. Sarah Talburt Brown.
5. Mary A. (Mollie) Talburt Frazier. Sister to Sarah above and wife of Thomas Jefferson Frazier.
6. Alice Talburt Wright. Wife of Joseph Wright.

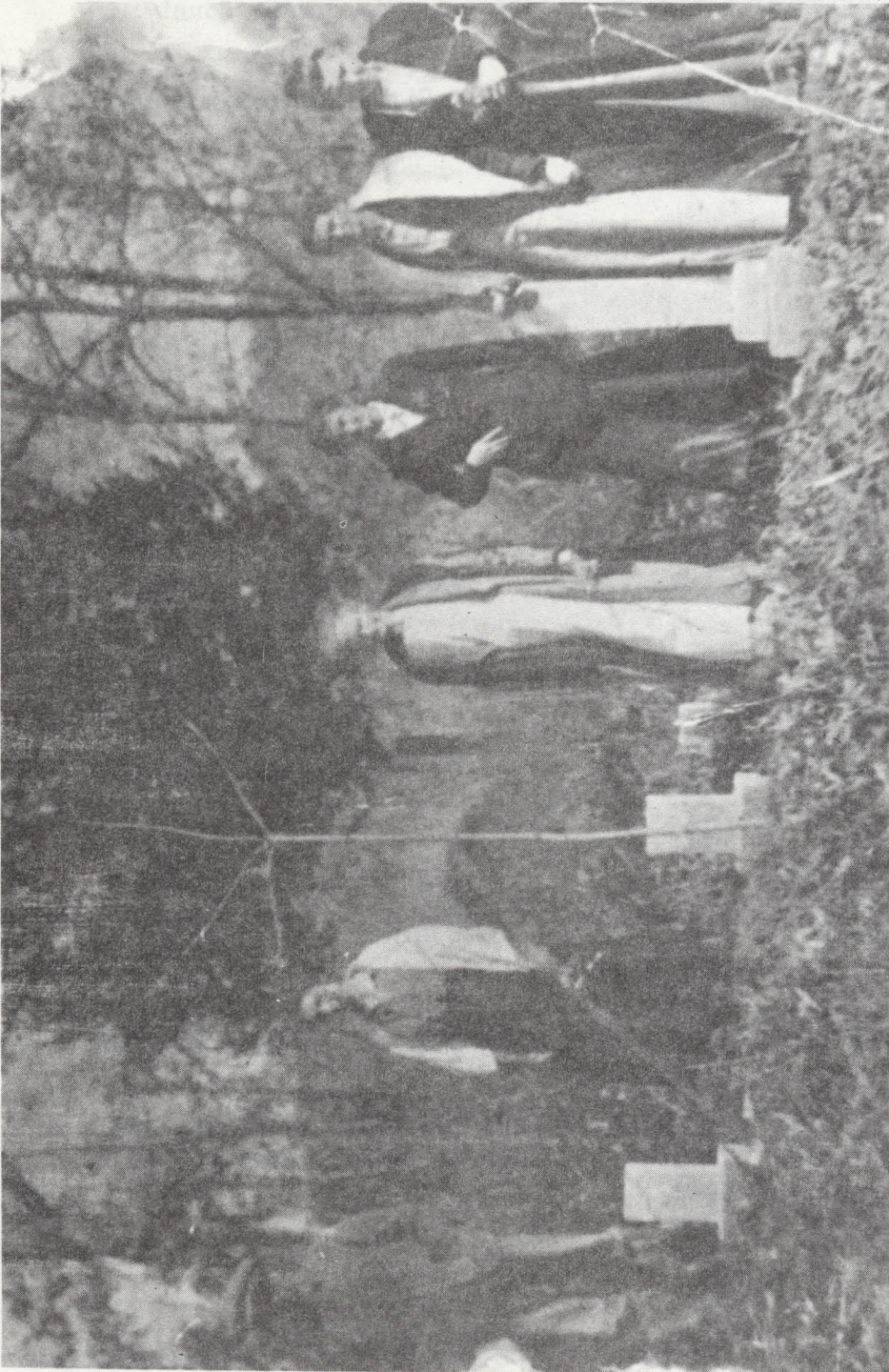
PHOTOGRAPHS

The Old Athens church-school as it looked in 1912. What appears to be doors in the end of the building is actually a porch. There was one at either end of the building. That one of the



6. Alice Talbot Wilson, wife of Joseph Wilson.

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Mar. 17, 1895 Aug. 17, 1922

1898
1901
1906
1907

Twenty-five in
Arkansas, by
The Mountain
south of the
BAILEY
Anne K. Bailey
BEARD
Allen K. Beard
George W. Beard
Cyril Beard
Lillie J. Beard
BENTLEY
Lester T. Bentley
BOWEN
Mary A. Bowen
BURTON
Hornie S. Burton
COOPER
Katy Cooper
COOPER
John S. Cooper
A. S. Cooper
John H. Cooper
Lawrence O. Cooper
FRANCIS
Clay Francis
GLAY
Alice A. Glay
Frank H. Glay
GRANT
Alan H. Grant
GRAY
Sarah A. Gray

GRAY
Elizabeth Lee Gray
GRAY
E. G. Gray
E. D. Gray
SHERRILL
Philip Sherrill

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Twenty-five in 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.

SALLIE

Annie F. Sallie Aug. 17, 1894 Feb. 10, 1895

SANFORD

Allen K. Sanford Feb. 18, 1930 Jan. 1, 1932
George W. Sanford Nov. 13, 1857 Feb. 16, 1937
Guy Roy Sanford Oct. 25, 1885 Feb. 21, 1967
Sallie L. Sanford Nov. 26, 1866 Nov. 28, 1958

SCHARLAU

Charles F. Scharlau 1891 1954

SCHAUTZ

Mary A. Schautz 1888 1958

SCHOBER

Hermine Schober 1881 1936

SCHRODER

Mary Schroder 1873 1956

SCHOGEN

George Schoggen 1876 1943
J. B. Schoggen 1852 1897
Lola M. Schoggen 1877 1941
Lourana O. Schoggen 1853 1928

SCLEICHER

Gladys Frances Scleicher 79 yrs Oct. 25, 1975

SCOTT

Anna A. Scott Feb. 19, 1873 June 21, 1949
Frank H. Scott July 24, 1870 Mar. 4, 1966

SEABURY

Helen M. Seabury July 29, 1836 June 15, 1911

SEAY

Sarah A. Seay Oct. 27, 1840 Apr. 30, 1917

SHAW

Elizabeth Kee Shaw Mar. 17, 1842 Aug. 13, 1922

SHEPARD

C. C. Shepard 1876 1956
E. C. Shepard 1881 1956

SHERIDAN

Philip Sheridan 1890 1929

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SHIRAS

Enna Bar Shiras	1883	1961
Francesca Posey Shiras	1883	1957
Tom Shiras	1879	1947

SIBBET

Maude Sibbet	1868	1958
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SIMONS

Eli S. W. Simons	Jan. 22, 1880	Oct. 2, 1887
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SIMPSON

Jerry B. Simpson	no date	no date
John M. Simpson (Ark. Pvt. 2nd Engrs. 2nd Div.)	June 15, 1940	(only date)
Lumilla Simpson	no date	1902
Maude Mary Simpson	1887	1946
Roy C. Simpson	1889	1967
Thomas Hicks Simpson	1884	1954

SJOREEN

Herman A. Sjoreen	1889	1958
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SMITH

A. P. Smith	Oct. 9, 1822	May 31, 1904
Homer B. Smith	May 10, 1895	July 25, 1935
Paulina Smith	Apr. 2, 1841	June 3, 1910
Ray Smith	Aug. 24, 1894	June 14, 1896
Rena P. Smith	Nov. 10, 1892	Feb. 20, 1966
W. H. Smith	May 21, 1852	Dec. 17, 1917

SPENCER

Jacob L. Spencer	1857	1917
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STANKUS

Anna Marian Stankus	no date	Mar. 17, 1963
Bernice Rita Stankus	no date	July 11, 1962
Florence Delores Stankus	no date	Sept. 1961

STINNETT

Artie (Robertson) Stinnett	1893	1962
Claude Stinnett	Apr. 17, 1877	Mar. 1, 1917
Elbert C. Stinnett	1884	1954
Elbert Leon Stinnett	1930	1932
Ernest Stinnett	Aug. 2, 1879	May 30, 1901
Rebecca Stinnett	1849	1931
Wylie Stinnett	Aug. 25, 1839	Feb. 18, 1910

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<u>STONE</u>		
Lea Stone	Sept. 1894	Feb. 1932
<u>SVENDSEN</u>		
Inga Svendsen	1898	1957
<u>TANNER</u>		
Ada Alma Tanner	91 yrs. 1 mo.	Nov. 10, 1865
Charlie S. Tanner	Jan. 15, 1874	Nov. 18, 1925
Elsie Tanner	May 29, 1907	Aug. 26, 1916
<u>TATTERSHALL</u>		
Judd S. Tattershall	1895	1969
<u>TAYLOR</u>		
Trie Taylor	1905	1959
<u>TETTEMER</u>		
Martha Tettermer	1837	1910
S. Tettermer	1840	no date
<u>TEVEBAUGH</u>		
Napoleon Tevebaugh	Aug. 28, 1865	Feb. 18, 1884
<u>THOMAS</u>		
Bette D. Thomas	1885	1931
<u>THORNE</u>		
Ella B. Thorne	1869	1944
<u>THORNTON</u>		
Ira L. Thornton (Mo. Pvt 10 Sanitary JNIO Div. WW I)	June 12, 1888	Jan. 9, 1951
<u>TILLEY</u>		
James B. Tilley	1889	1956
<u>TIPTON</u>		
Coral Tipton	Sept. 30, 1898	
Eva Arnett Tipton	1888	1960
Henry O. Tipton	Feb. 23, 1898	Dec. 12, 1952
Dr. J. F. Tipton	1865	1937
Jean Baker Tipton	1873	1935
Dr. W. C. Tipton	1882	1937
<u>TORN</u>		
Bertha Torn	1876	1957
Elsie Torn	1916	
Fred Torn	1882	1943
<u>TRAMMELL</u>		
Mattie F. Trammell	1896	1958
W. Marvin Trammell	1894	

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TRACEY

Leslie Tracey	Dec. 20, 1890	Apr. 28, 1934
Betty F. Tracey	1869	1941
J. F. Tracey	1860	1939

TRAVIS

Dilpha Lucille Travis	1894	1932
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TREMBLAY

Alexander Tremblay	no date	July 1965
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TRUSCHEL

F. H. Truschel	1893	1955
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TRUMAN

A. J. Truman	1832	1909
Calhoun Andrew Truman	13 yrs., 1 mo. 4 days	Jan. 12, 1883
Glenore Truman	Aug. ,891	Oct. 1892
Mary G. Truman	1832	1891
Samantha Truman	73 yrs.	July 5, 1885

UNDERHILL

Mary Lillian Underhill	Dec. 24, 1896	Jan. 7, 1966
Robert Cloyste Underhill	Mar. 3, 1890	

VALENTINE

James M. Valentine	1863	1946
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VAN SCHARK

Henry Van Scharck	Mar. 3, 1876	June 21, 1961
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VICKERY

Thurman J. Vickery (Ark. SOK2 USNR WW II)	June 27, 1920	June 30, 1959
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VOTAW

Doris E. Votaw	1882	1942
Tom E. Votaw	1882	1960

WALKER

G. W. Walker	Nov. 4, 1846	June 11, 1919
Moriam T. Walker	Oct. 4, 1843	Feb. 17, 1913
Sarah H. Walker	Nov. 3, 1856	Feb. 14, 1917

WALLS

Cecile Walls	1896	
Earl A. Walls	1892	1964

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Twenty-six in 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.

WALTON

Linna May Walton	Feb. 13, 1871	Sept. 26, 1881
Ira Walton	April 1880	Sept. 19, 1881

WARBIS

Frederick C. Warbis (Iowa Sgt. Med. Dept. WW I)	Apr. 15, 1887	Sept. 4, 1957
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WARD

Jed Ward	1910	1910
Judah Ward	Jan. 29, 1867	Apr. 14, 1928

WAYLAND

Dixie Wayland	1882	1927
James H. Watland	1870	1947

WEAVER

John B. Weaver	1852	1931
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WEBB

Rita Lawan Walton	1944	1944
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WELLS

Chas. H. Wells	1883	1960
Lewis G. Wells	1887	1954

WEST

Mary C. West	June 23, 1884	Mar. 24, 1926
Mary Elizabeth West	1924	1944

WESTMORELAND

Hiram H. Westmoreland	July 16, 1848	Mar. 1, 1903
Infant son		1902

WHITE

Clarence G. White (Pvt. 1592171 Co. A 28th Inf. 1st Div.)	Feb. 2, 1893	July 25, 1918
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WHITEHEAD

George W. Whitehead	Aug. 3, 1878	June 24, 1944
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WHITMAN

Ray R. Whitman	June 1, 1892	Apr. 21, 1944
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WHITMORE

Samuel H. Whitmore	1882	1954
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WILKES

Ray Wilkes (Pvt. Co. L 359th
Inf. 90 Div. WW I) June 15, 1888 Apr. 25, 1964

WILKS

Sam Wilks 1855 1923

WILKINS

Allen Wilkins Oct. 8, 1875 Jan. 3, 1953
Florence Wilkins Jan. 4, 1875

WILLETT

Laurence Willett Apr. 12, 1888 Nov. 23, 1958

WILLIAMS

Emily Williams Feb. 6, 1860 Dec. 26, 1945
Jesse O. Williams 1893
Nellie N. Williams 1899 1963
Samuel R. Williams Sept. 12, 1885 Dec. 19, 1934

WILMOUTH

S. Franklin Wilmouth 1860 1931

WILSON

Lucile Fern Wilson 1915 1951
Mary J. Wilson July 21, 1866 Mar. 30, 1932
Paul Howard Wilson Sep. 12, 1885 July 15, 1886

WINTER

C. C. Winter 1856 1932

WOLF

Alexander A. Wolf Jan. 1861 June 1947
Cynthia Wolf no date no date
Cynthia Wolf 75 yrs Aug. 28, 1881
Dannie B. Wolf 1865 1944
Frank "Bitsy" Wolf (Ark. Cpl.
38 TBP, Carr S.O. AAF WW I) Apr. 1965
Hden Elizabeth Wolf 1916 1919
John P. Wolf 1853 1927
Lorena J. Wolf June 1867 Oct. 1958
Nancy J. Wolf 1836 1916
Robert H. Wolf 1851 1924

WOOD

Annie Dyer Wood 1911 1935

WOODRUFF

Allen S. Woodruff Oct. 18, 1852 Dec. 5, 1904

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YOUNG

Eli Young

75 yrs, 5 mos, 12 days Jan. 4, 1968

ZELK

Joseph J. Zelk

Apr. 23, 1873 Nov. 26, 1951

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KIRBY'S TUCKER MEMORIAL CEMETERY

A part of this cemetery reflects area history. A perusal of the oldest monuments and grave markers reveals birth and death dates in the 1800s; many names are familiar indicating ancestors of area citizens.

But a few names appear to be of Indian origin, according to Bill Morgan, who is one of two former Tucker Cemetery trustees still living. The cemetery is named for a farmer who donated the land which was used and mainrained by area citizens, primarily in the Colfax community. Morgan said, "The origin of the Indians who may be buried there is not known but the Cherokee Trail of Tears is located in the vicinity.

The oldest part of the $3\frac{1}{2}$ acre cemetery had many graves marked only by rocks which have long since been removed. No records exist for these burials, Morgan said, but when the trustees assumed the responsibility of maintenance and record-keeping details records were kept.

"We never sold lots," Morgan said, "we kept it up with donations and voluntary labor; we just about broke even every year."

Morgan, who still resides near the Tucker Cemetery, said maintenance was paid by voluntary donations but increased labor and other costs caused the trustees to negotiate an agreement with Elton and Shirley Kirby to assume maintenance of the cemetery.

Morgan said one of the stipulations to which Elton and Shirley Kirby agreed in their assumption of the cemetery was inclusion of the cemetery's name in any name given the cemetery at a future date - hence, Kirby's Tucker Memorial Cemetery.

According to Mr. Kirby, other agreements were maintenance, upkeep, and record-keeping. Kirby purchased an additional 17 acres, bringing the cemetery's total area to about 20 acres. Kirby said early purchasers of property in the cemetery were also promised 100 percent return of profits for cemetery improvements.

Morgan and fellow trustees Melvin Haney expressed much satisfaction with Kirby and Family Directors' maintenance and improvements since assuming responsibility of Tucker Cemetery. Both were pleased with Tucker Cemetery's inclusion in Kirby's Tucker Memorial Cemetery as it is the only part of the cemetery with upright grave monuments and markers.

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