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

Photo courtesy of Ray Grass

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Contributions of material for the "History" should be sent to the Editor. These contributions are really needed.

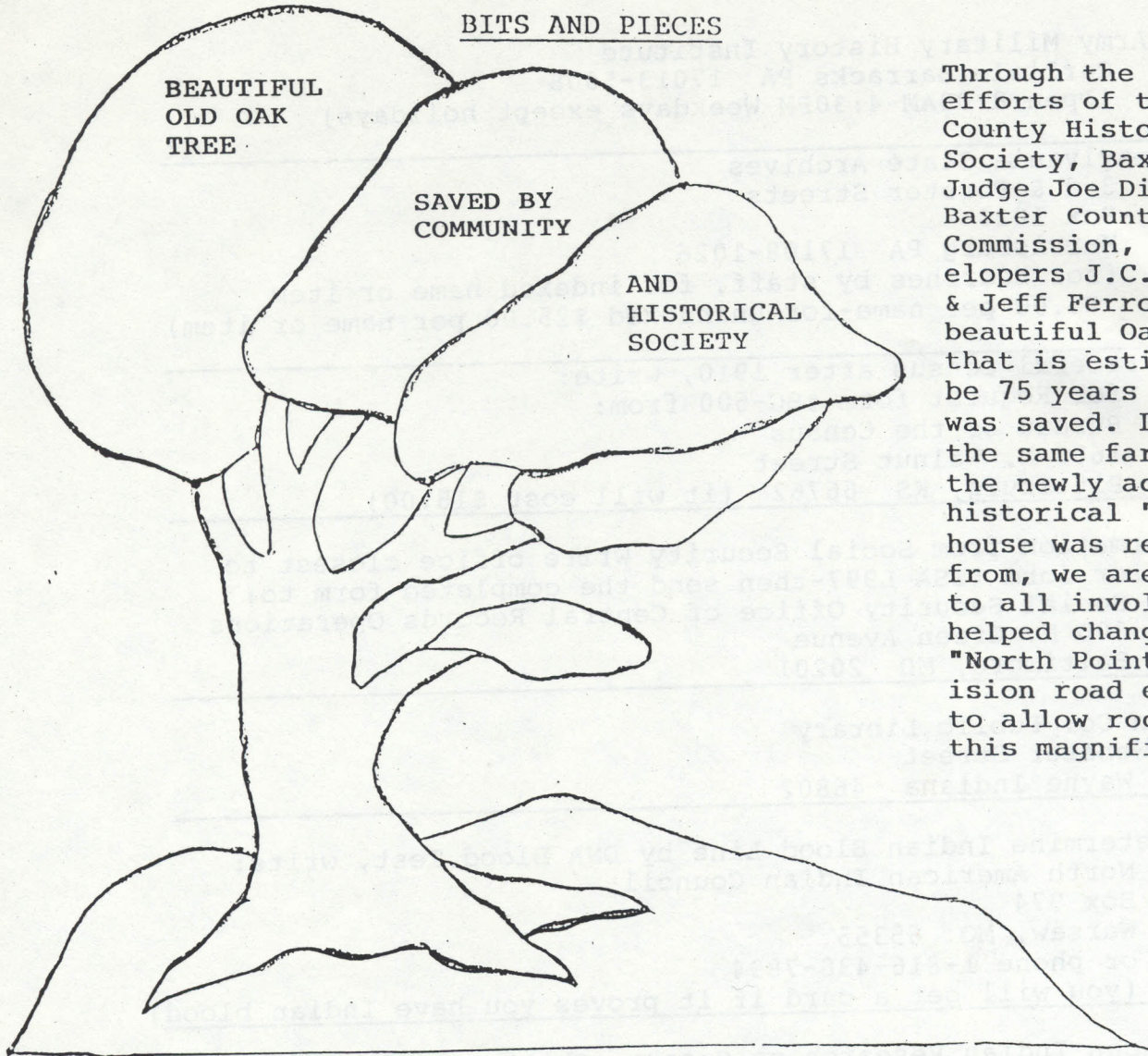
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## BAXTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY 1990 MEETINGS TO DATE

- January 2, 1990 Charlotte Cherry of the "Cherry Tree Book Store" gave a book report that covered the topic of where some of the "post civil war confederates" settled. She also spoke of the days when as an 11 year old child her father, Francis Cherry was Governor of Arkansas.
- February 6, 1990 Dr. Bill Lindsay of the Norfolk Trout Hatchery gave an interesting program complete with several artifacts that related to fishing in the past & present.
- March 6, 1990 The "Young American Dancers" from the Day Service Center preformed various dance routines. Fran Barry did a special clog dance along with her husband for us.
- April 3, 1990 Dawn Ratzel of the Baxter Bulletin gave a speech on Ozark Mountain Village 1890 and the various old buildings located there. Dorothy Messick sent a zerox copy of an old 1884 Land Grant that was signed by President Chester Arthur.
- May 2, 1990 No meeting held due to election day. Many of our members were volunteers at the polls.
- June 5, 1990 Paula Vines brought several antique quilts as well as modern quilts for us to see, and she gave an informative talk on the history and techniques of quilting.
- July 3, 1990 Society attended a showing of the movie "Fabulous Dorsey Brothers" at old-time cinema.
- August 7, 1990 Society members enjoyed a reception and open house hosted by Charles & Kathy Blackburn at the Mountain Home Baptist College Girl's Dorm at 4th and College St. Lots of college memorabilia was on display.



BITS AND PIECES

Through the combined efforts of the Baxter County Historical Society, Baxter County Judge Joe Dillard, Baxter County Planning Commission, and developers J.C. Anderson & Jeff Ferro, a big beautiful Oak Tree that is estimated to be 75 years or older was saved. Located on the same farm where the newly acquired historical "shot gun" house was relocated from, we are grateful to all involved that helped changed the new "North Pointe" subdivision road entrance way to allow room to keep this magnificent tree.

YOU ARE INVITED!

The annual Mountain Home Baptist College Alumni Reunion will be held October 12th and 13th. Many of our Historical Society members are alumni of the college. Activities begin with a reception tea hosted at 6 pm by Charles and Kathy Blackburn at the old Girls Dormitory of the college located at 4th and College Streets. Plenty of college memorabilia will be on display for all to enjoy. The Blackburn's extend an open invitation to anyone interested in coming, stating that non-alumni are welcome to attend as well. October 13th activities will be held at the Ramada Inn Convention Center. Registration begins 9 am followed by a business meeting. Luncheon is at 12:30 pm followed by a social visit. College memorabilia and old photographs will be on display at the Ramada Inn get together as well.

TREASURER'S REPORT

We are happy to report that we have a current balance of \$2,933.90.



BITS AND PIECES

US Army Military History Institute  
 Carlisle Barracks PA 17013-5008  
 (Open 8:00AM-4:30PM Weekdays except holidays)

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Pennsylvania State Archives  
 3rd & Forster Streets  
 Box 1026  
 Harrisburg PA 17108-1026  
 (for searches by staff, for indexed name or item  
 \$5.00 per name-for unindexed \$25.00 per name or item)

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For Federal Census after 1910, write:  
 for Request form #BC-600 from:  
 Bureau of the Census  
 1600 N. Walnut Street  
 Pittsburg, KS 66762 (it will cost \$15.00)

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Information from Social Security write office closest to  
 you for form #SSA L997-then send the completed form to:  
 Social Security Office of Central Records Operations  
 300 N. Green Avenue  
 Baltimore, MD 20201

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Allen Co. Public Library  
 900 Webster Street  
 Fort Wayne Indiana 46802

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To Determine Indian Blood Line by DNA Blood Test, write:  
 North American Indian Council  
 Box 974  
 Warsaw, MO 65355  
 or phone 1-816-438-7894  
 (you will get a card if it proves you have Indian blood)

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American Indian Research on Creeks, Choctaws, Cherokee,  
 Chickasaws and Seminoles, write:  
 The Five Civilized Tribes  
 Agency Hill Drive  
 Muskogee, OK 74401  
 (A museum collection available for research with free  
 consultations. \$1.00 fee adults \$.25 for students  
 to enter museum - includes use of library)

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"Cook Books"

The Library of Congress actually "cooks" any books they  
 suspect of containing silverfish, lice, or cockroaches.  
 Using dangerous and costly chemicals to keep their collec-  
 tions from insects was impractical: so instead, they  
 place a book in a microwave oven and "cook" it for 60  
 seconds on "warm" or "low" setting. The heat kills the  
 insects and any eggs. If you pick up a suspect book at a  
 flea market or from an old attic or basement, you may wish  
 to use this method to be sure the book is free of insects  
 before placing it on your bookshelf.

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\*Baxter County Historical Society member, Marge Garr,  
 thought some of you might be interested in the above.



## REMEMBERING EARLY SCHOOL TEACHING DAYS

By Mae Woodcock Hamlet  
as told to Mary Lee Nelson

I was born March 20, 1895 at Rodney, Arkansas. My parents were Luther and Betty (Yearry) Woodcock. I was one of the twelve children born to them. My father was a strict believer in education. We children were taught to respect education and to get as much as we could. Getting an education in those days was not as easy as it is now. I went one year at luka, then through the eight grade at Halls Chapel. Then went to high school at Viola, took some classes at Mountain Home and then took correspondence courses. I was nineteen years old when I first taught school. That was at Tracy in Baxter County.

I remember well teaching at Norfolk. I taught the younger group. It was called the "little room". Mr. Lawrence taught the "big room". It was in the first, I think, school building at Norfolk. The first year I taught there was in 1919-20, and I was paid \$50.00 a month. My daughter, Sybil, was not very old then. Willie Baker took care of her while I taught. We lived in one end of the Wolfe house. The Lawrences lived in the other end. Floyd Staggs and Johnny Berry roomed upstairs over the Lawrences and ate with them.

One time there was a real big snow. It was so deep that some of the parents didn't want their children to have to walk home for lunch. They asked if I thought I could fix something at the building for the children to eat. I agreed and brought some potatoes, onions and canned tomatoes. Bernice Warren and Pearl Hogan brought a big stewer, a soup bone, spoons, bowls and crackers. I think they brought some other vegetables too. The Hager girls and Ella Tucker helped me get things ready. The school room had two stoves in it. We cooked the soup on one of them and heated a pan of water to wash the bowls and spoons on the other one. The bigger boys carried in wood and kept the fire going. In those days, every school room had a bucket of water and a dipper for drinking, and a wash pan for handwashing. I always thought I could have told Mr. Tarpley that I had the first hot lunches at Norfolk!

When Mr. Tarpley was superintendent at Norfolk, he started a school and public library. He asked me if I would like to take care of it. I had always loved books, so I did enjoy helping out there. We got a few new books and mended those we had. This was when the Norfolk dam was being built and people appreciated those books.

Later on, I was asked to work in the school lunch room. I worked there until I retired in 1957. During World War II, Norfolk school had a vegetable garden. Some of the other ladies who worked in the lunch room and I canned many of the vegetables. Some men who worked for the school planted and tended the garden. Those vegetables really helped to keep the cost of the lunches low.

(Mae Hamlet is now 94 years old. She lives in Mountain Home. Her sight is not good, but her mind is very clear.) MLN



This photo is dated February 7, 1922. It is the old Norfolk School building that Mae Hamlet attended, that no longer stands.

Front row: Child #6 is Johnnie Brown, #10 Geneva Barton, #12 Lina Small, #13 Lucille Barton, #17 ? Matthews, #21 Virgil Fountain.

Back row: Mae Woodcock, teacher, Elizabeth Woodcock, Un-identified, Garvor Pryor, Hervey Raymond, Chris Simpson, Susie Bowman, Opal Brown, Ruby Wolf, Myrtle Torrence, Mr. Lawrence, teacher, Ruth Arnold, Ethel Cunningham.

Others in the photo: Zada Spencer, Nova Hicks, Delphia Davenport, Lois Rogers, Coy Sheid, Pearl Miser, Gladys Brown, Octavia Raymond, Telma Arnold, Rudolph Conley, Pauline Rogers, Virgie Gillihan, Zion Small, ? Arnold, Lela Watley, Floyd Staggs, Ray Staggs, Ray Clark, Ezzie Hager, Hubert Watley, Ellie Tucker, Ellen Simpson, Chessie Hager. Several of the children are not identified.





A BRIEF DISCUSSION ON THE TRAIL OF TEARS

By: Dorothy Messick

We need to go back in history a bit and review the beginnings of our State. Also we need to mention that during Thomas Jefferson's administration - an important event took place - actually the most important event during his term of office i.e. the Louisiana Purchase negotiated between 1803-04. At a cost of \$15 million dollars we received from France eight hundred twenty-seven thousand nine hundred eighty-seven (827,987) acres. All of and part of 15 states were formed and Arkansas was one of them. By 1819 Arkansas was an organized territory, before it became a state in 1836.

Now in our day and time it is almost impossible for us to conceive of what a large population of Indians there were living east of the Mississippi River.

They were industrious and prosperous. They intermarried with the whites. They were quick learners. They farmed their property, raised cattle, built two story houses and sent their children to Mission Schools.

As more and more whites resented the prosperity of the Indian people as a whole, sentiment turned against them.

Under President James Monroe the Indian Removal turned gradually from a scheme to a policy. Monroe considered it too absurd to herd the Indians into a corner of the West.

A statement by an Indian Chief was, "Father, you must not think by removing we should return to the savage life, you have learned us to be herdsmen and cultivators, and to spin and weave. Our women will raise the cotton and the Indigo and spin and weave cloth to clothe our children."

Andrew Jackson made the Indian Removal a campaign issue. In 1829, when "the Devil became President of the United States" as the Choctaws of Mississippi phrased it, the Indian Removal Bill went from the realm of possibility into a near certainty. (Passed in 1830)

Negotiations for the Cherokee removal started around 1819 and the discovery of gold in North Georgia in 1828 struck the final blow.

Most of the Indians were removed peacefully but there were exceptions, of course. Little can we realize the anguish, the humiliation - the starvation, the Cholera, the Small Pox that accompanied these Indians on their trek West.

The "Trail of Tears" actually began at the home of Major Ridge at Rome, Georgia. There were many meetings which involved the Five Civilized Tribes -



namely: Cherokee, Choctaw, Chickasaw, Creek and Seminoles.

In 1770 an Indian baby was born in Polk County Tennessee and christened "Gah-na-tah-tle-gi" which means "walking the mountain tops" which literally became true. When he was a child the family moved to North Georgia where the whites translated his tongue-tangling name as Ridge. He was a leader of his people, served as a speaker of the Council of the Chrokee Nation, a distinguished soldier in the War of 1812. General Andrew Jackson appointed him to the rank of major. He was called Major Ridge from then on.

In 1792 Ridge married Susanne Wicket, the Cherokee "Princess Sehoia." Two years later he built the two story house beside the Oostanaula River. (The hand hewn logs can be seen to this day in the basement.)

It was, in fact, at the Ridge home in Rome that the final treaty for the Cherokee Removal was negotiated.

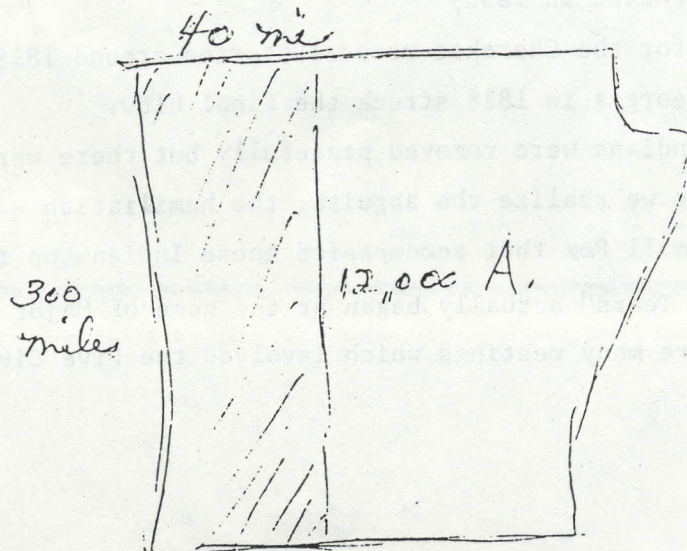
To mention one of the exceptions to the removal was Black Hawk, Chief of the Sauk or Sac Indians in Illinois. The struggle was called the Black Hawk War. It is said that both Jefferson Davis and Abraham Lincoln took part in this war.

Black Hawk died on a reservation near Des Moines, Iowa. A 50 foot statue of Black Hawk now stands beside the Rock River near Oregon, Illinois.

Another who took exception to the removal was a fiery, young warrior, the Seminole Indian leader, Ocoola. During the time the area of Florida was under Spanish rule, the Indians and the runaway slaves had lived peacefully together. The word Seminole meaning "wanderer and runaways." The Seminole Indians united with the negroe "maroons" or exiles and fought the First Seminole War - 1817-18.

This war was fought in rebellion of removal to the Western Reservation in Arkansas.

This reservation consisted of 12,000 square miles - 40 miles wide and 300 miles long.





Now to pause and get a bit personal. My husband's grate grand Uncle, Elihu Messick, brother to the John W. Messick, a Baxter County pioneer, who settled West of town and the reason so many named Messick live in this county.

Elihu was enrolled on June 25, 1836, mustered in on July 8, 1836, mustered out on July 1837. In the papers it mentions both the Cherokee War and the Florida War (Seminole).

Oceola was tricked into discussing peace under a flag of truce and was betrayed by General Thomas Jesup. He was seized and imprisoned. He died January 30, 1838 at Fort Moultrie, far from his Florida homeland. The services were attended by his two wives and two children and by more than 200 other Indians. A military escort fired a salute over the grave. He is probably the only Indian partisan of the Seminole War whose remains lie in a known and identifiable grave.

Ben Dearmore stated that the Indians who were led through Baxter County were chained together two by two and the soldiers went ahead of them making a road. Also that some Cherokees settled West of town. This was corroborated by Stella Coffee.

Footnotes: The plaque in the Baxter County Court House bears the following:

During the 1830's the Cherokee Indians were moved by the government from their homes in Tennessee and Arkansas, into Oklahoma. They traveled over trails, later called Military Roads, built just ahead of them by soldiers. One road, known as "The Trail of Tears" because of the Indians' sorrow over leaving their homes, crossed Norfolk River near the present dam. The trail then crossed Highway 5 about 5 miles Southeast of Mountain Home, and followed the old Military Road, still in use south of town. Then turned Northwest crossing Highway 62 four miles Southwest of town. It followed that direction to Mooney's Ferry over the White River, continuing on through Summit and toward Oklahoma.

In the August 16, 1964 issue of the Grit News Section it states that the United States was to pay millions (\$32,000,000) for land now part of the state of Florida. The Rev. Billy Osceola, of Miami, the Baptist minister who is chairman of the Seminole Tribal Council stated "It may be quite a while before we get our money, because of the red tape still involved."



## HANCHETT-ARMSTRONG LETTERS

By

James L. Lowe

## Introduction

In going through the records and artifacts at the Casey House to record them Elizabeth Smith and Sherry Warford found some correspondence dating back to the 1850's, 1860's, and 1870's. A newspaper, Western Times from Viroqua and Desoto, Badax Co., Wisconsin, dated Oct. 7, 1857, along with a few other records were included.

There are seven envelopes separated from the letters. Six of these are addressed to Simeon Hanchett--four at Viroqua, Wisconsin, one at Beloyt, Wisconsin, and one at Durand, Illinois. There is no return address or name.

One envelope is from Bridgeton, N. J., and addressed to James H. Hanchett, 36 S. Canal St., Chicago, Illinois.

## Armstrong Letters

Six letters are from James T. Armstrong with the salutation only "Simeon," and dated in 1856, 1859, 1860, and 1861. These letters apparently go with the envelopes addressed to Simeon Hanchett in Wisconsin and Illinois.

In order to make reading of the letters more understandable, I shall try to point out some of the possible relationships of the persons involved. It is difficult to do this since we have no knowledge concerning them except what is contained in the letters.

We ask that if any persons have information about the letters please communicate with us.

The earliest letter, dated April 17, 1856, from Armstrong to Simeon stated that he was happy that James arrived Home. This could indicate that James is the son of Simeon since later letters show that Simeon has a son named James. However, Armstrong mentions that he went to B (inghamton) and that James folks were all well. Apparently, there were two Jameses.



Although the relationship between Armstrong and Simeon Hanchett is not definitely stated, Armstrong appears to be the father-in-law of Simeon. In later letters in 1859 and 1860 James is again living with Armstrong, who always mentions something about James. One reference appears to indicate that he is the grandfather of James. "James thinks that he knows more than his grandfather." He referred to Simeon taking on another partner, a wife. "Thanks to you for your kind patient care of Mariah through her long sickness." "James is glad that he has a mother again." Mariah was perhaps Armstrong's daughter.

Albert, who is mentioned frequently, appears to be a son of Armstrong.

#### James H. Hanchett

There is one item signed by James H. Hanchett as Secretary, S. C. This is a printed announcement that the regular meeting of the Social Circle will be held at the residence of Deacon Hanchett, 295 Walnut Street, Chicago, 1871.

#### Simeon Hanchett Letters

There are three letters signed "S. Hanchett" to his son, James. Presumably these were written by Simeon Hanchett. The first letter written from Chicago on Oct. 20, 1867, complained that his son had not written to him and that he was going to visit James. Simeon asked if James had written "Uncle Albert?" This letter shows Simeon's religious interest. Perhaps, the announcement listed above indicates that Simeon was a deacon.

The second letter was written from Bridgeton, N. J., on Dec. 19, 1872. Simeon stated that he got seven subscriptions today and discussed other business. A shipment of wine was mentioned.

The third letter was written from Vineland on January 8, 1873. He mentioned mother being ill and Grandma Powers died Thursday. He stated he began the canvass for the Livingston book published by Hubbard Bro. of Philadelphia.



### Occupations

The letters reveal a little about occupations of the persons mentioned. Armstrong in his earliest letter stated that he was running a "tole" bridge. Later he told about selling books and being away from home.

Simeon Hanchett states that he is selling books or taking subscriptions. Perhaps, he was following this work earlier since Armstrong advised him apparently in answer to a question that selling was not good in his area because of poor economic conditions.

Albert worked in a machine shop to earn money to continue in school. Later he began to teach school. Hallock was doing well in preaching. He increased members in his church from eight to between fifty and sixty. He received donations of ninety-nine dollars with thirty dollars in cash. It was the custom at that time for people to give the minister not only cash but also vegetables, eggs, chickens, etc.

### Other Records

Included in the papers is a letter to S. Hunchett, Chicago, Illinois, dated April 20, 1869, from Dow Fowler Manufacturers of the Yankee Mower, Fowlerville, N. Y. There was a misunderstanding about a statement of the account.

Simeon Hanchett was probably in Wisconsin at the time the Western Times was printed on Oct. 7, 1857, but I could not find any reference to Hanchett in the paper. Written on the margin of the newspaper was the name, Hanchett, with initials which I could not decipher.

A letter from Plano, Illinois, dated June 30, 1878, appears to be unrelated to the other letters except there is the statement "Jim you must excuse this letter." It could have been written to James H. Hanchett. It shows that baseball was being played, and there were players from Little Rock.

An old photograph of a man is with the records, but there is no notation to identify the person. If some one recognizes this man, please let us know.

### Summary

The letters were not written by nationally known persons. The great issues facing the United States were not discussed. The letters did reveal some of the everyday activities and concerns of people at that time. The men wrote about family members; they discussed health and the things relatives were doing. History in a democracy is about the lives of people not just about great men.



Birmingham April 19/57  
 Dear Sir

We received your letter to-day and there was quite a look of lamely when from us to learn that James had agreed to take a great number of tickets for a boy of his age to go so far a horse I was almost sorry that I had sent him after that he was gone and if we was not a going to move to do what if we sent him alone there would be more charges to make I would not of sent him when he left I paid his passage to Lacton's Eleven shillars and twenty five cents and put the tickets in a envelope and sent on it to the conductors to direct him through and to see to the charge of his things I want three tickets

When he was and where he was to go and put me in his pocket with and give three shillars and one shillings in the inside of his hand and show him out to the night and the night there was a ready for it and not to let any one know that he had any money what gave him 45 cents in charges I am glad that he got home so well. We started for 13 last night morning ~~morning~~ and arrived here at five that after noon James got all well and have been with them since ever goods came this morning to morning we shall move in a house this by where we lived that has been built since we left and shall have a hole bridge that has been built and the chimney this by the sea mill for the present my health is good your Mother has



gave out over eleven and is not  
 labeled to do much and will take  
 some time to recreate as well as  
 she was before - the place looks  
 much as did when we left there  
 has been some new buildings put  
 up and some burnt - my agree-  
 -ence looks much as they did  
 when we left - especially Evey branch  
 = on - Wright - soon let us know  
 how James appears to you now whether  
 he has grown any or improved any  
 and how you get along  
 James Strong

J. H.

Chicago, June 18th, 1871.

The regular business meeting of the  
Social Circle will be held at the Resid. of  
DEACON HANCHETT, 295 WALNUT STREET.

on Tuesday next, at 7:45 P. M.

Business of special interest will come  
before the Circle. A full attendance of  
members and friends is very respectfully  
urged.

Yours,

JAMES H. HANCHETT,  
Secretary S. C.







Always they much there is only one thing that I  
 do like that has been so much from hence is what  
 could be so from it with the better but I do not know  
 of any of my kinsmen that I could get that I should like  
 as well we can make a good thing but not say it  
 much so far I have gone great satisfaction in the house  
 and have a very pleasant trade to travel in I have  
 three counties Linn, Jackson, Monroe & Ray, and so far  
 it I have plenty of business - We shall like to see you  
 they much you must come as soon as you find your  
 self in a condition to come, if you have your things  
 set us know as soon as you can

J. M. Armstrong



Chambers's March the 11<sup>th</sup> 1860

Dear Mother

We received your letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> this  
 morning was very glad to hear from you again  
 we wonder what cold he the reason why you not  
 write as it has been long then we have had to  
 wait for some time with such hearing from you  
 Your Mothers health is some better than it was when  
 I last wrote the poor part of the winter she has  
 the influenza which left her with a bad cough  
 and <sup>very</sup> little of feeling at the lungs enough  
 one week a great which left her very weak and  
 we was much alarmed for her but for the last  
 month she has not had any more spots of bleeding  
 she has slowly improved in strength and we can in  
 hopes she will be better she as all she do her work  
 except washing which I do with the help of her help  
 we have not had the like any hills as yet My health  
 is very good better than it was when I was in  
 Kinghampton miners is very better and has been  
 since he has been here with the exception of the winter  
 =ing cough last fall which was not very of it he  
 goes to school regular and learns very well for the  
 advance of a winter school our school is very quiet this  
 winter and there is not as good a chance to him as  
 there is in the summer, he goes quite last his case  
 that he health has is true small for him now he  
 is very playful and is quite company for his grand  
 mother when I am gone from home, I have been although  
 here the last ten days or getting up my legs were  
 and feeling some I expected to of went to Wagoning  
 on the 11<sup>th</sup> of the month but I have been absent for a  
 more often which cement on Sunday night and we  
 had a deep snow which makes the going very bad it  
 will be a day or two before I can go



Alberts School is out the 20<sup>th</sup> of this month he expects  
 to come home then what he will do then I dont know  
 he would like to teach school next summer if he could get  
 one to sute him I do not know as he could get in the  
 shop here to work if he wanted to, Thallocks & Jim  
 folks was all well when we heard last from then  
 I cannot give you much encouragement as to any business  
 you could get in in this place all kinds of business  
 is very dull on account of the crops being cut off by  
 the frost and there is not much enterprise in any  
 thing at present, as to the book business it is overdone  
 there is letters and oxions to sell books in every village  
 in this country if I did not have a case of books that  
 is not sold by oxion I could not sell many my being  
 acquainted all three my field is a grate help to my  
 selling we expect to stay in the house we now  
 live in another year we pay \$520 per year rent that is  
 quit high for us we could get cheaper rents but we  
 hate to move we have a good and convenient house  
 you must take good care of your health had you  
 not better try to get in some safe business that  
 would not injer your health if you did not write us  
 much, write to us often let us know where to direct  
 our letters and we will write often to you -  
 we have had quite a mild winter we have much  
 more snow on the ground now than we have had  
 all winter but wont last long as it coming quit  
 warm, come and see us as quick as you can we  
 should be very happy to see you, I should like  
 to come out in your contry to see it but my means  
 wont admit so I must be content, I should  
 like to visit Binghamton but I do not know as  
 I ever shall

J D Armstrong

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Chicago Oct. 20. 1867

Dear James I have waited a

a long time for you to answer my last letter & it seems a long time since I have heard from you.

The Buttes came all night & in a few days a bit of it joins Mr. Butten but not a word from or about you.

Does my son think his doctor dont want to hear from him?

Or that he is not anxious to know how he is getting along?

When I wrote last I was under the impression that your time was out sooner than it is, as I remember upon the



fiction, what was said about it when this.

Think I shall go to see you during the month of November & would like to know when you would rather we would come. I say we - for Emmett has had this promise that he may go with me.

If I write & let you know this day, & we start on the 4 P.M. train could you meet us at the Depot with a team so we could ride out to your place?

Emmett is healthy & grows fine by - Is as full of fun & roysish as ever, went to Sabbath School this morning with Imogene & was in our seat with her when Lottie & I got there. How do you like your new Minister? I mit Bro! Goodspeed on the street Friday & he enquired

about you & wishes me to remember him to you when I wrote to you.

Have you found any place yet when you can board this winter that you think a good one?

Now James I want you to write me a good long letter within one week from the receipt of this.

Have you written to Aunt Martha, Aunt Hattie, or Uncle Albert yet? They would all like to hear from you.

Have you been to Mr. Tuttle's lately? Emmett says tell Jimmy we have got two birds, named -

Charlie & Peap, a dog, named Rover & a kind gull ~~named~~ name is Katie. Now he wants to know what you have got to amuse your self with.

Affectionately Yours  
James



Our snow storm last night has turned to rain & is not very bright. <sup>so the prospect for coming week is not very bright.</sup>  
 I hope you will succeed in getting some orders for some of the money laid out for me in that way. Will send more soon as ordered.  
 Let me know what the freight was on those two cases. How it is liked & c.  
 Expect to go to this land this morn'g.  
 Wish you and family a most happy New Year.  
 With love  
 S. H.

Your  
 James

Bradford, Nov. 19, 1879

Your very interesting letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> inst. is just received, and has been read with much interest - especially that part referring to your religious privileges & enjoyment.

A real desire to be a good Wesleyan Christian is a noble desire - & on better than to aspire to gain riches & honor as the world understands that term - for while it is often the means of God's blessing - that leads to the enjoyment of both in this world - it will lead in the whole Spiritual Kingdom to go daily to the Fountain of all Good when we shall find strength & grace to enjoy the true riches that are eternal in nature hereafter. It is a privilege & pleasure daily to remember you & my dear Son - as well as other loved

ones at a distance of some - feel that the separated for from each other one kind heavenly Father - in whose hands we all are - is able to keep us safe - & if it is His will permit us ~~appear~~ in His own good time to meet & enjoy each others society again here - But if not, will I humbly trust bring us all at last to enjoy - with those who have gone before - that Heaven where when all is peace & joy, & love.

I instructed Dr. Hicks to mail the boxes of wine via E. P. St. R. Road & send you a receipt from the Dept at Windsor & understand him to say that it has done so. Do Dr. Cirenlan want to be sent <sup>over to</sup> the case & suppose they were - thought you would get Dr. C. to print our address on them. Do you mean to say that Mr. Govtman charges seven dollars for inserting that advt. in the Standard two weeks. If so that is too much for me. We want it a standing advt. for 6



months or a year, but cannot pay any such price as that.

Please let them soon as you can & learn their best terms to run it 3 months 6 months or one year - That is place it first near the head of new adts. & let it take its course as others come in.

Would like to have it in that Paper but cannot stand \$3.50 per week or for that for a long term.

Am much obliged to you for paying my Life Ins. Was in hopes Leman would have helped some, but my family being at his house so long, find that he feels that he ought to have more money from me instead of paying out for me any that he has had. & then he wants me to raise \$100, to pay back interest - \$50, of it to be paid back by Giles in the spring - before the trade can be closed. What do you think about it. Had I better try & raise \$50, if I can get the other fifty out of the bank, pay the int. & close the trade, or

had we better give it up.

Fifty dollars is all I can think of sending home before spring, if I have the operation performed necessary to close up the orifice in my neck.

& I feel that I ought to make the trial & have decided to do so soon as I finish delivering books in Millville about the 20 of Jan.

Intend now to go to Phila between Christmas & New Years & am in hopes to make arrangements so it will cost but little more than my board will amount to while there. Have got 7 sub. to day, but yesterday was so stormy I did not do anything & I learn by a boarder just come in that it is snowing again now 1/2 past 9 P.M.

Wrote a letter to Mr. Willcuts yesterday that I will take the liberty of enclosing in this, as I do not know his first name or number. Bro. Chandler & I have neither answered my letters yet.

Please ask Br. Bird if he got the one enclosing my resignation. Give my love with much love. — S. Hanchett

I have forwarded from 10 when not then I must as before.



Small & Patten were  
at the office on  
my return from  
India.

Harriet has just  
come over & says  
Mother is not  
much if any  
better. M.

Limbsaid June 21/73

Dear James

Your very interesting letter been  
sent me & I was glad to receive it.

I am from India would have been an  
served before had it not been for seasons

that you will see as you read this.

At Pisa I saw the Signora Prof in the

University of Pavia. When I returned my

next morning I had said in one of those a

pieces of flesh from the side of wife then

gave it to the doctor as he hoped it would

it was of the best thing that could be done

Could not permit certain success on account

of the nature in swelling & coughing.

But if it failed it would have it no more

than it is now, do to do it before the glass

is high but so for the operation & afterwards

it is a matter of time & I remain yours  
as ever  
James

Was in hopes to get ready to leave it  
before the last week in this month. but then  
cannot before the first in Oct.

Young Willis quite sick & said till now  
10 New Years morning down up his stomach  
then had red over to his forehead.

The morning was beautiful, if not well  
enjoyed the walk on the shore by the side  
of the road & across lots. felt like saying

Happy New Year - but on opening the door  
at 10 was found them all sick, on were out  
taking care of the sick - had found  
her back the night before lifting some

the papers to the new factory last year  
ground almost constant case.

Had been was in the kitchen by night  
the work apparently the smartest one  
in the house - she had got the dinner  
but noticed that she was very weak &

it was quietness that kept her up.  
About 7 in the evening she was  
taken with shivering & a pain in her  
side.



Has had a very bad cough & not able to sit up much since. Grandma Jones died Thursday eve ning about 7 o'clock - Was buried Mon day & we believe is now where for months she has longed to be - when pain & sorrow cannot come.

Came over here yesterday morning. Found Willis weaker than when I left but better than he was the day before & this morning thinks he is still gaining. Yesterday P. M. began the canvass for the Livingstone Book published by Hubbard Bro. of Phila. Got 6 sub.

Last evening attended at the Baptist Church the first of a series of revival meetings. The house was well filled & the services interesting & solemn. There you see something how I have been occupied this past week.

I have felt thankful & glad to be here & able to do what I have.

Was very glad to learn that you enjoyed your Christmas dinner so well & that you & that young lady had so good a time at the Festival. Hope you both enjoyed as happy ~~revelation~~. Did Emmitt stay down till after the New Year?

Would like to visit more but have not time now only to say that Dr. Welch has got of our letter & had before recd. in from the Govt. Agent. Then saying that the wire was there, but they could not find the line to which it was marked. He returned the letter at once giving in it your number. Just they have found & delivered you the wire before this.

Please write soon & let me know what the prospect was, how it is liked &c. Your affec. Father

D. Harsholt



DOW &amp; FOWLER,

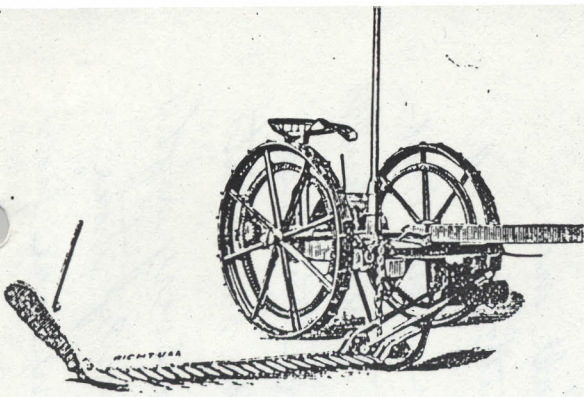
Manufacturers of

The Yankee Mower,

Also, THRESHING MACHINES,

Horse Powers and

Agricultural Implements.



Fowlerville, N. Y., Apr 24. 1867

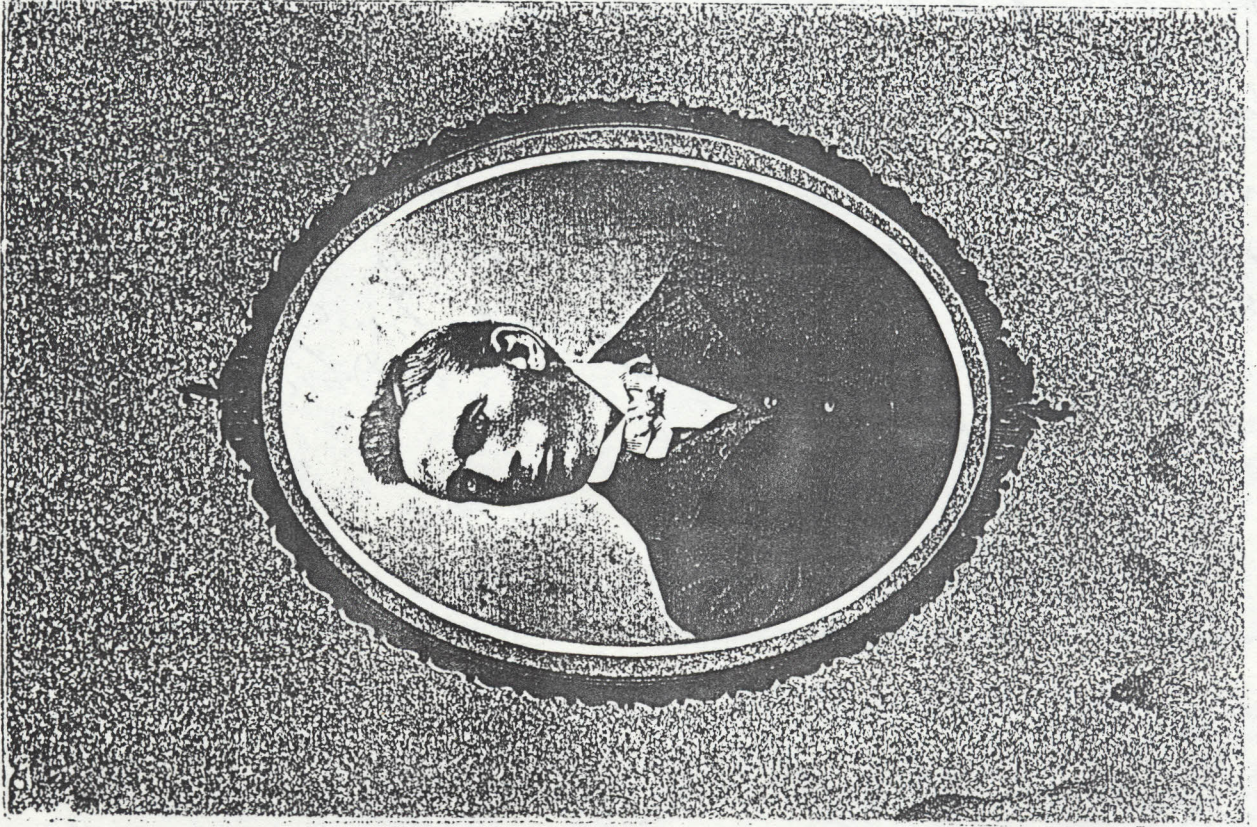
Mrs S. Hanchet  
Chicago Ill.

Dear  
We are in receipt of your favor of the 19th inst and Note Contents. There are some things in the ap you send us we do not understand. Will you please return <sup>to us</sup> the ~~same~~ Statement you have of our ap. we have no copy of the Statement and cannot arrive at the balance you claim our Statement shows. We are very desirous of closing out the ap ~~and~~ if on receipt of the Statement will close it up, so far as we are able to. Please do not neglect this matter; but keep the matter brewing until it is cleaned out.

Yours Truly  
Dow & Fowler



CAN YOU IDENTIFY THIS GENTLEMAN?



Plans All June 30<sup>th</sup> 1878

Dear Brother and Sister

I believe I promised to let you  
know what was to be done for the Youth  
every day to do a point you.

but I am and I thought it best  
to spend our Youth in Plans  
there is a ~~large~~ large picnic  
from Annapolis and last week

there was a committee meeting to  
raise a good Base Ball nine

for. to play on the Youth there is  
188 put up for either side that

come out a head. the town sent  
this money <sup>14</sup> I am ~~in~~ in the nine

I play on the Base. we have suits

we have been playing every night  
last week that is the only time

we have. the other nine are from

Little Rock. this other nine we <sup>played</sup>



be for the first time we got-  
beat and we plade again on our  
own grounds. came out the.

I am you must excuse this <sup>short</sup> letter  
for it is hard work to write now  
I have not written a letter for some  
long that I am all if most out-  
of order. tell Clara I am still  
keeping company with miss Steward  
this morning she came to Sunday  
school. had her new summer suit-  
on and look nice. this morning  
it was very close and this afternoon  
it rained a little but not enough  
to much good. but there is a nice  
breeze all the time. My we are  
driving work now. the school closed  
Friday. Charley and Ada has come  
will we have all been to church  
and now I am all alone the rest-  
have all gone to bed this evening  
Miss Steward brought her mother.

to sweep she is going to stay  
till after the fourth.

Mrs Rudy has got an other sum  
I will try and write a more  
interesting letter then this next  
time I must quit and go to bed  
I will send your letter I had  
for gotten to give it to you  
I hope you will have a good  
time on the fourth.

excuse this bad spelling  
and poor writing. or scribbling

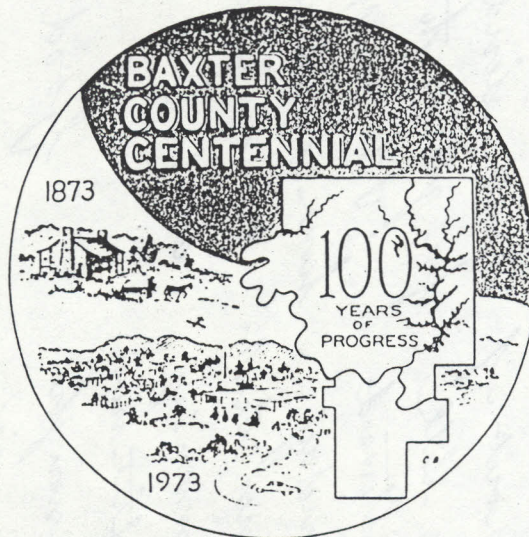
Good By Love to all  
From Abigail L.



# Sale of the Year!

The Baxter County Historical Society has some collector edition Baxter County Centennial dinner plates that we are willing to sacrifice at the unheard of low price of only \$1.00 per plate!

Entertain your company with an attractive and historical dinner table setting. These 10 inch round dinner plates have painted gold edging and in the recessed center the Centennial logo shown below is printed in an emerald green and yellow design. At this low price you can't go wrong!! Contact Dr. James Lowe for your Centennial plates at 425-9774.



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During the September 12th through 15th Baxter County Fair both the Democrats and the Republicans have agreed to display our Centennial dinner plates at their political booths. Each both will offer the plates for sale at \$1.00 each and try to help us sell as many of the plates as we can. We appreciate each party doing this at no charge to the society, and we thank all the volunteers from each both who will be doing the work for us! Please be sure to stop by their booths and express your thanks!



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