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

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BAXTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY 1990 MEETINGS TO DATE

September 4, 1990

Charlie Hammett member of the "Sons of the Confederacy" club gave a fascinating program about the Civil War and the re-enactments of the Civil War in which he and his club members participated.

October 2, 1990

Charles & Wilma Fish provides us with entertainment as they played musical selections on their various instruments. Old fashioned tunes were performed on a dulcimer, french harp, guitar, and ukelen.

November 1, 1990

Margie Garr gave an informative talk on genealogy with the help of her husband Gene.

December 6, 1990

Christmas party program with members bringing an old item to be shown to to society.

*Note: As of November 1st the meeting days have changed to the first Thursday of each month.

Baxter County Historical Society October Meeting

The Baxter County Historical Society held its monthly meeting on October 2, 1990, at 7:45 pm in the Baxter County Day Service Center with about twenty persons present.

Margie Garr introduced the program first in order for the Charles and Wilma Fish to return home to Gainesville as soon as possible.

The Couple from Romance were attired in the turn of the century type clothes and played old instruments which many in the audience had never seen. There was also an exchange of humorous remarks by the performers.

Charles grew up at Wasola and Wilma, who was reared at Romance, related some of the history of that community. The post office has been abandoned at Romance, only one family still lives there. Wilma read in local dialect from her book. One selection was about wearing long "underwire" and the other was about a model-T Ford.

Wilma played a mountain dulcimer accompanied by Charles on a guitar. He stated that he came along to cover up her mistakes. Ha! This selection was Going Down This Road. The next song played on an autoharp was Bells of St. Marys.

A ballad, The Blue Velvet Man, was sung. The dulcimer can be tuned in different keys. They had tuned one in Key of G and one in Key of D before coming. The couple some times play at weddings. They played the Goldenrod Waltz which they had performed at a wedding.

Charles played the French harp or harmonica. He explained any one can play it. All you had to know was the end and where to begin; then put butter on your lips.

Wilma played the lap harp or appalachin harp. It originated in Ireland and brought to America. The song was the Banks of the Ohio. She also performed on the ukelin, which is a combination of the ukelele and violin. A bow is used in playing it. The song was one they had performed

at the wedding for the couple to run out of church. Boil the Cabbage Down. Also played was Skip to My Lou. Wilma also played the nose flute.

A humorous number about a ground hog or whistle hog was performed with Charles at the end taking a made ground hog from a tow or gunny sack and throwing at one the ladies present. The last number was a religious song.

The performance gave information and enjoyment to the group.

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In the business portion of the meeting, Stella Jackson gave the treasurer's report. There is a balance of \$3119.18. Income was a \$189.75 and expenses \$41.47. About \$115 came from the sale of plates and pamphlets at the Democratic and Republican booths at the County Fair.

After discussion to change the meeting night, Olive Knight moved that the meeting night be changed from the first Tuesday night of the month to the first Thursday night of the month. Bob Underhill seconded the motion, and it passed by unanimous voice vote. The purpose for changing the meeting night was to avoid elections.

A nominating committee composed of Garvin Carroll, Bob Underhill, and Jimmy Lowe was appointed.

Garvin Carroll reported that the people in the neighborhood of Burnt School were trying to restore the school and asked for assistance. Nancy White had spoken to Garvin about it. It was decided that the Society does not usually contribute in cases like this but that we encouraged the preservation of such buildings.

Under the direction of Kathy Blackburn, an open house program of the historical buildings along College was held this October in conjunction with the Mountain Home Chamber of Commerce Open House program. Maps of historic College Street and detailed information about the historic homes were given to many interested participants. (See Historic College Street Map.)

On October 19, 1990, the J. C. Anderson Construction Co. building at 188 North College @ 1928, and the law office of Richard Paden at 139 S. College @ 1896, as well as the Blackburn & Co. offices at 321 S. College (M.H.B.C. girls dorm) @ 1893, hosted an Open House between the hours of 10 and 4 pm with refreshments served to the public. Mrs. Blackburn reports that over 125 people toured the girls dorm.

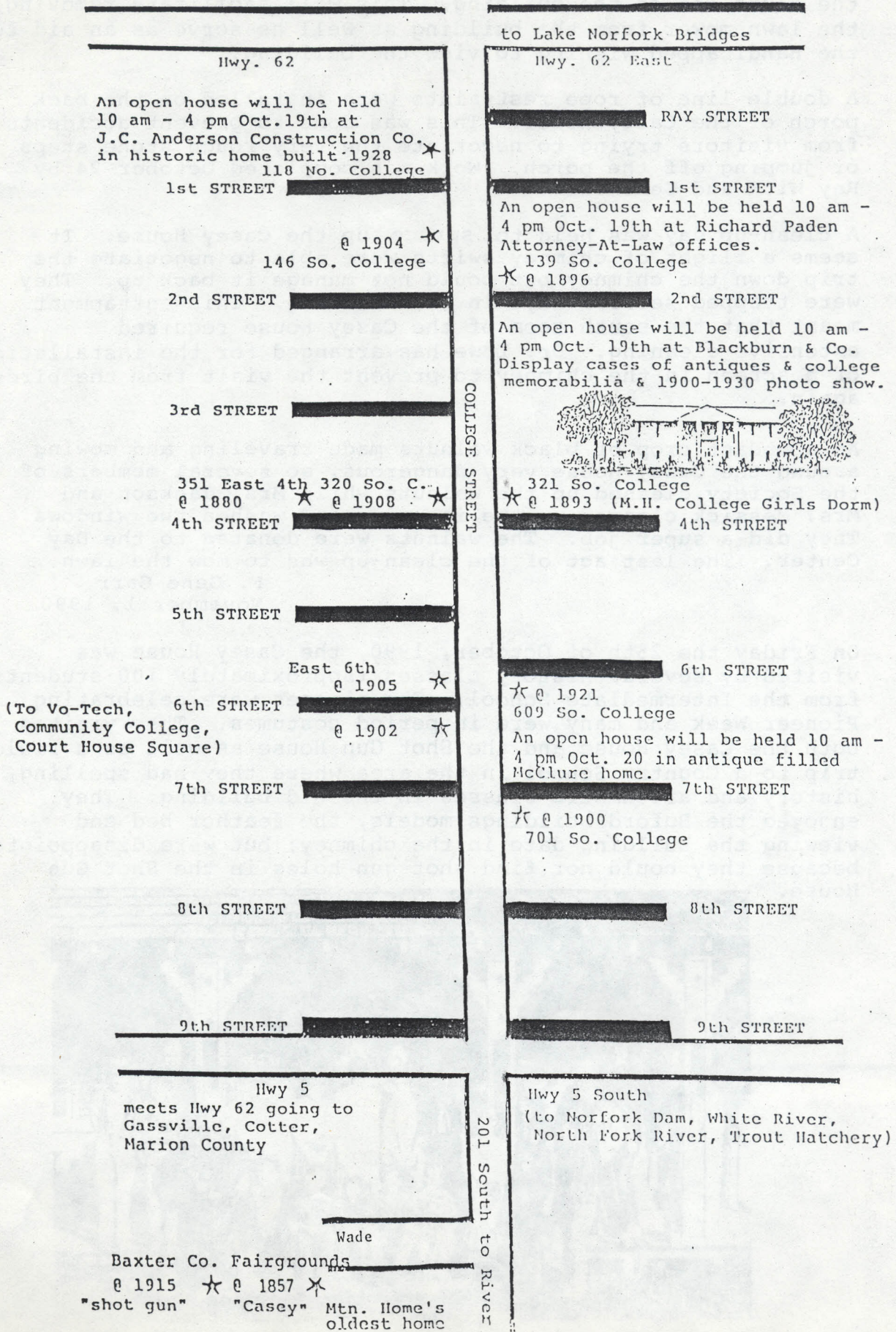
On October 20, the home of Virgie McClure located at 609 South College @ 1921 held an Open House hosted by Jim McClure and Ron Switzer. Knowledge that the home was filled with antiques drew a large crowd of over 125 people between the hours of 10 and 4 pm.

Media coverage of the event was widely publicized in the Baxter Bulletin and North Arkansas View newspapers, KTLO, Country 105 and KKTZ radio stations, and Channel 5 of local cable TV.

A copy of the book with all of the Baxter County Historical Society Register of Historic Homes is available to the public at the Baxter County Library. 38 homes complete with photos and detailed information are included in this special register. You are encouraged to stop by and take a look at the Register. Several members of our society worked together to make this Register of Historic Homes of which we can all be proud.

HISTORIC COLLEGE ST 7.

COLLEGE STREET HAS BEEN A CENTER OF COMMERCE FOR MOUNTAIN HOME DATING BACK TO THE EARLY DAYS. THE BAXTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY HAS RECOGNIZED SEVERAL HOMES ALONG THIS STREET PLACING THEM ON THE MOUNTAIN HOME REGISTER OF HISTORICAL HOMES THE STAR ★ INDICATES HISTORICAL HOMES.



REPORT OF THE BUILDING CHAIRMAN - November 1, 1990

The Shot Gun house had been cleaned out and debris removed from the inside of the building. A ramp has been constructed on the south end of the building. This will facilitate removing the lawn mower from the building as well as serve as an aid for the handicapped wishing to view the building.

A double line of rope restraints were installed on the back porch of the Casey house. This was done to prevent accidents from visitors trying to negotiate the very rough stone steps or jumping off the porch. Work was completed October 24 by Ray Wick and Gene Garr.

A clean-up day was held to spruce up the Casey House. It seems a flight of chimney swifts were able to negotiate the trip down the chimney but could not manage it back up. They were trapped several days in the building. This entrapment meant that the south room of the Casey House required extensive cleaning. Dr. Lowe has arranged for the installation of a screen in the chimney to prevent the visit from the birds again.

An abundant crop of black walnuts made traveling and mowing around the Casey house very dangerous, so several members of the Society cleaned up the walnuts while Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Messick cleaned up the interior and washed the windows. They did a super job. The walnuts were donated to the Day Center. The last act of the clean-up was to mow the lawn.

F. Gene Garr
November 1, 1990

On Friday the 25th of October, 1990, the Casey House was visited by several history classes (approximately 100 students) from the Intermediate School. The classes were celebrating Pioneer Week and many were in period costumes. They visited both the Casey House and the Shot Gun House as well as a field trip to a Country School in the area where they had spelling, history and arithmetic classes in the old building. They enjoyed the Buford buildings models, the feather bed and viewing the building date in the chimney; but were disappointed because they could not find shot gun holes in the Shot Gun House.



Mountain Home Baptist College celebrates its 100th Anniversary this year. The girls dormitory is still standing on the corner of 4th and College streets - now housing the offices of Blackburn & Co. Real Estate. Made of 18" thick hand-cut limestone block, the building is filled with college days memorabilia and antiques. Free guided tours of the offices are available Monday through Saturday.

At the 1990 Baxter County Fair in mid-September, the Baxter County Historical Society had both the Republican and Democratic Party booths offering the commemorative Baxter County centennial plates for sale. Many of the plates were sold, but we still have some available at the bargain price of \$1.00 per plate. Please contact Stella Jackson, Treasurer, for more details.

Curious about what happened to whom during 1901 - 1915? Francis and Margie Garr have compiled a history of the births, deaths and marriages that were written about in the Baxter Bulletin newspaper during those years. A copy of the information is available through the Historical Society or the Baxter County Library.

The annual Mountain Home Baptist College Alumni Reunion was held October 12 and 13. Many of our Historical Society members are alumni of the College. Activities began 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. College memorabilia was on display for all to enjoy.

The Baxter County Historical Society Christmas party was a huge success. Each of the members present brought an item of historical value to be shown and discussed with the group. If you missed it this year, be sure to attend next year as you will not want to miss out on all of the interesting items on display.



Society member Hazen Bonow shows her antique printing block at the Dec. meeting.

Lenore Bland Brown
2865 Hubbard Street
Paris, Texas 75460

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May 1970

Dear your self.
Mountain Home, Ar

Dear Sir:

I'm enclosing a query I would like to appear in a news letter or newspaper of both. If there is a charge please let me know. I am also enclosing an SASE. Could you tell me the name of your oldest funeral home & when they were in business in 1885?

We are really interested in Robert W. Brown, who died at Feb 1885, probably at Gassville, Ark.

Thank you

Sincerely,
Lenore Brown

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BROWN, TUBB, BAUGH, STANLEY, RODDY

Wanted; information on families of Robert W. BROWN, b. 1845, Mo(?), d. ab. Feb. 1885; md. 13 July 1877 to Mariah Elizabeth TUBB; b. 14 Aug. 1854 in Minter, Lamar County, Texas, d. 2 Feb. 1944, Lamar County, TX. Children: Gillie Burdine BROWN b. 15 Jan. 1881, Sherman b. Grayson Co., Tex., Myrtle BROWN BAUGH, b. 1887, d. 1937 Sulphur Bluff, Hopkins Co., Tex., John Edgar BROWN, b. 14 Jan. 1885, Gassville, Baxter Co., Ark., a half sister, Hattie STANLEY RODDY, b. 19 May 1889, (place unknown), d. 3 Oct. 1966 Paris, Lamar County, Tex. Please contact: Earl Brown, 2865 Hubbard, Paris, TX 75460

Baxter Co., A.

The above letter was received by Dr. Lowe and given to Garvin Carroll to answer. If anyone in the Historical Society (or their friends) are able to help Mr. Brown, please contact Mr. Carroll.



ARKANSAS
HISTORIC
PRESERVATION
PROGRAM

January 7, 1991

The Honorable Joe Dillard
Baxter County Judge
Baxter County Courthouse
Mountain Home, AR 72653

RE: Case-Shiras-Dearmore House
Mountain Home, Baxter County

Dear Judge Dillard:

I am happy to inform you that the State Review Board of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, an agency of the Department of Arkansas Heritage, has approved the nomination of the above referenced property to the National Register of Historic Places. The nomination will be forwarded to the National Register office in Washington, D.C. where it will be evaluated by their professional staff. If they concur with the judgement of the State Review Board, it will be granted inclusion in the National Register. I will inform you of their decision at the earliest opportunity.

Again, I thank you for your interest in our state's resources. If you have questions concerning this nomination or any aspect of historic preservation in Arkansas, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Cathy Buford
State Historic Preservation Officer

CB:KS:dg

* A copy of this letter was sent to the Historical Society. We thought our members would be interested to learn that the old Dearmore home is being considered for the National Register of Historic Places.





"He felt bigger and bigger"

A Christmas Carol

1897

by Mary Craig

Ill. Joan Lloyd

Oakland School dismissed for Christmas holidays on Friday, December 19, 1897, at 2:00 p.m.

Seven-year old first-grader, Whit Yandle and his sister Toadie mounted the mule, Buck-eye, that had been tethered to a tree since morning. Their suppressed excitement caused others to wonder. A broad smile covered Whit's face as he waved good-bye to friends with one hand while holding onto his sister with the other.

Arriving home, Whit grabbed his father's hand-saw and placed it into the wagon bed. Then, he led Nell, the mare, and Buck-eye to their positions on either side of the wagon tongue. By climbing into the feed trough, he was able to harness Buck-eye to the wagon. Then, climbing upon Buck-eye's back, he was able to harness Nell, also.

Nell was a sorrel - a handsome mare. Buck-eye got his name from the buck-eyes that school boys carried in their pockets for good luck. Buck-eye's fur was brownish-black and looked burnished after a curry comb was applied. The two animals were very compatible, and Whit was proud of them.

Whit headed the wagon toward the farm of Col. W.D.L.F. Craig (now the Burt Place), and stopped at a grove of holly trees. Selecting a symmetrical one with a profusion of red berries, he cut it down and gingerly placed it in the wagon-bed. Then, he headed for the school-house.

Pretty Miss Jodie Ingram wore a pleased expression as she mounted the wagon-seat. Her wish for a beautiful holly to grace her home at Christmas was now a reality - thanks to her smallest pupil.

The two stopped at the home of Willie Yandle where Miss Jodie boarded, picked up her valise, and headed for Henderson - a five -mile journey.

Porter Fite, a playmate and classmate to Whit, had made it home and was rolling a hoop near the road, while pretending not to notice the passers-by. (Porter and Whit has gotten into a scuffle over a cedar pencil on the very first day of school. In the fray, they broke the pencil in two. Not wishing to wield a switch on the very first day, Miss Jodie shook the boys soundly.)

Noting Porter's proximity Miss Jodie called, "Merry Christmas Porter!" As the hoop wobbled to a stop and Porter stood wide-eyed, Whit snapped the reins and clucked to the animals. As their pace quickened, he looked back over his shoulder and shouted merrily, "Yeah, Merry Christmas, Porter!"

At Whit's home his parents, Johnny and Janie, his younger brother, Richard, and his sisters Veazy, Toadie, Floy and Bernice stood in the yard waving and beaming with pride.

Whit listened raptly as Miss Jodie explained that her father, a wheel-wright employed by Teller and Son, could repair a badly damaged wagon wheel to look like new and could make them outright, too.

They talked about the Christmas Eve program to be given at Oakland Methodist Church. Whit rehearsed his lines for the acrostic that would spell "Merry Christmas". He was to hold the second 'S' and say:

"S is for Santa, who grants our wishes;
But, if we're bad, he'll bring us switches!"

As they entered town, Whit was aware that they were attracting all eyes. He felt bigger and bigger. By the time they drove right through the square and turned into the street to Miss Jodie's home, he felt down-right grown-up.

They stood the holly in a corner of the lovely parlor, and while Whit viewed pictures of far-away places through a STEREOPTICAN-an amazing device-Miss Jodie played Christmas carols on the pump organ.

After enjoying milk and cookies, together, Miss Jodie followed Whit to the wagon. She gave him a big red apple for the return trip, hugged him, and "wonder of wonders" thrust a crisp five-dollar bill into his hand.

Night was coming on when the "little man" was welcomed home and fed a warm supper - amid many questions - then tucked into bed clutching that new five-dollar bill.

A BRIEF NOTE

I have made every effort to make this book as correct as possible, but I know some errors have crept in.

With regards to the census material, which will appear at the end of each chapter, in many instances the hand-writing was very difficult to read and there were many misspellings as well. I also feel certain that several families, and in one case an entire township, has been left out.

As I will mention from time to time in the book, the county and township lines change frequently. I have not been able to locate any early township maps, so I do not know what the boundry was for Bennett's Bayou. I am including a present day township map for Baxter County and I can only add that at one time Bennett's Bayou Township was much larger than it is today.

If you are searching for a name which does not appear, look under the name that most nearly approximate the sound or spelling you are looking for. You must also consider adjoining townships for these early settlers were somewhat footloose and would pull up stakes and move over the ridge or "down the holler" at a moments notice.

Perhaps I should also point out that Bennett's River and Bennett's Bayou are two entirely different streams. They eventually join in Bennett's Bayou Township where they ran jointly until they emptied into what was then the Big North Fork and the White River.

This junction of Big North Fork and the White River was a favorite area for early settlers as it offered excellent farm land, good hunting and fishing, and transportation via the White River to major trade areas down stream.

In closing I would like to ask for all suggestions and corrections to be sent to me for a possible revised and up dated version at some future time.

Donald Hubbell
Box 141
Henderson, Arkansas 72544

These excerpts were taken from "Bennett's Bayou, Bennett's River 1830 - 1900 by Donald s. Hubbell, Jr. Edited in part by Al and Dona Dudgeon who donated a copy of the book to the Blackburn family.

INTRODUCTION

I can think of no better introduction to this book than to reproduce here a brief autobiography written by Walter Talburt.

The Arkansas Gazette - April 2, 1893

A North Arkansas Pioneer has lived in Baxter County for seventy-two years, aged 91.

The following appeared recently in the Baxter County Citizen and is from the pen of the oldest inhabitant of North Arkansas, Uncle Wat Talburt:

"I have been requested time and again, by my many old friends to write out and have published a short sketch of history of my pioneer life in what is now called Baxter County, Arkansas. My father moved here when I was twelve years old, and I have been here between North Fork and White Rivers ever since, which is about seventy-nine years; I will be 91 years old the 14th of next May.

"Neighbors were few and far between. One Yokum lived on what is now known as Mooney's Ferry, another Yokum lived near what is now called Shipp's Ferry. One by the name of Florer near the mouth of North Fork. One by the name of Matney near Matney's Knob.

"Our meat was not exactly of Locust and wild honey, but was wild honey, buffalo, venison, bear, turkey, etc. We made our own meal by means of a pedsal, with which we beat the corn in a hole dug out in a log. We could, you might say, stand in the door and kill almost any kind of the above named game which we preferred. Our nearest trading point was Batesville, and but one store there. We thought as much then of a sack of salt or coffee, as they would here now of a wagon load. If we had anything on our feet, it was moccasins. I have found as many as six bee trees in a day. I caught as high as thirteen wolves in a pen during one winter. I could go on and give in detail how we miraculously escaped danger from panther and bear; also of the hardships and privations. This is only a faint representation of what then was real life.

"I will here briefly state that amid all the changes and vicissitudes I, with all of my posterity, with my progenitor, through pioneering, pestilence, famine and war have strictly adhered to the grand principles of our democracy. I voted twice for Andrew Jackson, ever keeping my toes to the line until I twice voted for Cleveland, and not yet tired, and can now exclaim while one foot is in the grave and the other on the brink, Hurrah! hurrah! hurrah! for our time honored democracy.

"I suppose I am about the oldest man in the county, and know my race is about run. I want to be able to exclaim with one of old, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, there is therefore a crown laid up for me."

"Now a word to my children, my grandchildren, to my great grandchildren, and to my great, great grandchildren, also to my friends generally: I can never meet with them again here, and my prayer is that we may all so live and act that we may meet where there is no pioneering, no silvery hairs, no bent forms, no furrowed cheeks. And where pleasures unceasingly roll, is the wish and prayer of, as I am familiarly called, OLD UNCLE WAT TALBURT."

CHAPTER II

To 1840

The earliest settlers into this region found a vastly different type of country than we see around us today. The banks of the rivers and streams were heavily wooded and interspersed with cane brakes. Otherwise, the timber was scattered and alternated with large open prairies with grass so tall that it would hide a man on horseback.

Henry Schoolcraft mentions camping out without firewood while somewhere in the area of Pocahontes. I find this very difficult to imagine, but many old timers have told me that when their families first moved here they could go anywhere through the woods in a team and wagon.

In 1860, Mountain Home appears on the census as Rapp's Barren. The dictionary defines Barren as a flat to gently rolling ground with generally sandy soil, few trees and basically unproductive. If you take the definition literally, you must assume there was very little timber around Mountain Home in 1860 or before.

This brings us to the whole point of this book, Who were these early settlers, where did they come from, and what did they do here?

The longest continuous line I have found of the early settlers is the Talburt family. They seem to have first appeared in Arkansas in about 1815. The dates vary on this, but I have chosen to use the dates offered in the autobiography written by Walter Talburt which appeared as the introduction to this book.

The Talburts came here from Illinois where they lived for a few years, but early birth records indicate they came originally from Tennessee and Virginia. History books and early census records show that Fredrick Talburt, Sr. along with his sons, Fredrick, Jr., Basil, Walter and Simeon, along with their sister Nancy and her husband, John Hargraves, made the move here. They originally settled somewhere in the general area of the mouth of the Big North Fork and the White River where they engaged in farming and business.

One of the earliest post offices, if not the earliest, was established by this family at a place called Talbot's Ferry in 1832. It was discontinued briefly and then reestablished and continued until 1836. The misspelling of the name is an error of the map makers and other record keepers of that time. According to Mary Ann Messick's History of Baxter County, this is the same place that was later known as Mooney's Landing.

I have no exact dates, but sometime before 1840, Fredrick Talburt, Jr. and Samual Talburt moved from the White River and settled on Bennett's Bayou. It is from Fredrick, Jr. that the Talburts now in this area are decended from.

Another line still in the area that goes back at least to 1830 is the Walker family. An Elizabeth Minyard appears in the 1830 census as a widow with five children. In addition, she is shown as the owner of four slaves. This is noteworthy in that she is one of the very few families in the area owning any slaves.

According to Johnny Walker (now deceased) of the Cumi area, this Elizabeth Minyard was his great grandmother. During the ravages of the Civil War, she traded a good bottomland farm (the old Bev Minge place) for two wagons and two teams of oxen and in the company

of her one remaining slave, left the region for a safer area.

A third family I have been able to trace is the Wells family. The first mention of them is in 1818 when Henry Schoolcraft mentions a family named Wells living on Bennett's Bayou.

The next mention of them is when the name Anthony Wells appears in the 1830 census. Since the names of wives and children are not given, it is difficult to trace them exactly, but a Lewis Wells then appears in the 1840 census of Big North Fork Township. The Talburt family genealogy shows that Fredrick Talburt, Jr. married Sarah Amanda Wells of North Carolina. A Nancy Talburt is given as married to a Wells whose first name was probably Benjamin. She is listed as a widow aged 27, with two children in the 1850 census. A direct descendent of this Wells family is Mable Wells who married Johnny Walker and lived in Cumi until his death. She is now married to Noble Talburt of Mountain Home, Arkansas.

The following graves are located in the Gamaliel Cemetery and must be of this family:

S. R. Wells Dec. 1849 to July 1929
Infant son of B. W. and N. A. Wells Oct. 1874
to Nov. 1874.
Benjamin W. Wells Sept. 1840 to Feb. 1933
Nancy A. Wells 1851 to 1889
Mary Elizabeth Wells Feb. 15, 1844
Mary A daughter of B. W. and N. A. Wells 1877
to 1878

As will be shown later, many of these same names also appear on the first land certificates issued for Bennett's Bayou.

The following pages are taken from the account ledger of the North Fork store in the early 1850's. Many of the names from this area appear on them. This was probably the nearest large store and trading post anywhere around at the time.

I think you will find the prices for store items very interesting, not to mention the prices received for the goods traded in on charge accounts.

Note the mention of "Buff hides" as an item of trade. Apparently buffalo were still plentiful in the area at that time, as well as most other game.

It would seem that horses were the most valuable property they had. Using their own figures, it would have taken more than 400 sacks of wheat or five bales of cotton to buy one horse.

North Fork Store 1851-1853 Accounts

This list of pioneers was extracted from a Daily Account Ledger of a "North Fork" General Store (the building itself) leased by Major Jacob Wolf to Evenard B. Dickinson, March, 1851 to August, 1853. Reference: "Marion County History" - pages 352-356 on letter written by Evenard B. Dickinson, who states his intention to come to North Fork and open a store. Mr. Dickinson boarded at Jacob Wolf's house, according to the ledger and board for his horse obtained also. This day by day list of what was bought or traded at the (1851-1853) North Fork General Store, as well as who among the citizens of the county who had accounts there is most interesting. The original store ledger is on file in the Adams Lodge 164 records at the Grand Lodge in Little Rock, The reason being that the last unused (1851-1853) ledger pages are used for recording the first meeting of Adams Masonic Lodge in 1860. Thus, the frugality of early pioneers has resulted in the saving of this ledger for posterity.

Just a few of the interesting facts are:

Deerskins with a top value $12\frac{1}{2}\%$ each were applied to accounts. (largest figure was more than 600)

Coon and "Buff" hides, wheat, cotton, peaches, horses, etc. were applied to accounts.

Author in paragraph one cited Wolf's daughters as accomplished seamstresses and their accounts show frequent purchases of yards of cloth.

An example entry shows Major Jacob Wolf, on 1 May, 1851, bought calico, muslin, a hat, 7 "Buff" hides, deer skins, large and small tin pan, lace, knives, forks, coffee, salt, Castor oil, etc.

May 3rd, 1851, Andrew Jackson Wolf (son of Major Wolf) bought a pair of Brogans (\$2.00), 2 Palm Hats (\$1.00), fine comb (15¢), silk (25¢) plug of tobacco (40¢), Cambric (22¢).

Prices and some articles follow:

Ladies shoes	\$1.25	Castor oil	\$.25
Sugar (lb)	.10	Rice (lb)	.20
Flints	.05	Bars of lead	.20
Palm Hat	.35	Scythe blade	1.75
Scythe stone	.20	Gal. of molasses	.60
Spool of thread	.05	Plow line	.25
Pocket knife	.50	Copperas	.20
Spelling book	.30	2 Readers (ea.)	.60
2 Arithmetics	1.20		

Major Wolf appeared to be in business with several people and had joint accounts. For example: he and Aza Tinnin (son-in-law or brother-in-law) bought a complete set of blacksmith tools (approx. \$50.00) and a mill saw and file. It appears that they were joint or part owners of a saw mill. There was a mill (at least a grist mill) about 1½ miles from Major Wolf's house. The grist or mill stone is on the Wolf House grounds. The other is still at the mill site on the Northfork River.

Most of the goods appear to have been bought from E. T. Burr believed to be at Batesville. He was paid for 131 gallons of whiskey on 7 July, 1851, and another barrel (40 gals.) on 28 July, 1851. The 4th of July may have been very wet in North Fork in 1851.

A general inventory of things bought included: rice, nails, laudunum, castor oil, ropes, log chains, pans, pots, ink, paper, books, tin cups, tumblers, calomel, rhubarb, peppermint, gun powder, lead, pepper, salt, sugar, knives, combs, socks, Bibles, hats, trousers, gun locks, screws, dishes, bolts of various cloths, Indigo, Vermifuge, hymn books, etc.

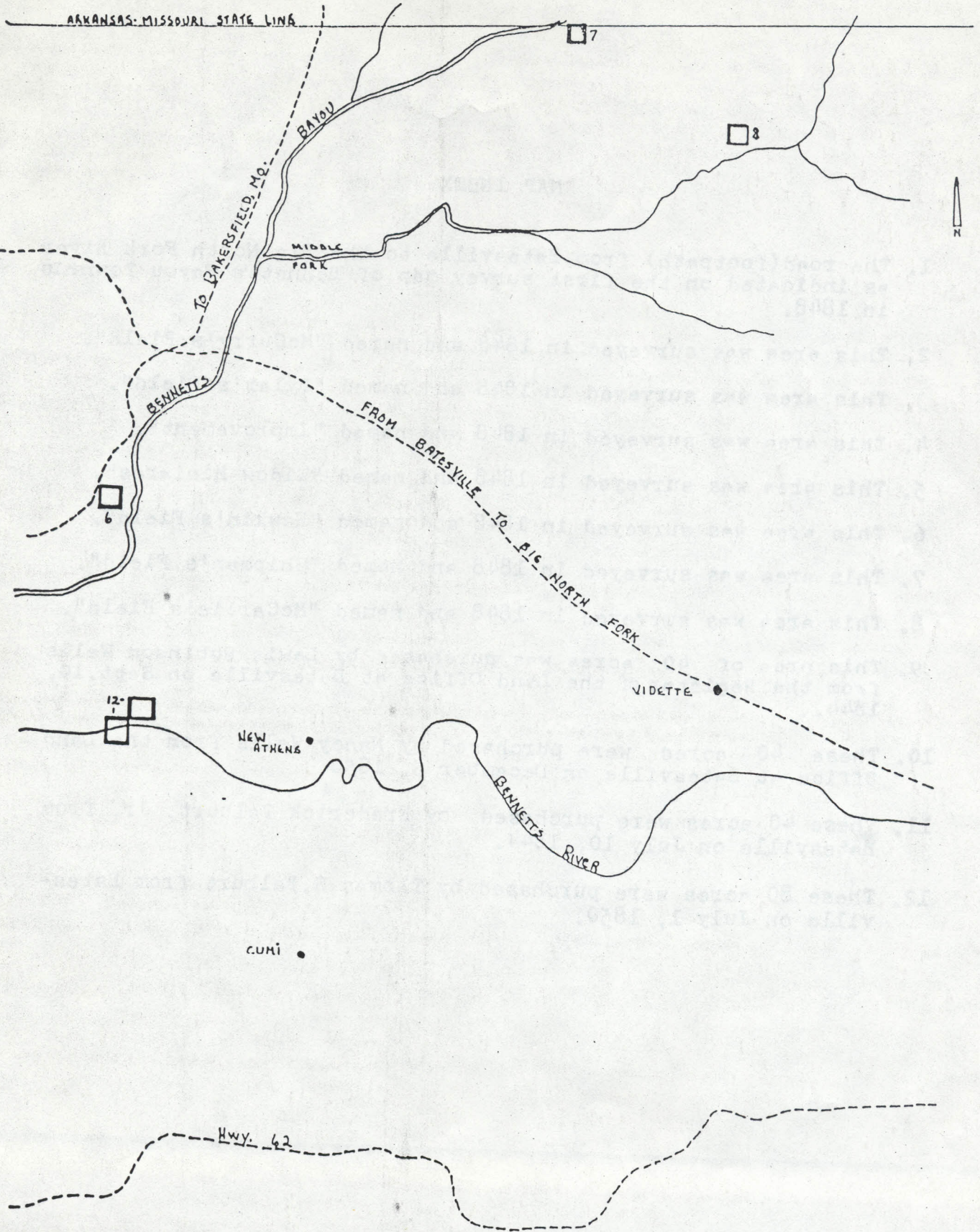
Nine months boarding and house rent paid by Evenand B. Dickinson to Jacob Wolf was \$72.00 (Jan. 16, 1852).

The following are some items applied to accounts:

40 sacks of wheat	\$ 7.20
8½ deer skins	1.06
5 coon skins	.90
2 coon skins	.40
200 sacks of wheat	30.00
"Buff" hides	2.13
668 peltry to Burr for or by Waggon	
Bay horse	74.56

ARKANSAS-MISSOURI STATE LINE





MAP INDEX

1. The road (footpath) from Batesville to the Big North Fork River as indicated on the first survey map of Bennett's Bayou Township in 1848.
2. This area was surveyed in 1848 and named "McCurry's Field".
3. This area was surveyed in 1848 and named "Tyler's Field".
4. This area was surveyed in 1848 and named "Improvement".
5. This area was surveyed in 1848 and named "Widow Miniards".
6. This area was surveyed in 1848 and named "Hawkin's Field".
7. This area was surveyed in 1848 and named "Shipman's Field".
8. This area was surveyed in 1848 and named "McCartie's Field".
9. This area of 40 acres was purchased by Lewis Robinson Wells from the Registrar of the Land Office at Batesville on Sept. 10, 1844.
10. These 40 acres were purchased by Nancy Wells from the Land Office at Batesville on December 5, 1850.
11. These 40 acres were purchased by Frederick Talburt, Jr. from Batesville on July 10, 1844.
12. These 80 acres were purchased by Thomas S. Talburt from Batesville on July 1, 1850.

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Photo 1 - The second Fluty's Chapel School built about 1903
Photo taken by Garvin Carroll

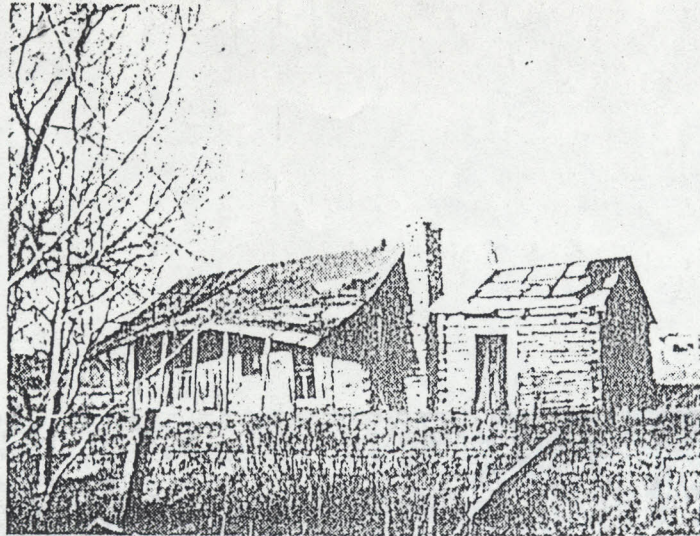


Photo 2 - Cabin built by George Scott in the 1890's and later purchased by John Dihel along with 8 acres for \$8.00. Photo from Roxie Hicks

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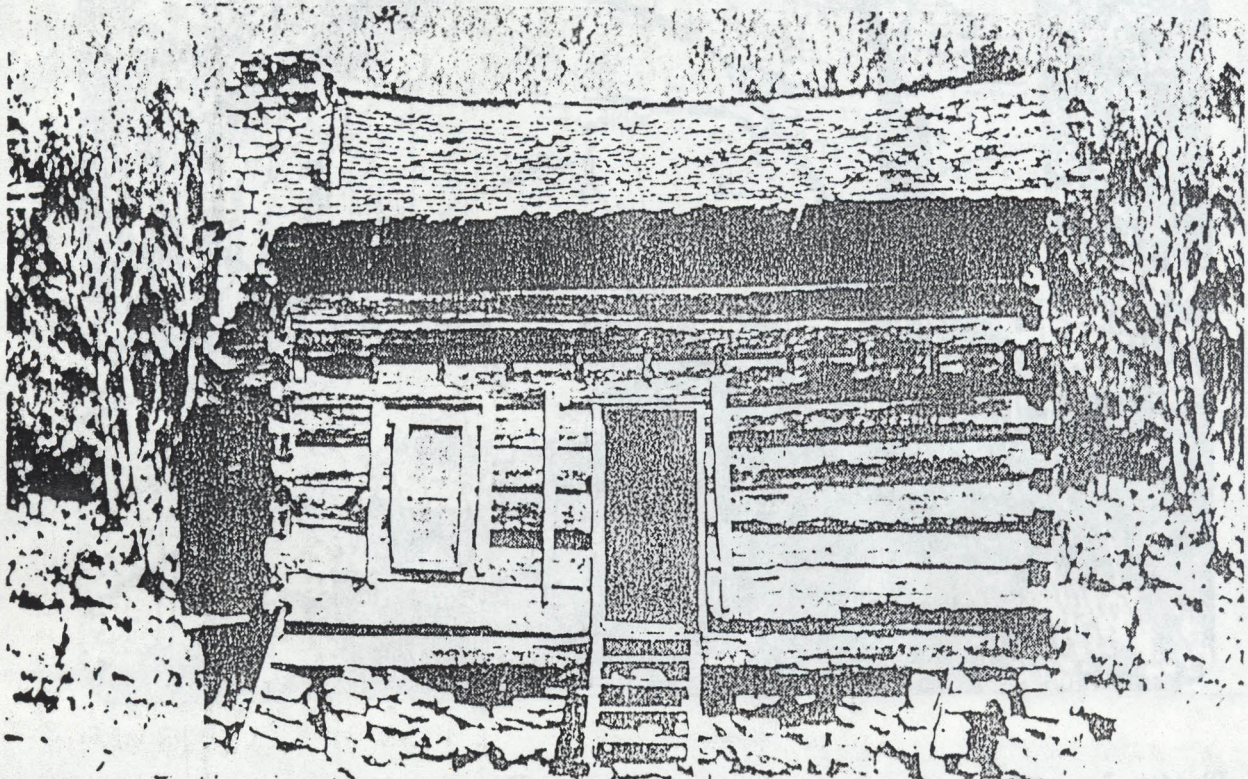


Photo 3 - Woodcock Cabin on the Buffalo River. Built in the middle 1840's. The kitchen was a separate building and stood behind the main house. Probably similar to most home construction for the Ozark region at that time. Photo taken in 1926. Courtesy of Mrs. Mae Hamlet

Cemeteries

Section I

The concluding chapter will consist of a list of the cemeteries from Bennett's River, Bennett's Bayou and some parts of the North Fork River.

A map and key are included to assist in locating the various cemeteries and the communities they served.

The cemeteries are arranged into two separate sections. The first section will cover the graveyards which were moved before the lakes were built. In most cases, several cemeteries were combined into one when they were moved.

In all cases, the lists of people buried in each cemetery are from information taken from each graveyard before it was moved. Many of the names and markers have since been lost, so most of the people listed here cannot be found in the relocated cemeteries.

A complete explanation of how the cemeteries were combined precedes each list. No dates were available from the information given me, but a few may still be found in the relocated cemeteries.

Occasionally during the relocation process, relatives would claim the remains and have them moved to some cemetery other than the one intended. For example, most of the graves from the old Bean Cemetery were moved to the New Bean Cemetery. However, some were moved to "Hawkins Ridge" Cemetery at the request of family members.

An interesting speculation arises from a grave found in the Bean Cemetery and another in the Hawkins Ridge Cemetery. The grave at Hawkins Ridge bears the inscription:

Mary E. Wells
91 years old
Died April 28, 1923

This would place Mrs. Wells birth year in 1832. The grave in the Bean Cemetery bears the inscription:

Mary Elizabeth Wells
Feb. 15, 1844

This could be mother and daughter and possibly one of them was the owner of the 40 acres sold to Elizabeth Wells in 1858 in the Custer area.

The Wells family apparently left the Bennett's Bayou area after several years and resettled on the Big North Fork.

In several cases, when graves were opened, no remains could be found. This would indicate that people were buried there since the early 1800's.

There was one such grave in Herron, two in Lankford, two in Bean and fifteen in Maynard.

It takes no more than a brief glance down the lists to be made aware of the large numbers of infants that died. People were very much at the mercy of the elements and diseases in those days. There were no doctors in the area for many years and later when doctors were available, their knowledge was so limited they were of little help. As often as not, they did more harm than good. Small pox, diphtheria, yellow fever, appendicitis, etc. cut many young lives off simply because there was nothing anybody could do.

Grisso Cemetery

The Grisso Cemetery is quite old and had fallen on hard times until extensive restoration efforts were made by Earl Harber and family along with many friends and neighbors. It is now a beautiful and well kept cemetery that the community can be proud of.

Land for the cemetery was donated by Jacob and Martha Grisso in 1893, although people have been buried there for a much longer time.

According to Earl Harber, the cemetery and church-school combination, which once stood there as well, was once known as old Shiloh. This cannot be documented so far as I know, but it is not an improbable idea as there are many graves there that must date well before the Civil War.

Oddly enough, I could only find one marker for a Grisso, although there must be many more marked only with field stones. I understand there are several Herrons buried there as well, although like the Grisso family, their graves have only bare stones for markers.

This is the only cemetery in this area I have ever seen or heard of where the slaves were buried in the same area as their owners, rather than in a separate section.

In addition, by far the most imposing monument in the cemetery belongs to a slave. Earl Harber of Viola has related the following account to me on the circumstances relating to it:

"Jacob Grisso owned two slaves which were brothers. They were rock masons and Mr. Grisso rented them out to build chimneys and to do other rock work. One of the brothers died of small pox and was buried in the cemetery. The remaining brother, with the permission of Mr. Grisso, took a wagon and team of steers and built the monument which now covers the grave."

The following is a list of the people buried there who's markers can still be read. There are many, many more which have no names. However, I feel it would be a safe assumption to think other families which lived in the same general area might also be represented here. Among others, this would include Baker, Brown, Gatlin, Deshazo and Jones.

Allie

The slave of Martin Harber - 1859

Beales

Mary Martin Jane - Feb. 20, 1855 - June 24, 1878

B. E. Beck

No date

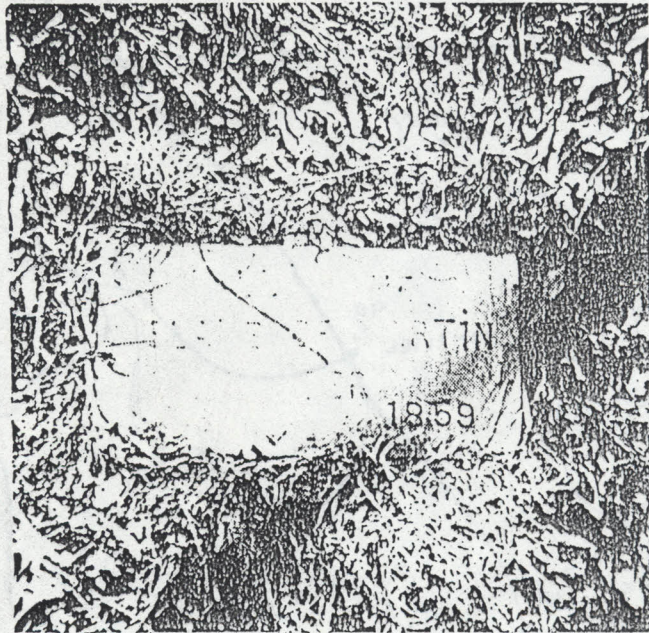
J. M. Beck

No date

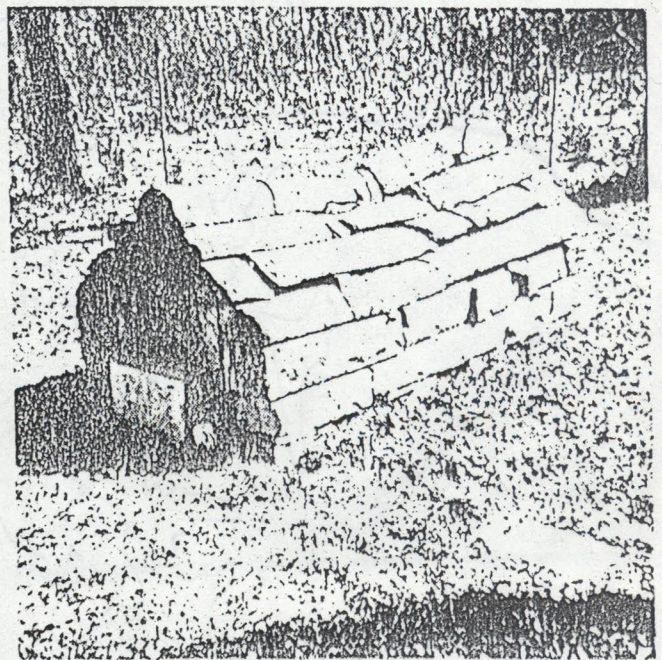
Black U. S. Soldier

1860

Photo - Grave of Allie - slave of Martin Harber. Photo taken by Garvin Carroll.....

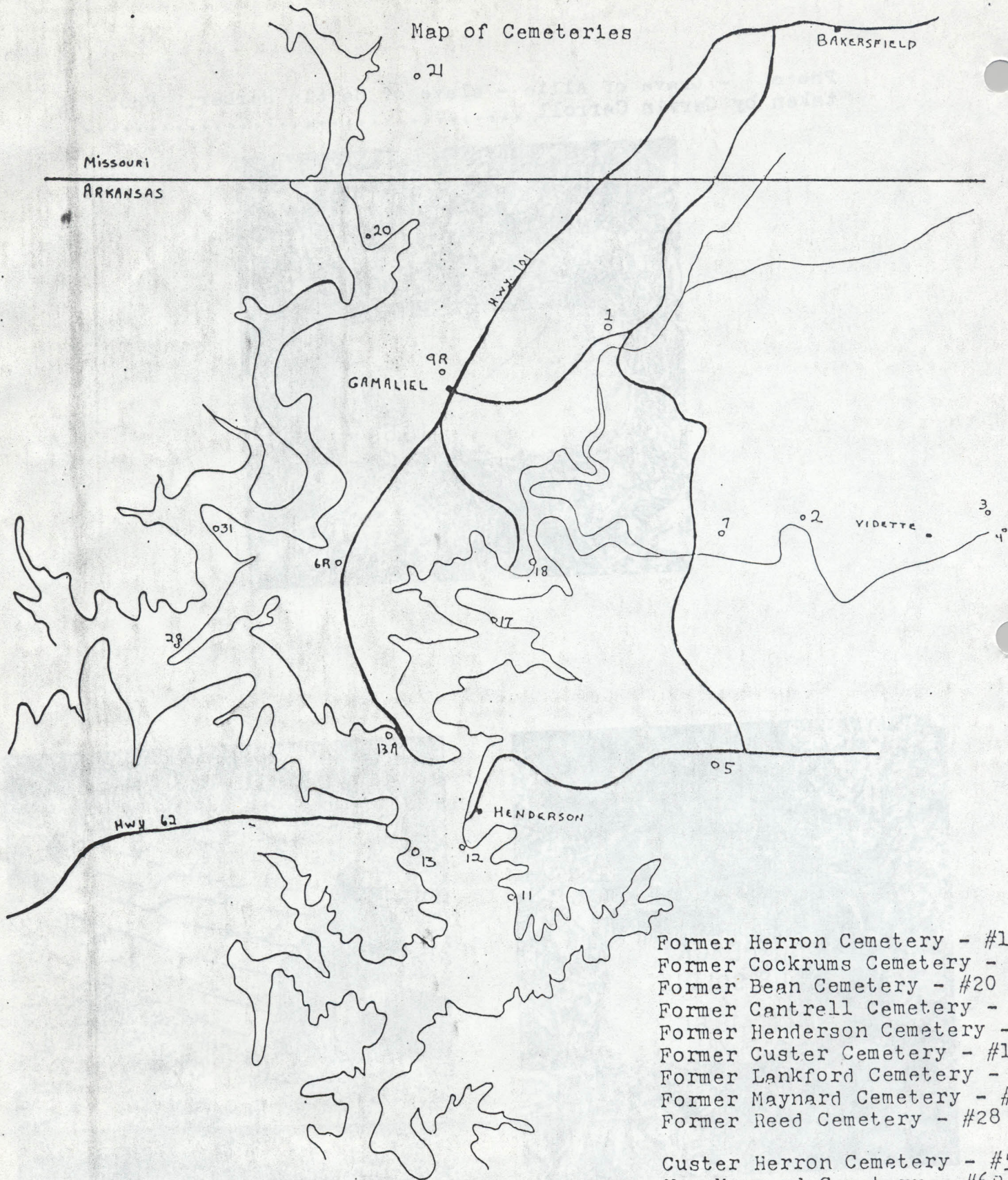


Black Civil war Soldier buried in the Grisso Cemetery. Photo-Garvin Carroll



Elaborate tomb of Grisso slave who died of small pox. Photo by Garvin Carroll

Map of Cemeteries



- Former Herron Cemetery - #11
- Former Cockrums Cemetery - #31
- Former Bean Cemetery - #20
- Former Cantrell Cemetery - #12
- Former Henderson Cemetery - #13
- Former Custer Cemetery - #17
- Former Lankford Cemetery - #18
- Former Maynard Cemetery - #13A
- Former Reed Cemetery - #28

- Custer Herron Cemetery - #5
- New Maynard Cemetery - #6R
- New Bean Cemetery - #9R
- Hawkins Ridge Cemetery - #21


- Fluty (Holstein) Cemetery - #1
- Shrable Cemetery - #2
- Grisso Cemeteries - #3 and #4
- New Athens Cem

A FOND FAREWELL

Dudley Acton, an active participant in local civic affairs, died Sunday, December 9, 1990 in his home at the age of 69. A former member of the Mountain Home City Council, charter member of the Twin Lakes Golf Association, and retired owner of the Piggly Wiggly (now Ozark Foods) store from 1958 to 1978, and member of the First Christian Church of Mountain Home, he was well known and liked in the community. Mr. Acton was born November 11, 1921 at Denver, Colorado. He married Ruth Marie Gustafson on June 18, 1948 in Mtn. Home and later relocated to Mtn. Home with her in 1958 from Beaver, Oklahoma. Mr. Action was a veteran of WW II. He is survived by his wife Ruth, three daughters, Janet Acton of New York City, NY, Dixie Ledbetter of Oklahoma City, OK, and Joan Acton of Batesville, AR; and two grandsons, Ted and Grant Ledbetter of Oklahoma City, OK. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother. Visitation was largely attended at the Roller Funeral Home, as was the funeral services which were held at the Roller Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Robert Bell and Rev. Lee Nirschl officiating on December 12, 1990. Memorials were made to the First Christian Church of Mtn. Home or a favorite charity. Burial was at Baxter Memorial Gardens in Mtn. Home.

Dudley loved to golf. He was often seen putting golf balls in the front yard of his historical home located at 320 South College Street.





A FOND FAREWELL

Virgie McClure a lifetime resident of our area died Friday, September 28, 1990 in her home at the age of 94. Admired and respected by many people in the community she will be sadly missed. A resident of College Street her home is on the Baxter County Historical Society Register of Historic Homes. Located on the corner of 6th & College Streets on a large lot, Virgie was often seen mowing her lawn, even during her later years. Her great care of her yard was clearly evident each year as hundreds of flowers bloomed with each seasons change. She was an asset to the community. Mrs. McClure was born August 8, 1896, at Gamaliel in Baxter County, Arkansas. She married the late Ovin B. McClure in Mtn. Home on September 21, 1914. Throughout their years together they owned and operated several businesses including a hardware & drygood store, and the McClure Funeral Home. Mrs. McClure was active in community affairs and was a member of the Home Demonstration Club and the Glad Garden Club. She was the oldest member for many years of the First Baptist Church of Mountain Home. She is survived by one son, Jim McClure of Natchez, Miss.; one daughter, Dixie Marie Love of Shreveport, La.; seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one daughter Mary M. Attebury, one brother, and six sisters. Visitation was largely attended at the Roller Funeral Home, as was the funeral services which were held at the Roller Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Leroy Stringfield officiating on September 30, 1990. Memorials were made to Hospice of the Ozarks. Burial was at the Mountain Home Cemetery.



A FOND FAREWELL



Vernon Edwin Smith of Owasso, Oklahoma, died there on December 4 and the funeral was held on December 7.

He was born August 10, 1903, to Willie B. and Margaret Lonon Smith.

He completed elementary school in Baxter County and attended Mountain Home Baptist College in the 1920's. He was active in the College Alumni Association for many years and was especially interested in preserving historical materials of the College.

He was employed by financial institutions until his retirement in 1968. He continued working in appraisals.

His first marriage was to a college classmate, Esther Johnston, who passed away in the early 1970's. He later married Ollie Fudge Shannon, the widow of Karr Shannon.

Smith is survived by his wife, Ollie, two daughters, and a son. Also surviving are cousins, Mrs. Iva Sandford McCormack, Lon Lonon, and Milus Lonon, who reside in Baxter County.

First	Last	Address	City	St	Zip
RUTH	ACTON	320 S COLLEGE	MTN HOME	AR	72653
MARY	AGNEW	312 GREENBRIAR LANE	GEORFORD	TX	76201
CLARK CO HIST SOC	ASSOC TREAS	P O BOX 516	ARKADELPHIA	AR	71923
BARBARA	BAILEY	P O BOX 1053	MTN HOME	AR	72653
REX	BAYLESS	BOX 385	COTTER AR	AR	72626
CHARLES & KATHY	BLACKBURN	321 SOUTH COLLEGE	MTN HOME	AR	72653
JOYCE C	BLED SOE	R 1 BOX 9	DEEPWATER	MO	64740
JOSEPH & IRMA	BLOOM	R 6 BOX 352	MTN HOME	AR	72653
AGNES WATTONA	BOMAN	500 N CHURCH APT 9-D	MTN HOME	AR	72653
HAZEN	BONOW	R 3	MTN HOME	AR	72653
DR THOMAS A	BRUCE	621 JENNINGS LANE	BATTLE CREEK MI		49015
GARVIN	CARROLL	905 E 4TH	MTN HOME	AR	72653
MARY ANN	CARUTHERS	1367 S DELAWARE	INDEPENDENCE MO		64005
MRS MARILYN	CARMEN	R 8 BOX 170	MTN HOME	AR	72653
MADINE	CHANDLISS	4577 BONANZA LANE	DALLAS TX		75211
PATRICIA	COLLIER	326 N WASHINGTON	FAYETTEVILLE AR		72701
MRS ALBERTA	CRONK	3031 TURNAGE	MTN HOME	AR	72653
J W & MARGIE	DANIEL	1222 HEATHERDOWN	MTN HOME	AR	72653
LEO & OFEL	DAVIS	SW US 62	MTN HOME	AR	72653
MRS. FANNY M	ELLIS	7208 84TH ST	KANSAS CITY MO		64138
TOM	EMBACH	351 E 4TH ST	MTN HOME	AR	72653
MR & MRS ROBERT	FRATESI	R 2 BOX 54 J	MTN HOME	AR	72653
A EASTERLY	GALLOWAY	4105 BONANZA WAY	LOOMIS CA		95650
GENE & MARGORIE	GARR	1505 MISTLETOE	MTN HOME	AR	72653
DORIS	GIST	P O 2061	TULSA OK		74101
MR ERNEST A	GRASSEL	608 ROLLER COURT	MTN HOME	AR	72653
MR FRANK	GRAY	4635 S FULTON	TULSA OK		74135
PAUL & DOROTHY	HARRIS	894 CIRCLE DRIVE	MTN HOME AR		72653
HERBERT G VANIECE	HINESLEY	P O BOX 3	MTN HOME	AR	72653
LLOYD & LUCILLE	HOLLSTEDT	216 COLLEGE PLACE	MTN HOME	AR	72653
NAOMI	HOLLAN	BOX 154	OAKHURST OK		74950
MRS STELLA	JACKSON	R2 BOX 116	MTN HOME	AR	72653
MR EARLE W	JOHNSON	1700 EAGLE DRIVE	MTN HOME	AR	72653
SARAH M	KEENE	303 E CAMMACK	SHAWNEE OK		74801
GUY & ALICE	KING	HWY 201 SOUTH	MTN HOME	AR	72653
HOWARD & OLIVE	KNIGHT	R 9 BOX 482	MTN HOME	AR	72653
FRED AND VIRGINIA	LATTA	R 3 BOX 323 A	WALORON AR		72958
ALLEN COUNTY	LIBRARY	P O BOX 2270	FORT WAYNE IN		46801
JIMMY & IMOGENE	LOWE	1500 MANOR	MTN HOME	AR	72653
MRS ALYCE	MARBURY	1500-18 POST OAK RD	MTN HOME	AR	72653
JIM	MCCLURE	609 S COLLEGE	MTN HOME	AR	72653
DOROTHY	MESSICK	206 NELSON	MTN HOME	AR	72653
MARY L	NELSON	R 1 BOX 333 A	KINGSVILLE MO		64061
NEIL & EUNA MIE	NELSON	304 CAPITOL DR	MTN HOME	AR	72653
MRS DOROTHY A	NICHOLS	R 8 BOX 55	MTN HOME	AR	72653
EVELYN MC	OLESEN	1112 S CHURCH	MTN HOME	AR	72653
REX & NEVA	PAUL	BOX 177	COTTER AR		72626
RAY & ELLEN	RAMEY	221 EAST 1ST ST	MTN HOME	AR	72653
MR ERNEST	RAYMOND	136 S WASHINGTON	MILLERSBURG OH		44654
SHERRILL	RIPPLE	16 W 6TH STREET	MTN HOME	AR	72653
MRS FRANCES	RUTHVEN	875 CIRCLE DRIVE	MTN HOME	AR	72653
MRS MARGARET	SHARP	R 4 BOX 545	MTN HOME	AR	72653
HAZEL	SKIDMORE	H C 62 BOX 240	NORFORK	AR	72650
MRS ELIZABETH	SMITH	1210 HEATHERDOWN	MTN HOME	AR	72653
MRS VERNIE	SMITH	937 GAER ST	MTN HOME	AR	72653
OLLIE	SMITH	7505 N 123RD E AVE	OHASSO OK		74055
REX R	SMITH	3050 NW 70TH	SEATTLE WA		98117
VIVIAN	STORCH	BOX 72	NORFORK	AR	72558
RONALD F	SWITZER	HAIGH HOUSE 22310	DEARBORN MI		48124
HELEN	TANGER	367 E 5TH ST	MTN HOME	AR	72653
ETHEL	THRASHER	P O BOX 253	LOLITA TX		77971
DALE & CLOISE	TIPTON	006 TIPTON	MTN HOME	AR	72653
KEN & MANNIE LEE	TRANELL	1323 SW HWY 62	MTN HOME	AR	72653
MILDRED	TULLGREN	1603 MONROE	MTN HOME	AR	72653
ROBERT	UNDERHILL	500 N CHURCH	MTN HOME	AR	72653
ROBERT & SHERRILL	WARFORD	327 TIPTON	MTN HOME	AR	72653
RUBY RAE	WHITSON	HOLIDAY INN 1-62	MTN HOME	AR	72653
RAY & IRENE	WICK	147 MASHIE DRIVE	MTN HOME	AR	72653
FERN	WILLIS	26261 MCCALL BLVD	SUN CITY CA		92307
SUE	WOLF	R 2 BOX 463	GRASSVILLE AR		72635

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