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DUES RAISED EFFECTIVE JAN 1 1992!

The Society, at its October meeting, faced with rising cost of printing and mailing the "Quarterly" has voted to raise the annual dues of the Society. A revision of the By-Laws of the Society were approved and the new dues schedule will be in effect January 1 1992.

The annual dues are as follows:

Active Members	\$ 10.00	Junior Members	\$1.50
Spouse members	2.50	Honorary Members	no charge
Life Membership	\$150.00		

As the Society has some very exciting projects in progress, member support is more vital than ever. 1992 should be an exciting year! Please send your dues in now. Dues should be mailed the Treasurer as follows: Stella Jackson, Rte 2 Box 110, Mountain Home, AR 72653.

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SAVE THE TALBURT/LEONARD CABIN

Committee Report:

At the October meeting of the Society, the Cabin Committee reported on the progress of the acquisition of the cabin materials. The price has been set on the cabin material by the contractor. Negotiations have reduced the price from \$5000 to \$2500 and a verbal agreement has been made. Fund raising has begun and the sale will be completed when the funds are available. The Society at the September meeting had voted to commit \$1000 of its acquisition fund to the cabin project..

The fair board at its September meeting rejected the Society's request for the 10'x 24' strip of land required to place the cabin at the Casey House site. Other sites for the cabin are being studied. Several sites have been offered for the cabin.

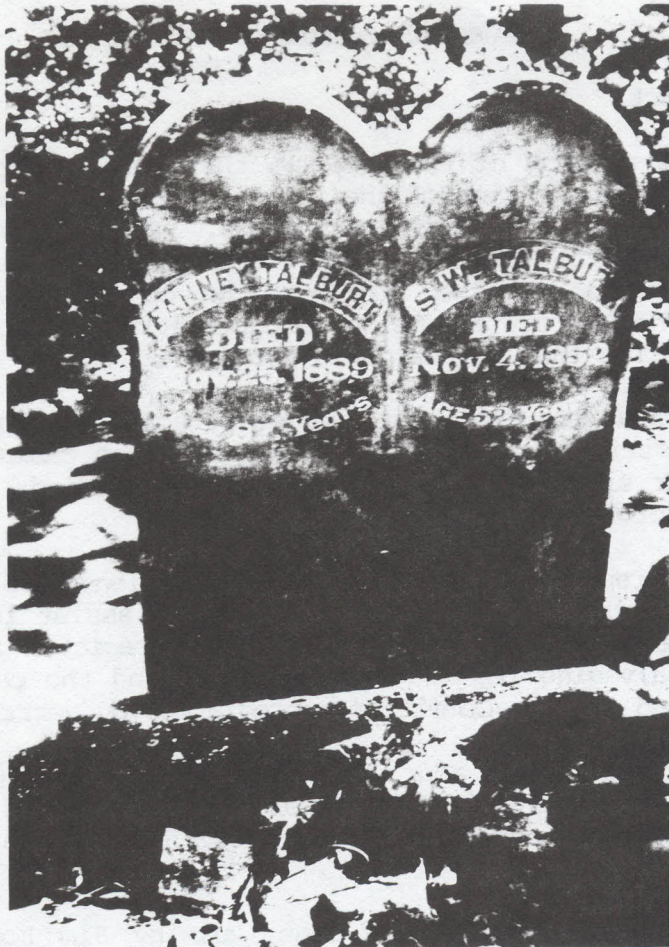
As previously reported, Tax Deductable donations are being sought. The Committee is urging all our own membership to assist in the soliciting of funds. Member donations would also be appreciated and would show our concern for salvaging Baxter County History and the cabin. Some members have contributed and the Committee appreciates you verrrry much!

Donation Checks should be addressed "Mountain Home Chamber Foundation" and noted "Cabin Fund" and mailed or taken to: Chamber of Commerce Visitor's Center, 1023 Hwy 62E, Mountain Home, AR 72653 or given to a member of the Committee.

After hearing an interview of Gene Garr by Jim Bodenhammer of Radio Station KTLO, Mr. Paul Caton of Mountain Home has offered to donate 2.78 acres of land adjacent to Mountain Home for a dedicated historical park. The Society Membership has authorized the committee to pursue the proposal and the various options open to us for use of the land. At the present time we are meeting with the City of Mountain Home and the Baxter County government regarding their acceptance of the land as a historical park. It has been suggested that several types of historic buildings could be situated in the park in addition to the Leonard/Talbert cabin. These could be other log cabins, old grade school building, churches, etc.

On October 10, 1991 the Society, after extensive negotiations, officially purchased the logs from the M.C. Welding & Construction Company for \$2500. On November 19, 1991, with the aid of The County's Road Dept. truck and 4 men moved the logs to the Caton Site where they will be stored until the land donation is finalized.

Several members of the Talburt family, Rex, Jerry and Ernest (oldest existing family member) and Ernest's daughter Edith Higginbothams, were present at the November meeting and voiced their endorsement of the cabin project. Rex publishes a newsletter to the Talburt family and will include a notice of our project and solicit endorsement and funds from his family members. Rex, Jerry and Edith became members of the Society. Several articles concerning the Talburts and their long Baxter County history is included in this issue.



GRAVE OF SIMEON TALBURT-BUILDER OF THE TALBURT CABIN

TALBURT-CASEY CEMETERY

The builder of the Talburt/Leonard Log cabin final resting place is a segment of Mountain Home's history almost obliterated by time. The burial site is the old Casey-Talburt Cemetery located in the east part of town in the Indian Creek Sub-division.

The one-acre cemetery was once part of the farm owned by Dr. J. M. Casey, son-in-law of Major Jacob Wolf-builder of the Old Wolf House at Norfolk.

The farm was purchased by Isaac Morris in 1919 and acquired by his son, Robin Morris, in 1934.

The burial place of many members of the Talburt family, the cemetery also contains the graves of others who were among this community's earliest citizens. Dating back to the early 1800s, it has not been used for years and Robin Morris can recall only four persons being buried there since his family acquired the farm.

The Cemetery today remains in fair condition with paths to the stones being cleared and grass mowed in the area. Many field stone markers are in the cemetery. Most without any marking.

Among the Talburts buried in the cemetery are Samuel T. Talburt, S. (Simeon) W. Talburt and wife Fanney Talburt, Mary J and W. B. Talbert, Jennie Talbert and Edward M. Talburt.

Among the stones with still legible legends is a broken one marking the grave of William & Elizabeth Hancock, believed to be parents of Robert M. Hancock, Baxter County's second Clerk and Recorder.

Civil War veteran William Conditt, (Feb 10 1839-July 31 1908) who served with Tarell's Battery in the Confederate Army is buried here.

A hand hewn and carved stone bears the following: "Here Rests Pulina H. Lyles, wife of A. T. Lyles and daughter of Mr. E. W. and Mrs. E. W. Brown, who was born and raised in Ware County, N.C. and departed this life Sept. 26 1864."

Markers for members of the Casey family, if buried here, cannot any longer be identified

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**BAXTER COUNTY'S FIRST FAIR
THE YEAR - - 1911
AT BUFORD**

Buford was settled by a large number of progressive, thrifty farmers, it has been noted in Baxter County histories. In 1911 they put on the county's first fair, well financed, and with winning exhibits to go to a Texas fair.

The Fair association was organized with a capital stock of \$5000 which was a great amount of money in those days. The stock were divided into 200 shares, and had for its directors W. R. Leflet, J. E. Eubanks, G. N. Nelson, Dr. J. A. Hipp, H. N. Campbell, E. D. Smothers, W. A. Hopper, Lawrence Knight, H. L. Stiner, all of Buford; E. J. Loop of Cotter, Robert Russell of Mountain Home and J. D. Friend of Norfolk, all prominent names in Baxter County then and most with descendants still living in the county.

There were fine livestock, poultry, and fruit exhibits, as well as handicrafts and other things still typical of county fairs.

A large club house was build and - - this was special - - a half mile track for speed driving contests for horses and carriages.

E. M. Smothers, who was 76 years old at that time, was honored as the oldest settler present, having come to the county in 1835.

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DON'T FORGET - THE SOCIETY DUES ARE DUE!



All Prize Winners at this Fair

The Baxter County Fair, Buford, Ark. SEPTEMBER 25, 26, 27, 1912

WALTER TALBURT - A AUTOBIOGRAPHY

By Walter Talburt

(originally printed in the Baxter County Citizen)

(Reprinted in the Arkansas Gazette April 2 1893)

Walter at age 91 had lived in Baxter County for 72 years

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 progenator, through pioneering, pestilance, 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.

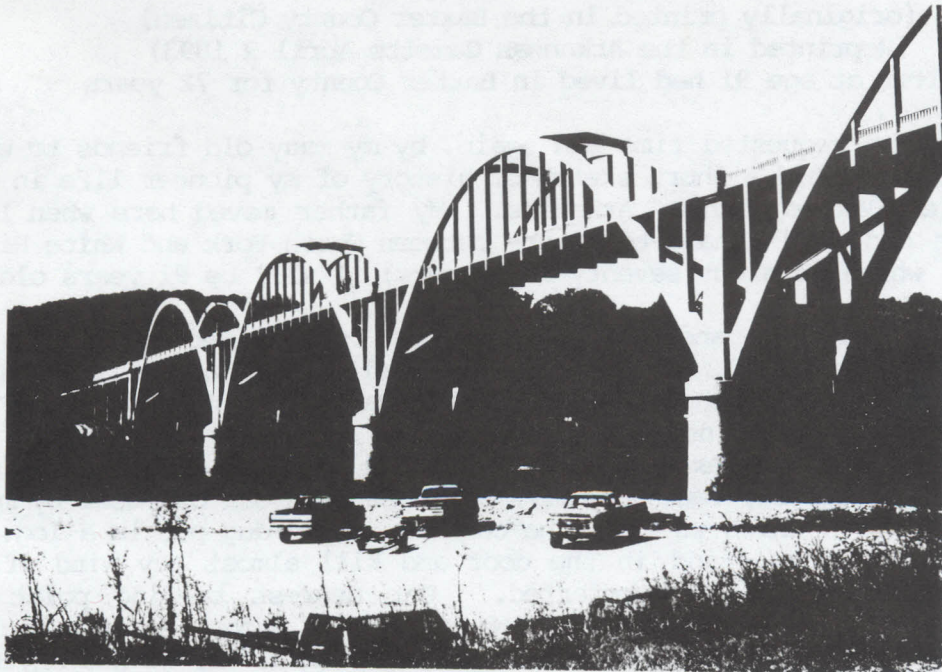
I suppose I am about the oldest man in the county, and now my race is about run. I want to be able to exclaim with one of the old, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished by course, there is therefore a crown laid up for me"

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".

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Ed: Walter Talburt is the brother of Simeon "Sim" Talburt who constructed the log home, later incorporated in the James Leonard Home on College Street in Mountain Home. Article furnished by Cindy Durham Posey, Society member.

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THE HISTORIC COTTER BRIDGE

The R. M. Rutven Bridge carrying U.S. Route #62 (now 62B) over the White River was planned during the 1920s. A contract for the construction was awarded on August 16 1929 but was rejected due to a plan change on August 23 1929. Finally on September 20 1929 the contract for the construction was awarded. Work on the beautiful "Marsh" rainbow multiple arch bridge was under way on Oct 18 1929 with materials for the bridge proper begin arriving at the site on Nov 1 1929. The 44 foot wide 1300 foot long bridge was completed in 1931. In connection with the bridge completion the Cotter Ferry was closed on June 19 1931

Work on the bridge was not without its hazards. Newspapers of that period report the deaths of at least 2 workers due to falls from the high spans.

The bridge was officially declared the first National Historical Civil Engineering Land Mark in Arkansas in October 1986 and as such is marked by a historical marker on the bridge and monument in the Cotter Big Spring City Park located at the base of the Bridge on the river bank.

The Bridge was named in memory of Roderick Malcolm Ruthven who was a past mayor of Cotter and Baxter County Judge.

The Historic R. M. Rutven Bridge is currently being rehabilitated by the State Highway Department with concrete repairs, sand blasting of all concrete surfaces and original lighting replacement. Traffic on Highway has been diverted from the route through Cotter by the construction of 3.2 mile rerouting which included a new 1300 foot concrete highway bridge over the White River. The old route has now been designated Highway 62B.

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BULL SHOALS--THE TOWN & LAKE--WHERE DID IT GET IT'S NAME?

Goodspeed's "Reminiscent History of the Ozark Region" gives two sources of the name "**Bull Shoals**". It cites the legend that the name came from domestic bulls breaking loose from their masters and turning wild. However, the Bull Shoals name was in use and established as early as 1818. There certainly weren't enough settlers in these hills at that time to have so many bulls to spare that a few could get loose and start a legend. In fact that particular portion of the Ozarks through which the Arkansas Missouri border now runs is the last to be settled by permanent residents. Many doubt that any domesticated bulls existed in that area at all.

A more believable theory comes from a story about Edmund Jennings, an English speaking North Carolinian who was one of the first traveler in the region.

"About 90 years ago, this adventurer set out to hunt through the western wilds and for 15 years lived, hunted, trapped, and fished with Indians. His friends had almost forgotten his existence, when he appeared among them in Indian dress, scarcely able to speak the language of his race."

"He called the Ozarks Region the "Country of the 'Six Boills', pronouncing the name as if written "Six Bulls" on account of the six great springs which feed Indian, Shoal, Center, Spring and North Creeks, and when the pioneers came in they observed the name as pronounced by Jennings."

This quotation, then, would indicate that Bull Shoals very well could have got its name from the "Boills" (spelled with two l's) of the adventurer Jennings.

Henry Schoolcraft, a New Yorker, explored the Ozarks in 1818 and 1819 on foot, on horseback and by canoe. His journey down the White River, from present day southern Missouri to Poke Bayou, present-day Batesville, was described in his book published in 1821 in London, England. The title is: "Journal of Tour into the Interior of Missouri and Arkansas in 1818 and 1819."

On January 12 1819, he and his companion, "were cordially welcomed at M'Gary's Directly in front of that pioneer home", he wrote, "The Little North Fork of White River discharges itself into the main stream." That point today is beneath the water of Bull Shoals Lake.

On leaving M'Gary's and moving downstream by canoe, Schoolcraft wrote of passing several hunter's cabins, but "meeting nothing worthy of particular note until our arrival at the **Bull Shoals**, situated 20 miles below M'Gary's." The river had a fall of 15 to 20 feet in half a mile, he wrote. Great difficulty was encountered in maneuvering the canoe through the two "schutes," as he called them, because of rocks and rapid water.

According to the Army Corps of Engineers the area where he experience his difficulty in passage is a short distance below the present dam.

If nothing else is proven about the name, at least the name Bull Shoals is a very old name in the area!.

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MORE ORIGINS OF BAXTER COUNTY TOWN NAMES

THREE BROTHERS

"Three Brothers", a very early pioneer town in northwest Baxter County, is reported to have had its name come from three very similar hills in the area which are "as alike as brothers". Another story has suggested that three early settler brothers were community leaders and the name was given to the post office to honor them.

MONKEY RUN

"Monkey Run" is a community west of Mountain Home originally known as Pilgrim's Rest. A story is told that tells of how the name change came about.

"Pilgrim's Rest and the neighboring town of Whiteville were rivals-especially in their baseball games. At one memorial game with the score tied, Pilgrim's Rest's team was at bat. One of the smallest and youngest members of the team was the batter. He swung hard, connected and drove a long fly ball out into center field and begun the trip around the bases to a Home Run! A very excited fan yelled "Watch that **Monkey Run!**" Thus a new name for the community was coined!"

OLD JOE

"Old Joe" apparently was named after Joe Matthew, husband of the Postmistress. But this is disputed by some who contend it was named after a nearby mountain known as "Old Joe" or "Naked Joe"

BIG FLAT

"Big Flat" got its name from a large flat area of farming land which is surrounded by rough mountain land.

WILD HOG

The former community of "Wild Hog" obviously got its name from a large herd of wild hogs that roamed the area unclaimed by the area inhabitants. They were reported to be very vicious and children were warned of the dangers of the wild hogs.

-- From "Pioneer Life and Pioneer Families of the Ozarks" by Earl Berry

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Many other towns in Baxter County existed. Do you know how the names originated for the following towns? Let us know and we will publish them.

Culp, Advance, Haney, Buford, Plembina, Arkana, Etham, Herron, McPhearson, Latonville, Independence, Amos, Benville, Prestonia, Bran, Wake, Vero, Vin, Wolf, Lone rock, Bennetts and Hand.. These all appear, together with the towns previously described, on a 1919 map of Baxter County furnished by Frances Ruthven. (See Center Fold on next page)

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HOWARD KNIGHT - 91 YEARS YOUNG

Howard Knight: Retired Automatic Engineer, Rock Hound, Mason, Fisherman and Honored Historical Society Member.

Howard Knight, a charter member of the Society, was honored at the October meeting of the Society with a surprise Birthday Party. Howard was 91 on October 2nd. A beautiful cake was served by his wife Olive and friend and long time neighbor Hazen Bonow.

Besides being a charter member of the Society, Howard was the first and long time editor of the "History" and a past president of the Society.

Howard is a member and an organizer of the local Ozark Earth Science Club and has served as its president.

Howard worked for Hupmobile in Detroit and Willys Overland in Toledo as an Automotive Engineer and finished his working career with International Harvester Company in Melrose Park, Il.

The Knights have traveled extensively over all the 50 states, Mexico and Cuba while applying their "Rock Hound" hobby of collecting gemstones, mineralogical specimens and fossils.

Happy 91st Birthday, Howard, and **MANY MORE!**

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AMOS/WHITE RIVER FISHERMEN

Mr. & Mrs. Don McConnell, of Salinas, Kansas, revisiting the area for the first time after many years, visited with us to tell of his boyhood visits, in the early 1930s, with his Uncle Frank and Aunt May Borst who lived in the Amos area. Frank Borst operated a grocery Store/Post Office at Amos prior to Bull Shoals Dam construction. Now only a building or two remains of Amos. Don tells of swimming at the White River at the point where "Duettie Springs" met. At that time the stream from the Spring was about 10' wide. He also recalled visiting zinc mines and caves in the Amos area. Don and friend Vernon Travis are pictured above with a catch of White River fish. They are standing adjacent to the "Duettie Springs" at the White River.

The McConnell's stayed at the Cranfield Resort while visiting in the area.

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LOG CABIN SITES

Most log cabin sites were selected near a spring on high ground because of the pioneer's fear of dampness and humidity that occurs in the valleys. This, they felt, could help eliminate chills and fevers as well as prevent or help their rheumatism. A legend says that the site was selected by giving the wife two large buckets of water and told her to carry them up the hill as far as she could carry them without resting. The place that she had to rest was selected at the new cabin site.

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IN MEMORIAL

Mildred V. Tullgren, 73, of Mountain Home, died Tuesday November 9 1991.

Mrs. Tullgren was born on April 20 1918 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and was a retired composing room supervisor at the Baxter Bulletin. A Mountain Home resident since 1952, she was formerly of Milwaukee, Wis. She was a member of Tau Gamma, the Baxter County Historical Society and the First United Methodist Church. She married Paul S. Tullgren on May 17 1941 at Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

She is survived by two sons, Chris Tullgren of Mountain Home and Steve Tullgren of Mundelein, Illinois; six grandchildren; two brothers, Hugo Vogt of Jenkintown, PA. and Earl Vogt of Milwaukee, Wis; and 12 nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by both parents, Hugo A. and Ann Schwartz Vogt and her husband Paull.

A memorial service was held at 2 P.M. at the Kirby Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. C. Waymon Hollis and the Rev. Cherie Benley officiating. Burial was private.

The Society has made a donation to the Baxter County Library in her name.

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BAXTER COUNTY BOYS GO TO CCC CAMPS (Cotter Record Friday, July 12 1935)

Following boys left July 3 for CCC Camps:

Russell Cope,	Daniel Hamilton,	Clyde Parks,	James Cook,
Mildred Bolding	Glen Kennedy,	Elven Raby,	William Ausburn
Troy Smith	Robert Herman	Jesse Thompson	Andrew Beakley
Grady Biggers	Everett Walker	Thelmar Treat	Ray Pemberton
Kyle Branson	Troy Cox	Joe Martin	Britton Curtis
Bill Spoon	Sollie Kasinger	Russell Trivett	Elmo Langston
Glen Ford	Pace Arnett	Percy Copeland	Olin Cunningham
Teddy Stone	Monroe Stafford	Minus Woodcock	Clarence Hughes
Earvin Martin	Milbert Cantrell	Ted Walker	Edgar M. Martin
Orvil McGowan	Rex Roberts	Jeff Hackler	Ray L. Davis
Leslie Mendenhal	Hubert L. Hill	Bolbert Ellis	Everett Casey
Arlin Martin	Lloyd Carson	Howard Stewart	Geo Brown
Charlie Pinkston	Jay Messick	Rudolph Skiver	Thearl Hand
Lawrence Southard	Clyde Kibbee	Herbert Hudson	Roy Chapman
Wilson Chapman	Elmer Dallas Carter	Connie Clark	Jodie Carl Hamby
Virgil Huddleston	Joseph A. Hoiste	Clifton Hurst	Harold Lovelady
John Poynter	Arthur L. Sinor	James H. Jones	Troy P. Ritter
E. Wm. Lance	Wayne Hager	Harley Burleson	Henry McGowan
Truman Byrd	Clarence Akin	Rudolph Parnell	Clem Faucett
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DOG DAYS

Dog days, say the almanacs, begin July 3 and end around August 11. But since the almanac are written in New England (where they do not have dog days) the dates do not fit dog days in Arkansas and the South.

To fully experience Dog Days, a person is required to be in a area where the dry air of wide Mexican deserts blow over Texas and run head first into the hugh masses of sweaty, steamy slow moving Caribbean humidity. These forces togather form the Dog Days languor as the South knows them. It is a force that saps your energy and dulls your spirit! It affects people, animals (dogs included) gardens, shady spots, ball games, revival meetings, politics and indeed the ground you walk on.

Some elderly Arkansans say that Dog Days are upon us when the mules get depressed, moody and bad tempered. A quick kick or bite from a usually tame and docile mule let you know when Dog Days are here.

Others thought the Dog Days came when the crops were "laid by" and before the harvest started. A lot of local election campaigns started during this time so they could get their message to the people before harvest took over their energies and minds. Therefore to some, Dog Days are associated with politics.

Ancient civilizations believed dogs go mad during hot Dog Days when Sirius, the dog star and the brightest star in the constellation Canis Major, rose in conjunction with the sun. Snakes were also thought to be more meaner at this time of the year and would remain so until the huckleberries were gone. Even the mild and friendly snakes were thought to be billigerent during the Dog Days season. Naturalist tell us that many varieties of snakes molt or shed their skin at this time. While shedding the skin some are blinded due to a milky glaze that protects their eyes. It is during this blinded stage that some varieties, for their own preservation, do become more aggressive and will strike out.

Dog Day tales often mention water becoming bad during this time. Many wells did sink to dangerous levels and many did go dry during this part of the summer. Water that was available often times was contaminated. An old belief was that an oppressive substance called "Miasma" thrived in warmer climes in Dog Days times. It was thought to be a toxic vapor or evil spirit containing destructive gases and an elemental kind of vermin or corruption that came from water. Apparently the name of the disease Malaria derived from this substance.

An Arkansas Doctor Alden Sprague explored the connection between "Miasma" and Dog Days in an article that appeared in the Arkansas Gazette in 1832. He presented the idea that the human body produced its own miasma. His theory was that food decomposes quicker in hot sticky weather and that includes the food you have already eaten. This overly slow digesting food fills your body with a kind of all-over scuzziness that makes you sick or just sick of it all! Dr. Sprague's theory was not respected research but it better accounts for the slow, baked, listless, semi-dismay of our Dog days better than the Almanac writers do.

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Come Through a 14-ton Door Under 700 Feet of Granite.

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over a million rolls of microfilm tracing a historic roster
of family names, possibly including yours. Mormon
research crews on every continent add more rolls
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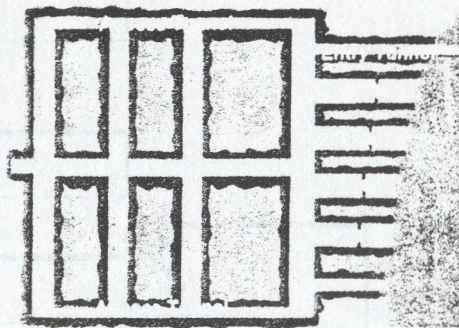
Some 20 miles south of Salt Lake City, two-laned Route 210 climbs east up Little Cottonwood Canyon. The canyon walls rise sheer, majestic and remote against the mountain sky. A mile or two up the canyon, an asphalt drive hairpins back to a parking area: the entrance to the Granite Mountain vaults maintained by the Genealogical Society of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (the Mormons).

Through the 14-Ton Door

A broad entry tunnel leads straight into the stone heart of the mountain, and to a grid of six arched vaults.

Three access tunnels connect spacious work areas with the storage vaults. A mighty, 14-ton steel door seals off the central main tunnel.

Your footsteps echo sharply off the polished floor of the main tunnel. Three vaults extend to your left,



three to the right. Each vault holds a thousand or more steel filing cabinets. Each cabinet holds 825 rolls of microfilm. And each roll contains names and records by the thousand—names left behind in deeds and marriage licenses, family Bibles, parish registers, probate and cemetery lists.

For the past 40 years, Mormon genealogical experts have been filming these records in settlements, villages, towns and cities on every continent. And still the rolls come in from the field crews at the rate of 60,000 a year. Some 60 microfilm specialists—most of them young

Mormon women—inspect and process the incoming rolls and prepare them for storage. Transferred to print, their data would fill 4.5 million large volumes. The Church gives copies of these microfilm rolls to the owners of the original records, for their use and preservation.

Seven Million Families

More than seven million family names in these mountain vaults! More than a billion lives of men, women and children who were born on this earth, walked this earth, then passed on. Each one a human story of joys and tears, hope and happiness. Each one a son or daughter, and most of them, in turn, parents to sons and daughters of their own. Each a link in the living chain of humanity.

Yes, this is, beyond doubt, the world's richest genealogical resource. In these vaults, protected by a granite blanket 700 feet thick, safe from flood, fire and other natural or man-wrought disaster, are its precious negatives, its master films. Yet in Salt Lake City, in the Genealogical Society's headquarters, are duplicates of the Granite Mountain microfilms for everyone to study and explore—Mormon and non-Mormon alike—without charge.

Not only can a visitor from Seattle or Topeka walk through the library doors, ask a few questions and locate a specific microfilm print; he can then take it to one of 400 public microfilm viewers and see its records come into focus on the lighted reading screen before his eyes. With these free, easily available resources, tracing ancestors becomes something any family can enjoy.

A Name from Peru

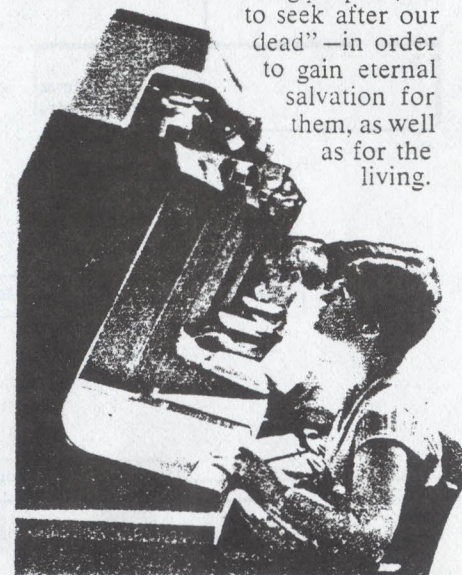
Today, 90,000 visitors a month use the library's vast facilities, seek-

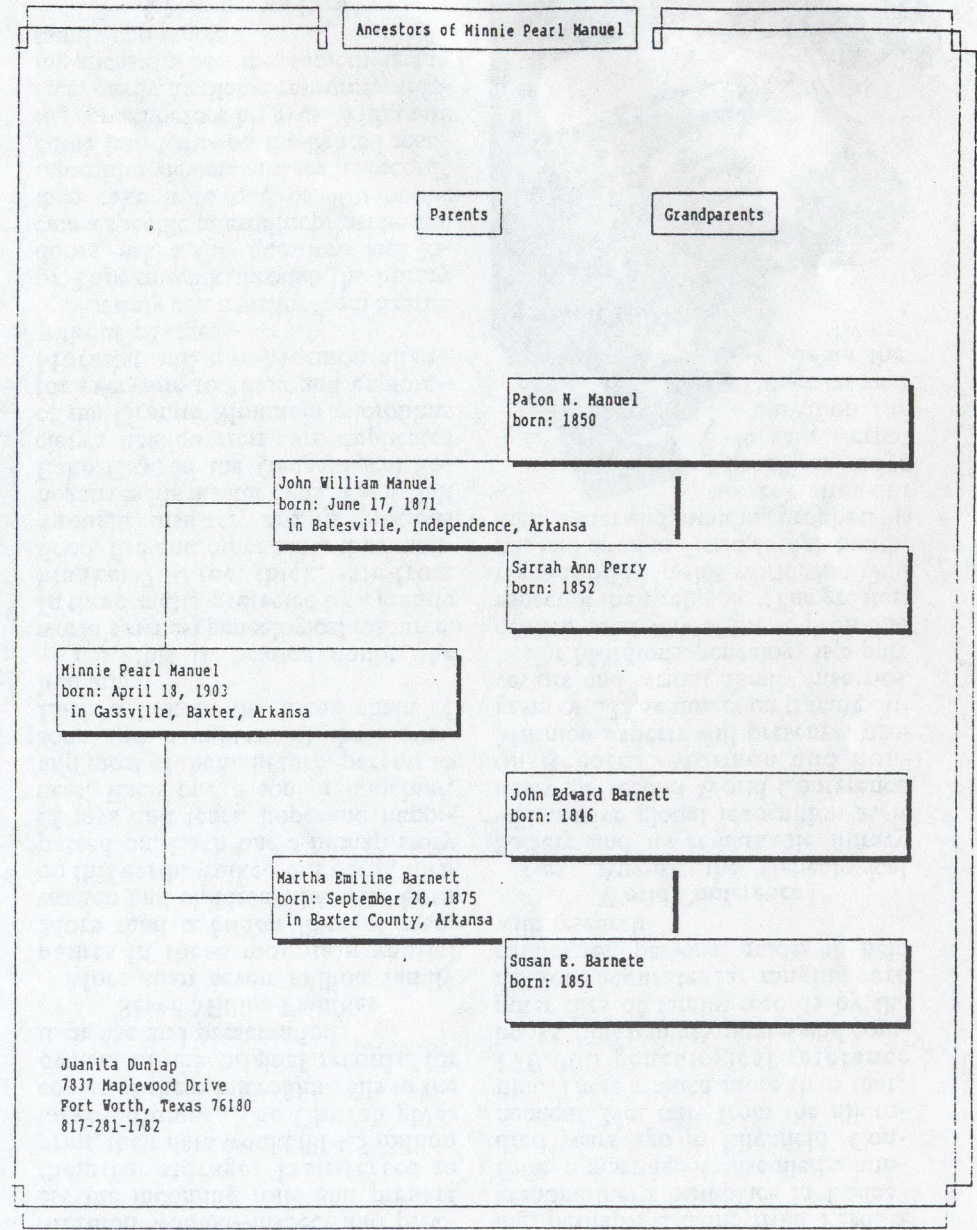
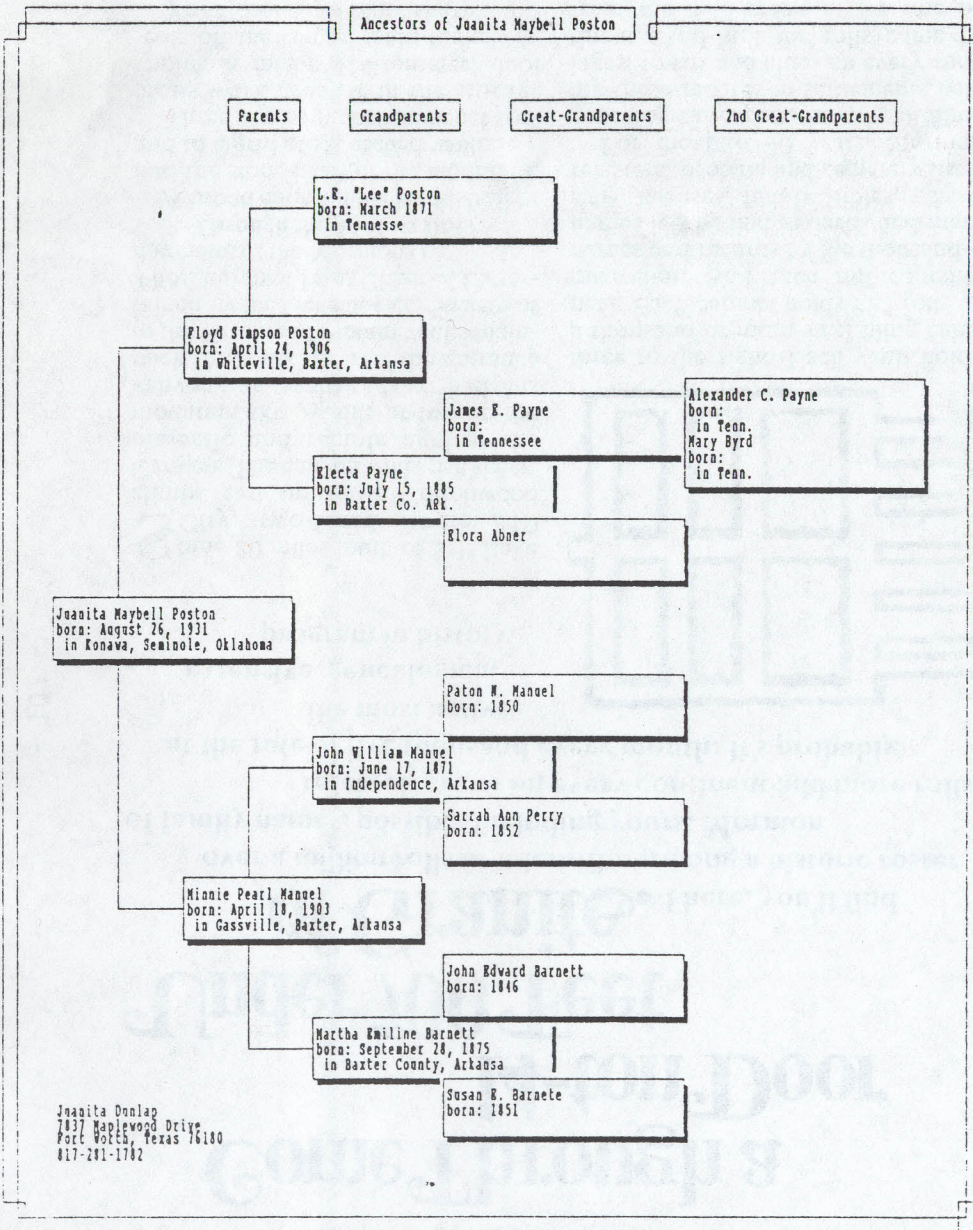
ing, perhaps, a name from Peru, a grandmother's birthplace in Lancashire, a marriage license filed a hundred years ago in Litchfield, Connecticut. Not only from the microfilm. There's much more than that: 170,000 genealogical reference books, plus bound volumes and computer files of family records by the million; accurate, far-ranging card catalogues; personal guides to help with research.

World Conference

Next August, the Genealogical Society and its remarkable library will receive global recognition as it hosts the second World Conference on Records. Mormon and non-Mormon experts will present a program of 275 seminars on tracing ancestors and writing family histories.

For Mormons, genealogy is a part of their total way of life, a profound aspect of their religion. "The greatest responsibility in this world that God has laid upon us," said Joseph Smith, their leader and founding prophet, "is to seek after our dead"—in order to gain eternal salvation for them, as well as for the living.





We will be featuring some genealogy charts from members and readers which feature Baxter County ancestors. This chart furnished by new member Juanita Dunlap of Fort Worth, Texas.

GOVERNMENT VILLAGE

As part of the preliminary construction of the Norfolk Dam a village of homes known as "The Government Village" was constructed in Mountain Home in 1941 & 1942.. This group of homes are located on Circle Drive near the Army Corp of Engineer's office on 7th St.

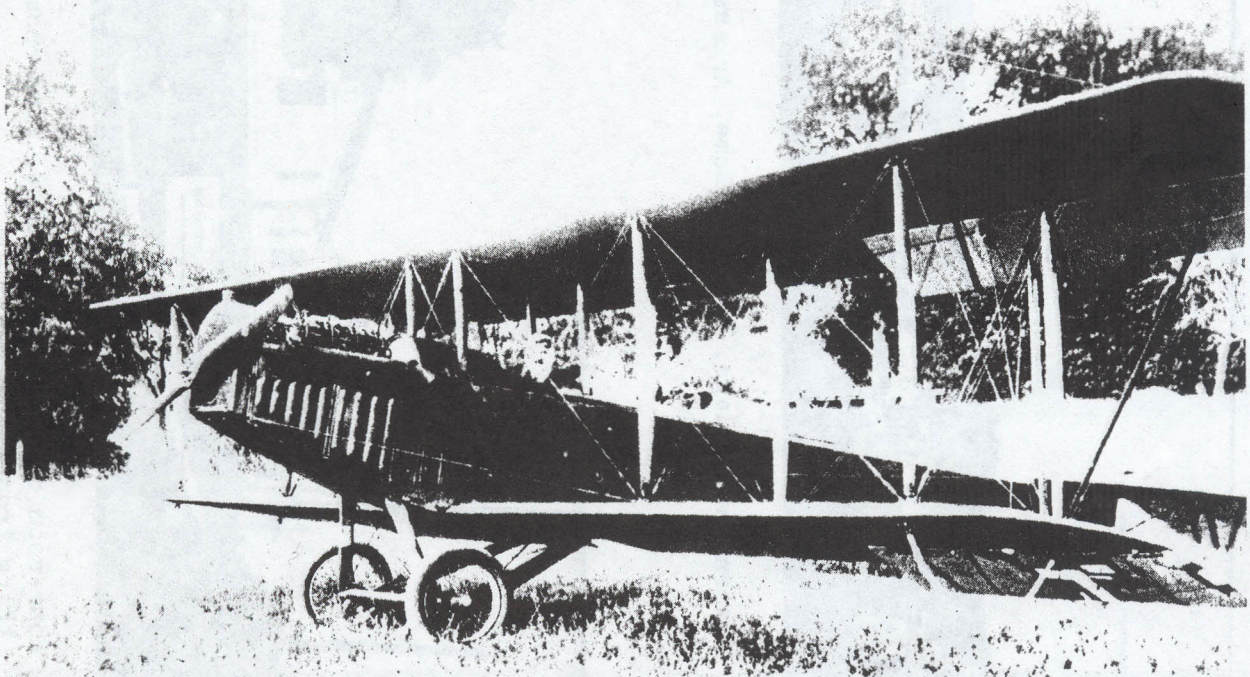
The Government Village, consisted of 6 six-room, 8 five-room, and 17 duplex houses and was provided to provide quarters for 48 families.

The houses and garages were of wood frame construction covered on outside with 15/16-inch structural insulation sheeting and on the inside with ½-inch prepainted insulatin board. Floors are of select red oak and roofs are fire-resistant composition shingles. Ceilings are insulated with 4 inches of rock wool. Water is obtained from the Mountain Home municipal water system, and an independent sanitary system is provided.

The village was constructed to house goverment personnel engaged in the construction activities on Norfork dam, Lone Rock Dam and the Bull Shoals Dam.

The construction of the village was performed under a separate contract by R. A. Hughes of Fayetteville, Arkansas.

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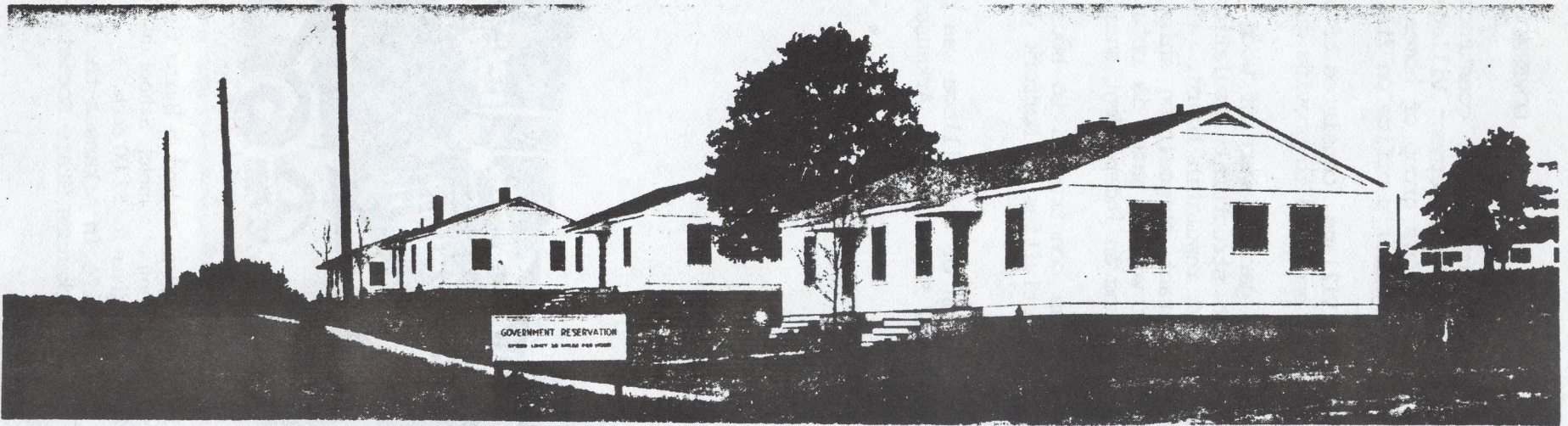


269 First airplane to land in Baxter County about 1922 or 1923. It landed in a field near the present location of a motel. School dismissed so children could go to see it and stores closed. Rides were given for \$2.00 each.

— From "Life In Arkansas—the 1st 100 years"
Arkansas State Society - DAR



A. Government Village, Mountain Home, Arkansas - 12 March 1942.



B. Four-room duplex in foreground, five-room house second from right, and six-room house third from right.

COTTER OPENING HELD ON WINTER DAY IN 1905

Campfires burned along the bluff of White River early on the morning of November 23 1905, as wagons, buggies and horseback riders began gathering at the new town of Cotter, joining the people who had camped there for the official opening of the town.

A high point of the opening was the drawing for lots. Tickets for lots were sold for \$25 each and the drawing determined the lot assignments. Fourteen hundred lots were drawn for. Site for the drawing was the upper veranda of the old Tremain Hotel, a four-story structures with double-deck porches.

Mrs. M. E. Franks, who had lived in Cotter only a short time when the opening took place, recalls that ex-governor Jeff Davis spoke to the large crowd from the varena of the hotel. The affair was one of the largest and most exciting events ever to occur in North Arkansas. Events included a big mineral exhibit and free barbecue.

At the time of the official opening Cotter already was off to a good start. It was born a boom town, because of the construction of the White River branch of the Missouri Pacific and Iron Mountain Railroad.

The town had been laid out in 1903 in the oval bend of White River. Railroad yards were built on the flat land next to the river and residences were built on the bluff overlooking them with stores and office buildings on th middle lever.

On July 7 1904, V. A. Matthews and others gave a petition to the county court to incorporate the town of Cotter. The town site was owned by the Red Bud Realty Company, of which W. V. Powell of St. Louis was president; Jerry C. South of Mountain Home, secretary; and Thomas Combs was treasurer. The original site consisted of 300 acres of land obtained from the government in 1868 by a man named Cunningham. In 1883 it was sold to L. P. Kemp, and in 1892 to Thomas Combs, who incorporated it in the Red Bud Realty Company.

The railroad opened up a rich and beautiful part of the state for development. At that time there was a great deal of mining of lead and zinc ore in Baxter and Marion counties, and it was prophesied that Cotter was destined to become the metropolis of north Arkansas, as the shipping point for a section rich in minerals and forest products.

But time has a way of mocking prophets, and that was another prophecy which did not quite materialize, because the mining fever died out several years later. Cotter has always been a good business town, however, and was the division point between Newport and Carthage, Mo.

The town suffered a big loss when the railroad put in Diesel locomotives and deactivated the roundhouse which had cared for the old steam engines. Many of the men who had worked at the roundhouse moved with their families to other towns to work. Clarence Hopkins, who was in the lumber business when Cotter was "opened" and who now is in the real estate business, estimates the loss of payroll at \$20,000 each payday.

The railroad is the pulse of the town of Cotter. Most of the residents are employed on the road, and their bonds of interest are closer that that of most neighborhoods. It is a town, however, where the newcomer quickly finds friends, for the railroad people seem to never meet a "stranger."

The first through train on the White River Division passed through Cotter on New Year's Day 1906. It was a work train. The first through passenger train went over the rails on January 31 1906, carrying Vice President C. W. Clark and other railroad officials.

According to Owen G. Kendrick, who recently retired after 50 years as an engineer on the road, some other important dates are December 29 1904, when the last rail on the White River division was spiked down: and on October 26 1906, when the roundhouse was completed and turned over to the operating department.

The railroad bridge across white River at Cotter was completed late in 1904, after having been washed out in a flood earlier in the year. Through traffic could not be established, however, until the tunnel was completed in the mountain on the opposite side of the river from Cotter.

When Cotter was incorporated the town had a population of 600 persons. Many of them lived in tents until houses could be built. Among the first businessmen in Cotter were Albert Billingsley, who operated a general store: Clay Jackson, boarding house; Jack Cole, trader; Dr. John Hall, drug and general store; T. M. Montgomery, drug store; Dr. T. C. Cannady; Miser's Hotel; J. H. Spencer restaurant; Peace Lumber Company; Tremain and Balcom, buggy and hack store; George Dent, restaurant; Red Bud Realty Company; Boncher and Clogstone, carpenters; Hotel Case; Weiden and Matthews, mining investors; Lighthausers, mercantile store; J. F. Stark and J. J. Camley, contractors; G. G. Ortman and Clarence Hopkins, lumber yard; and a newspaper, the Cotter Courier, which was started December 14 1903 by J. G. Copeland, but soon sold to H. D. Routzong, who edited it for many years.

Cotter suffered two disastrous fires, and the first on September 6 1905, changed the direction of Main Street. Loss in this fire was set at \$50,000, and in the second fire on March 23 1907, the damage amounted to \$20,000.

One of the things most of the "old timers" remember about Cotter is the big dances which used to be held there. Orchestras would come up on the train from Batesville—one Negro orchestra is especially remembered—and people would come for miles around to the dances because it was the only place in the country at that time where dances were held. Mountain Home boys, would leave on their horses about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and would arrive home about sunup after the dance.

Tourists to the town now always are thrilled by the beauty of the highway bridge on U. S. Highway 62 going into Cotter. It is of a rainbow arch design and the oyster white concrete arches are very beautiful silhouetted against the Marion County hills. The bridge was build 25 years ago.

Since the building of Bull Shoals dam on White river about 12 miles above Cotter, the river has become a famed fishing place, because now rainbow trout are able to live in the cold stream, along with the bass and other game fish.

Many retired people are moving to Cotter and taking the place of those who moved away when the railroad changed to diesel engines. A garment factory has been established, and the town is seeking other industry. These events apparently are the beginning of a change which in the next 50 years will alter the history of Cotter as a railroad town.

--The Baxter Bulletin, December 15 1955

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Bragging history addict to friend: "My family came over on the May Flower".

Friend: "Probably a good thing-immigration laws are a lot stricter now!"

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COTTER, ARKANSAS

In the matter of Incorporating)
the Town of Cotter, Ark.....)

Record of Baxter County, Ark.
Record Book 4 page 21-23

Petition to Incorporate Town
of Cotter.

Dated July 7 1904.

On this day was presented to the Court the petition of V. A. Matthews and others, residents of the town of Cotter, Ark, praying an order of this court Incorporating the territory embraced in said town of Cotter and adjacent territory, as shown by plat filed with petition as an Incorporated town, said petition being in words as follows:

To the Honorable County Cort of Baxter Country, Arkansas, sitting at its July term, 1904.

We, the undersigned petitioners and inhabitants of Baxter Country, Arkansas, and residents within the territory herein described, pray your honorable body for an order to incorporate said territory as a town same to known as the "Incorporated town of Cotter, same being the territory embraced in the plat of said town of Cotter and the territory indicated by the map or plat herewith filed, which territory is desired to be embraced in said incorporated town, same being described as follows:

Begining at a point on the White River where the center line of Section, of Section 5, Township 18 N. Range 14 West intersects said river, thence North on said line to the N. E. Corner of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32 Township 19 N. Range 14 West, thence West one mile, thence North 805 feet thence West to the bank of White River, thence down said stream with its meanderings of said White River to the point of beginning.

We further state that the petitioners hereinafter named are a majority of the electors and inhabitants residing in said territory, and we further pray that an order to be made by the court declaring the territory above described, "An Incorporated town of Cotter."

V. A. Matthews being appointed as agent for petitioners and authorized to prosecute this application in behalf of your petitioners.

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| 1. J. G. Hall | 13. J. L. Shaver | 25. J. A. Spencer |
| 2. R. E. Weldon | 14. C. T. Cannaday | 26. R. H. Chase |
| 3. Thos. Combs | 15. L. S. Fleming | 27. H. C. Hopkins |
| 4. W. J. Keener | 16. J. W. Murphy | 28. J. W. Bramman |
| 5. R. H. Miser | 17. D. E. Duncan | 29. V. A. Matthews |
| 6. H. Lighthiser | 18. W. H. Bruce | 30. G. W. Smith |
| 7. W. J. Metcalf | 19. J. P. Hayworth | 31. J. W. Glore |
| 8. A. W. Billingsly | 20. Ben Bodenhamer | 32. John Douglas |
| 9. H. H. Goodman | 21. T. B. Messick | 33. H. K. McDermitt |
| 10. Harry Tremain | 22. W. O. Beane | 34. H. C. Robetson |
| 11. G. V. Carman | 23. J. J. Chastain | 35. J. A. Cook |
| 12. W. H. Meirs | 24. W. M. Prater | 36. Albert Garver |

Petition to Incorporate Town of Cotter #2

And the court upon examinatin of said petition and finding that same had been signed by more than twenty qualified electors and inhabitanta residing within the limits of the territory described in said petition, and that the territory described to be embraced in said Incorporated town had been platted and filed with said petition, and further finding that notice of the prosecution of said petition had been given by publication in the "Cotter Courier", a weekly newspaper published in said County of Baxter for more that three consecutive weeks and more than 30 days before the date set forth for the final hearing of said petition, the premises being seen and the court fully advised therein.

It is therefore considered and ordered by the Court, that said petition be and the same is hereby granted, and that the territory as described in the petitioners petition be organized as an Incorporated town, and same be known and named as the "Incorporated town of Cotter, " Ark, under the laws and constitution of the State of Arkansas, and that the Clerk of this Court record said petition, together with this order endorsed thereon upon the records of this court, and shall file and preserve in his office all the original papers herein, having certified there on that the same have been properly recorded and shall further make out and certify under his official seal, two transcripts of said record, one of which he shall forward to the Secretary of State and the other deliver to the agent of said petitioners with a certificate endorsed thereon, that a transcript had been forwarde to the Secretary of State, as provided by law.

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Editor: The Incorporation papers were reproduced by typing as the original handwritten copy is too faint to copy. Cotter Incorporation papers courtesy of the Baxter County Clerk Rhonda Porter.,

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THOSE DAMN YANKEES

Where did the term come from? Proud as Americans are of the term "Yankee", the name comes from an ethnic insult.

Since cheese was the national product of Holland, the Dutch was called John Kass (John Cheese) - with the J pronounced "Y" by their condescending German and Flemish neighbors. After the Dutch settled in New York, they gave the label to their Neighbors in New England, whom they considered country bunks. The British, during the Revolutinary War, applied the same name to the Colonist.

The Southern States in the Civil War quickly applied the name to their opponents and to anyone residing north of the Mason-Dixon line. And the Northerners also uses the name to apply to the New England Stock who are known for their thriftiness and sharp trading practices.

During World War I and II the American Forces were known to many nations as the "Yanks", a derivative of "Yankee"

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PUBLICATONS RELATING TO BAXTER COUNTY HISTORY

Following list of publications pertain to Baxter County History. For prices, etc. contact the addresses indicated:

"LIFE IN THE LEATHERWOODS" by John Q. Wolf. Available at the Cherry Tree Book Store, 2 E 7th Street, Mountain Home, AR. 72653

"Baxter County History" by Frances Shiras. Available at the Cherry Tree Book Store,

"Baxter County History" by Mary Ann Messick. Available from the Baxter Country Historical Society. (\$15 plus \$2 shipping/handling if mailed)

"Life As Lived In The Ozarks" by Dulcie Robertson. Available from the Author and/or the Cherry Tree Book Store.

"The Country Church" by Lynn McGuire. Out of print but limited copies available from the author. Write: 1208 Highlands Dr., Mountain Home AR 72653

"Hatch, Match & Dispatch-Index To The Baxter Bulletin 1901-1915" by Margie Garr, available only from researcher/author-write to Margie Garr, 1505 Mistletoe, Mountain Home, AR. 72653

"Births, Marriages, Deaths, Etc-From The Cotter Courier, Cotter Ark." by Margie Garr, available only from author. See item above.

"Bennetts Bajou-Bennetts River" by Donald S. Hubbard, Jr. Limited copies available from the Author: write: HC62 Box 9070, Henderson Ark. 72544

Pictorial History of Baxter County Arkansas" by the Baxter Bulletin Limited issues available from the publisher write: 16 W 6th St. Mountain Home, Ar. 72653 Ph 501-425-3133

Pioneer Life and Pioneer Families of the Ozarks by Earl Berry Available for viewing at the Baxter and Marion County Libraries.

Letter to the Editor:

"Thank you for the feature article on E. M. Smothers of Buford, in the June 1991 Issue. Believe this is great, great uncle. My gg grandfather Elisha Smothers came to Arkansas circa 1853 with wife and family, also settling in Buford in Baxter Country. I trust you will convey my thanks to the author of this article and would appreciate any information on this family.

-Fern Willis, 26261 McCull Blvd, Sun City, Ca 92586

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From the "Cotter Record" Nov 22 1929 Issue:

"Elisha Smothers, age 95, of near Buford, died Tuesday. He came here from Tennessee more that 75 years ago. He was the oldest pioneer resident of Baxter Country."

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GENEALOGY INQUERIES

Queries will be accepted for publication in the "Quarterly". All queries should have a connection to Baxter County or the surrounding area. Queries should be brief and include, when known, dates, locations (counties, major city and state) births, marriages, deaths and residences. Queries will be subject to editing. Queries will be printed as space allows. Those not printed in the next quarterly will be printed in a later issue. Send queries to the president's address on page 1.

NO 7-91 Katherine E. Ryan, 1404 Smoke Tree Ave, Las Vegas NV 89108

Am searching for ancestors of the following lines: **Wm. F. Smith** family: Charle Chester, Claude Claxton, Leffel James, Emmet Floyd & Wm Paul, Beulah Bessie Hannett. The **Claude Claxton** Family: Nellie Smith Arnett, Clyde Claxton, Woodrow W., Gladys N. Smith Hall, Nettie Neva Smith Moody & Hazel Maxie Smith Wilson, Joe H, Mary Margie Smith Holstine, Addie Lee Smith Halford & John Dilbert. **Am seeking any info on above—especially info on Wm. Franklin Smith and his son Claude Claxton—will correspond and exchange information.**

No 8-91 Ann Branum, 1111 North 2000 West, 22 Glenwood Drive, Farr West, Utah 84404

Seeking info on James Henry Orsborn (Osborn), spouse Louise Standage, lived Gamaliel, AR. 1800s-early 1900s. Sons: Winifred, Paul, Claude, Jewell. Daughters Stella, Myrtle, Blanche and Gladys. Also seeking info on other relation in area: Opal Williams and spouse (unknown) who was killed in same auto accident with Lon Miller and wife Ellen in ca 1945/1955. Also Edith Rite and Henry Bean. **Any info appreciated!**

EVERTON WORK SHOP DATE SET!

The Baxter County Historical Society and The Everton Publishers have announced that a genealogy workshop is scheduled for Saturday May 2 1992 at the Junior High School, 2301 Rodeo Dr. (off Bomber Blvd) in Mountain Home, AR.

The workshop is open to all. The workshop will be from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 PM. Lunch is not provided and sack lunch is suggested.

Cost of the workshop is \$25.00 and includes a \$21.00 subscription of the "Genealogical Helper".

To Preregister call Margie Garr 501-425-0405.

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SOCIETY OFFICERS REELECTED FOR 1992

At the December meeting all officers of the Society were reelected to serve thru 1992. The reelected officers want your continued support and help to continue to make the Society a better organization! The reelected officers listing are on page 88.

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"LADY IN RED" TREATED BY LOCAL DOCTOR

Dr. John Guenthner, after 54 years of practice, retires! His long list of patients included John Dillinger's "Lady In Red". She had jumped from a second story window in Chicago while in protective custody and was brought to the Cook County Hospital where he was working. She had suspected retaliation by the gang for her betrayal of John Dillinger, had heard a suspicious noise and jumped. Dr Guenthner was working at the Cook County Hospital at the time.

Dr. Guenthner came to Baxter County from Chicago after seeing an advertisement on the hospital bulletin board. At that time an intern earned \$25 a month and the ad for the Rollins Hospital in Gassville offered \$200 monthly. Since he had been advised by his own doctor that a heart condition would be helped with a less stressful location plus the bonus of the attractive wage, he decided to make the move to Baxter County. When he got here he was the only surgeon in a forty mile radius of Mountain Home. The Gassville Hospital at that time was the only hospital between Harrison and Batesville and was a larger facility than either of those two hospitals.

Dr. Guenthner recalls another patient while working at the Gassville Hospital. A lady was admitted in labor carrying her bottle of spring water-- a practice not uncommon in those days. But it seems that particular patient had substituted "White Lightning" for the spring water. After the nurse had apprised Dr. Guenthner of the fact of the water and of the tipsy condition of his patient, he went to the room to see for himself. Sure enough, it was "White Lightning". The Doctor took a drink from the bottle and all went into the delivery room and "had her baby"

Dr. Guenthner, together with Dr. Ben Saltzman later operated their own hospital on West Sixth Street in Mountain Home. In 1963, realizing that they could not keep up with the demand, arranged for their own hospital to be condemned, thus, clearing the way for the construction of a new 39 bed Baxter County Regional Hospital. (In 1968 the Baxter County Regional Hospital had grown to 133 beds)

Dr. Guenthner developed cancer in a hand and was believed to be the result of his medical practice. Many years of fluoroscope using his hands to hold the screen apparently had contributed to the cancer. At the time of it's use it was considered harmless. The surgery was performed to remove the cancer. After the surgery, to eliminate the stiffness in his hand, he taught his self to play the organ. Despite the loss of fingers due to surgery he became very adept at the instrument.

Dr. Guenthner was the son of Charles and Luella Guenthner of New York State. He was married Aug 24 1978 and his wife Eileen was a native of Buffalo City, Baxter County, Arkansas. She has five children and nine grandchildren.

---Excerpted from the Baxter Bulletin July 27 1984

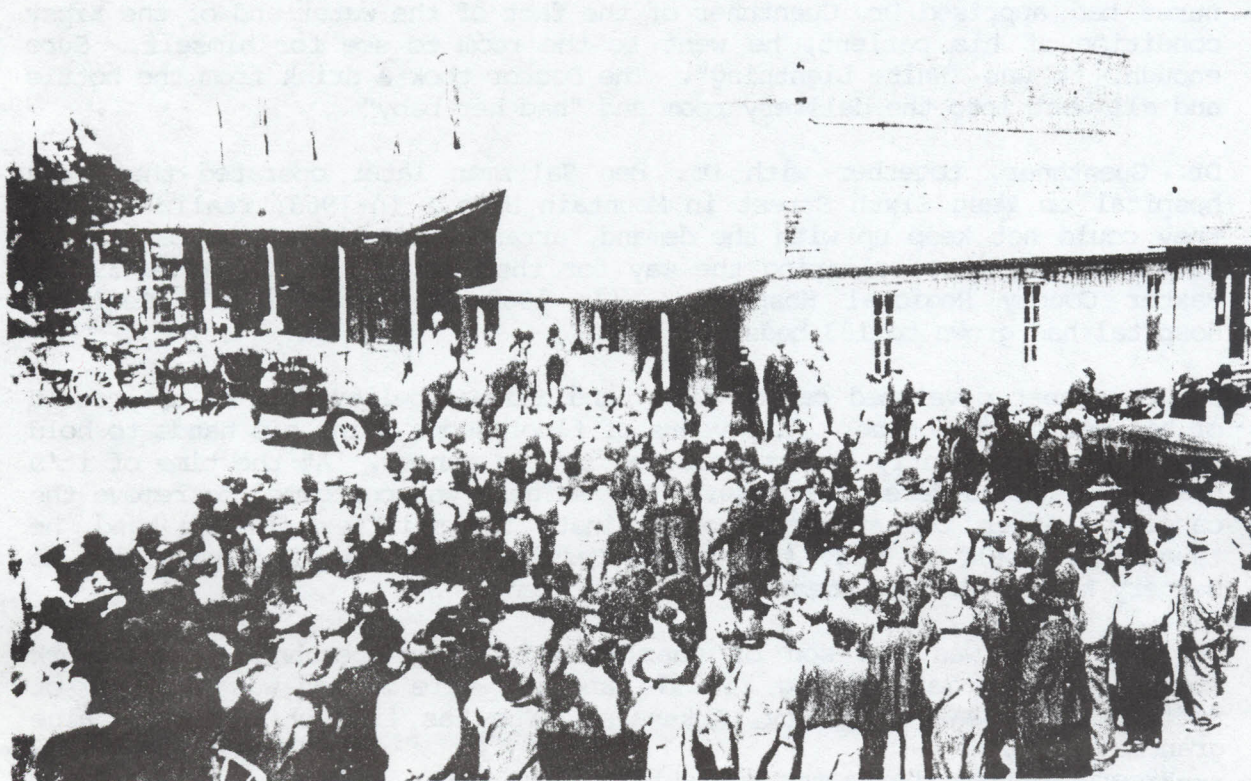
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EARLY SCENES ON THE SQUARE IN MOUNTAIN HOME



Cow being auctioned on the east side of the Courthouse



The crowd has moved closer to Johnson Harness & Shoe
Repair Shop
Note the horse tied to hitching rail and the old Model "A" Ford Car!

CONFEDERATE ARKANSAS DEAD BURIED AT ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL.
ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS

(following includes: Name of soldier, rank, company, regiment, date of death and the grave number is in parentheses)

Abrams, Jesse W., Pvt Co. I, 16 AR d-Oct 7 1864 (1650)
Allen, A. C. Pvt Co K, 1 (Monroe's) AR Cav. Dec 17 1864 (1685)
Barnwell, Harvey A. Pvt Co E, 1 AR Cav. d-Aug 3 1864 (1369)
Beavers, William Pvt Co C (Monroe's) AR Cav d-Jan 29 1865 (1831)
Bennett, Chas. Pvt Co. A. Monroe's AR d-Aug 24 1864 (1445)
Berryman, W. S. Pvt Co. B, 2 Ar Cav, d-Sep 3 1864 (1479)
Bird, Alex C. Pvt Co K 1 AR Cav d-Aug 11 1864 (1404)
Black, J. M. Pvt Co B 12 (Johnson's) AR d-Sep 29 1864 (1538)
Blackark, William, Pvt -Gordon's AR Cav d-Jan 11 1865 (1767)
Bostick, Thos. J. Pvt, 10 AR d-Jan 24 1865 (1815)
Boyle, Thos. E. Pvt Co B, 5 AR Cav d-Jan 8 1865 (1756)
Brady, James Pvt Co B, Freeman's AR d-Dec 23, 1864 (1700)
Branton, Richard M. Pvt Co D 1 (Crawford's) AR Cav d-Oct 14 1864 (1567)
Brickley, Jesse Pvt Co C 11 AR Cav d-May 20 1864 (1284)
Bridges, Geo. Pvt Co K. 11 AR d-Dec 26 1864 (1713)
Bronson, S. Pvt Co L., 1 (Monroe's) AR Cav d-Feb 18 1865 (1884)
Brooks, J. H. Pvt Co C, 15 AR Mil. d-Jan 13 1865 (1774)
Brooks, Joseph H. Pvt Co B 13 AR, d-Mar 10 1864 (779)
Brown, C. William Pvt Co. 1, 1 (Crawford's) AR d-Mar 4 1865 (1901)
Brown, Robt. J. Sgt Co 1, 3 AR d-May 29 1864 (1278)
Browning, Wm. R., Sgt Co A., 1 AR Cav d-Jul 30 1864 (1355)
Brummett, Geo W. Sgt Co A, 9 AR d-Sep 20 1864 (1516)
Bryant, Wm. A. Pvt Co B 13 AR d-Mar 9 1864 (774)
Buck, M. Pvt Co H. 33 AR d-Jul 26 1864 (1342)
Byrd, McDuff, Pvt Co D, 1 (Crawford's) Ar Cav d-Oct 9 1864 (1554)
Cabeen, Wm W. Pvt Co G 19 AR d-Jul 21 1864 (1334)
Callaway, Isaac L. Pvt Co B, 2 AR Cav d-Jun 12 1864 (1227)
Carpenter, Enoch, Pvt Co C 1 (Crawford's) Ar Cav d-Sep 1 1864 (14740)
Carroll, W. B. Pvt Gordon's AR Cav d-Mar 16 1865 (1921)
Casey, Miles, Pvt Co. K 7 AR Cav d-Jan 18 1865 (1786)
Clifton, Geo S., Pvt Co B, 12 Battn AR S.S. d-May 12 1864 (1131)
Cloud, Geo J. Pvt Co B, 1 AR Cav d-Feb 13 1865 (1881)
Cobb, Ira G. Pvt Co A, 1 AR Cav d-Dec 15 1864 (1677)
Cotham, David B. Pvt Co B, Wright's AR Cav d-Sep 13 1864 (1501)
Crestwill, Daniel, Pvt Co. A 48 AR Cav d-mar 13 1865 (1913)
Cureton, J. C. Pvt Co. C 19 (Dockery's) AR d-Aug 24 1864 (1448)
Davis, James H. Pvt Co. D. 12 AR d-Nov 7 1864 (1619)
Edom, Thos Pvt Co G Fagan's AR d-Aug 26 1864 (1456)
Elmore, John Pvt Co C 7 AR d-Dec 16 1863 (1951)
English, E. M. Pvt Co G 25 AR d-Apr 12 1864 (10350)
Evans, W. M. Pvt Co G 2 AR Cav d-Sep 30 1864 (1539)
Fallas, Lycurgus, Pvt Harden's Co Freeman's AR d-Aug 1 1864 (1357)
Ferguson, Jas L. Sgt, Parker's Co Turners AR d-Dec 10 1864 (1657)
Ford, J. M. Pvt Co D, 15 (Northwest) AR d-Sep 24 1864 (1530)
Fowlkes, Geo F. Pvt Co K, 3 AR d-Mar 15 1864 (825)
Gainer, A. J. Pvt Co F, 8 (Newton's) AR Cav d-Aug 1 1864 (1361)
Gamble, L. D. Pvt Co D, 1 (Monroe's) AR Cav d-Jan 24 1865 (1821)
Gardner, Jos. L. Pvt Co K, Wright's AR d-Jan 18 1864 (1787)

Gilley, Elias Pvt Co G 1 AR Cav d-Jun 14 1864 (1233)
 Gillier, Edward, Pvt Co H Wright's AR Cav d-Jan 26 1865 (1822)
 Gray, C. R. Pvt Co LH, 5 AR d-Mar 3 1864 (7840)
 Griffith, Thomas Pvt Co H, 3 AR Cav d-Jan 21 1864 (245)
 Hale, Samuel Pvt Co B, 1 AR Cav d-Jul 2 1864 (1286)
 Harris, James H. Pvt Co D, 2 AR d-Aug 7 1864 (1393)
 Harris, Wm F. Corp Co L 7 AR Cav d-Feb 3 1865 (1854)
 Harrison, D. M. Pvt Cokes AR Inf. d-Mar 7 1865 (1906)
 Hasty, James Pvt Co C Wright's AR Cav d-Mar 31 1864 (1182)
 Hatfield, Tandy Pvt Co F, 8 AR Cav d-Sep 29 1864 (1536)
 Heffley, W. F. Pvt Co G 1 (Crawford's) AR Cav d-Jun 16 1864 (1245)
 Hensley, Smauel F. Pvt Co H 1 AR d-Dec 20 1864 (1689)
 Hill, Abraham Pvt Co C, 1 AR Cav d-Mar 30 1864 (951)
 Hogan, Jas N. Pvt Co G, 2 AR Cav d-Dec 23 1864 (1701)
 Hopkins, Benj F. Pvt Co 1, 8 AR d-Jul 26 1864 (1348)
 Horton, Haris Pvt Co K 1 AR Cav d-May 29 1864 (1176)
 Hudson, Joseph E. Pvt Co A Gordon's AR Cav d-Dec 22 1864 (1698)
 Hudspeth, Jno, Pvt Co A 1 AR Cav d-Sep 8 1864 (1489)
 Irwin, James Pvt Co K 7 AR d-Apr 8 1865 (1937)
 Johnson, Geo Pvt Co H, (Monroe's) Ar Cav d-Dec 3 1864 (1729)
 Johnson, Henry J. Pvt Co D, Newton AR Cav d-Jul 17 1864 (1323)
 Johnson, Thos. Pvt Rutherford's Co, Floyd's AR d-Jul 29 1864 (1351)
 Jones, Joseph A. Muscn Co G 1 AR d-Feb 29 1864 (673)
 Kadle, Jeremiah D. Corp Co E 3 AR d-Sep 1 1864 (14730)
 Kimbro, William, Pvt Co D, Coffee's AR d-Mar 15 1865 (1919)
 Knottingham, ___ Pvt Co C, 8 AR d-an 27 1865 (1835)
 Kyle, Isaac Pvt Co H, 1 AR d-Dec 15 1864 (1675)
 Langford, James M. Pvt Co G, 1 AR d-Dec 27 1864 (1730)
 Laster, G. L. Pvt Co 1, 11AR d-Sep 6 1864 (1483)
 Lindsey, Louis M. 1 Lt. (Crawford's) Ar Cav d-Jul 18 1864 (1328)
 Lindsay, James Pvt G 1 (Crawford's) AR Cav d-Jun 14 1864 (1234)
 Mays, James Pvt Co C 1 (Crawford's) AR Cav d-Sep 6 1864 (1481)
 McAdoo, S. T. Pvt Co D 11 AR d-Aug 10 1864 (1401)
 McAllister, M. F. Sgt Co C 10 AR d-Jan 18 1865 (1790)
 McCollum, W. P. Pvt Co. B, 20 AR d-Aug 2 1864 (1364)
 McGee, Andrew J. Pvt Co H 9 AR Cav d-Jul 10 1864 (1308)
 McMillan, Hiram Pvt Co 1 19 (Dawson's) AR d-Jun 15 1864 (1242)
 McMullen, Mark, Pvt Co 1 Gordon's AR Cv d-Jan 7 1865 (1752)
 McNeice, James Pvt Co K 45 AR d-Feb 3 1865 (1851)
 McReynolds, Pleasant M. Pvt Co A 2 AR Cav d-Dec 16 1864 (1679)
 Meeks, Isaac Z. W. Pvt Co A 19 (Dawson's) AR d-Aug 22 1864 (1437)
 Milton, Andrew G. Pvt Co. D 14 AR d-Aug 26 1864 (1453)
 Milton, Jno D. Pvt Co E. McKee's AR d-Aug 14 1864 (1410)
 Miser, Elijah H. Pvt Co. E. Freeman's AR d-Aug 14 1864 (1408)
 Mitchell, Jas A. Pvt Co D, Freeman's AR d-Jan 15 1865 (1778)
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 Morris, James Pvt Co. K 8 AR d-Feb 15 1864 (469)
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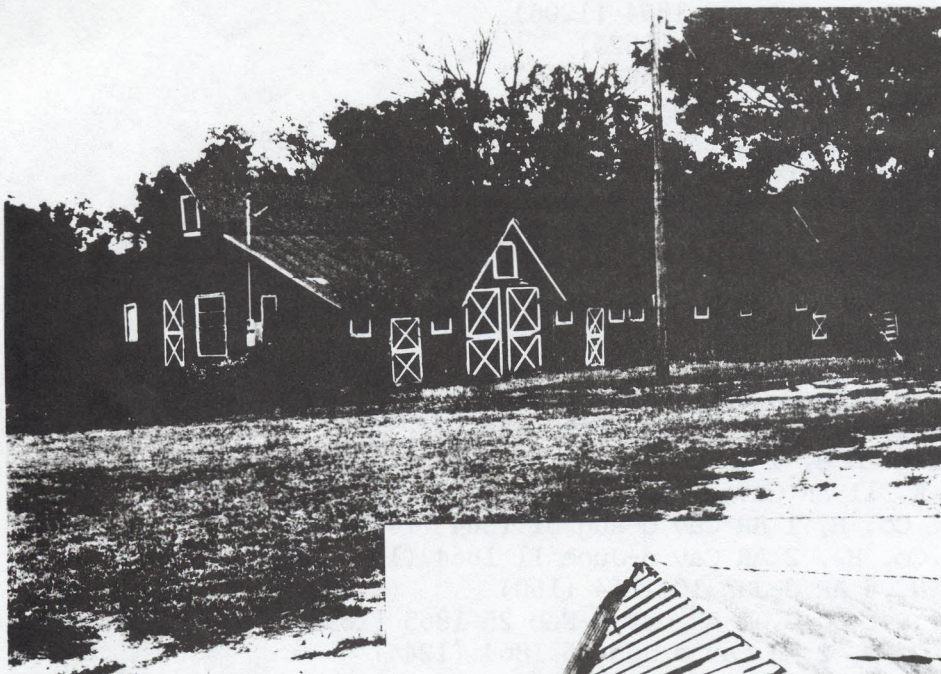
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Rock Island Arsenal is an 946 acre island surrounded by the Mississippi River at Rock Island, Illinois. The Arsenal was established by an act of Congress in 1862 and was build to supply the many small forts being used to keep the British trades out and the Indians quiet. During the Civil War, the U S Army erected and operated a prisoner of war camp on the north central section of the Island. After the war the buildings were demolished

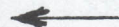
and the arsenal officers' quarters were built on the site of the prison. The prison had been constructed of 84 wooden barracks enclosed by a 12-foot high fence. The first prisoners interned here were southern troops captured in the Battle of Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge by General Grant's Army in November 1863. 5,592 prisoners were received on December 3 1863 from these two battles. 12,215 prisoners were confined during the war, usually with a population of about 8,000 at any one time. 41 prisoners successfully escaped. 1961 prisoners, who died while confined at the arsenal, were buried here. Small Pox was brought into the camp with the prisoners and accounted for most of the deaths. 11 bodies have been moved to their home states, the last in 1955. Each Memorial Day, Confederate flags are placed before each headstone, a firing squad fires three volleys and a bugler sounds taps.

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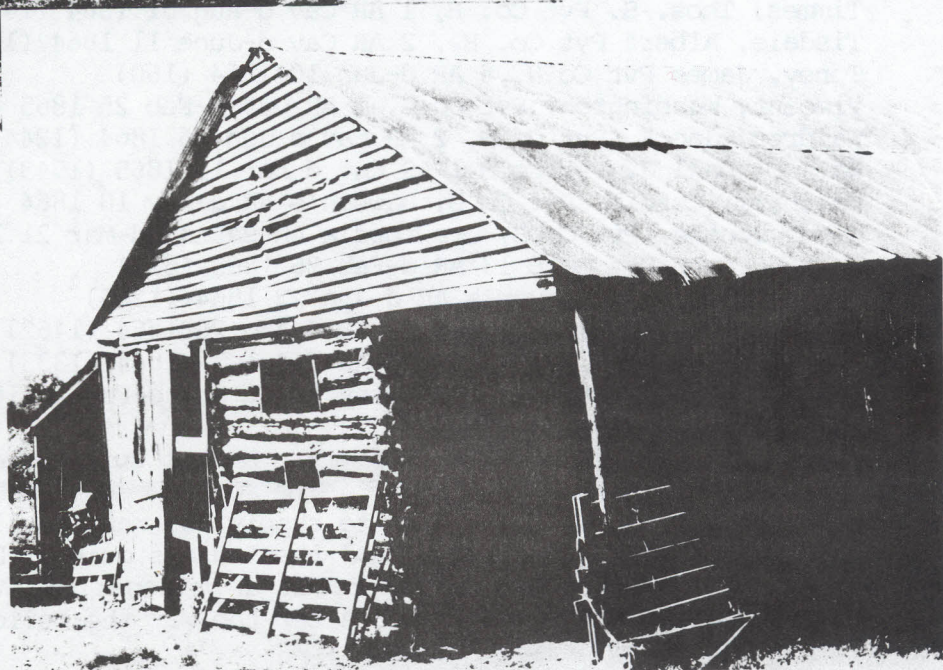
MORE BAXTER BARN



Barn located at Buford-built by G. N. Nelson, in 1890. Father of Society member Imogene Lowe.



Barn located west of Rossie Rd. Note Log Cabin in center of barn.



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