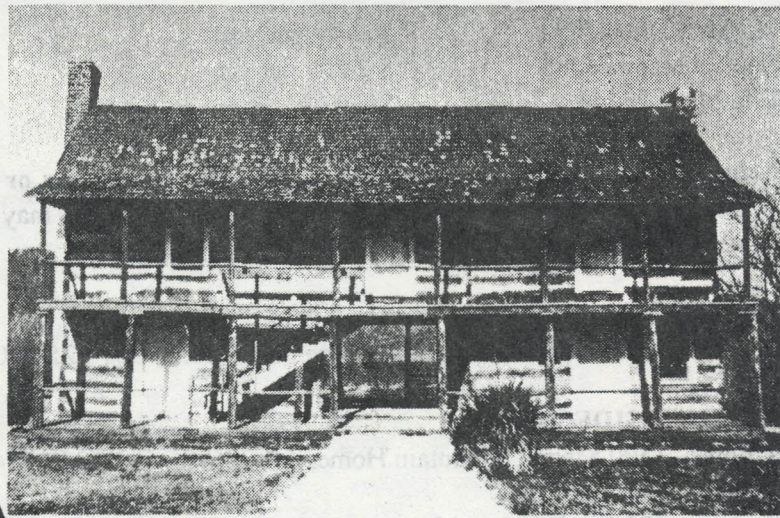


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The Wolf House is the most historic building in Baxter County.

Photo courtesy of Ray Grass

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IS OUR
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SUCCESSFUL HOUSE TOUR BENEFITS "RAPPS BARREN PIONEER SETTLEMENT"

On Saturday, October 21, Baxter County area folks were treated to a rare invitation to visit seven of the most Historical Homes and buildings in Mountain Home, and, at the same time, were able to contribute to the construction of the "Rapp's Barren Pioneer Settlement", now under construction in Cooper Park in Mountain Home..

The Baxter County Historical Society's fund raising committee, chaired by VP Becky Baker, decided as a means to raise money, to sponsor a historical Home tour in Mountain Home. Committee member Judy Strothers was named to spearhead this effort and a most successful Tour was achieved.

Seven Historic homes were chosen for the tour, and with the generosity of the present owners, more than 200 persons viewed some of Mountain Home's early history. In spite of a very rainy day, the successful tour has added more than \$2000 to the fund for construction of the Rap's Barren Pioneer Settlement fund.

The seven homes were [1] **The Randolph D. Casey House**, built in 1858 by Col. Randolph D. Casey. Col. Casey was with the 14th Arkansas Infantry in the Civil War and was in the battle of Pea Ridge. He was Baxter County's first State representative in 1873. The Casey House was restored by, and maintained, by the Baxter County Historical Society. [2] **The Aylor/Conley Home** 607 So. College St. This home was built in 1914 by Henry Aylor and his bride Eva. The home has been restored completely by owners Hunt and Sherrill Pendergrast. [3] **The Talbert/Morris Home**, 940 E. 4th St.. This originally was a farm home, built by Laurel Talbert on the foundation of an existing log house. Purchased by the Morris family in 1919 and was in the family for 3 generations until purchased by present owners Lane and Judy Strother in 1979. The home was beautifully decorated for Christmas for the tour. [4] **T. Murphy Davis House**, 6th and College. This home was build in 1902 by Trabue Murphy and Fannie Davis. The home served as a rooming house for the Baptist College students.

Now owned by Ann Thomas. [5] **Stone House Gallery 914 So. Main**. This Mission Type home was build by the Wayland family in 1924. The stone was from a local quarry and the home had original pine floors, woodwork and built-in cabinets. The home is now an antique store, "Stone House Gallery", and is owned and operated by new Society members Bob and Audrey Burns. [6] **The Case/Shiras/Dearmore Home** 351 E. 4th St. This 1880 home was built by Dr. J. H. and Jennie Case and remained in the family for three generations. Dr. Case had been a Civil War Army surgeon who later decided to become a dentist. The home has served as a hotel for many years. The home has had a careful restoration and been preserved much to original condition. This home is listed on the National Register of Historic Buildings. [7] **Mountain Home Baptist College-Girls Dormitory Building** 4th & College St This structure was constructed in 1894 by the White River Baptist Association and was enlarged in 1920. Since the college closed, the structure has been used as a hospital, hotel, dining room, a funeral home and now is the home of Blackburn Realty, owned and operated by Society members Charlie and Cathy Blackburn, who have living quarters in the building.

Thanks for the successful tour has to be divided among many people: The committee who worked hard, the generous owners of the tour home, all the media that got the message out to the public, the art class at the High School., Worthen Bank, who guaranteed our expenses by a donation of \$500, to all who worked at the homes on the day of the tour, and of course, those hardy folks who paid their money and held their umbrellas high. Thanks to all. Future generations viewing the "Settlement" will all be in your debt.

- Gene Garr

1994 DUES WERE DUE ON JANUARY 1

*STATE HISTORIAN ADDRESSES
SOCIETY MEETING*

Dr. John L. Ferguson, State of Arkansas Historian and director of the Arkansas History Commission, at Little Rock, addressed the membership at the October meeting of the Society. Dr. Ferguson was educated in Nashville, Arkansas High School, Henderson State University, University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, State University of Iowa, Tulane University and received his Ph. D. Degree in History from Tulane University in 1960. He has been a teacher in Jacksonville, Texas College, Central College at Conway, Arkansas, University of Arkansas at Little Rock and Arkansas Tech University. He has been the State Historian and director of the Arkansas History Commission since 1960.

Dr. Ferguson, in a very interesting talk, described in much detail, the various sources of information available for research in the History Commission's Library. He told of the History of the History Commission and described many experiences of his 32 years of directing this agency.

The Commission has copies of many of the early United State Census as well as all of the Arkansas Census. It also has selected copies of the LDS vital county records for most of Arkansas. It also has microfilms of over 2500 Arkansas newspapers from 250 places, for research. You will also find many military records for many states including DAR records of their Revolutionary War patriots.

The History Commission is a very good source of information for the genealogist or the historian, especially those desiring to research Arkansas ancestors and history. The History Commission is located at #1 Capital Mall, Little Rock, Arkansas.

The Society is indeed fortunate in having such a great lineup of speakers as we have enjoyed all year.

DONT FORGET

1994 DUES ARE NOW DUE!

*RESOLUTION
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
THE STATE OF ARKANSAS
PASSED: 1881, NO. IV pp 216-217*

**How to pronounce
"ARKANSAS"**

Concurrent Resolution Declaring the Proper Pronunciation of the name of the State.

Preamble:

Whereas, Confusion of practice has arisen in the pronunciation of the name of our State; and it is deemed important that the true pronunciation should be determined for use in oral official proceedings.

And Whereas, The matter has been thoroughly investigated by the State Historical Society, and the Eclectic Society of Little Rock, which have agreed upon the correct pronunciation, as derived from history, and the early usage of the American immigrants.

Be it therefore resolved by both houses of the General Assembly, That the only true pronunciation of the name of the State, in the opinion of this body, is that received by the French from the native Indians, and committed to writing in the French word representing the sound, and that it should be pronounced in three syllables, with the final "s" silent, the "a" in each syllable with the Italian sound, and the accent on the first and last syllables--being the pronunciation formerly, universally, and now still most commonly used; and that the pronunciation with the accent on the second syllable with the sound of "a" as in man, and the sounding of the terminal "s", is an innovation, to be discouraged.

You can get your genealogy manuscript into the Library of Congress. It only costs the price of the mailing. An acknowledgment will be sent to you. Send to: Library of Congress, Exchange and Gifts Division, 10 First St., S. E. Washington D. C. 20540. A portion of your research cost may be tax deductible for the gift..

LOCAL DRAFT BOARD ASSIGNS NUMBERS
Adapted from the October 25 1940 "Baxter Bulletin" Issue

Serial numbers have been assigned by the local draft board. 984 cards were issued in October 1940. On Tuesday, a National Lottery will be held in Washington, which will determine the order in which the county's registrants may be called up for training and service. All registrants were instructed to keep in touch with the local board and to watch for notices posted at the office.

The schedule by which the first group will be called into service was announced by Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of War as follows:

November 18	30,000
December 2	60,000
January 3	60,000
February 10	160,000
March 5	200,000
June 15	200,000

Serial Numbers assigned to Registrants from Baxter County Local Board

[Editor: The first 294 names are printed in this issue. More names will be in later issues]

1. Henry Edward Carson	39. James Ernest Coplen	77. Elbert Henry Bell
2. Ronald Orville McNett	40. James Ellis Stone	78. Clifton Roy Morris
3. Charles E. Watson	41. Ordie Chester Landrum	79. Roy Finley
4. Harmon Ewell Keeter	42. James Monroe Dandall	80. Leon Norman Deatherage
5. Oliver Roosevelt Taylor	43. Marvin Jacklin Byrd	81. Ralph Joseph Hickman
6. Jim Wiles Ferguson	44. Charlie Lewis, Jr.	82. Lewis McFarland
7. Henry Arville Mooney	45. Roy Woodrow Wheat	83. Lester Lincoln Ripple
8. Joseph Ralph Stubblefield	46. John Edmond Reed	84. Calvin C. Cunningham
9. Henry Lee Roberts	47. Jacob Hosea Sellars	85. Albert Frederick Schaber
10. John Ralph Walton	48. Carl E. Wells	86. Ted R. Thayer
11. Herbert Isaac Johnson	49. Reese Elmer McCrone	87. Dolen James Kellum
12. Pater Mitchel Galbraith	50. Eugene Wayne Medley	88. Elzie Jackson Finley
13. Perry Cowart	51. William Taft Fletcher	89. Bill Denny
14. Eldon Cleo Lonon	52. Jeremiah Dihel	90. Ralph Edward Kellum
15. Charles Noble Dihel	53. Houston Rouse	91. Ralph Maynard
16. Paul William Smith	54. Charlie Edward Johnson	92. Eugene Pollard Deatherage
17. Otis Fouts	55. Henry Troy Buckner	93. James Wesley Carr
18. Eural John Maynard	56. Chester Roe Webb	94. Lawrence Isom Crawford
19. Alton Deatherage	57. Jessie Sherman Wedgeworth	95. Houston Alton Jones
20. Hursh Lee Reynolds	58. Jesse Elvis Stancil	96. Tommie James Dillinger
21. Fred Eugene Feazell	59. Claud Nelson Hooper	97. Don Ocie Copelin
22. Argel Rudolph Meeks	60. Clyde Robert Davidson	98. Odus James Summers
23. Atlee Funkhouser	61. Henry Arthur Beaver	99. Vero Swearingen
24. Clifford Theodore Fleming	62. Kenneth Chester Pate	100. William Harold Watts
25. Neely Porter	63. Ran Jackson Lewis	101. Noel Jewell Studdard
26. Lloyd Emery Day.	64. Clyde Emil Bradley	102. Robert Russell Strain
27. John William Bentley	65. Wilford Cleo Cox	103. Rex Clen Arnett
28. Woodrow Wilson Smith	66. Burley Edward Weaver	104. Melvin Ernest Pendleton
29. Forrest Vernon Martin	67. Charles Peter Shiras	105. John Walter Roberts
30. Archie Sisney	68. Ira Dale Mitchell	106. George James Sellers
31. Luther Albert Walker	69. Gilbert Ross Sandford	107. Robert John Wotawa
32. Ellwood Daffron	70. Ray Uell Davis	108. Charlie Denny
33. Henry Franklin Roberts	71. Hiram King Covington	109. Herbert Alexander Roberts
34. Charlie Edward Crawford	72. Howard Keith Marler	110. Virgil Willas Carson
35. Billie Reed Wells	73. Jim Bob Field	111. Rex Reed
36. Glenn Dayle Weeks	74. Gorden Elbert McFarland	112. Elmer Neal Rogers
37. Cecil Emil Dahlke	75. James Francis Kirkland	113. Ruben Isaac Stone
38. Archie William Dewey	76. Linton Wilkie Brown	114. Fred McFarland

115. Bob Hall
116. Noble Joseph Bryant
117. Dwight McFarmer
118. Ollie Russell Taylor
119. Ralph Holland
120. Alfred C. Lawson
121. William Edward Swadley
122. James Carl Standage
123. Loyd Ray Byrd
124. Grando Norman Cox
125. Arthur Lee Sinor
126. Jim Russell Bryant
127. Edgar Walker
128. Johnnie William Young
129. Othor Elmer May
130. Ross Lewis
131. Dow Delbert Lewis
132. Herchell Lon Moore
133. Roy Franklin Hammack
134. Adolph E. McGuire
135. Kenneth William Bryant
136. Colbert Wilson Ellis
137. Willie Henry Medley
138. Warren Wallace Roberts
139. Ted Denney
140. Cecil Arthur Huckaby
141. Thomas Lyndell Norton
142. Henry Iva Stone
143. Lawrence Edgar Herron
144. John Henry Houser
145. Cecil Charles Parks
146. Otis Lee Smith
147. Charles Glen Pyeatt
148. Dennis Leon Fouts
149. Arthur Louis Ogle
150. Delbert Larkin Adams
151. Ralph Robert Gibson
152. Thurman Elga Fowler
153. Dewey Franklin Trivitt
154. Leahmon Leon Rowlett
155. Jimmie Gibson
156. Kenneth Otto Thomas
157. Theo Thomas Kytyle
158. Arnold Gustav Peters
159. Vaughn Robert Hicks
160. Harold Steven Tucker
161. Zebulon Crider Harrington
162. William Ed Duggins
163. Arnold Dock Graves
164. Charles Estalee Frame
165. William Frederick Fawcett
166. Floyd Jackson Stafford
167. Cleo Green
168. Jeff Denton Hackler
169. Elworth Vernon Walker
170. Jissie Walker
171. Jeff Francis Martin
172. Cecil Arthur Huckaby
173. John Langham
174. Carl Wilson Cody
175. Huston Auston Pitchford
176. Ralph Trivett
177. Roy Alford Dutton
178. Gilbert Owen Langston
179. Jesse Herbert Treat
180. George August Dahlke
181. Frank Gerald Messick
182. Samuel Wells Conner
183. Herbert Stinnett
184. Everett Eugene Parks
185. Vernon Donald Flippin
186. Russell Wilson Hand
187. Robert Bruce Anderson
188. Palph Standefer
189. Ralph Russell Cole
190. Willie Parnell
191. Anthony Emil Bacherl
192. Roy Lee Anglin
193. Owen Rand
194. Edwin Donald Chapin
195. Carl William Cole
196. Harvie Brenard Whitehead
197. Ted Roosevelt Wilson
198. Ernest Edgar Denwalt
199. Elsa Vernan Sallee
200. Sherel Edward Buffington
201. Charles F. Cunningham
202. Everett Asa Fields
203. Preston Herbert Dawson
204. Russell Mike Flippin
205. Cecil E. Moon
206. Woodrow Cox
207. Andrew Melton Beakley
208. Olen Herbert Cunningham
209. Charles Wayne Gipson
210. Robert Alva Speer
211. Clyde Lance
212. Ernest Oscar Thomas
213. Austin Grant Crawford
214. Ben Clation Thacker
215. Charley Beakley
216. George Baker Woodbury
217. Thomas Edward Callaway
218. James Randolph Dover
219. Lemule Benton Graham
220. Lewy Myrl Snellgroves
221. Rudolph Jackson Skiver
222. Donald Nathan Cooke
223. James Vermont Cook
224. Orville Hargraves
225. Thomas Jefferson Lilly
226. Hugh Clifton Haugh
227. Richard Denison Lemons
228. Howard Lee Coventon
229. Dempsy Cowart
230. John Carl Medley
231. John Quinby Smith
232. Randolph Paul Thomas
233. Henry Columbus Powers
234. Henry Eugene Griffith
235. Edgar Presley
236. James Albert Hughes
237. Abe John Griffith
238. Warren E. Mendenhall
239. Lindsey W. Hughes
240. Edward Paul Stewart
241. Lloyd Milton Conyers
242. Maxie Green
243. Edgar Gloer
244. Frank Caldwell Davis
245. Bernard Summers
246. James Harm Treat
247. Virgil Clifton Lewis
248. Lawrence E. McFarland
249. Carl Marx Rea
250. Ralph McFarland
251. Wallace Leonard Pierson
252. Ernest Leon Mooney
253. Isaac James Gillialnd
254. Vergel Cleo Langston
255. Clyde Claxton Smith
256. Van Nathaniel Thomas
257. Joy Augusta Messick
258. Claude McKinley Cathell
259. Lloyd Robert Boyer
260. Blake Kimbrough
261. John Elias Harmon
262. Lloyd Don Dilbeck
263. James Keith Morrow
264. Leonard G. Crownover
265. Danel Lee Grant
266. Shelby Hamilton
267. Chester Clifton Stoddard
268. Richard Cunningham
269. Ray Raymond Ramey, Jr.
270. William Eatman Hopper
271. Leonard Martin Maynard
272. Sollie Franklin Kasinger
273. Bentley George Brown
274. James Clyde Taylor
275. Kenneth William Ussery
276. Virgil Milton Webber
277. Bill Bryan Benson
278. Huston Howard Covington
279. Wesley Robert Randall
280. Walter Franklin Douglas
281. Lawrence Ray Sinor
282. Cleve Green
283. Lloyd Kleo Bayless
284. George Loss Cox
285. Ralph Trimble
286. Elmer Martin Ragsdale
287. Edgar Ira McGuire
288. Golden Theodore Hensley
289. Carl Trivitt
290. Lawrence Choate
291. Woodrow Therman Davis
292. Vero Hall
293. Ray Henderson
294. Glen Chesley Rowlett

Part IV

*"I AM NOTHING BUT A POOR
SCRIBBLER"*

*SILAS TURNBO
AND HIS WRITINGS*

By Lynn Morrow

Editor White River History Journal

**TURNBO'S MANUSCRIPTS WIDELY
DISTRIBUTED**

After World War II these portions of the collection moved into various institutions. In Arkansas, the Turnbo Collection received the attention of J. N. Heiskell, editor of the *Arkansas Gazette*. Heiskell had a lifelong interest in books and history; he purchased rare items and collections from dealers and individuals throughout the U. S. and foreign countries. At some point he bought a copy of the Turnbo Papers and the handwritten manuscript of the history of the 27th Arkansas Infantry. Afterwards, he had an offer from Yale University to sell the Turnbo materials, but declined, as he did not want it to leave Arkansas. Heiskell died in 1972 and his immense Arkansas and Southern materials collection continued to reside in the *Arkansas Gazette* library. In 1985 negotiations between the Gazette and the University of Arkansas-Little Rock, led to the transfer of Heiskell's collection, including the Turnbo Papers, to the archives of the University of Arkansas-Little Rock, where they remain today.

In Oklahoma, a copy of Turnbo's regimental history of the 27th Arkansas was accessioned as a part of the Phillips Collection, a forerunner of the Current Western History Collection. University of Oklahoma, Norman. It appears that professor E. E. Dale bought the Papers from Frank Glenn in 1947 or 1948 who may have purchased a copy from Connelley's estate. The Oklahoma version is a typewritten carbon copy with no annotations.

In Kansas City, Mrs. Eldora Farley, Kansas City, Kansas, sold a typewritten carbon copy of Turnbo's stories and his regimental 27th Arkansas history to the Kansas State Historical Society in 1967. In Topeka these Turnbo Papers are now part of the larger William E; Connelley Collection in the Manuscripts Department.

In Missouri, Marvin Tong, Ozarks native, Gainesville newspaper publisher, and amateur

archaeologist, was involved during the 1950s in White River Valley salvage Archaeology prior to the impoundment of Table Rock Lake. In 1954 Tong became aware of the Turnbo Papers at Sender's Kansas City book shop. In an effort to find some White River regional institution that would and could bring the collection back to the Ozarks, Tong alerted Ken Shuck, director (1951-1976) of the Springfield Art Museum. Although the collection was not in the usual acquisition field for the museum, Shuck managed to budget \$750 for the purchase. What the museum purchased was Turnbo's original handwritten stories. Shuck realized that they would not survive public handling and he set his librarians to typing them in their spare time which took several months.

Notice of the arrival of the Turnbo Papers in Southwest Missouri circulated among journalists in the region. Roscoe Stewart, owner and publisher of the *Ozarks Mountaineer*, began reprinting Turnbo stories and published a couple of dozen during the next four years.

For two decades interested genealogists and local historians used the Turnbo Papers at the art museum. Growing interest in them led to suggestions that they be removed to a public library where access might be somewhat easier. In 1976, supporters of the move promoted a Springfield City ordinance for the "transfer of the use, possession and control of that property, known as the S. C. Turnbo manuscripts, from the Springfield Art Museum's library collection to the Springfield-Greene County Library".

The board of the museum and library sanctioned the proposal and the Springfield City Council moved in open session to transfer title off the collection to the library.

In 1980 Marvin Tong, after retiring as director of the Ralph Foster museum, School of the Ozarks, Point Lookout, had moved to Ardmore, Oklahoma. Tong gave copies of about one-third of the Turnbo stories to the Lyons Memorial Library, School of the Ozarks, and sent another set of these same copies to the Arkansas History Commission, Little Rock. Both Lyons Memorial and the Arkansas History Commission retain these partial collections.

In 1987 Desmond Walls Allen, genealogist and current president of the Arkansas Genealogical Society, began reprinting Turnbo's stories in several volumes using the Heiskell Collection at the University of Arkansas-Little

Rock. She transcribed the stories from the UALR collection and made them available through her Arkansas research firm, Conway, Arkansas. Allen also printed Turnbo's History of the Twenty-seventh Arkansas Confederate Infantry in 1988, perhaps the single-most coherent writing ever produced by Silas Turnbo

Editor: This concludes the Turnbo history, which was printed by permission of the author Lynn Morrow. Lynn is currently Editor of the White River Valley Historical Society Quarterly. He is also the supervisor of the State of Missouri's Public Records Preservation Program in the Secretary of State office. He and Jim Keefe are co-authors of a manuscript titled "The White River Chronicler"; S. C. Turnbo's Man and wildlife in the Ozarks Frontier."

We appreciate the use of this fine article.

How to Find Them!

CENSUS BOO-BOOS!

If you cannot find your ancestors in a census index, it could be that the indexers overlooked all or part of the county you are searching for! That is what happened with the 1870 census of Collin County, Texas. The census microfilm for the county is divided into two rolls, and one of the rolls was apparently overlooked when the index was compiled. The same thing happened with Putnam County, Missouri. In that case, the entire county was overlooked. The moral here: Check the film if you can't find your ancestor in the index!

BIG FLAT SCHOOL GYM CONSIDERED FOR HISTORICAL SITE DESIGNATION

The Big Flat School gymnasium is one of 25 properties in the state that is being considered for inclusion on the National Register of Historical Places. The Baxter County site is on State Highway 14 in Big Flat.

The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program board will consider the building along with 25 other sites in 10 counties of the state. The AHPP is an agency of the Department of Arkansas Heritage, and is responsible for the

identification, evaluation, registration and preservation of the State's cultural resources.

The gym is described in the proposal as "a one-story, stone masonry structure designed in the "plain traditional" architectural style with craftsman style influences." It was built 1939-1941 through the National Youth Administration, a Depression-era Federal Relief Agency.

If approved, this structure will join the Wolf House, The Casey House and The Ruthven Bridge in Gassville, all located in Baxter County, on the National Register.

STATE RECEIVES GRANT FOR BATTLEFIELD PRESERVATION

The State of Arkansas "Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park " restoration project was the recipient of a \$86,000 grant from the "Association For The Preservation of Civil War Sites, Inc." The APCWS is a private organization that encourages Civil War sites preservation by soliciting funds and awarding grants for restoration. They work with other organizations and state agencies with loans, matching funds grants and outright grants, to purchase and restore Civil War sites.

To make tax deductible donations to this group for restoration work, or more information, write to APCWS, PO Box 1862, Fredericksburg, VA 22402-9901

DID YOU KNOW?

The old English word for white was "Balde".
When settlers named the bald eagle,
it was for the bird's white head,
not for a featherless skull.

--National Wild Life Federation

Died: Sir Boss, 10 year old German Shepherd, pet of Dr. W. J. Rollins, at the home of his master. He had many outstanding qualities, among them was his ability to chew tobacco. He was a safe messenger to send after the mail for the home or to deliver groceries from the market. Funeral services were held in Gassville
----Baxter Bulletin May 30 1941 issue

**RESEARCH MATERIAL
AVAILABLE AT YELLVILLE**

The Historic Genealogical Society of Marion County Arkansas has made a substantial contribution to the materials available for Genealogists for researching their family history in our area. The Society has placed their permanent genealogy collection in the Marion County Library in Yellville, Arkansas, for public use. The Society uses a small grant from the Marion County Government and their membership fees to purchase a collection the Genealogical materials. The Historic Genealogical Society of Marion County has given permission for the "History " to publish the holdings. This list also includes some of the Library's holding. The collection is not limited to Marion County ancestor search and is an asset to any person researching their family history. A trip to Yellville for your family history research could be fruitful.

The Marion County Society meets at 6:00 PM on the third Tuesday of each month at the Marion County Library in Yellville, Arkansas. The public is invited to attend..

**HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF MARION COUNTY ARKANSAS
PERMANENT COLLECTION AS OF APRIL 1993**

ARKANSAS CENSUS RECORDS

- 1830 Arkansas Territory Census Index.
- 1840 Arkansas Mortality Schedule
- 1840 Marion County AR Federal Census Index.
- 1840 Marion County AR Federal Census (microfilm)
- 1850 Marion County AR Mortality Schedule
- 1850 Marion County AR Federal Census Index
- 1860 Arkansas Mortality Schedule
- 1860 Marion County AR Federal Census (microfilm)
- 1870 Arkansas Mortality Schedule
- 1870 Boone County AR Federal Census (microfilm)
- 1870 Marion County AR Federal Census Index
- 1870 Marion County AR Federal Census (microfilm)
- 1880 Marion County AR Federal Census (microfilm)
- 1900 Marion County AR Federal Census (microfilm)
- 1910 Marion County AR Federal Census (microfilm)

COURTHOUSE RECORDS

- Records of William Newry Ward (Methodist Church 1825-1908) (microfilm)
- Land and Property 1869-1937 (microfilm)
- Land and Property Surveyor (microfilm)
- Politics and Government, Meeting Minutes 1869-1902 (microfilm)
- Probate Records 1889-1921 (microfilm)
- Probate Records Minutes 1888-1905 (microfilm)
- Taxation 1887-1894 (microfilm)
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54 YEARS OF BAXTER COUNTY HISTORY

A Speech by W. R. Jones (Editor-Mountain Echo) at Yellville Picnic August 1927

-Continued from Vol 19-3 Issue:

Following have been County Surveyors: Mr. John Jordan was the first, and served up to 1874; Mr. W. P. Hargrave, 1874-1878; Mr. R. E. Hurst 1878-1884; Mr. E. N. Osborn, 1884-1886. Mr. Osborn was after an interval again elected in 1900 and served three terms, to 1906. Mr. T. B. Goforth served as Surveyor 1886 to 1894, or eight years. He then skipped one term, came back in 1896 and served two terms or to 1900. Mr. Charles Christian served as Assessor for eight years beginning 1906 and ending 1914. he was followed by Mr. J. E. Goforth, 1914 to 1919; and again from 1925 to the present time. Between Mr. Goforth's four terms, was Mr. W. H. Messick, who served three terms as Surveyor.

Now as to the Coroners: The first was Mr. M. J. Wolf who served from the organization of the County to 1876; Mr. S. H. Talbert to 1878. Then Mr. J. H. Wolf to 1882. Then came Mr. J. L. Elliot who served four terms; from 1882 to 1900. Then came Mr. R. H. Wolf, Mr. L. B. Mangrum, Mr. G. W. Walker, Mr. Jas. Milburn, Mr. Albert Gower, serving one term each. Mr. M. D. Foster came in 1904 and served until 1910. Dr. W. K. Gray served from 1910 to 1912. He was followed by Mr. G. W. Foster, from 1912 to 1916. Then came Dr. W. S. Baldwin for two terms, followed by Mr. Chas. Skiver, who is serving his second term at this time.

I will, because of limited time, only mention a few of your old pioneer citizens; Senator Tipton finally became Register of the Land Office at Harrison, under the second Cleveland administration and sent me hundred of dollars worth of land office publications, when I was having a hard time to wring bread out of the Mountain Echo. Dr. A. J. Brewer, some 36 years ago, took me in one night at Mountain Home at midnight and relieved me from a heavy cold that had me almost choked to death.

I had left West Plains, some fifty miles distant, early in the morning on an old dilapidated, two horse mail hack, that imitated the "One Horse Shay," as it broke to pieces just this side of Bakersfield, on a sort of trail that

was called a road. The hackman and I took the horses loose and with an old chain harness on same, rode bareback until we found an old Springfield wagon that we succeeded in borrowing from a good "Samaritan" along the side of the road. Our pace, from where we found the wagon, to Mountain Home, was less than two miles per hour; as we encountered either mud, boulders or rock ledges, all the way. We were nearly 18 hours making the fifty miles, and I was needing a doctor almost from the time we left West Plains. I reached home the next day about noon; being some 36 hours coming over the 75 miles, which was said to be the distance between West Plains and Yellville.

We had to repeat this trip for years, as West Plains was the nearest railroad point for Yellville and Mountain Home. It was 100 miles from Yellville to Springfield, the best egg market. This was in the days that frying chickens sold at ten cents each, and eggs at five cents per dozen. Skilled egg haulers would put a light layer of straw in the bottom of a wagon bed; then cover the straw with a carefully placed layer of eggs; then another layer of straw, and another of eggs, until the wagon bed, and most of the side boards were full of eggs and straw. Then they would put on top of the upper layer of straw a lot of other things; such as dry hides, packages of ginseng, and other herbs that used to be exported from this section; also, of course a sack or two of feed corn and a few bales of hay to feed the team, for it required seven days to make the around trip. These freighters would bring back every sort of merchandise carried in the rather pretentious stores of those days.

Wagon transportation was all we had in those days for the most of eight months of the year. Steamboats could rarely be depended on until about December. Cotton buyers tried to get their cotton on board steamboats on White River in time to pay for it in full by the end of the year. Nobody was expected to pay what he owed until January 1st. But all were expected to pay on that day, and most of them could and did.

I rode a mule from Gainesville to Yellville, through Mountain Home in May 1887, over 40 years ago. I did not see a single buggy, or carriage of any kind, in Mountain Home, or on the road. Nothing but wagons and saddle horses. Uncle Jim Berry had the only carriage in Yellville, when I got there, and it was out of use. Sheriff Hursts' father, and his brother, Alex, both had open two seated hacks to send their children to school to me. Bob was a little chap then, but I'll bet he remembers his first ride to school. Those two Carriages, in 1887, were equal in interest to the first elephants that came through some years afterward.

I saw Eld. H. H. Hilton preside over a Baptist Association at New Hope Church, in Marion County, 40 years ago. I shall never forget the remarks he made that day concerning "Stingy Baptists." He was truly a great preacher, though not highly educated.

The first plug hat I ever saw in Arkansas was worn by Dr. Johnson, who was the first president of the Baptist College in Mountain Home. The doctor did not find his hat popular, and finally laid it aside; but not until the school was about to go into bankruptcy; which it finally did, only to be put on a firmer basis than ever by one of the best school men in Arkansas, Dr. H. D. Morton.

Mountain Home fifty years ago, was then the educational center of an area of some ten thousand square miles. The names of the old teachers that attracted boys and girls for fifty miles north and south, east and west should be enrolled on the Hall of Fame, and never be forgotten. One of the finest men in Baxter County today lived until he was over fifty years old in Marion, County. He was a noble and efficient school teacher and he received his training at Mountain Home years before the splendid Junior College was built. I refer to Prof. A. W. Wickersham.

Capt. Dyer was one of the staunch members of the bar, when I came to Arkansas, 40 years ago. Judge Z. M. Horton was another. Hon. Jerry South and I had each too much Kentucky blood in us to get along well at first; but he did a kindness to me and I saw him do another, [kindness to] a poor unfortunate, that compelled me to become a friend and admirer of him. Sorry he is not with us today.

They used to tell me that Dr. Casey, of Mountain Home, was the best posted men on North Arkansas Baptist history of any man in

the Ozarks. He was always most kind to me. So were hundreds of others that I sincerely wish I had time to mention.

--From the Baxter Bulletin August 12 1927
Issue:

Epitaph To Remember:

Here I lie, and no wonder I'm dead,
The wheel of the wagon went over my head.
--From the Wisconsin State Old Cemetery Society

How to find them!

CASE BOOKS - ANOTHER SOURCE

In some states, such as Virginia, you can access "Chancery Causes Case Books". These books deal with several types of legal cases and among them are divorce actions. From these records, one can obtain names of children of the divorced couple, where the couple was married and in several cases, find the wife's maiden name. There are affidavits and depositions that contain a wealth of information.

OUTDOOR SCULPTURE SURVEY

Little Rock, AR [August 17, 1993] Cathy Buford Slater, director of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, announced today that the AHPP is concluding its survey of outdoor sculptures in Baxter County and is seeking information of any pieces that may have been missed. The AHPP is an agency of the Department of Arkansas Heritage.

The only sculpture located in Baxter County during the "Save Outdoor Sculpture" [SOS] Survey in Arkansas, was the "Shaman" sculpture at Mountain Home High School, in Mountain Home.

Anyone with information on an outdoor sculpture that may have been missed during the Baxter County SOS survey can write Don Shaw, the SOS survey coordinator, at 210 West Barraque, Pine Bluff, AR 71601 or call him at 536-3737. Those with information can also contact the AHPP by writing the agency at 1500 Tower Building, 323 Center Street, Little Rock,, AR 72201 or Call 324-9880.

GEORGE BODENHAMMER TELLS OF EARLY SCHOOL DAYS.

(From the Baxter Bulletin February 24 1939)

61 years ago last July I went to my first school at Wesley's Chapel, a hewed log school house near the present school. It just had one window in the side with plank shutters and no glass. When we wanted more light we hacked out more chinking.

The first Year I got to "Baker" in my blue backed speller. The next year I got over to "incompatibility". The first two or three years I got over every day. After that I had to go to the mill every Thursday. I would take a turn of corn on the old gray mare to Elder Jones' water mill down on Big Creek. I also had to stay out in fodder in "pulling time".

The seats in the school house were part planks and split logs with holes bored in them in which legs were stuck. A few years later they had all plank seats and desks. Many objected to them, said they would make the young folks hump-backed. "Let them get their book learning like we did".

We played town ball and cat instead of baseball. We had a big time and went places just the same as kids do now but slower. We would walk anywhere under 4 or 5 miles and rode horse back if it were further. The girls rode side saddles and wore long black riding skirts, then the girls could ride horses. The first teacher I went to was Mrs. Strickland followed by Net Bodenhammer, Mack Turner, John Blare, Annie Anderson, Nattie Lewis, John Drew, Mary Jones, Rean Love, Emma Canterbury and Pete Mitchell. The patrons around and old timers were Bill Dearmore, Jim Leachman, John Messick, Sam Lewis., Mr. Trammel, Aleck Payne, Tom Martin, Butler Lonon, R. A. Browning, J. J. Johnson, Ann Lucy Pugh, Henry Jones, Charles Finley, Mr. Edney, Bob Long. In those days the hills were bald except for scattering of trees and the blue stem grass up to your stirrups. There were no cedars and people brought cedars from the river to set out. The big girls had to stay home on wash day and peach drying time. I have had to "borrow" fire lots at times. Everyone used candles. Some few had "coal oil" lamps. They all carded, spun and wove all their heavy clothes I was eighteen before I had anything but homemade clothes. We boys went to school

barefooted. The girls did too until they were grown until they were eighteen or twenty. They wore corsets, hoops and bustles. The one who could lace the tightest had the biggest hoops and the biggest bustle would be the best dressed. They would meet on Sunday and help one another lace. They had no lipstick or rouge but use flour or starch when their mothers would let them.

There were plenty of deer and turkeys. The men all carried long barrel muzzle loading rifles when they went to mill or anywhere else. They would have protracted meetings in every district. Built a big brush arbor and would hold for two weeks or longer. Every one attended, coming on horseback, on foot, or in wagons.

JAMES T. TRACY

(from the Baxter Bulletin June 19 1939 Issue)

The death of James T. Tracy, on last Saturday, marks the passing of one of the few remaining pioneers of Mountain Home. He was wholly a Baxter Countian, having been born near Tracy's Ferry on the Norfolk. His father, for whom he was named, was one of the very early settlers of the county, coming here when it was a wilderness. Mr. Tracy was one of the early businessmen of Mountain Home and remained in the business at the same place until his death. He was in business here continuously for over forty years. He was a splendid character and held tightly to early traditions and practices. Like nearly all of the rest of the early day people of the county, who fought their way up in the world, he was practical and conservative, factors that made him able to carry on. Mr. Tracy was a congenial man. He was full of native wit and humorous sayings and the month never past that the writer did not drop down on his store steps for a short visit. He was a good Christian man, a life long member of the Methodist Church. He lived under the coat of honesty reliability and respectability. Keeping his feet on the path of all decent and good things better, he stood for the things that make the world a little better instead of a little worse. He practices the things that he advocated. He was loyal to his state, his county and his town. He raised a fine family of children, who have stepped out in to the world

and made good citizens. As a businessman he served his friends and general trade loyally, and he will be sadly missed by all that knew him. His life may be taken by youth as a guide post to moderate success to good citizenship and right living. In the memory of his friends he will stand out always as a good man.

[Ed. See Tracy Family-pg 43 Vol 9 Issue 2]

How to find them!

Looking for a more recent ancestor? Since Driving Records are public records, try writing the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles in the state in which you believe the missing person lives and ask for their driving or vehicle record. This may provide a current address. You should include the birth date, if known, or ask that the search be one for the year in which you believe the subject of your search was born.

DR. GUENTHNER

(From Baxter Bulletin April 7 1939 Issue)

This is a story about a chap who left part of his scalp at the scene of a car wreck, but got it back and is wearing it naturally. All of the foresight of a doctor - Doctor Guentner, now on the Rollins Hospital staff, formerly of Rogers Park Hospital, Chicago. One night when he examined the victim of a car crash, he discovered that part of the scalp was missing. He sent the policeman back, who had escorted the victim in, to look for it. He came back with a piece of bloody hair and skin about nine inches square. Dr. Guentner washed it and sewed it back in place. The guy gets just as much satisfaction now in scratching this side of his head as he does the other.

ARKANA SCHOOL RESTORATION CONTINUES

After many years of disuse, the old school building has fallen into disrepair; the tin roof had rusted, floors had rotted, windows and doors gone and graffiti covered both the interior and exterior of the building.

After initial cleanup of the school yard and the installation of area lighting, the restoration work has been started in force.

Every weekend volunteers are descending on the old structure. Siding is being repaired and replaced, baseboards are being replaced over new electric wiring. A new floor and ceiling has been installed and new wallboard is going up. The building now has new doors and windows. The graffiti on the outside has been covered over with paint.

The School is located in Baxter County, on State Highway 201 South. It is located on land deeded for school purposes by J. D. Commer and his wife L. J. Commer, on May 19, 1894. The present structure is the original one. When the school was constructed is not known, but square forged nails were used in most of the structure indicating the antiquity of the structure. The school was dissolved and annexed to Norfolk, Arkansas, on September 24, 1946.

Those involved with the restoration, envision a time when the old schoolhouse will again be the center of community activities, a place for pie suppers and family reunions, arts and crafts displays and Decoration Day Dinners as folks from all round the country gather to honor loved ones buried in the adjacent cemetery.

-Your editor had the honor of helping with the cleanup-that is, until the poison ivy and poison oak caused him to call it a day!

*******How To find Them!**

SEARCHING FOR OTHER RECORDS IN DEED BOOKS

Clerks in early times routinely entered into record books various legal transactions. These included deeds for the sale of real property, slave transactions, mortgages, powers of attorney, gifts of property, county militia court-martials, births and deaths, affidavits and adoptions.

In many areas the clerks maintained separate series of records for these categories. If such records were infrequent, the clerk opted to enter the official copy in the Deed Book. Genealogy seekers need to be alert that the clerk who created the index to the deed books may have omitted all references to records other than the deeds themselves. They need to remember that even if their ancestors did not own land, they may be in other kinds of records entered into deed books.

-Loyd Bockstruck, Family Tree Column, The Dallas Morning News

BENJAMIN F. W. BODENHAMER'S LEDGER FOR 1892

Following is the 2nd of a series of the names found in Benjamin F. W. Bodenhamer's store ledger. More of the names will be published in later issues. Thanks to Judy Sharp for this great contribution. See Volume 19, No. 3 for more details of the ledger.

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A TRIBUTE TO A GREAT DOCTOR

By Anna Marie (Matthews) Roper

I first met Dr. John F. Guenthner in 1955 at the age of nine when I developed polio. We lived at Salem, Arkansas, and Dr. Guenthner was in practice with Dr. Cotton in a tiny clinic that served four counties. In those days, these men were true pioneer "family practitioners". They treated the entire family when a catastrophic illness struck and they treated the whole person.

My step-father had attended the Masonic lodge meeting and came home to find I was unable to move my legs. My mother was frantic and fear gripped our household because the polio epidemic was in full force. I had been in bed a week with a kidney infection. We had not gone to the Dr., because persons just did not seek a physician unless it was "serious". This time it was serious enough, Daddy gathered me up in a quilt and carried me to the truck. When we arrived at the clinic, Daddy hammered on the back door with his huge fists and Dr. Guenthner opened the door wide to let us in. In those days a doctor did not have to fear persons seeking drugs so much. He could count on the fact that someone in need of the physician was on the other side. They quickly got me to an examining room and he did not hesitate, after he checked me, in telling my folks the diagnosis. He put a hand on Daddy's shoulder and one on Mama's and said "I will do everything I can to save her." I remember the remainder of the night in snatches. I remembered, for him to evaluate the damage to my leg, I had to jump from the examination table to the floor on my 'bad' leg. He encouraged me to do so and tears ran down his face. I heard him

telling my parents that asking children to do that was the most difficult task in his life. I was fortunate that I had just a light case of polio, that he was there and did not turn us away, that he was willing to sit with me all night and administer medication to me, and that he was dedicated to the profession of healing to the degree he was.

He sent my weary parents and me home at dawn and told them to bring me back later that morning. Dr. Guenthner had an ambulance backed up to the clinic when the folks arrived with me, to take me to Little Rock and to an iron Lung. I was able to stand on the affected leg, although weakly. Today I stand, walk, and run with no hindrance because of the dedication of this good man and the Grace of God. While my injured leg remained smaller for years, with determination, I learned from Dr. Guenthner to not give up. I spent hours in the creek swimming and exercising until it returned to normal. When two weeks were up and Dr. Guenthner pronounced me well enough to be released from his care, he charged my step-father \$70.00 for the entire Bill. They were friends before this happened, Lodge brothers by choice and their friendship spanned more than forty years. When my step-father was dying of cancer in the V.A. Hospital in Little Rock, Dr. Guenthner made a point of visiting him and took him a cigar. This gesture of kindness and compassion was treasured by both Daddy and I.

When I became the Administrator of Leisure Lodge Nursing Center, Dr. John Guenthner was the only Medical Director, so our

lives touched again. I observed him from an adult perspective and found the same caring, loving, Dr. I had known as a child. This man had brought our Ozark area into the Twentieth Century and continues to encourage progressive medicine for our area. The contributions made by him released the inhabitants of the area from speculation, guesswork, and totally dependent on hope. He promoted good medicine, excellent medical practices and progress for our futures. We reap the rewards daily!
We reap the rewards daily.

How to Find Them!

MORE RESEARCH TIPS

A first step in researching in person in a strange county is to learn some history of the county first. This can avoid some needless searching. For instance, the first family to move into present day Kentucky, came to Ft. Harrod in December 1775. If the 1850 census shows you ancestor being 80 years old and born in Kentucky, it is wrong.

Find out when the county was formed. Many inquiries are sent to the wrong counties for records prior to when the county was formed. A small bit of history study will direct you to the correct county.

More How To Find Them!

IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION RECORDS; PRIOR TO 1776

Prior to 1776, the English kept records of who was in the colonies. there was no such matter as naturalization. Since the Colonies belonged to England, most of the people who came here were already English citizens. But although there was no such thing as naturalization, they did keep immigration records. Beginning in

1776, the United States became an independent nation and naturalization became an issue. Since Naturalization is a Federal issue, these records are usually in the Federal District Courts, not the county court. But they did not consider keeping any records of immigrations until 1848. That law was never enforced. Not until 1906, was registration of immigrants a reality. Again consider the period when you seek the records. Prior to 1776, it is immigration records. After 1906, both should be available at the Federal level.

More How To Find Them!

THE MORMAN'S IGI

Don't forget about the marvelous collection of Mormon Church Records regarding genealogy. It is by far the largest collection in the world. Have you ever wondered what in those records might be of interest to you? Do not ignore them because none of your ancestors were Mormons. Their Mormon only records are a very small part of the records available. The Mormons have compiled records, not only from their church members, but also from all other denominations of churches, and county and state records, as well as many of the records from most foreign countries. Their **International Genealogical Index** [commonly known as the **IGI**] is a index to many surnames and probably will include many of yours. Their latest edition of the IGI is now at the librarys. Branches of the Mormon Family History Library are located all over the country. Check with your local "Church of Latter Day Saints" for location, schedules, etc. Public use of the librarys is encouraged. There is no charge except for the rental of film. Most librarys require advance reservation. A quick trip to their library may focus your research much faster than you could have thought possible. If you are a long time researcher or a novice, the Mormon records and the IGI are a must in your research.

DUES WERE DUE ON JANUARY 1

WE NEED YOU

THE SPIRIT SONG OF TSALAGI

By Robert Trimble

The path I walk, I Walk not alone
But with my ancestor beneath my feet

The grass softens my steps.

Wind whispers in my ear of the
Little people who live in the grass.

The Owl voices the presence of
My cousin the Fox.

I walk in the presence of multitudes
And my heart is glad.

Grey Squirrel chatters the promise
Of dawn's new day.

Coon scampers through the bushes
To a resting place in a hollow log
To spend his day.

Woodpecker plays a ra ta ta on a dead tree

My spirit feels the harmony of
Our Mother Earth and her abundance.

Deer whistles a greeting

Tamping her hoof saying,

Come, I will show you wonders of
Our Earth Mother.

Eyes gleaming, she bows her neck in reverence

As she shows me the tall grasses of the field,

The river bank laden with berries

And the pure water of a living spring

Bubbling up from the earth to quench our

Thirst and heal our weary bodies.

Deer snorts a warning. Bear is fishing at the

Edge of a water fall,

And Bear is not a good spirit

Until he has eaten.

Bear's power is unrivaled in the forest

But with gentleness all his own.

Our spirits, Deer and I, dance

The dance of peace, Our hearts are full.

Eagle cries out of the sky, "Come up

And see the greatness of creation."

My spirit soars with Eagle and as far

As my spirit eyes can see

Are great snow capped mountains,

Vast oceans, great rivers and plains with

Abundant grasses and healing herbs.

I shed a tear of happiness

For the gift of the Great Spirit's creation.

I am Tsalagi (Cherokee) earth man.

My heart is full for there is no scarcity

And no creature who asks the question,

"Who am I?". All know.

The Great Spirit gave each a name

Only he could understand.

There is harmony among us all.

An Eagle sits me down by Deer and Buffalo.

Sorrow fills my soul.

Who but you have given me food

From your bodies,

Your skin for my warmth.

I have taken your life to save my own.

They answered as one voice saying

"Pray the Prayer of Thanksgiving,

For in this blessing

You have released our spirit

To the One who created us,

And where no one is in need."

I thanked them,

Remembering the chant

Of our Grand Fathers

"Tso s da nv tli" (We are brothers)

Insects speak to me from beneath

The leaves and bark of trees.

Bird sings to me from the highest

Branches of the trees.

Eagle, Hawk and winged cousins

Who fly like spirit in the air

Give voice also.

And from where wind lives

And clouds collect water for rain,

Thunder adds his voice also.

Deer, Buffalo, Elk and Bear

Give a blessing of themselves.

I understand, for love needs

No interpretation.

Snake talked,

"Of all the creatures of the earth

Only Two Legs lives

Without knowledge of himself

Or the harmonious song

Of all the earth beings

Who know what having and being is.

One lives for his needs and strives no more.

The Great Spirit has given generously to all.

Each has a name, like Crow,

Who can tell you of no one but Crow.

Each sings his own song in harmony

With the Great Spirit

DO NV DA GO HV I

(Until we meet again)

The above poem was written and submitted by
our New Member Bob Trimble of Wichita,
Kansas.

GENEALOGY QUERIES

Members 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, (county, major cities, 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 as space allows. Send queries to the president's address listed on the second page.

93-7 Martha Couchman, 504 Trenton Rd., Forrest City, AR 72335.

[A] Seeking any information on Great Grand parents **William Henry Douglas** [b-5 Feb 1850 d-25 Dec 1918, Mountain Home, AR. & **Margaret Massey Douglas** [b-28 Feb 1854 Miss.] [d-24 July 1916] Mountain Home, AR, buried Mountain Home Cemetery. She sister of Burl, Ellas Massey Wilks, Hollie and Perry Massey. Believed Burl and Hollie lived in Mtn. Home. Family belonged to Bethel Missionary Baptist Church.

[B] Also seeking information on grandparents: **William Edgar Douglas** [b-Sept 1883 in Lee Co. AR d-5 Jan 1964 Mountain Home], and **Lurah Pierce Douglas** [b-12 Jan 1885 in Boone Co. AR d-28 Feb 1924 in Talequah, OK.] William D. was a lawyer and judge in Baxter Co. Lurah was sister of Homer, Lydia, Edgar and Jay Pierce.

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93-8 Patricia H. Engst, P.O. Box 2904, Huntsville, AL 35804-2904

[A] Grandfather was **Moses P. Coventon**. Who is his father? A Richard & James were in Lauderdale Co. AL in 1830 and Moses & Abel in Dekalb Co. AL in 1850. Who are these other Coventons? Was Moses only married to **Mary Jane Dilbeck**?

[B] Another: g.g. grandfather was Judge **Stephen Jackson Megee** or **Samuel** as some sources say. Can first name be confirmed? His

father was **John Megee**. Where was the Judge buried?

[C] Big Mystery! searching for **Margaret Louise Shaw** b-1834 ALA m-2-10-1851 MS to **Thomas/Joseph Garner** b-8-10-1830. They had daughter **Edna Maebell Garner Ollar** b-2-10-1877 who married **John W. Ollar**. Seeking any information on Thomas/Joseph Garner. Where & where did Margaret die?

93-9 Sarah J. "Jerri" [Norman] Ritter, Rte 2 Box 356 -B, Ada, OK 74820

[A] **Thomas H. Norman**, b-ca 1862, Big Flat, AR, married 24 Sept 1899, in Baxter Co. to **Hattie Sutterfield**. He was son of Green Hill Norman, b-3 March 1825 d-12 June 1903-his wife **Eliza H. [Rosson] Norman** b-1830, d-1901, both buried in Big Flat Cemetery. Where did they go? Who are descendants? Tom signed marriage bond 28 Nov 1885, for sister and her fiance'. **Sarah Emeline "Dollie" and Isaac R. Lee**.

[B] Does anyone know where **Henry Clay Norman** is buried? He was born about Sept 1869 at Big Flat, Ark. and died at about 16 years of age - per "Methodist Gazetteer" article on file at State Archives, L.R. Ark.) He was twin of **Sarah Emiline "Dollie" {Norman} Lee**.

93-10. Alice Bean Snyder, P.O. Box 304, Prather, CA 93651

Desires information on **William T. and Prudence Cypert**, parents of **Louise C. {Cypert} Baker** [Mrs. John T.] from Tishamingo, Co. MS. settled in Big Flat area before 1860. He was born in TN about 1805. Need any and all ancestral information on Prudence

Ed: Our queries were from new members who supplied their pedigree charts for our pedigree book. Have you submitted yours yet? If you know any facts for these members, please take the time to write to them. They will greatly appreciate your interest.

TAIN'T FAIR!!

**White shoes scuff black
Black shoes scuff white!**

HISTORIC RECORDS DONATED

In May of 1992, the Historical Society secured the business records of the Cotter Lumber Company and the Bank of Cotter. The records were stored in the Shot Gun house awaiting a search for a repository for the records.

At the October Meeting of the Society, in which Dr. John Furgeson of the Arkansas History Commission was our guest speaker, arrangements were made for the Society to donate the records to the Commission.

During the last week of October, Society members: Larry Golden, Bob Underhill, Garvin Carroll, Jimmy Lowe and Gene Garr, packed and loaded the records for shipment to the Commission in Little Rock where they will be made available to scholars for study.

DONATES FLAGS TO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

At the October meeting of the Baxter County Historical Society, the Mountain Home Veterans Of Foreign Wars #3246, donated 6 large American flags to the Society. The flags were of varied star configuration and represented many years of American History. The stars were officially added to the flags on July 1st after the state had gained statehood. The flags donated were:

1. 44 Star flag. Hand made by the grandmother of VFW member Charlie Hobbs.
2. 45 Star flag. Forty fifth star was added in 1896 when Utah became a state.
3. 46 Star Flag. The forty sixth star was added when Oklahoma became a state.
4. 48 Star Flag. The forty seventh and fourth eighth stars were added in 1921 when New Mexico and Arizona attained statehood.
5. 49 Star Flag. The forty ninth star was added in 1949 when Alaska became a state.
6. 50 Star Flag. The fiftieth star was added in 1959 when Hawaii became a state.

The Society appreciates the donation of the flags and thank the VFW for the generosity.

CONSIDER THIS

*Iron rusts from disuse
Stagnant water loses it's purity
And in cold weather becomes frozen:
Even so does inactive sap
The vigors of the mind.*

*-Leonardo da Vinci,
Italian Painter & Scientist
1452-1519*

November Meeting

The November meeting of the Baxter County Historical Society was held November 3, 1978 at the Baxter County Service Day Center. After the business meeting, Dr. James Lowe introduced the guest speaker, Sgt. Gary Edwards, of the 214th LT Maintenance Company, of Mountain Home. Sgt Edwards related the history of the Guard and the local company, and told of several emergency alerts experienced by the Guard. The Guard was first on call during the emergency at Little Rock during the school desegregation emergency, during several floods and recently during the Desert Storm mobilization. The 214th was activated and was sent to Saudi Arabia and was there until after Kawait was liberated. Sgt. Edwards related many of the Company's experiences and that of his own, during the time in Arabia.

COMPUTORS ARE HERE

The Card Catalog of the Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, Indiana, is now accessible from your home. A computer with a modem and communication soft ware is necessary. The dial up number is [219] 424-1330. Communication settings should be "Control O" twice to get to the welcome screen to start your search. When you are finished, press "Control D" to log off. [Long distance charges will apply]. Access is available from 9 AM, Monday through Thursday, 9 AM to 6PM Friday and Saturday, 1 to 6 PM on Sunday.

*MORE WOLF HISTORY BEING
PLACED AT
WOLF HOUSE IN NORFORK.*

In addition to the historic Wolf House, at Norfolk, another great bit of the Ozark and Wolf family history is being relocated to the Wolf House museum grounds in Norfolk. The Wolf House Memorial Foundation has acquired the log home of Rev. John Wolf, brother of Maj. Jacob Wolf,

John Wolf was born in Hopkins County, Kentucky, in 1806 and died in Arkansas on August 30 1863. He came to Arkansas with his father Michael, his grandfather Jacob and family in 1819. Family history indicate that John was on his land on the bend of the river at Calico Rock, Arkansas, in 1831, just after the Indians gave up their land and departed to Indian Territory. He acquired a land patent to the land by Certificate #3791 dated 1850 and patent Certificate #4072 which indicates that he paid for the homestead under "pre emption " rights. John constructed his 18 foot by 18 foot cabin on this site.

John married Margaret Livingston, daughter of Robert Livingston, in 1826. His move to Calico Rock was made about 1831, according to family history. John and Margaret had at least five children: [1] Eliza Jane Wolf, born about 1827 who married William T. Swan on 8 February, 1852. [2] Mary "Polly" Wolf born 1829. She married William Bartley Kennedy. [3] Ann Catherine Wolf born 1830 and who married first Robert Finley and later Charles Nickerson. [4] Robert Livingston Wolf, born 1832 and died 1870 of typhoid fever.. He married Catherine Stoddard Adams, daughter of Thorton Stoddard Adams. They had six children. [5] Michael H. Wolf born 1834 who married first, Agnes Duggins and later Jane Senter. He and Jane had three children.

John Wolf was a farmer and a Baptist preacher, being ordained after his 35 birthday. Records of the "White River Baptist Association" indicate his many duties in the early history of Baptist churches, and the Association. Records of the White River Baptist Association indicate that Rev. Wolf was selected by the group in 1851 as a missionary to travel and preach "in

the bounds of our Association". While serving as a missionary, he reported that he traveled 3,735 miles, labored 315 days, preached 240 sermons, baptized 27 persons, received 27 persons into the church and collected \$98.80. In 1859 he was selected to serve on the White River Baptist Association finance committee.

The North Fork Store at Norfolk, where John was a customer, titled his 1850-1853 accounts as "John Wolf". But after 1853 his name was shown as "Reverend John Wolf". John always shows his address as being "North Fork". He carried on his church work until August 30, 1863, when he died of pneumonia while serving as a chaplain on duty with the Confederate forces at Crowley Ridge, Arkansas. His wife, Margaret Livingston Wolf died of Typhoid Fever at age 61 in March 1870, followed by son Robert L., who died of the same disease in May 1870. John and Margaret's grave sites are not known.

The John Wolf Log cabin, is a hand-hewed notched log cabin with a split log oak floor, and a clay daubed cut stone chimney and was of excellent workmanship. The Wolf House Committee plans to restore the cabin complete with stone fireplace and will have the cabin as part of the tour through the facility.

The original Jacob Wolf House is on the National Register of Historical Structures. It is open to for public viewing. A donation of \$1.00 is required to tour the facility. These donations are used to maintain and upgrade the museum facility.

If you haven't yet visited the Wolf House, you should make plans to do so. With the addition of the John Wolf Cabin, another trip to visit the facility is a must for those of you who have visited before. The Jacob Wolf house was the site of the first Izard County seat [the site is now Baxter County] and courthouse and was designated so by the Legislature in October 27 1825. The Wolf house historical site presents another opportunity to view more of Baxter County's early history.

--Material for this article was taken from information furnished by Robert Bounds, Historian and Curator of the Wolf House

**HELP OUR SOCIETY GROW
GET A NEW MEMBER.**



*E. M. TATE LODGE #320 AF & AM
FAIRVIEW CHURCH AT BUFORD
JULY 16, 1899*

Left to right:

**Back Row: William Bagwell, James M. Jones, David Robertson, G. A. F. "Bud" Jones, S. M. Jackson, Bob Mitchell, ___Epps, Buck Mitchell, Allen Adams, Jess Nelson and Tom McEachern
Front Row: Roy Patterson, Y. R. Patterson, John Mitchell, Joe Henley, Will Strait, Hezekiah Robertson, George Newton and James Nelson.**

The above picture was taken at the old two story Fairview Church at Buford. The lodge met in the 2nd story of the church. The old church building was later badly damaged by storms and the decision was made to demolish the structure

and build a new one story church. Services are still held in the replacement church today.

The pictured members of the lodge represented several of the pioneer family of the Buford community:

William Bagwell, was a native Arkansas, born in June, 1858. He and his wife Nettie were married about 1897. They had at least one daughter, Myrtle, who was born in October, 1898 in Arkansas

James M. Jones was born in March of 1851 in Alabama. He married his wife Julia about 1886. She was born In July, 1861 in Mississippi. The had at least 4 children: Charley B., born March, 1887, Tallie D., born August, 1889, Hiram L. born January, 1890 and Lelia, born July, 1895

David Robertson was born April, 1852, and died April 20, 1921 and his wife, Mary D., was born March, 1856, both were from Tennessee.

G. A. F. "Bud" Jones was born April, 1856 in Alabama, and was married to Varina Stephens, daughter of J. A. and Sally {Ball} Stephens. Varina was born in Mississippi in May of 1861. They had at least five children: Georgia L., John F., Corra L. O. Paul and Luke.

Sampson Jackson, was born on February 4, 1848 in Tennessee and died February 9, 1911. He married Susanan about 1872. She was born May, 1848 in Mississippi. They had 8 children: Martha U., Nettie, John A. William H., Samuel M., Ambrus W., Andrew P. June, and Edmond D.

Robert Mitchell, born March, 1872 in Arkansas and was married to Blanche, who was born June 1877, also in Arkansas

Buck Mitchell was born December 1858 in Mississippi

Allen C. Adams, born October, 1871 in Arkansas. He was still single in 1900, son of Wythe Walker Adams.

The Three Nelson brothers are the sons of William Nelson, who was born in Tupelo, Lee County, Mississippi. He married Martha Carter. He brought his family to Buford area in the wagon train from Mississippi that brought several other Buford families.

Jesse N. Nelson was born February, 1867 [or 1857] in Tupelo, Mississippi and died August 8, 1937. He married Elizabeth "Betsy" Adams about 1884. She was born August, 1861 in

Arkansas. They had 5 children: Gillian, John W., Ruth, Eulah and Benjamin F.

James Nelson was born about 1853, in Mississippi. He married Ann Adams of Baxter County. He died August 14, 1937. They had twin boys, Ran and Van. He had moved to Mathis, Texas, about 1907. He is buried in the Mathis Cemetery

George Nelson, born October, 1866 in Mississippi, died in 1954. He married his wife Nannie about 1891. She was born in October of 1874, and died in 1967. They had 11 children: Jesse, Ernest F., Wm. Jay, Arthur, Walter, Gerald, Jewell, Earl, Imogene, Neil, and Lavon.

Tom McEuchern, was born in 1828 and his wife Margaret in 1835, both in South Carolina. Three of his children were born in Mississippi. He journeyed to Baxter county in a Wagon Train before 1873.

Joseph "Joe" M. Henley was born November 1847 in Franklin County, Georgia, his wife Elizabeth was born 1844 in Tennessee. He settled in Baxter County in 1868. He had served in the Fourteenth Georgia Infantry at age 15. After the war the family went to Mississippi and later came to Baxter county.. He married Elizabeth in 1869 and was the parents of David H. Thomas, Joseph W. and Robert Nelson Henley

William D. Strait was born August, 1864 in Mississippi. He also joined the wagon train that brought several families to the Buford area in 1873. His wife Belle was born in Arkansas on March, 1875.

Hezekiah Robertson was a native Arkansan who was born October, 1858. He was a deputy sheriff. He was the son of David and Mary Ann [Weaver] Robertson. He died in April, 1930. His wife Laura was born in Missouri in 1872 and died September 15, 1933. They had at least three children: Lovera S. born December, 1893, Verner R., born March, 1895 and James B. born December, 1887.

--Picture and identity of the Lodge members was furnished by our treasurer Stella Jackson.

*NEW MEMBERS ARE
OUR MISSION!*

**RECOLLECTIONS OF MOUNTAIN
HOME FIFTY YEARS AGO**

By John Q. Wolf

Baxter Bulletin July 31 1931

The first time I ever heard of Mountain Home was in 1871. I was six years old and was living in Lead Hill with my mother and two sisters. My father having died a year before, at our home on White River just across from Calico Rock.

Professors Truman and Howard had taught a most-successful school at Mountain Home, and at it's close in May or June, were putting on an ambitious program or exhibition. This program was referred to at Lead Hill as an exhibition or examination and it gained wide publicity. It seemed to me that one-fourth of the population of Lead Hill was going to it. I remember that one day I was playing out in the street when two men or horseback came along and asked me were my mother was. It was with a good deal of pride that I informed them she had "gone to the Examination". I preferred to use examination instead of exhibition because it was a longer word and sounded more impressive to me. It did not occur to me that the inquirers need any further information, for surely everybody in the world must know what the "examination" was and likewise everybody must know it was being held at Mountain Home, wherever that was. I did not have the slightest idea where the town was nor what--the examination was.

Right here I want to say that all honor is due those pioneers in Education. Professors Howard and Truman, for the great school they established in Mountain Home, and those far sighted citizens of by-gone years who had the wisdom and foresight to sustain this school, and who transmitted their vision to their posterity; even to the present generation. As a result of their vision of the vital importance of good school, Mountain Home has been blessed during all the years with "a superior school, and has made a contribution to good citizenship; and good morals, and intellectual progress that entitles her to an enviable position in the history of Arkansas. It is fine to see a town or a city go in for material progress, and build up a great commercial structure; but in the estimate of the truly wise, and of the forward-looking, the moral and intellectual structure who's people built far transcends their material achievements. For, be it remembered, that what may be a prosperous

business today, a strong industrial organism today, a great financial structure today, may collapse tomorrow. But education, culture, intelligence abide. Their power and strength, and beauty outlast the passing strength, the fading flower of the physical and the material.

The next time I heard of Mountain Home was in 1879. My mother had died and I was living with my uncle Wm. T. Swan at City Rock Post Office, in Greenwood Township; some eleven miles southeast of Lone Rock, and five miles west of Calico Rock. In September of that year my uncle took my sister and me to Mountain Home to go to school. Professors Truman and Howard had made Mountain Home an educational center for all of North central Arkansas, but they were not now teaching there. Prof. J. L. Arrington of Springfield, Mo. had been employed to take up their work.

We drove all day in a two-horse wagon, arriving there about sundown. I had never been to a town before, although I was 14 years old, and at once began a long period of adjustment which hasn't ended yet. Everything was new and exciting. The business houses were immense. I had never seen so many people before, and they were all interesting to me. I asked who everyone was and in a short time I knew who everybody was.

We stayed at the home of Dr. J. H. P. Wallis that night and I boarded there while going to school. His home was on the corner, now vacant, just across the street from the Hill hotel. It was here that I first saw and heard a piano.

The business men and their places of business, as I recall them after a lapse of 52 years were as follows: On the northeast corner of the square was the large (everything was large to me) two-story frame store building bearing the name of L. H. Bickett (Mr. Bickett's initials were B. F.) Geo. Linn clerked there. On the Bickett family, I remember only Mr. and Mrs. Bickett and their pretty daughter, Maggie, then just in her early teens. At the other end of the block on the northwest corner was the large two-story frame store of B. F. Bodenhamer, or Bodenhamer and Case (now the Peoples Bank corner) This was Dr. J. H. Case, the father of Mrs. Shiras. Just what was in-between these two ends of the block I do not remember, but Mr. J. M. Schoggen had a shoe shop up there somewhere. I remember that just across the street from the Bodenhamer store, where Ragan

& Son's store is, Jake Wolf and Wm. Love had a blacksmith shop.

On the west side of the square, just below Dunbar's barber shop, Jim Wolf had a tin shop for some years; and adjoining him W. S. Chick operated a furniture and cabinet store. Further down was a doctor's office, and Capt. M. N. Dyer's law office, while down on the corner now occupied by Tracy's store and the restaurant, was the large store of Dr. J. M. Casey. Dr. Casey's store was a combination of dry goods and drugs. John H. B. Wolf handled the drug department. he was a brother of Mrs. Casey.

Straight across the street from Dr. Casey's store was a vacant building which afterwards's occupied by Uncle Ran Casey who ran a dry goods and notion store. Uncle Ran lived just back of this store in a large (I still use the word "large") two-story yellow house. Still further down Main street, half a block from the square and on the west side of the street was the home of the Mountain Home Quid Nunc, a weekly newspaper published by N. H. Biggers.

Getting back to the square, on the corner now occupied by C. A. Baker, was the general store of Dr. J. H. P. Wallis. Two of his sons, George and Dunk, were his clerks. Dunk (D. R.) is a practicing physician now living at Rockdale, Tex. George is dead. I may say of Dr. Wallis that I considered him one of the best informed men in the country. He was a great reader. He owned a set of Chambers's Encyclopedia, and he used to read from it hour after hour at night.

Both the Wallises and the Caseys were lovers of good coffee, and the men of the family had a habit of going home in the afternoons and drinking a cup of coffee. The day would not be complete without this afternoon cup.

A short distance east of the Wallis store was a vacant building and up about where A. A. Wolf and Son's store burned a few years ago, an old man named Travis had a small grocery store. And along there somewhere the Baxter County Citizen was started a year or two later. Uncle Dave Craige was in charge of it for a time but it seems to me Prof. J. S. Howard launched the paper.

Where the post office now stands there was a large livery barn. I don't know who operated it then, but some two or three years later Charley Compton had charge of it. Dr. Allen had an office on the east side of the square about where Curlee's drug store is. His residence was about one block southeast of the square. Dr. Bob

Wall's office was on what is now a vacant lot between Mooney's drug store and Mann's Grocery.

The court house, a long double log affair, stood opposite the old Casey residence of Dr. Leon Mooney. It was in this court house that I saw for the first time a circuit court functioning and heard lawyers "pleading" law, a term which formerly applied to all lawyer's speeches before the court.

The lawyers of Mountain Home were Capt. M. N. Dyer, Ben Brewer and Dr. H. C. Allen, while Maj. Mooney and Col. Fitzwater also practiced law there, but did not live in town.

The doctors were: A. J. Brewer, R. C. Wallis, J. B. Simpson, Dr. J. M. Casey and Dr. J. H. P. Wallis, having retired from active practice.

The post office was in Bodenhamer's store and the mail came by hack from Marshfield, Mo. three times a week. After the Kansas City, Springfield and Memphis Railroad was built, the mail came from West Plains daily. There would always be quite a crowd gather at the post office, after dark waiting for the West Plains hack. By this time the post office had been moved over near the other end of the square about where the Gloer store and Nat Dyer law office area.

There was an old style Cotton gin standing across the street almost in front of the Shiras home, one of the kind that had two long timbers extending 40 to 50 feet up; in the air and coming together at the top like a capital "A", and extending nearly to the ground. The motive power was mules hitched to the lower parts of these timbers and going around in a circle until the follow block pressed the lint cotton into a commercial bale. This gin belonged to Dr. Casey and it was operated that fall and the next by Randolph and Lee Paul. They could gin and press two bales a day.

The old academy stood at the lower end of Main street. I suppose this is were the public school building now stands.

The county and district officers were as follows:

Congressman - T. M. Gunter of Fayetteville

Circuit Judge - R. H. Powell of Melbourne.

State Senator- H. C. Tipton of Izard County.

Prosecuting Attorney - Charles Coffin
of Lawrence County

Representative - Van B. Tate

County Judge - J. S. Russell

Clerk - C. A. Eatman

Sheriff - A. G. Byler

Treasurer - P. Henderson

Assessor - W. A. Collins

Surveyor - R. E. Hurst

Baxter County is 58 years old, and up to last November, only had 4 county clerks, vis: C. A. Eatman, R. M. Hancock, W. F. Eatman and H. B. Ayler. The Eatmans - father and son, served 32 years and Mr. Aylor 18 years and R. M. Hancock 8 years. I think this record is unique in Arkansas.

Here are the residences of some of the leading citizens at that time: B. F. Bodenhamer lived on Main street near the Academy. I understand Mrs. Bodenhamer still lives there. There were no buildings between this residence and the Wallis store on the east side of Main street, except the court house already referred to. And there was only one small house (standing close to the street) on the west side between the academy and Dr. Casey's home and none from there to the Quid Nunc office.

Judge Linn lived at what is now known as the Jerry South place. I think Dr. Case moved to the old Case home. (Shiras place) some time afterwards. Jim Wolf lived about where the Lee Paul place stands. Judge Russell and Dr. Case lived about one mile east of town on the high banks of the little creek that runs north and south. I don't mean that the creek ran both ways - it ran south. Uncle Watt Talbert lived on the road leading out to where Judge Russell lived.

Col. O. L. Dodd, lived southeast of town on the Dodd place by a spring. Capt. Dyer lived east of town. I presume it is still known as the Dyer home. The Paul boys, Randolph, Lee and Tommie, lived south of town one mile with their mother. Mr. T. I. Hicks lived still further south. Dr. Brewer built a residence on upper Main street, which I believe is now the Horton residence. I remember what a time he had trying to have a well dug. I think he had to blast through over 15 feet of practically solid rock and finally turned the proposed well into a cistern. If I remember correctly. C. A. Eatman lived still further up on main street at what is known as the Old Eatman Home., Miss Puss Carter lived next door to the Carter place. I believe this

residence is still standing, while both the Carter and the Wallis places are gone.

About 1880 Dr. Casey moved to town and occupied the place where Dr. Leon Mooney lives and Dr. Wallis bought and moved to the place now owned by Mrs. Jay Baker. Prof. Howard lived about where Alex Wolf lives. Jake Wolf lived down two blocks west of Main street beyond and to the left of the Baptist church, which had not then been built.

Prof. Arrington taught a fine school and remained there two or three years, and was succeeded by Rev. R. P. Davant. Prof. Truman was not then living in Mountain Home but was teaching at Ava, Mo. I believe his oldest daughter, Ada, taught music in Mountain Home, until her marriage to Mr. W. B. Jones.

The young people constituting the social set of Mountain Home were these to the best of my recollection: Geo. B. Linn, A. L. Richey, Lee Paul, Randolph Paul, Tommie Paul, George Wallis, Dr. Bob Wallis, Dunk Wallis, Dave Bodenhamer, W. L. {Toad} Dodd, Dr. J. B. Simpson, Randolph Russell, Albert Casey Zeff Horton, Bob Wilson and Dow Henderson were not there in 1879

Girls: Ada Truman, Lugilla Hicks, Katie Hicks, Mollie Dodd, Maude Allen, Anna Russell, Mamie Dyer, Ella Wallis, Rena Howard, Callie Linn, who married Dave Churchill of Independence County in 1879, and Jeanette Wolf, who lived near North Fork, but spent a good deal of time at Mountain Home.

In reference to the foregoing list of young women and young men, I just wonder where in Arkansas or anywhere else one could find their superiors in culture, in intelligence, in good sense and good manners, in modesty and moral strength. None of those girls attended dances or played cards, or smoked or dressed radically, or were loud in their conduct on the streets or elsewhere. and those young men-there was not a wild, reckless, dissipated, or profane man among them-all of which goes back to what I said of the refining influence of good schools.

Young people of today wonder how on earth those of 50 years ago ever got by, how they managed to live through it, why they didn't die of the monotony and tedium of life, with no movies, no automobiles, no radio, no phonograph, no jazz music, no modern dance, no bridge. Well, they got along splendidly, they had a good times and it seems to me they got more out of life - -enjoyed more of the fruits and

flowers that grow along the way, than do the young people of the present generation. It is true their diversions were fewer, but they enjoyed them all the more on that account. I think the young men of that day were more deferential, more respectful and polite to women than those of today. It would have been a gross breach of etiquette then for a young man to have walked along the street puffing a cigarette by the side of a young lady. Now they do not hesitate to smoke in the presence of the girls in cafes, or even in closed cars. The standards of politeness on the part of young men and of modesty on the part of young women seem to have been lowered with the passing years. Of course this does not apply to all the young people of today.

RULE OF THUMB

This is another old saying that came to us from old English Law. Under English Common Law, wives were treated as chattels, with their husbands allowed to dispose of any of their possessions as they say fit - with or without their permission. If the wives protested too vigorously, their husbands, under English Common Law, were permitted to physically admonish them just so long as the stick used was no thicker than his thumb. Thus the historical origin of the expression "rule of Thumb"

During this same time period [1606-1759], under French law, everything acquired during the marriage was always split fifty-fifty. the wife was considered to be just as responsible as her husband for any wealth created. And, wives were always identified under their maiden names!

There is now a marriage index for French-Canadians available at the Indian River County Library, Vero Beach, Florida. Father Anonion Loisaelle extracted the marriages of the Catholic parishes in the dioceses of Quebec, Madawaska and Eastern Ontario. Each entry gives the surname and Christian names of the bride and groom. It also gives the date and place of marriages and the names of the parents.

How to Find Them!

Looking For Lost Relatives?

If the person hunted could be alive, try this. Write a letter to the person that you want to find and put in an unsealed stamped envelope. Place this envelope in a larger envelope with a cover letter to the Social Security Administration explaining why you want to find this person. Give as much data as you can - name, date, birthplace and Social Security number, if known. Send the packet to Social Security Administration, Letter Forwarding Unit, 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235.

Another source to try. Send a copy of your letter to Finders c/o Evans World Inc. Office 307, Mowhawk Grain, Greenfield, MA 01302-4000. Please include your name, address and phone number and the name of the person you want to find. Also write a paragraph or two about your relationship and why you want to find this person. Letters become the property of Finders. they will try to locate your person and if both parties are willing, will forward your letter.

If you wish to locate a town that no longer exists in the United states, write to "The US Board of Geographic Names," 523 National Center, Reston, VA 22092

CHARTER MEMBER IS GRANDMOTHER

Elizabeth Smith, wife of the late Quinby Smith, announced the arrival of her first grandson, William Quinby Smith, the son of Mrs. and Mrs. Larry Smith of Huntsville, Alabama.

Quinby and Elizabeth were not only charter members but were part of the group that developed the Baxter County Historical Society. Quinby served for many years as an officer of the Society.

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Dr. John Furguson of the Arkansas History Commission talks to Society



Sgt. Gary Edward of the Arkansas State Guard, Tells of their history.

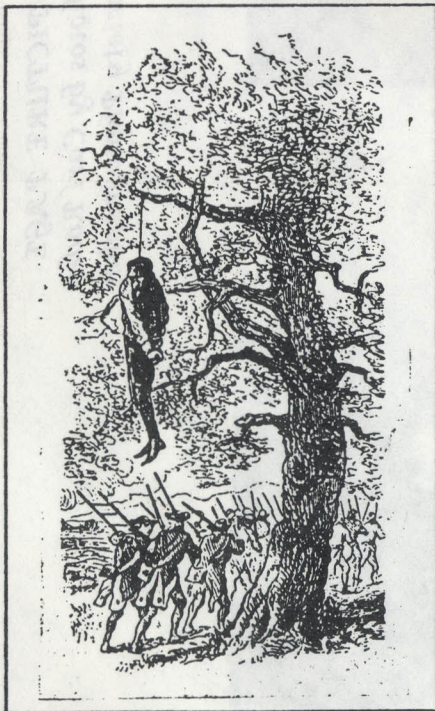


Frances Ruthven shows her Mother's Trunk and it's treasures



The Log Cabin's logs are all in place, awaiting the roof.

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