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

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be sent to the Editor. The Society or the Editor does
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MORE FILMS DONATED TO LIBRARY

The book fund has been used to
purchase yet still more microfilm. These
have been donated to the Baxter
County Library.

The following microfilms were donated:
1880 Census - Howard, Howell & Iron
Counties in Missouri.

1880 Census - Warren, Wayne and
[part of] Webster Counties in Missouri

1900 Census - Sebastian, Sharp and
Stone Counties in Arkansas

In addition to the above donations the
Society also voted to donate \$200 to
the Baxter County Library for purchase
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Welcome to all our new members. We
appreciate you!

Another Early Baxter County Family

THE JOHN HICKMAN FAMILY

When Isaac Hickman Sr, settled in
Illinois is unclear, but it was probably
prior to Statehood in 1818 when he was
registered to vote in St. Clair County,
Illinois. His son, Isaac Jr., born 1810/11
placed his own birth in St. Clair County.
Washington County. Illinois' Register of
Marriages contains an entry for the
marriage of Isaac, Jr. which indicated
his parents are named Isaac Hickman
and Nancy Morris. In the 1880 census

APRIL MEETING

The Baxter County Historical Society broke with its tradition and relocated the meeting place for a special meeting. Instead of the facilities of the Baxter County Day Service Center building, the Auditorium of the Arkansas State University in Mountain Home was utilized. The reason for the relocation was the presentation by Historian Lynn Morrow of Columbia, Missouri, of a synopsis of "*The White River Chronicles of S. C. Turnbo. The Story of Man and Wildlife on the Ozark Frontier*" as told by Silas C. Turnbo, compiled and edited by James F. Keefe and Lynn Morrow in their new book released by the University of Arkansas Press.

A group of over 75 members and guests heard Lynn Morrow tell the life of the Ozark write, Silas Turnbo. Silas was born in Marion County, Arkansas and had written reams of tales told him in his lifetime of travels up and down the White River Valley. Lynn described the setting and aura of the time of Silas' travels, and told of many tales of the hunters, families and wild life of the period after the Civil War. Lynn and James F. Keefe had assembled the highly readable highlights of the most representative tales of Silas' known 2,500 page manuscript.

Lynn is a public Historian, who is in charge of the Records Preservation Department of the State of Missouri's Secretary of State Office. His articles about Missouri History has appeared in *Missouri Historical Review*, *Missouri Folklore Society Journal*, *Gateway Heritage* and other professional journals. His co-author, James F. Keefe had worked for the Missouri Department of Conservation for over 40 years, primarily as the editor of *Missouri Conservationist* from 1957 to 1985. His many articles include books on conservation for school children and

articles in many major outdoor and conservation magazines.

James AF. Keefe and Lynn Morrow also have co-edited "*A Connecticut Yankee in the Frontier Ozarks: the writings of Theodore Please Russell*"

The Book, *The White River Chronicles of S. C. Turnbo* can be purchased by phone: #1-800-616--0090, by FAX #501-575-6044, or by mail: The University of Arkansas Press, 201 Ozark Avenue, Fayetteville AR 72701

The entire collection of the 27 volumes of the Turnbo Tales as transcribed by Desmond Walls, can also be found at the Baxter County Library.

At the conclusion of the meeting, member Larry Golden, whose lucky ticket was drawn at last weeks 3rd Annual Garage and Bake Sale, was presented the Society's beautiful fund raising quilt.

The Society appreciates the use of the Auditorium for this important and informative meeting and our thanks go to Lyndle McCurley, director of Vocational/Technical Education at the University.

CABIN INTERIOR VIEWING

The interior of the Talbot-Leonard Cabin in the Rapps Barren Settlement in Cooper Park may be viewed at any time. During the week of May 8 1995, the windows and front door opening were covered with Plexiglas which now permits the cabin to be viewed whenever the park is opened. If you haven't visited the cabin yet, you should arrange to do so

**No one respects a talent
that is concealed.**

the son states that both his parents were born in Virginia.

Isaac and Nancy had three children: [1] Mary W. born 1802, married in 1832 in Illinois, to John Darter, who was born 1799. [2] Charles F, married Mary Eason, [3] Isaac Hickman, Jr., married 1st Rachael Anderson [1813-1878], married 2nd Annis Coffel [or Coppel] [1812-1897], widow of Jesse [Coffel] who died 1876.

Children of Isaac, Jr. and Rachael are [1] Mary D. Hickman, born 1832 married John Gibson [2] John D. Hickman, (according to his pension record D., and "Fletcher" according to "Baxter County History") who became one of Baxter County's pioneers, John born June 27 1839 at Nashville, Illinois and died October 23, 1913 [newspaper says October 22] in Mountain Home, Arkansas, and was buried in Wesley Chapel Cemetery. John F. was a Civil War Veteran and had been wounded in the shoulder by rifle fire. His pension papers stated that he was shot at Shiloh, through the right shoulder with a rifle bullet, hospitalized three months, he returned to his unit, Co "F" 49th IL Inf. and was soon given a disability discharge. On his pension records he was partially paralyzed on the right side and completely disabled. He moved to Arkansas in 1869. He married Mary Jane Norman on March 5, 1871. She was born in Carroll Co., Georgia, on March 27 1849, daughter of Abner Spencer Norman, who was born in South Carolina. Abner died in a Civil War skirmish in Marion County, Arkansas, on April 9, 1864. Mary Jane died July 1932 and was buried in Wesley Chapel Cemetery. [per obituary in Baxter Bulletin] [3] Nathaniel Morris Hickman, served in the Civil War with his brother John in Co. F. 49th Illinois Infantry. He was mustered out of the Army September, 1865, and was not heard of for fifty years. The bureau of Pensions received a very unusual

application for his pension. It revealed that Nathaniel had changed his name to Charles W. Hardy and had lived in the West. He had survived Indian attacks, been "Freighted" {kidnapped}, and had lived among the Apaches. [See "The Saga of Southern Illinois" magazine" Vol XXI Number 2. [4] Thomas Hickman born 1847, [5] Sarah Hickman born 1849 married Andrew Woodrome. [6] Charlotte Hickman born 1852, married 1st Spencer Woodrome and 2nd Edward Nichols. [7] James I. Hickman born 1856, married his step-sister Margaret Coffell in 1878 in Washington County. She is the daughter of his step-mother Annis Coffel.

Children of John F. and Mary Jane [Norman] Hickman, are: [1] Ella Charlotte "Sharlott" Hickman, born 1871 in Arkansas, married Will T. Suther on February 1, 1891 in Mountain Home. [2] Charles Isaac Hickman, born September 23, 1874, in Arkansas, married America Marie Lewis on August 16, 1896, in Baxter County, Arkansas. She was born April 2, 1877, in Newton Co. Arkansas, daughter of John Hamilton, Sr. [1834-1885] and Emily Kasinger [1852-1926] Lewis. She also had two brothers Ben, J. B. and sister Armina Coleen (Lewis) Cole who were mentioned in her obituary. [3] William C. Hickman, born August 30, 1877, in Arkansas, died January 7, 1940. He was married to Fay Brown in February, 1910. She was born about 1891 in Illinois. [4] James Ross Hickman born February 5, 1880, in Arkansas, and died December 13, 1956. He married Mattie Inman April, 1910. She born February, 1889 in Arkansas and is the daughter of Joseph [1865-__] and Susan America [Payne] Inman [1867-1947] Joseph and Susan married about 1885. [5] Robert L. Hickman was born April, 1890 in Arkansas. He married Margaret Stein and moved to OK..

--Gene and Margie Garr

CASEY FAMILY

The Casey family Newsletter was recently received. If any Casey family wants to receive the newsletter, write to: Clan Tidings, Casey Family Association, Inc., Post Office Box 57107, Oklahoma City, OK 73157-7107.

If in the last few years you haven't discarded a major opinion or acquired a new one, check your pulse. You might be dead.

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. Send queries to the Editor's address listed on the second page.

Scott Langston, 718 Argone Ct., Eules, Texas, 76039

Looking for information of the John [b-1835] and Minerva [b-1841- McGinnis family of IZARD, Marion and Baxter Counties, AR. I do not know when or where either one died and was buried. I believe that John McGinnis died in the mid 1920s. The McGinnis' came from Tennessee to AR in the 1850s. Their children's names were Sarah [married John Dixon], Amanda [married Joshua Woody], Mary [married Thomas Fayte Humphrey], Ardella [married Alf Langston], Almeda [married Andrew Peck], Edward Napolion [married Callie Thomas] James and John Gilbert [married Dora ?]. Some of the children may have settled around West Plains, Mo. I would like to correspond with any of the descendants.

Scott Langston [see above]

Seeking information on John [born abt 1824] and Josephine [1833-1920] Langston family of Sharp, Marion and Baxter Counties, AR. Josephine is buried in Proctor, OK. Their children's

names were George [married Martha ?], James, Henry [married Dora Westmoreland], Thomas, John, Alf [married Ardella McGinnis] William [married Nancy Wiggins], Luella Jane and Alice [married George Doshier]. Prior to coming to AR around 1870, the Langstons lived in Winn Prish, LA. Will Correspond with any descendant.

Connie Pearl, 3309 E. Mt. Vernon, Wichita Ks, 67218

Seeking information on the family of Frank and Sallie [Elliott] Davis and family of James and Sarah [Grubb] Davis.

QUERY RESULTS

Member Ina M. Friend follows her query published in **Volume 21 No 1** by sharing a copy of a letter she had written to the Hot Springs Quarterly indicating how a query helped her in solving her John H. Fitzwater/Sarah Ellard mystery:

"I've been intending for some time to write you and tell you about my windfall which was the result of a query I placed in your quarterly [Vol. 25 No 4]. It is my hope that my good luck will encourage others to continue to place queries.

I was seeking information on my great grandfather, John H. Fitzwater, whom I had last found in the 1880 census of Baxter County, AR. In his household in 1880, in addition to himself and his third wife, was his daughter, Sarah [Fitzwater] Perkins Ellard and her two children, Walter Perkins and Charles W. Ellard. Sarah's mother was John H. Fitzwater's second wife, Mary Ann [Crownover] Fitzwater, my great grandmother. Because I could find nothing on John H. after 1880, I hoped one of your readers might know something about him after 1880. One did!

I received a letter and a phone call from a Mrs. Butcher, in Little Rock, AR, who told me that she had in her possession personal papers that had belonged to a Widow Ellard, who, prior to her death in the home of Mrs. Butcher's parents about 1907 or 1908, had worked as live-in help for Mrs. Butcher's parents. Mrs. Butcher's mother, before her death many years later, told Mrs. Butcher about the papers, and that she had kept them hoping someday to locate someone in Mrs. Ellard's family and turn the papers over to that person. No one ever came. Mrs. Butcher kept the papers in her home for years, for the same reason. It was over 80 years before a family member was found: me!

Mrs. Butcher sent the fragile old papers to me immediately. They included deeds [many written and signed by my great grandfather, James Crownover, county clerk of Reynolds Co., Mo. - former residence of John H. Fitzwater], and various other records dating from the 1850s to the 1870s, and some later, that are irreplaceable because the Reynolds Co. Courthouse burned in the late 1870s and other copies of these records no longer exist. Among the papers was a small hymn book given to Sarah Ellard by John H. Fitzwater 23 July 1881. Written inside the hymnbook was this: "John H. Fitzwater departed this life on 17th Dec. 1892, AR." This is the only record of his death I have been able to get.

I will always be grateful to Mrs. Butcher's family for keeping the papers. Over 80 years is a long time to keep something like that when there was no family connection. I certainly feel I hit the jackpot when I sent in a query -- almost like a fairy tale. You have my permission to use any of this in your quarterly if you wish. It may help other researchers.

I have enclosed a chronology of John H. Fitzwater with much of what I know

about him. A lot of the information came from those old papers and some from what I already had. As you can see, it covers most of John H. Fitzwater life, except for the period from his birth to about the 1840s. Perhaps this chronology could be placed in your library or even printed in all or part, in some future publication for possible benefit to me or other Fitzwater/Crownover/Ellard researchers.

Thank you for a good quarterly and for my windfall."

--Ina M. Friend.

Editor--Ina, in her letter to us adds:

Sarah was also married to Joseph Byington in February 22 1905 at Doe Run, St. Francois County, Missouri. Why did she [apparently] drop the name Byington and revert to Ellard, the name she was recorded as in the 1880 census? Did Byington die or discover his divorce wasn't accomplished? Did she desert him, or he desert her, soon after marriage? I believe the divorce was not accomplished."

Editor: The following is from Ina's chronology:

The Fitzwater family, which was recorded in the 1870 Fulton County Census [Big Springs Township], also has a Baxter County connection which is first noted in Ina's chronology as being shown in the 1880 Baxter County Federal Census. Sarah J.'s father, John H. Fitzwater, at age 58 is shown as family #2 in the Pigeon Township. He is listed as a farmer, with [3rd] wife Mary Ann [White], son William and daughter Sarah J. Ellard age 25. Sarah's sons Walter Perkins, age 2 and Charles Ellard, age 4 months [both born in Arkansas] also are shown living in Sarah's father's household. Sarah eventually was married three times. First to Joh Wesley Perkins, 2nd to ___ Ellard, who seems to have died or was gone by 1880, and 3rd to Josiah

Byington in 1905 in St. Francois Co., Mo. When she died in 1907/1908 she was listed as "The Widow Ellard"

John H. Fitzwater died in Mountain Home on 17 Dec 1892. John's son, John Allen Fitzwater, also was recorded living in Buford Township in Baxter County in 1920. He died in 1932.

Ina is still searching for information on Sarah's descendants. If you have

any information regarding these descendants, please contact Sarah at 7333 Barberry Ave, Apt 2, Yucca Valley, CA 92284 Phone [619]-365-5678

[Editor--Ina also furnished her ancestor pedigree chart for our next Volume. Have you submitted yours yet?]

THE WHITE RIVER LINE

The White River Line of the former Missouri Pacific Railroad again has passenger trains operating over a portion of its line from Yellville, to Calico Rock, AR. with a stop at Cotter, the scene of its major terminal many years ago. The excursion trains are being operated by White River Railroad. The following article was ran in the March 3, 1905 "Baxter Bulletin" and was a rerun from the Arkansas Democrat.

The White River line of the Iron Mountain is fast approaching completion. General Superintendent W. T. Tyler, in company with a party of officials and others, made a close inspection of the road to the front yesterday. The party traveled in a special train, made frequent stops and closely inspected all departments.

The train bearing the officials left the main line at Diaz and running as first No. 125, proceeded over the old Batesville branch to that town. From there the inspection of the White River line proper began. The scenery along the line from a few miles west of Batesville to beyond Cotter cannot be equaled in the United States. The line of the railroad follows the winding of the White river and in places is laid on a shelf cut from the face of the cliffs or bluffs. At Castle Rock, thirty five miles west of Batesville, the rock overhangs the track for some distance. The

country is practically unsettled. There are but few residences in sight of the railroad track except at the small stations which have been established. One of the notable landmarks is the old Jeffery home east of Cotter. Here for the past 100 years the Jeffery's have lived. The Jeffery Bros. store is near the railroad track, as is the old residence. These people are the descendants of Lord Jefferey and the old graveyard, near the house contains the graves of some of the early settlers of Arkansas.

From the right-of-way can be seen the grave of the father of Sam Houston. Sam Houston, it will be remembered, traveled through Arkansas enroute to Texas, and while on the banks of the White river his father died. The spot is well cared for and attracts the attention of every one.

One of the greatest curiosities on the entire line is the cave on the south bank of the White River in which a tree twenty-five feet high is growing. From it's location it is impossible for the sun to ever reach even the mouth of the cave, yet there, a hundred feet from the entrance, stands a tree, well developed and thriving, which from all obtainable information, has never been touched by the rays of the sun. As spring approaches the buds on this tree begin to swell and in due time the full leaf is produced. Likewise, as fall and winter comes on, the leaves wither and droop

and fall from the tree. This is one of the most wonderful feats of nature ever discovered.

Almost directly opposite the Cave of the Tree is a natural bridge of wonderful beauty. The bridge is several feet long and is visited by numbers of people.

Further up on the river is what is known as Calico Rock. This place took its name from the color of the stone composing the bluffs on the north side of the river. When the railroad was put through it was necessary to blast great quantities of this stone away, and thus the color was lost for a time, but the action of the water trickling down the face of the cliff is rapidly reproducing the colorings, the cause of which has baffled scientists. Prior to the time the road was built through there all the colors of the rainbow were shown on the face of the stone.

At shortly after noon the town of Cotter was reached. Here Mr. Tyler and Mechanical Engineer W. H. V. Rosing had some matters to look into, and the party was divided. Several members of the party went up into the town, which is destined to be the principal point on the new road. The townspeople have disposed of a great many lots, and when the drawing comes off next month, the weather permitting, there will be a great doings in that place. At present there are a number of stores and other business houses. The town boasts of a bank, a European hotel, a printing office, churches, school-houses and other business and public houses.

The location is an ideal one, and with the many improvements which are contemplated by the Iron Mountain people, there is a bright future in store for it.

The mammoth coal chute which has just been completed, has not yet been put in operation but in a short time tracks will be laid and this great improvement will be utilized. All the work of handling the coal for the

engines will be done by machinery, the chute working automatically.

The officials of the road inspected the station, the yards, and all, other property of the company at this place and it is announced that as soon as the frost leaves the ground work will begin on the erection of a shop and roundhouse for the caring for of running repairs to the locomotives engaged in the traffic. The heavy work of overhauling the engines will be done at Baring Cross but the repairs incident to the regular operations of the road will be done in Cotter.

Fifteen miles of storage and terminal tracks will be laid here and all facilities will be provided for the rapid handling of the great volume of business which will inevitably come to this line.

From Cotter the special proceeded to "the front", which is thirty-eight miles to the west. The scenery west of Cotter differs materially from that between Batesville and that town, but there is a question as to which is the more beautiful. Crooked Creek, and well it is named, is crossed numberless times, all by means of bridges, the construction of each of which has cost a fortune. Leaving Cotter the road crosses the White river by means of a steel and wooden bridge and immediately plunges into the depths of a tunnel, the first on the line. From the tunnel the train emerges to cross another bridge, a double decker. Over that, a deep cut is entered, after which another high bridge is crossed and it is in this manner that the road proceeds through the historic Ozarks.

Over George's Creek is the longest and most expensive trestle on the line of the Iron Mountain. Over one million feet of timber was used in the construction and the estimated cost of the bridge is placed at \$75,000. From this bridge a beautiful view of the valley both below and above is obtained. Yellville is seen in the distance, and the

everlasting hills to the right and left, to the front and rear, raise their proud heads. It is said that from this point on the road is obtained the grandest panoramic view in the United States.

Passing Keener the train proceeded to the Oregon flats, where actual construction work is going forward rapidly. The entire line is ballasted with gravel, or the gravel is on the right-of-way ready to be placed as soon as the weather clears.

From Batesville to Cotter, the track, while winding and full of sharp curves, admits of some fast running and several times the speed of the special reached more than fifty miles an hour. Good fast schedules are maintained on the regular passenger runs and no accidents of any consequences have been reported.

From Cotter to the front, regular trains are not yet in operation, but is said that as soon as the 75-foot cut at the Oregon flats is completed a regular schedule will be put on.

The country contiguous to the right-of-way is full of zinc, lead and other mines and preparations are going forward for the developing of this great industry. The northern part of the state through which this road runs is on the threshold of the greatest epoch in its history, and within the next few years great strides in progress will be made.

Just before dark the special train started on its return trip reaching Diaz just ahead of mainline train No. 1. Here Superintendent O. M. Sewell of the upper White river line left the special train, taking No. 2 for St. Louis, thence to Aurora, his head-quarters. Mr. Sewell is the new superintendent recently appointed to succeed R. P. Dalton, who has gone with the C. H. and D., under General Manager J. A. Edison. Superintendent F. W. Green of the Arkansas Division, who was of the party, has control of the White River line from Diaz to the Cotter yards, and

from there Superintendent Sewell has control. This was the first trip of the latter official over the line.

Hon. George R. Brown, secretary of the Board of Trade of Little Rock, was of the party, as was J. L. Carraway, Railroad Editor of the Democrat. The special train followed No. 1 into Little Rock and thus ended the inspection trip of the White River Road.

—Editor - Ellen Ramey and daughter Judy Sharp furnished this great story of our area history for this publication.

JUNE MEETING

HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTED AWARD

Baxter County Judge Joe Bodenhamer presented the Ozark Mountain Region Historical Tourism Development Award plaque to Baxter County Historical Society President Margie Garr, Thursday night, June 1, at the regular meeting of the Historical Society. The Society was cited in the award for the acquisition and preservatin of the Historic Talburt/Leonard Log cabin home, now restored in Cooper Park in Mountain Home and for the acquisition and preservation of the Rollins Hospital building in Gassville, AR.

The meeting was held at the new "Tea Time With Cathy Tea Room" located in the historic Baptist College Dorm Building at 4th and College St., owned by Charles and Cathy Blackburn. An overflow group consisting of 65 members and guests attended and were served refreshments by member Cathy Blackburn from her kitchen in the tea room. John Wolf, president of the Mountain Home Cemetery Association, Inc. was the guest speaker. Mr. Wolf related the history of the cemetery and told of the improvements made to the cemetery. He told of a recent purchase of additional land and the plans for the future of the cemetery.

**BAXTER COUNTY WILLS AND ADMINISTRATIONS
UP TO 1900**

The wills begin in 1892 and are found in the County's Record Will Book "A" and Administrations begin in 1873. These records were not destroyed in the Court House Fire and certified copies may be obtained from the County Clerk.

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| Leonard, James L. | 1888 | Adm A. | 66 |
| Lewis, Samuel | 1892 | Wills A | 1 |
| Lewis, Samuel [2nd entry] | | Adm A | 87 |
| Lindsey, W. S. Sr. | 1900 | Wills A. | 32 |
| Linn, James H. | 1890 | Adm A. | 83 |
| Littlefield, Joseph | 1877 | Adm A | 20 |
| Livingston, R. F. | 1896 | Adm A | 110 |
| Livingston, Robert | 1875 | Adm A. | 11 |
| Luther, Calvin | 1880 | Adm A. | 35 |
| Lynch, John N. | 1889 | Adm A. | 77 |
| McAfee, Wm. E. | 1889 | Adm A. | 70 |
| McMullin, Harrison | 1892 | Wills A | 4 |
| Martin, Thomas D. | 1882 | Adm A. | 40 |
| Mattox, William S. | 1878 | Adm A. | 25 |
| Miller, Fannie J. | 1884 | Adm A. | 49 |
| Miller, Robert F. | 1882 | Adm A. | 39 |
| Mings, William | 1883 | Adm A. | 43 |
| Moody, Joshua P. | 1897 | Adm A. | 115 |
| Mooney, Byers | 1883 | Adm A. | 54 |
| Mooney, Jeepe | 1884 | Adm A. | 50 |
| Mooney, Jesse | 1892 | Adm A. | 91 |
| Mop, W. L. | 1883 | Adm A. | 45 |
| Moreland, William S. | 1874 | Adm A. | 6 |
| Morgan, W. C. | 1899 | Adm A. | 123 |
| Morgan, W. H. | 1900 | Adm A. | 130 |
| Morris, Inez | 1900 | Adm A. | 129 |
| Morton, S. A. Jr. | 1889 | Adm A. | 78 |
| Neal, Elizabeth | 1888 | Adm A. | 69 |
| Nelson, William | 1889 | Adm A. | 74 |
| Nicholsen, Joseph | 1885 | Adm A. | 53 |
| Paul, Randolph C. | 1889 | Adm A. | 79 |
| Pearce, Harriett | 1886 | Adm A. | 58 |
| Pearce, H. G. | 1881 | Adm A. | 38 |
| Phillips, Salvadore D. | 1879 | Adm A. | 32 |
| Price, Margaret C. | 1876 | Adm A. | 14 |
| Raymond, H. C. | 1898 | Adm A. | 118 |
| Ream, Mahala | 1874 | Adm A. | 5 & 7 |
| Reynolds, John M. | 1889 | Adm A. | 75 |
| Robertson, David, Sr. | 1889 | Adm A. | 119 |
| Russell, John M. | 1900 | Will A. | 30 |
| Savage, Wm. M. | 1876 | Adm A. | 15 |
| Schoggen, J. B. | 1897 | Adm A. | 113 |
| Simpson, J. B. | 1899 | Adm A. | 121 |
| Spear, Wm. G. | 1879 | Adm A. | 31 |
| Stone, Dan | 1885 | Adm A. | 56 |
| Talburt, W. H. | 1890 | Adm A. | 80 |

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| Talbur, W. H. [2nd entry] | 1895 | Adm A. | 100 |
| Taylor, W. T. | 1896 | Adm A. | 108 |
| Thacker, Liza J. | 1897 | Will A. | 18 |
| Thacker, W. J. | 1896 | Adm A. | 111 |
| Thompson, H. J. | 1890 | Adm A. | 82 |
| Twigg, W. A. | 1892 | Adm A. | 90 |
| Webber, Joseph | 1893 | Will A. | 8 |
| Webber, Joseph [2nd Entry] | | Adm A. | 94 |
| Wells, John W. | 1884 | Adm A. | 46 |
| Wheat, Elizabeth | 1887 | Adm A. | 63 |
| Wheat, Josiah | 1886 | Adm A. | 57 |
| White, S. M. | 1873 | Adm A. | 3 |
| White, Wylie C. | 1878 | Adm A. | 26 |
| Wilkie, H. H. | 1900 | Adm A. | 133 |
| Williams, J. B. | 1876 | Adm A. | 17 |
| Wilson, W. H. | 1894 | Adm A. | 95 |
| Wolf, Jacob | 1884 | Adm A. | 52 |
| Wolf, Jesse | 1900 | Adm A. | 126 |
| Wynn, Anna E. & Robt. B. | 1880 | Adm A. | 34 & 36 |

--This concludes the Wills and Administration up to 1900

"BAXTER COUNTY ANCESTORS" VOLUME 1

Volume 1 of the "Collection of Pedigree and Family Charts of Baxter County Families" has now been received from the Publisher. The Society will now accept orders for the book. The book is comprised of 190 charts and/or pedigrees. It also contains an 11 page full name index.

The Society voted to charge \$22.50 for the book and \$3.00 for handling and mailing. Members cost of the book will be \$20.00 plus \$3.00 mailing and handling. The book may be obtained by writing the Editor F. Gene Garr or Treasurer Stella Jackson. Addresses are on the inside cover of "The History". The funds from the sale of the books will be used to finance the projects of the Society.

If you missed getting your charts in for Volume one, arrange to do so soon as we are now working on Volume 2. These should be sent to Editor F. Gene Garr. The charts can be on any standard or computer form. The only requirement is that the charts should contain a Baxter County ancestor or connection.

ANOTHER BAXTER COUNTY HISTORICAL STRUCTURE

The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program in Little Rock, has presented the nomination of the Cotter Gymnasium to the State Review Board for their recommendation that the structure be included in the National Register of Historic Places. The Register is the country's official list of historically significant properties.

The Cotter Gymnasium at 412 Powell Street in Cotter is a native stone structure built between 1936 and 1938 by the Works Progress Administration, a Depression-era Federal relief program, and is the sole structure remaining from a complex of school buildings erected at Cotter by the WPA.

The naming of the Cotter Gymnasium to the Register will honor those in the community of Cotter which have worked to preserve the Gym and it's conversion to an Area Youth Center.

**We do not remember days
We remember moments**

REX NELSON PAUL

Rex Nelson Paul died at his home in Cotter, Arkansas, Friday, May 5 1995. Rex was 75. He was born May 30 1919 at Mountain Home, Arkansas, son of Irl Milas and Jessie Nelson Paul. He and Neva E. Hill were married February 3 1943. Rex was the descendant of several pioneer Baxter County families. He was the great-great grandson of Col. R. D. Casey, the pioneer merchant and 1st state congressional representative from Mountain Home, great-grandson of Col. O. L. Dodd, pioneer settler of Mountain Home and grandson of G. N. Nelson, pioneer settler of Buford. His family donated the land for the Mountain Home Cemetery and his great-great grandmother, Catherine DePriest Casey, was the first person buried in the cemetery [per Baxter County History] Rex was a World War II veteran, serving as a US Navy Pilot and participated in several battles of the war. Rex was a sales representative with Hercules, Inc. and had lived in Greenville, and Jacksonville, Mississippi before retiring to Cotter in 1980.

Rex is survived by his wife, Neva, a son, Rex Nelson Paul, Jr. of Leland, Miss., and two daughters, Mary Elizabeth Agnew of Evergreen, Colo. and Dianne Hill Rushing of Ouray, Colo.

Rex was a long time member of the Baxter County Historical Society.

SHAWNEETOWN [MARION COUNTY] ARKANSAS

With the Louisiana Purchase in 1803, the area now known as Marion County, Arkansas, became a part of the United States. In 1810 Marion County was a part of the New Madrid District of Louisiana Territory and in 1812 it was a part of Missouri Territory, Arkansas Territory was created in 1819. In 1820 a small portion of Marion County was in Lawrence County, while most of it was within the Cherokee Indian Tract. It wasn't until November 1835 that Arkansas was recognized as a state. During this transitional period, the first White settlers came - some to trade with the Indians, some to find a new way of life. Mostly these people were hunters, trappers and fishermen; none were farmers.

The town we know today as Yellville was originally founded about

[before] 1820 by the Shawnee Indians, who migrated from Ohio through Missouri, and was known as Shawneetown. The Indians built cabins of split cedar logs, roofing them with boards six feet long with about two courses to the side. Traditionally the Shawnee notched their logs on the top instead of the bottom. These cabins were located near Noe Spring on Shawneetown branch just north of Crooked Creek.

Besides Shawneetown, there were at least two other towns built by the Shawnee in this area. "Little Shawnee Town" was located about a mile southwest of Shawneetown on Crooked Creek. "Upper Shawnee Town" was near the mouth of Clear Creek not far from present-day Pyatt.

Each year about "roasting ear time" the Shawnee gathered either at Shawneetown [or another settlement down White River near Norfolk] to celebrate with their "Green Corn Dance". they cleared the ground in a 150-foot circle to make a dance floor. When preparations were complete, the dance would begin. One Indian beat a drum made of a hollowed-out log covered with a dried hide. Dancers filled their leggings with pebbles and mussel shells which rattled to the beat of the drum. The dancers half-danced, half-marched around the circle once, faced about, and danced-marched to where they'd begun. Now they stopped, taking their pipes from their belts, filling them with tobacco, and sitting down. Each lit his pipe, took a

puff, and passed it around the circle until every dancer had smoked every pipe. They would rise and begin the dance again. This was repeated over and over many times.

By the time Marion County was formed 3 November 1835, white traders were settling the area and most of the Shawnee had moved into Indian Territory. The name of Shawneetown was changed by the White settlers to Yellville, in honor of Captain Archibald Yell.

Today, Marion County has much Indian heritage to be proud of and many of her citizens have at least a trace of Indian blood.

Written by Vickie Roberts and Misty McPherson.-
Members of The Historic Genealogical Society of Marion
County, Arkansas May 12-13 1995

At the City park, on the Banks of Crooked Creek, in Yellville, Arkansas, on the 12th & 13th of May 1995, The Shawnee Indians returned to the spot their ancestors left sometime before 1835. Chief George Captain, of the Eastern tribe of the Shawnee Indians, now located on a portion of their original reservation at Seneca, Missouri, returned to be honored in ceremonies and celebrations planned by the City of Yellville. Chief Captain tearfully thanked the organizers and said, "This has never happened to us before. We were lost in history. We will get a real good understanding of each other and friendship from this and that is what love is". After the Chief's remarks, Shawnee tribal dancers performed traditional dances for the many people in attendance. The Chief presented the Shawnee's highest honor by giving Beaded Eagle Feathers to Mayor Altus Doshier of Yellville and to Linda Davenport, the organizers of the celebrations. In return the Key to the City was presented to the Chief. In

honor of the occasion the post office provided "Shawneetown" postal cancellations

**While searching for the big ones, don't
overlook life's smaller joys and
pleasures**

**Some people make things happen
Some watch things happen
some wonder what happened!**

HOME GROWN BOY

[From th Douglas Co. Herald1901]

The home grown, hand spanked, barefooted boy makes a much better fight in the battle of life than the pampered, high collared, creased trousered youth of our cities, whose clothes have always been dusted with a whisk broom instead of a hickory switch. Let the town man out of a job try a year on the farm. Plow behind a mule will take the kinks out of his topknot, the frog from his throat, the gas off his stomach, the weakness out of his legs, and will give him an appetite for an honest living in sight of heaven.

ANNUAL GARAGE & BAKE SALE

On Saturday, March 25, the Baxter County Historical Society held its 3rd annual gigantic "Garage & Bake Sale", in the Armory in Mountain Home. As in the past two years, the third was an equal success. The proceeds from the garage sale exceeded \$700 and the proceeds from the bakery was about \$85. As in the past the proceeds of the sale will be used in the restoration of structures in the Park and the rehabilitation of the Rollins Hospital Building at Gassville..

The Society wishes to thank all who participated in making the sale a successful venture. Becky Baker, chairperson in charge of fund raising, did her usual good work and drew together the large group necessary to have a successful sale. The following worked at the sale: Stan and Nita Jones, Sue Wanless, Bob Underhill, Floyd Wainscott, Gene and Margie Garr, Jeanetta Grigg, Mr. and Mrs. Don Duggins, Hank and Bev Schol, David and Linda Gladney, Stella

Jackson, Elsa and Carl Roden, Ellen Ramey and Judy Sharp. Forgive me if I have left out anyone. We also thank the Armory personnel for setting up and taking down the tables and generally being very helpful.

Special thanks also go to the phone committee of Ellen Ramey and Agnes Boman, for making over a hundred phone calls soliciting items for the sale. They did a great job with the proof being the large amount of items offered in the sale. Jimmy Lowe took care of the publicity. A lot of thanks to all who baked and to Harlow's Donuts for the donation of 3 dozen donuts - valued at \$16.00.

The Quilt opportunity drawing at noon found that member Larry Golden held the lucky number 961372. He and his wife Bobby will be presented their new quilt at our next meeting.

The few remaining items [about a pick-up truck load] was donated to the "Bargain Box" operated by the Hospital Auxiliary.

Save your items for next year's sale.

THE ELUSIVE ANCESTOR

I went searching for an ancestor,
I cannot find him still
He moved around from place to place
and did not leave a will
He married where a courthouse burned,
he mended all his fences
He avoided any man who came
to take the census
He always kept his luggage packed,
this man who had no fame
And every 20 years or so,
This rascal changed his name
His parents came from Europe
They should be upon a list
Of passengers to USA
But somehow they got missed

So I play "genesolitaire"
To find him if I can
I'm told he's buried in a plot
With tombstone he was blessed,

But the weather took engraving
And vandals took the rest
He died before the county Clerks
Decided to keep records.
No family bible has emerged
In spite of my efforts.

To top it off this ancestor
Who caused me many groans
Just to give me one more pain,
Betrothed a girl named Jones

*-By Merrell Kentworthy,
furnished by member Alice Snyder*

THE JOHNIE JONES FAMILY

Baxter County is the "home" for two sisters, no matter how far away they now live from here. Lavern Jones Talbert now lives in Colorado and Lavon Jones Schnakenberg in Missouri, but they were born and raised on the family farm south east of Mountain Home. They are proud of their family's history and wanted to share it with members of the Historical Society.

Their great-grandfather, George Washington Jones, was born on February 17, 1925 in Tennessee and died 1911. He hauled pine logs up the White River in 1857 and built a one room cabin and a log barn [that also served as a smoke house], for his wife Elizabeth and family. He had married his wife Elizabeth [Chadwick] on April 13, 1848. She was born January 28 1827 and died February 20 1908. Both are buried in the Oak Grove Cemetery. George in his early days had established a water mill in Big Creek

and ground meal and flour for people within a radius of 30 to 40 miles of the mill. He had owned about 320 acres of land south of Mountain Home in the Oak Grove area.

Their grandfather, Calvin "Callie" Jones was born in 1868 on this farm. He married his wife Laura [Vickrey/McCormack] March 23, 1891. She gave birth to Lavon and Lavern's father, Johnie G. Jones, in 1895. Callie died January 9, 1953 and was buried in the Oak Grove Cemetery. Laura was born November 24 1858 in Georgia and died October 6, 1939.

The family continued to work the land. When Johnie married Grace Ward, his parents moved to a nearby farm. Johnie G. Jones died in 1978 and Grace died in 1982.

The following is a letter written by Lavern containing the memories of Lavon and Lavern. There are many interesting parts of their childhood they wanted to share.

We had a happy childhood and many fond memories growing up on the farm.

We attended school in the one-room Oak Grove schoolhouse, with grades one through eight. The school was located one and one-half miles from home.

A big event at school was the Christmas program. Each child had a part and we all practiced for a month. There was lots of memory work and practice on the precision drill teams. There was a big Christmas tree and presents for everyone. A local person with no family provided treats for each child.

Christmas was a big event at our house. We would go with Daddy down on the cedar glade to cut a Christmas tree. It was placed in the corner of the living room and decorated with home-made decorations consisting of paper chains and strings of popcorn and red berries. Mama made candies and cookies. Christmas Eve we would hang our long stockings by the fireplace. The next morning they were filled with goodies and some toys.

Our grandparents [Mammie and Pappy Jones] lived one-half mile for the school. Each morning we would go in their back door and through the kitchen as they were having breakfast. We'd have a sip of coffee from Mammie Jones' cup. This was special because it wasn't allowed at home. In the evenings on the way home we raided the cup-board. There was always something for us to eat. She saved her needles for us to thread as she was blind. We remember the interesting stories she told over and over to us about the Civil War and our Great Grandpa.

We attended Sunday School and Church at the Oak Grove Baptist Church which was ever active in our childhood. Easter was a special day at the church with all day services. Sunday School and a sermon in the morning, with dinner-on-the-grounds, then singing in the afternoon. mama always made us a new dress and we had new white shoes for the occasion. I can to this day feel Mammie Jones examining my new dress. Although she couldn't see it, she felt it from top to bottom and told me how pretty it was. We'd also stick our feet in her lap for her to feel our shoes and tell us how pretty they were.

After school was out in the spring, we helped with the chores but had plenty of play time. We made several favorite playhouses. One was outlined with sticks and rocks under the old Elm tree directly south of the house in the spring pasture. We made lots of mud pies and other good things. Our favorite ingredient was dirt from the red banks of the chicken house. Our cooking utensils and dishes consisted of broken dishes and discarded pans from our neighbor's [Mrs. Swartz] junkpile. She enjoyed putting special things in this pile for us to find for our playhouse.

Our old mother cat, named Mommie, was very cooperative being our baby. She'd lay in the bed we made for her until she got tired. When we finished playing, we always said "Tick-O-Lock" when we left. That meant that our imaginary door was locked. We had imaginary neighbors that came to visit.

Another favorite playhouse was between the garage and the old chicken house. Daddy stretched a tarpaulin, putting a long stick in the middle, making us a tent home we could play in when it was raining, and it was shady when sunny.

Another favorite playtime was going to the barn and playing with Mommie Cat's kittens in the hayloft.

We had a rubber tire swing in the old Oak tree in front of the house. It was especially fun when it rained and there was an accumulation of water that had not drained on down the branch and we could swing out over the water.

Another fun thing, when we didn't get caught, was swinging on the gate to the spring pasture located by the old chicken house.

We had many pets. One was an orphan goat named "Tehia" that we raised on the bottle. When winter time came we were concerned about his well being. We made a warm house in the garden out of hay bales. We put a tarpaulin on top to keep out the snow. The next morning we got up to see how he had fared and he was sleeping on top of it. We kept him for a long time and had many hours of fun with him, but he got so ornery our Dad said he had to go. So he sold him for 75 cents!

We also raised lots of orphan lambs on the bottle. When a ewe had twins, she ordinarily would not claim one of them, so we got to raise it on the bottle. We had one that we dressed in doll clothes and carried around until she got so big we couldn't lift her.

We made pets out of many of the animals on the farm and were so sad when they had to be sold. Lavon helped our Dad with milking each morning. She was anxious to get to the barn during lambing season to see how many new lambs were born during the night.

We had a riding pony we called "Dinah". She was a real pet. We rode her to the mail box, also to get the cows and also to Mammie and Pappy Jones' house. One time Daddie let us ride her bareback while grazing her around the edge of the field he was working. We would only let her have a bite or two until we'd move to another place. She soon tired of this and gave her head a strong jerk for a bite when we were going to move on, and as Lavon had a tight rein on her and I a tight hold onto Lavon, we both went sailing over her head. Neither of us were hurt, but Daddy happened to see it and he was plenty scared we were hurt.

We carried water from the spring for many years. A milk box was built below the spring so the water would run through it. The spring, milk box and branch had a rock bottom that we swept clean daily. We gladly did that chore on hot days so we could stay in the water.

We had a happy and pleasant life growing up on the farm. We were both born and raised there and it will always be home to us.

--Editor: Society member Dr. Ray Stahl, who furnished the above, now owns the Jones farm and is making many improvements. He is dismantling the old home and the front room contains the very old pine log cabin. He realizes the historical importance of the cabin and is currently seeking to donate the cabin so that it can be preserved where it can be viewed, studied and appreciated by the citizens of the county. We will keep you advised as to its disposition.

The 1920 Census is featured in the "History" in a serial form. In order to print as much as possible, only the "Head of Household" is shown. The complete census is available at the Baxter County Library, the LDS Family History libraries and at many major libraries. The condition of the Baxter County film is very poor and at places impossible to read. {Our data is taken from Margie Garr's transcription and Indexed Book of the Census}

BAXTER COUNTY 1920 FEDERAL CENSUS

HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD LISTING ONLY

BAXTER COUNTY BUCKHORN TWP Superdistrict 3 Enumerator district 3

(numbering continues from Buford Township)

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|------|-----------------------|------|----|---------|----|-----|------|
| 150. | Perry, John | head | 38 | | MO | MO | MO |
| 151. | Anglin, Frank | head | 34 | | TX | --- | --- |
| 152. | Perry, Francis | head | 50 | | MO | NC | --- |
| 153. | Alcorn, George | head | 60 | | IN | KY | KY |
| 154. | Harris, John | head | 70 | | AR | TN | IL |
| 155. | Jones, William | head | 70 | | GA | GA | GA |
| 156. | Wilkins, Wilson | head | 36 | | PA | PA | PA |
| 157. | George, Charlie | head | 55 | | MO | MO | MO |
| 158. | Henley, Tom | head | 45 | | AR | GA | TN |
| 159. | Sullens, Oliver | head | 33 | | MO | MO | MO |
| 160. | Swearingen, Stanley | head | 28 | | AR | AR | AR |
| 161. | Goforth, John | head | 46 | | AR | NC | MS |
| 162. | Votaw, Charlie | head | 39 | | IN | KY | IL |
| 163. | Watley, Alice | head | 48 | widow | AR | AR | MO |
| 164. | Swearingen, William | head | 54 | | AR | MO | AL |
| 165. | Cantrell, Jesont | head | 24 | | AR | MO | AR |
| 166. | Hughes, James | head | 70 | | IL | KY | KY |
| 167. | Hughes, Elbert | head | 35 | | MO | IL | MO |
| 168. | Cornell, A. Louis | head | 44 | | MO | OH | OHTX |
| 169. | Betts, Wilbur | head | 44 | | IA | NY | NY |
| 169. | Rouse, Alf | head | 45 | | KY | IN | KY |
| 170. | Hughes, Bill | head | 34 | widower | MO | IL | MO |
| 171. | Rouse, Columbus | head | 40 | | KY | IN | KY |
| 172. | Thomas, Isaac | head | 23 | | AR | AR | AR |
| 173. | Drennon, Biar V. | head | 46 | | AR | --- | IL |
| 174. | Thrasher, Mary | head | 64 | widow | MS | AL | AL |
| 175. | Henley, Joseph | head | 72 | | GA | TN | GA |
| 176. | Thrasher, Jackson U. | head | 48 | | AR | MS | MS |
| 177. | Leister, William J. | head | 46 | | AR | AR | AR |
| 178. | Raymond, Andrew | head | 31 | | AR | MS | MS |
| 179. | Cook, Thad | head | 57 | | AR | KY | KY |
| 180. | Jones, Nat | head | 35 | | AR | GA | IL |
| 181. | Pierce, Frank F. | head | 64 | single | WI | VT | NY |
| 182. | Ellis, William | head | 52 | | IL | KY | TN |
| 183. | Ellis, Leehead | head | 27 | | AR | IL | AL |
| 184. | Duke, William | head | 46 | | AR | AR | TN |
| 185. | Jackson, Alvin | head | 42 | | AR | TN | AL |
| 186. | Unger, Lon | head | 38 | | IN | IN | --- |
| 187. | Sales, James | head | 64 | widower | NC | NC | NC |
| 188. | Patterson, William A. | head | 47 | | MS | KY | NC |
| 189. | Pickins, Frank | head | 57 | | IL | IL | US |
| 190. | Spencer, Sarah | head | 42 | widow | AR | TN | AL |

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| 191. | Wilson, Jasper | head | 46 | | MO | MO | MO |
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| 190. | Walter, Lenard | head | 44 | | GER | GER | GER |
| 191. | Scroggin, George | head | 45 | | AR | TN | TN |
| 192. | Ware, James M. | head | 43 | | MS | MS | MS |
| 193. | Bryant, Theodore | head | 43 | | AR | AR | AR |
| 193. | Dunnehey, Alfred | head | 57 | | IN | OH | KY |
| 194. | Friend, Lizzie | head | 50 | widow | MD | MD | MD |
| 195. | Wilson, John | head | 23 | | AR | MO | MO |
| 196. | Wilson, Marcy | head | 23 | | AR | MO | MO |
| 197. | Webb, James A. | head | 49 | | MO | TN | TN |
| 198. | Miller, John | head | 21 | | MO | MO | MO |
| 199. | Chapman, John W. | head | 54 | | NY | IRE | WALES |
| [There is no #200.] | | | | | | | |
| 201. | Hudson, Charlie B. | head | 33 | | TN | TN | TN |
| 202. | Meadows, James R. | head | 54 | | TN | IRE | KY |
| 203. | Cantwell, Samual | head | 50 | | MO | OH | MO |
| 204. | Huebner, William | head | 47 | | KS | GER | GER |
| 205. | Davis, Oscar | head | 50 | | AR | MS | TN |
| 206. | Stewart, Brack | head | 30 | | AR | TN | TN |
| 207. | Carey, Tena | head | 63 | widow | MO | KY | KY |
| 208. | Thrasher, Truland | head | 27 | | AR | MS | MS |
| 209. | Votaw, William | head | 64 | | KY | KY | TN |

BAXTER COUNTY
INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP
Superdistrict 7
Enumerator district 4

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|-------|-----------------------|------|----|--------------|-----|-----|-----|
| 1. | Ziegler, Watson | head | 63 | widower | IA | OH | OH |
| 2. | King, Belle | head | 41 | widow | AR | AR | AR |
| 3. | Hamamck, James W. | head | 36 | | AR | AL | NC |
| 4. | Hammock, Charlie D. | head | 33 | | AR | AL | NC |
| 5. | Dearemore, Raymon M. | head | 23 | single | AR | AR | KY |
| 6. | Hickman, Charlie F. | head | 45 | | AR | IL | GA |
| 7. | McGuire, James I. | head | 59 | | MO | TN | TN |
| 8. | _____[illegible]_____ | head | 50 | | AR | MO | KY |
| 9. | Lonon, William J. | head | 52 | | NC | NC | NC |
| 10. | Dearemore, Henry A. | head | 37 | | AR | TN | TN |
| 11. | Cooper, Alford F. | head | 76 | | AR | AL | IL |
| 12. | Hargrave, John H. | head | 61 | | AR | AR | AR |
| 13. | Rogers, William M. | head | 25 | | AR | AR | AR |
| 14. | Brewer, Wyle W. | head | 25 | | AR | AR | AR |
| 15. | McGuir, Charlie A. | head | 31 | | AR | MO | AR |
| 16. | Young, Edgar G. | head | 60 | | AR | GA | AR |
| 17. | Hickman, William C. | head | 42 | | AR | IL | GA |
| 18. | Hart, Henry C. | head | 36 | | MO | US | US |
| 19. | Dearemore, L. | head | 52 | | TN | TN | TN |
| 20. | Hargrave, Grover C. | head | 28 | | AR | AR | AR |
| 21. | Cranfill, Henry | head | 42 | | AR | NC | TN |
| [?] | Brewer, Ida M. | head | 43 | widow | AR | IL | TN |
| 22. | Sorrells, Hugh I. | head | 61 | | AR | NC | NC |
| 23. | Schluetter, Albert | head | 48 | (immgd 1892) | GER | GER | GER |
| 24. | Posten, Lee | head | 40 | | TN | KY | TN |
| 25. | Parker, William B. | head | 66 | | TN | VA | TN |
| 26. | Dobbs, John | head | 44 | | MO | MO | MO |
| 27. | Reed, John M. | head | 26 | | AR | GA | GA |
| 28. | Morris, Henry A. | head | 64 | | TN | VA | TN |
| 30. | Spradlin, William G. | head | 51 | | KY | VA | KY |
| 31. | Trammell, John W. | head | 58 | | AR | KY | VA |

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| 32. | Trammell, Roy L. | head | 29 | | AR | AR | TN |
| 33. | Oardlock, John L. | head | 65 | | SC | SC | SC |
| 34. | William?? | head | 53 | | MS | MS | MS |
| 35. | Dilbeck, James A. | head | 48 | | AR | AL | AR |
| 36. | Messick, William A. | head | 42 | | AR | AR | AR |
| 37. | Payne, Randolph H. | head | 38 | | AR | AR | TN |
| 38. | Payne, Robert | head | 43 | | TN | TN | TN |
| 39. | Hargrave, Guy M. | head | 3- | | AR | AR | AR |
| 40. | Foster, George W. | head | 76 | | IL | IN | IN |
| 41. | Louisa?, Russell J. | head | 73 | | AR | NC | GA |
| 42. | Kelly, Edward | head | 46 | | MO | MO | MO |
| 43. | _____, Richard F. | head | 30 | | MO | MO | MO |
| 44. | Lonon, James E. | head | 36 | | AR | NC | AL |
| 45. | Lonon, Floyd T. | head | 26 | | AR | NC | AR |
| 46. | Marler, Charlie G. | head | 37 | | AR | US | TN |
| 47. | Lonon, James L. | head | 63 | | NC | NC | NC |
| 48. | Bayless, George W. | head | 60 | | GA | TN | SC |
| 49. | Kingsley, John H. | head | 71 | | OH | NY | NY |
| 50. | Marler, John | head | 55 | | AR | AR | GA |
| 51. | Carson, William | head | 45 | | AR | TN | TN |
| 52. | Dilbeck, William L. | head | 36 | | AR | AL | AR |
| 53. | Gloer, William C. | head | 35 | | AR | AR | TN |
| 54. | Wilber, _____ | head | 54 | | AR | IL | AR |
| 55. | Presley, Robert W. | head | 22 | | AR | AR | AR |
| 56. | Hargrave, Robert J. | head | 56 | | AR | AR | TN |
| 57. | Gilbert, Ed | head | 21 | | AR | TN | AR |
| 58. | Bateman, Charles A. | head | 61 | | VA | GER | GER |
| 59. | Cooper, Warren | head | 40 | | AR | AL | IL |
| 60. | Cooper, Larence J. | head | 32 | | AR | AL | IL |
| 61. | York, Willard H. | head | 57 | | GA | GA | GA |
| 62. | Stafford, William W. | head | 34 | | AR | AR | AR |
| 63. | Messick, Henry R. | head | 25 | | AR | AR | AR |
| 64. | Kingsley, Lania A. | head | 448 | | OH | OH | OH |
| 65. | _____ Illegible | head | 81 | | TN | TN | TN |
| 66. | _____ Illegible | head | 77 | widowed | IL | IN | IL |
| 67. | Marler, Benjamine F. | head | 35 | | AR | TN | TN |
| 68. | Stafford, Abarlow | head | 34 | | AR | AR | AL |
| 69. | Young, Bennie L. | head | 34 | | AR | AR | AR |
| 70. | Megee, John S. | head | 19 | | AR | AR | AR |
| 71. | Marler, Henry | head | 30 | | AR | AR | AR |
| 72. | Bagwell, George W. | head | 54 | | AR | AR | AR |
| 73. | Stafford, George M. | head | 77 (27?) | | AR | AL | TN |
| 74. | Davis, Luther A. | head | 50 | | KY | KY | KY |
| 75. | Jordon, Tauines | head | 43 | | AR | AL | NC |
| 76. | Stafford, Andrew | head | 62 | | AR | MS | AL |
| 77. | Stafford, James E. | head | 28 | | AR | AR | MS |
| 78. | White, Jaems C. | head | 24 | | AR | AR | AR |
| 79. | Dilbeck, John W. | head | 37 | | AR | AL | US |
| 80. | Gardner, Frank L. | head | 41 | | IA | US | US |
| 81. | Harris, Harvy W. | head | 37 | | KS | MO | WV |
| 82. | Culvahouse, Jessie E. | head | 66 | | TN | TN | TN |
| 83. | White, Abner P. | head | 49 | | AR | TN | TN |
| 84. | Sewell, James O. | head | 24 | | AR | AR | AR |
| 85. | McMahan, Benjamin F. | head | 58 | | IL | US | TN |
| 86. | Hopper, Samuel B. | head | 38 | | MO | MO | US |
| 87. | Powell, Elmer. | head | 24 | | AR | AR | AR |
| 88. | Shearer, Charlie A. | head | 32 | | IA | IA | IA |
| 89. | Romine, Benjimin | head | 63 | widowed | MO | MO | MO |
| 90. | Hedges, John A. | head | 32 | | AR | US | US |
| 92. | Hodges, Silas | head | 65 | | IA | US | US |

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| 93. | Pruitt, James D. | head | 38 | MO | US | US |
| 94. | Marler, Luke J. | head | 51 | AR | TN | TN |
| 95. | Hodges, William H. | head | 36 | AR | IA | AR |
| 96. | Stafford, James A. | head | 69. | AR | AL | AL |
| 97. | Powell, Milton H. | head | 28 | AR | AR | AR |
| 98. | Marler, Jariah E. | head | 45 | AR | TN | TN |
| 99. | Carson, John W. | head | 39 | AR | TN | TN |
| 100. | McGee, William H. | head | 22 | AR | AR | AR |
| 101. | Fisk, James C. | head | 54 widowed | AR | US | AL |
| 102. | Young, Stephen J. | head | 37 | AR | AR | AR |
| 103. | Reed, Leull D. | head | 27 | AR | US | AR |
| 104. | Partee, Robert W. | head | 47 | AR | AR | AR |
| 105. | Gorden, James A. | head | 62 | AR | GA | US |
| 106. | Coffey, Celia U. | head | 36 widow | AR | AR | MO |
| 107. | Sinor, William J. | head | 20 | AR | AR | AR |
| 108. | Murrel, William H. | head | 27 | TX | MO | ENG |
| 109. | Stafford, James S. | head | 29 | AR | AR | VA |

BAXTER COUNTY

GROVER TOWNSHIP

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| 110. | Cooper, James M. | head | 50 | AR | AL | IL |
| 111. | Marler, James C. | head | 36 | AR | AR | AR |
| 112. | Creel, Charles N. | head | 47 | MO | VA | MO |
| 113. | Creel, John R. | head | 24 | MO | MO | MO |
| 114. | Akin, Robert J. | head | 21 | AR | AR | AR |
| 115. | Cox, John W. | head | 62 | MO | MO | TN |
| 116. | Barber, Willis E. | head | 32 | AR | TN | AR |
| 117. | Siler, Otto, C. | head | 67 widowed | KY | KY | KY |
| 118. | Pruitt, Henry A. | head | 19 | IL | IL | IL |
| 119. | _____, Albert R. | head | 36 | AR | AR | AR |
| 120. | _____ | head | 70 | --- | KY | TN |
| 121. | Daniels, Irham W. | head | 87 | KY | KY | KY |
| 122. | Moneal, John H. | head | 29 | AR | US | AR |
| 123. | Paynes, Burrell H. | head | 28 | AR | AR | TN |
| 124. | Crownover, Mattison | head | 52 | AR | AR | AR |
| 125. | Crownover, Don S. | head | 26 | AR | AR | TN |
| 126. | Baker, James R. | head | 18 | AR | AR | AR |
| 127. | Jones, Edmon | head | 44 | AR | TN | TN |
| 128. | Holden, Mancel | head | 48 | AR | US | US |
| 129. | _____ Edward | head | 38 | AR | MS | MS |
| 130. | Holden, Jay | head | 18 | AR | AR | AR |
| 131. | Talbert, James S. | head | 71 widower | AR | IL | US |
| 132. | Maker, Sterlin J. | head | 29 | AR | AR | AR |
| 133. | Davis, John L. | head | 26 | AR | KY | KY |
| 134. | Baker, William W. | head | 26 | AR | AR | AR |
| 135. | Sorrels, Harrit A. | head | 50 widow | AR | TN | TN |
| 136. | Tucker, Clarence W. | dead | 31 | AR | AR | AR |
| 137. | Byrd, David M. | head | 36 | AR | TN | TN |
| 138. | Sanders, George W. | head | 37 | TN | TN | TN |
| 139. | _____, William P. | head | 70 | NC | NC | NC |
| 140. | Hall, Henry M. | head | 64 | TN | TN | TN |
| 141. | Lee, Ezeziel A. | head | 37 | MO | MO | MO |

MOUNTAIN HOME BETWEEN 1926 & 1929

Mountain Home has changed over the years. Some of the most dramatic changes have been experienced in the down town area. The notes of Quinby Smith point this out. Quinby was one of the charter members of the Baxter County Historical Society, and had prepared the notes for a program of the Society in January 1978. Quinby had sold the "Grit" paper in this area as a lad and was able to recall the names of the business concerns in the period 1926 to 1929

His notes are as follows:

Court House

Third Floor added about 1905
Fence-part used later at the Mountain Home Cemetery.
He recalled playing on the lawn. The marble area was on the north side and a cistern was located on the NE corner.

EAST SIDE OF THE SQUARE

Farmers and Merchants Bank
Earl & Daisy Bryant Grocery
M. E. Curlee Drug Store
Foley Hardware/later Henry Wayland vacant lot
Johnston Harness Shop
Dr. Eugene Mooney Drug
Nelson Grocery and Fisk Grocery

NORTH SIDE

Nat Dyer, Atty.
Chester Gloer
Vacant Lot
Tom Martin Jewelry
Joe George-lawyer
Dr. Oyler-Dentist
Taxi Stand - Earl Bibler
Tanner-Shoe Repair
Vacant and later Peoples Bank
Tipton Drug

WEST SIDE

Tipton Drug - Upstairs: DeLapp & Eatman Theater
Cora Bodenhamer Ladies Millinery - Arthur Keller Photo Studio
DeLapp Grocery
Vacant - then Dick Russell Butcher Shop
Baxter County Citizen - Murphy Davis & Dick Cowan
Vacant - then Geo Higgenbotham Grocery
Jim Tracy General Store

SOUTH SIDE

Albert Baker - General Store
T. E. Robertson
Vacant - then The Peoples Bank Vault
T. E. Robertson General Store Elevator
Ralph Morris Hardware-burned about 1927

BACK OF EAST SIDE

Downard's Mill Lumber
Howlett Gun Shop
Will Morris - Produce
Dow Jones - Ice House
Dick Halbur - Mill
Black Smith Shop -later E. Side Church

NORTH SIDE SIXTH STREET

Corner of 6th & Church:
Howlett Gun Shop & "rent" houses
Corner of 6th and Baker:
Telephone Exchange & Living quarters
Commercial Hotel
Corner of 5th & Baker:
Baxter Bulletin
& Horton Law Office Facing
Main Between 5th & 6th:
Baker Bros General Store
Corner 6th; & Main
Cotton "Boom"
Christian Church
Zeph. Horton residence at West Side of Main and South of 5th.
S. Side of 6th & West of Square
Copeland Butcher Shop
West of SW Corner - Luke Mitchell
Blacksmith
C. O. Bucher - lumber Mill
SW Corner-Oscar & Leone Leonard
General Store called "Golden Rule"
[Owned by; Ray Ramey, Jr.]
On South of that is the Eatman Garage
West of Golden Rule Store on S. Side of 7th st. is "Dad" Brown Machine Shop.
South of Eatman Garage facing Main st.:
County Garage Shop;
South of that corner of 8th & Main is
Will Morris Produce.]
County owned lot from S. side of 8th to 9th except SE corner and extending west to Hickory, before Highway 62 built 1930
East Side Main & north of 8th: Arthur Parks garage in old black smith shop
South of 8th & east of Main is ___ Hotel.
SE Corner Square - Post Office
Martin Holland -back of Ralph Morris

Hardware
 Between Baker & Church Street south of
 7th: Hutcheson Gin North 1/2 block.
 North of 9th between Baker and Church:
 Wyatt Wolf Light Plant
 NW Corner of 7th & Church: Hicks
 Apartment Building
 SW Corner 7th; & Church: Barn
 In Between: Wagon Yard - Dan Inlow
 and Mr. Zippert Rock Mason

{Editor: Some of the locations may not be clear but they were taken as written from Quinby's notes. As he presented the program in person, he probably elaborated on each name and location.}

DUTIES OF THE 1887 FLOOR NURSE

In addition to caring for your 50 patients, each nurse will follow these regulations: Daily sweep and mop floors of your ward, dust the patient's furniture and windowsills. Maintain an even temperature in your ward by bringing in a scuttle of coal for the day's business. Light is important to observe the patient's condition. Therefore each day fill kerosene lamps, clean chimneys and trim wicks. Wash the windows each week. The nurse's notes are important in aiding the physician's work. Make you pens carefully; you may whittle nibs to your individual taste. Each nurse on day duty will report every day at 7 a.m. and leave at 8 p.m., except on the Sabbath on which day you will be off from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Graduate nurses in good standing with the Director Nurses will be given an evening off each week, if you go regularly to church. Each nurse should lay aside from each pay day a goodly sum of her earnings for her benefits during her declining years, so that she will not become a burden. For example, if you earn \$30 a month, you should set aside \$15. Any nurse who smokes, uses liquor in any form, gets her hair done at a beauty shop, or frequents dance halls, will give the Director of Nurses good reason to suspect her worth, intentions and integrity. The nurse who performs her labors, serves her patients faithfully and without fault for a period of 5 years, will be given an increase by the hospital and administration of 5 cents a day, providing there are no hospital debts that are outstanding.

--"The Iroquois Stalker" - Vol 18.

GEORGE NEIL NELSON

1914-1994

George Neil Nelson, age 80, passed away Thursday, October 6, 1994. He was born March 13, 1914 in Buford, Baxter County, Arkansas. He was the son of Baxter County Pioneer George Newton and Nannie Jane [Davis] Nelson. He married Euna Mae Langston on December 31 1940 in Mountain Home. He was a graduate of the Mountain Home Baptist College High School. He also attended Hocott Business College in Mountain Home. Neil was a veteran of World War II. He served as President of the Peoples Bank and Trust in Mountain Home and had retired as "Chairman Emeritus" and had been prominent in the affairs of the area. He is survived by his wife, Euna Mae and three sons: Robert and Larry of Mountain Home and Tommy of Greenville, Texas, and two sisters: Lavon Estep of Tyler, Alabama, and Imogene Lowe of Mountain Home. Burial was in the Baxter-Memorial Garden in Mountain Home. Neil was a long time member of the Baxter County Historical Society.

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At a certain part of the marriage ceremony in Java, the bride washes the feet of the bridegroom;

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NEW YEAR RESOLUTION!

PLAN TO FURNISH AN ARTICLE, HOWEVER LONG OR BRIEF, TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE QUARTERLY! Do you have and old letter, bible record, or family story, etc.with a Baxter Co. connection? We want to publish them.

Send to the Editor at address on page 87

How to Find Them!

***SOCIAL SECURITY DEATH BENEFIT
RECORDS COLLECTIONS***

The Social Security Administration [SSA] is able to search for information about individuals when the Social Security number or certain identifying information is provided. Ordinarily, the identifying information needed to locate a Social Security number is the person's full name, date and place of birth, and both parent's names, including the mother's maiden name. The SSA did not begin keeping records until 1936; therefore, they do not have any records on individuals who died before that time.

Social Security records are confidential and are not disclosed unless the individual is deceased, or unless a consent is given by the living individual to have their record searched. If they are deceased, proof of the death greatly assists the SSA in processing a request once it is found.

A deceased individual does not have any privacy rights; therefore, if an individual has applied for a Social Security number, the SSA can generally provide a copy of the Application of A Social Security Number [Form SS-5]. This document contains the individual's name, date and place of birth, and the names of the parents. It is also possible for the SSA to recall the claim file from their program service center. The documents contained in the claim file may include: [1] application for benefits, [2] military records, [3] birth certificates, [4] marriage certificates, and [5] death certificates. Information found in the claim file about living individuals would not be sent upon request. Claim files are ordinarily destroyed five years after the death of the last person receiving benefits on a record.

The fee for search of the records for a copy of the SS-5 form, when the

Social Security number is known, is \$7.00 [1993] or \$16.50 [1993] when the Social Security number is unknown, or is incorrect. The cost for searching the claim file is \$14.00 [1993], plus photocopying charges at \$.10 per page, plus postage. The search fee is charged whether the information is found or not, and whether the claim file has been destroyed or not. Checks or money orders should be made payable to: **Social Security Administration**

**Attn: Freedom of Information Officer.
4-C-5 Annex Building
6401 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, MD 21235**

It is also permissible that an individual wait to make payment until they are billed by the SSA. It usually takes about two to three weeks to receive a copy of the SS-5, and about six to eight weeks to receive information regarding the claim file, although it may take longer if the claim file has to be recalled from the Federal Records Center.

"CDs" containing the names of deceased individuals from all fifty states and from the territories and possessions of the United States are also possible to obtain. The CDs contain records organized by [1] Social Security number, [2] last name, [3] Given name, [4] death date by month, day and year [5] birth date by month day and year, [6] 2 digit residence, [7] R. Zip or Zip code of last known residence, [8] P Zip or Zip code of address where death payment was sent. For information to acquire these CDs, write to J & D Distributing, 1160 South State #110, Orem, UT 84058. Or call them at 1-800-847-2890.

It is also possible to view the Social Security Death Record CD free at your local Family History Library in the Church of Latter Day Saints. An appointment may be necessary to use the equipment

AN OZARK HANGING

Harrison, ARK. Aug 11 1913.

Surrounded by twenty-five persons including the father and brother of Ella Barham, the young woman for whose murder he was compelled to pay the death penalty, Odus Davidson was hanged on a public scaffold at 11 o'clock today. He was pronounced dead 12 minutes after the trap was sprung by Boone County Sheriff J. W. Helms.

He had made a sensational attempt to escape at the last moment as he approached the gallows but was captured after he had ran about twenty yards.

Davidson was escorted on foot by officers of the sheriff's office to the gallows, a distance of two blocks. An excited throng of curious people followed the prisoner and stood about the yard when the trap was sprung. Hoards of people witnessed the hanging from tops of telephone poles and from nearby buildings.

After the hanging the body was taken into the jail yard where it was viewed by thousands of people. When Davidson's body was cut down, the gates to the wall around the scaffold were torn down by the excited throng which pressed in to find souvenirs of the hanging. The rope which had been placed about the prisoner's neck was cut into pieces and scattered among hundreds of seekers of some memento of the tragic event.

The town of Harrison was crowded with people from every part of North Arkansas. The Davidson hanging was the topic of every lip and business was practically at a standstill. The largest circus that ever showed here did not draw so large a crowd as that which jammed the streets of Harrison on this day.

It had been expected that Davidson would make a confession before he was hanged. However, his sworn

statement of innocence was read from the scaffold. He stoutly persisted he knew nothing of the killing and mutilation of Ella Barham.

WHAT EVERY GIRL SHOULD LEARN

From Douglas County Herald Oct 3 1901 edition.

- To sew.
- To cook.
- To mend.
- To be gentle.
- To value time.
- To dress neatly
- To keep a secret.
- To be self-reliant.
- To avoid idleness.
- To darn stockings.
- To respect old age.
- To make good bread.
- To make home happy
- To be above gossiping
- To control her temper.
- To keep the house tidy.
- To sweep down cobwebs.
- To take care of the sick
- To take care of the baby
- To humor a cross old man.
- To keep clear of trashy literature
- To take plenty of active exercise.
- To be light-hearted and fleet footed
- To wear shoes that won't cramp the feet
- To be a womanly woman under all circumstance.

PEDIGREE CHARTS WANTED

The Baxter County Historical Society is still seeking pedigree charts and family group sheets of people who have a Baxter County connection. Any type of pedigree or family group sheet is acceptable. These can be hand printed, typed or computer generated. The only requirement is that each sheet have a Baxter County, Arkansas, connection. Charts will also be accepted from non members. Send charts to the Editor's address on first page.

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ENGLISH SPARROWS

All those pesky sparrows originally were brought to America to fight a worm pest.

It was in 1866 when the English sparrow was taken from his home in London and turned loose in this country. Superintendent Conklin, who had charge of the managerie in Central Park, NY, liberated fifty pairs in the summer of 1866 and from those, nearly all the English sparrows that can be found in every city, village and town in the United States, are descended.

The sparrows liberated by Mr. Conkin were not, however, the only ones that were brought to this country. A month before about a dozen pairs were set free in Trinity church yard, in the old New York Hospital grounds, then in Broadway near Reade Street, and in Battery Park. Several persons are known to have brought over a few of the birds afterwards, but no other batch were so numerous as the ones brought to Central Park.

At that time New York City and many other cities were infested with a pest in

the shape of small green worms an inch long. The worms were devouring the foliage from the trees. The sparrows, it was said, would obliterate this nuisance, and they did. Within five years after the first importation, there were little squads of English Sparrows in every side street that boasted of a tree, hunting up the green worms. The sparrows grew fat, and the green worms have disappeared. Many people built little houses and set them up in the trees, about their yards for the sparrows. The sparrows hopped into them and took possession with perfect equanimity. From that humble beginnings the English Sparrow has become one of the most abundant species in America.

The first female clerk employed by the Federal Government was Miss Jenny Douglas, appointed by the Treasury Department by Secretary Spinner in 1862.

----NY "Independence"

OLD BEDS

There were few bed-rooms in the houses of ancient England. The master and mistress had a chamber or shed built against the wall that enclosed the mansion and its dependencies: their daughter had the same. Young men and guests slept on tables or benches in the great hall, which was the only noticeable room in the house. Woolen coverlets were provided for warmth; poles or hooks on which they could hang their clothes projected from the wall; perches were provided for their hawks. Attendants and servants slept on the floor

---- Chillicothe, Missouri "Daily Tribune" Nov 8 1893

A Cherokee's Contribution to the Hydrophobia Problem

Capt. Byrne, an intelligent Cherokee, who is in Washington on tribal business, is prompted to tell something about hydrophobia and the madstone, as the information came to him from hunters and Indians:

"As Far back as 1825", Capt. Byrne says, "the madstone was used for the cure of poisonous snake bites and mad-dog bites. It never failed if applied within ten hours after the bite. The madstone was used by simply laying it upon the place bitten. It would adhere to the wound as soon as applied and remain fast until filled with the poison, when the stone would drop off. It was the custom to have a basin of water warmed to about blood heat. The madstone was dropped into the water, and in a minute or so would be relieved of the poison it contained. Then it was applied to the wound again. This operation was kept up until the stone refused to adhere any longer.

"This madstone" continued Captain Byrne, "was discovered about the spurs of the south end of the Blue Ridge Mountains, I think about ninety years ago, by old hunters. In those days deer were very numerous. The discovery came about through the hunters' dogs eating the entrails of the deer toward the end of winter. The dogs were poisoned and died. This led to an examination of the stomachs of the deer. It was found that the animal had browsed freely on the poisonous Ivy which grew in great abundance in the spurs of the Blue Ridge. How the deer escaped any bad consequences from this kind of food was a mystery until further search of the maw or stomach revealed what was called the madstone. This substance was usually

about the size of a horse-chestnut. The hunters had various theories to account for the presence of the stone in the stomach, but they were agreed that it took up the poison from the ivy. Curiosity prompted the trial of the stone to various poisons, and the discovery that it would absorb them was made. In this way the stone came to be used for rattlesnake bites and moccasin bites, and afterwards for mad-dog bites."

"This", said Captain Byrnes, "is the tradition of the discovery of the madstone. The hunters and Indians had a preventive for hydrophobia which went back to the Paris doctor's inoculation. You will find on the under side of a dog's tongue, back at the root, a small worm, about an inch long. The shape and size is plain. When the pups are three or four months old, take a sharp knife and split the thin skin which contains the worm, and with an awl, pick out the worm. That dog will be forever "proof" against hydrophobia. This is the Indians' and hunters' preventive. I remember its application fifty years ago. Some old hunters in the Blue Ridge country still practice it. If there is doubt about its value, the experiment can be made without much trouble. Take three or four pups and extract the worm. Then wait for the next case of mad dog and let the pups be bitten. I'll stake my belief that the pups will not have hydrophobia.

"Dogs go mad." concluded the Cherokee, "without being bitten by a mad dog. The irritation of the hydrophobia worm under the tongue does it. There is in Western Texas a small black and white polecat which might be called a natural hydrophobia animal. Any living thing bitten by this polecat at any time goes mad"

--Chillicothe Tribune, [Mo.] March 3, 1886

Early Settler tells of early days in Baxter.

"Yes, if there was another new country I'd go to it and grow up with it," stated Polk Walker, 91 years old, pioneer of this country.

Mr. Walker was born in Florence, Alabama, in 1854, and came here with his parents when he was only two years old, so he does not remember the trip. The Walker family and the other families which came here in 1856 were about the first here as the country did not begin to settle rapidly until after the end of the Civil War. The Paul and the Hicks family and a few others were here.

About the Civil War, Mr. Walker has some vivid memories. There was no fighting in this county and very little news but he remembers the camp of General Marmaduke at Hogan Spring. "They had 12 cannon which I remembered very well," he said. "also the time they robbed our farm of provisions one day. They came back that night and stole a horse." He said this plundering did not disturb them greatly as they were used to it.

The land was rather barren at that time. "There was only one tree then where there is a thousand now," Mr. Walker stated.

It did not take the settlers long to start up school and churches. They were about equally divided as to denomination and all held services. They drove many miles to come to the services Mr. Walker said. "Folks then went to church twice as well as they do now." The school, which was erected where the public school now stands, was furnished with seats of split logs, set up on pegs and it was on these that Mr. Walker and his school mates sat and absorbed the knowledge patiently expounded by the teacher. Several of these students, besides Mr. Walker still live here. They are Mrs. Kate Horton,

Mrs. Belle Bodenhamer and Mrs. Annie Paul. Mrs. Bodenhamer's father, Professor Howard, was one of the first teachers. Each scholar paid \$1 per month to attend school.

Trips to Springfield to the cotton market were highlights of the settlers lives. They usually stayed 10 days, marketing their cotton and other produce and bought needed provisions. The route they took was called the "Old Salt" road which ran from Jacksonport, which was located across the river from where Newport now stands. It was a very important port and when the river came up, boats from Jacksonport brought mail to the settlers here. At other times they went by ox wagon to get it. Oxen were used extensively for farm work Mr. Walker said.

Game was plentiful. There were a few black bears, many wolves, deer and turkeys. Mr. Walker remembers seeing a deer which was killed by Pink Smith hanging in what is now the court house yard.

Mr. Walker was married in 1871 to Jennie Reed. They had eight children.

---from The Baxter Bulletin, May 3, 1835 issue

PEDIGREE BOOK READY

The "Baxter County Ancestors", Pedigree charts of Baxter County ancestors, the Society's new publication is now available. The Society voted to print a limited amount of the publications. If you desire to receive a copy, you should arrange to order one now. Cost is \$22.50 to non-members and \$20.00 to Society Members. Please add \$3.00 for handling and mailing expense. Books may be ordered from Treasurer Stella Jackson or from Editor F. Gene Garr. Addresses are on inside cover of the Quarterly.

NATURALIZATION RECORDS

Naturalization records for about 1848-1895 for Northern Oklahoma, Western Missouri and Kansas are indexed and are to be found in the Kansas City branch National Archives at 2312 Bannister Rd., Kansas City, Mo. 64131

NORWEGIAN HELP AVAILABLE

The Norwegian-American Historical Association offers help for those researching in that field.

If you would like information as to schedules, fees, services available, write 1510 St. Olaf Ave., Northfield, MN 55057. Charges for staff research are \$10 per hour for members and \$20 per hour for non-members. Copying fees vary and translators can be suggested.

1862 HOMESTEAD RECORDS

If your ancestor obtained land under the 1862 homestead act, or bought land from the government, the application is sure to be on file. These files hold a four page questionnaire filed by the application [among other papers]. Included are the names of family members and other data. Write to Civil Archives Division, National Archives and Records Service GSA, Washington, DC 20409

NATIVE AMERICAN HELP

If you need help with Cherokee ancestry, contact Thomas G. Mooney, Supervisor of the Genealogy Section of the Cherokee National Museum. There is a charge of \$5 per name, per search, and will begin with the Dawes Com-mission Rolls, unless otherwise instructed.

They do request both a pedigree chart and SASE. Write Genealogy Section, Cherokee National Museum, Cherokee

Heritage Center, PO Box 515, Tahlequah, OK 74465

Also a newsletter "Cherokee Blood Newsletter" is available by writing PO Box 22261, Chattanooga, TN 37422

Another newsletter is "Cherokee Family Ties Newsletter" 516 N. 38th St., Mesa AZ 85205

You can also write to Cherokee Heritage Center, PO Box 515, Tahlequah, OK 74465

You can contact the "Chickasaw Indian Nation" at PO Box 1548, Ada, OK 74820.

SORGHUM RECIPE

[From Cotter Record, Oct 23 1931]

Molasses Cake

1-cup sorghum 1/4 cup "fat"
1-egg 1/2 cup sour milk
1/4 cup finely chopped nuts
1-cups flour 1 tsp salt
1-tsp cinnamon 1/2 tsp soda
1 tsp baking powder

Mix well together the fat, molasses, egg and sour milk. Mix and sift together the flour, salt, cinnamon, soda and baking powder. Combine the two mixtures and beat to a smooth batter. Pour into a greased and floured pan to about 1 inch thick and sprinkle over with the chopped nuts. Bake about 30 minutes in a moderate oven [350 degrees F].

One more description of how Arkansas got its name. From the French and Italian words meaning "Bow of Smoky Waters" Another fictitious name of the state is "Bear State" from the number of animals formerly found there.

--From Chillicothe Daily Tribune, Chillicothe, Mo.

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PICTURE PAGE



MOUNTAIN HOME VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT 19??

From Left: Robert "Bob" Hurst, Woodson Messick, Butch Pace (seated) Lloyd Fisk, Ray Hutchison (T&H Cafe), Harold Tucker [top of truck] Ralph Morris, _____ and Jim Walton
Who is the unnamed man? What year was picture taken?



BUMPER CROP AT SALTZMAN CLINIC

Right Back Row: Aileen [Osburn] Guenther -Bottom Right-Oleta Boyd. Who are the rest?

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