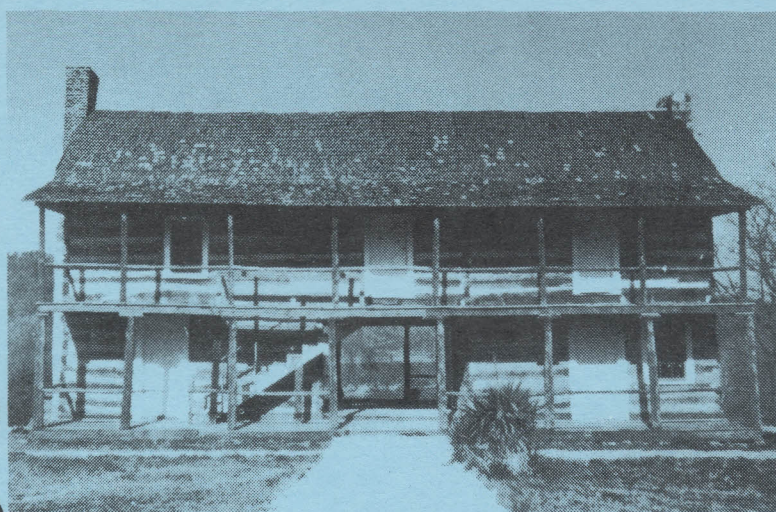


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The Wolf House is the most historical building in Baxter County.

Photo courtesy of Ray Grass

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## **NEW PRESIDENT ELECTED TO SERVE SOCIETY**

At the December meeting of the Baxter County Historical Society, the nominating committee, headed by Garvin Carroll, presented the slate of officers for the 1995 year, to the membership.

Judy Ramey Sharp was nominated to replace President Margie Garr with the balance of officials to remain the same.

A motion to accept the nominating committee's recommendation was accepted, voted on and passed by the membership. Judy will assume her

duties beginning January 1 and will be installed at the January meeting.

Margie has served the Society for the past three years. She has seen the membership triple over her terms in office. The membership gave Margie a standing ovation for her good stewardship of the society.

## **4th ANNUAL GARAGE SALE SCHEDULED**

The Historical Society's yearly fund raiser **Great Garage and Bakery Sale** is scheduled for March 16th 1995 at the National Guard Armory at 1640 West Fuller St. in Mountain Home.. This is our annual event that helps fund our various projects.

Start right now saving your items for our sale. Most everything reusable is accepted. Our experience shows that clothing is not the best seller but we do accept good reusable and salable items. Think of us when you do your early spring cleaning. That old item taking up space can be just the thing some one is looking for.

In the past year we have offered everything from televisions, water purifier system, weights, bicycles to collector items. The Armory building has literally been filled up with our sale items. Lets fill it one more time!

### **MORE NEW MEMBERS**

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AR

**IZARD COUNTY HISTORICAL  
AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
REORGANIZED**

The ICH&G recently met to reorganize and elect officers. The new officers are President Charles Cheatham, Vice President Sue Chrisco, Secretary Betty McCollum, Treasurer & Editor is Juanita Stowers and ass't Editor is Vera Reeves.

Goals of the Society include regular daytime meetings each quarter. The historical theme meetings will be held at various locations with time and locations to be announced. Meetings will be held in January, April, July and October. Genealogy will be featured in March, May, June, September, November and December meetings and will be held on the second Thursday of these months at the Ozarka College Dining Hall. at 7 pm.

Annual Dues are \$15 for individual and spouse membership, Life membership is \$200.

The Society's publication "The Iazard County Historian" will be published quarterly and will be available in January, April, July and October. 3 free member queries will be published annually.

For membership, manuscripts for the quarterly, and other business matters should be addressed to:

Juanita Stowers, Editor, P.O. Box 480, Norfolk, AR 72658. For More information call Juanita Stowers, at 1-501-499-3237 or Vera Reeves at 1-501-499-7400.

**NEED AN OLD  
DOCUMENT RESTORED?**

Do you have an old document that is hard to read, tattered, etc? Herb Lewis has just had an old Doctor's License repaired and restored.

For your information, [while we do not make any recommendations regarding where to have this done], Herb is having his done at the following company:

Preservation Services, Bob Devan, 32 Rodeo Dr., Austin, AR 72007 Phone 501-843-0173 or Bob Williams, 56 Danube Dr., Maumelle, AR 72113 phone 501-851-3451

**SEEKING DECENDANTS  
OF DR. JOHN B. FOSTER**

Member Herb Lewis has several documents belonging to Dr. John B. Foster, including a ledger, two medical diplomas as well as several of his medical books. Herb would like to see Dr. Foster's descendants have the documents and books.

Dr. Joster was first issued a certificate to practice medicine in Yell County, Arkansas, in 1881. In 1890 he was issued a license in Sulphur Springs, Texas, and in 1906 in Cameron County, Texas. In 1920 he was practicing medicine in the Pigeon Creek and Clark Ridge areas in Baxter county, which he continued until his death in 1933.

Dr. Foster married Mary Hasterly in Bastrop Co. Texas in 1900. He had seven children, a partial list is as follows, Phil, Ralph, [who lived in Aurora, MO.] and a daughter Bess or Bessie. In 1902 he was a member of the Masonic Lodge #622 in Leaky, TX. He bought land close to Brownsville, TX around 1906 or 1907. He moved to Baxter County in 1920. He is buried in the Mountain Home Cemetery in Mountain Home, AR.

Any information about Dr. Foster, his wife Mary Hasterly or his descendants, would be appreciated. Call Herb at 501-481-5097 or write RT 1 Box 56-F Mountain Home, AR 72653

### 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.

**Faradeth Dorothea Kibbe Sever, 924 E. Plainview Road, Springfield, MO. 658-2811.**

I am seeking any information about my Great Grandfather Hiram Baber Kibbe, born April 1824 in Missouri and died in Baxter County, AR in 1904.-my grandfather was Enoch Sam Kibbe born Feb 19 1874 at Howard's Ridge, MO. and my father was Sidney Roy Kibbe born Nov 6 1899 at Howard's Ridge, Mo. I am trying to find the connection to a Col. Timothy Kibbe of Charles. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

**Jean Minor, RR #2, Box 12, Brooking, SD 57006.**

Will correspond with anyone researching Deatherage and Lance Families of Baxter and Marion Counties, Arkansas. James Andrew Deatherage [born 1 March 1887, died 8 Sept 1937] married Martie Jean Lance [born 24 August 1869 died 8 Sept 1958] both buried Yellville, AR area. Was Sam Lance the father or uncle of Mattie Jane? Was Sam shot and killed in Yellville, AR [ca 1870-1880] or was it his brother?

**Barbara Giddens, Rte 1 Box 259, Davis, OK 73030.**

Barbara is researching the Parks and Coyle family. She would correspond with others who are researching these families.

**JayEtta Blaesing, PO Box 65, Alden, MI. 49612**

[1] Jeremiah S. Parker, born abt 1854 AR, became a Free Will Baptist

Minister July 1885 in Baxter Co. AR. His wife was Elizabeth Harris, born 1849 AR. Known children are Charlie, John Dallas, George Washington, Thomas Newton, William Joseph, Robert Silvanis, James Wiley and Nellie Jane. His mother Sarah was living with him in 1880 census. **Looking for death, burial and newspaper articles for Sarah.** Thomas may have lived Pettigrew, Madison Co. AR. **Looking for Cemetery records for Thomas.**

[2] Susannah Parker b-Apr 1873 Marion Co. AR, married Charles Williams 1889 in Baxter County. **Need info on Parkers and Williams around 1890.**

The Parker Reunion of the descendants of Jeremiah's has been held for past 11 yrs. For information about reunion write to JayEtta at above address or Helen Parker, 4021 Woodland, Royal Oak, MI 48073.

**Debra Burrell, 1402 Snowden Ave Memphis, TN 38107**

Wish to correspond with anyone who knows Mrs. Isabel Sherrill or Sherrod. She was my father's Sunday School teacher when he was young. My father is Oscar Tee Horn, born in Sallsak, OK., raised in Mountain Home and is the son of George W. Horn and Mary Lee Havner. George W. Horn was born and raised in Mountain Home, AR. My Grandmother was born and raised in Sallisan, Sequoyak, OK.

**Failure is the line of least resistance.**

**How to Find Them!**

### 1996 GENEALOGY CONFERENCE SLATED

The 16th Annual National Genealogical Society Conference takes place 8-11 May 1996 at the Nashville Convention Center, Nashville, TN. The subject is "Traveling

Historic Trails, Families on the Move. Attendees can select from 150 lectures, try out the latest software in computer labs, and visit with more than 170 exhibitors. For info call the Society at 703-525-0050 or write to: NGS 4527 17th Street North, Arlington, VA 22207-2399.

### **IOWA OLD AGE ASSISTANCE RECORDS**

The Iowa Genealogical Society, 6000 Douglas, Des Moines, Iowa, has acquired the Old Age Assistance Records for 56 counties in Iowa. Compiled during the 1930s, these records list the names of Iowans 21-65 years of age subject to a tax to help care for the elderly. For each person listed, the names of the parents, including the mother's maiden name is given.

**You may give without loving  
But you can't love without giving**

### **INDEX OF MASONS**

If you are seeking information about people that may have been Masons, some help is offered in a book published by John S. Yates, entitled "Researching Masonic Records" The book was written due to the many requests received by the Masons from genealogical researchers. The book contains the address for Masonic information for each state. Although the information included in the book may give the researcher a clue as to the location of an individual when he cannot be located any where else, the records do not generally offer lineage information. If the individual continued his Masonic membership until death, the record may contain the date of death and location.

Cost of the book is \$6.50, which includes s/h. Texans need to add 47

cents sales tax Order from: John Yates, PO Box 3496, Wichita Falls, TX 76309

### **DO YOU HAVE MARRIED COUSINS? GOOD NEWS!**

Finding our ancestors marrying cousins should not be a source of concern. According to Dr. James V. Neel of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor "Inbreeding is not a bad thing. In population with inbreeding, you are flushing out a higher proportion of deleterious genes than in a population with out inbreeding."

Dr. Neel, joined by other scientists, believes that the benefits of marriage within the family out-weigh the most modest biological hazards. Frequency of major genetic defects was only 1.5% higher in marriage of cousins than it was in marriages of unrelated people.

### **WEDDING GIFT ORIGINS**

The custom of giving presents at wedding time was called the "Bidding Ceremony" in Laughane, in Carmarthenshire, England, in the early 1800s. To encourage gifts and to promote the wedding reception, a Bidder would be engaged and it would be his duty to whip up enthusiasm among those most likely to make gifts, on the understanding that the more expensive the present they gave, the more they could expect when they got married. In this way, newly weds had a good start to their married life, but faced the prospect of having to "gift back" the equivalent of what they had received.

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**In youth we learn  
In age we understand**

**Temperamental is mostly temper  
and little mental**

### **OLD COMPUTER RECORDS IN JEOPARDY**

Over the past 30 years, many records have been collected and stored on computer tape. In the mad dash to produce even faster machines with fantastically expanded storage, one factor seems to have been forgotten. Many tapes made years ago cannot be run on present computers.

Census data from the 1960 census is stored on thousands of reels of old tape. The old film would probably disintegrate if run on the old machines on which it was created. The Census Bureau has changed computers and tape drives 5 times since taking that 1960 census. parts of the 1970 and 1980 census face the same problems.

Lesson learned: Be sure to transfer your records to newer software programs when you upgrade programs, system or computer!

### **LEARN SOMETHING EVERY DAY**

The always interesting publication "Southern Queries" contained an article with information from the tabloid The Globe. According to SQ, the tabloid headline screamed: "Oprah's Amazing Link to Elvis - Her family slaved for his- they may even be related." According to the story inside, a Thomas H. Pressley, who shared an ancestor with Elvis Presley, owned 10 slaves, one of them fathered Oprah's great grandfather, Nelson Presley. The research has been credited to an accredited genealogist, Rod Stucker of American Research of Salt Lake City, UT.

**An error doesn't become a  
mistake  
Until you refuse to correct it.**

### **GENEALOGICAL WATCHDOGS**

The International Genealogy Consumer Organization of 4329 S. Strafford Way, West Valley City, UT 84229, serves as the "watchdog" for genealogical organizations.

OGGO is a nonprofit, all volunteer, registration and information agency for professional genealogists and genealogical consumers. This group monitors and reports on genealogical activities and events affecting professional genealogists and genealogical consumers throughout the world.

Since its establishment in May 1980, the group has freely registered 217 professional genealogists, throughout the world who have agreed to adhere to its Code of Ethics. It has also distributed thousands of inexpensive pamphlets and other genealogical materials to the public and has freely investigated and/or resolved 351 complaints from and against professional genealogists, businesses and consumers. Write them for a list of publications. [send a SASE]

### **IRISH HERITAGE?**

Are you working on Irish Genealogy? *The Irish at Home and Abroad, a Journal of Irish genealogy and Heritage* is a publication filled with interesting news, articles and information. Letters are published and questions are answered regarding research experiences and problems. Write for more information: PO Box 521806, Salt Lake City, UT 84152. Subscriptions are \$18.00 annually

### **IRISH IMMIGRATION HELP**

If you know the name of the ship your "Irish Famine" immigrant took from Liverpool, write the Merseyside Maritime

Museum, Pier Head, Liverpool, England L310W

It is believed that about 70 percent of the migrants changed ships at Liverpool. The Museum may have a passenger list showing the city of origin of your ancestor.

### **PASSPORTS**

Passports have been issued in United States since 1795. In the beginning the amount of passports issued was minimal. Most of the early passports were issued to merchants and to diplomats. They contained very little personal information and did not follow any particular form.

The end of the 19th and the 20th century and up to World War I, the country experienced the great migration of peoples from Europe. After World War I, Americans began to travel aboard. The State Department began to issue passports in great numbers. Before WW I about 13,000 passports were issued annually. This increased about ten fold over the next decade.

Since the early times passport applications have contained the applicants full name, birth date, birthplace, current residence and usually the anticipated date of departure and the destination. Since World War I applicant's photographs have been required. Foreign born applicants were required to provide documented proof of the naturalization in the form of a notarized statement. The same held for children of immigrants brought to the USA as minor children. The name of the father and his date and place of birth were listed. Proof of this naturalization was required. The exact date and court of the naturalization was recorded on the passport. The passport was usually good for three years. No other document contained as much

information regarding an immigrant as a passport.

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**A bore is a person who has  
nothing  
to say and says it!**

### **SOCIETY MEMBER SEEKS WORLD WAR I MEORABILIA**

I am in need of your assistance. I am in search of family members of World War I soldiers. I am compiling information for a book that tells a poignant account of common soldiers.

I propose to tell the story of World War I soldiers, men and women, using their own words--letters, journals, diaries, photographs and personal remembrances. Amazingly, many of these scraps of memories still exist; some in dusty attics and ancient steamer trunks, others donated to libraries, museums and historical institutes. However, it is the items still held in private collections that I seek - the letters forgotten in the attics and the diaries hidden in steamer trunks.

If you have old letters, photographs or other memorabilia --may I copy what you have? I will pay postage and copying expenses, all items will be returned in a timely manner if you prefer that I do the copying. I am a freelance writer and amateur historian who would like to see history come down from the attic. I hope you will too.

Clarice Dean, P.O. Box 81531, Las Vegas, NV 89180-1531

### **DUES ARE NOW DUE!!!!**

1996 membership dues in the Society are now due. Please remit you dues to the treasurer as soon as possible. Your dues help finance the many Society projects.

McNiel of Gassville, Arkansas, Don Crownover of Greeley, Colorado and Lela Stanley of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Three of my grandchildren are Glen and Essie McNiel and Francis Partee.

**WPA in Baxter Co.**

**INVENTORY OF THE COUNTY  
ARCHIVES OF ARKANSAS  
NUMBER 3 - BAXTER COUNTY**

*"To bring together the records of the past and to house them in buildings where they will be preserved for the use of men living in the future, a nation must believe in three things. It must believe in the past. It must believe in the future. It must, above all, believe in the capacity of its people so to learn from the past that they can gain in judgment for the creation of the future."*

*---Franklin Delano Roosevelt*

One of the WPA projects was the project of locating and identifying the records of each county in Arkansas. The inventory of these records were recorded in a publication listing a historical sketch of the county, the government of the county, the housing, care and accessibility of the records.

Among the inventory, the following are some of the records inventoried: records of the County Court, Sheriff's records, Mining Records, Adoptions, Grantor/grantee and property records, Court orders, Public Miller records, Right of Way deeds, Timber, Gas, and Oil leases, Minister's credentials, Professional licenses, Mortgage Records, Federal Farm Land Mortgage records, Surveys and Plats, Personal property records, Military Discharges, Notary Republic Records, Circuit Court records, Criminal Division Records, Coroner's Records, Chancery Court records, Probate Records-Wills and Administration, Juvenile Court Records, Quorum Court Records,

County & Circuit Clerk Records consisting of Financial, Assessment and Taxation, Elections, Marriages, Corporations, Professional Licenses, Stray Livestock, Pensions, Roads, School Lands, Appointments, Tax Collector.

County Treasurer Records: Receipts, accounts, school warrants,

County Supervisor of Schools: Records of various school districts, Boards of Education, Teachers Licenses.

Health Records: County Nurses's files,

Bureau of Vital Statistics, Discharges and Wills: Births and Deaths, Military Discharges, etc.

Public Welfare: Case files

Confederate Pension Board - 1901-1932: Pensions board proceedings,

County Surveyor Records

Agricultural Extension Service Agents

**Society Meeting Programs**

**OCTOBER MEETING**

The October Meeting of the Society held at the Baxter County Day Service Center featured a program by Kevin Bodenhamer, a Lieutenant in the Civil War Reenactors. He was assisted by Pvt. John Crain and Sgt. Bob Thatcher. Kevin explained their role in the various reenactments that they have participated in. Their group is a cannoneer group and at present have two guns. They exhibited several Civil War guns and objects used during the war. Each man was clad in their uniforms and each described the various parts of their uniforms and weapons. Their program also included the history of their counterpart unit from the Civil War.



**A  
JOLLY  
GOOD  
WAY TO  
REMEMBER  
YOUR FRIENDS AND  
RELATIVES NEXT CHRISTMAS  
IS TO HAVE YOU SEND THEM  
THE BAXTER COUNTY QUARTERLY  
IT WILL LAST A WHOLE YEAR LONG  
YOU CAN ORDER PLEASURE AND PROFIT  
FOR ONLY \$10 FOR ALL THE YEAR**

**DO  
IT  
NOW  
AN ORDER EARLY  
WILL SOLVE THE  
PROBLEM AT ONCE**

**FORMER ARKANSANS  
LIVE IN PIG PEN**

Living in a hog shed with a pig sty for a front yard, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Brumley, a young pair from Arkansas, has spurned the idea that they apply for relief.

Mrs. Brumley, 24, clad in a clean blue smock, told an interviewer to "save the relief for them that need it". Her husband, three years her junior, was helping a farmer pitch hay.

"My folks were awful strict with me when I was a girl," said Mrs. Brumley. "I've always been a home girl, and we just mind our own business. We can pick up work here and there and we work for what we need."

The hog shed is so low the Brumleys have to go about on their hands and knees. The tin roof sheds rain, however, and the Brumleys say they are comfortable. It's better than their last home, under the Crab Orchard bridge on Route 37.

Mr. and Mrs. Brumley hail from the **mountain country along White River in northern Arkansas**. Their home burned and work was scarce, so they

hitch-hiked to Missouri and then to Illinois

--- The Progress, Johnston City, IL. Aug 26 1938

**Letter[excerpts] to the Editor:**

October 12, 1995

I was reading my mother Ann Smith's Bulletin & I saw on page 70 of this months issue of The Baxter County Historical Society had a packet of pictures and documents of the Roger M. Horn family and that the packet contained photos of the Baty Cody family. I'd be very glad to pay the cost of the clipping for the pictures of the Baty Cody family.

My great great grandmother's maiden name was Cody before she married my great great grandfather. They used to live in Mountain Home.

I am not sure if the packet of pictures and documents of the Roger M. Horn family ties in with the Cody family or not. If they do tie in with the pictures of the Baty Cody family then I'll gladly pay for the shipping of them too. If someone else has been promised the pictures of the Baty Cody family, I'd appreciate any information you could give me. Let me know the cost of shipping for this and I'll send it by return mail.

Sincerely

Tim Castleman, 1289 Stave Mill RD.  
Murphysboro, IL. 62966

*Editor-The file has been sent to Tim.*

**The trouble with good advice is  
That it interferes with our plans!**

**DON'T FORGET- SAVE YOUR  
ARTICLES FOR THE SOCIETY'S  
GREAT GARAGE AND BAKE SALE  
AT THE ARMORY MARCH 16.  
NEED SOMETHING PICKED UP?  
CALL 425-0405  
IF IT IS IN YOU WAY, PICK UP CAN  
BE DONE EARLY.**

### WILLS AND ADMINISTRATIONS OF BAXTER COUNTY

Baxter County was created in 1873 from Fulton, Iazard, Marion and Searcy Counties. Wills began in 1892, **Will Book A** and Administrations in 1873. These records escaped the fire in the court house. These records presented here are from 1876 to 1900.

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—Transcribing by Capt. Nathan Watkins Chapter DAR, Daughter Helen Wagner

Wills and Administrations for Baxter County's founding Counties, Fulton, Izard, Marion and Searcy will be presented in following issues of *The History*.

## WPA

### WORKS PROGRAM OF '30s LEFT ITS MARK ON ARKANSAS

The WPA, as well as other federal relief programs, played a vital role in Arkansas during the 1930s because state government was nearly bankrupt, there was not a state welfare program and thousands of the state's citizens were unemployed. In addition to the problems of the Great Depression, Arkansas had endured a disastrous drought that had destroyed crops and driven thousands off the farm and out of work.

Gov. Marino Futrell and President Franklin D. Roosevelt both took office in 1933, but they had dramatically different ideas about how to solve economic problems. Roosevelt, of course, began his New Deal, the formation of government agencies designed to revive the economy and help the unemployed with great infusions of public money. Futrell, on the other hand, was a conservative planter who believed that modernization [tractors, etc] was the cause of the depression and that tight control on government spending was the way to help the economy.

Futrell was willing for federal relief agencies to assist Arkansans, but he insisted that Arkansas had no money to match the federal funds. Fortunately, he did agree to the appointment of a couple of humanitarians to supervise the programs. First William Dyess and later Floyd Sharp, and thanks to their efforts the relief programs began functioning in the state. But at the end of 1934, Washington told Arkansas that the free ride was over, that unless it matched the federal relief money, it and all other federal aid would stop coming to the state. Futrell was not so concerned about relief [he believed that

most of the unemployed were simply too shiftless to work] but he knew the state could not survive without other federal grants.

So, reluctantly, the governor and the legislature enacted Arkansas's first sales tax, put a tax on liquor and also legalized and then taxed horse racing in Hot Springs and dog racing in West Memphis. A new Department of Welfare was created to use this new revenue to match federal aid, which first came largely through the Federal Emergency Relief Administration and later the WPA.

Near the end of the program in Arkansas, Sharp summarized what the WPA had done in Arkansas. It had built:

7,881 miles of highways, roads and streets;

3,700 new bridges and viaducts

773 new buildings and additions to 45 existing buildings. Among which were 16 hospitals, 297 schools, five armories, four fire stations, three penal institutions, and most of the buildings at the Little Rock Zoo,

The greatest benefit of the WPA was that it put thousands of Arkansas people to work on these projects, not only giving them employment but teaching them skills. The WPA's adult education programs reduced the illiteracy rate by 40 percent by teaching 30,000 persons how to read. It operated 12 nursery schools, served 1.67 million hot lunches in the schools and built sanitary privies in thousands of schools and other public places. The Civilian Conservation Corps, a companion agency to the WPA, constructed the first state parks developed in Arkansas.

Sharp estimated that between 1932 and 1938 the federal government spent \$106 million for direct relief in Arkansas. Of that, \$45 million was spent by the WPA, which continued spending about \$2 million a month until the agency was disbanded in 1941.

Construction was just a part of the WPA projects. Hot lunches in schools, nursery schools, dental and medical clinics were staffed, WPA sewing rooms across the nation was established, Arts of all types were promoted-musicians, actors, artists and writers [many murals were painted on public building walls and many exist today-these are just some of the many projects of the WPA.

The WPA was not considered a model of efficiency, probably the opposite was true. During its existence, the term "boondoggle" was added to the common word usage. Many cartoon were drawn showing workers leaning on shovels, etc. Using efficient machinery was not permitted in most cases so that more laborers could be utilized. But it was such a vast emergency program that it seemed that inefficiency was just part of it. But in spite of the negative side, it did give many people the dignity of a job and bringing a pay check for their labor.

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#### WPA IN BAXTER COUNTY

A good listing of WPA projects completed in Baxter County has not been found yet. The "*History*" will attempt to get a listing together of the projects in our county.

A few projects are known now. They are as follows:

*The Baxter County Court House*  
[now on the National Register of Historical Places]

*The Buford School* [On the National Register of Historical Places]

*The Cotter Gymnasium* [Now on the National Register of Historical Places]

*The Early Settlers Survey*

*The Inventory of Baxter County court House Archival records.*

*The Guidebook to American Highways* features a chapter on Baxter County.

*Masonry addition to the E. Oakland School* [Now the 62E. Community Center]

This is, of course, just a small bit of the projects. Members who experienced the 30s period are urged to sit down and write down their memories of the projects in Baxter County. We urge all our members who have elders who participated in the WPA during that period, to talk to them and send in their recollections of the projects. If your parents participated in any projects in Baxter County and have told you stories about the projects, we would like to hear about it. These stories could be an excellent feature of the "*History*". Lets get the history of the WPA in Baxter County properly recorded!

WPA in Baxter Co.

## EARLY SETTLERS SURVEY

*Following is a dialogue taken from the WPA Questionnaires of Early Baxter County Settlers, recorded in 1940. The questionnaires are now in the Special Collections of the University of Arkansas Libraries, Fayetteville, Arkansas. A list of 60 questions were posed to the early settler being interviewed. Interview was conducted by Jeff P. McBroom on November 6, 1940.*

I am Mat. L. Crownover and I live at Gassville, Arkansas. I am a farmer and I

have made 35 crops while farming. I was born October 24 1867 in Lawrence County, close to the town of Hookrum, Arkansas.

I was married to Parythenia Smith on December 15, 1887.

Our first home was like most early homes and was a one room house made of logs with a split log floor. Later my father covered all our floor with lumber. Our house, like most everyone else's, is heated with wood.

We only had candles, that were made at home, for light. When folks went to church they too only had candles. Later we had grease lamps. My mother did a lot of sewing and she borrowed a brass lamp from one of our neighbors so she could see better. Just recently the R.E.A. electric line has come to our neighborhood, but I haven't had the lights put into my house yet.

We always raised corn, some wheat, potatoes and the like. We always dried fruits for winter use. Deer were plentiful, too. We also had a lot of turkey. Meat, lard and flour could not be found in the store in those days. I was fourteen or fifteen before I ever got any ready made clothes. All the clothes were made at home. A good pair of shoes could be bought for \$1.25 a pair.

In the early days, if a boy was courting a girl, he went to see her on Sunday and when night came he either came into the parlor and sit with the old folks or went home. Sometimes my wife and I would sit out on the front porch, but young folks didn't go then like they do today.

We made some medicine. Black root was boiled down into a paste, then rolled into "pills" and what pills! There were two other roots that we used for tea, namely Silk and Butterfly root.

Gassville got it's name because several men who spent their leisure time "Gassing". Three Brothers, a little post office up in the North part of the

County, was called Three Brothers because of three mountains that are so nearly alike, that the post office is called "Three Brothers".

In the early days of Baxter County, there was a livery stable over where the present post office is now located. It was used as a station for the stage coach from West Plains. I remember when the present square where the courthouse is located, was just a grove of trees.

The first school that I ever attended was a subscription school. a bunch of us kids would go to the parties home who was going to teach. Our fathers paid a tuition fee. It was a small fee. Schools never were longer than three months and they were in the summer after the crops were laid by.

The schools were first founded by subscription in most cases. Later a small tax was voted on the real and personal property to take care of the schools. We used three books: "Blue Back Speller" "McGuffey's Reader" and "Ray's Arithmetic". My father never took any [news] paper except the "Quid Nunc", one of the first published in the County, this was later changed to the "Baxter County Citizen"

I saw my first automobile about 1915 and my first train about 1885 in Springfield, Missouri when I was 18 years old. I don't remember the date I saw my first airplane, but it was at the Mountain Home picnic.

When I was 15, a circus came to town. It was just a small circus, but it was a real show to the children in the community.

My father fought in the Civil War, but the stories he told me seem very vague in my memory. I do remember his saying he was in Price's Raid in Missouri.

I have six children and 41 descendants. My children are: Minnie, and Jesse Crownover of Gassville, Arkansas, Jewell Partee and Maude

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

#### MATNEY TOWNSHIP

#### SD 3 ED 65

1.	Daws (or Davis), William H.	head	56	KY	TN	KY
2.	Robertson, Mat K.	head	51	AR	GA	AR
3.	Trimble, John I.	head	63	AR	USA	AR
4.	Murphy, Orphy	head	29	AR	AR	AR
5.	Murphy, James U.	head	47	AR	MO	AR
6.	Harmon, Maggie A.	head	53	widow	MO	TN
7.	Rison, Albert	head	67	OH	USA	OH
8.	Beavers, Jack A.	head	39	AR	IL	MO
9.	Davis, David J.	head	66	TN	TN	TN
10.	_____	head	71	GA	SC	GA
11.	_____	head	32	_____	_____	KY
12.	_____	head	_____	_____	_____	_____
13.	Perrine, George	head	28	MN	IN	IL
14.	Beavers, William R.	head	38	AR	IL	USA
15.	Hutson, Charles W.	head	37	AR	GA	AR
16.	Avey, William S.	head	43	AR	AR	AR
17.	Bench, Joseph W.	head	37	AR	MO	AR
18.	Trimble, Robert H.	head	47	AR	USA	USA
19.	_____	head	30	AR	AR	MO
20.	_____	head	25	_____	_____	_____
21.	_____	head	_____	_____	_____	_____
22.	Yocham, Mikele D.	head	74	MO	KY	KY
23.	Tripp, John	head	41	IL	MO	MO
24.	Tripp, William H.	head	68	MO	TN	TN
25.	Mead, Samuel E.	head	19	AR	VA	USA
26.	Asplin, Laskin C.	head	26	MO	MO	MO
27.	Mead, Andy J.	head	48	WV	VA	KY
28.	Mead, Alexander	head	26	AR	WV	AL
29.	Holloman, William F.	head	60	AR	KY	KY
30.	Rasor, Walter	head	38	MO	USA	USA
31.	Rasor, Dewitt	head	29	AR	USA	USA
32.	Weavers, Charles W.	head	32	AR	USA	AR
33.	_____, Hobart	head	22	KY	USA	USA
34.	Beavers, Mary E.	head	52	widow	MO	TN
35.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
36.	Robertson, Thomas E.	head	25	AR	AR	AR
37.	Wood, Granville	head	25	AR	USA	USA
38.	Avey, John M.	head	66	AR	USA	MO
39.	King, Charley O.	head	53	AL	AL	AL
40.	Wood, Loranza	head	27	AR	AR	AR
41.	Perry, Claud E.	head	25	AR	USA	USA
42.	Cantrell, William	head	73	VA	USA	USA
43.	Finley, Thomas J.	head	24	AR	AR	AR

44.	Finley, Kate K.	head	62 widow	AR	USA	USA
45.	Brewer, John E.	head	36	KY	KY	KY
46.	Chapman, Oscar	head	41	KY	KY	KY
47.	King, Robert P.	head	53	AL	AL	AL
48..	_____	head	41			
49.	Wickersham, Ambrose W.	head	68	AR	IN	AL
50.	Gravier, George W.	head	72	AR	FRA	_____
51.	Lancaster, Robert B.	head	47	AR	AR	TN
52.	Treat, William W.	head	42	AR	USA	USA
53.	Caststeel, William L.	head	55	AR	TN	TN
54.	Caststeel, William R.	head	34	AR	AR	IL
55.	Stone?, Benjamin F.	head	27	AR	USA	IL
56.	Gaines, Henry T.	head	63	AR	KY	TN
57.	Campbell, Robert H.	head	30	AR	VA	IN
58.	Gaines, _____	head	25	AR	AR	IN
59.	_____, John W.	head	72	MO	KY	KY
60.	_____		46	AR	TN	_____
61.	Smith, James L.	head	37	AR	USA	USA
62.	Sanders, William	head	66	MO	VA	VA
63.	Cantrell, James	head	53	MO	USA	USA
64.	Rasor, Virginia	head	63	MO	MO	MO
65.	Chapman, James	head	33	AR	KY	KY
66.	Perry, Joel C.	head	50	AR	USA	USA
67.	Merrel, Gurney C.	head	34	AR	USA	TN
68.	Merrel, James P.	head	40	AR	MO	MO
69.	_____			_____	MO	MO
70.	Wilbur, Clarence K.	head	32	AR	IA	USA
71.	Merrell, Robert S.	head	31	AR	MO	MO
72.	Williams, Lily	head	31 widow	MO	VA	VA

(End of Matney Township)

### LONE ROCK TOWNSHIP

#### SD 3 ED 6

(Family numbering continues from Matney Township)

73.	Butler, Carl H.	head	56 widower	TX	GER	GER
74.	Akin, William S.	head	53	AR	TN	AR
75.	Collie, William E.	head	33	AR	AR	AR
76.	Helm, John	head	51	AR	TN	AR
77.	White, John	head	31	MO	AR	MO
78.	Carter, Johnie	head	35	AR	IL	USA
79.	Richardson, Ezra	head	23	AR	AR	AR
80.	White, John	head	42	AR	MO	MO
81.	Evans, Burt?	head	24	AR	AR	AR
82.	_____	head	47	AR	TN	AL
83.	Durbin, Joseph	head	48	KY	KY	KY
84.	McFall, Therman	head	38	VA	USA	NC
85.	Adams, Joe M.	head	48	AR	IN	KY
86.	Hamby, Albert S.	head	26	AR	GA	KY
87.	Chapman, Lucien B.	head	47	KY	KY	KY
88.	Hamby, William M.	head	58	GA	GA	GA
89.	_____ Illegible					
90.	Hurst, Theodore H.	head	30	AR	AL	AL
91.	Hurst, Mollie B.	head	68 widow	AL	AL	AL
92.	Whitee, Willis A.	head	40	AR	MO	AR
93.	Hurst, Wade H.	head	38	AR	AL	AL
94.	Mullins, John M.	head	70 widower	MO	USA	VA



95.	Clingings, Alonzo	head	38		MO	TN	TN
96.	King, William H.	head	26		AR	TN	AL
97.	Sword, Robert E.	head	63		KY	KY	KY
98.	Culliman?, Louis A.	head	29		AR	AR	USA
99.	Cockrum?, _____	head	65		AR	KY	KY
100.	Illegible	head					
101.	Walker, William H.	head	56		MO	NC	TN
102.	Hudson, John H.	head	66		AR	SC	AR
103.	Cockrum, Nora	head	54	widow	IL	KY	IL
104.	Wheeler, Andrew E.	head	42		AR	USA	USA
105.	Gaither, Lucy P.	head	71	widow	IL	KY	TN
106.	Waiten, Laurence P.	head	37		MO	MO	MO
107.	Cockrum, Veigh	head	33		AR	AR	IL
108.	Cockrum, John A.	head	71		AR	MO	NC
109.	Hargis?, William Z.	head	30		AR	USA	USA
110.	Raby?, George F.	head	34		KS	IA	KY
111.	Wilbur, William A.	head	79	widower	IA	ME	OH
112.	Hamon, Christopher C.	head	29		MO	VA	VA
113.	Clow, George C.	head	69		CAN	CAN	CAN
114.	Havner, Andrew	head	61	widow	TN	TN	TN
115.	Boyd, George T.	head	54		AR	MO	MO
116.	Martin, ARichard C.	head	59		AR	TN	KY
117.	Raymond, Walter P.	head	45		AR	LA	MS
118.	Deatherage, Ira C.	head	27		MO	MO	IL
119.	Rorie, Carbie	head	29		AR	AR	IL
120.	Maggard, Henry B.	head	50		KY	KY	KY
121.		head	34		AR	LS	MS
122.	Luther, Oscar F.	head	45		AR	AR	AR
123.	Tate, Robert W.	head	76	widower	NC	NC	NC
124.	Martin, Joseph J.	head	49	divorced	AR	TN	AR
125.	Martin, Minniel	head	40		AR	AR	NC
126.	Wolf, Arthur C.	head	32		AR	AR	AR
127.	Martin, Thomas M.	head	46		AR	USA	USA
128.	Mains, John	head	27		MO	MO	IL
129.	Henson, William	head	51		IL	IL	AL
130.	Murphy, William H.	head	60		OH	OH	OH
131.	Henson, James C.	head	23		AR	IL	AR
132.	Thomas, William F.	head	44		AR	TN	AR
133.	Johnson, William	head	41	widower	AR	AR	AR
134.	McClone, John	head	49		GA	SC	SC
135.	Doty, James G.	head	36		MO	USA	MO
136.	Bell, Charley	head	32		MO	VA	VA
137.	Herrington, Charley S.	head	32		AR	USA	USA
138.	Herrington, John	head	56		AR	USA	AR
139.	Cooper, Rosa L. [m]	head	29		AR	AR	AR
140.	Cook, Lewis	head	27		AR	AR	AR
141.	Johnson, Clyde N.	head	27		AR	AR	AR
142.	Wgner? Thomas	head	51		AR	AR	AR
143.	Judd, William B.	head	24		IN	IN	IN
144.	Smith, Albert J.	head	35		AR	TN	TN
145.	Boyd, Elmer L.	head	28		AR	MO	AR

[end of Lone Rock Township]

Another Baxter County Family

**THE KASINGER FAMILY**

The Kasinger [Kessinger, Kassinger] family in Baxter County, Arkansas has its roots in the German family of Kessinger. The following is a listing of descendants who became part of the History of Baxter County early settlers.

**Soloman KESSINGER** was born about 1770 in Rhine River, Near Mannheim, W. Germany, and in Germany, married wife unknown.. Soloman died Jun 1760 in Lancaster Co., PA. Their children:

- 1 **Mathias KASINGER** was born 1728 in Germany, and in 1756, married Judity. Soloman also married Susannah \_\_\_\_ about 1741. Their children are:
  - 1 John Jacob Kasinger was born 16 Aug 1742 in PA, and on 14 Jul 1790, married Sarah MIDDLETON.
  - 2 Solomon KASINGER was born on 3 Feb 1745.
  - 3 Joseph KASINGER was born 27 Mar 1747 in PA.
  - 4 Susannah Elizabeth KASINGER was born 11 Jun 1748 in PA.

Solomon KASINGER, son of Soloman KESSINGER and Susannah, was born 3 Feb 1745 in PA, and about 1766, married Elizabeth GREENWALT. Solomon and Elizabeth were buried in Millerstown, KY.

Family story indicates Solomon was educated as a Catholic Priest but was excommunicated when eloped with his future wife, Elizabeth Greenwald, who was a novitiate in a convent there. They were married and migrated to America in 1756, landing at Baltimore, Maryland. Solomon built the first house on the first cleared farm in Kentucky at Millerstown. Their children

- 1 **John KESSINGER.** John is reported to have fought seven years with Washington in Revolutionary War
- 2 **William KESSINGER**  
William is credited as being one of the founders of the Republican Party at Ironton, Ohio.
- 3 **Joseph KASINGER** was born about 1770.
- 4 **Jacob KESSINGER**
- 5 **Andrew KESSINGER**
- 6 **Mathias KESSINGER**
- 7 **Peter KESSINGER**

- 8 **Solomon KESSINGER, Jr.**
- 9 **Rebecca KESSINGER** "Becky" and her sister were scalped by Indians near what is now Louisville, KY. Her sister died but Becky lived to rear a large family
- 10 **[Female] KESSINGER** This daughter was scalped and killed by Indians near what is now Louisville, KY.

**Joseph KASINGER**, son of Solomon KASINGER and Elizabeth GREENWALT, was born about 1770 in PA, and on 10 Jul 1793, married daughter of Thomas and Mary LOGSDON Joseph died possibly in Hart Co., KY. Their children:

- 1 **Elizabeth KASINGER** was born 29 Nov 1794 in KY, and on 15 Dec 1816 in Hardin Co., KY, married Michael ATTERBURY. Elizabeth died on 29 Jan 1873 in Montgomery Co., IL.
- 2 **Mary KASINGER**
- 3 **William Logsdon KASINGER** was born on 9 Nov 1799.
- 4 **Rebecca KASINGER** married a LYNCH.
- 5 **Solomon "Moonie" KASINGER** was born in 1800.
- 6 **Louisa KASINGER** married Hiram ATTERBURY.
- 7 **Josiah Dodge KASINGER** was born 12 Apr 1812 in KY, and married Rebecca PEEBLES. Josiah Dodge died on 18 Aug 1900 in IL.
- 8 **Lucinda KASINGER**
- 9 **Nancy KASINGER** married a LYNCH.
- 10 **Silas KASINGER** was born 1816 in KY, and married Nancy FENWICK. Silas died 1882 in Montgomery Co., IL.

**William Logsdon KASINGER**, son of Joseph KASINGER and Ruth LOGSDON, was born 9 Nov 1799 in KY, and married Mary Ann HAYCRAFT. William Logsdon

died 18 Sep 1878 in Montgomery Co., IL.  
Their children:

- 1 **Joseph KESSINGER**
- 2 **George KESSINGER**
- 3 **Frank KESSINGER**
- 4 **Alexander Harrison KESSINGER**
- 5 **Silas Zechariah Taylor KESSINGER**
- 6 **Charles Hardin KESSINGER**
- 7 **Ruth KESSINGER** married Mark WHITTEN.
- 8 **Lucinda KESSINGER** married Marvel GREEN. She also married \_\_\_\_\_ FELKEL.
- 9 **Elizabeth KESSINGER**
- 10 **Frances KESSINGER** married Henry FLEMING.

**Solomon "Moonie" KASINGER**, son of Joseph KASINGER and Ruth LOGSDON, was born 1800 in KY, and married Frances ISAACS who was born 1810 in KY. Solomon "Moonie" died 1878 in Carter Co., MO. Their Children:

- 1 **William KASINGER** was born 1825.
- 2 **John KASINGER** was born 1826 in KY, and married **Mary MASSEY**.
- 3 **Isaac KASINGER** was born May 1827 in KY, and married **Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_**.
- 4 **Ruth KASINGER** was born 1829 in IL, and on 27 Sep 1829 in Ripley Co., MO, married John CLARK.
- 5 **Obedian KASINGER** was born 13 Jun 1836 in Ripley, MO, and married **Louisa CLARK**. Obedian died on 29 Jun 1913 in Howell Co., MO.
- 6 **Lucinda KASINGER** was born <sup>66</sup> Jan 1840.
- 7 **Silas KASINGER**
- 8 **Thomas Jasper "Buttons"**
- 9 **Benjamin L. KASINGER** was born in 1872. Benjamin L. died in 1894.
- 10 **Ruth L. KASINGER** died in 1932.
- 11 **George KASINGER** was born in 1877. George died in 1942.

**William KASINGER**, son of Solomon "Moonie" KASINGER and Frances ISAACS, was born 1825 in KY, and married Arrainy HARDING who was born 1825 in VA. Arrainy was buried in Thacker Cem., Baxter Co., AR. Their children:

- 1 **Martha KASINGER** was born 2 Sep 1840 in MO, and married \_\_\_\_\_ SHRUM. Martha died on 9 Oct 1910. [1900 census, Baxter County, Pigeon Twp. family 24 a Martha Shrum born Sep 1846 in MO, her father born in KY and her mother in VA. This could be Martha the daughter of William and Arrainey Kasinger, she is living with her son George Shrum born March 1867 in Missouri and other son Att Shrum, born March 1869 MO. ] She also married Andrew J. LEWIS who was born about 1855 in TN.
- 2 **Thomas "Grey Tom" KASINGER** was born Dec 1844.
- 3 **Marion KASINGER** was born in 1849 MO.
- 4 **Emily KASINGER** was born 15 Feb 1852 in MO, and in 1869, married John Hamilton LEWIS, SR. who was born 15 Aug 1834 in Giles Co., TN. Emily died 9 Aug 1926 in Baxter Co., AR. John Hamilton died 1885 in Newton Co., AR and was buried in Shiloh Cem., Newton Co., AR. John Hamilton was also married to Martha INMAN.
- 5 **Ruth KASINGER** was born 1853 in MO, and about 1873, married Edward James ANDERSON who was born about 1853. Ruth died about 1895. Edward James died on 21 Sep 1921 and was buried in Bayside, TX. [His obit is in the Oct 7 1921 edition of *The Baxter Bulletin*.]
- 6 **Jasper KASINGER** was born Jan 1854.
- 7 **America "Sis" KASINGER** was born 2 Apr 1858 in Douglas Co., MO, and about 1881, married William BIGGERS. America "Sis" died on 20 May 1942 in Baxter Co., AR and was buried in E. Oakland Cem., Baxter Co., AR. William died before Jun 1900 in Baxter Co., AR. Her obituary says she came to Baxter Co. when a child. It names her surviving children in the May 29 1942 issue of *The Baxter Bulletin*.
- 8 **Lucinda KASINGER** was born in Jan 1860 in MO, and on 3 Nov 1887

9 in Baxter Co., AR, married William Lynch who was born Feb 1861 in AR. **Sterling Price KASINGER** was born in Jan 1862.

**Thomas "Grey Tom" KASINGER**, son of William KASINGER and Arrainy HARDING, was born in Dec 1844 in MO, and married 16 Jul 1867 in Ozark Co. MO. to Helen Clementine GRAVES.

"Grey Tom" got his nickname for turning gray at an early age. A family story tells of a time after the Civil War when the Bush-Wackers were so violent in North Arkansas. Grey Tom rode up to the gate of one of his relative's home just as the bush-wackers had killed all the family. He rushed the gate yelling, "Here I am, just kill me too! Come on, finish your job - get over here and murder me, too!" The bush-wackers looked at him in surprise and finally one of them said "He's just too brave to be killed." So the raiders rode out leaving him still yelling after them. It was shortly after this time when his hair was reported to have turned white. "Grey Tom" was known as a great fiddle player. His nephew, Tom, who also played the fiddle very good, said that when Gray Tom played "he could feel the hair stand up on his own neck" "Grey Tom" married to Helen Clementine Graves. Their children:

- 1 **Malissa J. KASINGER** was born about 1869 in AR.
- 2 **Fascalina KASINGER** was born about 1872 in AR.

Grey Tom married 16 Apr 1876 in Ozark Co., MO, to Manerva Adline GRAVES, [sister of first wife] Manerva was born about 1862 in AR. Manerva and Grey Tom were reported to have had 9 children. This history only contains 3 of the children. Their children:

- 1 **Luanna KASINGER** was born about 1877 in AR.
- 2 **Martin James William KASINGER** was born about 1878 in MO.
- 3 **Clementine KASINGER** was born in Feb 1884 in AR, and about 1899, married Samuel Houston ANDERSON, son of William ANDERSON and Matilda CRAWFORD, who was born Aug 1879 in MO. She was Tom's 11th child.

**Jasper KASINGER**, son of William KASINGER and Arrainy HARDING, was born Jan 1854 in MO, and about 1874, married Martha \_\_\_\_\_ who was born Aug 1855 in IL.

Jasper and Martha lived in Ozark County, Missouri, Bayou Township, Family 55 in the 1900 Census. According to the census, she had had 11 children with 7 alive 1900.

In 1900 Jasper and Martha had a grandson, Mike Dodson, born Mar 1896, MO., living with them. Their children:

- 1 **Robert F. KASINGER** was born Dec 1882 in AR.
- 2 **Sarah KASINGER** was born Jan 1885 in AR.
- 3 **Dora KASINGER** was born Jan 1888 in AR.
- 4 **James F. KASINGER** was born Jan 1890 in AR.
- 5 **Edward KASINGER** was born Aug 1894 in MO.
- 6 **Maggie KASINGER** was born Mar 1898 in MO.

**Sterling Price KASINGER**, son of William KASINGER and Arrainy HARDING, was born Jan 1862 in MO, and on 24 Aug 1894 in Baxter Co., AR, married Amanda LANE who was born in Sep 1871.

Sterling and Amanda lived in Ozark County, Missouri, Bayou Township, family 33 in the 1900 census. Their children:

- 1 **Lillie KASINGER** was born May 1891 in MO.
- 2 **Artie KASINGER** was born Mar 1895 in MO.
- 3 **Joseph KASINGER** was born Apr 1898 in MO.
- 4 **KASINGER** was born Feb 1900 in MO.

**Lucinda KASINGER**, daughter of Solomon "Moonie" KASINGER and Frances ISAACS, was born in Jan 1840 in MO, and married Thomas Jefferson Dover, who was born about 1831 in TN. Lucinda died after Jun 1900. Thomas Jefferson died 1880/1900. Lucinda and Thomas Jefferson are found in the 1880 census of Baxter Co. AR and five children, Minerva, Cordelia, Henry, Jesse W., & Mary M. were living with them.

*For children and continuation of this family see the Dover Family in the next issue of the "History"*



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COMPANY 743, CCC, was formed May 4th, 1933, at Camp Pike, Arkansas. The company was made up of boys from Texarkana, Malvern, Ft. Smith, Des Arc, Little Rock and Camden mainly, the remainder coming from central, western and southwestern Arkansas, with Capt. A. J. De Lorimier of St. Louis, Mo., commanding the outfit.

On June 1st an advance cadre of 21 men left Camp Pike to prepare our new camp at Camp Hedges, located on State Highway No. 5, thirteen miles south of Calico Rock, Arkansas.

On June 4th, forty-four Local Woodsmen reported for duty, bringing the company to full strength.

Our camp is most ideally located in a sheltered valley nestled between two mountains. We have an abundance of pure water pumped direct from a large spring located half-way up one of the mountains to the camp reservoir. Several natural swimming holes bound the camp along North Sylamore creek, a pure, clear, mountain stream, after work hours many enjoyable hours were spent in the creek. Almost daily odors of fish came from the kitchen, fish furnished by expert anglers, and sleep at night, yes we did, under two or three blankets, no hot nights to bother us.

Two weeks were spent improving our camp, making it one of the most beautiful camps in the state, fences were built

## COMPANY 743 Camp Hedges, Calico Rock

By Ernest L. Brunk

around the camp, company streets graveled, brushes cleared, and then off to work building fire trails, truck trails, mountain roads and constructing telephone lines.

September also saw Capt. De Lorimier leaving us, with Major H. L. King of Tepeka, Kansas, relieving him. We hated to see the Captain go, but soon grew to like and respect our new commander.

Winter barracks were constructed the latter part of September, bringing much more comfort than our tent homes.

Along the middle of October saw "fresh meat" in camp. Sixty-four new enrollees were recruited, practical jokes and much revelry went on far into the night. After two weeks in camp they took to the road, and are now all full-fledged CCC veterans.

Our camp hospital rates among the best, under the expert

direction of First Lieut. M. T. Tedesco, not only a fine doctor, but also an expert dentist.

First Lieut. G. G. Bushey of Little Rock, Ark., now skips the outfit, with Second Lieut. J. L. Lindsay, Jr., of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, second in command, both capable officers, who now have all situations well in hand.

For our camp superintendent we have H. C. Sellers of Russellville, Arkansas, with Neill Dixon, C. P. Phelps, H. Cunningham, Paul Cheek and E. E. Linn, a former member of the company, for his able assistants.

To this date, here is our record: 45 miles of telephone lines constructed, 36 miles of fire brakes maintained, 48 miles of road side cleaned, 6 miles of trail side cleaned, 21 miles of truck trails constructed, 50 miles of truck trails maintained and 30 miles of game refuge boundry cut, a mighty fine record for other companies to shoot at.

On January 1st, 1934, reforestation began, soon 60 men will be out preserving our forests, cutting dead timber, and gridding undesirable and valueless trees. Sylamore Forest will soon be one of the greatest in the state.

When our forest days are over, and in years to come, some of us may be here and some there, but fellows always: Hall Company Seven Forty-three, pride of the Arkansas CCC.

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**ROSTER COMPANY 743**  
1st Lt. G. G. Bushey, Commander  
2nd Lt. J. L. Lindsay  
1st Lt. M. T. Tedesco, Med. Res.

G. C. Arthur, Coal Hill, Ark.  
L. Bacon, Evening Shade, Ark.  
R. Bailey, Malvern, Ark.  
E. C. Barkhelmer, Bigelow.  
B. Barnes, Marshall, Ark.  
D. W. Barnes, Calico Rock.  
M. H. Beeching, Mammoth Spgs.  
H. Belk, Texarkana, Ark.  
A. Bebb, Batesville, Ark.  
C. B. Blackwell, Bergman, Ark.  
R. Y. M. Blackwell, Sheridan.  
B. Blackwood, Corning, Ark.  
L. M. Blankenship, Texarkana.  
E. N. Bolton, Prescott, Ark.  
P. Bowen, Heber Springs, Ark.  
R. Boyd, Marshall, Ark.  
S. Bradley, Clinton, Ark.  
E. Brantley, Swifton, Ark.  
F. Brown, Marshall, Ark.  
G. Brice, Texarkana, Ark.  
N. Brown, Okean, Ark.  
E. Brooks, Fouke, Ark.  
F. Bruce, Gassville, Ark.  
N. Brummett, Stevens, Ark.  
E. Brunk, St. Louis, Mo.  
T. Buerkle, Stuttgart, Ark.  
W. C. Burgess, Higden, Ark.  
T. D. Butler, Leola, Ark.  
C. Byrd, Evening Shade, Ark.  
L. Cartwright, Higden, Ark.  
H. H. Case, Mountain Home.  
W. S. Casey, Malvern, Ark.  
R. Chapman, Ft. Smith, Ark.

G. L. Chavis, Pine Bluff, Ark.  
B. Childress, Newark, Ark.  
M. O. Clark, Newport, Ark.  
C. W. Coates, Hasty, Ark.  
M. Cothron, Mountain View.  
J. Campbell, Gulon, Ark.  
W. Creamer, Texarkana.  
R. Creamer, Texarkana, Ark.  
J. Cunkle, Ft. Smith, Ark.  
H. I. Cypert, Big Flat, Ark.  
G. B. Davis, Melbourne, Ark.  
H. F. Davis, Gillette, Ark.  
R. Davis, Okean, Ark.  
T. B. Davis, Hazen, Ark.  
G. W. Dean, Bass, Ark.  
J. Dean, Black Rock, Ark.  
M. R. Decker, Harrison, Ark.  
P. Dent, Cotter, Ark.  
E. A. Downey, Mt. View, Ark.  
C. Drennon, Tuckerman, Ark.  
M. M. Denham, Hartford, Ark.  
T. Dillahay, Newport, Ark.  
W. East, Mammoth Springs.  
J. H. Edlin, Newark, Ark.  
B. Erwin, Cartney, Ark.  
B. C. Evans, Quitman, Ark.  
B. Evans, Atkins, Ark.  
T. Farris, Newport, Ark.  
F. C. Fee, Yellville, Ark.  
J. A. Fisher, Des Arc, Ark.  
R. Flippin, Cotter, Ark.  
H. Fountain, Malvern, Ark.  
A. Funkhouser, Fawcett, Ark.

W. E. Fyock, Texarkana, Ark.  
W. Garver, McDougal, Ark.  
R. Gill, Mt. View, Ark.  
W. R. Gill, Batesville, Ark.  
A. L. Gillis, Detontl, Ark.  
C. Ginger, Newport, Ark.  
F. Girken, Melbourne, Ark.  
E. Gordon, Mammoth Springs.  
E. O. Gordon, Formosa, Ark.  
E. Gossin, DeWitt, Ark.  
K. R. Green, Wheeling Springs.  
F. H. Gregory, Pitts, Ark.  
N. Guthrie, Almyra, Ark.  
L. G. Hollingsworth, Scotland.  
K. R. Halton, Texarkana, Ark.  
R. B. Harris, Mammoth Spgs.  
U. Hardin, Leslie, Ark.  
D. Hartlein, Harmony, Ark.  
J. Hastings, N. Little Rock.  
O. Hayden, Optimus, Ark.  
M. L. Hayes, Louann, Ark.  
J. Henderson, Allison, Ark.  
H. Hester, Marmaduke, Ark.  
H. Hewitt, St. Charles, Ark.  
H. W. Holcomb, Ft. Smith.  
J. A. Hollis, Marshall, Ark.  
G. D. Horton, Marshall, Ark.

P. Hunt, Walnut Ridge, Ark.  
W. Hostetler, Brookston, Tex.  
S. G. Hudson, Melbourne, Ark.  
O. Isaacs, Marshall, Ark.  
E. Jackson, Des Arc, Ark.  
N. B. Jeffrey, Mt. Olive, Ark.  
B. Johnson, Cave City, Ark.  
DeW. Johnson, Friendship.  
P. Johnson, Ft. Smith, Ark.  
E. W. Jones, Camden, Ark.  
E. H. Jordan, Des Arc, Ark.  
J. H. Jordan, Des Arc, Ark.  
K. Judd, Jr., McNeil, Ark.  
D. Kelley, Malvern, Ark.  
E. Kent, Sheridan, Ark.  
C. R. Kerr, DeWalls Bluff.  
G. R. Karbos, Batesville, Ark.  
J. E. Laek, Big Flat, Ark.  
D. G. Laasley, Texarkana, Ark.  
G. G. Lauzon, Agnes, Ark.  
A. Light, Lurton, Ark.  
H. T. Long, Mt. Olive, Ark.  
R. Lyon, Childester, Ark.  
E. Manning, Malvern, Ark.  
N. G. Martin, Wild Cherry.  
T. Massey, Big Flat, Ark.  
E. Maupin, Marmaduke, Ark.

F. McKeehan, Rolla, Ark.  
H. C. McVey, Summit, Ark.  
H. McWilliams, Texarkana.  
W. H. Minard, Batesville, Ark.  
N. Moore, Quitman, Ark.  
F. R. Morrison, Marshall, Ark.  
L. Moss, Harrison, Ark.  
M. H. Murray, Harrisburg.  
E. B. Wayne, Texarkana, Ark.  
W. Nichols, Malvern, Ark.  
H. Oliver, Texarkana, Ark.  
H. Owens, Almyra, Ark.  
G. Paine, Ft. Smith, Ark.  
J. C. Parker, Texarkana, Ark.  
A. Patterson, Marshall, Ark.  
R. P. Patterson, Harriet, Ark.  
E. Pearce, Hartford, Ark.  
W. Penrod, Grubbs, Ark.  
V. L. Perry, Gassville, Ark.  
L. D. Pettit, Heber Springs.  
H. Pledger, Bee Branch, Ark.  
H. Plemmons, Nady, Ark.  
J. C. Pogue, Allison, Ark.  
L. Prewitt, Hardy, Ark.  
W. Ramsey, Waldenburg, Ark.  
A. Reeves, Gilbert, Ark.  
L. Rice, Texarkana, Ark.  
E. Richardson, Amity, Ark.  
H. H. Roberts, Calico Rock.  
P. Robertson, Texarkana, Ark.  
O. L. Rollins, Wattensaw, Ark.  
L. J. Rothman, Ravenden, Spgs.  
C. H. Rounsavall, Hazen, Ark.

W. Roundtree, Eagle Mills.  
P. Schales, Evening Shade.  
E. Shockley, Imo, Ark.  
J. J. Shoemaker, Mt. Home.  
J. E. Smith, Jasper, Ark.  
C. E. Smith, Twin Creek, Ark.  
Jr. Smith, Ft. Smith, Ark.  
D. Stallings, Marmaduke, Ark.  
V. Stevens, Gillette, Ark.  
R. M. Stewart, Seymour, Mo.  
D. M. Seamster, Springdale.  
G. G. Stonecipher, Zink, Ark.  
H. Strange, Texarkana, Ark.  
T. Strickland, Newport, Ark.  
T. Sirode, Gillette, Ark.  
C. Sullivan, Fifty Six, Ark.  
M. Sutterfield, Land's, Ark.  
W. H. Sutterfield, Fifty Six.  
C. Taylor, Judsonia, Ark.  
S. C. Turnbull, Melbourne.  
C. W. Thomas, Stuttgart, Ark.  
C. Turner, Texarkana, Ark.  
E. L. Turner, Yellville, Ark.  
R. J. Warren, Marshall, Ark.  
J. Wehunt, Malvern, Ark.  
R. W. Wilburn, Texarkana.  
C. W. Wilkins, Batesville, Ark.  
H. Williams, Paracould, Ark.  
L. E. Williams, Pitts, Ark.  
C. Wilson, Mt. View, Ark.  
A. C. Wolf, Mt. Home, Ark.  
J. A. Wood, Marmaduke, Ark.  
B. W. Woodruff, Biggers, Ark.

### 1878 HOMESTEAD REQUIREMENTS

The General Land Office Commissioner homesteads application, in 1878, contained the following questionnaire:

1. What is your name?
2. What is your age?
3. Are you the head of a family, or single person; if the head of a family, what is your family consist?
4. Are you a native-born citizen of the United States? If not, have you declared your intention to become a citizen, and have you obtained a certificate of naturalization?
5. Are there any indications of coal, or minerals of any kind on the lands embraced in your homestead entry above described? [if so, state what they are, and whether the springs or mineral deposits are valuable.]
6. Is the land more valuable for agricultural purposes?
7. What is your post office address?
8. Have you ever made a homestead entry except for this land? No. ...? If you have, give, as nearly as you can, the date thereof and description of the land, an state, whether the entry still subsists, or, if it has been canceled. State the cause of it's cancellation.
9. Have you sold the land or conveyed to any one, your right and interest in the same? And if so, to whom and for what purpose.
10. Does any one except yourself claim the land under the homestead or pre-emption laws?
11. When did you first make settlement on said land?
12. When did you first establish a residence upon the land?
13. At the date you have given as being the date that you first established your residence upon the land, did you move thereon in person?
14. Up to what time have you resided on the land?

15. Was your residence upon the land continuous during the period named?
16. If you had a family during said period of residence on the homestead, did your family reside thereon?
17. What improvements have you made or possess on the land [describe them]
18. When was your house built?
19. What is the total value of said improvements?
20. For what purpose have you used the land?
21. How much of the land have you broken and cultivated and what crops, if any, have you raised?

Another affidavit which the homesteader must make, contains the following clause:

"And I do further swear that I have not heretofore perfected or abandoned an entry made under the homestead laws of the United States."

---Weekly Chillicothe Constitution- Chillicothe, Mo.  
Sept 12 1878 edition

### IMPORTANT! 1996 DUES ! QUARTERLY MAILING!

It's time to renew your 1996 dues if you haven't paid them yet. Dues are still \$10 per member, \$12.50 member + spouse. Mail dues to the Treasurer.

To reduce the mailing expense, the Board has elected to mail "The History" by third class bulk mail. This will make a drastic cost reduction. To make further savings, **we need you to furnish your 5+4 Zip Code** (example 72653-5108). Just drop a line or send a card to Editor or the Treasurer. This can effect another GOOD saving so more of the Society's funds may be used for "historical purposes"

## THE BIG FLAT GENERAL STORE JOURNALS

The Society is the recipient of 2 old journals from the Powell General Store of Big Flat, Arkansas. It was operated in the early twenties by William Austin Powell. The journals contain the handwritten accounts of the day to day operation.

Following is a listing of the customers listing of many of the people that lived around Big Flat at that time. The following are from Journal #2. [Some entries were extremely hard to read and may have been misinterpreted.]

Customers from Ledger Book #1 were listed in *The History* in Vol 21-3

### LEDGER #2

Pink Allred	Mat Brown	G. I. Gantry
H. G. Anderson	A. M. Burstin	Albert George
J. S. Anderson	Mrs. Cantile	Jim Goodman
Pink Anderson	Linvil Caulson	E. C. Hause
W. S. Anderson	Penescotal Church	L. D. Hause
Dora Anglin	Frank Clark	Ramsey Hause
S. Anglin	Mrs. Cobern	Charley Herrington
Mrs. Arnold	Earl Cook	Ed Herrington
Jim Avery	Mr. Connelly	Oala Herrington
J. O. Avery	John Cook	Charley Hinkle
A. A. Balentine	Merron Cook, Jr.	Bertha Hopkins
Charley Balentine	J. A. Copetl [?]	Howard Huffman
Frank Balentine	George Crisp	Nat Huffman
Uncle Houston Balentine	Louis Curtis	W. R. Hulsey
V. A. Balentine	Simp Curtis	Walter Jackson
E. H. Bailey	Willie Curtis	Walter Jefferson
Jimmie Baily	A. T. Cypert	W. C. Jefferson
Dexter Baker	T. Cypert	Joe Jenkins
Floyd Baker	A. V. Davis	Everet Jones
Randolph Baker	Jumbo Davis	Steve Jones
Don Balentine	Waverly Davis	Troy Jones
I. A. Balentine	W. H. Davis	Leland Kelley
L. E. Balentine	Clifton Dodd	Shelton Kelley
R. H. Balentine	Henry Downs	Frank Lack
Willy Balentine	W. S. Evans	Jno Lack
Mrs. Barnes	Bud Everedge	Charlie Laster
Mr. Bear	Charles Everedge	Gordon Lawrence
A. H. Beavers	Mr. Eversoll	Jim Lawrence
Willis Berry	W. S. Evans	Ulyses Lawrence
Lim Biggers	Mrs. Eversall	W. A. Linsey
Bu___ Blevins	General Farris	Fred Long
Matt Blevins	James M. Farris	Bill Lyton
E. L. Boyd	J. F. Findley	Bill Mann
Austin Branscum	F. J. Findley	Pink Mann
George Branscum	Arthur Freeman	Delph Marshall
Wilson Branscum	Jim Freeman	Lonie Martin
Frank Brown	Timothy Freeman	Otis Martin
	Oscar Gains	Floyd Massey



Troy Massey	Almartha Powell	Don Sutterfield
Floyd Matley	Samatha Powell	Garlin Sutterfield
H. W. McCabe	George Ramsey	Leonil Sutterfield
Tom McClanahan	Ha__ Reece	Lonie Sutterfield
Albert McCoy	Joe Reece	Milford Sutterfield
Andrew McCoy	Lee Reece	Red Sutterfield
Floyd McCoy	Thurlo Reece	Rinkin Sutterfield
Will McVey	Waine Reese	Thomas W. Sutterfield
D. C. Meed	Albert Rorie	Bill Taylor
Steve Mill	J. A. Rorie	Brown Thomas
Cedas Mill	John Rorie	Jim Tilley
Jim Minix	Simp Rorie	Ed Treat
Sam Mize	Tomie Rorie	Frank Treat
W. A. Mize	C. D. Rose	George Treat
M. L. Moody	Herman Rose	Gordon [?] Treat
Calvin Morrow	Lee Rose	Green Treat
Elmer Mud	Oscar Rose	Houston Treat
Dolph Murdock	Rex Rose	Isaac Treat
Oscar Newman	Silas Salings	Johnson Treat
Drewy Neugent	Scroggins Store	Jirdon Treat
Bill Norman	Opie Scroggins	Leland Treat
Blame Norman	Scroggins Store	Robert Treat
Ed Norman	A. B. Sisk	Rosco Treat
Frank Norman	Henderson Sisk	Sam Treat
George Norman	Joe Sisk	Stonewall Teat
Mote Norman	Noah Sisk	Jim Tilley
Pat Norman	P. M. Sisk	Jeff Wallis
Jno Page	Uncle Price Sisk	Thurlo Wallis
Andy Pate	Riffin Sisk	T. M. Wallis
Charley Pate	Steve Sisk	Tom Wallis
Elmer Perry	Sisk Stove Co.	Eugene Wilson
Jim Perry	Charlie Smith	G. A. White
Leslie Perry	Willie Smith	Willie Wilson
Winford Perry	Thurlo Stewart	Bob Wynn
Carby Pemberton	Alfred [?] Sutterfield	Tom Wynn
Mrs. Pemberton	Benny Sutterfield	
C. P. Phelps	Bert Sutterfield	

### HEAT AND BUGS

In light of just going through a late summer with many days in the 90s and higher, we often wonder how we made it through the summers before "Air Conditioning" became not a luxury but a necessity.

The following article written about the hot dry "dirty 30s" gives a little insight as to how many made it through the hot days in spite of many trials.

When I think of the 1930s I think of high school, hunting and fishing, and my first job. I think of the west winds that blew dust from the fields into all the land east of it. During the worst year of

that blew dust from the fields into all the land east of it. During the worst year of the 1930 drought, our front porch, the swing and everything outside our home was covered with dust. We used brooms and gunny sacks to clean the porch and "yard" furniture. In the process our noses became filled.

you could wake up in the morning and find a big round, clean spot in the middle of the pillow where my head had been, the rest of the pillow was brown with dust.

The school had no electricity and sometimes it would get so dark with the dust in the air, we had to dismiss school. There was no bus or telephone, but the parents knew to come for their children. The dust also was terribly detrimental to the car engines. The car paint could be stripped on the windward side in a very short time.

When we went to school we had to wet a handkerchief to hold over our noses in order to play outside. People who had to work outside would wear their handkerchief across their mouth and nose like the bandits of the old Western movies. If an individual had been outside for long periods there would be two small round brown areas on the handkerchief. They were where the dust accumulated where the nostrils had inhaled. The sky was almost always yellow from the blowing dust and it stung our eyes and got into our lunches. The sun shone, but you could not see it because the dust was so thick.

Horses and mules in the dust area also had to have cloths over their nostrils to keep the dust from clogging their nostrils. Most of the crops died. With the dust and drought came another plague. Waves of grasshoppers, and chinch bugs attacked the weakened crops. The chinch bugs were so numerous that roads became slick with them crossing to the next field. The hoppers became very hungry.

Pitchforks left in the field would have the handles chewed on. Clothes left on the line to dry would be eaten up promptly. When the swarm came in they would beat on the windows and spit their tobacco like juice on the windows and side of the house. The window would be completely covered with the grasshoppers, shutting out the light. Some even found their way into the house and could be found in our clothes, the water and any food that was not tightly covered. At first the chickens gorged themselves on the succulent feast. Dog and cats were plagued by them. When we drew water from the well, it was full of drowned grasshoppers. We had to strain and boil the water before we could use it. Finally after about three or four days, with most of the vegetation eaten up, the swarm moved on. Dead grasshoppers were everywhere and the stench was unbelievable. The chickens and many birds were dead from eating the insects and their bodies added to the mess. We raked, scraped, swept and shoveled, hauling many loads of the stinky things to a ditch away from the house. We covered them with "quicklime" to hasten deterioration. It was a very hard to overcome this plague. It was a long time before we had clean water and again able to eat fresh vegetables, etc. and for the nightmares of the plague to go away.

If the farmer didn't have a bad enough problem, along came the next plague - the chinch bugs attacked the crops. In the midst of the dry hot weather a trillion chinch bugs came to thrive on crops and the meadows. One farmer plowed a furrow close to his corn field. He then hired a man to ride an old mare back and forth in this ditch. The mare was pulling a big log that just fit in the furrow and this created a powdery dust in the bottom of the furrow. The chinch bug breathe through holes in their sides and the dust

ditch every 15 or 20 minutes. This kept the dust there and mashed a lot of chinch bugs. Many farmers used a black oil mixture in the trench to control the bugs

### KENTUCKY PIONEERS

If you can prove descent from an ancestor who settled in Kentucky prior to December 31, 1800, you qualify for membership in The Society of KY Pioneers. For more information and an application-write to:

The Society of KY Pioneers, c/o  
Margaret Alford, 5215 Veach Rd,  
Owensboro, KY 42301

### NATIONAL REGISTER

Individuals interested in receiving the status of being on the National Historical Register of Historical Places can get the particulars on how to do it from the following:Lynne Zollner

Arkansas Historic Preservation  
Program  
1500 Tower Building, 323 Center  
Little Rock, AR 72201

### BUFORD SCHOOL

The Buford School in Baxter County was listed on the National **Register of Historic Places**.

The School building is located on Highway 126 at Buford. It was built in 1936 by the Works Progress Administration, a Depression federal relief program. It is built in the Plain Traditional style of architecture with craftsman style influence.

The school was one of the first major public works project by the WPA in the county.

***Patience is the virtue of a calm mind  
and heart.***

***How to Find Them!***

### REVOLUTIONARY WAR BOUNTY LAND WARRANTS

Veterans and/or their survivors of Wars, were given bounty land warrants for their military service served between 1775 and 3 Mar 1855.

A bounty land warrant application is especially valuable to the genealogical researcher whether or not the pensions application was approved. Not all veterans and widows met the qualification for pensions and some did not apply. Since there were not the same requirements required for pensions, many veterans and widows applied for bounty land.

The requirements were only to have rank, military unit and period service, give his age and place of residence at time of the application. For the widow, she would normally give her age, place of residence, date and place of their marriage to the veteran and her maiden name. In some instances a listing of the veterans heirs at law may be given.

The Bounty land was legislated in 1776 for officers and soldiers by the Continental Congress, for those who served until the end of the war or until discharged and to the survivors of those killed in the war. The amount of land given varied according to the veterans army rank. This ranged from privates and non commissioned officers of 100 acres, to major generals of 1100 acres.

The Congress in 1778 directed that warrants be issued to veterans upon application. The veteran could transfer his warrant to another person and many did this. Most were assigned at least once before being surrender for land.

The actual patents for land by warrants did not start occurring until about 1800. Actually until 1830, the only place a Revolutionary War Bounty could be exchanged for land was in Ohio. After that date, the warrant could be exchanged for land in any land

office in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. In 1840 any land office could accept federal bounty land warrants.

The acreage limit was raised in 1855 by the Congress and increased the minimum to 160 acres. The service time limit was lowered to fourteen days of service or just participating in any battle in the War. Any veteran who had received less than 160 acres could now apply for the balance. Many applications were received for land warrants from veterans who could not qualify before.

The War Department suffered a fire in November 1800 and many bounty land warrants application and related papers were presumed lost. These lost files are now represented by a 10"x14" card which shows the name of the veteran, his rank, his state or organization for which he served, the symbol "B.L.Wt." followed by the warrant number and the number of acres granted, the date the warrant was issued, and the name of a person other than the veteran to whom the warrant was delivered or assigned. This info was transcribed from surviving registers of bounty land warrants issued before 8 November 1800.

Applications after the 8 November 1800 date are in envelopes that have headings consisting of the name of the veteran, his widow's name if she applied for the warrant, the state or organization for which he served, the Warrant Number, number of acres granted. The envelope contains the application, any family bible records furnished, marriage records, affidavits testifying to the veteran's service and misc. other papers. In many cases the bounty land warrant records and the veterans pension files have been combined into one file. Rejected pension applications file may also contain approved or rejected bounty-land warrant application papers.

The Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Records have been microfilmed on 2,670 rolls of National Archives Microfilm Publication M804. The files are arranged alphabetically by the surnames of the veterans. A pamphlet describing the contents roll by roll. This is available at no cost from the Archives.

When you do not have access to the films, as an alternative, copies of the bounty land warrant file can be ordered by mail from the National Archives. NATF Form 80 is required. Check "Bounty-Land Warrant Application" on the form and provide the name of the veteran, the war in which he served, the state from which he served and, if you have it, the bounty-land warrant application file number.

An index, available in many libraries, titled "Index to Revolutionary War Pension Applications in the National Archives" gives the name of the veteran, the state served from, application number, and in case of a widow's application, the given name of the widow. This index is available at the Mountain Home Church of Latter Day Saints Family History Library.

#### *Research by Computer!*

#### **THE INTERNET SYSTEM**

The internet System is a system that allows computers to speak with one another no matter where they are on the globe. This communication system is called the "World Wide Web" and was originally developed as a national defense initiative but in the past two years has greatly expanded. Information exchanges are now possible between businesses, schools, libraries and individuals.

There are several commercial enterprises now operating the "web" such as America On Line, Prodigy, etc. Many local are springing up enabling

people to tap into the "information highway."

Genealogy items can now be ferreted out on the Internet, using a Web browser, called the Netscape. All information found on the internet is available at a specific "address". Many information providers have a "home" page" which indicates the entry way to more data about the source. Once a home page is established a Netscape user could hop to other bases, other states or continents for more information and may always return by activating a "home" button. When some interesting information is found, it is possible to mark it with a "book mark" and the user can return at any time to this location.

The addresses/sites are changing rapidly and address changes occur frequently. If you have trouble connecting with a particular site, try several times on different days or use your online service's directories or search command to look for the latest address for a site or address. Address, phone number, and policies for local genealogical societies, libraries and archives can become quickly dated. Be prepared to double check the accuracy of information that does not come directly from the source itself.

There are increasingly more sources of information available to the genealogical researcher. A listing of some follows this article.

Costs of subscribing to the service will depend on the local service availability. Some major markets are very cheap and in some isolated area the cost is much more. Contact your local computer company, telephone company or computer club, etc. for more information.

**By the time you decide to look  
for greener pastures,  
You're too old to climb the fence**

### **SOME GENEALOGY INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET**

#### **The National Genealogical Society**

<http://genealogy.emcee.com/80/NGS/>  
[<http://genealogy.org/NGS/> will let you browse NETGUIDE. A Genealogist's guide to the Internet and will provide you with specific address for more research data]

#### **Vahoo's Search Index**

[http://www.yahoo.com/Social\\_Science/History/Genealogy](http://www.yahoo.com/Social_Science/History/Genealogy)

#### **Melissa Calhoun's Illinois Page**

<http://www.outfitters.com/illinois/history/family>

#### **Matt Helm's Genealogy Toolbox**

<http://www.outfitters.com/helm/genealogy.html> or  
<http://alexia.lis.uiue.edu/-helm/si.html>

#### **Penn State Genealogy Home Page**

<http://fgtp.cac.psu.edu:80/genuki/big/>

#### **Genealogy in UK and Ireland**

<http://www.grz.com/gene/genealogy.html>

#### **Everton Publishers Guide to Churches, Ethnic Group, Etc.**

<http://www.xmission.com/jayhall/special.html>

#### **Everton Genealogy Page**

<http://gnn.com/gnn/wic/geneal.05.html>

#### **Genealogy SF**

<http://genealogy.org/>

#### **Pioneer From Lynwood WA.**

lists several recently created Usenet newsgroups for genealogist  
[soc.genealogy.medieval](mailto:soc.genealogy.medieval)  
[soc.genealogy.benelux](mailto:soc.genealogy.benelux)  
[soc.genealogy.uk+ireland](mailto:soc.genealogy.uk+ireland)  
[soc.genealogy.nordic](mailto:soc.genealogy.nordic)

soc.genealogy.hispanic  
soc.genealogy.marketplace

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### "EXCUSES"

Everyone has excuses. Teacher John Lillie is credited with putting together this list of excuses from parents of absent children:

"Dear School: please excuse John for being absent on Jan. 28, 29, 30, 32 and 33."

"Chris has an acre in his side"

"Mary could not come to school because she was bothered by very close veins."

"John has been absent because he has two teeth taken out of his face."

"I kept Billie home because she had to go Christmas shopping because I didn't know what size she wears."

"Please excuse Gloria. She has been sick and under the Doctor."

"My son is under the doctor's care and could not take P.E. Please excuse him."

"Lillie was absent from school yesterday as she had a going over."

"Please excuse Blanch from P.E. a few days. Yesterday she fell out of a tree and misplaced her hip."

"Please excuse Joey Friday. He had loose bowels."

"Please excuse Joyce from Jim today. She is administering."

"Carlose was absent from school yesterday because he was playing football. He was hurt in the growing part."

"My daughter was absent yesterday because she was tired. She spent the weekend with the Marines."

"Please excuse Johnny for being. It was his father's fault."

"Please excuse Dianna from being absent yesterday. She was in bed with Gramps."

"Mary Ann was absent Dec. 11-15 because she had a fever, sore throat, headache, and upset stomach. Her sister was also sick, fever, sore throat, her brother had a low grade temp and ached all over. I wasn't feeling the best either, sore throat and fever. There must be flu going around-father even got hot last night."

--1970 edition of the "Birmingham News."

Today is the day to make memories

### THOSE DARN GREMLINS

In the last quarterly -Vol 21 number 3-on page 73/74, the story of Dueling in Southern Illinois, a trailing paragraph from the editor should have been included as follows:

***"Editor: Note that Bennett was reported to have been in Arkansas Territory. Could this be the Bennett for which Bennett's Bayou in Baxter County, is named after? Don Hubbel, in his book "Bennett's Bayou", says that the person Bennett Bayou was named for is lost in antiquity. Does anyone have anything to offer regarding this mystery?"***

### MEMBER IDENTIFIES NURSES

In Picture

[Bumper Crop at Saltzman's Clinic]

Seated right is Betty Jo Kelly McCracken, wife of James McCracken, who died in a kiln accident on 14 July 1959

*Fragrance lingers on the hands  
of those who hand out roses!*

PICTURE PAGE



Thomas "Gray Tom" Kasinger  
[b-1854MO]



Isaac Kasinger & wife Elizabeth [Lewis]  
Son of Thomas Jasper Kasinger

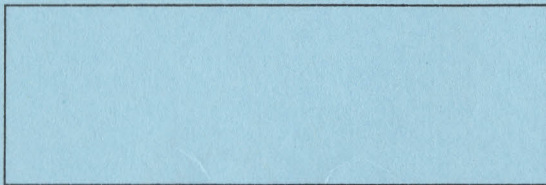
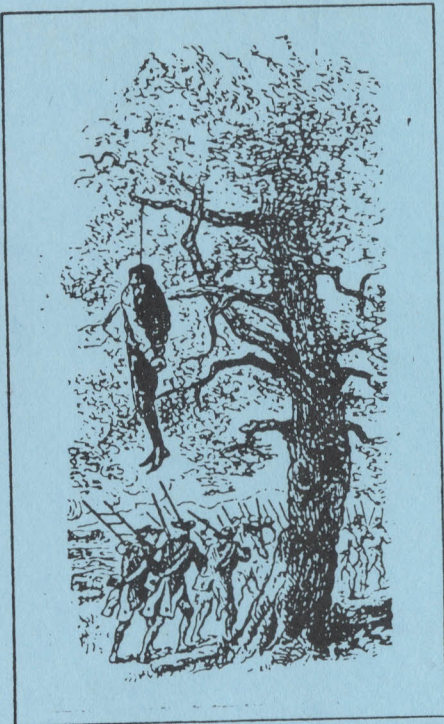
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