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and should be sent to the Editor.

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Note! The name change from Baxter County Historical Society
to Baxter County Historical & Genealogical Society
had been adopted by the membership at the Society's March 1996 Meeting.
The name change will be effective following the legal procedure
necessary to complete the change.

MAY MEETING MEETING DATE CHANGED

At the May 1996 meeting, due to several conflicts of dates, the membership voted to change the meeting date of the Society to the **fourth Tuesday** of each month. Time and place still remains the same.

Charles Blackburn reported that the painting of the Casey House is near completion and will be completed during the next week. The work is being done by the Community Service group of the County Sheriff's office. He also reported that the hail damage to the roof and paint of the Hospital Museum will be repaired during the next week.

After the business meeting, the program for the evening was conducted by three of our long time members, Imogene Nelson Lowe, Ellen Posey Ramey and Margaret Sharp. They recalled many experiences of their youth in Mountain Home and Baxter County.

The membership was invited to have it's next meeting, June 23, at the Wolf House Museum in Norfolk. A tour of the Museum and a pot luck is scheduled.

1996 ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

On Saturday, March 23rd, The Society's annual Garage and Bake Sale to benefit the Rapps Barren Pioneer Park project, was held again in the Armory in Mountain Home. Again it was a great success. Many bakery goods was donated by the great cooks of the Society. It is never known just what will be donated for the sale, but although it was not as much as previous years, it

was a great mixture of items and the items went fast.

The quilt winning opportunity was a ticket held by Carol Derham, of Mountain Home. After the drawing at noon, a quick call was made to her by President Judy Sharp. She immediately jumped in her car and came to claim her prize.

The proceeds of the Quilt and rummage sale netted over \$900.

Welcome to More New 1996 Members:

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72617

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To our new members: Welcome to the Society! We hope you enjoy the Society's Quarterly and **that you will contribute to it.** We want and need you family stories and history. This is a great place to record your family history. It will also give you national exposure as our quarterly goes out to almost 300 members and is sent to the libraries at the Family History Library in Salt Lake, The Genealogy Library at Ft. Wayne, IN and several libraries around the country.

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 inside cover.

LUCILLE HENRY, 418 N. Elm, Jenks, OK 74037

Seeking info! Where are *Jonathan Gulliet* and *Julia F. [Strother] Henry* buried? Also where were their children buried? Children are: (1) Gideon J, b-20 July 1837, [2] John H. b-10 Sep 1837, [3] Susan M. J. b-2 Nov 1841, [4] William J. b-16 Dec 1843, [5] Grandson Marion b-22 Mar 1846 [6] Samuel A. G. b-27 Mar 1848 [7] Alfred Thomas b-27 Mar 1850 [8] George Washington b-5 Feb 1852 [he is buried Wetumka, Ok. Cemetery. He grew up and married Mary Neoma Stafford 27 Dec 1878 in Baxter Co. AR. He is in 1800 BC census. and [[9] Nancy E. b-16 Sep 1856.

Lucille needs any information you might have!

Chris Hoskins, 10713 College Ave, Kansas City, MO. 64137

Seeking information of the *Perry, Rasors, Hollomans, Beavers, Shelors, Whites, and Trimbles* -years 1930-1950

Connie Pearl, 2309 E. Mt. Vernon, Wichita, KS. 76218

Seeking the parents of and any information about *Henry P. Hill*, b-abt 1840 KY-d-bef 1907, White Co. AR. He m-*Aletha Jane Fowler* b-1850 Stone/Izard Co. near Big Flat, AR. She was lost and never found. Who are her parents? They had son John Preasley Hill AKA John Henry Hill b-24 Feb 1880, Bald Know, AR d-Apr 1943 Cotter, AR. John Presley m-Rena Elizabeth Holt-she b-Oct 1885 near Big Flat, Searcy Co. AR d-Sep 1978 Calico Rock, Izard Co. AR.

Virginia F. Settle, 60855 Raintree Drive, Bend, OR.

Seeking info on *Lucy P. Settle*, who married [2nd] *Jerry Gaither* ca 1872 and lived in Lone Rock, AR. Her children from 1st marriage are: Nora, Mollie and W. C.-from 2nd marriage: J. F., Nellie and Yucca.

What does W.C. & J.F. stand for? Lucy was a sister of my husband's grandfather. Will share information and photos!

Ethel Withers, 4141 Stevenson Blvd, Apt 326, Fremont, CA 94538

Seeking info re grandparents *Clarence Davis*, b-24 Sep 1875 KY d-1910-20 married 1901? to *Mary [Dodge?]* in Marion Co. AR. She d-1904-07 Mountain Home, AR. His 2nd son Jay b-4 Mar 1904, Gassville, AR. Clarence m-2nd to *Mrs. Louise "Lou" Cypert* 1907. She raised the Davis children. Seeking info on death, burial, cemetery records & newspaper articles for *Clarnece* and *Mary*. Would appreciate any information!

Cathy L. Phillips, P.O. Box 284, Halsey, OR 97348.

Seeking info for *John Coffman* b-1800 TN m-*Feriby* & moved to Montgomery Co. AR from AL abt 1848. Their children are: *John Allen [wife Mary]*; *William H.*; *James A.*; *Elizabeth [m-A. C. Hall]*; *Benjamin W.*; *Daniel W.*; *Henry P.*; *Harrison C.*; and *Robert W.*; [m-*Arminda Watkins*-they had child *James F.* who married *Mary E. Meeks*. Cathy needs any information regarding this family especially the marriage place of *Robert W. and Arminda Watkins*.

Frankie Brown, 1607 2nd Ave, S. E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402

Who was *Wallace Brown's* father and where did he come from? He lived for a time in Mountain Home; *Wallace's Knob [Mountain]* in Mountain Home was named for him. Also need his birth & death date.

Ann Branum, 111 North 2000 West, 22 Glenwood Drive, Farr, West, Utah 84404.

Seeking a cemetery record [possibly Thacker Cemetery] for *Winifred Orsbern* - died as a young child ca mid 1880 and *Stella Orsbern* who died in her teens ca 1900. Also seeking marriage record for *Ben White & Myrtle Ann Orsbern* ca 1904 Baxter Co. Also seeking Thacker cemetery record of *Mary Davidson* b-1871 d-??

Editor: "Of Grave Importance", the Society's *Inventory of Baxter County Cemeteries*, has the following for *Mary D. Davidson* - "**Born 7 Dec 1870 d-May 13 1966**". No entries were found for the Orsbern children.

MEMBERS REQUEST INFO

Many of our new members, when filling out their membership applications, indicate their desire to see certain articles. We will publish the title of the articles in the hope that some of our members will have this type of information available and will share it with us.

New member Lucille Henry writes:

Like to see Information about the Pilgrim's Rest Baptist Church and Pilgrim Rest school

Member Chris Hoskins, 10713 College Ave, Kansas City, MO. 64137

Like to see history of 2-room school and the postoffice at Advance, AR. [His father was the postmaster until 1951]

THE CCC'S PRAYER: "FIRST WEEK IN CAMP"

Now I lay me down to sleep
I pray the Lord my soul to keep.
Grant no other C.C.C. take
My shoes and socks before I wake
Lord Guard me while I snore
And keep my bed upon the floor
May the springs not sag or break
And let me down before I wake
Keep me safely in your sight
And grant no fire-drill tonight
And in the morning let me wake
Breathing scents of sirloin steak
God, protect me in my dreams
And make this better than it seems.
Grant the time shall swiftly fly
When myself shall rest on high.
In a snowy feather bed
Where I long to rest my head
Far away from all these scenes
From the smell of half-done beans.
Take me to my home once more
Where my girl waits at the door,

Where the cold wind never blows,
And the women wash the clothes
Take me back, I'll promise then
Never to leave home again,
Amen.

"SIX MONTHS LATER"

Our Father, who are in Washington,
Please, dear father, let me stay
Do not drive me now away,
Wipe away my scalding tears,
And let me stay a couple of years
Please forgive me all my past,
And let me stay here to the last,
Do not spurn my humble pleas,
But let me stay in the CCC's.
Amen.

----Robert 'Rosy' Pullen

THE CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS 1933-1942

Two CCC Dress Uniform Caps were donated to the Society by Dr. and Mrs. Robert Baker. The caps were part of the dress uniform worn by the CCC enrollees. The CCC program began in 1933 and gave much needed employment to millions of young men across the nation. There were 2,700 camps throughout the United States that housed about three million young men and about one million military and civilian support personnel.

The enrollees planted trees, built roads and bridges, trails, dams, parks and suppressed wildfires. Much of their work remains in evidence today. The program not only built the foundations of today's parks and forests, but gave these millions of young men hope, self-respect and enabled them to become self-supporting, productive citizens.

Computer Genealogy

The Internet

-By Robert Regan

The Internet has been around for years, but it is the populate of the World Wide Net [WWW] that has caused all the commotion. Vivid graphics, and an easy to use "point and click" environment, have made the WWW the hottest thing around.

Genealogy enthusiasts from around the world, old and new, are getting "on-line" every day.

You can find valuable information, download free software, get help from others and literally search the world over. One of the best things about doing genealogy research on the Internet is to occasionally get an exciting e-mail message from someone who says, "Are you related to such and such?" When you are to reply with a "Yes, I am," it is then that you know your efforts to get on-line were worth it.

The Internet can be overwhelming and a little intimidating unless you keep things in perspective. The most confusing part is figuring out exactly what it is. Once you see it for yourself, you will most certainly say, "Oh, I can do this."

Here is a good way to prove it. If at all possible, sit down with a friend who has Internet access. If they are using one of the "on-line services," make sure you find you way onto the World-Wide Web.

Once you see how it works and just how easy it is - the "mystery" surrounding the Internet will dissolve and you will be anxious to get an account of your own. The most cost effective way to go on-line is with a local Internet "provider." Unless you live in a remote area, chances are that there is a provider near you. They will

give you the software needed and technical support.

So quit putting it off. Look into getting on the Internet and prepare to be astonished.

---From the Odum Genealogy Library
"Family Tree" April-May 1990 issue

Outstanding Genealogy Web Sites to Visit:

Yahoo's Genealogy Page:

<http://www.yahoo.com/Arts/Humanities/History/Genealogy/> [type on one line]

Helm's Genealogy Toolbox:

<http://ux1.cso.uiuc.edu/al-helm/genealogy.html> [type on one line]

National Genealogical Soc.-Home page:

<http://genealogy.org/NGS/>

Genealogy Resources on the Internet:

[http://www\[personal.umich.edu/%7Ecgaunt/gen_int1.html](http://www[personal.umich.edu/%7Ecgaunt/gen_int1.html) {type on one line]

Treasure Maps-the "How-to" Genealogy Site"

<http://www.firstct.com/fv/maps.html>

How To Find Them!

International Reply Coupons

International Reply Coupons are still a good way to send return postage overseas. They may be purchased at your local post office. One 95 cent coupon buys one airmail stamp from Britain

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**A good reason is a good excuse
An excuse is not always a good reason.**

CERTIFICATE FEE FOR ENGLAND

The current fee for certificates of birth, marriage and death certificates at the General Register Office (GRO) at St Catherine's House in London, as of 1 February 1995 are: One certificate when applied for in person: 6 pounds: One certificate when applied for by mail, with reference from the indexes, 12.50 pounds. One certificate when applied for by mail, without reference: 15.50 pounds. Applications by mail should be sent to: General Register Office, Smedley Hydro, Trafalgar Road, Southport, Merseyside, PRS 2HH, England.

Checks, money orders or bank drafts should be made payable to The Registrar General.

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Certificates addressed for Ireland

If you wish to order these certificates from Ireland, it is 3 pounds for a photocopy and 5.50 pounds for a certified copy. Order from: The Registrar General, Joyce House, 8-11 Lombard Street East, Dublin 2, Ireland.

In Northern Ireland, order from the General Register Office, Oxford House 49-55 Chichester St., Belfast BT1 4HL, Northern Ireland.

Certificates from Scotland

Order from Scotland by mail at 12 pounds plus 1 pound for postage. Write Registrar General, Search Unit, New Register House, Edinburgh, EH1 3YT, Scotland, UK.

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GEORGE WASHINGTON -of Norwegian Descent-

When we celebrate George Washington's birthday, Norwegians are especially proud because George was

of Norse descent. The research to prove his ancestry came about because of comments he made in 1782 at a party held in the City Tavern in Philadelphia.

At the party, hosted by an organization called *The Societas Scandinaviensis*, Washington expressed pleasure at being with people of his forefathers blood. He also said, "I am glad and proud that I am of Norse descent."

This was published in *The Tree Branch*, PO Box 1275, Glendive, MT 59330. **Does anyone have the genealogical information as to Washington's Norse heritage?**

THE USA CENSUS

Article 1, Section 2, of the U.S. Constitution required that the censuses gather information of free persons, including those bound to service and excluding Indians not taxed, and three-fifths of all "other persons", a euphemism for slaves. After the 13th amendment to the constitution abolished slavery, the 14th amendment section 2, eliminated the separate slave category in the census.

The taking of the census began in the 1790 census. The 1790-1820 census forms were nearly all handwritten; the government started using printed schedules in 1830. In 1850 and 1860 the government used separate free and slave schedules and used a single schedule per family in 1890.

The census enumerators gathered increasingly detailed personal information as the years went by. The 1790-1840 census furnished the names only of the free heads of family and not any of the other family

members. These enumerated the family heads and simply totaled the number of other family members, without names, by free or slave status. Also the sex and age categories that were first used only for free whites from 1790 through 1810 but eventually applied to other persons, and the age categories increased after 1790.

Some census from 1790 through 1840 covered other topics. The 1820 census was the first to inquire about foreigners not naturalized. This provided clues leading to naturalization laws and records.

The 1840 census included an inquiry regarding pensioners for Revolutionary or military service. This feature named persons who were either family heads or members and specified the pensioner's age, not just a range of ages. This results were summarized in "Census of Pensioners: Revolutionary or Military Service" and can be obtained for viewing at the National Archives and/or by renting film at the LDS family History Centers..

The 1850 census set several precedents for later censuses. For example, the free schedules recorded each person's name, specific age, occupation of those over age 15, place of birth and value of real estate. The slave schedule, while naming only the owner, totaled the number of slaves and furnished more information about them than ever before.

The 1860 census was almost identical to those for 1850, but the 1860 census was the first to inquire about the value of each free person's personal estate.

The 1870 schedule asked for the first time whether or not the parent of an enumerated person was of foreign birth and inquired about the US citizenship of

every man 21 years of age or older. This census, moreover, was the first and last to inquire about the denial or abridgment of those men's voting rights, in accordance with the 14th amendment, section 2.

The 1880 census was the first to ask about the relationship of each individual to the head of the family, specifying what could only be assumed in earlier censuses. Moreover, the 1880 census was the first to inquire about the birthplace of each person's parents, including the country of those who were foreign born.

A fire destroyed many 1890 population and special schedules, and water used to extinguish the blaze badly damaged many more. As a result, the government disposed of most schedules. This census included many new questions featured in later censuses. For example the 1890 census asked questions about immigration, and also asked about home ownership.

A 1890 special Schedule-"Enumeration Union Veterans and Widows of Veterans of the Civil War" (Microfilm M123) provided data about the military service of veterans, including some Confederates. Also data was taken about post office addresses and sometimes streets and house numbers.

The National Archives acquired the master negative microfilm rolls from the Bureau of the Census and could not correct some legibility problems. Also some Census Bureau volume pages at the beginning of the schedules may omit or misorder counties, MCDs or EDs and include other errors that the National Archives did not create but which their catalog reflects. The Soundex, prepared by the Works

Progress Administration, and the microfilm produced by the Bureau of the Census may include additional problems. While the National Archives did not have the staff necessary to detect and correct all problems, researchers who identify any are encouraged to report them to the Publications Branch [NECP], National Archives, Washington, DC 20408

--Genealogy On Line
Editor-- More about the census to follow in later editions.

TEXAS NAVY

Yes, There was a Texas Navy. It was first organized in November 1835 and included four schooners. It was disbanded in 1837. In 1839, a new Texas Navy was established. When the Republic joined the United States as the 28th state of the Union, the Texas Navy was transferred to the United States Navy.

--Stoval Journal

"YOURS TIL"

Remember when kids signed those little autograph books at the end of the school term? Many clever sayings were used by friends when writing in them:

Yours till Sitting Bull stands up.

Yours till Niagara Falls

Yours till the kitchen sinks

Yours till the calf in yor leg eats the corn on your toes.

Yours till Germany gets Hungary, fries Turkey in Greece and eats it on China, then Russias off to work.

From Our Members

I am writing regarding the article (See Issue Vol 22-Issue1)-regarding my grandfather, Dr. Jeremiah B. Simpson in

order to make a few corrections as follows:

1. Dr. Simpson began his study of medicine in Farifield, Illinois.

2 My mother, Gertrude Simpson married Alonza L. Jones. In adult hood he signed his name as "Lon Jones". He was not a "junior". My brother is named Lon Jones, Jr.

3. Major Hicks's full name was Thomas Irby Hicks.

Inclosed in my check for my 1996 subscription,

Sincerely, Lucille J. Jones

SOCIETY NOW ON-LINE

The Society now has a page on the Internet, thanks to President Judith Sharp. It has been on line since March of 1996. The page lists the publications and quarterly available from the Society as well as information concerning our projects. Way to Go Judy!

PLAQUES AWARDED

On May 15, Sgt. Ezra Roberts and Deputy Cletus Hudson of the Baxter County Sheriff's Department were awarded plaques expressing gratitude of the Society for their help in the Inmate Work Program which has worked more than 1,000 man-hours on the Society's programs which included the cleanup and repainting of the Casey House and work in the Gassville Hospital Museum in Gassville.

NEW MEMBERS

Volume 2 Baxter County Ancestors is in progress. To have your ancestors included send in pedigree & family charts that have Baxter County connection to the Editor.

TAKING AN ORAL HISTORY

The following questions were used to prepare a college class project. Most of the questions could be used to interview someone in connection with preparing a life story. More questions could be added to fit a particular person's life. Answering these questions yourself could also be the basis for writing your personal life story.

What is your full name and why were you named it?

Were you named after somebody else?

Did you have a nickname as you were growing up?

If you did, what was it and why did they call you that?

Have you had other nicknames as an adult?

What do family members call you now?

Where were you born and when?

Do you remember hearing your grandparents describe their lives? what did they say?

Where were you born and when?

Do you remember your great-grand parents? What do you know about them?

Who was the oldest person you can remember in your family as a child? What do you remember about them?

Do you know your parent & grandparents full names, their birth date, birth places, death dates and burial places? List them.

Do you remember your family discussing world events and politics?

Was there a chore you really hated doing as a child?

What would you consider to be the most important inventions that have been made during your lifetime?

How is the world now different from what it was like when you were a child?

What kind of books did you like to read?

Do you remember or have a favorite nursery rhyme/bed time story? What was it? Do you ever remember not having enough food to eat because times were hard for your family?

What were your favorite toys and what were they like?

What were your favorite childhood games?

What were your schools like?

How did you get to school?

What was your favorite subject in school and why?

What subject in school was always the easiest for you?

What was your least favorite subject in school?

Who was your favorite teacher and why were they special?

What school activities and sports did you participate in?

Did you and your friends have a special "hangout" where you liked to spend time?

Were you ever given a special award for your studies or school activities?

How many years of education have you completed?

Do you attend college and have a college degree? If so, what was your field of study?

Did you get good grades?

Did you like school?

What did you like the most and the least about school.

What did you usually wear to school?

Describe it?

Were there any fads during your youth that you remember vividly?

How old were you when you started dating?

Do you remember your first date? Can you describe your first date?

Name a good friend that you have known for the longest period of time? How many years have you been friends?

How did you meet the person that you would later marry?

Do you remember where you went on the first date with your spouse?

How long did you know your spouse before you got married?

Describe your wedding proposal.

When and where did you get married?

Describe your wedding ceremony. Who was there?

"Did you have a honeymoon? If so, where did you go?

"How would you describe your spouse? What do [or did] you admire most about your spouse?

How long have you been married [or were you married]?

What wise advice would you give to a grandchild on their wedding day?

How many children did you have all together?

"What were their names, birthdates and birthplaces?

Do you remember anything that your children did when they were small that really amazed you?

What is one of the most unusual things that one of your children did regularly when they were small?

What was the funniest thing you can remember that one of your children said or did?

If you had it to do all over again, would you change the way you raised your family? How?

What did you find most difficult about raising children?

What did you find most rewarding about being a parent?

Did you spoil any of your children? How?

Were you a strict or lenient parent?

Did you find that you had to treat each of your children differently? If so, why?

How did you first hear that you were a grandparent and how did you feel about it?

What advice do you have for your children and grandchildren?

"As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

What was your first job?

What kinds of jobs have you had?

Did you make enough money to live comfortably?

How long did you have to work each day at your job?

How old were you when you retired?

What were the hardest choices that you ever had to make? Do you feel like you made the right choices?

Who was the person that had the most positive influence on your life? Who were they and what did they do?

Is there a person that really changed the course of your life by something that they did or said? Who were they and what did they do?

Do you remember someone saying something to you that had a big impact on how you lived your life? What was it?

How would you describe yourself politically?

What wars have been fought during your lifetime. How did you feel about them.

If you served in the military, when and where did you serve and what were your duties?

If you were in the military, were you injured in the line of duty? What were the circumstances and what were your injuries?

What US president have you admired the most and why?

How tall are you?

What color was your hair as a young child and then as an adult.

What color are your eyes?

Where have you lived as an adult? List the places and the years that you lived there.

Why are you living where you are today?

Do you wish you lived somewhere else and if so, where would that be?

Describe your general health?

What major illnesses or health problems do you remember having?

Do you have any health problems that are considered hereditary in nature? If so, what are they.

Did any one in you family have any health problems that seemed to be passed down?

Do you regularly exercise?

Do you have any bad habits now or in the past? What were they?

Have you ever been a victim of a crime? What happened?

Have you ever been in a serious accident?

Has anyone ever saved your life? Describe.

Have you ever saved anyone else's life? Describe.

Have you ever had surgery? If so, what for?

If you could change something about yourself, what would it be?

have you ever had an experience that you would consider to be super-natural or psychic? Did you ever know something was going to happen before it actually did? What was it?

What do you usually dream about?

What church, if any, do you attend regularly? Are you a member?

What was the most stressful experience that you ever lived through? What helped you get through it?

What is the scariest thing that has ever happened to you personally?

"Do you play any musical instruments?

Are you creative?

Do you have a sense of humor? Describe.

What activities do you enjoy as an adult?

What are your hobbies?

What did you like to do when you were not working?

What is the most amazing thing that has ever happen to you?

Would you describe the most embarrassing thing that ever happened to you?

Have you ever met any famous person?

Describe what happened?

Do you belong to any groups or organizations?

Have you ever won any special awards or prizes as an adult? What were they for?

Describe a time and place when you remember feeling truly at peace and happy to be alive. What were you and what were you doing?

What is the most beautiful place you have ever visited and what was it like?

What was the favorite place you ever visited and what was it like?

What pets have you had?

Do you have a favorite story about a pet?

What is it?

Is there anything you have always wanted to do, but haven't?

If you had to pick a label for your family members [spouse, children parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, cousins], who best fits the following descriptions:

The best cook; The hardest-worker; The quietest; The best memory; the best gardener; the funniest; the best-looking; the animal lover; the most politically-active; the most mischievous; the calmest; the best athlete; the most intelligent; the best educated; the most creative; the most sociable; the biggest tease; the best house-keeper; the most reclusive; the most colorful; the most relaxed; the most frugal; the most generous; the tallest; the shortest; the best story-teller.

--The Oral History Questions were used to prepare a booklet entitled "The Life and Times of Winnie Lackore" on her 90th birthday and were

taken from The Internet-The Gene Pool -
<http://www.innerlight.com/genepool/oralhist.htm>.

First Woman Elected to 6 year Term in Senate

Hattie Ophelia Wyatt Caraway, born in Bakerville, TN, on February 1, 1878, was appointed to the U S Senate on 14 November 1931 to fill the vacancy caused by the death of her husband, Thaddeus H. Caraway [D-Ark]. She was subsequently elected in a January 12, 1932 special election to complete the term. She ran for re-election to a full term later that year, becoming the first woman elected to a six-year term in the Senate.

Senator Caraway was re-elected in 1938. Thus she served from 13 November 1931 to 2 January 1945. She was the first woman to preside over the Senate [9 May 1932] and the first to chair a Senate committee.

Hattie Caraway died December 21 1950, with interment in West Lawn Cemetery, Jonesboro, Arkansas.

On Friday, April 19 1996, a ceremony for the unveiling of Hattie Caraway's portrait was held in the Rotunda of the State Capitol in Little Rock.

NEW NEWSLETTER

The Marion County Historical & Genealogical Society of Marion County, Arkansas, began the publication of a new newsletter named "The Bramble Bush" in February 1996. The publication Editor is Vicki Roberts, Design/Production Mysty McPherson. The publication features articles of Marion County interest by the members of the Society and also includes queries by researchers-members and non-members. Charges for the queries are \$3.00 for 50 words or less, plus 10

cents for each additional words. Advertisements and a service directory are also featured. Membership in the HGSMCA is \$12 annually. For more information write HGSMCA, PO Box 554, Yellville, AR 72687.

THREE DOLLAR BILL

In the Ohio river town of Shawneetown, Illinois, an event that fostered an expression that would be used to describe shams. "Phony as a Three Dollar Bill" began after a real \$3 as well as a \$6, \$7, \$8 and \$9 bill were made. They were not made in Washington, D.C. but were produced in Shawneetown, Illinois. The bills were legally issued by the First Territorial Bank in Shawneetown. These bills were made and backed by silver or gold.

But it developed that counterfeit issues were made indicating they were made by non-existing banks. Merchants had a hard time telling genuine bills from the real bills so in short time the genuine bills would not be accepted by merchants. The confusion was finally ended when the U.S. Government issued federal bank notes whose value were undisputed.

"Phoney as a \$3 dollar bill became a expression that all have heard many times.

CITIZENS REMEMBER FORMATIVE YEARS

By Dale Sharp

Baxter County's colorful past was displayed through the eyes of some of the most prominent citizens Monday afternoon at the County library.

As part of Arkansas Heritage Week, a round stable discussion highlighted personal observation of those who were

part of the formative years of Baxter County and the Twin Lakes area earlier this century.

Fannie Pinkston's memories included more than 40 years of service in educating the county's youths. She spoke of her late husband Ed, also an educator, who was county clerk for 14 years after retiring from education. She recalled some of their experiences while teaching at some of the many small schools that were scattered about the county. At a time before consolidation, they numbered more than 70 and included only four high schools. Pinkston Middle School is named after the Pinkstons in recognition of their contributions to Baxter County education.

Mauzee Pitchford described growing up in the Norfolk area, including the major impact of the building of Norfolk Dam on that small rural region. At that time, the local population of Norfolk school students rivaled that of Mountain Home, she said. Several buildings were constructed to help handle the increase in students. She said early names for the town included Liberty and Devereaux and noted that the town is now named for the North Fork of the White River.

Hubert Marler, discussed growing up in Gassville. In a folksy, homespun tone, he discussed a wide variety of subjects. These included a two-story livery stable near the Old Rollins Hospital, the early impact of the railroad and fireworks of the day-including "blowing an anvil." He said several well-known stories have circulated for many years about how Gassville got the unusual name. Most folks don't know, he said, that one early name was "Turkey Neck" due to a distinctive bend in the White River. He said he believed Gassville had the first rural route mail

delivery in the county. Many folks in Mountain Home lived close to town and the post office and could come pick up their mail, Marler remembered. But folks in the Gassville area were more spread out, and it just wasn't practical. Rural delivery seemed the only answer.

Clema Fisk Alley described growing up in the Monkey Run community and the trauma of moving to the "big city" of Mountain Home in 1924. She said one story is as good as another about how Monkey Run was named. She described the creation of Alley Abstract and the service it provided to development of the county.

Leo T.C. Davis, one of the county's early school administrators, talked about his early days of teaching in some of the small schools and his transition to Mountain Home. He said often schools didn't have the money to conduct school for a full school year. In response to a question from the audience, he said his early salary was \$200 annually. He and his wife, Opal, described early efforts to create the Baxter County Library. The facility first started with a small number of books on the second floor of the courthouse then moved to the old city hall [now a lawyer's office] and finally to its present location.

Imogene Nelson Lowe talked about growing up in Buford. The Nelson family later moved to Mountain Home, where her father owned a store. She worked in the store when she wasn't in school. She recalled that a stranger once came into the store and walked out with a sack of flour. When he left, she followed him. He soon put down the flour, and she picked it up and returned to the store. Not a word was spoken by young Imogene or the perpetrator during the entire incident.

Other key participants in the discussions included Bob Underhill, Gene Garr, Dr. James Lowe, and a number of members of the audience.

The event was co-sponsored by the Baxter County Historical and Genealogical Society and the Baxter County Library.

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ARKANSAS HERITAGE WEEK

Baxter County and the Society celebrated Arkansas Heritage Week, May 11-19, in several ways. Our activities were:

- May 11-Pioneer Village, Gassville Hospital & The Casey House open
- May 12-Pioneer Village open
- May 13-Local History Presentations Roundtable at the Library [see article by Dale Sharp in this issue]
- May 17/18-Norfolk Pioneer days with Civil War Encampment and reenactment
- May 18-Preservation Workshop at AP&L Building.

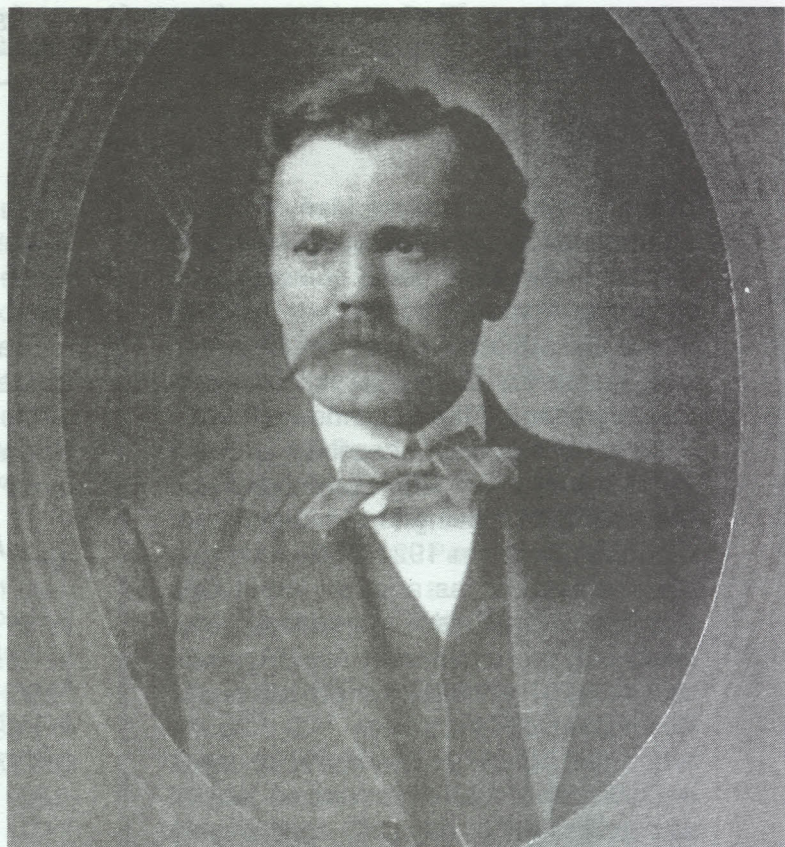
DONATION MADE

On May 14, Dr. and Mrs. John Gunthner presented their check of \$500 to President Judy Sharp and Vice President For Special Projects Charles Blackburn for the the remodeling of the Gassville Hospital Building..

Dr. Guentner practiced medicine in the hospital building for many years and was a former owner of the building. He has contributed twice to the hospital project.

His donation was very appreciated.

Dr. James Thomas Tipton, MD
Circa 1895



Below:

Back Row: Fay, Henry Rhea-children of Cora [Nicholson]

Front Row: Vin, Dr. Jim Tipton, Len Alice, Jim, Griffin Morris, Jean [Baker] Tipton and Robert



Family History

DR. JAMES THOMAS TIPTON, MD

Dr. "Jim" James Thomas Tipton was one of Baxter County's most beloved Doctors. At the time of his death in June 1937, Excerpts from "The Baxter Bulletin" stated: *He was one of the best physicians in the state, and a man of sterling and lovable qualities. Dr. Tipton did not think much about himself. His thoughts were engaged practically all the time on the comfort and health of other people and he served his people as few country doctors have. Money was always a secondary thought with him. The paramount thought was always to help someone, either by his knowledge of medicine and surgery or through good, sound practical advice. He cared little whether the person who sent for him had the money to pay. The question was "how badly was he needed?" He has probably had more charitable practice than any other physician in this section. He was also one of our most progressive citizens"*

Dr. Jim in the early days made his calls on horseback. He wore out nine pairs of saddle bags and when the roads got better he got a two-horse buggy. He later got a car. He brought over 3000 babies into the world. Most of the time his office was located at the Tipton Drug Store which was managed by his son, Henry. Later he set up a private office in a separate two room building located in a grove of trees.

He served several terms as county health officer. He enjoyed fox hunting and fishing. He was president of the North Arkansas Fox Hunters Association and had one of the largest and finest pack of hounds in the area.

Dr. Jim died of a heart attack on June 5, 1937. The funeral was held at the Methodist Church in Mountain Home. The church was not large enough to hold the mourners. He was buried in the Mountain Home Cemetery next to wife Jean who had died on July 7 1935 after surgery in a Springfield, Missouri, Hospital

James Thomas Tipton was born August 14 1865 in DeSota Co. MS. In 1871, his parents, Henry Clay and Alice Susan [Lawrason] Tipton, along with their three sons, James, Leonard and Oscar, moved to Izard County, Arkansas. They also brought with them James' three maternal aunts and uncles who were orphaned when their father, Dr. James T. Lawrason, was killed during the Civil War. They homesteaded a farm near a small town called LaCrosse near the conflux of Izard, Independence and Sharp Counties.

Henry Clay Tipton took the position of schoolmaster in a single room school at LaCrosse While there two more sons, Robert Nunn and Ernest E. were born. The family moved on in two years to Melbourne, AR. where Henry Clay was elected to the State Senate in 1873 and served until 1877. While living in Melbourne two more girls, Henrietta and Ida May were born.

In 1884 Henry Clay had moved his family to Boone Co. Arkansas and had taken up law. While there his last child, William Clay was born. Shortly after, Henry Clay moved his family to Little Rock where he worked in the State Treasurer's office. He was elected to two terms as Treasurer.

James Thomas, at the age of 19 went to Memphis Hospital Medical College in TN and while a student there, on July 18, 1889, married Miss Cora Levonia "Cora Lee" Nicholson, daughter of

James Ozwell and Sarah Levonia [Eyatt] Nicholson, prominent merchants in Harrison, Arkansas.

James Thomas graduated from Medical school with a medical degree in 1891. He began his medical practice in Lead Hill, in Boone Co. AR.

Dr. "Jim" Tipton and wife Cora had three children born in Lead Hill: [1] Faye Tipton b- July 25, 1895 d-3 Aug. 1979 she m-Henry Rhodes Fielding Aug. 1922 at Okmulgee, OK, he born 31 Jan. 1884 at Harrison, Boone Co. AR, d-11 Jan. 1957. [2] Rhea Tipton b-Dec. 16 1896 d-4 Oct. 1976 m-Frank Hogan Love on 27 Apr. 1916 he b-Feb 1895 d-14 Sep 1959 and [3] Henry Ozwell Tipton b-23 Feb. 1898 d-12 Dec. 1952. He m-Anna "May" Gray b-2 Aug. 1901. After Henry's death she m-Bernard "Ben" Bronder. She d-Dec. 21 1989..

The Tipton's moved in 1898 to Mountain Home. Cora Lee, who was suffering from consumption for some time, died and left James with three children to raise. She was buried in the Mountain Home Cemetery. After the death of their mother, the two girls went to live with their aunt Ida [Lawrason] Wilkerson who was widowed and raising four young sons near Evening Shade in Sharp Co., AR.. Henry went to live with his grandparents, the Nicholsons in Harrison.

On September 6th, 1900, in her parents home, Dr. Jim married Eugenia Louisa "Jean" Baker, daughter of John T. and Louisa [Cypert] Baker. At that time he was operating his medical practice from a building on the square which housed his Tipton Drug Store. Jean was born February 15, 1873 at Big Flat in Searcy Co. AR, just before Baxter Co. was formed and Big Flat became part of Baxter Co. Shortly after the marriage two of the Tipton children, Rhea and Henry returned to Mountain

Home to live, while Faye went to live with the Nicholson family in Harrison.

Dr. Jim and Jean had seven children, all born in Mountain Home: [1] Alice Louise Tipton, born June 13, 1901 d-30 Oct. 1980 m-Kelsa Lloyd Bean 6 Apr. 1924. He d-6 Sep 1977, [2] James "Jim" Thomas Tipton, Jr. born March 17, 1903 d-5 May 1972 in Corpus Christi, TX, m-Leola Daniel July 17 1938 she b-Jan 11, 1915 at Paragould, AR. d-7 Oct. 1967 in an automobile accident near Tahlequah, OK, [3] Griffin Morris Tipton born February 1, 1905 near Mountain Home, d-May 5 1973 in San Diego, CA m-Virginia [Mathis] Blair Sept. 1937. She d-1978., [4] Vin Martin Tipton (a twin) born March 8 1907 m-Fern Angel Oct. 25 1931 in Mountain Home. She b-June 16 1909, [5] Leonard "Len" Mitchell Tipton (a twin) born March 8 1907 d-30 Mar 1975 m-Rachel DeMaris Jacobs/Brunken in 1939. She b-16 Oct. 1920 d-29 Apr. 1985, [6] Robert Ernest Tipton born June 20 1909 died 4 Nov. 1984 m-Ruth Elouise Benton 13 Oct. 1934 at Cotter, AR. and [7] Fanny Mae Tipton born July 23, 1914 m-Edward Russell Ellis 21 Oct. 1939 in Kansas City, Mo. He d-29 July 1995 in Kansas City, Mo.

Editor: *The James Thomas Tipton*, MD, history was furnished by Alice Bean Snyder of PO Box 304, Prather, CA 93651-0304. The history presented above was edited for space requirements. The complete manuscript contains more detailed information. Anyone desiring to have her complete history as she submitted it, may request a copy from the editor or from Alice.

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Consider sending in your family history and or family stories about your Baxter County ancestor. We will help you write the story and print it in the *History*.

We need your articles.

**CIVIL WAR PENSION APPLICATIONS
 AWARDED/DENIED TO BAXTER COUNTY CIVIL WAR VETERANS**

Soldier	Widow/Spouse	Unit served with	Pension Applied Date		Death Date	
			His	her	his	hers
Adams, J. W.		Co. H 27 ARK Inf.	1901			
Akin, James P.		Co. E. Co. Shalor's Ark Inf.	1902			
Arnn, J. R.		Co. D Love's Ark. Cav	1915			
Arnold, Jefferson	Rebecca J.	Co. H. 27 Ark Inf.	1901	1908	10/24/1907	
Askew, Moses	Harriett	Co. B 9 Tenn Cav.		1893	1863	
Aylor, W. L.		Co. F, 8 ARK Inf.	1916			
Baker, John T.	Louisa	John F. Hill's 16 Ark Inf.	1915	1927	6/5/1927	11/1/1931
Bettis, John J.	Mrs. H. C.	Co. E 14 GA Inf		1911	8/5/1891	
Bolding, M. J.	Mary	Co. A, 41 Miss Inf	1907	1923	3/3/1923	
Bonner, Miles	Malinda J.	Co. E. 5 Tenn Inf.	1901	1905	9/3/1903	
Boss, W. B.	Nancy M.	Co. Capt Farris 60 Ga. Inf.		1915	4/10/1918	
Bryant, Thos. B.		Co. A 1 Ala Cav	1908			
Byrd, J. E.	Mrs. M. F.	Co Dyer's Col Newton Ar Inf	1901	1912	7/11/1911	
Caldwell, John		Col. A. Johnson's 40 Ga. Inf	1901			
Campbell, J. C.		Col. John Harrol Ark. Mtd Inf.	1915		11/25/1929	
Canterbury, J. P.	Martha A.	Co. D, 2 Ark Vol.		1892		
Caraco, W. B.	[Lucretia]	Co. H. 9 Regt Texas Cav		1921		
Casey, J. M. Dr.	Mollie C.	Co. Capt. Adams's 14 Ark		1915	4/4/1915	
Clark, B. B.		Co. D, 60 Ga. Inf	1905			
Clark, Thomas F.	Sarah	Co. E 4 Mo. Inf.		1907	1/21/1902	2/21/1937
Cody, J. L.		Co. I, 11 NC	1892		6/28/1934	
Coffee, J. A.	Eliza	Capt. Gilbert's E. Ga Inf	1915	1921	4/10/1918	
Conditt, W. H.		Co. Sharp's Thrall's Ark	1907			
Conley, Chas M.	Keziah	[No. Unit - Legis. Act]		1923	1/23/1936	3/6/1936
Cooper, A. J.	Mrs. N. J.		1916		1/23/1916	
Cooper, Benjamin	Mrs. C. A.	Co. C. Jackson's Ark Cav	1916	1918	1/15/1918	
Cooper, John Calvin	Elizabeth	Capt. Blackburn's 7 Ark Inf		1893	1/24/1862	
Copeland, Jesse G			1927		1/21/1936	
Coventon, M. P.	Sarah A.	Stonewall Jackson 48th Ala Inf	1927	1928	3/25/1928	2/28/1932
Cox, Fielding H.	Anne	Col Coffee's 14th Ark Cav.	1910	1931	1/1/1932	3/22/1937
Cox, M. G.	Mrs. M. G.	Col. Love's Mo. Cav.	1915	1922	4/7/192	10/30/1930
Crews, James	Sarah	Co F, 16 Ark Inf.		1896	6/19/1884	
Crownover, Byron	Malinda	Col Schnables' Ark Cav.		1910	9/28/1899	
Crownover, John	Martha	Co B, Col Coffee's Ark ___		1901	1880	
Cypert, Thomas F.	Harriet	Co B. Col Coffee's Ark Inf		1901	11/23/1894	
Davis, Jacob			1909			
Dearmore, Wm. J.	Isabelle	Col. Ruckers's Tenn Cav		1915	1900	
Dunn, C. C.	Martha	Capt Pound's Miss. Inf.		1927	3/6/1876	
Dyer, W. N.	Annie	Co. G. 3 GA Cav		1915	9/11/1901	
Edney, Newton	Martha	Gen. Forrest Tenn Cav		1916	1888	
Farrier, George	Sarah A.	Co. A Col. Lawther's Ark Cav	1892	1908	3/14/1908	
Farris, John C.	Eda L.	Co. F 5 SC Inf	1910	1917	9/5/1916	
Fields, J. M.		Co K Col Brumby 14 Ga Inf	1901			
Finley, Charles	Elizabeth	Co H 27 Ark Inf		1907	11/6/1900	
Finley, J. L.		Co. Capt Tracy' Ark Cav.	1915			
Finley, Thomas Henry	Kate	Co. E Capt Tracy Ark Cav.		1916	4/30/1908	6/6/1931
Finley, W. H.	Minerva	Co. A Col. Freeman's Ark Cav		1901	10/5/1875	
Fish, Crofford	Martha	Schnable's Ark Cav.		1901	11/7/1864	
Foster, G. W.	Maggie			1920	5/21/1920	
Freeman, I. A.		Co. K. Kitchen's Ark Cav	1915			
Frix, J. R.	Francis			1917	9/5/1916	6/23/1929
Gaither, Jerry	Lucy [Little]	Co D, 9 Texas Cav	1906	1915	12/13/1914	8/1/1931
Galloway, W. M.	Hester Ann	Co C, 10 Ala Cav	1906	1920	8/16/1919	10/8/1932
Gamer, Josh	Rosaline	Co K 21 Ark Inf		1901	4/7/1876	
George, E. N.		Co. G 4 Tenn Cav	1915			
Goforth, Thos B.	Sarah A.	Co. A 14 Ark Inf	1902	1908	8/9/1907	

Soldier	Widow/Spouse	Unit served with	Pension Applied		Date		Death Date	
			His	her	his	hers		
Goodman, Henry C. Lt.	Harriett	Capt. Young's Coffeys Ark Cav		1907		abt 1887		
Green, Marion	Molly (Millie?)	Co G Col Love's Ark Cav	1914		1923	2/17/1923		
Hall, S. M.	Margarette A	Co I 14 Ark Inf	1915		1917	4/29/1917		1/18/1931
Hamilton, Thomas		Col. Coffee's Ark Cav		1927				
Hand, A. J.	Leannah	Co G 34 Ala Vol.	1915		1918	9/20/1917		
Hargraves, Sim W.	Louisa	Capt. Quantrel's Ark Inf			1927	1891		
Harper, James B.		Co E 43 Miss Inf		1904				
Harris, R. D.	Mrs. S. O.	Co. A Freeman's Ark Cav	1902		1905	5/16/1904		
Hayes, B. C.	Martha	Co K 24 Ga Inf	1901		1914	6/9/1912		
Hayes, S. W.		Co K 24 Ga inf	1901					
Hickmon, William H.	Maggie E.	Co D 10 Mo Cav			1902	12/10/1898		
Hill, William	Jane	Co A & F 59 Ala Inf			1904	8/13/1894		
Hively, Thomas R.	Polly	Co H Shaylor's Ark Inf	1912		1918	11/16/1917		5/17/1932
Holland, Martin		Co D 5 Ky Inf		1916				
Hopper, Alexander L.	Lydia Ann	Col Bill Warford Cav. Ga				Legis. Act 1938		7/30/1932
Hopper, John S.	Sarah E	Co. A 34 Ga Inf.			1892 [rejected]			30 July 1932
House, James A.		Co A 5 Ark Vol	1896					
Hurst, Robert E.	Maggie	Co G 27 Ala Inf	1916		1921	2/23/1921		
Johnson, J. A.	Elizabeth	Co Capt Sego 20 Ga Inf			1927	1873		
Jones, Isaac	Mary B.	Co B Col Shaler's Ark Inf			1901	1863		
Judkins, William L.		Co A 16 Tenn		1901				
King, Jas F.		Co H 8 Ark Inf		1901				
Kirkland, J. F.	Sallie M.	Co B 20 Tenn Cav		1904	1909	6/5/1909		
Knight, J. W.	Nancy C.	Co A 41 Miss Inf			1917	1/11/1915		
Knight, Jno L.	Mrs. A. R.	Co. A 41 Miss Inf	1915		1918	5/2/1918		
Lackey, W. N. N, Dr.	Adaline	Co. H Shaylor's Ark Inf	1909		1916	7/27/1916		
Leachman, J. L.	Etta	Co. H 18 Ga Vol			1916	1913		
Leonard, James E.	Caroline	Co E 36 Ga Inf			1916	3/4/1888		
Lester, Henry H.	Margarette	Co John Samington Miss Cav			1916	9/1919		
Lester, John	Mary	Co D & G 8th KY Mtd Inf						
(spouse's pension denied - Husband was ruled a deserter)								
Linn, James H.	Julia S	1 Ga Cav			1903	6/4/1882		
Lonon, W. W.		Co D 25 NC State Troops	1915					
Mabrey, Randolph P.	Elizabeth	Co D 14 Ark Inf			1901	7/1/1899		
Marler, John E. Sr.		Co E. Shaler's 27 Ark Inf			1901			
Martin, John M.		Co I 14 Ark Inf		1903				
Martin, Nathan		Co. G 6 Mo Inf		? Rejected				
Massey, H. J.	Emma	Co E 1 Miss Cav	1914		1926	10/5/1925		7/5/1937
McCall, E. H.	Josie	Co I 27 La Inf			1928			3/11/1938
McClatchy, W. H.		Co B 17 Ark Cav		1904				
McCormack Alexander H.	Maletha M.	Co. C. Snavell's Ark Cav			1916	1866		
McCormack, Jno M.	Adalene A.	Co. C. Snable's Ark Cav			1915	2/21/1888		
McCullough, Jas	Sarah	Co. C Frisroe's Ark Cav			1922	1/1911		
McEachern, S. L.		Co. I 12 Miss Cav		1901				
McFall, R. D.		Co K 7 VA [papers never completed- no dates]						
McKerley, James W.		Co. A 14, & 22 Ark Vol		1892				
Merrell, Isaac	Susanah	Co H Freeman's Ark Inf	1909 [rej]		1913	9/13/1909		
Merrick, J. M.	Mattie	14 Ark Inf			1909	6/9/1902		
Miller, W. H.	Manda	8 Ga Inf	1919		1920	3/16/1920		
Minick, B. D.	Sarah	Flippin's Ark Inf			1916	1909		
Mitchell, W. A.	Elizabeth	12 Miss Cav			1907	2/19/1896		
Moody, Amos	Mrs. E.	Co D 27 Ark Inf			1894	1865		
Mooney, Jesse	Mrs. O. A.	Co Mooney's Flippin Ark [Inf]			1927	6/?/1884		12/30/1928
Morton, S. A.		Co H 27 Ark Inf		1913				
Neal, S. S.		31 Miss Inf [rejected no dates]						
Neel, Stephen S.		Co. C. 31 Miss Inf	1901					
Newton, Allen	Elizabeth	Gen Price's Ark ___			1927	3/?/1885		
Parks, S. W.		Co. I Col. Shanks' Mo Cav	1912					

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Pattillo, H. A.	Mrs. M. D.	Co D 7 Ga Inf	1915	1921	1/10/1921	
Payne, Samuel E.	Frances H.	Price's Ark Inf	1916		8/28/1897	
Pettyjohn, Byrd	Mary E.	7 Ark Inf	1902		11/19/1911	
Pinkston, T. J.	Zella	Co. I Moreland's Miss Cav	1907	1911	1/25/1911	
Pond, James M.		4th Reg Prov Enr Mo Militia	[no further action for pension]			
Poynter, D. H.	Nancy Jane	Co. B. Col Shaler's Ark Cav	1901	1908	12/16/1907	
Raby, Lawson	Eve	Coffee's Ark Cav		1906	1866	
Raymond, H. C.	Mrs. C. M.	Co. C 17 La Inf		1910	12/1/1897	1/22/1931
Rea, Jno C.	Susan E.	Dockery's Ark Inf		1910	3/29/1907	
Reynolds, Benjamin	Amanda	Co E Love's Ark Cav			1/8/1901	1/1935
Reynolds, Hugh	Nancy J.	Co F 14 Ark Inf		1914	1871	
Ridgeway, W. A.	Salina A	20 Tenn Cav	1907	1917	7/8/1917	12/20/1928
Roberts, W. P.	Sarah J.	Co E 16 Ala Inf	1903	1910	6/?/1909	
Robertson, B. B.	Mary	Co B Ark Cav	?	1926	6/21/1926	9/7/1932
Robertson G. W.	Mary A.	Co B. Schnaval's Ark inf	1908	1910	3/29/1910	2/23/1929
Robertson, Isaac	Elizabeth	Ford's Mo Cav		1927	8/5/1887	7/18/1934
Robertson, W. R.		Co Greavers, Snavile's Ark Cav	[no date - rejected]			
Robinson, James M.		Co E 14 Ark Inf	1904			
Rorie, John B.		Fristo's Ark Cav	1909			
Rose, Thos,	Julia A.	Price's Ark Cav		1927	1914	
Sexton, Barton	Martha	Co F 1 Mo		1911	2/28/1883	
Shaw, Samuel S.	Elizabeth	Co G Col Freeman's Ark Cav	1902	1913	5/17/1911	
Sims, W. C.	Sallie P.	Co D Col Love's Ark Cav	1915	--	1/26/1920	8/15/1937
Sinor, Jas		Co Capt McNamara Ark Inf	1901			
Skiver, James	Rachel	Co A Fristo's Ark Cav	1891	1902	4/19/1901	
Smith, Hensley	Elizabeth	Co D Col Love's Ark Cav	1904	1904	1/7/1904	
Smith, J. M.	Sarah	Col R. A Smith's Reg Inf MS				
Smith, Thomas B.	Fannie	Co A Freeman's Ark Cav	1908	1927	7/6/1917	
Smith, Thomas J.		Co C Shelby's Mo Cav	1916			
Smith, W. J.	Martha Jane	Co E 4 Miss Cav	1903	1914	12/25/1913	
Stinnett, Wiley	Rebecca	Eagle's Ark Inf		1915	1910	9/19/1931
Strait, C. L.		Co G2 Miss Cav	1901			
Suggs, Benjamin Rufus	Margaret A.	Co G 27 Ark Inf		1933	2/11/1874	12/31/1932
Sullivan, Thomas J.		Co A 20 Texas Cav	1927		8/31/1931	
Swan, John H.	Mrs. L. F.	Co A 1 Ark Cav	1896	1901	2/7/1901	
Swearingen, W. H.		Co A 1 & 3 Mo Cav	1901			
Talbert, T. S.	Malinda	Co A Friston's Ark Inf	1901	1911	7/25/1919	
Tate, R. W.		Co. C. Snavell's Ark Cav	1916			
Tevebaugh, A. N.		Co K Green's Ark Inf	1915			
Thomas, John H.	Clara D			1914	4/18/1914	9/5/1929
Thorne, W. C.	Francis E.	Co E 14 Texas Inf	1901	1903	4/21/1902	
Thrasher, R.	Mary	Co 1 41 Miss Inf		1908	12/6/1905	1/21/1931
Torrance, C. C.	Mary J.	Co F 14 Ark Inf	1901	1907	1/18/1907	
Tracy, H. C.		Co A Freeman's Ark Cav	1916			
Travillian, W. T.		Co K 1 Tenn Cav	[rejected]			
Wagnon, Marshall P.					7/9/1928	
Waire, Edward	Coley Ann	Co C 8 Miss Cav	1906	1908	1/12/1908	
Walker, G. W.		Co E Fristo's Ark Cav	1915			
Wayland, S. J.		Co A Freeman's Ark Cav	1915			
Wayland T. H.		Co H 27 ark Inf	1908			
Weaver, Newton	Nancy A.	Co K 24 Ga Vol		1892	7/2/1863	
Webber, John J.	Rebecca	Co A 2 ark Cav	1901	1917	6/24/1917	
Whitaker, T. F.	Katie	Co B Phillips' Ga Inf	1901	1913	10/30/1912	
White, W. D.		Co B 14 Ark Vol	1915			
Wilkie, H. K.	Mrs. L. C.	Co E 36 Ga inf		??	1900	
Wilson, Riley	Lucinda	Co C 19 Va Cav	1908	1916	1/11/1916	
Wolf, J. H. (Jacob H.)		Co I, 14 Ark Inf	1909			
Wolf, Jesse H.	Jane	Co E Fristoe's Ark Cav		??	4/1/1898	

Soldier	Widow/Spouse	Unit served with	Pension Applied Date		Death Date	
			His	her	his	hers
Wright, W. T.	Bettie	12 Miss Inf & Cav		1907		3/1/1900
Wyatt, James H.	Tobitha	Co A 1 Ark Cav	1908	1911		2/19/1911
Yocham, M. D.	Samantha	Co - Coffe'ys Ark Cav	1907	1921		9/30/1920

Actual pension papers were filed with the Secretary of State's office in Little Rock and are not on file in the County Court House.

Following are not found on State's roll of pensioners but papers in loose paper file in Baxter County Courthouse indicate they filed affidavits several years as pensioners but they may not have drawn pensions. Some of the following are only a single piece document.

Bagwell, Wiley		Col. Snavels Cav Ark.				
Cantrell, William		7th VA Inf [Annual Affidavit & letter re death]				2/12/1937
Cypert,	Harriet					
Dewill, M. C.		[From Annual Certificate			9 Sep 1931	
Henley, J. M.		Col. Mann's Inf GA [Annual Affidavit]				
Johnston, S. W.	Mary . E.			1929		
Knight, J. N.	N. C.			192_		
Langston, E. J.		[letter re death]			1924	
Livingston, E. J.						Apr 1924
Martin, S. A.		27 Reg Ark Inf. [paroled 1 June 1865]				
McFall, James	Catherine	[Widow's application filed]				
Pierce, Levi R.	Mrs. Levi R.			192_		
Smilke, Thomas J.		Col. Slavens Cav MO				
Smith, George F.,		[letter re death]			2/21/1937	
Stiner, William	Mrs. C. H			1921		11/28/1932
Winters, M. H.		2nd Reg MS [paroled 1/21/1962]				

OZARK CULTURAL CELEBRATION
7TENTATIVE PROGRAM
Ozark Folk Center,
Mountain View, AR.
(see page 22)

- Friday September 13:
- 900 - Buried Treasure Tales
 - 10:00 - Civil War
 - 11:00 - Slavery in the Ozarks
 - 12:00 - Children's Games of the Ozarks
 - 1:30 - Ozark Indians
 - 2:30 - Herbs of the Ozarks
 - 3:30 - Mountain Meadow Massacre
 - 5:30 - Silas C. Turnbo, Pioneer Ozark
 Collector of Folklore and Oral
 History - Len Morrow
 - 7:30 - Evening Music Show

Saturday, September 14

- 9:00 - Ozark Indians
- 10:00 - Steamboats on the White River
- 11:00 - The Missouri and North Arkansas
 Railroad
- 12:00 - Ozark Folk Stories
- 1:30 - World War II in Stone County
- 2:30 - Religion in Izard County
- 3:30 - Civil War
- 4:30 - Cowboys In The Ozarks
- 7:30 - Evening Music Show

For more information write or call:

Bill McNeil or Terry Wilkinson
 Ozark Folk Center State Park
 PO Box 500
 Mountain View, AR 72560

Phone (501) 269-3280 or

(501) 269-3851



Ella Lillian Barham
15 Feb 1894 21 Mar 1912

In The April, May & June Issue, Volume 21-2 of the Baxter County History, page 55, the story, "An Ozark Hanging" about the "Hanging of Odus Davidson" was printed. Member Mary Ann Patton furnished the above photo of the victim, Ella Lillian Barham.

Mary Ann reports that another person admitted on his death bed that he had killed Ella. Odus Davidson went to the gallows professing his innocence.

**Remember when the
"Tanning Parlor"
was the Wood Shed?**

Your Family Tree has the Following :

- 2 Parents
- 4 Grandparents
- 8 Great Grandparents
- 16 Great Great Grandparents
- 64 Great Great Great Grandparents
- 128 Great Great Great Great Grandparents
- 256 Great Great Great Great Great Grandparents
- 512 Great Great Great Great Great Great Grandparents
- 1024 Great Great Great Great Great Great Great Grandparents
- Etc.
- Etc.
- Etc.

HEREDITY

BY OLIVER WENDALL HOLMES
1809 -1894 CHIEF JUSTICE

What is called my character, or nature, is made up of infinite particles of inherited tendencies from my ancestors - - those whose blood runs in my veins. A little seed of laziness comes from the grandfather; and of prodigality from that one. One of them may have been a moody person and a pessimist, while another was of jovial nature, who always saw the sunny side of every event. One may have had a most satisfactory life as a philosopher, while another ambitious one never was contented with actual conditions, whatever they were. Some remote grandmother, perhaps has stamped me with a fear of dogs and a love of horses. There may be in me a bit of outlawry from some pirate forefather, and a dash of piety from one who was a saint.

COMING TO TOWN?

When traveling, include Baxter County in your plans and attend a meeting of the Society. We meet in the Baxter County Day Service Center in Mountain Home on the 4th Tuesday of each Month at 7:30 PM. Call 425-3018 for more information.

WHEN WIVES WERE SUPREME

--The Licking News, May 28 1926

The Ozark country has produced many odd stories but none is more unusual than that related by Dr. H. L. Kerr of Crane, Mo. It concerns the will of Ab Anderson of Green Forest, AR., near the Missouri Line, and a farm wagon that has only once left the barn in about halve a century because Mrs. Anderson opposed the purchase.

This is the story told by Dr. Kerr.

Nearly fifty years ago Anderson went to Springfield and momentarily feeling prosperous, bought a new wagon. With his old "tar Pole" wagon hitched behind, he made the tedious journey of eighty or ninety miles home feeling highly elated over his purchase. Stopping at his front gate, Mrs. Anderson came out and was "sorely aggrieved" at her spouse's extravagance. She upbraided him severely saying, "Now Ab Anderson, You know you don't need a new wagon, and you know you shouldn't have bought it."

Feeling greatly humiliated, he said, "Well, maybe you are right perhaps we don't need it, so I'll put the new wagon away." and did, with orders to his sons that the vehicle never should have a team hitched to it.

Some time later, however, one of the sons violated this injunction. He sneaked the new wagon out and took a party of young folks to a dance. Anderson found it out and punished the boy severely. It is said the boy came near losing his birthright because of the incident.

The father long since has died and his wife lies beside him in the little country graveyard. One son, who acquired the old Anderson homestead, inherited the wagon, by a provision of the will which stipulated that the father's order should be perpetual and that never again should the wagon be used. This was in deference to his wife.

OZARK CULTURAL CELEBRATION PLANNED

The Ozark Folk Center, at Mountain View, Arkansas, in connection with the Stone County Historical Society, is currently forking on the planned event scheduled for Friday and Saturday, September 13 and 14, 1996. The event is being planned to bring individuals and organizations together to share common Ozark culture and history. The event will feature speakers on varied subjects, tables for organizations to exhibit and tell their story to the public.

The Baxter County Historical Society tentatively plans to attend and have a display table. The celebration is open to the public.

A dinner will be held Friday evening September 13. A guest speaker will speak at the dinner. It is necessary to register for the dinner and program-cost will be \$8.50. Checks for preregistering for the dinner and program should be sent to William K McNeil, Folklorist, The Ozark Folk Center, P.O. Box 500, Mountain View, AR 72560

A special price of \$6.50 at the Folk Center admits one for the day and will also permit both admittance to the Cultural Celebration and to the other attractions in the Center. The regular evening performance at the Center is \$6.50, [The dinner will be over in time to catch the evening performance.] The Cost of \$12.25 will admit one to both.

Mark you calender and plan to attend. As soon as the speakers are announced, we will relay this to you.

**WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU LEMONS
MAKE SOME LEMONADE.**



In the fall of 1895, students at the Conditt school interrupted their studies to pose with their teacher, Mr. Buckle. The school was located about four miles north of Mountain Home on Pigeon Creek. From left in the top row are Emery Conditt, Rosia Roberts, Rosia Conditt, George Daniels, Dan Inlow, Mel Graves, Homer Conditt, Lizzie Daniels and Rachel Brewer. From left in the middle row are Lillie Roberts, Brady Duke, Tommy Duke, Clyde Roberts, Mr. Buckle, Irving Graves, Matty Reed, John Brewer, John Daniels, Callie Gooden and Callie Conditt. From left in the bottom row are Harvey Gooden, Liddy Brewer, Alfred Gooden, Allie Gooden, Althea Hargraves and Annie Roberts.

—Photo furnished by member Herb Lewis

5+4 MAIL ADDRESSES

Members are requested to send in their 5 & 4 digit zip code mailing addresses to Treasurer Stella Jackson or to the Editor Gene Garr. To obtain the best possible rate, this requirement must be met. As using the 5+4 address will make a substantial rate saving for the Society in the mailing of the quarterly, we consider this very important. Money saved in the mailing of the quarterly allows the Society to apply more of its resources to our projects.

Although many have already furnished the 5+4 addresses, some have not, commenting that it is not necessary for them to use the 5+4 address as they get their mail anyway. For the reasons mentioned above, it is important to us to have the address to obtain the best rate as soon as possible. We hope all understand and help us get the lowest possible mailing rate.

**May you look back on the past
with as much pleasure
as you look forward
to the future.**

Another Baxter County Family

The Asa Baker Family

From Alice Bean Snyder: I have been researching the Baker family for the past couple of years and although I have not been able to identify the parents of Asa Baker, Sr., I believe the information I have on his children is accurate. [A couple of items of the Baker family information has been reported in error in print in the local media and history books. First, John T. Baker moved to Mountain Home from Big Flat about 1885, not 1855, second, his daughter Jean married Dr. James Thomas Tipton, not R. C. Love. John T's Daughter Victoria Albany, known as Pink, married Randolph Casey Love.] I have information of grandchildren and great-grandchildren (I am one) and great great grandchildren but am not including these at this time..

Asa Baker and Mary Bugg Baker children were (1) John Thompson Baker, born 1 Oct 1839 died 12 June 1927. He married Louisa Clerendy Cypert 23 Dec 1859. (2) Louisa Jane [aka "Monnie B."] Baker born 28 Oct 1840, d-17 May 1921, married William H. McMahan about 1864. (3) Mary Ann Baker, born 27 Dec 1842 d-20 Aug 1883 m-Robert Wynn abt 1863. [4] Robert Baker born 12 Apr 1845 d-1 Feb 1865-never married. (5) Emily Catherine b-12 Dec 1847 d-6 Feb 1926 m-Robert Bruce Cypert 16 Nov 1866. (6) Frances Adeline "Addie" Baker b-1848/49 m-George Monroe Bryant 1869. [7] Jeremiah Asa Baker, Jr. b-4 March 1851, d-4 Feb 1928 m-Louisa Marian Norman 1872. (8) Sophira Angeline Baker b-19 Feb 1853 d-10 Aug 1930 m-William Martin Norman 19 Jan 1874. [9] Julia Ann Baker b-12 Feb 1856 d-6 Mar 1945, m-1st John Davis m-2nd-Thomas Rose. (10) William Jayhugh "Jay" Baker, b-20 June 1857 d-27 Feb 1928

m-Rebecca Rose 11 Dec 1884. (11) Thomas Jefferson b-June 1858 d-21 May 1936 m-Stacy Bryant abt 1878.

After Asa's death 21 Sep 1860, Mary Bugg Baker married Lewis Bryant and they had 1 son Christopher Columbus "Lum" Bryant b-15 Oct 1864 d-27 Oct 1935. Lum m-1st Rebecca Ann Selph 8 Feb 1883. and after her death on 17 Dec 1889 he married her sister Martenia Ellen Selph on 17 Dec 1889.

Children of Asa and Mary (Bugg) Baker:
John Thompson & Louisa Clerendy (Cypert) Baker's children

[1] Cornelia Josephine Baker b-Feb 1861 d-Okmulgee, OK m-George Washington Mabrey 6 Apr 1883

[2] Sarah Emily Elizabeth "Lizzie" Baker b-8 Apr 1866 d-2 Dec 1954 m-John Washington Mitchell Baker 23 Mar 1883

[3 & 4] babies who died as infants

[5] John William Baker b-1869 m-Iva Walthal March 1905

[6] Victoria Albany "Pink" Baker b-22 Jan 1870 d-5 Nov 1917 m-Randolph Casey Love 2 Nov 1893

[7] Tyson Baker b-abt 1871

[8] Eugenia Louisa "Jean" Baker b-15 Feb 1873 d-7 July 1935 m-Dr. James Thomas Tipton 6 Sep 1900 [See Tipton Family History this Issue]

[9] Robert Edward Baker b-14 May 1875 d-16 May 1907 m-Susie Westmoreland 12 Feb 1907.

[10] Fannye Forest Baker b-7 Feb 1876 d-14 Dec 1973-never married

[11] Stacye Baker b-31 Dec 1878 d-12 Nov 1956 m-prof. Henry W. Sitton Oct 1902

[12] Major Hancock Baker b-4 Dec 1881 d-27 July 1917

[13] Grover Cleveland Baker b-Nov 1883 d-6 Jan 1970 m-Lela Deatherage 11 Nov 1931.

[14] Rosa Bell Baker b-2 Sep 1886 d-28 Dec 1983 m-Samuel Raymond Seward 3 Jan 1909.

Louisa Jane "Monnie B. [Baker] and Williah H. McMahan's children:

[1] Mary Lee McMahan b-7 Jan 1866 d-28 Jan 1934 m-Louis Tucker Lindsey 8 Dec 1885

[2] Stanley McMahan b-abt 1872 m-Ada Emma McCabwe.

Mary Ann [Baker] and Robert Wynn's children:

[1] Frances Mary "Fannie" Wynn b-7 July 1864 d-14 Mar 1914 m-Andrew Jackson Morris 31 Jan 1884.

[2] William Wynn

[3] Eleanor Wynn

Robert Baker - never married

Emily Catherine [Baker] and Robert Bruce Cypert's children:

[1] Alabama "Allie" Cypert b-18 Oct 1867 m-a Mr. Tonee/Toney.

[2] Arkansas "Cancy" Cypert b-18 Dec 1868 m-George F. Kincaid 10 July 1890

[3] William Asa Cypert b-22 Feb 1870 d-22 Sep 1871

[4] Tennessee "Tennie" b-2 Sep 1874 d-30 July 1938 m-William Franklin Treat 25 Sep 1898.

[5] Missouri "Dove" Cypert b-18 June 1875 d-23 Oct 1951 m-1st Henry Nowlin m-2nd Dave Cavener

[6] Northwest Territory Cypert b-12 Oct 1879 d-14 Dec 1938 m-Martha Elizabeth "Lizzie" Henry 7 Oct 1906.

[7] New Jersey "Jersey" Cypert b-30 Aug 1882 d-1 Nov 1961 m-Cora V. Kelley 6 Jan 1907.

[8] Arizona "Ara" Cypert b-20 Feb 1885 d-30 Nov 1885.

Frances Adeline "Addie" (Baker) and George Monroe Bryant's children:

[1] William Thomas Bryant b-1 July 1872 d-27 Feb 1955 m-Eva Malinda (Snelgros) Franks on 10 Dec 1893

[2] Theodore Bryant b-15 Sep 1876 d-17 Feb 1964 m-Hattie L. Frix on 5 Nov 1905

[3] Porter Bryant

[4] Noble Bryant

[5] Jay Bryant

[6] Emma Bryant b-1885 d-1972 m-a Mr. McCoy

[7] Cora Bryant b-1891 d-1971 m-a Mr. Poindexter

Jeremiah Asa Jr. and Louisa Marion [Norman] Baker's children:

[1] Mary Ellen "Mollie Baker b-1 Oct 1873 d-17 Oct 1957 m-John Wesley Ragan

[2] Ara Belle Baker b-9 Mar 1875 d-23 Sep 1942 m-Walter Edwin McLeod 30 May 1897

[3] Eliza Jane Baker b-2 Jan 1877 d-31 May 1950 m-Robert Lee Berry

[4] Columbus Albert Baker b-14 Feb 1879 d-1947 m-Maggie Massey 12 Dec 1906

[5] William Austin Baker b-24 Dec 1880 d-12 Apr 1908

[6] Thomas Edward Baker b-3 Apr 1884 d-4 Dec 1953

[7] Irene Baker b-22 Aug 1885 d-18 Jan 1886

[8] Floyd Hill Baker b-9 June 1887 d-21 Apr 1955 m-Ocra F. Adams July 1918

[9] Walter Norman Baker b-2 Apr 1889 d-9 May 1954 m-Lela Pearl Davis 29 Sep 1912

[10] Leo Francis Baker b-21 Feb 1891 d-11 Feb 1929 m-Leah Ruth Russell 6 Jan 1914

[11] Carlyle B. "Cooney" Baker
b-7 Feb 1893 d-Dec 1922

[12] Don Geremiah Baker b-8
Jan 1895 d-1953 m-Athene Leggate

[13] Infant b1899 d-1900

**Sophira Angeline (Baker) and
William Martin Norman's children:**

[1] Amanda Jane Norman b-8
Dec 1875 d-5 Apr 1965 m-William L.
"Jack" Chitwood

[2] James Garfield Norman b-6
Nov 1881 d-5 Mar 1921

[3] James Blaine Norman b-16
Jan 1884 d-15 Nov 1939

[4] Oscar Norman b-25 Aug
1890 d-7 Aug 1958

[5] Asa Willis "Acie" Norman b-
28 Feb 1895 d-29 Aug 1957

[6] Ollie Mae Norman b-11 Nov
1887

**Julia Ann (Baker) and John Davis's
children:**

[1] Franklin Davis b-abt 1874

[2] Edward Davis b-abt 1876

**Julia Ann (Baker) and Thomas
Rose's children:**

[1] Lula Rose [twin] b-4 Apr
1883 d- 28 Jan 1979 m-Baxter Hurst 16
Dec 1900

[2] Stella Rose [twin] b-4 Apr
1883 m-Thaddeus C. Farris 28 Jan
1906

[3] Cornelia Bugg Rose b-4 Mar
1885 d-25 June 1969 m-E. Arthur
Morey 11 Mar 1911

[4] Arizona Rose b-Nov 1886 d-
26 Apr 1945

[5] Luster Rose b-Dec 1888

[6] Grover Rose b-Nov 1890

[7] Wilse Rose b-Nov 1893

[8] James Rose b-abt 1889

[9] Julius Rose b-abt 1895

**William Jayhugh and Rebecca
(Rose) Baker's children:**

[1] Effie Ethel Baker b-1885 d-
1961 m-Dr. Milton Leon Mooney Aug
1909

[2] Oscar Erastus Baker b-15
July 1887 d-13 Nov 1968 m-(1st) Ada
Verue Davis 2 Jan 1910 m-(2nd)
Josephine Marie Laughlin 4 Feb 1937

[3] Dula Rose Baker b-23 Sep
1889 d-3 Aug 1969 m-Don J. Blevins

[4] Adlai Sylvester Baker b-? d-
in Okmulgee, OK. m-Lula Waters Davis
30 June 1912

[5] Mable Marie Baker b-? d-in
Missouri m-Ullman Davis June 1912

[6] Hugh William Baker b-4 Apr
1905 d-7 May 1974 m-Irma Eudale
Matthews 3 June 1928

[7] Mary Lillian Baker b-24 Dec
1896 d-7 Jan 1960 m-Robert Cloyst
Underhill 28 Sep 1916

[8] Baby died in infancy

**Thomas Jefferson and Stacy
(Bryant) Baker's children:**

[1] Frances Adelia Baker b-Nov
1870 m-William Ulysses McCabe 4 July
1901

[2] Bunyan Baker b-Dec 1881
d-1926

[3] Dexter Baker b-May 1884 d-
1948 m-Elsie McClung 1932

[4] Garland Baker b-Mar 1886

[5] Carrie Jane Baker b-Aug
1889 m-John Taylor

[6] Grover Cleveland Baker b-
Nov 1891 d-1958

[7] Milton Baker b-Feb 1895

[8] Guila Baker b-Mar 1898 d-
1940 m-George Deck

[9] Ersa Baker

[10] Menard Baker b-abt 1902 d-
1929

**THE ONLY COMMODITY THAT
DOESN'T DETERIORATE WITH AGE
IS KNOWLEDGE.**

COTTER, FOUNDED ON MO. PAC RAILROAD AND THE WHITE RIVER

[From the Baxter Bulletin June 26 1936 issue - writer not identified]

Cotter is the youngest town in this section of the state. Formerly it was Laise's Ferry, with a steamboat landing at the McBee Place, about a mile and a half above the ferry.

The town was officially born on November 23 1905, when the opening of the town site was held, but really it was about two years old when that event took place.

Cotter today is about 33 years old, and is one of the best towns in North Arkansas. It has a population of 1200, surfaced streets, 24 hour electric service and one of the best municipal water plants in North Arkansas. It is the division point for the White River Division of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, and has a large semi-monthly payroll. The railroad maintains a round house there and a large shop force. All lines of business are represented there. It also has a good weekly paper, ice plant and bottling works, theater, real estate offices, garages, good hotels, beauty shop, funeral home, wholesale grocery and other industries of minor importance that go to make it a fine town. The leading lodges and churches are represented and the social "life" is very pleasant.

The writer remembers Cotter when he first saw it. The engineering party, which located the White River Division of which he was a member, was camped at Reams Springs near where the Buford Station is located now. Chas Norman, who was in charge of the party, took the writer, late in February, 1902, to do a little preliminary work on that town-site up the river. The bench land had been in corn the year before and the bottom in cotton. We ran a preliminary line from the end of the bluff to a tentative location for the bridge and tunnel across the river. There was but little change from this line when the permanent survey was made.

Most of the land where the town stands now was owned by Tom Combs and the lots were sold on a drawing plan. First tickets out of the box had first choice of the lots. The drawing of the lots and the opening of the town was held on November 23, 1905. Harry Tremain had just completed the Tremain Hotel, which formerly stood where the Cotter Lumber Co. building is now

located, and the drawing promoted the town site.

From the time the town was started it never lagged in growth. The first few years it grew fast with new building going up all the time. Later building slowed down, but from the time it started the writer does not remember a time when there wasn't some building going up in the town.

The railroad got into Cotter in 1904, the first depot being a boxcar which was located near the crossing going toward the ice plant. Later they built the nice station that is still in use. E. J. Loop came down from Thayer, Mo. and opened a bank. Uncle Jess Copeland of Mountain Home, was the first newspaper man, starting the first newspaper that is now the Record. Shortly after, H. D. Routzong bought the sheet and published it for years.

Cotter in its early days was a town that moved briskly, with plenty of excitement and action. Business was good and things were pretty wide open. The main street of the town in the early days was not where it is now. It ran from the bank building toward the ice plant, and was pretty well filled with frame store buildings. Fire finally wiped it out and it was built back in its present location.

Out of all the old timers in business only four are left. They are Albert Billingsley, Billy Beavers, G. B. Ortman and Clarence Hopkins. Dr. Cannady and Dr. Morrow, the two pioneer physicians, are still there. Mr. Loop is also still on deck.

The old crowd, as we remember them were Clarence Hopkins, G. B. Ortman, both in the lumber business. Doc Hall, Perry Poynter, Billy Bean, Bill Metcalf, Joe and Win, Fred and Bob McClain, Shastain Bros., and W. H. Meers were in the mercantile business. Ed Farris was the pioneer telephone man of this section and had the exchange there. Harry Tremain, C. M. Cook and Bob and Betty Miser ran the hotels. Virgil Matthews and L. Loughbridge were the real estate men. Deb Foster, who had charge of the Cotter Heights town site also was in the real estate business. Howard Gallup and C. E. Pond, who operated a big store at Buffalo and Keaterson, came to Cotter later. S. E. Denton of Gassville,

venerable justice of the peace opened an office in Cotter shortly after the town started and was one of the mainsprings for years. Bert Harrison, now in the oil business, was one of the first livery stable men in Cotter. Seth Matthews was another early settler. We can't remember when he did not run the wholesale house there. R. M. Ruthven handled the tie business and E. B. Griswold operate a pencil slat factory.

In 1901 when the survey crews began establishing the engineering line for the railroad, they ran into the one of the dryest and hottest summers. It didn't rain from the middle of April to mid October. The temperature hovered around a hundred for over two months. The following winter also was very severe due to many cycles of rain, freezing and thawing. After trying to establish a different route along the Buffalo and or Crooked Creek. This idea was later discarded and the original alignment along the White River was decided upon.

It took the contractors six years to complete the White River Division. It was a very hard road to build. The faces of many bluffs had to be "shot" away to make a niche for the railroad. Tunnels had to be bored through five mountains before the rails reached the north terminal on the high Ozark plateau.

The White River Division was completed in January 1906. The first through train made its run on January 21st. The first two trains never reached their destination. The train running out of Joplin, Mo., was buried in snow drifts and a slide on the south end caught the one running out of Newport.

Bob Pennington, engineer, who pulled the first passenger train into Cotter, is still alive and retired. His fireman was Henry James. The train was in charge of Conductor McIfee. The trainmen who made railroad history in Cotter and on the White River Division are John Feeman, Tom Hale, Clyde Miller, "Ew" Lamb, David Austin, Jack Vance, Bill Jones, Al Rice, Jim O'Donnell, Jack Fortner, Chas Douglas, Jack Regua, Sam Kist, Carl Dunlap, L. F. Gardner, Daddy Childress, Chas. Schultz, Jim Harrison, Jim King, Jack Zoda, Walter Marsden, Jim Odum, Bert Pratt, Sell Wever, Tom Latham, Rags Watson, Pete Smallberger, Bill Case, Dutch Purcell, John Fulson, Tom Foster, Josh Hix, Henry Mangel, "Happy" Kendrick, Jim Marshall,

John Fairchild, Bob Douglas, Billy Douglas, Joe McMullen and Jim Travis. These were the old timers as we remember them. If we have left out any it is because we do not recall them.

The old Superintendents were Jim Russ, J. W. Daniels, and D. W. Hickey. Master Mechanics Butler and Ashcroft. Chas Nelson and W. L. Calvert were pioneer foreman at the round house. Other old timers who work at the round house were Grant Bridgman, Bert Harrison, John Amour and Morris Gillaspie. Mike Ferrell was a pioneer road master. Capt E. T. Ross and John Featherstone are remembered best in bridge work. Mr. Redick was the pioneer in the water division. Morgan Jolley, Sid Walsh and J. E. Tilley were the old dispatchers.

BIG FLAT

Big Flat is located in the Leatherwood Mountains in the south part of the county, in lands included in the Ozark National Forest. It is located about 40 miles from the county seat and partly because of the distance the town had been a prosperous town. Some of the first settlers were the Kelleys, Bakers, Normans and the Selps.

Beware of anyone professing to be descendants of George Washington, Andrew Jackson, James Buchanan, Warren Harding, James K. Polk or James Madison.

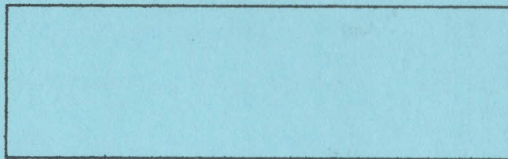
These six presidents of the United States did not have descendants, so, therefore, there are no direct lines from these leaders of the United States.

**A study of history helps paves
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