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## **SOCIETY GOES TO THE FAIR**

By Dale Sharp

Booth #11 in the Commercial Building was a hot property during the 1996 Baxter County Fair. In a shared booth with the DAR, the Historical Society gave local residents a rare opportunity to reclaim part of their history through the unidentified pictures donated by Dorothy Allen, from the estate of the late photographer, Arthur Keller. Many pictures were identified by family members or friends and given to those pictured with the Society's compliments. Two notable events were pictured in the Baxter Bulletin, one of Ruth Stone Strain identifying a picture of Velma Trivitt Anderson as a young girl. The other was of Mrs. Anderson herself, who saw her picture in the Bulletin and visited the booth with other family members to see if she could find additional pictures from her past. She mentioned her family suffered a loss in a house fire in 1986 and a picture shown in the "Bulletin" had been destroyed. She was delighted to be able to regain another. Many other folks reviewed the old pictures and made several other identifications. Others also enjoyed looking, even though they were unable to find folks they knew. Everyone enjoyed the concept of the exhibit and left the booth wearing a smile.

The Society also distributed a large number of brochures from the Baxter County Centennial Celebration in 1973. A large quantity of these were found during clean-up of the "Shotgun-house" at Cooper Park on Earth Day earlier this year. These were extremely well received with several folks coming back to the booth asking for additional brochures. Thanks to all who volunteered and worked the booth. See you at next year's fair.

## **THE 1921 CENSUS FIRE**

Many family researchers who unsuspectingly ask librarians and archivists for information about the 1890 U.S. Census are dumbfounded when they're told that it doesn't exist.

In some cases that census information represents a vital, missing link in tracing a family's history back into the 19th century.

Some of the material was destroyed in a fire, described as a "research disaster," that occurred Jan. 10 1921, in the basement carpenter shop of the U.S. Department of Commerce in Washington, according to department records.

"The fire destroyed most of the 1890 census for the country," said Jo Ann Shephard of the Bureau of Census history staff.

"It was a nasty day and some women who had gone down to the basement to dry off by some heaters," Shephard said. "They were questioned about the fire but nothing ever came of it.

The day after the blaze, Sen. Reed Smoot of Utah suggested that an order be issued in all government departments prohibiting smoking during working hours.

"It was estimated that 50 percent of the census schedules were damaged by water and 25 percent destroyed by the actual fire," Shephard said. "The records were laid out to dry but would never rebound. On Feb. 21 1933, Congress authorized the destruction of what was left of the original 1890 population schedules."

Despite the authorization of Congress, a few scattered fragments of the 1890 census were saved and are contained on three rolls of microfilm in the National Archives. They are from 10 states.

Shephard said there was no archives in 1921 and the Congress "didn't know what to do with all that paper, plus the records in the fire were badly damaged."

However, the census loss and other document fires in government departments eventually led to the establishment of the National Archives.

The 1890 census loss is one of the greatest disasters for research that possibly could have happened. It destroys that link with the 1880s and the 1890s so you have to jump basically from 1880 to 1900. These are the years where there are practically no vital statistics in existence for most states.

Special census, such as the Union Veterans and Widows survived as well as a scattering of other special census.

--Hopkins Co. KY "Yesterday's Tuckaways"

### ARE YOU WORKING ON KASINGER FAMILY?

Member Joyce C. Bledsoe, 104 So. 6th St., Deepwater, MO 6474 writes:

"My thanks to all who entered our Kasinger Family in "The History" My great grand-mother was America Kasinger who married James William Biggers.

The following are marriages of this family, since I do research for others, I do have some research records in my home. If I can be of help to someone they may write me with SASE. There will be no charge.

Randolph Co. AR. [Look under index "Kisner"]

19 July 1842 - Martha Kissner-John Power?  
[Prover?] [Dover?]

27 Sep 1842 Nancy Kissinger - James Young

24 Dec 1842 Thomas Kissinger-Hannah Weaver.

24 Sep 1846-Polly [Mary] Kissinger-Willis Tisdale.

5 Oct 1848-Rosanah Kisinger-James R. Thompson

22 Feb 1853-Malinda Casinger-Elias Cunningham

26 July 1855-Malinda Kissinger-Caswell K. Blount.

2 Apr 1856-Sarah Kesinger-Andrew J. Whitehead.

2 Feb 1856 - Thomas Kissinger - Lucinda Taylor.

19 Apr 1846 - Mary Kisinger-James H. Luttrell

10 Dec 1840 - America Kassiner-John A. Luttrell

11 Sep 1851 - Daniel Kasinger-Nancy Bryant

#### Baxter County, Arkansas:

3 Nov 1887 Lucinda Kasinger-William Lance

24 May 1889 - Obediah Kasinger-Sarah A. Taylor

9 June 1889 - W.T. Kasinger-Malissa Taylor

15 May 1892 Fessie L. Kasinger-J. M. Bolin

30 Dec 1892 - John A. Kasinger-Isabella Taylor

19 June 1894-Benjamin Kasinger-Mary A. Barrick

24 Aug 1894-Sterling Price Kasinger-Amanda Lane [Lance?]

#### Marriages from other Counties:

##### Yell Co. AR.

12 May 1885-Marion Kasinger-Cordelia A. Wilson

3 July 1887 - Sallie Kasinger - J.H. F. Holt.

##### Ashley Co. AR

15 Feb 1893 - Lena Kesinger-John Pebbles

22 Aug 1912 - Algarine Kissner-Luther Anderson

##### Garland Co. AR

27 July 1892 - William Kessinger-Sarah Clark

##### Stone Co. AR

1 May 1889-James M. Kassiner-Fannie Chambers.

##### Izard Co. AR

Born: Effie Novella Kasinger 19 Feb 1893  
Conway Co. AR

18 Aug 1892 - Martha Kessinger-Travey Cole

*We realize some family members did change their name spelling, also the Clerks spelled it as it sounded to them.*

*Looking for the Kasinger family on film can be a testy job as there are so many different spellings on this one family name.*

*-Joyce Watson Bledsoe*

**Car in ditch  
Driver in tree  
The moon was full  
And so was he!  
-Burma Shave**

## THE "WILD MAN" OF THE PRAIRIE

By Mary Ann Messick

Mid Summer, 1945 was hot and dry as summers in Arkansas are prone to be. In those days of pre-air-conditioning, even pre-electric fans, at least at the Messick Home. My older sister, Alfa Mae, and I slept outside in the middle of the yard on a cot during the hottest part of the night. Then we heard about the "Wild Man" over on the prairie and it didn't take us long to move our bed back into the safety zone of our bedroom.

Let me explain about the term "over on the prairie": This is a term used by Monkey Runners to describe relatively flat triangle bound loosely by Hwys 178, 126 and 62. To further pinpoint the area, the "Wild Man's locale was about a half mile north and east of Memorial Cemetery on Tucker Cemetery Road.

At first it was just little things, Like an article of clothing missing from the clothes line. Or the Mother would put a plate of cookies or pie on the back porch to cool and when she went to get it, the plate would be empty, or gone. Hens would cackle and when the children went to gather the eggs, the nest would be empty. At night cows would low, and horses would stomp around, restlessly. Since households included a pack of hunting hounds, naturally the ladies blamed their husband's dogs.

Then one dark night a group of neighborhood boys were riding their horses home from a play party. Even though the war had been over nearly a year, gas, tires and cars were still scarce on the home front. Just as they started up a long, narrow, tree-lined lane, the "Wild Man" leaped from the bushes. He crouched menacingly in the middle of the road while the startled

horsemen tried to control the equally startled steeds. Finally they whipped the horses forward and right at the last minute the "Wild Man" jumped aside, bounded the fence and disappeared into the night. After that it was reported in the neighborhood that a person would be sitting peaceably in their living room, hear a scratch on the screen and there would be the "Wild Man" peeking in.

Finally a delegation went to Sheriff Ernie Gentry at Mountain Home and told him something had to be done. Saturday night Sheriff Gentry got together a big posse, deputizing a number of Saturday towngoers. Also accompanying him was the current State patrolman stationed in Baxter County, a heavy set, jovial man they called "June". Jesse Hunt, recently returned serviceman with the rank of Specialist, Dog Handler, Third Class, and his trained German Shepherd Police Dog were along. This was the plan: They would join hands, forming a line across the field where the "Wild Man" often appeared. They would drop hands, step apart and sweep across the field, flushing up everything in their path. Sheriff Gentry was confident and told his posse, "Boys, we'll get him tonight".

Well, they walked and they walked and they walked. Finally the Sheriff conceded, "Boys, looks like we're not going to get him tonight". Just then a stranger, heavily accented voice asked, "What time is it anyway?". June had a watch that glowed in the dark. "it's straight up midnight" he replied. Then demanded, "Who said that, anyway?". From right there among them, the "Wild Man" jumped up from a bush and ran

off. Hunt released his dog, but the "Wild Man" jumped the fence and leaving a bewildered dog and posse far behind.

The following Saturday was September 7 and it was my sister Alma's 17 birthday. She worked half-days on Saturday at Millman's lumber Yard in Mountain Home (now Marchant's). That morning Alfa, Leona and I baked and decorated her birthday cake. Then we got ready to go to town and pick her up. Why she did, Mother never really knew, but just before she left she said, "I think I'll put Alma's cake back in the oven. So if the "Wild Man" comes, he won't get it."

We all piled into our old car and headed for Mountain Home. About three that afternoon we returned. I got out to open the gate and ran on to the house while Daddy and the rest of the family drove into the yard. When I started to unlock the door, I found it open. As Daddy got out of the car I said, very weakly, "The door's unlatched". Daddy ordered me back in the car with Mama and the other girls. Then he picked up a stick and we could hear him going all through the house. He came out and announced "Well, he's gone, but the "Wild Man" has been here!" Mama asked fearfully, "Did he get Alma's birthday cake?" No, he didn't. But he did get the pan of cornbread and pot of boiled potatoes off the stove. And he drank our bottle of "Melvion" Vitamins (which looks like thick molasses) And where he leaned over the flour bin there was a smattering of twigs and dirt from his hair and his hand print in the flour pan. Daddy said he either had an open wound, or he had the diarrhea.

There were no telephones this side of Mountain Home. Daddy said he'd have to tell the Sheriff. Mama said we girls could take the milk cow to Monkey Run Creek for her nightly watering. She didn't feel like walking up the hill so

she would ride with daddy. If they hadn't returned we must wait out in the lane in the open. The "Wild Man" either went back in for something or he had been hiding in there all the time.

When we got back from the creek, our parents were home. Sheriff Gentry wasn't in, but his wife told Daddy she would send him out later. About dark here came the Sheriff and the State patrolman "June". I will never forget what the Sheriff said. He told Mama, "Don't worry, maam, we'll get him tonight, they always return to the scene of the crime!". I was scared half to death. The "Wild Man" was coming back! "June" noticed the trap door leading to the attic and said he better check it out. I watched in horror as he climbed on a kitchen chair, lifted the trap door and shined his big flashlight into the attic. What if the "Wild Man" jumped out on us? I was too paralyzed with fear to run. "Nope, he's not been there", June assured us.

Daddy told us to go to bed and they would wait for the "Wild Man" to come back. Mama and Leona slept in the back bedroom. Alfa and Alma in the front bedroom. That left me in the middle room by myself. Sleep was the farthest thing from my mind. What if I were awakened by the "Wild Man" scratching on the screen and that face peering in at me. I was so scared I was literally sick. I thought, this is crazy. The "Wild Man" is probably more scared than I am. All he's ever wanted was something to eat, or wear or some medicine. That night I promised myself that I would never be that scared again and I never have. I drifted off to peaceful sleep with the sounds of Daddy and the law talking around the perimeter of the house.

The next morning Mother took us to Sunday School. While we were gone, Daddy went somewhere and got the biggest, greenest, most luscious looking watermelon you ever saw. He placed

the melon, in all its glory, in the middle of the dining table. The he instructed us to make a big show about going off to stay all afternoon. Then we piled into our car and headed down the road. Once out of sight, Daddy got out and Alfa slipped under the steering wheel. He instructed us to go to HESSIE Dilbeck's home and stay until dark. As we drove off, I looked back and saw Daddy starting back up through the woods, carrying a big stick. Daddy lay in hiding all afternoon, but no "Wild Man" showed up. About dark, here came the Sheriff and the Patrolman. Sheriff Gentry's words were music to my ears. "Maam", he told my mother, "I don't think you've got a thing to worry about. The "Wild Man" is probably miles away from here by now. I don't expect to see or hear tell of him around here again."

All the time "June" had been eyeing the melon. Daddy said, "But it would be a shame to waste a fine melon like that". When he stuck the knife in, you could hear it start cracking. We feasted the juicy, mealy, red heart of the melon. We threw the rinds over the fence for the old cow to feast on, (now remember about the watermelon).

Sheriff Gentry was right, the "Wild Man" was never seen in Baxter County again. But for years after that, with every strange sounds, we'd think momentarily that he had returned. And we never slept in the yard again.

Who or what was the "Wild Man"? To this day, I don't know for sure. I have been told that he was the mentally disturbed son of a prominent family and that was his perverted idea of fun. I have been told it wasn't the so called "Wild Man" who visited our home, but only a neighbor, pulling a trick on us. The best explanation seems to be this: A young serviceman was visiting homefolks over on the prairie. He had with him his German war bride. Some say the "Wild Man" was her brother and

he was an escaped German Prisoner of War -perhaps not even knowing the war was over and he was trying to contact her. Some folks say he was actually her husband. I do know this. When they left, the "Wild Man" left. Not long ago I was told he stayed with the Military and wherever he and his wife were stationed, the "Wild Man" would be there too. Once things got so bad, that the military put guards around their home. Whoever, whatever the "Wild Man" was, I think he would make a great segment for "Unsolved Mysteries".

I have entertained two generations of children with this story. They want to be deliciously frightened and at the same time they want to feel sorry for the "Wild Man". They ask, "Is he still alive?" and hopefully, "Did he get any of the watermelon?" I tell them he might have, if he was hanging around out in the barnyard with the cow.

Not long ago I told this story to my class at Vacation Bible School. Immediately, they wanted to go over to the prairie and see if we could pick up his trail, even after all these years. I parked at the entrance to the lane where he first appeared to the frightened horsemen. The fields where he outran the police dog are to the immediate right. It was early June, long before watermelon season around here. We got out and started up the lane and I looked to my right and lo and behold, there were watermelon rinds in the ditch. It sounded like a stampede of horses as we raced to the safety of my automobile

*Editor: Mary Ann Messick has consented to write special articles for the "History" Mary Ann is native of the area, having been born and raised in the Monkey Run area. She is a member of the Baxter County Historical Society and a well known historian and gifted story writer of the County's history, having authored The Baxter County History". She also had served as Editor of the Society's "History" in 1977. We welcome her and her articles and say "Thank You" Mary Ann, and look forward to more historic lore of Baxter County*

Another Baxter County Family

**THE HIGHTOWER FAMILY- 1820 TO PRESENT DAY**

**By Betty Brannon**

From old land grant records for *the War Of 1812*, brothers William and Joshua Hightower and brother-in-law Mr. Wren, who was married to their sister Elizabeth, were given land in what is now Baxter County. The first census in which they appeared is the 1830 Federal Census - Arkansas Territory.

They had settled on land between Norfolk Fork and Calico Rock. Mr. Wren was a Baptist Preacher and soon they built a House for the Lord, and named it the Rockey Bayou Baptist Church. People like Hawkins, Talberts, Orrs, Gills, Mercers Hightowers and the Wren's were all charter members when the Church was organized in 1830. The above information is from "*Baptist Church's of Arkansas History*". They soon started using the Church House as a school House. All of the families had lots of children and they paid Mr. Orr to be their teacher.

William Henry Hightower married Martha Downing on April 12 1819 in Bowling Green, KY. They had 11 children: 8 boys and 3 girls. Andrew Jackson, my great-great-grandfather, was one of them. Andrew J. married a full-blood Quapau Indian. They had two daughters listed in the 1850 census [Paralee age 16 and Elizabeth age 12]. I do not know what happened to them, because in the 1860 census Andrew Jackson was married to Nancy Hightower and they have 3 children: Henry age 12, twins Sarah and Frances-age 5 and Mary age 2.

In the 1870 Census, Henry, son of Andrew Jackson Hightower, was

married to Martha Rush. They have a son, age 1/12 months, but through old diaries records (I have copies) Martha and small son left Arkansas for Texas with her Rush Family. I have made contact with a great, grandson of Alford, the son of Henry and Martha. He lives in Texas.

In the 1880 census, Henry is married to Matilda Deatherage, widow of George Deatherage. She had three children: Minnie Deatherage 15 who married a Mayfield, George Deatherage 13 1/2, and Gerome Deatherage 8. Maltida [Deatherage] and Henry Hightower had 3 sons: Wallas-age 3 3/4, my grandfather Gerome-age 2, and Wesley-age 4 months. In the 1890 census they live near Ada, Oklahoma. Henry accidentally shoots himself in 1896 and is buried in the Maxwell Cemetery, 2 miles west of Ada. Matilda lived to be age 78 and is buried in the same cemetery. Gerome and Wallis, while young men, came back to Baxter County.

Gerome married Kaite Hammack (both are buried in the Cotter Cemetery) and had 11 children. Their children are: [1] Erma [2] Wm. Russell [3] Ray [4] Arthur [5] Myrtle who married Hubert Rose [6] Ethel [7] Lena who married Ben Quick and [8] Ceicel. [9] Loyd Edward [10] Floyd and [11] Mildred Una.

The last trace I can find of Marcus Hightower is in the Baxter County Census. He is living with his grandparents Joseph & Nancy Bayers near Whiteville.

Wallis Hightower married Ada Anglin, granddaughter of Z. P. White. They had 10 children:



[1] Myrtie Hightower married to Dalph Denton and the had 7 children: Dan, Lurie, Nevel, Clerense, Virgle who died in WW II, Ralph and Helen.

[2] Virgi May Hightower married Nat Aldridge. They had 3 children: Claud, Jo Ann, (who never married), died in 1991 & Darlene.

[3] Jessie Leon Hightower married Fannie Lance and had 2 children: Ina who died an infant and Bobbie Jo.

[4] Minnie Hightower who died as a child

[5] Eugene Hightower [my father] who married Stella "Ted" McCracken from Marion County. They are buried in the Fairview Cemetery near Flippin, AR. Their children are:

1-Wayne who died as a child

2-Betty Ruth [Myself] who married Arnold Dawkins and had three children: Paul Eugene Dawkins, Karen Lynn who married Dennis Grant and have two children: Amanda Grant, age 16 and Logan Grant, age 14. and Laura Kaye who married Don Brader and they have a daughter Stacey LeAnn age 13. My 2nd husband was Bill Brannon and we have three children: twins James & Joseph and Richard Brannon.

3-JoAnn - never married, died in 1992. Buried in Fairview Cemetry, near Flippin, AR

4-Vivian Sue who married Bob Knight of Radio Station KTLO, Mountain Home, they have daughter Heather Caroline, age 18

5-Roger Dale married Valery Heffly. No children of this marriage.

[6] Elmer Floyd Hightower married Millie Bayless and they have 5 children: Ina May who married Ivan Weatherford: Jimmy who married Betty \_\_: twins Loren Dean and Norma Jean who died at age 16 in a car wreck; and June who married Kenneth Perry.

[7] Troy Hightower who married Bela Shew, they have 2 daughters: Sandra

who married Darrel Crownover and Phillis who married \_\_ Ray.

[8] Nellie Ivon Hightower who married "Port" Pierson, they have 2 sons: Preston and Bruce.

[9] Ray Hightower who married LeEllen Jones. They have 2 daughters: Sandra who married Don Hudson and Wanda who married \_\_ Flippin.

[10] Don Hightower who married Georgia \_\_ they do not have children.

[11] Thelma Hightower who married Curry Rose and had 3 children: Larry, Darrell and Carol Sue.

There have been Hightowers in what is now Baxter County since the early 1820s. There are still many Hightowers descendants living there today.

—Betty Hightower Brannon, PO 10175, Conway, AR 72032

*Editor: Thanks to Betty for her family History. Have you written yours yet? We have reserved a spot for your family.*

***An Ancestor is a person who plays  
HIDE and you go SEEK!***

***Family History: a quilt work of lives***

***Every Family Tree has some sap in it***

***I should have ask before they died!***

***Oh where, oh where, have by  
Ancestors gone?***

***Each Genealogy answer leads  
to two questions!***

***Shake your family tree - watch the  
nuts fall!***

***Share your knowledge, it is a way to  
achieve immortality***

***So many ancestors - so little time!***

***Half of my ancestors are women!***

**How To Find Them**

**WHAT MADE GRANDPA MOVE**

There were many factors that caused the western movement of families during the history of our country, such as, soldiers relocating after seeing other parts of the country, a possible death in a family, a marriage, and many relocated due to some of the following events in our history"

- 1825 - Erie Canal completion
- 1848 - Gold discovered in California
- 1857 - Gold discovered at Pike's Peak, Colorado
- 1857 - Panic of 1857 - an economic disaster which resulted in the recall of mortgages and low pay for crops
- 1860-1865 - Civil War
- 1863-65 - Steep incline in prices: low crop prices: high rail costs to transport goods (goods for manufacturers, hard on farmers)
- 1866 - Depression following the Civil War
- 1868 - Ads begun in newspapers to attract emigrants west.
- 1873 - Railroad Panic - another economic downfall
- 1874 - Gold discovered in Black Hills of the Dakotas
- 1879 - Economic Hard Times - another depression
- 1875-1879 - Poor crop years on the prairies
- 1881 - Dawes Act (breaking up communal Indian lands: opened land to white settlement)
- 1889-1901 - subsequent Land Runs in Oklahoma
- 1896 - Gold discovered in Alaskan Klondike



How to Find Them

**ANCESTOR OCCUPATIONS**

*Following are a few definitions of ancestor occupations:*

- ACCOMPTANT an accountant
- AMANUENSIS a secretary/stenographer
- AFTIFICER a soldier mechanic who does repairs
- BLUESTOCKING-a female writer
- BONIFACE- one who keeps an inn
- BRAZIER- one who works with brass
- BRIGHTSMITH-a metal worker
- CALENDER-One who presses cloth or paper
- CAULKER-one who fills cracks/seams in ships/windows' to make them watertight;t
- CHANDLER-a trader/dealer in supplies, etc. also a candle salesman
- CHIFFONIER-a wig maker
- COLPORTEUR-a peddler of books
- COOPER-one who makes barrels, tubs, casks, etc.
- CORDWAINER-A shoemaker or leather; worker
- CURRIER-one who carries a horse with a curry comb or one who tans leather with oil.
- CUSTOMMONGER sells fruits and vegetables
- DOCKER-A stevedore/dock worker
- DOWSER-one who finds water with a divining rod or witching stick.
- DRAYMAN-Driver of a dray who carries heavy loads
- DUFFER-a peddler
- ENDHOLDER-an innkeeper
- FACTOR-Commission merchant or agent for others
- FARRIER-a blacksmith who shoes horses
- FALL MONGER-one who removes hair from hides for tanning.
- FLETCHER-a maker of arrows
- FULLER-One who shrunk or thickened woolen colth by moistening, heating and pressing the material
- GLAZIER-a glass worker
- GOALER-a keeper of the gaol, a jailer
- HATCHELER-one who combed out or carded flax
- HIND-a farm laborer
- HOOPER-one who makes hoops for casks and barrels
- HOSTLER-a groom who cares for horses at inns.

HUSBANDMAN-a farmer, who cultivated the land  
JOURNEYMAN-one who served apprenticeship and has mastered his craft.  
JOYNER/JOINER-a skilled carpenter  
LEECH-a physician  
MANCIPLE-a steward  
MINTMAKER-one who issued local currency  
PATTERN MAKER-Maker of a clog shod with an iron ring. A clog was a wooden pole with a pattern cut in to the end.  
PREGRINATOR-a Itinerant wanderer  
PERUKER/PERUKE MAKER-a wig maker  
PETTIFOGGER- a shyster lawyer.  
PLUMBER-One who applied sheet lead for roofing and set lead frames for glass windows.  
RATTLEWATCH is the town watchman  
SNOBSCAT-a shoe repairman  
SUPERCARGO-A ships officer in charge of cargo.  
TANNER-one who tanned animal hides into leather.  
TAPLEY-one who puts the tap in ale casks  
TEAMSTER-a driver of wagons pulled by horses  
TIDE WAITER-a customs inspector  
TINKER-a itinerant tin pot/pan seller or repairman  
TIPSTAFF-A policeman  
TUNER-one who turns wood on a lathe  
VITUALLER-A tavern keeper or provider of supplies  
VULCAN-A blacksmith  
WAGONER-A teamster not for hire.  
WAINWRIGHT-a wagon maker  
WATERMAN-A boatman who hired out himself and his boat.  
WEBSTER-a loom operator  
WHARFINGER-a wharf owner

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SUCCESS ISN'T HOLDING  
A GOOD HAND  
BUT PLAYING A POOR HAND  
GOOD

## ARKANSAS AND HER PIONEERS (By John Harlow)

*Printed in the Baxter Bulletin Feb 7 1930*

Here's to dear old Arkansas and her  
Grand old pioneers!  
Out in the trackless swamps and woods  
They built for coming years.  
Braving the hardships of early toil.  
And the dangers of fang and claw,  
'Till the open spots of their cabin lots  
Grew into Arkansas

And here's to her grand old pioneers,  
For wherever her flag did wave,  
Thorough the roaring hell of shot and shell,  
They followed it on to the grave.  
They gave their blood and treasure  
Nor counted the sacrifice;  
But whatever duty fell their lot  
They willingly paid the price.

They had no thought for glory's pomp  
Nor an inglorious pride.  
But heeded quick when duty called  
They gave their all and died,  
And they gave us dear old Arkansas  
Blue sky and rose's flame  
Where God's own sunlight falls  
Alike on all her home the same.

And here's to the women of those days,  
And every one's a queen  
And down through all the coming years  
We'll keep their memory green.  
The honor of those sacred homes  
They held like burnished steel  
And charity to them has never made a vain  
appeal

And here's to her toiling thousands  
Now may the spirit that made her great  
Abide with the children of these days  
And keep her a happy state.  
With all her honor justly earned  
And record bright serene,  
And of all the states in our nation great,  
May Arkansas be the Queen

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ALL MEMBERSHIP DUES  
ARE DUE JANUARY 1ST

**J. B. CARNEY,  
PIONEER PROSPECTOR**

A Tribute by Ex Congressman J. C. Floyd  
(in *The Mountain Echo* 1930)

I have known J. B. Carney since July 3 1884, when I first met him at the residence of the late Lynn Adam on Greasy Creek. He was a machinist by trade and a good one, and first came to North Arkansas in the early eighties as agent and salesman for a machinery company of St. Louis, Mo. St. Louis was his former home. He sold J. B. CARNEY boilers, engines, cotton gins, mills and other machinery all over North Arkansas. He made his head-quarters from the first, in Marion County and would make frequent trips throughout his territory selling machinery and visiting old customers to whom he had previously sold machinery and in repairing machinery when it got out of fix.

When the mining boom started on Rush Creek in Marion county in 1880s, Mr. Carney became interested in mining and prospecting, and discovered and located what has ever since been known as the "Ben Carney Claim" on the Morning Star mountain, which he later sold to G. W. Chase and his associates. In 1915 the Ben Carney claim was operated and proved to be one of the finest mines on the Morning Star Group of mines on Rush Creek.

He was interested in other claims and prospects. As far as I recall, his death removed the last of the original pioneer miners and prospectors of the Rush Creek camp. He was then with Johnny Wolfer, Allen Setzel, Jimmy McCabe, C. A. Guthrie. "And" George, Dr. Derryberry, McIntosh and others, who began early in the eighties to prospect and develop Rush Creek mines.

Mr. Carney was well educated, well read, and to the last kept in close touch with current events. Personally he was

gentlemanly in his manners, and had a host of friends. As long as he lived he had the utmost faith in the future of our section.

I feel we all owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Carney and all the early prospectors for the work they did in discovering, opening up and developing the mineral resources of Marion County.



**CLAIMED TO BE BOOTH**

Douglas Co. Herald Ava MO Jan 22 1903 Issue

Daniel R. George, a wealthy resident of Oklahoma, who committed suicide at Enid the 15th first, announced on his death bed that he was John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of President Lincoln. He stated that he had successfully eluded the officers after shooting Lincoln, and had since remained incognito. His statement caused a sensation and an investigation was made. Surgeons examined the body and stated the man to be of the age Booth would be at this time, and announced that his leg was broken in the same place and in the same manner as that of Booth, after jumping from the President's box in Ford's theater after the assassination.

It seems that George had been receiving money from unknown sources. After his death telegrams began arriving from different places asking that the body be held for identification. On last Saturday a man giving his name as George E. Smith of Colfax, Iowa, put in an appearance at Enid and commanded that no other person be allowed to view the remains and promised to return for the body later. Smith seems to be as much a mystery as did George, as it was through him George obtained the money above referred to.

Mr. Smith was asked if Mr. George had ever confined any of his life's history to him, to which he answered: Well, yes, to some extent. He had a past and had told me of having killed a man in Texas, for which crime, I think, he had been acquitted. He may be Booth. I don't know."

George committed suicide in the Grand Avenue hotel by taking poison. He previously attempted suicide at El Reno. A letter found in his pocket is addressed to "Whom it may Concern," and set aside a former will which he made, although its contents are not known. He was worth \$30,000, owning property in El Reno, O.T., in Dallas, Texas, and a lease on 600 acres in the Indian Territory. He carried \$5,000 insurance. No reason for suicide is known.

George maintained to his attendants that he was Booth, and his general appearance closely resembles that of the murderer of Lincoln.

History states that Booth was killed in a Virginia barn and that his remains were burned with the building.

## ARKANSAS

State Bird - Mockingbird

State Flower - Apple blossom

State Tree - Pine Tree

State Motto - "Regnat Populus" - the People Rule

State Songs: "Arkansas (You run Deep in Me) and "Oh, Arkansas"

1990 Census - 2,350,725 people, an increase of 3% over 1980

1st School in Arkansas - Dwight Mission opened in 1822 near modern Russellville. Most of the students were Cherokee Indians.

Oldest existing building - Jacob Wolf's two story home in Norfolk, Baxter County,

Arkansas voted for secession from the union in 1861 and was readmitted in the union in mid 1868

### 20 Years Ago In The "History" **FROM THE "HISTORY" QUARTERLY**

The Baxter County Historical Society held it's first antique show on May 15 & 16 at the Armory in Mountain Home.

The show attracted 27 individual exhibitors from Mountain Home and the surrounding area. There was a variety of exhibits. One item, a relic of the Civil War, a hugh kettle which was retrieved from the White river near Monkey Run, is believed to have been used to make gun powder. Old School books and memorabilia from the former Monkey Run School attracted a great deal of attention. We were also privileged to have the loan of some of the oldest known records made in this county. These were loaned to us by Arnold Knight, the present County Clerk. one ledger showed damage from the fire that destroyed the first county court house February 23, 1890

There were about four hundred people who attended the antique show and almost three hundred who received an additional treat when they view the lovely antique furnishing in the house of Mrs. Vergie McClure on South College Street.

We hope that this is just the beginning of many more successful antique shows as the Baxter County Historical Society plans to make this an annual affair.

The Committee -Mrs. Alyce Marbury  
Mr. Emerson Stickford  
Mrs. Varonica Hambelton

The Goodall Cemetery Inventory was also listed in this issue, presented by D. Garvin Carroll, Charter member and present Vice President.

## **HIDING OUT IN THE OZARKS**

-The Baxter Bulletin July 11 1930

By Jerry South-Prominent attorney who lived in Mountain Home for many years

George and Will Taylor, who murdered the Meeks Family near Browning in Sullivan County in Missouri, were a pair that made the mistake of hiding out in the Ozarks. Their crime was one of the most atrocious murders ever committed in Missouri. After murdering the family they hid the bodies in a straw stack. Nellie Meeks, a five year old girl was not dead, however, and revived from her wounds. She managed to crawl to a neighbors house and tell the story of the crime.

The Taylors were arrested and jailed in Carrollton, Mo. In a few weeks they escaped and all traces of the men were lost. A large reward was offered for their capture.

I was mining over on Cow Creek in Marion County and started to Mountain Home, where I resided, to get ready to attend the Democratic State Convention in Little Rock. It was the latter part of June 1898 and the weather was very warm. When I reached Buffalo City, I stopped for dinner with my old friend Eli Hayes, who ran the store there. He informed me that a steamboat would be up the river the next day and that if I returned in time I could catch it back to Batesville, which would save me a long overland trip.

When I went to dinner, I found two strangers at the table. They were rather large men and both wore mustaches. Strangers were a rare occurrence in those day, and I talked to them trying to find out what their business was in the mountains. They wouldn't talk and I could see that they were suspicious of me. That made me suspicious of them. After dinner I asked some of my friends about the men and from all the information I could get, they had no real business there.

I had followed the story of the Meeks murder rather closely in the newspapers and had seen the pictures of the Taylor Brothers. There was something familiar about the faces of the two strangers, but I couldn't recall where I had seen them. Riding from Buffalo City to Mountain Home, I pondered over the matter and finally reached the conclusion that there was a possibility that they were the men wanted for the Meeks murder.

As soon as I arrived home, I went to the local newspaper office and looked over the old St. Louis and Kansas City papers and found pictures of George and Will Taylor. These pictures showed them wearing full beards, but I knew they were the pictures of the men I had eaten dinner with at Buffalo City.

I was a young lawyer then, money was not so plentiful and the rewards offered were very attractive. The next morning I armed myself with a shotgun and started back to Buffalo City. The boat had arrived and was going back the next day.

I sauntered up to the store and found the two men seated on the porch. Throwing my gun on them I commanded them to throw up their hands and they were very prompt in reaching for the sky. Each carried heavy revolvers of which I relieved them. They stoutly denied their identity. I guarded them that night in an old warehouse. After I showed them their pictures which I had clipped from the papers, they admitted their identity.

The boat started down the river the next morning and I took my prisoners on to Little Rock with me and wired the Missouri Officers to come after them and bring the several thousand dollars reward money. In a few days I was relieved of my prisoners.

They were taken back to Carrollton, MO. and placed in jail again. George made a second escape and was never

caught. Will Taylor was hanged for his part in the crime.

While in jail, George told the jailer that if he ever got out, the first thing he would do would be to come to Mountain Home and kill me. After he escaped the prosecuting attorney wired me of his escape and the threats he had made. I wired him back that if George showed up in Baxter County, I would catch him and send him back again. So far as I know he has never been apprehended.

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**YOUR WILL  
AND PERSONAL LIBRARY**

More family historians and genealogists are concerned about what will become of their collection of books, manuscripts, and magazines, etc. acquired during a lifetime of research after the researchers death.

Too frequently, friends and relatives are unaware of your specific wishes in regards to your research materials. There is a solution. Have a short paragraph added to your will, thus leaving no doubt as to your wishes. The following paragraph is an example - your attorney can modify it to be in compliance with local laws:

"I direct my executor/executrix to box the following genealogical publications and compilations for donation to - - - - -  
(insert your favorite genealogical library/society/family member or other person here as you desire) for appropriate disposition/retention by that library/society for the benefit of family history researchers.

( ) All family history materials of which I die possessed.

( ) Only my library of printed reference books and material

( ) The unpublished family history manuscript materials on which I was working.

( ) Other (specify)

The address of my intended recipient is:

-DCGS "The Review" summer 1996

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**COLONIAL WORDS AND PHRASES**

Many words and phrases used in colonial times had different meanings than we give them today.

A wife could be listed as a "domestic", this did not mean that she was a servant, only that she was "at home". In old records, "junior" and "senior" had several meanings. When two men in a community had the same name, the older one might use senior and the younger one junior, whether or not they were related. Even stranger, in the 1600s, a man may have named an older son "sr" and the younger one "Jr".

"Niece" could mean any female relative, and could be a granddaughter.

"Nephew" could be an illegitimate son, but could be grandson. A "cousin" could turn out to be a nephew or an uncle.

A "brother" could be just that, or an in-law, a lodge brother, a church brother or even an adopted brother or a half-brother.

A "gentleman" was not necessarily well-born. The term was used for pensioner-one of independent income

-Blue grass, Dec 1994

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**LAND RECORD DEFINITIONS**

**HEADRIGHT.** Usually practiced in the 17th century in British North America, this was the grant of a set number of acres of land given for each person or settler whose ship passage the sponsor paid

**INDENTURE:** In connection with land, this was a deed usually written twice on a long sheet of paper. Cut on a wavy line or

and "indented" line between the two manuscripts, the two parts were given to the parties concerned, that is the buyer and the seller. Later, if the two halves fit together at the wavy line, it was apparent proof of legitimacy.

**INMATE:** Far from its apparent meaning, this term was used in earlier items to designate an adult male or female who was renting property rather than owning it.

**MESSAGE:** Often mentioned in deeds of earlier days. This means that a house or some habitable structure was then standing on the property.

**PATENT:** concerning land, such a document was proof of possession of real estate purchased from a state, the federal government or colony. Once an individual had a patent for this land, all other disposal of that property could be made by deed or will.

**SQUATTER:** Although seemingly highly derogatory, this term was used officially and in common language to describe individuals who had taken up residence on land they didn't legally own.

**TAX TIP TO REMEMBER** Land bought in Ohio from the Federal Government was exempt from ALL taxes for five years from purchase date. Therefore, those landowners taxed on the Ohio 1810 Tax List had purchased their land by 1805. This statute was part of the Ordinance of 1801

**ADDING TO THIS INFORMATION:**

1. In early rural America nearly all adult males can be found in land records.
2. Land records exist uninterrupted from early settlement to the present time.
3. Older land records contain more genealogical data that modern records do.
4. Land records are among the most accurate and reliable records available to genealogists.
5. These records have almost always been indexed which make them an easy resource to use.

-DCGS "The Review" Summer 1996

## USING THE IGI

By Helen S. Ulman

Have you researched in the Family History Centers (FHC) of the LDS Church? You are usually directed to the IGI "International Genealogical Index". It is sometimes confusing and at times just difficult to find sources, etc.

The first thing to realize when using the IGI is that it is not like an index in a book. It is primarily put together for an index to temple work for individuals. This explains why there are many times multiple entries for one person. This is due to the church members submitting names to the church for their temple work without first finding out if the name was entered before.

There were two types of entries made to the IGI: those submitted by individual church members and those extracted from original records. The latter is considered more because it is relatively easy to check out the sources. When using the computer at the FHC, the CD ROM IGI gives more complete information on each entry. Most of the patron/church members entries are from four distinct areas: Pre-1942, 1942-1969, 1969-to abt 1990 and 1990 to present.

When you find an entry, look at the dates of the works to identify the time area if falls under

**Before 1942,** the reference are the temple books, kept by the temples of each days work. On the IGI microfiche under the batch number column there is a number and the word "film" in the sheet number column. Many of these films can be ordered at the FHC, but there are some restricted films and will not be sent to the FHC. These can be viewed at the reading room at Salt Lake. If you cannot go yourself, an agent will be needed there to view them for you. A more useful source is the index to those early records. The Temple Index Bureau (TIB) is a series



### **"UPPER CASE" BECAUSE**

When printing was done using letters made from lead, type was kept in shallow wooden cases stored on racks. Each font (type style) required two cases: one for the small letters, numbers and punctuation and the other for capital letters. Since the small letters were used more frequently, they were kept in the LOWER, more easily reached case and the Capitals were kept in the UPPER case.

### **Do You have a Computer Modem?**

The long delay time in getting the forms from the national Archives may have just gotten much shorter.

E-mail users may now get the forms from the National Archives with a simple e-mail message to them. The following forms may be order in this manner:

**Form 80** -Military service and pension records prior to World War I, including the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Civil War and Spanish-American War

**Form 81** -Passenger Arrivals

**Form 82** - Copies of Census Records

**Form 83** - Eastern Cherokee Applications.

**Form 180** - Military service records - World War II and later.

When ordering, please indicate the form number, the quantity needed and your postal mailing address. Requests for really large numbers of forms for institutional use may have to be filled by others in the Archives. Their goal is now to mail the forms and related leaflets within 3 working days.

General questions regarding reference requests may also be made by E-mail and a "real live person" will answer you. If you require a more substantive reply, it will be evaluated by an archivist [another real person] and either

answer directly or referred to the proper reference or another office.

For ordering forms,, etc., use the following E-Mail address:

**inquire@arch2.nara.gov.**

If you have problems, complaints or praise about hte E-Mail, write E-Mail:

**bob.coren@arch2.nara.gov.**

**TODAY IS A NEW PAGE IN THE  
HISTORY OF YOUR LIFE.**

### **IN MEMORIAL**

**James Rollins, age 67, died Sunday, August 11, 1996. James was a retired Dallas Area Rapid Transit supervisor who had returned to Cotter, AR. to live in retirement. He served in the US Navy during the Vietnam Conflict. He was a life time member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.**

**James father was a Saint Louis Cardinal ball player and his grandfather was Dr. James Rollins who opened the Rollins Hospital in 1923 in Gassville. He sold the hospital to Dr. Guenther in 1948. James and his family donated funds to assist the Baxter County Historical Society in the purchase of the Gassville Hospital building for use as a museum.**

**Services were held at the Roller Funeral Chapel with burial in the Gassville Cemetery. Graveside Services were conducted by the Cotter Veterans of Foreign Wars.**

**James was a member of the Baxter County Historical Society**

**JESSE BALLARD JAMES**

**1803 - 1861/62**

**By Donald Allen Duggins**

**Great, Great Great Grandson of Jesse Ballard James**



**The Hanging of Jessie Ballard James & Mr. Brown  
1861 or 1862**

Most family histories have several versions of events, dates, people, and places. This one is not unique in that respect. I have attempted to incorporate all the versions I have found to date and allow the reader to determine which is the more logical or likely to be accurate.

Jesse Ballard James was born about 1803 probably in Virginia, although some sources say that he was born in Kentucky. He was the fourth son of Joseph Thomas James, born about 1777, probably in Virginia, and Elizabeth (Ballard) James, born about 1761, also probably in Virginia. Joseph and Elizabeth were married 13 Dec 1793 in Bedford County, Virginia.

Jesse married Rebecca Gibson, born about 1804 in Kentucky, the daughter of Garret and Rachel (Reynolds) Gibson, on 10 Jan 1821 in Monroe County, Indiana. During their stay in Indiana Jesse owned land in Putnam,

Carrol and Greene Counties. Six of their eight children were born Indiana. Garret was born about 1822, Rebecca about 1824, Lucinda about 1826, Joseph Thomas about 1827, William M 16 Nov 1830 [died 21 June 1914] and Rachel about 1833. Some sources say that William and Rachel may have been born in Iowa, but records indicate that they were both born in Indiana. John Ballard was born about 1835 in Arkansas and Hiram Lewis was born 14 Feb 1844 in Ozark County, Missouri.

Jesse and Rebecca reportedly moved from Indiana to Iowa, then to Arkansas before settling in Ozark County, MO between 1835 and 1844. Jesse built the first dam across the North Fork of the White River on his property near Dora in Ozark County, to hold water to power the sawmill and gristmill he built there. He prospered there and was a highly respected member of the community.

Rebecca died sometime between 1851 and 1856. Jesse married [2] Mrs. Elizabeth (Campbell) Bengé Bridges, born about 1821 in prob. Ohio. She was the daughter of Robert and Rachel (Morris) Campbell and was twice a widow. She married (1) Darkus Bengé about 1846 and had two children by him, Darkes Margaret born 10 Dec 1846 and Thomas W., born about 1848. Elizabeth later married a Mr. Bridges, probably about 1851. She had one child of this marriage, Sarah, born May 1852. Jesse had at least one child, Hiram Lewis, who was 12 and still at home at the time of Jesse and Elizabeth's marriage. Elizabeth had three children: Margaret 9, Thomas W. 7, and Sarah 4. Jesse and Elizabeth had two children during their marriage: James Lee born 9 April 1857 and Nancy Ann born 21 Dec 1859, said to be the first white child born at West Plains. After Jesse's tragic death, Elizabeth married (4) Harry Clark on 27 Sep 1863 and had a daughter Frances "Fanny" Clark.

Different versions of the date of Jesse's death and burial exist. One says that it occurred following the battle of Wilson Creek in 1861 and the other that it took place following the Battle of Pea Ridge in 1862.

The story of his death goes: A band of rowdy Confederate irregulars came down through Douglas, Ozark, Howell and Oregon counties on an unauthorized punishing raid. Their mission was to hang or run out of Southern Missouri any Northern sympathizers. Jesse may well have been a Northern Sympathizer, because at least two of his sons, John Ballard and Hiram Lewis served in the Union Army during the Civil War. In any cast the raiders felt justified to hang Jesse and a Mr. 'Brown for the heinous crime of milling grain for Union Troops and Sympathizers, ignoring the fact that he

milled grain for Confederate sympathizers as well.

One version of the story relates that a third man was saved from hanging by the arrival of Home Guard Troops, causing the raiders to beat a hasty retreat. This version does not likely to have occurred due to the fact the raiders remained in the area long enough to pose for the corresponding photograph.

Jesse and Mr. Brown, were hung. Conflicting reports regarding the burial exist. One states that Elizabeth, Jesse's widow, rode a horse under his hanging body, cut him down across the horses' back, then took him home and buried him there in an unmarked grave.

Another version relates that the women folk of the two hanged men, dug graves beneath their hanging bodies, placed burial clothes in the graves, cut them down and completed dressing them, burying them where they were slain.

This is but another of the numerous tragic examples of violence by neighbor against neighbor that occurred in Southern Missouri, as well as all across the country during the Civil War.

*-Compiled from numerous sources.*

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### **TRAVELING? COMING OUR WAY?**

If your travel plans include North Arkansas and our beautiful lakes and resorts, don't forget to schedule a visit with us at our meeting on the Fourth Tuesday of each month. We meet at the Baxter County Day Service Center at 16th (Rossi Road) and Leo Davis Drive at 7:30. Stop and meet your officers and fellow members. We are just 90 miles from Branson-include us on your visit there!

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**YOU CAN HELP SAVE RECORDS**

The Federation of Genealogist Societies is encouraging interested genealogists to write to Dr. Trudy Peterson, the Acting Archivist of the National Archives and Records Administration, concerning the retention schedule for the Railroad Retirement board Pension papers. The FGS would like for these records, which are currently kept for 35 years after the last claim was filed, to be preserved permanently due to their potential value to genealogists. Letters of support should be addressed to: Dr. Trudy Peterson, Acting Archivist, National Archives & Records Administration, c/o Curt B. Witcher, President FGS PO Box 3385, Salt Lake City, UT 84110

**ACCESS TO ALLEN COUNTY  
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

The Allen county Public Library at Fort Wayne, Indiana, is accessible now by any computer user with a modem and communication software. The computer card file may be accessed by calling 219-424-1330, using the COMM setting "Control O". Press twice to get the welcome screen and carry out your search. Use "Control O" to log off. You pay only for the phone call. This card file is on line Monday thru Thursday 9 til 9, Friday and Saturday 9 til 6 and Sunday 1 til 6 EST.

**TENNESSEE RECORDS  
BY LIBRARY LOAN**

The Tennessee State Library and Archives has begun a new service to genealogists through interlibrary loan. The microfilm copies of the earliest marriages, wills and estates, and deed indexes for each county are now available through interlibrary loan. Generally these are records dating from

before 1860. This is a free service, except that your local library may ask that you pay the return postage.

For a list of the available records on a certain county and details about the program, send a SASE to: Public Service Section, TN State Library and Archives, 403 7th Ave., North, Nashville, TN 37243-0312

**THERE WAS A CROOKED MAN**

*There was a crooked man  
Who walked a crooked mile  
He found a crooked sixpence  
Against a crooked stile  
He bought a crooked cat  
Which caught a crooked mouse,  
And they all lived together  
In a crooked little house.*

According to Grip Fast, the publication of the Clan Leslie Society, the "crooked man" was Sir Alexander Leslie (ca 1580-1661) who became the 1st Earl of Levin and Lord Balgonie (1641). He was the Lord General of the Army of the Covenant during the Scottish Bishop's War. The "crooked mile" refers to his march to the border from Edinburgh. The opponent, King Charles I, was known as the "crooked sixpence" because he was always short of funds to pay his soldiers. The "Crooked cat" was the Scottish Army. The two enemies confronted one another in the battle of Duns in 1639 (where no blood was shed) and "lived together in a crooked little house" - Britain until the English Civil War.

The explanation was credited to Stuart G. C. Morris of Balbonie Castle in Scotland.

-Odom Library "The Family Tree"

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## RARE ISSUE OF "NORTH ARKANSAS NEWS"

J. F. Copeland, the newspaper editor who had initiated several newspapers in the area, also published the *North Arkansas News*. A photo copy of the RARE Friday, April 29 1898 issue was furnished to us by member Ellen Ramey. It contained some very interesting articles about the area.

News of the beginning of the Telephone service to the area was reported in the "Local Pickups" column:

*Telephone communication to the rest of the world was not realized in Mountain Home until about 1898. The North Arkansas News, published in Mountain Home by J. F. Copeland, reported on April 29, 1898 about the progress of the telephone. "It really looks like business to see those telephone poles standing along our streets, like so many sentinels, proclaiming coming intelligence" "The telephones poles are being planted quite rapidly now" "Within a few weeks we will be living in a new world, as it were. Our telephone line will be done and we can know what is going on in the outside world" "Citizens of Gassville have awakened to the importance of extending the telephone line to that point and have the money in sight to put up the line. Now, Yellville, lets hear from you, Extend the line to your town and on to Harrison."*

The issue also, under the column name "Summary of War News", mentioned the Spanish American war that was being waged at that time.

### "SUMMARY OF WAR NEWS"

Our navy has captured 12 Spanish ships with their crews. The American Ship *Shenandoah* is said to have been captured by the Spaniards.

Gen. Blanco has cabled Madrid that he can defend Havana without Spanish warships.

The Philippine Islands insurgents are massing around Manila and a massacre of Spaniards is feared.

The cabinet has decided not to release the "Buena Ventura" or any of the other prizes, but to let the courts settle such matters.

### Local War news:

Word reaches here that Hon. J. C. South has gone to the front to do battle for his country. We expect to record many incidents of heroism by Jerry. He's Built that way.

Miss Cora Birchfield informs us that her brother, Roy, whose home is now at Cushman, has enlisted in the army for Cuban liberty.

It is evident, that while our government is playing with red tape, thousands of Cuban women and children are starving to death. We gave it out to the world that we proposed to interfere and stop the Spanish from starving these poor people and now we set up a blockade on all Cuban ports; stop all provisions from going in there from this country, and then apparently sit down to watch results. This is relieving the starving Cubans with a vengeance.

Uncle Henry Gloer was in to see us Wednesday and state that he was going on a fishing tour that night. He says he is not much afraid of encountering a Spanish war ship in the waters of the White river.

State Superintendent A. A. Kincannon remitted last Saturday \$500 to Consul Barker at Sagua la Grande, Cuba. This is a part of the fund contributed by the teachers and children of the State for the relief of the suffering Cubans. The fund amounts to something over \$1000, of which \$500 has already been remitted.

Some of the merchants displaying ads in the North Arkansas News were:

J. B. Simpson, M.D. -

office with Mountain Home Drug and  
Mercantile Co.  
East side Square-  
residence 1 block east of office.

--  
L. G. Talburt's Barber Shop,  
east side square,  
"Is the best place to get a smooth, clean  
shave and fashionable hair cut.

--  
Horton & South, Lawyers,  
Mountain Home, ARK.  
Will Practice in the various courts and  
supreme courts of the state.

--  
James T. Jones  
Attorney at Law  
Mountain Home, ARK  
"Will practice in the various courts  
and make collections

--  
Dyer & Son  
Attorney at law  
Office in court annex  
Mountain Home, ARK  
Drs. W. T. Tivy and D. Stevens  
DENTISTS  
Mountain Home, ARK

--  
THE NEW GROCERY  
West side of square  
Is the place to go when you want  
anything in the line of  
Groceries  
Provisions  
Feed, etc.  
I allow no one to sell lower or  
to pay more for produce than I do.  
J. T. Tracy

--  
The Anglin Mills  
(at Independence)  
I am now prepared to grind wheat and corn  
and gin cotton. Wednesdays and  
Saturdays are regular grinding days. Keep  
flour and meal on hand to exchange at all  
times.  
I will endeavor to please you and will  
appreciate your patronage.  
H. McCourtney.

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**NOTHING IS REALLY LOST  
IT'S JUST WHERE IT DOESN'T  
BELONG**

## **COURT HOUSE REPAIR GRANT**

On August 2, 1996, the Arkansas  
Historic Preservation Program and Gov.  
Mike Huckabee announced in Little  
Rock that Baxter County will receive a  
\$28,000 grant for repairs to the Court  
House, which is on the National  
Register of Historic Places.

The building and exterior will be painted  
as well as repaired.

## **WANTED: FAMILY HISTORIANS AND LOCAL PUBLISHERS**

The North Arkansas Ancestor Fair  
has successfully put researchers  
together with resources and other  
researchers for seven years. The  
sponsors are now making plans for the  
Eighth North Arkansas Ancestor Fair to  
be held Saturday, June 7, 1997, in  
Leslie, Arkansas.

Small author/publishers and county  
genealogical societies come to the Fair  
to offer their census, cemetery and  
family history books for sale. It is a  
great time and place to look for long lost  
relatives, both living and dead.

The North Arkansas Ancestor Fair is  
making a special appeal to family  
historians to share their information with  
all comers.. Local author/publishers  
use the Fair as access to visitors from  
throughout the US who are looking for  
north Arkansas materials and county  
historical/genealogical societies make  
contact with those looking for county  
roots.

The Fair provides tables and chairs  
for free and does not charge admission.  
To reserve a providers' table at the  
Eighth North Arkansas Ancestor Fair, or  
for more information contact: James J.  
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Fayetteville, AR 72703, Tel: 501-442-  
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DESCENDANTS of WILLIAM HENRY DOUGLAS

(1) William Henry DOUGLAS was born 5 Feb 1850 in IN, and in Dec 1879, married Margaret E. MASSEY who was born 28 Feb 1854 in MS. William Henry died on 25 Dec 1918 in Mountain Home, Baxter Co., AR and was buried in Mountain Home Cemetery, Mountain Home, AR. Margaret died on 24 Jul 1916 in Mountain Home, Baxter Co., AR and was also buried in Mountain Home Cemetery, Mountain Home, AR.

William Henry moved to Baxter County about 1886. He had lived in Baxter County for over 30 years and had been in the mercantile business. His funeral sermon was preached at his residence by Rev. H. D. Morton. His parents names are unknown at this writing but census indicates that his father was born in Illinois and his mother was born in Indiana. They were members of the Missionary Baptist Church.

Children:

- 2 1 Mamie DOUGLAS was born 10 Sep 1880. Maamie died on 30 Jun 1896 in AR and was buried in Mountain Home Cemetery, Mountain Home, AR.
- + 3 2 William Edgar DOUGLAS was born in Sep 1883.
- 4 3 Oscar Linn DOUGLAS was born on Aug 1890 in AR, and on 16 Apr 1919, married Jemma HURST. Oscar Linn was buried in Mountain Home Cemetery, Mountain Home, AR.
- 5 4 John M. DOUGLAS was born on Jan 1894 in AR, and in May 1916, married Nellie

GREATHOUSE. John M. died in Tupelo, MS.

6 5 Henry Bryan DOUGLAS was born in Jul 1896 in AR, and in May 1919 in Salem, AR, married Grace McELMARRA. Henry Bryan died in Tupelo, MS.

7 6 Eleanor DOUGLAS married in Apr 1919 Roy SEWARD.

(3) William Edgar DOUGLAS, son of William Henry DOUGLAS and Margaret E. MASSEY, was born in Sep 1883 in Lee Co., AR, and on 22 Dec 1909 in Checotah, OK, married Lurah Ethel PIERCE, daughter of Stephen Washington PIERCE and Sarah Ann REDUS, who was born 12 Jan 1885 in Valley Springs, AR. William Edgar died on 5 Jan 1964 in Mountain Home, Baxter Co., AR and was buried in Aurora, MO. Lurah Ethel died on 24 Feb 1924 in Tahlequah, OK and was also buried in Aurora, MO. William Edgar practiced law, was a District Attorney and a judge in Lee County, AR.

Children:

- + 8 1 Velma Emogene DOUGLAS was born on 11 Oct 1910.
- + 9 2 Sally Lou Ed DOUGLAS was born on 19 Aug 1912.
- + 10 3 Margaret Lucy DOUGLAS was born on 19 Mar 1915.

(8) Velma Emogene DOUGLAS, daughter of William Edgar DOUGLAS and Lurah Ethel PIERCE, was born 11 Oct 1910 in Cotter, Baxter Co., AR, and in 1940 in Mammoth Springs, AR, married Morris WOOLDRIDGE. Velma Emogene died in 1951 in Bremerton,

WA and was buried in Morrilton, AR. Velma Emogene was a social worker. Velma and son Morris Ed died in a house fire in Brimerton, Washington.

(9) Sally Lou Ed DOUGLAS, daughter of William Edgar DOUGLAS and Lurah Ethel PIERCE, was born 19 Aug 1912 in Mountain Home, Baxter Co., AR, and on 17 May 1938 in N. Little Rock, AR, married James Armour CARTER who was born 12 Dec 1910 in Hattievile, AR. Sally Lou Ed died on 23 Sep 1958 in Morrilton, AR and was buried in Morrilton, AR. James Armour died on 7 Sep 1978 in Perryville, AR and was buried in Morrilton, AR. Sally Lou Ed and James Armour were restaurateurs. She died of Cancer. James Armour died of a heart attack at Perryville, AR.

(10) Margaret Lucy DOUGLAS, daughter of William Edgar DOUGLAS and Lurah Ethel PIERCE, was born 19 Mar 1915 in Mountain Home, Baxter Co., AR, and on 17 May 1946 in Morrilton, AR, married Loid Nichols STOVER who was born 4 Apr 1913 in Morrilton, AR. Loid Nichols died on 22 Apr 1972 in Dallas, TX and was buried in Morrilton, AR.

*This family history furnished by member Martha Couchman, 504 Trenton Rd, Forrest City, AR, 72335. This history was taken from Family group sheets and other info furnished by Martha.*

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#### INDIAN RESEARCH WORKSHOP

Cushing Genealogical Society, Cushing, Oklahoma, will sponsor a workshop in the Cushing Youth Center (7th & Little) 8:30 AM till 3:00 pm by Dorthy Tincup Mauldin. Subject: Indian Research with emphasis on Cherokee Tribe.

Registration (by October 12) is \$15.00 or \$20.00 at the door. Bring sack lunch or sandwich orders will be taken when you arrive and will be delivered to the workshop at noon or you may visit an area restaurant.

For Registration form or more info write Cushing Genealogical Society, c/o P.O. Box 105, Cushing OK 74023 or E-Mail [censusvu@galstart.com](mailto:censusvu@galstart.com).



**Participate in your society!  
Send in your family history!  
Send in your Baxter County family  
group sheets for Baxter County  
Ancestors - Book #2**

**DUES ARE DUE JANUARY 1,**



- 14 2 Ruby HORNBUCKLE was born about 1904, and on 1 Apr 1924 in Baxter Co., AR, married Johnny WEAVER, Jr. who was born about 1902. Ruby was shown as living in Gassville at the time of her marriage.
- 15 3 Ruth HORNBUCKLE was born about 1907 in Baxter Co., AR.
- 16 4 Harry ("Harvey"?) HORNBUCKLE was born 16 Oct 1911 in AR. (twin)
- 17 5 Artie Blyn HORNBUCKLE was born 16 Oct 1911 in AR. (twin)
- 18 6 Marie HORNBUCKLE
- 19 7 Maxie HORNBUCKLE was born about 1916.
- 20 8 Blanch HORNBUCKLE

(13) Oval HORNBUCKLE, son of Albert C. HORNBUCKLE and Dollie SMITH, married on 2 Mar 1902 in Baxter Co., AR to Wife unknown

Children:

- 21 1 \_\_\_\_\_ HORNBUCKLE(male)  
was born 6 Sep 1939.

(5) Alice Belle HORNBUCKLE, daughter of Uen Ira HORNBUCKLE and Mary Ann HAND, was born in Oct 1883 in Madison Co., AL, and married E. Morris CARP. E. Morris died in Aug 1942 in Gassville, Baxter Co., AR and was buried in Sally Cemetery., Gainesville, MO. Morris and Alice lived 10 miles east of Gainesville, Mo.

Children:

- 22 1 Alta CARP  
23 2 Isom CARP  
24 3 Arvie CARP  
25 4 Gusty CARP  
26 5 Bessie CARP  
27 6 Reba CARP  
28 7 Bud CARP

(6) Harry Green HORNBUCKLE, son of Uen Ira HORNBUCKLE and Mary Ann HAND, was born in Feb 1886 in Madison Co., AL, and on 8 Apr 1906 in Baxter Co., AR, married Mary A. FREEMAN who was born about 1886.

Children:

- 29 1 Edith J. HORNBUCKLE was born in 1908 in AR, and on 9 Feb 1926 in Baxter Co., AR, married Jerald GATTEN. They were married by Jack Hornbuckle, J.P.
- + 30 2 Artie F. HORNBUCKLE  
31 3 Mabel HORNBUCKLE  
32 4 Mack HORNBUCKLE  
+ 33 5 Guy HORNBUCKLE  
34 6 Lloyd HORNBUCKLE

(30) Artie F. HORNBUCKLE, son of Harry Green HORNBUCKLE and Mary A. FREEMAN, was born in Baxter Co., AR, and married Hazel PATTERSON.

Children:

- 35 1 Genevieve Yvonne HORNBUCKLE was born 24 Dec 1930 in KS, and on 27 Aug 1949, married Walter LEMANSKI.
- 36 2 Barbara Jo HORNBUCKLE was born in 1933 in KS, and on 6 Jun 1949, married Robert J. STEINER.

(33) Guy HORNBUCKLE, son of Harry Green HORNBUCKLE and Mary A. FREEMAN, married Deanne L. WOODSON.

Children:

- 37 1 Gary Wayne HORNBUCKLE was born 29 Mar 1940 in CA, and on 1 Aug 1970, married Mildred Dorothy SMITH.

(8) William Ira HORNBUCKLE, son of Uen Ira HORNBUCKLE and Mary Ann HAND, was born 10 Jul 1890 in Madison Co., AL, and on 17 Sep 1910 in Onset, AR, married Amy Jane "Annie" RITTEE/RITTER. William Ira died on 22 Dec

Descendants of William P. HORNBUCKLE

(1) William P. HORNBUCKLE was born 24 Jun 1823 in AL, and on 19 Sep 1842 in Madison Co., AL, married Elizabeth Sabrina GRAYSON, daughter of George GRAYSON and Cynthia Hannah. Sabrina was born 7 Jul 1824 in AL. William P. died on 6 Aug 1897 in Madison Co., AL. Sabrina died on 18 Jan 1910 in New Hope, Madison Co., AR.

Children:

+ 2 1 Uen Ira HORNBUCKLE was born on 10 Nov 1858.

(2) Uen Ira "U. I." HORNBUCKLE, son of William P. HORNBUCKLE and Elizabeth Sabrina GRAYSON, was born 10 Nov 1858 in AL, and on 2 Dec 1877 in Madison Co., AL, married Mary Ann HAND who was born in Aug 1859 in AL. Uen Ira died in 1940 in Mountain Home, Baxter Co., AR and was buried in Wesley Chapel Cemetery, Baxter Co., AR. Mary Ann died on 26 Mar 1903 in Mountain Home, Baxter Co., AR and was also buried in Wesley Chapel Cemetery.

U. I. was a pioneer citizen of Baxter County who had emigrated from Huntsville, AL before 190x8. He was a well known and progressive farmer.

Children:

- 3 1 Minnie W. HORNBUCKLE was born about 1879 in Madison Co., AL, and married Bud NEWMAN.
- + 4 2 Albert C. HORNBUCKLE was born in Sep 1881.
- + 5 3 Alice Belle HORNBUCKLE was born in Oct 1883.
- + 6 4 Harry Green HORNBUCKLE was born in Feb 1886.
- 7 5 Robert Emmet HORNBUCKLE was born in Dec 1888 in Madison Co., AL.
- + 8 6 William Ira HORNBUCKLE was born on 10 Jul 1890.
- + 9 7 Rilla Fay Rebecca HORNBUCKLE was born in Jul 1893.
- 10 8 Arch Sheaver HORNBUCKLE

- + 11 9 Jack Leonard HORNBUCKLE was born on 26 Mar 1896.
- + 12 10 Glenna Myrtle HORNBUCKLE was born about 1900.

"U. I." also married on 16 Aug 1903, Mary B. SMITH who was born about 1866. Mary B. died in Feb 1913 in Mountain Home, Baxter Co., AR. Mary was shown as being from Union Twp, Baxter Co. AR. on her marriage license. The Baxter Bulletin (Aug 21 1903) says "he brought home a bride from the "Wake" neighborhood Saturday"

"U. I." also married on 30 May 1920 in Baxter Co., AR, Mrs. Caroline B. (Watson) BUSHONG who was born 14 Jan 1881 in Sharp Co., AR. Caroline B. died on 17 Feb 1948 and was buried in Connelly Cemetery, Baxter Co., AR. Caroline was the third wife of U. I. Hornbuckle. She was shown as a resident of Howards Ridge, Ozark Co. MO. on her marriage license. Her obituary shows that she was born in Sharp Co. and came to Baxter County about 1923. Caroline was a member of the Church of Christ. Caroline was married 1st to \_\_\_ Bushong and had a daughter; Mrs. Walter Gunter, a sister Mrs. Annie Lawrence and six Watson brothers.

"U. I." also married on 12 Jun 1913 in Baxter Co., AR, Julia ADAMS who was born about 1860. Julia was 53 at the time of her marriage to U.I. Hornbuckle in 1913. At the time of her marriage she was living at Benville, Baxter Co. AR

(4) Albert C. HORNBUCKLE, son of Uen Ira HORNBUCKLE and Mary Ann HAND, was born in Sep 1881 in Madison Co., AL, and on 2 Mar 1902, married Dollie SMITH who was born about 1882 in IL. Albert C. died on 11 Feb 1954 in San Bernardo, CA. Both Albert and wife Dollie are shown living in Mountain Home Twp.

Children:

- + 13 1 Oval HORNBUCKLE

1972 in Heavener, LeFlora Co., OK. Amy Jane "Annie" died on 14 Dec 1956. Annie came from Onset, Marion County, AR. at the time of her marriage. Another records shows her last name as "Ritter"

Children:

- 38 1 Ralph HORNBUCKLE was born 29 Sep 1911. Ralph died on 23 Sep 1912 and was buried in Wesley Chapel Cemetery, Baxter Co., AR.
- 39 2 Ewell HORNBUCKLE
- 40 3 Raymond HORNBUCKLE
- 41 4 William HORNBUCKLE
- 42 5 Clema Mae HORNBUCKLE
- 43 6 Earl HORNBUCKLE
- 44 7 Bill HORNBUCKLE
- 45 8 Kathleen HORNBUCKLE
- 46 9 Betty Jean HORNBUCKLE
- 47 10 Pat HORNBUCKLE
- 48 11 Jerry Joe HORNBUCKLE

(9) Rilla Fay Rebecca HORNBUCKLE, daughter of Uen Ira HORNBUCKLE and Mary Ann HAND, was born in Jul 1893 in Baxter Co., AR, and married MITCHELL.

Children:

- 49 1 Willie MITCHELL
- 50 2 Velma MITCHELL
- 51 3 Helen MITCHELL
- 52 4 \_\_\_\_\_ MITCHELL

(11) Jack Leonard HORNBUCKLE, son of Uen Ira HORNBUCKLE and Mary Ann HAND, was born 26 Mar 1896 in Hand, Baxter Co., AR, and on 19 Jun 1922 in the Court House at Mountain Home, Baxter Co., AR, married Cassy GILLIHAN. Jack Leonard died on 21 Feb 1959 in Rogersville, MO. and was buried in Walker Cemetery, Mountain Home, AR.

Jack was known as "Col" Jack and been an auctioneer in Baxter County. He was well known as the Auctioneer at many pie suppers in Baxter County. He once said that he sold a pie for \$1200 and the least sold for \$3.50.

Jack served in World War I as a Sergeant in the Army. He was a charter member of the

Alley-White American Legion Post in Mountain Home. He also was a member of the First Christian Church.

Jack served three terms as Baxter County's Representative to the General Assembly being elected in 1940, 1942 and 1948. He had been engaged in the Real Estate business for many years and also owned a farm Northwest of Mountain Home. He enjoyed coming into town driving a fine team of horses.

Children:

- 53 1 Daryl HORNBUCKLE married on 28 Jan 1945 in Camp Walters, TX Rena Lea SCOTT.

Jack also married 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ SCHUBERT.

Jack's Step-Children:

- 54 1 Beatrice SCHUBERT
- 55 2 Dale SCHUBERT

Jack also married on 30 Mar 1925 in Baxter Co., AR, Lessie MILBURN. Lessie had 2 daughters, (1) Lonnie Milburn, by a previous marriage, who married Chas. Robertson, only son of Lonnie Robertson, on August 14, 1934. (2) Lessie Dale Milburn, who married April 6, 1940 to Johnnie Stoke.

(12) Glenna Myrtle HORNBUCKLE, daughter of Uen Ira HORNBUCKLE and Mary Ann HAND, was born about 1900 in Baxter Co., AR, and on 5 Oct 1918 in Baxter Co., AR, married Francis E. NEWBROUGH who was born about 1899.

Children:

- 56 1 Henry NEWBROUGH
- 57 2 Bonnie NEWBROUGH
- 58 3 Louis NEWBROUGH

*This family History was prepared by Margie Garr.*

HONESTY IS THE FIRST CHAPTER  
IN THE BOOK OF WISDOM

## **MEDICINAL ROOT DIGGERS REAP HARVEST IN WOODS**

A large number of persons in the Arkansas Ozarks, through the years have been busy in the deeper recesses of the woods and under shady, rock bound cliffs hunting ginseng and other wild medicinal plants native to this section of the country. Their labor had assisted to help stock the shelves of the drug jobbers and manufacturing pharmacists of the United States. When you have a prescription filled at your favorite drug store over the years, the chances are about 50-50 that you were getting at least a small part of what some digger has found in the Ozark woods.

The following are some of the plants/roots found and marketed from the Arkansas Ozark Mountains.:

**Ginseng** grows in the oak forests in the mountains, under deep shade in moist ground. It is used as a stomach tonic. In China it is a panacea for almost every disease.

**Bloodroot** is found in the deeper recesses of the woods. Preparations made from this root are used for coughs and for blood tonics.

**Seneca or snake root** is found in pine land. Its medicinal value lies in the fact that it is a stimulant.

**Wild ginger** has a medicinal value as a cathartic.

**Golden Seal Roots** are narcotic, disagreeable and the taste is bitter. It is used as a treatment for internal sores, especially in the stomach.

**May Apples or Vegetable Calomel**, nicknamed for it's medicinal value

**Lady Slippers** is used in medicine as a stimulant.

**Slippery Elm or sweet elm**, grows along the creeks and valleys in the Arkansas

Ozarks, The trees are from 10 to 50 feet in height and are covered with a rough reddish or brown bark. The leaves are from four to eight inches long and from two to two and one half inches wide, oval shaped and sharply toothed, growing in clusters close to the stem. Only the inner white bark of the tree, which is removed after the outer bark is shaved off, is salable. This bark has a medicinal value as a demulcent.



### **Our Neighbor:**

#### **MARION COUNTY PAST**

*[Adapted from the Historic Genealogical Society of  
Marion County's "Bramble Bush"]*

The first white settlers in Marion County were primarily men who came to explore and find new hunting and fishing grounds.

Before the Fallen Ash Military Road was built in 1830, most settlers in Ozark Region of Arkansas came up the White River and some of the first of these built their cabins at the mouth of Bear Creek and on Sugar Loaf Prairie.

In 1849 Yellville was just a wide spot in a dirt road with a log building for a courthouse and a log stable for a jail. It was known as a "wild & woolly" place. If a man was hiding from the law, the mountains and hollows made it easy for him to hide out and many lawless individuals made their way to Marion County. The famous Tutt and Everett War took place here. Horse thieves, moonshiners, counterfeiters, and even murders were all evident. With the west boundary being Indian Territory, the lawless and dishonest flocked here to sell whisky, guns and cheap merchandise to the Indians. Eventually law abiding citizens took a stand and the lawless were driven out and better law enforcement emerged.

In 1840 Marion County had a population of 1,240 and in 1990 had 12,001 citizens

**Society Doings!**

**NORTH ARKANSAS ANCESTOR FAIR**

The Ancestor Fair, held at Leslie, AR on June 1, 1996 was attended by the Baxter County Historical Society. A booth was manned by Gene Garr. Many contacts were made with people with Baxter County ties and several prospective Society members were contacted.

Several programs with Civil War themes were presented during the day. Genealogy programs regarding many subjects including American Indian Research, Genealogical sources were also held. Program by the National Archives, Kansas City Branch was presented. Booths were allotted to many people researching North Arkansas ancestors. Many North Arkansas Counties and Genealogy groups were represented.

This is an annual fair. If you are interested in genealogy of this area you should plan to attend the fair next year.

**SOCIETY HAS BUSY SUMMER**

**By Dale Sharp**

In order to obtain greater involvement from county residents two of three summer meetings were conducted outside of Mountain Home in other historically significant areas of Baxter County.

The June meeting found us near the confluence of the White and North Fork Rivers for a pot-luck dinner at the Wolf House at Norfolk. Bob Bounds, curator, treated the gathering of about forty members and guests to guided tours of the house and newer additions, a blacksmith shop, a small cabin and a museum. The blacksmith shop is staffed by a working blacksmith to further demonstrate the timeless craft to visitors. The cabin was the property of Reverend John Wolf, brother of Jacob,

and was dismantled near Calico Rock and reconstructed on its current site. The museum offers exhibits associated with the local area and also an opportunity for visitors to purchase memorabilia of their visit. Dinner followed and included Mr. Bound's entertaining presentation of historical documents relevant to that site and the region.

In July the Society convened at its regular meeting site, the Day Service Center.

The program included a presentation of music by member Lawrence Wilet and Jim and Jean Smelder before a packed house of appreciative members and guests. The program also included a review of old pictures brought by many of the attendees. Many of the photos reflected people and places from the region's very early days.

Big Spring Park was the site of the August meeting. More than fifty attendees enjoyed a potluck dinner and a presentation by Bill Jennings, Mayor of Cotter, supported by comments by several other Cotter residents. The discussions provided a living history of Cotter from its early days to the present. Many questions were asked and lively discussion included a comment from Margie Dahlke that she and George spent their honeymoon at Cotter's Commercial Hotel about sixty years ago. Current efforts called "Cotter Care Crews" supported by the pride of Cotter citizens to spruce up the town were highlighted by Mayor Jennings and well recognized by those in attendance.

The Society hopes to continue meetings at different places throughout the county for several meetings during each year..

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### 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.

**James Holloway, 110 3rd Street,  
Templeton, CA 93465-5311.**

I am researching the **John Valentine Morris, Charles Tanner** [the local cobbler] **R. M. Henderson** [Dr. Henderson] and **William Thompson** families. They are the grandparents of my mother. Are there still family members living in Mountain Home. I wish to correspond with anyone about these families.

**Sally Ghirardi, 1256 Bird Rd.  
Branson, Mo.**

Wish to correspond with anyone with **Treat, Hall, Gowens, Wood, McClain, Smith or Horner** families that settled in Baxter, Marion & Searcy CO.s in the late 1840-early 1850s. Will answer all letters!

**Joyce Watson Bledsoe, 104 So. 6th  
St. Deepwater, MO 64740-9100**

[1] Who are the parents of **Wright H. Watson** who m-**Charlotte Hedgephith** 24 Dec 1850 Lincoln Co. IN. Her parents **Allen Breadway Hedgeth** and **Lydia Sullivan**. Charlotte m-2nd to **Wm. Williams**, Lincoln Co. TN, m-3rd **David Witt** found in 1880 Sharp Co. Census. Charlotte had children: [1] **Wm. Franklin Watson** b-1853 TN, [2] **David Cornelius Watson** b-1855, and **Thomas Witt**. Can anyone help? Need Charlotte's death date in Sharp Co. AR.

[2] **Cornelius W. Sullivan** m-**Mary A Gunter** ca 1812. Both were from N.C. and are buried in Homestead Cem. Need info on **Ada Gunter** who married **Ed Kasinger**, **Ida Gunter** who m-**Evert Watson**, **Tina Gunter** who m-**Palmer**

**Watson and Robert Walter Gunter** who m-**Pearl Watson Bushong**. Some of the above lived in Baxter Co. Can anyone help?

**Connie Pearl, 3309 E. Mt. Vernon,  
Wichita, KS 67218 Phone 316-682-  
6961**

Will correspond with anyone regarding the following two families:

I am researching the Holts: **Rena Holt's** father **William S. "Bud" Holt** [See Quarterly 22-2 Queries] born 1848 TN died 1924 Sylamore, Izard Co. AR. His father was **Ames Amon Holt** born in 1825 in TN and died 1913 Searcy Co. AR. Ames' wife was **Sabroy (Sarah) Jones** born in AL 1823, died in Searcy Co. AR. Possible Indian heritage but I haven't found proof.

Also researching the Davis Family, **James H. Davis**, born in Michigan, married Sarah Grubb of IL. Their son **Frank Caldwell Davis**, born 1866 Carthage, MO, buried Pilgrims Rest, Baxter County, AR married **Sallie Elliott**, b-1887 AL died May 1954 Monkey Run, Baxter Co. AR. Their son [my dad] **Frank Caldwell Davis, Jr**, b-Aug 1919 in CA. d-Sep 11 1994, Wichita, KS buried Pilgrims Rest Cemetery, Baxter County, AR.

### MORE NEW 1996 MEMBERS

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**WE ARE BOTH PART OF THE SAME  
STORY AS LONG AS ONE OF IS  
STILL AROUND TO REMEMBER**

of index cards, now on microfilm, which gives additional information. These are in a Special Collection, but is accessible by using a Temple Ordinance Index Request (TOIR) form which should be at the FMC. These are \$1 per search. When they find the index card they may also find a group sheet from the next era for you.

**1942-1969:** In 1942 patrons began sending in Family group sheets. These are also indexed on the TIB and can also be obtained with a TOIR form. These are arranged alphabetically by Head of Household (sometimes a married woman) These can be found by using the Family History Library Catalog under "Mormons - Genealogy - Sources" and roaming around until you find a series beginning with film #127. In some cases you might find a book this way that contains the family you are looking for. But always remember, the important information for your research is to get to the **source** of the information. The catalog has helped many people in their research!

**1969-circa 1990:** The IGI actually began in 1969 and at the same time patrons began using a form titled *Individual Entry and Marriage Entry Forms*. Sometimes family group sheets were still used. (These are batch numbers beginning with F, 50 or 60) The value of seeing these forms is that the source is shown and the patron may still be current and may be able to furnish additional information. Again You **WANT THE SOURCE!**

You can use the photo duplication form to get copies of 8 forms for \$2 (again read the small print, Some batch numbers with the 4th, 5th, 6th digits higher than 365 refer to extraction's from New England vital records).

**1990-Present:** About 1990 a new type of family group sheet (8 1/2 x 11 instead of 8 1/2 x 14". About the same

time the church began using "Temple Ready" to process submissions on disk. While this has been extremely useful in many ways, no longer are patron name and addresses and sources available. We are referred to the Ancestral File. This situation may eventually change, but we cannot get "behind" the IGI on these entries.

**Hint:** If you find a patron on an old family group sheet, try looking in the ancestral file. Then look for the submitters' name and address. You may find the current family historian  
Adapted from "the DCGS "The Review" SUMMER 1996



### THE TALBOT LIBRARY

The "Talbot Library", a private library at Colcord, OK, is a great surprise for the researcher who is researching the Cherokee Indians. This library is a great source of Cherokee information. The library features many books on Cherokee lineage's. Mr. Talbot also publishes a newsletter, which contains a wealth of Cherokee information, and may be subscribed to at the cost of \$10 per year. (4-issues)

The library is open 9-5 Tuesday thru Saturday and most Sunday afternoons. Their mail address is PO Box 349, Colcord, OK. 74338-0349.

-Thanks to Ann Maloney (Internet)



### LIVING HISTORY IN THE PARK

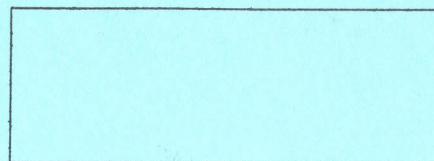
A Living History exhibit in Cooper Park at the Rapps Barren Pioneer Park on October 12, 1996 presented by the Confederate Civil War reenactors .

Exhibits of Civil War camp life will be demonstrated. Firing of muskets and cannon will be featured. Public invited.

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