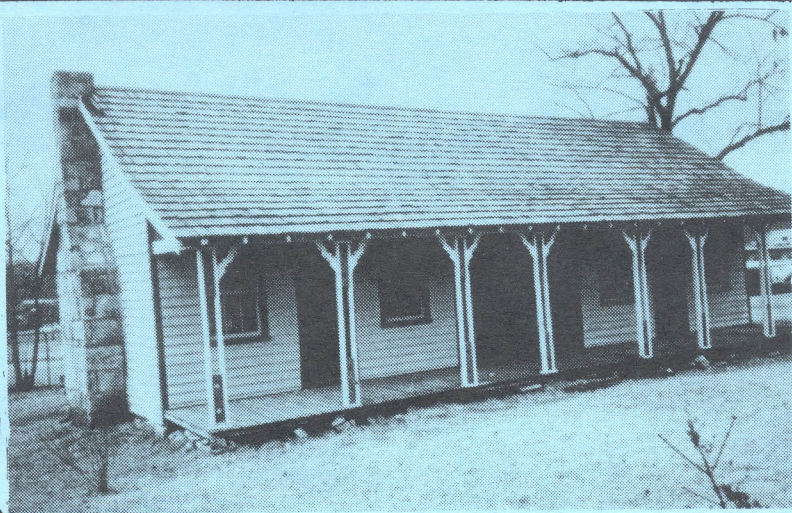


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We welcome all our new members that have joined during the past year. We hope that they have enjoyed their membership. New members are needed to help the Society fulfill the various projects that are on going. We urge all members, new and old, to participate in the publishing of "The History" by submitting their family story, history items about Baxter County and its neighbor counties, using the Query Column or submitting some help item that could be used in the "How to Find Them" column. Your help is needed and very appreciated. The Quarterly will only get better with your participation. Also plan to submit your Baxter County connected pedigree charts and family group sheets for inclusion in **Volume II** of *Baxter County Ancestors*, now planned to be completed by spring.

ALL MEMBERS DUES ARE NOW DUE

The board has decided that each member will get a bill for the next year's dues. If you have paid your dues and still receive a bill, please ignore the billing.

THE LONG, LONG PATH TO BAXTER COUNTY
The Baxter County Descendants of MOSES STARRETT

By Margie Garr

Moses Starrett (father of Moses G. and William A.) was quite a traveler traveling from Lincoln Co. North Carolina where he lived nearby his father William and mother Ruth. Moses G. was in Clark County, Illinois after the 1850 census, according to his application for land awarded for military service, filed by his nephew, Wyatt Starrett, son of William A. Moses G. had served in the Indian Wars.. Moses G. enlisted 10 July 1837 as a Private in Captain Henry Yokum's Company, (later to be commanded by Captain Macklin) Tennessee Militia. He had volunteered in Murphreesboro, Rutherford County, Tennessee, to serve three months for the purpose of relocating the Cherokee Indians from the "Highwassi Purchase" territory in Eastern Tennessee.

The application (Warrant #93504 under act of 1835) described the path they took in moving the Indians. Although Moses' nephew, Wyatt, had not in the military, he wanted the land that he thought Moses G. would have been granted. The application was rejected. Moses G. had obtained the warrant earlier and Wyatt was attempting to obtain permission to purchase the land warrant from Moses. When the claim was being made by Wyatt, Moses G. lived in Smithville in Lawrence County, Arkansas and Wyatt was living in Williamson County. He had filed the claim on February 2, 1880.

At the time the papers were first filed by Moses, he was living in Clark County, Illinois, located near the Indiana Line and close to Edgar County, Illinois. He then moved to Williamson County, Illinois, where William A. Starrett lived. Two of William A.'s daughters have Baxter County descendants. The descendants are Hazen Bonow, descendant of Wm's oldest daughter, Margaret, and Margie Garr, descendant of Wm. A's daughter, Nancy Catherine Starrett. In 1870 Moses G. was in Fulton County, Arkansas and in 1880 Moses G. was in Lawrence County, Arkansas, Strawberry Township. The Starretts then spread out to Baxter and IZARD Counties in Arkansas.

(1) **Moses G. STARRETT**, son of Moses STARRETT and Sarah WITHERSPOON, was born about 1816 in Tennessee, and on 6 October 1840 in Wilson County, Tennessee, married **Loureny "Arena" B. HENRY** who was born about 1822 in Tennessee. Moses G. died after 1880 in probably Lawrence Co, Arkansas where he lived when the census was taken..

Moses G. is found in 1850 in Williamson County, Illinois family 112 page 219. In 1870 he is in Fulton County, Arkansas, Franklin Township. family 05 page 60. In 1880 he is in Lawrence County, Arkansas. He lived in Clarke County, Illinois in February, 1856 according to papers he filed trying to get bounty land for serving in the removal of the Cherokees in May of 1837.

Children:

- + 2 1 **Phillip B. STARRETT** was born about 1844.
- 3 2 **Phebe A. STARRETT** was born about 1845 in Illinois
- 4 3 **Rebecca STARRETT** was born about 1847 in Tennessee
- 5 4 **John Moses STARRETT** was born about 1858 in Illinois
Moses is found in the 1870 Census of Fulton County Arkansas, Franklin Township. page 60, family 05.
- 6 5 **Elizabeth STARRETT** was born about 1853 in Illinois
Elizabeth is found in the 1870 census Fulton County Arkansas, Franklin Township. page 60 family 05.

(2) **Phillip B. STARRETT**, son of Moses G. STARRETT and Loureny "Arena" B. HENRY, was born about 1844 in (probably) Williamson Co., Illinois, and married **Sarah HOOD**, daughter of John HOOD and Lucinda _____, who was born in 1855 in Tennessee Sarah died in 1884. Phillip is found in the 1850 Census of Williamson County IL, page 219, family 112 and in the 1870 Census of Fulton County Arkansas, Franklin Township. page 60, Family 05. **Sarah** was reported to have been killed by the KKK in Arkansas.

Children:

- + 7 1 **John Moses STARRETT** was born on 22 June 1871 probably in Fulton County, Arkansas
- 8 2 **Frank STARRETT** died in 1905 in OK.
- 9 3 **Laura STARRETT**
- + 10 4 **Martha Louvina "Vina" STARRETT** was born on 9 November 1870.

(7) **John Moses STARRETT**, son of Phillip B. STARRETT and Sarah HOOD, was born 22 June 1871 near Wild Cherry, IZARD County, Arkansas, and married **Amanda Savannah HANEY** who was born February 1880 in Georgia. John M. died on 14 December 1965 in Dallas, Texas and was buried in Edgewood Cemetery, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

John M. appears in the 1900 census IZARD County Arkansas, Jefferson Township. Vol 17, E.D. 161, sheet 11, John and Mandy's family found in 1920 in Norfolk Township, family 204, Baxter County, Arkansas. **Amanda Savannah** is in the 1900 census of IZARD County Arkansas.

Children:

- 11 1 **Brett or Burth? STARRETT** was born in 1911 in Arkansas.
- 12 2 **Bertha STARRETT** was born in 1913 in Arkansas.
- 13 3 **Archie STARRETT** was born in 1918 in Arkansas.

(10) **Martha Louvina "Vina" STARRETT**, daughter of Phillip B. STARRETT and Sarah HOOD, was born 9 November 1870 in between Ash Flat, & Pocohantas, Arkansas, and in Evening Shade, Arkansas, married in Evening Shade, Arkansas, to **Andrew Jackson SMALL**, son of James Jasper SMALL and Mary Elizabeth CLARK, who was born 5 March 1867 in Missouri. Martha Louvina "Vina" died on 24 January 1953 in Norfolk, Baxter County, Arkansas and was buried in Norfolk Cemetery, Norfolk, Baxter County, Arkansas. Andrew Jackson died on 22 March 1960 in Calico Rock, Arkansas and was buried in Norfolk Cemetery, Norfolk, Baxter County, Arkansas.

They married in either Fulton or Sharp County, Arkansas. They were in Baxter County, Arkansas in 1910, & lived around Iuka. In 1920 they were found in Norfolk Township, Family 27 in Baxter County, Arkansas.

Children:

- 14 1 **John Romeles SMALL** was born 22 October 1896 in Ash Flat, Arkansas John Romeles died on 20 September 1978 in Junction City, Kansas and was buried in Highland Cemetery, Junction City, Kansas.
- 15 2 **William Leslie SMALL** was born 7 June 1896 in Ash Flat, Arkansas, and married **Zella ATKINS**. William Leslie died on 4 February 1969 in Norfolk, Baxter County, Arkansas and was buried in Norfolk Cemetery, Norfolk, Arkansas. Zella was also married to Nellie PUCKETT.
- 16 3 **Laura SMALL** was born in 1897. Laura died in 1916 and was buried in Hand Cemetery, Baxter County, Arkansas.
- + 17 4 **James Jasper "Jim" E. SMALL** was born on 15 February 1900.
- 18 5 **Ernest SMALL** was born in 1902. Ernest died in 1904.
- 19 6 **Mary Elizabeth SMALL** was born 10 March 1905 in Wild Cherry, ARKANSAS, and on 12 February 1922 in Norfolk, Baxter County, Arkansas, she married **Ed SIMPSON**. Mary Elizabeth died on 14 January 1987 in Norfolk, Baxter County, Arkansas and was buried in Norfolk Cemetery, Norfolk, Baxter County, Arkansas
- 20 7 **Ulyus Zion SMALL** was born 9 August 1908, and married **Sylvia KEY**. Ulyus Zion died on 2 October 1975 in Colbert, OK and was buried in Norfolk Cemetery, Norfolk, Baxter County, Arkansas.
- + 21 8 **Anna Lillian SMALL** was born on 1 April 1909.

- 22 9 **Ruby SMALL** was born 26 March 1912, and on 9 June 1928 in Calico Rock, Izard County, Arkansas, married **Roscoe DOBBS**. Ruby died on 10 October 1990 in Little Rock, Arkansas
Info on Ruby came from the Social Security files.

(17) James Jasper "Jim" E. SMALL, son of Andrew Jackson **SMALL** and Martha Louvina "Vina" **STARRETT**, was born 15 February 1900 in Wild Cherry, Arkansas, and in Norfolk, Baxter County, Arkansas, married **Evah CUNNINGHAM**. James Jasper "Jim" E. died on 16 December 1961 in Norfolk, Baxter County, Arkansas and was buried in Galatia Cemetery, Norfolk, Arkansas.

Children:

- + 23 1 **James Edward SMALL** was born on 15 November 1936.
24 2 **Melvin SMALL**
25 3 **Zella Mae SMALL** married _____ **DAVIS**.
26 4 **Zelma SMALL** married _____ **JOHNSON**.
27 5 **Anna Faye SMALL** married _____ **HARRELL**.
28 6 **Mary Jane SMALL** married _____ **FRANCE**.

(23) James Edward SMALL, son of James Jasper "Jim" E. **SMALL** and **Evah CUNNINGHAM**, was born 15 November 1936 in Norfolk, Baxter County, Arkansas, and married **Doris POWELL**. James Edward died on 21 November 1997 in Benton, Arkansas and was buried in Violet Hill Cemetery

James Edward was a former resident of Norfolk, Arkansas. He was a 32nd Degree Mason at the Congo Lodge in Benton, Arkansas.. He was a US Navy Veteran of the Korean War.

Information on James and his family was from his obituary in the November 24, 1997 issue of the Baxter Bulletin, published at Mountain Home, Arkansas. Funeral Services were held at the Old Galatia Church in Norfolk, Baxter County, Arkansas, on November 25, 1997

Children:

- 29 1 **James Edward SMALL, Jr.**
30 2 **Timmy SMALL**
31 3 **Tommy SMALL**
32 4 **Melissa SMALL** married _____ **ZAJAC**.

(21) Anna Lillian SMALL, daughter of Andrew Jackson **SMALL** and Martha Louvina "Vina" **STARRETT**, was born 1 April 1909 in Wild Cherry, Arkansas, and married **Elmer WEATHERFORD**. Anna Lillian died on 2 January 1998 in Mountain Home, Baxter County, Arkansas and was buried in Norfolk Cemetery., Norfolk, Baxter County, Arkansas. Elmer was also married to a spouse unknown.

Death information was from her obituary in the January 5 1998 edition of the Baxter Bulletin.

Anna was a member of the Norfolk Church of Christ.

Children:

- 33 1 **E. J. WEATHERFORD** of Salesville, Arkansas married **Jeanne** _____.
34 2 **Ronnie WEATHERFORD** of Stigler, Oklahoma married **Connie** _____.
35 3 **Juanita WEATHERFORD** of Medford, Oregon married **Dusty YANCY**.
36 4 **Anita WEATHERFORD** of Norfolk, Baxter Co., Arkansas. married _____
CARAWAY.

Anna also married on 22 November 1973 in Norfolk, Baxter County, Arkansas, to **Fred CLIMER**.

GENEALOGY AND HISTORY CONNECTION

Great joy can be derived from learning of our past history and from our genealogy. To some, history and genealogy are different subjects. History that leads back from present day, is a constant discovery act. Just as learning about our history from our present day, back through our history, is the constant building of bridges from today to a period of our history, Genealogy achieves the same end.

The study of genealogy begins with the present, and the gathering the records and stories, which explains the family at the time it, exist. The learning about the family, generation by generation, is also history bridge building.

A genealogist, amateur or professional, is a historian, be it a family historian. To be a good family historian, the historian will record the good as well as the bad in his family's history, not just the stories in which the family was successful. To make it all worth while, one must tell the complete story, not necessarily the parts you want to tell. The genealogist, as a historian, will want to and will be required to know the history of the period, the country, the state, the county, the township and the community in which the family history is being recorded. He must search out each generation very thoroughly.

The family historian usually begins with collecting family stories and will then branch out to the written and recorded stories. Many families have had a member who has written about his adventures, family history, and family stories. Many have had them published by the local newspapers. The historian will do his research in local libraries and other archives that have old newspapers on file or on microfilm. Searching for obituaries becomes a necessity. They search out

the obscure files in many places, such as, the Agriculture census in existence from 1850 to 1880, which lists many of our farmer ancestors and their assets. Old church and school records will be studied for a scrap of history of the family. Some will contact insurance companies for details listed on early policies and applications of ancestors. Steamship passenger records and lists are read for clues to immigrating/emigrating ancestors. War records of ancestors will be obtained to add to the history. Battle site records and journals of the Civil War are scrutinized for more history of our ancestors. Old personal diaries or journals are pure gold mines of information to the family historian.

Family historians/genealogists will search the county record rooms, combing the vital records to find out more about their family. They will collect old photographs of the family. They tramp around in old cemeteries. They travel great lengths, buy computers, join the Internet, post many queries in many places, purchase many books and journals, and join genealogical and historical societies. They will spend countless hours standing at a copy machine and in front of a microfilm machine studying rented film. Libraries become their second home. They will pry and pick their elder's brains and memories and record their memoirs. Much of the time the family historians will almost desert their families and other projects to further their research to add to their family history.

They leave no stone unturned in the search of ancestor history. Yes, the history bridge building goes on in the Genealogy search. History is a great joy!

—F. Gene Garr, Editor of *"The History"*

HERMIT DIES IN LONELY CABIN

From The Cotter Record

August 4, 1911 Issue

(Furnished by Member Max Parnell)

**Dead for weeks, dragged from
Cabin by Wild Animals
Wildcats and Panthers Devour the Body.
Trapper and Fisherman lived alone in
the Hills**

Parties passing the place of the German hermit, Mellinger, in the hills three miles from Norfolk last week, found the partly decomposed and devoured body of the man lying in the doorway of his cabin where it had been dragged by wild animals. Appearances lead to the belief that he had been dead from two weeks to a month. His brothers, W. M. and Frank Mellinger of Wooster, Ohio, were notified and arrived Saturday and the remains were buried Sunday. Rev. McKinnon of Cotter conducting the funeral.

Mellinger was a German and came to the county some five or six years ago, when he bought and paid cash for a little place in the hills of North Fork, about three miles from the mouth of the stream. He was alone and lived alone; forming no acquaintances and paying cash for the simple necessities he required. He talked as little as possible and lived the life of a recluse. In the spring and summer he fished and in the winter trapped. Very little was known of him as he had no visitors and sought the friendship of none. Through the post office and from some legal transactions, it was learned that he had two brothers living in Wooster, Ohio.

Last week in passing his cabin a man noticed the body and making an investigation found it to be that of the hermit. The body had been dragged from the bed after death and partly devoured, it is presumed by wildcats and panthers. The clothing was torn nearly from the body. No evidence of foul play was found, hence it is supposed that he died a natural death, probably with heart disease or very suddenly from some other cause.

The brothers appeared to be men of considerable means and were deeply affected by the lonely life and death of the man. He was between 50 and 60 years of age.

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DEVoured BY VARMITs

From August 11, 1911 Issue of *The Cotter Record*

The following account is from *The Norfolk Times*

Danial Millinger, who was found dead at home three and one half miles southeast of town on Thursday evening of last week by Frank Southard, was buried at Galatia Graveyard Monday evening.

Mr. Millinger was 64 years of age and lived all alone. It is thought by all who saw the corpse that he had been dead since June 16th or 17th as the last time the old gentleman was seen was in Norfolk on the 15th of June.

The body was entirely perished away and the skin was dried up and apparently grown to the bone.

The varmints had dragged the body from the bed, supposed after death and had eaten a portion of it and badly mangled him up. Even after the corpse was found it had to be kept closely guarded to keep the varmints away. Immediately after the body was found, his two brothers, Wm. and Frank of Wooster, Ohio, were wired and came Sunday. The body having to be kept till they arrived delayed burial three days longer.

Mr. Millinger was an old bachelor and was living in an out of way place where people seldom went. He owned 100 acres of land where he lived. His entire estate was estimated at about \$1000. He was practical machinist evidence by every day work.

Better add that the gentleman's character had always been above reproach since he had lived here and also bears that reputation in Ohio from boyhood. The two brothers, Wm. and Frank, departed for their home Tuesday morning and we did not learn just what disposition they will make of the estate.

How to Find Them!

This is a regular feature of the "History". Have you found a unique way to add to your genealogy? Share it with our readers by sending it to the Editor.

World War 1 Draft Records

Congress passed the Selective Service Act of 18 May 1917. This act required each state to set up local draft boards, with one for each 30,000 people. All men who fit in the range for potential soldiers were channeled through this draft. Supplement acts raised the number to be registered to over 24 million men. At first the men between the ages of twenty one and thirty-one were required to register and as the war progressed, eventually all men between the ages of 18 and forty five were required to register.

The questions required in the registration changed during the war but most questionnaires included name, home address, date of birth, where born, citizenship questions, civilian occupations, previous military service, previous employment, and the final form included race, father's nationality, employer's name and name and address of nearest relative.

A card was prepared for each draft registrant, the front of the card contained the questions asked of the man, the back of the card contained the draft board's report.

This 24 million registration cards collection is housed at the National Archives--Southeast Region in East Point, Georgia. They have been filmed and are available through the Family History Library in Salt Lake City.

These records can be very useful to the genealogist for people during the period containing the draft age men. Many men shown on the 1910 census had only limited information shown, but on the draft registration, many have furnished much more information regarding his history and his family.

To request a search from the National Archives, first send a self Addressed, stamped envelope to National Archives Southeast Region, 1557 St. Joseph Ave., East Point, Georgia 30344 and request the form they've designed for draft registration. The fee is \$6.00, payable when they have found the record.

As the records are arranged by state, and thereunder by draft boards, when requesting a search, the draft board location where the draftee was registered will facilitate the search. Most rural areas will have only one draft board, but some urban areas may have several draft boards. Searches for people in these may be more difficult.

It may be beneficial to check if there are brothers registering in the draft. What one brother puts on his card, such as next of kin, may not be the same as his brother wrote on his. One may have had a wife and shows her as the next of kin and another brother may have been single and show his parents.

Only 10 per cent of those registered served in the military. Even if your subject did not serve in the military, he should have a card on file covering his registration.

US PASSPORTS A GENEALOGICAL SOURCE

US Passport applications provide much biographical information about our ancestors. They furnish the age, or birthdate, place of birth, physical description and signature. You can get a hint of the applicant's travel history and many will furnish the name of ships, the applicant may have traveled on. If the passport holder was an immigrant, the information of their naturalization may be described in detail. The form of application changed

of the period does not give parents names, usually only the bride and groom and person performing the ceremony may only be cited. The marriage application process did not begin until the latter part of the 1800s in Indiana.

The Internet address for the database is:

<http://www.statelib.lib.in.us/www/indiana/genealogy/MIRINFO.HYML>

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GRAVE MOVING BY TVA

Information on graves affected by the Tennessee Valley Authority has been gathered into an alphabetical listing including 30,630 graves. There is a second set of records of the individual Reservoir Cemeteries.

Eleven Volumes covering the main channel of the Tennessee River from Kentucky Lake, Tennessee, have been published.

A surname search of the volumes "Complete TVA Burial Records", can be made for \$5 per surname by writing to: Mossman Press, PO Box 4000, Signal Mountain, TN 37377

-LA West Side GS via "The Family Tree"

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SCOTTISH MASONS

For a possible source of information regarding Scottish ancestors who may have Masonic ties, try writing to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, 96 George St., Edenburg, EH3 3DH. Send as much information as possible in your request.

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PREPONDERANCE OF EVIDENCE

The wide use of the phrase "Preponderance of Evidence" has now been ruled by the "Board of Certification of Genealogist" to be more confusing than helpful and should no longer be

used to describe how genealogist analyze and weigh evidence.

The Board governing trustees have revised the certificate requirements to reflect the decision. The board is not changing the requirement, but is rewording it to describe specifically how applicants are to show their ability to handle complex evidence problems, avoiding the words that have caused confusion.

The phrase was originally borrowed from the legal system, which it describes the standard of proof necessary in civil trials. However, genealogical literature shows that genealogists have come to require a higher level of proof for their conclusions.

The new regulations will set up a general procedure to be followed and/or the degree of complexity the procedure will imply.

The abandoned term was deemed necessary due to the lack of any general understanding of the phrase, at the annual conference of the National Genealogical Society, held at Valley Forge, PA., this past May, and led to the board dropping the term from use.

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ILLINOIS STATE ARCHIVES BILLING CHANGES

Beginning January 1, 1998, the Illinois State Archives will no longer bill for copies, instead prepaid \$5 vouchers, each containing ten \$.50 credits, must be purchased and sent in with research requests. If the desired record is located and copied, Archives staff will punch the voucher for the appropriate amount and return it with the copy. (Vouchers may not, however, be used to pay bills issued by the Illinois Regional Archives Depositories or those previously incurred at the Archives) Valid for two years after purchase, vouchers may be obtained by sending a check to: Illinois State

Archives, Norton Building, Springfield, IL 62756.

The Archives is now able to accept credit cards. (Visa, MasterCard and Discover/Novus) as payment for larger bills, such as book purchases, although a \$.40 surcharge is added for this service.

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INSTANT DATES?

Some archaic terms refer to dates that will make you stop and blink if you run across them in your genealogical research. For example: Monday instant – if used usually meant “today”. The 10th instant – usually means the 10th of the month. Monday last – the most recent Monday. Tuesday last – the nearest Tuesday to follow. December last – the most recent December. While the term “next” and “last” are usually written out, the term, “ultimo” is sometimes written “ULT: and the instant is “INST”. It is important to note the date on the document being studied as that is the key to the dates the writer refers.

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MIDDLE NAMES

People have not always been allowed to have as many names as they wish. Only 400 years ago not even a middle name was allowed in England. It was illegal. The old English law was definite and admitted no infraction of its ruling.

The only exception made to this regulation was in the case of persons of royal rank. If they really wished it they could boast a middle name. Woe to the person of ordinary rank who was sufficiently unwise or obstinate enough to insist on having more than a first and last name.

For the first offense, he would likely be tied to a whipping post and be severely lashed. For a second offense he would endure some more lasting punishment – perhaps the removal of his thumb or his ears. If he still persisted in his stubbornness, he would be hanged.

There is a case of record of a poor man, in all probability, half demented, who insisted in signing four names every time he wrote his signature to any paper. He passed through all of the above stages of punishment and was then hanged.

–The Martin County genealogical Society via “The Family Tree”

MICROFILM BEST FOR STORAGE

The Genealogical Society of Utah says that vital records and family histories stored on microfilm are expected to last between 500 and 1,000 years. This system of storage of data will continue to be the way the Society recommends and stores their data. They will not convert to computer diskette or CD-ROM.

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RIDE ON ONE'S HIGH HORSE

If you have heard the term “on their high horse”, you have probably recognized the affected arrogance and superiority, the way these people scorn those they believe inferior.

This stems from the 14th century when people of high rank in a royal pageant were mounted on “high” horses, meaning that they rode the “great horses” or heavy chargers used in battle or tournaments.

–Lake Elsinore Genealogical Society

through the years and at different times in the history of passports, different information was required and recorded.

How to search for a passport application

To facilitate locating specific passport applications, the Department of State created a total of thirty-three volumes of registers and indexes. These registers and indexes relate to passport applications received by the Department of State from 1810 through 1906. They have been microfilmed as M1371 "Registers and Indexes for Passport Applications -1810-1906". (13 rolls) and are in the custody of Federal Archives, Washington DC.

The Passports Applications from 1795 to 1905 are also in the National Archives and have been microfilmed as M1372 "Passport Applications" (694 rolls) Passports Applications from 1906 through 1923 have been microfilmed by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Copy from the church are also deposited in the National Archives under M1490 (2740 rolls) and are now being duplicated to be furnished to the public. Post the State Department has not released 1925 as yet.

The indexes cover the years 1830-1831, 1843-1846, 1856-1865 and 1866-1906, wit special indexes to "Emergency Passport Applications - 1870-1906, and Special Passport Applications - 1829-1894) The index lists the passports in various ways:

1830-1831 - alphabetical

1843-1846 - chronological

1866-1906 - alphabetical in

batches by the first three letters of the applicant's surname and thereunder chronological.

The essential point is that these indexes refer by date and/or number and number and/or volume to the passport applications themselves,

allowing researchers to locate specific ones.

To use these finding aids, search for an ancestor's name in the indexes that cover the time period when you think the ancestor may have applied for a passport. This may entail scanning two or more indexes. However, there are not so many applicants to make this search unmanageable. When you find your ancestor's name, note the date and/or number and/or volume to the application. Then use this information to retrieve it.

All the films referred to (by M numbers) are viewable at the Regional National Archives) For more information regarding the Passport Applications and other information stored at the archives, see "Guide to Federal Records in the National Archives of the United States" and "Guide to Genealogical Research in the National Archives."

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INDIANA MARRIAGES

If you are searching for marriages in Indiana, the Indiana State Library's on-line database of Indiana Marriages through 1850 is available.

Records of marriages from all county seats as well as records from other sources including "The Abstracts of the Society of Friends in Indiana" by Willard Heiss and those noted in the St. Francis Xavier Parish Church in Vincennes, Indiana, which dates from 1749, and are now included in a data base containing 330,000 records. A few counties were excluded due to the unavailability of records prior to 1850 including Clay, Jasper, Madison, Newton, Noble, Starke and part of Sullivan.

The database is designed as an identification tool. The marriage returns

1900 ARCHIVES FIRE

One of the little known survivors of the famous destruction of the 1890 US Census was a part of a special census of "Surviving Soldiers, Sailors and Marines and Widows of the Civil War". In most Southern States, it includes both Union and Confederate veterans.

The records for states Alabama through Kentucky were lost along with the population schedules. However, most of the rest of the states, plus a part of Kentucky were saved. These records are available on microfilm from the National Archives in Washington DC.

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ORPHANS COURT

Court records can be confusing, to say the least. Many genealogists overlook the Orphan's Court records in their local courthouse or even those maintained by the states. The legal term meant that the child had lost his/her father. There were no age designations for the term. In many cases, the mother was still living.

Orphan's court records show the administration of estates and sometimes appoint trustees or guardians for minor children or incompetent ones.

The records contain names, births, death dates, marriages and sometimes the maiden name of the mother. If a guardian is required, the mother of the family often requests her father or brother for the task.

---Kishwaukee Genealogists, via "The Family Tree"

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GENEALOGY ON THE INTERNET

If you're surfing the WWW and want to find information on Ireland - Try <http://www.mayireland.ie/Geneal>.

This will let you access the Family History Research Centres for each Irish County.

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ELLIS ISLAND

Marie Antenoracruz, assistant to the Director of Public Affairs at the Ellis Island Immigration Museum writes that the newest project is "The American Family Immigration History Center" which has a new web site. The URL is www.ellisland.org

To visit and view the American Immigration Wall of Honor-on-line, where you can view a registered family name, research if one has been registered, possibly locate a family name and register your family using the electronic form. The URL is: www.wallofhonor.com.

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CIVIL WAR WEB SITES

There are web sites on the Internet for information for those seeking Civil War information on ancestors and regiments in which they served. Some listings can be found at the following site:

Grace-Marie's List of Civil Web Sites:
<http://members.aol.com/shortyhack/link.html>.

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OUT OF WEDLOCK

Through history there are many ways the above term was said. Some of the terms found in British birth registers include: bantlin, base, baseborn, bastardus, begotten in fornication, lovechild, come by chance, in sin begotten and son of no certain man.

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THE WORLD IS ROUND SO FRIENDSHIP CAN ENCIRCLE IT

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—*Corstorphine Journal*, official newsletter of the Clan Forrester Society, Inc.

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SAILORS

An act of Congress in 1798 made provisions for Seaman, Protection Certificates, which were issued as proof of citizenship to protect US seamen from being "shanghaied" into a navy in a foreign port.

These certificates are on file in Washington, DD, having been indexed by the WPA in the 1930s. For information, write to: Judicial Fiscal and Social Branch, Civil Archives, Washington, DC 10408.

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Membership eligibility is open to the (1) actual military veteran and (2) men and women who worked on the home front: Rosie the Riveter/anyone who worked in a wartime industry, block warden, Red Cross, Merchant Marine, FBI, State Dept., War Dept., Selective Service, Rationing Boards, Etc. Also lineal or collateral descendants, male or female, of a Rosie the Riveter, or a veteran of the Second World War.

For more information: James D. Partin, Genealogist of the Order, PO Box 7063, Ft. Gainesville, FL. 32605-7062

E-Mail: partin@gnv.fdt.net

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NORWEGIAN ANCESTRY

If you are working on Norwegian ancestry, you may want to become affiliated with the Vesterheim Norwegian American Museum, 502 W. Water St., Decorah, IA 52101, and the Vesterheim Library, 415 W. Main St. Madison, WI 53703. (*Margie says this is very good*).

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SPELL YOU NAME CORRECT?

The correct way to spell your surname is the way you yourself spell it, every man is privileged to spell his own name as he sees fit. But because you and perhaps your father and grandfather spelled the name a certain way is no reason for being concerned to prove that your first American ancestor spelled it the same way.

It is a matter of small importance whether he did or did not, and our first American ancestors were too much occupied with serious matters to worry much about how their names were spelled.

The spelling in vital records is not conclusive, since it may have been the error of a clerk. The spelling on grave stones is not always conclusive, for stonecutters made many mistakes. Even an autograph is not conclusive unless the writer was a person of some education, for often men spelled their names differently in different signatures.

—*Donald Lines Jacobus, in "Genealogy as Pastime and Profession"*

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GENTECH 98 IN FORT WAYNE

On January 23, 1998, Gentech, Inc., in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, is sponsoring GENTECH 98. It is being hosted by the Allen County Public Library Foundation. The event will be held at the Grand Wayne Center. Contact Gentech, PO Box 21028, Dallas, TX 75228-0028

GENEALOGY QUERIES

Member's 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.

Minnie Lou Whittington, Rt. 1 Box 2343, Granfield, OK 73546.

Seeking information regarding my Hart and Everett Family:

James Madison WATSON married on 14 Aug 1890 **Cansada Jane EVERETT**, daughter of **Jahue Ballard EVERETT** and **Sarah Ann SMITH**, who was born 10 Jan 1870 in Lebanon. **Cansada Jane** died on 26 Dec 1939 in Lebanon, Marshall Co., AR. Their 1st child **Claude WATSON** was born about 1900. And on 21 Jul 1921 in Newark, Independence Co., AR, married **Lula HART**, daughter of **Thomas Jefferson HART**, who was born about 1903. **Virgil Lee WATSON**, son of **Claude WATSON** and **Lula HART**, was born 18 Apr 1916 in Newport, Jackson Co., AR, and on 24 Mar 1934 in Tillman Co., OK, married **Jewel C. WILLINGHAM** who was born about 1915. **Virgil Lee** died on 20 Jan 1994 in Lawton, Comanche, OK and was buried in Devol Cemetery, Devol, OK. Their child **Minnie Lou WATSON** was born 18 Dec 1934 in Cotton Co., OK, and on 24 Mar 1951 in Grandfield, Tillman Co., OK, married **Kenneth Dean WHITTINGTON** who was born about 1935. I wish to correspond with anyone regarding these families.

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Gwen Caldwell Quickel, P. O. Box 806, Lake Jackson, TX 77566-0806

I am researching for information regarding great-aunt **Cynthia Caldwell Gray Miller Scott**. She was reported to have lived in Mountain Home when she died but was buried in Ashley Co., AR. When was her death date, and who was her husband ____ **Scott**? She

was mother of **Anna Mae Gray Tipton**. What was the marriage date of **Anna Mae** and **Henry Tipton**? **Cynthia** also had a daughter **Madge (Miller?) Gladney** who died in Mountain Home ca 1935. Birth date unknown. **Cynthia** was born 25 December 1883 in Hamburg, Ashley Co. AR. Any info or help would be appreciated.

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BETTY HICKMAN, Rte 2 Box 507, Rogersville, MO 65742 e-mail bhickman@mai.orion.org

Spencer and Ann Jordan DAVIS had 10 children born in Murray Co., Ga. between 1850 and 1869. They are on the 1850 and 1860 census for Murray Co. In 1870 they are in Franklin Co., AL with all 10 children. By 1880 most of the children are in Baxter Co. AR. I am especially interested in determining what became of 4 of the youngest children. They are: **Margaret** who married **James C. REED**, **Louella** who married a **PITTMAN**, **Katheryn** who also married a **Reed** and **Susan** who possibly married a **WILKERSON**

I would appreciate hearing from anyone with knowledge of any of the 10 children but especially those 4 named. I will share information.

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Dewain Richmond, 4826 Bahama Dr. Sand Springs, OK 74063

I'm a descendant of the "Cranfill-Farris" and "Marler-White:" families of Baxter County. I need help locating the burial place of my Great, Great, Great Grandmother, **Minerva E. WHITE**. Nobody know's where she is buried. At the time of her death she was living with son-in-law and daughter, **L. E. TUCKER** and **Lucinda Ella TUCKER**,

of Whiteville Township, Baxter Co. Ark. She was born 1818 died December 23, 1907, Whiteville, Township, Baxter Co. AR.

BAXTER COUNTY'S FIRST SETTLERS

By Member Ellen Ramey

It has been conjectured that after the last Ice age had passed, some Asiatic explorers crossed the Bearing Sea into Alaska. This is based on meager information recovered by archeologists.

It is also granted credence in the early part of this century by a director of the Bureau of American Ethnology of the Smithsonian Institute in a 1930's article in the National Geographic Magazine, entitled America's First Settlers. This is quoted in Frances Shiras' "History of Baxter County" as these early peoples moved southward, the article opined, they built civilizations before the white man came up into this territory.

The bluff caves, homes of some of those early civilizations, are still visible near Big Flat and in many other sections of the Ozark Mountains, and can be seen from the beautiful paved roads, curving this way and that through the Ozark National Forest. The forest is thus preserved and occupied with the natural vegetation and wildlife. Some of which were there those many years ago. Local youths have explored and picnicked in these caves as evidenced by spray painted names and events recorded there.

"These civilizations are recorded in this area by meager artifacts uncovered by explorers which showed them as most often very peaceful agrarians, until," quoting A. C. Jeffery in the Melbourne Clipper (of Melbourne, Arkansas) of May 19, 1877. "About 1819 when the Shawnee tribes moved onto the "Cherokee Grant". The Jeffery

family came over from England settling in the Ozarks and leaving descendants here in the area.

According to the late Sam Leath of Harrison, who spent many years studying the Indian History of the section, who was interviewed by Frances Shiras for the history of this county. "Because of the large number of tribes in this region, the whole territory between what is now Norfolk to the Missouri Line abounds with the romance of the Indian days.

In the early 1930s, older residents could remember their grandparents telling that there were three buffalo trails that merged at the confluence of the White and North Fork Rivers and there was also a ridge trail between them. This "confluence" where the North Fork River runs into White River, is approached by a small road leading westward which leaves Highway 5 south and drops downward behind the Wolf House, which is on the main street of Norfolk, and Highway 5 south. A beautiful sight to behold, and almost always being enjoyed by fishermen as well.

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911 ADDRESS CHANGES

To Insure delivery of "The History" make sure that we know your correct address. It is very expensive to the Society when quarterlies are returned by the Post Office for any reason. By giving us your correct address you will help us. If you have an e-mail Address, include it also. Send your corrections to Judy Sharp, or Stella Jackson, addressees are on inside cover. You can make the corrections by e-mail to Margie Garr or Judy Sharp.

CIVIL WAR REENACTMENT

For a few hours on Saturday, October 18, The Rapps Barren Pioneer Settlement was the scene of Civil War Army life as the 2nd annual "Civil War Living History" exhibition was staged there.

Shortly after 8am, the camp began to take shape as the artillery rolled in and tents began to go up. The camp, with all equipment on exhibit, was ready for public viewing by 9am. Just before 10am the area was fully awakened when the first salvo was fired by the artillerymen. This was to be repeated several times during the day. Several skirmishes were held and one of them resulted in the trial of a Yankee spy caught during the skirmish. The Living History Camp was closed at 5PM.

If you missed the demonstration this year, mark your calendar and plan to attend next year. It is a great experience!

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CIVIL WAR BOOK

J. Troy Massey has the following book containing information on burials in Baxter County.

"Confederates Buried in Boone, Baxter, Carroll, Newton and Searcy Counties, Arkansas." \$15 Plus \$2 shipping and handling.

Write to Massey Books, P.O. Box 536, Harrison, Arkansas 72602.

Home Telephone and Fax 870-741-8846

.Internet: tmassey@cswnet.com.

AN APOLOGY IS A GOOD WAY TO HAVE THE LAST WORD

GENEALOGY STAMP

It has been pointed out that the US Post Office does not have a genealogy stamp. Since this is one of the nation's largest hobby activities, it is felt that a stamp to commemorate the activity should be designed and made available.

A design idea has been suggested: A tree with roots showing would be appropriate.

If you feel this is a good idea, your support would be appreciated. You can make your wishes known by writing to: Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee, 475 L'Efant Plaza SW, Rm 4474 E., Washington DC

You can also call 1-800-stamp24.

For info contact Theresa Carhart, PO Box 11282, College Station, TX 77841.

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LOCAL MAN FOLLOWS GRANDFATHER TO BECOME STATE POLICEMAN

Shelby Bodenhamer, one of three Mountain Home graduates from the Arkansas State Police class, addressed his fellow graduates at the graduation and swearing-in ceremonies held Saturday, December 20th at Little Rock.

Bodenhamer, who used to play dress-up in his grandfather's state police uniform, dressed in his own trooper attire, addressed hundreds in the state Capitol rotunda as a representative of Arkansas State Police Troop 97-A at graduation and swearing-in ceremonies.

Bodenhamer will use Badge No. 45, which was his grandfather's Badge number. The late D. J. Bodenhamer was a trooper in the

1950s and 1960s. Shelby was 11 years old when his grandfather died. Another trooper, who had held that badge number, gave it up so Shelby could have it. Shelby is the son of Baxter County Judge Joe Bodenhamer, who was the son of the late D. J. Bodenhamer.

The other graduates from Mountain Home are Clinton Evans and Becky Gage. The three new officers will begin their duties in early January and will work with a field training officer for three months.

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DON'T FORGET THE DUES!



Reunion Attendees

Second from left: Imogene Nelson Lowe, Lucille Jones, Jewell Cooper, Fannie Pinkston, Ruby Haley Roberts and Dora Bruce. Standing from left: Charles Blackburn, Jimmy Lowe, Luther Tanner, Floyd Bruce, and Pearl Shell.

MOUNTAIN HOME BAPTIST COLLEGE ALUMNI MEETING

By Jimmy Lowe

The Mountain Home Baptist College Alumni Association, dwindling in numbers but strong in spirit, held its annual Reunion on Saturday, October 11, 1997, in the Country Kettle at the Ramada Inn, in Mountain Home. President Frank Bruce, presided at the meeting. Members from Little Rock, Hot Springs, Melbourne, Midway and Mountain Home attended.

ASU Chancellor, Dr. Ed Colter displayed a drawing showing the location of the proposed new campus of ASU-Mountain Home and an artist conception of the buildings and their placement. He also invited contributions by the Alumni Association. A space in the lobby of one of the new buildings will be available for display of material about the old college.

The Alumni Association roll includes about 85 members but many are not able to attend. President Bruce said: "As long as some of us can get together to share our memories, we'll continue to meet."

Attending were: Jimmy and Imogene Nelson Lowe, Lucile Jones, Jewel Cooper, Fannie Pinkston, Ruby Haley Roberts, Luther and Ethel Tanner, Fred

and Dora Bruce, Pearl Shell, Lon and Marguerite Jones, Ellen Shiras Ramey. Herbert "Red" Johnson and Charles and Kathy Blackburn.

The former Mountain Home Baptist College was active from 1891-1933. The only remaining original college buildings are currently owned by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blackburn, where college era artifacts are displayed.



OCTOBER MEETING

The October meeting of the Society was held at the the Baxter County Day Service Center on October 29th. Reports from the Treasurer Stella Jackson, Gene Garr and Charles Blackburn were heard. The program for the evening was presented by Ken Story, Preservation Outreach Coordinator, from the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program. Mr. Story presented a slide show while explaining the various functions the Program administers such as:

National Register of Historic Places
Arkansas Register of Historic Places

when the cow mooed really loud. Looking back, Willie demanded in a very fever of interest, "Which horn did she blow?"

"Norfolk still has a newspaper. Ophelia Hurst Davis continues to put out "The Home News". Max reports that Ms Davis publishes the newspaper by a photocopied format. In most cases, he says, the material in it is more like the old community items from the weekly newspapers in the 1950s, and often includes obituaries.

"The Arkansas History Commission has microfilm of *The North Arkansas View of Mountain Home* from its' origin on March 13, 1985 through May 9, 1990." (Ed: This newspaper is not listed on a recent received listing of newspapers available at the History Commission)

Max also pointed out that the Baxter Bulletin was sold by Multi Media to the Gannett Corp in 1995.

-Editor—Thanks Max for the additional info



**MORE ABOUT
"THE LEGEND OF SPOOKY HOLLOW"**

Member Jim Galey writes that he has researched his Cooper Family line for a great deal of time. The "Samuel Cooper" referred to in both the article on page 80 in the last "History" and in Mary Ann Messick's book is actually his great great grandfather and that his correct name is George Washington Cooper. He also noted that the Society's book "Of Grave Importance" has the name "A. W. Cooper" which should have read "G. W. Cooper". He suspects that the elements of time has eroded the "G" to what was read as an "A". His research has not found a Samuel Cooper living in the area during the 1850-1870 time frame.

Jim says he writes to tell us about the corrections so that other Cooper researchers will not be confused by the "Samuel" name. Jim says, "I appreciate the many fine articles Mary Ann provides for our newsletter and I certainly do not intend this correction as a criticism of her efforts."



**PUBLICATONS BY BAXTER COUNTY
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

"*Baxter County Ancestors- Voume 1*", a collection of pedigree and family charts of Baxter County families. Volume 1 includes over 205 pages including a full name index.

Cost - \$22.50 plus \$3 shipping

Member cost - \$20.00 plus \$3 shipping

"*Of Grave Importance*", Indexed inventory of 78 Baxter County Cemeteries, includes over 9000 burials, 375 pages including map and full name index.

Cost \$40 plus \$3 shipping

Members cost - \$35 plus \$3 shipping

"*The Early Marriages of Baxter County*", The records of Marriage Book "B", 61 pages including complete name index.

Cost \$12 plus \$3 shipping

Members \$10 plus \$2 shipping

NEW NEW NEW NEW

"*Baxter County School-Student Rolls, 1926 to 1943*", over 285 pages, fully indexed, includes each class, pupil and parent/guardian from County School Superintendent's records.

Cost \$50 plus \$3 shipping

Books may be ordered from F. Gene Garr, Judy Sharp or Stella Jackson. See addresses on reverse front cover.

Past Quarterlies - 1970 to date

Cost \$3 plus \$1 shipping

For complete set of available quartlies, prior to 1970, contact Treasurer Stella Jackson for cost.



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The November Meeting

The November meeting was held at the Baxter County Day Service Center in Mountain Home on the regular meeting date. After the usual finance, and committee reports, the Society conducted the election of officers to operate the Society during the year 1998.

Vice President Charles "Charlie" Blackburn was elected president, to succeed existing president Judy Sharp, and Evelyn Denton was elected Vice President. All the rest of the members of the board were voted to retain their petitions for another years.

Charlie has served as the Vice President in charge of our special project of reconstructing the Rollins Hospital Museum in Gassville.

The program for the meeting was conducted by Charter Member Garvin Carroll, who presented a slide program from his collection of slides of the progress of Baxter County. His program consisted of showing many "Then and Now" photos of Mountain Home and Baxter County structures. Many seniors members of the Society could identify many of his slides.

Our thanks go to Judy and her committees for making the past two years very interesting. Many interesting programs have been

enjoyed. The programs in various locations in the County were well attended and enjoyed.

COMMUNICATIONS IN BAXTER COUNTY

After reading the feature article in the July, August and September Quarterly, member Max Parnell writes to tell of his enjoyment of the article and has furnished some followup data to the story.

"There apparently was another newspaper at Norfolk at one time. In the June 23, 1911 issue of *The Cotter Courier*, there was a short article indicating that E. Moss, formerly of Leola, Arkansas, was editor of the *Norfolk Times* which printed it's initial issue that week." Shortly after Max had corresponded with us, he was presented with a copy of Saturday, December 2, 1911 Edition *Norfolk Times* (No 24) which was found a few years ago when a time capsule/corner stone was opened at the Adams Masonic Hall. The newspaper had been damaged by moisture but was still in a condition to copy. Max has shared the edition with us. Although the damage is considerable, much of the paper was copyable. Evidently the paper had changed hands and indicated that it was published by W. A. Riley and M. Pennington.

The issue was 12 pages and contained many filler articles and a minor amount of local news. McPherson Happenings column, announcements of the various businesses of the area, Of Local Interest, News from Culp (including an item telling of Dr. J. E. Gower's horse died of blind staggers last week., Local and Personal, Norfolk Market reports, (eggs, butter, potatoes, feathers, beeswax, hides and cotton prices) and a joke column were featured in the paper.

A 1911 joke: *Little Willie, a city boy, had never saw a cow. He finally saw one and said to his country cousin, John, "Oh John, what is that?" "It is just a cow" said John. "What are those things on its head?" Willie asked. "Those are horns," said John. They went a short distance*

I REMEMBER GRANDMA

(Author Unknown)

*I walked along a country lane
And knew that it would lead
To Grandma's yard where I once played
Now overgrown with weeds*

*I often chased a butterfly
Or touched a dewy rose
I sometimes left my bare footprints
'Cross Grandma's garden rows*

*If Grandma never had the time
To stop and tie a bow
Or peel an apple, kiss a hurt
She never let me know*

*Today a daisy or a rose
Moves me to be a bard
And write about the day I played
In Grandma's shady Yard*

I had the pleasure of knowing my great grandmother, America, and my grandmother, Mary C. Biggers Skiver. I was only a child of 7 or 8 when grandmother America became too feeble to get around anymore. But, I do remember all the stories she told us as we sat on the floor in front of her big high backed rocking chair with her brass spittoon beside it (she dipped. I am told she smoked a pipe in her younger days) while she kept us spellbound with her stories.

The following is one of her stories: She was born in 1858 and is found in the 1860 Texas County, Missouri Census with her parents and family, William Kasinger and Arrainy Harding kasinger. So she was very young during the Civil War. Many people came to the state of Missouri at that time because it stood neutral, refused to fight for Union or Confederate side. If war came to the region you lived in, anything of value was taken, stock of any kind, grain and fodder. Some times a lone cow was hobbled somewhere in the woods in hopes it would not be found and killed for its meat. She said some of the potatoes, turnips and dried corn were put in a hole in the ground dug for that purpose instead of being put into the cellar. There was no wheat to make flour or no mills left to mill it. Corn could be beat to make meal for bread so there was never very much left in the cellar. In this period of time our Uncle Tom was a teenager and during this time Grandma Arrainy was still having children.

A bear visited their home and it was hungry. There were no comcrib to rob and no smokehouse full of meat. Grandma Arrainy had a gun hidden under a split log in the floor - it must of been a cap and ball kind The bear, after finding nothing in the corn crib or smoke house, came toward the house. The children were all sent to the loft and huddled together scared to death. The bear then began to tear away at the window shutter. With gun in hand, Grandma lifted the bolt on the door and just as the bear was raising up again to get at the shutter, she braced herself and shot for the heart but missed it and hit it in the gut. The bear fell back and arising again, ran down the hill screaming and pulling grass and leaves from the ground and sticking them into the would in it's side. Every one knew that if there was a gunshot and it was heard, there was trouble and a screaming bear was just as bad. But being brave and not knowing if the bear was dead or not, but also knowing that her children needed meat, she followed the bear in the evening hour. She found the bear, gutted it and cut off meat for her use. She stopped by the spring and washed it clean and she had meat for her kids. Later she cut more and took it to the smokehouse. How brave this little

lady was, being left in charge, husband gone, children alone with her. She could have been killed herself.

This is the story of my great, great, grandma as told to me by my great grandma, America Kasinger Biggers. Through a child's eye, I was always afraid of bears and to this day do not want to meet up with one.

I have always been curious and wondered if the cow was hobbled in the woods, why did the bear not attract it?? But then that would have been a twofold tragedy for grandma and the cow.

—Joyce C. Watson Bledsoe.

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Another Baxter County Family History:

THE BIGGERS – KASINGER FAMILY

Adapted from the family history furnished by Joyce C. Watson Bledsoe

(1) Ambrose **BIGGERS** married 11 October in Randolph Co., AR Mary Ann **MCDONALD**. Ambrose and Mary Ann were married by Isaac Russell, JP.

Children:

- 2 1 **Lucinda BIGGERS** was born about 1840 in AR, and on 13 January 1858, married **Andrew HUGHES**.
Lucinda also married on 8 April 1861 in Randolph Co., AR, **Thomas TYLER**.
- 3 2 **Mary BIGGERS** was born 2 May 1841 in AR, and on 13 January 1858, married **James Willis TISDALE**. Mary died on 25 December 1891 in Baxter Co., AR and was buried with her second husband William Henry Conditt in the Casey Cemetery, Mountain Home, Baxter Co., AR.
Mary also married on 15 August 1864 (another record shows the date of 4 January 1877), to **William Henry CONDITT** son of Jeduthon L. Conditt and Mary Duke
- + 4 3 **James Wm. "Billy" BIGGERS** (p. 24) was born on 11 August 1842.
- 5 4 **Calvin BIGGERS** was born about 1845 in AR, and on 15 August 1864 in Jackson Co., AR, married **Elizabeth CONDITT**.
- 6 5 **Jefferson BIGGERS** was born 5 November 1849 in AR, and in Baxter Co., AR, married **Angeline BARNETT**. Jefferson died on 13 July 1931 in AR and was buried in Oakland Cemetery, Baxter Co., AR.
"There are some conflicting stories about Uncle Jeff. Some say he could not have been Ambrose Biggers' son. After talking to older members of this family who said he was Ambrose son, I do believe Ambrose and Mary Ann Biggers must have been expecting him when Ambrose died in 1848. No other marriages or Mary Ann Biggers to another Biggers in that time frame. Mary Ann did remarry to John Prater, on 12 December 1863 in Randolph Co. Later they could be found in the Baxter County 1880 census. After John Prather died, Mary Ann moved to Rayborn, Missouri to live with her grandson, Albert Biggers. She died there on 26 July 1900 and is buried in the Rayborn, Mo. Cemetery".

(4) James Wm. "Billy" **BIGGERS**, son of Ambrose **BIGGERS** and Mary Ann **MCDONALD**, was born 11 August 1842 in Randolph Co., AR, and married _____ **ODEM**. Billy became ill on the way back from a trip to Oklahoma and died at Saloam Springs Arkansas. His youngest daughter, Netta died there also. Grandmother Kasinger Biggers came back to Baxter County and was later counted as a widow with her children in the Baxter County 1900 census. It also possible James' wife may have been named Miss Taylor.

Children:

- 7 1 **Albert BIGGERS**

"Billy" also married after 1880, America KASINGER, daughter of William KASINGER and Arrainy HARDING.

Children:

- 8 1 **Marcus W. BIGGERS** was born 17 June 1883 in Baxter Co., AR, and married **Meda Edge DOWNING**. Marcus W. died on 27 May 1953 in Shawnee, Pottawotome Co., AR and was buried in Little Chapel C..
- 9 2 **Mary Catherine BIGGERS** was born 13 July 1886 in Baxter Co., AR, and on 31 May 1902 in Newton Co., AR, married **Charles S. SKIVER**. Charles S. died on 2 August 1972 in Mountain Home, Baxter Co., AR and was buried in Oakland Cemetery, Baxter Co., AR. Their marriage was recorded in Newton Co. AR.
- 10 3 **Sterling Price BIGGERS** was born 20 July 1888 in Baxter Co., AR. Sterling Price died on 16 April 1961 in Baxter Co., AR and was buried in Oakland Cemetery, Baxter Co., AR.
- 11 4 **Martha Ethel BIGGERS** was born 1 October 1890 in Baxter Co., AR, and on 5 August 1905 in Mountain Home, Baxter Co., AR, married **Andrew Jackson SKIVER**. Martha Ethel died on 6 January 1859 in Mountain Home, Baxter Co., AR and was buried in Oakland Cemetery, Baxter Co., AR.
- 12 5 **Rosie C. BIGGERS** was born 24 August 1892 in Baxter Co., AR, and on 18 January 1906 in Mountain Home, Baxter Co., AR, married **Harry STUDDARD**. Rosie C. died on 7 November 1918.
- 13 6 **William Laurel BIGGERS** was born 27 July 1894 in Baxter Co., AR, and married **Rena DUTTON**. William Laurel died on 16 February 1981 in Cowiche, Yakima Co., WA.
William is buried in Washington with 2nd wife Ida Dutton Biggers
William Laurel also married Ida DUTTON.
Ida is the sister of William's first wife, Rena Dutton.
- 14 7 **Lola Janetta BIGGERS** was born 27 October 1896 in Baxter Co., AR, and on 30 October 1913 in Mountain Home, Baxter Co., AR, married **James Andrew FEARS**. Lola Janetta died on 19 May 1970 in Pauls Valley, Garvin Co., OK and was buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Garvin Co., AR.
James and Lola Janetta were married at the Mountain Home Picnic.
- 15 8 **Netta Ann BIGGERS** was born 17 March 1896. Netta Ann died on 25 August 1899 in Siloam Springs, AR.

9 **Mary Catherine BIGGERS** was born 13 July 1886 in Baxter County, AR and on 31 May 1902 in Newton County, AR married **Charles Sylvester SKIVER**. Mary Catherine died on 2 August 1972 in Mountain Home, AR and was buried in Oakland Cemetery, Baxter Co., AR. Their marriage was recorded in Newton Co. AR. Charles was born abt 1882 AR and died April 1965, buried at East Oakland Cemetery, Baxter County.

Children:

16. 1 **Geneva Ethel SKIVER**
17. 2 **Edna Lorene SKIVER** (*Mother of member Joyce C. Watson Bledsoe*)

There has been mistakes made in dates, spelling, incorrect census, etc. If any mistakes are noted in the above history, please let me hear from you. I do not believe that curiosity kills the cat. I believe it makes better understanding of this thing called Genealogy. I have always been curious. So help me out if you know something about this family.

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Editor: Thanks go to Joyce for sharing her family history. Readers, have you submitted yours yet? Plan to do so in the future!

I REMEMBER GRANDMA



**Geneva Ethel Skiver, Charles Sylvester Skiver, Mary Catherine Biggers
and Edna Lorene Skiver - Picture taken 1909**



**America Kasinger Biggers - April 2, 1858 - May 20 1942
Died Mountain Home, Arkansas, buried Oakland Cemetery, Baxter County, AR**

SALESVILLE, ARKANSAS, THE REST OF THE STORY

By Mary Ann Messick

The Baxter Bulletin's Senior Focus Magazine, published in Mountain Home, Arkansas, recently published a shortened version of Mary Ann's article "Salesville, Arkansas". The following article now tells the "Rest of The Story".

This month, the incorporated town of Salesville, Arkansas, will be 30 years old. But that is only part of the Salesville story, to say the least. The area now included in the Salesville City limits has some of the richest and oldest history in the County, dating back to the days of Indian occupation, prior to the arrival of Major Jacob Wolf at nearby Norfolk. This has been documented by the University of Arkansas as evidenced by the Indian burial digs down river from Norfolk Dam. It also has been reported that a grave bearing the intriguing inscription, "Frenchy, 1803" is located in the area, leading one to believe it is the grave of one of the French trappers who were the first white men to frequent this area prior to the Louisiana Purchase.

The first white settlers at Salesville were Johnny and Peggy Sales. Family members still have their homestead land grant, signed by President Buchanan, dated May 1, 1860, for 120 acres. The Sales came from the Carolinas in an oxen drawn wagon and for many years, the buckets that contained the tar used to oil the wagon wheels, were still in use around the homestead. The Sales home was located where Highway 5 makes the sharp curve at the top of the hill heading toward Mountain Home. Hwy 5 was then known as the "Old Salt Trail" because salt unloaded at the steamboat landing at the Wolf House was the main item carried by the wagons traveling north, as far as Springfield, Mo. Mrs. Sales made great hoops of tany, yellow cheese, which became famous all over the area.

Wagoneers would take their noon meal with Uncle Johnny and Aunt Peggy and feast on the delicious cheese. Aunt Peggy was also an herb doctor. She made a salve from "Bamagilead" buds that could heal burns and carbuncles, with help from the lord. (*Is there no Balm in Gileas?* – *Jeremiah 8:22*) The first blacksmith at Salesville was a man named Patterson and Uncle Johnny gave him land as an inducement to settle in the new community because they so badly needed the services of a "smithy".

John Sales died in 1914 on his 85th birthday after predicting he would be dead before the day was over. So strong was his belief, that he sent Jim Webb to town to buy his burial suit. Uncle John and Aunt Peggy are buried in a very old graveyard, located south of their homestead. A number of other pioneer burials are there, including a black lady named "Rachel", who was the former slave of my great-great grandmother, Susannah Robertson Brown Swearingen. As a child, my mother, Estes Mae Raymond Messick, lived near the cemetery. She said the neighborhood children would play among the old tombstones during the day, but would never, ever go near it after dark. The ghost of Rachel was supposed to haunt the place – looking for her rebellious teenager daughter who ran away, probably with one of the freighters headed north. Among other early settlers there were families named Adams, Friend, Wilson, Frix and Spencer. My grandfather, W. H. Raymond's second wife was the former Winnie Frix, who as a girl was known as the "Beautiful Bell of Salesville". In the teen years of the 1900s Salesville was

noted as being a gracious, prosperous, peaceful place to live. The school officially named "Sales", not Salesville, was Baxter County's District #15, which means it was probably organized before 1900. The two room school had a reputation of being one of the best educational plants in the county and students from other districts would board with Salesville residents and attend school there. At the height of the "Dam Boom", over 200 students were enrolled, with some students housed in a building across the street.

In January 1917, the quiet of Salesville was shattered when Joe Frix (my step-grand-mother's brother) shot and killed his neighbor, J. L. Spencer. The only other witness to the shooting was Spencer's teenage son, Guy. After the shooting, Joe Frix immediately went to Mountain Home and turned himself in. The two men had been in a quarrel over the dragging of logs across one end of Frix's land through which an old, old road ran. Frix had warned Spencer about using the road, and even piled brush across the road, which Spencer removed. One day I hope to fully write about this incident, because it is another example of Ozark killings that I find so intriguing. Mrs. Spencer, attended by Dr. Z. T. Shied of Norfolk, didn't die from the stomach wounds until the next day. On his deathbed, he dictated a statement, giving his side of the story and had it notarized. Whether or not the jury or judge who tried the case, had privy to the statement, I would love to know. After 24 hours of straight deliberation, the jury found Joe Frix, "Not Guilty". After that they're seemingly were no hard feelings between the families. Guy Spencer sometimes worked for my Grandfather Raymond on his cattle ranch at Salesville at least once, the teenager spent the night in the home of the sister of the man who had killed his father. Guy Spencer married Elizabeth Mae Watley, and her brother,

Wilson, married Ruby Raymond, a niece to Harve and Winnie Frix Raymond.

Salesville remained a small quiet community until 1941, when construction began on Norfolk Dam, about 3 miles away. Immediately activity began at a frantic unbelievable pace. Not only at Salesville and Norfolk but also all the way from the road junction to the damsite. Over night, in that narrow gully, two towns came into being: (1) *Hutchenson*, which was promoted by Jack Bonner and Dr. Vero Hutchenson, heirs to their family farm and (2) *Spencer*, owned by Guy Spencer, who worked with the promoters of the boomtown of Disney, Oklahoma, near a similar damsite.

Doyle Spencer of Joshua, Texas, has written an excellent booklet, "Spencer, AR. A Boom Town that Never Boomed". That's not the way I remember it. But he was a young boy from Kansas City and I was a young girl from Monkey Run. Maybe that explains our different views. Actually there were five town sites, most of which are now included in the city limits of Salesville: Salesville, Hutchenson, Spencer, (later named Ellis) Hyde Park (promoted by M. E. Curlee and Lon Jones, and actually a sub-division of Salesville) and the unnamed town inside the restricted area of the damsite.

On May 23, 1942, Salesville hosted one of the largest crowds ever assembled in the county. It is reported that upwards of 12,000 people attended the Norfolk Dam celebration. The parade started at the "Y" at Salesville and traveled down to the damsite. A special booklet was printed by the Baxter Bulletin to commemorate the event. Salesville businesses offering their congratulations on the building of Norfolk Dam were "Lots For Sale by W. A. Scofield & Son", Brashear Bros. United Cabins; Robinson's Grocer and Market; Robinson's Clean Furnished Cabins; Vance-Cox's Department Store;

Packing House Market –Groceries and Meats: Murray Hill Trailer Park; The State House at the “Y”; Triangle Service Station; Hillcrest Trailer Camp – Cabins for Rent, lots for lease, NO HONKY TONKS; The Smoke House – Cigars, Cigarettes, tobacco, cold drinks; Hudson’s Place – Gas, Oil, fruits, groceries and vegetables.

The page from Spencer, AR advertised these businesses: Pine Grove Trailer Sales and Camp; Banta’s Coffee Shop – next door to the State Employment Office; J. C .Edwards’s General Store; Ozark Theater; Ozark Café; Patsy’s Café, Andrews Camp, Ozark Cabins, L. T .Stewart’s Café, grocery and market; and Ray’s Stores, Café and Service Station. All these businesses were located up and down the hillsides along the Main Street, now Hwy. 177. Most were made of rough cut lumber, some had false fronts like the old western towns. Most of the cabins were tarpaper covered with the false “brick” rolled siding that was so popular then.

Now back to Doyne Spencer’s memories. He writes that his father lost all his savings promoting Spencer, which was part of the Spencer family farm, mainly because he could never make good on his promise of a state approved water and sewerage system. He did sell a number of lots, ranging in price from 75 to 500 dollars, but actually received little money, often trading for sales and services in kind. Guy Spencer was only involved in the town for about a year, but Doyne believes his father was instrumental in getting the very small Arkansas State Employment Office located there. From this tiny office, all the local labor for the dam was hired. Basil Hickman recalls as a 17-year-old going to apply for work. His father told him to have his newly acquired Social Security number handy. Basil remembers waiting nearly all day on the front porch of the office, tightly clutching his Social Security Card. When the

Employment Officer came out, he was hiring four men and Basil was the first one. His pay as a laborer was 30 cents an hour and he was put to work on the east side of North Fork River, scaling the bluff so the concrete forms could be attached. Later the Union tried to move in, and the porch of the Contractor’s office was blown up with dynamite. The next day, the basic wage came up to 40 cents an hour, mighty good pay for men used to working for a dollar a day, when they were lucky enough to get work.

Doyne Spencer also gave his father credit for getting a Post Office located near the damsite, even though it changed the name of both the towns of Spencer and Hutchenson to Ellis. The office was named for Congressman Clyde T. Ellis, who was instrumental in getting Norfolk Dam funded. Mrs. Ira Hicks was the Postmaster. This office was closed in the 1950s.

Then there was “*The Chef*”, a business Doyne calls “a fancy little supper club”. The owner was reported to have connections with the Kansas City underworld, a fact surely proven true when he was shot in gangland execution fashion a few years later in Missouri. At first *The Chef* was patronized as a good place to take your family to enjoy a great meal. Then things began to liven up a bit. Reports of gambling machines, illegal card games and gaming boards in the basement began to reach the ears of the law. Once when Sheriff Harvey Powell went to check things out and while he was eating his meal, somebody stole his car that was parked outside. *The Chef* was finally raided and a number of slot machines and other gaming devices were seized and later burned at the county compound in Mountain Home. There were raids on the nightspots of ill repute in the area and as a result the gamblers and showgirls were ran out of the county. Big time organized crime tried to move into the Boom Towns,

thinking they would be dealing with hick law officers. Which just goes to prove they didn't know State Patrolman Gene Mooney, Sheriff Powell, Mountain Home City Marshall Floyd Hickman and a host of equally brave and sturdy deputies, including my own grandfather, Harve Raymond. There was also another lawman nicknamed "Pistol Pete". He was from the big city and could infiltrate the hot spots without arousing any suspicions. It didn't take organized crime and sin to find out they didn't have any place in Baxter County. They surely had forgotten that this is right smack dab in the middle of the Bible Belt. From the first moment Salesville started to grow, that very Sunday, Church services were held in the schoolhouse.

One of the things I remember the best was the Ozark Theater, which was located just past what is now Spencer Street on the highway leading to the Dam. The theater was built into the hillside and for many years after it was taken apart and moved to another boomtown, the concrete steps were still visible. Doyne remembers the first movie shown there was "Western Union" starring Randolph Scott. The theater was air-conditioned, probably the first building in the county to be air-conditioned. I never attended a movie there, but some from Monkey Run who did swore they nearly got frostbite in July!

Another thing I remember so vividly is the cabin camp where my uncle and aunt, Albert and Frances Messick lived in the summer of '42. It was atop the hill at the end of today's Spencer Street. From Doyne's description of his family's business, I believe this was the same place although by now another man may have owned it. Basil Hickman had now turned 18 and was married to his teenage sweetheart, Dixie Fuller. They also lived at this same camp. Dixie recalls they were renting a one-room cabin from Ott Callahan for \$4 a week.

Everybody used the same outdoor toilets and Dixie remembers they got drinking and cooking water from an insulated, filtered cooler, like many schools used. The water for bathing and doing laundry came from a wooden water tank and tower Doyne describes as primitive, but to my eyes was surely the 8th wonder of the world. Sure it leaked, but one could stand in the wet shade of the tank and cool off. Mr. Callihan had a small grocery store in the living room of his home. He also had an ill-tempered parrot who "cussed like a sailor". I went to that store just once to purchase bubble gum. I wasn't used to hearing words like that, especially coming from a parrot. Dixie remembers that Mr. Callihan had a cow and would bring milk to his renters. Every morning when he went to milk, the parrot would tell him, "Ott, go to H___" so loudly she could hear it next door.

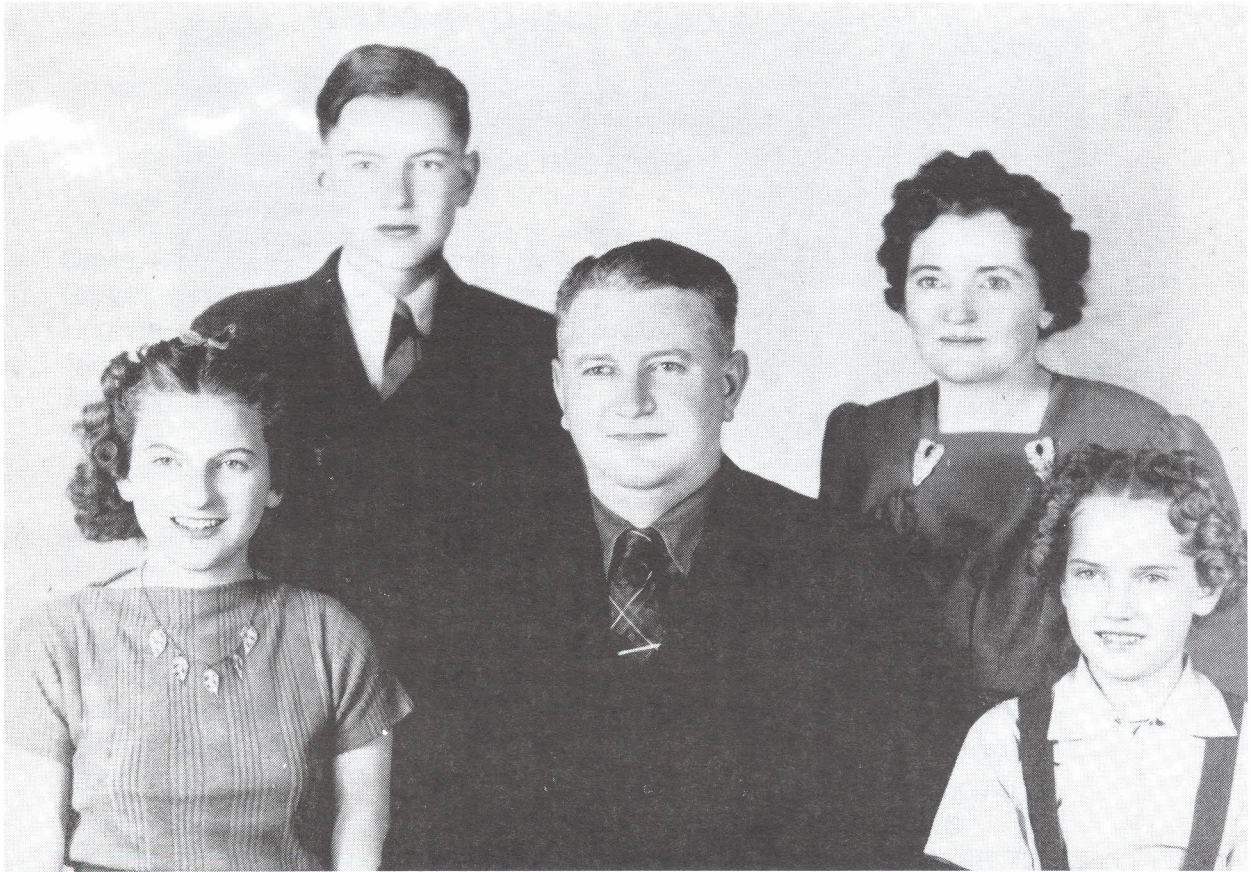
When Norfolk Dam was completed in 1944, the town of Ellis almost overnight ceased to be. Everybody just packed up and moved on. But the town of Salesville remained and today, thanks to the excellent water and sewer system, like Guy Spencer desired, it is a peaceful, beautiful place to live. Mayor Ray Pedico, the City Council and City of Salesville, We Salute You. HAPPY 30th Birthday!

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DELAY OF QUARTERLY

The quarterly has been delayed a week or so due to the lose of data in my computer. In the process of installing a new and larger hard drive in my computer, coupled with a glitch in the back up tapes, all work done since December 2, was lost. A good part of the quarterly had to be reconstructed and just plain took more time.

Hopefully with the new equipment up and working this will not occur again.



Spencer Family. Guy L. , Elizabeth and children, Doyne, Wilma and Thelma



Constructing cabins at Spencer. Elizabeth Spencer in front of 1st cabin built



*The State Employment Office at Spencer
At the Norfolk Dam Site*



*The Spencer Home in 1913
Destroyed by lightning in 1934
Left to Right: J. L. , Mother, Father, Baby Rex and daughter Canzada*

December 5 1919 Issue:

Died: Mrs. Chas Doolin, formerly of Mountain Home , on Thanksgiving Day.

Married: Chester Lukey of Dallas Texas, to Tillie Tracy, daughter of J. T. Tracy.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. Jess Adams a girl on November 25.

Jackson Murderer caught: A man named Sam Williams of Stone Co. Mo.

December 12 1919 Issue:

Died: Effie Laura Doolin, born May 15 1877, buried July 3 1892 (this was illegible) died November 22 1919 in Fountain Run KY.

Died: Infant son of A. J. Lane of Pineville, Iazard Co.

December 26 1919 Issue:

Suicide: Mrs. A. L. Gillespie Tuesday. She had moved here from Wyoming about a year ago. Survivors are her husband and a son Edward.

Married: Asa Smith to Florence Baker, daughter of R A. Baker.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Franks, near Henderson, a son December 18th.

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This a page taken from Margie Garr's Book "Hatch, Match & Dispatch", Volume 2-Excerpts from the Baxter Bulletin", published at Mountain Home. Her 9 volumes of excerpts of birth, deaths and marriages are a great aid in researching Baxter County genealogy and History. For book prices and info, contact Margie. Her address is on the inside cover.

January 2, 1920 Issue:

Died: Mrs. C. L. Knapp, age 90, mother of Nettie A. Gehr and grandmother of the Editor of this paper, and Mrs. Vin Truman. She died in Kansas City last week at home of their daughter Mrs. Clara M. True. She was the widow of Dr. A. H. Knapp. They went to Atchison, KS a few years after the war from NY. Later moved to Atchison, other children are Miss Dora Knapp and Frank Knapp.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. Pinley a girl.

January 9 1920 Issue;

Married: Lee McDonald of Chicago, IL, to Minnie Sweet, daughter of W. A. Sweet, Monday [Crane Chronicle]

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