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**The Society meets every fourth Tuesday of the month. As meetings are
scheduled for various parts of the County, check the local papers for location or
call one of the above board members.**

MEMBERSHIP TO CONSIDER DUES INCREASE

The membership committee has recently been studying the membership dues and the financial situation of the Society. The cost of printing and the mailing of "The History" has been increasing to almost double the cost when the dues were last increased to where a large part of the dues are used to print and mail the quarterly. After the quarterly is published, very little of the dues are left for the day to day operation of the Society as well as funding our projects. At the time of the last dues increase, the dues provided about 1/3 of its monies to print and deliver the quarterly and the balance to the operations of the Society. Today, the dues are supplying about 60 percent of its funds for the quarterly and 40 percent for the operations and projects. The Society's projects have been, by necessity, funded mainly by donations, book sales and grants. These have fallen off drastically and the Society now finds that it is need of more funding.

The committee has studied the situation and also compared the rates now charged by many other Societies and noted that the Baxter County Historical Society's dues are among the lowest in the study. We feel that it is very important to keep our projects moving forward. To accomplish this and to provide more funding for our project, it is now the decision of the committee to recommend to the membership that at the November meeting of the Society a motion be considered to increase the annual membership dues to \$15 per single member and \$25 for member and spouse.

This will serve as notice to our members of the intent of the committee to submit the above motion for consideration to the membership at our November Meeting. (The place of the meeting has not been decided at Press time) Anyone desiring to comment on the motiion can do so by contacting one of the officers of the Society. A list of officers and their addresses and E-mail addresses are listed on the inside cover. Results of the comments will be reported to the membership at the time the motion is made.

This motion is considered necessary to continue to maintain a good quality

quarterly and serve our membership, fund the Society's operating needs and financially assist our projects to preserve our County's history.



HELP YOUR SOCIETY KEEP WORKING!

Now you can help the Baxter County Historical and Genealogical Society keep restoring and, at the same time, immortalize your family in stone at the Rollins Hospital Museum in Gassville!

For just \$50, your choice of three lines will be engraved on a Memory Marker -- a monument-grade, brick-size stone -- and mounted in the museum or, if you choose, at Rapp's Barren Pioneer Settlement at Cooper Park in Mountain Home. We've worked on many, many big projects this year, and our bank balance is badly depleted. Your \$50, combined with that of many others, will provide a much-needed boost to that dwindling balance.

Your check may be made out to the Mountain Home Chamber Foundation with a notation "For the Baxter County Historical Society." (If you wish to make the donation specifically for the museum or the settlement, you may note that on the check also.)

Send the check, your three lines of text, and your name, address, phone number, and E-mail to Baxter County Historical and Genealogical Society, Box 1611, Mountain Home, AR 72654. (The engraver said to keep the length reasonable -- he'll let us know if it's too long and we'll get in touch with you.)

Please help! Your Society needs you!



SOCIETY GOES TO THE BAXTER COUNTY FAIR

By Dale Sharp

To better accommodate the public's interest in our local heritage we doubled our regular display space in the commercial building (booth # 11) by adding booth # 12.

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This provided a more comfortable viewing area for the society's exhibit and also allowed us to share space with the Captain Nathan Watkins Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Wiggins Battery Civil War Re-enactors.

The booth included a variety of pictures, information, replicas and some real antiques. The society presented computer-enhanced pictures of early influences of farming in the region. These included the Redus mill in south Mountain Home on Dodd Creek and the Hutchinson gin, one of several in the area, located at what is now the corner of Eighth and Baker streets. Several patrons were surprised that cotton was once a major cash crop in this area. Others enjoyed the information we provided about the principal farms around Mountain Home. The prime farms were along the Norfolk River before the dam but local farms included the Baker farm, located in the southwest part of town where the Holiday Inn, Southern Meadows, and the new high school are now. The Dyer farm was west of town and would now include the Methodist Church and Baxter Regional Hospital. The Russell farm was north and would now include Baxter Lab and Northern Hills subdivision and extended east to Wallace knob. The Love farm would now include the Ramada Inn, the Morris farm would now include Indian Creek subdivision, and the Leonard farm would now include the Pinkston Middle School.

Several pictures addressed the influence of early immigrants in the county. Many came from Europe and worked the land by hand augmented by a team of mules. Josef Wotawa was pictured around 1930 on his farm he bought on Highway 62 East in 1912. Several of his hand tools to include a saw

and flail (used for separating grain) were displayed. A very genuine moment occurred when an elderly gentleman visited the exhibit and recognized Mr. Wotawa from many years ago in his own youth. A wonderful discussion ensued.

The exhibit included a variety of other materials. A section about the early days of Clarkridge seemed to generate particular interest. Two ladies were able to find pictures of their fathers from a class picture of the Clarkridge School from the early 1950s.

As a fundraiser, the Cherry Tree Bookstore donated two copies of "Walking Editor of the Ozarks." Chances were sold and the winners were Donna Goforth and Cassie Stroup.

The centerpiece of the exhibit was a professional quality picture board of Historical Society major projects to include the Rapp's Barren settlement and the Rollins Hospital Museum. This was well received by fair visitors and seemed to go far to educate the public about the contributions of our historical society.

The setup, manning and dismantling was performed by the following: For the Society was Judi Sharp, Dale Sharp, Mrs. Margaret Sharp, Ellen Ramey, Joe O'Hollaran, Gene Garr, Jeanetta and Ralph Grigg, Glenda Bodenhamer and Mary Ann Messick. From the DAR were Donna Anderson and Dawn Magnesson. From the Baxter County Library were Gwen Kyatt and Jo Belle Zimmerman. (*Both are also Society members*) and Penny Ellis.



**FANNIE PINKSTON
VETERAN BAXTER COUNTY
TEACHER HONORED**

At the dedication of the new school addition to the Pinkston Middle School in Mountain Home, Principal Dr. Mike Breton presented a stone plaque made from the original Pinkston school to Fanny Pinkston who was the honored guest at the dedication. In 1986 the Mountain Home

Middle School was renamed the "Pinkston Middle School" to honor Fanny and her late husband, Ed Pinkston, for their long dedication to further education in Baxter County. Fanny began her teaching career in this county when she began teaching in Pleasant Run. She also taught county

schools at Lone Rock, Norfolk and Buford. She began her teaching in Mountain Home school system in 1945 and taught in the High school for 9 years and then moved to the Midway school for 17 years.

She and her husband never had children but she still considered her many students as her children. Fannie and her husband did many things that were not required as part of their teaching contract. Fannie, while teaching in some schools, provided hot lunches for her students. They drove students to and from athletic games out of town, supplied athletic shoes for some whom could not afford them. They attended games all over the state with their "children"

Her interest in the schools of Baxter County did not end when she retired from Midway. She joined the Women's Club and headed their scholarship fund, The Mountain Home Scholarship Fund, Inc. She personally has solicited funds for the scholarship fund for over 20 years and at age 92 is still at it.

Fannie has been honored many times for her achievements. In 1982 she received the annual Baxter County Achievement Award, in 1986 a certificate of recognition came from the State of Arkansas. In 1995 the Mountain Home Chamber of Commerce presented her with the Vida Sheid Lifetime Achievement Award. The Lion's Club honored her in 1984 and again in 1991. In 1992 and 1993 she was a nominee for the Opal Award for Distinguished Community Service. Fannie is a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma and the Order of Eastern Star. The Baxter County Historical & Genealogical Society is happy to acknowledge her as an honored member of our Society.



COMMUNITY LEADER DIES

Clema Lorene Fisk Alley passed away on Wednesday, July 29, 1998 at Baxter County Regional Hospital at the age of 82. She was born May 5, 1916 to James Evin and Mary Elizabeth Tucker Fisk of the Monkey Run community. Her family had moved to Mountain Home in 1924 so that the children could attend Mountain Home schools. She

also attended Mountain Home Baptist College and remained an active alumnus.

She was married to Don M. Alley on Dec 31 1925. Together they founded Alley Abstract Company of Mountain Home, which they operated until they retired in 1979. She was active in the PTA and had served as President and had served as secretary for the Arkansas PTA of which she was an honorary life member. She was instrumental in establishing the first school lunch program in the Mountain Home schools.

She was a longtime member of First Baptist Church of Mountain Home where she taught a Sunday School class for many years and sang in the adult choir. She was interested in the history of the Church and spoke on many occasions to share her knowledge of the early days of the church and its pastors.

She served on the board of the Arkansas Educational Education Network. She also was on the board of the Hospital Development Foundation, serving as secretary and in 1990-91 as its president. Burial was in the Baxter Memorial Gardens.



SCOUT CONSTRUCTS PICKET FENCE AT THE SHADY GROVE SCHOOL

August saw the completion of a pretty white picket fence around the front of the Shady Grove School in Rapps Barren Settlement in Cooper Park. The fence project was completed by Ricky Shelton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Shelton, who has used this project to complete his Eagle Scout requirements. Rick was required to design, plan, arrange for financing and construct the project. Under Rick, his fellow scouts from his troop, scouts Cameron Lincoln, Eli Garret, Cory Dobbs, Shane Bishop, Jake Riley and Jason Toliver assisted in the actual construction of the fence. Scout adviser, Norm Sjoblon, directed the project. The Baxter County Historical & Genealogical Society donated \$100 toward the purchase of material for the project.

Good Job, Ricky, We are proud of you!



When writing about placing queries, articles, etc. for inclusion in the "History" please continue to send to the Editor at the address shown on the inside cover.

THE STATE OF ARKANSAS SYMBOLS

The State Seal

The State Seal has its origin in the Arkansas Territorial seal. When Arkansas became a state in 1836, the legislature decided to use the same seal with some variations: The wording was changed to "State of Arkansas" instead of Arkansas Territory. This remained until 1864 when a new seal was adopted. The seal is the same as today with the exception that the Latin expression on the seal of 1864 "Regnant Populi" was changed in 1907 to "Regnant Populus", reflecting the plural and translates in English to "The People Rule"

The Great Seal itself is kept by law in the Governors Office and is used to stamp all legal papers, such as commissions and proclamations that require his signature.

State's Code of Arms

There has never been any legislation about an Arkansas State coat of arms. According to tradition, "State Coat of Arms" consists of all the figures, symbols and devices on the inner circles of the Seal.

Arkansas State Flag

The State never had a state flag until 1913. The Pine Bluff Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution started a movement that provided the designing and adopting of the state flag. This movement was made so that a presentation of a stand of "Colors": The United State Flag, the Naval Battalion Flag and the Arkansas State Flag, could be made to the new Battle Ship "USS Arkansas". Miss Willie K. Hooker of Pine Bluff designed the flag. The flag was adopted by the legislation and by the Senate concurrent resolution on February 18, 1913. The Flag was designed in red, white and blue because of the statehood of Arkansas in the United States. The three stars below the word Arkansas stand for the three nations, France, Spain and the United States which have exercised dominion over the State. The star above the word Arkansas is to commemorate the

Confederacy. The other two stars typify that Arkansas and Michigan are sister states in that they were up for admission at the same time. The diamond means that Arkansas is the only diamond bearing state in the Union. The twenty-five stars in the blue band means that Arkansas was the twenty-fifth state in the order of admission to the Union.

State Flower

The Passionflower of "Map-Pop" was the official state flower until 1901, at which time the Apple Blossom was made the official flower. At the time Arkansas was noted for the variety "Arkansas Black" and other apples.

The State Bird

The mocking bird is the official state bird of Arkansas. The Arkansas Federation of Women Clubs was instrumental in securing the adoption of a House concurrent resolution in 1929. The mocking bird is a popular state bird as Florida, Mississippi, Tennessee and Texas also have made it their state bird.

The State Tree

The 1939 General Assembly by concurrent resolution adopted the "Pine Tree" as the state tree. The resolution is as follows:

"Whereas, Some of the States of the American Union have by resolution of the General Assembly declared what shall be regarded as its State Tree: and

"Whereas, the pine timber resources of Arkansas have, during its existence, been one of its greatest sources of wealth, and

"Whereas, they are recognized as one of the most determining factors in the States' s future and its economic and industrial position: and

Whereas, Pine Timber is one of the few renewable resources of the State: and

Whereas, widespread interest is being taken in reforestation, especially with reference to pine timber.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of the Fifty Second General Assembly of the State of Arkansas, the Senate thereof concurring therein, that the "PINE TREE" be declared and everywhere recognized as the "State Tree" of the State of Arkansas.

ARKANSAS STATE HISTORY DAY

Young history buffs from across the state gathered at the University of Central Arkansas to vie for a spot at National Day in College Park, Maryland.

51 students in grades 6-12 who place first or second in the Arkansas State History Day competition are eligible to compete in the national competition. In all, 396 students who finish first or second in district competition have come to Conway with projects on the theme, "Migration in History: People, Cultures, Ideas."

"History Day gave the students the opportunity to develop their research skill, their writing skills and obtain knowledge about history. The judging on the district and state levels gave them the opportunity to develop communication skills, and the ability to think coherently on their feet.

The winners from Mountain Home Junior High School Ninth grade, 1st place: "Group performance": Emily Gamelin, Jennifer Roller, Ariel Chatman, Jeremy Fretueg and Angie McCullough with the theme "The Historic Migration of the Bubonic Plague". Also winners from Mountain Home Junior High School, 9th grade, 2nd place for "group project", Misty Baker, Kathy Rhein, and Rebecca Fox for their theme "The Bubonic Plague. The students are under the direction of two Junior High History Teachers: Mrs. Pat Ramsey and Mrs. Carol Norris. This was the first year that Mountain Home students participated in History Day events. This was a great accomplishment!

On May 26, the Group Performance Team presented "The Historic Migration of the Bubonic Plague" to the Baxter County Historical Society at their meeting held in the Whiteville Baptist Church. The Society presented the students with honorary Junior Membership Certificates.

Congratulations to our local winners!



**IN YOUTH
DAYS ARE SHORT AND
YEARS ARE LONG.
IN OLD AGE
YEARS ARE SHORT AND
DAYS ARE LONG**

--Maggie Kuhn

AN ERROR DOESN'T BECOME A MISTAKE UNTIL YOU REFUSE TO CORRECT IT

GRANDMOTHER (AUTHOR UNKNOWN)

Grandmother, on a winter's day
Milked the cows, slopped the hogs
Saddled the mule, and got the
Children off to school
Did a washing, mopped the floors
Washed the windows and
did some chores.

Cooked a dish of home-dried fruit
Pressed her husband's Sunday suit
Swept the parlor, made the bed
Baked a dozen loaves of bread
Split some firewood and lugged it in
Enough to fill the kitchen bin.

Cleaned the lamps and put in oil
Stewed some apples
She thought might spoil
Churned the butter, baked a cake
Then exclaimed "For goodness sake,
The calves have got out of the pen
And went out and chased them in again.

Gathered the eggs and locked the stable
Back to the house and set the table
Cooked a supper that was delicious
And afterward washed up all the dishes

Fed the cat and sprinkled the clothes
Mended a basketful of hose
Then opened the organ
And began to play
"When you come to the end of a perfect
day"



NEED TO WRITE?

The Society now has a PO Box for correspondence regarding the membership, quarterlies, and general Society business.

Our address is;

**PO Box 1611
Mountain Home, AR 72654**

Arkansas State Song

Adopted 1949

The Arkansas Traveler

On a lonely road quite long ago
A traveler trod with fiddle and a bow
While rambling thru the country rich and grand
He quickly sensed the magic and the beauty of the land

Many years have passed, the travelers
gay
Repeat the tune along the highway
And every voice that sings the glad refrain
Re-echoes from the mountains to the fields of growing grain

For the Wonder State we'll sing a song
And lift our voices loud and long
For the Wonder State we'll shout Hurrah!
And praise the opportunities we find in Arkansas.

State Motto

The State has had several mottos over the years. In early times in the State it was known as the "Bear State". Shortly after World War I, a drive was started to make the state motto to be "The Wonder State". In 1923 it was proclaimed by the legislature that the State should be known as "The Wonder State".

The Motto "Arkansas, Land of Opportunity" began to be used and became popular enough that the motto was placed on the Arkansas automobile license plates beginning in 1951. In 1953 the legislature passed a house concurrent resolution making "Land of Opportunity" the official slogan or nickname of Arkansas.

The Preamble to the Arkansas Constitution of 1836

"We the people of the Territory of Arkansas, having the right of admission into the Union as one of the United States of America, consistent with the federal constitution and by virtue of the treaty of cession of France to the United States of the province of Louisiana, in order to secure to ourselves and our posterity the enjoyments of all the rights of life, liberty and property, and the free pursuit of happiness, do mutually

agree with each other to form ourselves into a free and independent state by the name and style of "The State of Arkansas" and do ordain and establish the following constitution of the government hereof:

Article I- (delineates the boundaries of the state, which were very indefinite at that time)

Article II-24 sections is devoted to the declaration of rights so "that the great and essential principles of liberty and free government may be recognized and unalterable established".

Article III-Divides the government into three distinct departments, namely, legislative, executive and judicial

Article IV-Provisions for the make up and ground rules of the legislative department. It also provides for amendments to the constitution.

Article V-Deals with the make up and rules of the Executive Department, Governor, etc.

Article VI-Provisions for the judicial department of the state.

First Taxation in Arkansas

In 1820 the territorial and county taxes in the Territory of Arkansas were: Territorial Taxes-60 cents per 100 acres of land, 30 cents on each \$100 value in town lots, 62 ½ cents on each slave 10 years and older, \$15 for every house used as a store for six months and \$20 for peddling

County Taxes - 31 ¼ cents on every horse and mule above three years old. Cattle 10 cents each, \$1 for each slave between 16 and 45 years old. \$1 on every \$100 value in sawmills, tan yards and distilleries, \$30 for every pool table, 50% of the money raised by lotteries, \$50 for an annual tavern license and \$1 for every able-bodied man not having property of \$200 value

Bachelor Tax-\$1 for every bachelor who didn't have a \$200 estate. (This caused many marriages to occur in the territory)



**A FOOL IS THE SAME AS EVERYONE
ELSE AS LONG AS HE KEEPS HIS
MOUTH SHUT**

GOING TO LITTLE ROCK

From a column by W. H. Condit
Printed in the Baxter Bulletin in 1906

W. H. Condit along with Miss Ted Lewis went to Little Rock in 1905 to take Mrs. Julie Lewis to the hospital. The first station below Cotter, the porter came trotting through the car, squalled "Buffalo, Buffalo". I never say one, so I jumped to the car window and saw nothing but a rock wall on our left about as high as that thirty-six-story hotel in New York, and the river on our right but at this juncture the train stopped again. I looked for the buffalo but saw nothing but a big male steer-cow, then one of the passengers remarked that Buffalo was the name of the station.

I remarked, sold again. The porter was about our color, neither white or black, but would scream out the name of every station and that about every three minutes, first Buffalo, then Haney, Herron, Berry's Grasswall, Wideman, Mount Olive, Sylamore, Hanford, Guion, Panters Bluff, Wall's Ferry, O'Neal, Ernhart, W. R. Jet, Batesville, Morefield, Sulphur Rock, Newark, Pariquet, Diaz, Newport" we got to Newport about 6 p.m.

The first thing we heard was about 40 of the colored brothers, drumming for the different hotels, sounded to me like they might have up a war.

Julia, our afflicted pet, thought they were holding a camp meeting and that they were singing and shouting and started to run out to join them. We registered at the Central Hotel, room 21, second story, but had no use for room, beds, grub or anything of the kind, as Julia took on a new supply of

"Spangs". (Probably means pain, ill health or maybe screaming) and it was hard to tell which attracted the most attention, Julia, Ted or I. Sometimes pacing, trotting, walking, single-footing and running up and down the sidewalk on Main Street trying to get Julia reconciled. At last three strangers, T. L. Wood, John Massey and Lee Mathews got her quieted down and she slept two or three hours.

We left Cotter Friday at 3 p.m. and landed at the asylum at 11 o'clock Saturday.

Some thought it a mystery that the Superintendent of the Hospital did not keep me in the place of Julia. I can make this plain to all concerned why they did not keep me in place of Julia. Had our County Judge, in fixing up the papers, made a mistake and put Mr. in place of Mrs. And I had on Julia's dress, my face covered with flour, my hair parted in the middle and had Julia been wearing my old corduroy pants and that old white hat, then possibly, if not probably, I would have been there now, however, I could lose nothing as I could get more in quality and quantity to eat that at home.

But what I would not like is they say they have to change their duds every week, and wash every morning of the world. You know that would not suit you or me. I have known people to kill themselves, dabbling in water. I believe everyone that makes a practice of washing every morning will die sooner or later, whether their souls are white washed or washed white, it matters not.



OBLIVION FOR ONE GOOD NEWSPAPER

From the "Ozark Outlook" Column
By Tom Dearmore - Baxter Bulletin May 16, 1963

"Time and tide are busy ever, ages move and men decay" the song goes. And how quickly the years move from memory.

That was impressed upon us this week, looking at remnants of old books and newspapers found under the cornerstone of the First Methodist Church building which was recently torn down. The venerable clapboard building was razed when the Church's modernistic new edifice beside it was completed this spring.

Seventy years ago, as today, the new churchhouse at the crest of Main Street above the square, was the pride of the town. It was a new Cumberland Presbyterian Church then, in the spring of 1896. It was sparkling white from frescoed spire and stained glass windows, outclassing any other church structure in town. And its members had laid items of interest beneath it the previous year, under a flat stone.

And when the stone was lifted in 1968, these items were fragile and flaky and brown with time, almost as if they had been scorched. They were heavily covered with dust.

There was a Bible, donated by former Sheriff and Mrs. R. M. Hancock, containing an inscription undoubtedly written by Mrs. Hancock. Her husband was the county's fifth sheriff. There was a book of Psalms and hymns and a copy of the "First Arkansas Cumberland Presbyterian Review", published at Hardy.

And there were two newspapers—a July 4, 1895 issue of the *Baxter County Citizen* and a July 6 issue of the *North Arkansas News*, both published in Mountain Home. The *Citizen* published on Thursday and the *News* on Saturday.

Who can remember the *North Arkansas News*?

Many Baxter countians living today have been subscribers to the *Citizen*. It was published until the late 1930s. In 1895 it was printed on a small sheet of paper, about the size of today's tabloids.

But what about the *News*? In '95 it was a sizable newspaper. Its sheet dimensions were larger than *The Bulletin's* today. At that time it had been published for four years and its editor was J. F. Copeland.

We had never heard of it and for a few days could not find anyone among the old-timers who had ever heard of it. There is no record of it that we can find, nor anyone who can remember ever seeing it. But there it is, about the best-preserved article from the cornerstone, the biggest and best newspaper printed that week in Baxter County.

Finally we found an answer, a thread of remembrance. Mrs. M. E. Curlee is a stepdaughter of the late Jess Garrett Copeland, who founded the *Baxter Bulletin* in 1901. She recalls that Jess moved here to work in the print shop of his nephew, J. F. Copeland, who published the *North Arkansas News*. J. F. later moved to Texas and the *News* may have been merged with the *Citizen*, or it may have just gone extinct, she doesn't remember. She doesn't remember ever seeing a copy of it.

How can a newspaper be forgotten in 68 years—in just an average life span? The only existing copy to our knowledge is the one taken from the cornerstone.

Its publisher was a Democrat and a skilled printer, and making allowance for his strong political prejudice, was discriminating about what he printed in the paper. Back then there was little local headline news, and no railroads or other fast transportation into the area. Newspapers in remote Ozark were mainly filled with reprints from other papers, brought in by steamboat and stagecoach. Publisher J. F. Copeland read some of the leading national and regional newspapers and gave his readers a sampling of current events and thought. He was local sales agent for *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, *The Atlanta Constitution*, *The Louisville Courier-Journal*, the *Arkansas Gazette* and the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*. Combinations were available. A subscriber could get both the *News* and the *Gazette* for a total of \$1.60 a year, the *News* and the *Post-Dispatch* for \$3.12, the *News* alone was \$1.

Mr. Copeland worked hard. He put lots of sweat and devotion into that paper. Every letter of type had to be set by hand, and he set many columns of it every week to fill his large-size pages. He must have printed it on some kind of hand press—possible a "Washington"—but it is printed clearly.

His editorial column opens, "With this issue the *News* enters upon its fourth volume, and is very thankful to the people of Baxter and adjoining counties for the very liberal support it has received. It has been the purpose of the publisher to give to his readers a county paper of which they might feel proud, said to that end has he bent all his energies.

Further down the column: "Bryan and Daniels for 1896—both honest men and good Democrats." Copeland was a Bryan man all the way—a free silverite having no use for "Arkansas goldbugs" or goldbugs anywhere. There was a strong strain of Populism in his writing. He was an inland Democrat, wanting more money turned loose into the prostrated South, and he devoted laborious columns of handset print to justifying the free coinage of silver. Bryant of Nebraska and Daniels of Virginia, he said, would make a winning team since they were both true blue Democrats and are with the people. How sad he must have been when McKinley rolled over the eloquent Bryant and the agrarians revolt in the South and the West flickered and failed.

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He was, like later immigrants, enthralled with this section. "Progress in improvements is the watchword of the News. We have here all the natural advantages that can be desired. All that is lacking is for all the people to take up the thread where nature has left off and go forward." He foresaw prosperity through development of a mineral industry and diversified agriculture, and saw water transportation as a great boon. The problem was to get roads built from here to the White River so goods could be shipped out.

Many names in the News are familiar today. A few of the 1895 residents are still around, but very few. Their children and grandchildren are in the news in the 1960s. Here are some items from the News.

R. R. Ramey, who secured a first grade certificate at the examination of teachers this week, has returned to his home at Lone Rock, where he will teach this summer.

The steamer Woodson brought up quite a lot of freight for this town, part of which was 83,000 shingles for Baker Bros. Hon J. C. South, Miss Ida Smith and Mrs. J. H. Case and daughter, Miss Mamie, left on the steamer Woodson yesterday. Mr. South to visit his mother at Frankfort, KY. Mrs. Case to visit her parents in Ohio and Miss Smith to visit her parents in Illinois.

Sam Casey came in yesterday from Stone County where he had been visiting homefolks. He came to Bomer's Landing on the steamer Dauntless.

Lee Paul, the hustling street man for Langston Merc. Co. returned last night from Mountain Home where he had been visiting several days—West Plains Journal.

Jno. Cockrum has offered to donate marble for the front of the new bank building. He has plenty of it and is very fine.

T. B. Goforth was in town Thursday, prophesying rain.

J. T. Tracy and wife of Tracy, are rejoicing over the arrival of a new girl at their home.

D. B. Cox of Pigeon was in town this week bragging on the fine crops.

From Pembina—J. J. Bird left here last Monday for West Plains with our merchant, T. J. Dilbeck.

From Gassville: The glorious Fourth for 1895 is now a thing of the past. A large crowd attended the celebration at Rockcastle Ferry and got soaked in the rain.

James Jennings was arrested at the picnic on a charge brought against him in last court.

Johnson & Sinor have received from West Plains their new threshing machine.

Dr. B. F. Denton is now a citizen of Gassville, having bought the hotel property owned by W. D. Eaton.

A zinc ore crusher, weighing 30,000 pounds and intended for use at the Lion Hill Mines near Buffalo City, was shipped from Joplin, MO., some days ago.

Rev. William Due preached an excellent sermon at Bodenhamer schoolhouse last Sunday. Some boys made considerable disturbance. Boys, if you have no respect for yourselves, have respect for your preacher and your old parents—and be quiet.

The editor often added his own comments under items. Beneath one from the Salem Banner, which proclaimed that "Salem boasts the best drinking water on Earth", Copeland opined. "Evidently the man who wrote the forgoing had been drinking heavily of something other than water". And beneath a statement from some functionary praising Grover Cleveland, Copeland added. "The ox knoweth his owner and the ass his master's crib".

Lawyers and doctors were among the main advertisers. Attorneys with display ads include Horton, South, Dyer and Son and A. J. Morris. Physicians advertising were J. H. Simpson, Lindsey and Lindsey, H. C. Allen and D. P. Martin, Dr. W. A. Hallida, who had an office in the courthouse, advertised "Teeth extracted without pain".

There was much pride in Mountain Home College and fund-raising drive was underway for the institution. The editor said: "Young man, young lady, why do you waste your money when you can attend the Mountain Home College one year for so small a sum as \$100?"

Real Estate was advertised heavily then, as now, and newcomers were apparently buying it.

Business announcements included a note from J. B. Schroggen had "taken a contract to run the daily U. S. Mail stage from Mountain Home to West Plains, Mo. for the next four years at the rate of \$1100 a year." J. N. Nelson and G. M. Eubanks were low bidders on building a new jail in the west part of town at \$500.

The copy of the Citizen, edited then by J. A. Carter, is almost disintegrated. It contains a report of a talk by the president of the college, Prof. William S. Johnson, and the complete valedictory address delivered at commencement by Homer Goodman of Izard County (one of the five graduates)

Of special interest, however, is an account of the life of John P. Houston, brother of Sam Houston of Texas, and one of this area's early settlers. The Citizen noted that the late John P., formerly a clerk at Liberty (Norfolk) was a suspicious man who had "his business table in the middle of the floor, and sat behind it, and at his back was a smaller table with every kind of weapon arranged upon it, consisting of Bowie knives, dirks, pistols, etc., of the finest quality.

The article stated "John P. Houston used to say he had two more journeys to make, one was to go to Texas to Kill Old Sam Houston, and the other was to Heaven. We have no account of his having made either of these journeys. Like Alexander the Great, in one respect, at least, he died drunk".

This was Baxter County journalism one lifetime ago. We would like to have met J. F. Copeland, who was a worker, a reader, a thinker, a craftsman, but who could not make his newspaper endure. He gave his best but his paper and the remembrance of it has vanished in a short space of time. In a way his paper has a ghostly quality, especially when we remember that copies of the Baxter Bulletin were placed in the corner stone of the new church finished this year. Who will be opening the cornerstone some 70 years from now, and what questions will they ask as they turn the brittle pages?



**MOUNTAIN HOME,
TOWN OF MANY BUILDING BOOMS**

By Mary Lou Nahas
Baxter Bulletin May 10, 1963 Edition

"A building boom has started in Mountain Home and some six new houses are contemplated." Thus ran an article in the Baxter Bulletin 50 years ago.

This is a far cry from the \$2½ million building boom news the Bulletin is running now, but let's go back even further in history than 1913.

The time is 1856 and the place is Rapps Barren. We look around to make sure we're not in the wrong place for there is little to remind us of the modern town we left a second ago.

We stand in the middle of a dirt street and look with fascination at the small buildings and the approaching horsedrawn wagon.

This couldn't be Main Street, but then something attracts our attention. There at the end of the street where our junior high now stands, is a large two-story white frame building with a porch and gigantic wooden pillars. When the approaching wagon comes close enough, we ask the driver what the building is. He looks surprised that we don't know, but proudly says it is the new Male and Female Academy. Then we realize this is the 1856 building boom news, although there is no newspaper to print the story.

We would like to stay and talk to more people, but must move on. A town meeting in 1857 stops us. What are the people doing? We ask a man on the edge of the crowd. "Choosing a new name for the town", he tells us. Just then a shout goes up—Rapps Barren has become Mountain Home.

In 1861 we see the beginning of the Civil War, but it isn't a pleasant sight and we don't care to linger. The Male and Female Academy closes because all the young men are called to the army. Although the county sees only a skirmish during the war, the academy and several houses are burned and the citizens suffer at the hands of bushwhackers and raiders.

But in 1868 we hear talk again and see the academy rebuilt. It is pleasant to walk along Main Street in the early morning and watch the students hurrying to reach their classes before the big iron bell stops ringing.

One of the teachers comments that there are over 100 boarding students. He explains that they live in home in the community where they pay \$7 to \$10 a month for room and board, but he adds they must also pay \$1 a month tuition.

The building boom continues and in 1875 we can read about it in Mountain Home's first newspaper.

In 1883 we are in the crowd out to meet the first coach of a stage line which will connect Mountain Home and West Plains. We see it approaching through the dust—a large wagon covered with top and side curtains and pulled by four mules. We

consider making a trip on it, but a look inside reveals two hard board seats, and a man standing next to us remarks that it takes ten hours to go from Yellville to West Plains, so we decide to wait for later developments.

We wander down to 1893 in time to see the founding of Mountain Home Baptist College. We walk out to College Street for an inspection trip of the ten buildings, the 26-acre farm and the 5,000-volume library.

We browse through the books for a while, but can't possibly read them all; so we go on to 1918. And there just as the Bulletin said, are the six new houses. We also hear of the establishment of an automobile service between Mountain Home and Cotter, which makes the 11-mile trip possibly in an hour. But these aren't the only new things in town. There are new people too, from Iowa, Kansas, Colorado and Texas, and they say they are here to stay.

By 1923 radios are being installed in town and we are invited to a home to hear messages from Pittsburg, Detroit, Kansas City and San Francisco, and as our hostess describes it, "Many other places in the faraway country." Since we are in the mood for entertainment, we go to a show at the Cozy Theatre and afterwards ride in a car to one of the houses for refreshments.

In 1936 we notice an article in the Bulletin describing "the town". It reads: Mountain Home has 14 general and grocery stores, four garages, Ford and Chevrolet agencies, one dry cleaner, four hotels, five restaurants, four real estate firms, two weekly newspapers, one funeral home, two blacksmith shops, two planing mills, a bank clearing \$250,000 a month, hospital, ice plant, two beauty shops, machine shop, abstract company, three churches, Legion hut, Picture show, woman's club, electric lights, waterworks planned, and a boat company for float trips on our rivers. This is the town in a nutshell.

We remember our first view of Rapp's Barren and think it certainly must take a bigger nutshell than in 1856, for the town with its 1000 population has experienced quite a building boom.

But the town is just beginning, for in 1938 \$25,000,000 is authorized for initiation and partial construction of Norfolk Dam. To Mountain Home this brings Government Village, which late became our Circle Drive,

a highway to the dam site, and some of over 800 persons who worked on the project.

Even before Norfolk is completed we hear of the authorization of over \$22,000,000 to begin a dam 12 miles west of Mountain Home. When Bull Shoals Dam is completed in 1952, Mountain Home resembles our present town, although it is not as large or as modern.

During the next few years we see growth and modernization and we're back to the present. A town with a population of over 2,000, a paper with a circulation of nearly 4,000, the beginning of a \$2 ¼ million pharmaceutical manufacturing building, the construction of \$615,000 county hospital, plans for a new library, and on and on. It is no longer possible to complete the list and say this is the town in a nutshell.

What will the future bring?

A resident of Rapps Barren 1856 couldn't have described 1963 Mountain Home. And we can't say what our town will be like in the future, but a town with a history of building booms is likely to keep on growing.

Note-Mrs. Nehas, a graduate of Mountain Home High school, is a journalism student at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gordon of Mountain Home.



**IDENTITY OF PEOPLE IN PICTURE
SEE PAGE 58 OF Vol 24-2**

Russell Willett has identified most the pupils in the picture that was submitted by Joyce C. Watson Bledsoe :

Back Row-left to right: Rex Baker, Milton Russell, Henry Culpepper, Don Skiver, unknown, Troy Dale Hargrave, and John Marion Seward. **Middle Row, left to right:** Barbara Jones, unknown, Annabel Martin, Daisy Campbell, unknown, Joyce Mann, and Marguerite Jones. **Front row, left to right:** Jimmy Jones, Jimmy Dunbar, O'Neal McCloud, Roy Taylor, Jack Martin, Donald Bruce Morris and Russell Willett. He believes the picture was taken about 1930

**A COMPUTER IS A TYPEWRITER
WITH AN ATTITUDE.**

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Another Baxter County Family

Descendants of Thomas ANDERSON
Furnished by member Lucille Parks
3681 Old Arkana Rd.
Mountain Home, AR 72653-7461

(1) Thomas ANDERSON was born in 1780/1790, and married **Elizabeth _____**. Thomas died in Dec 1841 in Indiana Co., PA. Thomas's will was probated 30 Dec 1841

Children:

- + 2 1 **William R. ANDERSON, Maj.** was born on 10 Nov 1818.
- 3 2 **Jonathan ANDERSON**
- 4 3 **Thomas ANDERSON, Jr.**
- 5 4 **Robert ANDERSON**
- 6 5 **James ANDERSON**
- 7 6 **Elizabeth ANDERSON**
- 8 7 **Sarah ANDERSON**
- 9 8 **Rachel ANDERSON** married _____ **WHITEHEAD.**
- 10 9 **Mary ANDERSON** married _____ **HORTON.**
- 11 10 **Andrew ANDERSON**
- 12 11 **Susanna ANDERSON**

(2) William R. ANDERSON, Maj., son of Thomas ANDERSON and Elizabeth _____, was born 10 Nov 1818 in PA, and married **Elizabeth GORDEN**. William R. died in 1898 in Douglas Co., MO and was buried in Denney Cemetery, Douglas Co., MO. Elizabeth died in Feb 1851.

Major William is buried by Susan in Denney Cemetery in Douglas Co., MO. Data from: Census Records, Thomas's Will, His Bible Record,

Children:

- 13 1 **Rachel ANDERSON** was born 6 Jun 1836.
- 14 2 **Jane ANDERSON** was born 16 Aug 1840.
- 15 3 **Robert ANDERSON** was born 11 Oct 1843.
- 16 4 **Elizabeth ANDERSON** was born 6 Aug 1847.
- 17 5 **Jonathan ANDERSON** was born 13 Jun 1849.

Major William also married **Martha Jane EDWARDS** who was born 15 Nov 1824. Martha Jane died on 15 Oct 1873 and was buried near one of her infants in Lower Thacker Cemetery, Baxter Co., AR.

A family tradition tells that Martha Jane was a heir to the "Robert Edwards Estate" described as an \$800,000,000 fortune. The land was in Manhattan and in Brooklyn. Edwards died without a will. A suit in 1925 and in 1934 was filed after a will was found during the demolition of his tomb. Both cases were dismissed by the Federal Court.

Children:

- 18 1 **Edward James ANDERSON** was born 8 Aug 1853, and married **Rutha KASINGER.**
- 19 2 **Mary ANDERSON** was born 21 Aug 1854.
- + 20 3 **William Andrew ANDERSON** was born on 28 Feb 1855.
- 21 4 **Isabella ANDERSON** was born 22 Apr 1857.
- 22 5 **Sarah Ellen ANDERSON** was born 26 Mar 1859.
- 23 6 **Antha Ann ANDERSON** was born 25 Nov 1862, and married **William Nicholas CRAWFORD.**
- 24 7 **Persilla ANDERSON** was born 15 May 1864.
- 25 8 **Joseph Stickler ANDERSON** was born 19 May 1868.

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Major William also married **Susan Elizabeth Caroline CRAWFORD**, daughter of William H. CRAWFORD. Susan Elizabeth Caroline died on 9 Oct 1902 and was buried in Denney Cemetery, Douglas Co., MO. Susan Elizabeth Caroline was also married to _____ LANCE.
(The William H. Crawford family came to Rapps Barren about 1858 from Knox Co. TN and moved on to Ava, Douglas County, MO near the start of the Civil War.

Children:

- 26 1 **Jonathan ANDERSON** was born 25 Jan 1875.
- 27 2 **Buchanon ANDERSON** was born 26 Feb 1877. He was killed by an explosion.
- 28 3 **Pearly E. ANDERSON** was born 26 Jan 1879.
- 29 4 **Julia ANDERSON** was born 20 Dec 1881.
- 30 5 **Moses Adolphus ANDERSON** was born 17 Mar 1885.
- 31 6 **Cora Nellie ANDERSON** was born 2 Jan 1888.

With the infant buried by Martha Jane, Major William R. Anderson had twenty one children with his three wives.

(20) William Andrew ANDERSON, son of William R. ANDERSON, Maj. and Martha Jane EDWARDS, was born 28 Feb 1855 in Cambria Co., PA, and on 12 Sep 1875 in Ava, Douglas Co., MO, married **Isabella Matilda Jane "Tildy" CRAWFORD**, daughter of William Harrison CRAWFORD and Elizabeth BARGER, who was born in Knox Co., TN. William Andrew died on 3 Jun 1931 and was buried on their home place near in Clarkridge, Baxter Co., AR. Isabella Matilda Jane died on 23 Mar 1943 and was also buried in Clarkridge. He was a Pentocostal preacher.

Children:

- 32 1 **William Harrison Isaac ANDERSON** married **Isabell HILL**.
- 33 2 **Samuel Houston ANDERSON** married **Clementine "Tine" KASINGER**.
- 34 3 **Robert Lee ANDERSON** married **Charley Lulu "Widow" KIMBERLING**.
- + 35 4 **Martha Elizabeth Jane ANDERSON** was born on 12 Sep 1889.
- 36 5 **Paul Ellis ANDERSON** married **Pearl DYER**.
- 37 6 **Andrew Jackson ANDERSON** married **Lillie May BARR**.
- 38 7 **Artie Eva ANDERSON** married **Thomas SARRETT**.

(35) Martha Elizabeth Jane ANDERSON, daughter of William Andrew ANDERSON and Isabella Matilda Jane CRAWFORD, was born 12 Sep 1889 in Ava, Douglas Co., MO, and on 5 Mar 1899, married **John William BENTLEY**. Martha Elizabeth Jane was buried in Bentley Ridge C., Baxter Co., AR. John William was buried in Bentley Ridge Cemetery., Baxter Co., AR.

Martha told her granddaughter that she had 13 children. At least three more children are not accounted for. If anyone can help, please contact the submitter, Mrs. Lucille Parks

Children:

- 39 1 **Ella Mae BENTLEY** married **Robert Lee CRANFILL**.
- 40 2 **Willie BENTLEY** Willie disappeared.
- 41 3 **Nellie BENTLEY** Nellie died as an infant
- 42 4 **Roy BENTLEY**
- 43 5 **Raymond BENTLEY** Raymond died as a infant.
- 44 6 **Gracie Ann BENTLEY** married **Dan KELLEM**.
- 45 7 **Alexander BENTLEY** married **Nancy Catherine COWART**. Nancy Catherine was also married to _____ PARKS.
- 46 8 **Rose BENTLEY** married **Martin MESSICK**.
- 47 9 **Otto BENTLEY** married **Nancy Loraine PYEATT**.
- 48 10 **Paul Mack BENTLEY** married **Polly PARKS**.





William Andrew Anderson



John William Bentley & wife Matha Anderson Bentley

William Andrew & wife Isabella Matilda Jane Crawford



Robert L and Ella Mae Bentley Crawford

Looking back 20 years in the "History"

Baxter County Marriages

Joseph and Irma Bloom, presented a listing of Baxter County Marriages, dated October 18, 1892 to March 15, 1893 and Garvin Carroll continued his inventories of Baxter County Cemeteries by presenting the cemetery listing on Gene Well's Farm and the Lower Oakland Cemetery.

Lost and Died in Deep Snow

S. C. Turnbo was a favorite at that time and the "History" printed his story of Buck McIntosh, age 9, son of Steve McIntosh. Turnbo cited M. J. L. Hetherly as the relater of this tale:

It seems that the child, with his dog "Catch" went into the woods to hunt rabbits and squirrels as he had done on many occasions. This trip did not cause any concern because he had done it many times. But this time he did not return. The family and neighbor men made a search for him but could not find him before dark. A heavy snow was falling. Late in the night "Catch" returned home and some of the men attempted to follow the dog tracks back to the boy. But the snow was falling so hard that the tracks soon were covered. In the morning Mr. Steve Marlor had risen from his bed and told of a dream in which the boy was seen lying under a low ledge of shelving rock and that one of his legs was resting on a small bush just outside of the rock. He ended by saying the boy was dead on Rippy's Creek. The boy's father and Marlow set out after breakfast and indeed found the boy 4 miles away on Rippy's Creek. He had attempted to get under a rock ledge but it only had enough space for his body. One of his legs was lying on a bush and he had died in this position. They wrapped him in a home spun blanket and carried him home on a horse. He was laid to rest in the Hooper Graveyard.

Analysis of the Artifacts From Mooney's Landing

Phyllis A. Moore reported in the "History of the excavation at Mooney's Landing site #3BA67 in April 1976 by members of the Society and the Mountain Home Chapter of the Arkansas Archeological Society.

The site was discovered when an underground cable was being trenched. Mooney's Landing was named after Jacob Mooney, who arrived in Baxter County the same year as Jacob Wolf did in 1910. He and a partner came prepared to establish a trading post, bringing with them on a flatboat; slaves, pigs, cows, chickens, a liquor still, black powder, 20 kinds of seeds, an anvil and forge, 10 pounds of fling, 100 bolts of cloth, one gross of needles and sewing thread and a demijohn of live beer seed. In the following years a complex developed around this initial trading post which included the ferry, cotton gin, store, saloon, numerous houses and a steamboat berth. The artifacts recovered from the excavation reflected the items available to the early settlers. English ceramics made in the early 19th century were common in the excavation. Many types of Pearlware were also found, this was reputedly developed by Wedgewood about 1779. Salt glazed stoneware shards of various types were also found. Several brick fragments were also found, probably hand made at the site. A clay pipe stem, flat glass, fragments of iron plate as well as square nails, and a brass button turned up in the excavation. This test site excavation reveals only a glimpse of the information potential that the site has. It is expected that with a more extensive dig would produce the early building outlines, trash pits, etc., which would reflect on the trade, diet, craftsmanship and the daily life of the pioneers.



GOING TO TOWN

By Mary Ann Messick

The other day as I "buzzed" back from Mountain Home, I suddenly realized, going to town isn't nearly as much fun and

adventure as it was in the days of my youth. I'll start off with this information: We never said "going to Mountain Home". It was always "going to town". On the other hand,

one went "down to Cotter", "over to Flippin", "down to Norfolk" and "up to Missouri". That's just how it was. And wherever you went, you didn't merely "buzz there and back". Adventure along the way was the rule, not the exception.

My Daddy, the late Herbert A. Messick, owned one of the few automobiles in Monkey Run in the late 30's and early 40's. So as a result, when anybody had to be somewhere at a certain time, like down at Cotter to catch the train, they would come to our house and hire Daddy to drive them. He usually charged "four bits", (50 cents). And if he had business he could take care of while there, it was only "two bits". In the early 40's when so many families were leaving Monkey Run to work in the war factories, I remember this widow lady and her girls coming to our house to have Daddy drive them down to the Cotter Depot. Since Daddy was already going to take his brother, Major Mooney Messick, to join the Air Corps, Daddy told the widow lady he didn't want any pay. (He figured she'd need every penny she had to feed her three girls when they got to Wichita) Not to be outdone, she slipped a folded bill into my little sister's hand. Mama saw her and took the bill and unfolded it. "Mandy, you know you don't want to give this child a five dollar bill!" Mama exclaimed. For years afterwards four little girls had many a giggle over how Mandy had done a little jig while exchanging the five-dollar bill for a buck. Let me add there, that Daddy never charged a penny to get the Doctor.

The first car I remember Daddy having was a two door, a not very new model, sans a passenger seat. It couldn't have worked out better for the Messick family. Daddy drove and Mama held the youngest, Leona, on her lap, in the back seat. The other girls, Alfa, Alma and Mary Ann, lined up beside her. Without a passenger seat, it was easy for us to climb into the back seat. And Daddy utilized the space up front with a gallon bucket used to fill the radiator every time we passed a creek. And if we picked up a hitchhiker along the way, always a man, naturally, he could squat on the upturned bucket and visit with Daddy. One fella we picked up had a very distinctive facial feature and the entire trip to town; I couldn't

keep my four-year-old eyes off his profile. That night, long after I should have been asleep, I plaintive inquired, "Mama, does Wiley Wonka's nose turn up or down?" (It turned up). Sometimes by the time we got to town, we'd have passengers hanging all around the car, on the running board.

Besides having to stop and add water to the radiator (it leaked like a sieve) it wasn't unusual for Daddy to have to fix two or three flats per trip. That really didn't matter, we never seem to be in any hurry to get there and back, wherever we were going. And daddy was always prepared. He carried a jack, tire tool, lug wrench, pump and a pack of cold patching. In my mind I can still see him jacking up the car, using the lug wrench and tire tool, then carefully searching the inner tube for the hole. When located, he'd rough up around the hole with the lid of the can, which was hobnobbed just for that purpose. Then he would apply the glue (being careful not to inhale too much) and press on the patch, holding it in place until it dried. He'd carefully fit the inner tube back into the tire and wheel, then pump up with the old hand pump. While all this was going on, Mama would sit on the road bank and watch four little girls dig holes in the moss, feast on "sheep's shower" or look for "Easter Daisies." One time we didn't even get out sight of the house until we had a flat. While Daddy went through the ritual four little girls happily played in our own little woods. It was a cool day in early fall and Mama sat in the sunshine on a big hollow tree stump (from last year's woodcutting). The flat tire was on the opposite side of the car and when Daddy finished he walked around to tell Mama he was ready to go. Instead he said, "Good Lord, Esta Mae, you're sitting on a wasp's nest!" Sure enough and it was the biggest and fullest nest of wasps I have ever seen. Not many years ago I walked down that same old road, now only a dim trail through the woods, and the rim of that rotten old tree stump was still there reminding me that Daniel stayed in the Lion's Den without a scratch and Mama sat on the mother of all wasp nests without a sting!

Before we got electricity, Daddy would bring the car battery in on Saturday night, and hook up the radio, so we could hear "The Grand Old Opry" and "Renfro Valley."

I was crazy about Roy Acuff (folks around Monkey Run called him "Roy Acup") and Alfa was "struck" on a performer on the Renfro Valley (Kentucky) Barn Dance. So the usual Saturday night argument ended with Mama mediating, with us taking turns listening to our favorites. And Alfa would bitterly complain the whole time. Also for big "prize fights" Daddy would hook up the radio and relatives and neighbors would crowd into our living room to listen.

The next car Daddy got was "Old Mabel." Daddy liked to name his cars and he loved and treated them like family. Mabel was the wife of the previous owner. Daddy bought her from the Hackler Chevrolet Co. at Mountain Home for \$25.00. He paid five dollars down and five dollars a month for the "30" Chevy two door sedan. (He wouldn't have a four-door, because he was afraid one of his girls would fall out the back seat.) The war (WWII) had just started and all the time we had "Old Mabel" tires, gas, oil, parts, were rationed, hard to get and usually non-existent. When I recall how "Old Mabel" served the Messick family and the Monkey Run community so miraculously through the war years I find myself humming, "Coming In On A Wing And A Prayer".

"Old Mabel" faithfully took us everywhere: to town on Saturdays to see a Western Picture, to Harrison to get glasses for Mama and Alfa, up to Ava, Missouri, to visit Aunt Bill and Uncle Lowell, down to the river to visit Uncle Harvey, Aunt June and Billy Joe, down to Cotter to meet, or to take "soldier boys" to the train, and to the nearest water hole to baptize the "soldier boy" before he went overseas. (Some called it "crossing the Pond") Oh, Well it was better to laugh than to cry.)

Daddy put preaching aside and started teaching to help the war effort. He taught at Hand, over across the then forming waters of Norfolk Lake. We'd tell Daddy and "Old Mabel" goodbye on Monday morning and greet them with open arms on Friday afternoon. "Old Mabel" never failed. When cold weather came, Daddy built a garage and on cold nights, he'd drain the radiator and bring the water and the battery for both to keep warm by the wood stove. One morning Mother came in from getting a load of firewood and announced, "Somebody has stolen our Car." Daddy and four little girls tumbled out to look. Sure enough, "Old

Mabel" was gone. Not in or parked in front of the garage. We started crying. Then Daddy shouted, "Look, there she is down across the road." Sure enough, there was "Old Mabel" riding high atop a sapling thicket. Daddy figures this is what happened: One pet hen loved to lay her daily contribution in the back seat of "Old Mabel". (A hole in the formerly plush seat covering made a dandy nest.) When Mama heard her cackle, she had sent me out to get the egg so she could bake a cake. I had probably knocked "Old Mabel" out of gear, getting the egg. Although it was a bitterly cold day, Daddy worked away all morning, and by noon he had freed "Old Mabel" from her lofty prison. We made it to town on time to see Gene Autry ride across the silver screen.

After the war, Daddy limped old Mabel into the yard, on her last legs, and parked her. (He could never bring himself to trade off a car anymore than he could have traded off one of his girls). He brought a 1937 Plymouth, solid as a rock and about as pretty. We called that car "Rocky". Alfa learned to drive on Old Mabel and taught Alma and I to drive on the Plymouth. How I could make that car jump and hop when I let the clutch out. Daddy got a spare tire so we learned how to jack up Rocky and change a tire. We felt like birds flying high and free and came and went as Alfa pleased. One night coming home from the movies, we smelled fire, then saw smoke. She was driving with the emergency brake on and the floorboard was on fire. We scrambled out and piled dirt and gravel from the road to smother the fire. After that, no emergency brakes. Rocky saw me through High School at Mountain Home, taking the family back and forth to school events. Postcard pictures of the Mountain Home Square shows Rocky parked on the corner where we could watch the world pass by on Saturday afternoons.

In 1950 Rocky limped back in the yard was parked near "Old Mabel". Daddy always did his own mechanical work, never trusting anybody else with his cars. He had all the tools, block and tackle to lift the motor, equipment to grind the valves, the whole works. He was truly a shade tree mechanic and that tree still stands. In my mind he's as plain as day, wearing oil stained khakis and a knotted, greasy rag for

a cap. About every two years or so, he'd change the oil.

The building boom was in full swing in the Twin Lakes area and Daddy had gotten his Electrician License and job offers poured in. So he left the scattered parts scattered and bought two other vehicles. A shiny '48 humpback Ford Sedan and a '49 GMC Pickup for his electrical supplies. Business continued to be good and Daddy never did get back to "Old Mabel" and Rocky. Mama finally got tired of mowing the yard around them and paid two boys \$10 to tow them to the junkyard where they were paid \$20.

Daddy's last vehicle was a hatchback dark green Chevy he called "Pecan Joe". I think having "Joe" towed off after Dad's death was one of the hardest things Mama ever had to do.

As for me, I have personally owned seven vehicles, four that were brand spanking new. But I am firmly convinced there will never, ever, be another automobile with half the personality and perseverance of "Old Mabel". Looking back, I have very few regrets. But I do regret having the Plymouth "Rocky" towed off. Because I'll swear I still see that car, beautifully restored, in parades and at antique car shows. And I regret that during the war, cameras and film were so scarce. As I result I don't have a good picture, but I really don't need one to remember "old Mabel", the little car who could.



HOMESPUN FUN

By Member Margaret Wotawa Sharp

This is a tale of things country children did in the early 30s. No one had much money, so things had to be simple. During the summer we made many trips to the river in an old pick-up or flatbed truck. As many as could get on would get to go, usually 10 to 12 of all ages.

Some would bring food from home, such as a jar of cucumber pickles or pickled peaches, a bucket of homegrown popped corn, baked potatoes, corn bread or cookies. We would play in the river all afternoon. We had a few inner tubes, so we could float down the river and walk back. When everyone was hunger, we would set our boxes and buckets of food in a shady spot and everyone would reach in and get some-

thing to eat. We didn't have paper plates or plastic forks, so fingers had to do!

My brother and friends took hand tools and cleaned off a spot on our farm for a tennis court. He made the net from gunnysacks and the rackets from a board. He used a handsaw and cut a square with a handle, then used the hand drill and drilled many rows of small holes in the square. We spent many Sunday afternoons playing tennis. There was always a crowd of children sitting on the rail fence watching the games. The boys measured off a baseball field in a neighbor's field, and we enjoyed watching ball teams from different community's play against our team.

During the cold weather, some boys and girls would take their dogs and guns and go possum hunting at night. They would listen for the dogs to bark, and then they would go to the sound and shoot the possum out of the tree. The boys would get several possums and skin them and sell the skins for spending money. The girls brought weenies and buns on the hunt, so the hunters would build a small fire and everyone enjoyed a snack before going home.

Saturday nights were spent at a "play-party" in someone's yard or a square dance in someone's home. To make room for dancing the host couple would move all the furniture from their largest room. Most of us walked to the home, but some families with small children would drive over in their wagons. The dance usually lasted until sunrise.

RESEARCHING BAXTER CO?

The Baxter County Historical Society has several publications that may help you. Besides the publications advertised each month in the Quarterly, the Society does have several other publications that might help. These are available but you must write the editor for prices.

1. Funeral Notices from Mountain Home dating back to into the 1930s. Contains many death notices that were posted in stores and telephone poles, etc
2. Relocations of Baxter County Cemeteries located in the Lake Norfolk basin. This booklet contains the indexed reburials from the plans of the Army Corp of Engineers..



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BAXTER COUNTY MARRIAGE FROM BOOK MARRIAGE BOOK "B"
1897-1900

Compiled by Member Vera Reeves

<i>Groom</i>	<i>age</i>	<i>Bride</i>	<i>age</i>	<i>Marriage date</i>
Abney, M. C.	53	Martin, Nancy	51	22 Feb 1899
Adams, Millard	23	Langston, Nancy	25	5 Dec 1900
Alexander, L. C.	23	Brown, Freddie	18	4 Jun 1898
Alexander, R. C.	23	Minger, Dellia	17	24 Oct 1897
Alley, R. L.	28	Henderson, Tulia	21	12 Mar 1890
Alman, S. P.	33	Jones, Margie	25	14 May 1899
Anderson, W. N.	23	Talbert, Dora	20	20 Feb 1898
Anglin, W. M.	23	Bruce, Mattie	16	26 Dec 1897
Arnold, M. M.	22	Smith, Lizzie	16	23 Dec 1900
Arnold, Robert	21	Torrence, Minnie	16	15 Dec 1900
Ausborn, W. A.	22	Walker, Sallie	18	18 Aug 1899
Avey, Andy	26	Cox, Dora	17	2 Oct 1898
Avey, J. A.	24	Sanders, Maggie L.	19	4 Feb 1900
Bagwell, J. W.	24	Lamb, Lula	18	30 Jul 1900
Bagwell, W. A.	37	Lemons, Nette	18	11 Mar 1897
Baker, Charley	21	Hickman, Annie	19	25 Dec 1898
Bean, Henry	20	Davis, Rosa	17	1 Jul 1900
Bean, R. B.	18	Wells, Nora	18	28 may 1900
Bean, W. W.	24	Yandle, Ella	18	15 Oct 1899?
Beavers, Elish E.	22	Sinor, Mary	22	7 Jan 1897
Bently, J. W.	28	Anderson, Martha	14	5 Mar 1899
Bigger, Albert	19	Merriman, Martha E.	17	20 May 1897
Bigger, R. W.	19	Downs, Jennie	19	1 Oct 1899
Bivens, J. A.	22	Owens, Fannie	20	23 Dec 1900*
Blount, W. T.	23	Osburne, Jessie	21	7 Nov 1900
Bodenhammer, M. V.	59	Cathcart, Adaline, Mrs.	44	9 Jan 1898
Bollinger, A. D.	27	Hill, Eliza	18	2 Mar 1897
Branson, J. h.	49	Harris, Mollie, Mrs.	29	22 Jul 1897
Brewer, Frank	22	Stratton, Ruth E.	21	18 Jul 1900
Brooks, G. W.	35	Jordan, Mary E. Mrs.	29	11 Mar 1897
Brown, Ike	38	Skiner, Josie	23	8 Jan 1899?
Bruce, W. H.	19	Walker, Genivra	21	25 Jun 1889
Bryant, E. M.	21	Dilbeck, Emma	17	30 Jul 1898
Bryant, T. M.	64	Blevins, Lizzie, Mrs.	34	1 Feb 1900
Bryant, Theo	23	Reddick, Edna	18	28 Feb 1899*
Buchanan, P. N.	22	Arnold, L. V.	19	22 Jan 1899
Bullord, J. W.	22	Havener, Mary A.	21	24 Oct 1897
Burhus, N. H.	25	Lemons, Belle	22	30 Nov 1900
Byrd, N. H.	23	Dilbeck, M. E.	18	15 Jan 1899
Byrd, W. B.	21	Wise, Jennie	18	20 Aug 1899
Caldwell, B. B.	21	Finley, Mittie	18	25 Dec 1898
Caldwell, T. L.	24	Beck, Eliza A	21	16 Jan 1898
Canfill, J. B.	24	Haley, Fannie	24	23 Feb 1897
Cantwell, James	24	Brewer, Helen	22	30 Jul 1899
Carroll, J. A.	23	Loman, Flora	27	25 Oct 1899
Carson, J. W.	21	Barnett, Easter	18	7 Aug 1898
Carson, J. W.	17	Reeves, Mary	18	9 Jan 1900
Carston, John H.	24	Edge, Vina	21	2 Dec 1897
Castell, W. L.	39	Wood, Belle	24	28 Jan 1900
Chapman, O. C.	21	Sanders, Frankie	18	29 Apr 1900
Chastain, J. J.	20	McPherson, Annie	19	11 Feb 1897
Chastain, W. J.	38	Parks, Nancy A., Mrs.	39	1 Jan 1899
Claiborne, John A.	23	Davis, Flora	17	25 Nov 1900
Clark, L. O.	24	Bean, Ida	23	30 Dec 1900.
Clay, J. W.	26	Ford, Viola	20	19 Sep 1909
Clinton, Guss	24	Wheat, Melvna	28	19 Feb 1898

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Cody, William	21	Savage, Cora	21	23 Dec 1900
Cole, A. B.	23	Casey, Nettie	20	12 Sep 1899
Cole, C. W.	26	Gober, Sarah	28	11 Feb 1897
Cole, John W.	71	Whiteaker, Perlina	25	27 Jan 1900
Collis, M. L.	19	Hickey, Ida	21	13 Jun 1897
Collis, J. I.	34	Patterson, Fannie, Mrs.	35	3 Aug 1897
Conditt, H. L.	20	Dillard, Lizzie	16	27 Nov 1900
Conley, John H.	35	Weaver, Maud	18	22 Apr 1900
Conley, John H.	35	McClure, Susie J.	24	6 Aug 1899
Conley, R. A.	22	Powell, Katie C.	24	21 Feb 1897
Cook, F. M.	25	Eberage, Cecil	20	29 Mar 1897*
Cook, John W.	38	rose, Belle Z.	21	21 Oct 1900
Cooper, W. H.	19	Lonon, Irene	20	7 Jul 1896
Cope, William	35	Vickrey, Ann	25	13 Apr 1899
Copeland, J. G.	54	Bucher, Elthere, Mrs.	38	26 Nov 1899
Corey, W. M.	23	Baker, Bertha	19	17 Jan 1897
Cotter, C. S.	25	Deathage, Katie M.	20	20 Nov 1900
Couch, J. E.	24	Carson, Pearl	21	30 Sep 1900
Coventon, John	21	Knight, Ella	16	2 Dec 1900
Covington, A. E.	23	Heiskill, Lonnie	24	17 Jul 1898
Cowan, M. O.	23	Eddings, Belle	18	28 Jan 1897
Cox, D. B.	39	Henderson, Janie	24	9 Oct 1900
Cranfill, Henry	22	Reed, Lovie	19	7 Jan 1900
Crewse, J. E.	31	Farrier, Lou	21	20 Aug 1898
Cristian, Charles	26	Talbur, Anna, Mrs.	26	20 Mar 1898
Crownover, B. W.	22	Davis, Ada	18	7 Aug 1900
Crownover, G. M.	24	Calvahouse, Arlena	20	23 Dec 1900
Culvahouse, J. E.	44	Abney, Martha J., Mrs.	45	31 Oct 1897
Cuningham, J. H.	35	Duck, Lulu M.	18	13 Jun 1897
Cunningham, G. E.	39	Janow, Martha, Mrs.	26	26 Apr 1900
Cunningham, J. L.	21	Adams, Nancy	18	24 Dec 1899
Cunningham, M. W.	48	Hall, Lizzie	34	26 Jan 1897
Cunningham, S. B.	30	Patterson, Rosa	17	7 Oct 1897*
Cunningham, W. F.	25	Goforth, Ella	20	9 Mar 1898
Cypert, John R.	23	Edge, Bertha	18	7 Oct 1900
Davis, J. A.	18	Sewell, Linda C.	17	31 Aug 1898
Davis, J. M.	29	Cowart, Doshie	25	20 Nov 1898
Dearmore, Chas C.	22	Dunbar, Sarah	16	10 Jan 1897
Dearmore, H. A.	17	Wolf, Emma	18	11 Nov 1900
Dew, A. L.	27	Prock, Ellen	22	19 Sep 1899
DeWitt, L. W.	26	Gardner, Rosa	14	2 Sep 1897
Dibel, J. W.	22	London, Hannah	24	10 Jan 1897
Dickerson, G. W.	25	Morris, Odie M., Mrs.	21	9 Mar 1897
Doak, C. R.	28	Douglas, Puggy	19	8 Sep 1897
Dobbs, John	22	Payne, Josie	18	27 Aug 1898
Dobbs, Lindsey	25	Talbert, Annie	24	28 Dec 1900
Drewry, J. T.	25	Southard, Maggie	17	26 Jan 1898
Duck, W. H.	26	Loman, Rinda	16	15 Oct 1899
Duncan, J. L.	49	Osborne, Emeline	42	24 Oct 1897
Duncan, T. S.	25	Hopper, Kate	24	16 Jul 1897
Duncan, W. P.	25	Nelson, Gillian	16	21 Oct 1900
Dunn, John	31	Langbary, Stacy	19	5 Jul 1899
Dunn, William	28	Petros, Annie	20	1 Jan 1899
Ellard, William	21	Brinnie, Minnie	21	7 Sep 1898?
Evans, Basil	30	Phelps, Lizzie B.	17	5 Jun 1898
Farmer, A. L.	52	Hamilton, Janie, Mrs.	45	15 Aug 1900
Farrier, E. L.	30	Lackey, Malvany	28	18 Nov 1900
Finley, B. G.	27	Weaver, Mollie	20	1 Feb 1899
Finley, W. Brewer	19	Lancaster, Fannie	21	16 Jul 1899
Fletcher, W. T.	22	Galloway, Hattie	20	15 Jan 1899
Fout, George	19	McGarrison, Donia	19	3 May 1898
Fout, Mattie	20	Hickman, Clara	17	8 Jan 1899

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Francie, Alex	20	Horn, Sallie	19	2 Feb 1899
Francis, T. G.	22	Martin, Ida	17	1 Oct 1899
Freeman, Charles	22	Foster, Sarah	21	2 Jul 1899
Frix, Joseph A.	21	Henley, Mary	20	9 Nov 1899
Fuller, N. D.	25	Finley, Millie	25	14 Feb 1897
Galbraith, A. S.	23	Lester, Eddie	20	3 Jan 1897
Galloway, Jesse	18	Smith, Annie	16	10 Oct 1899
Garton, G. W.	28	Triimble, Ida	21	20 Mar 1898
Gay, J. W. J.	22	Stone, Ida B.	19	17 Aug 1899
Gentry, W. M.	21	Wren, Harlett	20	15 Mar 1898
Gilbert, E. D.	21	Pasco, Dora	21	2 Jan 1898
Gilbert, Jefferson	19	McCracken, Mary	20	28 Sep 1899
Gilbert, M. A.	19	Bryant, Annie E.	22	21 Oct 1897
Gillaspie, W. C.	24	Edwards, May	18	23 Feb 1898
Goforth, J. E.	26	Votaw, Emma	20	2 Apr 1899
Gordner, Geo	22	DeWitt, Eliza	16	2 Sep 1897
Graham, L. F.	30	Lewis, Katie	24	26 Nov 1899
Green, Dave	50	Snider, Matha	49	26 Sep 1897
Green, Evy	19	Coffee, Beulah	18	31 Dec 1899
Green, Hordaman	20	Brooks, Mittie	16	3 Feb 1897
Green, John	23	Small, Fannie	16	25 Dec 1900
Green, T. J.	28	Hicks, Siss	18	23 May 1899
Griffith, John	24	Hodge, Martha Vina	19	26 Sep 1897
Guthrie, C. G.	22	Gower, Mattie J.	19	28 Dec 1899
Haley, John	18	Smith, Latha	19	25 Nov 1900
Halsey, Alfred	60	Brook, Susie	35	11 Jun 1898
Halston, John	19	Cockrum, Maggie	18	17 Aug 1898
Hamilton, J. W.	28	Henry, Mary, Mrs.	35	12 Feb 1899
Hamilton, Robert	22	Lackey, Leona	26	15 Apr 1900
Hammond, Noah	22	Alsip, Lemontine	18	16 Oct 1900?
Hand, S. D.	23	Moody, S. C.	21	24 June 1900
Hargrave, L. E.	23	Taylor, Mary, Mrs.	22	1 Apr 1900
Harguess, William	21	Teague, Nancy J.	17	2 Apr 1900
Harris, M. J.	22	Miller, Octavid	20	22 Jul 1897
Harris, W. A.	23	Wallis, Lucy	25	11 Apr 1900
Hart, C.	59	Rice, Martha J., Mrs.	43	15 June 1899
Hayes, Hendrick	43	Talbur, Eva	22	3 Oct 1897
Hayes, O. N.	27	Talbur, Annie	24	3 Oct 1897
Hayes, Tilden	20	Baker, Rosa	14	18 Jul 1897
Hednerson, Jas	22	Franks, Fannie	16	4 Oct 1900
Heiskill, L. D.	31	Lester, Belle	20	19 June 1898
Hensley, G. A.	21	Dixon, Annie	18	10 Jul 1899
Henson, D. J.	22	Sanders, Mary A.	18	16 Dec 1900
Herd, G. W.	21	Blount, Laurena	18	21 May 1899
Herron, David	21	Cope, Alice	14	17 Jan 1897
Higginbottom, G. C.	37	Fanning, Elizabeth	20	2 Oct 1898
Hill, C. W.	19	Pruitt, Ida	16	2 Mar 1899
Hipp, B. R.	25	Massey, Lilla L.	22	3 Oct 1897
Hipp, J. A.	28	Lee, Onie	18	14 Feb 1897
Hisaw, W. H.	22	Murphy, Mina	19	23 Dec 1900
Hively, J. F.	26	McKinney, Dora V.	18	24 Nov 1898
Holden, M. A.	21	Partee, Mina	20	7 Feb 1897
Holeman, J. C.	46	Ellison, M. S., Mrs.	21	29 Aug 1897
Holland, J. W.	27	Kirkland, Minnie B.	16	8 Oct 1899
Horton, E. C.	24	Watley, Lottie	21	22 Nov 1898
Hudson, B. W.	23	Wittiner, Eva	18	12 Apr 1900
Hughes, W. A.	25	McCoy, Maud	25	1 Sep 1898
Hunter, J. H.	22	Anderson, Susan	20	21 Dec 1898
Hurst, Baxter,	21	Rose, Lula	17	16 Dec 1900
Hutchinson, S. J.	27	Lather, Stella	20	7 Jan 1900
Jackson, D. Z.	23	Cody, Maudie	19	28 Jul 1897
James, George	50	Copeland, Abbie, Mrs.	50	19 Mar 1899

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Jennings, G. E.	24	Wright, Minnie	20	10 Oct 1897
Johnson, G. S.	28	Smart, Martha	18	30 Aug 1897*
Johnson, J. F.	21	Horton, Cordelia	21	2 Apr 1899
Johnson, Thomas J.	27	London, Ollie, Mrs.	20	20 Feb 1898
Jones, L. H.	20	Colson, C. M.	17	1 Apr 1900
Jones, Lee	28	Hogan, Delia	28	26 Feb 1899
Kasinger, I. H.	21	Lewis, Annah	16	6 Mar 1897
Kerley, G. T.	22	Russell, Ida	17	9 Sep 1900
Killian, Theo	20	Kelly, Scynthia	18	17 Jul 1898
Killian, W. W.	27	Pratt, Edna	27	9 Mar 1899
Kirby, Lee	23	Smith, Bettie	18	8 Aug 1899
Knight, Lee	20	Lonon, Linnie	19	26 Aug 1897
Knight, T. E.	25	Smith, Lou	24	16 Sep 1900
Lack, W. B.	19	Smith, Georgia	19	29 Oct 1899
Lackey, A. S.	20	Trotter, May	18	8 Jan 1899
Lackey, G. W.	24	McCorr, Annis	20	12 Oct 1898
Lackey, William H.	25	Cunningham, Belle	17	1 Apr 1900
Lancaster, R. B.	27	Finley, Mary M.	15	31 Oct 1900
Largent, Luther	24	Davis, Loula	17	9 Oct 1900
Lawhorn, W. J.	23	Chandler, Belle	19	13 Feb 1898
Lawson, J. A.	25	Bullord, Minnie	23	7 Nov 1897
Lewis, C. S.	22	Cole, Cora	17	24 Apr 1897
Lewis, W. P.	25	Hall, Nancy A.	21	28 Oct 1900
Loman, L. F.	41	Hayes, Minerva S., Mrs.	41	29 Mar 1899
Lovell, T. S.	23	Kingston, Alice	23	18 May 1899
Luster, W. J.	23	Hughes, Mary	22	7 Feb 1899
Lytile, Jasper	56	Miller, Melvina, Mrs.	24	15 Jul 1897
Maggard, H. B.	25	Raymond, Daisy	18	4 Jul 1897
Maple, Benjamin	66	Glover, Lucy, Mrs.	34	2 Sep 1897
Marler, J. E., Jr.	24	Stafford, Nancy V.	16	18 Dec 1898
Martin, B. A.	57	Keller, Annie, Mrs.	36	3 May 1900
Martin, Ed	21	Dickerson, Addie	18	28 Sep 1898
Martin, F. M.	32	Caldwell, Pattie	22	4 Aug 1897
Martin, J. J.	28	Ausborn, Mary	21	23 Jan 1898
Martin, O. A.	19	Henry, Julia	18	10 Jul 1898
Martin, W. C.	24	Chastain, Olie	14	4 Jun 1899
Martin, W. M.	32	Collis, Bashie	16	6 Jan 1898
Mason, G. T.	27	Kasinger, Empo ??	22	6 Oct 1897
Massey, W. A.	22	Miller, Belle	24	10 Sep 1900
Matney, Isom	19	Payne, Fannie	18	27 Jan 1900
Maynard, Jasper	48	Davenport, Fannie, Mrs.	28	25 Apr 1899
McBee, E. C.	21	Wood, Alice	18	4 Oct 1898
McBee, Y. H.	20	Niell, Cora	17	22 Oct 1899
McBride, S. J.	23	Talbert, Nora	15	18 Jan 1900
McClellan, G. W.	46	Prewitt, L. T.	20	28 Mar 1897
McClelland, A. B.	29	Jones, Mary	19	17 Apr 1897
McCormick, J. B.	69	Savage, Savannah, Mrs.	52	24 Oct 1897
McCracken, W. C.	46	Sorretis, Nancy J., Mrs.	19	9 Sep 1897
McElfish, J. H.	19	Johnson, Florence	19	21 Aug 1900
McGee, N. J.	18	Cheek, Luetta	17	6 Mar 1898
McGowen, J. H.	23	Franks, Callie	20	31 Dec 1899?
McGuins, Henry	25	Payne, Katie	30	10 Apr 1898
McKinney, A. H.	20	Fout, Jane	20	5 Nov 1899
McLeod, W. E.	28	Baker, Aria	21	30 May 1897
McMahan, S. H.	23	McCabe, A. E.	18	2 Dec 1897
McMahan, S. J.	32	Eatman, Cora	22	27 Oct 1897
McNeill, J. H.	20	Trimble, Mary	17	20 Nov 1898
Messick, E. H.	63	Jordon, Lou M., Mrs.	52	31 Oct 1899

- = information wasn't returned, wasn't used or part of the certificate was blank
- ? = very hard to read or not sure of spelling.

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Another Baxter County Family

My ROSE Family Branches

FIRST GENERATION

1. Thomas "Uncle Tom" ROSE was born to Frederick ROSE, Jr. and Katherine "Katy" or Catherine EATON on 19 Apr 1835 in Illinois, or on 13 Apr 1836 in Hardin Co., TN. He died on 15 Jun 1914/15 or 28 Jun 1914 in Big Flat, Ark.. Confederate Pension Approved in 1927 in Baxter County, AR by his third wife, Julia. He was buried in Big Flat Cemetery, Baxter Co., Ark.. "Uncle Tom" was married to Loucinda DUGGON on 10 Oct 1859 in Green Forrest, Carroll Co., AR. Loucinda DUGGON was born in 1840 in Illinois. She die iin 1870 in AR. Their children:

- +2 i. John Francis ROSE.
- 3 ii. Bailey ROSE was born in 1863/64 in Searcy Co., AR. He was possibly a magistrate judge in Searcy Co. AR.
- 4 iii. William George ROSE was born in 1865/66 in Searcy Co., AR. He died in 1953 in Talihina, LeFlore Co. OK.
- +5 iv. William Franklin "Bill" ROSE was born on 28 Feb 1867 in Seacy Co., AR.
- +6 v. Mary ROSE.

"Uncle Tom" was married to Tennessee CALLEN (daughter of West Columbus CALLEN and Martha B. LEATHERS) on 10 Oct 1871 in Boone Co., AR. Tennessee CALLEN was born around 1844 in AR. She died around 1879. She was rumored to be full blooded Indian. She may have met Thomas in Talihina, OK. Their Children:

- +7 i. Thomas Hill ROSE.
- +8 ii. Dan ROSE.

"Uncle Tom" was married to Julie\Julia\Juley Ann BAKER (daughter of Asa BAKER Sr. and Mary J. BUGG) on 10 Jul 1882 in Big Flat, Ark.. Julie\Julia\Juley Ann BAKER was born on 12 Feb 1856 in Big Flat, Searcy Co., AR. She died on 6 Mar 1945 in or near Big Flat, Ark.. She was buried in 1945 near Big Flat, Ark., Cotter Cemetery. Their children:

- 9 i. Lula ROSE was born on 25 Apr 1883. She died 28 Jan 1979 AR. She was buried in the Cotter Cemetery near Big Flat, Arkansas. She was married to Baxter Charles "B. C." Hurst on 16 Dec 1900
- 10 ii. Stella ROSE was born 25 Apr 1883. She died 28 Jan 1970 in California. She was married to Thaddaeus C. "Thad" Farris 18 Jan 1906
- 11 iii. Cornelia "Bugg" ROSE was born 1965. She died 24 Jun 1969 in AR. And was buried 1969 in the Cotter Cemetery near Big Flat, AR. She married E. Arthur MORLEY/MORREY 11ar 1911.
- 12 iv. Arizona "Ara" ROSE was born in 1886. She died in 1945 in or near Big Flat, Ark.. She was buried near Big Flat, Ark. in the Cotter Cemetery.
- 13 v. Luster ROSE was born in 1888. He died in 1977 in Ark. He was buried near Big Flat, Ark., in the Cotter Cemetery.
- 14 vi. Grover ROSE was born in 1889. He died on 20 Mar 1978 in Ark.. He was buried in 1970 near Big Flat, Ark., in the Cotter Cemetery.
- 15 vii. Junius Wilse ROSE was born 18 Dec 1893 AR. He did ca 1995/1996. He married Zona PATE, daughter of John C. and Dessie M. Pate. She died 23 Apr 1982. They had at least two children-no data available.

SECOND GENERATION

John Francis ROSE was born on 1 Aug 1860 in Gilbert, Searcy Co., AR. He died on 26 Apr 1936 in Oklahoma City, OK. He was married to Louisa\Louisey GREENWAY about 1879. Their children:

- 16 i. Tommy ROSE was born about 1880. He died in infancy.
- 17 ii. Dow ROSE was born about 1883. He (or she) died in infancy.
- 18 iii. Betty Melissa Lucinda Jane ROSE was born 9 Dec 1885 in Ark.

John Francis was married to Sarah Elizabeth HOLT (daughter of Amos HOLT and Sarah JONES) on 5 Jan 1888 in Marshall, Searcy Co., AR. Sarah Elizabeth HOLT was born on 3 Jun 1870 in Searcy Co., AR. She died on 11 Aug 1947 in Osage Co., OK. She was buried in Oklahoma City, OK. Their children:

- +19 i. William George ROSE was born 24 Oct 1888 in Mountain Home, Baxter Co. AR. He died on 4 Oct 1972 in Pushmataha, OK. He was married to Malinda Mays 5 Jan 1907, Searcy Co., AR. He later married Maude Davis 5 Jan 1925.
- +20 ii. Mary Etta Annabelle ROSE was born 2 Feb 1891 Searcy Co., AR. She died between 1970 and 1979 in Oklahoma City, OK. She was married to Albert S. Acree 26 Dec 1907 in Searcy Co., AR.
- +21 iii. Donnie Ethel ROSE was born 11 Aug 1892 in Searcy Co., AR. She married Millard Fillmore RIGGINS 2 Jul 1910 in LeFlore Co., OK.
- +22 iv. Winford Bailey ROSE was born 8 Nov 1894 in Big Flat, Searcy Co., AR. He died Jun 1985 in Oklahoma City, OK. He married Lana Lee THOMPSON 16 Nov 1917 in Oklahoma City, OK. Lana Lee died 9 Jan 1933.
- +23 v. Sanford Sylvester ROSE was born 15 Feb 1896 Searcy Co, AR. He did 11 Dec 1977 in Pushmataha Co., AR. He married Alta Lee MASTERS on 26 Jul 1921 in Bokchito, Bryan Co., AR.
- 24 vi. Dempsey Sawyer ROSE was born 21 Aug 1898 in Searcy Co, AR. He married Katie SCHOTT 6 Feb 1929 in Shawnee, Pottawatomie Co, AR.
- 25 vii. Lillie Mae ROSE was born 10 Jul 1900 Searcy Co, AR. She married Ezra Everett RICE in June 1920 in Bryan Co. OK.
- 26 viii. Sterling Floyd ROSE was born 14 May 1902. He died 1986. He was married to Johnnie RINGWALD on 5 Dec 1930/31.
- 27 ix. Glennie Elden ROSE was born 28 Feb 1907. He died in Aug 1941. He was married to Athene Hoggan 15 Apr 1935.
- 28 x. Lena Mildred ROSE was born 20 Jul 1909.
- 29 xi. Lida Maria ROSE was born 20 Nov 1913. She married Charles Kenneth MAZE 28 Mar 1932.

5. William Franklin "Bill" ROSE was born on 28 Feb 1867 in Searcy Co., AR. He died on 8 Apr 1932. He was buried in Snowball, AR. He married Sarah Catherine LAY was born on 2 Mar 1878. She died on 4 Nov 1938. She was buried in Snowball, AR. Their children:

- +30 i. Buster ROSE.
- +31 ii. Lucy ROSE.
- +32 iii. Roy ROSE.
- 33-38 iv.-ix. one boy and five girls; names not known to me.

6. Mary ROSE was born on 10 Nov 1870 in Searcy Co., AR. She died in 1952 in Bethany, OK. She was buried in Wheatland Cemetery, Bethany, OK. She was married to Tom LAY date unknown, in AR. Their children:

- 39 i. Roscoe LAY.
- 40 ii. Anderson LAY.
- 41 iii. Sanford LAY.
- 42 iv. Auther LAY.
- 43 v. Martie LAY.
- 44 vi. Cora LAY.
- 45 vii. Austin LAY.
- 46 viii. Gladys LAY.

Mary ROSE was married to Lewis DRAPER date unknown. Lewis DRAPER was buried in Wheatland Cemetery, Bethany, OK.

7. Thomas Hill ROSE was born Feb 27 187?. He died on 26 Jul 1956 in Chandler, Maricopa Co., AZ. He was buried on 30 Jul 1956 in Mesa Cemetery, Maricopa Co., AZ. He was a Farmer most of life in Ok. and AZ. He was also a Church of Christ minister. He was married to "Mary Jane" Elizabeth TREAT (daughter of Thomas F. TREAT and

Cynthia\Cinthia Adeline BAKER) was born on 8 Dec 1871 in Marshall, AR. She died on 15 Jan 1936 in Gilbert, Maricopa Co., AZ. She was buried on 18 Jan 1936 in Mesa Cemetery, Maricopa Co., AZ. Their children:

- +47 i. Alvie ROSE.
- 48 ii. Valley ROSE was born before 1897.
- 49 iii. Sally ROSE was born in AR. She supposedly died at three years old, due to burns she received when she fell into the fireplace.

- +50 iv. Sarah Esther ROSE.
- 51 v. Farris ROSE was born after 1897. He died mid-1990s in California?.

8. Dan ROSE was born on 10 Jul 1877 in Searcy or Boone Co., AR. He died on 20 Dec 1949 in Bokchito, Bryan Co., OK. He was buried on 21 Dec 1949 in Bokchito Cemetery, Bryan Co., OK. He was married to Mary Jane BROWN (daughter of James (Jim) BROWN and Martha Jane KIMBRELL) on 11 Sep 1890 in Marshall, Searcy Co., AR. Mary Jane BROWN was born on 13 Feb 1871 in AR. She died on 1 Feb 1948 in Bokchito, Bryan Co., OK. She was buried in Bokchito Cemetery, Bryan Co., OK. Their children:

- +52 i. Oscar ROSE.
- +53 ii. Hattie ROSE.
- +54 iii. Zona ROSE.
- +55 iv. Roscoe ROSE.
- 56 v. Leora ROSE was born on 22 Dec 1904. She died on 17 Apr 1918.
- 57 vi. Fred ROSE was born on 8 Jul 1907. He died on 11 Apr 1980.
- 58 vii. Willie ROSE was born on 8 Aug 1910. He died on 24 Jul 1978.
- +59 viii. Rosetta ROSE.

THIRD GENERATION

32. Roy ROSE married Olen ____ Their children:

- 62 i. Bill ROSE.
- 63 ii. Harvey ROSE was a teacher in Green Forrest, Carroll Co., AR.

47. Alvie ROSE was born before 1897. He died about 1930. He was a truck driver for a saw mill he was possibly part owner of. about 1930. Before he married, he led the Church of Christ singing for his pastor/father, Thomas "Hill" ROSE.

Their children:

- 64 i. Mary "Sally" ROSE was born in 1936.

50. Sarah Esther ROSE was born on 30 Mar 1897 in Marshall, AR. She died on 12 Jun 1979 in Cleveland, OK. She was buried in Cleveland, OK. She was married to Robert Lincoln HUFFINES (son of William F. HUFFINES and Sarah Jane MCCOY) on 3 Oct 1912 in Talihina, OK. Robert Lincoln HUFFINES was born on 13 Oct 1887 or 1888 in AR. He died on 9 Nov 1965 in Cleveland, OK. He was buried in Cleveland, OK.

Their children:

- +65 i. John Albert HUFFINES.
- 66 ii. Robert Woodrow "Woody" HUFFINES was born on 30 Aug 1915 in OK. He died on 16 Mar 1994 in OK. He was buried on 19 Mar 1994 in OK.
- +67 iii. Mamie Ethel HUFFINES.
- +68 iv. Larry Alec HUFFINES.
- +69 v. Percy HUFFINES.
- 70 vi. Carl HUFFINES was born on 27 Mar 1925.
- +71 vii. Thomas Fred HUFFINES was born on 12 Jan 1928. He died on 9 Mar 1961. He was buried in OK. He was married to Ora Lee CARTER during the 1950's in AZ.
- +72 viii. Ruby Jane HUFFINES.
- 73 ix. Annabell HUFFINES was born in 1934. She was buried in OK.
- 74 x. Clarence Edward HUFFINES.
- +75 xi. Clyde Allen HUFFINES was born in 1939. He married Alice BAKER..

52. Oscar ROSE was born on 13 Dec 1891. He died on 20 Dec 1961 in Whitesboro, OK. He was buried in the cemetery on west edge of Whitesboro, LeFlore Co., OK. He was married to Pearl SMITH on 6 Oct 1912 in Whitesboro, LeFlore Co., OK. Pearl SMITH was born on 7 Apr 1896 in Whitewright, TX. She died on 5 Apr 1983 in Ft. Smith, AR. She was buried in Whitesboro, OK. Their children:

- 76 i. Elmer Roy ROSE was born on 8 Aug 1913.
- 77 ii. Ernest Dee ROSE was born on 22 Sep 1915.
- 78 iii. Gladys Joy ROSE was born on 1 Jan 1918.
- 79 iv. Opal Lee ROSE was born on 19 Apr 1920.
- 80 v. Ralph Forest ROSE was born on 20 Mar 1923. He died in 1984.
- 81 vi. Audrey Kendzetta ROSE was born on 14 Jan 1926.
- 82 vii. Kenneth Joe ROSE was born in 1931.
- 83 viii. Norma Jean ROSE was born in 1932.
- 84 ix. Josephine ROSE was born in 1935.

53. Hattie ROSE was born on 8 Nov 1893. She was married to Thomas J. (Bud) NAPIER on 14 Mar 1910 in Ft. Smith, AR. Thomas J. (Bud) NAPIER was buried in California. Their children:

- 85 i. Ruby Jane NAPIER was born on 17 Mar 1912.
- 86 ii. Clarence NAPIER was born on 18 Apr 1914.
- 87 iii. Eugene NAPIER was born on 4 Aug 1916.
- 88 iv. Forrest James NAPIER was born on 24 Mar 1918.
- 89 v. Laura Mae NAPIER was born on 10 Jun 1923.
- 90 vi. Bernice Marie NAPIER was born on 20 Oct 1925.
- 91 vii. Jaunita Joan NAPIER was born on 31 Jan 1929.

54. Zona ROSE was born on 22 Sep 1900. She died on 6 Feb 1973. She was married to William Wilson "Bill" GOWER (son of James Moses GOWER and Mary Etta BENSCOTER) on 20 Jan 1926. William Wilson "Bill" GOWER was born on 24 Feb 1898 in Marshall, MO. He died on 16 Jun 1962 in Durant, OK. He was buried in Albany, OK. Their children:

- 92 i. Mary Jane GOWER was born in 1930. She died in 1930.
- 93 ii. Evelyn Leona GOWER was born in 1931.
- 94 iii. Ora Lee GOWER was born in 1933.
- 95 iv. Lillian Etta GOWER was born in 1934.

55. Roscoe ROSE was born on 17 Dec 1901. He died on 11 Jun 1975. He was buried on 13 Jun 1975. He was married to Essie Mae GILCREASE on 13 Jul 1922 who born on 19 Jul 1903. Their children:

- 96 i. Waidus ROSE was born on 11 Apr 1923.
- 97 ii. Sylvester ROSE was born on 9 Jul 1924.
- 98 iii. Floyd ROSE was born on 13 May 1926.
- 99 iv. Frodell ROSE was born on 16 Sep 1928.
- 100 v. Eldon ROSE was born in 1930.
- 101 vi. Faye Dell ROSE was born in 1933.
- 102 vii. Raye Nell ROSE was born in 1935.
- 103 viii. Hunter Odell ROSE was born in 1940.

59. Rosetta ROSE was born on 8 Apr 1913. She was married to Thomas William SIMMONS (son of William SIMMONS and Bertha PARKS) on 27 Nov 1928. Thomas William SIMMONS was born on 19 Jun 1909. He died on 8 Apr 1971.

Their children:

- 104 i. William Harland SIMMONS was born in 1930.
- 105 ii. Thomas Wayne SIMMONS was born in 1932.
- 106 iii. Geraldine SIMMONS was born in 1934. She died in 1974.
- 107 iv. Kenneth Ray SIMMONS was born in 1942.
- 108 v. Betty Louise SIMMONS was born in 1943.
- 109 vi. Roy Ray SIMMONS was born in 1946. He died in 1972.

FOURTH GENERATION

65. John Albert HUFFINES was born on 11 Aug 1913. He died on 27 Jan 1988. He married Louise STARRETT (daughter of Charlie STARRETT and Lillie ?) was born on 15 Oct 1923. Their children:

- 110 i. John A., Jr. HUFFINES was born in 1946. He died in 1961.

67. Mamie Ethel HUFFINES was born on 12 Aug 1918. She was married to Merley Venton BROWN (son of James Andrew BROWN and Laura Ona LEWALLEN) on 23 Dec 1933. Merley Venton BROWN was born on 29 Aug 1914. He died on 11 Feb 1991. He was buried on 16 Feb 1991. Their children:

- 111 i. Vernard Eldon BROWN was born on 4 Feb 1935 near Gilbert, AZ, at home. He died on 1 Apr 1935 in Gilbert, AR. He was buried in Mesa, AZ.
- +112 ii. June Joan BROWN.
- 113 iii. Jack Dale Venton BROWN was born in 1938.
- 114 iv. Robert Leroy BROWN was born in 1941.
- 115 v. Patsy Esther BROWN was born in 1944.
- 116 vi. Merley Junior Fred BROWN was born in 1946. He died in 18 Nov 1978.

- 117 vii. Sharon Genevive BROWN was born in 1949.
- 118 viii. Treva Kay BROWN was born in 1954.
- 119 ix. Deborah Faye BROWN was born in 1959.
- 120 x. Michael Eugene Verl BROWN was born in 1961.

68. Larry Alec HUFFINES was born on 19 Sep 1921. He married Mrs. Alice THOMAS Their children:
121 i. Claudia HUFFINES.

69. Percy HUFFINES was born on 27 Jan 19223. He retired on 13 Jun 197 in AZ. He was married to Vida COLLINS on 10 Nov 1945 in AZ. Their children:

- 122 i. Linda HUFFINES.
- 123 ii. Jennifer HUFFINES.
- 124 iii. Michael HUFFINES.

72. Ruby Jane HUFFINES was born on 21 May 1930 in AZ. Their children:

- 125 i. Roy Edward COLLINS Jr. was born in 1948.
- 126 ii. Robert Christopher COLLINS was born in 1949. He died in 1993.
- 127 iii. Janie Ann COLLINS was born in 1952.
- 128 iv. Sarah Gay COLLINS was born in 1953.
- 129 v. Cathy Irene COLLINS was born in 1954.
- 130 vi. Faye Paulette COLLINS was born in 1956.
- 131 vii. Mary Ellen COLLINS was born in 1958.
- 32 viii. Allen Ray COLLINS was born in 1962.

FIFTH GENERATION

112. June Joan BROWN was born in 1936. She was married to Tim CARTER (son of Ezra S. CARTER and Mildred Elizabeth LEE) in 1954. She was divorced from Tim CARTER in 1976. Tim CARTER was born on 31 Aug 1933 in Leton, Webster Parish, LA. Their children:

- 133 i. Tina Renee' (Renee') CARTER.
- 134 ii. Michael Timothy (Myke) CARTER.

—I recently found a "G. W. ROSE" listed in the Oct. 3, 1913 Talihina Tribune Newspaper. In an article about the Kiamichi Valley Fair, he is listed as a prizewinner for "Best Berkshire". If anyone knows for sure which ROSE this is referring to, please let me know.

Much of this info (sorry for the "bare bones" look of it) comes from many different people and sources. I am always trying to compile more info. If you have any info regarding this family line, I would love to get some input - ESPECIALLY any copies of documents (ie., birth certificates or notices, death certificates or obits, marriage licenses, newspaper articles, certificates for accomplishments, property deeds, etc.) that you can send me.

Sources for the above family info are: Christine ROSE, CG, CGL, FASG; Lida (ROSE) MAZE; Lillian (GOWER) THOMAS; Evelyn (GOWER) POTTS; Don OTT; my own research; and many others. Also, I have some accumulated documents for portions of the above information.

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From Editor Gene Garr,

We are very grateful to Renee' for sending her family to us for publication. Have you had your family ancestors recorded in the "History" yet? It does not have to be in any certain form. We can help you present it in our quarterly. If you have any question, just drop me a note or contact my wife Margie on the internet at: mermaid@centuryinter.net We will get back to you promptly!



HISTORIC OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Society's newest acquisition. Plans now being formulated to Place the church next to the Shady Grove School in Rapps Barren Pioneer Settlement



COMPLETED SHADY GROVE SCHOOL

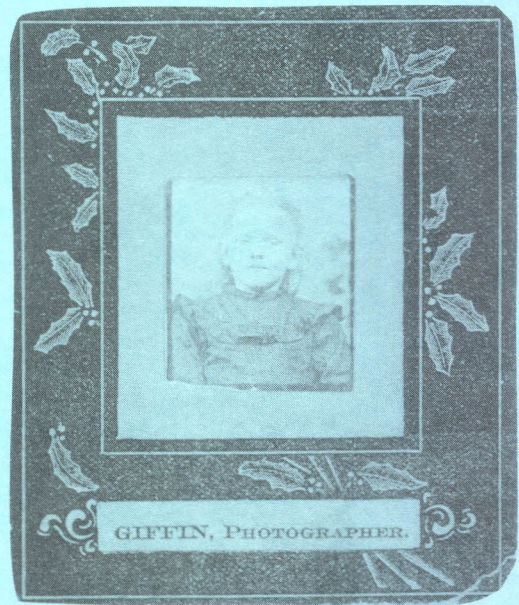
With the completion of the picket fence and the handicap ramp the school's renovation is now complete and joins the other buildings in Rapps Barren Pioneer Settlement in Cooper Park..



Pigeon Township School Baxter County, Arkansas 1900
Front Row: 3rd from right Ida Farris, 4th from right
Mary E. Farris. Back Row: 2nd from right Edith Farris



Ida Catherine Farris 1901



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