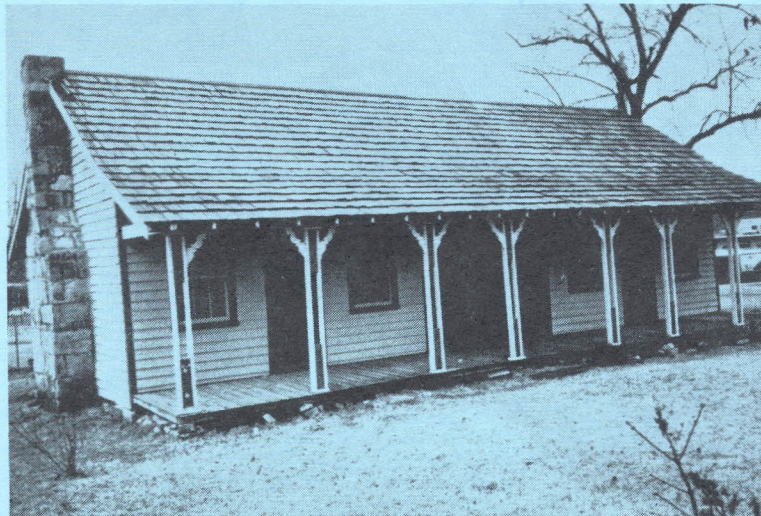


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Contributions of material for the "History" are always urgently needed  
and should be sent to the Editor.

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scheduled for various parts of the County, check the local papers for location or  
call one of the above board members.

## NEW EDITOR TO EDIT "THE HISTORY"

From the Editor:

This issue ends the long association I have had with "The History" quarterly. It is time for new direction and new thinking. Beginning with the first issue of 1999, member Dale "Sonny" Sharp will assume the job of Editor of our quarterly. Dale is a native of Baxter County and Mountain Home, is very knowledgeable of the area and I am sure will make a great editor!

I have been editor for several years and I have really enjoyed presenting our history to our members. I have learned a lot about our county during my time in office. During the time that I have been in office, we in the Society, has seen many changes. It has been a delight to have reported on these changes. I have served under three presidents, Margie Garr, Judy Sharp, and Charlie Blackburn and all have done a great job and all have left their mark on the Society. During my term we have progressed from a very small group of less than 100 to a group of over 250 members. Our members have really been cooperative and have helped with the quarterly by submitting articles, family histories, pictures, ideas, etc. for publication. I am very appreciative of all who helped. I am also very appreciative of all the nice comments members have made about our quarterly. With the appointment of Dale, the publication is in good hands.

No one can publish the quarterly by them selves. I have been very fortunate in having a great assistant in my wife Margie. She, with her time on the internet, her many years and knowledge of genealogy and her ability

to proof read and find my many mistakes before they get published, has been a great asset. Her research has added many articles to the quarterly. Your new editor will need each of you to assist him. I am sure that all will also assist Dale by submitting items for publication. Lets help and keep our Society strong.

It has been a pleasure to have served you. I will still be supervising the continuing work in Rapps Barren Pioneer Settlement. The next year should see the Old Oak Grove Baptist Church and the Johnny Jones log cabin come back to life in the Settlement.

Items for Dale for use in the quarterly can be mailed to:

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Good Luck, Dale, and thanks everyone,  
*F. Gene Garr*



**A FEW KIND WORDS ARE MORE  
EFFECTIVE THAN MOST  
TRANQUILIZERS**

### 1998 IN REVIEW

The Baxter County Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc. has just completed another great year in its 24<sup>th</sup> year history. I am sure the charter members of the original group that started the Society in 1974 could not have imagined some of the

work that has been completed in the past year.

After a most successful 1997 year under the stewardship of past President Judy Sharp, 1998 began by seating Charles

Blackburn as the president to lead the group through the year. Membership numbered around 250 members with a large contingent living all over the United States. Charlie began his tenure and continued the precedent of having some of our meetings around the County. Meetings were held in the renovated Arkana School, in the Whiteville Baptist Church and in Hickory Park in Mountain Home. These meetings were all begun with great potluck dinners. A meeting was held in the renovated portion of the Rollins Hospital Museum in Gassville where the membership got a first hand look at what Members Elvan Hudson and Charlie Blackburn and their band of public service workers have accomplished. By the end of the year about 50 percent of the structure has been renovated. A genealogy library construction is well under way and should be available for use in the year 1999. Oak flooring for the library has been donated by Charles Blackburn and has been installed. Stripping of the balance of the rooms and preparation of walls are in progress. To raise funds for the hospital museum reconstruction, a Chili Lunch was held with great success. Hats off to Elvan and Patsy Hudson for preparing a great amount of delicious chili and soup!

In April, under the direction of Fund Chair person, Becky Baker, our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Super Garage Sale was conducted at the Armory in Mountain Home. Again the sale was very successful and with some additional sale of *The History of Baxter County* books over \$1000 was raised for our projects.

September saw the Society again manning a booth at the Baxter County Fair. This year a two unit booth was shared jointly with the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Wiggins Battery-Confederate Reenactor group. The Society's exhibits of Old Baxter County photos and display of pictures of our ongoing projects were well received by the public.

The Rapps Barren Pioneer Settlement in Cooper Park in Mountain Home also was the scene of more improvement. The Shady Grove School building was moved into the park during Judy Sharp's reign in 1997, (renovation under the direction of yours

truly), was completed in September. Eagle Scout candidate Ricky Shelton, with the help of some of his fellow troopers, completed a great looking white picket fence in front on the school building as his Eagle Scout requirement. The VFW volunteered to install a flagpole complete with American and POW flags. They held a dedication ceremony in August to honor the flags. The project was completed in time for the *Living History Exhibition Day* held by the Civil War Reenactors in Rapps Barren Park, hosted by the local Wiggins Battery. The buildings in the Settlement were open for inspection and the Shady Grove School was the scene of much activity. Exhibitions of Civil war arms and relics were on display as well as Charlie Blackburn's great collection of Confederate money. Shortly after noon, Mary Ann Messick took to the stage in the school and to the delight of an overflowing audience related many tales of Baxter County during the Civil War. Later in the day the Old School house was the scene for the regular October meeting of the Baxter County Historical Society. An estimated 2000 visitors came during the day to enjoy the Reenactor's demonstrations and to visit their encampment.

The Historic Casey House has seen some beautification. An arrangement with the Master Gardners Group has resulted in that group planting flowers and permanent plants on the grounds.

These plantings were the result of the Master Gardners studying and securing early native plants for the Casey House grounds.

With the help of our finance chairman, Becky Baker, another piece of Baxter County History has been donated to the Society. The Oak Grove Baptist Church Building has been deeded by the Oak Grove Cemetery Association to the Society. Plans are going forward to place the building in Rapps Barren Pioneer Park. The City has now approved the relocation. Moving will probably be progressed in the spring.

With rising costs being experienced and with the need for capital to fund our projects, the Society in November voted an amendment to our by-laws to increase the membership dues. This was only the second time the dues have been raised in

the 24 years the Society has been in existence. The Quorum Court of Baxter County was approached again this year for a grant for the Society and after meetings with the Quorum Court budget committee, our request for a fund grant was approved. The amount of \$6500 was approved for the grant fund. This will help to insure the printing and mailing of the quarterly and that some of our projects will continue to go forth. A fund raiser plan was approved to offer memorial stones to be erected in the Hospital or in the Pioneer Settlement. Members and the public are requested to consider purchasing a \$50 stone to assist us in our project. An inscription of the donor's choice can be inscribed on the stones. Watch for more about this.

The Society meetings saw some great programs during 1998. In March, Marge Wilhm, owner of the Ox Yoke antique shop near Mountain Home, talked about and displayed some very old antique glass dishes. In April, Capt. Paul Krabel, retired sea captain and Panama Canal Pilot, presented a very interesting slide show of the Canal operation. In May, at the Society's meeting at the Whiteville Baptist Church, Mary Ann Messick presented a

program about a local pioneer and her ancestor, James "Jacob" Mooney, who was buried in the cemetery that lies next to the church. June found the Society meeting in the Pavillion in Hickory Park in Mountain Home. After being greeted by Mayor Joe Dillard, the Society heard Robert "Bob" Bounds, curator of the Wolf House, give an interesting program on the history of the court in the Wolf House and its activities through its history. Member Juanita Stowers at the July meeting in the Arkana School presented a program that featured the history of some of the Arkana area's pioneers. The October meeting's program was conducted by the Confederate Reenactors with demonstrations and explanations of what their weapons are and how many were used by the Civil War soldiers.

As great as 1998 was, lets all work to make 1999 a greater success for the Society!

--- Gene Garr, Editor



**THE TIME TO MAKE FRIENDS  
IS BEFORE YOU NEED THEM**

#### **A DAY OF LIVING HISTORY**

On a great October day, the 24<sup>th</sup> to be exact, Mountain Home was woke up with a 7 gun salute followed by the firing of Civil War type cannon, as the Confederate Civil War Reactors began their day of *living history* in the Mountain Home Cemetery. The ceremony in the cemetery, led by the local Wiggins Battery, began with a prayer, followed by the reading of the names of the Confederate and Union Civil War soldiers buried there. The Ceremony was closed by the firing of the cannon again.

After the Cemetery ceremony, the balance of the day was spent in the Rapps Barren Settlement in Cooper Park where the Troops had set up their camps and cannon to celebrate a day of history. Troops had arrived from over the state and from Missouri. During the day large crowds of visitors to the camp enjoyed several demonstrations by the troops. Demonstrations of horsemanship by visiting

Calvary troops, firing of the seven cannons and a mock battle by the Infantry and Gun Batteries were held during the day.

In the afternoon, an overflow crowd in the Shady Grove School Museum Building in the Settlement was treated to a program sponsored by the Historical Society. The star of the program was Mary Ann Messick, The Baxter County historian, storyteller and member of the Society. To the standing room only crowd in the packed school building she related stories of incidents in Baxter and Marion Counties that occurred during the Civil War. She touched on the trials of hardship the citizens experienced as well as some of the heroism of that period.

The end of the day saw the Baxter County Historical Society hold its October meeting in the recently renovated Shady Grove School Museum. The Civil War Reenactors, led by Reenactor Keven Bodenhamer of the

Wiggins Battery, conducted the program for the society, explaining and demonstrating the various armament and equipment from the Civil War Period.

The Shady Grove School Building as well as the other buildings in Rapps Barren settlement were open all day for public inspection.



**THE BEST USE OF THIS LIFE IS TO  
SPEND IT FOR SOMETHING THAT WILL  
OUTLAST IT.**

**JOY SHARED IS JOY DOUBLED.  
SORROW SHARED IS SORROW  
HALVED.**

### **SOCIETY VOTES TO RAISE DUE IN 1999**

At the November 1998 meeting of the Baxter County Historical Society, the membership voted to amend the by-laws of the Society and to increase the dues to \$15 per person and \$25 for family memberships. The dues will be increased beginning in January 1999.

The Society's Board of Directors, due to the cost increases in the operation of the Society, deemed it necessary to pursue the raise and the membership attending

the November meeting unanimously voted for the increase. The Board wishes to thank those present for their vote of confidence and their vote for the amendment.



**WISDOM IS HARDLY UNDERSTOOD IN A  
FEW MINUTES AND RARELY LEARNED  
IN A LIFETIME.**

### **CHRISTMAS IN THE SHADY GROVE SCHOOL**

The "Spirit of Christmas Past" must have been really awakened on Saturday evening, December 19<sup>th</sup> when the Wiggins Battery of the Confederate Reenactors, commanded by Kevin Bodenhamer, hosted their Christmas Party in the historic Shady Grove School building in Rapps Barren Pioneer Settlement in Cooper Park. No doubt this was the first Christmas celebration held in the old building in many years.

The Reenactors, decked out in their period uniforms and their families, over 50 strong from the surrounding area, including units from Missouri, came together to celebrate Christmas and to culminate the end of their 1998 season. The old school had been transformed from its austere school decorum to a very festive place with beautiful Christmas decorations. The cool night was off set by the warm heat radiating from the old wood stove while the people from the Country Kettle Restaurant served a delicious prime rib dinner in a candle and lantern lit room. Door prizes were awarded

to several people. Later the various commanders of the visiting units described the past year activities that they had attended. Future plans for "Living History" demonstrations were discussed. The evening concluded with a slide show of the activities of the Battery's participation in many living history events.



**SWALLOWING ANGRY WORDS IS  
EASIER THAN EATING THEM LATER**

**ONLY A FOOL TESTS THE DEPTH OF  
WATER WITH TWO FEET**

**WRINKLED WITH CARE AND WORRY?  
TRY A FAITH LIFT**

**How to find them!**

**IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION THROUGH CASTLE GARDENS AND ELLIS ISLAND  
AND WHERE TO FIND RECORDS**

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The history of immigration spans American history. This movement of people ultimately brought 42 million immigrants into this country. The government passed no immigration laws until 1819 and even then they only covered the standard for steerage conditions on sailing vessels and made provisions that limited immigration records must be kept. Not until 1882 were immigration regulations made at all uniform. During the peak years of immigration, from about 1900 to 1914, as many as 5,000 people a day were processed through Ellis Island.

But before Ellis Island, Castle Garden, an old fort on the lower tip of Manhattan (now Battery Park), was designated in 1855 as an immigrant station under state supervision. When the new federal law was passed in 1882, Castle Garden continued to operate under contract to the U. S. Government, but by 1890, it's facilities had long since proved to be inadequate for the ever-increasing number of immigrant arrivals.

After a government survey of potential locations, Ellis Island was the site chosen to establish an entirely new U. S. immigration station. The Dutch had originally purchased Ellis Island land from the Indians and established the colony of New Amsterdam. It had several owners before the American revolution when Samuel Ellis bought it. New York purchased Ellis Island in 1808 and sold it to the federal government who built Fort Gibson. It was fortified just before the War of 1812 but it saw little action during the war. It was used as a munition depot until it was transformed in 1892 into an immigration center. Construction began in 1890 and hundreds of workers labored at a large three-story reception center, hospital for the ill and quarantined immigrants, laundry facility, a boiler-house and an electric generating plant. Smaller buildings included a dormitory, restaurant and baggage station. Over the years, ballast from ships dumped near Ellis Island built it up, and the landfill and completion of sea walls brought it to it's present size. When it was completed and

dedicated on Jan 1, 1892, it was a self-contained city.

The first person processed at Ellis Island was Annie Moore from County Cork from the "SS NEVADA" and she was presented with a ten-dollar goldpiece. The ships "CITY OF PARIS" and the "VICTORIA" were also processed that day. Passenger lists for these and hundreds of other vessels, which entered New York and other American ports, have been preserved on microfilm and are available for those who wish to trace their ancestor's passage to America.

All the pine-frame buildings burned to the ground in a disastrous fire on June 15, 1897. Construction began immediately to replace the structures with fireproof buildings. It took 2-1/2 years to complete and the station reopened again in Dec 1900.

The United States promised fulfillment of dreams, which could no longer be kept alive in their native lands. For some it meant religious or political freedom; for others, freedom from conscription. For the majority, it meant opportunity and the chance to improve their economic conditions. However, rumors had circulated about those who were denied entry because they looked suspicious or did not promptly answer the questions of immigration inspectors. The joy and excitement of reaching the "promised land" was mingled with the fear of being rejected. Most had sold all their possessions, often going into debt to finance their journey. Yet, they came by the millions.

Passengers of "means" escaped the rigors of the Ellis Island ordeal by being processed aboard the vessel itself, then delivered directly to Manhattan. The poorer classes sat sometimes three to four days in the crowded harbor waiting their ship's turn to disembark passengers. Once on the island, inspectors closely observed them, looking for the ill and infirmed, those with empty stares indicating feeble-minded, and shortness of breath of those who climbed the stairs to the registry hall.

The Registry Hall was frequently referred to as the "Hall of Tears". It was filled to the walls with would-be Americans

wearing numbered tags pinned to their clothes awaiting the battery of legal and medical examinations and hoping to be allowed to stay. Some family members might be accepted and some rejected. The painful decision to stay or return with a loved one had to be made on the spot. Some could not face the disgrace or ruin of deportation and it is estimated that as many as 3000 immigrants committed suicide. To enter the U. S. the immigrants knew that one must be disease-free and create the impression that they could make a living.

The doctors made a quick examination and noted any suspicions with a chalk mark on the right shoulder of the immigrant. People thus marked were held back for further examinations by a second group of doctors. Trachoma, a potentially blinding and highly contagious eye disease, was the most common reason for detaining an immigrant. Most though got a clean bill of health and only about two percent were turned back.

Once the doctors had passed an immigrant, they proceeded to the registration clerks where names were always a problem. This is where names were twisted as most immigrants could not spell their name so clerks jotted down names as they sounded. Some name changes were deliberate when immigrants took new names for themselves knowing they had a better chance of getting a job. Once they were passed through here, they went to the baggage room to claim their belongings. Then they went to the money exchange desk where they exchanged their money for American dollars. Next to the railroad agent where they purchased a ticket to their destination. If they were bound for other than New York, they traveled by barge to New Jersey rail stations and from there they entered the mainstream of America.

At the end of WWI, many Americans were eager to see immigration restricted. The Immigration Act of 1917 carried a demand for a literacy test and reduced significantly the number of arrivals but only for a short time. The number of arrivals in New York soon climbed again and 500,000 immigrants entered through the Port in 1921. The government then enacted newer and more powerful methods of exclusion in 1921 and again in 1924. Soon the traffic through Ellis Island subsided to a trickle. A

final revision of the "National origins" quota system went into effect in 1929 and the maximum number of all admissions was reduced to 150,000. As a result, in Nov 1954, the last immigrant and the last detainee left Ellis Island and the General Services Administration (GSA) declared the immigration center as surplus property.

Ship arrival records had to be filed with the local Custom House. It is estimated that only about 40 percent of those records have survived and were turned over to the National Archives. All surviving ship passenger lists have been microfilmed. Those microfilm copies for the Port of New York between 1846 and 1907 are not indexed. All other ports are indexed. Many immigrants before 1891-92 entered through cities such as Boston, Philadelphia, Charleston, New Orleans and cities on the west coast of the U.S.A.

Restoration of Ellis Island began in 1982 with the renovation of the Great Hall. A genealogy exhibit where visitors will be able to search for immigrant information is planned. A computer will retrieve data on individuals including the name of the vessel on which they arrived, port of origin, arrival date in New York and other relevant details. It is expected that the number of tourists visiting the reborn Ellis Island will be the same each day as the average number of immigrants who passed through its days of operation as a receiving station.

In your search for your immigrant ancestor, look for Certificates of Citizenship issued to individuals who had completed all the requirements of entry. They were often saved and passed down in families. This certificate may show no more than the name of the immigrant, the country from which he relinquished citizenship, the date of the event and the name of the court where naturalization was finalized. The location of the court is the key to finding additional papers, which may provide more detail. Not all aliens were naturalized but if they were, the documents in court records will provide information necessary to trace your ancestor's Americanization. You may find additional information including port of arrival and name of the vessel. Naturalization laws were not made uniform until 1906. Prior to this time, aliens could naturalize in any court but information varied from court to court.



The National Archives and its branches are starting places for obtaining naturalization information. It was usually required that an alien be a resident of this country for five years. The Declaration of Intention or "first papers" were completed and filed with a court soon after the immigrant arrived in this country. You might find these in port cities. After the five years stay in America, the immigrant was required to go to court and file his "final papers". It was not necessary to do this in the same court as the "first papers". Certain groups of people were naturalized without filing a Declaration of Intention. Wives and children of naturalized males generally became citizens automatically. Those who served in the U. S. military forces also became citizens after an honorable discharge. Military records then become another source of information.

Passenger Lists are available at the National Archives and at some of its branches. They consist of custom passenger lists, transcripts and abstracts of customs passenger lists, immigration passenger lists and indexes to these lists. The records were created by captains or masters of vessels, collectors of customs and immigration officials at the port of entry. They document a high percentage of the immigrations between 1815 and 1914 when most immigrants came to the U.S. Most came through the port of New York and Ellis Island and there is an Index to Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at New York 1897-1902 however there is no index for New York arrivals for the period 1847-1896. An alphabetical index of passenger lists for 1902-1943 has been microfilmed. Unless an exact date of arrival is known, it may take many hours of searching the lists of ship arrivals. For more specific information on passenger lists, naturalization records, military records and other collections, consult the "Guide to Genealogical Research in the National Archives".

Over a million immigrants came to the colonies before 1820 but few were recorded on passenger lists. Most of the known lists have been published and many have been indexed in Filby's Passenger and Immigration List Index and Supplements (11 volumes) but you must know the full name, approximate age and date of arrival, also their nationality. To search the U. S.

Customs Passenger Lists in the National Archives after 1820, you must know the full name, age, approximate date of arrival and port of entry. You may find in these records the name, age, sex, occupation, country of origin, port of departure, destination, date of arrival, name of the vessel. Immigration lists or "ship manifests" family. Finding these records, however, is only the beginning of the project.

Check the Index to the Passenger Lists available at your local Family History Center and most large genealogical libraries. You can request a search of the Passenger Arrival Records by requesting Form 81 from the National Archives or e-mail your request for the form to: [Inquire@nara.gov](mailto:Inquire@nara.gov)

*"The above article is from The Genealogy Records Service Monthly Newsletter.*



**WHEN THERE IS WORK TO BE DONE  
ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES,  
NOT YOUR NOSE.**

#### **MEMORIAL STONE**

A great way to have your family memorialized and to help with one of our projects is to consider purchasing a memorial stone for \$50 for a memorial wall in either the Rollins Hospital Museum at Gassville or at Rapps Barren Pioneer Settlement. The funds raised with the memorials will assist the restorations at either location.

The stones are brick size and will be engraved as you wish, with a limit of three lines. You should keep the inscription length reasonable. If it is too long you will be notified.

To order, send your check, your three lines or less of text to Baxter County Historical and Genealogical Society, Box 1611, Mountain Home, AR 72654.



**Enternet Research**

**Genealogy Links Prepared for Patrons of The Baxter County Library**

**By Judi Ramey Sharp**

{<http://www.thehistorybook.com/genelink.htm>}

**Some Beginning Tips**

If I were going to give advice to folks just beginning to search the Internet for pieces of their family tree, the first thing that I'd suggest would be to go to US GenWeb and follow the trail to each state and each county in which you have an interest. You can also try the World GenWeb to search for your "old country" roots.

There will be a place on each county page to post a query, and you should certainly post one. Be sure you read and follow the query rules of the County Coordinator for your chosen county. If there are no rules posted, I'd suggest that you begin by entering the surnames in which you're interested in all capital letters on one line. Don't go overboard! Keep it to three or four surnames.

Then write something like:

*My great grandfather, Maxwell SMART, was born in Eden County on February 30, 1842. He was married there on July 27, 1863, to Mary \_\_\_\_\_. Does anyone know Mary's maiden name? Does anyone know the parents of Maxwell SMART? I'd love to hear from any descendants of this family or anyone with any information. Thanks, Jane Doe*

You've got the surname, date, and county connection in this query, and those are the really important things.

Then, go to Roots Surname List -- Interactive Search and see if you can find anyone else who has registered your surname in the right location. You might just hit it really lucky! Also check the GenConnect search function.

Then, just start to browse the rest of the sites. The folks at the Colorado Genealogical Society who developed the first one, Cool Site of the Month for Genealogists, find some wonderful places to go. But so do most of the rest.

Undoubtedly, you'll find some you like better than others. And you'll discover many which aren't listed here. If you find some that are particularly good, please let me know so I can add them to this list to share with others.

And always remember -- the best way to learn is by doing. So make sure you have unlimited time and surf to your heart's content!

Good luck and I hope you find 15 well-documented generations!

**The Links**

These sites are for no particular surname and in no particular order (except the grouping of Native American links at the end). But as you browse them, you'll find ways to look for names and places which are special to you. If genealogy is one of your interests, surf and enjoy. But remember, there are thousands and thousands more great sites out there, with more going up every day. These are just a beginning. US GenWeb

<http://www.usgenweb.org>

*A page for every county in the United States.*

**Baxter County's GenWeb Page**

[www.mtncom.com/noarweb/baxgen/](http://www.mtncom.com/noarweb/baxgen/)

**World GenWeb**

<http://www.worldgenweb.org>

**Roots Surname List -- Interactive Search**

<http://searches.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/Genea/rsllsearch.pl>

**GenConnect's Surname Search**

<http://cgi.rootsweb.com/~genbbs/genbbs.cgi?search>

*You can search for surnames here for those GenWeb (US and World) sites that participate in GenConnect (an automatic query posting system).*

**Cool Site of the Month for Genealogists**

<http://www.cogensoc.org/cgs/cgs-cool.htm>

**RootsWeb Genealogical Data Cooperative**

<http://www.rootsweb.com/rootsweb/>

**Cyndi's List**

<http://www.CyndisList.com/>

*A really good one --*

**Genealogy Home Page**

<http://www.genhomepage.com/>

*One of the Best!*

**A Barrel of Links**

<http://cpcug.org/user/jlacombe/mark.html>

**Janyce's Root Diggin' Dept.**

<http://www.janyce.com/gene/rootdig.html>  
*Busy, busy, busy! But some great links!*

**New England Historic Genealogical Society**

<http://www.nehgs.org/>

**National Genealogical Society - Home Page**

<http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/>

**National Genealogical Society - Digital Digest**

<http://www.jb.com/~carla/>

**CZECH Info Center: Find A Czech Ancestor Mate Pribuzne v Zamori?**

<http://www.muselik.com/cac/>

**Helm's Genealogy Toolbox - Introduction**

<http://genealogy.tbox.com/genealogy.htm>  
*One of the oldest and best!*

**USGS Mapping Information: GNIS Data Base Query Form**

<http://www.nmd.usgs.gov/www/gnis/gnisform.html>  
*Use this to look for towns, counties, settlements, creeks, cemeteries, etc. You'll be amazed at what you can find.*

**John's Genealogy Junction**

<http://www.wf.net/~jyates/>

**Federation of Genealogical Societies**

<http://www.fgs.org/~fgs/>

**Master Index to Presidents' Genealogical Data**

<http://www.dcs.hull.ac.uk/public/genealogy/presidents/gedx.html>

**Virginia Genealogy Resouces**

<http://viriniagenealogy.com>

**Maryland State Archives Home Page**

<http://www.mdarchives.state.md.us/>

**Rex Myer: Webified Genealogy**

<http://www.surfutah.com/web/webgene/index.html>

**Searchable Genealogy Links**

<http://www.softeknet.net/gerald/genlnks.htm>

**Treasure Maps - Main Menu**

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

**Genealogical Database Index**

<http://www.gentree.com/gentree2.html>

**Family Tree Maker's Genealogy Site**

<http://www.familytreemaker.com/> and  
<http://www.genealogylibrary.com/>

*Some good stuff here -- and lots of ads, of course.*

**Ancestry Publishers**

<http://www.ancestry.com/>

*This is a site which offers many data bases to search -- for a fee. However, there are also a few free databases, including the Social Security Death Index*

<http://www.ancestry.com/ssdi/advanced.htm>  
*which you can search from here. They keep it current, and it's a real treasure!*

**Genealogy Online!**

<http://www.genealogy.emcee.com/>

**RAND Genealogy Club Home Page**

<http://www.rand.org/personal/Genea/>  
*A great list of links here!*

**UK+Ireland Genealogy**

<http://midas.ac.uk/genuki/>

**Genealogy Is ... Lori Hoffman's Home Page**

<http://www.seidata.com/~lhoffman/gen.html>  
*She has a list of online searchable databases.*

**Kentucky Vital Records Index**

<http://ukcc.uky.edu/~vitalrec/>  
*Records since 1911 -- one of the first online databases for genealogists.*

**The Soapbox**

<http://jb.com/~carla/shortend.htm>

*These articles are a must read! Reminds us that, even with the Internet -- in fact, especially with the Internet! -- we've got to remember that data is only as good as the researcher who finds it, reports it, and cites the source.*

**Ellis Island**

<http://www.ellisland.org/>  
and The Wall of Honor  
<http://www.wallofthonor.com/>

*Try these sites, too. The Ellis Island one looks interesting. I haven't been able to get into the Wall of Honor lists yet. It was too busy -- must be good!*

#### **Native American Links:**

##### **The Siler Rolls**

<http://members.aol.com/lredtail/siler.html>  
*1851 census of Cherokees east of the Mississippi, prepared by Barbara Benge*

##### **Native American Genealogy**

<http://members.aol.com/bbbenge/front.html>  
*Barbara Benge's list of many Native American sources*

##### **Native American History and Genealogy**

<http://www.nmgs.org/linkna.htm> )  
*A list of links from the New Mexico Genealogical Society*

##### **Ancestral Quest Genealogy**

##### **Native American Genealogy Links**

[http://members.tripod.com/~Randy\\_T/index-5.html](http://members.tripod.com/~Randy_T/index-5.html)  
*A list of lists*

##### **The Beaded Web's How-to Guide for Researching Native American Genealogy**

<http://www.geocities.com/RainForest/Vines/7657/genealogy.html>

##### **Native American Genealogy Resources on the Internet:**

<http://hanksville.phast.umass.edu/misc/indices/NAgenealogy.html>

##### **Little Eagle's Native Links**

<http://www.oly.net.com/users/phoenix/page7.htm>

##### **Native American Indian Links**

<http://www.genweb.net/~neeley/links.html> )  
*This page has a section of "Online Text and Records" links.*

##### **NativeWeb**

<http://www.nativeweb.org/>  
*"NativeWeb, a collective project of many people. Our vision embraces ancient teachings and modern technology. Our purpose: to provide a cyber-community for Earth's indigenous peoples."*

##### **Native American Genealogy Ring**

<http://www.webring.org/cgi-bin/webring?ring=cherokee3&list>  
*There are 18 sites here as of July 22, 1998.*

##### **Cherokee History to the Trail of Tears:**

<http://ngeorgia.com/history/cherokeeindex.shtml>

*A really nice site! Not links - real information!*

##### **New Echota State Historic Site**

<http://ngeorgia.com/parks/new.shtml>

##### **The Cherokee Trail of Tears - 1838-1839**

<http://rosecity.net/tears/>  
*This site is really full of information! Go here!*

##### **Accounts of the "Cherokee Trail of Tears" With reference to "Princess Otaiki"**

<http://www.yvwiusdinvnohii.net/articles/princes.html> )

*"This is an interview, conducted at a dedication ceremony, of a monument to one of those lost on the 'Trail Of Tears'."*

##### **Cherokee Messenger**

<http://www.powersource.com/powersource/cherokee/default.html>

*"The purpose of the Cherokee Cultural Society of Houston is to build community, to preserve Cherokee heritage, to perpetuate the Cherokee culture, and to build the future of our people." They have a great list of links, too!*

##### **Native Americans in Central Kentucky**

<http://www.merceronline.com/Native/>  
*Go Here! Take the time to visit each of the dozen pages, and let the music load if you have sound. This is a really special site!*

##### **Native American History An Online Course**

<http://emayzine.com/courses/syllabus/16syllabus.html>

*This looks good, if you have the time.*

##### **Links Suggested by Readers**

If you find a link you especially enjoy, please send it to me and I'll add it to this list.

##### **Bias Family Genealogy with Pictures (Including Tabor Lines)**

<http://www.geocities.com/heartland/estates/6780>



POTENTIAL HAS A SHORT SHELF LIFE

BE KINDER THAN NECESSARY

AHA ANNOUNCES AWARDS PROGRAM

The Arkansas Historical Association announces the Viola B. Gingles and Lucille Westbrook Local History competition for 1999. Entries must be postmarked no later than February 1, 1999 to be eligible.

The Westbrook Award which consists of \$300 and a framed certificate, is presented for the best manuscript on a local Arkansas Topic. The article must deal with some phase of neighborhood, city, county, or regional Arkansas history or some person associated with local Arkansas history. Edited documents and memoirs will be considered for this award. Entries must not have been submitted elsewhere or published previously.

The Gingles Award of \$300 and a framed certificate is presented to the person who writes the best manuscript article on any Arkansas history topic. The article can deal with any phase of the history of the state or any individual connected with its past. Entries must not have been submitted elsewhere or published previously.

Anyone whether professional or amateur historian is eligible to submit a manuscript. A panel of judges will determine the placement of entries in either the Westbrook or Gingles category. An entry will not be considered for both prizes, and the Arkansas Historical Association reserves the right not to award one or both of the prizes in given year.

Manuscripts should be no longer than thirty-five pages and must be documented. Texts, including quotations and footnotes, should be double-spaced. Footnotes should be numbered consecutively and appear in a separate section at the end of the text. Since manuscripts are evaluated anonymously, only the full title of the article should appear at the top of the first page of the manuscript. On a separate page the following information should be included: title, author's name, complete address and telephone numbers.

Entries must be submitted in triplicate—photocopies must be clear and easily readable. All articles will be considered for publication in the Arkansas Historical Quarterly. If the article is not published, one copy will be returned to the author and one copy will be placed in the University of Arkansas archives.

Entries should be sent by February 1, 1999 deadline to the Arkansas Historical Association, Department of History, Old Main 416, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701



HONEST IS THE FIRST CHAPTER IN THE  
BOOK OF WISDOM

TO DO TWO THINGS AT ONCE IS TO DO  
NOTHING

CIVIL WAR IN ARKANSAS

CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY OF CIVIL WAR BATTLES  
AND SKIRMISHES IN ARKANSAS

*From: A History of The Civil War by Benson J. Lossing*

March 6, 7, & 8, 1862

Pea Ridge, Arkansas, including engagements at Bentonville, Leetown and Elkhorn Tavern, Union 25<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup>, 36<sup>th</sup>, 37<sup>th</sup>, 44<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> Ill. 2d, 3d, 12<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and Phelps' Mo., 8<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 22d Ind., 4<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Iowa, 3d and 15<sup>th</sup> Ill. Cav., 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Ohio Batter, 1<sup>st</sup> Ind. Batter, Battery A 2<sup>nd</sup> Ill. Artil. Union 203 killed, 972 wounded, 174 missing. *Confed.* 1,100 killed, 2,500 wounded, 1,000 missing and captured. Union Brig-General Asboth

Gen B. McCulloch and Actg. Brig-General James McIntosh killed.

March 18, 1862

Salem or Spring River, Ark. Detachements of 6<sup>th</sup> Mo. and 3<sup>rd</sup> Iowa Cav. Union 5 killed and 10 wounded. *Confederate*-100 killed, wounded and missing.

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- April 19, 1862  
Talbot's Ferry, Ark. 4<sup>th</sup> Iowa Cav. *Union* 1 killed.  
*Confederate* 3 killed.
- May 19, 1862  
Searcy Landing, Ark. Detachements of 3d and 17<sup>th</sup> MO and 4<sup>th</sup> Mo. Cav, Battery B, 1<sup>st</sup> MO Light Artil. *Union* 18 killed, 27 wounded. *Confederate* 150 killed, wounded and missing.
- June 17, 1862  
St. Charles, White River, Ark. 43d and 46<sup>th</sup> Ind. U.S. Gunboats: *Lexington, Mound City, Comestoga* and *St. Louis*. *Union* - 105 killed, 30 wounded. *Confederate* - 155 killed, wounded and captured.
- June 25, 1862  
Little Red River, Ark. 4<sup>th</sup> Iowa Cav. *Union* 2 Wounded.
- June 27, 1862  
Village Creek, Ark. 9<sup>th</sup> Ill. Cav. *Union* 2 killed 30 wounded.
- July 6, 1862  
Grand Prairie, near Aberdeen, Ark. 24<sup>th</sup> Ind. *Union* 1 killed 21 wounded. *Confederate* 84 killed and wounded.
- July 9, 1862  
  
Aberdeen, Ark. 24<sup>th</sup>, 34<sup>th</sup>, and 40<sup>th</sup> Ind. Casualties not recorded.
- July 14, 1862  
Batesville, Ark. 4<sup>th</sup> Iowa Cav. *Union* 1 killed, 4 wounded.
- July 15, 1862  
Fayetteville, Ark. Detachment of Cavalry, under command of Maj. W. H. Miller. *Confederate* 150 captured.
- August 3, 1862  
Jonesboro, Ark. 1<sup>st</sup> Wis. Cav. *Union* 17 killed 38 Wounded.
- August 11, 1862  
Helena, Ark. 2d Wis. Cav. *Union* 1 killed 2 wounded.
- September 11, 1862
- La Grange, Ark. Detach. 4<sup>th</sup> Iowa Cav. *Union* 4 killed 13 wounded.
- October 7, 1862  
Marianna, Ark. 3d and 4<sup>th</sup> Iowa, 9<sup>th</sup> Ill. Cav. *Union* 3 killed 20 wounded, *Confederate* 50 killed and wounded.
- December 5, 1862  
Helena, Ark. 30<sup>th</sup> Iowa 29<sup>th</sup> Wisc. *Confederate* 8 killed.
- December 7, 1862  
Prairie Grove or Fayetteville, Ark. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2d and 3d. Divisions Army of the Frontier. *Union* 167 killed, 708 wounded, 183 missing. *Confederate*. 300 killed, 1200 wounded and missing.
- January 11, 1863  
Fort Hindman, Ark. Thirteenth Corps, Maj-Gen. McClelland, Fifteen Corps, Maj-Gen Sherman and gunboats of Mississippi Squadron. *Union* 120 killed, 831 wounded. *Confederate* 100 killed, 400 wounded, 5,000 prisoners.
- May 1, 1863  
La Grange, Ark. 3d Iowa Cav. *Union* 3 killed 9 wounded, 30 missing.
- May 25, 1863  
Near Helena, Ark. 3d Iowa and 5<sup>th</sup> Kansas Cav. *Union* 10 killed, 14 wounded.
- July 4, 1863  
Helena, Ark. Maj-Gen. Prentiss's Division of Sixteenth Corps and gunboat Tyler. *Union* 57 killed, 117 wounded, 32 missing. *Confederate* 173 killed, 687 wounded, 776 missing.
- August 14, 1863  
West Point, White River, Ark. 32<sup>nd</sup> Iowa with U.S. Gunboats, *Lexington, Cricket* and *Mariner*. *Union* 2 killed 7 wounded.
- August 25<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> 1863  
Brownsville, Bayou Metoe and Austin, Ark. Davidson's Cavalry. *Union* 13 killed 72 wounded.
- September 1, 1863  
Devil's Back Bone, Ark. 1<sup>st</sup> Ark, 6<sup>th</sup> Mo. Militia, 2d Kan Cav. 2d Ind. Battery. *Union* 4 killed, 12 wounded. *Confederate* 25 killed, 40 wounded.
- September 27, 1863

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- Moffat's Station, Ark. Detachment 1<sup>st</sup> Ark. *Union* 2 killed, 2 wounded. *Confederate* 5 killed 20, 2 wounded.
- October 25, 1863  
Pine Bluff, Ark. 5<sup>th</sup> Kansas and 1<sup>st</sup> Ind. Cav. *Union* 6 killed.
- November 8, 1863  
Clarksville, Ark. 3d Wis. Cav. *Union* 2 killed.
- January 7, 1864  
Martin's Creek, Ark. 11<sup>th</sup> Mo. Cav. *Union* 1 killed, 1 wounded.
- January 23, 1864  
Rolling Prairie, Ark. 11<sup>th</sup> Mo. Cav. *Union* 11 killed.
- January 24, 1864  
Baker Springs, Ark. 2d and 6<sup>th</sup> Kan. Cav. *Union* 1 killed 2 wounded, *Confederate* 6 killed, 2 wounded.
- February 9, 1864  
Morgan's Mills, Ark. Detachment of 4<sup>th</sup> Ark., 11<sup>th</sup> Mo. Cav. 1<sup>st</sup> Neb. Cav. *Union* 1 killed, 4 wounded. *Confederate* 65 killed and wounded.
- February 14, 1864  
Ross's Landing, Ark. 51<sup>st</sup> U. S. Colored. *Union* 13 killed 4 wounded.
- February 19, 1864  
Near Batesville, Ark. 4<sup>th</sup> Ark., 11<sup>th</sup> Mo. Cav. *Union* 3 killed, 4 wounded. *Confederate* 6 killed 10 wounded.
- March 15, 1864  
Clarendon, Ark. 8<sup>th</sup> Mo. Cav. *Union* 1 killed and 3 wounded.
- March 26 to 30, 1864  
Longview and Mt. Elba, Ark. 28<sup>th</sup> Wis, 5<sup>th</sup> Kan. Cav, 7<sup>th</sup> Mo. Cav. *Union* 4 killed, 18 wounded. *Confederate* 12 killed 35 wounded, 300 captured.
- April 1, 1864  
Augusta, Ark. 3d Minn., 8<sup>th</sup> Mo. Cav. *Union* 8 killed 16 wounded. *Confederate* 15 killed and 45 wounded.
- April 2, 1864  
Spoonville, Ark. 29<sup>th</sup> Iowa, 9<sup>th</sup> Wis. 50<sup>th</sup> Ind. With 1<sup>st</sup> Mo. Cav. *Union* 10 killed, 35 wounded. *Confederate* 100 killed and wounded.
- April 3, 1864  
Okalona, Ark. 27 Wis. 40<sup>th</sup> Iowa, 77<sup>th</sup> Ohio, 43d Ill. 1<sup>st</sup> Mo Cav. And 13<sup>th</sup> Ill. Cav. *Union* 16 killed, 74 wounded. *Confederate* 75 killed and wounded.
- April 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>, 1864  
Elkins' Ford, Ark. 43 ind. 29<sup>th</sup> and 38<sup>th</sup> Iowa, 1<sup>st</sup> Iowa Cav., Battery E 2d Mo. Light Artil. *Union* 5 killed 33 wounded. *Confederate* 18 killed 30 wounded.
- April 5, 1864  
Roseville, Ark. Seventy five men of 2d and 6<sup>th</sup> Kans Cav. Is engagment with guerrillas. *Union* 19 killed, 11 wounded. *Confederate* killed 25 wounded 11 captured.
- April 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>, 1864  
Prairie D'Ann, Ark. 3d Divison Seventh Corps. *Union* 100 killed and wounded. *Confederate* 50 killed and wounded.
- April 21, 1864  
Cotton Plate, Cache River, Ark. 8<sup>th</sup> Mo. Cav. *Union* 5 killed 3 wounded.
- April 30, 1864  
Jenkins' Ferryh, Saline River, Ark. 3d Div. Of Seventh Corps. *Union* 200 killed, 925 wounded. *Confederate* 300 killed, 800 wounded.
- May 3, 1864  
Richland, Ark. 2d Ark. Cav. *Union* 20 killed.
- June 6, 1864  
Lake Chicot, Ark. Sixteenth Corps. *Union* 40 killed 70 wounded, *Confederate* 100 killed and wounded.
- June 22, 1864  
White River, Ark. Three Cos 12<sup>th</sup> Iowa and U.S. Gunboat *Lexington*. *Union* 2 killed 4 wounded. *Confederate* 2 killed 3 wounded.
- June 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>, 1864.  
Clarendon, St. Charles River, Ark. 125<sup>th</sup> Ill. And 11<sup>th</sup> Mo., 9<sup>th</sup> Iowa and 3d Mich. Cav., Battery D. 2d Mo. Artil. *Union* 200 wounded. *Confederate* 200 wounded, 200 missing.
- July 2, 1864  
Pine Bluff, Ark. 64<sup>th</sup> U.S. Col. *Union* 6 killed.

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July 14, 1864

Farr's Mills, Ark. One co. 4<sup>th</sup> Ark. Cav. *Union* 1 killed 7 wounded. *Confederate* 4 killed 6 wounded.

July 26, 1864

Wallace's Ferry, Ark. 15<sup>th</sup> Ill. Cav. 60<sup>th</sup> and 56<sup>th</sup> U. S. Colored Troops Co. E 2<sup>nd</sup> U.S. Colored Artil. *Union* 16 killed 32 wounded. *Confederate* 150 wounded.

July 27, 1864

Mazzard Prairie, Fort Smith, Ark. Two hundred men of 6<sup>th</sup> Kan. Cav. *Union* 12 killed 17 wounded, 152 captured. *Confederate* 12 killed 20 wounded.

August 24, 1864

Fort Smith, Ark. 11<sup>th</sup> U. S. Colored. *Union* 1 killed 13 wounded.

Jones's Hay Station and Ashley Station, Ark. 9<sup>th</sup> Iowa and 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Mo. Cav. *Union* 5 killed 41 wounded. *Confederate* 60 wounded.

September 6, 1864

Searcy, Ark. Detachment 9<sup>th</sup> Iowa Cav. *Union* 2 killed 6 wounded.

October 30, 1864

Near Brownsville, Ark. 7<sup>th</sup> Iowa and 11<sup>th</sup> Mo. Cav. *Union* 2 killed.

February 22, 1865

Douglas Landing, Pine Bluff, Ark. 13<sup>th</sup> Ill Cav. *Union* 40 wounded *Confederate* 20 wounded.

May 11, 1865

Chalk Bluff, Ark. Surrender of Jeff. Thompson's command to forces under Gen. Dodge *Confederate* 7,454 prisoners.

*Editor: The compiler of the above history of the battles and skirmishes did not list the many different units of the Confederacy that were involved. Apparently the Union's records were used for the compilation.*



**MOST OVERNIGHT SUCCESSES  
WORK A LIFE TO TO ACHIEVE IT**

**A SURPRISE FOR "UNCLE" JOE CRANE AND WIFE**

From The Baxter Bulletin, August 17, 1923 Edition

A surprise dinner was given "Uncle" Joe Crane and wife Sunday by about 35 relatives and friends, who came to their house with overflowing baskets and boxes of the finest eats that the good ladies of our county could prepare. The surprise was real as "Uncle" Joe and Mrs. Crane or John knew nothing about it until the yard was full of people. Four tables were hurriedly secured and the ladies began to prepare one of such meals as never before spread, and not to be outdone by the good ladies, John Crane who is somewhat of a bee raiser, donned his bee fighting appliances and preceded to extract several pounds of elegant honey from his pet bees, which was greatly appreciated by the crowd, and by this time Mr. and Mrs. Bud Banks, who had driven to town early in (the) morning for ice, had a large stone jar made full of lemon and orange aid. This was carried and placed beside the long table that

groaned with its heavy load of delicious food. At this time some one called on "Uncle" Joe for a speech. He arose, walked to the table and said, "I am hungry, let's eat." And we did, to our entire satisfaction, and when all was through it seemed the dinner was scarcely touched and there were several dishes left that had never been molested.

One of the most notable facts was that only one child was in the crowd, that being Willie Hallie Stone, 2 years and 4 months old. "Uncle" Joe was the oldest, being 72 his last birthday.

Those present were:

"Uncle" Joe Crane and wife, John Crane, Lindsey Crane of California, Mrs. Will Hays of Sapulpa, Okla, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Crane, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cooper and daughter, Valee, Mrs. Laura Strawhorn, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Horn and daughters, Misses Minnie, Lorena, and Lucille,



also son Homer, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Horn, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lantz and daughter Reta, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Cantrell, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Stone and son Willie, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Banks, Mr. and Mrs. Will Chastine, Mr. and Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Mary Talburt, and Mr. George Bodenhamer.

From Member Billy Hightower,  
Dear Gene,

Enclosed you will find a photo and a copy of August 17, 1923 issue of "The Bulletin". The photo pictures 19 ladies that were present at the above party for Joseph and Dialpha Sinor Crane and the ladies that attended the party. Please refer to the outline sketch of the photo. The #2 lady has been identified as Nevada Crane Hayes and #12 lady is Dialpha Sinor Crane.

Probably #9 lady is Mrs. Herman Stone who is holding the child #10, Willie Stone?

We would like for you to consider running this photo and article in the Baxter County History Quarterly with the hopes that someone might identify these ladies. Your help is appreciated.  
Sincerely  
Billy Hightower

*Editor: Billy is related to the Crane Family through Dialpha Sinor Crane. She was a stepdaughter to Andrew Jackson Hightower, Billy's GG Grandfather who raised his family in the Whiteville Township. If you can help identify the ladies, you can correspond with the Editor of the Quarterly, and/or directly to Billy Hightower, 424 CR 609, Farmersville, Texas 75422, phone 972-784-6674*



#### DOWSING FOR GRAVES

A retired pharmacist in Jackson, Miss. admits to an uncanny ability to find ancient gravesites. Not only to find them but to determine which way the body lies and whether it is male or female.

Robert Grantham has found a method that has produced more successes and outdoes people with scientific systems and large sums of money and equipment. Developers of land have employed many methods of finding old cemeteries, Government also has paid much to find the old cemeteries when they are preparing to flood land with new lakes and just plain folks looking for old grandpa's grave have tried many methods without the success that Grantham has had.

Grantham readily admits that he doesn't know how his system works. His simple tools are dowser rods that are just two metal rods. He says that even a metal coat hanger will work to locate graves in a pinch. His dowser rods are made of two 36inch sections of steel welding rod, 3/32 of an inch in diameter which can be

obtained from any welding shop. At one end he bends a six-inch handle at a 90-degree angle. Clothes line or a straightened clothes made of steel will work.

He performs the dowsing by holding one wire in each hand with the long portion protruding in front. He bends his elbows at a 90-degree angle away from his body. His forearms are straight out in front. Both arms and rods are parallel to the ground, and the rods are parallel to each other.

In his searches he chooses a day with little or no wind. Most cemeteries bury a body with head to the west and feet to the east, (some do not) He approaches a suspected gravesite at about midpoint, shuffling very slowly. As he moves over the body, the two wires will cross. Now he backs up and approaches a little to one side – if he is still over the body the wires will cross again. Slowly he outlines the length of the body. "As you cross over, one rod will go straight ahead and the other will point toward the body."

He says. If he is very careful, he can determine actual length within two or three inches. By extending only one wire or rod overhead, he walks slowly toward the midpoint. The rod will slowly turn clockwise if a woman is buried below and counterclockwise for a male. To mark the outline he drops a white poker chip at each marked point.

To determine the head of the grave he again starts at midpoint, holding one wire only straight from his body, about waist high. It will turn toward the head of a female or the feet of a male. He drops a red poker chip at the lady's head, a blue one at the head of a man. Later he may use more permanent markers, such as wooden stakes

Some people have become so adept and accurate at dowsing graves that local courts have accepted and used the findings to decide whether to permit developers to build over possible gravesites. Many times these developers have used very expensive methods with not near the results as the dowser has made.

Grantland has found several hundred graves, to date the oldest being about 175 years old. One of his most notable successes came in studying St. Michael's, an old Catholic Cemetery in Pensacola, Florida, while television cameras were on him. Although the Church officials claimed that their records were accurate, he found several "empty" graves without a body and he found several bodies lying several feet away from the marked gravesite.

The dowser method of grave detection cannot be scientifically explained as several have studied it. It does not work with magnetism, despite the use of steel.

He does note that everyone can not use his system. Some seem to not have the natural ability to use dowser rods to success. If you are a believer and if you are careful, you might succeed in becoming a dowser.

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**WHEN ARGUING WITH A FOOL  
MAKE SURE HE ISN'T DOING  
THE SAME THING**

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#### **MOUNTAIN HOME TRIAL**

*Member Carl Roden, who retired from the Associated Press after 40 years service in New York City, submitted the following from an AP book sent to retirees and employees. One of the books featured a section devoted to history of the AP regarding expense accounts. While reading the articles, Carl came across the following article that caught his eye:*

While working in the Little Rock bureau in 1943, I was sent to Mountain Home in the Arkansas Ozarks to cover a murder trial. A teen-age girl was charged with killing her abusive stepfather and burying him in the backyard. The trial was the biggest draw in that remote area in years, and reporters had to scramble to find a seat in the courtroom

surrounded by nursing mothers and crying babies.

When I checked into the only hotel in town, I was shocked to discover that the charge was only 50 cents a night and 25 cents per meal. After the two-day trial, my bill for two nights and six meals was only \$2.50.

By the way, the jury's verdict of acquittal brought a great roar from the spectators, who had been sympathetic to the girl's story.

---R. Hendrix Chandler, who also worked in Atlanta, Montgomery and Mobile, Ala., and Tallahassee, Fla.

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**DEFEAT NEVER COMES TO ANY MAN  
UNTIL HE ADMITS IT.**

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

**Compiled by Member Vera Reeves  
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Mohney, James	26	Arnett, Rosa	23	29 Mar 1898
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Morgan, Robert H.	21	Merrell, Mollie J.	19	13 May 1900
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Newton, A. E.	27	Loman, Canzada	21	23 Oct 1898
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Oels, G. E.	21	Hargrave, Lydia	18	4 Nov 1900
Osborne, I. C.	29	Smith, Matt	23	4 Nov 1897
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Parker, Henry M.	21	Stratton, Belle	19	8 Jul 1900
Parker, Jas L.	29	Smith, Jennie M.	23	18 Nov 1900
Parrell, C. W.	20	Harris, Effie	16	26 Dec 1897?
Payne, G. H.	26	Harris, Laura	18	26 Dec 1897
Payne, J. H.	20	Wheat, Laura	18	26 Dec 1897
Peak, Abe	21	Green, H. J.	26	14 Dec 1897
Peak, Lewis	19	Skinner, Josie	22	22 Dec 1898*
Pearce, L. O.	18	Johnson, Lou	21	19 Aug 1900
Perkins, E. E.	24	Houser, Marget	20	23 Feb 1898
Perry, H. P.	21	Upton, Annie J.	18	10 Nov 1897
Perryman, W. F.	19	Hawkins, Charcie	22	26 Aug 1900
Pickens, I. F.	36	Frix, Mollie	24	20 Aug 1899
Pinkston, J. H.	19	Massey, Lou Anna	15	15 Jan 1899
Pinkston, T. C.	21	Galloway, Hattie	19	4 Jan 1898
Pitchford, W. H.	31	Cantrell, Cathrine	24	23 Aug 1898
Popjay, Jas	23	Scott, Lou E.	28	4 Apr 1899
Powell, N. O.	31	Stone, Cordelia, Mrs.	26	30 May 1900
Ragan, J. Wes	28	Baker, Mollie	23	28 Dec 1898
Ragan, W. J.	25	White, Margarete	16	2 Jul 1899
Ramey, R. R.	22	Bodenhammer, Luna	19	25 Dec 1897
Ray, James	43	Schafin, Malinda	22	23 Sep 1899

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Raymond, W. H.	21	McNeill, Eliza	21	1 Apr 1900
Reeves, J. F.	20	Copeland, Dellia	17	23 Nov 1899
Reno, W. S.	33	Mooney, Lura B.	30	20 Sep 1899
Reynolds, James	21	Parker, Georgeann	20	20 Feb 1898
Rice, W. C.	19	Morgan, Bertie	19	3 Oct 1900
Rice, W. Gus	19	Stone, Addie	18	19 Dec 1897
Richardson, R. T. A.	40	Hooser, Sarah J., Mrs.	43	3 Sep 1899
Richardson, W. C.	28	Havener, Columbia, Mrs.	24	29 May 1898
Roberts, J. D.	27	Wylie, Newtie	21	24 Dec 1899
Roberts, W. F.	22	Roberts, Mordelea	20	22 Jul 1900
Roland, A. B.	33	Levingston, Mollie, Mrs.	28	19 Jan 1897
Rorie, H. A.	23	Casey, Linnie	21	3 Oct 1897
Rosenburn, John W.	23	Smith, Fannie	23	19 Mar 1899
Rouse, Ed	32	Borner, Alberta	19	Mar 1899
Rouse, R. A.	23	McNeill, Ellen	19	30 Sep 1897
Rush, Jerry	29	Mitchell, Alice	17	27 Apr 1897
Russell, Henry	20	Brooks, Annie	23	3 Sep 1897
Russell, J. F.	37	Moody, Mary E., Mrs.	40	25 Mar 1897
Russell, J. R.	25	Hawkisn, Eva	26	1897*
Russell, J. R.	25	Hawkins, Eva	26	28 Aug 1897
Russell, R. M.	21	Lackey, Annie	17	25 Dec 1898
Russell, R. P.	22	Dewey, Nellie	19	22 Feb 1900
Sanders, R. L.	21	Weatherford, Minnie	19	21 Mar 1900
Savage, J. L.	20	Smith, Martha J.	22	5 Sep 1897
Searcy, Emanuel	25	Henson, Lillie R.	22	24 Jul 1898
Shell, B. F.	19	Shaw, M. J.	14	13 oct 1898
Shell, Daniel	25	Fry, Mary A.	16	11 Jun 1899
Silvertooth, W. M.	33	Payne, Minnie L.	17	9 Oct 1898
Skidmore, H. H.	27	Torrence, Elia	23	2 Dec 1898
Smith, J. K.	20	Gillaspie, Bessie	18	1 Jan 1899
Smith, J. W.	22	Shelton, S. F.	17	14 Oct 1897
Smith, Manley	23	Jenkins, Annie	16	13 Oct 1900
Smith, William A.	27	Guthrie, Emma	11	11 Nov 1898?
Smothers, G. B.	26	Ray, Rebecca	17	10 Apr 1899
Smothers, John	20	Lovelady, Hestor	18	5 Mar 1899
Spradlin, J. S.	21	Hart, Annie	19	24 June 1900
Spradlin, M. H.	25	Morris, Maud	21	12 Aug 1900
Stafford, H. J.	18	Davis, Ola`	18	22 May 1896
Staggs, Joseph	21	Holden, Tine	16	25 Jul 1897
Stephens, P. A.	19	Brinnie, Gertrude	16	7 Sep 1898?
Stephens, Perry	21	Moulder, Maud	18	30 Oct 1900*
Stephens, W. A.	23	Clark, Rosa	24	7 Mar 1900
Stratton, A. C.	43	Darnaid, Mary, Mrs.	30	7 Mar 1899
Stratton, H. M.	55	Denton, Francis E.	24	22 Aug 1899
Studdard, E. A.	23	Biggers, Ada	22	24 Feb 1897
Studdard, J. C.	23	Cowan, Laura	22	4 Jun 1899
Sturgeon, Esquire	24	Hudson, S. T.	16	9 Jan 1898
Talbert, Arthur	18	Hughes, Louisa	21	12 Aug 1900
Talbert, D. W.	25	Wayland, _____	19	7 Dec 1898
Talbert, Hilton	19	Francis, Dollie	15	1 Jan 1899
Taney, G. C.	28	Caldwell, Tinie	23	26 Dec 1897
Tanksby, M.	50	Webber, Sarah J.	48	26 Oct 1897
Taylor, W. E.	20	Campbell, Minday	18	28 Nov 1900
Taylor, W. H.	23	Alexander, Alice, Mrs.	18	18 Apr 1897
Teague, Allen	24	Harguess, Ida	15	2 Apr 1900

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Thrasher, Andrew	21	Langston, Laura	21	7 Aug 1898
Thrasher, Arthur	21	Dixon, Mary	18	10 Jan 1897
Tipton, J. T.	35	Baker, Eugene	25	6 Sep 1900?
Treat, W. F.	30	Cypert, Tennie	21	25 Sep 1898
Trivett, Jas T.	20	Clark, Minnie E.	16	18 Sep 1895
Trivitt, Robert	19	Ramsey, Annie	17	6 Aug 1899
Trivitt, S. V.	17	Holstine, Katy	23	23 Sep 1900
Trotter, H. K.	28	Payne, Mollie, Mrs.	39	25 Feb 1900
Tucker, John G.	22	Knight, Margie	20	2 Dec 1900
Tumon, Azariah	28	Lumpkin, Katie	23	2 Jul 1899
Van Trease, W. F.	24	Sorrells, Josephine	18	2 Oct 1898
Vanover, L. L.	22	Shipley, Victoria	20	31 Mar 1900*
Vickers, William	26	Roberts, Margaret	28	21 May 1899
Vickrey, William	21	Smith, Malissa	18	8 Apr 1899
JVotaw, William H.	19	Adams, Dollie	17	30 Jan 1898
Waddle, R. O.	24	Rouse, Lula	23	20 Aug 1899
Waggener, W. S.	32	Collis, Ida	16	21 Aug 1898
Walker, L. J.	18	Mason, Cora	18	20 Mar 1898
Walker, R. F.	50	Kirland, Nancy J.	28	13 Nov 1900
Walls, H. C.	33	Shiner, Josie C.	22	6 Aug 1898*
Watley, C. W.	37	Wolf, Alice	25	18 Mar 1897
Watts, H. C.	34	Earles, Mary J.	29	6 Dec 1898
Webber, W. L.	24	Tripp, Annie	18	10 Jul 1900
Wells, S. P.	22	Lance, Cora	19	27 Feb 1898
White, E. H.	47	White, Ida B., Mrs.	26	2 Nov 1900
White, Elias	21	Rodorick, Melissa E.	19	31 Oct 1897
White, W. D.	59	Herron, Martha, Mrs.	51	26 Mar 1899
Wichersham, Walter	23	Cox, Dora	17	10 Aug 1900
Williams, Gabe	28	Cambell, Fennie, Mrs.	28	14 Mar 1899
Winters, F. H.	58	Bayless, Randa, Mrs.	58	6 Jul 1899
Wolf, James	19	Smith, Pearl	18	26 Nov 1900
Wood, J. W.	28	Davenport, Clara	15	8 Oct 1899
Wooton, A. S.	20	Blount, Jannie	22	3 Nov 1897
Wooton, J. W.	22	Morgan, M. S.	17	15 Aug 1898
Wootton, S. M.	22	Noe, Orah	21	5 Apr 1900
Wright, Sidney, G.	39	Marler, Sarah C.,	30	14 May 1899
Yarberry, John	28	Gist, Elzora	16	3 Mar 1898
Young, W. C.	25	Russell, Cassie	22	1 Aug 1900
Zilwick, A. D.	31	Dover, Minerva	29	15 Nov 1898

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



#### CHANGES IN RAPPS BARREN SETTLEMENT

At the end of year 1998, Rapps Barren saw a stir of activity as the reconstruction of the Jones Cabin has begun. Material not needed in the Rollins Hospital Museum was donated to the Jones Cabin and was used to construct the timber foundation base for the cabin. The timbers removed from the original location were deteriorated too much for reuse. The cabin log timbers were then laid out for the reconstruction that will follow in 1999 as weather permits. Additional funds have been donated by Mrs. Lavern Talburt and Ray and Edie Stahl toward the reconstruction.

*A time of history has to have a starting point. We have featured many places, many people and ideas in our Quarterly. Now is the time to feature a point of history that is just beginning.*

### *THE CLARKRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH HISTORY*

*In September 1995 Don Reed talked to Mr. George Sellers (deceased) about preaching in the Zion Freewill Baptist Church building to start a regular Baptist Church. The Sellers and Kendall families welcomed us and through their generosity we had a place to worship for three years while our building was being constructed.*

In the first week of October 1995, Bob Mathis, Ann Reed, and Don Reed met to discuss and pray about starting a church in Clarkridge. It was decided that we would start to preach there and explore the situation with God's direction.

In Early October 1995, Bob Mathis preached the first sermon with three people in attendance. The offering was \$11.10. Very shortly thereafter, Bob Mathis met with Brother Ed Powers, Director of Missions for White River Baptist Association, and Dr. Mike Shy, Pastor of Eastside Baptist Church. Eastside voted to become our mother church.

We have been supported by gifts from Arkansas Baptist State Convention, White River Baptist Association, Oldham Little Church

Foundation, Eastside Baptist Church, Walnut Street Baptist church, First Baptist Church, and approximately 10 other churches. We also have received gifts from approximately 50 individuals and businesses. God has been generous. We estimate that our 10,000 square foot building, 10.5 acres of land, well, van, and equipment is valued at approximately \$350,000. We only owe \$115,000.00. We feel that God will pay off much of this debt in the near future. We spent \$175,000.00 for the building, \$45,000 for the land and approximately \$12,000.00 for the well and septic system.

Ronnie Byrd designed the building and oversaw the construction. Don Reed pastored from 1995 to October 1996. Harold and Jorene Barnett pastored from 1997 to September 1998. We believe God has a great future planned for us!



**YOU CAN'T HAVE A GOOD DAY WITH A BAD ATTITUDE OR A BAD DAY WITH A GOOD ATTITUDE.**

#### Another Baxter County Pioneer Family

##### **Descendants of William Jasper VICKERY**

**From the Book "rootstock: a family book" by Wayland and Betty Jackson**

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**(1) William Jasper VICKERY** was born in Feb 1837 in Franklin Co., GA, and after 1880 in Baxter Co., AR, married **Sweet Catherine?** \_\_\_\_\_ who was born about 1856 in GA. William Jasper is the son of Christopher Columbus and Elizabeth (Gaddis) Vickery. William Jasper died in Jul 1905 in Mountain Home, Baxter Co., AR and was buried in Oak Grove Cemetery., Mountain Home, Baxter Co., AR. Catherine died 18 July 1921 in Mountain Home, AR. She had been in Baxter County for 52 years.

William is shown in the 1860 White Co., GA Census, 1870 Fulton Co., (later Baxter Co.) AR, 1880 Baxter Co. AR Census.

Children:

- + 2 1 **Laura Sarah VICKERY** was born about 1856.
- + 3 2 **Jane Savana VICKERY** was born on 24 Nov 1859.
- + 4 3 **William H. VICKERY** was born in Aug 1868.

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- 5 4 **John Paul VICKERY** was born in Jun 1874 in Mountain Home, Baxter Co., AR, and in 1905 in Mountain Home, Baxter Co., AR, married **Mary ELLEN** \_\_\_ who was born in Aug 1873 in MO. John Paul died about 1930. Mary Ellen was also married to \_\_\_ Wallace.  
John Paul also married about 1904, **Lena L. \_\_\_\_\_** who was born about 1881 in AR.
- + 6 5 **J. Comer VICKERY** was born on 16 Jan 1877.

(2) **Laura Sarah VICKERY**, daughter of William Jasper VICKERY and Sweet Catherine? \_\_\_\_\_, was born about 1856 in GA, and about 1873 in Baxter Co., AR, married **William Kellar McCORMICK**.

Children:

- + 7 1 **Donna A. McCORMICK** was born about 1874.
- 8 2 **William Kellar McCORMACK, Jr.** was born 16 Jan 1876 in Mountain Home, Baxter Co., AR, and married **Alice GILLIAM** who was born about 1876 in MO. William Kellar died in Aug 1939 in Duncan, Stephens Co., OK. Alice died on 19 Jun 1928 in Stephens Co., OK.
- Laura Sarah also married after 1880 in Baxter Co., AR, \_\_\_\_\_ **JONES**.

(7) **Donna A. McCORMICK**, daughter of William Kallar McCORMICK and Laura Sarah VICKERY, was born about 1874 in Mountain Home, Baxter Co., AR, and married \_\_\_\_\_ **COOPER**.

Children:

- 9 1 **Ethel COOPER**  
10 2 **Bailey COOPER**

(3) **Jane "Janie" Savana VICKERY**, daughter of William Jasper VICKERY and Sweet Catherine? \_\_\_\_\_, was born 24 Nov 1859 in GA, and about 1881 in Mountain Home, Baxter Co., AR, married **Thomas A. BISHOP**, son of Elisha BISHOP and Elizabeth? \_\_\_\_\_, who was born about 1859 in GA. Jane Savanna died on 16 Dec 1936 in Wilson, Carter Co., OK and was buried in Bomar Point Cemetery., Carter Co., OK. Thomas A. died before 1886 in Mountain Home, Baxter Co., AR.

Children:

- 11 1 **Laura Maude BISHOP** was born 3 Sep 1882 in Mountain Home, Baxter Co., AR, and married **Benjamin F. JONES**, son of Oliver JONES and Susan E. GAFFORD, who was born 6 Mar 1883 in TX. Laura Maude died on 27 Jul 1969 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Co., OK.

Jane Savana also married about 1886 in Mountain Home, Baxter Co., AR, **William Luther GILLIAM, Jr.**, son of William Luther GILLIAM, SR and Sarah A. COOLEY, who was born 25 Dec 1845 in Weakley Co., TN. William Luther died on 13 Apr 1927 in Wilson, Carter Co., OK and was buried in Boomers Point Cemetery., Wilson, Carter Co., OK. William Luther, Jr. had been married (1<sup>st</sup>) to Mary Ann Hamblin

A family story indicates that William L, Jr. was in the Civil War and he records shows that he was in Company G, 24th Tennessee Infantry, having enlisted in 1861. Apparently from his military records he was sick much of the time. He did answer roll calls from Dec 31, 1861 to Mar 1 1862 and was assigned to a hospital in Corinth, Mississippi.

William paid taxes in Howell County, Missouri in 1875, 1880 and 1885. He is found in the census of 1900 Washita Co. Oklahoma Territory, 1910 Oklahoma, Stephens Co., and 1920 Carter Co. OK.

He was a Methodist minister for over 40 years having preached his first sermon in 1883. He was a member of the Odd Fellows .

Children:

- 12 1 **Edna Earl GILLIAM** was born 15 Feb 1869 in KY/MS, and about 1887 in Mountain Home, Baxter Co., AR, married **William Eldridge MCAFEE**, son of Spencer Eldridge MCAFEE and Hannah Adeline LANCE, who was born 7 Oct 1861 in Baxter Co., AR. Edna Earl died in Healdton, Carter Co., OK. William Eldridge died on 20 Jun 1950 in Healdton, Carter Co., OK.
- 13 2 **William Leighton GILLIAM** was born about 1871 in MS, and on 7 Sep 1893 in Boone Co., AR, married **Virginia Mahalia B. FLOOD** who was born about 1876 in AR. William Leighton died in 1965 in Duncan, Stephens Co., OK. Virginia Mahalia B. died in 1970 in Duncan, Stephens Co., OK.
- 14 3 **(Infant) GILLIAM**
- 15 4 **Alice GILLIAM** was born about 1876 in MO, and in 1900, married **William Kellar McCORMACK, Jr.**, son of William Kellar and (Sara Laura Vickery) McCormick, Sr. who was born 16 Jan 1876 in Mountain Home, Baxter Co., AR. Alice died on 19 Jun 1928 in Duncan, Stephens Co., OK.
- 16 5 **George Frank GILLIAM** was born 13 Sep 1878 in Duncan, Stephens Co., OK, and on 29 Aug 1900 in Cordell, Washita Co., OK, married **Hattie MORRISON** who was born 19 Nov 1882 in Hazelhurst, Copiah Co., MS. George Frank died on 26 Mar 1946 in Corpus

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- Christi, Nueces Co., TX and was buried in Papalote Protestant Cemetery., Papalote, Bee Co., TX. Hattie died on 26 Jun 1966 in Papalote, Bee Co., TX. They were married in Cordell when it was still Indian Territory.
- 17 6 **(Infant) GILLIAM** was born about 1879 and lived about 6 months.
- 18 7 **Emma Gertrude GILLIAM** was born 17 Feb 1881 in Howell Co., MO, and on 25 Sep 1904 in Legate, Love Co., OK, married while sitting in a buggy, **Charles Pendleton GAITHER**, son of Samuel Dickerson GAITHER and Lou Ella LOWE, who was born 2 May 1883 in Lindale, Smith Co., TX. Emma Gertrude died on 7 Mar 1969 in Marietta, Love Co., OK and was buried in Marietta, Love Co., OK. Charles Pendleton died on 20 Apr 1972 in Marietta, Love Co., OK and was buried in Marietta, Love Co., OK. They were married while Legate was still Indian Territory.
- 19 8 **Benjamin Luther GILLIAM** was born 12 Sep 1883 in Hope, Hempstead Co., AR, and on 13 Nov 1904 in Legate, Love Co., OK, married **Roxie Ann DUNN**, daughter of Columbus M. and Victoria (Cunningham) Dunn who was born 24 Jul 1890 in Sherman, Grayson Co., TX. Benjamin Luther died on 30 Oct 1948 in Duncan, Stephens Co., OK. Roxie Ann died on 25 Jul 1974 in Duncan, Stephens Co., OK. They were married in Legatee while it was still Indian Territory. Ben had been a buyer of mules.
- 20 9 **Comer Gray GILLIAM** was born 24 Oct 1887 in AR. Comer Gray died on 24 Nov 1906 in Legate, Love Co., OK.
- 21 10 **Dove GILLIAM** was born about 1889 in AR. Dove died in 1889. Dove lived only three weeks.
- + 22 11 **Hershal Lynn GILLIAM** was born on 23 Jan 1893.
- 23 12 **Kennie Tunstal GILLIAM** was born 26 Sep 1895 in Muskogee, Muskogee Co., OK, (IT) and on 10 Mar 1912 in Duncan, Stephens Co., OK, while seated in a buggy, was married **William Oscar LINDSEY**, son of William Barry Grove LINDSEY and Sarah Elizabeth MURCHISON, who was born 6 Mar 1888 in Crockett, Houston Co., TX. Kennie Tunstal died on 8 Apr 1985 in Ardmore, Carter Co., OK. William Oscar died on 1 Nov 1976 in Ardmore, Carter Co., OK.
- 24 13 **Jewel Ann GILLIAM** was born 13 May 1898 in Quanah, Hardeman Co., TX, and on 16 Mar 1913 in Duncan, Stephens Co., OK, married **Semore Cunningham JACKSON**, son of Semore Edmund JACKSON and Susan Ann GRAYUM, who was born 10 Jan 1893 in Alma, Stephens Co., OK. Jewel Ann died on 3 Nov 1991 in Ardmore, Carter Co., OK. Semore Cunningham died on 16 Mar 1960 in Ardmore, Carter Co., AR. Jewel Ann also married on 15 Mar 1976 in Ardmore, Carter Co., OK, **William B. ROARK** who was born about 1893 in NC. William B. died in 1987 in Ardmore, Carter Co., OK.

**(22) Hershal Lynn GILLIAM**, son of William Luther GILLIAM, Jr. and Jane Savanna VICKERY, was born 23 Jan 1893 in Mountain Home, Baxter Co., AR, and on 4 Sep 1912 in Duncan, Stephens Co., OK, married **Sarilda Chloe JACKSON**, daughter of Semore Edmund JACKSON and Susan Ann GRAYUM, who was born 23 Jun 1897 at Velma, OK when it was still Indian Territory, Stephens Co., AR. Hershal Lynn died on 4 Dec 1973 in Ardmore, Carter Co., OK. Sarilda Chloe died on 20 Dec 1985 in near Ardmore, Carter Co., OK and was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Ardmore, Carter Co., OK.

Children:

- + 25 1 **Oleta Alta GILLIAM** (p. 4) was born on 13 Apr 1914.
- 26 2 **Valaska Coral GILLIAM** was born 10 Mar 1916 in Duncan, Stephens Co., OK, and on 29 Aug 1939 in Ardmore, Carter Co., OK, married **Fred Chris HUDSON**, son of Cal Christian HUDSON and Lillie Jane ALLEN, who was born 21 Dec 1919 in Overbrook, Love Co., OK. Fred Chris died on 9 Feb 1979 in Ardmore, Carter Co., OK and was buried in Hillcrest Cemetery, Ardmore, Carter Co., OK. **Valaska Coral** also married on 12 Aug 1990 in Pomona, Los Angeles Co., CA, **Theodore Roosevelt LEEN**, son of Thomas James LEEN and Catherilla COX, who was born 2 Nov 1908 in Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., OH. Theodore Roosevelt died on 17 May 1993 in La Verne, Los Angeles Co., CA.
- 27 3 **Goldie Chloe GILLIAM** was born 7 Jun 1918 in Duncan, Stephens Co., OK, and on 25 Nov 1938, married **Woody Norman HICKMAN** who was born 29 Nov 1910 in OK. Woody Norman died on 28 Apr 1951 in Ardmore, Carter Co., OK. **Goldie Chloe** also married on 1 Jun 1952 in West Hollywood, Los Angeles Co., CA, **Duane Richard McDOUGALL**, son of Floyd Richard McDOUGALL and Minnie WOLFE, who was born 7 Apr 1923 in Carter, Beckham Co., OK. Duane Richard died on 17 Dec 1996 in Atoka, Atoka Co., OK.
- + 28 4 **Kenna Kathleen GILLIAM** was born on 24 Sep 1920.
- + 29 5 **Hershal Lynn GILLIAM, Jr.** was born on 27 Nov 1925.



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- + 30 6 **Dolores Patricia GILLIAM** was born on 4 Aug 1931.
- + 31 7 **Harry Ronald GILLIAM** was born on 24 Oct 1934.

(25) **Oleta Alta GILLIAM**, daughter of Hershall Lynn GILLIAM and Sarilda Chloe JACKSON, was born 13 Apr 1914 in Wilson, Carter Co., OK, and on 4 Feb 1934, married **Reuben Floyd SHAW**. Oleta Alta died on 29 Dec 1996 in Marietta, Love Co., OK. Reuben Floyd died on 4 Aug 1964 in Ardmore, Carter Co., OK.

Children:

- 32 1 **Patrick Grover SHAW** was born 17 Nov 1940 in Seminole, Seminole Co., OK. Patrick Grover died on 19 Nov 1940 in Seminole, Seminole Co., OK.
- 33 2 **Susan Lynn SHAW** was born 22 Feb 1945 in Seminole, Seminole Co., OK, and on 21 Jul 1964 in Miami, Ottawa Co., OK, married **Alvin Junior COOPER**, son of Leonard Alvin COOPER and Iva BREEDLOVE, who was born in 1940 in Locust Grove, Mayes Co., OK. **Susan Lynn** also married on 26 Feb 1968 in Tulsa, Tulsa Co., OK, **Glen Douglas WIESE**, son of Douglas WIESE and Jennie? \_\_, who was born 13 Feb 1942 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee Co., WI.
- 34 3 **Janie Kathleen SHAW** was born 31 May 1946 in Ardmore, Carter Co., OK, and on 26 Jun 1946 in Ardmore, Carter Co., OK, married **Jerry Wayne LEFEVRE** who was born 22 Apr 1941 in Gainesville, Cooke Co., TX. **Janie Kathleen** also married on 16 Dec 1982 in Marietta, Love Co., OK, **Dickie Joe COOPER** who was born 17 Aug 1946 in Locust Grove, Mayes Co., OK.
- 35 4 **Coral Jean SHAW** was born 1 Jun 1954 in Ardmore, Carter Co., OK, and on 26 Jan 1973 in Ardmore, Carter Co., OK, married **Patrick Steven MANUEL** who was born 3 Mar 1953. **Coral Jean** also married on 3 Sep 1983 in Lone Grove, Carter Co., OK, **Ronnie Glenn HULL** who was born 13 Jul 1953 in Sherman, Grayson Co., TX.

**Oleta Alta** also married on 26 Jul 1953 in Denton, Denton Co., TX, **Zachariah Taylor HODGES, Jr.** who was born 1 Mar 1916 in Bomar, Love Co., OK. Zachariah Taylor died on 21 Apr 1981 in Ardmore, Carter Co., OK.

(28) **Kenna Kathleen GILLIAM**, daughter of Hershall Lynn GILLIAM and Sarilda Chloe JACKSON, was born 24 Sep 1920 in Wilson, Carter Co., OK, and on 26 Dec 1940 in Ardmore, Carter Co., OK, married **James John BURCHILL, Sr.** who was born 27 Feb 1897 in Liverpool, Chester Co., England. James John died on 7 Aug 1978 in Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., CA.

Children:

- 36 1 **James John BURCHILL, Jr.** was born 27 Dec 1944 in Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., CA.
- 37 2 **Melinda Kay BURCHILL** was born 6 Sep 1946 in Pasadena, Los Angeles Co., CA.
- 38 3 **Kenna Kathleen BURCHILL** was born 6 Mar 1948 in Altadena, Los Angeles Co., CA.

**Kenna Kathleen** also married on 21 Nov 1960 in Hollywood, Los Angeles Co., CA, **Donald Frederick GREEN** who was born 12 Aug 1910. Donald Frederick died on 6 Dec 1977 in San Gabriel, Los Angeles Co., CA and was buried in Ardmore, Carter Co., OK.

**Kenna Kathleen** also married on 15 Jun 1992 in Gainesville, Cooke Co., TX, **Woodrow GEORGE**, son of Stephan A. GEORGE and Stella ALSTOTT, who was born 20 Mar 1913 in Crandall, Kaufman Co., TX.

(29) **Hershall Lynn GILLIAM, Jr.**, son of Hershall Lynn GILLIAM and Sarilda Chloe JACKSON, was born 27 Nov 1925 in Wilson, Carter Co., OK, and on 30 Sep 1950 in Ada, Pontotoc Co., OK, married **Betty Ann THOMPSON**, daughter of James Matthew THOMPSON and Edith RINARD, who was born 8 Apr 1929 in Ada, Pontotoc Co., OK.

Children:

- 39 1 **Lynn Ann GILLIAM** was born 30 Dec 1953 in Ada, Pontotoc Co., OK.
- 40 2 **Christopher James GILLIAM** was born 21 Sep 1967 in Ardmore, Carter Co., OK.

(30) **Dolores Patricia GILLIAM**, daughter of Hershall Lynn GILLIAM and Sarilda Chloe JACKSON, was born 4 Aug 1931 in Wilson, Carter Co., OK, and on 15 Jul 1953 in Ardmore, Carter Co., OK, married **David Thomas QUINTANA**, son of Melecio QUINTANA and Mary Jesus GAMINO, who was born 14 Mar 1934 in Ardmore, Carter Co., OK.

Children:

- 41 1 **Timothy David QUINTANA** was born 20 Jul 1954 in Tulsa, Tulsa Co., OK, and on 6 Nov 1981, married **Shirley Swain DUYCK** who was born 17 Jan 1955 in TX. **Timothy David** also married on 10 Jul 1987, **Kandice VARDELL**.
- 42 2 **Anthony Lynn QUINTANA** was born 4 May 1956 in Tulsa, Tulsa Co., OK.
- 43 3 **Tina Teresa QUINTANA** was born 21 Jul 1958 in Tulsa, Tulsa Co., OK.

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- 44 4 **Thomas Steven QUINTANA, Sr.** was born 25 Nov 1961 in Tulsa, Tulsa Co., OK, and on 24 Jan 1987 in TX, married **La Zann SANDERS** who was born in Georgetown, Vermillion Co., IL.

(31) **Harry Ronald GILLIAM**, son of Hershall Lynn GILLIAM and Sarilda Chloe JACKSON, was born 24 Oct 1934 in Ardmore, Carter Co., AR, and on 15 Jul 1953 in Ardmore, Carter Co., OK, married **Shirley Jean CATHEY** who was born 14 Mar 1934 in Ardmore, Carter Co., OK.

Children:

- 45 1 **Ronda Lynn GILLIAM** was born 20 Jun 1954 in Ardmore, Carter Co., OK, and on 12 May 1972 in Ardmore, Carter Co., OK, married **William Robert KENDALL** who was born 21 Dec 1952 in Ardmore, Carter Co., OK.  
**Ronda Lynn** also married **Douglas McArthur RAMSEL** who was born 28 Nov 1948 in Landshut, GERMANY.
- 46 2 **Gregory Alan GILLIAM** was born 27 Nov 1956 in Colorado Springs, El Paso Co., CO, and on 14 Jan 1984 in New Caney, Montgomery Co., TX, married **Charlotte GIBBS** who was born 30 Jul 1964 in Splendora, Montgomery Co., TX.  
**Gregory Alan** also married on 11 Mar 1995, **Lynn Elizabeth GARNETT**, daughter of John GARNETT.

**Harry Ronald** also married on 15 Jun 1972, **Jonnie Louise FOSTER**.

(4) **William H. VICKERY**, son of William Jasper VICKERY and Sweet Catherine? \_\_\_\_\_, was born in Aug 1868 in TN, and about 1888, married **Nannie V.** \_\_\_\_\_ who was born in Dec 1867 in AR.  
William H. is shown on the 1900, 1910 Census of Baxter County, Buckhorn Twp. They were farmers.

Children:

- 47 1 **Clifford F. VICKERY** was born in Jul 1891 in Baxter Co., AR.  
Clifford was a school teacher.
- 48 2 **Pink H. VICKERY** (f) was born in Oct 1897 in Buckhorn Twp, Baxter Co., AR.

(6) **J. Comer VICKERY**, son of William Jasper VICKERY and Sweet Catherine? \_\_\_\_\_, was born 16 Jan 1877 in Mountain Home, Baxter Co., AR, and on 10 Feb 1895 married **Cora E. Talburt** who was born in Oct 1875 in AR. J. Comer died on 1 Mar 1941 in Mountain Home, Baxter Co., AR and was buried in Oak Grove Cemetery., Mountain Home, Baxter Co., AR. Cora E. died on 15 Feb 1967 in Mountain Home, Baxter Co., AR and was buried in Oak Grove Cemetery., Mountain Home, Baxter Co., AR.

Children:

- 49 1 **Morine VICKERY** was born 3 Feb 1896 in Mountain Home, Baxter Co., AR. Morine died on 15 Feb 1967 in Mountain Home, Baxter Co., AR and was buried in Oak Grove Cemetery., Mountain Home, Baxter Co., AR.
- 50 2 **Norma R. VICKERY** was born about 1904 in AR. In November 1923 she married (1) **Chester Webb**. In Nov 1935 at Harrison, AR she married (2<sup>nd</sup>) **Jimmie O'Neal**. In May 1939 she married (3<sup>rd</sup>) **Alfred Taylor** at Melbourne, AR.
- 51 3 **Annie Laura VICKERY** was born in Feb 1910 in Mountain Home, Baxter Co., AR. In October 1930 she married **Virgil McCrossin** of Hamilton, MT, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James McCrossin.
- 52 4 **Cassie VICKERY** was born in 1914 in Mountain Home, Baxter Co., AR. In March 1938 married **Ernest Taylor**, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Taylor.
- 5 5 **Bonnie VICKERY** was born about 1916. She married \_\_\_\_\_ **Schrable**.



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**From Your President:**

*(Following written for the December, 1998 "Spirit", the publication of the Mountain Home Chamber of Commerce" which appeared in the December 28, 1998, Issue of the Baxter Bulletin.*

**Baxter County Historical and Genealogy Society**  
**By Charles Blackburn, President**

When Baxter County celebrated its Centennial in 1973, Mary Ann Messick published her book "History of Baxter County" and an interest in our areas' past was revived.

People who were born in Baxter County and those who moved here began expressing they would like to know more about their community. As a result the Baxter County Historical Society was formed in 1973. More and more members began researching family trees and in 1996 a genealogy Society was merged with the Historical Society.

Monthly meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of the month. Community calendars will state time and meeting dates. The public is welcome to attend and enjoy the speakers and topical programs.

Throughout the years in Baxter County Historical and Genealogical Society has done many community projects such as the overseeing of the Historical Casey house at the fairgrounds, the forming of Mountain Home Registry of Historical Buildings during the 1988 Mountain Home Centennial and the creation of Rapps Barren Historical Village in Cooper Park.

The last few years the Society has been diligently working, as manpower and funds allow, on the restoration of the old Rollins Hospital Building in Gassville. Plans call for creating a Baxter County Museum and genealogical Research Center in the historical building.

Several members of our community have donated labor and materials to help make the goal a reality. The Society often holds fund raising dinners, but many more dollars are needed before the project can be completed.

The Baxter County Historical and Genealogical Society has obtained a 501K status from the Federal government which makes donations tax deductible.

If you would like to make a donation of a local historical artifact or much needed funds please contact, President Charles T. Blackburn at 425-31545 or visit him at his Blackburn & Company offices housed in the historical 1893 Mountain Home College Building located on the corner of Fourth and College Streets.



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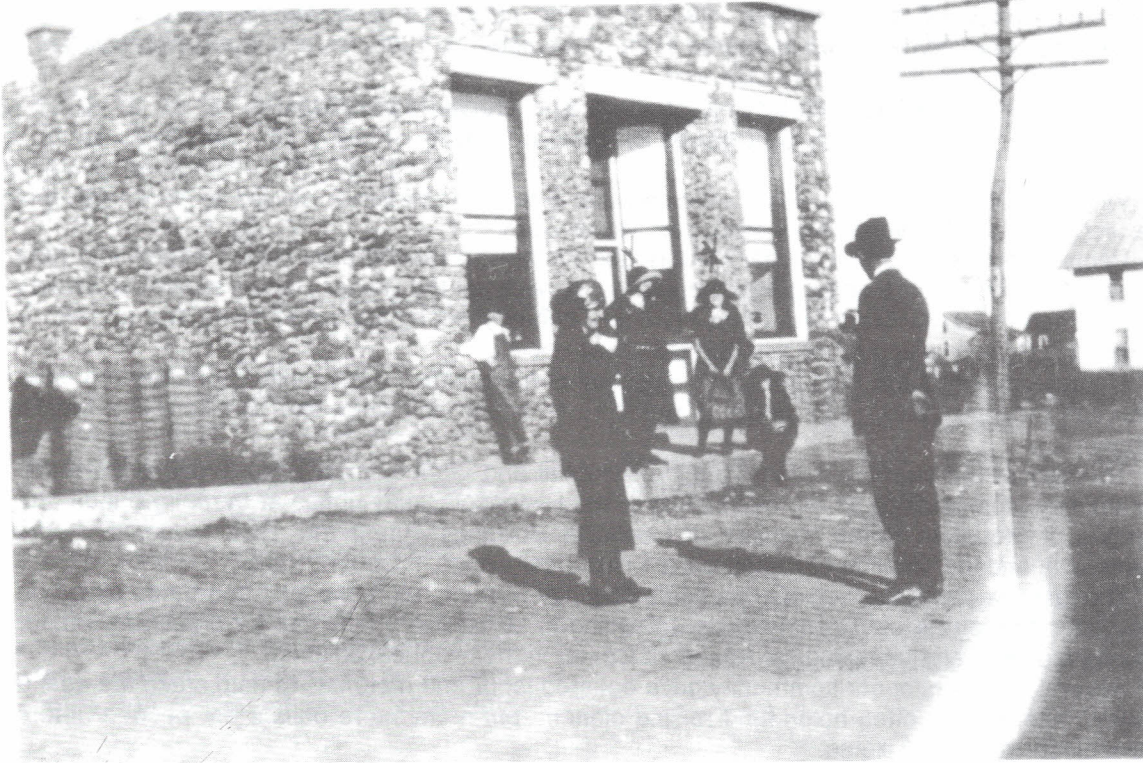
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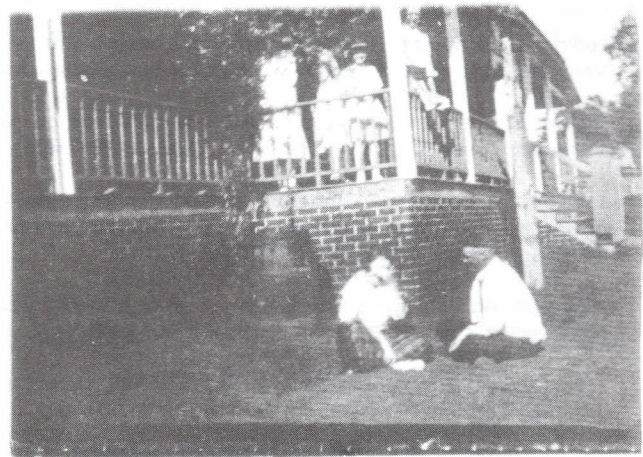
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**Frankie's Mother – Walcie Stacy Brown**  
**Frankie's Aunt – Velma Marberry**



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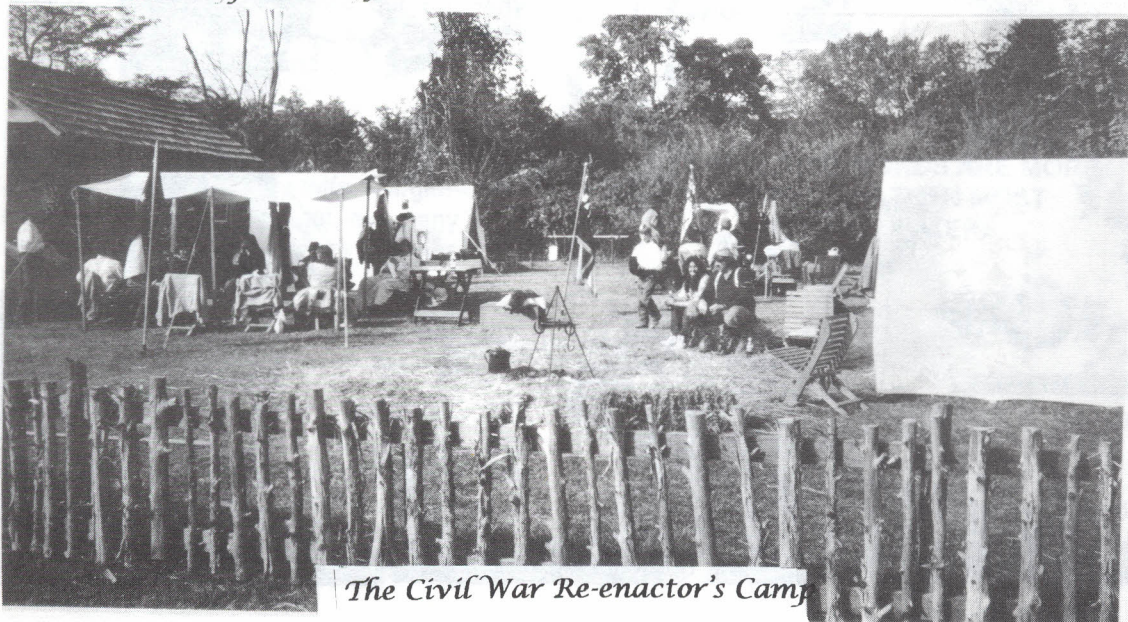
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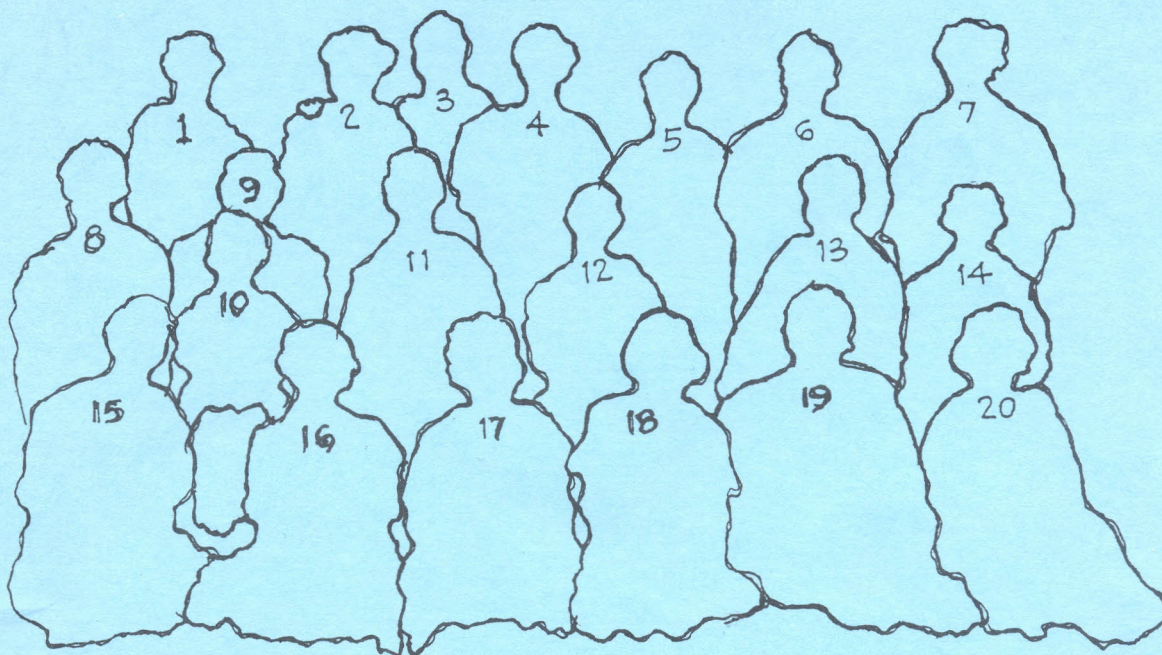
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CAN YOU IDENTIFY ANY OF THE LADIES? (See accompanying story)**



**IDENTIFY THE LADIES PRESENT AT THE PARTY OF JOSEPH  
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Mrs. Will Hayes
- (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (9) Mrs. Herman Stone?
- (10) Willie Stone (12) Dialpha Sinor (13) Mrs. Henry Horn?? (14) \_\_\_\_\_  
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