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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION BY-LAWS

The Executive Committee at their meeting Oct. 5, 1976, voted to propose the following amendment of Section 2 of Article II.
 "New Society members admitted during January, February, March, April, May and June will pay the full annual dues. Those admitted during July, August, and September will pay half of the full dues. Those admitted during October, November, and December will be issued a membership card for the following year."

The by-laws now read: Those admitted during July, August, Sept., and October will pay half of the full dues. Those admitted during November and December will be issued a membership card for the following year."

The reason for this amendment is the thought that asking half dues in October is a bit too much.

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WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

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DO YOU KNOW: What is a risin'? What is a muley cow?
 What does hand running mean?

Our Prez sez: - A risin's is a boil. A muley cow was a cow without horns. Hand running means consecutively as: He went to town three days hand running. Now we ALL know!

PROGRESS OF BAXTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY by Hezen Bonow, Hist.

Sept. 7, 1976 - Mr. Glen Johnson of Flippin was our guest speaker. Mr. Johnson is gathering material and has started writing the "History of Marion County." It was somewhat a question and answer session as he was interested in Mary Ann Messicks' book "The History of Baxter County", and the mechanics of getting one published. He was interested in all information which might help him in this huge undertaking.

Sept. 11, 1976. Some of our Society members held a "clean-up" at the old Casey house. Working were: Emerson and Roma Stickford, Paul and Dorothy Harris, Elizabeth Smith, Howard and Olive Knight and Nancy Plake.

They cut, raked and trimmed overgrown shrubs for two reasons. To clean the area in preparation for the County Fair, and to lessen the fire hazard. Quinbey Smith, Paul Harrid, and Emerson Stickford hauled all the debries away later, leaving the old house looking much improved.

Sept. 16, 1976. For the County Fair parade we had a very appropriate and excellent entry. The small wagon, drawn by one horse, was owned by Harold Thorne. He and his daughter Alicia, Quinby and Elizabeth Smith, Darrel Stafford, daughter Brooke, and nephew Darren, rode in the wagon.

October 5, 1976. Major Hustead of the Corps of Engineers of Little Rock, spoke on the construction of Norfolk Dam. Major Hustead is a 1966 graduate of West Point, and is temporarily in this area.

The dam construction was authorized by the Federal government in 1938 for flood control. This was the first of the series of dams to be built. Actual construction began in 1941 by a private contractor.

Major Hustead showed slides taken from old photographs before the flooding. Quinby Smith had worked on the project a short time and could identify several persons and also some of the old farms shown. He mentioned the wages were then 35 cents an hour and he still saved money!

A railroad was built to carry materials, sand from Pyatt, gravel from Buffalo, and crushed stone from the quarry (now Quarry Mar...), It was necessary to by-pass the river several times during construction.

In 1943 there was a tremendous rainfall which did a lot of damage, also washed away some of the railroad. The dam was finished in May 1944 in a little less than 3 years. In June 1944 the generator was first used for power.

The slides followed the progress made during the 3 years which was very informative and interesting.

"AXE HANDLE!"

Fifty or more years ago the nickname 'Axe-handle' wasn't too unusual. It was often given to a person who was tall and thin. Jim Parton was often called 'Axe-Handle' but for a very different reason - he made axe handles - also hammer handles as well as other handles, but primarily he made axe handles because there was more demand for them than any of the others. Before the coming of liquified petroleum or electric heat all the homes and businesses here in Baxter County used wood which meant that every household had to have an axe.

There were firms which made handles by machinery and you could buy them in the stores but "Axe-Handle" Parton made his by hand from the tree to the finished product. His tools were an axe, a draw or drawing knife, a pocket knife and a piece of window glass. He would WALK out into the woods, almost any direction from Mountain Home, cut a Hickory sapling (small tree) from six to ten inches in diameter and rough out his axe handles at the site. These would be carried home in a gunny sack (burlap bag). At his home he would trim the rough stick some more with his draw-knife, then trim it to the finished shape with his pocket knife. Finally he would smooth it all over with the edge of a piece of window glass.

The following Saturday he would load his finished products into a gunny sack and sell them on the square in Mountain Home because that was the day when most of the farmers came to town.

I don't recall what the charge for the hickory axes handles were but I think it was about seventy-five cents, and as I remember he got about twenty-five or thirty-five cents for a hickory hammer or hatchet handle. He made good handles, he didn't draw food stamps, and he wasn't on welfare.

J. Quinby Smith

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"GLASS" by Reuben K. Lampe

When I first got into the window establishment back in 1918 all glass used was either single or double strength, and blown in big cylinders which were rolled flat while still warm.

Window glass prior to about 1923 was all wavy because of this rolling. Single strength glass was 1/16" thick and not strong enough for sizes over two foot square. Double strength was 2/16".

Henry Ford created a sensation when he developed a "crystal sheet" 3/16" thick. Sometime in the early 20's cylinder-making became obsolete and was replaced by long sheets. I guess geologists and chemists got together.

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EXCERPTS FROM "RACCOON JOHN SMITH" and other readings.

In reading "Raccoon John Smith" recently, we found quite a few expressions that were new to us. Perhaps they are new to you also.

PIGGINS: A small wooden vessel having one stave projecting above the rim for a handle. (We later saw an example of this in Silver Dollar City store.)

RIVED: cedar sugar box.

KEELER: for washing dishes. A small or shallow tub used for washing dishes, etc.

SHUN-PIKE: A byway, side road. A road used to avoid or bypass a pike or toll road.

"PURE SIGHTLY" : Not presentable in appearance. Feels unkempt.

SHERRYVALLIE: A kind of overalls or protective leggings of thick cloth or leather worn when riding on horseback.

SWEET-SLAKED MËTHEGLIN: An old fashioned beverage, usually fermented, made of honey and water, mead or a special variety of it.

USQUEBAUGH - (a) whiskey as made in Ireland or Scotland. (b) a strong Irish cordial flavored with cinnamon, cloves, etc.

INFARE: A housewarming, especially for a bride.

QUID: (a) Sovereign or pound sterling. (b) a one dollar bill. (c) a quid of tobacco - a portion to be chewed.

We enjoyed this book very much, especially since it introduced us to a new world of language.

Expressions gathered elsewhere:

PINCH DAY - The day after a birthday anniversary.

PREACHERS SEAT - Jumping into water, or being dunked, in a sitting position.

ASH HOPPER - a wooden container having sides sloping inward at bottom and with opening at bottom and a trough to catch the resulting liquid when ashes are soaked with water.

GREEN ASHES: wood ashes as removed from fireplace or stove that have never been wet.

Can YOU add to our list? If so, drop us a line and we shall add to our knowledge from time to time.

GENEALOGICAL INFORMATION

BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS

by

Joseph and Irma Bloom, Rt. 6, Mountain Home, Arkansas

In our record of marriages for 1888 we failed to list the marriage of William Dearmore to Mollie Hamilton, Dec. 27, 1888.

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BAXTER COUNTY MARRIAGES - Jan. 1, 1889 to June 1, 1889

J. B. Bean to Amelia Hughes	Jan. 1, 1889
John Garrison to Laura Bullin	Jan. 6
Phillip Bullin to Martha Poplin	Jan. 6
A. B. Megee to Maggie Gray	Jan. 6
C. W. Taylor to Rebecca Roberts	Jan. 10
H. M. Horn to Lou Ellison	Jan. 14
Victor Goopins applied for a license to marry Mrs. Rosanna Barton	Jan. 18
S. W. Talbert to Tennessee Jackson	Jan. 20
G. T. Morgan to Lucinda Lance	Jan. 30
C. H. Reid to Mary Moulder	Jan. 30
John Jimerson to Sarah E. Henson	Feb. 3
Josiah Harris to Elizabeth Carroll	Feb. 3
L. L. Walker to Mrs. Laura Walker	Feb. 3
J. V. Luther to Malissa M. Harman	Feb. 17
John N. Whitfield to Clara E. Burnett	Feb. 17
B. B. Parks to Cora Arnett	Feb. 19
John M. Mooney to Julia Anglin	Feb. 24
Logan Leek or Luk to Ida Sample	Feb. 24
S. J. Haggard to Mary E. Rogers	Feb. 24
B. F. Foster to Ida Harvey	Mar. 3
C. H. Cox to Amy E. Talburt	Mar. 5
D. D. Farmer to Minnie Lance	Mar. 7
J. H. Lankford to Lizetta Edwards	Mar. 10
Chas. C. Cox to C. A. Cornell	March 10
S. A. Jordan to Mary E. Tony	March 11
W. J. Coward to Mattie Gist	March 17
J. W. Trammell to Rilla Hand	March 17
W. R. Thomas to Jennie McClure	March 21
J. D. McJenkins to Lucy Manion	March 24
J. A. Pasco to Adelia Merry	March 24
L. R. Burgess to Sarah Cloninger	March 30
Russell Weaver to Mary F. McAfee	March 31
G. R. Deatherage to Noley Hayes	April 1
D. N. Dodd applied for a license to marry Hattie L. McDowell	April 13
M. C. Robertson to Jennette Jordan	April 22
C. F. White to Mrs. Tiney McGee	May 19
J. G. Walker to Henna Abney	May 23
W. E. Kerr to Annie L. B. Emery	May 23
O. D. Kasinger to Sarah A. Tayler	May 24
M. M. Floyd to Nellie James	May 28

" W A T E R "

by

John Quinby Smith

Every day and several times a day we turn the tap and immediately get either hot or cold water from a city water supply or from our own well with its electric pump - but it was quite different for the early settlers in Baxter County.

The first settlers of course settled mostly along the rivers and either used the river water or located near one of the numerous springs along the base of the river hills. It was not too long, however, until the lands along the rivers had been settled, so the people started looking to the uplands for farms. They built on the level ground on the tops of the ridges but depended for water from the spring which might be a quarter of a mile away in the bottom of the hollow. Water for the house was carried from the spring but the laundry was carried to the spring where it was washed.

If there was no spring they dug either a cistern or a dug well. The difference in a cistern and a dug well is that a cistern is a large hole in the ground walled up with rock or brick and sealed with either mud or cement so that it will hold the rain water that falls on the house or other building and is carried to the cistern by means of troughs. A dug well is just what the name implies, a hole in the ground, dug by hand, lined with rock that goes down to underground water. Water is brought up from the well by means of a rope and a bucket usually ten or twelve quart capacity. The bucket can be lifted by pulling the rope hand over hand or mounting a windlass and attaching the rope to it so that the bucket is cranked up.

Early in the twentieth century well drills came to Baxter County. These were called churn drills and made usually a six-inch hole by repeatedly raising and dropping a steel drill stem about six inches in diameter and some fifteen to twenty feet in length. Power to raise and drop the drill stem was furnished by first horse power, later by steam, and still later by the gasoline engine. To recover water from these wells required a special bucket, or pipe and a pump. The well bucket for the drilled well is about five inches in diameter and about three feet long, it has a valve in the bottom with a heavy wire attached to the valve with the wire running up through the bucket to the top so that by pulling on the wire at the top the valve can be released and let the water out of the bucket after it has been drawn from the well. As with the cistern and the dug well the water bucket can be raised and lowered by the hand over hand method or a windlass can be set up so that the bucket can be cranked up and down.

Well houses varied a great deal depending upon the desires of the owner. Most of the cistern and dug well houses that I have seen were eight to ten feet square, some with enclosed sides and some with open sides. Generally the houses for the drilled wells were only about two to three feet square, open on one side, about eight feet high with a pulley in the top and a windlass about three feet high.

"WATWR" - by J. Quinby Smith, cont.

I don't know why, but our water bucket was always dry on very cold mornings, the well rope would be frozen and stiff so that it was hard to get through the pulley and the iron handle on the windlass would freeze to the bare hand.

The people who were lucky enough to have springs usually built some kind of a shelter over them. The shelter served two purposes, it kept the animals out of the spring and it provided a place to keep milk, butter, eggs and other perishables since there was no other means of refrigeration. Some well houses were simple boxes made from either boards or rocks stacked up with a lid of boards that could be raised and lowered. Others were small wooden or stone buildings usually eight, ten or twelve feet square and high enough for a person to walk into and with a good solid wooden door. I would seriously question the integrity of any Baxter County farm boy who would claim that he had never stolen milk, butter, or water-melons from a spring house!

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1. ANGLIN-MOONEY-WILLIAMS Reunion August 15, 1976. (Photo by Ray Grass. Submitted by Mary Ann Messick)

Back row: Bill Conley, Phyliss Barr, Mary Crownover, Anna Smith, Nancy Hoffman, Alfa Tilton, June Dilbeck, Ward Smith, Monta Stone, Bea Bradford, Bob Cheek, Henry Mooney, Leona Cheek, Teddy Bradley, Airl Cheek, Dorothy Conley, Dean Franks, Alma Franks, Harvey Dilbeck, Myrl Wood, Jerrell Brown, Loyd Wheeler, Ocil Anglin, Nadine Tucker, David Tucker, Dedra Setzer, Ted Rens, Mary Gray, Sammie Gray, Cleda Farmer, Major Farmer, Gus Gray.

Front Row: Shirley Smith, Mary Ann Messick, Esta Mae Messick, James Ward Smith, Jessie Smith, Clima Mooney, Adele Conley, Fay Tibbs, Pearl Paulson, Jo Robards, Ina Wheeler, Reed Tucker, Effie Reed, Mildred Anglin, Scott Tucker, Fancheon Reña.

2. Mooneys' Trading Post plaque. (photo by H.M.K.)

3. Dr. Johnny Marler plaque. (photo by H.M.K.)

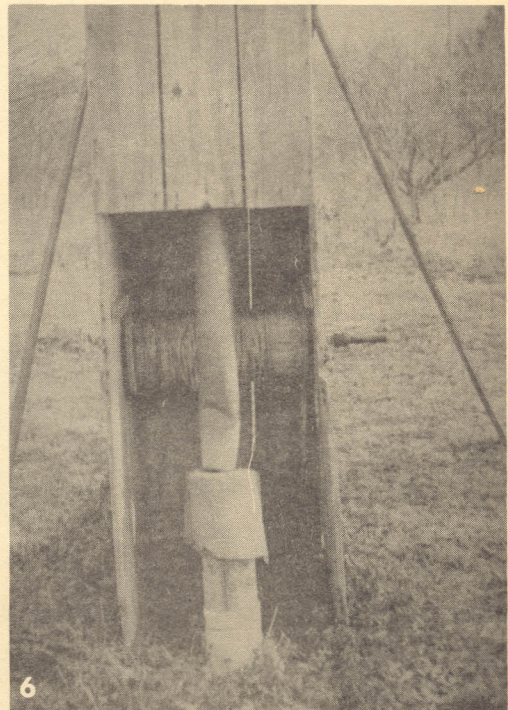
4. Spring House near Old Tracy Ferry Road. (photo by J. Q. Smith)

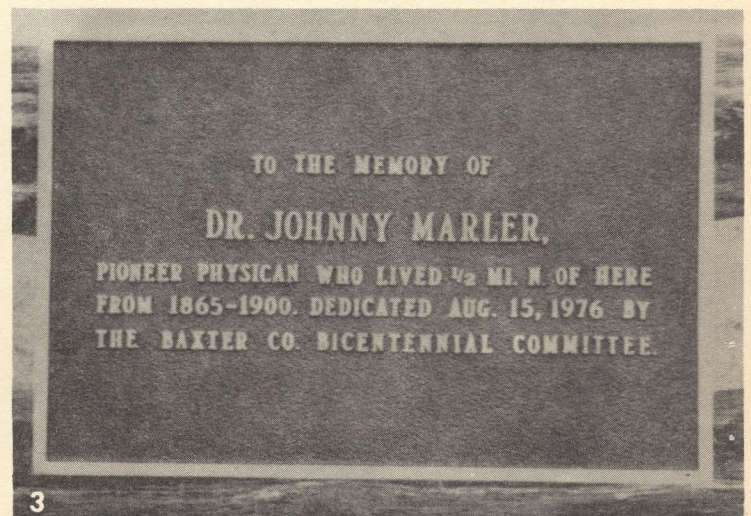
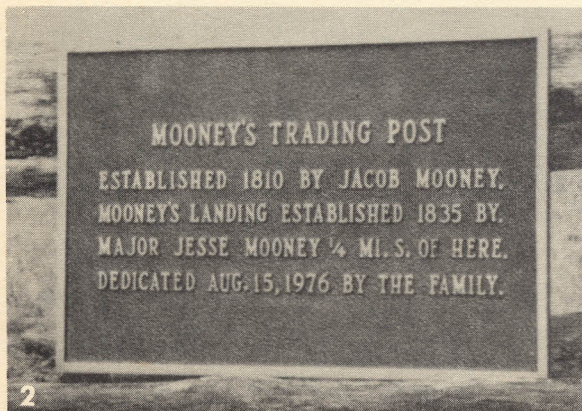
5. Well without well house, on 62 N.E. near Community Center. (H.M.K.)

6. Well with well house, on 62 N.E. near Community Center. (H.M.K.)

7. Baxter County Society's entry in Baxter County Fair Parade. Photo by Hazen Bonow.

Offset printing by our member, W. Robert Bell.





ANGLIN - WILLIAMS - MOONEY

BICENTENNIAL FAMILY REUNION

by

Mary Ann Messick

Beginning with the American Music Festival in September of 1975, it has seemed to me that each and every event of the Baxter County Bicentennial Celebration was bigger and better than anything I'd ever seen before. I kept asking myself, "Can this fabulous string of luck continue? Will the next event be a flop?"

But our string of hits kept on. The Pilgrim's Rest Baptist Church Christmas Pageant, which I wrote, was according to the viewers "the best program they'd ever seen." May 1 came the opening of the Wolf House and those who had worked so hard literally basked in the warmth of the glowing praise. Despite that old fashioned cloud burst type rain the night of July 3, "Through the Windows of the Wolf House" was presented on time at the Norfolk gym and I said to myself, "Surely this has got to be the crowning glory of our Bicentennial effort."

It wasn't, because the next day my church topped their attendance goal of 200 (205 to be exact) for the 200th birthday of our good old USA. With this illustrious string of successes behind me, I cautiously eyed the calendar as the weekend of August 13 approached. That was the time we had set aside for our Anglin-Mooney-Williams family reunion. And learning on August 9th that the memorial markers we were supposed to dedicate on August 15 would not be here did nothing to calm my fears. Then almost before I knew it, August 13 was here and the happiest, most memorable weekend of my life unfolded.

There is no way I can adequately put into words the depth and beauty of my feelings during that time when I was surrounded by such a great host of kinfolks. It was as if we were locked in our own little world. What we did, what we thought, what we said was not for ourselves, but for each other--for all of us. The cares and responsibilities of our regular, everyday life were set aside for that short time as we relished each moment we spent together. Since the reunion, I have talked with others who reflected my feelings. Effie Reed said she really wasn't physically able to attend the reunion, but was glad she did, and if it shortened her life-- it was worth it. Clima Mooney called after everybody had left, just wanting to talk about the reunion--to relive the happy time. Mary Nell Crownover brought me a pot of beautiful white chrysanthemums as a small token of her appreciation for my work in helping put the reunion together.

We have had family reunions before, but not on this grandiose scale. We are eight generations away from Jacob Mooney, the one person who ties us all together. For the reunion the family came from the east coast to the west coast; from South Dakota to Mexico. Ages 3 weeks to 90 years of age. I suppose Gene Mooney summed it up correctly when he paraphrased the Merle Haggard song "The roots of my raisings, the roots of Jacob Mooney, run deep."

ANGLIN - WILLIAMS - MOONEY BICENTENNIAL REUNION cont.

Last summer when John Ocil Anglin and his wife, Mildred, were visiting Mother and me, Ocil asked if I thought we could have a family reunion for the Bicentennial. In Arkansas we have reunions at the drop of a hat so I said, "You bet." The reunion was set for August 13-15 at the Pavilion, Bull Shoals State Park and to climax on the 15th when we dedicated the Mooney family marker (which we purchased) and the Dr. Marler Bicentennial Committee marker. The dedication and dinner was to be at the site of the old Monney's Landing on White River, near the Valley Fly-In. The event was widely advertised, as it involved some of the oldest families in Baxter County.

The Anglin family came from Tennessee before the Civil War and settled near old Independence, Arkansas, which was located just north of where the Whiteville Telephone Exchange Building stands today on Hwy 126. Mr. Anglin had six sons--Marion, Matt, Murn, George, Mark and Miles. The Anglins are extroverts. They love to talk, visit, socialize, entertain. In general, they love the Lord, life, people and fun. Earlie Anglin, son of Marion who settled at Oakland on White River, was a talented ventriloquist. Several years ago my father, Herbert Messick, was doing some electrical work at the Western Auto Store in Mountain Home. Earlie Anglin was shopping there, as were some girls from Monkey Run who my father knew. He slipped around and put Earlie up to performing. Before long the girls were sliding their eyes toward a closed toy box that was talking to them. Earlie's funeral is the only one I was ever asked to sing at that I didn't. I think I was halfway afraid the casket would talk to me.

Walter Anglin, son of George Anglin, was one of the best talkers I ever listened to. His story about the killing of Sheriff Byler by Jesse Roper, and the murder of Colonel Hamilton was more entertaining and enthralling than any movie I've ever seen. Before his death, Walter used to visit his sister, Ella Anglin Powell, at Gassville. Ray Byrd, Ella's son-in-law, is the songleader at the Gassville Baptist Church, and he'd always ask, "Uncle Walter, would you like to say a few words?" Well, no Anglin ever turned down a chance to say a few words for the Lord. Afterwards the general comment was Walter Anglin stirred up more spirit than a dozen preachers.

In the days when the six Anglin sons all lived around Whiteville, there was a popular play party song about them. Musical talent is also a well-known Anglin trait. The most famous musical Anglin of all was the late Jack Anglin of the Johnny and Jack country music duo, who performed on the Grand Ole Opry at Nashville for many years. Another Anglin trait was marrying into the Mooney family, who also love to talk, sing, socialize and have fun.

Matt Anglin married Orlean Jane Collis. Their children were George W. Anglin who married Rosella Mooney; Linnie Mooney who married Sheriff Eugene W. Mooney and after his death, Milton Mooney; Mark who married Albertine Mooney and later Mary Lizzie

ANGLIN-WILLIAMS-MOONEY Reunion - cont.

Dilbeck Messick; Mary Leachman; Dan who married Hattie Reed; Noah, who married Ella Reed; Melvin; Maud Davis; Sarah Scott; and Lula Wright.

George Anglin married Jane White. Their children were Dan and Henry (twins); Walter, who married Maude Mooney; James, Ollie, Ada Hightower, Julia, who married Milton Mooney; Maggie. Cooper; Ella who married Jesse Powell and Rilla Hogan.

Mark Anglin's children were Ben, who married Bertie Mooney, Harvey, Charlie, Miles and Arthur.

It really isn't too unusual for that many Anglins to marry that many Mooneys when you consider the fact that the Anglin brothers all raised big families in the Whiteville-Monkey Run-Gassville area. Major Jesse Mooney had 16 children--10 of whom grew up, courted and married in the same area.

Calhoun Mooney's widow was Narcissa Jane Harvey Mooney, a well-bred, beautiful lady from Missouri who looked down her nose at most folks and declared the Anglins weren't good enough for her three lovely daughters. So what did Rosella, Albertine and Maun Mooney do? They married George, Mark, Ben and Walter Anglin. Now throw in the fact that Linnie Anglin (George's sister) married Sheriff Eugene W. Mooney (Rosella's half-uncle.) Several years after Sheriff Mooney's death in 1907, Linnie married his half-nephew, Milton Mooney, whose first wife was Julia Anglin.

To further confuse the mind, Jesse Mooney took Olivia Williams as his third wife. Shortly afterwards, his son, Clayton Mooney married Olivia's sister, Amelia Williams. Just to keep things in the family, Jesse's daughter, Martha, married Olivia and Amelia's brother, John Williams. Clayton and Amelia's oldest daughter, Lulu Mooney, married George Gray. After Amelia's death, Clayton Mooney married Mary Clemantine Erwin, George Grays' half sister. Alma Mooney (Jesse's youngest daughter) married William Alfred Messick. Bell Megee (George Gray's neice) married Henry Messick. Henry and Bell's daughter, Clima Messick, married Henry Mooney. Clima is my second cousin, Henry my third, and to cap it all off, my sister Alma Messick married Dean Franks, who is Clima's first cousin. That makes Henry and Clima's children and Alma and Dean's children cousins three ways. During the reunion we were supposed to register either in the Anglin, Mooney or Williams book. That created a slight problem for several of us--we could have registered in two or three of the books!

Several of us jumped the gun on the reunion and got in an early start by attending the concert of the Ozark Quartet at the Bull Shoals State Park on Thursday night. I was very proud to tell everybody, "Yes, the Ozark Quartet really is from Mountain Home." Palmer Foley welcomed my family and let me tell about our reunion plans. I invited everybody back to be with us at our musicale on Friday night. We had 300 approx. and I was very happy so many of the campers came back to share our happy time.

ANGLINS-WILLIAMS-MOONEY Reunion - cont.

My sisters, Leona Cheek, Alma Franks and I sang, accompanied by Dean Franks on the banjo and Bobby Carson on the fiddle. Bob Cheek, who played Jacob Mooney in the Bicentennial Pageant, did a short scene for all his "grandchildren." I had advertised that Gene Mooney, star of Merit Records would perform for us, but when we started the program he hadn't shown up. While I was singing I looked back and saw Gene -- I'd never seen him before but recognized that Mooney smile. Being the grandson of Sheriff Eugene Mooney and Linnie Anglin Mooney, Gene received a double portion of Mooney talent and charm, which he put to good use for us.

Gene was followed by Ocell, Fred and Sonny Anglin--blue grass musicians. Sonny is with the Golden State Playboys of Riverside, Ca. and has a very distinctive style of his own. Sonny performed wearing a floppy felt hat and everybody thought he was just a teenager. The next day he came down to go on the cemetery tour and I asked, "Who is that?" I didn't recognize Sonny without his hat. He has a son just about as old as I had thought he was the night before. We all told Sonny to put his hat back on. Bobby Carson and Verl Doshier of the Rainbow Valley Boys played and sang several numbers for us. Ten dozen donuts and several pots of coffee later, we adjourned the first session with Clara Bland playing the piano and C. A. Bland leading us in "Amazing Grace."

Saturday afternoon at one o'clock a large procession started out from my house to tour the family cemeteries. Our first stop was Wesley's Chapel where we placed a Confederate flag on the grave of Hugh Conley, husband of Mary Williams and father of John Conley, one of the early day directors of the People's Bank. John Conley was the deputy who was with Sheriff Eugene Mooney when he was killed on the train at Holdenville, Ok. John and Dr. Jesse Mooney, Eugene's brother, of old McGehee, I.T., brought the prisoner and Eugene's body back to Cotter, Ar. I told the group how Major Jesse Mooney and his wife, Olivia and Clayton Mooney and his wife Amelia, would have attended Hugh Conley's funeral that cold Jan. 21, 1872. No doubt Olivia played the organ while Clayton, with tears streaming down his face, sang in that wonderfully sweet voice of his, "O, Come Angel Band." No family member would be buried without the words of that old song to guide them on their way.

For many it was their first visit to the grave of Orlean Collis Anglin (Sheriff Eugene's mother-in-law). The next stop was Whiteville where we placed an American flag on the grave of PFC Freddy Reed, grandson of Emma Mooney Suggs, who was killed during the Korean War. Other relatives buried there are Bell and Emma Mooney Suggs, Ernest Mooney and old Jacob Mooney, whose grave is fenced out and lost.

A much needed rain was following us closely and seemed to hit only where we stopped. At Gassville we placed a Confederate flag on the grave of Major Jesse Mooney and an American flag on the memorial marker of Lt. Major Mooney Messick, son of Alma Mooney Messick, who was lost over the Pacific in World War II.

ANGLIN-WILLIAMS-MOONEY Reunion, cont.

Other Mooney kin there under the giant trees of paradise are Calhoun Mooney; Belle Mooney Reno, John Reno (~~her~~ father-in-law), William Alfred and Alma Mooney Messick, their son, Laurel Eugene, Olivia Williams Mooney, the infant son of Walter and Maud Mooney, Lorena Mooney Henley, Linne Anglin Mooney and infant children, Laura Martin Mooney and a host of Anglin relatives.

We beat the rain to Cotter where Mary Nell Johnson Crownover and her two year old son, Jamie, placed an American flag on the grave of Lt. Kenneth Johnson, grandson of Belle Mooney Reno, who was killed in W. W. II. Jamie didn't want to leave the flag, so I promised to bring him one to the reunion that night. I didn't forget and while the music was going on, Jamie edged closer and closer to the singers--playing the stick of his flag. About midnight that session was closed with a few words from Rev. Cecil Anglin on the second coming of Christ.

Sunday morning we attended church services at Pilgrim's Rest where the Mooney family sang, "O, Come Angel Band." Mrs. Rex Dilbeck (nee Joan Adams) dedicated the new piano bought with memorial funds in the name of Arville Lee Mooney, son of Henry and Clima Mooney, who was killed in June 1976. Joan explained her ties with the Mooney family by saying when she married Rex Dilbeck she got along with him a fine boy whose mother was Edythye Mooney Dilbeck. Following Joan's beautifully played medley of old hymns, Rev. Estel T. Grigg gave a message on Heaven, a subject we could all identify with because we felt we were being allowed just a tiny glimpse of heaven and that greatest family reunion of all. Later Estel said he really enjoyed preaching to such a happy congregation. He looked back over the crowd and saw that same Mooney smile on so many faces.

Because of the rain our dinner was served at the church and I never in all my life saw so much fried chicken. Must have been a whole flock. Kirby Conley, making his first visit to Arkansas said his brother, Bill, had told them about the bigger than life events in Arkansas and they thought he was just stretching the truth. After Sunday, Kirby is sold on Southern Hospitality!

Now came the part I had dreaded all week. Very few knew of the dreaded secret I had carried with me all through the reunion. There were no memorial markers to dedicate. I even carried a rope with me, cause I figured they'd want to hang me when they found out. I feel like the rain saved me. I explained about the markers and how it was too wet and damp now to visit the scene of the dedication, even if we had the markers. I shouldn't have worried. This was my family and they all love me, and spoil me and brag on me. When I started a family picture album to have on display, the folks let me go through their beloved pictures and pick out what I wanted. They had given generously to the marker, to the piano, to the fund for our next reunion. They had bought my books, Gene's entire supply of records, all the Baxter County Historical Society magazines containing the article about Jacob

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Mooney. And most of all they had given of their time, talent and love to make the reunion such a grand success. We voted to meet again in two years and closed with the singing of "God Be With You Til We Meet Again." Several asked for our prayers and promised to return in two years with other members of the family. Even while we were meeting a new Mooney came into the world. Gene received work that he was a grandfather.

The family members attending the reunion were John and Mildred Anglin, Posey, Ca., Pearl Anglin Paulson and Myrl Anglin Wood, Columbia, TX., Jarrel Brown, Edna, TX., Jo Anglin Roberds, Watsonville, CA., Fay Anglin Tibbs, Big Springs, TX., Cecil and Gertrude Anglin and Cecil III, San Marccs, TX., Fred and Eulah Kilgore Anglin, Oroville, CA.,

Also, Rufus Suggs, Willington, O., Juanita Anglin Killips, Vine Grove, KY., Sonny Anglin, Riverside, CA., Mr. and Mrs. M.D. Anglin and sons, Berryville, AR., Virgil and Carmen Hogan, Muskogee, OK., Mary Anglin Monroe, Mountain View, MO., Willis and Juanita Anglin Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Owens and Marlo Ore., Kansas City, MO., Daniel and Edna Avleen Leachman Matthews, Lewisville, TX.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leachman and Mary Lynn, Dallas, TX., R. B. and Cubia Leachman Mann, Wheeler, Tx., Kim Eastin, Lompoc, CA., Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Anglin, Wheeler, TX., Ted and Fanchion Reno, Grove, OK., Phyliss Reno Barr, Bartlesville, OK., Major and Cleda Farmer, Amarillo, TX.

Also, Charles Sr. and Alfa Messick Tilton, Diamond City, AR., Charles Jr. and Nancy Coleman Tilton and Christopher Charles, Western Grove, AR., Gene Mooney, Tulsa, OK., Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Mooney, Belle Fourches, S. D., Zoe Mooney Bradley, Bethesda, Md., Lowell C. Mooney, Montrey, Mexico, Mrs. Floyd Mooney and Winfred, Piedmont, S. D.

Also, Shirley Smith, Fayetteville, AR., Mr. and Mrs. Gus Gray, John and Ann, Stratford, OK., Gus and Margery Gray, Roy and Jaunell Gray, Zah and Jeremy, and George Ann Gray, Stratford, OK., Monta Messick Stone, Ava, MO., Adele Hamer Conley, Hot Springs, CA., J. W. Conley, Yucapia, CA., Mr. and Mts. Kirby Conley, Okla. City, OK.,

Also, Ella Anglin Powell, Ray and Maye Powell Byrd, Bob and Reba Byrd Casteel, Misty Haley, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mooney, Jessie Mooney Smith, Gertrude Mooney, Miles and Henry Anglin, Mary Ann and Esta Mae Messick, Marvey and June Dilbeck, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Smith and James Ward, Bill, Quida and Doug Johnson, Jess Jr., Mary Nell Johnson Crownover, Marsha and Jamie, Larry and Donna Johnson Powell and Jeremy, Beatrice Messick Bradford, Bob and Leona Messick Cheek, Mariona and Airl, Dean and Alma Messick Franks, Leonard and Ruby Suggs Crownover, Theodore and Effie Suggs Reed, David and Nadine Reed Tucker, Dedra Tucker Selzer, Scott and Reed Tucker, and Debbie, Kathy and Allen Franks, all of Baxter County.

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At this writing we are still looking for the memorial markers. When they come we will have a formal dedication and I promised to send all the folks a picture of the markers. Mrs. Ella Anglin Powell at 90 was the oldest at the reunion and Christopher Charles Tilton at 3 weeks was the youngest. Pearl Anglin Paulson at 81 was the oldest of the Anglin-Mooney grandchildren; and Mrs. Adele Conley at 85 was the oldest who came the fartherest. Adele came back in 1975 with her son, Bill, for Decoration Services at Wesley's Chapel. She said she didn't think she'd ever be up to making the trip again, so we were all very surprised and happy to see her. Lowell Mooney said the first time he saw Adele Conley, she was the prettiest woman he'd ever laid his eyes on--and she hadn't changed one bit. In her white pants suit and curly white hair, she was a picture of a true California beauty.

I don't suppose that anything this side of Heaven will bring me as much happiness as did that weekend at Bull Shoals State Park. To me that is one of the most beautiful places this side of Heaven and I thank the State of Arkansas and Park Ranger and Mrs. Harlan Peirson for helping make our reunion such a wondrousul experience! We were the talk of the camp for flying the "Rebel" flag but we figured we had the right to fly the colors of Hugh Conley, Major Jesse Mooney and Capt. Clayton Mooney -- especially in view of the fact that so many of the descendants have proudly served the Stars and Stripes and several have given their life for America. The comment most heard from our visitors was: "This reunion - this is what the Bicentennial is all about."

Mary Ann Messick

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P. S. Good News. The little two and one-half pound granddaughter born to Gene Mooney's daughter during the family reunion now weighs over five pounds and is getting to be quite a big girl. She visited with her grandparents at Tulsa last weekend and they report she is a little doll! Maybe we'll all get to meet her at the reunion in 1978. Mary Ann Messick

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I hope you won't look at your quarterly too critically this time as about half of it was typed with one leg in a cast - not the ideal stenographers pose! O.K.

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"It doesn't matter if you are on the right track - if you just sit there you will still get run over." Annon.

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Seventh in a series of articles on cemeteries in Baxter County, Arkansas by D. Garvin Carroll

TRIMBLE FLATS CEMETERY

This cemetery is located approximately one fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) mile South of Highway No. 178, entering the City of Lakeview from the East, in the Western part of Baxter County, Arkansas.

This cemetery when surveyed contained 65 market gravestones and 35 unmarked. The inscriptions were copied by D. Garvin Carroll.

Following are a few of the inscriptions found here:

NAME	BORN	DIED
Homer Festus Hodges	Nov. 16, 1911	Nov. 28, 1971
Rev. J. A. Hodges	Sept. 9, 1887	Sept. 11, 1975
James Daniel Pruitt	Mar. 29, 1883	Dec. 17, 1954
There were five unmarked stones South from this marker		
William W. King	June 3, 1854	Feb. 5, 1941
Mattie King	Sept. 19, 1870	Mar. 22, 1936
Victor E. King	Feb. 9, 1885	Sept. 20, 1934
Martha M. Wife and Children of W. W. King	Sept, 9, 1859	July 2, 1912
(Five unmarked stones, believed to be that of King Children are in line with this stone)		
SGT. William L. Aylor (Co. F 8 ARK INF GSA)	NO DATES	
Mother Celia Ann Aylor	1840	1901
John P. Son of W. L. and C. A. Aylor	Feb. 20, 1873	Apr. 20, 1873
J. N. Trimble	June 2, 1841	Mar. 18, 1891
Mary Wife of J. N. Trimble	Mar. 25, 1834	Mar. 13, 1879
Elva Trimble Dau. of John N. and Mary Trimble	July 31, 1851	July 30, 1874
John N. Son of A. C. and Josie Trimble	Sept. 15, 1881	Oct. 20, 1881
"PAPA" Ullis G. Carothers	1885	1968
Etta Byrd At Rest	1895	1915
Hogan McNeil At Rest	1881	1913
Susan McNeil At Rest	1860	1905
James F. McNeil At Rest	1858	1903
Infant of J. F. and Susan McNeil Resting	No Dates	
Two unmarked stones	No Dates	
Mollie McNeil	July 14, 1877	Oct, 3, 1958
William F. McNeil	July 7, 1879	June 6, 1948