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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

For those of you who have been wondering what happened to your editor and why the journal has been so long coming!

First of all I changed jobs thinking that I would have more time to devote to things such as this but that was not to be the case.

Just two weeks after moving over to the Fisherman's Cove as a retail clerk with a little over half day shifts I was made manager and responsibilities increased to seven days a week.

As many of you know I had been playing at writing a book on Baxter County Churches Past and Present. Suddenly I found that Denver Roller and the Roller Funeral Home was willing to stand the expense of printing excerpts from the manuscript in a sixty page booklet to be given away at the opening of the new funeral home this summer.

This required that I prepare fifty six pictures of active churches, in the county, and write a two hundred word history on each. This doesn't sound like much on the surface until it is all added up to become 11,000 words of copy made camera ready to the printer.

To make a long story short the book is at the printers and everything seems to be going great. It did get finished and on time after all.

For those that would like to have a free copy it will be necessary for you to attend the grand opening of the funeral home which will probably be in July sometime.

For those that would like a copy for your library you can contact the Society through me and I will be happy to send you a copy. It is my understanding that the Historical Society is ordering 500 copies at a printing cost of around sixty five cents per copy. Copies there fore will have to cost \$1.00 which will include handling and postage.

Back to my sad tale - my wife's father became ill and that caused the usual running to see if everything was alright during his stay in the hospital.

Finally while doing some packaging at the tackle store I managed to put a fish hook into the middle finger of my right hand. This plays heck with the typing.

Anyway I promise four issues this year, sometime, partially timed on the availability of material and lead stories of which I am completely out.

PROGRESS OF THE BAXTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Hazen Bonow, Historian

December 5th, 1978 - We ended the year with a delicious pot-luck Christmas dinner attended by 30 members. During the dinner Ernest Grassel played his tape of records of the 1920's and 1930's.

After dinner, Mr. Grassel narrated and played his tape of the history of radio. There was "Singing Sam" the barbasol man. Harry Snodgrass on the piano at Ft. Leavenworth Prison. A player piano played "3 O'Clock in the Morning". In 1926 country and western ballad with Vernon Delhart's "Prison Song". Amos and Andy with their "Fresh Air Taxi Company" and the "Kingfish".

The first crooner (1920) was Rudy Valee "Your Time is My Time". The second crooner was Bing Crosby with "When the Blue of the Night Meets the Gold of the Day".

the first female singer was Kate Smith with "When the Moon Comes Over the Mountain". There was the comedian Baron Muchauser and Lucky Strike auctioneer L. S. M. F. T.

In 1920 Fanny Brice sang "My Man" and in 1930 she was Baby Snooks.

In 1935 came the Hit Parade which ran for twenty years. Other songs were "When I Grow Too Old to Dream"--Frank Sinatra, Kay Keyser on Wednesday evenings with "Thinking of You" and Jesse Crawford's organ music like "Valencia".

Then came the late shows of mystery--"Witching Hour", Whistler's Lights Out" and "The Shadow Knows".

A bit of soap opera was played. "The Goldberts", "Young Widow Brown" and "John's Other Wife".

W. L. S. and W. E. N. R. shared the same wave length so they took turns on the air. Their programs ended with Frank Westfall's "When You Come to the End of the Day". This also ended our enjoyable program which brought back many memories.

January 2nd, 1979 - Meeting cancelled because of the weather.

February 6th, 1979 - Meeting cancelled because of the weather.

March 7th, 1979 - This was a "Show and Tell" program for members to bring heirlooms and tell their history. Our Vice President Quinby Smith started the program by showing a photo of his father and two friends with a thirty eight pound catfish they caught in 1933. He had a Belgium made 12 guage shotgun, both barrel choke, which was his father's. There was a silver dog on one side and the name T. Parker on it.

Alice May King had a school bell which her father used when teaching school in Henderson and other near-by communities. She and her sister made so much noise playing with it her mother removed the clapper and hid it - it was never found.

Hazen Bonow had a picture of her grandparents and their family taken in 1880; also one of her grandmother's parents which hung on their wall. (Their birthdates were 1811 and 1813.) She showed an old violin (Fiddle). When her father was a boy her granddad gave him a sick pig to care for. If it got well he could sell it but instead of selling when he had fattened it, he traded it for the fiddle. Recently a violin maker said the instrument was very old but in excellent condition.

Olive Knight showed some china that belonged to her parents. A Bavarian cup and saucer and a celery dish were among their wedding gifts in 1895.

Howard Knight had a ceramic Boston bulldog. He didn't know its history although it was treasured by his parents as it always had a prominent place on top of their piano.

Paul Harris showed a counterpane (coverlet) hand made of flax by his great grandmother. He also had pictures of his great grandmother and grandparents. He was fortunate to have known three grandmothers.

Ernest Grassel's mother made a curiosity jug in 1890, which he showed. She made it from a bottle, covered it with clay and put many small treasures and mementoes in the clay, then gilded it. A large marble was on top.

Mary Ellen Boatright had an old soda bottle from Wales which contained a marble. The marble would rise to the top and seal it when the carbonation was added. She also showed an instrument carried by the miners which had a light inside. This light would go out if the air was unfit to breath. They had originally used a canary for this purpose.

Bud Boatright had two of his father's tools used for making spokes for wagon wheels. He also stated the house they leased in Wales was 300 years old and still in excellent condition.

Alice Marbury showed a lovely blue and white china sugar bowl which came from her great grandmother, Catherine Bell, from Holland. It was given to her grandmother, then her mother and it now belongs to Alice.

Henrietta Gillman had, among her heirlooms, a beautiful small blue glass pitcher and a dish she won when a child. She also had her greatgrandmother's picture along with her old spelling and autograph books. There was also an interesting old encyclopedia and a handmade doll's garment made by her mother.

Helen Wessendorf had a beautiful scarf made by her mother who came from Austria. It had a motto in German embroidered in blue.

Zella Wolf showed a pair of bells which were on the lead team of mules her grandfather drove on his freight route. He drove to Bakersfield the first day then on to West Plains. A favorite eating stop was owned by a Chinaman he called "Chink". His favorite dish was rabbit stew. One day he thought the stew was exceptionally good and asked, "Where do you get such good rabbit?" Answer, "I just go out the back door and call--Kitty! Kitty!"

NINTH IN A SERIES OF ARTICLES ON CEMETERIES IN
BAXTER COUNTY. THE GAMALIEL CEMETERY

By D. Garvin Carroll

This cemetery is about one quarter mile west of highway 101.
Turn about one block, to the left, after passing the Gamaliel
Post Office.

<u>BEAN</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>BORN</u>	<u>DIED</u>
	A. F. Bean	Aug. 30, 1857	Jan. 14, 1923
	Clara M. Bean	1906	1967
	Clarance Bean	1925	1965
	Mrs. Effie Jane Benn	no dates	no dates
	Leman Bean	Jan. 9, 1939	Jan. 11, 1939 1939
	Leon Bean	June 2, 1940	Mar. 28, 1948
	Euther Bean	Dec. 19, 1900	Feb. 12, 1923
	Mary E. Bean	Aug. 14, 1874	Nov. 27, 1924
	Nellie M. Bean	1919	1967
	Ola Bean	Aug. 8, 1912	July 27, 1921
	Ratio R. Bean	1904	
	Roy Bean	Aug. 25, 1896	Oct. 3, 1918
	Zack Bean	1883	1965
<u>BOAZ</u>			
	Dora L. Boaz	1867	1949
	Robert W. Boaz	1863	1939
<u>BRADBURY</u>			
	Bertha Marie Bradbury	81 yrs. 1 mo. 20 da.	Mar. 12, 1956
<u>BROWN</u>			
	Wm. W. Brown	1902	1968
<u>CHOATE</u>			
	Lawrence A. Choate	May 25, 1906	Oct. 26, 1958
<u>COBBLE</u>			
	Eula B. Cobble	1895	1966
	Oma Cobble	1909	
<u>CONRIN</u>			
	Joseph D. Conrin	Dec. 26, 1882	Jan. 8, 1883
<u>CHILDREN OF D. F. & IDA COWART</u>			
	Sepearl Cowart	6, 1891	18, 1895
	Robert Cowart	Nov. 28, 18--	Nov. 17, 1886
	Emmer Cowart	July 29, 188-	-----x-----
<u>CRAWFORD</u>			
	Ada Bean Crawford	Nov. 24, 1893	Nov. 16, 1916
	Harold Dean Crawford	no date	no date
	Ethel Crawford	1895	1954
	Joe Crawford	1898	1958
	Infant son of Joe & Ethel Crawford	--	--
	Joe Mitchell Crawford (PFC)	Dec. 7, 1922	Jul. 11, 1944
	T. Eveline Crawford	1872	1951
	Wm. Thomas Crawford	1876	1951

DAVIDSON

Claude M. Davidson	1919	1956
Dan Davidson (infant)	no date	no date
Ellen Davidson	1882	1958
Frank Davidson	1901	1965
John Ray Davidson	no date	no date
John T. Davidson	1884	1950
Lillie Davidson	1889	1962
Tom M. Davidson	Apr. 8, 1922	Oct. 3, 1956
Virgie Davidson	1924	
W. R. Davidson	1894	1956
W. T. Davidson	Dec. 15, 1856	May 15, 1923

DAVIS

Helen Marie Davis	Dec. 19, 1934	Jan. 20, 1935
Nova Davis	1905	1967

DEVOE

Gerald DeVoe (son of V. C. & F. A. Felton)	Jan. 12, 1917	Mar. 25, 1917
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DOBBS

Rickey Dean Dobbs		14 days old
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DOUGHERTY

John Dougherty (Co. A, 6 NY Inf.	no date	no date
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EDGERS

John Edgers (Infant)	no date	no date
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EASLEY

Pincey Idela McFarland Easley	Mar. 17, 1895	Mar. 24, 1960
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FELTON

Annie Felton	1873	1954
John C. Felton	1865	1931

GEORGE

Bertha A. George	1894	
E. N. George	Feb. 20, 1848	Mar. 16, 1921
Joe George	Jan. 15, 1878	Apr. 16, 1932
J. W. George	Jan. 15, 1882	May 3, 1909
Luther O. George	1887	1964
= Melinda E. George	Mar. 4, 1853	Aug. 1, 1920

GIBSON

Squire Newton Gibson	Nov. 26, 1906	Mar. 23, 1908
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GOATCHER

Homer T. Goatcher	1892	1951
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GRAHAM

Billy Graham	no date	no date
Clarence W. Graham	Jul. 2, 1900	Feb. 12, 1931
Lillie Graham	no date	no date
W. F. Graham	no date	no date
Everett Graham (infant)	no date	no date

HARGRAVE

Isaac P. Hargrave	1862	1936
Margaret K. Hargrave		1868(only date)
Orion Hargrave	Jan. 12, 1889	Oct. 18, 1891
Ralph A. Hargrave	Nov. 29, 1891	Nov. 23, 1892
Zein Hargrave	Age--2 years	Aug. 11, 1888

HENDERSON

J. F. Henderson	Jul. 16m 1854	no date
M. F. Henderson	Dec. 30, 1853	Jul. 16, 1934

HENSON

Robert M. Henson	Aug. 1, 1828	Sep. 17, 1921
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HICKS

Maude J. Hicks	Jan. 20, 1818	Apr. 7, 1900
Sara A. Hicks	Oct. 12, 1885	Nov. 10, 1911

HOOPER

Charles Howard Hooper	1896	1962
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HUGHES

Mrs. A. B. Hughes	no date	no date
A. B. Hughes	Jul. 10, 1882	Mar. 22, 1902
Betty Hughes	Dec. 9, 1861	Jul. 29, 1937
Allie Hughes	1887	1958
B. T. Hughes	Sep. 29, 1868	Dec. 13, 1881
Enoch B. Hughes	1889	1962
H. B. Hughes	Nov. 6, 1854	Apr. 25, 1873
John C. Hughes	Jan 24, 1852	Jan. 16, 1922
T. J. Hughes	1860	1874
W. Tram Hughes	1884	1954

JAMES

B. M. James	no date	no date
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JOHNSON

John W. Johnson	1870	1923
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KANE

Randall J. Kane	Sep. 27, 1955	Aug. 16, 1960
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KEEVER

Edgar E. Keever	1883	1954
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KESNER

B. M. Kesner	Sep. 5, 1834	Aug. 26, 1863
J. M. Kesner	Aug. 15, 1859	Jun. 20, 1939
Tabetha Kesner	Apr. 1, 1862	Nov. 13, 1893

KIRKLAND

Billy Wayne Kirkland	Oct. 15, 1934	Aug. 3, 1958
Claudia Kirkland	1890	
Dorothy Bean Kirkland (infant)	no date	no date
J. S. Kirkland	Jan. 19, 1876	Aug. 16, 1898
Lou Kirkland	no date	no date
M. A. Kirkland	Sep. 10, 1850	Jan. 16, 1904
Newt Kirkland	1884	1954
W. N. Kirkland	Sep. 1, 1905	Sep. 9, 1909
Z. R. Kirkland	Aug. 27, 1848	Mar. 7, 1902

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MCGUIRE FAMILY HISTORY

By: Lynn McGuire & Adolph McGuire

The oldest family member that we have been able to find is James McGuire who was born in the State of Tennessee in 1827. The names of his father and mother are unknown but the 1880 census shows that they were also born in Tennessee. He died at Three Brothers, Arkansas February 20, 1889. His grave at Reed Grove Cemetery on Canna Baker Road, Mountain Home, Arkansas is the oldest marked grave in that cemetery. Just why he was not buried closer to Three Brothers is also unknown. We feel that the responsibility for burial fell on his step-son and the choice was left up to him. We have been told that the balance of the family was ill with typhoid fever.

He had four or five brothers but the family was split up by the civil war, some fighting for the Union Army and some for the Confederate Army.

There is some reason to believe that he was a conscientious objector to the war. This causing him to leave Tennessee and his family. No further contact was ever made with his family.

His first marriage was to Ellen Crownover. The date is unknown. The children of this marriage were Isaac and possibly two daughters born after Isaac. Their names are unknown.

When Isaac was three years old - 1862 and 1863 James homesteaded forty acres between Cotter and Mooney Landing. This information comes from the memory of Isaac. This would be during the civil war period 1861-1865.

The aftermath of "carpet baggers" and "bush whackers" made him so miserable and being an objector to the war made him subject to both and fearing for the safety of his family he moved away in 1865 or 1866 going to Licking, Missouri. Why there remains a mystery. Evidently he was only there for a short time. While there both daughters died from causes unknown and he lost his wife Ellen who died from concussion due to a fall on the ice. The location of their graves are unknown.

Isaac recalled that he was about 13 years old when they returned to Sidney, Arkansas. It would seem that he returned there to find a family atmosphere for him and his son.

His wife had a brother named Dan Crownover who had a son named Allen, a daughter named Sarah and another daughter whose name is not known. These daughters married men by the name of Carpenter. There has been some contact with them through the years. This family has a striking resemblance to the McGuire's. Sarah had a boy that looked enough like Isaac McGuire to be his twin and a daughter that favored Levada, a daughter of Isaac born in 1904. All are prematurely grey and all are tall people. Isaac spoke of Allen and Sarah as childhood chums.

Here we leave the story of James McGuire to develop the other facets of the family.

Nancy M. Prather was born December 1845 and died in May 1923. She is buried at the Conley Cemetery four miles northwest and a half mile north of Mountain Home. She was born in Kentucky as well as her parents. As her first marriage she married Charles Bennett January 18, 1866.

Nothing is known of Charles Bennett except that two children were born of the marriage. A son John William Bennett and Sarah Thomas Bennett. Nothing further is known of the Prather family. Charles Bennett died December 18, 1870 probably at or near Sidney, Arkansas. The cemetery where he is buried is unknown.

James McGuire married Nancy M. Prather Bennett December 11, 1873. There were two children born of this marriage. Mary Alice McGuire born June 21, 1875, died March 18, 1879 and Lewelin McGuire born July 31, 1884, died October 11, 1886. The cemetery in which they are buried is unknown.

The 1880 census places this combined family in Sharp County, Arkansas but in recording family data the census taker made some obvious errors. The step-children who were children of Charles and Nancy Bennett are shown under the last name of McGuire and give the state of birth of father and mother as Kentucky which is correct information for their natural father and mother. Sarah's name was spelled Sharah. The correct middle name of Thomas is shown. Why she had a boy's name as a middle name is not known and as far as we know she did not either. She did use this name on correspondence.

The census lists a grand-son and a grand-daughter. Both were born in Arkansas and the census claims their father was born in Missouri. Their names were James and Jannie Crowder. No member of the present family recall the Crowder children. To the present family's knowledge neither William Bennett, Sarah McGuire or Isaac McGuire ever made reference to them, although, Isaac was age 18, Sarah age 12 and William age 10 at the time of this census.

There are at least three possibilities of explanation:

1. James McGuire had a daughter and these children were the result of her marriage to a Crowder. This seems to fit in that the father was born in Missouri. Some family tragedy caused James to come in possession of the children.
2. They were possibly some one else's children and the census taker listed them as members of the family.
3. They could have been orphans that James and Nancy "accumulated" somewhere along the way.

Isaac's age was incorrectly shown as 18. As he was born November 14, 1860 he should have been shown as twenty at the time of this census. Marriage records show that Isaac and Sarah married three years later in 1883 - Isaac was 23 and Sarah 15.

In February or March 1887 (Sarah was pregnant with her first born Charles born October 8, 1887) Isaac McGuire homesteaded 160 acres at Three Brothers, Arkansas. The exact location is in the curve, on the left, east of the present home of Jim O'Brian and to the immediate rear of the present residence of Charles Gooch.

Ten of the twelve children born to Isaac and Sarah were born on this homestead. Will Bennett came with his mother and step-father James, the two natural children born of this marriage had died as previously discussed.

We are not certain that James and Nancy homesteaded. They lived across the road west of Isaac and Sarah.

Isaac was a master story teller and enjoyed "spining yarns" to his grand children so what is said now may be fact or fancy but has been ingrained in the writers all their life as fact.

He told the story of the lynching on "Nigger Knob". A colored man was hanged on this hill - hence the name. The body was left hanging. Isaac's neighbor, a man by the name of Lord, (who also had a large family of ten or twelve children) found the body after it had fallen and was leaning against a tree. This scared the wits out of him and he talked about it a lot. Isaac said that he found one of the shoes later. He could describe the hanging tree with great detail. His son, Adolph, found this tree before Isaac died. It was on the slope to the west, of medium size, with a large limb hanging to the west. Isaac verified that it had to be the tree. However, Adolph cannot find it now and thinks it has been destroyed.

Reportedly there is a cave full of silver in the Three Brothers Hills. When you find it there will be a large flat rock near the entrance on which is carved a figure of an indian with drawn bow and arrow. The arrow points to the entrance of the cave. There is a living spring near by.'

There was a civil war skirmish fought at Boulder Flats. Isaac described the location as about where Highway 5 and Highway 202 junction just north of Three Brothers. He claimed to have found a cannon ball and a number of musket balls there. This was probably a patrol action as the result of Union troops checking out the gun powder manufacturing in the area. It could have been an attack on the Old Salt Road that came up Possum Walk or Possum Creek at that time.

BACK TO THE FAMILY

A short while after James' death Nancy was courted, by mail, by a Mr. W. B. Boss of Sidney, Arkansas. They had known each other apparently when each were raising families in that area. He proposed marriage and she accepted. They obtained their marriage license in Mountain Home and were married January 8, 1888.

W. B. Boss' first wife was named Elizabeth J. She was born June 5, 1829 and died March 22, 1888.

Hettie Boss was a child of his first marriage and we know there was at least another daughter who married a Lassiter and had a son named R. A. Lassiter born September 25, 1881. There was a son, name unknown, who died single.

Hettie Boss came to Mountain Home with her father.

Just what happened to James and Nancy's property is Three Brothers is unknown at this time. We do know that a man by the name of "Big Foot" Johnson lived on the place after Nancy joined her new husband in a new home.

W. B. Boss bought the eighty acres where Guy King and his sons have their sand and gravel operation on Highway 5 North of Mountain Home, about four miles, giving \$300 for it. He built a frame house south of the walnut trees that still stand and moved his family there. The family consisted of his daughter Hettie, William Bennett his step-son and new wife Nancy Prather Bennett McGuire Boss. There were no children born to this marriage.

This property ultimately came into the writer's immediate family in 1938 when my father, Harvey L. McGuire, purchased it from Hettie Boss, the only surviving Boss heir, for \$600.

When W. B. Boss died in 1911 he was buried at Conley Cemetery. The three six foot tombstones on the north side of the cemetery and about one hundred feet from the Conley Road are the grave sites of W. B. Boss, Nancy Boss and Nancy's sister Melinda Anderson. The Anderson's had made some money trading property. He left home one day and was never seen or heard of again. She came to live with her sister and due to a fall was an invalid for many years before her death.

W. B. Boss' death left Nancy with her son William and his daughter Hettie. Upon Nancy's death in May 1923 at the age of 78 this left step-brother and step-sister living together the rest of their lives. Neither ever married. Many ladies, still living in Baxter County, first job was as house keeper for them. One house keeper, Gladys Hargraves, daughter of Marcus Hargraves, married Isaac McGuire's son Edgar while working there.

W. B. Boss was an astute business man and William Bennett, his step son, learned his lessons well for he became one of the wealthiest men in the area.

THE TWELVE CHILDREN OF ISAAC AND SARAH MCGUIRE AND THEIR DECENDANTS.

CHARLES A. MCGUIRE - Born October 8, 1887 on the Three Brothers homestead. He presently lives in Lincoln, Nebraska where he has lived for years. He was a State of Nebraska bee inspector before he retired. He married Callie Boatman from Mountain Home. There were three children born to first marriage. A daughter Rubye Greenwood, Route #4, Centrailia, Missouri. She has twin sons that were born in 1939. Floyd McGuire, deceased, who had two girls, one son and a step son. Ralph McGuire, 1035 S. 32nd Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

After a brief teaching career he became the Rural Route #1 mail carrier at Mountain Home. He used a team for carrying the mail which he left, every evening, at a barn he had rented from the Pace's on the north side of town. He then rode a horse to and from his home which was to the immediate south of his parents property.

His home burned one evening before he had come home so his wife went to Hugo, Oklahoma to be with her parents. He soon traded his property to Will Bennett to join her. After his separation from his wife he and the children moved to Lincoln, Nebraska, after a brief stay in Cheyenne, Wyoming, where he obtained employment installing stokers in homes.

ALBERT G. MCGUIRE - Born February 9, 1890 on the Three Brothers homestead. He died August 6, 1952 as the result of a heart attack while driving his automobile.

He married Lena Byers. A son was born of this marriage and named Carl. He served in World War II and was reported killed in action. However, this report proved to be in error.

Albert was a veteran of Navy service in World War I.

He was divorced from Lena Byers and he married Ruth Hayes. There were no children of this marriage and it ended in divorce. He then married Coy Smith and there were no children of this marriage.

He is buried in the Mountain Home Cemetery in the same plot with William Bennett and Hettie Boss.

WILLIAM ARTHUR MCGUIRE - Born November 8, 1891 at the Three Brothers homestead. He died a single man in France while serving with the American Expeditionary Forces. He died of measles and double pneumonia June 3, 1918. His body was returned at the family's request and he is buried in Mountain Home Cemetery.

His death and burial established the Mountain Home Cemetery as gravesites for many members of the family. We think that the Army instructions were interpreted to say that they (the Army) would purchase the burial site and pay the other expenses. Grave sites at rural cemeteries were generally free so did not meet this requirement.

MARY ELIZABETH MCGUIRE WOLF - Born November 8, 1891 at the Three Brothers homestead. She died from complications of child birth March 16, 1917 at Shawnee, Oklahoma.

She married Russell Littlefield Wolf of Mountain Home October 11, 1913. There were two children of this marriage, Eva Irene Wolf, born December 12, 1914 at Mountain Home, Arkansas and Kenton Hartford Wolf born March 1, 1917 at Shawnee, Oklahoma. He died March 3, 1917.

Russell Littlefield Wolf was born January 23, 1892 at Waco, Texas. He died July 1, 1931 at Rockport, Texas.

Eva Irene Wolf married John Milton Brewer November 18, 1934. John Milton Brewer was born November 6, 1902 and died October 20., 1955 at Poorpack, California. He is buried at the Pilgrim Rest Cemetery in the Monkey Run Community.

Eva Wolf Brewer married Ben Sanford January 19, 1959. Ben Sanford was born May 23, 1902 at Mountain Home. He died May 1979 at Ventura, California.

Some of the writer's more pleasant experiences, while growing up, were from association with Johnny Brewer. On warm week ends after school on Friday afternoon's I would go to their home in the Whiteville community and assist in butchering a hog. After cooling all night and getting the sausage ground we would "peddle" the meat in Gassville and Cotter on Saturday morning. Then if the weather was good we would go to the mouth of Howard Creek, using Clyde Bryant's boat trotline fish until about Sunday noon.

EARNEST MCGUIRE - Born May 11, 1895 at the Three Brothers homestead. He died in Conway, Arkansas, March 31, 1978 as the result of blood clots requiring amputation of his leg.

He married Eva Turney and they adopted a daughter named Sarah.

He graduated from Hendrix College in Conway and was a school administrator at Booneville, Pine Bluff and Conway, Arkansas.

He was a veteran of World War I, serving with the Army.

During his teaching career he gardened extensively and raised turkeys. After retirement he opened a fast food restaurant in Conway.

ROY L. MCGUIRE - Born October 2, 1897 on the Three Brothers homestead. He died March 28, 1923, single, while a student at Hendrix College. Cause of death, was measles and other complications.

ROSA A. MCGUIRE MILLER - Born December 6, 1899 at the Three Brothers homestead and presently lives at Plummerville, Arkansas. She married John Miller of Mountain Home. He died at Plummerville in the spring of 1978.

Children of this marriage were five sons; Lester, Lowell, Dale, Royce and Ronald. Six daughters; Marjorie, a daughter that died an infant, Frances, Venita, Pauline and Joyce who was a twin to Royce.

There is a striking resemblance between Rosa and her mother Sarah both in looks and mannerisms. Both very gentle warm persons whose generosity knew no end and love of family coming first.

HARVEY L. MCGUIRE - Born March 14, 1902 at the Three Brothers homestead. He died in the Marion County Hospital at Yellville, Arkansas December 17, 1964. Cause of death was uremic poisoning.

He married Hope Baker in 1923 and the children of this marriage were Lynn, Mountain Home, Arkansas (writer of this history), Dean, Mountain Home, Arkansas, Jay of Concord, California, a deceased infant son and Phyllis June McGuire Waggoner of Rantoul, Illinois.

Lynn McGuire was born March 6, 1924 on Conley Road about one mile north of the Conley Cemetery.

He married Willene Tipton, December 11, 1943 at Tyler, Texas where he was serving in the Army at nearby Camp Fannin during World War II.

Children of this marriage are Lynnette McGuire Speck of Dayton, Nevada and William Harvey McGuire of San Ramon, California.

The children of Lynnette McGuire Speck are a son Shawn and a daughter Lora.

William Harvey McGuire has a daughter named Christi.

Due to recall to active duty with the Army during the Korean Conflict Lynn McGuire moved his family from Mountain Home where he was city mail carrier to Pittsburg, California. He went into the insurance business there in 1857 returning to the Mountain Home area in 1975.

Dean McGuire was born July 12, 1925 at Lincoln, Nebraska. Harvey took his family there to work through the summer between terms of school and to make enough ^{money} to continue his education.

Dean married Virginia Tipton McGuire, sister to Willene his brother Lynn's wife, January 11, 1947. Children of this marriage was one daughter. Katherine McGuire Lacefield born July 20, 1950. The children of her marriage to William Lacefield are one daughter DeAnna and one son Timothy. They live in Gravel Ridge, Arkansas.

Dean McGuire purchased the other heirs interests in the real estate when Harvey died. He sold to Guy King and Sons in 1976. Thus the property passed from the family after 75 years except for a brief period when Dave Byrd had possession in the early 1930's.

Dean McGuire has made a career with the Army Corps of Engineers after serving with the Army in World War II.

Jay R. McGuire was born in Mountain Home, Arkansas January 31, 1928. He lives in Concord, California. His first marriage was to Doris Halsworth of Norfolk, Arkansas and to this marriage was born two daughters, Anita Hope and Terry and one son Russell. All of his children live in Illinois.

They were divorced and he moved to California where he Married Susan Fell who had two sons by a previous marriage. Susan died of leukemia in February 1966. Jay and the sons remained together until the boys were grown. Greg Fell is now a minister in Southern California and Bill Fell is the new truck manager of a Ford automobile agency in Concord, California.

He then married Ruth Poston, a widow, who had two sons, Charles and Paul and a daughter Susan. They have since grown up are now no longer in the home.

Jay McGuire is a journeyman mechanic for the Mt. Diablo School District Transportation Department in Concord, California.

Phyllis June McGuire Waggoner was born June 30, 1934, in the little two room house that still stands on the east side of the Conley Road just north of the Conley Cemetery.

She married Billy Waggoner of Illinois and the children of this marriage were a daughter Karen and three sons Billy Jr., Darrel Lynn and Del Allen

Billy Waggoner was a career Air Force man working with radio and electronic security systems. Two of their children were born in Turkey during overseas tours of duty. He elected retirement after twenty years of service following the Vietnam War and is now in long haul trucking. They live in Rantoul, Illinois.

Ethel Hope Baker McGuire died in October 1942 after a long illness of tuberculosis and diabetes that required that the children be sent to relatives on both sides of the family from 1937 to 1939.

After her death Harvey McGuire married her older sister Nellie Baker Hickman McGuire. Both had been widowed for a number of years. After Harvey McGuire died Nellie McGuire continued to live in their home at 710 East 4th Street in Mountain Home until her death in January 1976.

Harvey McGuire had been a rural school teacher and farmer until 1945 and for the next twelve years worked at various retail positions in Mountain Home and Pittsburg, California until appointed an Arkansas State Auditor a position he held until his death.

His life was plagued with hardship and an enduring passion for education. For the years after 1930 his wife was an invalid or semi invalid suffering from diabetes and later contracting tuberculosis for which she spent three years at the State Sanitorium at Booneville, Arkansas.

He went to school, after his marriage and starting of a family, at the Methodist School at Valley Springs, Arkansas. He worked his way through working in the dairy section and studying the nights away. He continued his studies at Hendrix College, in the summers, boarding with his brother Earnest in Conway, after his wife died but could never catch up with the requirements that would allow him to continue teaching. He left this profession in 1945 after finishing a term at Quality Ridge School north of Mountain Home.

He and his wife, Hope, are buried beside their infant son at Conley Cemetery.

NORA LEVADA MCGUIRE LEWIS - Born on the Three Brothers home stead April 11, 1904. She died January 15, 1947 while living with her parents Isaac and Sarah McGuire.

She married Fred Lewis of Mountain Home, and to the marriage was born three sons; Vaughn, Vernon and Vin.

Vaughn Lewis died of battle wounds while serving with the Navy at Okinawa May 11, 1945. He was buried at sea. His name is inscribed on the Navy dead monuments that stand at Punch Bowl National Cemetery at Honolulu, Hawaii.

Vern Lewis lives south of Mountain Home. He has been in the construction trade for several years. He married Rosa Lee Tilley. They have four children. Two sons: Larry and Vernon, Jr. and two daughters Sandra and Debra.

Vin Lewis lives in Miami, Oklahoma where he is employed by the B. F. Goodrich Rubber Company. He married June White. They have three children, Eddie, Kathy and Karon. June White Lewis has a daughter by a previous marriage whose name is Linda.

EDGAR MCGUIRE was born February 15, 1908 and was the last child to be born on the Three Brothers homestead.

He married Gladys Hargrave, daughter of Marcus Hargrave. There were five sons and two daughters born to this marriage.

Marlene McGuire is a school teacher at Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Dr. Jimmie McGuire is a professor in the field of agriculture at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, Arkansas. Margaret McGuire Cearly is the wife of a farmer and lives in Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Blake McGuire is employed as a driver salesman and lives in Mountain Home. Clyde McGuire died as an infant. Jerry McGuire lives south of Mountain Home and is affiliated with McClain Farms growing turkeys. Larry McGuire has spent his life on the family diary farm located on a rural route north and east of Gassville, Arkansas.

NATHAN ORVILLE MCGUIRE - was born in a log house on property purchased after return from a brief stay in Oklahoma, February 15, 1908. (The trip to Oklahoma will be narrated later.) He married Dorothy Morgan while in Idaho. He went there to pursue a professional baseball career as a pitcher and to work in the beet sugar refining industry. The children of this marriage were two daughters, Joann and Dianne and a son Rick.

They reside on a cattle farm immediately north and adjoining the second family home place on Highway 5 North and just west of the Guy King and Sons quarry operation on the W. B. Boss place to which previous references have been made.

ADOLPH E. MCGUIRE was born February 20, 1911 in the house that still stands on Highway 5 North on the south of property immediately east of the W. B. Boss property.

He married Ruby Lewis, sister of Fred Lewis who married Levada McGuire. This marriage was born four sons and two daughters.

Verlin McGuire, born February 1, 1931. He married Marion Phfingston and they have two sons Phillip and Mark. They live in Salem where they operate their own independent insurance agency and are representatives of H. & R. Block Income Tax Service.

Helen McGuire Smith was born August 7, 1932. She married David Smith of Rodney, Arkansas. They have two daughters, Catherine and Nancy and a son Michael.

Cathy Smith Lueck married Norman Lueck of Mountain Home, Arkansas. He is employed by the Mountain Home Telephone Company. They have a son named Mathew Wade Lueck.

Nancy Smith Huber married Ronald Huber of Mountain Home. Nancy is accountant for the Baxter Manor Rest Home. Ronald is a Mountain Home fireman.

Michael Smith is working on his master's degree at the University of Wisconsin.

Koleta McGuire Sanford was born August 25, 1932. She married Eldon Sanford and has four daughters and one son; Treasa and Lisa are twins, Debra, Sonia and Steven.

In the early spring of 1907 Isaac McGuire sold out his home stead at Three Brothers to a Mr. Bart Peebles. He had a large team of mules, bought another wagon, and taking what extra horses they had went to Hugo, Oklahoma. Why there no one has any idea except that members of the family, Albert and his first wife Lena, Rosa and her husband John Miller and Charles and his first wife' lived there at one time or another.

Charles McGuire, the oldest son, was 20 years old and teaching at Jordan about a half mile west of the Boss property as a crow flies. He did not go with the family. He stayed and boarded with the Boss'.

Isaac made a crop but didn't like the area so sold his crop in the field and returned to this area. They traveled by railroad on the return trip. He rented a box car for the teams and wagons and household goods. He and one or two of the older boys riding in it. The other children with their mother Sarah came to Cotter by passenger coach.

The property immediately east of the Boss property was for sale so he bought it. There was a log house for his family. Their eleventh child Orville was born in this log house.

With the assistance of W. B. Boss and Will Bennett he built the house that still stands. It was built identical to the Boss home. However, it was rocked with natural stone by Herman Stone in 1939 following construction of the home Harvey McGuire built on the Boss property that stood where the Guy King office and scale building is now.

Issac and Sarah's twelfth child Adolph was born in this house.

Isaac McGuire was one of the biggest little men we have ever known. He weighed about 150 pounds but had great endurance and could perform feats of strength that to some would seem unbelievable. One that has been verified was the time he had Luke Mitchell, a blacksmith in Mountain Home, make him a wagon tongue of oak, putting the necessary iron work on it for the neck yoke. He carried that wagon tongue from the shop in Mountain Home to his farm which is a distance of over four miles.

He was an artist with an axe of any kind or froe. Of course, he had had much experience having built log houses plus the necessary fences and out buildings. As his sons grew up the necessary teams were added making necessary eight foot rail fences to keep in the live stock. As long as he had a garden it was fenced with eight foot split oak palings all sharpened at the upper end.

He was a stong believer in the signs of the zodiac. A fact that one of his sons, Harvey, being educated, had a tendency to ridicule but always sent one of us children to have grand-dad give us the word before he would plant potatoes.

Sarah had the mystical power that let her blow the fire from a burn and reciting certain passages of the bible could stop hemmorages. When someone was sent to their house for transportation for a doctor she would state it wasn't necessary and sent them home. For some reason known only to her and her faith

the "nosebleed" always stopped.

Isaac McGuire or Will Bennett never mastered the art of driving an automobile or the mechanics of keeping one in repair. Both always kept late model automobiles but one of the sons or nephews had to do the driving.

The last car that Will Bennett owned was a Chevrolet sedan. When it developed a leaky radiator he used wood ashes to stop it from leaking. Of course it heated too bad to have any power but there was always the hope it would get there and back.

Isaac kept his false teeth in a Bull Durham tobacco sack but only used them to smoke his pipe which was only after meals. He used tobacco both to chew and smoke but drank alcohol for medicinal purposes only.

Will Bennett was something of a hypochondriac.. He used asa fetida. both by eating and hanging it around his neck and drank turpentine straight out of the bottle which he bought by the quart because he couldn't buy a bigger bottle.

Isaac McGuire spent his last years in the Rest Haven Rest Home at Midway, Arkansas. He died May 31, 1951 living to be 91 years, 6 months and 16 days old. It saddens one to think that there was no inclination to preserve the history of his day and time that he would have elequently and gladly described.

Will Bennett died March 9, 1950 reaching the age of 81 years, 2 months and 22 days. Many still living remember him for his many kindnesses given in both time and money.

Sarah Bennett McGuire was physically a large woman. She had to be to raise 12 children to adulthood. Her kitchen range with skillet and tea kettle which fit directly on the fire when stove lids were removed and the warming oven where all the leftovers would be found for a horde of children and later grandchildren is fondly remembered by all.

No matter who or how many stayed for a meal there was always enough and some left over. She was a past master of making the glazed, almost clear, tough dumplings she used to make and put in everything from meat dishes to fruit cobblers.

If any misfortune befell a member of the family, and there were many, they would always go home where there was food, shelter and money when needed to say nothing of the boundless love of family for all to share and still have some left over.

She died March 28, 1945 at the age of, lacking ten days, being 78 years old. At that, out living two sons and one daughter.

(Writer's comment: Much is left to tell of this family. As time goes on I expect many of the gaps to be filled with information that has been carefully researched before recorded. The records used here are the Nancy Boss Bible, the Adolph McGuire Bible and the 1880 census.