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PROGRESS OF THE BAXTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Hazen Bonow, Historian

April 3rd, 1979 - Russell Baker, a native of Arkansas gave a program entitled "Facilities and Materials Available in the Arkansas Archives".

The Archives had noted such an increase of interest over the last several years that the Commission is obtaining more accurate statistics for patrons, such as Arkansas newspaper files, military records and county records being put on micro film. A large collection of U. S. census for Arkansas and other states is also maintained. 195 church and religious institutions in 51 Arkansas counties have been micro-filmed. Other records filmed are early marriages, deeds probate records and tax books. They are now working on counties in Northern Arkansas.

The Commission is located at One Capital Mall. Hours are Monday through Saturday 8:00 A.M. to 4:25 P.M.

April 8th, 1979 - Several Baxter County Historical Society members attended the IZARD County Historical meeting at Mount Olive. About 130 were present. The Society was organized in 1960 with a membership of 40 and they now have 600 members.

The Isaac family, Mr. Isaac, two daughters and a son, began the program with old time and historical songs. the 15 year old daughter Stephania, played the hammer dulcimer (oldest type of the mountain dulcimer (Scotch) also the auto-harp. She has an excellent voice.

This was followed by a "Bogus" court session which occurred in 1914. A fight by two men over the ownership of a cow worth \$30.00 had already cost the court \$150.00 so the judge told the jury of four to make a decision now! The decision was quickly made to kill the cow divide it into four parts and give it to the jurors!

This was followed by a shot gun wedding while the court was in session.

The enjoyable and humorous program ended with the Isaac family singing old hymns.

April 14th, 1979 - Fourteen members of our Historical Society took the bus trip and tour of Eureka Springs visiting several historical homes. It was a beautiful trip with outstanding scenery and the homes were interesting which made it a most enjoyable day. Thanks to our leaders Quinby Smith and Alice Mae King.

May 1st, 1979 - Quinby Smith spoke on "Colloquialisms of the Ozarks". Communities developed their own language, the origin being Anglo Saxon. These pioneers were originally from England,

Scotland and Wales. They migrated on to the Carolinas and Virginia later going to Georgia, Tennessee then on west to Missouri, Arkansas, South Illinois and they brought their language with them. They may have been unschooled but were not ignorant. Their time was spent making a living to survive. Some told time by the sun, getting up before sunrise to work and going to bed at sundown. Some people called them corny country or hill billies.

A few of the Elizabethan expressions used were reckon, fetch, down yonder, youngens, youens, you all - also fixen to go to town, pone of bread. Bread was called light bread because they had corn bread and biscuits. Potatoes were Irish potatoes or sweet taters. The youngens got a "licken" or "Whoppen" when bad.

This was an informal meeting each person took their turn or recalling many interesting expressions they had heard.

Quinby said it was unfortunate the country was fast losing this interesting dilect.

We all enjoyed this program.

July 3rd, 1979 - No meeting because of our July 4th holiday.

INQUIRY

Dear Sir:

In tracing my ancestors I find that my grandfather owned land in Mountain Home. His name was Oliver Bowen Clark and lived in Mountain Home in 1909 and I need a plat map for anytime between the years of 1909 and 1940 so I can search for the land that he owned so I can get a record for my files and to establish an address for the year 1910 in order to get a census report on him. If you can get me a copy of the map it would be greatly appreciated. I hope to be in Mountain Home next June to search for more records on my grandfather and also on my father that was born in your city.

If there is a charge for this service please let me know.

Thank you very much,
William H. Clark, Jr.
3627 Laurel Avenue
Omaha, Nebraska 68111

Will someone conversant with this subject please correspond with Mr. Clark or better yet meet him when he makes his trip to Mountain Home next June and introduce him to our area.....Editor

GENEALOGICAL INFORMATION
BAXTER COUNTY ARKANSAS

Joseph and Irma Bloom, Route #6, Box 352, Mountain Home, Arkansas

Baxter County Marriages

Mar. 20 to Dec. 1, 1893

W. I. Bonner to Drucie Hutchison	Mar. 20, 1893
J. D. Jones to Martha J. Fears (Mrs.)	Mar. 21
W. F. Wright to Lula Anglin	Apr. 2
Robert L. Arnett to Caldonia Reed	Apr. 16
J. H. Smith to Ella Leonhardt	Apr. 30
J. H. Holden to Melvina Hightower	Apr. 16
W. C. Daniels to Orlena Webber	May 4,
J. Bookout to Lizzie Keith	May 19
W. S. Brewer to Ida Abner	Jun. 4
W. N. Hillmun to Lizzie Brewer	Jun. 11
W. L. Montgomery to Cora Bidwell	Jun. 24
John P. Collins to Isabella Fountain	Jun. 26
N. C. Jackson to Emma H. Bales	Jul. 30
William J. Hill to Retha R. McGee	Aug. 20
Virgile P. Lamont to Louisa L. Ticer	Aug. 26
J. T. Stapleton to Mrs. Tennessee Talburt	Sep. 1
M. A. Reeves to Dora Sinor	Sep. 10
J. W. P. Smith to Kittie McNamara	Sep. 13
Robert L. Lackey to Nancy Hively	Sep. 14
J. L. Wilkie to Emma A. Poynter	Sep. 17
W. H. Knight to Lorena Hopper	Sep. 22
L. G. Talburt to Rena Livingstone	Sep. 24
James M. Poynter to Rebecca Trivett	Oct. 1
W. G. Morgan to Mary Clark	Oct. 1
Samuel H. Clark to Nancy Watson	Oct. 1
William Bagley to Belle Horton	Oct. 6
W. B. Easley to Nancy R. Hawkins	Oct. 8
W. H. Hedrick to Lutherier Sinor	Oct. 7
James A. Moody to Nancy Woodcock	Oct. 12
James Gilliland to Mrs. Mary Shehorn	Oct. 12
Alex Shell to Mrs. Mary F. Thompson	Oct. 15
James T. Glover to Mrs. Lucy Gloer	Oct. 17
William J. Smith to Mrs. Martha J. Stephens	Oct. 17
C. B. Stinnett to Pearl Wilkerson	Oct. 22
R. E. Galloway to Mary Johnson	Nov. 5
W. A. Loman to Love Lumpkins	Nov. 5
D. W. Crownover to Eliza Shehorn	Nov. 12
S. J. White to Minda Chapell	Nov. 15
C. T. Loman to Ollie M. Lumpkin	Nov. 15
A. J. Wilson to Mary E. Walker	Nov. 19
Perry P. Killam to Jessie Pratt	Nov. 30
J. I. Russell to Florence Hickman	Nov. 25
J. H. Cole to Clarie B. Rice	Nov. 26
Wm. Smith to Lou Parks	Nov. 29

The following two pages plus is the balance of the grave listed in Gamaliel Cemetery continued from Volume 5, Number 1

KOHLER

Fred Kohler	Nov. 10, 1862	Apr. 24, 1949
Eliza Kohler	Nov. 30, 1867	Nov. 18, 1964
Lawrence =Kohler	Jun. 6, 1900	Aug. 21, 1932

LANE

Earl Rudolph Lane	1927	1958
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MANN

Juanita F. Mann	1907	1965
Lawson S. Mann	1904	

MCCUIN

Millie McCuin	no date	no date
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MCFARLAND

Ben McFarland	Aug. 25, 1887	Sep. 6, 1920
Earl McFarland	Mar. 11, 1904	Dec. 14, 1922
J. R. McFarland (infant)	no date	no date
Rose McFarland	1877	1967
Rosie Ellen McFarland (infant)	no date	no date

MEDLOCK

James Medlock	1870	1967
Millie Medlock	1883	

MEEKS

Earl Edker Meeks	Dec. 14, 1909	Dec. 19, 1910
Everett Meeks	June 13, 1892	Apr. 5, 1965
Nellie Meeks	Feb. 10, 1893	
Rachiel C. Meeks	1863	1938
William H. Meeks	1861	

MEYERS

J. W. Meyers	Nov. 4, 1893	
Mabel Meyers	Jul. 1, 1893	Apr. 8, 1964

OSBORN

W. Osborn	no date	no date
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PARKS

Alta Parks	1888	1962
Audrie J. Parks	1917	
Everett E. Parks	1912	1967
Floyd Parks	1889	1960
Ila Parks	1910	1932
James L. Parks	Apr. 25, 1860	1943
Lathe Parks	1887	1951
Leonard C. Parks	Sep. 30, 1918	Sep. 25?????
Vergie Parks	1898	
Victoria L. Parks	Jul. 17, 1862	May 25, 1929

PORE

Alice Pore	Apr. 10, 1835	Aug. 12, 1926
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RHODES

Mattie Rhodes	no date	no date
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ROBERTS

Joseph H. Roberts	Nov. 23, 1864	Apr. 6, 1932
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<u>ROWLETT</u>		
Donald Ray Rowlett	no date	no date
<u>SCHOGGEN</u>		
James M. Schoggen	May 11, 1826	Dec. 10, 1906
<u>SHIPLEY</u>		
Prudence Shipley	no date	no date
<u>SIMMONS</u>		
Andrew J. Simmons	Dec. 22, 1902	Apr. 25, 1967
<u>SMITH</u>		
Alfred Henry Smith	1861	1948
Artie L. Mith	1898	1945
Claude C. Smith	Jan. 5, 1889	Jan 8, 1959
Emmet Lloyd Smith	Apr. 16, 1896	Apr. 24, 1957
Grover C. Smith	1893	1951
Laura A. Smith	Nov. 14, 1889	
Martha E. Smith	1857	1953
<u>STINNET</u>		
Frances Stinnet	1876	1962
Isom Stinnet	1872	1946
<u>STRAIN</u>		
Barby E. Strain	Mar. 7, 1863	Aug. 31, 1935
John T. Strain	Feb. 28, 1854	Jan. 5, 1934
Roy Strain	Jun. 3, 1897	Oct. 6, 1952
Roy Strain (Infant)	no date	no date
<u>SUMMERS</u>		
Dr. James L. Summers	1865	1926
D. Lawrence Summers	1894	1960
Marietta Summers	1875	
Rachel L. Summers	1896	
James Odus Summers	Jan. 28, 1912	Nov. 21, 1977
<u>TAYLOR</u>		
Edward F. Taylor	Sep . 21, 1892	Oct. 9, 1961
<u>TEVERBAUGH</u>		
Alda Hargrave Teverbaugh	Jan. 25, 1901	Jan. 7, 1923
John W. Teverbaugh	Apr. 2, 1901	Jan 28, 1902
Mary Teverbaugh	Oct. 8, 1874	Jan. 15, 1906
Infant	Mar. 6, 1906	Mar. 6, 1906
McBride Teverbaugh	Jul. 12, 1862	Jun. 17, 1930
<u>THOMAS</u>		
Evelena Thomas	May 29, 1869	May 24, 1886
Infant of H.M. & N. Thomas	no date	no date
<u>TRIVETT</u>		
Homer Trivett (infant)	no date	no date
Homer Trivett (infant)	no date	no date
<u>UNYON</u>		
Lou Unyon	no date	no date
<u>WADE</u>		
James Ray Wade	1952	1953
<u>WATTS</u>		
Earlene Watts	Mar. 7, 1930	Dec. 1, 1932

WELLS

Benjamin W. Wells	Sep. 3, 1840	Feb. 2, 1933
Jerome Wells	1879	1945
Lena Wells	1905	
Lizzie Wells	1884	
Louise Wells	1918	1923
Marvin Wells	1908	1964
Marvin Wells (infant)	no date	no date
Mary Elizabeth Wells	Feb. 15, 1844	Feb. 15, 1844
Nancy A. Wells	Mar. 11, 1851	Mar. 17, 1889
(Infant) Wells	Oct. 29, 1874	Nov. 1, 1874

WHITE

Dell White	no date	no date
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WILSON

Laura Wilson	1875	1968
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ADDITIONAL INQUIRIES

Dear Sir or Madam:

Would you happen to have any information on my great great grand father Nelson Anderson Pope. He was born in North Carolina on Jan. 24, 1803. He married Nancy Williams who was born May 1, 1812. He died August 1, 1856 in Mountainburg (Crawford County) Arkansas.

Any information will be most appreciated.

Doyce B. Pope, Sr.
321 S. E. 7th, Space 11
Perryton, Texas 79070

Madam:

The genealogy study on my mother's family seem's to center in Baxter County. I am in need of some help.

My grandparents were living in Gamaliel. Bayou Township County of Baxter in 1914 when my mother was born. I have been trying to locate the marriage certificate and record of death of my grandfather.

They married between 1906-1911 I believe in Baxter County. My grandfather died around Mountain Home from an accident while working on the road. Mother always said the same doctor that delivered her took care of the family. Her birth record says Dr. J. L. Summers. That was 1926-1927.

My grandpartents were: Miles C. Sinor and Theodosia Gist.

Any assistance will be greatly appreciated. I have written for a copy of my grandfathers death cirtificate in Little Rock and no record has been found. I am sure he is buried close to the Gamaliel area.

I would like to correspond with any Sinor's in the area.

Thank you, Marian M. Dingman, #12 New Dawn Circle,
Chico, California 95926

Additions to the McGuire family history as recorded in Volume 5, Number 1.....

On page 16 the following should have been added to complete the family of ADOLPH MCGUIRE:

Rex McGuire born February 28, 1935 is the Mountain Home manager of the Shipley Bread Company. He is married to Charlene Kelly McGuire. They have a son Timothy and a daughter Sherry who married Make Cantrell. They have one child.

Roy McGuire born September 12, 1937. He married Anise Green. They have two daughters Lynnette and Rhonda June. Roy is employed by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Loy McGuire, a twin to Roy, married Bertha Maynard. They also live in Phoenix, Arizona near his twin. He is employed by the Lockheed Corporation.

I was able to obtain the 1860 census of Marion County, Arkansas, Whiteville Township and found recorded under date of June 15, 1860 the following which would be before Isaac's birth on November 14, 1860:

James McGuire, age 33 who was born in the State of Tennessee. This checks with other known data concerning him.

However, this census clouds some other records that had been assumed to be true.

Isaac McGuire was born in Mississippi according to the 1880 census. This would mean that at some date between June 25, 1860 and his birth date November 14, 1860 the family went to Mississippi then subsequently returned to the Whiteville area because Isaac could remember and spoke often of living there and moving away to Licking, Missouri.

This census shows James' wife's name as Nancy C. We have believed to this point that her name was Ellen Crownover McGuire. Is the initial C. for Crownover and we have been in error about the first name or is this in fact the second wife of James? Her age is shown as 26 and her state of birth as Mississippi. This and the fact that a daughter was born in Mississippi might lead us to believe that they were married in Mississippi and not in Arkansas as previously supposed and perhaps even owned property there that caused their return to Mississippi before Isaac was born.

The two daughters referred to on Page 8, Volume 5, number 1, were in fact older than Isaac, not younger as supposed, what's more there was a son William M. age 3 born in Arkansas of which there was no previous knowledge.

This census also gives the names of the daughters as Margarett, age 7, born in Mississippi??(the record is blurred) and Martha E., age 6, born in Arkansas.

The census record goes on to show he owned real estate in the amount of \$150 and personal property of \$150. Perhaps Marion County Clerk's records will show the disposition of this property and give some indication of the time of the family's removal to Licking, Missouri.

(I do believe there is the makings of a good novel here somewhere.....Lynn McGuire, Editor.)

BAXTER COUNTY ACTIVE CHURCHES

The following is an almost complete listing of active churches in Baxter County as of July 1, 1979. This list was the result of my research on the booklet "A Country Church" published in June 1979.

For those of you who would like to get in touch with present leaders of these churches you may contact me for names as I would be very glad to assist you in any way that I can. In return I ask you for any pictures you may have of past churches. I will copy them and return as soon as I possibly can.....Lynn McGuire, Editor.

1. Arkana Baptist Church
2. Bethel Springs Mennonite & Calvary Bible School
3. Bible Baptist Church, Main Street, Mtn. Home
- 4.. Buford Church of Christ
5. Christian Science
6. Church of God
7. Church of the Lord Jesus Christ
8. Clark Ridge Church of Christ
9. Clark Ridge Freewill Baptist Church
10. Colfax - Hopewell Baptist Church
11. Cotter Assembly of God
12. College and North Street Church of Christ
13. Cotter Baptist Church
14. Cotter Church of Christ
15. Cotter Methodist Church
16. Fellowship Cumberland Presbyterian Church
17. East Cotter Mission Church
18. Eastside Baptist Church
19. Episcopal Church of St. Andrew
20. First Apostolic Church
21. First Assembly of God
22. First Baptist Church of Norfolk
23. First Christian Church
24. First Freewill Baptist Church of Mountain Home
25. First Presbyterian Church of Mountain Home
26. Full Gospel Emmanuel Church
27. Galatia Assembly of God
28. Gamaliel Church of Christ
29. Gassville - Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church
- 30.. Gassville United Methodist
31. Grace Baptist Church
32. Grace Bible Church
33. Henderson First Baptist (Southern)
34. Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses
North and South Congregations
35. Lakeview Missionary Baptist
36. Liberty Church of Christ
37. Lone Rock Baptist Church
38. Lone Rock Church of Christ
39. Memorial Christian
40. Midway Baptist Church

41. First Baptist Church of Mountain Home
42. Mountain Home Bible Church
43. Mountain Home Methodist Church
44. New Hope Christian Church
45. Norfolk Church of Christ
46. Norfolk Lake Presbyterian Church
47. Norfolk United Methodist
48. Oak Grove Baptist
49. Oakland Church of Christ
50. Oakland-East Oakland Baptist Church
51. One-O-One Presbyterian Church
52. Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church
53. Promise Land School and Church
54. Quality Ridge Church of Christ
55. Redeemer Lutheran Church
56. Seventh Day Adventist Church
57. St. Peter The Fisherman Catholic Church
58. St. Mary's Anglican Church (Kirby Blevens Funeral Home)
59. The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
60. Trinity Chaple Penecostal Church of God
61. Twin Lakes Church of the Nazarene
62. United Penecostal Church and School
63. Unity Missionary Baptist Church
64. Wade and Cross Streets Church of Christ
65. Walker Road Church of Christ
66. Westside Missionary Baptist Church
67. Whiteville Baptist Church
68. West Road Church of Christ
69. Rodney Cumberland Presbyterian Church

YET ANOTHER INQUIRY

I am trying to locate descendants of William Dale and Elizabeth Jane McCormack. I might add at this point, our name over the years has been spelled McCormac, McCormack, McCormic, McCormick, along with a variation of other spellings.

William Dale McCormack brought his family to Baxter County (at that time it was part of Marion County) in 1859 or 60. They stayed there until almost 1880. At that time they moved to Logan County. He had a brother James Bethel McCormack who moved to Baxter County before 1880.

Dale had a sister Caroline who died in Baxter County before 1900. Dale and Betsy also had a daughter Elizabeth Caroline, born in Tennessee. She probably married someone in your area. I would like to contact some of her descendants. I have heard she may have been buried in Hart Cemetery.

Dale had a son John Meeks McCormick. Soem of his descendants still live in Mountain Home.

I would like to name the other children of Dale and Betsey McCormick and their spouses in hopes some of your readers will recognize some of their relatives:

Mary Lucinda (born 22 Jan. 1848 in Tennessee) married William James Talburt (born and lived in and around Mountain Home until moving to Logan Co., Ark.); James Monroe McCormick born 1850 in Tennessee.;

Ephram E., born 1852, died 1876 in Mountain Home;
Mahala R. McCormack, born 1855, married Haster Anderson,
eventually moved to Yell County; James Bethel born 1857
believed never married;

Thomas Lee, born 1860, died in 1939 in Snyder, Texas,
believed never married; Porterfield, born 1863, married
Mary Ellen Hall of Logan County; Julia Ann McCormick,
married Andrew J. Knox; Charles M. (Doc) McCormack, married
Wilta MaSSENGIL: AND Albert William, born 1870, married
malinda Jane Sheppard.

Altogether, there were 12 children. I would like to
contact anyone related to any of the above.

Thank you,
R. Ralph McCormick
Rt. 1, Box 13
Russellville, Arkansas 72801

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The following continues the sequence of letters that
was started in Volume 4, Number 4. They were all written
during Civil War times while J. L. Leonard was serving
in the army. The loneliness expressed has continued to
come down through the ages as men have served their country
in the cause they think best....Editor

Washington, N. C.
December 30, 1861

Miss Caroline Coffee,
Madam,

I at the present time with the
greatest of pleasure write you a few lines. Though I can't
say that I have any thing anyways interesting. This is our
Christmas holly days though it is a very dull place for me
to enjoy anything of the kind.

We had a part yesterday in our camp and we had quite a
number of the girls from town with us. (Those too of the
first class) I enjoyed myself tolerably well. It made me
think of the pleasure that I had with my old friends in
Cherokee last year at this time. When I think of time past
& friends behind I must confess that I cannot enjoy myself
as well here as may others seem to.

I would make almost any sacrifice to be at home and have
a few days. Though it is imposible to be so at present I
want you & all the friends while you have the time with
delight to remember your friends who are fare away. I
cannot say that any thing new has accured in my mind since
I saw you neither do I expect to change in any respect till
I have the pleasure of meeting with you again which I hope
will be before a great while. I want you to write me all
the news. Be sure to write soon.

(Ed..This letter ended without a formal close of any kind.)

Knoxvill Tenn
June 17th/62

Miss Caroline Coffee

Dear Friend

I again write you to let you know where I am. We have been moved from place to place since I wrote you before. I thought you might have written to me & it not come to hand. You will see from the head of this letter where we are. We have been to Chattanooga to Morristown & back to this place since I wrote you before. We have a pritty tight time here in Tenn. I hope the time is not far off when we will get to come home where we may take some rest. Though there is no prospect of a settlement of it at the present. I hope you will write to me often as it is the greatest satisfaction for me to hear from you of any thing in the world as it is so that I cannot see you. I hope it won't be long till I can get to come home. I will come the first chance & I think I can get off before long. I am in mind as I was when I saw you last & will be until I return. I hope you will no change will you? I shall hope to hear from you soon. James is well. We are going back towards Chattanooga this evening. Write to me at that place. I am your True Lover Forever

J. L. Leonard

Knoxvill Tenn
May 11th 1862

Dear Friend Caroline

It is with the greatest of pleasure that I imbrace the present to write you a few lines. They have kept us moving so much that I hardly had time to write before.

You have been informed that we did not stay in Atlanta but a short time.

We got to Chattanooga on Friday and staid there about one week.

They kept us very busily ingaged drilling & took us out on one scout where we expected to meet the Yankees but we did not see any. We left Chattanooga Friday night at 12 o'clock got to Knoxville the next day 10 A. M. & were ordered to a place called Clinton. We came out eleven miles yesterday evening as far as the rail road goes towards the place of our destination. We are now encamped at the head of the road & will have to walk some ten miles tomorrow. I expect the boys think it pritty tight when it come to walk. Some think that the boys behind will never find away up here in the mountains. This is the most leasure day that we have had since we left home. It is butiful sabath & the most of the boys have gone to church. I did not go. I thought I would stay and write some.

The butifulness of this day makes me have a greater desire to be at home so that I might spend it with the one that I now address for I know if I were at home that it would be passed with delight with you. Two weeks ago today I passed the evening with you. This evening I am hundreds of miles

away surrounded by many dangers & uncertainties. These reflections almost makes me have misgivings. Though I will not despair but will look forward to the anticipated day when I may return and meet those that I love who are behind & I am sure that if I am fortunate enough to return that there will be no one that I will meet with more pleasure than you. Though I must close at the present by asking you to be sure to write to me in care of Capt Gilber Col Glens Redgt Knoxville Tenn

I am truly yours.

J. L. Leonard

Camp Hatton Tenn
July 11th/62

My dear Friend Caroline

It is with much pleasure that I can acknowledge the reception of your highly prized letter of 22th ult. It gave me much satisfaction to think that you have proved faithful to write but that it had been delayed by our different mooves in place of your neglect to write.

You spoke of the butifulness of the sabath evening that you wrote and that it called to memory the last evening we passed together. O! how glad I am to hear that any thing brings me and the pleasant hours we have passed together to your mind and I do hope that some occurrence may keep those memories bright in your memory.

There is not a sabath (nor a day) but I think many times of you and where you are and what you are doing and thinking about.

The very Sunday you wrote me we were moving and have marched every Sunday since that time either on move or scout.

While on those marches I often think of the many pleasant Sabaths passed with you and hope for the time when I may be permitted to return and be permitted to enjoy your sweet company. We are now nine miles from the rail road where we left the tram which was at McMillans Station. Some of our sick are there I dont know how long we will stay here not long I suppose as we dont stay long at a place.

I am not very well at this time but hope soon to be able to return to duty. I want you to be sure to write to me as soon as you get this for its more satisfaction for me to hear from you than anything that can occur in the camps. James is well. I will close hoping to hear from you soon.

Direct to Knoxville Tenn

I am yours forever

J. L. Leonard

Camp near Tullhoma, Tenn
Nov 25/62

My Dear Friend Caroline

It is with much pleasure that I write to you. I got back to my Regt in due time and found all right. They moved from the place I left them to this place which is on the Nashville & Chattanooga Road 70 miles from Chattanooga how long we will stay here I know not but the impression is that we

will go on towards Nashville though at this time our Co is detailed to guard the Bridges on this Road we have four to guard. James is at another post from me he was in good health Sunday morning he is some 40 miles from me back towards Chattanooga.

Caroline I have nothing new to say I would like very much to see you this evening and have a pleasant conversation with you. I look forward to the time when we all will be permitted to come home and enjoy the sweet company of those we love.

I often think of you and the pleasant hours we have hoped to-gether, and hope that the time is not long that I shall be separated from you but that we may soon meet never to part again. Shall anything so much desired as that by me ever be attained? I can only say that I will live in hope if it is _____? Let me hear from you soon direct to Chattanooga, Tenn.

I am yours as ever.

J. L. Leonard

Camp near Vicksburg, Miss
April 12/63

Dear Friend Caroline

After having looked for two months for a letter from you without getting it I thought I write you again. I wrote you last (I think) in Jany last and sent you some stamps and envelops. I have not a word from you since. Did you get my letter? Did you answer it? I have thought that mine or yours was misplaced. I am very anxious to hear from you. Would be happy were it so that I could see you this evening. You could explain why you have not written. Let me hear from you. I am as ever yours.

J. L. Leonard

Jackson, Miss
Feb 3/63

Dear Caroline

Your timely and interesting letter on the 19th ult at hand which was read with much pleasure for I will assure you that there is nothing that gives me more satisfaction than to hear from you and to be so pleased that I am still remembered by you.

All of your letter was very pleasing except the closing in which you said you would close with out it (____?) more interesting. I would rather you had have left that out and wrote me much more than you did. For you will know that there is no one that can interest me so much as you do. I feel under many obligations to you for being more punctual to answer my last letter than you have been before. (Not taking any exception to your delays before) I have nothing new to write you. I would give anything in my power if I could see you this evening and be permitted to get down and converse with you. I anxiously look forward to the time

when I may be so happy. I hope this _____ will _____
and when I may be permitted to return home and meet those that
I left here when _____ (Ed...The remainder of this letter is
so dim that it cannot be read.

Maridian, Miss
Jany 1st/63

My Dar Friend Caroline

It is great pleasure that I am permitted to acknowledge the reception of your much esteemed letter of the 24th which I received this morning. I began to think that you had forgot me as I had anxiously awaited the mail for weeks to get a line from you but got it not till the present. If you knew with what great satisfaction I read a letter from you would write oftener. I think I can truly say with you that I had much rather see you than to write but as that is impossible at present I feel very much delighted to know that we can hear from each other by letter. You have heard of our leave of Tenn for this state. We are stopped at this place for transportation to Jackson from there I know not where we will go neither do I know how long we will stay in Miss though I hope not long, for it is to far from home & those we love. Caroline we are separated far from each other but I hope the time is not far distant when we will be permitted to set down and converse and pass the time as we have in gone by days. I often think of you and of the many hours sweetly passed in your company and ask myself shall I ever be so happy again. I shall still indulge in anticipating that I may. I shall insist that as long as I cant see you that you write to me more punctual for if after you get my letters you wait for a long time to answer and it taking them so long to reach this place of destination you may know that we cant correspond often you write to me at Jackson, Miss. I am as ever your truest friend.

J. L. Leonard

Nachre Ga
Aug 12/63

Dear Caroline

I am sorry to say to you that my health is such that I cannot be at Cherokee as quick as I thought I would when I saw you. I jave not been able to visit my nearest friends since I got home. I am now improving fastly and hope soon to be well again. I feel very much disappointed in being confined while at home so that I cannot enjoy the company of those I dearly love though it is much better than to be sick in camps. I would like to hear from you. Address me at Nacoochee Ga. I am yours as ever

J. L. Leonard

(This finishes the correspondence with Caroline Coffee. There is other correspondence in this album that will be printed at a future date.....Editor)