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The Wolf House is the most historical building in Baxter County.

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ONE BOY'S MEMORY OF LIFE IN THE LEATHERWOODS
in the 1870's and 80's

"When I first came to Uncle's (William T. Swan) two-room log cabin, he had only a yoke of oxen and two plows, a turning and a bull-tongue, to make his crops. A few months later he traded for a span of horses and a wagon, and in another year or two, he bought a double-shovel plow, which cut his work in half. During the first two years we used the old-fashioned eye hoes with pawpaw handles, heavy and unwieldy. If the soil was heavy they accumulated dirt and weeds under the eye and grew even heavier and more tiring. When we got goose-neck hoes, I thought I had seen the mechanical wonder of the age.

"Nearly every farmer had a tobacco patch, and when the tobacco leaves got 'in case', that is, ready to handle without crumbling, he would shape them into twists for smoking or chewing. Uncle was one of the few farmers in the hills who raised wheat and who therefore provided his family with the luxury of biscuits for breakfast and supper. He cut the grain with an old-fashioned, backbreaking cradle (cradle-scythe) and threshed it in a treadmill powered by horses or mules, working in alternate shifts, two at a time. The wheat and corn were ground by water mills of which there were several in our area.

"We slept in corded beds that sagged about a foot in the middle and made a more or less comfortable curve in the back of the sleeper. But deep, squashy feather mattresses kept us snug and gave us peaceful sleep.

"A permanent home, hot biscuits, ham and black gravy, a feather bed - ah, this was the lap of luxury! "

- Life in the Leatherwoods by John Quincy Wolf,
edited by John Quincy Wolf, Jr. 1974

PROGRESS OF THE BAXTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Hazen Bonow - Historian

November 3rd

Garvin Carroll showed slides of the Casey House taken about 1951, with Quinby Smith narrating the details. One slide showed the well in the back yard which probably had a spring underneath; another the old cellar and with the "dog-trot" enclosed.

The County bought the property in 1971 and reroofed the house in 1977. Hopefully, after all the work is completed, it can be refurnished with appropriate furniture of its time.

Comments from persons who came to the open house were very favorable. They were surprised at the excellent job being done and a lot of interest has now developed.

The Caseys came in the early 1850's, and then the Paul family occupied the house. The Mort Greens were the last residents, which was about 20 years ago.

Jess Hunt was hired for some of the repair work and he made the porch posts similar to the original ones. Quinby and other volunteers have done a great deal of the work. There have also been donors whom Quinby will acknowledge and thank. Materials used were bought from old houses being demolished.

Garvin then spoke of our original settlers, the Indians. 14 tribes were in this area. The name Arkansas is taken from the Indians. DeSoto came as far north as Cotter on the White River. When the pioneers began to arrive, they came by way of what is called the "Trail of Tears".

Garvin showed slides of the Aztec pyramids south of Mexico City which were built 2,500 years before Christ. He raised the question, "Could some of those Indians have come north to this area?"

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OLDER THAN PHARAOHS AND PYRAMIDS

When reading of the pharaohs of Egypt and their pyramids, many of us figure we are really going back to the long ago. Yet, archeologists working in the Ozarks these days are dealing with times and people who pre-dated the Egyptian kings on this earth by several thousand years.

For example, archeologists have found dart points and stone tools in Newton County, Arkansas which were made around 6,000 B. C.

The Arkansas Archeological Survey is doing excavation work in our mountain region, searching for evidence of life and customs in the pre-historic periods. A Survey archeologist and his helpers found these artifacts. Scientific study will be made of them, and numerous others, and eventually much will be learned about the long ago hill people.

BAXTER COUNTY MARRIAGES

Joseph and Irma Bloom, Rt., 6, Box 352, Mountain Home

September 2, 1896 to December 31, 1896

L. G. Shields to Mat Ruby	September 2
B. F. Thorn to Lula Bales	September 6
W. E. Haney to Annie Bruce	September 10
Andrew Trivett to Roxie Tucker	September 13
Thomas T. Turner to Maude Brown	September 13
J. E. Martin to Fannie McGowan	September 16
William Patterson to Nancy Dickerson	September 17
Richard Stinnett to Nellie McConice ?	September 19
M. F. Silvertooth to Alice Clark	September 20
James Lankford to Mattie Smith	September 20
P. D. Spradlin to Ellie Payne	September 20
J. W. Dover to Ellen Thompson	September 27
R. L. Aiken ? to Lillie F. Maynard	September 29
Sidney J. Lankford to Mary F. Stapelton	September 30
G. R. Deatherage to Jeannette Hammock	October 11
P. T. Hamilton to Eva Stark	October 11
John L. Lakey to Corda Dover	October 14
J. W. Henley to Kate Duncan	October 18
W. H. Miles to Lucy Florence Hudson	October 18
D. E. Dillon to Kattie O'Shields	October 21
E. W. Watkins to Julia Green	October 25
John E. Martin to Sarah L. Collis	October 25
W. A. Willard to Rosa Smith	October 31
M. D. Sowell to Emma Caldwell	November 1
Samuel Willhite to Amanda Lackey	November 5
A. P. Nirmno ? to Dora E. Cole	November 8
W. C. Davis to Cora Anderson	November 15
Thomas B. Hand to Martha A. Wade	November 15
William W. Moulder to Sarah C. Smith	November 16
T. W. Bays to Mrs. Theda Bays	November 22
Chas. C. Lewis to Sarah E. Arnold	November 26
Cyrus Napier to Effie Howard	December 6
R. P. Wrem to Florence Gloer	December 6
Willie Dixon to Leodid Loman	December 6
Levi S. Chambers to Mary M. Bevins	December 12
W. L. Lester to Nellie Galbraith	December 20
James Hager to Ida Clark	December 24
James Lemons to Belle Hullsey	December 24
J. T. Clark to Laura B. Lackey	December 27
Joe W. Hogan to Connie Birchfield	December 27
L. B. Mangram to Annie Johnson	December 29
J. W. Marsh to Josie Smith	December 30
U. G. Hutchings to Minnie Loman	December 31

INCORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MOUNTAIN HOME, ARKANSAS

A. C. Hull, publisher of the Baxter County Citizen, gave a sworn statement on July 8, 1884 that the paper had published in three consecutive issues commencing with May 28, 1884 and ending with the issue of June 11, 1884, a notice by Z. M. Horton, agent, that 30 petitioners wished Mountain Home to be incorporated. This statement was given to C. A. Eatman, Clerk.

The petition was presented to the County Court "May adjourned term 1884".

On July 8, 1884, the County Judge, John W. Cypert, stated the Court granted that the town "may be organized as an incorporated town" and that the Clerk forward a copy of the Record to the Secretary of State.

R. M. Hancock, "Clerk of the Circuit Court and ex-officio Clerk of the County Court", stated that he filed the petition, plat, notice of publication and order of the County Court in Record Vol. C, pages 267, 268 and 269 on April 12, 1888.

The Secretary of State stated that the Record was filed in that office April 16, 1888.

Editor: We do not know that cause of the delay between the signing of the court order (July 8, 1884) and the time of recording and filing by the Secretary of State (April 12, 1888 and April 16, 1888). If someone has this information, we would like to publish it.

STATE OF ARKANSAS
COUNTY OF BAXTER

To the County Court of said County May adjourned term 1884. The undersigned petitioners and citizens, residents of said County within the territory herein described and prayed to be incorporated as a town known by the name of "The incorporated town of Mountain Home" most respectfully petition the Court to grant an order incorporating the town of Mountain Home embracing the territory indicated by the map or plat herewith filed consisting of O. L. Dodd's plat of the original town of Mountain Home and A. J. Truman's and Wm. H. Lane's addition thereto as follows beginning at a point twenty seven (27) rods due north of the North West corner of Block 44 of Lane's addition in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9 Township 19ⁿ Range 13^w, thence East to the line between the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section and fifteen rods beyond into the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$; thence South to a point in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the same Section from which a line running due West will include the Mountain Home Cemetery and on to creek or branch running from O. L. Dodd's spring, thence up the said branch to where it crosses a line running due South from the SW corner of Lane's addition, thence North by said line to the point of beginning along the Western bounds of Lane's addition to said town; Z. M. Horton being appointed and authorized to prosecute this application for and in behalf of your petitioners who are a majority of the electors residing within said territory and we further pray that the court will make such orders as may be necessary to the granting this petition according to law.

FIFTEENTH IN A SERIES ON CEMETERIES

IN BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS

By D. G. Carroll

OAK GROVE CEMETERY

The Oak Grove Cemetery is located three miles south of Mountain Home on the old Arkana Road.

This survey was made May 9, 1968 by the Hilltop Extension Homemaker Club.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Born</u>	<u>Died</u>
<u>ADAMS</u>		
Jerald Adams	Oct. 19, 1898	Mar. 16, 1899
<u>ANDERSON</u>		
P. A. Anderson	Dec. 6, 1861	Sept. 14, 1928
<u>BARTON</u>		
Luia Barton	1830	1896
<u>BLEVINS</u>		
Josephine Blevins	Apr. 13, 1858	Feb. 1, 1957
J. R. Blevins	no date	May 10, 1920
<u>BODENHAMER</u>		
Adaline Bodenhamer	Nov. 19, 1852	Aug. 17, 1909
<u>CARTER</u>		
Birditt Carter	Aug. 2, 1861	May 20, 1900
<u>COPELAND</u>		
A. J. Copeland	Sept. 16, 1837	Oct. 3, 1900
Clara Alice Copeland	1853	Jan. 10, 1902
Eldon Cornette Copeland	no date	June 12, 1904
Elvira Copeland	Sept. 1, 1846	Mar. 7, 1904
J. A. Copeland	Sept. 1, 1846	Dec. 15, 1917
M. C. Copeland	Sept. 8, 1876	Mar. 16, 1904
<u>DAY</u>		
Emery W. Day	1885	1957
Milo L. Day	1875	1942
<u>FRANZMEIER</u>		
Anna S. Franzmeier	1884	1949
Simon Franzmeier	1852	1921
<u>HAYES</u>		
Nola Hayes	Sept. 26, 1887	Aug. 12, 1917

HEAD

Farlie Head	1905	1961
Hildred Emogene Head	Dec. 21, 1922	Sept. 19, 1964
J. W. Head	June 10, 1863	May 10, 1908

HERRNAANN

Angela Herrnaann	1856	1912
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HUEBNER

Anna A. Huebner	1884	1909
William A. Huebner	1872	1961

JONES

A. J. Jones	Mar. 30, 1881	Nov. 16, 1907
Callie F. Jones	1868	1953
Elizabeth Jones	Jan. 28, 1827	Feb. 20, 1908
Ellen Jones	1855	1932
G. W. Jones	Feb. 17, 1828	Jan. 25, 1901
G. W. J. Jones	no date	no date
Laura S. Jones	1858	1939
S. R. Jones	1858	1929

MCCORMACK

Caroline McCormack	Nov. 3, 1876	Mar. 20, 1896
Ida McCormack	Aug. 14, 1827	May 30, 1960
J. P. McCormack	Oct. 11, 1828	Mar. 19, 1915
J. B. M. McCormack	no date	no date

MORTON

Anna Lee Morton	Aug. 12, 1863	Oct. 16, 1904
Anne Morton	1889	1932
Belle Morton	1849	1929
Sam A. Morton	1842	1922

NAPIER

B. B. Napier	1895	no date
B. F. Napier	1925	no date
Cyrus Napier	1873	1923
Finas Napier	1910	1933
F. F. Napier	1897	no date
H. S. Napier	1915	no date
John Napier	1853	1902
Lottie Napier	1917	1937
Luther Napier	1892	1904
Sarah Napier	1828	1932
W. G. Napier	1920	1921

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PATTERSON

G. W. Patterson

July 10, 1862

May 7, 1897

ROGERS

Martha Jane Rogers

1888

1947

TAYLOR

Norman Taylor

Dec. 12, 1903

Dec. 23, 1951

G. J. Taylor

Feb. 7, 1829

Nov. 6, 1904

VICKREY

Catherine Vickrey

Nov. 1838

July 1921

C. J. Vickrey

Jan. 16, 1877

Mar. 1, 1941

Cora Vickrey

Nov. 7, 1875

Feb. 15, 1967

Morraine Vickrey

Feb. 3, 1896

July 31, 1897

W. J. Vickrey

Feb. 1837

July 1905

WEBER

Ferdinand Weber

1848

1934

WELLS

John Wells (Pvt. 164 Depot. Brig.)

Sept. 21, 1942 (only date)

WILLETT

Edward Dillon Willett

1884

1958

WILSON

Cora W. Wilson

Sept. 30, 1837

Jan. 9, 1919

Frances Wilson

1917

1932

Sampson Wilson

1878

1948

YOUNG

K. T. Young

1928

no date

Inf. of A. D. Young

1930 (only date)

Lennie Young

1896

1904

Lola M. -----

no date

1928

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Faye and Lyle Wood, Box 263, Flippin, AR

PHOTOGRAPHS

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Plat that was part of the petition for incorporation of the town of Mountain Home. It was filed in open court May 19, 1884 by C. A. Eatman, Clerk.

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Shoeing a horse - the good old days!

(Time, place and persons' names are unknown to the editor.)

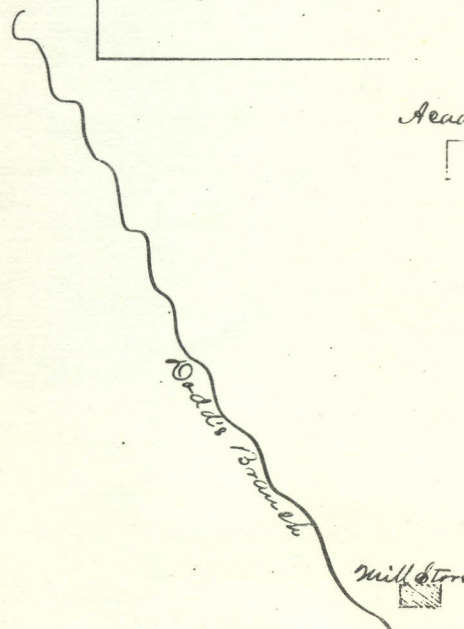
Can anyone help?)

27 Rods
 N.W. of N.W.
 Section (9) Nine
 87 1764
 N.E. of the N.W.
 Section 9 Nine
 80 Rods
 27 Rods

4-11	43	34	33	23	22	11	10	1
4-12	42	35	32	24	21	12	9	2
4-16	41	36	31	Count Square	20	13	8	3
4-7	40	37	30	25	19	14	7	4
4-8	39	38	29	26	18	15	6	5
J.M. Casey				27	17	R.M. Hancock		
J.M. Casey				28	16			

80 Rods
 27 1/4 of N.E. 1/4 sec. (9) Nine

80 Rods
 15 Rods



Academy
 Hamard's Enclosure
 Peck's Enclosure

Cemetery
 Paul's field

Petition
 to
 the
 County Court
 B.S. Bodinhamer
 James M. Prof. et al.
 Ex. Parte
 Petition to
 Annul for etc. the
 Town of Mountain Home
 Filed in office
 Court July 15
 1884
 C. A. C. T. man
 Colonel
 Continued to
 July term and
 set for hearing
 set said term
 J. M. C. Prof. et al.
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