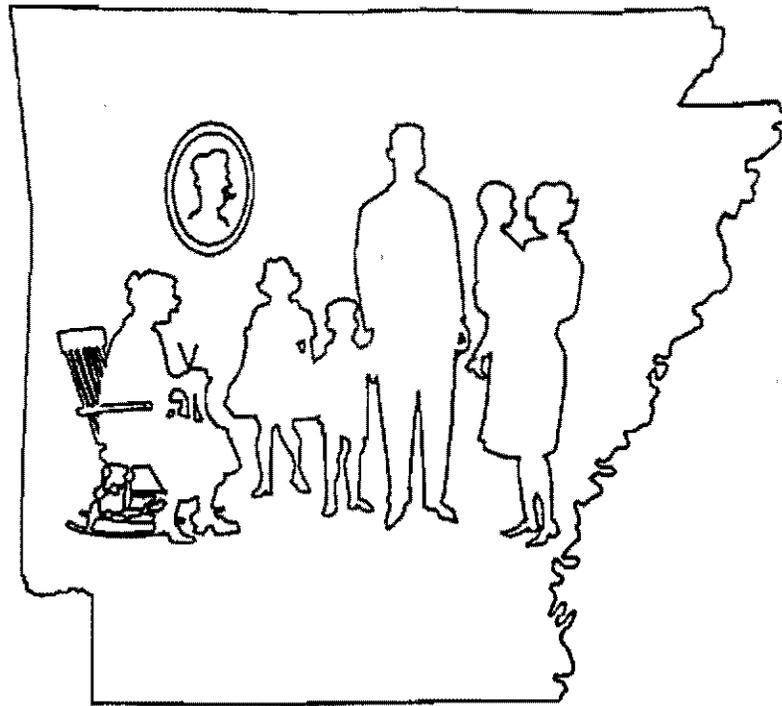


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Authors and publishers who wish to have reviews or notices of their work published in *The Arkansas Family Historian* are invited to submit a copy of the work with ordering information and price, if applicable.

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## President's Page

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Genealogy research is about family – past, present and future. It has been said that we may not all have descendants, but we do all have ancestors. For many, the fun is in the search and the compiling of that information is tedious. What a shame to waste the information you have spent years compiling because you never got around to “writing the book.” For those of us who do have descendants, what a great legacy we might leave them by compiling the story of our ancestors.

A cousin in Texas recently sent me a beautiful list of ‘genealogy books’ she had purchased at an estate sale. There were over 100 books for sale – all genealogy. She said there were several file cabinets full of folders of papers that were also for sale. Someone who had spent years collecting information about their family had made no arrangements for that material to be given to someone who was interested or to an institution that might have been able to have offered the information to others. In my own family, a cousin who helped in my research died and his family burned all his papers! They never offered them to any one of the several cousins who were interested and would have cherished those papers. I can only hope the person in Texas had published their family history. I know my cousin had not, although he had helped many others through the years, including me.

Have you spent years collecting your family information? Is it time to ‘write it up?’ If you want to start practicing your writing skills with a short article about your family, consider submitting it to *The Arkansas Family Historian* for publication. Or begin working now and

enter it into the 2000 AGS Family History Writing Contest. The 1999 winner of the Marion Stark Craig Award was Lois Branton of North Little Rock. Lois won a lifetime membership in AGS (worth \$300).

If you will look back at your March 1999 Arkansas Family Historian, there were listed on the “President’s Page” the goals of AGS as stated in its constitution. Among those goals is one “to foster the study of methods of research in genealogy and family history.” Each year, in the fall, we hold a seminar. In the past three years attendance has reached between 150-200 people. These researchers have enjoyed a two-day event, which included a national speaker on Saturday, local speakers on Friday night, and some of the top book vendors in our region. It is a great opportunity to meet and visit with people from all over the state and beyond. Watch our quarterly for the announcement of next fall’s seminar. Our seminar chair, Mary Reid Warner, is already working on next year’s seminar.

A great opportunity for furthering your genealogical education is coming at the all day workshop offered by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 905 Kierre Rd., North Little Rock, AR. Ann Cobb is the coordinator. They will be offering, free, about 20 lectures throughout the day on March 11, 2000, by some top-notch speakers.

AGS Board of Directors will participate in a “Planning Retreat” to help focus the goals of this society for next year and the next century. We just celebrated our 37<sup>th</sup> year since founding. It is time to evaluate

to see what direction we need to take in the future. As a member, you are encouraged and welcomed to send your input to us. Address any constructive ideas to AGS Planning 2000, PO Box 908, Hot Springs, AR 71902-0908.

The Arkansas Genealogical Society recently published a book entitled *Masonic Deaths in Arkansas 1838-1916*. The book was abstracted and compiled from the Annual Proceeding of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Arkansas 1838-1916 by Ms Arlene LaGrone of Hope, AR, who very generously donated the compilation to AGS for publication. The early issues from 1838 to 1865 did not contain listings of Masonic deaths. The death notices began appearing in 1866, with some years in the 1870s listing a few or none. A supplement is added to the book that includes information from the 1870s that Ms. LaGrone did not have in her original compilation. She included the names of the early lodges, their location, date of charter, date of disbanding and the reference to the original book. This issue contains a listing with for 1867. Fortunately for genealogists, several people have found the wonderful information available in these records and endeavoring to publish it. Desmond Walls Allen has recently published *Masonic Death Records from the Grand Lodge of Arkansas 1941-1990*.

Thank you to all AGS Volunteers! AGS is a society of volunteers who donate their time, energy and money to support and maintain this society. There are officers, board members, and just plain volunteers who offer their help in many ways. These activities include coordinating or helping with the many jobs at our seminars, indexing the

“Priors” (delayed birth certificates), submitting articles, maintaining the Certificates of Arkansas Ancestry, donating material for publication either in *The Arkansas Family Historian* or as a book for AGS, maintaining the website and Arkansas List on the Internet, keeping a scrapbook of the history of AGS, and many others. Most board members and volunteers serve because they believe our society has an honorable and valuable purpose. AGS was organized in 1962 by a group of people who were dedicated to preserving and sharing Arkansas genealogical material. Your support as a member is greatly appreciated. Let us know how we might further help you!

Among our volunteers are those who are busily entering data on the “Priors”. The following folks are working steadily and had more than 11,000 names (there are over 250,000) entered near the end of October: Ed Sanders, Chair; Susan Boyle; Gloria Futrell; Nancy Barber; Jan Miller; Ernie Addington; Mary Montgomery; Harrell Ferguson and Lynda Suffridge. Remember, the record has to be over 100 years old before the index is available. Every day more names become available. If you would like to be on the list to help with this, contact Ed Sanders, 10 Choctaw Dr., Searcy, AR 72143. You must be a member of AGS and you will be required by the Health Department to sign an oath of confidentiality. The Health Department is open 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and you must have contacted Ed before you will be allowed to the area where the volunteers are working.

Lynda Childers Suffridge,  
President

**AGS Represented at FGS Conference**



Pictured are attendees at the Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference in St. Louis, MO, held 11-14 August, 1999. Seated: Jan Hearn Davenport, Bobbie Jones McLane, Arliss Ray. Standing: Dorathy Boulden, AGS Delegate to the Conference, Lynda Childers Suffridge, AGS President, Susan Gardner Boyle and Gloria Futrell.

**Correction:**

Jessie M. Ashford, 1850 Columbia Pike #724, Arlington, VA 22204-4646 advises of an error on page 133 of the September, 1999, issue of *The Arkansas Family Historian*. The first name on the page should be Lorenzo D. Trout, one of Ms. Ashford's Arkansas ancestors.

Faye J. Sivley, 1801 Cherry St., Grand Prairie, TX 75050-3910 advises that the Westmoreland Cemetery

September AFH, p. 113), is located on Nevada County Road 33/Cale Road., and the dates for Jeremiah Gilbert Westmoreland should be 1847-1929. Leonard Miles Westmoreland always saw that the cemetery was maintained until his death in

1979. It is now maintained but there is fear that in years to come it may go the way of many little cemeteries.

Items of interest from our Exchange volumes:

**Setting the Rumors Straight**

Rumors: PENSION RECORDS FOUND: Over a hundred boxes of pension records that date back to the Revolutionary War, War of 1812 and the Seminole War were recently found at the National Archives. None of these have ever been indexed or microfilmed. They are arranged by account number and are being published in American Genealogy Magazine by Datatrace System, PO Box 587, Stephenville, TX - OR

VETERANS RECORDS DISCOVERED: Some 10 million duplicates of 20<sup>th</sup> Century military records thought to have been

destroyed in the 1973 fire have been found by the Veterans Administration. If you have been told the records you need were burned in the fire, you may want to write again to National Personnel Records, GS 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis, MO.

**TRUTH:** Answer from the National Records Center

Thank you for contacting the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC), Military Records facility (MPR) located in St. Louis, MO. We are a regional division of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

The information concerning lost/recovered records is not accurate. **No military personnel records or medical records presumed to be lost or destroyed have been found or recovered. Unfortunately, that unsubstantiated rumor has been circulating since the mid 1980s – but is totally false. The basis for the rumor is as follows: (emphasis added)**

The “10 million lost records found” that were mentioned in an article are actually records from the Surgeon General’s Office (SGO) Hospital Admission Card file that were identified and transferred from the National Research Council to the National Archives and Records Administration in 1988. The source records existed on computer files which were not readable or usable in their original format and required extensive re-formatting. We, the National Personnel Records Center, were able to salvage 7.8 million record entries from the source file. These records have been in use at NPRC since that time to assist us in answering requests from the Department of Veterans’ Affairs (VA) and inquiries from veterans themselves and their authorized representatives.

The SGO records are not specific medical documents, they are abstracted information obtained from hospital admission cards sequenced by serial number (they contain NO

names). The records were created using data sampling techniques for statistical purposes. The listings are not complete nor comprehensive and many admissions were skipped during the sampling process. The subjects of the entries were active duty Army and Army Air Corps, Navy, Air Force, and military cadet personnel (totaling 5%+) who were in service between 1950 and 1954.

Information concerning the SGO files is available on the Internet at <http://www.nara.gov/regional/stlouis.html> or <http://www.nara.gov/regional/mpr.html>

We realize that people who are not aware of the facts of this situation are given false hope when the RUMOR that lost records, which will assist veterans, have been “found” reaches them. Sadly, it is not the case. WE have received inquiries and letters concerning this since 1988, but we have been unable to squelch the story. It seems to appear every so often in magazines, on TV, even through information sources of other federal agencies and military veterans’ organizations.

We request that you would provide this correction of misinformation to any persons or organizations to whom you may have provided the inaccurate, original information.

Source: *Florida Lines*, March, 1999, page 5

## TIPS FOR RESEARCH

### Problems with birthplaces on censuses

In the various 1850 censuses, Indiana is abbreviated [“Ia”]. Be careful when you read any census for 1850. If it shows [Ia] as birthplace, it should be Indiana. The state of Iowa was usually spelled out in full.

Another problem birthplace can be Indian Territory. Sometimes it was abbreviated Ind. T. or Ind. Terr., and people think it is Indiana. ...

## INDIAN HUNTING

### Terms used in the Cherokee Dawes Rolls

Cherokee by Blood - Enrollee who had some degree of Cherokee blood.

Adopted Cherokee - A person not of Cherokee blood who was given full tribal citizenship.

Freedmen's Roll The former slave of the Cherokees and their descendants.

Minor Cherokees by Blood - children born to original enrollees from 1903 to 1914; a.k.a. [also known as] too lates

Minor Freedmens Roll - the children of original freedmen enrollees born from 1903 to 1914

Source: Craig County Oklahoma Genealogical Society, Summer 1999 Newsletter

### Items from the Internet:

The following came from the Rootsweb Review May 10, 1999

Myra Vanderpool Gormley, CG  
[myravg@prodigy.net](mailto:myravg@prodigy.net)

Between 1889 and 1907 what is now Oklahoma was two territories: Oklahoma Territory and Indian Territory. Earlier, from 1886 to 1889 this area was all called Indian Territory.

The OK-IT pertains to political and land divisions, not tribal designations. Indian Territory (1889-1907) contained Cherokee Nation, Choctaw Nation, Chickasaw Nation and Seminole Nation. Within these nations were counties (just to confuse present-day researchers), many of which no longer exist. Oklahoma Territory in 1890 had the following Indian jurisdictions: Osage, Kaw (Alias Kansas), Nez Perce, Ponca, Otoe and Missouri, Pawnee, Remnant of Cherokee Outlet (not part of the Cherokee Nation, Iowa, Kickapoo, Sac and Fox, Pottawatomie, Cheyenne, and Arrapho, Wichita, Kiowa, Comanche and Apache. Additionally there was the area (now the Oklahoma panhandle) called "No Man's Land" but that was not a

political division, simply an unassigned area of land. To add a bit more confusion to the political history, Texas organized an area in what is now the southwest corner of Oklahoma as Greer County. It was attached to Oklahoma following a decision of the U. S. Supreme Court in 1896, when the Okies there refused to wear 10-gallon hats and be known as Texans. (were you paying attention?)

Source: Craig County Oklahoma Genealogical Society Summer 1999 Newsletter

**Oklahoma's Cowboys & Indians Ancestor Seminar** will be held March 24 & 25, 2000, at the Gordon Cooper Technology Center, 1 John C. Burton Blvd. (SE corner of I-40 & Hwy. 186), Shawnee, OK. See <http://members.aol.com/OkCowboys/AndIndians.htm>

### **You Know You Are a Genealogy Addict when..**

You brake for libraries.  
You hyperventilate at the sight of an old cemetery.  
You would rather read census schedules than a good book.  
You are more interested in what happened in 1698 than 1999.  
You think every home should have a copier and a microfilm reader.  
You know every registrar of deeds in the state by name, but - they lock the doors when they see you coming.  
You store your clothes under the bed because your closet is full of books and papers.  
All of your correspondence begins "Dear Cousin".  
You have traced every one of your ancestral lines back to Adam & Eve, have it documented, and still don't want to quit.

### **Notes From The Net**

Submitted by Ed Sanders, 10 Choctaw Dr., Searcy, AR 72143.

## **Batesville AR Historical Marker**

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ARKANSAS 1862 – 1863

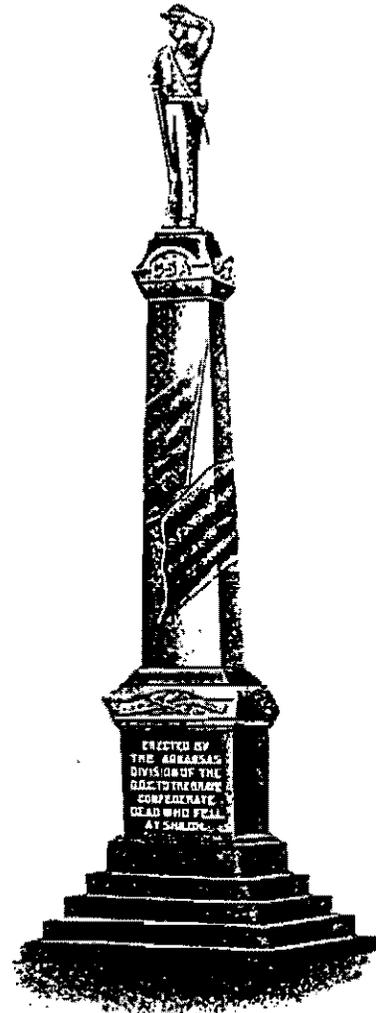
Marker at intersection of Highways 167 and 25, Batesville, Arkansas, at Ramsey Mountain

In the harsh winter of 1862-63 Col. J. O. Shelby brigade commander of three Missouri cavalry regiments under Gen. John S. Marmaduke's Confederate cavalry command, arrived in this area from a raid into southern Missouri. He quartered his troops on the farm of Col. Franklin W. Desha few miles northwest of this site. Shelby's command stayed at Camp J.O. Shelby until March, when he moved his soldiers across the White River to Batesville where he established Camp Nannie Wilson with about 3,000 men. Leaving Camp Nannie Wilson, Shelby and his men accompanied General Marmaduke's army on a second raid into Missouri in the late spring of 1863.

### **Upcoming Events**

Ridge Roots 2000, a genealogy event for Northeast Arkansas and Southeast Missouri will be presented by the Genealogy Society of Craighead County, AR, the Greene County Historical and Genealogical Society and The Delta Studies Center of Arkansas State University on March 18, 2000, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Carl A. Reng Center, Arkansas State University Campus. There is limited seating and pre-registration fee is \$25.00. Contact GSCCA at PO Box 2614, Jonesboro, AR 72402-2614 for a registration form and more information.

The Seventh North Arkansas Ancestor Fair will be held June 1-3, 2000 at Leslie/Marshall, AR. Contact James J. Johnston at 2333 N. East Oaks Dr., Fayetteville, AR 72703 or E-mail: johnston@ipa.net for registration info.



**ARKANSAS MONUMENT  
AT SHILOH BATTLEFIELD PARK**

# Certificate of Arkansas Ancestry Report

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By Jan Eddleman, 1807 Sunshine Mine Rd.,  
Hackett, AR 72937

Arkansas Genealogical Society offers  
Certificates of Arkansas Ancestry issued in  
three categories:

**Colonial** – a resident of Arkansas before 1  
January 1804;

**Territorial** - a resident of Arkansas before  
14 June 1834;

**Ante-bellum** - a resident of Arkansas before  
6 May 1861;

**Nineteenth Century** - a resident of Arkansas  
before 31 December 1900

Send SASE with \$0.55 postage (2 ounces) to  
AGS, PO Box 908, Hot Springs, AR 71902-  
0908, for an application form for your  
certificate.

## Territorial Certificates

Ancestor: Samuel Plummer  
County: Conway  
Submitted by: Angela Suzanne Plummer  
12804 Day Oaks Lane E.  
Jacksonville, Florida 32223

Ancestor: Samuel Plummer  
County: Conway  
Submitted by: Audra Beth Plummer  
12804 Day Oaks Lane E.  
Jacksonville, Florida 32223

Ancestor: Samuel Plummer  
County: Conway  
Submitted by: David Plummer  
12804 Day Oaks Lane E.  
Jacksonville, Florida 32223

Ancestor: John Cadwalader Ringgold  
County: Independence  
Submitted by: Dorothy Shaver Shaffer  
28 Fonsagrada Way  
Hot Springs Village, Arkansas  
71909



## Family History Writing Contest Winner

The 1999 winner of the Marion Starke Craig Award is Lois Walker Branton, 200 Bay Pointe Cove A-104, Maumelle, AR 72114 with the following entry.

### **Arkansas Ancestors – Lineage of Ephraim Branton and Susanna (Tatum) Branton**

It was in 1843<sup>1</sup> that the wagons rolled to a stop about 12 miles Northwest of Ecore a Fabre', Arkansas. A weary Susanna (Tatum) Branton climbed down from her seat on one of the wagons to set her feet on Arkansas soil where she would live the remaining 45 years of her life. Their wagons had come up the Ouachita River on keel-boats to the landing known as Ecore a Fabre' (Fabre's Bluff), later to be incorporated as the town of Camden, Arkansas.<sup>2</sup>

The long road to Arkansas began eleven years earlier when Susanna and her husband, Ephraim Branton, left their home in Columbus Co., North Carolina, and began their journey. They got as far as Mississippi that year—1843.<sup>3</sup> Her son, Ephraim (Jr.) was born while they were located in Mississippi.<sup>4</sup> After three years in Mississippi the family group loaded their wagons and moved to Alabama<sup>5</sup> where several Branton relatives resided. Erick (presumably Ephraim's brother), his wife and children were living in Dale Co., Alabama. Ephraim and Susanna set up their household nearby. They remained in Alabama six years before beginning the final journey that ended in Ouachita Co., Arkansas. Samuel and John Branton in an adjoining household at the time of the 1840 Alabama census were probably Erick's sons. Although Ephraim also had sons by these names, these households remain in the Alabama census of 1850 and 1860 after Ephraim and family located in Arkansas. The 1840 Alabama census lists Ephraim Branton's household with 15 family members and five slaves.<sup>6</sup>

The land Ephraim homesteaded in Ouachita Co., Arkansas, was through a land patent and lay in Township 13 South, Range 18 West, Section 30. In 1846 Ephraim's tax assessment included 40 acres with that location, "along with two slaves valued at \$750 and five head of cattle over two years old."<sup>7</sup> He evidently had given some of his slaves their freedom while in Mississippi or Alabama as they previously had shown five slaves in the 1830 North Carolina census, and also in the 1840 Alabama census.

The family prospered, buying more land through the next ten or eleven years with holdings of 240 acres of land "seven slaves valued at \$3,000, two horses and one mule." This was shown in the Ouachita Co., Arkansas, tax assessor's records for the year 1857.<sup>8</sup>

Ephraim's death May 10, 1857<sup>9</sup> resulted in a lawsuit that was appealed to the Arkansas Supreme Court which heard the case in the December Term of 1861.<sup>10</sup> The Branton vs. Branton case law has continued to be cited in the Arkansas Statutes as the prevailing case law regarding pretermitted heirs (the rights of the children of a decedent who failed to mention them in his will). Ephraim's will contained a single testamentary sentence: "I give and bequeath to my wife, Susanna Branton, all my real and personal property, goods and chattels, of what nature and kind soever, to my said wife, Susanna Branton whom I here by appoint my sole executrix of this my last will and testament."<sup>11</sup>

Two of the children, Wilson H. Branton and Alice J. (Branton) Webb, along with Franklin P. Ellis and Malsy Ann Ellis, infants, by their next friend, the two last being children of Malsy Ann (Branton) Ellis, a deceased daughter of the testator, brought suit for an "intestate" share of the estate, the portion to which they would have been entitled had Ephraim died without a will.<sup>12</sup> The Arkansas Supreme Court held in favor of the plaintiffs,

awarding them the share they sought in the lawsuit against their mother/grandmother.<sup>13</sup>

Ironically, the grandchildren were living with their Grandmother Branton after their mother's death (at the time of the lawsuit).

Soon Susanna Branton saw five of her sons serving the Confederacy. Richard was captured by the Union forces and died in a prisoner of war camp at Rock Island, Illinois. He had served in Company D Crawford's Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Arkansas Cavalry. He was captured in Ashley Co., Arkansas. His death occurred 14 October 1864. The number and locality of his grave is 1567.<sup>14</sup>

John M. Branton served in Company F under Capt. H. M. Purifoy, 15<sup>th</sup> Arkansas Infantry. He participated in the battles of Fort Henry and Donelson (both located in North Central Tennessee). He was captured in the battle of Port Hudson (Louisiana) and taken to Camp Butler in Springfield, Illinois. Out at the end of six months, he was exchanged at Vicksburg, Mississippi, and rejoined his regiment. He soon took part in the second battle of Port Hudson, but was again taken prisoner.<sup>15</sup> After the war, John returned to farming, lived with his mother, never married, applied for a Civil War pension in 1903.<sup>16</sup>

Ephraim Branton (Jr.) enlisted 17 June 1862 in Camden, Arkansas, and served in Company B 33<sup>rd</sup> Arkansas Infantry, Grinstead's Regiment.<sup>17</sup>

Wilson Hemingway Branton served in Company A of Dawson's Regiment. He enlisted 13 February 1863.<sup>18</sup> Wilson was born in North Carolina ca 1826. He was married with two young children, Sarah and Richard Alexander, when he joined the Confederate Army.<sup>19</sup> After the war a daughter, Ada, was born in 1867. A second marriage (wife listed as A. D. in the 1870 census and A. B. in the 1880 census) produced a son, Wilson Hemingway Branton (Jr.) born 27 May 1872 near Murfreesboro, Arkansas.<sup>20</sup>

Richard Alexander Branton, son of Wilson Hemingway Branton and his first wife, was born near Camden, Arkansas, 30 December 1855 and spent the final 40 years of his life in Choctaw Co., Oklahoma. His lineage included eleven children.<sup>21</sup> He died in 1944.<sup>22</sup>

There have been six generations of Brantons in the construction industry in Arkansas, beginning with two of the brothers who made the journey from North Carolina. It was in Magnolia, Arkansas, where the first construction "firm" began. This is evidenced by a lawsuit appealed to the Arkansas Supreme Court which heard the case in the January Term of 1860. "Richard M. and Samuel J. Branton, partners in house building, in the firm name of R. M. Brandon & Co." had sued in Columbia County Circuit Court for payment of a building they had constructed for James A. Hicks and Robert E. Arrington. The lower court ruled in favor of the Branton brothers in the amount of their claim of \$603. The case was appealed by Hicks, et al.<sup>23</sup>

Wilson Hemingway Branton (Jr.) remained in Arkansas. He married Anna C. Sparks. They remained near Murfreesboro, Arkansas, throughout their lives. They were the parents of five sons and three daughters. The sons and grandsons of Wilson Hemingway Branton (Jr.) in 1939 were working on the building of Camack Village (a separate community adjacent to Little Rock, Arkansas). They purchased materials identical to one of the Camack Village houses, loaded it on trucks, drove to Murfreesboro, Arkansas, and built a new home for their parents/grandparents, Wilson and Anna.<sup>24</sup>

#### End Notes

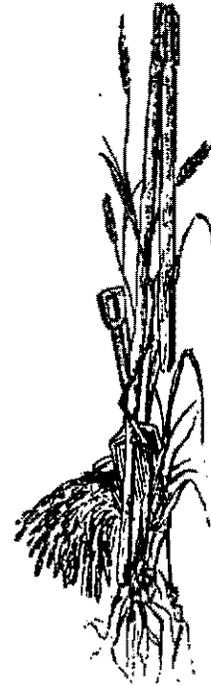
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18. W. H. Branton, compiled military service record (private Co. A, Dawson's Regt., Arkansas Inf.), *Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of Arkansas*. Microfilm publication M317 (Washington, D. C.; National Archives), roll 250.
19. W. H. Branton household, 1870 Census, Ouachita Co., Arkansas population schedule, Ecora Fabra township, pg. 10, dwelling 83, family 83, National Archives microfilm publication M593, roll 59.
20. Letter from Sarah Jane (Kill) Branton, Florissant, Missouri, dated 14 November 1980. Original in possession of Raymond Branton. Sara Jane (Kill) Branton is daughter-in-law of son of Richard A. Branton born 30 December 1855.
21. *Ibid*.
22. Richard A. Branton death certificate no. 294 (1944) Oklahoma State Board of Health, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
23. Hicks, et al, vs. Branton, et al, appeal from Columbia Circuit Court, Arkansas Supreme Court, 1860 January Term, pgs. 186-193.

24. Interview with Raymond Wilson Branton, grandson of Wilson Hemingway Branton.

Exhibits were attached to the entry, the original of which is on file at the Arkansas History Commission & State Archives, 1 Capitol Mall, Little Rock, AR 72201.

The Contest will continue for 2,000 and an announcement of the particulars of the project will be included in the March, 2000, issue of *The Arkansas Family Historian*.



## Bible Records

### Carter Family

Transcribed by Jan Eddleman

Photocopies of these bible records are filed in the Genealogical Department of the Fort Smith Public Library, 61 South 8<sup>th</sup> St., Fort Smith, AR 72901. They were originally collected and photocopied by members of Frontier Researchers, a genealogical society, and have appeared in their journal. They have been transcribed as in the original.

Presented to Roy & Dorothy Carter by Roger Dale Carter Their son . Date Jan 1970

### MARRIAGE RECORD

Husband: James Roy Carter  
Birth Date: May 6, 1914

Wife: Dorothy Merl Hyatt  
Birth Date: July 19, 1918

Date of Marriage: August 8, 1836

Performed by: J.P. Howard Graves at Mt. Levi, Arkansas

Wedding Attendants: Lessie Smith, Bulah Hyatt, Leona Hyatt, Mrs. Howard Graves, Mrs. Graves, Sr.

### THINGS TO REMEMBER

#### Deceased

James Lapolan Carter died May 26 (?)

Nancy Ann Woodward Carter died July 9, 1924

Lillie Edwards born 1906 Died 1959

Joe Carter  
Dessie Mae Carter Lemons

Martha Carter Merriman Born April 28: Died Nov. 5

Betty Lou Lemmons

James Troy Ritchie  
Bulah Elsie Smith Hyatt (Died Mar. 7, 1970)

Joe Cecil Hyatt (Died April 7, 1972)

Ruby (Carter) Games Born March 4 Died January 19

Willie Margret Hyatt Born 11-6-1924 Died 8-8-1994  
Married to Hobart Lambert, Robert Johnson, Earl Hallawest

John Edward Patterson July 21, 1952 – May 31, 1968

Jimmy Dale Patterson 1953 – May 30, 1968

Bulah Hyatt, died Mar 7, 1970 (age 75)

James Ervin Carter Born to James Roy Carter and Dorothy Merl Hyatt Carter, Dec. 4, 1938 in Knoxville, Arkansas, in Johnson County. Attending physician was Dr. Cown of London, Arkansas.

Millie Margret Hyatt was buried at Jefferson Barracks Military Cemetery on 8-5-90 by her deceased husband Robert R. Johnson

### MOTHER'S FAMILY TREE

Mother's Name: Dorothy Merl Hyatt Carter  
Her Father: Joe Cecil Hyatt  
Her Mother: Bulah Elsie Smith  
Father (of her Father): Marion Francis Hyatt  
Mother (of her Father): Martha Ann Gladdin  
Father (of her Mother): Jim Smith  
Mother (of her Mother): Mary Harlan  
Father (of father of her father): Hezekiah Smith  
Mother (of father of her father): Sarah Crawford

Father (of mother of her mother): James  
Pendleton Harlan  
Mother (of mother of her mother): Malinda  
Harlan

#### FATHER'S FAMILY TREE

Father's name: James Ray Carter  
His Father: James Napolien Carter  
His Mother: Nancy Ann Woodward  
Father (of his father): Joe Carter  
Mother (of his father): Martha Esslick  
Father (of his mother): Jack Woodward  
Mother (of his mother): Mary Jane Neil

#### OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN

Name: James Ervin  
Born: Dec. 4, 1938  
At: Knoxville, Ark.  
Married: Judith Rose Kelly  
Dec. 14, 1959

#### THEIR CHILDREN

Name: Sheila Lynne  
Born: March 19, 1962  
At: [sic]Popular Bluff, Mo  
Name: Pamela Ann  
Born: Dec. 29, 1962  
At: Dexter, Mo.

Name: Mickle Steve  
Born: July 3, 1964  
At: Dexter, Mo

Name: Lisa Kay  
Born: Feb. 11, 1967  
At: Dexter, Mo

Name: Ella Louise  
Born: Aug. 6, 1942  
At: Sikeston, Mo  
Married: Vernon G. Minney  
Nov. 5, 1962

#### THEIR CHILDREN

Name: Teresa Dianne  
Born: Sept. 16, 1963

At: Dexter, Mo

Name: Deborah Gaye  
Born: June 26, 1965  
At: Bakersfield, Calif

Name: Vernon Gerald, Jr.  
Born: Oct. 19, 1971  
At: Sikeston, Mo

Name: Roger Dale  
Born: Oct. 13, 1948  
At: Risco, Mo  
Married: Debria Ann Oston (?)  
7-5-54, Catron, Mo. August 13, 1972

Name: Robert Cecil  
Born: Sept. 30, 1952  
At: Sikeston, Mo  
Married: Judy Faye Jackson  
April 16, 1963, McDougal, Ark.

#### THEIR CHILDREN

Name: Aaron Dale  
Born: Sept. 26, 1970  
At: Dexter, Mo

Name: Katey Dawn  
Born: Sep. 6, 1973  
At: Bakersfield, Calif.

Name: Robert Carter  
Born: Sept. 5, 1952  
At: Sikeston, Mo  
Married: Janett Hamlett, May 14, 1951.  
Campbell, Mo

#### THEIR CHILDREN

Name: Heather LuAnn  
Born: 12-5-1977  
At: [sic]Popular Bluff, Mo

Name: Robert Carter  
Born: 9-30-52  
At: Sikeston, Mo  
Married: Lea Ann McGinty, 1963, St.Louis,  
Mo

#### THEIR CHILDREN

Name: Robert Carter  
Born 9-30-52  
At Sikeston, Mo

Name: Lea Ann McGinty  
Born: 1963  
At: St. Louis, Mo  
Name: Crystal Ann  
Born: 9-9-82  
At: Dexter, Mo

Name: Christopher Blair  
Born: 1-16-84  
At: Fort Smith, Ark.

### **Martha Matilda "Mattie" Langley**

Submitted by Margaret A. Davis Martinez,  
315 N. Linwood Ave., Charlotte, NC 28216-  
3919

James K. Langley, was born June the 22  
1844  
Susan Langley was born July the 23 1844  
James A. Langley was born November the 21  
1866  
Mary E. Langley was born December the 4  
(or 9) 1867  
William J. Langley was born Feb the 25 1869  
Martha M. Langley was born March the 20  
871  
Allen A. Langley was born Oct the 12 1872  
Charley B. Langley was born Nov the 27  
1878  
Fanner E. Langley was born Oct the 21 1882  
Daisy M. Langley was born Nov the 27 1878  
James K. Langley was married Nov the 19  
19;65 to Susan Mayfield  
James A. Langley died April the 6 1876

Funeral of \*T. S. Reynold was preach the 20  
of July 1890

NOTES beside entries:

James K. Polk "Jess"

Mary Ellen

William Jesse  
Martha Matilda

Fainer Everett

### **Births**

\*\*W. A. Hammons was born Jan 19, 1872  
M. M. Hammons was born March 20, 1971  
H. G. Hammons was born July 28, 1984  
J. H. Hammons was born Nov 20m 1985  
U. R. Hammons was born Sep 20, 1900  
Infant Hammons was born May 24, 1903  
Inal Hammons was born March 30, 1907  
L. D. Hammons was born April 29, 1911

NOTES beside entries:

William Allen  
Martha Matilda  
Herman Gleason  
Julius Howard  
Uela Roxie  
d. 27 May 1903  
Virgie Inal

First grandchild was born Jan 9, 1914, Roy  
Herman Hammons, son of Mr. And Mrs. H.  
G. H.  
Doris Eileen (Eileen Doris) Nov. 9, 1919,  
Daughter of Mr. And Mrs. J. H. H.  
Son born to Mr. & Mrs. J. H. H. on Nov  
1924  
Peggy LoGean was born to MR. And Mrs. R.  
D. Alsup Dec 14, 1 930

### **Deaths**

Baby Hammons died May 27, 1903

### **Notes**

- This was Martha Matilda Langley's first husband who died of pneumonia, having fathered no children.
- \*\* This was Martha Matilda Langley's 2nd husband. They migrated and raised their children in Taylor Co. and Wilbarger Co., TX.

The grandfather of Martha Matilda Langley is believed to have been Alfred A. Langley. He is buried in the Langley Cemetery,

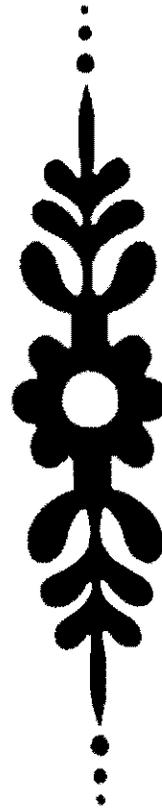
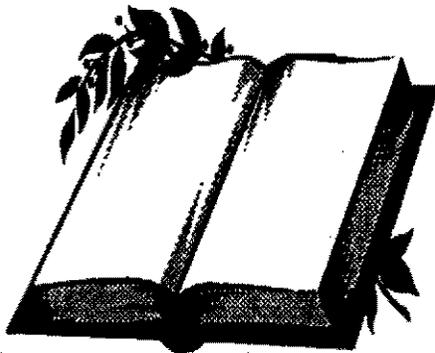
Madison Co., AR, near the Washington Co. line. His tombstone reads "born 20 Dec 1810 in Murray (probably Maury) Co., TN, and died 24 Jan 1890." James K. Polk Langley (b. 22 Jun 1844 TN, d. 6 April 1867, buried near Thalia, TX) and Susan Mayfield were parents of Martha Matilda Langley.

Charley B. Langley (listed above b. 27 Nov 1878) had a twin who died a few months of age.

W. A. Hammons was grandson of Stokeley Dollison Hammon and Mary Emily Swafford. Stokeley Dollison Hammon (son of Micajah Hammon and Mary Vaughan) is buried in Vaughan Cemetery, Madison Co., AR.

Transcribed from a photocopy of the original provided by a granddaughter, Gail Hammons Peters of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

This family resided in Madison Co., Washington Co. and Benton Co. in Arkansas for many years.



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Old Main 416, U of A  
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Independence, Izard Counties

Benton County Hist. Soc.  
Peel Mansion  
400 S. Walton Blvd.  
Bentonville, AR 72712  
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Clay County Gen. & Hist. Soc.  
C/o Piggott Public Library  
361 West Main  
Piggott, AR 72454  
Clay County

Craighead County Hist. Soc.  
PO Box 1011  
Jonesboro, AR 72403-1011  
Craighead County

Cross County Hist. Soc.  
PO Box 943  
Wynne, AR 72396-0943  
Cross County

Desha County Historical Society  
506 Henry Dr.  
Dumas, AR 71639  
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Family History Club  
PO Box 1227  
Bastrop, LA 71221  
Morehouse Parish, LA and Ashley Co., AR

Frontier Researchers Gen. Soc.  
PO Box 2123  
Fort Smith, AR 72902-2123  
Sebastian County

Garland County Hist. Soc.  
222 McMahan Dr. (mailing address)  
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Hot Springs, AR 71913  
Garland County, City of Hot  
Springs National Park, AR

Grand Prairie Historical Soc.  
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DeWitt, AR 72042  
Arkansas County

Grand Prairie Gen. Soc.  
C/o Stuttgart Public Library  
2002 S. Buerkle  
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Greene County Gen. & Hist. Soc.  
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Hempstead County Gen. Soc.  
PO Box 1158  
Hope, AR 71802-1158  
Hempstead County

Hempstead County Historical Society  
PO Box 1257  
Hope, AR 71802-1258  
Hempstead County

Hot Spring County Hist. Soc.  
PO Box 675  
Malvern, AR 72104-0674  
Hot Spring County

Independence County Historical Society  
(Meets with Batesville Gen. Soc.)

Johnson County Hist. Soc.  
PO Box 505  
Clarksville, AR 72830-0505  
Johnson County

Lawrence County Hist. Soc.  
PO Box 92  
Powhatan, AR 72458-0092  
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Little River Hist. Soc.  
C/o Little River Chamber of Commerce  
Courthouse Annex Bldg.  
Ashdown, AR 71822  
Little River Co.

Marion County Hist. & Gen. Soc., The  
PO Box 761  
Yellville, AR 7268-0761  
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Melting Pot Gen. Soc.  
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Hot Springs, AR 71902-0936  
Garland & surrounding counties

Newton County Hist. Society  
PO Box 360  
Jasper, AR 72641-0360  
Newton Co.

Northwest Arkansas Gen. Soc.  
PO Box 796  
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Benton, Washington Counties

Polk County Gen.Soc.  
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302 E. 195h  
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Saline County History and Heritage Society  
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Saline County

Sharp County Hist. Soc.  
PO Box 185  
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Sharp County

SouthWest Arkansas Gen. Soc.(SOWEAR)  
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Bowie Co., TX

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El Dorado, AR 71730-2-3897  
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Walker County, TX, Gen. Soc.  
PO Box 1295  
Huntsville, TX 77342-1295  
Walker Co., TX

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PO Box 537  
Searcy AR 72145  
White County

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PO Box 622  
Dardanelle, AR 72834-0622  
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Little Rock, AR 72225  
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PO Box 4506  
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Independence, Izard, Jackson, Marion, Poinsett,  
Sharp, Stone, White and Woodruff

Ozarks Watch  
SMSU 901 S.National Ave.  
Springfield, MO 65804  
Ozarks

Camden & Ouachita Co., Public Library of  
120 Harrison  
Camden, AR 71701

Corning Public Library  
613 Pine St.  
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Clay, Greene, Randolph Counties

Randolph County Library  
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Pocahontas, AR 72455  
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Shiloh Museum of Ozark History  
118 W. Johnson Ave.  
Springdale, AR 72764  
Northwest Arkansas

Springdale Public Library  
1205 W. Maple Ave.  
Springdale, AR 72764

Torreyson Library  
UCA Special Collections  
201 Donaghey  
Conway, AR 72035

#### Private Publishers

Arkansas Ancestors  
222 McMahan Dr.  
Hot Springs, AR 71913  
Arkansas and family

Barnhart, Margaret A.  
Pegasearch  
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Warm Springs, AR 722478-9084  
Randolph, Clay, Greene, Lawrence, Sharp  
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Hot Springs, AR 71901  
Burton family

Boyd, C. L. & Lina  
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Johnson, Pope Counties

Buckley, Sandra  
205 E. 469 Rd.  
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Christian, Howell and Schuyler Cos., MO  
Carroll and Marion Cos., AR

Bunch, DeWitt  
PO Box 2666  
Pawleys Island, SC 29585-2666  
Davenport Family

Census View  
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Ripley, OK 74062  
(Census records on CD Rom)

Clark, Wensil Marsh  
1212 Biscayne Dr.  
Little Rock, AR 72227-5973  
White Co.

Daniel, Loreda Hicks  
998 Hwy. 84 W  
Glenwood, AR 71943

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Bowie, MD 20716  
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J & W Enterprises  
John and Wanda Head  
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Jones, Jimmie L.  
258 Catherine Heights Rd.  
Hot Springs, AR 71901  
Jones Family Book shelf, Garland County

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Miller, Mary Cooper  
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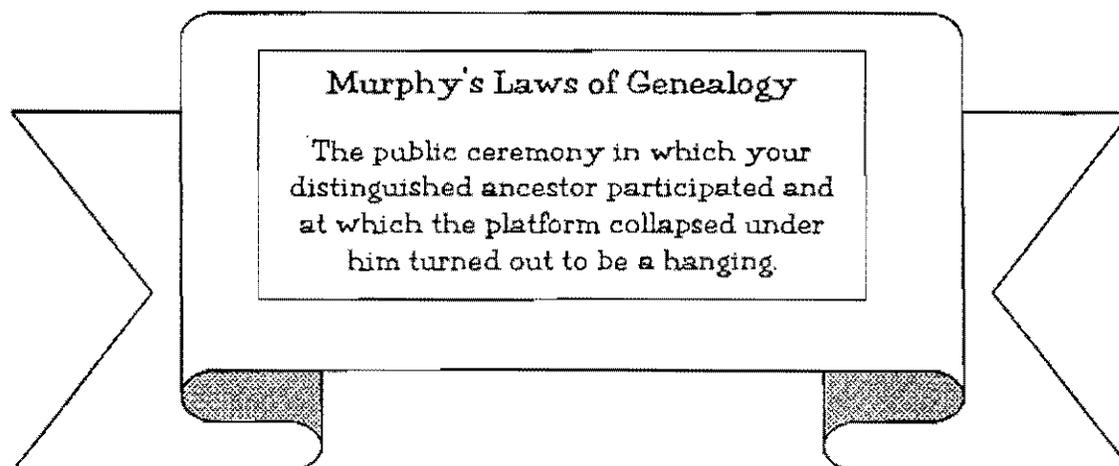
Richey, Catherine S.  
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Lawrence County

Weber, Nancie Todd  
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Canyon Lake, CA 92587-7571  
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# ARKANSAS DEATH DATES FROM MASONIC ANNUAL PROCEEDINGS

October 1<sup>st</sup>, 1866 to October 1<sup>st</sup>, 1867  
Submitted by Lynda Childers Suffridge

The following DEATH DATES are found in the *Proceedings of the Most Worshipful GRAND LODGE of the STATE OF ARKANSAS, November 4, 5, and 6, A. D. 1867, A. L. 5867*. Gazette Office, Little Rock: Woodruff & Blocher, Printers. 1867. Pages 210-215. [From Arkansas History Commission & State Archives General Microfilm File: Masons – Roll 1.]

Included in this list are death dates of men who died during earlier years, notably during the Civil War.

Beginning page 210, APPENDIX: TABLE NO. V. *Giving Name, Date and Lodge of Members who have Died from October 1<sup>st</sup>, 1866, to October 1<sup>st</sup>, 1867*. [Transcriber has added post office and county from the Lodge Directory.]

NAME	DATE OF DEATH	LODGE	NO.	Post Office	COUNTY
Byrd, Richard	30 August 1867	Western Star	2	Little Rock	Pulaski
Timms, Elisha	May 1867	Western Star	2	Little Rock	Pulaski
Thompson, P.	27 June 1867	Western Star	2	Little Rock	Pulaski
Cox, B. N.	25 October 1867	Liberty	5	Mount Zion Church	Ashley
Powell, H.	17 February 1867	Key	7	Lindsey's Prairie	Benton
Helderbrand, Brice		Key	7	Lindsey's Prairie	Benton
Alston, E. B.		Franklin	9	Clarksville	Johnson
Bennett, J. S.		Franklin	9	Clarksville	Johnson
Morgan, F. G.	16 December 1866	Franklin	9	Clarksville	Johnson
Madden, T.		Franklin	9	Clarksville	Johnson
Rogers, R.	17 December 1866	Franklin	9	Clarksville	Johnson
Robinson, E.	6 August 1867	Franklin	9	Clarksville	Johnson
Porter, W. C.	January 1867	Franklin	9	Clarksville	Johnson
Barrett, J. T.	5 February 1867	Mount Zion	10	Batesville	Independence
Ruddell, John	17 April 1867	Mount Zion	10	Batesville	Independence
Connelly, Peter	26 June 1867	Camden	11	Camden	Ouachita
McLaughlin, N. M.	April 1867	Camden	11	Camden	Ouachita
Bussey, Hez	November 1866	El Dorado	13	El Dorado	Union
Ingram, Thomas	February 1867	El Dorado	13	El Dorado	Union
Kauffman, S.	21 October 1866	El Dorado	13	El Dorado	Union
Gibson, Fayette		El Dorado	13	El Dorado	Union
Canida, Joseph, E.A.		Lewisville	14	Lewisville	Lafayette
Fort, Joseph J., F.C.		Lewisville	14	Lewisville	Lafayette
Shell, J. W.		Woodlawn	15	Woodlawn	Ouachita
Brown, John M.	27 November 1866	Arkadelphia	19	Arkadelphia	Clark
Baggett, John S.	2 September 1867	Arkadelphia	19	Arkadelphia	Clark
Hart, Franklin T.	11 February 1867	Arkadelphia	19	Arkadelphia	Clark
Monroe, James C.		Arkadelphia	19	Arkadelphia	Clark
Mitchell, Dr. Curran	17 October 1866	Arkadelphia	19	Arkadelphia	Clark
Ross, Thomas A.	23 October 1866	Arkadelphia	19	Arkadelphia	Clark

Boyle, William	12 September 1867	Belle Point	20	Fort Smith	Sebastian
Thompson, S.	5 April 1867	Belle Point	20	Fort Smith	Sebastian
Harrison, T. T.	12 November 1866	Tulip	25	Tulip	Dallas
Sullivan, William		Polk	26	Hillsboro	Union
Goodram, Sterling	3 October 1867	Pleasant Valley	30	Nashville	Hempstead
Bethell, William	January 1867	White River	37	Des Arc	Prairie
Griffith, J. A.	8 July 1867	White River	37	Des Arc	Prairie
Burks, W. P., Sr		Eureka	40	Monticello	Drew
Wesson, P. V.		Oakville	43	Oakville	Union
Hurt, R. T.		Augusta	45	Augusta	Woodruff
Warren, W. C.		Augusta	45	Augusta	Woodruff
Old, W. A.	20 January 1867	Searcy	49	Searcy	White
Robbins, James M.	16 January 1867	Searcy	49	Searcy	White
Moss, E.	24 September 1867	Searcy	49	Searcy	White
Davis, E. N. A.	July 1867	Southern Star	53	Hampton	Calhoun
Bell, Thomas	31 August 1867	Bentonville	56	Bentonville	Benton
Green, Fredrick	30 August 1867	Bentonville	56	Bentonville	Benton
Rogers, John		Hamburg	61	Hamburg	Ashley
Burgauer, M.	10 June 1867	Hot Spring	62	Hot Springs	Hot Spring
Mosby, J. H.		Strict	63	Plum Bayou	Jefferson
		Observance			
Ralston, G. W.		Strict	63	Plum Bayou	Jefferson
		Observance			
King, A. A.		Strict	63	Plum Bayou	Jefferson
		Observance			
Cox, Malone	4 June 1867	Falcon	67	Falcon	Columbia
Waldrup, P.	4 October 1867	Falcon	67	Falcon	Columbia
Emanuel, B. F.	10 September 1867	Pine Bluff	69	Pine Bluff	Jefferson
Lee, C. C.	8 October 1867	Pine Bluff	69	Pine Bluff	Jefferson
Price, Isaac D. Jr.	2 December 1866	Pine Bluff	69	Pine Bluff	Jefferson
Turnian, C. B.	8 August 1867	Powhatan	72	Powhatan	Lawrence
Daniel, J. S.	7 September 1867	Huey	78	New Edinburg	Bradley
McCauliess, Hiram	March 1867	Moscow	80	Moscow	Hempstead
Griffin, W.		Byers	81	Grand Glaize	Jackson
Munday, W. T.	26 September 1867	Byers	81	Grand Glaize	Jackson
Thompson, An. N.		Centre Point	87	Centre Point	Sevier
Jones, John	1863	Richmond	94	Richmond	Sevier
Alsup, J.	1863	Richmond	94	Richmond	Sevier
Durham, J. G.	1863	Richmond	94	Richmond	Sevier
Gregory, T.	1862	Richmond	94	Richmond	Sevier
Riddle, John	1865	Richmond	94	Richmond	Sevier
Harralson, J. T.	1864	Richmond	94	Richmond	Sevier
Hood, David W.	12 February 1867	Richmond	94	Richmond	Sevier
Breathwait, John	January 1867	Moore	96	Mount Elba	Bradley
McLean, _____	April 1867	Moore	96	Mount Elba	Bradley
Rucker, W.	July 1867	Pigeon Hill	98	Wilmington	Union
Glover, W. D.		Mount Pleasant	99	Saundersville	Prairie
Lewis, E. D.	30 April 1867	Leake	101	Leake's Store	Columbia
Henley, T.T.	1863	Lewisburg	105	Lewisburg	Conway
Bennett, Dyton	1867	Lewisburg	105	Lewisburg	Conway
Paukey, T. C.	1864	Lewisburg	105	Lewisburg	Conway
Howard, B. F.	1864	Lewisburg	105	Lewisburg	Conway
Fryar, A.	1863	Lewisburg	105	Lewisburg	Conway
Hardin, John	1864	Lewisburg	105	Lewisburg	Conway

Rogers, J.	1862	Lewisburg	105	Lewisburg	Conway
Rankin, Stephen	1864	Lewisburg	105	Lewisburg	Conway
Willbourn, R.	1865	Lewisburg	105	Lewisburg	Conway
Harper, R. W.	1863	Lewisburg	105	Lewisburg	Conway
Green, S. B.	1862	Lewisburg	105	Lewisburg	Conway
Moore, Daniel	1864	Lewisburg	105	Lewisburg	Conway
Cowan, William	1863	Lewisburg	105	Lewisburg	Conway
Bryant, F. E.		Rob. Morris	106	Okalona	Clark
Moritte, Joseph	6 October 1867	Green Grove	107	East Fork	Conway
Pennington, B. F.	22 August 1867	Green Grove	107	East Fork	Conway
Carlee, R. B., Sr.	9 August 1866	Hamilton	110	Devall's Bluff	Prairie
Meshow, J. M.		Scottville	112	Scottville	Pope
Joplio, William	7 April 1867	Centre Hill	114	Centre Hill	White
Burns, D. R.	25 April 1867	Centre Hill	114	Centre Hill	White
Shipman, Jacob		Campbell	115	Burowsville	Searcy
Bruce, Frank		Yellville	117	Yellville	Marion
Bruce, John		Yellville	117	Yellville	Marion
Barnes, A. H.	June 1865	Spring Hill	118	Spring Hill	Hempstead
Yelvington, M.	12 May 1867	Pleasant Grove	120	D'Armond's Springs	Drew
Grace, G. W.	20 October 1867	Pleasant Grove	120	D'Armond's Springs	Drew
Lance, James	28 March 1867	Bayou Dota	126	Sulphur Rock	Independence
Tunstall, George	4 December 1866	Bayou Dota	126	Sulphur Rock	Independence
Fowler, M. J.	23 March 1867	Dallas	128	Dallas	Polk
Cabler, Thomas		Dallas	128	Dallas	Polk
Hooper, William		Jonesboro	129	Caseyville	Poinsett
Talley, E. L.	13 July 1867	Atlanta	134	Atlanta	Union
Strawn, F.		Mount Ida	140	Mount Ida	Montgomery
Hays, T. C.	28 July 1867	Lunenburg	141	Rocky Bayou	Izard
Tolbert, J. J.	1 October 1867	Lunenburg	141	Rocky Bayou	Izard
Tibbs, W. H.	11 November 1866	Crescent	142	Portland	Ashley
Everett, John W.	15 February 1867	Crescent	142	Portland	Ashley
Wainwright, J. F.		Evening Shade	143	Evening Shade	Lawrence
Hendricks, William	28 March 1867	Wooten Lodge	145	Stoney Point	White
Laws, J. P.	7 April 1867	Wooten Lodge	145	Stoney Point	White
Jackson, H.	30 December 1866	Wooten Lodge	145	Stoney Point	White
Robinson, Gibson R.	14 January 1867	Henderson	147	Harold	Montgomery
Avant, John W.	28 December 1866	Henderson	147	Harold	Montgomery
Vanderslice, Jacob	24 May 1867	Henderson	147	Harold	Montgomery
Knowlton, B. F.		Pitman	149	Pitman	Randolph
Lee, Jesse V.	7 October 1867	Sardis	152	Gravel Ridge	Bradley
Aldridge, Thomas	June 1864	Charleston	155	Charleston	Franklin
Richardson, E. M.	January 1863	Charleston	155	Charleston	Franklin
Varnard, A. H.	August 1865	Charleston	155	Charleston	Franklin
Knotts, J. B.	1863	Charleston	155	Charleston	Franklin
Henderson, James L.	January 1867	DeWitt	157	DeWitt	Arkansas
Dorris, G. H.		Jacob Brump	160	Pine Bluff	Jefferson
Lagrone, J. W.	9 January 1862	Mount Holly	166	Mount Holly	Union
Rissen, S. P.	6 December 1862	Mount Holly	166	Mount Holly	Union
Pridger, John		Mount Holly	166	Mount Holly	Union
Wells, J. A.		Galley Rock	172	Galley Rock	Pope

Bellah, William E.		Red River	174	Richmond	Sevier
Ellis, T. T.		Red River	174	Richmond	Sevier
Patterson, T. E.		Red River	174	Richmond	Sevier
Ware, William	January 1867	Magness	180	Jacksonport	Jackson
Corker, J. R.	15 October 1867	Culpepper	186	Lehi	Jefferson
Hutchison, William D.		Lafayette	189	Helena	Phillips
Brigham, John P.		Colony	190	Augusta	Woodruff
Blakely, J. C.		Jacksonport	191	Jacksonport	Jackson
McCracken, E.	18 April 1867	Kingston	196	Kingston	Madison
Toy, Elijah	25 February 1867	Siloam	197	McElrath's Mill	Randolph
Adams, J. W.	28 November 1866	Spring Creek	200	Edwardsburg	Phillips
Rowlett, D. W.	9 January 1867	Osceola	U. D.	Osceola	Phillips
Bedford, L. N.	12 January 1867	Osceola	U. D.	Osceola	Phillips
Lewis, Benjamin	4 March 1867	Dorcheate	U. D.	Dorcheate	Columbia
Boyett, D. M.	25 March 1867	Dorcheate	U. D.	Dorcheate	Columbia
Bluer, J. P.		Dorcheate	U. D.	Dorcheate	Columbia
Killough, W. J.		El Paso	U. D.	El Paso	White
Reece, A. F.	10 November 1866	Poplar Bluff	U. D.	Poplar Bluff	Ashley
Cane, C. C.	16 January 1867	Poplar Bluff	U. D.	Poplar Bluff	Ashley
Lindley, William	10 November 1866	Herndon	U. D.	Herndon	Craighead
Straud, J. A.		Troy	U. D.	Arkadelphia	Clark
Stickland, R. A.		Mars' Hill	U. D.	Mars' Hill	Lafayette
Harvell, C. C.		Booneville	U. D.	Not indicated	Not indicated
Robinson, C.	4 September 1867	Robinson	U. D.	Not indicated	Not indicated

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### More Notes from the Net

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#### Oddfellows & Rebekahs

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Someone queried [on a list] concerning a tombstone marking consisting of three interlinked ovals containing the letters F, L and T, respectively.

The Three Links--The Emblem of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Odd Fellows & Rebekahs I.O.O.F. of Maine have published the explanation below.

The emblem of Odd Fellowship is the three links with the letters 'F, L & T'. The three links symbolize the chain that binds our members together and illustrates that a fraternity is strongest when joined together. The 'F' in the first link represents 'friendship', the strongest bond of fraternity that teaches goodwill and harmony. The 'L' represents 'love', the basis for all life's ambitions, service to others and family. The 'T' represents 'truth', the standard by which we value people and the foundation of our society Objective To improve and elevate the character of mankind. For more information, try this URL:<http://www.ioofme.org/>

## The Indian Territory

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Items of Interest Gathered From  
Correspondents and Exchanges  
From *The Fort Smith Elevator*

Petroleum has been discovered one mile north of Okarche.

The territorial fair at Oklahoma will begin on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of October and last four days.

The *Cherokee Advocate* says that fifty thousand cattle were shipped out of the Strip last month.

Judge John Wilson, an old and prominent member of Towson county, Choctaw Nation, died recently.

D. A. Rowe, aged 87, was run down and killed by a passenger train last week on a bridge near Fort Gibson.

Campbell Jordan died at Berwyn last week from the effects of a fall from a horse. He was 92 years of age.

Will Reinne has been appointed treasurer of the Chickasaw Nation, and the senate has confirmed the appointment.

The criminal docket for the fall term of the United States court at McAlester contains between four and five hundred cases.

William G. Hunter, a prominent citizen of Lehigh, committed suicide last week while laboring under temporary aberration of mind.

Chief Harris admonishes the people of the Cherokee Nation to take no part in the movement for the purpose of electing a representative to congress.

James D. Webb was arrested at Webbers Falls last week by officers from Fort Payne, Ala. Webb is charged with the murder of James Harrison at Fort Payne three years ago.

The *Advocate* suggests the establishment of a manual labor school on the site of the old military post at Fort Gibson. This post having been abandoned by the government now reverts to the Cherokees.

Mr. O. W. Lipe, who formerly lived in Tahlequah, died at Fort Gibson on Thursday night. Mr. Lipe was well and favorably known, he having spent the better part of fifty years in the Cherokee Nation. — *Indian Sentinel*.

It is estimated that about five hundred pounds of fish were captured in the Illinois river near here a few days ago. Buckeye root was put in the river which served to intoxicate the fish, thereby enabling the sports to gig them easily. — *Arrow*.

James Finley, manager of the Elliott bottling works at South McAlester, was held up and robbed of \$145 one night last week. Two men were concerned in the robbery. After taking Mr. Finley's money, his assailants fired two shots at him, both taking effect in his left arm.

A Grover Cleveland club with forty-eight members was organized at Lehigh last Friday. The following officers were elected: W. H. Stinnett, president; J. Renny, vice-president; B. S. Thompson, secretary, and R. S. Whalen, treasurer. The club as addressed by Dr. E. N. Allen and Judge Edmondson.

John Fitzpatrick, a miner, was terribly burned by an explosion in mine No. 4 at Lehigh last week. He had lighted two fuses, one of which failed to explode its blast. Under the impression that it had gone out, he went back and when in the act of relighting it the blast exploded. It is thought he will lose his eyesight.

The report of Dr. Wright, national agent, shows a marked increase in royalties to the

nation. The revenue two years ago was only \$64,000, while the amount collected this year exceeded \$115,000, \$51,000 in excess of any preceding year. This certainly argues an able management of the nation's finance. – *Choctaw Herald*.

The senate committee on Indian affairs will arrive in Oklahoma Territory early in October and visit all the Indian schools and all the tribes of the territory for the purpose of learning the actual wants and needs of the Indians in regard to educational matters. The committee will be accompanied by Indian Commissioner Morgan.

The war clouds which hovered over the Choctaw Nation last week have cleared away. Last Friday an agreement was reached, through the efforts of Agent Bennett, with the leaders on both sides, by which trouble was averted. The armed men disbanded and went home and those charged with the murder of Hakotubbee, Colbert, Frazier and Nelson surrendered to the authorities to await the action of the grand jury on their cases.

Talihina, last Friday, was the scene of a shooting scrape which grew out of the last Choctaw election. Dispatches say that at the election in August two Jackson men attempted to vote there, but were forced to leave by Jones men and given rough treatment. This caused bad feelings. Friday Judge A. W. Dukes met one of the Jones men and began to remonstrate with him. The man ran and Dukes fired on him, breaking one of his legs. A white man took the man in his house and cared for him.

The members of the Cherokee citizenship association held a meeting at Wagoner on Thursday and Friday of last week. It was attended by more than 150 delegates. Resolutions were adopted asking congress to create a court to try and determine claims of citizenship. Col. H. H. Babcock, W. J. Watts and N. J. Crawford were elected delegates to confer with the United States commissioners who will visit the territory in November. The delegates to the meeting expressed an

intention to contend for their rights and to be satisfied with nothing less.

The teachers and scholars of the Cherokee female seminary at Tahlequah were greatly excited on the 14<sup>th</sup> over the elopement and marriage of Miss Carrie Mayer, one of the most popular students of the school. Miss Mayer was 16 years of age. She is the daughter of a wealthy stockman living at Pryor Creek, I.T. She left on the morning stage, which runs between Tahlequah and Fort Gibson, telling the teachers she was going home. When she reached Fort Gibson she was met by Bill Campbell, her admirer, and they were quietly married, and are now waiting to hear from the old folks, as the match was bitterly opposed by the girl's parents.

From the *Chetopa Advance* we learn of a sad accident which occurred on the farm of Mr. George Clark, who lives in the Territory. While his two sons were engaged in cutting grass, Arthur, the younger of the two, tried to hand his brother something, who was on the mower driving, and in so doing accidentally stepped in front of the sickle and had his foot cut off just above the ankle. The little fellow's foot being cut, he fell down; before the team could be stopped his leg was gashed in a terrible manner and one of his hands was also cut. He was taken to his home and Dr. Boon was summoned, who found it necessary to amputate his leg just below the knee joint. At last account the little fellow was as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

Following will be the political complexion of the next legislature: Senate: Democrats, 29; p. p.'s, 2; Republicans, 1; total 32. House: Democrats, 88; p.p.'s, 7; Republicans, 5; total 100.

Source: *Fort Smith Elevator*, Sept. 23, 1892

The Vinita public schools have an enrollment of one hundred pupils.

There are two hundred and fifty students at the Wetunka labor school.

John Huberty died at Coalgate last week from the effects of a fall from a wagon.

Guy Woody a [sic] 11-year-old boy who lives at Lebanon, was bitten by a mad dog last week.

Several attempts were made last week to wreck passenger trains on the road between Vian and Br \_\_\_\_.

Small boys and matches were the cause of Allen Lynch losing a number of haystacks on Grand River last week.

Lilly Neal, a colored girl, was burned to death at Oklahoma last week by the explosion of a gasoline stove.

It is rumored that Chief Harris, in his next annual message, will recommend the abolition of the *Cherokee Advocate* as a national organ.

The *Chieftan* is of the opinion that "before the roses bloom again the Strip will be settled by whites;" but upon what terms the *Chieftan* is not prepared to say.

Joe F. Robinson, a hardware merchant of Ardmore, has assigned. Liabilities \$18,000 to \$20,000; resources \$12,000.

The Chickasaw legislature is still in session at Tishmingo. It will not adjourn before the 10<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> of October.

The Cherokee commission are now in Oklahoma to renew negotiations for lands west of the 96<sup>th</sup> degree of longitude.

Smith and Lebo, arrested for the killing of S. Adler, were examined at Ardmore Friday, and committed to jail at Paris without bail.

Frank Cunningham was found dead in his bed at Coalgate one morning last week.

Inflammatory rheumatism is supposed to have been the cause.

Agent Bennett will be on hand at Tuskahoma when the council meets, with a squad of "boys in blue," to see that no serious trouble arises between the different factions.

Crops throughout the territory were never better, both corn and cotton. It seems that this year will be a year of plenty, and if any one goes hungry it is because they are too lazy to work *Cherokee Telephone*.

Chief Harris of the Cherokee Nation will in his forthcoming message to the national council recommend that salaries for the various officers of the nation, from chief down, be reduced, also various other economies in the public service.

Ben Graham, the oldest prisoner in the Indian Territory, and perhaps in the United States, is now in the Muskogee jail for introducing. Uncle Ben is 102 years old and has been in jail every winter since the establishment of the court. He states that the jailor's winter quarters are not to be excelled in the Territory.

At South McAlester last week one of Bob Little's little boys was severely bitten in the face by a dog that was supposed to have rabies. The child was taken to a madstone at Seneca at once. The stone was applied to the wound successfully three times, and the little fellow was brought home apparently free from the effects of the poison.

The Minco minstrel observes that a "few more calls for United States troops and United States interference to check internal wars in the Indian Territory and it will become necessary for the United States to assume control of the country and regulate it by law strong enough to assure peace and protect human life." Sensible and truthful observations.

The following are the new officers of the Chickasaw Nation: Jonas Wolfe, governor;

D. O. Fisher, national agent; Charlie Carter, auditor; Will Rennie, treasurer; Palmer Mosley, secretary; Robt. Boyd, attorney general; and Richard McClish, superintendent of schools. The delegates to Washington [are] Humphrey Colbert, H. H. Burris, Robt. Harris and Hogan Keel.

At about 4:30 Sunday morning Gip McClintock's livery barn was discovered to be on fire. D. H. Stevens was first on the spot and with the aid of others who had by that time arrived, succeeded in tearing open the stable door, when the whole interior was found to be burning rapidly. It was not long before a large crowd gathered and proved their sympathy by their willing assistance in all ways. Although the entire stable and a portion of the fence was burned the fire was prevented from spreading. Four horses were burned to death and the total loss is estimated to be about \$1000. *Lehigh Leader*.

Source: *Fort Smith Elevator*, Indian Territory, Sept. 30, 1892



## Teachers in Jamestown

Independence County, 1926-1949

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In 1926, the citizens of Jamestown in Independence County proudly opened a new three-room school, complete with electricity and a stage. In 1949, the school was consolidated with one at Desha, which has since been consolidated with Batesville. Later, the building was used as a community center and kept in good repair. According to a placque placed in the building by Arvie "Bubba" Brooks, the following teachers taught at the Jamestown School in the twenty-three years of its existence:

George A. Parks  
A. B. Henderson  
Clyde Headstream  
Otha Richardson  
Janet Peel  
Clifford Morris  
Annie Richardson  
Troy Jeffrey  
Brooks Barnes  
Mrs. Charlie Martin  
Lindsey Walker  
Jeff James  
Beth Burks  
Hazel Langford  
Hollis Landrum  
Eloine Leinbarger  
Elsie Richards  
Gilbert Tugwell  
Lou Coffey  
Lola Crewell  
William Erwin  
Loretta Harper  
Herman Poff  
Eunice Cole  
Elmalee Parks  
Alice Stewart  
Iva Mae Cavitt  
Billie Jo Wallace  
Ell Curtis  
Viola Goodwin  
Ethel Mann

## Riley G. (Jennings?) Howell/Eliza Jane Reeves

Submitted by Virginia M. Howell, 418 S.  
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Riley Howell was born 16 Nov 1812 (gravestone) in Franklin Co., TN (Civil War enlistment papers). His parents were born in North Carolina (1880 census). Family records say that his family came from Virginia, of Welsh descent.

All of Riley Howell's official records where a middle initial is used show him as Riley "G." Howell, though some descendants in Oklahoma say his middle name was actually "Jennings" and his father was William Jennings Howell (mother's name unknown) and his grandfather was also William Jennings Howell who married a full-blooded Cherokee Indian, Polucy Hogg (in NC? or in VA?

Riley Howell migrated from Tennessee to Illinois, possibly with his parents and family, as a William Howell shows in 1818 and 1820 censuses in Bond Co., and 1830 census in Fayette Co., Illinois, which was formed in 1821 from Bond Co. This William Howell died between 1836 and 1840 in Fayette Co.

Riley served in the Black Hawk War, enlisting from Gallatin Co., IL, 16 June 1832, to 12 August 1832, serving at Fort William in the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, Illinois Mounted Volunteers under Captain Russell and Colonel Hargraves. He was mustered out at Dixon's Ferry (Fort Dixon?) There was a John Howell who enlisted in the same company on the same day. Both Riley and John Howell were absent on leave at the time the company disbanded in August. Were they related?

It is said that Riley served in the army previously, having joined at age 15 (1827) as a medical corpsman and that he had received several discharges by age 21 (1833).

Riley Howell married Eliza Jane Reeves 28 Nov 1835 in St. Charles Co., MO. It appears that they made the trip from Fayette Co., IL, to St. Charles for their marriage. Eliza Jane was born 11 June 1819 in TN (county not known). Her parents are said to be William and Letitia (\_\_\_\_) Reeves believed to be the William Reeves on the 1830 Fayette Co., IL, census. They were also born NC (1880 census).

Riley and "Jane's" second son, Benjamin Franklin, (and most likely the first son William Riley) were born in Fayette Co., IL, 1837 and 1839. Their third son, Calvin C. (my great grandfather) was born Mar. 1841 in Reynolds Co., MO (at that time Washington Co.). The next two children, Mary Jane, 1842/3 and James Polk Howell, Dec. 1844, were also born in MO. The family then migrated to Franklin Co., AR, where the last seven children were born. They were: Thomas Benton, 1847; John, 1848; George W., 1850; Francine, 1855; Gideon, 1856; Andrew Jackson, 1859; Josephine, 1861; and the thirteenth child, a son, who died in infancy.

Riley received Land Grant #60924 of 40 acres for his service in the Black Hawk War and settled in White Oak Township in Franklin Co., AR (which became Mountain Top Twp. In 1889) where they raised their family of twelve children, nine sons and three daughters. (See Civil War Service of Riley and his five sons, below.) Riley served as County Coroner 1872-1874.

After the Civil War, son Calvin C. Howell settled and married in Benton Co., MO, where he had six children before his death in 1877 at age 36. Two of his children died in 1881 and 1882, after which Calvin's widow, Mary (Townes), took her four surviving children to East St. Louis, IL, where she married A.J. Aney. They and Mary's children and grandchildren are buried at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Belleville, IL, not far from

where Riley Howell spent his youth in Fayette Co.

Eliza Jane Howell died 18 June 1884 and Riley Howell died soon after, 6 Oct 1884. Their graves are marked with headstones erected by their children at Hickory Grove Cemetery, 9 miles north of Ozark near their home at Mountain Top. Children other than Calvin who died before their parents:

William Riley Howell, first born, who was severely wounded in battle of Corinth, MS. with the CSA. He was apparently sent home due to his injuries or at home on leave as his widow, Sallie, claimed in her pension application in 1901 that he was killed Oct 1864 near the end of the war. A descendant says that he, along with a Union officer friend, Ambers Warren, were killed by Bushwhackers near William Riley's home at Altus, AR. They were buried by two women who lived nearby, along a fence near Pond Creek.

John Howell, according to family records, was killed as a young man in a flour mill explosion.

Andrew Jackson Howell died as a young man, last record showing him, age 21, 1880 census, in the home of his sister and brother-in-law, Josephine and Lewis Marlow.

After the death of the parents, five sons and a daughter migrated with their families to Indian Territory (now Oklahoma) in the 1890s:

Benjamin Franklin Howell, buried at Glory Cemetery, Bilby, Hughes Co., OK.

James K. Polk Howell, died at Stigler, Haskell Co., OK.

Benjamin Benton Howell, buried at White Chimney Cemetery, Cabiness, Pittsburg Co., OK.

George W. Howell, buried at White Chimney Cemetery, Cabiness, Pittsburg Co., OK.

Gideon Howell, place of burial unknown.

Francine (Howell) Shields, died at Broshe, LeFlore Co., OK (wife of John Quincy Shields).

No descendants or records of date or place of death of the remaining children of Riley Howell:

Mary Jane Howell who married John McCrary.

Josephine Howell who married Lewis Marlow.

The last records found of the above two daughters are those in Franklin Co., AR.

Riley Howell and sons in the Civil War

### **Confederacy**

8 July 1861 Riley G. Howell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. (age 48) and son, William Riley Howell, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sgt. (age 25) mustered in, Capt. Stuart's Co., Ark. Inf. At Bentonville, Benton Co., Ark. This company subsequently became Co. C, Northwest 15<sup>th</sup> Regt., Ark. Infantry.

4 Sept 1861 Riley G. Howell, 3<sup>rd</sup> Lieut. resigned & left the service same day. Letter of acceptance of resignation, dated 4 Sept 1861 from Insp., Genl's office, Richmond, VA, signed by \_\_\_\_\_? Adj. Genl. & Genl. Polk, Comm. Office, Memphis, TN. (Served 2 months)

12 Mar 1862 Calvin Howell, Pvt. (son) on his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday, B. F. Howell, Pvt. (son – age 23) (Single page record) Co. C, 7<sup>th</sup> Regt. Ark. Militia, Provisional Army of Ark. – Payroll – dated 16 Aug 1862 – Period of Service: Commencement 12 Mar 1862 – Expiration 19 Mar 1862 (Served 7 days) They must have resigned?

## Union Army

17 Feb 1863 Calvin Howell, Corp. (son – age 21) Enlisted as Volunteer, 4<sup>th</sup> Ark. Cavalry (as a blacksmith), 1<sup>st</sup> Battery, 7<sup>th</sup> Army Corps., Ark. Lt. Artillery at Fayetteville, Ark. He was assigned to duty at Ft. Smith, from where he was discharged. Have copy of his discharge, signed by Henry R. Newcomb, Capt. 4<sup>th</sup> Ark. Cavalry and A. C. M. 7<sup>th</sup> Army Corps and Henry H. Easten, Capt. 1<sup>st</sup> Ark. Battery, 10 Aug 1864. (No pension record found.) Died 30 Jul 1877 Benton Co., MO, age 36.

3 Nov 1864 James K. P(olk) Howell, Pvt. (son – age 19) 1<sup>st</sup> Independent Batty, Ark. Lt. Arty. Mustered out with Batty. 10 Aug 1865. Pension #675751/ Died 16 Apr 1905 Indian Territory (Okla.) age 61.

7 Dec 1863 Riley G. Howell, Pvt. (father – age 51) Enlisted at Clarksville, Ark. Co. K, commanded by John Bayless in 2<sup>nd</sup> Regt. Ark. Inf. Commanded by Col. M. L. Stephenson and mustered into service on 19 Feb 1864 at Fort Smith, Ark. Honorably discharged 8 Aug 1865. Riley G. Howell gave is age as 42 when he volunteered when, in fact, he was age 51. Pension #146766. Died 6 Oct 1884, Mountain Top, Franklin Co., Ark., age 72.

1 Jan 1864 Benjamin F. Howell, Pvt. (son – age 24) 1<sup>st</sup> Independent Battn., Lt. Artillery. Enlisted at Ozark, Ark. Discharged 1865 while in hospital at Ft. Smith, Ark. Pension #442588. Died 28 May 1902, Hughes Co., Okla., age 63.

25 May 1864 Thomas B. Howell, Pvt. (son – age 16) 1<sup>st</sup> Batt., Ark. Lt. Art., Ft. Smith, Ark. Discharged 10 Aug 1865, Ft. Smith Ark. (?) Pension #575220, 14 May 1913 from Okla. Died 24 Aug 1931 Pittsburg Co., Okla., age 84.

\_\_ Oct 1864 William Riley Howell (son) From pension applic. Of his wife, Sallie, 1901, she gives this as date of his death. William Riley Howell was the only member

of his family to remain in the Confederacy, possibly influenced by the fact that his wife's brother and others in her family served the Confederacy. Most likely served in the battle at Pea Ridge, Arkansas, near Bentonville "the most significant of Civil War battles in the trans-Mississippi west, March 6-8, 1862, under Gen. Van Dorn. Generals McCullough and McIntosh both died in this battle. Van Dorn and his men retreated to the Arkansas River with orders to leave the state and remove to the Mississippi River to aid in the defense of Confederate positions there." (*The Civil War Almanac*, World Almanac Publications) Note that his two brothers, Calvin & B. F., enlisted in the CSA on 12 Mar 1862, four days after this battle ended, though they served only seven days. Later both joined Union Army for duration. The last information on William Riley's service record in the National Archives is 4 Oct 1862 when he was severely wounded at Battle of Corinth, MS, under General VanHorn, left on the field, captured by the Union Army and then paroled to a doctor at Confederate Hospital at luka, MS. His whereabouts for the 2 years between his being wounded and time of his death is not known. A record in Franklin Co., AR. from a descendant states that Wm. Riley Howell, along with a friend, Ambers Warren, Union Army officer, were both killed by bushwhackers near Wm. R. Howell's home. They were buried side by side along a fence by two women who lived nearby, near Pond Creek, in the area of Altus, Franklin Co., AR. The death of Wm. Riley Howell had to be a tragic blow to his family. He left a wife and daughter and was the oldest of a family of 12 children, leaving 11 siblings and his parents to also grieve for him. His brother Calvin (my great grandfather) left the family home after the Civil War and settled in Benton Co., MO, where he married in 1867 and had 6 children before his death in 1877. One of his sons is named Wm. Riley Howell, most certainly in honor of his deceased brother. A sister, Francine Howell Shields, named a son Wm. Riley Shields.

The records presented here signify the emotional trauma of decision that the members of this family suffered in this war, along with so many, many other families. Riley G. Howell was living in a Confederate state (AR). He and his wife were both born in TN, both their sets of parents were born in NC. Family tradition is that the family were Virginians. Riley Howell was a Southerner! Yet he had served his Union in the Black Hawk War in 1832. Where was his loyalty to be? To his Southern compatriots or to his Union, for whom he had previously served?

He and his first born, William Riley Howell, joined the Confederacy together on 8 July 1861. His son remained in the Confederacy for the duration, but after two months service, Riley G. Howell resigned his commission of lieutenant, only to later (Dec. 1863) volunteer for service in the Union Army as a private! Why? There is evidence that he was a religious man, which teaches that "all men are created equal in the eyes of God." Did slavery influence his decision? He must have been a real patriot as he named four of his sons after presidents. Why did he, at age 51, claim to be age 42 so he could serve as a private in the Union Army? Was he typical of so very many men, young and old, whose decision was governed more by loyalty and conscience than their geographical location?

It is noted in these records also that Riley's second and third sons, Benjamin and Calvin, joined the Confederacy (6 months after their father resigned) on the same day, same unit, served 7 days only. Although the records do not show it, they apparently resigned, only later to serve in the Union Army. Were these two young men, 24 and 23, suffering the same dilemma of decision? Were they influenced by their brother's part in the battle of Pea Ridge with the CSA and their defeat in that battle? Or was this an organization raised by the State of Arkansas for a short term, to protect against a threat to the area from Union forces—so-called "Home Guards?"

One by one, Riley Howell and four sons volunteered for service in the Union Army and served for the duration. Only son William Riley Howell stayed with the Confederacy. Riley and his other four sons survived the war, though at least Riley and sons Benjamin F., James K. P. and Thomas B. later received invalid's pensions.

I am very proud to be a descendant of this family of Howell men (and women) who not only volunteered their lives for what they believed in, but who had to suffer the torment of decision of their loyalty—to the South, where they lived and came from and their Southern ancestors; or to the Union for which Riley had previously served in the Black Hawk War? To their God and his teachings??

It appears that even though Calvin and his brother, William Riley Howell, chose opposite sides to fight for, Calvin did not love his brother less, else he would not have named a son in honor of his brother.

And what about the women? Eliza Jane (Reeves) Howell was left with seven young children at home, a farm to maintain and the father and five sons away fighting the war. These women were defenseless against the ravages of war, the robberies and pilferings by soldiers of both sides on occasion; left with no able-bodied menfolk to maintain the farms. How did they manage survival for their young ones and themselves? What a dreadful time this had to be for all the wives and mothers and children at home on both sides.

I am proud, also, to be a descendant of Eliza Jane Howell, a heroine in my eyes of that devastating era in the history of our Country!

## Depression Era Quilt - Dallas Co AR

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Sometime in the 'Depression Years'-- 1930-1942, the University of Arkansas-trained Agricultural Extension Service female 'Extension Service Agents' organized homemakers into community clubs known as 'Home Demonstration Clubs.' A variety of projects was engaged in by these community clubs to extend and preserve family resources.

A favored project was a 'Community Quilt.' Everyone in a local club would contribute a small amount to a fund for the purchase of supplies for a quilt. The name of each person contributing would be written on small piece of paper, which would then be placed in a container and preserved. The ladies who were members of the club would next contribute their quilting skills to the construction of a patterned quilt, each block of which contained the embroidered name of the lady who made that block.

Upon completion of all the work, a name was drawn from among those earlier saved for that purpose, and the happy lady whose name was chosen would be presented with the quilt. Of course, each such quilt is today a 50-60 year old history of the community where it was quilted.

In the Pine Grove Community of Dallas County, Arkansas, the Home Demonstration Club constructed such a quilt. When the name was drawn, it was "Sue SEALE," which was short for Susannah Abigail (GASTON) SEALE, wife of Thomas Jasper "Jettie" SEALE. Sue's daughter, Evelyn SANDERS of Searcy, Arkansas, now (1999) has the quilt in use in her home.

In order, from the top of the quilt, and from left to right on each row, the names on the 36 blocks are:

Ethel DANIEL	Vassie KEY
Lula HOLMES	Annie MORRIS
Harriet BRYANT	Mrs. F. V. WILLIAMS
Etta PITTMAN	Home Demonstration Club
1936	
Mrs. J. B. BRYANT	Maude MANN
Selma TAYLOR	Mrs. Ella MANN
Alice TAYLOR	Edna DANIEL
Mary MANN	Zelma KING
Nora KEY	May BUTLER
Bess CAMPBELL	Mrs. George KEY
Mrs. Lee GOZA	Dove BALLARD
Mat WOZENCRAFT	Nora Lee HOLMES
Louisa TOWNLEY	Lois TAYLOR
Alpertine BRYANT	Mrs. J. M. GORDEN
Lola MCGILL	Pearl ROSS
Evie KING	Eliza KNIGHT
Maud PORTER	Hazel BUTLER
Mrs. E. C. BOEN	Sue SEALE

It is most interesting to compare this list of community women with Dallas County cemetery records and other historical information. The descendants of these women are numerous and influential in various parts of the world, reflecting the enormous changes that have occurred in the sixty years just passed.

Ed Sanders, Member of the Board of Directors, Arkansas Genealogical Society

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**Bunch, Rankins** Seek descendants of Elizabeth (Lizzie) Rankins, b. 1880s in Italy; m. Mr. Bunch and settled in Stuttgart, AR, in 1930s; sister of Dr. Charles and Samuel; both in Greene and Mississippi Counties in 1930s. **Glenda Calfee, PO Box 1294, 29 Palms, CA 92277-1294**

**Weaver, William Franklin** came to AR c1880 from MS, b. ?; his father Nathaniel Jonathan Weaver was b.? GA. It is said his father was David who lived Spartanburg, SC 1795. Seek help on this line. **Joan Ifland, 509 CR 546, Mountain Home, AR 72653-8363**

**Adair** Searching for descendants of Tom C. and Margaret Adair who were married 24 Nov 1897; she died in Little Rock, AR 6 May 1928; had one daughter, Katherine Jett. **Mrs. Preston E. Groome, 5 Nichols Rd., Morristown, NJ 07960-4609**

**Abraham/Abram/Abrams, Caesar**, b. 1811 SC, wife Claricy b. 1840 LA; dau. Nancy, b. 1870 AR; son Henry b. 1886; dau. Anner b. 1871 TX. Stepsons Anthony, Spankes b. 1853 Richmond, b. 1858, Joe, b. 860, Miles, b. 1865 AR. Caesar owned property and he and his family resided in Sulphur Twp., Miller Co., AR, c1880. He worked for James Blanton, a Confederate soldier from 1868-69; have Caesar's property tax records and Blanton's general store ledger. **Sharon Henderson Nichols, 3233 Storer Ave., Oakland, CA 94619**

**Scott** Seek any info on Emma/Emmer Scott, b. c1850. Parents? Did she marry Pete or James W. Goodwin? Correct name? She had sons, 2 daus.: Bertha Anna m. Wm. Hooper, lived in Harrisburg; and Lillie m. Fred Moulder, lived in Bay Village. James d. 1897, buried Bay Village Shiloah Cemetery. **Peggy Ahern, 36620 Reynolds Dr., Fremont, CA 94536; e-mail: [PeggyAhern@aol.com](mailto:PeggyAhern@aol.com)**

**Rogers, Elbert Hartwell**, b. 31 Jan 1832 AL, d. May 1898; wife Elizabeth Yerby b. 09 May 1842 AL. Children: Elbert, Henry, John H., Robert Asa, Carrie, Mack, Elizabeth and Ritter. They lived in Pine Bluff starting c1880. **Edna Ulrich, PO Box 170, Garrison, MN 56450-0170**

**Hart** Need info on Jacob Hart, b. c1786 TN/PA?, m. Margaret ?. Son Jacob Hart, b. 1823 IN was married four times: 1) Elizabeth Enlow; 2) Angeline Enlow; 3) Jeanetta Haddock; 4) Mrs. Mary Cox.

**Georgia L. Farwell, HC 81, Box 8663,  
Eagle Rock, MO 65641-9803**

**Sisk** Need info on Henry Sisk, b. 1885  
IL/AR, d. May 1954, Vandale, Cross Co.,  
AR; lived around Truman and also in Union  
Co. Married 5 times; No. 2 Ella; No. 1  
Becky died before 1920. Need names of  
wives, where born, when married to Henry,  
etc. **James Rowell, 3430 Fargo Dr., Paris,  
TX 75462-5340**

**Beall** Would like info on parents/siblings of  
Russell G. Beall, b. 1797 GA, d. 1875  
Jacksonville, AR; m. Cole S. Dent 1818;  
later m. Mariah Miller 1848; donated land  
for Bayou Meta Cemetery in Jacksonville.  
**Nina S. Bell, 15220 Meadow Wood Dr.,  
Wellington, FL 33414. E-mail:  
nsbell@bellsouth.com**

**Self, Johnson** Seek any info on Tabitha  
Self, b. c1835; m. 24 June 1858 Hot Spring  
Co., AR, to Ezra Johnson. Could she have  
been dau. of Isaac Self and Sarah Elizabeth  
Jeter who moved to Sevier Co. before  
summer of 1858? Only known record of  
Tabitha is 1850 US Census for Pontotoc  
Co., MS, as child of 15 of Isaac and Sarah.  
Since she does not appear with them in 1860  
in Sevier Co., AR, could this be their  
Tabitha? **Joyce Self Hammett, 3100  
Harvard Ave., Midland, TX 79701-3841**

**Jameson, Casaberry/Castleberry, Renfro**  
Joseph Ward Renfro 4<sup>th</sup> m. Nancy Jameson  
Casaberry 1889-1890. They had ch.: Mary,  
Lizzie 1893, Mamie 1894, Joe Ward 1899.  
Three ch. b. AR, 1 in MO. She had one  
Casaberry dau. When and where did they  
marry? **Obera Cypert, 1620 First Ave.  
SW, Ardmore, OK 73401-2826**

**Shue** Need info on William R. Shue and  
wife Susan, residing Pope Co., AR, c1851-  
60. William Shue d. 1859; wife Susan may  
have remarried in 1860s. To whom? What  
was William's relationship to John Shoe,  
1850-1851, Nelson Shue 1850s and Z. M.

Shew 1854. All residing Pope Co., AR, in  
those years. **Charlene Guthier, 143  
Hallmark Estates Dr., Statesville, NC  
28625-8877**

**Dickens, Dotson** Looking for book *Our  
Dickens Heritage* by Francis Marion  
Dickens. Want to buy a copy. Also  
researching Dotson line in AR. **Bobbi C.  
Green, 949 Backspin Ct., Newport News,  
VA 23602**

**Conway** Seek info on family of George  
Conway, b. c1870 TN, d. 1863 Hempstead  
Co., AR; m. 7 July 1835 to Sarah Francis  
Stuart, Washington, Hempstead Co.  
Children: Alvin, Susan, Edward, Mary,  
George, Ninian, Sarah, Virginia. **Jim  
Conway, 22725 Torero Ct., Salinas, CA  
93908-1036**

**Hill** Need info on Henry Hill b. 1840,  
probably KY/TN, d. 1905 Izard Co., AR,  
m. c1874 Aletha Jane Melviney Fowler, b.  
4 July 1850. Cannot find them on 1880  
census. Their son John Presley Hill, b. Feb.  
1880 in White Co., AR. Aletha Jane cannot  
be found as a child and Henry (according to  
family legend) was left on a doorstep and  
could possibly be a Rice. **Connie Pearl,  
3309 E. Mt. Vernon, Wichita, KS 67218-  
3955**

**Wheeler, Price, Tosh** Would like to contact  
anyone related to Elizabeth "Betsy"  
Wheeler, b. Blount Co., TN, m. 1) to  
Aaron Price 1840 Blount Co., TN, and had  
two children: Lucinda Ladd Price and  
William Price; m. 2) Allen Tosh 1846,  
Batesville, Independence Co., AR. Five  
children were born to them. Found her on  
1880 mortality schedule of St. Francis Co.  
Where is she buried? **Eugene White, 837  
NE Yucca Way, Redmond, OR 97756-  
8787**

**Barmore** 1850 census of Yell Co. shows  
Ellen Barmore b. 1822 W. Canada and  
daughters Victoria, Mary, Angelina. Who

was father and husband? Victoria m. John C. Isom; Mary m. Ben L. G. Huggins. **Jean Wingert, 79 La Prenda, Benicia, CA 94510-2228**

**Chapman** Would like info on William Chapman, age 50, wife Francis, 48, and family listed 1850 census, Hempstead Co., AR, p. 71, Missouri Twp. **Winfred H. Tollett, 101 South 7<sup>th</sup> St., Nashville, AR 71852-2327**

**Harvey, Echols** Researching these families in Hot Spring and Garland Counties in AR. Harvey family moved from GA c1870 and Echols moved from IL c1845; settled in Morning Star area. Will be happy to exchange. **Bill Harvey, PO Box 407, North Plains, OR 97133-0407**

**Brown, Thomas**, b. 1803 GA; had wife named Jane on 1850 Jefferson Co., AR, census. Children: Cinthia, Margaret, Martha, Thomas, Rebecca, Nancy, Elizabeth, Angeline, John, Matilda and Robert. Allied lines: Henerly, Brewer, Dyke, Green, Cribbs and Flynn. Will answer all corresp. **Marilyn Markow, 1701 S. Mays No. J201, Round Rock, TX 78664-6734**

**Butler, Belew, Hendrickson** Seek parents/siblings of Benjamin or Thomas Butler. 1850 Scott Co., AR, shows Benjamin. 1860 from Van Buren, MO, shows Thomas, wife Mary A. Benjamin b. SC. Wm. Hendrickson, b. IL/SC and d. around Mt. Vernon. Need parents/siblings. Who were parents of Betty Belew who m. Jesse Hendrickson. **Charles Hendrickson, 925 Colombard Way, Modesto, CA 95351-5116**

**McAlister** Need any info on Benjamin Franklin McAlister, b. VA 3-01-1817, moved to Dallas Co., AR, 1854, d. 9-02-1890 Dallas Co., buried in Tanyard Cemetery, Dallas Co. Who were

parents/siblings? **Annette Youtz, 9721 Donna Ln., Mabelvale, AR 72103**

**McKnight, Rhoades, Knick/Nick/Nix** Seek info on parents of Hugh Franklin McKnight who m. Lucy Ann Virginia Synco/Sincoe 19 Jan 1874, Marshall Co., MS. William David Rhoades who m. Jargaret (Jeanie) Eugenia Stripling 1 Dec 1872 Van Buren Co., AR. William Knick/Nick/Nix (descendants) who m. Malinda Wellchance, lived in Searcy, AR. **Nena Reisner, 1020 Eastridge Rd., Sandy, UT 84094-5660. E-mail: Dreisner@aol.com**

**Adams, Lewis** Want to exchange info on Miles Adamsb. 1801 VA, d. 1885 Jacksonville, AR, and his wife Hepsy Lewis, b. 1809 SC, d. 1862. Lived near Jacksonville in 1850. Children: Jefferson R., Martha, Cary G., Miles W., Mary W., John W., David C., James J. L., Thomas McC., and Annie. **Robert E. Robertson, 3276 Hiway Dr., Evergreen, CO 80439-8926**

**Henley** Need info on the Mollie Henley (1860-1899) buried in Hagarville Cemetery in Johnson Co., AR. Is she Mary Catherine Henley Carter, b. 26 Apr 1860, d. 15 Sep 1899, wife of John Carter, mother of Lula Mildred Carter Adkins, b. 30 Jun 1880 TN, d. 22 May 1943 Hagergville, wife of Arthur B. Adkins? What is the connection with the Hughes family of same area. Will gladly exchange. **Patricia Rowbotham, RR 1 Box 2204, Lamar, AR 72846-9706. E-mail: rrfarm@rivervalley.net**

**Chambliss/Chambless, Maxey, Allen** Seek info on parents of Lavica Chambliss, b. 31 Dec 1812 TN, m. 2 Oct 1828 AL. Also data on Walter Maxey of TN and wife Sarah Allen; and daughter Mary Nelson (Maxey) Cantrell. **Donna M. Hughes, 7221 Soundview Dr., No. 203, Gig Harbor, WA 98335. E-mail: dmhugs@aol.com**

**Riddle Pernecy Moore** Riddle lived in Clarksville, Johnson Co., AR, from 18\_\_?

until her death 10 Dec 1922. Did her husband Willis Marion Riddle also live and die there? Their children Green Lee, Marion and Rebecca Basham also lived Johnson Co. Looking for descendants. **Carolyn Songer, 13925 Sonntag Rd., Grass Valley, CA 95945. E-mail: csinger@jps.net**

**Williams, Bobbitt, Castleberry, Haskins, Pettitt, Gladden, Wheeler** Researching Richard C. and Charles Hope Williams, and sisters Elizabeth and Mary Bobbitt, Wm.C. and Willis W. Castleberry, 1860-80, Grant, Saline and Jefferson Cos. and 1860 to present in Montgomery Co. Peter Pettitt, Benjamin Vaught, Martha Haskins, John and Gabriel Wheeler, Joseph and Robert Gladden, Thomas and Mary Robbins, Thomas and Susan Williams. **Sammie L. Pettitt, 249 Barnard Rd., West Monroe, LA 71291-8508**

**Moore** Randolph Co., AR, 1860 census shows Green M. Moore and wife Sarah. Where did they go after 1860? Seek notice of death of either or where they relocated, possibly through Little Rock into TX? Would like to contact any descendants. Green was son of John Moore. **Mary C. Austin, 32 Heather Way, Larkspur, CA 94939-1547**

**Whitehead** Want to correspond with anyone researching this line. Reubin Whitehead, b. c1824 GA, d. 1861, m. Salina Jones, b. c 1829 TN, d. 1865. Salina's mother was Martha "Patsy" Jones, b. 11 June 1804, whose parents or in-laws were David Jones b. 29 Jan 1774 SC and Annis Jones, b. 12 Mar 1789 GA. Reubin had two known siblings: Martha who m. William John "Buck" Street and John who moved from TN and was an original settler in eastern AR (it is thought). Possibly this line was out of Bowling Green, KY. **Janice W. Calloway, 78 Pecksland Rd., Greenwich, CT 06831**

**Cox, Majors, Moore** Need any info on Cox of Saline Co., Majors and Moore in Lonoke and Saline Cos. **Paula Denson, 3250 Sunny Lane, Ponca City, OK 74601-8623. E-mail: pkdenson@poncacity.net**

**Bullard, Newbolls, Jordan** Seek info on Christopher Columbus Bullard, b. Oct 1827 AL, m. c. 1857 Elizabeth Newbolls, b. 1840 IL. Their son, William Christopher Bullard, b. 7 Sep 1871 in Starnes Springs, AR, m. in Almond, Cleburne Co., AR. Dora Emily Jordan, b. 2 June 1979, Wood Co., TX. Family lived Batesville, Independence Co., and Judsonia, White Co., AR. **Glenda Mason, 695 Carved Terrace, Colorado Springs, CO 80919-1130**

**Henson/Hinson**, William m. Ruth Rollinson in 1827 Crittenden Co., AR. Need any info on them. The marriage is the only reference found so far. **Dr. Barry J. Henson, 221 Via Los Miradores, Redondo Beach, CA 90277-6761. E-mail: baryhenson@aol.com**

**Kerr** Need parents/siblings of John Thomas Kerr, b. c17 July 1852. Records show he was born in AR, father b. England; had half-brother, Joe McPherson, b. 20 May 1850. Joe's father was Daniel McPherson. Mother's name unknown. **Mary E. Kerr Jones, PO Box 2, Cabot, AR 72023-0002**

**Wilcox** Seek info on ancestors/relatives of George Washington Wilcox, b. 1882 AR, d. 7 Feb 1922, Russell, White Co., AR. His mother, Martha N. He married Ollie J. Thomas 6 Oct 1908 in Clay Co. Eastern District. When married he lived in Gibson, MO. Children: Picola, Mable E., Theodore R. and Rachel Leota. **Gaylon Wilcox, PO Box 492583, Redding, CA 95049**

**Proctor** Seek info or descendants of John Proctor, b. AL 1857, and Adlia Rice Proctor, b. IN 1869. Both d. 1910 in St. Francis Co., AR. Children and ages in 1910: Elma, 21, Marvin, 15, Aanre, 10, Eldnil, 6, John, 3; 1900 census listed son Marus, 8. **Patsy Spencer Hooper, 2153 LaSalle Ave., Gretna, LA 70056. E-mail: Pjsh341@aol.com**

**Lee, Ritchey/Richey** Seek info on parents of Ester Lee Ritchey/Richey, b. 1 May 1886 in Coal Hill, Johnson Co., AR; dau. of

**Dellia/Della Gray and John P. Ritchey**, both from AR. **Cindy Poulain, PO Box 354, Ruth, NV 89319-0354**

**Brown** Information needed on Jacob Brown, 1824-1847, parents John and Martha; m. Lavinia Bruce. Where? NC/AR? Both d. AR. Dau. Nancy Brown m. ?? where? Elisha Hodge? Both buried Howard Co., AR. Will exchange. **Josephine Fitzhenry Hodge, 18218 Barbuda Lane, Nassau Bay, TX 77058-3402**

**Fuller, Heath** John Wesley Fuller (no further info), m. Sarah Green? And had son Henry Joseph who m. Nona Vivian Heath. b. 23 May 1905, Piggott, Clay Co., AR. They had dau. Mary Jane m. Richardson, who is buried in Turkey Pen? Cemetery, Highland, AR; Eleen, deceased date unknown, and Frances Jo. According to family legend, John Wesley died of a stroke between 1910-20 and is buried in a Hardy, AR, cemetery without a tombstone. Sarah Green Fuller was also buried without a tombstone in Turkey Pen Cemetery, Highland, AR. Any information will help. **Karl H. Becker, 222 Roberts Rd., Henagar, AL 35978**

**Froshour** Who was Ruby Froshour? Born cSept 1810, d. 22 Aug 1869, buried Lewis Cemetery, in Evansville, Washington Co., AR. My grandparents Henry Froshour and family lived in Evansville and are buried there. Need info on this family. **Linda Gomlicker, 15753 N. 102<sup>nd</sup> St., Scottsdale, AZ 85259. E-mail: lgomlicker@aol.com**

**Hawkins, Isaac**, b. SC 1819, m. Martha Ann Gill (1827-1859( 1851 in Ouachita Co., AR, 5 children; m. 2) or 3) Mrs. Sarah Richardson in 1851, Ouachita Co. Seek his parents and Martha's children Sally and William; also children by Sarah Richardson. **Sandy Caulk, 3 Sun Valley, Little Rock, AR 72205**

**Pate, Price** Seek information on Pate family with ties to White County area and Price family from Craighead County c1910-1920. **Ruby A. Price, 624 E. Johnson, Cave Springs, AR 72718-9590**

**Harper** Seek info on George Washington Harper, b. c1826 TN, and wife Sarah A. \_\_\_\_, b. c1828 SC. Both buried Jackson Co., AR. Known children: 1. Marcus Lafayette Harper, 20 July 1854 TN, 16 July 1932, buried Jackson Co., AR, m. 7 Mar. 1897 Jackson Co. to Hattie Wilma Lashlee; 2. John Harper, 7 July 1866 TN, 24 Nov. 1929, White Co., AR. **E. J. Ponder, 1917 South Spring, Little Rock, AR 72206-1562**

**Walding, Smith** Seek info on George E. Walding (b.1852 d. 1915) m.31 Jan 1884 Alice Smith, both from Cameron, Miller Co., AR; 1901 believed to have been around Lee Co.; 3 sib. Maggie 1885, Mary E. 1886 and John Harry 1891. Believe George originally from Iowa City, Iowa. **Betty Franks, 920 Columbia Rd. 295, Magnolia, AR 71753**

**Yarbero, Westfall, Wetmore, Lee, Black, Franks, Miller, Foster, Orr, Bain, Boyd** Researching these lines in Arkansas. **Dottie Facklam, 4214 Worth Forest Dr., Arlington, TX 76016**

**Jones, Joseph Baxter**, b. 1-4-1838 TN; listed on Randolph Co., AR, census with his sister's family, Emma and Daniel Spence, and his brother M.B.L. Jones (Jones was spelled James). Joseph m. Emily Blalock on 1/6/1861. He may have lived in Weakley Co., TN. **Regina French, PO Box 13773, Maumelle, AR 72113-0773**

**Lisk, McDonald** Searching for descendants of Richard H. Lisk and Mary C. McDonald of Sevier, Hempstead and Nevada Cos. Richard d. 1879, m. 10 June 1843. Children: Sarah, b. c1841 m. Charles Singleton; Joseph Thomas; John; Robert; Mary; Martha; Tabitha, b. 1861-63, m. Lonnie Graham. **Mrs. Barbara A. Reining, 1600 Morgantown Rd. Lot W-3, Pinehurst, NC 28374-6861**

**Dye, Hodges** Sarah Dye, b. Jackson Co., AR, was dau. of Thomas Dye, m. Robert Hodge/Hodges of Washington Co. Need info on death of Thomas and Dye family in KY.

**Mary Saxon, 1500 Nettleship No. 3,  
Fayetteville, AR 72701**

**Nelson, Henry, b. c1802 VA, d. 1871-71  
Columbia Co., AR, m. Sarah \_\_, b. c1807  
GA, d. 1871-72 Columbia Co., AR. Sarah  
Thomas Nelson b. 30 Mar 1829 GA, d. 5 Jan  
1892 AR, m. 23 May 1847, place unknown,  
John Andrew Splawn, b. 14 Feb 1816, d. 21  
Jan 1864 Bradley Co., AR. Want to know  
place of marriage and burial site; also  
mother's maiden name. **Rosabelle Owens  
Sanford, RR 2 Box 226, Lobelville, TN  
37097-9641****

**Rains, Need information on Tishie Ella  
Rains, daughter of William H.H. Rains, of  
Tuckerman, AR, about 1895. Verlen L.  
Reeves, 1161 Evans Ave., Napa, CA 94559**

**Neal, John R., son of John R. and Nancy  
Dillman/Didlmer, both b. TN, were in AR  
in 1865. Where? After John R., Jr., married,  
he lived in Polk Co. He served in the House  
of Representatives from 1913-1915. He died  
in 1941 in the State of Washington,  
information furnished by his son Walter W.,  
b. 1892. Any info will help. **Lloyd E. Neal,  
6955 Cypress Trail, Dixon, CA 94520****

**Cummins/Cummings, Brown,  
Quinn/Gwinn/Guinn, Sanders** Seek info on  
Meshack Cummins in 1850 census, Union  
Co., AR. William J. Cummings shot and died  
1-22-1869 around Genoa or Rondo, AR;  
trying to locate grave and info on his death.  
William A. Brown, Lafayette Co., AR, 1855,  
m. 1863 MS, Civil War. John N.  
Quinn/Gwinn/Guinn, brother-in-law to  
William A. Brown. Daniel Sanders,  
Lafayette Co., m. William A. Brown's  
widow, Eleria? Guinn Brown, 1865. **Daniel  
L. Cummings, PO Box 2463, Magnolia, AR  
71754-2463 E-mail: [cummings@arkansas.net](mailto:cummings@arkansas.net)**

**Tomlinsonville, AR** Looking for info on this  
place in Scott Co. Would like to know when  
founded, founding fathers, etc. **Bonnie  
Wolff, 14757 Moffat Rd., Temple, TX  
76502-6930**

**Ansley, Coker** Looking for info on Tom  
Ansley and Mary Elizabeth (Mollie) Coker.  
Mary Elizabeth was b. 1 Feb 1879 in Mena,  
AR, raised at Cove, AR. Her parents were  
James and Sarah Coker. She and Tom Ansley  
m. 23 Oct 1895 in Mena. **Gerry L. Tucker,  
HC 79, Box 480, Hugo, OK 74743**



## Book Reviews and Notices

Bobbie Jones McLane, Russell P. Baker,  
Jan Eddleman, , Susan Gardner Boyle

**In Search of Your British & Irish Roots: A Complete Guide to Tracing Your English, Welsh, Scottish & Irish Ancestors**, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, by Angus Baxter, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21201, \$18.95 + \$3.50 for first book and \$1.26 for each additional book, 306 pages, soft cover. As with the previous editions, this is a very useable book in which the author provides very brief descriptions of the many different kinds of British records and tells where they are located. Helpful suggestions on specific subjects such as adoptions and Jewish Records are included. Treatment of England and Wales is by country and then by county. Sections on Scotland and Ireland are briefer and lack treatment of individual counties. This edition is updated with new information concerning the transfer of records to the new Family Records Center in London, the reorganization of counties in England, and the Irish Genealogical Project. There is an excellent bibliography and extensive index. The researcher of British records would benefit from adding this book to his library. [SGB]

**Instant Information on the Internet! A Genealogist's No-Frills Guide to the British Isles** by Christina K. Schaefer, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1002 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202, 117 pages. Soft cover, \$9.95 + \$3.50 postage and handling for the first book and \$1.25 for each additional book, or \$5.00 UPS Ground Service for the first book and \$2.00 for each additional. This is a very useful book for anyone interested in searching on-line for genealogical source information or contacts in England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, the Isle of Man, or the Channel Islands. The author first provides the

internet address of the three main British genealogical sites, ARCHON, Memorial Documents, and genuki. She then lists for each country and county or island the web site addresses of libraries, public record offices, museums, archives, societies, information sites, documents and index sites, and lists and links. If you have British research and are on-line, you will enjoy this book. [SGB]

**Past Imperfect: How Tracing Your Family Medical History Can Save Your Life** by Carol Daus, Santa Monica Press, PO Box 1076, Santa Monica, CA 90406, 1-800-784-9553, [www.santamonicapress.com](http://www.santamonicapress.com), \$12.95, 240 pages, paper cover. In light of the current interest in combining genetics and genealogy, this is a timely book which encourages readers to pursue family history for the purpose of gaining knowledge useful for improving health and increasing longevity. The author gives examples of people who did just that and then proceeds to tell readers how to interview relatives and gain access to family, government, private and medical records that may reveal gene linked diseases and deaths. Unfortunately, the author does not appear to be a genealogist, as evidenced by several misleading and incorrect statements in the discussion of government records. For example, she mentions 1878 and 1885 mortality schedules. A chapter is devoted to creating a family health tree recording for each person the age at death and cause of death. The goal is to look for and recognize patterns of disease and mortality in a family pedigree. Glossaries of terms and genetic diseases are provided as well as addresses of state vital records repositories and libraries with "excellent genealogical collections." However, the Arkansas State Library appears in the latter list, but the Arkansas History Commission does not. This is a basic, shallow treatment of the

subject from a popular press and should be used as such. [SGB]

## NOTICE

### Family History Writing Contest 2000

Arkansas Genealogical Society, Inc. (AGS) is again sponsoring a writing competition for 2000 to promote genealogical research in Arkansas and encourage quality family history writing.

Prizes given will recognize AGS members who have served the genealogical community with honor and distinction.

#### Contest

**WHO** The AGS Family History Writing Contest is open to all members of Arkansas Genealogical Society (except current members of the Awards Committee).

**WHAT** The Contest is limited to family history articles with an Arkansas connection. The must be 2,000 words or less and have not been previously published. Due to the length, it will be limited, however; it must be a family history (biographies, memoirs and edited documents are excluded).

**WHEN** Submissions must be postmarked by 30 June 2000.

**HOW** Submissions must include an entry form (below). Please provide a short statement of your genealogical research experience.

Please send three (3) copies of the article. The title page should include the title only to ensure confidentiality in judging. The author's name must not be located anywhere in the article.

**WHERE** Mail the entry to AGS Contest, PO Box 908, Hot Springs, AR 71902-0908. For assurance of receipt, you may send by certified mail, return receipt requested, or use the new delivery verification method of the U. S. Postal Service.

**JUDGING** Three judges will make up the Awards Committee panel. Their decision is final. The criteria for judging:

Quality of research – 20%  
use of primary and secondary notes

Documentation – 20%  
footnotes

Literary Style – 40%  
Theme and content

Graphics – 20%  
Copies of photographs, maps, etc.

The Awards Committee reserves the right to limit prizes to acceptable submissions. No prize substitutions or exchanges will be made. All entries become the property of Arkansas Genealogical Society and will be donated to the Arkansas History Commission & State Archives. The author retains all publication rights.

Prizes will be awarded at the Annual AGS Fall Seminar.

Arkansas Genealogical Society  
Family History Writing Contest

Entry Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Entry

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Statement of genealogical experience:

May we list your name in *The Arkansas Family Historian*?

\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

May we print your entry in *The Arkansas Family Historian*?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_

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