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On the Cover: This photo of Melissa (Botts) and Ira E. M. Williams was taken 11 August 1911. A copy of the original is in the possession of John Tarbell, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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From the Editor:

Articles in genealogical journals often result from many things—and people—coming together to reach a common goal and create a desired product. In the case of the first article in this issue, John Tarbell came in possession of a photograph of Melissa Botts Williams amongst an aunt's photographs. In the process of learning more about Melissa, he discovered a 1928 newspaper article outlining one of her Civil War experiences. He later made contact with other researchers in Texas who knew of a 1927 magazine article that recounted another of Melissa's Civil War experiences. John gave copies of the photograph and two articles to Gloria Futrell who researched and gathered additional information. Her resulting article fleshes out the story of Melissa's remarkable life, her family, and the times in which she lived.

The *Landmark Baptist* newspaper, published weekly at Little Rock, printed church and association information, as well as letters, sermons, and death notices written by subscribers, church members and ministers resident not only in Arkansas, but across the entire south and states to the west. As a result, the obituaries, death notices, and resolutions of respect printed therein related to people across a wide geographic area. In this issue we include abstracts of those death notices printed in 1907 and 1908, some of them referring to deaths occurring in 1906. While some were brief, others relayed much genealogical information.

Reminiscences are important to genealogists because they provide those eyewitness accounts of events and customs that make bygone days real to us and fill in the social and cultural background against which we must analyze our research data. Such is the case of the third article included this quarter. *Social Life in Early Arkansas* is a transcription of a 1921 newspaper article, which itself was a reprinting of an 1895 speech presented to the Aesthetic Club of Little Rock. Mrs. Mary Knapp named many of the prominent people of 1840s Arkansas while recalling social visits and house parties of the time. Mr. Bill Hanks provided annotations, which more fully identify many of the people mentioned.

Some historical records exist but remain hidden from us until someone else uncovers them. In the vault of the Calhoun County Courthouse in Hampton, Arkansas, Tommy Carter found a school register that apparently escaped the process of microphotography and is therefore accessible nowhere else. The list of children who attended Hampton School in 1891 and 1892, along with their ages, could be a valuable genealogical resource for that twenty-year gap between the 1880 and 1900 censuses.

Family information often remains hidden in family Bibles that are not archived and eventually disappear. Jerrie Townsend shares with us the Hopkins family data she transcribed many years ago from a Bible. Unpublished family data is a sought-after resource and is frequently lost to all if not printed and shared. We benefit the entire field of genealogy when we transcribe Bible and other family records and make sure they are published and shared with others.

Other family information remains hidden in public records that have limited access. As genealogists, we often come across such information in the most unexpected places. A mother who was determined to share her own family's information wrote her own birth date and birth place on the front of a son's birth certificate and then turned it over and listed all her children, the year of her marriage, and the Arkansas counties in which she lived her life. Consequently the back of David Jenkins' birth certificate, probably never to be seen by human eyes again, contains as much information as the front, which has been microfilmed. It was only discovered in the course of indexing. If you find information that needs rescuing from an unusual place, please send it to us and we will print it for others to see.

Some family data is not exactly hidden, but has been recorded in a place in which we might not ordinarily look. That is the case with a few pages of family records recorded in a book of miscellaneous records in Washington County, Arkansas. The courthouse book has been filmed, giving everyone easy access to it, but who would think to look there for family records? The rescued records were transcribed and are reprinted here with a title that includes all the family names.

While we traditionally scour newspapers for notices telling when people died, sometimes we have to be content with articles indicating they were still living at a certain time. In 1932 there were five Confederate pensioners and thirty-four Confederate soldiers' widows who were pensioners still living in Cleveland County, Arkansas. The county newspaper printed a list of their names and residences and we are pleased to reprint that list in this issue for you.

We are sorry to say we have no Arkansas Ancestry descendency charts to print in this issue. We remind our readers of the opportunity to apply for a certificate of Arkansas Ancestry. Not only does the submitter receive a certificate, but his family research and resources are preserved on microfilm at a public archives, and his descendency chart is published in this quarterly journal which is indexed by PERSI.

— Susan Boyle

MELISSA (BOTTS) WILLIAMS

A Confederate Spy

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Almost eighty years after they were published, two items came to light which sparked interest in uncovering the story and history of Melissa Williams. One was a magazine article printed in Texas in 1927, and the other was a brief newspaper article published in Arkansas in 1928. The magazine article resulted from an interview of Melissa by Nina Kountz, a student at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas.¹ She had lived in the same county as Melissa and had heard stories about her Civil War experiences. The oral history that she recorded was an account of Melissa's life during the war and an arduous journey, late in the war, from northwest Arkansas to northeast Texas with her baby, her sister, thirteen African-American children and an African-American woman.

The newspaper article, on the other hand, highlighted Melissa's trip alone from west Texas to Little Rock, Arkansas, to attend a Confederate reunion and relayed a story of her service as a Confederate spy.² Even though these articles were published only about a year apart, they are completely different in content. The first article does not mention Melissa as a spy, and the second article does not mention the ordeal of the trip to Texas. The first article mentions her sister Matt, and both articles mention her two brothers who lived in Arkansas.

¹ Nina Kountz, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas, "Sketch of Mrs. I. M. Williams," *Frontier Times*, 4:6 (March 1927): 12-13. Nina was about nineteen and apparently a student when she wrote the article. She previously had lived in Reeves County. See Hess Kountz household, 1920 U. S. census, Reeves County, Texas, Justice Precinct 3, p. 208B, line 69, dwelling and family 39, enumeration district [hereinafter ED] 178; National Archives [hereinafter NA] microfilm T625, roll 1840.

² *Arkansas Democrat*, Little Rock, Arkansas, 6 May 1928, p. 1, col. 4. *The Cabot Herald*, Cabot, Arkansas, 9 May 1928, p. 1, col. 2.

Frontier Times, Volume 4, Number 6
March 1927, Bandera, Texas, pp. 12-13

Sketch of Mrs. I. M. Williams

Written by Miss Nina Kountz, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas

It was in the winter of the last year of the civil war that Mrs. I. M. Williams of Saragosa, Texas and her sister, Mrs. Eli Jones, of Fort Davis, Texas brought thirteen negro children from the northern part of Arkansas to Texas. Mrs. Williams tells the following story:

“In May of the year 1861 my man was called to serve in the Confederate army under Captain Peryear. Our home was at the foot of Boston Mountain in Yale (sic) county, Arkansas, on the road from Springfield to Little Rock.

“The first year of the war was not so hard. Soldiers passed continuously and took whatever they happened to find with them but it was not until the second and third years of the war that we really suffered hardships. These years found the women making the crops, plowing oxen, and taking care of their homes as best they could. We raised piece-crops of cotton, corn and indigo, our clothes were all made by hand. Hand-picked, carded, spun, and dyed. Food was scarce. We ate hand-milled meal, sorghum molasses, and bran-coffee made from the corn husks. People were starving, begging, and stealing.

“We were never surprised to see a wounded soldier begging for food and for a place to hide. It was just after the battle of Richmond that a young fellow named Cooper came to us and asked for food and a place to hide until his wound was healed. He had been shot through the elbow. The boy was a friend of mine so I did all I could for him. Just back of our place was a tiny creek that had a big cave in its bank not far down stream. An elm tree with its roots across the stream made a hiding place for the little canoe that I kept to carry the food that I kept hid from the passing soldiers. My sister Matt and I took the young fellow to this cave, fixed a bed for him and fed him until his wounds were healed. We fixed him a witch lamp by dripping a string in

tallow and bee's wax and wrapping it around a bottle. As soon as he was able to leave us he went to Little Rock and joined General Hood's army.

"At Christmas time of the last year of the war my man wrote to me to take the negro children to the Texas line. Our negro men and women had either been carried away by soldiers or had run way to join the Yankees. My sister Matt and I had been left with thirteen children to feed and look after. The Confederate army was moving toward Texas and it was needless to even hope that anything would be left after they passed by so Sister Matt and I began our preparations at once to move to Texas just in front of the army. At the battlefield of Seven Pines I found enough bones to grind, run lye down through the hopper, and make soap to wash-up for the trip to Texas.

"We had three yoke oxen, two wagons, and thirteen negro children to take to Texas. Sister Matt drove one of the wagons, my faithful negro, Mehala, drove the other wagon and I rode on ahead on horseback to find the way to go and the food to eat while we were going.

"We were heading toward Little Rock through rain and snow almost freezing and starving when my baby took sick. I made camp near the little settlement and soldier-camp, Paraclifte. The second night we were there my baby died. I rode horseback to the soldier camp and had them make his coffin and bury him. When I got back to the camp I found that some soldiers had passed and one of them had shot my negro, Mehala, because she had laughed when the little fice [sic] dog, Fido, snapped at the heels of one of the soldier's horses while he was riding through our camp. I had to go back to Paraclifte for soldiers to some [come] to the camp and wrap Mehala in a blanket and bury her by the side of the road.

"I broke camp as quickly as possible and was crossing a muddy bottom when the wheels of one of the wagons fell through a bridge. Again I had to ask the help of the soldiers and we were there three or four days getting away from there.

"We were nearly starving. There had been no meat to eat since we left Arkansas and we were living on sorghum molasses and corn-bread when Fido found some wild hogs. I heard his barking and went to see what was happening to him when I saw

that he was barking at hogs. I split two of the hogs heads open with an axe. Getting close enough to the hogs to kill them was easy because they had no idea what Fido and I were and I was m[a]king no noise while Fido was doing enough barking to keep the attention of anything.

“I got an ox and a log chain from the camp and dragged the hogs in to where we could clean them. Sister Matt helped me cut pine saplings to lay the hogs on and when we got them cleaned they looked as pretty as any hogs I have ever seen. We began broiling livers to feed the hungry children and before we went to bed that night we had the hog’s heads and feet cooking. This good luck helped to raise our hopes and spirits and we started as early as we could the next morning to try to make Red River before night.

“This day’s ride put us in the Red River country that had been captured by the Yankees. It was about dark when we reached Old Colbert’s Ferry and asked him to set us across the river. He looked at the sun and told us that it was too late for him to take us over.

“ ‘But,’ he said, ‘do you see that yellow pun’kin over there on that drift?’

“ ‘Yes,’ I told him.

“ ‘Well, I’ll set you over the main stream and you head straight for that pun’kin and the water will swim you over. Stay on the drift because either other way will put you in deep water.’

“I rode one steer and drove one of the wagons while Sister Matt rode a steer and drove the other wagon and we got over the water all right. That night after we had belted our oxen and turned them loose the pine drift caught fire and we were about to be burned out before we could locate the oxen to move our wagons off the burning drift.

“The next night one of our oxen died. I rode horseback to see if I could buy another one. I was lucky enough to find two but they were wild and had never been driven before and I had to hire a man to come to the camp and tail the wild oxen to the tame ones to keep from turning the yoke while I broke them to driving. I paid for them with home-made ‘jeans’ which was worth about twelve dollars a yard.

“We went along very well the next day but that night another oxen died. The change of climate and the cold weather was too much for the starving animals. I tried to find another one to help carry our load on rest of the way but could not find a workable animal.

“Our first camp this side of the Texas line was on Blossom Prairie about thirty miles from Clarksville. Here our last oxen died and I paid forty dollars in gold for another one.

“In April of the year 1864 General Pierce’s [Price] army got to Texas and about the first of May they stacked arms. My man was in the division that stacked arms at Clarksville under General Mormaduke [sic] and old Colonel Joe Selby [Shelby]. My man came to us there and we made our home near Clarksville and lived there for some time.

“And that is how Sister Matt and I caried [sic] our thirteen negro children to Texas.”

Mrs. I. M. Williams is now living in Saragosa, Texas. She is eighty-five years old. Occasionally she visits her brothers, Mr. John Winnfield Botts and Mr. William Botts of Lone Oak, Arkansas. Mrs. Williams says that traveling today is “some” different from what it was in the old days.

As a young woman in her twenties, Melissa had accepted a tremendous responsibility. Driving wagons pulled by oxen with only her slave and her sister Matt to help, she moved a large group of children to Texas. She killed wild hogs for food when the opportunity presented itself. Following the deaths of her baby son and her Negro woman, surely only courage and determination enabled her to survive the perils of the journey.

There are inconsistencies in the article. General Pierce was actually General [Sterling] Price. The Battle of Seven Pines did not take place in Arkansas, but in Virginia. Melissa may have confused her battles as it is doubtful she was in Virginia. She was incorrect about General Price’s army getting to Texas in April of 1864. Actually, Price did not arrive in Clarksville, Texas, until November of 1864. Price was then ordered to establish his headquarters in Laynesport, Sevier County, Arkansas, [now Little River County] which he did on 2 December of 1864.³ Another

³ U.S. War Department, *The War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of the Union and Confederate Armies*, Official Reports, *Price’s Missouri Expedition*, Series 1, Volume 41,

error is that General John S. Marmaduke did not make it to Texas, but was captured at the Battle of Mine Creek, Kansas, by John Dunlavy on 25 October 1864 and was not released until the end of the war.⁴

Furthermore, Melissa's brothers were named incorrectly in the article. Their correct names were Winfield Scott Botts and William John Botts. Melissa was living in Reeves County, Texas, in 1927 when this article was published. A year later she attended the National Reunion of the United Confederate Veterans in Little Rock, Arkansas. On 6 May 1928, another article about Melissa appeared on the front page of the *Arkansas Democrat*.⁵

Arkansas Democrat, Little Rock, Arkansas
6 May 1928, p. 1, col. 4

**Woman, 89, Who Served as Spy For Confederacy,
Comes 1,000 Miles Alone to Attend Reunion**

A 1,000-mile trip, unaccompanied has been made by an 89-year-old woman from Pecos, Texas, to Little Rock to attend the Confederate reunion. Mrs. Melissa Williams who will be 90 in July, already has arrived here and is visiting her brothers, W. J. and John Botts, at Cabot. "Aunt" Melissa, as she is known, still is very active and has retained the use of her faculties.

Her husband, Private Williams, served under Gen. Joe Shelby in the company of Captain Puryear under Lieutenant Nichols. He died six years ago.

"Aunt" Melissa served as a spy in the Confederate service and has a vivid recollection of a trip she made on horseback from Springfield, Mo., to Pericliffe, Ark., in the Boston mountains. It was shortly after Christmas, 1864. She followed a poor road along a stream which was swollen by rains. She was forced to cross the creek 13 times before reaching her destination. Her feet

Part 1, Chapter 53, p. 639, (Washington: Government Printing Office, 1880-1901); digital image, Cornell University Library, *Making of America* (<http://cdl.library.cornell.edu/moa> : accessed 31 March 2007).

⁴ "The Capture of General Marmaduke by James Dunlavy, an Iowa Private Cavalryman," *Iowa Journal of History and Politics*, Volume 11 (April 1913): 248-257.

⁵ *Arkansas Democrat*, Little Rock, Arkansas, 6 May 1928, p. 1, col. 4.

were frozen in the stirrups and her homemade gloves were frozen to her hands. Her hands are scarred yet from the experience.

Mrs. Williams was smuggling “six shooters” to General Price’s division by carrying them on a belt beneath her hoopskirt. They were valued at \$400 each.

Melissa, an elderly widow, had traveled alone from Pecos, Texas, to Little Rock to attend the Confederate Reunion of 1928. That event involved a week of parties, teas, lectures, dances and a five-mile parade. There were 3,000 people in tents at Camp Foster with all hotels and homes full. “Parade officials estimated that between 60,000 and 75,000 saw the parade in the twin cities.”⁶ It was the thirty-eighth year for the Confederates to meet to honor the dead and to sing “Dixie.” President Coolidge could not attend so he sent the United States Marine Band to lead the parade and allotted \$7800 to pay their expenses. Most of the veterans were eighty years old or older. The oldest soldier who attended was 107, so it was evident that the reunions would soon cease.

So who was this woman, Melissa Williams? Where did she come from and what events placed her in the positions in which she found herself during the Civil War?

Melissa M. Botts first appears at age seven in the 1850 household of Eli C. and Nancy W. Botts in Monroe County, Mississippi.⁷ She was the oldest child in the household and born in Tennessee. The other children were Delila M., age four; Martha I., age three; Winfield S., age two; and Elizabeth, age four months. Delila had been born in Alabama and the other children had been born in Mississippi. This record implies that the Botts family went to Mississippi about 1847. By 1860 the family was in Pontotoc County, Mississippi, with two more children, Geo. W., age six and Mary A., age three.⁸ Before 1860 Melissa had married Ira Williams and was living in Morgan County, Alabama.⁹

⁶ *Arkansas Democrat*, Little Rock, Arkansas, 11 May 1928, p. 1, col. 6.

⁷ Eli C. Botts household, 1850 U. S. census, Monroe County, Mississippi, population schedule, Eastern Division, p. 45, line 33, dwelling 608, family 636; NA microfilm M432, roll 378.

⁸ Eli C. Botts household, 1860 U. S. census, Pontotoc County, Mississippi, population schedule, Okolona, p. 573, dwelling and family 571; NA microfilm M653, roll 590.

⁹ Ira E. M. Williams household, 1860 U. S. census, Morgan County, Alabama, population schedule, North West Division, p. 330, line 20, dwelling 157, family 154; NA microfilm M653, roll 9.

Ira E. M. Williams was born 16 April 1837,¹⁰ the probable son of Allen F. and Rachel Williams, in whose household he was enumerated in 1850 in Blount County, Alabama.¹¹ Allen and Rachel remained in Blount County through 1870.¹²

Sometime between 1860 and 1862, Ira and Melissa moved west. On 21 July 1862, Ira enlisted in Carroll County, Arkansas, as a private in the 3rd Missouri Cavalry of Greene's Regiment.¹³ His service record states that he was thirty-four years old, which is in conflict with the 1860 census. He signed for three years or until the end of war. His company later became Company D, 3rd Regiment Missouri Cavalry led by Captain John C. Puryear, which was attached to General Sterling Price's army. On 26 August 1862 Ira was appointed 2nd Sergeant.

Since courthouse records have burned, no records exist to indicate if Ira and Melissa lived in Carroll County. Melissa mentioned their home in Yell County but no records have been found there either. Since Ira had joined the Confederacy, it is not surprising that Melissa was involved in the war as a spy. Many wives followed their husbands as the army moved and aided the soldiers as spies. According to the account of Melissa's story that was published in 1927, she endured a memorable experience during the Civil War.

Melissa has not been found in the 1870 census, but in 1880 she and Ira were in Young County, Texas. In the household were their sons, John B., age thirteen, born in Arkansas, and Genl [sic] Floyd, age three, born in Texas.¹⁴ This is the only record found that documents Genl Floyd,

¹⁰ Ira's birthdate was written in pencil on the border of the Williams' photograph shown on the cover of this issue. The photograph is in possession of John Tarbell, Little Rock, Arkansas.

¹¹ Allen F. Williams household, 1850 U. S. census, Blount County, Alabama, population schedule, 17th Subdivision, pp. 161- 162, line 40, dwelling 543, family 546; NA microfilm M432, roll 2.

¹² Allen F. Williams household, 1860 U. S. census, Blount County, Alabama, population schedule, Subdivision No. 1, p. 904, line 1, dwelling and family 353; NA microfilm M653, roll 2. Allen Williams household, 1870 U. S. census, Blount County, Alabama, population schedule, township 12, range 2 west, Blount Springs post office, p. 397, line 1, dwelling 111, family 54; NA microfilm M593, roll 3.

¹³ Ira E. M. Williams, Compiled Service record (private, Company D, Third Missouri Cavalry), Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers from Missouri; NA microfilm M322, roll 26.

¹⁴ Ira E. M. Williams household, 1880 U. S. census, Young County, Texas, population schedule, precinct number 1, ED 167, p. 390, line 26, family 278; NA microfilm T9, roll 1334.

who may have died before the next census. Apparently Ira and Melissa remained in Young County for several years, because Ira acquired 80 acres there on 23 June 1879 and another 160 acres on 3 May 1886.¹⁵

By 1900 Ira and Melissa were residing in Wichita County, Texas,¹⁶ and had been married forty-one years. Melissa was listed as fifty-five years old (but she was actually fifty-seven) and stated she had had six children with only two living. Ira was a day laborer aged sixty-two years. Records of school land sold in Reeves County in 1907 show that I. E. M. Williams owned 2198.5 acres¹⁷ and Mrs. I. E. M. Williams owned 1380.5 acres.¹⁸

In 1910 Ira and Melissa were living in Reeves County, Texas.¹⁹ The census reported Ira as age seventy-three and an owner of a stock ranch. Melissa was listed as seventy-one and stated she had had seven children with only two living. Their son John W. and his family were living next door to them. He was also the owner of a stock ranch. He and his wife, Sarah [sic] J., had three daughters, Bertha M., age sixteen; Lenora W., age twelve; and Maggie, age five.

In 1920, Ira, now eighty-three, and Melissa, eighty, were still in Reeves County.²⁰ His occupation was listed as a medicine salesman. Their son, John, and his wife, Sarah J. were enumerated on the same page with no children in their household. John was listed as a farmer.

No record has been found of Ira's death, but Melissa stated in 1928 that he had died in 1922, and it is assumed in Reeves County.²¹

¹⁵ *Texas Land Title Abstracts*, database, *Ancestry.com*, original data: Texas General Land Office, *Abstracts of all original Texas Land Titles comprising Grants and Locations*, Austin, Texas.

¹⁶ Ira Williams household, 1900 U. S. census, Wichita County, Texas, population schedule, precinct 6, Iowa Park Village, ED 127, line 77, sheet 5B, p. 238B; NA microfilm T623, roll 1679.

¹⁷ *Texas Land Title Abstracts*, database, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 1 February 2007), entry for I. E. M. Williams, original data: Texas General Land Office, File 94197, 94198, 94199, 94200, Austin, Texas.

¹⁸ *Texas Land Title Abstracts*, database, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 1 February 2007), entry for Mrs. I. E. M. Williams, original data: Texas General Land Office, File 144244, 144245, 144246, Austin, Texas.

¹⁹ Ira M. Williams household, 1910 U. S. census, Reeves County, Texas, population schedule, precinct 4, ED 208, line 84, sheet 7B, p. 264B; NA microfilm T624, roll 1583.

²⁰ I. E. M. Williams household, 1920 U. S. census, Reeves County, Texas, population schedule, precinct 4, ED 179, line 64, sheet 2B, p. 217B; NA microfilm T625, roll 1840.

²¹ *Arkansas Democrat*, Little Rock, Arkansas, 11 May 1928, p. 1, col. 6.

The 1930 census listed Melissa as eighty years old (which is incorrect as she was nearly ninety), living with her son Calvin who was working as a gauger for a pipeline company.²² Calvin, age fifty-seven, and his wife Florence were living in Wichita County, Texas. This might explain why in 1900 Ira and Melissa were living in Wichita County. Calvin may have lived there before he went to prison. The 1900 census enumerated Calvin in Rusk Penitentiary in Cherokee County, Texas.²³

Although only two brothers were mentioned in the 1928 newspaper article, several of Melissa's siblings lived in Arkansas. Her sister Delila, who married A. T. (Archie Thomas) Fowler, was living in Pulaski County in 1880. Their household included a daughter, Maggie, age eight and Delila's eighteen-year-old brother, William Botts.²⁴ Delila was born 19 September 1844 and died 3 February 1901 and was buried at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Pulaski County, Arkansas.²⁵

Melissa's brother William John Botts married Martha Alice Ringgold on 17 December 1885 in Pulaski County, Arkansas.²⁶ On the 1900 census John and Alice were listed in Pulaski County with two daughters, Arra, age eighteen and Eva M., age seven.²⁷ Alice stated that she had borne nine children and there were five still living. William John Botts died sometime after June 1939 and was buried in Mt. Carmel Cemetery at Cabot, Arkansas.²⁸

Another brother Winfield Scott Botts, age thirty-one, was living in Pulaski County in 1880. His wife, Mary A., [Alice] Ringgold was age twenty-four and their children were William T., age nine; Eldora, age

²² Calvin A. Williams household, 1930 U. S. census, Wichita County, Texas, population schedule, town of Iowa Park, ED 46, sheet 4B, p. 95B, line 80, dwelling 112, family 117; NA microfilm T626, roll 2410.

²³ Calvin A. Williams, Rusk Penitentiary, 1900 U. S. census, Cherokee County, Texas, population schedule, precinct 1, ED 18, sheet 3B, p. 92B, line 97; NA microfilm T623, roll 1619.

²⁴ A. T. Fowler household, 1880 U. S. census, Pulaski County, Arkansas, population schedule, Bayou Meto, ED 156, p. 528, line 1, dwelling and family 41; NA microfilm T9, roll 55.

²⁵ Delila Fowler tombstone, Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Pulaski County, Arkansas, transcribed by John Tarbell.

²⁶ Pulaski County, Arkansas, Marriage Book 10:13, Pulaski County Records roll 14, Arkansas History Commission [AHC], One Capitol Mall, Little Rock, Arkansas.

²⁷ John Botts household, 1900 U. S. census, Pulaski County, Arkansas, population schedule, Bayou Metoe township, ED 67, sheet 7A, p. 36A, line 10, dwelling and family 128; NA microfilm T623, roll 73.

²⁸ William John Botts tombstone, Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Cabot, Lonoke County, Arkansas, transcribed by John Tarbell.

six; George W., age two and Sallie D., age five months.²⁹ When he died in 1932, Winfield's obituary stated that Melissa was living in Saragosa, Texas.³⁰

Cabot Herald, Cabot, Arkansas
14 September 1932, p. 1, col. 4

W. S. Botts, Confederate Veteran of Cabot Dies

W. S. Botts, aged 84, said to be the last surviving Confederate Veteran living in the north end of Lonoke County, died at the home of his niece, Mrs. Walter Young, Saturday night at 8:15 o'clock. Mr. Botts is survived by one son, G. W. Botts of DeWitt; three daughters, Mrs. W. T. Melton of Cabot, Mrs. O. K. Beasley of Little Rock and Mrs. J. W. Dodd of DeLeon, Texas, one brother W. J. Botts of Cabot, one sister, Mrs. Melissa Williams of Saragosa, Texas, also 21 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Funeral services were held at Cabot Methodist Church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Earl Harris, of Beebe, assisted by Rev. Edw. Forrest. Interment was in Mount Carmel Cemetery in charge of See and Son. Pallbearers were: R. C. Bradford, P. H. Hall, J. C. Birmingham, J. W. Lowman, M. C. Bizzell, and Jack Barnwell, Sr.

Winfield was said to have been born June 1848 in Tippah County, Mississippi,³¹ and he died in Cabot, Arkansas, 10 September 1932 according to his brother William's Confederate pension application.³²

Another Botts brother, George W., was living in Lonoke County in 1910 with his wife, George Ann, and their daughter Mittie R., age

²⁹ W. S. Botts household, 1880 U. S. census, Pulaski County, Arkansas, Bayou Meto township, ED 156, p. 528, line 24, dwelling and family 45; NA microfilm T9, roll 55.

³⁰ W. S. Botts obituary, *Cabot Herald*, Cabot, Arkansas, 14 September 1932, p. 1, col. 4.

³¹ Biographical Memoranda of Arkansas General Assembly, microfilm roll 1, AHC, Little Rock, Arkansas.

³² William J. Botts pension application, Arkansas Confederate Pension Records, microfilm roll 10, AHC, Little Rock, Arkansas.

fourteen.³³ By 1920, George had died and Georgeann and Mittie had taken in a boarder, Mary Buckner, a widow, age seventy-six, born in Alabama.³⁴ According to the obituary of A. T. Fowler, the husband of Delila Botts, Mary Buckner was his sister.³⁵

Melissa's sister, Matt, Mrs. Eli Jones, was not located in this research. It is assumed she died before 1932 as she was not mentioned in Winfield's obituary. At the time of the 1927 magazine article, she resided in Fort Davis, Texas, about 100 miles from Saragosa.

When Melissa died in 1937 in Reeves County, Texas, she was almost a century old. Her son, J. W. B. Williams, was the informant for her death certificate.³⁶

| BARNARD - FALLS | | TEXAS STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH | | Registrar's No. // |
|---|--|---|--|--------------------|
| 1. PLACE OF DEATH STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF <u>Reeves</u> | | | | |
| CITY OR PRECINCT No. <u>Saragosa, Tex.</u> No. _____ Street _____ | | | | |
| Length of residence in city where death occurred _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ days. If in an institution, give name of institution instead of Street and No. How long in U. S. if foreign born? _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ days. | | | | |
| 2. FULL NAME OF DECEASED <u>Melissa May Williams</u> | | | | |
| Residence No. _____ Street _____ If non-residence give city, or town and state. | | | | |
| 3. SEX <u>Woman</u> | | 4. COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u> | | |
| 5. MARRIAGE STATUS <u>Widow</u> | | 6. SPECIAL MARRIAGE STATUS <u>None</u> | | |
| 7. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year) <u>Aug. 27 1837</u> | | | | |
| 8. AGES Yrs. _____ Mos. _____ Days _____ If LIVED then (month, day, and year) _____ | | | | |
| 9. TRADE, PROFESSION, OR PARTICULAR INDUSTRY <u>House keeper</u> | | | | |
| 10. DATE DECEASED LAST WORKED AT THIS OCCUPATION (month and year) _____ | | | | |
| 11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation _____ | | | | |
| 12. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) <u>Miss</u> | | | | |
| 13. NAME <u>J.R. Batts</u> | | | | |
| 14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) <u>Miss</u> | | | | |
| 15. MAIDEN NAME <u>Not known</u> | | | | |
| 16. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) _____ | | | | |
| 17. INFORMANT <u>J.W.B. Williams</u> (Address) <u>Saragosa, Tex.</u> | | | | |
| 18. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL Place <u>Balmorhea, Tex.</u> Date <u>Feb. 11 19 37</u> | | | | |
| 19. UNDERTAKER <u>J.G. Murray</u> (Address) <u>Pecos, Tex.</u> | | | | |
| 20. FILED <u>2/13 19 37</u> <u>J.F. Ross</u> Registrar | | | | |
| 21. DATE OF DEATH (month, day and year) <u>Feb. 10 19 37</u> | | | | |
| 22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from _____ 19. _____ death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at _____ P. M. The principal cause of death and related causes of importance were as follows: <u>Broncho Pneumonia</u> Date of onset _____ | | | | |
| Other contributory causes of importance: <u>Old age</u> | | | | |
| Name of operation _____ Date of _____ | | | | |
| What test confirmed diagnosis? _____ Was there an autopsy? _____ | | | | |
| 23. If death was due to external cause (Violence) fill in also the following: Accident, suicide, or homicide: _____ | | | | |
| Date of injury _____ 19. _____ | | | | |
| Where did injury occur? _____ (Specify city or town, county, and State) | | | | |
| Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place. _____ | | | | |
| Manner of injury _____ | | | | |
| Nature of injury _____ | | | | |
| 24. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased? If so, specify: _____ | | | | |
| (Signed) <u>W.N. Kelley</u> M. D. (Address) <u>Balmorhea, Texas.</u> | | | | |

³³ George Botts household, 1910 U. S. census, Lonoke County, Arkansas, population schedule, York township, ED 147, sheet 5B, p. 225B, line 78, dwelling and family 150; NA microfilm T624, roll 56.

³⁴ Georgeann Botts household, 1920 U. S. census, Lonoke County, Arkansas, population schedule, York township, ED 173, sheet 9A, p. 185A, line 43, dwelling 190, family 196; NA microfilm T625, roll 70.

³⁵ A. T. Fowler obituary, *Arkansas Gazette*, Little Rock, Arkansas, August 17, 1921, p. 7, col. 4.

³⁶ Melissa May Williams death certificate, Reeves County Clerk's Office, Pecos, Texas; copy in possession of Gloria Futrell.

**OBITUARIES FROM THE LANDMARK BAPTIST
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS
1907–1908**

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The Landmark Baptist, a weekly newspaper published in Little Rock, received news, letters and death notices from Baptist associations and churches throughout Arkansas, the southern states and Texas, Oklahoma and Missouri. The following list contains information from obituaries, death notices, and resolutions of respect printed in the 1907 and 1908 issues of the newspaper available at the Arkansas History Commission.

| NAME | DATE OF PAPER | REFERENCE |
|--------------------|--|-----------------|
| Bowers, Mary E. | Jan. 2, 1907 | p. 15, col. 2 |
| | d. 1 Dec. 1906; b. 11 Sep. 1842; wife of John Bowers | |
| Smith, Sis. Mary | Jan. 9, 1907 | p. 12, col. 3 |
| | d. 16 May 1906, age 66 years, 3 months, 18 days | |
| Lamb, Silas A. | Jan. 9, 1907 | p. 13, col. 3 |
| | d. 16 May 1906; b. 27 Nov. 1853 Lawrence Co., Ark. | |
| Brady, Sarah A. | Jan. 9, 1907 | p. 15, col. 3 |
| | d. 20 Sept. 1906, age 59 years, wife of A. S. Brady | |
| Yandel, Bro. J. M. | Jan. 23, 1907 | p. 15, col. 2 |
| | d. 16 June 1906, age 35 years; orphan reared by Bro. and Sister C. N. Milton, Conway Co., Ark. | |
| Duren, Bro. Phelix | Jan. 30, 1907 | p. 16, col. 4 |
| | d. 14 Dec. 1906, age 21 years | |
| Davis, Rosa | Feb. 6, 1907 | p. 10, col. 3-4 |
| | d. 18 Oct. 1906, age 15 years | |

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| Nix, Loniska | Feb. 20, 1907 | p. 9, col. 4 |
| | d. 27 Sept. 1906; b. 12 Nov. 1859; wife of W. S. Nix | |
| Yarberry, Mattie | Feb. 20, 1907 | p. 10, col. 2 |
| | d. 20 Jan. 1907, age 52 years; sons Nell, Joe and Billie | |
| Brinkley, L. Adeline | Feb. 20, 1907 | p. 13, col. 2-3 |
| | d. 7 Jan. 1907 Cerro Gordo, Little River Co., Ark.; b. 4 Feb. 1823 Persons Co., No. Car.; married 1843 Henderson Co., Tenn.; widowed with 11 children in 1855 | |
| Phillips, M. H. | Feb. 20, 1907 | p. 16, col. 3 |
| | d. 12 Nov. 1906; b. 26 Sept. 1836 | |
| Haraway, Annie Hester (nee Tarrant) | Feb. 27, 1907 | p. 15, col. 2-3 |
| | d. 7 Jan. 1907; b. 23 June 1875, Collin Co., Tex.; married Dr. P. M. Haraway 3 Dec. 1897 | |
| Pearson, Preston C. | Mar. 6, 1907 | p. 10, col. 3-4 |
| | d. 6 Feb. 1907, Lonoke Co., Ark.; b. 4 Dec. 1839, So. Car. | |
| Parks, Mattie | Mar. 27, 1907 | p. 9, col. 3 |
| | d. 14 Jan. 1907, Madill, Indian Territory; b. 21 Aug. 1883, dau. of Mr. Clyde Alexander | |
| Brown, Bro. Isaac T. | Mar. 27, 1907 | p. 9, col. 3-4 |
| | d. 20 Feb. 1907; b. 7 June 1849; husband of Mary E. Brown | |
| Brown, Mary E. | Mar. 27, 1907 | p. 9, col. 3-4 |
| | d. 12 Feb. 1907; b. 29 Nov. 1854; wife of Isaac T. Brown; sons George, William, Johnnie; daughters Emma and Ida | |
| Johnson, Sis. E. L. | Mar. 27, 1907 | p. 15, col. 4 |
| | d. 2 Feb. 1907; wife of W. H. Johnson; leaves six children | |
| Savage, Bro. J. L. | Apr. 3, 1907 | p. 10, col. 2-3 |
| | d. 5 Feb. 1907; b. 1835; leaves wife, 7 children | |

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| Weaver, Bro. A. | Apr. 17, 1907 | p. 9, col. 4 |
| | d. 22 Mar. 1907; b. 22 Jan. 1837, Knox Co., Tenn.; husband of Josephine Halloway Weaver | |
| Peeples, Mrs. Eliza | Apr. 24, 1907 | p. 9, col. 3-4 |
| | d. 6 Apr. 1907, Indian Territory; b. 1840 | |
| Williams, Duffie | Apr. 24, 1907 | p. 12, col. 2-3 |
| | d. 4 Mar. 1907; b. 15 Sept. 1887 | |
| Reynolds, James | May 8, 1907 | p. 10, col. 3 |
| | d. Feb. 1907; b. 1 Dec 1848, husb. of Jane Brown Reynolds, father of Will E., Ama, Mollie, Viola, Charles E., Jno. L., Mattie, Thomas J., and Lillie | |
| Anders, Bro. R. W. | May 8, 1907 | p. 11, col. 3-4 |
| | d. 17 Mar. 1907, age 93; b. 10 Mar. 1814 | |
| Henley, Jennie Brandaway | May 8, 1907 | p. 13, col. 2 |
| | d. 9 Mar. 1907; b. 29 Sept. 1873; wife of Bro. S. L. Henley | |
| Sims, Mrs. Colilia Hardy | May 8, 1907 | p. 11, col. 2-3 |
| | d. 28 Mar. 1907; b. 12 Feb. 1886, TX; wife of Bradley Sims, daughter of M/M R. M. Hardy | |
| Goza, Louis | May 15, 1907 | p. 9, col. 4 |
| | d. 3 May 1907; age 3 years, 4 months; son of Felix and Virdie Goza | |
| Norris, Tista | May 15, 1907 | p. 13, col. 3 |
| | d. 22 Apr. 1907; b. abt. 1865 | |
| Ridling, Grandma | May 22, 1907 | p. 14, col. 3-4 |
| | d. 20 Feb. 1907; b. 17 Apr. 1823; widow of T. W. Holcomb and J. W. Ridling | |
| Nix, Mark | June 5, 1907 | p. 10, col. 4 |
| | age 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Nix of Donaldson | |
| Clark, Jennie C. | June 12, 1907 | p. 8, col. 2-3 |
| | wife of W. A. Clark, D.D.; d. 5 June 1907, age 63; mother of Grace Jones, Hindsville, Ark. | |

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| Goad, Earnest | June 12, 1907 | p. 10, col. 2-3 |
| | age 15, son of Alice and Jim Goad; buried Laneberg Cemetery | |
| Gregory, Otis Joel | June 19, 1907 | p. 3, col. 3 |
| | d. 14 May 1907; age 2; child of J. C. Gregory | |
| Gregory, Mary Ann | June 19, 1907 | p. 3, col. 3 |
| | d. 1 June 1907, age 25; b. 17 Feb. 1882; wife of J. C. Gregory | |
| Leggett, Bro. A. E. | June 26, 1907 | p. 9, col. 3 |
| | d. 9 May 1907, age 66; b. 11 Jan 1841, Madison Co., Miss. | |
| Wells, William | June 26, 1907 | p. 10, col. 2 |
| | d. 5 Feb. 1907, Saline Co., Ark.; b. 15 June 1844, Jones Co., Ga. | |
| Patterson, Eld. L. M. | July 10, 1907 | p. 12, col. 4 |
| | d. 17 June 1907, Orion, Ark., age 75; b. 11 Oct. 1826, Overton Co., Tenn.; husband of Manerva Clark Patterson | |
| Parker, Thaddeus A. | July 10, 1907 | p. 15, col. 2 |
| | d. 27 Apr. 1907; b. 4 Nov. 1877 | |
| Corker, Johnie Jephtha | July 24, 1907 | p. 12, col. 3 |
| | d. 14 July 1907; b. 9 Aug. 1889; father W. T. Corker, Ingalls, Ark. | |
| Quinn, William Alice | July 24, 1907 | p. 11, col. 2 |
| | d. 7 July 1907; b. 21 May 1881, Grant Co., Ark.; son of L. L. Quinn; sister Erma Quinn died 18 mos. earlier | |
| Scrogins, Eldridge | July 31, 1907 | p. 11, col. 4 |
| | age 17; son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Scrogins | |
| Shaw, Simeon | July 31, 1907 | p. 16, col. 1-2 |
| | d. 13 July 1907, Kansas, age 71; b. Canada 1836; husband of Nancy Jane Lovin Shaw | |
| Floyd, Eld. William H. | Aug. 21, 1907 | p. 9, col. 4 |
| | d. 24 Mar. 1907, Fair Play; b. 28 June 1838, So. Car. | |
| Anderson, Eli | Aug. 28, 1907 | p. 14, col. 2-3 |
| | d. 14 Aug. 1907, age 19 | |

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| Howell, Charlie Adolph | Sept. 4, 1907 | p. 11, col. 2 |
| | d. 28 June 1907, Lonoke, Ark.; b. 5 Aug. 1857, Darlington, So. Car. | |
| Matthews, Mrs. Mary J. | Sept. 4, 1907 | p. 12, col. 4 |
| | d. 19 Aug. 1907, age 83; member of Pleasant Hill Church | |
| Lemay, Wilson David | Sept. 4, 1907 | p. 15, col. 2-3 |
| | d. 24 July 1907, Lonoke Co., Ark.; member Oak Grove Church; b. 19 Jan. 1843, Lafayette Co.; son of H. M. and E. B. Lemay | |
| Cannon, Samantha Breed | Sept. 18, 1907 | p. 16, col. 2 |
| | d. 30 Aug. 1907, Ft. Smith, bur. De Queen; b. 21 Mar. 1849; wife of Rev. B. F. Cannon | |
| Bradshaw, Bro. C. F. | Oct. 2, 1907 | p. 11, col. 2 |
| | Resolution from Paris Baptist Church | |
| Thomasson, Mrs. C. V. | Oct. 9, 1907 | p. 14, col. 1-2 |
| | d. 19 Sept. 1907, Drew Co.; b. Oct 1848, York Dist., So. Car.; wife of J. M. L. Thomasson | |
| Wilcoxon, Mrs. Annie McDougald | Oct. 9, 1907 | p. 15, col. 2-4 |
| | d. 4 Sept. 1907, wife of J. W. Wilcoxon; b. 6 Dec 1869 | |
| Benson, Della | Oct. 16, 1907 | p. 10, col. 2 |
| | d. 7 Oct. 1907, Donaldson, age 24; buried Pleasant Hill Cemetery | |
| Rye, Samuel Houston | Oct. 30, 1907 | p. 9, col. 3-4 |
| | d. 20 Oct. 1907, Big Piney, Pope Co., age 58; wife Martha M. J. Brown Rye | |
| Dorris, Mrs. Mary | Oct. 30, 1907 | p. 9, col. 4 |
| | of Belleville | |
| Doyle, Mrs. J. G. | Nov. 6, 1907 | p. 5, col. 2 |
| | wife of Elder J. G. Doyle | |
| Garner, Bro. J. M. | Nov. 6, 1907 | p. 11, col. 1 |
| | d. 17 Oct. 1907, Little Rock; b. 18 Mar. 1833; of Shover Springs, Ark. | |

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| Clements, Mrs. M. P. A. | Nov. 6, 1907 | p. 13, col. 2-3 |
| | d. 28 Oct. 1907, Ingalls, Bradley Co.; b. 15 Sept. 1845; wife of Elder W. T. Clements | |
| Blevens, Sis. B. F. | Nov. 6, 1907 | p. 13, col. 3-4 |
| | d. 28 June 1907; b. Oct 1865 | |
| Doyle, Sister Linnie | Nov. 6, 1907 | p. 15, col. 2-4 |
| | d. 8 Oct. 1907; wife of Elder J. G. Doyle; b. 6 Oct. 1866 | |
| Williams, John M. | Nov. 6, 1907 | p. 16, col. 2-3 |
| | d. 11 Oct. 1907, Revilee, Ark.; b. 6 July 1868, Walker Co., Ga.; husband of Tiny Brice Williams | |
| Piper, Carroll Alvah | Nov. 20, 1907 | p. 10, col. 2-3 |
| | d. 4 Nov. 1907, age 13; b. 28 Apr. 1894, Oak Cliff, Tex.; son of J. H. Piper, Little Rock | |
| Lee, Bro. F. M. | Nov. 20, 1907 | p. 12, col. 4 |
| | d. 3 Nov. 1907, Lawrence Co., Ark.; b. 1834, Tenn. | |
| Smith, Della | Nov. 20, 1907 | p. 13, col. 2 |
| | d. 15 Nov. 1907, age 20; buried Corinth Cemetery | |
| Warmack, Portis | Nov. 27, 1907 | p. 9, col. 4 |
| | age 18; eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Warmack, Rosston, Ark. | |
| Spicer, Nancy | Nov. 27, 1907 | p. 10, col. 2-3 |
| | Resolution of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church | |
| Spicer, Bethel | Nov. 27, 1907 | p. 10, col. 2-3 |
| | son of Nancy Spicer | |
| Kitchens, Sis. Mattie L. | Nov. 27, 1907 | p. 11, col. 1-2 |
| | d. 22 Oct. 1906; b. 30 Sept. 1859; widow of Bill Lowrey, Ben Newton and Brother J. T. Kitchens | |
| Wilson, Sis. Etta | Nov. 27, 1907 | p. 12, col. 1 |
| | d. 13 Nov. 1907, of burns; b. 2 Nov 1884; wife of John Wilson | |

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| Brown, Henry | Nov. 27, 1907 | p. 13, col. 1-2 |
| | d. 5 July 1907, Sebastian Co., buried Liberty Cemetery; b. 1825, Yadkin Co., No. Car.; husband of Mary Davis Brown; father of Mrs. C. Gantt, Mrs. C. Tutherford, Mrs. R. M. Joyce, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Phillip Shockley, Mrs. Lewellan Been | |
| Ford, Mary M. | Dec. 4, 1907 | p. 9, col. 4 |
| | d. 15 Nov. 1907, Magnet Cave, Hot Spring Co., Ark.; b. 10 May 1872; wife of James N. Ford | |
| Been, Grover | Dec. 4, 1907 | p. 10, col. 3-4 |
| | d. 9 June 1907; b. 25 June 1888; son of Eld. and Sis. H. L. Been | |
| Hutchinson, Dewey | Dec. 4, 1907 | p. 16, col. 2-3 |
| | Age 9 yrs, 5 mos.; son of Joseph and Artie Hutchinson | |
| Thurman, Laura | Dec. 4, 1907 | p. 13, col. 3-4 |
| | d. 14 Nov. 1907, Lonoke Co.; b. 23 Aug. 1879 | |
| Cannon, Dr. J. L. | Dec. 4, 1907 | p. 15, col. 1-2 |
| | d. 24 Nov. 1907, Center Point, Howard Co., Ark.; b. 9 Feb. 1833, Union Co., So. Car. | |
| Cannon, Dr. J. L. | Dec. 11, 1907 | p. 9, col. 3-4 |
| | Resolution from Baptist Church at Center Point | |
| Staugh, Robert | Dec. 11, 1907 | p. 9, col. 4 |
| | d. 29 Nov. 1907; b. 27 Sept. 1907; son of M. A. and N. E. Staugh | |
| Trivett, Norman | Dec. 18, 1907 | p. 14, col. 3-4 |
| | d. 29 Nov. 1907, Laurel Bloomery, Tenn.; b. 8 Oct. 1883, Watauga Co., No. Car.; son of Elder George W. Trivett; left wife Myrtle Davis Trivett and a baby; member of Damascus Baptist Church | |
| Jones, Rev. Arthur | Dec. 18, 1907 | p. 11 col. 3-4 |
| | stoned to death over temperance and prohibition in Weatherford, Tex. | |
| Black, Sis. Mattie C. | Dec. 18, 1907 | p. 9, col. 2 |
| | d. 8 Dec. 1907; b. 28 Aug. 1880; wife of J. T. Black of Hermitage, Ark. | |

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| McIntyre, Sis. M. E. | Jan. 1, 1908 | p. 9, col. 3 |
| | d. 9 Dec. 1907, Searcy Co.; left husband and eight children | |
| Sanders, Mary Way | Jan. 1, 1908 | p. 9, col. 4 |
| | died Madison, Ark.; wife of John Sanders; b. 8 Oct. 1834, Lawrence Co., Ind.; daughter of Eli and Theresa Way | |
| Weaver, Mrs. Martin | Jan. 1, 1908 | p. 9, col. 2 |
| | d. 20 Dec. 1907, left husband, four children | |
| Beasley, Nancy L. Dean | Jan. 1, 1908 | p. 13, col. 2 |
| | d. 12 Dec. 1907, Portland, Ashley Co., wife of William Beasley; b. 1853 Conecuh Co., Ala. | |
| Ritter, Bro. W. R. | Jan. 1, 1908 | p. 13, col. 3-4 |
| | d. 12 Nov. 1907, husband of Maggie Harris Ritter; b. 29 Dec. 1837, Claiborne Co., Tenn. | |
| Shrum, Eld. J. F. | Jan. 1, 1908 | p. 14, col. 2-3 |
| | d. 22 Aug. 1907, Mart, Tex.; resident of Carter Co., Okla.; b. 20 Mar. 1853 | |
| McIntire, Mrs. M. B. | Jan. 8, 1908 | p. 1, col. 1 |
| | wife of Elder M. B. McIntire, Murillo, Ark. | |
| Hefner, Will R. | Jan. 8, 1908 | p. 13, col. 4 |
| | buried Liberty Cem.; wife Maud Hefner | |
| Weaver, Parry | Jan. 8, 1908 | p. 13, col. 4 |
| | b. 24 Feb. 1873; son of Eld. Martin Weaver, Savannah, Tenn. | |
| Reynolds, Thada | Jan. 15, 1908 | p. 14, col. 3 |
| | age 19 months; daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Reynolds | |
| Womack, James Arbia | Jan. 22, 1908 | p. 9, col. 2 |
| | d. 31 Dec. 1907; b. 16 Sept. 1893; son of W. N. and M. E. Womack | |
| Patten, Fred | Jan. 22, 1908 | p. 9, col. 4 |
| | Resolution of Baptist Church at Witcherville | |
| Files, Oliver | Jan. 22, 1908 | p. 9, col. 3 |
| | d. at home near Fox, Ark.; age 21; son of Rolan and J. A. Files | |

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| Allen, Barnett Emory | Jan. 22, 1908 | p. 12, col. 2-3 |
| | d. 27 Dec. 1907; b. 24 Jan. 1892; son of Mr. and Mrs. Pink Allen of Peggs, Okla. | |
| Patton, Bro. W. Fred | Jan. 29, 1908 | p. 15, col. 2-3 |
| | d. 26 Nov. 1907, age 29; buried Gillian Cemetery; member of Witcherville Lodge, I.O.O.F. | |
| Baggett, Bro. J. A. | Feb. 12, 1908 | p. 11, col. 4 |
| | d. 27 Dec. 1907, Bird's Prairie, Okla.; b. 29 Aug. 1884; son of J. B. and M. R. Baggett; husband of Nellie Parrish Baggett | |
| Bryant, Bro. R. L. | Feb. 19, 1908 | p. 14, col. 2-3 |
| | d. 27 Jan. 1908, Keo, Ark.; b. 18 July 1842, Tenn. | |
| Hughens, Bro. R. A. | Feb. 19, 1908 | p. 16, col. 4 |
| | d. 25 Jan. 1908, age 88; buried Little Rock | |
| Linder, Mrs. N. E. | Feb. 26, 1908 | p. 10, col. 3 |
| | d. 26 Jan. 1908, widow, of Dover, Ark.; son-in-law Oscar Nixon | |
| Dillard, Bro. | Feb. 26, 1908 | p. 14, col. 3-4 |
| | d. 19 Jan. 1908; b. 25 Aug. 1822, Haywood Co., Tenn.; wives Sarah Jane Sexton and Mary Graham | |
| Benson, Mrs. S. F. | Mar. 4, 1908 | p. 9, col. 3 |
| | d. 30 June 1907, Gardner, Colorado, age 75, at home of son G. R. Benson | |
| Verser, Sis. Sarah C. | Mar. 4, 1908 | p. 13, col. 1 |
| | d. 18 Jan. 1908, Magnet Cove; b. 3 Jun. 1837, Chester Dist., So. Car.; wife of John A. Verser | |
| Leonard, Martin F. | Mar. 4, 1908 | p. 15, col. 2-3 |
| | d. 14 Jan. 1908; bur. Gilliam Cemetery; b. 31 Aug. 1891; member of church at Palestine | |
| Simmons, Sis. Pasha | Mar. 11, 1908 | p. 13, col. 1 |
| | d. 23 Feb. 1908; b. 3 Aug. 1831; wife of C. A. Simmons | |
| Blaylock, Eld. J. H. | Mar. 11, 1908 | p. 13, col. 2-3 |
| | d. 7 Jan. 1908, Blue Mountain | |
| Dicus, Ivey | Mar. 18, 1908 | p. 12, col. 4 |
| | d. 15 Dec. 1907, age 15 mos., 17 days; daughter of Bro. and Sis. Chunk Dicus | |

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| McDow, Sis. A. C. | Apr. 1, 1908 | p. 9, col. 3 |
| | d. 12 Feb. 1908; b. 22 Oct. 1842; wife of T. W. McDow; five married children | |
| McClellan, Rebecca Adelaide Powell | Apr. 1, 1908 | p. 10, col. 4 |
| | d. 11 Mar. 1908; b. 5 Dec. 1850; wife of Thomas Houston McClellan | |
| Nelson, Gertie | Apr. 8, 1908 | p. 13, col. 3 |
| | d. 20 Jan. 1908; b. 29 Nov. 1888, Van Buren Co. | |
| Curtin, Sis. Ruthia L. | Apr. 8, 1908 | p. 13 col. 3-4 |
| | d. 12 Feb. 1908, age 25 | |
| Turner, F. M. | April 8, 1908 | p. 15, col. 3-4 |
| | d. 5 Dec. 1907; member Spring Hill Church | |
| Belsha, Mr. C. S. | Apr. 15, 1908 | p. 9, col. 3-4 |
| | d. 26 Feb. 1908; b. 18 Oct. 1826, Gravelly Springs, Ala.; father of J. L. Flanagan; member of Marvel Baptist Church | |
| Belsha, (Mrs. C. S.) Sarah W. Lane | Apr. 15, 1908 | p. 9, col. 3-4 |
| | d. 24 Feb. 1908; b. 1834, Tenn.; three children | |
| Bell, Bro. J. C. | Apr. 15, 1908 | p. 9, col. 4 |
| | d. 2 Mar. 1908; member Greenwood Bapt. Church | |
| Wood, Bro. James | Apr. 15, 1908 | p. 10, col. 2-3 |
| | d. 3 Feb. 1908, Hempstead Co., age about 85 | |
| Tedford, Elder W. W. | Apr. 15, 1908 | p. 12, col. 4 |
| | d. 14 Oct. 1907, member Greenwood Bapt. Church | |
| Jones, Mrs. Annie | Apr. 15, 1908 | p. 12, col. 3 |
| | d. 25 Jan. 1906, Okemah, Indian Territory, at residence of R. G. Porter; bur. Arbeka Cemetery; wife of John Jones | |
| Moore, Minnie | Apr. 22, 1908 | p. 10, col. 4 |
| | d. 22 July 1907, Austin, Ark.; left husband and two children | |
| Trull, Robert L. | Apr. 22, 1908 | p. 16, col. 1-2 |
| | Age 15 months; son of E. B. and Elsie Trull; grandson of T. J. Godfrey | |

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| Lee, Margaret Lindsey | Apr. 29, 1908 | p. 11, col. 3 |
| | d. 4 Oct. 1907, near Quitman, Ark.; b. 23 Dec. 1832, Brownsville, Edmonson Co., Kent.; mother of Annie Shepherd | |
| Wright, Sis. Mary | Apr. 29, 1908 | p. 13, col. 3-4 |
| | d. 6 Jan. 1908; b. 26 Apr. 1858 | |
| Paris, Eliza A. | Apr. 29, 1908 | p. 14, col. 2 |
| | d. 11 Mar. 1908 at home of daughter, Mrs. Johnson; member Union Grove church, Hempstead Co. | |
| Page, Thomas | Apr. 29, 1908 | p. 14, col. 2-3 |
| | d. 31 Jan. 1908; buried Corinth Cemetery; b. 28 Sept. 1822, No. Car.; CSA Soldier and Doctor | |
| Page, Martha Hobson (Mrs. Thomas) | Apr. 29, 1908 | p. 14, col. 2-3 |
| | d. 30 Jan. 1908, b. abt. 1829 | |
| Swinney, Mrs. Martha | May 6, 1908 | p. 10, col. 3-4 |
| | d. 1 Apr. 1908 at Bogata, Tex.; b. 1833, Miss.; widow of Eld. C. P. Swinney; mother of Mrs. Henson | |
| Hornaday, Mrs. Cannie | May 6, 1908 | p. 10, col. 4 |
| | d. 1908; Resolution of Ebenezer Church | |
| Bussey, Joseph F. | May 6, 1908 | p. 12, col. 4 |
| | d. 22 Mar. 1908; buried Oakland Cemetery, Monticello, Ark.; b. 8 Sept. 1852, Ga. | |
| Hogan, Eld. J. H. | May 6, 1908 | p. 16, col. 3 |
| | b. 1842, No. Car. | |
| Childers, W. J. | May 13, 1908 | p. 9, col. 4 |
| | d. 18 Feb. 1908, Clark Co., Ark.; b. 8 Jan. 1848, Pike Co., Ark. | |
| Herd, Sis. Nellie B. Stockton | May 13, 1908 | p. 10, col. 1-2 |
| | d. 19 Apr. 1908, Herd, Benton Co., Ark.; b. 22 June 1871, Buchanan Co., Mo.; wife of A. B. Herd | |
| Ellis, Mary | May 13, 1908 | p. 11, col. 1-2 |
| | d. 19 Feb. 1908, Gravelly, Ark.; b. 18 Jan. 1889 | |

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| Oliver, Rebecca M. | May 20, 1908 | p. 12, col. 2-3 |
| | | d. 16 Mar. 1908, Magazine, Ark.; buried Shaw Cemetery, Revilee; b. 6 Aug. 1843, Miss.; wife of Bro. W. H. Oliver |
| McCullough, Bennie | May 20, 1908 | p. 14, col. 1-2 |
| | | d. 25 Mar. 1908; b. 19 Oct. 1907; son of Mr. and Mrs. Alf McCullough |
| Pence, Sis. Maude | May 20, 1908 | p. 15, col. 1 |
| | | Resolution of respect by Landmark Church |
| Howard, Sis. Mattie Johnson Blackwell | May 20, 1908 | p. 11, col. 2-3 |
| | | d. 14 Dec. 1907; b. 5 Aug. 1876, near Paris, Logan Co.; widow of James Blackwell and wife of C. H. Howard; member Bethel Missionary Baptist, Clark Co. |
| Hayes, Bettie | May 20, 1908 | p. 15, col. 3-4 |
| | | d. 9 Jan. 1908; b. 23 Feb. 1880; husband, three children |
| Smith, Sis. Octavia Victoria Land | May 27, 1908 | p. 13, col. 1 |
| | | d. 28 Mar. 1908; b. 1 Dec. 1846; wife of Bro. W. L. Smith of Louin, Jasper Co., Miss. |
| Head, Sis. Mary J. | June 3, 1908 | p. 11, col. 2 |
| | | d. 24 Mar. 1908; b. 2 Oct. 1832; wife of T. C. Head; member Holly Springs Church |
| Pryor, Sis. Nannie | June 3, 1908 | p. 11, col. 2-3 |
| | | d. 28 Feb. 1908; b. 7 Feb. 1871; wife of E. E. Pryor |
| Newton, William A. | June 17, 1908 | p. 12, col. 1-2 |
| | | d. 16 Feb. 1908 Calhoun, Columbia Co.; b. 13 Sept. 1829, Monroe Co., Ala.; husband of Sallie Dees Newton |
| Rodgers, Hursail Christopher | June 17, 1908 | p. 12, col. 2-3 |
| | | d. 1 June 1908; b. 29 Mar. 1907; son of W. D. and Cora Rogers of Leslie, Ark.. |
| Herren, Bro. Joseph | June 17, 1908 | p. 13, col. 2-3 |
| | | d. 16 Feb. 1908, Reyno, Ark., age 74; b. 21 Mar. 1833 |

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| Laurence, Sis. Maude | July 8, 1908 | p. 12, col. 4 |
| | d. 13 Apr. 1908, Bellview; b. 1855 | |
| Smith, Bro. D. J. | July 15, 1908 | p. 11, col. 2-3 |
| | d. 9 Feb. 1908; b. 1 Mar. 1854; husband of Mary E. Smith | |
| Smith, Sis. Mary E. | July 15, 1908 | p. 11, col. 2-3 |
| | d. 21 Feb. 1908; b. 3 Jan. 1866; wife of D. J. Smith | |
| Richardson, Bro. A. A. | July 15, 1908 | p. 12, col. 1-2 |
| | d. 29 June 1908, Pickens Co., Ala.; b. 6 Feb. 1845, Anderson Co., So. Car.; widower of Fannie Carr Richardson; CSA Soldier | |
| Harris, Mamie | July 15, 1908 | p. 13, col. 4 |
| | d. 10 July 1908, at Orphans Home, Texarkana, age 3 mos.; niece of Mr. Williams | |
| Flanagan, Bro. W. W. "Wiley" | July 22, 1908 | p. 13, col. 2-3 |
| | d. 24 Feb. 1908; b. 10 Oct. 1822; m. Macon Co., Ala., 1843; father of J. L. Flanagan, Sevier Co. | |
| Flanagan, Martha | July 22, 1908 | p. 13, col. 2-3 |
| | d. 14 Feb. 1908; buried Johnsonville Cemetery near Gillham, Sevier Co.; b. 27 May 1823; wife of W. W. Flanagan; mother of J. L. Flanagan | |
| Scroggs, Annie | July 29, 1908 | p. 11, col. 1-2 |
| | d. 12 Mar. 1908, Butlerville, Ark. | |
| Lindsey, Jessie | July 29, 1908 | p. 11, col. 2 |
| | d. 15 July 1908; b. 14 May 1895; grandchild of Sis. Lizziebeth A. Walker Paulman; buried in her grave | |
| Kumpe, Sis. Mary | July 29, 1908 | p. 14, col. 2 |
| | d. 13 July 1908; b. 1840; member Trenton Church | |
| Paulman, Lizziebeth A. Walker | July 29, 1908 | p. 16, col. 3 |
| | d. 16 July 1908; buried Salem Cemetery, Millville, Ark.; b. 8 Jun. 1825, Richmond, Va.; widow of H. A. Paulman who died in Civil War | |
| Orrick, Samuel | Aug. 5, 1908 | p. 13, col. 4 |
| | d. 24 May 1908; bur. Love Cem.; b. 28 Dec. 1851 | |

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| Chastain, Hattie | Aug. 5, 1908 | p. 16, col. 4 |
| | d. 10 June 1908; b. 5 Jan. 1906; child of J. R. Chastain | |
| Geiger, Elder W. L. | Aug. 12, 1908 | p. 9, col. 4 |
| | d. 5 July 1908, Glennville, Ga.; b. 17 Nov. 1835 | |
| High, Miss Eva | Aug. 19, 1908 | p. 9, col. 2-3 |
| | d. 2 Aug. 1908, age about 30 | |
| Boatright, Leila | Aug. 19, 1908 | p. 14, col. 2 |
| | d. 29 July 1908, age 8; daughter of John and Fannie Boatright | |
| Gates, Bro. B. F. | Aug. 26, 1908 | p. 11, col. 2 |
| | d. 11 June 1908; b. 30 June 1851, Tenn.; deacon Mountain Cove Missionary Baptist Church | |
| Smith, Sis. Olah T. Walker | Sept. 2, 1908 | p. 3, col. 2 |
| | d. 20 Aug. 1908; b. 17 July 1851; wife of J. A. Smith; mother of Misses Alpha and Odeen Smith, Mrs. J. W. Hall and Mrs. J. R. Eppes | |
| Taylor, James Alford | Sept. 2, 1908 | p. 14, col. 3 |
| | d. 16 Aug. 1908; b. 23 July 1872; son of J. D. and Elizah H. Taylor | |
| Glass, Rev. J. M. | Sept. 9, 1908 | p. 9, col. 3 |
| | d. 30 Aug. 1908, at Abbott, age 59; widower | |
| Vernon, Sis. Belle | Sept. 9, 1908 | p. 9, col. 3 |
| | d. 28 Aug. 1908, age 22; buried East Point Cemetery; left husband and 8 mo. old child | |
| Owens, Raymond | Sept. 23, 1908 | p. 11, col. 4 |
| | d. 6 Sept. 1908; b. 12 Sept. 1907; called "she" | |
| Smithwick, Sis. Ann | Sept. 30, 1908 | p. 9, col. 3-4 |
| | d. 16 July 1908; b. 22 Apr. 1832; widow | |
| England, Sarah W. | Sept. 30, 1908 | p. 11, col. 1-2 |
| | d. 29 July 1908, Mt. Pisgah, age 72; b. 17 Feb. 1835; wife of John England; seven children | |
| Thach, Ezekial | Sept. 30, 1908 | p. 12, col. 3-4 |
| | d. 14 Sept. 1908; b. 28 Feb. 1828, Green Co., Ala.; Masonic Fraternity | |

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| Hall, Bertha | Sept. 30, 1908 | p. 15, col. 3-4 |
| | | d. 7 June 1908; b. 10 Feb. 1892; daughter of J. H. and Malinda Hall; member Oak Grove Bapt. Church |
| Bryant, William Thomas | Oct. 7, 1908 | p. 9, col. 4 |
| | | d. 27 July 1908; b. 12 May 1905; infant son of W. J. and Mary Bryant |
| Thomas, James Y. | Oct. 14, 1908 | p. 4, col. 1-3 |
| | | d. 6 Oct. 1908; b. 4 June 1857, Nashville, Howard Co.; son of F. M. and Lydia Campbell Thomas; husband of Hattie Clardy Thomas; father of Will, Clancy, J. Y., Jr., Stella, Lydia, and Inez; Royal Arch Mason; former Sevier Co. sheriff; buried DeQueen Cemetery |
| Quinn, Eld. Lofton | Oct. 14, 1908 | p. 9, col. 2-4 |
| | | d. 11 Oct. 1908; buried China Grove; b. 21 Aug. 1843, Ala.; husband of S. A. Ticer Quinn |
| Bright, Lola | Oct. 21, 1908 | p. 12, col. 3 |
| | | d. 5 Aug. 1908; b. 9 July 1903; daughter of Henry and Louetta Bright |
| Walraven, Miss Annie | Oct. 21, 1908 | p. 12, col. 3-4 |
| | | d. 29 Sept. 1908 at home near Excelsior, Ark. |
| Peeples, A. C. | Oct. 28, 1908 | p. 9, col. 4 |
| | | d. 3 Feb. 1908, age 76; b. 1866, Lincoln Co., No. Car.; husband of E. A. Smith |
| Hearn, Benjamin H. | Nov. 4, 1908 | p. 11, col. 3 |
| | | d. 22 Oct. 1908, Sebastian Co.; b. 15 Aug. 1820; husband of Sarah P. Toler; father of William H., Robert J., Joseph A., John J., Hiram R., and George F. |
| Rice, Sister Jessie | Nov. 4, 1908 | p. 14, col. 1 |
| | | d. 10 Oct. 1908, at Argenta, age 18; buried family graveyard at Egypt Church |
| Gordon, Sallie Miller | Nov. 4, 1908 | p. 14, col. 4 |
| | | d. 7 Oct. 1908, Howard Co., age 78; b. Ala. |
| Melton, Elder H. W. | Nov. 11, 1908 | p. 10, col. 4 |
| | | d. 8 Sept. 1908; Glazier Poe Church, Mt. Valley, Ark. |

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| Collins, Bro. Jayens | Nov. 25, 1908 | p. 13, col. 1 |
| | d. 5 Oct. 1908; oldest member of Tyro Church, Lincoln Co. | |
| Brice, Elder John F. | Nov. 25, 1908 | p. 14, col. 3 |
| | d. 9 Oct. 1908; b. 29 Mar. 1830, Spartanburg District, So. Car.; husband of M. E. Brice | |
| Phillips, Martha | Dec. 2, 1908 | p. 10, col. 3-4 |
| | d. 3 Sept. 1908; b. 15 Nov. 1833; wife of Ben Phillips; came from Ga. | |
| Rice, Martha | Dec. 2, 1908 | p. 14, col. 1 |
| | d. 2 Nov. 1908, age 87; b. 19 Nov. 1820, Ga.; sister of Rev. John W. Gardner; wife of Benjamin Franklin Rice; mother of Rev. Moses A. Rice | |
| Chandler, Mrs. P. | Dec. 2, 1908 | p. 15, col. 1-2 |
| | d. 10 Oct. 1908; b. 13 Jun. 1863, Dallas Co., Ark. | |
| Carlile, Dr. J. P. | Dec. 16, 1908 | p. 14, col. 2 |
| | d. 25 Nov. 1908, Cold Springs, Tex. | |
| Sullivan, W. N. | Dec. 16, 1908 | p. 16, col. 4 |
| | buried 14 Nov. 1908, Zion Hill Cemetery; Masonic Fraternity | |
| Arrington, Willie | Dec. 30, 1908 | p. 10, col. 3 |
| | d. 24 Nov. 1908; b. 19 Dec. 1894; son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Arrington; aunt Florena Cross | |
| Honk, Gertrude | Dec. 30, 1908 | p. 10, col. 3-4 |
| | d. 10 Oct. 1908, Experiment, Ark.; wife of Willie Honk; daughter of William and S. J. Merrett | |
| Boyett, Elizabeth Jane | Dec. 30, 1908 | p. 14, col. 4 |
| | d. 2 Dec. 1908; b. 22 May 1822; dau. Lottie | |
| Paine, Thomas L. | Dec. 30, 1908 | p. 15, col. 1-2 |
| | d. 11 Nov. 1908, Beebe, White Co., AR; b. 12 Feb. 1838, TN; Civil War Veteran; father of T. L., Jr., Miss Goode Dixon Davis of Magnolia, and deceased James Leland Paine | |
| Boswell, John T. | Dec. 30, 1908 | p. 15, col. 2-3 |
| | d. 12 Dec. 1908 near Bodcaw; buried Union Cem.; b. 15 Feb 1848, Ala.; husband of Julia Bean | |

SOCIAL LIFE IN EARLY ARKANSAS

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In 1895, Mrs. Gilbert Knapp prepared a reminiscent account of early social life in Arkansas and read it at a meeting of the Aesthetic Club of Little Rock. It was later reprinted by the *Arkansas Democrat* on Sunday, December 4, 1921 (page 6, Magazine & Society Section).

What follows is a transcription of that 1921 reprint. Annotations provided by Bill Hanks are marked by brackets [].

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| <h3>BELLES AND BEAUX OF LONG AGO</h3> |
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| <p>By Mrs. Gilbert Knapp</p> |
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At the suggestion of Miss Lillian Hughes, and through the courtesy of Mrs. Frederick Hanger, we are permitted to reprint the “Belles and Beaux of Long Ago.”

At a noteworthy meeting of the Aesthetic Club in April, 1895, during the presidency of Mrs. Frederick Hanger, this delightful picture of early social life in Arkansas was read by Mrs. Gilbert Knapp, who had prepared it especially for the occasion, and was afterward printed for the pleasure of those who were not present.

A comment made at that time was: “Mrs. Knapp’s low, sweet voice was admirably suited to the reading, bringing tears and smiles alternately, as she read of the by-gone days. Her words were often interrupted by applause as gray-haired women seated around her were recognized as the belles of whom she was speaking.” Here is the picture as presented by Mrs. Knapp that day:

“Thoughts flit across my mind tonight
Of some who with the angels dwell.”
--Sheppard Laurie.

I am now walking through a deep twilight where mysterious shadows are falling across my path and lengthening each [y]ear as I enter

the earthly phase called the “evening of life.” I look backward through the pure crystal of memory and down the avenues of time I see a world of beauty. Youth sees everything through a Claude Lorraine—then the lily blooms whiter in its loveliness—there is a diviner dye, a more roseate hue in every rose that blushes in the sun. Memory is a divine gift “which can give us back the dead even in the loveliest looks they wore; can restore thoughts and feelings that we imagined lost, for nothing that we have once experienced ever perishes.”



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Early Little Rock looms up before my mental vision in all its enchantment. Families of note and distinction were the first settlers—Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky and the Gulf States gave her of their best. It was the residence of government and state officials—planters who did

not wish to keep their families in the low valleys. Many French, some Spanish and other charming citizens—all together, formed an ideal society. The manners of the men were stately, courteous and debonair—Chesterfieldian in style—brave and tender, and far more ceremonious than men of the present time.

The ladies were taught to be dignified in manner, to repel familiarity, to be gentle and considerate for others, that they might make good dames like their mothers.

Yet woman of that period was rather given to sentiment. Poetry was her daily food. Her lover was always a hero to her, whatever he might be to others. She wished to be wooed earnestly, with deep devotion—poetry and serenades. She loved to be waited upon, and a strong arm was ever ready to indulge the propensity.

In those days a business woman was never heard of; the sacred doors of the convent were open to the friendless; and the chivalry of the people protected such as cared not for that holy seclusion.

Every woman was cared for and protected. The vines did not try to stand upon their slender stems, but reached out arms for the sturdy oaks, and how lovingly they were sheltered from the storms which now beat on many a defenseless woman's head!

Oh, strong, self-sustaining, independent woman of this era! You are admired and wondered at—for you are a marvel and a miracle; your strength is visible to the world. Ours was behind the throne and a screen of roses hid it even from those we wished to influence.

There is no type in the bible more beautiful than the sheltering arms of our blessed Lord, and man under God should protect us from the evils and storms and sorrows of this world as far as in him lies.

The girls of early Little Rock contributed nothing towards the independent woman. They did nothing that a man could do for them. Our strength was truly our weakness. We gave them the glorious privilege, the undoubted prerogative of being true knights.

No Belted Knights of Christendom
Were truer or more brave,
Than those gallant men of Little Rock
Now sleeping in the grave.

Yet some are left whose courtly ways
Proclaim them still the peers,

That won the hearts in early days
Of the belles of by-gone years.

There were beautiful, charming, highly educated girls, daughters of distinguished men and women in the gay little capital. Only two of the young gentlemen were native-born, Messrs. Chester Cunningham and William Ashley, and they were made much of. The officers of the United States Army were great favorites, especially those of the regiment to which Lieutenant—afterwards, General Grant, belonged. Those young lieutenants all became generals and major generals, but they did not forget those early days.

The entertainments were very charming. A notable difference 'twixt now and then was a mingling on such occasions of grandparents, fathers, mothers, sons and daughters, which lent a happy air of domesticity to society events and prevented the most formal entertainment from being stilted.

New Orleans was in that day the Mecca of the South, and brides were taken to spend the honeymoon amidst real orange blossoms; there old people went to renew their youth. It was the earthly paradise of Young Arkansas. Ever [sic] winter and spring the steamboats would leave the wharf at Little Rock crowded with citizens going down to sell their cotton, do their shopping, and taking the young people along that they might enjoy the acme of bliss—the opera, drama, and seeing the best society in the Old South, which was considered a fine point in education. The boats generally carried a band of music and dancing every evening was in order. The gentlemen whiled away more hours with whist and other games and sometimes fine plantations changed hands before the cotton was sold, for there was ever a serpent in Eden.

On the return, grand banquets would be given which had been prepared in the Crescent City. I call to mind one, beautiful and artistic, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Trapnall, given to a bride. Everything on the bridal table had been prepared by a Parisian confectioner. A white temple surmounted by white doves and cupids bearing orange blossoms and lilies, was the table centerpiece—the cakes, creams and candles—all snow-white, made a picture of purity and sweetness long to be remembered.

Hospitality, the most sacred obligation and tradition of the South, was the charm of society. The stranger was welcomed and made to feel at home in an unostentatious way after passing the door and partaking the

salt. The host was as much delighted to entertain as the guest to be entertained—the heart grew larger by exercise.

I will give you one instance of the cordial, unbounded hospitality of the times: Colonel [John] Drennan [1801-1855], one of the generous, whole-souled, wealthy [merchant] planters of the day, invited six young ladies and as many gentlemen to make a visit at his lovely home on the heights above Van Buren, presided over by his young daughter [Caroline], just a bride. Her milk-and-rose complexion, sweet and gracious manner, made her not only queen of her father's home, but in the captured heart of Mr. Charles Scott, and of all who came within her influence, the young chatelaine presided with grace and dignity, but entered with girlish zest all the amusements, and made our visit a delight—a green spot in memory. But alas; she and I alone are left of that joyous party [Caroline died 1910]—even her young sister, then a child, has passed into a memory.

From Van Buren we went to Morrison's Bluffs [in northeast Logan County], where a stately mansion overlooked the [Arkansas] river—the home of the widow of General Lorenzo Clark [Mrs. Arabella Jane (Bertrand) Clark, (1806-1853)] and daughter of Mrs. Matthew Cunningham [Mrs. Eliza (Wilson) Bertrand Cunningham], a distinguished Baltimorean, well beloved by the people of Arkansas. She died childless. The grand old home with its wide halls, large rooms and spacious porticos was lonely to the desolate widow. She took us to Dardanelle Springs [in northwestern Yell County], which she owned. She had a cottage built for her own use and one for her gentlemen guests. The hotel was filled that year with charming people from New Orleans, who came to escape the yellow fever.

Beside the bevy of young people, Colonel [John] Drennan [of Van Buren], General [Albert] Pike [of Little Rock], Colonel [Elias] Rector [of Fort Smith] (“the fine old Arkansas gentleman close to the Choctaw line”), and several others were her guests. It was like a fine English house party. She had carriages, buggies, riding horses, servants and two Indian hunters—Choctaw Charlie and Cherokee Jim, to kill game. (I have seen them bring in a bear and nine wild turkeys at one time.) Gentlemen from New Orleans, St. Louis, Van Buren and Little Rock made it exceedingly gay for the girls. In the early morning we would walk to the springs, drink the sulphur waters; in the afternoon ride horseback down the beautiful valley of Chickala to the post office, three miles away, and then dance at the hotel [Dardanelle Springs resort hotel]

in the evening. We were frequently serenaded with original songs written by General Pike and Mr. William Quesenbury that summer, and music never sounded sweeter strains than echoed back from those grand old Magazine mountains. Not until they were blazing in gorgeous autumn beauty did we return to the lovely river home of Mrs. Clark. How loth were we to bid farewell to the place.

Where we had listened to words of love spoken
And grieved for the hearts we thought we had broken
So passed three months in Arcadia.

I'll cherish until life's close,
Sweet memories of those belles and beaux,
The guests of her we loved so well,
Our hostess of the Dardanelle.

On our return home we attended a grand military fancy dress ball, given in honor of the returned Mexican soldiers [1847]. The hall was lighted with candles and astral lamps filled with whale oil. The ball was opened with a grand march. General [Paxton] Bragg in his handsome uniform and Mrs. Samuel Hempstead in royal purple and white plumes, in the lead; next came General and Mrs. [Albert] Pike, as Albanians, in scarlet silk velvet and gold chains, an exceptionally handsome couple. Then our [U.S.] senators, General [Chester] Ashley and Colonel [Ambrose H.] Sevier, the ladies in dresses of lustrous white satin with diamond tiaras, and the gentlemen in silk velvet court costumes made in New Orleans for the occasion.

The sparkling Elvira Cummins, so witty and quick at repartee, with her devoted lover, Dr. [W. W.] Adams [married 1842].

Miss Mary Crease with Judge Watkins.

The beautiful Annie Sevier with her soldier lover, Gen. T. [Thomas] J. Churchill [married 1849].

Miss Kate Yeizer with joyous John D. Adams [married 2 May 1848; this is the Kate Adams the river steamboat was named for; and the lady who in her own right owned the Shoal Creek Plantation, an area of 3.3 sections or square miles, in northeast Logan County; he was the son of Samuel Adams of Johnson County, who prior to 1850 held political offices of county judge and state legislator, and was acting governor of Arkansas after Governor Archibald Yell resigned].

Charming Fanny Ashley with Dr. Sheppard Laurie, while she smiled at the Rev. A. [Andrew] F. Freeman [whom she married in 1850].

Sophie Fulton with the talented James Curran [married 1849].

Black-eyed Caroline Crease with majestic Dr. [Craven] Peyton [married 1851].

Her pretty sister, Sue Crease, with Gordon Peay [married 1854].

Miss Lizzy Shall, of perfect form and grace, with John Reardon [he never married].

Fanny Grafton, the beauty of the city, with William Ashley [married 1846].

Ellen Harrell with the elegant Dr. [William A.] Cantrell [married 1852].

Sallie Beall with Lieutenant Cochran.

Elizabeth Beall with General [James F.] Fagan [married 1851].

Mary Melbourn and Dr. [Solon] Borland [married 1845].

Ellen Feild and Judge Ben DuVal [of Fort Smith, married 1847].

Lou Feild and Charles Caldwell [married 1850].

Mrs. Lenebeaur [Fanny Linebaugh] and Andre [Andrew] Hutt [married 1847].

Mrs. Henrietta Hill and Dr. [George] Savage [married 1850].

Miss Carrie Eliot and D. [David] C. Fulton [married 1847].

Miss Harriet Grafton and Dick Fatherly [married 1848].

Miss Felice Scull and Mr. Butler.

Miss Marie Stout and Maj. David Shall [married 1852].

Irene Johnson and Dr. Jordon.

Miss Laura Smith and Robert Johnson.

Miss Frank Field and Nat Gaines.

Miss Virginia Gaines and Colonel Sevier [1801-1848].

Matilda Cunningham and Peter Hanger [married 1850; Matilda was a daughter of Dr. Matthew and Eliza (Wilson) Bertrand Cunningham of Little Rock and a half-sister to Arabella J. (Bertrand) Clark of Morrison's Bluffs].

These are some of the belles and beaux who joined that grand march and daintily stepped the stately minuet that night. The deep bows of the men, the quaint courtesies of the ladies with the ever-present fan suspended from the arm, are things of the past. I should love to present to your view the photographic picture of these courtly ladies and gallant men.

To the brave soldiers who had endured the hot suns of Mexico [1846-1847], and for all the valarous deeds that they had done, we gave homage. Many are still with us, one I bear in mind:

“Who stood as firm as rock beside the sea—
Ah, yes, a very church upon a hill.
With prayer on lip and sword in hand was he
The honor to sustain and pledge fulfill of Arkansas.”

A long roll of honor could be called of those who have passed into the unfathomable silence.

The young gentlemen of early Little Rock permitted no wall-flowers to blossom in the limits of the city.

Tribute to Mrs. Matilda Cunningham Hanger

Matilda, with thy name this list I end.
Thou dearest, loveliest, my devoted friend:
What joy it gave to meet thy sparkling glance
In lonely walks or in the merry dance!

The days we did not meet we both were sad.
And when together we were always glad.
Our “joys we shared and sorrows did divide,”
Even after girlhood passed and each became a bride.

Your daughter stands beside me here today.
In all the grace of youth and bloom,
While I this loving tribute lay
In sweet remembrance on thy tomb.

I could tell many a romance connected with the lives of the bygone belles and beaux; some were happy, some sad and even tragic—to me they are sacred.

And I cannot more today disclose
Of the life and love of those belles and beaux,
So will leave them to their sweet repose.

**HAMPTON SCHOOL, CALHOUN COUNTY, ARKANSAS
1891-1892
COMMON SCHOOL REGISTER AND
DAILY RECORD OF ATTENDANCE**

*Submitted by Tommy Carter
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In the vault at the Calhoun County Arkansas courthouse is a school register for 1891–1892 that contains student names, ages, and days attended. It appears that three separate school terms were included as three different ages appear for some of the children. Three teachers are mentioned in the register: Mrs. C. R. Stephens, W. D. Bass, and J. H. Rowland.

Subjects listed are Orthography, Reading, Penmanship, Written Arithmetic, Mental Arithmetic, Geography, English Grammar, and History of the United States.

| Names Of Pupils | Age |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Adams, D. Z./Dan | 6/7 |
| Adams, Nellie | 7/8 |
| Barnett, Arthur | 6 |
| Bass, Ella/Stella | |
| Best, Birdie | 8 |
| Best, Lena | 10 |
| Best, Vannie | 13/14 |
| Black, Charley/Charles | 9/10/11 |
| Black, Jackey/Jackie | 13/14/16 |
| Black, Mame/Mamie/ Mammie/Minnie | 11/12 |
| Brown, Cora | |
| Burks, Cicero | 14 |
| Burks, Dora | 12 |
| Busby, B? | 12 |
| Busby, Jep | 14 |
| Cornish, Calvin | 17 |

| Names Of Pupils | Age |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Cornish, Effie | 6 |
| Cornish, Eli | 9/10 |
| Cornish, J. C. | 18 |
| Cornish, Ruth | 15 |
| Dedman, Alice | 15/16/17 |
| Dedman, Barnet/Barney/Barny | 13/14 |
| Dedman, Della | 10/11/12 |
| Dedman, Henry | 16/18 |
| Dedman, James/Jim | 6/7/8 |
| Dedman, R. H. | 19 |
| Douglas, G. A. | 17 |
| Douglass, Dovey | 13 |
| Douglass, Gleeson | 16 |
| Douglass, Robt | 14 |
| Dougless, Adie | 13 |
| Dougless, Dovie | 12 |

| Names Of Pupils | Age |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Dougless, Hattie? | 14 |
| Dougless, Rena | 9 |
| Dunn, Ada | 13/14 |
| Dunn, Annie | 9/11 |
| Dunn, Harret/Harriet | 7/8/9 |
| Dunn, Irene | 6/7 |
| Ford, Nora | 10 |
| Harper, Frank | 7 |
| Hollingsworth, Abie/Abbie | 16/17 |
| Hollingsworth, Bobby? | |
| Hollingsworth, F. | |
| Hollingsworth, Frank | 10/11/12 |
| Hollingsworth, Walter/W. B. | 9/10/11 |
| Kelley, T. M. | 18 |
| Kelly, Effie/ Kelley, Effie | 7/8 |
| Kelly, John/ Kelley, John | 6 |
| Langston, Mattie/ Lanston, Mattie | 8 |
| Lions, Ris | |
| Mayfield, Nevil | 18 |
| Mayfield, Vera | 11/12/14 |
| Mayfield, W. N. | 19 |
| McCoy, Ida | 16 |
| McCoy, Josie/Josey | 16/18 |
| McCoy, Lee | 9 |
| McCoy, Marvin | 11 |
| Means, Havery/ Harvey/Harvy | 13/15 |
| Means, J. H. | 15 |
| Means, Maud | |
| Means, Maud/Maude | 9/10/11 |
| Means, T. W. | 13 |
| Means, Walter | 11/12 |
| Moore, Ray | |

| Names Of Pupils | Age |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Morris, Ella/Ellie | 7/8 |
| Morris, Emma/Euna?/Una | 9/10 |
| Newton, J. S. | 17 |
| Newton, Thos. | |
| Nowlin, Willie | |
| Oliver, Ed | 10 |
| Oliver, Jim/James | 11/12/13 |
| Oliver, Thomas | 8 |
| Patterson, Fred | 11 |
| Patterson, Lola? | 7 |
| Patteson, Freddy/ Pattison, Fred | 10 |
| Poole, Aug | 5/6/7 |
| Porter, Boss | 12 |
| Porter, Bunk | 9 |
| Porter, E. L. | 8 |
| Porter, Elon | 10 |
| Porter, Jack | 16/17 |
| Porter, Jim | 18 |
| Porter, Mattie | 7/8 |
| Porter, Minnie | 12/13/14 |
| Porter, Woody/Woodie | 10/13 |
| Raburn, Ada/ Raybourn, Ada | 12/14 |
| Raburn, Andrew/ Raibourn, Andrew | 8/9/10 |
| Raburn, Frank | 17/18 |
| Raburn, I.? | 15 |
| Raburn, Mittie/ Raibourn, Mittie | 6/7/8 |
| Raibourn, Lula | 11 |
| Raibourn, Salli | 12 |
| Reynolds, Claud | 7 |
| Robinson/Roberson, Elvie/Elvy | 8/10 |
| Robinson, Eula/ Roberson, Eula | |

| Names Of Pupils | Age |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Robinson, Maude | 5 |
| Rowan, Claud/Claude | 6/7 |
| Rowan, Maud/Maude | 6/7 |
| Rowan, Morris/ Rowen, Morris | 8/9 |
| Thornton, Evan/Evin | 18/20 |
| Thornton, Sue/Susey/Susie | 7/8 |
| Thornton, Velma | 16/17/18 |
| Thornton, Vera | 9/10/12 |
| Tobin, Effie | 12 |
| Tobin, Marry? | 6 |
| Tomlinson, Hattie | |
| Tomlinson, Irma | 13 |
| Tomlinson, Nettie | 19 |
| Tomlinson, Robert | 17 |
| Tomlinson, Rolland | 14 |
| Tomlinson, Willie | |
| Witherington, Charley | 13 |
| Witherington, Geo | 12 |
| Witherington, John | 10 |
| Witherington, Lush | 19 |
| Witherington, Verna | 17 |
| Wood, Billy | 12 |
| Wood, Relda | 9/10 |
| Wood, Roy | 6/7 |
| Wood, W. W. | 13 |
| Worthington, Charles | 13 |
| Worthington, Lucus | 19 |
| Worthington, Vern? | 18 |

HOPKINS FAMILY BIBLE RECORDS

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The following entries were recorded in the Hopkins family Bible and were copied by me on 18 May 1979. At the time, the Bible was owned by my grandmother, Vernia Mayhue Jones, who was living in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. The Bible had originally belonged to her Hopkins grandparents and was passed down to Vernia by her mother, Matronia Clementine Hopkins Steed Mayhue. Vernia died on 6 August 1984 and the Hopkins family Bible was passed to her daughter and oldest child, Thelma Maxine Jones VanGelder of Springfield, Missouri. Maxine died 21 June 1986; the present ownership and whereabouts of the Bible are unknown.

Although no places are recorded in the Bible, subsequent research has traced Matronia's family from her birthplace in Calloway County, Kentucky, to Lawrence County, Arkansas, where her father, Thomas A. Hopkins, enlisted for Civil War service. Thomas eventually moved to Missouri where he married for a fourth time. He died in 1899 and is buried in Ripley County. Matronia and her first husband, William A. Steed, and their two children were residents of Sharp County, Arkansas. Matronia and Benjamin F. Mayhue were married, raised their children, and died in Independence County, Arkansas. They are buried there in Kyler Cemetery.

Benjamin F. Mayhue was a native of Scioto County, Ohio, and served in the Civil War from Gallatin County, Illinois. After the war, he relocated with his first wife, Sarah Ann Fowler, and their six children to Independence County, Arkansas. His parents, Amos and Margaret Mayhue, and several siblings followed them to Arkansas. After Sarah's death, Benjamin married the widowed Matronia and together they had six more children. My grandmother, Vernia Mayhue Jones, was the youngest of them all.

PARENTS RECORD

Father

Wiley Hopkins was born January the 3rd in 1811.
Feraba Hopkins was born July the 24th in 1811.
William H. Hopkins was born October the 11th in 1832.
Elizabeth J. Hopkins was born April 21th in 1834.
Wiley Hopkins, Jr. was born January 18, 1836.
Mary Hopkins was born November 21, 1838.
Peter H. Hopkins was born August 18, 1841.
Sarah Hopkins was born December 31, 1843.
Feraba Hopkins was born July 8, 1845.

Mother

Joseph Hopkins was born April 21, 1848.
Sintha T. Hopkins was born June 30, 1850.
Carolina Hopkins was born May 21, 1853.
Peter H. Hopkins died July 22, 1853.
Joseph Hopkins died April 25, 1850.
Feraba Hopkins died August 23, 1854.
Wiley Hopkins died March 20, 1859.

BIRTHS

Thomas A. Hopkins was born December 15, 1830.
Sarah M. Hopkins was born August 16, 1836.
Talbitha C. Hopkins was born January 24, 1855.
Matronia Clementine Hopkins was born March 12, 1856.
Feralia Evaline Hopkins was born November 9, 1858.
Martha M. Hopkins was born March 30, 1843.
Martha Hopkins was born March 4, 1839.
G. W. H. Shannon was born June 12, 1859.
Martha Angeline Hopkins was born March 14, 1867.
Thomas Homer Hopkins was born January 22, 1869.
Mary Lutitia Steed was born September 2, 1877.

William Franklin Steed was born November 19, 1879.
Thomas Cleveland Mayhue was born September 19, 1884.
Leo and Laura Mayhue was born July 21, 1888.
Margie Mayhue was born July 1, 1891.
Nola Agness Mayhue was born January 1, 1894.
Vernia Mayhue was born March 3, 1898.

MARRIAGES

Thomas A. Hopkins was married to Sarah M. Smith on November 18, 1852.
Thomas A. Hopkins was married to Martha M. Hinson on January 17, 1864.
Thomas A. Hopkins was married to Martha Shannon on April 6, 1865.
William A. Steed was born February 22, 1855.
William A. Steed was married to Matronia C. Hopkins on October 20, 1875.
B. F. Mayhue was married to M. C. Hopkins in November, 1883.

DEATHS

Talbitha C. Hopkins died February 16, 1855.
Sarah M. Hopkins died May 26, 1861.
Martha M. Hopkins died February 25, 1865.
Little Infant Girl died December 18, 1865.
William A. Steed died August 11, 1879.
Benjamin F. Mayhue died March 29, 1913.
Marion M. Mayhue died July 9, 1904.
Leo L. Mayhue died September 15, 1915.
Matronia C. Hopkins Mayhue died March 11, 1916.
Mary Loutitia Steed Aldridge – died May 2, 1953.

THE JENKINS FAMILY OF CONWAY AND FAULKNER COUNTIES

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Mrs. Lucy Jenkins evidently wanted information about her family recorded so she wrote it on the back of her son's birth certificate when she signed it in 1949. The problem is that no one ever sees the back of a birth certificate. The fronts of the certificates have been microfilmed and are printed from the film when requested.

When David Jenkins' certificate was being indexed for the Arkansas Prior Birth Indexing project, it was noticed that the certificate had writing on the back.

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ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF HEALTH—BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

DELAYED BIRTH CERTIFICATE

1. PLACE OF BIRTH OF CHILD: County CONWAY
City or Town SPRINGFIELD
Street No. or Rural Route _____

2. FULL NAME OF CHILD DAVID LEE JENKINS

3. Is Child Male or Female? Male

4. What is Child's color or Race? White

5. What was date of Child's Birth? Dec 19 1924
(Month) (Day) (Year)

FATHER

6. Father's Full Name WILLIAM A. JENKINS

7. Where was Father living at the time of this birth? Springfield Ark

8. What is Father's White color? 9. What was Father's age 27 at time of birth?

10. In what State or Country Arkansas was Father born?

15. Number of Children born to this Mother up to and including this child? 4 four

MOTHER

11. Mother's Maiden Name LUCY M. MORGAN

12. Where was Mother living at the time of this birth? Arkansas Springfield Conway Co.

13. What is Mother's color? White

14. What was Mother's age at time of birth? 26 yrs

15. In what State or Country Arkansas was Mother born? 7/25/1860

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PRIOR

AFFIDAVIT

State of Arkansas }
County of Faulkner } ss.

I hereby swear under oath in full knowledge of the penalties of the law for false statement that, to my best knowledge and belief, the facts above stated are true and correct in every particular. I am related to this child as MOTHER (Attending physician, midwife or parent) and my present age is 88 years.

(Signed) Lucy M. Jenkins
Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 19 day of April 1949

Ed Henderson
(Notary Public or Other Official Empowered to Execute Oaths)
My Commission Expires 11-8-1951 Notary Public

(Do Not Write Below This Line)

Filed April 20 1949 T. T. Ross, MD State Registrar

David Lee Jenkins

IMPORTANT NOTICE
This is a permanent record and must be written in UNFADING INK. Certificates in pencil will be REFUSED. ALL QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED. MINUTE OF FENSE TO make a false statement on this Record Form VS-B-80

Lucy M. Morgan's marriage to William A. Jenkins on 1 October 1878 in Conway County, Arkansas, was recorded in Conway County Marriage Book B on page 391. William died 16 May 1926 in Faulkner County and Lucy died on 14 December 1949, about eight months after this birth certificate was filed, also in Faulkner County.¹ William and Lucy are buried in Copperas Springs Cemetery near Guy, Arkansas.²

Mrs Lucy Jenkins was
born at Springfield Ark Conway Co.
and was raised and married at age 18
to William A. Jenkins 1878. at the
time of this ^{mention} "birth". This was the fourth
son. Preceding this mention. The following
in age rotation. ²Claude W. Jenkins
1. Herbert Jenkins 5. Walter A. Jenkins
3 Albert F. Jenkins
4 David L. Jenkins

6 Chas. "
Two girls 7 Alice and 7 Effie "
8 Edd. "
10 Oscar "
10 children

Now resides 3 1/4 mi west of Guy. On
her homestead where she has resided for
40 yrs and has spent her entire life
in Ark. Only two Counties Conway
& Faulkner.

BACK OF DAVID JENKINS BIRTH CERTIFICATE

¹ Arkansas Department of Health, "Arkansas Death Index, 1914-1950," subscription database, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : 22 April 2007).

² *Faulkner County, Arkansas, Census of Cemeteries as of Dec 31, 1987*, Faulkner County Historical Society, 1990.

CLEVELAND COUNTY CONFEDERATE PENSIONERS 1932

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Cleveland County Herald, Rison, Arkansas, 24 August 1932, page 1

Thirty-nine In County On Confederate Pension Roll

There are five Confederate veterans of Cleveland County that remain on the state confederate pension list, according to information received from County Clerk Jas. G. Mosley who has the official roster of pensioners in his office. In addition to the five former soldiers there are 34 widows who are listed to receive compensation from the state.

State auditor J. Oscar Humphrey in a recent letter to Mr. Mosley stated that he expects to be able to pay a part of all pensions about September 1. This he expects to do after all collectors of the state make their final settlement and the interest on state bonds and notes is paid.

The number on the list is five short of last year due to four deaths in the county and one widow having gone to the state Confederate home to live. There are the same number of veterans, however as was shown in last year's list.

The complete list of veterans and widows are as follows:

Mrs. Rachel B. Allen, Kingsland
Mrs. Mary E. Ashcraft, Warren
E. Boyd, New Edinburg
Mrs. E. A. Bryant, New Edinburg
Mrs. Elizabeth Burford, Carthage
Mrs. J. J. Bussey, Malvern
Mrs. Lucinda Childress, Carthage
Mrs. Julia A. Cox, Manning
Mrs. Mattie A. Culp, Rowell
Mrs. Mary A. Carter, New Edinburg
Mrs. Ella Easterling, Kingsland
Mrs. L. J. Griffin, Kingsland
Mrs. Mary Hamaker, New Edinburg
Mrs. Fannie A. Harlow, Rison

Mrs. Sarah Harvill, Rison
J. R. Haynie, Kingsland
Mrs. Fannie E. Hobson, Rison
Mrs. Fannie Hall, Herbine
Mrs. E. C. Jones, Kingsland
J. N. Jones, Devalls Bluff
Mrs. J. C. Lewis, Rowell
Mrs. J. Lindsey, Rison
Mrs. Lucy Lynn, Herbine
Mrs. Mollie Massey, Kingsland
Mrs. Robert Mitchell, Kingsland
Mrs. L. McLendon, Rison
Mrs. Annie Nevels, Rison
Mrs. Martha S. Norton, Kedron
Mrs. A. E. Parrott, New Edinburg
Mrs. Bell Reed, Rison
Mrs. Fannie Singleton, Rison
Mrs. J. A. Stewart, Bismark
Mrs. Mattie Speights, Tinsman
Mrs. Fannie Thomas, Kingsland
Mrs. Sarah A. Varnell, Rison
Mrs. M. J. Vinson, Rison
M. W. Whayne, Kingsland
Mrs. T. A. Wilson, Rison
A. J. Yarborough, Herbine

**KELLER, MILLS, EATON, COMBS, WHITE, CLOER,
THOMAS , AND WILEY FAMILY RECORDS
WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS**

Transcription by Susan Boyle

The following family records were entered in a book labeled "Miscellaneous Records 1840–1878" in the Washington County, Arkansas, courthouse. The book was filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah and is on Family History Library microfilm 1034270. A copy of the film may be viewed at the Arkansas History Commission and State Archives.

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Record of births in the family of Jesse Keller of the County of Washington and State of Arkansas

William Keller Son of Jesse Keller and Sarah E Keller was born on the 25th day of January 1850.

Mary E Keller daughter of Jesse Keller and Sarah E Keller was born on the 25th day of April 1854.

Sarah J Keller daughter of Jesse Keller and Sarah E Keller was born on the 15 day of September 1857.

John Keller son of Jesse Keller and Sarah E Keller was born on the 4th day of July 186—

1. Susan C Daughter of Enos Mills Marrgert (sic) G. R. Mills his wife was born on the 21st day of January 1857
2. Louina (sic) L. Daughter of Enos Mills and Marrgret (sic) G. R. Mills his wife was born on the 2nd day of May 1858.
3. Sarah Jane Daughter of Enos Mills and Margert (sic) G. R. Mills his wife was born on the 2nd day of January 1860.
4. Amanda L. Daughter of Enos Mills and Margert (sic) G. R. Mills his wife was born the 18th day of June 1862.

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1. Sarah F. Daughter of William Eaton and Amanda M. Eaton his wife was born on the 11th day of September 1853
2. Cyndralla Daughter of William Eaton and Amanda M. Eaton his wife was born on the 22 day of June 1855
3. Martha E. Daughter of William Eaton and Amanda M. Eaton his wife was born on the 3rd day of March 1857
4. Polly M. Daughter of William Eaton and Amanda M. Eaton his wife was born on the 5th day of August 1860

1. Sarah Daughter of Alfred B. Combs and Manerva J. Combs his wife was born on the 12th day of November 1851
2. Margaret Daughter of Alfred B. Combs and Manerva J. Combs his wife was born on the 22nd day of December 1852
3. John W. Son of Alfred B. Combs and Manerva J. Combs his wife was born on the 17th day of December 1855.

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4. James H. Son of Alfred B. Combs and Manerva J. Combs his wife was born on the 2nd day of March 1858
5. Almira C. Daughter of Alfred B. Combs and Manerva J. Combs his wife was born on the 2nd day of April 1860
6. Harrison L. Son of Alfred B. Combs and Manerva J. Combs his wife was born on the 30th day of January 1862

1. Jonathan Stout Son of Bryant Willis White and Elizabeth White his wife was born on the 14th day May 1855.
2. Lewis M. White, Son of Bryant W White and Elizabeth White his wife was born on the 26th day of March 1857.
3. Margaret E. Daughter of Bryant W White and Elizabeth White his wife was born on the 19th day of October 1858.
4. James C. White Son of Bryant W White and Elizabeth his wife was born on the 1st day of August 1861

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Family Record of James Cloer deceased
Sarah E Cloer was born 13th June 1855
Elisha L. Cloer was born 16 May 1858
Henry G Cloer was born 14 March 1861
George W Cloer was born 6 July 1862

Family Record of William Thomas decd
Mary Friend Thomas daughter of William Thomas and Elizabeth
Thomas his wife was born on the 27th day of December 1860
Georgeanna Thomas daughter of William Thomas and Elizabeth Thomas
his wife was born on the 28th day of August 1862

A Schedule of the property of Henrietta Wyley which belonged to her in her own right at the time of her marriage with Ritchard (sic) Wyley as follows to Wit cream colored mare one black mare one brown horse and one Iron gray horse the sorrel mare mules and ten head of cattle four of them milk cows and one hundred and sixty acres of Land on red River two ——— below Dooleys ferry in Arkansas and she claims that said property is not ——— the debts of her said husband.

Names of two witnesses
illegible

Richard Wiley
Henrietta Wiley

Arkansas Queries

BEAVER – WAITS – NEELEY – CLOPTON – HENDERSON – TATUM – McCORMICK: I would like information on all of these families in Carroll, Cleburne and Sebastian Counties.

Mildred Neeley Tatum, 1301 Taft Hwy #166, Bakersfield, CA 93307; mildee@sbcglobal.net.

BEAVERS – REID: Looking for info on John Willis Beavers Jr. b 1847 in Arkansas. He married Mary Jane Reid (1851-1929). He was in Griffin Township, Conway Co in 1860 and in Van Buren Co by 1880. He ran the Sang Post Office from his home on Brock Creek.

Euna Beavers, 20 Rocky Point Road, Morrilton, AR 72110; ebeavers@tcworks.net.

BENSON – TOLBERT – HICKS – HOWELL – EVANS: Researching: John and James Benson; Tolberts: Reason, James; Hicks: Samuel Benjamin, Howell; Evans: John, Joel, Mary Anna (m Tolbert). All Lonoke Co land owners mid 1800s. **Billie Lisenby Dougherty**, #80 Laurel Lane, Ward, AR 72176; blisdou@aol.com.

COLUMBIA COUNTY CEMETERIES: AGS is preparing to publish the Columbia Co AR cemetery surveys done by Marcia Chapman and Doris Fletcher. We would love to hear from anyone wishing to contribute annotations; especially identification of parents of people buried in Columbia Co AR. **Rebecca Wilson**, 52 Coachlight Drive, Little Rock, AR 72227; RebeccaVWilson@comcast.net.

CORNELIUS: Jephtha Cornelius died by early 1818, intestate. The administrator said there were 9 children heirs. The mentions of the estate were given in Lawrence Co AR. Need a list of heirs. Possible part of the family in Clark Co AR by 1829. **Shirley Graham**, 1010 Village Drive, Arkadelphia, AR 71923, ArlisG@aol.com.

HOMSLEY – HOLMESLEY – JAMES: Wanting to contact other researchers or descendants of John R. Homsley/Holmesley (Cane Hill, Washington Co AR 1820s) and Mary James. Mary's brother Adam James was in 1850 Madison Co AR census with John Calfy age 14 and

Narissa Ernest age 19, children of Julia Homesley Calfy and Nancy Holmesley Ernest. Other children of John and Mary Homesley were Burrell m Lucinda Wagnor; Elizabeth (Betsy) m Jesse Hawk; Katherine m1 John Blakey m2 Benjamin Austin; James m Jane Womack; Jane m Benjamin Drake; Mary m William M. Mullin; Levi m Zinorrow Wagnor; Sarah Ann (Elizabeth) m James Blevins. **Bradley Sue Howell**, 722 Ridgeway St., Dallas, TX 75214; *bshowell@ont.com*.

JONES: William Jones b abt 1820 in LA. In Clark Co AR 1850 Tucker Twp, 1860 Colbath Twp, 1870 Anderson Twp. Any info appreciated. **Wayne Mortensen**, 133 Sedgefield Ct., San Ramon, CA 94583; *danish1904@sbcglobal.net*.

MAY – ARTHURS – VAUGHAN: Looking for info on George Washington May b 8 July 1849 Mason Co KY; Margaret Ann Arthurs b 15 June 1850 Lewis Co KY. The children of George and Margaret May were born in Clifty, AR. I would also like info on James Randolph Vaughan b 28 July 1851 Madison, AR; Andrew John Vaughan b 1842 in AR; and Albert Vaughan b Clifty, AR. **D. Alan May**, 1310 24th St. SE, Auburn, WA 98002-7840; *maytribe@comcast.net*.

McNUTT – PERRIN: Seeking information regarding health &/or burial records for Elizabeth J. “Betty” McNutt Perrin of Lawrence Co AR b abt Mar 1864; d abt Jan 1908, Little Rock State Hosp. for Nervous Disorders. Disinterred, moved to Benton Cemetery #1. Exact burial site & med records were in existence in 1960s.

Sherry Daggett Chilton, 5221 Al Jones Drive, Shady Side, MD 20764; *sherrywdc@comcast.net*.

MOORE – BARRZELL – ASCOL: Researching the James Sanford Moore (b 1859) family from Rison, AR. James lived for 2 years with a son in Wynne, AR. Also, looking for information on Cecill Barrzell (b abt 1893 in Pulaski Co AR) who married Abraham Ascol in 1911 in Rison, AR. Tradition says that she was raised by a Maxwell family in Rison. Any help on these families would be appreciated. Thanks. **Marilyn Smith Ellen**, P.O. Drawer 2010, Benton, AR 72018; *marilyn@tableads.com*.

PLAINVIEW, ARKANSAS: Researching Plainview (Yell County) families for History of Plainview. **Sharon Hamilton**, P.O. Box 69, Plainview, AR 72857; *shamilton@arkwest.com*.

RIEGLER: Looking for information on John Riegler b Germany 1833. Resided in Little Rock 1852–1892. Was Pulaski County Treasurer 1868–1874 and Justice of Peace. Any info appreciated on John or other Riegler families in Little Rock. **George Richardson**, 9380 W. Mexico Ave., Lakewood, CO 80232.

ROBERTSON – BYRD: Interested in exchanging info about Richard Robertson b abt 1806 VA, d near Pine Bluff, AR and his wife Clara “Clairey” Byrd b abt 1807 NC, d near Pine Bluff, AR 1871. Children were Mansell M., Nelson M., Elizabeth, William Garrett, Thomas Mathias, Samuel Monroe, and John Pleasant. **Robert E. Robertson**, 3276 S. Hiwan Dr., Evergreen, CO 80439-8926.

SANDERS: Researching ancestors, family and descendants of Dr. Theophilus Sanders; b 28 June 1797 in Wake Co. NC; d 17 Feb 1868 in Des Arc, AR (Prairie Co.). **Jack W. Sanders**, 602 Henry Oaks Ct., Ballwin, MO 63011, 636-527-4136; *jswand2428@yahoo.com*.

SCOTT – RICE-JONES – JAMISON – DICKINSON: Looking for any descendants of Judge Andrew Scott of Pope Co AR (b 1789 Hanover Co VA, d 1851 Pope Co AR), m Elizabeth Rice-Jones 1811 Washington Co MO. Also interested in descendants of Judge George W. Jamison of Johnson Co AR (b 1790 Chester Co PA, d 1836 Johnson Co AR), m Mary Dickinson Logan March 1808 Christian Co KY. California direct descendant – will gladly trade information. **Lynne Scott-Drennan**, 137 Rambling Dr., Folsom, CA 95630; *amandascott@worldnet.att.net*.

WOLFORD – SIMPSON: Jane Wolford m John Simpson 13 Oct 1872 Jackson Co AR. Jane was a widow with sons Thomas, William & Ramsey Wolford when she married John Simpson. What was Jane’s maiden name and the first name of her Wolford husband? Thanks. Carolyn Coe Anderson, 5607 Dogwood Drive, Lincoln, NE 68516; *cca44@aol.com*.

Book Reviews

Eastern Cherokee Census, Cherokee, North Carolina 1915–1922, Taken by Agent James E. Henderson, Volume III 1919–1920. Transcribed by Jeff Bowen. Published by Clearfield Company, Baltimore, Maryland; 2005. 157 pages. Index. Paperback.

This volume contains a third generation copy of two census lists taken in 1919 and 1920, by James Henderson, an Indian Agent representing the United States for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Each list created by Mr. Henderson was alphabetized, typed, and filmed by the federal government. Mr. Bowen has made his transcription from microfilm Roll 23 of National Archives microfilm series M595, containing Native American Census Rolls 1885–1940. This transcription makes the census information available in published form for the first time.

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians was living at Cherokee, North Carolina, on the reservation known as the Qualla Boundary. Those who were enumerated in the census were descendants of the Cherokees who did not remove to Indian Territory in 1838.

Each person enumerated is numbered and his number in the previous census is also provided. Besides last and first names, relationship and marital status are provided, such as wid. or widr., sing., hus., wife, son, dau., g.dau., s-son, niece, and ward. The last two columns contain date of birth and gender. The census taker included helpful comments such as separated, divorced, married [for a daughter enumerated in her mother's household], idiot, imbecile, deaf, feeble, illegitimate, White?? and dead. It is easy to spot mixed blood households, because only one spouse is listed, either hus. or wife, while many households contain both.

Mr. Bowen says he made a truthful, exact transcription, but he also made some annotations, which point out differences in names, spelling, or birth dates for the same persons from census to census. These annotations are set off by parentheses. The complete index enables the reader to find the same or similar names in both lists.

This book will interest researchers of eastern Cherokee families.

Susan Boyle, Little Rock, Arkansas

James Standridge, Revolutionary War Soldier and His Descendants.

By Frances L. Jones. Published by Genealogy Publishing Service; 473 Beasley Mine Road; Franklin, NC 28734-4142; 2006. xxiii, 646 pp. Photographs, index. Hardback. Correspondence and orders to Frances L. Jones, 108 St. Leo Drive, Cahokia, IL 62206.

This book begins with James Standridge (1755–1837) and his supposed father, also James, but usually called Standage, about whom less is known. The bulk of the book is devoted to the eleven known children of James Standridge and their descendants.

The author uses the introductory pages to introduce the father of James Standridge and the few tax, church, and land records he or members of his family left in Rowan County, North Carolina, between 1768 and 1790. She then moves on to the title subject, the Revolutionary War soldier, born about 1755 in Maryland. The author cites the 1816 will of James Wallis of Wilkes Co., NC, as the proof that James Standridge's wife was Mary Wallace. By 1790 the Standages, father James and sons James and Thomas were enumerated in Pendleton District, South Carolina, and it appears the younger James and his son Jonathan were still there in 1800. The author relays much of the information included in the soldier's and the widow's pension applications and presents the substance of several deeds. James Standridge died intestate in 1837 in Pickens Co., SC, and his probate records name children, spouses, and places of residence. Transcriptions of some deeds and probate records are included, including the inventory and sale of his estate.

The main part of the book consists of eleven chapters, treating in birth order each of the children of James and Mary Standridge and their known descendants. The author devised a numbering system which uses lower case letters to denote generation and a number to denote the order of children within a family, with James Standridge being a1, his daughter Sarah Adaline b1, her third daughter Adeline c3, and so forth.

The author mentions some census and land records in the text for each of the children in the second, or b, generation. The chapters on sons John, James, Samuel, Joseph, and Isaac are longer than the ones about the daughters, but that is due more to the number of descendants included than to the information provided about them. There are no source citations, so sources must be imagined from any mention of counties and records in the text.

Susan Boyle, Little Rock, Arkansas

Tracing Your Irish Ancestors, Third Edition. By John Grenham. Published by Genealogical Publishing Company, 3600 Clipper Mill Road, Suite 260, Baltimore, Maryland 21211; 2006. 526 pp. Softback, \$24.95.

This third edition of a popular and useful book about Irish research is more than 200 pages larger and costs only five dollars more than this reviewer's 1996 first edition copy. Much of value has been added, reflecting the change in temperament and access in Irish genealogy and the explosion in Internet technology in the last decade or so.

While retaining his original organization of three parts and fifteen chapters, the author has actually added a chapter dealing with the Internet and added online sources to each county source list. He revised the Roman Catholic Parish maps, added a guide to variant parish names, and enlarged the reference section.

Parts 1 and 2 describe all Irish records of genealogical value, their indexes, and how to use them. Part 3 consists of three sets of lists: county source lists including available census, local histories, journals, directories, gravestone inscriptions, and estate records; Roman Catholic parish registers by county with inclusive dates, location of records, and LDS film numbers; and research services, societies, repositories, and publishers.

Both beginning and experienced researchers of Irish origins can make use of this book. The reader has the option of focusing on a type of record, how and why it was created, where to find it and how to use it. Or he can focus on a county and the specific records available, the dates the records were created, whether they are accessible online or what archive holds them. If the document has been filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, the author provides the film and item number.

There is no index, but the author provides a long list of abbreviations, illustrations, a helpful introduction, and brief but complete descriptions and explanations.

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First Prize, the Bobbie Jones McLane Award, is \$150. The award is named for the long time Arkansas researcher, author and publisher, in recognition of her contributions to Arkansas research and to the Arkansas Genealogical Society.

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Judging will be based on quality of research; use of primary and secondary sources; citation of sources by footnotes or endnotes; style, theme and content; and use of graphics (photographs, maps, charts).

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WHO The AGS Family History Writing Contest is open to everyone except members of the Editorial Board.

WHAT The contest is limited to family history articles with an Arkansas connection. Entries must be about 2000 words or less and not have been previously published.

WHEN Submissions must be postmarked by 30 June 2007.

HOW Submissions must be accompanied by an entry form. (See following page.) Please provide a short statement of your genealogical research experience and send one printed copy and a CD or floppy disc copy of your entry to the mailing address, or send one printed copy to the mailing address and an electronic copy to publications@agsgenealogy.org. In order to ensure confidentiality in judging, do not include your name in the article or on the title page.

WHERE Mail your entry to AGS Contest, PO Box 17653, Little Rock, AR 72222. If you include an e-mail address, you will receive confirmation of receipt of your entry.

JUDGING Three separate and independent persons will read, judge, and rank all entries as to their acceptability and according to the criteria stated above.

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