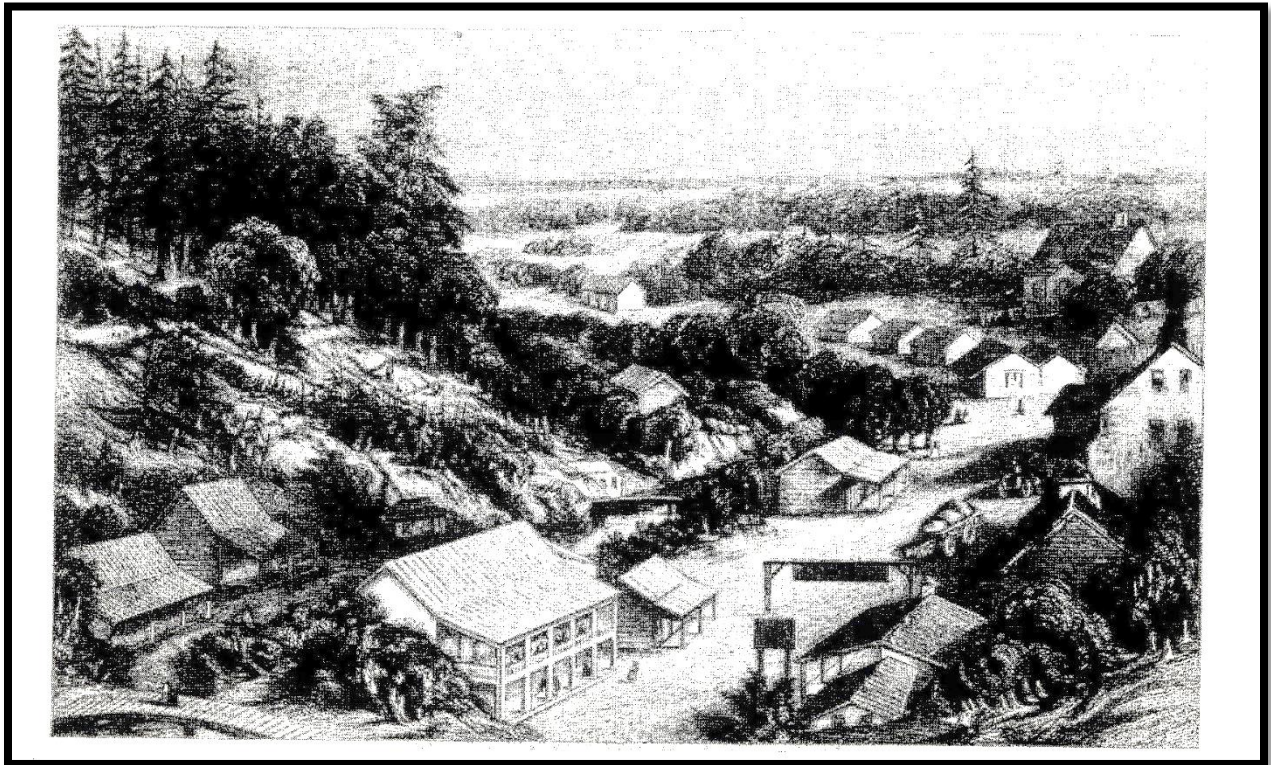


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On the Cover: View of Hot Springs, Arkansas, about 1858 from David Dale Owen's *First report of a geological reconnaissance of the northern counties of Arkansas: made during the years 1857 and 1858*. The thermal springs were then located along the mountain slope on the left. Hot Spring Creek then ran behind the large hotel. All of the buildings shown here were destroyed during the Civil War.

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1919 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map of Amity, Clark County, Arkansas (back cover)



FROM THE AGS PRESIDENT

Welcome to the Spring 2019 issue of the *Arkansas Family Historian*. Your AGS Board had its first meeting of 2019 on January 19th and we have a lot of activities planned for this year. Some are long time activities that we have promoted and participated in for several years and others are new projects that we are really excited about. Once again this year, we will be co-sponsoring a free Spring Workshop along with the Arkansas State Archives. As always, the workshop will be held at the Southwest Arkansas Regional Archive in Washington, Arkansas, on Saturday, May 4th. The subject for this year will be “Tracing Your Arkansas Roots” and will cover topics such as “Joining hereditary organizations (DAR, Sons and Daughters of the Confederacy, etc.), DNA research, and how to get a building on the National Register of Historic Places. Watch our website at www.agsgenealogy.org for more information.

As always, we are excited and looking forward to our 2019 Fall Conference. Our speaker will be Judy Russell, known as the Legal Genealogist. She is a genealogist with a law degree who states that her purpose is, “to help folks understand the often arcane and even impenetrable legal concepts and terminology that are so very important to those of us studying family history.” Make your plans early to attend our Fall Conference at the Benton Event Center on October 18-19, 2019. More information will be posted on our website as the date draws nearer. Another project that the board has decided to pursue is a series of “Family History Writing” workshops conducted in conjunction with the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. This is going to be something new and exciting that should hold a lot of interest for every genealogist. More information will be forthcoming as we work out the details.

As always, if you are reading this issue, I am assuming that you are a member of the Arkansas Genealogical Society and we thank you for your membership and support. If you are not an AGS member and somebody passed on this publication to you, please consider becoming a member. You will then not only receive your own copy of the *AFH* four times a year but you will receive valuable information and notices about upcoming seminars, workshops and other events. Be sure to check our website at www.agsgenealogy.org where you can find membership information, available publications, a place to register for our free monthly eZine and much more.

George Mitchell, President

FROM YOUR EDITOR



With this issue of the *Arkansas Family Historian* we begin our fifty-seventh year of publication, and my seventh year as editor. Little did our founders realize that the quarterly they started in 1962 would still be providing Arkansas genealogical source materials, family history articles, new notes, and book reviews of readers across our state and around the country in 2019. We appreciate the support of all of our readers. Without it we would have had to cease our operations many years ago.

We are also grateful for your feedback. Feel free to send your comments, questions, and criticisms to our email address listed below. One of our faithful readers recently sent the following comments on the Winter 2018 issue of the *AFH*, “Another great issue! I was especially interested in the Ramsey Family article. You can tell the author worked on it for years and years. We live in a small world. John Davis recently won third place in the AGS Family History Writing contest. I remember Mr. Delphia (Ozark pronunciation--Delfie) Davis. He and my father loved gospel singing and were very good friends. We would go somewhere every Sunday afternoon to a singing when I was growing up. The article brought back many memories for me.” Another reader wrote that she, “has just discovered the AGS website and it is wonderful. It contains a lot of useful information. I have started reading all the back issues of the *Arkansas Family Historian* that are posted there in search of any information that may enhance my research.” The back files of the *AFH* (1962-2009) are a goldmine of Arkansas family history information. Feel free to visit our website at www.agsgenealogy.org, click on “Online Databases,” and enjoy.

News Notes from the Arkansas Health Department

- With the passages of Act 519 of 2017, individuals in Arkansas who were adopted, and are currently at least 21 years of age, can for the first time request their Arkansas adoption records from the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH). An ADH adoption file usually includes an original birth certificate and adoption decree, although what is included in a file can vary depending on the adoption. The law also allows for birth parents to redact their names from an adoption file and update family history and contact preference by submitting that information to ADH. Birth parents may complete forms to delete their name from an adoption file, if they wish, as well as update their family history information and contact preference. They can request to be contacted by the adopted child directly, through a third party or not at all, although the ADH cannot guarantee that request will be followed. To submit a request, a birth parent must show proof of their identity, submit a notarized form and update their genetic or social history. Request forms can be downloaded at <https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/adoption-file-requests>. For additional information contact the Department at Arkansas Department of Health, Vital Records Department, State Registrar, 815 West Markham St., Slot 44, Little Rock Arkansas 72205.
- The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) is now offering vital records services in all counties. At least one Local Health Unit (LHU) in every county is now ready to process same-day, in-person requests for birth certificates and death certificates. Also, a new .gov online system was recently launched in partnership with Information Network of Arkansas (INA) for online orders. ADH has already issued over 37,000 birth and death certificates from the LHUs as services have become available locally this year. Offering vital records locally helps reduce travel time for Arkansans and has provided an easier option for them to get these important documents. These services are available in all county health units except WIC-only clinics and health units that are not open every weekday. Same-day services are available in most instances, but there are a few situations that will require more time. For additional information visit <https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/news/detail/health-department-completes-roll-out-of-birth-and-death-certificate-service>.

The 2019 National Genealogical Society National Conference

Our readers should note that the National Genealogical Society will hold its 2019 National Conference on May 8-11, 2019, in St. Charles, Missouri. This is in the greater St. Louis area. Visit www.conference.ngsgenealogy.org for additional information. The conference will feature tours, lectures, and genealogical classes. We urge our readers who wish to enhance their family history research to consider going. Attending a national genealogical conference can be a once in a life-time experience. Hope to see you there.

Russell P. Baker, Editor, gobgob3@mindspring.com

THE WISENER ORPHANS SURVIVE THE CIVIL WAR

by Russell P. Baker

This story begins with a newly married couple, Francis Asbury and Lucendia Wisener, who in 1850 were living in District Twenty-Seven of Cherokee County, Alabama. Francis was twenty-three and Lucendia was twenty-one.¹ After spending a short time in Mississippi, by 1856, the family had settled on Antoine Creek, four miles south of Amity in Clark County, Arkansas. Other members of the Wisener and related families were living nearby on the Pike County side of the creek in Caney Fork Township.

By 1860, Francis and Lucendia had become the parents of four sons, William Jehu, born in 1852, Joshua F., born in 1854, Felix H., born in 1856, and the baby, Goodwin A. born in 1859.² In 1862, Francis enlisted in the Confederate Army and served in Co. H, 37th Arkansas Infantry. Unfortunately, he was captured at the Battle of Helena on July 4, 1863, and died in the federal military prison at Alton, Illinois, on April 28, 1864. His wife died soon thereafter leaving the couple's four children alone in the midst of a war-ravaged country. In 1870, William and Felix were living with William E. Sparks in Caney Fork Township, Pike County, Arkansas. Joshua F. was working on a nearby farm.³

The story of the life struggles of three of these four orphans, as they overcame hardship, poverty, and illness is drawn from a number of articles published in Glenwood, Pike County, Arkansas, newspapers, beginning in 1916.

WILLIAM JEHU WISENER

“Once known as ‘Jake the Peddler,’ now just ‘Uncle Jake.’ About 60 years ago [in 1852], amid the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains in North Alabama and near the well-known spur of that beautiful range known as the Wisener Mountain, in the county of Cherokee, a boy was born who was christened by his goodly parents as William Jehu Wisener, “Jake” being only a nick-name given later. At the tender age of 8 years this boy accompanied his parents in their migration from the ancestral acres in Alabama, on a journey to the southwest-a newer country-in search of more fertile lands [in Clark County, Arkansas] and in the belief that the grass grew greener and the skies were bluer beyond the hills that lifted themselves in the distance and showed up in the light of the setting sun.⁴

After many vicissitudes and hardships, the telling of which would be a marvel to the people of these modern and humdrum days, this lad at length found himself at the age of about 12 years an orphan in a strange land. [both his father, a Confederate soldier and his mother died during the Civil war.]

¹ 1850 U.S. Census, District 27, Cherokee County, Alabama. The area is near Piedmont, Alabama, within sight of the “Wisener Mountain.” See <https://www.google.com/maps/place/Weisner+Mountain/@33.9968912,-85.9051209,10z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x888a5e85f7be0ad1:0x42af600b24c799c5!8m2!3d34>.

² 1860 U.S. Census, Alpine Township, Clark County, Arkansas, p. 167B.

³ 1870 U.S. Census, Caney Fork Township, Pike County, Arkansas, pp. 210A and 211A.

⁴ Glenwood, Arkansas, *Glenwood Press*, February 10, 1916, p. 12, col. 1-2, MFILM News, Roll 214. Roll 1. The family name is also spelled Wizsnor, Wiyner, Wisinor, Wisenor, Widenor, etc.

Undaunted by such an unfortunate and gloomy situation this youth, with the pluck of a man, labored for an exacting and hard-hearted kinsman [perhaps William E. Sparks, with whom he was living in 1870], who but poorly requited his honest and constant toil. Eventually arriving at manhood's estate young Wisener found himself handicapped by the care of an invalid brother [perhaps his youngest brother, G. A.]. For long weary months running into years-this sterling and brave hearted young man took on himself the expenditure of means necessary to discharge the obligations piling up on his sick brother, for doctor's attendance, for maintenance, and all necessary expenditures. The complete recovery of the invalid brother rejoiced his heart and still is a happy memory.

These were some of the surroundings that marked the early career of the man who was then next so widely and yet rather flippantly known as 'Jake the Peddler.' This designation came by reason of the fact that Mr. Wisener, at that period of his career, was devoting his time, his talent, and his energies to the lively and exacting vocation of buying up chickens and eggs, all around over this section, and hauling them each week 34 miles to the village of Hot Springs, as it was then known. This business grew steadily in volume and in compensation and profit, and it was not long till the peddler's wagon carried on its outward trip [home] from the springs some goods and notions-buttons, combs, perfumery, calico, etc., such things as the people of the countryside should want and for which merchandise they cheerfully exchanged the chickens and eggs that Jake the Peddler wanted and that the rich people of the Springs were willing to pay for handsomely-for they had no rail road to Hot Springs then.

This trade grew till the idea of a store, at the place where Glenwood now stands, came into the mind of this active man. The store grew in trade-clerks had to be on hand to attend to the business and then gradually people left off the title of Jake the Peddler and gradually substituted for it the more affectionate designation of Uncle Jake.

Forty acres of land was bought, and crops grown on it; next year an 80-acre tract, then a 200-acre boundary, then other river bottom farms-one after another-until now the once humble chicken peddler has on the records of the county, warranty deeds to something like 1400 acres of land and the tax records show that he pays something like \$200 a year in taxes. The history of this tireless man, without education and without friends of means and influence, handicapped as he was, shows what can be done in this Southwest Arkansas, when a man exercises pluck, energy, sobriety, and good judgement, in the same degree as has this admirable man whom all his friends delight in the intimacy of calling 'Uncle Jake'".

Mr. Wisener died in 1931. "[William] Jake Wisener, aged 79 yrs. died at his home in Hot Springs Saturday April 18 [1931] following several years of illness. He is survived by his wife and four children, Mrs. Charlie Kennedy, Mrs. J. R. Crittenden of Glenwood and Oscar and Halley Wisener and by one brother, Felix Wisener. He had been a faithful member of the Methodist church for 53 years. Had spent practically all his life in this section of the country having moved here when a very small boy. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon in charge of Rev. M. O. Barnett, pastor of the M. E. church and burial was in Bethel cemetery in the presence of a large gathering of friends."⁵

FELIX WISENOR TELLS OF CIVIL WAR DAYS⁶

"Felix Wisenor, a resident of Pike County since 1856, was born in Mississippi on July 4, while his family was in route here from Cherokee County, Alabama. Both his father and mother were natives of Alabama. When they finally reached Arkansas, they settled four miles south of Amity. Mr. Wisenor has spent all but four years of the time since then, in Pike County. While he was visiting near Fort Smith, he met a young woman, whom he married. She has been dead for a number years."⁷

⁵ Glenwood, Arkansas, *Glenwood Herald*, April 30, 1931, p. 1, col. 2, MFILM News 000215, Roll 2.

⁶ Glenwood, Arkansas, *Glenwood Herald*, November 16, 1933, p. 5, col. 3-4 and p. 3, col. 4, MFILM News 000215, Roll 2.

⁷ 1900 U.S. Census, Clark Township, Pike County, Arkansas, p. 60B.

Mr. Wisenor's father went to the Civil War and died while away from home. His mother also died during the time of the war, leaving him an orphan with three brothers, one younger. Although there were no pitched battles around this section, Mr. Wisenor says, there was a good deal of bushwhacking. The Yankees got the food, cattle, chickens, hogs, and so forth from [area] farms. Scouts from both sides would come in, he says, and what they failed to use, they would kill to keep the enemy from getting. [Wisenor] and his brothers carded and spun cotton [thread] at nights, and the soldiers in raids often cut the cloth out of the loom to destroy it.

There were at that time many robbers in the section, who plundered the countryside. Some of the names which Mr. Wisenor recollects as being prominent around Glenwood in those early days are Dunn, Welsh, and Hill. Prominent names around Amity then were Trout, Sparks, McClinton, Wilson, Hayes, Woods, Coker, and Johnson. Most of these families came from Alabama and Georgia.

Mr. Wisenor says that the mail [then] came in about once each month from Little Rock, and was brought by a man who rode a mule. The trip to Little Rock could be made on horseback in one week, which included the return trip. The farmers took their cotton to the capital city in ox wagons and brought back supplies, which would last them for a year. Usually one trip each twelve months was made. Sometimes two weeks would be spent on a trip of this kind. Mr. Wisenor says he can recall when cotton brought 40 cents a pound. Steve [Stephen P.] Baker [postmaster at Rock Creek, south of Glenwood] brought the first steam engine [to be used to gin cotton] to this part of the country, when he made a trip to Little Rock. It was put into use [at Rock Creek] several miles from Glenwood.

Mr. Wisenor says when he used to travel from this section of the state into Little Rock for supplies. Hot Springs was [then] a very small place. A row of pine poles stretched up the [hot water] creek, which now flows underneath the main part of the city. George Pritchett was the first man Mr. Wisenor ever knew in Hot Springs.

On October 3, 1932, Mr. Wisenor, who had always been a very active man, and one who might nearly every day be found on the streets of the town, was knocked from the roof of a shed when another man who was also on the roof, fell against him. The fall broke his hip and injured his leg, and he now gets about only with the use of crutches. He has lived in Glenwood since 1910, and is now residing with his daughter, Mrs. Homey Robinson.

Mr. Wisenor and his wife had nine children, four of whom are living. Those living, besides Mrs. Robinson, are D. A. Wisenor of Texas, Mrs. Zella Hamilton, of Route One near Glenwood, and Mrs. Ora Gertrude Huggins, also of Route One. All of the children were born in Pike county."

GOODWIN A. WISENER

"G. A. Wisener, aged 69 years died at his home at 5 o'clock, Saturday morning, September 21st [1929] of heart failure. He had been in poor health for several months. He is survived by his wife [Louisa], three daughters, Mrs. Carry Kennedy of Glenwood, Mrs. Jane Mason of Hot Springs and Mrs. Etta Read of Benton Harbor, Michigan, and one son James Wisener of Pritchard, Alabama. Also by eight grandchildren and two brothers, Jake and Felix Wisener both of Glenwood."⁸

Funeral services were held from the Methodist Church Sunday afternoon at 4:30 in charge of the Rev. C. E. Whitten where a large number of friends were assembled. Mr. Wisener was a member of the Methodist Church and for years a member of [its] official board. He was always a faithful attendee at Sunday School and his presence and wise council will be greatly missed at both of these services in the future. His faithful Christian life will be an inspiration to all who knew him. He was laid to rest in the Glenwood Cemetery."⁹

⁸ 1900 U.S. Census, Hot Springs Township, Garland County, Arkansas, p. 94B.

⁹ Glenwood, Arkansas, *Glenwood Herald*, September 26, 1929, p. 1, col. 3, MFILM News 000215, Roll 1.

FIVE BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS, SLAVE DEEDS, 1832-1849

The following five Benton County slave deeds were abstracted from Benton County deed records, Books A and B, MFILM County rolls 00229-00230 in the microfilm collections of the Arkansas State Archives. Benton County was created in 1836 and is located in the northwestern corner of Arkansas far from the cotton producing farms and plantations of southern and eastern portions of the state. Therefore, its slave population was small when compared to parts of the state. In 1840, the county reported 168 enslaved individuals and 201 in 1850.¹ The following deeds are of special interest to family historians because each contains genealogical information of both of the owners and the enslaved. Portions of the following deeds are very difficult to read.

Deed I-Book I, pp. 130-131

Deed John McKennon to Anna Jane Shackelford²

Know all men by these presents that I John McKennon of Carroll County and the state of Tennessee in consideration of sum of one dollar to me in hand paid the receipt where of I do hereby acknowledge and for the purpose of providing some subsistence for the wife and children of Roger Shackelford³ of Henderson County to wit, Anne Jane Shackelford, Eliza, George, Martha, Barbara, Maryam, Veranda, Molsena and Hugh Shackelford and in insuring to secure to their use and benefit, one Negro woman named Cella about thirty years old and her child named Pheba and her child [not named] which said Negros I do hereby for the consideration above named, bargain sell and convey unto William F. Withers⁴ of the County of Henderson and his Heirs and their increase in trust, nevertheless for the following uses and purposes viz the same William F. Withers doth covenant and to stand sound (?) of the aforesaid negro property and keep the same in the use and resource (?) of the said Anna Jane Shackelford and her children or so to provide that the said Anna Jane Shackelford and her children may had the benefit of the use of the said Negros during her life time and that at her death they shall be equally divided among the children of the said Anna Jane Shackelford and that the said William F. Withers shall have full power and authority sue for and recover for any damages, trespasses, detentions taking or securing said Negros or in any way intermingle them with by any persons whatsoever contrary to the true intention of this instrument and this deed...[Given under] my hand and seal this 12th of October 1832.

John McKennon
William F. Withers

Witnesses: Adam Huntsmen and C. Andrews.

Filed in Benton County, Arkansas, February 2, 1841 in Benton County.

Deed II- Book I, pp. 399-401

Deed: Mary Hoyle⁵ to James Henry Smith

State of Tennessee

¹ See https://www.google.com/search?q=benton+county%2C+arkansas+slave+population+1850&rlz=1C1CHZL_enUS755US755&oq=benton+county%2C+arkansas+slave+population+1850&aqs=chrome..69i57.19527j0j8&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8

² 1840 U.S. Census, Ball Township, Benton County, Arkansas, p. 21A, 1850 U.S. Census. Panola County, Texas, p. 158A, and 1850 U.S. Census, Panola County, Texas, Slave Schedule, n. p.

³ 1830 U.S. Census, Henderson County, Tennessee, p. 109B.

⁴ *ibid.*, p. 110A.

⁵ 1850 U.S. Census, McMinn County, Tennessee, p. 325A.

McMinn County

Know all men by these presences that I Mary Hoyle of the county and state aforesaid in the consideration of the natural love and affection I bear to my nephew James Henry Smith, son of my brother Henry L. Smith⁶ and Ann T. Smith now citizens of the state of Arkansas and also for divers good cause and consideration to me the said Mary Hoyle hereafter named, do this day confirm unto the said James Henry Smith the following named Negro slaves for and during their natural lives and them and all their future increase, to wit, Mary, a woman aged about thirty years, Caroline daughter of Mary aged about fourteen years and Mary Isabella daughter of Mary aged about three years and Samson Henderson infant son of Mary also Harry a Negro man aged about twenty eight years to have and to hold and enjoy the same to the only proper and benefiting use of the said James Henry Smith his heirs and assigns forever. And that I the said Mary Hoyle having the absolute title custody and control of the said Negro slaves to wit, Mary, Caroline, Mary Isabella, Lawson Henderson and Harry doth give and grant convey and confirm unto the said James Henry Smith his heirs and assigns forever the above names Negros with all their future increase to have and hold the same and I the said Mary Hoyle having clear and fully discharged the said Negro slaves from all former and other gifts grants bargains sales or encumbrances whatsoever. In the case that one copy should be lost mislaid destroyed or the same shall not be recorded, no act or deed of mine shall be in anyway here of be made null and void... [Dated] 2 October 1844

Mary Hoyle

October 24 A. D. 1844 in the presence of Isaac D. Rice, Edward Brown⁷, John W. Matlock.

Deed acknowledged in Benton County, Arkansas, on the 20th Day of March A. D. 1845 by Isaac D. Rice⁸ and John W. Matlock⁹.

Deed III- Book I, pp. 401

Deed: Elizabeth Smith to James H. Smith

State of Tennessee

County of McMinn

Know all men by these presences that I Elizabeth Smith of the county and state of aforesaid for natural love and affection which I bear for my nephew James Henry Smith son of my brother Henry L. Smith¹⁰ now citizens of the state of Arkansas and for also divers good causes and considerations me the said Elizabeth Smith herewith...I do this day give granted and confirm by these presences do give grant confirm unto the said James Henry Smith the following named negro slaves for and during their natural lives and them and all their future increase, to wit Anne a woman of about twenty six years, Harry the son of Anne aged about (?) to have and to hold and enjoy the same to the only proper use, being and benefit of the said James Henry Smith and I the said Elizabeth Smith clearly and fully discharge title and control of the said Negros named Anne and Harry doth give grant convey and confer them to said James Henry Smith his heirs and assignee...the 2nd day of October A. D. 1844.

Elizabeth Smith

Witnesses: Hiram Ingram¹¹, Isaac D. Rice, and John Hoyle¹².

On March 24, 1845 Benton County, Arkansas, Israel D. Rice swore to the validity of this deed.

⁶ 1850 U.S. Census, Beatie Township, Benton, Arkansas, p. 45B and *Goodspeed's Northwest Arkansas* (1889), p. 81. Smith seems to have served in the Mexican War.

⁷ 1840 U.S. Census, McMinn County, Tennessee, p. 80B.

⁸ *ibid* and Benton County Heritage Committee, *Benton County History* (1991), p. 721. He died in 1892.

⁹ 1850 U.S. Census, District 53, McDonald County, Missouri, p. 106B.

¹⁰ Smith died in Benton County in 1866. See Benton County Wills Book E, p. 121.

¹¹ 1840 U. S. Census, McMinn County, Tennessee, p. 104B.

¹² *ibid.*, p. 133B.

Deed IV- Book I, pp. 461

Deed: Thomas McBroom¹³ to Joseph Cruise/Joseph McBroom¹⁴

State of Arkansas, County of Benton

Know all men by these presences that I Thomas McBroom of the county of Grainger and the state of Tennessee of one part and Joseph Cruise called Joseph McBroom of the County of Benton and State of Arkansas for and in consideration of the sum of thirty six hundred dollars to me paid by Joseph Cruise called Joseph McBroom of the County of Benton and the State of Arkansas at and before the sealing and delivery of these presences and the receipt whereby is hereby acknowledged have bargained sold and delivered and by these presents do bargain sell and deliver unto the said Joseph Cruise eleven Negros namely, a negro man by the name of Peter about thirty years of age and a woman by the name of Rody about forty three years of ages and her child about one month old [not named], one Negro woman named Lucinda about twenty six years of age and a Negro woman by the name of Mary about twenty four years of age, and a Negro woman named Sarah about sixteen years of age, a Negro child by the name of Calvin about eleven years of age, one Negro child by the name of Henry, about ten years of age, one Negro child by the name of Anderson about six years of age, one Negro child named Alice about six years of age and one Negro boy about two years of age [not named], all slaves for life...7th day of June 1847.

Witnesses: John Burrow¹⁵, William L. Featherston¹⁶, and Andrew D. Coffman¹⁷.”

Acknowledged in Benton County, Arkansas, on July 22, 1847 (?) by John Borrow and William L. Featherston.

Deed V- Book II, pp. 7-8

John M. McCarroll¹⁸ to Thomas N. McClain¹⁹

Know all men by these presents that whereas an execution issued from the Circuit Court of Marshall County Mississippi on the 7th day of November 1846...upon a judgement in a forfeit forth coming bond in said court entered on the 3rd of March 1845 in favor of Daniel Hubbard²⁰ and Richard Bolton²¹ against Vincent Harlson Joseph Harlson²² and Upton Maury (?) and came to my hands as sheriff and was by me levied on the 16th day of November 1846 against (?) this property upon the following named Negro slaves to wit, Patsey aged about 25 years and her un named infant child and a boy named Jerry aged about 6 years as the property of said Vincent Harlson which said Negro slaves having been advertised by me according to law were legally sold by me at the courthouse in the town of Holly Springs on the 14th day of December 1846, when the same were struck off and sold to Thomas M. McClain trustee as herein set forth as follows Patsey and her child at the price of seven hundred dollars and Jerry also her child at the price of one hundred and seventy dollars and said sums of money having been to me paid by said McClain as trustee as here after set forth.

¹³ 1840 U.S. Census, Grainger County, Tennessee, p. 136B. This man had 15 slaves in 1840.

¹⁴ 1850 U.S. Census, Osage Township, Arkansas, p. 65B. See also 1850 U.S. Census, Slave Schedule, Benton County, Arkansas, p. 61 for a list of this man's slaves.

¹⁵ 1860 U.S. Census, Osage Township, Benton County, Arkansas, p. 259A.

¹⁶ 1850 U.S. Census, Osage Township, Benton County, Arkansas, p. 65A.

¹⁷ 1830 U.S. Census, Grainger County, Tennessee, p. 407B.

¹⁸ 1850 U.S. Census, Northern District, Marshall County, Mississippi, p. 379A.

¹⁹ 1850 U.S. Osage Township, Benton County, Arkansas, p. 64B. The name is spelled McLane in the census. See also http://www.cunninghamfamily.us/thomas_n_mcclain.htm on the internet.

²⁰ 1850 U.S. Census, Northern District, Marshall County, Mississippi, p. 342B.

²¹ 1850 U.S. Census, Pontotoc County, Mississippi, p. 199B.

²² 1850 U.S. Census, Southern District, Marshall County, Mississippi, p. 250B.

I do here by...bargain and sell the aforesaid Negro slaves...to McClain [for the] only proper use lawful and behalf of the two infant children of the said McClain to wit Robert Waite McClain and Julia Artimetia (?) McClain or the survivors of them until they shall respectively attain the age of majority or marry with full power however unto the said trustee with the written concurrence of Gordintia Waite²³ the uncle of said infants [who is the clerk of the court] to see and dispose of any of said slaves...

John R. McCarroll, Sheriff of Marshall County, Mis, [and] T. N. McClain
 [Witnesses] W. H. Ross and Gordintia Weite
 Recorded in Marshall County, Mississippi, July 2, 1849.

BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS, TAX RECORDS, 1837

Northwest Arkansas's Benton County, was created in 1836 from the northern townships of Washington County. Its first county seat was called Osage. In 1841 the name was changed to Bentonville.¹ The following information comes from Benton County Tax Records for 1837 in the microfilm collections of the Arkansas State Arkansas in Little Rock Roll MG 04503 AHC. These records contain the names of all white men, and all white women owning property in the county. Information on land ownership, except for the number of town lots, is not given in this year's enumeration; however, the number, but not the names of the enslaved over ten years of age, is included.

Name	No. of Slaves	Comments
Anderson, Samuel		
Alexander, W.		
Anderson, Hugh A.	1 slave	1 town lot
Bates, Samuel		
Bates, James		
Brown, John		
Blalock, Julius		
Black, Samuel		
Butler, Wiley		
Brickey, Davis		
Beeman, James		
Brazal, Samuel		
Brazel, William		
Baty, Adam		
Bauteville, John		
Billingely, John B.		
Billingely, James		
Blair, Mary		
Crabtree, Whitaker		
Carnet, William		
Crabtree, John		

²³ 1850 U.S. Census, Northern District, Marshall County, Mississippi, p. 275B.

¹ Russell P. Baker, *From Memdag to Norsk: A Historical Directory, 1832-1990, Revised Edition* (2006), pp. 16 and 144.

Chanler, Robert		
Cunningham, Edward	4 slaves	
Calvness, Matthew (?)		
Cowen, James W.		
Cowen, Robert	4 slaves	
Colville, Joseph		
Cutbirth, Elijah		
Culbirth Daniel		
Cates, Charles		
Cooper, Robert		
Coose, Stephen		
Calhoon, Julin C.		
Carol, William		
Dotson, John		
Darnel, William		
Dickson, William	4 (?) slaves	
Denton, John		
Dickson, Ezekiel	2 (?) slaves	
Davidson John E.		
Davidson, James F.		
Dickson, John B.		
Dickson, Joseph		
Dickson, Robert		
Elliott, John		
Edwards, Joseph		
Elliott, John		
English, George G.		
English, Matthew		
Ford, George		
Finly, Hugh		
Fisher, James		
Ford, Richard		
Ford, William L.		
Ford, Henry		
Ford, George M. (?)		
Ford, William		
Gord, Robert		
Gibson, George		
Gable, Joseph M.		
Gentry, Cain		
Giddeons, Edward		
Gentrey, Elehio		
Gentrey, William		
Garner, William		
Graham, George		

Graham, Garlen		
Graham, Nelson		
Graham, Irely		
Graham, Lott		
Graham, Henry		
Graham, Allen		
Hammoak, Wilkerson		
Hubbard, Anderson		
Hugh, George (?)		
Hornsley, Stephen		
Hubbard, Robert		
Hubbard, James		
Houch, Herrington		
Harwick, Adam		
Hinson, James B.		
Hasting, Henry C.		
Hammond, John H.	1 slave	
Homes, Richard (?)		
Hubbard, Benjamin		
Hearlet, James (?)		
Ingram, William		
Jackson, James		
Jackson, Decaleson (?)		
Irby, J. C.		
Kindrick, Obadiah		
Keeth, Bird		
Lock, George		
Lankston, Singleton		
Mathas, Matthew		
Modlin, Stingemon		
Modlin, Eli		
Meeks, James		
May, Berigaman		
May, Joshua		
McFail, Daniel		
McFail, John J.		
McFail, John Sr. (?)		
May, Reymond		
McLauyted, Samuel (?)		
McKisick, David		
Maxwell, John P.		
Maxwell, James W.		
McClain, William H.		
Munds, Job R.		
McKisick, James	5 slaves	

McKisick, Joseph	2 slaves	
McKisick, Jane	3 slaves	
McClain, Sam B.		
McClain, John		
Mitchell, Samuel		
March, Robert		
Nail, Joseph		
Nail, Sarah		
Nail, Equilla (?)		
Nail, Alexander		
Nail, Matthew		
Nail, Joseph		
Norwood, Thomas		
Offield, William (?)		
Pace, Gideon G.		
Pratt, Lewis		
Philipe, Lemuel		
Patton, Backston		
Prior, Socywar (?)		
Phillips March (?)		
Pace, E. A.		
Price, Richard		
Pace, Hennary (?)		
Pace, H. E.		
Pace, William		
Pace, Alsey		
Pelham, William		
Quinton, William		
Quinton, Sam C.		
Ridel, James		
Redon, William		
Redax, John		
Rich, John	1 slave	
Rice, Alexander		
Rice, William		
Reed, Joseph		
Radis, John (?)		
Reid, William	1 slave	
Robinson, John B.	2 slaves	
Stevens, Garrett		
Stevens, Benjamin		
Shockley, Thomas		
Scatten, Walter (?)		
Skencer, William (?)		
Sevaggerty, Thomas (?)		

Stephens, Isaiah		
Smith, Rees		
Surginor, Richard		
Swaggert, Pleasant		
Stone, S. T.		
Turnblason, James		
Turblason, David		
Taylor, William		
Terry, Martin		
Tennor, Lamuel	4 slaves	
Tibbs, William		
Thornton, John		
Terry, William		
Tirdale, Alfred	2 slaves	
Venters, Jesse (?)		
Vance, John		
Wilson, Hardy		
Wilson, Joel		
Williams, Lewis		
Weaver, Robert	1 slave	
Williams, Ambrose		
White, Overton		
Wallace, George		
Woods, William H.		
Woods, Samuel P.		
Wolf, James		
Wolf, William		
White, Philemon		
White, James		
Woods, David		
Woods, Samuel N.		
Whitehead, Samuel C.		
Woods, Oliver		
Waldon, John		
Waldon, Saloma		
Woody, William		
Williams, James		
Wallace, James H.		
Wallace, George (sic)		
Wallace, Thofilas		
William, Samuel		
Williams, David		
Yarbrough, Nathanael	1 slave	

DUDLEY FAMILY BIBLE RECORDS, 1814-1889

A microfilm copy of the following family Bible records was found on Benton County Arkansas, Records, Roll 00256. They immediately follow the records of the Bentonville Presbyterian Church. This roll is in the microfilm collections of the Arkansas State Archives in Little Rock. They relate to James A. Dudley and his family, who moved to Benton County, Arkansas, from Missouri shortly before 1870. They settled "a few miles" west of Bentonville.¹ James A., his wife, and several other members of this family are buried in the Centerton Cemetery in Centerton, Benton County, Arkansas.²

According to Internet sources, James A. Dudley was the son of Nicholas Dudley (1781-1860) and Mary Higginbotham Dudley,³ early settlers of Hickman County, Tennessee. Nicholas is mentioned in Hickman County deeds as early as 1811.⁴ He lived near the head of Big Spring Creek. Here he was a prominent citizen, who was engaged in local saltpeter mining from 1812 to 1815. He also acted as a dentist, surgeon, and physician for his neighbors. He extracted teeth, set broken limbs, and kept on hand a collection of native herbs, the medicinal properties of which he understood.⁵ James and his father appear on Hickman County, tax records in 1836 and 1837.⁶

By 1850, James and his family were living in Ripley County, just north of the Arkansas state line.⁷ By 1860 the family was living in Lawrence County in the southwestern part of Missouri.⁸

Dudley Family Marriage Records

James A. Dudley and Emilia [Milly/Millie] Dudley was Mared (sic) January the 21, 1836 [in Tennessee]

James Moore and Manda E. Dudley was mared (sic) Nov 19th 1854 [in Ripley County, Missouri]⁹

[William] R. Dudley and M. L. Dudley was married Aug. the 31 1868

J. L. Dudley and Jaennie Dudley was married January 8th 1868

N. M. Dudley and F. E. Dudley was married Dec. the 25 1870

C. C. and N. G. Dudley was married January the 11, 1877

Dudley Family Births

James [A.] Dudley was born Mar. 18th 1814 [in Tennessee]

Emmillia Dudley was born Feb. the 28th 1815 [in Tennessee]

Manda E. Dudley was born April 4th 1837 [in Tennessee]

William Rilia [Reilly] Dudley was born the 29th of March 1839 [in Tennessee]

James Libberty (sic) was born July the 19th 1841 [in Tennessee]

Elizabeth [Susan Ann] Dudley was Born Dec the 16th 1844 [in Missouri]

Nicholas Mannaw [Marrow] Dudley was Born May 6th 1848 [in Missouri]

Christenpher (sic) Callumby [Columbus] [Dudley] was born April 24th 1851 [in Missouri]

Mary E. Moore was Born October 9th 1855 [daughter of James and Amanda E. Moore, born in Missouri]

¹ 1870 U.S. Census, Osage Township, Benton County, Arkansas, p. 259A and Barbara P. Easley, *Obituaries of Benton County, Arkansas*, Vol. 1, p. 5.

² <https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/53404/memorial-search?firstName=&lastName=dudley&page=1#sr-13940671>.

³ https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/24893554/person/12506119154/facts?_phsrc=QmO4895&_phstart=successSource

⁴ 1830 U.S. Census, Hickman County, Tennessee, p. 273A, and 1850 U.S. Census, Hickman County, Tennessee, p. 71A.

⁵ Hickman County Deed Records Book B, p. 33.

⁶ W. Jereme and David L. Spence, *A History of Hickman County, Tennessee* (1900), p. 181.

⁷ 1836-1837 District No. 5, Hickman County, Tennessee, Tax Records. Nicholas Dudley was a large land owner.

⁸ 1850 U.S. Census, District No. 77, Ripley County, Missouri, p. 434B.

⁹ 1860 U.S. Census, Mt. Vernon Township, Lawrence County, Missouri, p. 917B.

⁹ Moor/Moore, aged nineteen years, was working on a farm located next door to the Dudley Family in 1850. See 1850 U.S. Census, District No. 77, Ripley County, Missouri, p. 434B.

Martha E. Moore was Born April the 30th 1858 [daughter of James and Amanda E. Moore, born in Missouri]¹⁰

William Dudley was Born February the 8th 1870 [child of James J. Dudley]

James M. Dudley was Born July the 22th 1871 [child of James J. Dudley]¹¹

Charles W. Dudley was Born October the 4, 1871

Dudley Family Deaths

James Moore Died April 4, 1862

Manda E. [Dudley] Moore Died April 7th 1862

Mary E. Owsley [see below]¹²

James Moore Died April the 7th 1862 (sic)

Amanda Moore Died April the 10th 1862 (sic)

Emilla Dudley died July the 14th 1888

James A. Dudley died Aug the 10 1889

[James M. Dudley died December 12, 1899]

[James L. Dudley died June 26, 1916]

[Columbus Dudley died 1929]"

[When Emilla Dudley died the following death notice was published in the Bentonville, Arkansas, Benton County, *Democrat*, July 21, 1888, "Mr. J. A Dudley, living west of the city a few miles, had the misfortune to lose his estimable wife by death on Saturday last. She was seventy-five years old and was greatly beloved in her neighborhood." No obituary has been located for Mr. Dudley.]¹³

ABSTRACTS FROM THE 1861 AND 1862 MINUTES OF ARKANSAS'S LITTLE RED RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The following information is taken from the organizational minutes of the Little Red River Baptist Association. The meeting took place in November of 1861 at the meeting house of the Independence Baptist Church located in White County, Arkansas. This organization was composed of rural churches from White and what is now Cleburne counties in north central Arkansas. They are found in the record book of the Palestine Missionary Baptist Church, 1865-1885, Cleburne County, Arkansas. These records are on MFILM County Roll 00827 in the microfilm collections of the Arkansas State Archives in Little Rock. Evidently, these records were never published. This abstract was made from the original handwritten manuscript. Many of the names in these records are very difficult to read.

1861

Associational officers: Eld. W. S. Griffin, moderator and James M. Barn (?), and speaker, Eld. James B. Stark.

CHURCHES	MESSENGERS/DELEGATES
Holly Springs Church	E. H. Eden (?), R. Serange, J. A. Pinneger (?)

¹⁰ 1860 U.S. Census, Current River Township, Ripley County, Missouri, p. 455A.

¹¹ 1880 U.S. Census, Osage Township, Benton County, Arkansas, p. 472A.

¹² Perhaps the twenty-eight-year-old Mary listed in the Dudley household in 1870.

¹³ <https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/53404/memorial-search?firstName=&lastName=dudley&page=1#sr-139406716> and Easley, *Obituaries of Benton County, Arkansas*, op cit.

Independence Church [Pleasant Plains, Independence County, Arkansas]	P. S. Midleton, W. E. Midleton, and J. W. Dunkin
Providence Church [near Judsonia, White County, Arkansas]	F. M. Wadler, M. F. Pleasant, William L. Griffin ¹
Fellowship Church	J. H. Gray and T. Stafferd
Cross Roads Church (then in Van Buren County, now in Cleburne County, Arkansas)	J. B. Stark ² and A. Thornbrough
Pleasant Plains Church	J. M. Bever, S. Hammon, T. Bounds ³

Ministers chosen to preach at the 1863 session:
Eld. F. M. Wadler, J. B. Stark, and John Goad.

1862

The session for 1862 met with the Holly Springs Church in White County, Arkansas, in September 1862. Associational Officers: W. S. Griffin and J. S. Stark, moderator, W. B. Holland, Clerk. Cross Roads Church in Van Buren County was chosen to host the 1863 session of the association.

CHURCHES	MESSENGERS/DELEGATES	COMMENTS
Mt. Pleasant Church [near Pangburn, Arkansas]	W. S. Griffin and John S. Howell	35 members
Holly Springs Church	W. Pinnegar, John Pinnegar, J. M. Parter	
Cross Roads Church	J. B. Stark	50 members, post office, Miller
Fellowship Church	William Acres and Samuel Stuart	63 white members, 1 black member, post office, Wallace Creek
Pleasant Plains Church	Fleming Pate	
Palestine Church (in White County, new church)	W. B. Holland ⁴ and John J. Holland	23 members, post office, Parn (?)

SOME INDIGENT CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS' FAMILIES IN CRITTENDEN COUNTY, ARKANSAS, 1862

Eastern Arkansas's Crittenden County, Arkansas, was created in 1825 from northern parts of Phillips County. It is located on the west bank of the Mississippi River across from the Memphis, Tennessee, area. The following three lists of indigent families of Confederate soldiers from the county were compiled in 1862. They were transcribed from pages 256-257 of Crittenden County Court Records Book D-2 MFILM County Roll 001161 in the microfilm collections of the Arkansas State Archives in Little Rock. These names have been checked against the 1860 U. S. Census of Crittenden County.

¹ 1860 U.S. Census, Red River Township, White County, Arkansas, p. 883B.

² 1860 U.S. Census, Giles Township, Van Buren County, Arkansas, p. 441A.

³ 1860 U.S. Census, Round Pond Township, Independence County, Arkansas, p. 277A.

⁴ 1860 U.S. Census, Des Arc Township, White County, Arkansas, p. 989B.

Civil War era Crittenden County townships,⁵¹

- Blackfish (annexed to Tyronza Township between 1860-1870),
- Council (disappears after 1870; location not known),
- Hopefield (located in West Memphis area),
- Jackson (located in the Crawford area).
- Jasper (located in the Marion area),
- Lucas (located in the southern part of the county),
- Proctor (located south of West Memphis),
- Tyronza (located in the Earle area),
- Wappanocca (located north of Marion).

I. “Appropriation for Capt. Crump Company. Ordered by the court that the families of Volunteers [Confederate servicemen] of Captain Crump Company shall be paid as per the list herewith from March 1 to July 20, 1862 at the rate of Ten Dollars for the wife, mother or grown sister and Three Dollars for each child...to be paid out of [the county’s] Levee Funds.”

Name of Soldier	Family	1860 U. S. Census location
G. B. McPeak	wife and one child	
Robert McPeak	wife and 2 children	Jackson Township
Mr. McGonegal	wife and 2 children	
J. B. Markham	wife and 1 child	Jasper Township
Mrs. Anderson (sic)	2 children	
Bryant Knowland [Newlen]	wife and 6 children	Jackson Township
J. E. Andrews	wife and 1 child	Jasper Township
John Grooms	wife and 1 child	Tyronza Township
McRayland	mother and 2 brothers	
Johnathan Smith	wife and 3 children	
Mr. Tucker	mother and 3 children	

II. Joseph F. Early’s Company for March 5 to Sept. 1, 1862

H. F. Ivey	wife and 5 children	
P. C. Davis	wife and 1 child	Jasper Township
A. A. O’Bear	wife and 1 child	Jasper Township
Joseph Jackson	wife and 7 children	
Thomas Mackay	wife and 6 children	
William Fullwood	wife and 3 children	
J. G. Berry	wife and 1 child	Jasper Township
G. W. Chambers	wife	
D. Stocker	wife and 3 children	
William T. Trice	wife and 5 children	Wappanocca Township
Thomas Smith	wife	

III. Olin P. Lyles’ Company from March 1 to September 1, 1862

Thomas B. Forbis	wife and 2 children	Tyronza Township
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⁵¹ Russell P. Baker, *Arkansas Township Atlas, 1819-1930, Revised and Improved* (2006), pp. 45-46.

J. D. C. Watson	mother and 5 children	
Monroe Tant (?)	2 sisters	
B. W. Smallwood	wife and 1 child	Jackson Township
William Bellows	mother and 2 children	Jasper Township
William N. Dodd	wife and 3 children	Proctor Township
Thomas A. Garrett	wife and 2 children	Jasper Township
William Barr	wife	
J. M. Hughes	wife and 1 child	Jasper Township
J. W. Barton	wife and 2 children	
J. N. McVey	wife and 3 children	Jackson Township
J. N. Genger	wife and 4 children	Tyronza Township
George Clemens	wife and 1 child	Tyronza Township
H. A. Brittin	wife	Wappanocca Township
T. I. Brittin	mother	Wappanocca Township
James H. Lewis	wife and 2 children	
James Kinecaid	wife and 2 children	
James H. Chastine	wife and 1 child	
G. B. McDaniel	wife and 1 child	Tyronza Township
G. B. N. Huddlestin	wife and 3 children	Jackson Township
Jesse T. Edwards	wife, sisters and 3 children	
John Parker	wife and 3 children	
Andrew Moffit	wife and 2 children	
William White	wife	Jackson Township
Samuel Cowan	mother and 3 children	
John W. Bell (?)	wife and 1 child (?)	Jasper Township

SKETCHES FROM DR. SMITH'S CLARK COUNTY SCRAPBOOK, Part II

One of the earliest historians of the story of Clark County, Arkansas, was Dr. Willis S. Smith, whose "Early Sketches" of the county were published occasionally in the *Gurdon, Arkansas, Advocate* and the *Arkadelphia, Arkansas, Southern Standard*, beginning in 1883. The articles were later clipped and pasted into one of Dr. Smith's old account books. The original scrapbook is now on microfilm at the Arkansas State Archives in Little Rock, SMC, Box 120, Folder 8, MG00463 AHC. See *AFH*, Vol. 56, No. 4, Winter 2018 for part I of this article.

"The Original Settlers-Missouri Township"

In 1827-28 Thomas Williams, Robert and Richardson McNeely, Thompson and Compstalk (sic) improved the ridge now known as McNeely's ridge...being a great range for hogs near the creek, hence the creek takes the names of McNeely creek; some of them died there, others moved a few miles away and died also, after a long life.

In 1829 John A. Andrews improved a small farm on Brushy creek, two miles east of the ridge. About the year 1815 (sic), Rawls improved the farm now known as the Blackburn farm. This was the report made to me by Dr. Thomas Louver (?) who lived with Rawls at and after that date. The farm is four miles north of Gordon. About the same date Fred Lansford settled the place on the Terre Noir, a few below there, still known and designated as the Lansford old field. The man was known and styled "Uncle Fred." He was a very crafty old fellow, and would pay off on the boys, especially when in the mining business, would dig wells and find gold in fine particles...with sand in the bottom and sell them for two, three, and four hundred dollars, according the amount of gold dust deposited; then having no further business would take his departure for some [other more] healthy location."

"The Randolph Farm

Early in 1836, as soon as Arkansas was admitted as a state, Lewis Randolph who was secretary of the treasury made large investments in government lands in the southwestern portion of Clark county, Arkansas, as agent, and partner of Randolph, Nichols, Heath & some (?) three or four thousand acres for the above firm, and ten thousand acres for his friends in the east. In November 1836 [he] commenced the improvement of the Randolph farm, had three hundred acres in cultivation. Thomas More Randolph Bankhead, a nephew of secretary Randolph, and the grant grandson of the immortal Thomas Jefferson at the same time, made or settled the Bankhead field, which, was situated on a small creek, afterwards known as the Bankhead creek. After the death of the late territorial secretary, Mr. Bankhead moved to Spring Hill [in Hempstead County], Arkansas, and died there. This section of the country is said by all visitors to be the garden spot of Clark county. The face of the country is very level for lumber land, free of access. The very best of freestone water everywhere, springs, wells, etc.

But for the death of the lamented territorial secretary, which put a stop to the intended immigration and settlement of this beautiful country, fine farms would have been opened, the hills would have been spotted off with white houses, church and Sabbath school bells would have been heard at their regular hours throughout the land...

Secretary Lewis Randolph, the grandson of President Thomas Jefferson, was educated at the University of Virginia, his native state, married Elizabeth Martin, a connection of General Jackson, and a member of his family. At the time of his marriage he was appointed by President Jackson, secretary of the then territory of Arkansas, which office he filled until Arkansas became a state. He was a man of fine person, and address of great energy and unwavering integrity, [but] was poor in fortune, had had the confidence of capitalists, who availed themselves of his knowledge and agency to make large investments in the government lands of our then infant state., allowing him a share of the lands for his services.

He received his share in the body of land, which he settled and improved between the Terre Noir and the Little Missouri in Clark county, still known [in 1883] was the Randolph farm. The county of Clark was at that time sparsely settled, which few roads to reach the lands where Randolph settled, by wagon. He had to cut out his roads for many miles. The nearest place for which he could obtain necessary supplies was Ecure Fabre, now Camden...severe exposure incidental to a trip in a "dugout" [canoe] down the [Little] Missouri and Ouachita rivers for such supplies, brought on the attack of sickness, of which he died in the summer of 1837. He left at his home in the depths of the wilderness, a young, highly accomplished and devoted wife, with an infant son... who died a few years later. Lewis Randolph was buried on a small mound now unknown near the log house in which he lived on the Randolph farm."

"An obituary

Col. Barnabas S. Smith, the oldest and one of the most prominent citizens of Johnson county, Illinois, died the 30th day of December, A. D. 1885, aged eighty-three years, one month and twenty-four days, at his resident near Vienna, the county seat of Johnson county, Illinois.

The deceased emigrated with the writer, to Clark county, Arkansas whilst a Territory, in April, 1833, lived near Rome (Clark co), until the fall of 1836, when he moved back to his old home, where he died. He served as Captain and Colonel whilst here, in organizing the county for military purposes, according to the laws of the territory. And after his return to Illinois, he still acted as Colonel, until exempted by age. He was elected Clerk of the Probate and County Courts of Johnson county, and held the office until old age forced him to retire.

He was a member of the regular Baptist Church, during the latter part of his life, and died with bright hopes of happiness in the future. He leaves a widow and many children and friends to mourn him.”

“Crime and Punishment in Early Arkansas

State of Arkansas vs. John H. Mosley

Indictment as accessory before the fact of horse stealing. And now at this day came the state by her attorney, John Field, as well as the counsel on the part of the defendant, John H. Mosley, and the court being now sufficiently advised of, and concerning the motion heretofore filed, and agreed for an arrest of judgement, doth order and consider that the said motion he overruled. And thereupon, on motion of prosecuting attorney, the defendant, John H. Mosley, was brought before the bar of this court in the custody of the sheriff, of the county of Clark, and thereupon, on further motion of the attorney for the state, the court proceeded to pronounce the sentence of the law upon the defendant, John H. Mosley and the said John H. Mosley, being asked if he had anything to say why the sentence of the law should not be pronounced upon him replied that he had nothing further to say; whereupon it is considered by the court that the Mosley, be taken by the sheriff, of the county of Clark...to the place of execution, and there, between the hours of twelve and three o'clock of the day be hang by the neck until he is dead...

[However] “James S. Conway, Governor of the State of Territory, to whom it may concern, and especially to the Sheriff of Clerk county, Arkansas, [Willis S. Smith.]

Know ye that whereas John H. Mosley has been condemned and sentenced by the circuit court, of the said county of Clerk, to suffer death by hanging, on the ninth day of the present month. Now therefore I, James S. Conway, governor as aforesaid, for good causes me thereunto moving (?) do by the power invested in me, as governor as aforesaid, grant to the said John H. Mosley, a respite from the sentence of the said circuit court...for the time and space of twenty days, from the date fixed for his execution. And you the sheriff of Clark county, are commanded to suspend the execution on the said John H. Mosley, for the space of twenty days...twentieth day of December, 1837.

During the twenty days which John H. Mosley was allowed from date and sentence of death, to the expiration of the said thirty days, Col. John Wilson, then speaker of the [Arkansas] house of representatives, then in session, has a difficulty with Mr. [J. J.] Anthony, also a member of the same body, which terminated in the death of Anthony, near the center of the [legislative] hall. Anthony gave the first insult, and both parties rising from their seats and advancing towards each other. G. D. Royston threw a chair between them. Each combatant, with a large hugely looking (sic) bowie knife, cutting at each other with one hand. Col. Wilson raised the chair with one hand, Mr. Anthony made a lick at Wilson, which cut through one bone and artery above the hand of Wilson. At the same time, Wilson raised his knife and plunged his knife into the breast and stomach of Anthony killing him instantly. What a bloody scene!

Col. Wilson was a very popular man throughout the state and the leader of his party and would have been governor, if he has asked for that position. It was thought that the case would be doubtful when brought to the bar of justice. The legislature being in special session, (1837) passed a resolution authorizing the governor to pardon John H. Mosley on such terms as he thought best or proper, which he die at once. This was considered by some as a good pretext to use his clemency in the case of Wilson's conviction...The knives used were over fifteen inches long. I saw then exhibited on the day of Wilson's trail in Benton.

The lawyers took a change of venue, from Pulaski county to Saline, Wilson was tired and acquitted...most all who had more or less to do as officers were dead, but my friend Thomas McLaughlin is living near Okolona...Amid those trying times and scenes I had much, as sheriff, to call my attention. But when I wanted anything well done I would send a McLaughlin, a Crow, a Hoffman, a Winfield or a Weir, etc.”

“Panther, Polk County, Arkansas

In 1839, a man by the name of Stewart¹ moved from Clark county to the Ouachita cove, now in Polk county, Ark and settled at the big spring where this county seat, Dallas, is now located. He had a large family of girls, and on one occasion the father and mother left home and a visit to their friends, during the absence a very large she panther [mountain lion] entered the premises, killed all the sheep, geese, calves, and then attempted to break open the door of the house, which the girls had taken the pains to secure, on failing to get in at the door, the panther got on the top of the house, and made several efforts to go down the chimney, but was successfully stopped at each attempt, by the girls throwing water on the fire, smoke and hot steam from which would cause the panther to change her notion.

Thus passed off during the balance of the day, the panther disappeared, and all seemed quite. Charles Gordon² passed by and the frightened girls relater the circumstance to him. Seeing the slaughter made by the fearful animal he remarked that it was nothing but a yellow dog.

The next morning when the girls though everything was quite they opened the door and the panther jumped in the house from off the loom, which had a web of cloth in it, on which the panther was laying, waiting for the opening of the house door, seizing one of the girls by the back of the neck, got off some forty steps from the house with her, in crossing over a log the clothes of the little girl catch on a limb, by this time the sister of the child (ten years old) pursued and rescued the child by fighting the panther over the head with a club, and brought it back, the panther followed them, and they occasionally had to stop and fight the panther, which would drop down like a dog or set when reprimanded.

In a few hours Gordon passed the road again, but could not be convinced that it was anything by a yellow dog, and seemed to entertain no fear, and took his departure. Passing the spring the panther attacked his dog and disposed of it quick. On this news the men [in the area] collected, and after a severe fight with dogs, guns and Bowie knives, succeeded in overpowering the ferocious animal. The two oldest girls near grown, were so frightened they could not do anything. The girl, or child, who was caught by the panther, lives near Waldron, Scott county, Ark. And has raised a family. Notice the will and nerve of some of the female sex.³

Dr. W. S. Smith”

THE “PILLORY AND THE LASH,” CRIME AND PUNISHMENT ON THE ARKANSAS FRONTIER

by Lisa Perry, Steve Saunders, and Joan Gould

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“Crime and punishment were constant themes in the lives of those in territorial Arkansas. Whether they faced the theft of livestock, including pigs, horses, and cattle, or attacks by brigands roaming the country side, the threat was always present.

¹ Perhaps John B. Steward. See *Goodspeed’s Western Arkansas* (1891), p. 439.

² 1850 U.S. Census, Centre Township, Polk County, Arkansas, p. 233B.

³ For a slightly different telling of this story, see the Little Rock, Arkansas, *Arkansas Baptist*, February 8, 1893, p. 3, col. 1-2.

Tucked in among the lawsuits involving debt and divorce in early Lawrence County, Arkansas, records, are many stories of the lawbreakers and frontier justice dealing with them. This story will focus upon a burglary at a store owned by Thomas S. Drew, Arkansas's third governor, and his business partner, John Acheson.¹

In 1832, Thomas Drew local businessman hired John Woodsides to work in his store, located next door to DeMun's Mill on Mill Creek in what is now Randolph County, Arkansas, then in Lawrence County. Within a couple of months, Woodside's brother-in-law John Martin came for a visit and persuaded Woodsides to terminate his contract with Drew. Drew later claimed that Woodsides did not want to leave on his own, but that he felt compelled to do so by Martin. The contract was terminated in August. Shortly afterwards, Martin came to the Drew and Acheson store demanding wages still owed to Woodside. According to Drew, Martin left the store upset about not getting the money.

John W. Campbell was a clerk at the store. On the night of September 11, 1832, Campbell was a guest at Drew's house. The next morning, Campbell awoke and went to the store to open for the day. The store had been broken into overnight. The thief or thieves had forced the door open, damaging the lock in the process. The shelves were "considerably misplaced," but there was no immediate accounting of what was missing. A later accounting showed several items missing. Among them were, One roll of casement², five rose [colored] blankets, one reddish handle double bladed pocket knife, one pen knife with white bone handle, and 62 ½ cents: one 50 cent piece and 12 ½ cent piece (also known as a bit).

Later that day Drew received a note from William Black, who was destined to become Randolph County's first sheriff (1835-1840) and later, an Arkansas state senator. The note claimed that a person had passed by his house, possibly with goods from the store. Drew, his father-in-law Ransom Bettis, and Campbell set out toward Black's to pursue the suspect. Uriah Smith another civic leader and one of the gunsmiths in northeast Arkansas, joined them at Black's home and said that the man had passed through Jackson, the Lawrence County seat at the time, with a roll of blankets on his back. They continued their pursuit along the Batesville road and apprehended John Woodsides about two miles past Peter Holderman's store, located at the Strawberry River crossing. Based on the location given in witness testimony, it appears the search party overtook Woodsides before he reached the settlement known today as Calamine.³ Woodsides had all of the stolen items except the roll of casement. He confessed to breaking into the store with the use of an "iron crowbar." It appears that Woodsides, while in custody and being transported back to the county seat, Jackson, implicated John Martin in the burglary.

In the related case, charges were also pressed against John Martin for burglary at the Drew and Acheson store. A group, including Drew, Bettis, Campbell, Black, Isaac Daniel, and Sheriff James Kuykendall, went to Martin's house to arrest him on the charges, but he strenuously fought against not being taken. Once forcibly subdued, he proclaimed his innocence, saying that he "had done nothing but shoot some horses."

Witness depositions in *United States vs John Woodsides*⁴ were taken on September 14, 1832. Justice of the Peace John B. Hammond ordered Woodsides taken to jail the next day to await trial at the November term of Circuit Court in Jackson. The trial was held on November 10, 1832, and Woodsides was found guilty and sentenced to "stand in the pillory for one hour and receive ten lashes."

¹ Much of the material in this article comes from the collections of the Northeast Arkansas Regional Archives (NEARA) in Powhatan, Arkansas, <http://archives.arkansas.gov/neara/neara-about-us.aspx>.

² Perhaps a sheer fabric made of a variety of fibers, used for window curtains and as backing for heavy drapery or decorative fabrics.

³ A community located northeast of Cave City in Sharp County.

⁴ Since Arkansas was still a federal territory, this man was being tried by the United States.

Woodsides appealed for a new trial but was denied. The sentence was carried out (presumably at Jackson) on November 21, 1832, by Sheriff James Kuykendall. Justice of the peace Hammond collected witness statements for the trial of John Martin on September 16, 1832. Martin was indicted on burglary charges by a grand jury on November 3. There is no evidence in the currently available records to indicate that he was tried or faced punishment. There were also no subsequent charges filed in the admitted crime of shooting horses.”

AN 1846 HEMPSTEAD COUNTY, ARKANSAS, SLAVE DEED

By Susan Gardner Boyle

Volunteers from the Friends of the Arkansas State Archives are helping the State Archives staff index names appearing in files of Hempstead County, Arkansas, loose court papers. The papers include many interesting documents regarding all kinds of court cases, both civil and criminal. Recently a paper documenting the 1846 sale of a young male slave came to light and is transcribed here in case any Black Americans are looking for an ancestor named Isham from southwest Arkansas. The following transcript is taken from Hempstead County, Arkansas, Loose Court Records, File 1.89, Slave Sale.

“Know all men by these presents that I Benjamin S Brittin of the County of Hempstead in the state of Arkansas for and in consideration of the sum of Two Hundred and Ninety dollars to me in hand paid by James M. Coulter of the County of Sevier in the state of Arkansas have granted, bargained & sold and by these presents do grant, bargain, & sell unto him the said James M. Coulter, his heirs and assigns, a certain Negro boy slave for life, named Isham, aged about seven years, To have and to hold the said Negro boy slave Isham, unto him the said James M. Coulter, his heirs and assigns forever. And I the said Benjamin S. Brittin for myself, my heirs, Executors and Administrators, do covenant with the said James M. Coulter his heirs and assigns, that I am lawfully seized in fee of the above named Slave Isham, that I have a good right to sell and convey him and convey him to the said James M. Coulter and I do hereby warrant the said Negro Boy Isham sound in body and mind, and a slave for life.

Given under my hand and seal this the 14th day of March AD 1846. B. S. Brittin

Witnesses Wm N. Andrews and P. W. Coulter.

A Copy Teste S. T. Sanders Clerk

By T. A. Simms [Deputy Clerk]”

There is an Isam Coultor, black, male, age twenty-eight, farmer, listed in the 1870 census of Old River Township, Arkansas County, Arkansas. In 1880 he was Isham, said to be 40, born in Arkansas with parents born in Tennessee. Whether this is a coincidence or a connection has not yet been determined.

In 1840 Benjamin S. Brittin, age twenty to twenty-nine, was enumerated in Hempstead County, Arkansas, living alone and with no slaves, but engaged in commerce.¹ In 1850 Brittin, age thirty-eight and born in New Jersey, was enumerated in Ozan, Hempstead County, Arkansas, as a merchant with \$10,000 in real estate.² He was living alone. In 1850 Benj. L. Brittin of Ozan in Hempstead County held a 65-year-old male mulatto and a 24-year-old female mulatto slave.³ Brittin died in Hempstead County, Arkansas, in 1872.⁴

¹ 1840 U.S. Census, Hempstead County, Arkansas, p. 162A-162B.

² 1850 U.S. Census, Ozan Township, Hempstead County, Arkansas, p. 223B.

³ 1850 U.S. Census, Slave Schedule, Ozan Township, Hempstead County, Arkansas, p. 477B.

⁴ Hempstead County, Arkansas, Executors Record, Book M, p. 42.

In 1840 James M. Coulter possessed seventeen slaves. By 1850 Coulter lived in Blue Bayou Township in Sevier County, Arkansas.⁵ That year he held fifty-six slaves including four eighteen-year-old males. Interestingly, his slaves appear to be recorded in family groups of oldest to youngest, except for several at the very end of his listing who do not appear to be in a family group, including three of the eighteen-year-old males.⁶

A PARTIAL LIST OF ARKANSAS MILITARY SERVICEMEN WHO DIED DURING WORLD WAR I

The United State of America entered World War I on April 6, 1917. From then until the end of that conflict on November 11, 1918, over 71,000 men and woman from Arkansas served in the U. S. military. Of these, some 2,183 lost their lives. The following typed list, obviously less then complete, comes from the Arkansas State Archives' Small Manuscript Collection (SMC), Box 120, Folder 6, Roll MG00463. Its original title was "List of Men from Arkansas who were killed in action or died in the service during the World War." It appears to have been made shortly after the end of this conflict, which may account for it containing only 364 names. The list appears here in its entirety, giving the names of the then known military casualties from Arkansas along with their hometowns. "Col" indicates African American service members. For the location of the Arkansas communities listed below, see AGS publication, *Arkansas Post Offices From Memdag to Norsk: A Historical Directory 1832-1900* (2006) by Russell P. Baker. Some of the names are obscured by old, yellowed tape, and a number of others are difficult to read.

Name	Hometown	Name	Hometown
Bennie D. Alams	Wattensaw	Ellis R. Beard	Rector
Ranzie W. Adams	Paragould	John Beasley	Forman
William B. Aiken	Dardanelle	Clarence E. Beely	Springdale
Carl Allmond	Marianna	Walter D. Belden	Bentonville
Frank Alexander	Fir	William Earl Bennett	Rogers
Loran Alexander	Walnut Ridge	John Edwin Berry	Madison
Lester W. Aldridge	Farmington	Oscar Berry	Evening Shade
Will T. Anderson	Ball Knob	Will Bethany	Ozark
Frank Anderson	Arkansas Post	Bedford Brown Bethell	Des Arc
James T. Anderson	Vick	Clarence Blair	Roland
Louis G. Arbuckle	St. Paul	Raymond C. Blackmore	Prairie Grove
Virgil Arnold	Newark	Thomas F. Blair	Salem
Elza F. Armstrong	Texarkana	John Allen Bobo	Bonanza
Elmer L. Batterton	Booneville	Ernest V. Bollinger	Little Rock
Archie Barton	Fort Smith	Floyd Bookout	Foreman
Oran Roberts Baucum	Magnolia	Leonard N. Bone	Ashdown
Enoch Beal (Col)	England	Jesse Toliver Bostic	Cabot
Roy Bean	Gamaliel	Merritt H. Boswell	Newark
Levy Beckwith	Rison	Luther F. Bowlin	Walcott

⁵ 1850 U.S. Census, Blue Bayou Township, Sevier County, Arkansas, p. 137.

⁶ 1850 U.S. Census, Slave Schedule, Blue Bayou Township, Sevier County, Arkansas, p. 443.

William Brannon	Newark	William J. B. Cook	Paris
Clara Brannon	Newark	Charles Coalson (?)	England
Jesse Brashears	Cabot	James L. Craddock	England
Walter Brawley	Austin	Arthur Craft	Maynard
Rector Breeden	Van Buren	Benjamin F. Carven	Harrell
Jesse W. Breedlove	Ben Lomond	Charlie Craven	Bauxite
Jewell Bright	Lewisville	Erv E. Crawley	Gravette
Fred W. Bringman	Pine Bluff	Claude R. Cross	Fort Smith
William D. Brotherton	Ratcliff	Guy B. Crutchfield	Corning
Charles Edw. Brown	DeQueen	Homer Crumb	Knobel
Floyd V. Brown	Gillett	Bob Cullins	Ozark
Jack Brown	Paragould	Robert J. Cummings	Rison
Nicholas N. Brown	Arkinda	David Otho Charlton	Camp
Jim Bumpass	DeQueen	Harry N. Daniels	Brinkley
Lee Holivy Bunch	Hartman	Frank Darr	Marvell
Henry F. Burns	Garfield	James Arthur Dewaine	Lewisville
Robert Buster	Walnut Ridge	Frank Dinwiddie	Wolf Bayou
Charles R. Burton	Knobel	H. S. Walter Dunn (?)	Charleston
Peter Paul Byrd	Pine Bluff	Harry Dunlap	Clarksville
Theo Campbell	Conway	James Earls	Pine Bluff
Oscar B. Carruth	Aubrey	Melchior M. Eberts	Little Rock
Kenneth F. Carlton	Stamps	Victor Ellig	Fort Smith
Lester Cartwright	Vilonia	Theodore S. Elliott	Pine Bluff
Lyndon Casey	Abbott	Charles Elliott	Pine Bluff
Charles R. Casteel	Buford	Horace Elliott	Pine Bluff
Geo. Ernest Cater	Monticello Rt. 1	Rex B. Eldridge	Green Forest
Leo Caudel	McCrary	Jesse R. Emmons	Adona
John Clearly	Crystal Springs	George W. Ethridge	Barling
Willie Chancey	Wilton	David Earl Farmer	Fayetteville
Clarence Chandler	Carlisle	James R. Farrar	Fayetteville
Earl Chapman	Eureka Springs	John A. Frank	DeWitt
Newton A. Chapman	Eureka Springs	Roy Jason Fish	Garnett
Ben Winston Choate	Dutch Mills	Homer Folke	Ward
Roy A. Chorice	Reyno	W. P. Ford	Fisher
Herman Riley Clark	Pine Bluff	Don Friday (Col)	Pine Bluff
Jesse Clinder (Col)	England	Albert W. Fry	Mammoth Sps.
Herman Coats	Lockesburg	John Fuller	Cedarville
Gleen Hunter Counts	Mulberry	Johnnie Garner	Beebe
Clark B. Coffman	Caddo Gap	Mack E. Garner	Beebe
Frank. T. Coffeen	McGehee	Roy Garner	Dardanelle
William T. Cokley	Lake Village	Frank Roy Gardner	Hamburg
Hez Collins	Vandale	James Grady Gaston	Atkins
Herace Collins	Dardanelle	James Garrett	Oak Grove
Thomas S. Compton, Jr.	Batesville	Chesley Garrison	Monticello
William Robert Conley	Lanty	Sam Loyd Gayer	Spring Valley
Vandee Cotton (Col)	Pine Bluff	Joseph Z. Gootee	Blaine

Eli Godwin	DeQueen	Earle W. Jacobs	Nashville
Luther B. Glenn	Berry	General James	Jennie
Marvin M. Grannan	Helena	George P. Johnson	Rosebud
Lewis Gray (Col)	Kerr	Horace T. Johnson	Texarkana
George M. Graves	Corning	Oswald Johnson	Dardanelle
Edgar E. Graves	Abbott	Frederick W. Johnson	Fayetteville
Walter Green (Col)	England	Warren D. Johnston	Pocahontas
Neill Griffin	Newport	Willie Jones	Pine Bluff
Alvin N. Haddock	Batesville	Roscoe Jordan	Green Forest
Henry E. Hall	Mt. Ida	Jesse C. Joyner	Ashdown
Cloy E. Hall	Rison	Wesley Kelley	Eureka Springs
Tilman E. Hall	Weldon	Richard Ketchens	Helena
Carol P. Hale	Rison	George Keys	Warm Springs
Carey Haley	Reyno	Walter A. Kuykendall	Alma
Marcus C. Hammett	Helena	Arbra Kite	Stuttgart
Thomas C. Hammond	Six Mile	Walter E. Koch	Van Buren
Daniel Harder	Almyra	Walter E. Ladd	Furth
Henry P. Harper	Scott	L. (?) Laid (Col)	Pine Bluff
Billie Harris	Atkins	Pete Landers	Allene
John Harris	DeQueen	John F.(?) Lane	Brinkley
Richmond Harrison	Kerr	Will Henry LaRue	Corning
Tallie R. Harrell	Austin	James Marion Lee Jr.	Little Rock
Willie Hawkins	Tamo	Edgar B. Lee	Princeton
Dave Hays	Womble	Samuel B. Lemay	Austin
Frank A. Heisserer	Little Rock	Arthur E. Lewis	Batesville
Ray W. Henderson	Leslie	Beno Leibharber	Pocahontas
Jesse Hendricks	Hackett	William W. Linderman	Wattensaw
B. J. Henry	Hermitage	Earl L. Lott	Hamburg
Elias Stephens Hicks	Judsonia	Roy Looper	Clarksville
Grady Hickman	Warren	Fred Lonier	Searcy
Will Higgins (Col)	England	Arthur McBride	Brinkley
Royce High	Richmond	Sullivan McBride	Holly Grove
Mike Hildesheim	Pine Bluff	George McCane	Gravette
Horace Hill	DeQueen	Henry McCasland	Plumerville
Benjamin Francis Hill	Stuttgart	William Everatt McCord	Palatka
James Hill	Van Buren	John Erskine McCloy	Monticello
Sidney Hohimer	Barham	Cliften McDonald	Little Rock
Sherman Horn	Caddo Gap	Jim McGahee	Wabaseka
Bernice Hudson	Dardanelle	James B. McGloflin	Cypert
Frank Dorsey Hussman	Little Rock	Charles M. McKinney	Newark
Arthur T. Irsps	Blytheville	James P. McKinney	Batesville
John A. Irvin	Natural Dam	Edgar McMurrey (Col)	Pine Bluff
H. I. Inman (?)	Havana	John C. McNairy	Pocahontas
Robert Wylie Jack	Van Buren	Eddie Mack (Col)	Pine Bluff
Robert W. Jackson	Camden	Ron James Maddox	Lake Village
Wash Jackson	Foreman	Canada Manning (Col)	Pine Bluff

James E. Martin	Forrest City	Mont Poe	Elnora
Elbert R. Martin	Hot Springs	Huie Potts	Morrilton
Herbert B. Martin	Warren	Asbury Price	Charleston
Rainey Mashburn	Dardanelle	Frank Prochazka	Dardanelle
Edward J. Mason	Prairie Grove	Edward M. Pruitt	Ozark
Flake Matheny	Leslie	Eral Pryer	Fayetteville
Edward Mathews	Langford	James Lee Qualls	Story
Morgan Mathis	Deane	Daniel W. Rabun	Vick
Frank H. Mays	Huntsville	William Elmer Ragan	DesArc
David M. Maxwell	Lockesburg	J. Watson Reynolds	DeWitt
Leslie E. Meeks	Green Forest	Waid W. Rhea	Manson
Charles C. Meeks	Pocahontas	Hirem H. Rhodes	Jonesboro
Baxter C. Melton	Corley	William T. Riddle	Bentonville
Thomas Virgil Menees	Stuttgart	Charlie R. Riley	Paragould
Erwin H. Metcalf	Lamar	Otto H. Roberson	Omaha
Loren E. Miller	Strickler	Thomas Robinson	Fort Smith
Arl E. Miller	Center Ridge	Lucis Robinson (Col)	Pettus
Sheley (?) Jewell Mabley	Emery	Rees H. Robinson	Cabot
Richard Moore	Casa	Lee Roy Robinson	Blue Mountain
Oscar J. Moore	Oxford	Garner Farmer Ross (?)	Uniontown
J. T. Monhollon	Ida	Charles Lee Cross	Van Buren
Harry A. Morris	Wynne	Frank R. Ritter	Elm Springs
James T. Morrison	Batesville	Henry Ritter	Elm Springs
Hugh L. Mosley	New Edinburg	Henry B. Russell	Green Forest
Robert E. Mullins	Rover	Jesse Ryland	Pine Bluff
James Wardlaw Murphy	Pine Bluff	Carl L. Sawyer	Heber Springs
Joe D. Murphy	Magazine	Pink Saxton	Heber Springs
Will Mutchinson	Clarksville	Sam Scott (?)	Sherrill
Area E. Napier	Ft. Smith	James Henry Screggins	Johnson
Charles Sol Narkinsky	Little Rock	James O. Sears	Ozone
Emory Nixon	Arden	Wilber E. Selig	Stuttgart
David H. Null	Arden	Homer T. Shaver	Beirns
Sherman C. Oliver	Greenwood	Martin Lynn Shelton	Fayetteville
John M. Oliver	Cabot	Joseph F. Sheppard	Lincoln
Herschel Oliver	Pine Bluff	Nathan E. Short	Stephens
Carl T. Overton	Almyra	Claude D. Sims	Brinkley
Lewis Paline	Little Rock	Charley Simms (Col)	Pine Bluff
Arthur H. Parker	Dover	W. D. Sinks	Knobel
Ralph R. Parmley	Maysville	Orville Smiley	Holly Grove
Henry C. Pauley	Cerro Gordo	Andrew P. Smith	Stephens
Everett Payne	Hand	Ellis M. Smith	Magnolia
John B. Percell	Hickory Ridge	Holcomb Smith	Stephens
Albert F. Peters	Mountainburg	Park Smith	Stephens
Pat Petty	Cabot	John (?) Socia	Pine Bluff
Joseph Phelan	Fayetteville	William Franklin Songer	Pine Bluff
Grover Pipkin	Wilton	Albert J. Spieler	Charleston

Henry E. Stanfield	Pine Bluff	Sam Wade	Ward
Henry Baker Stanford	Pine Bluff	Alfred Wallace	Bradford
Waynon Stalen	Ogden	James C. Watts	DeQueen
Sam Steed	Star City	Odie Walker	Chicot
Solomon Styert	Conway	Crum Walker	Eureka Springs
James David Sullivan	Lonoke	Fay P. Washington	Wilkins
John O. Swain	Alma	Alvis C. Weatherford	Paragould
Perry Tapp	Winthrop	Arthur B. Webber	Mountain Home
Hal M. Taylor	Pine Bluff	Henry B. West	Stuttgart
Nathaniel Tatum	Ozark	Clarence G. White	Mountain Home
Hoover J. Thompson	Horatio	Bill Williams	Caddo Gap
Jack Doby Tidball	Fayetteville	Porter E. Willis	Heber Springs
Charles B. Tidball	Fayetteville	Henry Washington	Little Rock
W. Tolleson	Hopper	Travis W. Walls	Monticello
Erwin Claire Tovey	Pine Bluff	Russ Wilson	Eureka Springs
John Tracy	Gravette	Tas. Williamson	Greenwood
Elie A. Trout	Plummerville	Frank Wilsie	Winthrop
Elisha Turner	Mountainburg	Travis Withers	Ingalls
Garland B. Turner (?)	Fouke	Bennie Woffard	Ozark
Jon F. Turner (?)	Darnanelle	Wilson Wooten	Rondo
Laster L. Turner (?)	Dardanelle	William H. Yarnell	Searcy
Henry Turnage	Pocahontas	Beeman C. Yeager	Strickler
Alvin Tyler	Pocahontas	Robert Young	DeBow
Ellis J. Underwood	St. Charles	Felix A. Zosse	Okolona

CONWAY COUNTY, ARKANSAS, HOME GUARD UNITS, 1861

by Russell P. Baker

On July 11, 1861, the Conway County, Arkansas, County Court appointed the following men to act as a “home guard of minute men”, as part of the county’s preparation for the upcoming Civil War. Conway County, located in the Arkansas River Valley west of Little Rock, formed in 1825 from western parts of Pulaski County. During the Civil War, Springfield was its county seat. Individual units were ordered raised in each of the county’s thirteen townships.¹ Many of the men who served in these units would later see service in the regular Confederate Army. The records are found in Conway County, Arkansas, County Court Records Book “1861-1868,” pp. 90-92, in the microfilm collections of the Arkansas State Archives, MFILM County, Roll 000972. In 1873 many of Conway County’s eastern townships were cut off into the newly formed county of Faulkner. These records are extremely difficult to read and many of the names have proven very difficult to interpret.

Welborn Township (in the Morrilton area)

Welsh
William Percy
William Chury (?)

R. A. Taylor
Thomas Campbell
J. K. Pates

¹ See Russell P. Baker, *Arkansas Township Atlas* (2006), pp. 37-39.

James M. Moore
James Durmell (?)
J. M. Dowell
L. L. Henry
C. Ethridge
William Goodloe

Tennson Staper (?)
W. E. Grar (?)
J. B. H. Tylor
Robert Farish
J. R. Miller

Cadron Township (now in Faulkner County)

J. C. Powell
Benjamin F. Pennegton (?)
George C. Lucas
R. H. Standlee
George Benedict

Allen Dawsey
William M. James
T. W. Shore
A. J. White (?)
William Fowler

Howard Township (southeast corner of the county)

M. W. Steel
W. L. Meniffee
T. W. Miller
Timothy Guy (?)

J. D. Lewis
T. W. Hay (?)
William Newton

East Fork Township (now in Faulkner County)

H. G. Rhed (?)
U. A. Nixon
W. A. McMurray
David Harkrider
Robert Tarrance

Richard Clayton
W. W. Ware
Henry Hawkins
W. C. Wilkins
J. D. Core (?)

Hardin Township (now in Faulkner County)

J. E. Bryan
William [Bryant]
D. T. Powell
John Bollete
J. C. Newbury

J. W. Blain
E. S. Abernathy
Thomas Jolly
George Kavar (?)
A. P. Anderson

Benton Township (now in Faulkner County)

C. D. Simmon
W. C. Plant
T. B. Wood
William Head
J. R. McNutts

James Patty
David Livingston (?)
A. Rollen (?)
A. Pettey

Union Township (eastern part of the county, part now in Faulkner County)

Daniel Mills
W. T. McAthery
J. N. Westfield

A. McFearn (?)
W. P. Morgan
Dennis Stalls

John Madlock
Thomas Raystate

Thomas Killgore
J. A. Sublett

Lick Mountain Township (northeast corner of the county)

J. Upchurch
J. L. Collier
J. W. Prince
H. J. Shipp
Jacob Taylor

James S. Baker
William Ragsdall
Alex Gudue (?)
J. W. Vaught
John Kessene

Griffin Township (northwest corner of the county)

John Housten
James Arun (?)
J. M. Stout
John W. Roberts
Thomas Wells

William Brauck
L. H. Prince
America Jones
F. L. Carroll
G. Merrick

Washington Township (central part of county)

James Carroll
H. C. Hurst
William Powell
Henry T. Gordon
J. S. Briggance

William Cowen
W. W. Haden
John Adams
John McCage

Newton Township (now in Faulkner County)

A. G. Wilson
S. F. Price (?)
W. W. Heanes
B. D. Stricklin
C. T. Rodgers

W. G. Hogan
Thomas Smith
William Bardy
Martin Miller

Muddy Bayou Township (now in Faulkner County)

J. P. Harrison
J. F. Curtis
Alex Hogan
Nathan Phillips
Peann Ussary (?)

G. W. Shock
J. J. Matthews
R. S. Farr
Wade Ussary
J. H. Reynolds

Walker Township (now in Faulkner County)

Walker Farrne (?)
W. F. Hews
Ramson Bennet
Mathew Holland (?)
Samuel Hendrickson
James Bradley

Harris Reynolds
Thomas Bennett
J. J. Steely
John Pike
Levin Hartwick

MEMBERSHIP RECORDS OF THE WEST POINT, ARKANSAS, METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH, 1858-1869

by *Russell P. Baker*

West Point, Arkansas, is a small community located on the Little Red River several miles east of Kensett in White County. Its settlement began in 1850 and its post office dates from 1852. Before the Civil War, West Point was a thriving river port town, sitting as it did at the head of year-round navigation on the Little Red. After the war, when the railroad bypassed West Point, it steadily lost population to neighboring towns.¹

The membership records of the West Point Methodist Episcopal Church, South (M. E. C. S.) were photocopied many years ago by the late Mrs. Leister E. Presley of Searcy, Arkansas. A bound copy of these records is now in the collections of the Arkansas State Archives. The records are arranged so that a member's name is on one side of the page and comments about dismissals, transferences, and deaths are on the other side. Evidently, the pages were separated before photocopying. It is no longer possible to ascertain with absolute certainty which comments go with which names. These records also contain some of the records of the Searcy, Arkansas, Methodist Church following the Civil War.

“M. E. Church West Point, Arks. ‘The gates of Hell shall not prevail against it.’ West Point Class Book Searcy Circuit Searcy District Arkansas Conference M. E. C. S. Remember Dear Brothers and Sisters that the Friday before each Quarterly Conference is [to be] set apart for fasting and prayer for the prosperity of Zion. Dec. 8th 1858, S. Carlile P. E. [Presiding Elder] William T. Noe P. C. [Presiding Clerk ?]”

Members Names

Sidney Markham C. L. [Class Leader]	Ellen House
Deceased	Mary House [married a Hutches]
L. S. Poe	Cordelia Kelley gone
James W. Oliphant L. D. [Deacon (?)]	Tamiza (?) Arnold
Deceased	Almedia Kelley [married a Bentinght (?)]
Samuel Ediris St. (?)	Eliza Kelley
William Bradshaw	Mary Reynolds deceased
Samuel Reynolds [died] Oct. 23, 1859 in Holy Triumph	Marriah S. Hope
V. P. Kelley dead	Mary E. Thompkins
Samuel Walker Expelled from the church Sept. 22 1859	Ann W. Smith
Mary Poe	Sarah J. Clifton [married a Smith]
Margaret Reynolds	Mattie A. McCatister
Louiza Reynolds	Nancy Goodrich deceased
Frances Reynolds [married a Peoples]	Elanor Edins
Sarah Rogers	Caroline Oliphant
Emiline Whitten deceased May 20 th 1859	Nancy Carrington
Helen Rodgers [married a Merideth]	C. A. Markham
Cele Cartwright	Sister S. A. Whitney (?) Removed
	John D. Turnage Transferred to Edney Chapel

¹ See *Goodspeed's Eastern Arkansas* (reprint, 1979), p. 123.

Susan M. Turnage Transferred to Edney Chapel
John Simmons Transferred to
Anthony Simmons dismissed Dogwood Class
Louiza Simmons
James Lessenburg
Sister Kesseburg
Dulcena Patterson
Nancy Williams
Thomas J. Peeples

Richard Price douthful
Mary H. Goss
Frances Peeples
Dr. W. P. Lawten
W. E. Smith
Sarah M. Smith
J. M. Gardner
Sarah J. House
J. J. Jones
Sarah Jones
Dr. J. Tap Scott Deceased

Probationers Name-When Received to be transferred to member list

T. J. Peoples Admitted on trial June 15th 1858
Richard Price Admitted on trial June 15th 1858
Margaret Thompson Admitted on trial Aug. 23rd 1859
Eliza Poe Admitted on trial Aug. 23rd 1859
Frances Bevel Admitted on trial Aug. 23rd 1859
Joseph H. Arnold Admitted on trial Aug. 24th 1859
George P. Oliphint Admitted on trial Aug. 24th 1859
Malissa Peeples Admitted on trial Aug. 24th 1859
Mary Taylor Admitted on trial Aug. 24th 1859
John K. Hendrix Admitted on trial Aug. 29th 1859
Jackson V. Reynolds (?) Admitted on trial Aug. 29th 1859
Mary Goss Admitted on trial Aug. 29th 1859

Mary E. Bradshaw Admitted on trial Aug. 29th 1859
Martha A. Bradshaw
Prudence Hendrix Admitted on trial Aug. 29th 1859
Mary F. Lessenburg [married a Cowen] Admitted on trial Aug. 29th 1859
Martha A. Reynolds Admitted on trial Aug. 29th 1859
Newton Hutches Expelled July 12 1860
Thomas J. Oliphint
E. H. Poe
J. W. Goss

[The following eight entries are dated Sept. 1860]
Amanda Peeples
Harriet Thompson
Martha Reynolds
J. W. Tappsatt (?)
Frances Jones
Mat Hutchens
J. A. Bevels
J. A. Williams

Class Book for the Church at West Point 1861

[The following injunction is repeated several times in these records.]
“Dear Brethren remember the Friday proceeding each [quarterly conference] meeting as a day of fasting and prayer and [for] us your servants of the gospel.”
B. Lee
M. B. Peassor (?)
Members Names [There are a number of notations affixed to the names listed below. M may mean married, S may mean single, and B probably means baptized.]

Sidney Markham	M	B	Sarah J. Smith	B
S. S. Poe	M	B	[section of names missing]	
Samuel Edins	M	B	S. J. Peeples	B
William Bradshaw	M	B	Richard Price	B
Samuel Walker	B		Margret Thompson	S B
Mary Poe	M	B	Eliza Poe	M B
Margaret Reynolds	B		Frances Bevel	M B
Louisa Reynolds	B		Joseph W. Arnold	S B
Frances Peeples	M	B	George P. Oliphant	S B
Sarah Rodgers	B		Malissa Peeples	S B
Hellen Merideth	M	B	Mary Taylor Price	M B
Cela Cartright	B		John K. Hendrix	M B
Ellen House	S	B	Jackson J. Reynolds	S B
Mary Hutches	M	B	Mary Goss	B
Tamiza Arnold	W	B	Mary E. Bradshaw	S B
Almeda Boatoyght (?)	M	B	Martha A. Bradshaw	S B
Eliza Kelly	M	B	Prudence Hendrix	M B
Mary Reynolds	B		Mary F. Cowen	M B
Mariah S. Hope	M	B	Martha A. Reynolds	S B
Mary E. Thompkins	M	B	Sister Booth (sic)	M B
Ann W. Smith	B		J. L. Hale	S B

West Point Class Book

Received August 27th 1866 by George W. Stuart P. C.

Members Names [Annotations may be out of order]

S. L. Poe [Left without letter ?]

E. G. Hatchett [Died?]

James C. Bradshaw [Dismissed by letter ?]

G. W. Bennett [Left without letter ?]

S. Markham

W. H. Bradshaw

Mary Poe M [Left without letter ?]

M. E. Brachhaw M [Dismissed by letter ?]

Caroline Oliphant [Died Aug. 27, 1866 ?]

Ester Hatcher [Dismissed by letter ?]

Columbia Markham

J. B. Goff [Removed without letter ?]

Mary Goff [Dead ?]

Mahaly Golden [Removed without letter ?]

Josephine Hendrick [Removed by letter ?]

R. S. Booth (?)

Sarah Q. Lisenberry (?)

Harriett Thompson

Jane Patterson

Frances Ann Hunt

Marthy Reynolds

Searcy and West Point Station [Church was] organized Oct 18th 1867 [by] L. M. Pearson P E [and] John Rlyn (?) P C [the] following is a list of members

Sidney Markham

C. A. Markham

W. A. Bradshaw

E. G. Hathett

Estor Hathett

John J. Hatchett

L. S. Poe

Mary E. Poe
J. C. Johnson
Mary E. Johnson
John S. Gibson (?)
W. M. Johnson
Susan Johnson
Louisa Arnold (?)
Nancy Carington (?)
Mary Booth
Elizabeth Booth
Mary E. Bradshaw
Sarah House
Frances Bevel
J. A. Bevel
Prudence Hendricks
Josephine Hendricks
Martha A. Reynolds
Mary Reynolds
W. E. Smith
Sarah Smith
Jane Patterson

Margaret Thomson
Frances Peoples
Eliza Reynolds
John Jones
Malinda Johnson
James Hutche
D. C. Painter
E. H. Bradshaw
J. C. McAlister
Jane McAlister Sr.
Jane McAlister Jr.
J. A. Lessenburry
N. B. Smith
Agnes Smith
Willshire Riley
Ruth Riley
Margaret Reynolds
A. B. Ronald
E. F. Lessenberry
Sarah D. Lessenberry
V. R. Markham
V. M. Owen

Names of Members

[The following notations may or may not be related to the names listed below.]

L. S. Poe
E. G. Hatcher
J. C. Bradshaw
G. W. Bennett
S. Markham
M. Bradshaw
Mary Poe Died 1867 (?)
Mary Thompson gone to Clinton
Caroline Oliphant gone to Clinton
Ester Hathatt gone to Des Arc (?)
Columbia Markham
Jane Booth Removed without letter
Oslo Bennett Removed without letter
(?)
Thomas Smith Gone to Augusta, Ark
Mary A. Bradshaw Died Jan 1868
Martha A. Bradshaw
J. O. Lessingberry

Sarah J. House Gone to Rose Bud White
Co Ark.
Lamisa Arnold
Malinda Johnson
S. E. Harris
Mary Lingram Gone to Memphis Ten
Prudence Hendrick gone
John H. Hendrix (sic) gone
John R. Hatchett died
W. E. Smith Removed by letter
Sarah M. Smith Removed by letter
Josephine Hendricks
Mary Booth
Margarett Reynolds
Elizabeth M. Booth died
Margaret Thompson
Mary Reynolds
Thomas Johnston Removed

1869 Searcy and West Point Churches [The next few pages are very difficult to read.]

Q. B. Pearson P. E.

G. A. Shaper P. C.

J. A. Lesenbery
W. Riley
W. H. Bradshaw (?)
Nancy Markham
C. A. Markham
Susan Johnstone
Lamiza Arnold
Susan Booth (?) died
Elizabeth M. Booth
Sarah House
John A. Bevil
Francis Bevil
Margarett A. Reynolds Joined the
Baptist Church (?)
Jane Booth (?)
Margaret Thompson
Francis Peeples
Elizabeth Reynolds
Martha Thonx (?)

[The following members were admitted September 23, 1869. Their names are very difficult to read.]

J. Gillen (?)
W. W. Hendricks
T. W. Reynolds (?)
Margarett Reynolds
Olive Markham
Aitnite House (?)
Clark Johnson Died (?)
Lucinda Gillen

[The following members were baptized September 23, 1869. The names are very difficult to read.]

Minerva Beecher
Amanda Hargies
George Johnson
John Wadle
J. H. Hill
Virginia Wadle
John H. Bradford
Ada Hendricks
Susan R. Foster (?)
Hitcher Foster (?)

John J. Jones (?)
James Hutckes
W. C. Rainter (?)
E. H. Bardshaw
J. C. McAlister (?)
Jane McAlister (?)
N. B. Smith
Agness Smith
Ruth Riley
E. S. Lessenberry
J. B. Arnold
Sarah Lessenberry
V. K. Marham (?)
U. M. Owen (?)
Mary Hutchus
J. H. Booth
Fletcher Hargris (?)
Ann W. Williams (?)
Mary W. Owen (?)
Amanda McBride

Henryita Riley (?)
Kate Riley (?)
Sarah R. Lyin (?)
Jane H. Lyin (?)
Anderson Harris (?)
Elen Bevil (?)
Laura A. Bradshaw
Cora E. Riley

George W. Bevil
Sarah W. Bevil
A. P. Foster (?)
Alice A. Foster
Sarah Foster
Ann Foster
Hariett Foster
William Foster (?)

COUNTY VOTER REGISTRARS IN ARKANSAS, 1872

Early in August of 1872, in the midst of that chaotic period of Arkansas history known as Reconstruction, the Governor of Arkansas appointed three citizens in each county to supervise the registration of voters for upcoming state elections. Their purpose was to make sure that no one with close ties to the late Confederate government or who saw service in the Confederate military was allowed to vote. Exceptions were made for those who had taken an oath to support the U. S. Constitution. Needless to say, this action was not very popular among many Arkansians, as can be seen below, who considered it a means of preventing the majority of citizens in the state from casting their votes. Later, additional election “supervisors” were appointed in each township as a further means to insure that no one who failed to qualify cast a vote. Lists of township voting supervisors will be published in future issues of the *Arkansas Family Historian*.

“The following is a compiled list of registrars appointed by the governor. With few exceptions, the appointees are men without [good] character, and will register entirely as they are directed.”¹

Arkansas- P. C. Dooley, E. R. Wiley, A. C. Wiley
Ashley-R. S. Curry, J. P. Harbison, W. A. Wimberly
Benton-J. N. Curtis, C. G. Davis, H. S. Coleman
Bradley-John M. Bradley, W. G. Weiss, Green Hickman
Boone-J. J. Thompson, J. M. Doubleday, J. A. Torrance
Calhoun- A. S. Johnson, John Gardiner, L. Joy
Carroll-John S. O’Neal, H. S. Shahan, J. Childers
Chicot-S. H. Holland, F. F. Walker, Conway Barbour
Clark-George A. Kingston, Robert Meadows, Henry Fears
Columbia-A. L. Killian, George W. Reeves, W. H. Vaughan
Conway-C. C. Reed, Jr., A. D. Thomas, W. F. Eagan
Craighead-W. W. Nisbett, L. R. Faulkner, David M. Gordman (sic)
Crawford-T. G. Singleton, J. A. Lockhart, G. W. B. Meadows
Crittenden-E. B. Lewis, A. R. Johnson, W. L. Copeland
Cross-T. O. Fitzpatrick, W. L. Cole, T. B. Smith
Dallas-G. B. Goty, E. W. Wells, J. B. Deatheridge
Desha-James A. Robinson, James L. Baldwin, A. A. Eldington
Drew-John M. Butler, T. V. Rankin, Isaac Hemingway
Franklin-John W. Williams, C. E. Berry, Albert Young
Fulton-W. E. Spear, John W. Gleghorn, Granville Roberts
Grant-Thomas W. Quinn, J. W. Harrison, Warrin Holliman
Greene-E. O. Seely, J. R. Snodgrass, John A. Pool
Hempstead-George F. Walden, L. D. Beldin, W. A. Marshall
Hot Spring-G. W. Pritchard, Thomas Bass, L. D. Baldwin
Independent-Miles A. Fowler, E. D. Rushing, J. W. Kennedy
Izard-W. J. Hawley, B. F. Brantley, James T. Merrill
Jackson-William J. Scott, Charles E. Frizell, E. C. Branch
Jefferson-H. K. White, H. H. Kenyon, R. A. Dawson
Johnson-R. W. Ward, Henderson Jacobs, Green Handley

¹ Little Rock, Arkansas, *Daily Arkansas Gazette*, August 3, 1872, p. 4, col. 4 MFILM News 00431, Roll 00013.

Lafayette-George H. Thompson, Benjamin H. Attaway, Aaron Lenox
Lawrence-William G. Mount, L. B. Toney, Frank W. Tucker
Lincoln-F. H. Sawyer, Z. L. Wise, Alfred Wills
Little River-A. M. Hawkins, Spencer Lewis, John Read
Madison-John H. Bevins, Jesse R. Stansells, Benjamin Vaughan
Marion-Leroy Rose, John Fisher, A. D. Orcutt
Mississippi-C. B. Fitzpatrick, Peter Mitchell, John O. Blackwood
Monroe-Ambrose Gallagher Albert W. Childress, Sam A. Broyarly
Montgomery-Z. L. Cotton, John C. Priddy, Hugh Calhoun
Newton-John Womack, Jackson Case, P. H. Spears
Nevada-Thomas W. Harmon, C. C. Parler, B. G. Bryant
Ouachita-N. N. Rawlings, J. R. Young, A. A. Tufts
Perry-J. L. W. Mathews, John B. Davis, G. W. Manees
Phillips-John M. Peck, John W. Williams, James Burrow
Pike-W. J. Reed, J. H. Howard, W. R. Dowdy
Poinsett-T. B. Smith, T. H. Peck, Jourdan Stafford
Polk-A. C. Embry, A. A. Allen, William McGill.
Pope-Y. B. Sheppard, W. W. Brashear, C. C. Ewing
Pulaski-H. H. Rottaker, Henry H. Powers, E. M. Main
Prairie-B. C. Morgan, W. S. McCullough, J. M. McClintock
Randolph-T. L. Martin, Jacob Hufstedler, W. Powers
Saline-Ransom Thompson, John Robinson, A. R. Tomblinson
Sarber [Logan]-R. B. Chitwood, William E. Griffith, James H. Lowe²
Scott-N. Floyd, Thomas J. Tate, James B. Floyd
Searcy-J. H. Ham, Green Ross, G. W. S. Smith
Sebastian-John S. Spradling, James S. Robinson, Archibald Young
Sevier-O. S. Hawkins, J. B. Smith, M. W. Locke
Sharp-Thomas H. Steward, Franklin Goss, W. W. Metcalf
St. Francis-David Davis, Lewis Hogan, William Pace
Union-William B. Colt, Lee Glow, Abraham Tate
Van Buren-Jacob Copeland, John Jackson, M. C. Rendell
Washington-Sam Bard, J. Q. Benbrook, B. F. Little
White-H. T. Rodman, William C. Petty, John Goad
Woodruff-William G. Akers, E. W. Goodrich, James Tucker
Yell-H. C. Mustain, Thomas J. Ross, Alexander N. Rose.

ARKANSAS GENEALOGICAL QUERIES

AGS members are welcome to submit as many free Arkansas genealogical queries for publication in this quarterly as they wish during the year. The queries will appear in the order in which they are received. Each should relate to an Arkansas family or location. Be sure to mention the county or region of Arkansas where the family lived, as well as full names and dates. In addition, submitters must include contact information and email address, if possible. Follow the format used below. Mail your queries to AGS at P. O. Box 26374, Little Rock, Arkansas 72221-6374. *Please print clearly.*

² Sarber County was the original name of Logan County, Arkansas.

BURT-FIVECOATS-BOUCHER-Seeking information on these families who lived in northern Arkansas from 1880 to date. Any data is appreciated. *Susan M. Dawson, 2432 Blake St., San Bernardino, California 92407.*

HENRY-RUSSELL-MASON-Seeking information on William A. Henry b. July 27, 1804, Botetourt County, Virginia, married Elizabeth Francis Russell on August 14, 1831, in Hardin County, Tennessee. She was b. January 26, 1813, in Tennessee. They were in Jackson County, Arkansas, by 1846. Elizabeth died August 28, 1867, in Jackson County, Arkansas. William died September 6, 1875 also in Jackson County. Both are buried in the Oakland Cemetery. Their daughter, Matilda Henry, b. May 17, 1846, in Jackson County, Arkansas, married Civil War veteran, William David Mason in 1867. *Carolyn Coe Anderson, 5607 Dogwood Drive, Lincoln, Nebraska 68516, cca44@aol.com.*

RODGERS-ROGERS-ELLIS-Seeking information on Doswell Rodgers/Rogers, born about 1820 in Arkansas Territory, died 1861 in Arkansas County. DNA shows a possible family connection with Alexander Rogers (1806-1886) and his wife, Elizabeth Ellis (1815-1850). Alexander was born in Missouri Territory and died in Texas. DNA also points of Dauswell Rogers, b. 1770 in Hawkins County, Tennessee. *Iris Wylie, 187 Garden Gate Lane, Rogersville, Missouri 65742, iriwyl@gmail.com.*

WAR OF 1812 VETERANS IN ARKANSAS-Searching for names of veterans of the War of 1812 buried in Arkansas. *Shelia Beatty, Arkansas Society USD of 1812, 27 Doblez Circle, Hot Springs, Arkansas 71909, beattykrout@suddenlink.net.*

WAITS-HARRIS-FINE-Rebecca Abrazene Waits, b. 1879, Sulphur Rock, Arkansas, d. 1956, Batesville, Arkansas, married 1) Phillip Fine, possibly from Missouri and 2) December 6, 1897, Joseph Lentel Harris in Independence County, Arkansas. Seeking information on Mr. Fine. *Mary Russell Evans, 1724 Lilac Circle, Little Rock, Arkansas 72202, ARgardengoddess@att.net.*

ARKANSAS ANCESTRY CERTIFICATES

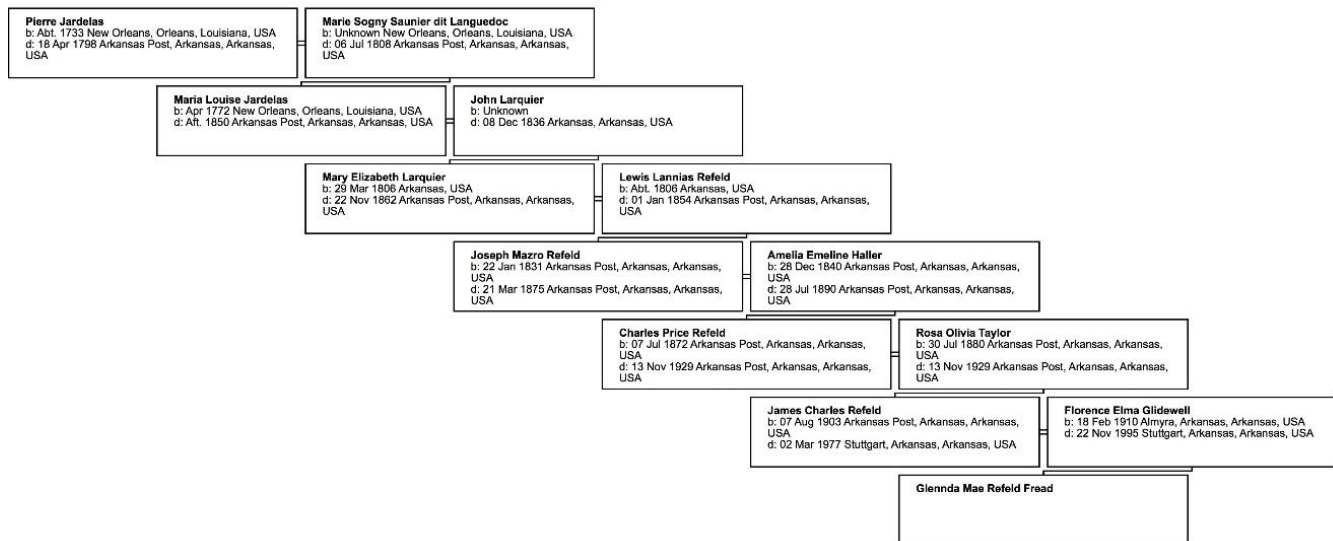
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- *Antebellum*--For an ancestor who resided in Arkansas prior to May 6, 1861.
- *Civil War Ancestry*--For an ancestor who served in a Confederate or Union Arkansas unit between 1861 and 1865, or applied for an Arkansas Confederate pension, or whose widow applied for a pension, or a Union soldier or soldier's widow who applied for a U.S. pension while living in Arkansas.
- *Nineteenth Century*--For an ancestor who resided in Arkansas prior to December 31, 1900.

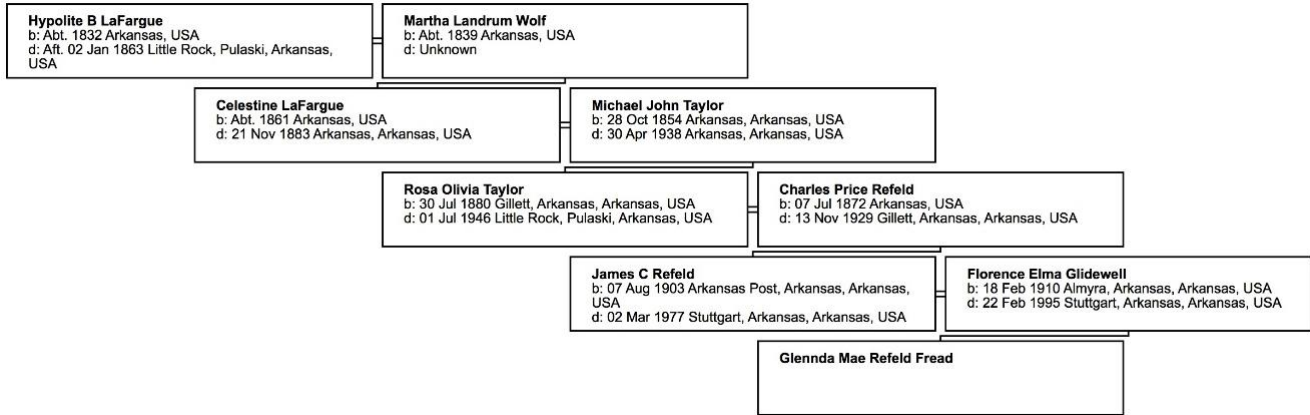
**Arkansas Colonial Ancestry Certificate,
for Glenda Refeld Fread**
Glenda Refeld Fread
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870-992-3433
gfread2@gmail.com

Glenda Refeld Fread received a Certificate of Arkansas Ancestry for the Colonial period based on documentation submitted for the following lineage. Her colonial ancestor was **Pierre Jardelas**, who was in Arkansas County, Arkansas, prior to January 1, 1804.



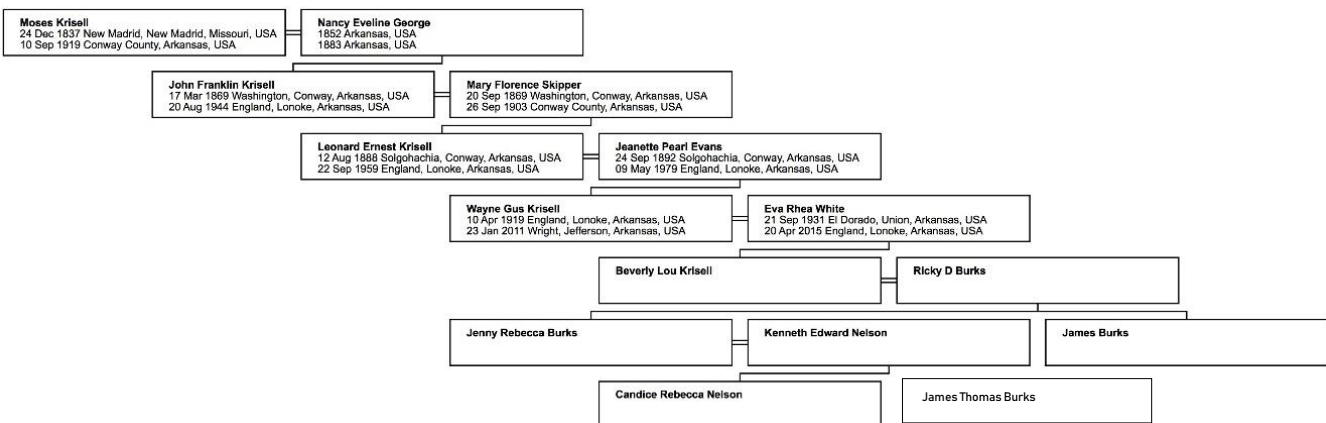
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for Glenda Refeld Fread**
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Glenda Refeld Fread received a Certificate of Arkansas Ancestry for the Civil War period based on documentation submitted for the following lineage. Her Civil War ancestor was **Hypolite B. LaFargue**, who served in an Arkansas **Confederate** unit during the American Civil War 1861–1865 or was a veteran who received a Civil War pension (Union) while living in the State of Arkansas.



Arkansas Civil War Ancestry Certificate,
for
Candice Rebecca Poole, Jenny Rebecca Burks Nelson, James Thomas Burks, and Beverly Lou Krisell Burks
Submitted by Sonja J Krisell
PO Box 17, Wright, AR 72182
501-285-2241
family@krisell.com

Candice Rebecca Poole, Jenny Rebecca Burks Nelson, James Thomas Burks, and Beverly Lou Krisell Burks each received a Certificate of Arkansas Ancestry for the Civil War period based on documentation submitted for the following lineage. Their shared Civil War ancestor was **Moses Krisell**, who served in Arkansas **Confederate and Union** units during the American Civil War 1861–1865 or was a veteran who received a Civil War pension (Union) while living in the State of Arkansas.



NEW BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

The Arkansas Genealogical Society welcomes opportunities to review new and reprinted books, pamphlets, and other publications relating to genealogy and family history, especially those concerning Arkansas and southern locations, families, and events. Send review copies to AGS at P. O. Box 26374, Little Rock, Arkansas 72221-6374. Be sure to include complete pricing and ordering information with each item. After review, volumes will be passed along to the Arkansas State Archives in Little Rock or other suitable institutions.

- Lynda Suffridge, *Down These Roads: Schools & Post Offices of Saline Township, Cleveland County, Arkansas, 1867-1949* (2018), spiral bound, 215 pages, maps, and photographs and index. Saline Township is located in the northwestern corner of Cleveland County, Arkansas. It was annexed to Cleveland County from Dallas County in 1873. Although now largely rural, it once contained a number of thriving communities with schools, churches, and cemeteries. The material included in this volume was taken from court records, newspaper articles, and personal memories of area residents. It features a history of each local school district, lists of students, as well as histories of local post offices. One of its most interesting features is its collection of photographs of early school groups dating from 1897 to 1949. This is the third volume relating to the history of this part of Southern Arkansas. The proceeds from the sale of this volume go to benefit the upkeep of the Canada/Kennedy Cemetery in the area. The work is \$40.00, plus \$5.00 for shipping and handling. Order from the author at 3801 Caraway Court, North Little Rock, Arkansas 72116, lcsuffridge@gmail.com or James Burford, 1360 Trigg Road, Kingsland, Arkansas 71652-9283. Check should be made out to the Canada/Kennedy Cemetery Association. When you order, ask the author about her other publications.

These following two delightful and unabashedly patriotic little books by Jack Darrell Crowder are available from the Clearfield Company in Baltimore, Maryland 21211. Visit its website at www.genealogical.com for pricing and ordering information.

- Jack Darrell Crowder, *The First 24 Heroes of the American Revolution: An Hour by Hour Account of the Battles of Lexington, Concord, and the British Retreat on Battle Road* (2018) soft cover, 102 pages, introduction, illustrations, bibliography, maps, and index. As the sun rose on the morning of April 18, 1775, few thought that the events of that day would signal the birth of a new nation, the United States of America. The author gives his readers an hour by hour account of this day's seemingly hopeless struggle between local militia men who had the audacity to defend their homes against elements of that age's greatest military establishment, the British Army. He does this in a very easy to understand yet detailed narrative. He carefully notes the Americans who were killed or badly wounded in each battle and often details the circumstances of how they met their fate. Your reviewer was especially moved by the account of the near fatal wounding of the oldest American in the battle that day, Samuel Whittemore. At the age of seventy-eight, this crippled ex-British soldier, gathered his weapons from his home, and limped toward the sound of battle. After taking out several of the Redcoats, he was surrounded by the enemy, who shot him in the face, knocked him down, clubbed him with their muskets, and finally, bayoneted him. Satisfied with their work, they left him for death. However, the old man survived and lived for another eighteen years. Such was the valor of those who fought that day.

- Jack Darrell Crowder, *Women Patriots in the American Revolution: Stories of Bravery, Daring, and Compassion* (2018) soft cover, 102 pages, illustrations, bibliography, and every name index. This little volume chronicles a too often overlooked aspect of the American Revolution, the heroic role that women often played in this great conflict. Mother, wife, daughter, white, slave, or Native American, the women featured in this volume always upheld the lofty ideals for which their husbands, fathers, and sons fought. The author recounts, often in great detail, the trials and tribulations of some these heroines of the home front. In these pages we meet Phebe Reynolds Drake who at the age of eleven, helped fight off a band of Tories who broke into her home and tried to kill her father, an “ardent defender of the colonies.” Although wounded several times, she was able to assist her mother to resuscitate her father, put out the fires started by the enemy, and then go to neighbors for help. Another heroine, an anonymous young woman, repeatedly filled her apron with gunpowder and carried it to soldiers who were defending civilians during an Indian attack. Each informative article is well documented. Truly, women like these helped win our freedom.

The following long out-of-print Arkansas related volumes have recently been reissued by the Grand Prairie Historical Society and may be ordered from the Society, c/o Raeann Braithwaite, P. O. Box 15, Almyra, Arkansas 72003. The price is \$25.00 each. Taken together, they contain some of the earliest records of European settlements in our state.

- Morris S. Arnold and Dorothy Jones Core, *Arkansas Colonials 1686–1804: A Collection of French and Spanish Records Listing Early Europeans in Arkansas* (reprint, 2017), paperback, 104 pages, maps, illustrations, and a surname index. Few Arkansas researchers realize that for over a century and a half the area that is now Arkansas was part of the colonial empires of two major European powers, France and Spain. From 1686 until 1766 the area was controlled and colonized by the French. In 1766 after the end of the French and Indian War, it passed into the hands of the Spanish, who administered it until 1804. During this time, a small but thriving French colony grew up at Arkansas Post in Arkansas County. By 1794 the settlers at the Post numbered some 400 souls. This excellent volume contains a number of records relating to these early Arkansians drawn from census records, muster rolls, and a few civil records, translated from originals housed in archives in Paris and Seville. For descendants of the early French families in Arkansas this volume contains a goldmine of information, as does the following.
- Dorothy Jones Core, *Abstract of the Catholic Register of Arkansas [Post], 1764–1858* (reprint, 2017), paperback, 100 pages, with full name index. This volume contains an abstract of baptisms, marriages, and burials performed by Catholic priests in the Parish of Arkansas, and constitute one of the few surviving records kept of this area during the French/Spanish era. It is based upon a handwritten transcription made many years ago of the parish records of French settlements in early Arkansas, now in the Myra McAlmont Vaughan Collection at the Arkansas State Archives in Little Rock. These fragile records were later photocopied and then translated by language professor Nicole Wable Hatfield. Additional information was added from a number of other sources. One of the major challenges for those researching early Arkansas French families is the amazing variety of spellings of individuals and surnames among these pioneers. An example is the Bogy family name is also spelled Beaugis. Beaugy. Bougis, and Bougy in these records. This volume also contains the names of a number of Native Americans and enslaved Africans who had intermarried with the European population.

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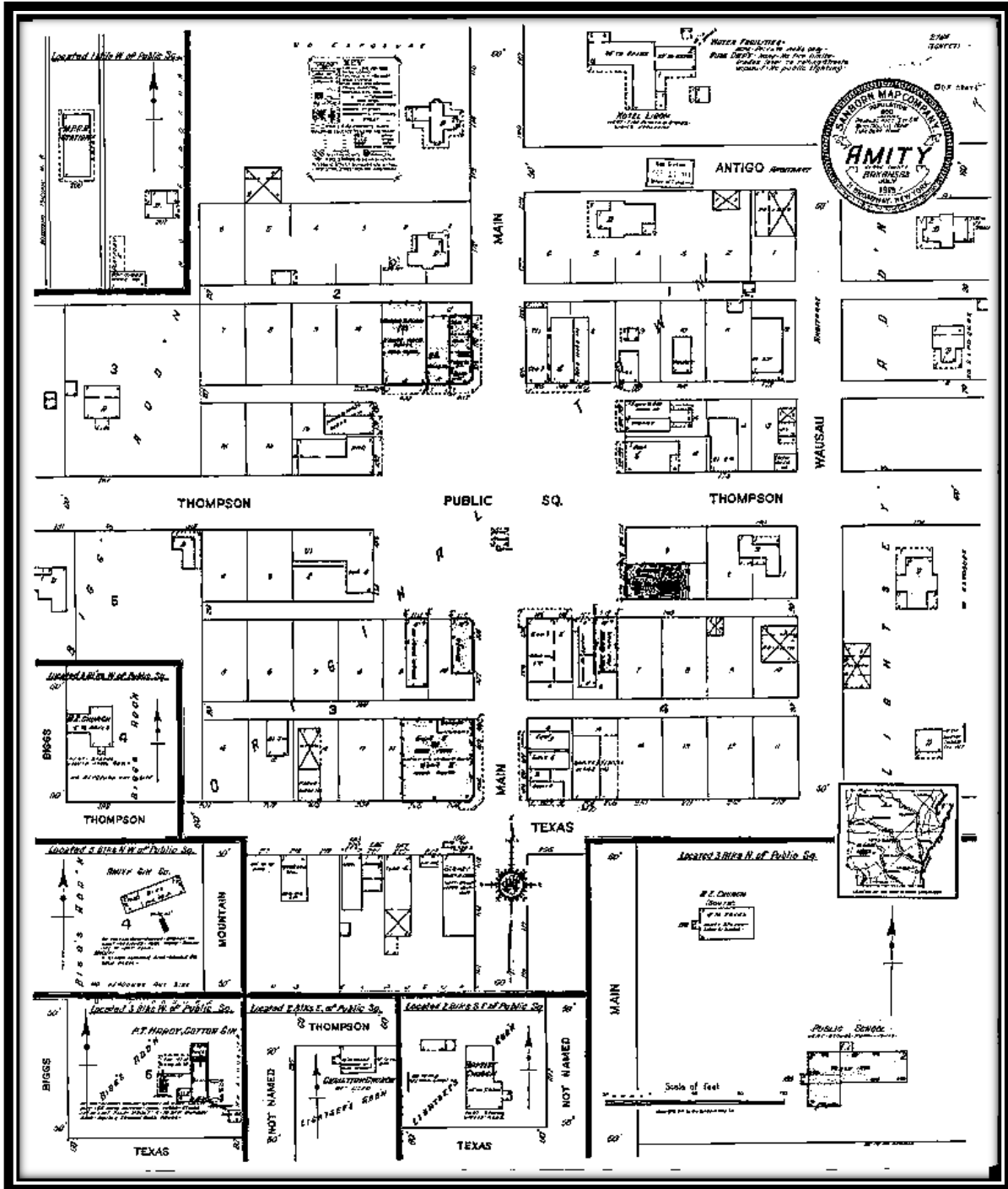
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