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The purpose of FRIENDS OF GENEALOGY, INC. is to foster an interest in and to promote and encourage the development of genealogy. Our objectives are:

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2. To promote and encourage the preservation of genealogical and historical materials.
3. To teach the principles of correct documentation.

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Our quarterly publication, THE JOURNAL, welcomes unpublished material pertaining to genealogy and history, particularly in North Louisiana. Other information includes pedigree charts, family group sheets, and reviews of books, publications, and other genealogical material donated to our organization. Queries are free of charge; they will be edited and published as space is available. Friends of Genealogy, Inc. is not responsible for the accuracy of contributed material.

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## ***JUST A REMINDER.....***

Next quarter we plan to publish our member roster with surnames being researched, so if you have not already done so, please send in your information. Also, your Queries, Pedigree Charts, Family Group Sheets, Bible Records, Cemetery Records, etc. are always helpful to researchers in our area.

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# THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Dear Friends,

It has been a long hot summer. I hope you have been keeping cool and attending at least one family reunion. Summers are famous for meeting new cousins and sharing family information. My middle daughter, Samala, married last spring. I did not lose a daughter but gained new lines to research---Cook, Bison, McGaha, Longoria, Teller, Westfallen, Miles, and Berel, all in Sabine Parish, LA.

I have ancestors who were from Marion County, West Virginia. Recently, I learned that Leatherbound books recording transactions between 1842 to 1880 that would have been important to local historians and genealogists, were buried with five bins of trash. They were removed to the Meadowfill Landfill in Bridgeport, WV at the request of the Marion County Commission. Along with the daybooks were boxes, books and outdated files dating back to Marion County's inception in 1842. They had been stored in the historic Jacob's Building, which is undergoing renovation. It seems the decision was made by the county commissioners (namely Cody Starcher) to clear out several floors of the Jacobs Building, they seem to have felt no one would want to go through all the files to separate the salvageable and so decided not to tell anyone. After receiving special permission from the state they had the local garbage collectors come and clear out the books and documents. This story first appeared in the Times West Virginian (Fairmont, WV) Sunday June 21, 1998. On June 25, 1998, a follow up story was published. Ron Chrislip, a local historian and genealogist went to the landfill with four other people. They wanted to search for the discarded record books. They were stopped by a request of the Marion County Commission. These records are lost to us. If you are as outraged as I am, please write to:

Times West Virginian  
P. O. Box 2530  
Fairmont, WV 26555-2530  
E-Mail: [timeswv@timeswv.com](mailto:timeswv@timeswv.com)

All letters for publication should be so stated. Also, each letter must contain a signature, address, and phone number.

**DO NOT LET THIS HAPPEN AGAIN!!** Please, write to your local government, senators, and congressmen.

Thank you for being a Friend of Genealogy,

*Laura Hair Duffy, President*



## ***MARK YOUR CALENDAR***



Meeting dates scheduled for 1998 by Friends of Genealogy, Inc.:

September, 5, 1998 -- Genealogical Roundtable Discussions

October 3, 1998 -- Beginning Genealogy, Part I

November 7, 1998 -- Beginning Genealogy, Part II

December 5, 1998 -- Christmas Luncheon

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held at 1:00 p.m. in the Eaves Room, Shreve Memorial Library, on the first Saturday of each month. However, times, locations, and topics are subject to change. Check local newspapers prior to each meeting, or call Elsie Jones at 318-459-3565 (work) or 318-742-3471 (home) or Laura Duffy 318-424-7648 for up-to-date program information. (E-Mail: [ewjones@softdisk.com](mailto:ewjones@softdisk.com) or [lhduffy@shreve.net](mailto:lhduffy@shreve.net))

Monthly Board Meetings are generally held the Monday evening prior to the regular Saturday meeting. Our Board Meetings are open and all members are encouraged to attend at least one meeting during the year. Remember, this is your organization; please present your thoughts and ideas. Contact any Board Member for the time and location of any meeting you wish to attend.

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Researchin' II – Trails to Louisiana, Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi -- Workshop to be put on by Winn Genealogical & Historical Assn. Inc. September 12, 1998 in Winnfield, LA. Contact WPGHA Workshop, P. O. Box 652, Winnfield, LA 71483-0652.

The Arkansas Genealogical Society will hold its 1998 Fall Seminar & Book Fair September 11-12, 1998 at the Holiday Inn-Airport East in Little Rock, AR featuring a variety of speakers and topics. Contact David Malone, P. O. 1048, Fayetteville, AR 72702-1048.

Gregg County (TX) Genealogy Society's fall seminar will be held September 26, 1998 in Longview, TX. Leslie Smith Collier, MS of Dallas, TX will present information about researching your ancestors through the records of their friends and neighbors and validation of sources used by other researchers. Contact Gregg County Genealogy Society, Seminar Registrar, P. O. Box 2985, Longview, TX 75606-2985

The Houston Genealogical Forum's Fall Seminar will be held October 24, 1998, with Mary McCampbell Bell as its featured speaker. Contact Houston Genealogical Forum, P. O. Box 271466, Houston, TX 77277-1466.

Friends of Genealogy, Inc. is planning to have a Spring Seminar and Book Fair on March 6, 1999 in Shreveport, LA with Myra Vanderpool Gormley, CG as the featured speaker. We'll provide more information this fall. Plan to attend!

# ASK

Miss Ima G\* Bugg

\* Genealogy



Miss Ima G\* Bugg, our own unique, lighthearted research associate, has agreed to try to answer our questions and give us some research clues. If you are confused and in need of help, drop her a line. If she can't help you, maybe some of our readers can. Send your questions/comments to: Miss Ima G\* Bugg, Friends of Genealogy, Inc., P. O. Box 17835, Shreveport, LA 71138-0835.

Dear Miss Ima: My great aunt told me about a very comprehensive book written about my family in the 1920s, with only a limited number of copies printed.. She had the book years ago but lent it to someone and it was never returned. Is there anyway I can locate a copy?

Dear Bookworm: Don't give up yet. You can check with Mr. Russell at the D & B Bookstore at 129 Kings Highway, Shreveport, LA 71104 (that's across from Centenary College), telephone 318-865-5198. For a nominal fee, he will do a world-wide internet search for the book; if he finds it, he will let you know the cost and condition (if given). And, you are not required to buy the book if he finds it. For those of you with internet access, there is a book shopping search engine (MX Bookfinder) that scans top book databases to find new, used, rare, and out-of-print books. Enter the details about the book at [www.msbf.com](http://www.msbf.com)



Dear Miss Bugg: I've double checked the printed 1880 mortality schedules for relatives who should have been enumerated for that period, but could not find them. They were "city folk" – surely some city people died during that time. HELP!

Dear Puzzled: The 1880 mortality schedule was withdrawn from enumerators in localities that maintained official registration of deaths, and the statistics were obtained from such official records. If your ancestor lived in a town or city which was already enumerating deaths and other vital statistics, the census takers in his or her area did NOT request information from your ancestor relating to deaths in the family for the previous 12 months. This is an important omission for those ancestors were urban, particularly in the larger cities. Just because there are no records for the area in the Mortality Schedule doesn't mean that there were no deaths there. (Family Puzzlers No. 1144, 22 Sep 1990)



Dear Miss Ima G\*: Where can I find World War I draft registration cards?

Dear Drafted: Family History Centers have 24 million World War I draft registration cards arranged by state, county or city, and alphabetically by registrant's name. Cards show full name, birthplace, and date, race, citizenship, occupation, personal description, and signature. Search locality section under United States/Military Records/World War 1914-1918.

Dear Ima G\* Bugg: In old newspapers I keep seeing the terms "inst." And "ult." Any ideas?

Dear Idea: Yep. And there's another one: "prox." Here's the lowdown:

Ultimo (ult) the 15<sup>th</sup> Ult means the 15<sup>th</sup> of last month

Instant (inst) the 15<sup>th</sup> inst means the 15<sup>th</sup> of this month

Proximo (prox) the 15<sup>th</sup> prox means the 15<sup>th</sup> of next month



Dear Ima G\*: My great-grandfather married an Indian Princess in Arkansas in 1878. I can't seem to locate them on the 1880 census. Is there another place I can look?

Dear Princess: Caucasians who married Indians were not listed on the U. S. Census records if the marriage took place in Oklahoma, Arkansas, or Missouri before 1889, because they were considered part of the Indian Nation they married into. Starting in 1906, all Indians had to fill out a claim including children, parents, grandparents, birth, death, etc. The National Archives in Washington, D.C. has these applications to the Court of Claims. (Natchitoches Genealogist, October 1997)



Dear Miss Bugg: Are our feet getting bigger or are shoe sizes measured differently now?

Dear Big Foot: Yes, we are steadily growing, generation by generation. The average shoe size of soldiers in the Revolutionary War was 6C. In World War II, it was 8D. Later on, it was 9½D. As far as the method of measurement, these records come from the antique shoes themselves, not written records. (Valdosta GA Daily Times)



Dear Miss Bugg: What are Vertical Files?

Dear Researcher: Vertical Files are a collection of articles collected by a particular library that generally pertains to the surrounding area. Some libraries maintain expanded files and, particularly in genealogy libraries, the files might contain historical, surname, and geographical information. A listing of the surname files in the Shreve Memorial Library collection was published in *THE JOURNAL*, Vol. VII, No 3 (1995). The contents of the state files was also published as a series beginning with Vol. VII, No 4 (1995) and continued through Vol. VIII (1996).



Dear Ima G\* Bugg: I seem to have lost my ancestor's family when they moved from South Carolina to Georgia in the early 1800s. Can you help me?

Dear Lost: Try researching some of your ancestor's neighbors. You can get their names from census records, land records, etc. Remember, most of them traveled in groups.



*I'm not stuck.... I'm "ancestrally challenged"*

This article, provided by member Elizabeth Howard Lewis, was written by her grandfather in May, 1934, about the time the Lockharts lost their home to foreclosure. He educated himself by reading the *Encyclopedia Britannica*; he died in 1981 at age 93.

## **The Great Depression Starting in 1929**

*by Clarence Alfred Lockhart*

A few revelations of fact. Deserving of serious thought and attention of those not yet 25 years of age in 1930.

Immediately following the world war, ending in 1918, the world went on a "High Living Spree." Wages were high, everyone who wanted to work did--there was plenty of it. But some were perhaps misfits; that is, their line of trade or profession had become obsolete and their services had been replaced by machines. Notable among these were hundreds of thousands of lady telephone operators, replaced by the "automatic dial" telephone; and Morse telegraph operators, replaced by printer (teletype) machines and operated by young girls at salaries not far above that paid the same class at the 5 & 10 cent store.

The automobile had been perfected to a wonderful degree and went into mass production. Radios, the same. Everything was "mass production." Iceless refrigerators (making its own ice as desired) came into use--more "mass production."

It was not many years before production of everything, including wheat and other food crops, as well as cotton, was by machinery and cheap Negro labor. The latter applies almost wholly to cotton, which caught up with and exceeded the natural demand, and vast surpluses of all kinds were being piled up.

To alleviate this situation, anything and everything was sold on the installment plan--a little down payment, and so much per week or month thereafter until paid for. Pianos, radios, vacuum cleaners, automobiles, etc., even stocks listed on the N.Y. Stock Exchange, were sold this way.

Then "High Powered" salesmanship came, visited the homes that had not yet felt the need (in fact many did not need, and had little real practical use for some things bought) of the various conveniences and luxuries of the day, including stocks (notably, Cities Service, which distributed gas and gasoline in a large number of cities, mainly in the middle west. This stock was selling at around \$60.00 per share at the time of the house to house high powered salesmanship canvass--pay a little each month for the stock along with your gas bill. It is now worth less than \$4.00 per share).

Everybody was making good money, so why not? Many families were paying \$40.00 or more on a home, \$25.00 to \$50.00 on an auto, \$10.00 on a radio, the same on a washing machine, and on a piano, Frigidaire, and \$5.00 on a vacuum cleaner, and a few dollars on Cities Service stock each month.

Finally, along about the year 1929, the “saturation point” (where sales of everything were decreasing instead of increasing because nearly everybody had bought who could, or at least the masses who could do so had) and this manufacturing plant, and then that found it necessary to cease production because huge stocks were piling up faster than they could be sold. This condition became general within less than two years.

Those of the middle and lower classes who had participated in the installment buying of luxuries and only near necessities found themselves unable to continue payments because of unemployment. There were 14,000,000 heads of families unemployed in the U.S. by the end of 1930 (counting a wife and one child for each head meant at least 42,000,000 human sufferers). The consumer could not pay the retailer, the retailer could not pay the wholesaler, and the wholesaler could not pay the manufacturer. Failure after failure (bankruptcy) followed, which carried down many banks as well, throughout the country.

By the end of 1931 human suffering was intense, yet there existed in the United States the greatest surpluses of everything to eat, to wear, and for all human needs, that ever existed. In 1932, it was perhaps at its worst, up to now (May 1934). Even now, however, unemployment is great, perhaps 8,000,000, but conditions have been ameliorated somewhat through the efforts of the greatest President these United States has ever had, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, the only President to come out openly to fight for the interests of the masses of the people (and appears sincere) and against the “favored few”, which has been the case heretofore.

The writer has, during these past three years, known real want and suffering, from time to time not knowing from where or when the next meal might come. Almighty God has had a hand in preserving us and carrying us through. I am as certain of this as I am of penning these lines. The hand came to us from a neighbor now; a friend; a kind and noble brother, slightly more fortunate; someone connected with the Red Cross; then a Catholic organization; then an odd job at this or that from time to time. I have worked as hard as any man for whatever I might get: at cleaning the Greenwood Cemetery of weeds, grass, underbrush and briars, especially in “Potters Field” at \$2.00 a day (could only get 10 days of this ); at cutting weeds digging ditches, digging tree stumps, cleaning and sweeping streets for the city of Shreveport at \$1.50 a day ) about 2 months of this was all I could get, 3 days a week only); at delivering mail on a foot route out of the Shreveport



Post Office during Christmas rush (on 2 occasions - Christmas '31 & '32). I went into the East Texas Oil Field with a friend and a Model T Ford truck to sell sandwiches and coffee, spent three very hard months (Feb., Mar., Apr., 1931) sleeping on the ground (hole dug in the ground & filled with leaves & straw with a quilt over for a bed, with a tarpaulin from the side of the truck to the ground over the bed, for shelter, through many freezing nights, and rain) with no success other than our bare sustenance. I worked vacation reliefs for Gulf Refining Co. on 3 occasions, part time in Shreveport office and part time in Arkansas oil field; was temporarily employed by a cotton & stock brokerage house for 5 months in 1933.

Last month (April 12, 1934) another brokerage house gave me what is hoped at least to be a permanent position, though salary is very small, and far away from home in San Antonio, Texas.

Conditions are not improving fast.

The wealth of the land is owned by or at the disposal of a handful of men (less than 2% of the population); hence, the destinies of the masses are entirely in their hands. May God Almighty lead and direct President Roosevelt's efforts to change these conditions.

Most of the wealth has been amassed, not through just and honorable means, that is, along lines of the Golden Rule, but rather without compassion through and by means of the screen of legitimacy, regardless of the consequences to those affected on the other side of the deal.

Great advantage has been taken of the small home owner and those good home-loving and honest people trying to own homes by a certain class found everywhere seeking out these people, especially where the property has or may become valuable, and making it easy for them to borrow sums for a mortgage in hopes of (in many cases fully expecting) a default in payment when due. Foreclosures were immediate in most cases.

Then there was the great home to home canvass by high powered salesmen in 1929 and 1930 selling Cities Service stock on the installment plan at around \$60.00 a share, installments to be paid monthly along with gas bills. Nothing more or less than an "unloading" by the higher ups, knowing full well that conditions just ahead were looking serious, which the average person did not know. Less than two years later this stock sold for less than \$15.00 a share.

Many rural folk, owners of small farms, have been severely dealt with by agents, etc., from other localities or even other states. Pictures, figures and other data of a

rosy nature were used to induce them to sell out and come to the new place. These frauds have worked in Florida, the Rio Grande Valley of Texas, and elsewhere as well. The lands could hardly be richer or more productive anywhere, but in one case the agent failed to say the land he sold was covered by inches of water several months of the year during the rainy season. In another, the agent failed to give fair figures on costs or to name all the improvements necessary to get into profitable production: lands had to be cleared, irrigation ditches dug, water arranged for, fruit trees had to be planted--in many cases four and five years would have to pass before profits could be expected. In the meantime, the farmer's resources were exhausted and he could not continue payments on the high-priced land, and all was lost. Foreclosed.

Beware of any "stock" salesman, oil or what not, of so-called "pools", etc. (unless you can get in on one of J. P. Morgan & Co.'s pools, they are sure things). If the proposition was half as rosy or prospects half so good as represented, sufficient capital would easily have been raised long before you are permitted a chance to subscribe.

It's just a little more legitimate than another game I know of, that's all. In Mexico, near its borders, are many amusements for the benefit of gullible curiosity seeking Americans, which are not found in the United States, bullfights among them. But beware when anyone starts any excitement. Keep your money and valuables in inside pockets, or next to your bare body if you can. One game in particular is for some flashy and well-to-do appearing Mexican to mount a box or barrel with pockets and hands full of Mexican coins--centavos and an occasional peso--which he begins tossing into the air among the crowds. Mexicans and Americans alike join in the scramble for the coins so generously given away, but among the jostling crowd, about every second Mexican expert pickpocket and hireling of the man throwing out the money. When the excitement is over, perhaps immediately or perhaps later, you discover all your valuables gone. Too late. You would probably go to a Mexican jail if you complained and accused them.

Another thing, have plenty of change for buying souvenirs with, they don't give you any change if the price is less than the value of money you hand them; don't say anything about this either.

Until one has saved sufficient money to deposit fairly large amounts in several of the strongest banks to be found, even in a distant city if necessary, all savings should be deposited with the Government (P. O. Banking facilities) unless your deposits are absolutely guaranteed to you, penny for penny. When the Government fails, the money is no good anyway, but bank failures are too often and mostly where least expected. In most cases the loss is complete to the







## FROM OUR EXCHANGE QUARTERLIES



**HUEY PIERCE LONG & CLAUDONIA PALESTINE TISON** -- Article providing information about the ancestors of the Huey P. Long family.

*Central LA Genealogical Society*, Vol. 11, No 4 (October 1997), Alexandria, LA

**MUSTER ROLL OF COMPANY L, 2<sup>nd</sup> KANSAS CAVALRY, USA** -- This unit was officially recognized 2 Mar 1864 with Pat Cosgrove appointed as captain. The unit saw action in Arkansas, moving from Fort Smith through several places on to Sulphur Springs where they joined General Steele in his unsuccessful Red River Campaign.

*The Arkansas Family Historian*, Vol. 35, No 3 (September 1997), Hot Springs, AR

**RUTHERFORD CO (NC) LAND GRANTS** -- Numerical list of land grants showing name of grantee and location of grant. After this project is completed, copies of the grants will be available for a small fee.

*ESWAU HUPPEDAY*, Vol. XVII, No 3 (Aug 1997), Shelby, NC

**THE RUSHING FAMILIES OF ANSON COUNTY, NC** -- Descendant information on John "Stud Hoss" Rushing, born 1787 in Anson County, NC.

*The Carolinas Genealogical Society*, Vol. XXXIV, No 1 (Summer 1997-98), Monroe, NC

**RED RIVER COUNTY (TX) HISTORY & TOWN NAMES** -- A brief history of the town names in this county formed in 1836.

*Red River County Genealogical Society*, Vol. XV, Fall 1997, Clarksville, TX

**FAMILY HISTORY OF EX-SLAVES CASSIUS & MILLIE HARDING** -- This family was brought by William Brice and Elizabeth Henry Harding from Macon Co., AL in about 1852, settling in Adamsville.

*Bradley County Roots*, Vol. VI, No 4 (December 1997), Warren, AR

**JESSE McCARTHY (McCARTHA) GENEALOGY** -- Extensive listing of the descendants of Jesse McCarthy (born abt 1780, died abt 1866) and (1) Barbara Boland (died abt 1814), (2) Unknown Wife, and (3) Nancy Anna "Annie" Weed.

*Dutch Fork Digest*, Vol. XIII, No 1 (March 1998), Chapin, SC

**MARRIAGE RECORDS OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, BOOK I** -- These Opelousas, LA records, dated 1856 – 1894, show date, groom, bride, place, clergy, witnesses, and remarks.

*N'Oubliez Pas*, Vol. V, No 1 (1998), Opelousas, LA

**EARLY SETTLERS OF PIKE CO, AR** -- Detailed family information on early families: William Gentry, James Little, Jacob Chandler, James M. Chandler, John Hemphill, Zachariah Davis, Jacob Barkman, Russell Pierce Baker, Jesse C. Fox, William P. Cooley, and others.

*The Gems of Pike Co, AR*, Vol. VIII, No 4 (Fall, 1997), Murfreesboro, AR

This diary is reprinted from *The Pratt Descendants*, Vol. II. It was submitted by member Shirley King White, 4209 Logan Street, Bossier City, LA 71112-4323. The diary is presented as it was originally written; spelling, it seems, is not an exact science. (Continued from Volume 2, No. 1)

### **Civil War Diary Of Peter Norrix**

Our Division was ordered out on an Expedition. We got aboard the Steamer Diana, and reached Port Hudson early on the same morning. We left this Place on the same Evening and marched in the Direction of Jackson. After marching nearly all Night we reached the Vicinity of Jackson (La.)

Early on the morning of the 25th we have had a little skirmish with the Enemy and they fled. We then followed on to Clinton, Louisiana and reached there on the same Evening. We remained here till the evening of the 26th and then returned to Port Hudson and reached there on the 28th and got aboard the Steamer Chautau (Choctaw), and landet back at our old Camp at Morganza on the morning of the 29th Inst.

Our Regiment on this Expedition lost three Men suposed to have fallen into the Hands of the Enemy.

After arriving back to Morganza our Regiment resumed its usual quiet doing Camp and Garrison Duty whenever called upon.

On the 3d day of September, 1864, we received Orders to imbark at a moments notice, after wich we held ourselves in Readyniss untill we imbarket, on the 4th, on the Steamer Baltic and came up the River (Mississippi) to the Mouth of White River (Ark.), where we landet and pitched Tents on the 8th inst.

From this day (8th of September) up to the 18th of October nothing happened worth speaking about (Detachments of the Regiment wend several Times across the River into Mississippe, forraging, and once to Napoleon during this Periode, but nothing of Note occurred) ..... Peter's insert.

This day the 18th inst. we Received Orders by the Steamer McGill, to Reinforce Memphis. General Dennis (Gen. Elias S. Dennis) being absent, Col. Dornblazer (Col. Benjamin Dornblaser) assumed Command of his Brigade, wich consists of the 11th, 8th, 76th, 46th Illinois and 30th Missouri Regiments. We left White River (Ark.) with the whole Brigade, our Regt. and the 8th on the Baltic this day at 9 oclock.

It took us nearly a day and a half to git there, wich was on the 19th (October 1864) in the afternoon, 3 o clock. After Landing, our Brigade was marched into Fort Pickering, where we remained during our stay at Memphis.

*Peter Norrix Diary, Continued:*

Oct. 20. At four o'clock in the morning we had to fall in Line of Battle according to General Veaches (Gen. James C. Veach) Orders. Nothing else occurred through this day.

Oct. 21. Col. Coates (Col. James H. Coates) was not strict in complying with General Veaches Order and therefore, getting up at four o'clock to fall into Line has this day played out. Nothing of Importance happened through the day.

Oct. 22. Nothing of Note occurred. Our Regiment guardet some Government Woodchoppers about 4 Miles East of Fort Pickering and at Night, at 8 o'clock, we was called in Line by the Long Roll. Some Wag shot his Revolver 4 Times wich was the Signal of Danger or the aproaching of the Rebs.

Oct. 23. Nothing happened that I know off onley the Citizens and Melitia are still skeared about old Forrest.

Oct. 24. We Received 200 new Men to day either drafted or Substitutes. Our company got 26 of them.

Oct. 25. Nothing happend save one Substitute died of our Company and we drew new Guns for them.

Oct. 26. We had Batallion and Squad drill this day. The new Men look to us old Soldiers verry ackward, but the same Time we know that we where as ackward once ourselves.

Oct. 27. Received Orders to imbark on the elegant Steamer Newbraka (Nebraska), wich was done about Noon. We remained at the Landing all Night.

Oct. 28. Left this morning early and steamed down towards White River (Ark), where we arrived about 9 o'clock at Night. We stayed on Board the Boat over Night.

Oct. 29. We marched into our old Camps again and found everything right side up with care. Nothing happened between the 29th of October and Nov. 5.

This day (Nov. 5) great Preparation was made for the Regimental Presidential Election in the way of electionering and writing Tickets, to be held on tomorrow the 6th. but we received Orders after Night to be ready to imbark on the Steamer Baltic, in a half Hour, wich Order was promptly obeyed by every Company Commander. Our Capt. & Liuet. going to Vicksburg placed Sergeant Thomas N. Lewis in temporary Command.

*Peter Norrix Diary, Continued:*

We left White River Landing about 10 o Clock at Night and tight (tied) up to a Gun Boat in the Vicinity of Napoleon untill daybreake.

Nov. 6. We wend (went) under Protection of Gun Boat No. 4 to Cipers Bend (Cypress Bend), at wich place we landet. The Cavalry (and) 4 Companies of the 87th Illinois mounted Infantry wend out on a Scout but returned in the Evening without seeing the reported Enemy, but captured lots of Chickens & Turkeys. Our boys made themselves happy on fresh Beef &

Pork with sweet Potatoes, wich was to be had in Abundance within a half Mile of the Landing.

Nov. 7. This Morning the Lines was taken in by the Boat Hands and Col. Coates ordered the Baltic to head down Stream for Columbia as our Destination suposing to find the Rebs in force there but, at about 9 o clock A. M. we meet with another Expedition coming up under the Protection of several Gun Boats. These Troops had scourd that Country. Seeing our Expedition fruitless, Col. Coates ordered our Boat to turn and head for White River, at wich Place we arrived this day about dark and every Men was glad in his Tent.

Nov. 8. This day found us snug in our Quaters but under standing marching Orders as the Ballance of our Brigade wend up White River to Duvalls Bluff (DeValls Bluff, Ark.) while we was at Cipers Bend (Cypress Bend ). This day the Presidential Election came off in our Regiment It was conducted regular Election Style, onley the Vote was taken by Companys. Our Company gave McClellan 6 majorty. The Regiment gave a Majority of 115 for Abraham Lincoln.

Nov. 9. We recd Orders to strike Tents at Daylight, wich was done, but it was 1 o Clock P.M. before our Regiment was imbarket with Camp and Garrison Equippage. The right Wing imbarket on the Sternwheeler Reserve, the left Wing on the Sally List (Sallie List). The Reserve acted as Flagship and took the Lead. Nothing of Note occurred through our ride up White River this day. Some Time in the Night we landet at St. Charles and laid over untill morning.

*Peter Norrix Diary, Continued:*

Nov. 10. At Daybreake the Steamers paddled up White River with apparently renewed Zeal. At a little town called Casco (Casscoe) the Reserve landet and foraged some Cattle but our Boat, the Sally List, pushed on and; above the Town, in the Thicket, we discovered 3 Rebs dismounted, standing by their Horses. We arrived at Duvalls Bluff at about 8 o Clock at Night. Stayed on the Boat over Night and disimbarket on the Morning of Nov. 11.

*Peter Norrix Diary, Continued:*

After a Fatigue party had unloadet the Boats during the Night we could have an early start for our new Camping Grounds. We found them picket out for us by Col. Dornblazer, Commander of our Brigade. It is situated nearly one Mile west of the Bluff landing in a Levell Post Oak opening. The Boys made themselves buissy at once to clean the Ground of Grubs and all rubbish natural in Woods. In less then an Hour about 10 Acres had been cleaned wich gave the Camp a pleasant Parklike appearence.

Nov. 12. Every Men is Buissy making Bunks or is working at his Winterquarters.

Nov. 13. Every Men that can command an Axe is still chopping and housecarpentering. Nothing of Note occurred with the Exeption of the Rumour of Prices Capture, wich has created a quite a Stirr in Camps.

Nov. 14. To day our Colonell is gone to Little Rock in Company of General Dennis. Buissiness not known. Camp quiet.

Nov. 15. Is a cold disagreeable day. The Col. came back at Noon but he hasnd issued any Orders yet in regard to building Winterquarters. It is supposed that we will have to leave soon.

Nov. 16. There wasnd anything that occurred between this day and the 27th of this Month worth noticing.

Nov. 27th. This day our Regiment was on Picket Duty but was releaved at Sundown on account of Marching Orders.

Nov. 28th. Packet up and pulled Stakes at noon. Loadet our Camp and Garrison Equippage to be ready at a moments Notice to march to the Boats. This Order, though, was countermandet and we got to take it Ruff sheet to Night on account of our Tents being hawled off. Tomorrow morning we expect to git off and, as it is supposed that we are assigned to the 16th Army Corps, I expect Memphis to be our present Destination.

Nov. 29. Our Moove extendet as far as the 76th Ills. Quaters, about three hundret Yards distant, wich we accupy untill further Orders. Each company had 4 snug Loghouses and if we could stay here we would have comfortable Winterquarters. The order is now that we will start next Friday the second of December.

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*We may be annihilated by we can never be conquered. -- Robert E. Lee*



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Montrose lost one of its former residents this week when Peter Leonard died at the home of his daughter in Flint. Pete was probably one of the worst old reprobates that ever graced the streets of Montrose. Always a trouble-maker without a good word for man, woman, or child – words of truth probably never passed from his mouth for many of the fifty years of his depredations on earth. Unprincipled from the years that the writer knew him, meanness far surpassed any thoughts of goodness that the average person would command and exemplify. He has passed on, and it is not likely that Montrose will ever have another resident his equal – at least most people have their “moments of decency.” May his sojourn in Hell be as lengthy as his cursed days on earth is the wish of his many enemies. Ralph C. Gillett, Editor and Publisher  
(*Missing Links*, Vol. 2, No 38 [9 Sep 1997])

## QUERIES

### **BECK, URQUHART, TAYLOR, WASDEN**

Searching for ancestors of Everett **BECK**, born 24 Aug 1808 in NC, died 20 Jun 1873. He married (1) 16 May 1829 in AL Gracie **WASDEN**, daughter of William **WASDEN** and (2) 31 Mar 1864 in Clarke Co. AL Mary Jane **URQUHART TAYLOR**, daughter of Daniel **URQUHART**.

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### **BENSON, HENLEY**

Searching for ancestors of Andrew Jackson **BENSON**, Sr., born GA. He married 5 Feb 1835 in Clarke Co. AL Jane **HENLEY**, daughter of Frank **HENLEY**. Their children are William Thomas, Lucinda Ann, and James.

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### **VANN, WARD**

Searching for any information on Issac **VANN**, born SC, married to Sara Elizabeth **WARD**. Their children: Joseph Lafayette, Ed, Willie, Bettie, and Mattie. Joseph Lafayette **VANN** died 26 Feb 1892 in Coffeetown, Clarke Co. AL and is buried in Old Ulcanush Cemetery near there.

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### **WOODS**

Seek African-American descendants of Adolphus "Dolphus" **WOODS**, born ca. 1884 Bonita, LA, died 4 Aug 1944 Stuttgart, AR. He was the son of Harvey/Henry "Harry" **WOODS** (born ca. 1856 LA) and America "Annica" **TONEY** (born ca. 1854 LA); they married 12 Jul 1883. Adolph's marriages: (1) In 1898 to Callie **HAYNES** (their son Surgen W. **WOODS** born 11 Dec 1908 Bonita LA and died 6 Oct 1958 Bastrop LA); (2) on 28 Dec 1906 to Miss Sallie **WHEELINGTON** (born ca. 1880 LA); (3) On 15 Jan 1916 Lettie **JONES** (born ca. 1912 LA); and (4) In the 1940s Emmeline **HAWKINS**, McGhee AR.

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### **HART, CURRY, MADDUX, CRAIN**

Need information on John **HART** who married Angelina **CURRY** 1826 in Amite Co. MS. What are the names of their children? I am trying to prove that Letha A. **HART**, born 1843 MS, was their daughter. Letha married (1) William F. **CRAIN** 1872 in Shreveport, LA and (2) Thomas M. **MADDUX** 1875 in Shreveport, LA. What happened to **CRAIN**? How is Letha related to B. C. **HART** who was security of **CRAIN** marriage? Also need death information of **MADDUX**; Letha was a widow on the 1890 Bossier Par. LA census.

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## CEMETERY -- 500 LASALLE STREET, SHREVEPORT, LA

This small African-American Cemetery is located at the corner of Common Street and 500 LaSalle Street in Shreveport, LA. It was surveyed in July, 1998.

NAME		BORN	DIED	REMARKS
OWENS	Deacon Horace	6 Jan 1885	7 June 1960	
Toppled Marker -- unable to read				
COOPER	A. B.	27 Nov 1902	24 Feb 1947	La. Pvt. 371 Inf. WWII
Sunken Place -- No Marker				
TURK	James	18 Jun 1918	18 Jun 1955	
TURK	Will	10 Apr 1876	12 Nov 1952	Mason
TURK	Aldora	1873	1944	Mother
JONES	Nellie	1893	1944	
JOSEPH	Gladys	30 Sep 1911	11 May 1958	
JOSEPH	Deacon Arthur	15 Jan 1909	23 Jan 1944	49 years
Sunken place				
BELL	Willie	6 Dec 1898	23 Jun 1944	
POWELL	Johnnie Lee	12 Jan 1925	17 Jun 1944	Age 19 years
BELL	Sallie	30 Apr 1886	25 Jan 1958	Age 72 years "In Memory of"
Sunken place				
REECE	Isiah		27 Feb 1958	69 years old
COLLINS	Tom	15 Jun 1876	1 Dec 1958	69 years old
TAYLOR	Charlie		28 Jan 1954	Age 67 years
JOHNSON	Sam		23 Dec 1935	Age 56 years
Toppled Marker -- unable to read				
Toppled Marker -- unable to read				
WASHINGTON	Georgia	29 May 1917	23 Mar 1948	Broken Stone
WILLIAMS	Della G.		10 Jun 1949	Age 87 years
WARMSLEY	Roxie	(Broken Stone)	4 Aug 1940	Age 66 years
TYNER	Margurite	2 May 1883	21 Apr 1955	Age 71
ALEXANDER	Henry		10 June 1924	Age 82 years Father
MOODY	Charlie	1867	1958	
WEST	Rose	28 Feb 1878	14 July 1948	
WASHINGTON	Joseph	27 Jun 1923	21 Jun 1957	La. STM3 USNR WWII



*Cemetery -- 500 LaSalle Street (Continued):*

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PORTE Fannie	1872	1957	wife
Broken Stone --	unable to read		
Broken Stone --	unable to read		
LARRY Fanny	9 Oct 1901	29 Jan 1961	Broken
SMITH Jane	2 May 1872	7 July 1944	
Broken Stone --	unable to read		
SMITH Josephine		8 Sept 1943	Age 78 years
PRYOR Leon	22 Mar 1925	3 Dec 1959	La. US Navy WWII
MOODY Lucinda	20 May 1865	29 Apr 1941	Oval picture on Stone
WILSON Mack H.	28 July 1907	26 Feb 1960	
WILSON Mary		25 May 1942	Age 60 years
DICKERSON "Izea"		10 Aug 1924	Broken Stone
TAYLOR H. E.		Sept 1918	Age 50 Years
BARRETT Abraham		12 Sept 1923	Age 84 years
GOINS Rubin	15 July 1891	10 Jun 1958	Age 67 years
TAYLOR Rufus Johnson	16 Apr 1840 ?	18 Apr 1940	
COLLINS Laura	26 Mar 1876	14 May 1940	Broken Stone
TERRELL Baby M. J.	2 Feb 1949	25 Mar 1949	
ST. ILES Manervia		17 Nov 1921	Age 42 years
WARREN Martha		8 Nov 1921	
Stone --	unable to read		
Broken Stone			
SLAPK Fernace		22 Nov 1947	
DICKERSON Eliza		May 1921	Age 80 years
ST. ILES Hardy		2 Feb 1939	Age 62 years
BROWN Irene	12 Dec 1902	3 Apr 1947	
TAYLOR Goode		31 Aug 1939	Age 61 years
	26 Sept 1916	22 May 1942	Broken stone-dates only
Concrete slab	no inscription		
CLARK Furnace		6 July 1942	Age 84 years
CLARK Soloman	27 Feb 1894	27 Oct 1960	



*Cemetery -- 500 LaSalle Street (Continued):*

NAME		BORN	DIED	REMARKS
Unable to read stone				
ROSE	Annie	10 Aug 1877	4 Nov 1940	
SMITH	George	10 Mar 1872	11 Feb 1933	
LEWIS	Elijah	1 Oct 1888	4 Jan 1934	Age 45 years
Broken Stone				
WILLIAMS	Francis		22 Feb 1921	Age 85 years "Mother"
JOHNSON	Phyllis (?)	1885		Broken Stone
Broken Stone				
Base only				
BANKS	John	1875	2 Dec 1925	
TYNER	Fannie		20 June 1924	Age 24 years
BROWN	Chaney		22 June 1923	
TAYLOR	Amy B.	15 Mar 1873	7 Jan 1958	Age 83 years
Unable to read stone				
ALLEN	Elsie	29 Jan 1879	14 Jan 1934	
THOMAS	Jessie	31 July 1885	23 Oct 1954	
	La. Pvt. Co D. 162 Depot Brigade WWI			
JONES	Fannie Gaines	Dec 1908	14 Jun 1948	
Broken Stone				
Broken Stone				
WILLIAM	John	1 Dec 1897	17 Oct 1938	
A plot with wrought iron fence and no Stone				
SHARP	Milton	19 Nov 1880	17 Nov 1954	Age 73 years
SHARP	Eliza	20 Nov 1886	26 Jan 1956	Age 69 years
REYNOLDS	France		9 Apr 1922	Age 25 years Flag
REYNOLDS	Adell		21 Apr 1914	Age 10 years
Unable to read Stone				
Double plot with border but missing stones				
GREEN	Sis	1860	1941	
Unable to read Stone				
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GEORGE	Androlian	14 Mar 1916	24 Sep 1940	
GRADY	Lane			worn stone

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This is an index of the burial records of the Osborne Funeral Home in Shreveport, LA. The information is taken from microfilmed copies of the individual record sheets; these sheets contain a wealth of information including name, date of death, residence, occupation, age, physician, funeral data, cemetery, clergyman, cause of death, parents, marital status, etc. These records were filmed by members of Friends of Genealogy, Inc. and copies of the microfilm are located in the Shreve Memorial Library Genealogy Collection, Shreveport, LA the Allen County Library, Fort Wayne, IN, and the Central Branch Library in Conroe, TX. (Continued from Vol. X, No 1)

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Before the homesteaders, soldiers, and other entrymen received their patents, some government paperwork had to be done. Those purchasing land from the United States had to be given receipts for payments, while those obtaining land through military bounty land warrants, preemption entries, or the Homestead Act of 1862, had to file applications, give proof about military service, residence on and improvements to the land, or proof of citizenship.

The paperwork generated by those bureaucratic activities, compiled into land entry case files, is held by the National Archives and Records Administration. The earliest land entry files, those dating from 1788 to the mid-1850's, generally contain little substantive genealogical information. They simply document a financial transaction or provide evidence of military service. Still, for some researchers just knowing that someone purchased land or received a bounty land warrant, that they were at a certain place at a certain time is often more information than they had before viewing the copies of the records.

Thus, even a somewhat small credit, cash, or Military Bounty Land Warrant file, can be put to good genealogical research use. With the passage of the 1862 Homestead Act and similar legislation (relating to timber culture land and mining claims) the records contain more information, including substantive genealogical information. No two land entry files are alike, nor is the evidence described above guaranteed to be in each case file. Each is an adventure because one never knows in advance what information and documentation it will contain.

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## SHREVEPORT TIMES OBITUARIES

JANUARY 1, 1885 -- DECEMBER 31, 1885

Obituaries in the early newspapers were limited and placed in various locations in the copy. Therefore, it is most difficult to locate this data. Furthermore, very seldom were family members mentioned. Frequently, much more emphasis was placed on obituaries from out of the city than local residents. The following obituaries are in a series of 1880s and 1890s obituaries which have been extracted from the *Shreveport Daily Times*, Shreveport, Louisiana. [Note that if the date of death is listed as *about* - date of newspaper is given.] The microfilm is located on the third floor of the Shreve Memorial Library, Genealogy Department, Shreveport, Louisiana. This series began in Vol. IX, No. 2 (Second Q, 1997).

**Lucy Washington** Age about 100 years, colored, found dead at her residence on January 8, 1885 near the T&P Railroad. [Times 9 Jan 1885]

**Myrtle Pierce** Age 16, died at Riverdale, Thursday morning, January 15, a week after suffering burns when her shirt caught fire at the fireplace. [Times 16 Jan 1885]

**Nettie Buckelew** Age 3 years, 5 months, 26 days, died January 16 at 7:30 p.m. She was the daughter of W. F. and Nettie Buckelew. Funeral was at the family residence on Crockett St. yesterday. [Times 18 Jan 1885]

**John Rowe** A colored roustabout on the steamer Alpha, was found dead under the boilers yesterday afternoon. He had complained of feeling sick and coroner Coty found no inquest necessary. [Times 20 Jan 1885]

**Elida Accosta** Notorious horse thief awaiting requisition from the Texas governor for charges in that state, died in the Natchitoches jail week before last. [Times 20 Jan 1885]

**Jules P. Gilly** Killed last Saturday, January 17, in Rayville by John Arbrough after difficulty during a game of cards. He was to have been married on the 20th to a charming lady of Rayville. [Times 23 Jan 1885]

**Mrs. Sarah A. McKenna** Wife of our very efficient and accommodating postmaster, Capt. Wm. McKenna, died of consumption near El Paso on a train en route from Mexico to Louisiana. She went to Mexico for her health. [Times 29 Jan 1885]

**C. A. Mouisset** Age 54, died January 27 in Abbeville, LA. He was a native of Belgium. [Times 30 Jan 1885]

**Bun Bonds** Son of Capt. James Bonds of Allenville, DeSoto Parish, was shot and killed at San Patrice station Sunday week ago. [Times 31 Jan 1885]

**Rev. Dr. Mitchell** Pastor of the Baptist church in Marshall, died January 30th. No particulars of the demise could be obtained. [Times 31 Jan 1885]

**Judge John Osborne** Died Sunday, February 1, at Alexandria, LA where he has resided since 1837. [Times 4 Feb 1885]

**Goodwyn Yates** Age 3 1/2, died on the night of February 1 of membranous croup. He was the son of Joseph and Clara Y. Ross. [Times 4 Feb 1885]

## SHREVEPORT TIMES OBITUARIES (continued):

**John Springer** An old resident of this city was found dead in his bed Tuesday morning, February 10, at the residence of Mr. Blumm in the Silver Lake tract. He had a history of heart trouble. Funeral took place at Mr. Blumm's. [Times 12 Feb 1885]

**Dr. J. Flattery** Age 63, who was in this city several months last fall, died in his Houston office February 13. He suffered from a stomach ulcer. Survived by a son in Houston. [Times 25 Feb 1885]

**Mrs. Elizabeth M. Sweeney** Died Sunday, February 22, at Jefferson, TX after a short illness. She was born and raised in Claiborne Parish and was a daughter of John W. Mason. Her husband survives. [Times 27 Feb 1885]

**Henry F. Fullilove** In his 70s, died at his home in Keachi on February 25 after a lingering illness. He was a native of Oglethorpe County, GA. [Times 28 Feb 1885]

**Dr. J. S. Copes** Age 74, a prominent citizen of New Orleans and well known in this area, died in New Orleans on March 1. [Times 4 Mar 1885]

**Bishop Linus Parker** Of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, died at his home in New Orleans the evening of March 5 at 6 p.m. of congestion of the brain. He is survived by his wife, a daughter of the late Rev. John C. Burrus and three promising sons, the youngest being 17 years of age. [Times 7 Mar 1885]

**Charles Thomas Nelson** Age 43, died the morning of March 10. He had been employed by T&P Railroad for a number of years. He was the third son of the late Charles T. and Maria L. Nelson. Funeral will take place from his late residence on Louisiana Street at 4 this afternoon. [Times 11 Mar 1885]

**Mrs. S. E. Snow** Aged mother of Mrs. Laura Sims died March 11. She was buried the same day. [Times 12 Mar 1885]

**Dr. J. B. Lee** Died in Keachi on February 27. He was born January 25, 1820 in Charleston, SC, and married July 23, 1846 to Miss Sarah E. Harwell in Clark County, AL. Education has lost a friend. [Times 13 Mar 1885]

**Miss Belle Crooks** Age 34, died at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at the home of Mr. Lloyd Bowers on Louisiana St. Miss Crooks was born in 1850, lived in Fulton, Arkansas, and had been a guest of Mrs. Bowers. She died of heart disease and funeral will be at the Bower's home. [Times 17 Mar 1885]

**Edward Doty Tucker** Age 40, died at Allen's Infirmary. Funeral will be at 3 p.m. at the family burying grounds on the Epp's place, 9 miles west of Shreveport [Times 17 Mar 1885]  
*Note: this cemetery is now known as the Epps Cemetery and is located off Highway 80.]*

**Mrs. A. L. Clare** Resident of Longview died last night of Bright's Disease and will be buried in Louisville. She was well known at the railroad junction eating house. [Times 19 Mar 1885]

**J. H. Mason** Colored steward on the steamer Fletcher, died near Fulton, Arkansas on March 16. He had been sick over two weeks and was found dead in his berth on the steamboat by his wife. He was buried at Fulton that evening. [Times 19 Mar 1885]

SHREVEPORT TIMES OBITUARIES (continued):

**J. H. Crofton** Died March 23. He committed suicide in Mike Mulcahy's saloon by taking an ounce of prussic acid. He was formerly a locomotive engineer on the T&P Railroad. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias and has family in Bowling Green, Kentucky.  
[Times 24 Mar 1885]

**Capt. J. W. Fuller** Age 49, died Saturday, March 7, of pneumonia at his residence in the Point near Augusta, Arkansas. He was a native of South Carolina and was with the firm of Fuller, Yates, and Company of this city. In August, 1878, he moved to Augusta and engaged in farming. He was a veteran of the Texas Regiment during the Civil War. He is survived by his wife, four children, two grandchildren and two brothers.  
[Times 24 Mar 1885]

**Orville L. Chamberlain** Age 52, died March 22 and the funeral was Tuesday at 4 p.m. at the family residence on Caddo St. He was a native of Oswego County, N.Y., a machinist and assistant engineer of the fire department.  
[Times 24 Mar 1885]

**Miss Sarah Means** Age 19, daughter of Major D. A. and M. I. Davidson Means, died at the residence of her grandfather, Capt. Winston, near Collinsburg, Bossier Parish, on March 13, 1885.  
[Times 25 Mar 1885]

**Van R. Boykin** Age 37, died March 25 at Red Chute Plantation.  
[Times 26 Mar 1885]

**Miss Maria Lavergne** Age about 19, living in Flaggville about a mile below Hahnville, hung herself with a rope on March 28.  
[Times 1 Apr 1885]

**Mrs. Ida Dunster Landrum** Died March 16 in Richmond, VA, wife of Rev. W. W. Landrum, former pastor of the First Baptist Church of this city. She was a native of Mass., educated in Providence, R. I., and married Mr. Landrum in Dec. 1873. She was a descendant of Henry Dunster, first president of Harvard University. She is survived by her husband and two children. Interment at West Medford, near Richmond.  
[Times 1 Apr 1885]

**Andrew T. Maxwell** Died March 26 after a long illness and was buried March 27. He was born and raised on Red River and began steamboating on the St. Charles in 1856. He was a Civil War veteran.  
[Times 2 Apr 1885]

**Robert Earl Martin III** Age 16 months and 19 days, died April 3 at 2 a. m. He was the only son and child of C. C. and Maggie Martin. Burial at 12 o'clock today in Longview.  
[Times 4 Apr 1885]

**Brooks Kaufman** Age 25-30, was injured and died almost immediately on the steamer Danube late on March 31. He was a native of Cincinnati, Ohio and burial was there. He was unmarried, Mother survives.  
[Times Apr 1885]

**Mrs. Sallie Vance Zeigler** Age 26, died April 8 at 7 a.m.. She was the wife of S. Y. Zeigler.  
[Times 11 Apr 1885]

**Dr. C. Q. Butler** Age 58, of Arcadia, died December 23, 1884. He was a native of North Carolina, grew up in Sumpter County, GA, and his first wife was Miss Nannie May of Red River Parish who died in 1861. In 1870 he married Miss Lella Shehee who survives him; also three children and his brother, T. J. Butler, of Bienville.  
[Times 15 Apr 1885]

SHREVEPORT TIMES OBITUARIES (continued):

**Mrs. Charles Thenard** Age 46, died April 13. She was a native of Daremont, Haute Marne, France, and a resident here for 10 years. Interment in old cemetery (*Oakland*). She is survived by sons, daughter, and other relatives. [Times 16 Apr 1885]  
*Note: Her husband, also buried at Oakland, died 17 Nov 1879.*

**William A. King** Age 42, died Saturday, April 18, at 10:30 p.m. He was a native of Tennessee and served in Waul's Texas Battalion.; wounded at Harrisburg, MS. He was buried by the Association of Confederate Veterans of which he was a member. [Times 21 Apr 1885]

**Lucie Lee Howell Leonard** Died April 24 in New Orleans of consumption. She was the wife of the Hon. A. H. Leonard, daughter of the later Hamilton S. Howell and Mrs. Mary Gooch Howell. She was born and raised in this parish and married at her mother's residence in Greenwood on December 30, 1878. She is survived by her husband, daughter, mother, sister and friends. Her remains will be on the New Orleans train at 8 a.m. today and taken from the Market Street depot to the city cemetery. [Times 26 Apr 1885]  
*Note: She is buried at Oakland Cemetery in Shreveport.*

**Major E. Wilson** Age 60, died here Thursday, May 7. Hye was formerly AQM in the Confederate Service. Funeral is in charge of the Benevolent Association of Confederate Veterans at 10 a.m., May 8. [Times 8 May 1885]  
*Note: He is buried at Oakland Cemetery in Shreveport.*

**Col. Paul Bremond** In his 70s, died at his son's home in Houston. He was President of Shreveport and Houston Railroad. He was a great benefactor and his son, Col. E. L. Bremond, survives. [Times 8 May 1885]

**Dr. George W. Peterson** Age 72, died Saturday night, May 16, after a lingering illness. He was a native of Philadelphia, PA. [Times 19 May 1885]

**Lucy Lee Carter** Age 16 months, daughter of L. M. and M. L. Carter, died at 3:30 a.m., May 23. [Times 24 May 1885]

**Alice Cunningham** Age 4, from Ireland. Sick one week. [Times 24 June 1885]

*NOTE: MOST OF JULY and SOME OF AUGUST, 1885 IS MISSING FROM THE MICROFILM.*

**Alice Hubbard** Age 11 years, 2 days, died at Omega, Madison Parish on Thursday, August 18. She was the step daughter of Dr. J. F. O'Leary. [Times 18 Aug 1885]

**Marie Antionette Ferrand** Age 48, died August 15 in New Orleans. She was the mother of Mr. J. G. Ferrand of this city. [Times 20 Aug 1885]

**Mary Nichols** Died suddenly Thursday night at 11 p. m. and was buried yesterday. Cause of death was probably heart trouble and she resided near Common St. between Travis and Fannin. [Times 21 Aug 1885]

**Mrs. Ulreka E. Woodward** Died August 8. She was the wife of George Woodward, Esq. and is also survived by children and sisters. [Times 22 Aug 1885]

**Mrs. M. M. Maples** Age 66, died at her residence on Travis Street at 4 p.m., August 26. She is survived by sons, Willie and Douglas Maples. Funeral will be at 9 a.m. this morning from the family residence. [Times 27 Aug 1885]

## SHREVEPORT TIMES OBITUARIES (continued):

**Mrs. F. D. Sewall** Died September 1 at 12 o'clock in Bossier Parish. She was the wife of John A. Sewall and a highly esteemed lady. [Times 2 Sept 1885]

**Mrs. Mary E. Puryear** Age 50, died this city on Wednesday, September 2 at 5 p.m. funeral will be today at 5 p.m. at the Catholic Church. [Times 3 Sept 1885]

**Francis Barrier** Age 63, died August 30 at Fort Grant, Arizona Territory. He was born in the Department of the Seine near Paris, France and came to Shreveport in 1867 where he resided until 1881. He was a merchant tailor and is survived by a daughter, wife of Charles T. Richards of Shreveport, and a son in Palestine, Texas. [Times 6 Sept 1885]

**Michael H. Dickson** Age 2 years, 7 months, and 2 days, died Saturday, September 5, at 8:30 p.m. at the family home in Caddo Parish. He was the son of M. A. and L. C. Dickson. [Times 8 Sept 1885]

**James Franklin Elliott** Age 6 years, 8 months, died this city on September 14. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. this morning at the family residence on Spring Street, corner of Franklin, with burial at the Odd Fellows Rest in City Cemetery. [Times 16 Sept 1885]  
*Note: buried Oakland Cemetery in Shreveport*

**Lou Colander** Suffered fatal injuries to herself and unborn child during an altercation in a church on July 11th. She is survived by Archie Colander. [Times 16 Sept 1885]

**Henry Deal** Age 73, died at his residence near the graveyard on Sprague Street at 8 a.m. yesterday. He came to Shreveport in 1860 from Tennessee. Funeral will be a 5 this evening. [Times 19 Sept 1885]

**Mrs. Sallie A. Wells** 34 years, 10 months, 23 days - died September 4. She was born in Georgia on October 27, 1860, reared in Pike County, Alabama, and married to J. M. Wells in Georgetown, GA on November 18, 1866. She resided in DeSoto Parish and was a member of the Campbellite Church for 10 years. Then she and her husband united with the M. E. Church South of Belle Bower. Survived by her husband and 7 children. Burial at Keachi Cemetery. [Times 19 Sept 1885]

**John Leffingwell** 18 months 23 days, died Oct. 1 at 10:30 p.m. He was the son of E. A. and F. Leffingwell. Funeral will be this evening from the residence of Mr. John W. Wheaton. [Times 2 Oct 1885]

**Mary Agnes Adger** Age 22 years 5 months 5 days, died Oct. 5 at 4 p.m., Forest Home, Bossier Parish, Louisiana. She was the wife of Robert Adger and the eldest daughter of the late Walter B. and Sarah S. Cabeen. [Times 8 Oct 1885]

**John Daly** Age 17, died Oct. 11 at 4:30 a.m. at Charity Hospital from the effects of injuries he received at the Railroad junction beyond the city. He was a newsboy and carried a route for the Times. Burial will be in the Catholic Cemetery. [Times 13 Oct 1885]

**Owen Carr** Age 60, died at his residence in Summer Grove at 9 a.m., October 11 of congestion of the bowels. Interment in Catholic Cemetery. [Times 13 Oct 1885]

**Charles Fields** Colored, died of hemorrhage on October 18. For a number of years he was the stable keeper for the city railroad. Remains were interred yesterday. [Times 20 Oct 1885]



## SHREVEPORT TIMES OBITUARIES (continued):

**Mrs. M. M. Adger** Age 46, died suddenly on Sunday October 18, while playing the organ at the close of services at Bank's Chapel. The remains will be buried at Cottage Grove Cemetery at 12 today from the family residence, Chicora, in Bossier Parish. [Times 20 Oct 1885]

**Rufus S. Taber** Age 31, died October 21 in Richmond, Virginia. He had gone to Richmond in hopes of improving his health. He was born in Natchitoches and resided here for many years. [Times 23 Oct 1885]

**John Wright** Was accidentally killed on October 21 near Red Land, where he lived. He is survived by his wife and one child. [Times 24 Oct 1885]

**Mrs. Sallie Pierce** Age 37, died October 26 at 2:15 p.m. at Riverdale. Remains will be buried at the Mill graveyard in this parish at 2 p.m. today. Deceased was the daughter of Mr. J. D. Cawthon and she leaves three children. [Times 27 Oct 1885]

**Leroy H. Templeman** Age 76, died at 10:30 p.m., October 26. Funeral will be today from the family residence in Allendale. He is survived by a wife, daughter, son, and other relatives. [Times 28 Oct 1885]

**Walter Smith** Age 3 years, 11 months, died yesterday afternoon at 3. He was the son of Capt. James S. Smith. The friends and acquaintances of the families of Messrs. John Wheaton, Jackson, and Leffingwell are invited to attend the funeral which will be held from the residence of Mr. John Wheaton at 4 p.m. [Times 28 Oct 1885]

**Mrs. Ella H. Herndon** Died October 29, at 11 a.m., the beloved wife of J. R. Herndon. Funeral will be about 4 miles from this city at 11 a.m. today. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited. [Times 30 Oct 1885]

**Allen Vance** Age 15, was born November 30, 1870 and died the night of November 25 in Bossier Parish. He was the eldest son of Capt. W. C. and Lea Doles Vance. He was buried in the city cemetery yesterday. [Times 27 Nov 1885]

**\_\_\_\_\_ Owens** Died November 27 in Marshall, Texas after being scalded last week near Provincial by a locomotive. He was one of the oldest engineers on the line. The incident was reported in this paper last week. He is survived by his wife and several children. [Times 28 Nov 1885]

**W. Y. Herron** Age 36, died at 2 a. m. December 17 of consumption. He was the son of J. A. Herron, Justice of Peace, Bossier Parish. [Times 18 Dec 1885]

*To Be Continued . . .*

*Dolley Madison is credited with saving important documents as well as the portrait of George Washington when the British set fire to the White House in 1814. Although advised to flee, she refused until valuables were loaded onto a wagon and the portrait taken from the wall with instructions given to provide for its safety.*





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Having chosen English as the preferred language in the European Union, the European Parliament has commissioned a feasibility study in ways of improving efficiency in communications between government departments.

European officials have often pointed out that English spelling is unnecessarily difficult – for example, cough, plough, rough, through, and thorough. What is clearly needed is a phased programme of changes to iron out these anomalies. The programme would, of course, be administered by a committee staff at top level by participating nations.

In the first year, for example, the committee would suggest using ‘s’ instead of the soft ‘c’. Certainly, sivil servants in all sities would resieve this news with joy. Then the hard ‘c’ could be replaced by ‘k’ sinse both letters are pronounsed alike. Not only would this klear up konfusion in the minds of klerikal workers, but typewriters could be made with one less letter.

There would be growing enthusiasm when in the sekond year, it could be announsed that the troublesome ‘ph’ would henseforth be written ‘f’. This would make words like ‘fotograf’ 20 per sent shorter in print.

In the third year, publik akseptanse of the new spelling kan be expekted to reash the stage where more komplikated shanges are possible. Governments would enkourage the removal of double letters which have always been a deterrent to akurate speleng. We would al agre that the horrible mes of silent ‘e’s in the languag is disgrasful. Therefor we kould drop thes and kontinu to read and writ as though nothing had hapend.

By this tim it would be four years sins the skem began and peopl would be reseptive to steps sutsh as replasing ‘th’ by ‘z’. Perhaps zen ze funktion of ‘w’ kould be taken on by ‘v’, vitsh is, after al, half a ‘w’. Shortly after zis, ze unesesary ‘o’ kould be dropd from words kontaining “ou”. Similar arguments vud of kors be aplid to ozer kombinations of leters.

Kontinuing zis proses yer after yer, ve vud eventuli hav a reli sensibl riten styl. After tventi yers zer vud be no more trubls, difikultis and evrivun vud find it ezi tu understand esh ozer. Ze drems of ze guvermnt vud finali kum tru.

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