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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:

1. To share and assist any individual or organization with a common interest in genealogy and history
2. To promote and encourage the preservation of genealogical and historical materials
3. To teach the principles of correct documentation

Membership is open to all individuals and organizations interested in accepting our purpose and objectives. Annual membership dues are:

Individual	\$15.00	Family	\$20.00	Sustaining	\$25.00
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Our monthly meetings are normally held the first Saturday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room at Shreve Memorial Library, Broadmoor Branch, 1212 Captain Shreve Drive, Shreveport, Louisiana. Program topics and other meeting information are published in local newspapers. Following many of our meetings, we have informal round-table discussions for the purpose of assisting individuals with their research.

Our quarterly publication, ***The Journal***, welcomes unpublished material pertaining to genealogy and history, particularly in North Louisiana.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.

We welcome exchanges of quarterlies and other publications. We also accept donations of books, publications, and other genealogical materials for review in ***The Journal***. All materials are deposited in the Genealogy Collection of the Shreve Memorial Library in Shreveport, Louisiana.

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The President's Page

Dear Friends of Genealogy:

I desire to express my thanks to the membership for the confidence you have expressed by electing me your President for the years 2003-2004. I will endeavor to live up to that trust. I have a great slate of officers and board members that will help make my tenure a success.

Our many years' career of transcribing the markers at Centuries Memorial Cemetery in Shreveport finally sees daylight at the end of the tunnel. We can still use some volunteers to assist in completing this task. This is my primary goal for the year. The cemetery records will be published this year.

"The Journal", which you currently are reading, has been a great publication that serves the genealogical community over the country. We as genealogists should help publish material in our area as a reciprocal to genealogists who may publish a quarterly in the area of the country that may be of interest to us. Our Editor, Danielle Neal, can always use material to publish in our quarterly. We currently exchange "The Journal" with sixty-five other genealogical societies. We consider this a sizeable contribution to the Genealogy Department of Shreve Memorial Library, as they could not afford to subscribe to all of these quarterlies. We are always seeking to exchange with additional genealogical societies. Please do not throw away your old genealogical quarterlies, but bring them to Janine Dunlap or me. Janine frequently has requests for back issues, and we also use the recycled copies to exchange with other societies.

The Board of Trustees decided not to have a regular full-day seminar with an out-of-town speaker. Instead, we have decided to conduct beginner classes this fall. You will hear more about the classes in time. Wanda Head and Laura Duffy are coordinating these classes. Please offer your assistance if you can conduct a segment of a beginner class.

Do you have various genealogy books, computer data disks and/or school yearbooks in your personal library? Please consider instructing your family that you desire that type material be donated to Shreve Memorial Library. For the school yearbooks, the LSUS Archives collect those from Caddo Parish schools and the Bossier Archives collect those from Bossier Parish schools.

The Program Chairwoman, Belinda Harville, and assistant Laura Duffy are always looking for interesting monthly programs. Please give them a call if you have a suggestion.

There will be no July meeting since July 4th is on a Friday and our regular meeting would be the next day.

Please make it a point to invite one friend or acquaintance to the next regular meeting. Let's share our fervor and the "bug" of our hobby of genealogy!

Benjamin E. Achee

Mark Your Calendar

Meeting dates scheduled for 2003 by Friends of Genealogy, Inc.:

January 4, 2003	February 1, 2003	March 1, 2003
April 5, 2003	May 3, 2003	June 7, 2003
No July Meeting	August 2, 2003	September 6, 2003
October 4, 2003	November 1, 2003	December 6, 2003

Unless otherwise noted all meetings are held at 1:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room, Shreve Memorial Library, Broadmoor Branch, 1212 Captain Shreve Drive, Shreveport, LA 71105 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 Ben Achée 318-746-3688 or June Barton 318-798-0056 for up-to-date program information. (E-mail: bachee@bellsouth.net)

Monthly Board Meetings are generally held the Monday evening prior to the regular Saturday meeting, at 5:30 p.m. 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 Danielle Neal at 318-429-0561 or any Board Member for the time and location of any meeting you wish to attend.

The **Dallas Genealogical Society** is sponsoring a four-day workshop entitled "A Southern Perspective on the American Experience". Dates are June 19-22, 2003. States covered will be Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Tennessee, and Kentucky. Attendance is limited to 120 people. Cost is \$200 and includes notebook, guided research, Friday and Saturday lunch, and Sunday brunch. Location not given. Contact info@dallasgenealogy.org

The 14th Annual **Rhodes/Johnson Reunion** will be held June 13-15, 2003 at Lake Bistineau State Park, Area I. The cost is \$50 per family. To confirm your attendance send a check payable to Rhodes/Johnson Reunion, P. O. Box 207, Heflin, LA 71039. The announcement mentions a Silent Auction. Questions regarding this reunion may be asked of Rita at (318) 371-1941 [e-mail: jrcj598@aol.com] or Donald Ray at (318) 377-4737 [e-mail: drj4751@aol.com].

Your upcoming family reunion could be announced right here. Let us know about it!

PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CEMETERY

By Wanda Volentine Head

Providence Baptist Cemetery is located in southwest Caddo Parish. Take Louisiana Highway 525 west from Spring Ridge for approximately 2.5 miles, turn right (north) on Providence Road and go approximately 1.2 miles. The cemetery is on the left in Section 3, Township 15, Range 16 West. The survey of this cemetery was made in October, 1989. When possible I have included the obituary as annotation. Publication of these records began in the First Quarter, 2001 Journal, Vol. XIII, No. 1 and conclude with this issue.

ROBERTSON, Thomas J.

13 Nov 1902 – 5 Jan 1963

Obituary – *The Shreveport Journal*, January 7, 1963. Funeral services for Thomas J. Robertson, 60, of 6125 Dillman St., who died Saturday in a local hospital after a long illness, were held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Providence Cemetery near Spring Ridge. The services were conducted by the Rev. Leslie Creel, pastor of the Mt. Washington Baptist Church, and the Rev. George Carkeet, pastor of the Greenwood Baptist Church. Burial was under the direction of Wellman Funeral Home. Mr. Robertson was a native and lifelong resident of Shreveport.

ROBERTSON, Jackson

7 Nov 1877 – 12 Sep 1902

MARCUS, John

1 Apr 1898 – 12 Sep 1899

ANSLEY, Mattie E.

1860 – 1910

ANSLEY, S. B. (s/o J. F. & U. T. Ansley)

1850 – 1900

ANSLEY, Ursula [concrete block]

1825 – 1900

ANSLEY, J. F. [concrete block]

1817 – 1894

SHADOWENS, Dee

12 Sep 1902 – 26 Aug 1975

MANN, Nora SHADOWENS

14 Nov 1908 – 18 Mar 1971

SHADOWENS, James Edward
Mary Lena

27 Apr 1876 – 29 Nov 1954
16 Nov 1881 – 31 Dec 1949

JONES, Blanche B. (Mother, Granny)

11 May 1901 – 22 Sep 1966

JONES, Patrick D., Sr. (Father)

8 Jun 1890 – 12 Jun 1945

JONES, Patrick D., Jr. (Daddy)	12 Nov 1927 – 3 Feb 1968
JONES, Patrick W. (La. Cpt 5 th Armored Div WWII)	No Dates
PATTERSON, Christina Irene	22 Nov 1983 – 22 Nov 1983
WILHELM, Mary E. (Mother)	20 Dec 1883 – 30 Mar 1968
WILHELM, Peter C. (Father)	27 Dec 1879 – 7 Jul 1961
HAYNES, David Edgar	19 Jun 1954 – 19 Nov 1982
OSBURN, Earl Lee [Blank]	8 Nov 1918 – 20 Dec 1987
BOONE, Elizabeth HEPBURN	29 May 1900 – 14 Mar 1988
WILDER, Grady W.	21 Jun 1910 – 8 Dec 1982
COLLUM, Charles A.	5 Jan 1918 – 30 Jul 1988

Obituary – *The Shreveport Journal*, August 1, 1988 [picture included]. Services for Mr. Charles A. Collum, 70, of Greenwood will be held at 2:30 p.m. Monday, August 1, at Rose-Neath's Marshall Street Chapel with the Rev. Roy Collum, retired, officiating. Assisting will be the Rev. Joe Bob Alexander, pastor of First Baptist Church of Greenwood. Burial will be at Providence Cemetery. Mr. Collum died Saturday, July 30, 1988, in Shreveport following a short illness. A native of Pineville, La., he had been a resident of Greenwood for the past 10 years. He was an operator for Sportran, Inc. He was a member of the Rainbow Lodge No. 735 AF&AM, the Pioneer Club of Greenwood and the First Baptist Church of Greenwood. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Billie Collum of Greenwood; one son and daughter-in-law, Gary Wayne and Karen Collum of Houston, Texas; grandchildren, Jason Edward and Joshua Lane Collum of Houston; two sisters, Miss Genevieve "Jenny" Collum of Greenwood, Mrs. Dorothy Cosler of Jackson, Miss.; one brother Rev. Roy R. Collum of Jackson, Miss.; several nieces and nephews. Pallbearers will be John Perry, Don Perry, Raymond Gamble, Gary Rushworth, Don Boogaerts, Steve Werneke.

ADAMS, Adolph D. Lula SMITH	7 Apr 1903 – 8 Mar 1980 23 Jul 1900
KYLE, Leslie	No Dates
KYLE, Lisa	No Dates
MILLS, Earnest Larry (md. 30 May 1981) Mildred P. "Millie"	15 Apr 1924 – 4 Mar 1987 31 Jan 1927

TUCKER, William P. [Rose-Neath FHM] 13 Apr 1961 – 24 Nov 1988

BURKHEART, Dora Mae 22 Mar 1927 – 11 Apr 1986
("Beloved wife and mother; Our mother concealed her tears and shared her smiles, giving so much and demanding so little. We miss you, Neely, Judy Ann, & Patsy.")

COFFEY, Kenneth Glen 26 Oct 1969 – 17 Jul 1988

Obituary – *The Shreveport Journal*, July 18, 1988 [picture included]. Services for Mr. Kenneth Glenn Coffey, 18, of Shreveport will be held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 19, at Rose-Neath's Southside Chapel with the Rev. Lloyd Stilley, pastor of Providence Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be at Providence Cemetery. Mr. Coffey died Sunday, July 17, 1988 in Shreveport following an auto accident. A native and lifelong resident of Shreveport, he was part owner of C & M Garage. He was a Baptist and a 1988 graduate of Southwood High School. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Coffey of Shreveport; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Ragsdale of Shreveport; two sisters, Lori D. Paddie of Keithville, La., Christy Lynn Coffey of Shreveport; one brother, Billy Ray Coffey of Shreveport; six half-sisters, Debbie A. Duty, Evelyn Bowden, Alice Gray, Betty Floyd, Margaret Ann Williams, all of Shreveport, Pamela Renee Locke of Hollywood, Florida; four half-brothers, Kevin W. Kelly, Charles C. Kelly, Jr., James D. Coffey, all of Shreveport, and Johnny Coffey of Keithville; one step-brother, Brady Scott Butler of the Phillipine Island. Pallbearers will be Jeffrey Davidson, L. B. Davidson, Phillip Low, Jay Wright, Ted Lowery, Jimmie Jeter.

OWEN, Leslie Glen [FHM] 2 Jul 1924 – 21 Sep 1987

RICHARDS, Steven Jack [FHM] 9 Apr 1956 – 19 Nov 1988

WILCOX, Arthur Robert Apr 1929 – 2 Mar 1984

WAITES, Helen Johnie (Mother) 10 Aug 1925 – 24 Dec 1987
Conlly (Father) 6 Oct 1918

***Obituary for Thomas Franklin Hudson – no marker has been located in the cemetery: *The Shreveport Journal*, June 28, 1941. Thomas Franklin Hudson, Aged Caddo Farmer, Dies. Funeral services for Thomas Franklin Hudson, 80, were held Saturday afternoon at the Oil City Christian Church. Interment was in the Providence Cemetery at Spring Ridge under direction of Rose-Neath Funeral Home. Mr. Hudson, a retired farmer, died at his home in Oil City Friday afternoon following a short illness. Deceased is survived by his widow; a daughter, Mrs. S. F. Stuart, Longview, Texas; a son, William Hudson, Oil City.

This concludes the Providence Baptist Cemetery listing. Our sincere thanks to Wanda Volentine Head for all her work on these records and for generously sharing them with us.

Jackson Parish, LA Tax Assessment Rolls 1865-1868

This list has been copied from the microfilmed records. The records were of poor quality at the time of filming and are in many places difficult or impossible to read. As a result, this transcription will contain many errors but it is hoped that this information will assist those researchers with Jackson Parish ties. As always, please verify this information with the microfilmed records.

The records list the taxpayer's name, the year of assessment, and quantity of land as well as the values of land, livestock, and personal property. We are listing here only the amount of land shown for each year; a blank field indicates that there is no listing for that taxpayer for that year. The years 1865-1868 are combined into one tax roll. "None" indicates that the taxpayer is listed for poll tax and/or personal property tax and does not own land.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>1865</u>	<u>1866</u>	<u>1867</u>	<u>1868</u>	<u>Memo</u>
698	Rasberry James		None	None	None	
700	Rasberry, J. W.	None	None	None	None	
701	Rasberry, Colvin			None	None	
288	Rogers, Thomas B.	220	220	220	220	
289	Rogers, Alvin	None	None	120	120	
319	Ratliff, Mrs. T	275	275	275	275	
348	Ruark, B.	260	260	260	260	
351	Reams, John	80	80	80	80	
352	Redfield, H.	200	200	200	200	
375	Rentz, E.	400	400	400	400	
400	Roane, James M.	1500	1500	1500	1500	
575	Richeart, William		None	None	None	
402	Roane, J. C.				None	
474	Richards, Mrs. Sarah	160	160	160	160	
1379	Riser, Adam	1920	1920	1920	1920	Stone house & lot at Bonner
1384	Same, Agent for Geo. A. Riser	520	520	520	520	
1385	Same, Agent for George Riser	730	730	730	730	
1386	Same, Agent for Bonner & Co	1900	1900	1900	1900	
1387	Same, Agent for E. S. Riser	280	280	280	280	
1838	Riser, A. H.			None	None	
1524	Rineheart, J. W.		276	426	426	Steam Saw Mill
1525	Rineheart & Stinson			None	None	
519	Same, Agent for L. Brady	440	440	440	440	
1347	Roman, M.	None	None	None	None	House & lot in Vernon
1348	Roman & Hammond				None	
1178	Ragsdall, J. H.		240	240	240	
1179	Ragsdall, Jno.				None	
??	Riggen, W. T.	80	80	80	80	
587	Richardson, J. T.	None	None	None	None	
650	Robinson, A.	320	320	320	320	
731	Rogers, George O.	None	None	None	None	
880	Reid, A & W	520	520	520	520	
912	Russ, Robt. E.	680	680	680	680	

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985	Redwine, W. E.	None	None	None	None	
985	Redwine, Mrs. S. C.	420	420	420	420	
827	Robinett, J. J.				80	
786	Richmond, Robt. G.	None	None	None	None	
791	Russell, Sam	80	80	80	80	
792	Russell, B. C.				None	
836	Redding, J. A.	120	120	120	120	
1210	Rives, Nat.	40	40	40	40	Office & house in Vernon
1212	Same, Agt Est. of R M Hargrove	1000	1000	1000	1000	
1213	Same, Agt A. J. Flournoy et al	600	600	600	600	
1273	Same, Agt R. M Tarver	380	380	380	380	
1327	Same, Agt J. W. Stell	640	640	640	640	
1248	Russell, G.G. Est.					
	Joseph Fuller, Tutor	400	400	400	400	
1405	Rainbolt, David	240	240	240	240	
1406	Rainbolt, Jno. A.	170	170	170	170	
1447	Richardson, Woody	400	400	400	400	
1455	Robinson, J. J.	320	320	320	320	
1458	Robinson, J. S.	None	None	None	None	
1457	Robinson, Aug.	None	None	None	None	
1487	Ryals, Jacob	160	160	160	160	
191	Russell, Joel			None	None	Colored
243	Rent, Thos.			None	None	Colored
251	Robinson, Jacob			None	None	Colored
406	Richardson, Jno.			None	None	Colored
407	Richardson, Jas. S.			None	None	Colored
408	Richardson, Frank				None	Colored
470	Right, S.			None	None	Colored
473	Robis, Richard			None	None	Colored
485	Rowden, Robt.			None	None	Colored
541	Robinson, Green			None	None	Colored
550	Ransom, Henry			None	None	Colored
640	Roane, Dan			None	None	Colored
885	Richardson, ??			None	None	Colored
960	Robinson, Henry			None	None	Colored
908	Robinson, S.			None	None	Colored
906	Rice, Jeff			None	None	Colored
966	Ross, Alex.			None	None	Colored
1015	Russell, Wash.			None	None	Colored
777	Richmond, Orange			None	None	Colored
829	Redding, Adam			None	None	Colored
837	Randel, Pomp			None	None	Colored
838	Randel, Wm.			None	None	Colored
1186	Roberts, Jas.			None	None	Colored
1242	Roane, Creat			None	None	Colored
1358	Randolph, Wm.			None	None	Colored
1423	Robinson, Alfd.			None	None	Colored
1424	Richards, Sam			None	None	Colored
1450	Richmond, Alfd.			None	None	Colored – Tanyard

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1437	Redwine, Henry			None	None	Colored
11	Stokes, B. F.	80	80	80	None	
33	Shell, Wm.				None	
66	Shell, Joseph H.	300	300	300	300	
96	Stokes, Jas.			None	None	
268	Smith, B.	160	160	160	160	
233	Smith, F. M. L.	80	80	80	80	
338	Smith, W. E.	None	None	None	None	
571	Smith, J. M.	None	None	None	None	Lot at Vienna
1051	Smith, N. M.	None	None	None	None	
1052	Same, Adm L. K. Smith Est.	640	640	640		
1192	Smith, M. M.		None	None	140	
1304	Smith, B. T.	440	440	440	440	
1328	Smith, H. T.	680	680	680	680	
1335	Smith, W. P.	320	320	320	320	
1439	Smith, Thomas J.	560	560	560	560	
1566	Stamper, Mabrey				600	
1567	Stover, Warren				None	
197	Stringer, C.	120	120	440	440	
196	Same, Adm Est A. Stringer, Sr.	1600	1600	1600	1600	
198	Same, Agt for L. S. Stringer	320	320			
199	Stringer, D. L.	None	None	None	None	
200	Stringer, Alex 3 rd .	None	None	None	None	
201	Stringer, James B.	None	None	None	None	
202	Stringer, CMJ Bookinhiss	640	640	640	640	
179	Sims, O. J.	4000	4000	4000	4000	
180	Sims, William T.	None	None	None	None	
357	Sims, A. J.	400	400	400	400	
418	Sims, W. H.	None	None	None	None	
229	Stovall, George			None	None	
1268	Sims, L. P.	840	840	840	840	
1233	Sims, John P.	160	160	160	160	
1338	Sims, John M.	750	750	750	750	
571	Sims, L. M.				None	
430	Sanderson, Alex., Sr.	270	270	270	270	
432	Sanderson, John L.	120	120	120	120	
444	Sanderson, H. F.	80	80	80	80	
448	Sanderson, J. C.	50	50	50	50	
465	Sanderson, James R.	120	120	120	120	
563	Sanderson, Alex, Jr.	360	360	360	440	Steam Saw Mill 1/2 interest
433	Sherrard, Nathan	130	130	130	130	
438	Sherrard, Robert		None	None	None	
437	Sherrard, Wright, Jr.	520	520	520	520	
439	Sherrard, A. J.			None	None	
976	Sherrard, Wright 3 rd			None	None	
1303	Sherrard, Mrs. Euan	None	None	None	None	House & lot in Vernon
1433	Sherrard, H. W.	340	340	340	340	
1547	Sherrard, Mrs. Serena	200	200	200	200	

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101	Sanders, Moses	None	None	None	None	
102	Southerlan, Mrs. Polly				120	
116	Strain, Thos.		None	None	None	
157	Strain, Wm.	None	None	None	None	
161	Shows, E. P.	None	None	None	None	
162	Shows, Jas. M.	480	480	480	480	
174	Stott, Jno.	160	160	160	160	
213	Stephens, Jas. H.	100	100	None	None	
228	Stovall, Mrs. Elizabeth	520	520	520	520	
254	Shows, Jno. P.	120	120	120	320	
266	Savage, H. W.	200	200	200	200	
273	Sikes, J. E.	160	160	160	160	
1071	Sikes, Jno.	600	600	600	600	
1072	Sikes, Joseph	None	None	None	None	
1296	Sikes, J. F.	240	240	240	240	
1081	Smaling, Mrs. Mary	80	80	80	80	
303	Stephens, Hiram P.			None	None	
304	Same, Agt Heirs of Jas. Stephens	460	460	460	460	
350	Sawyers, Jas.	None	None	None	None	
359	Steagall, J. W.	640	640	640	640	
398	Spinks, W. J.	120	120	120	120	
399	Stanford, Isaac	200	200	200	200	
419	Stanford, Z. B.	None	None	None	None	
423	Sheppard, J. M.	200	200	200	200	
436	Shaw, Mrs. E. L.	80	80	80	80	
443	Sowell, J. M.	None	None	None	None	
529	Stewart, M. H.	None	None	None	None	
454	Sanders, Terrill	None	None	None	None	
455	Sanders, Terrill					
	Agt for A. J. Sanders	340	340	340	340	
498	Stucky, Jno. Z.	160	160	160	160	
514	Stuckey, A. M.	320	320	320	320	Lot Vienna
558	Sealy, O. E.	2000	2000	1760	1760	
593	Simonton, A. C.	None	None	None	None	Lot Vienna
1252	Same, Guardian for Wm May	280	280	280	280	
637	Sealy, L. D.			None	None	
645	Simonton, Felix				None	
649	Scarborough, P. D.	540	540	540	540	
652	Stevens, J. H.	3000	3000	3000	3000	
657	Simmons, A. B.	None	None	None	None	
697	Sullivan, Mat	500	500	500	500	
653	Simmons, Jas. T.	None	None	None	None	
654	Simmons, A. A.	160	160	160	160	
656	Same, Agt J A & J T Simmons	180	180	180	180	
655	Simmons, J. A.	160	160	160	160	
666	Stuart, R. J.	None	None	None	None	
719	Stevens, H. H.		None	None	None	
727	Sharp, A. J.			240	240	
724	Shipp, G. W.	480	480	480	480	

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741	Saint, J. L.	None	None	None	None	
742	Saint, H. W.	None	None	None	None	Lot at Vienna
975	Stamps, W. T.			None	None	
911	Stewart, Dan	None	None	None	None	
993	Stallings, J. F.	None	None	None	None	
1004	Stiles, N. B.		None	None	None	
1062	Sheppard, Jno.				None	
786	Sizemore, Green				None	
780	Simmons, Jas.			None	None	
781	Simmons, Lucinda	120	120	120	120	
785	Stewart, Rbt. H.	160	160	320	320	
805	Skinner, Sam	380	380	380	380	
811	Shaw, W. M.		None	None	None	
833	Seals, Mrs. S.	500	500	500	500	
839	Stuart, Wm. A.		None	None	None	
1105	Sheppard, Fred M.			None	None	
1241	Sholar, A. B.	520	520	520	520	
1205	Staton, H. C.	1120	1120	1120	1120	
1285	Same, Agt W. J. Staton	320	320	320	320	
1284	Stewart, Jno. W.	320	320	320	320	
1280	Shovan, Peter				None	
1323	Sillinger, George	640	640	640	640	
1339	Sholars, O. B.	960	960	80	80	Lot & Store Vernon
1340	Sholars, L. G.	None	None	None	None	
1341	Same, Agt for Sarah E. Sholars			880	880	
1343	Stallings, Jno. M.	280	280	280	280	
1356	Spencer, J. J.	1000	1000	1000	1000	
1361	Same, Adm Est of T. Tomlins	580	580	580	580	
1359	Saunders, Charles	720	720	720	720	
1415	Stinson, A. T.	440	440	440	440	Steam Saw Mill
1418	Same, Agt Est Mrs. H. A. Tanner	130	130	130	130	
1419	Same, Agt for Abbett Nixon	200	200	200	200	
1545	Stallings, J. J.				None	
1568	Sanders, Aaron	None	None	None	None	
1570	Spivey, M.	None	None	None	None	
1569	Same, Agt A. Spivy	1240	1240	1240	1240	Steam Saw Mill 1/2
73	Scott, Albb			None	None	Colored
74	Scott, Everett			None	None	Colored
78	Scott, David			None	None	Colored
83	Scott, Wash.			None	None	Colored
181	Staton, George			None	None	Colored
187	Stringer, Robt.			None	None	Colored
189	Sanford, Griff			None	None	Colored
221	Snead, Wm.			None	None	Colored
242	Smith, Jas.			None	None	Colored
249	Simpson, George			None	None	Colored
259	Shorter, Henry			None	None	Colored

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Cemeteries and Louisiana Law

By Gregg Davies

Please remember that I am not an attorney-at-law, a judge, nor a legal expert. I wanted that on the record before I caused anyone to end up in jail. As there are always many questions among genealogists concerning graves or cemeteries, and at the request of several folks, I agreed to write this article concerning cemeteries and Louisiana law. Please do not interpret anything from this article in a way that could cause civil or criminal problems for you or your family. Seek the advice of an attorney first, and then remember that the law usually ends up being whatever a judge says it is.

First of all, Title 8 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes defines cemetery as,

a place used or intended to be used for the interment of the human dead. It includes a burial park, for earth interments; or a mausoleum, for vault or crypt interments; or a crematory and columbarium, for cinerary interments; or a combination of one or more of these.

First of all, law enforcement officers deal primarily with the criminal law, and there is only one statute in the “criminal code” that deals directly with cemeteries, that being in **Title 14, or LRS 14:101, desecration of graves**, which is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to five hundred dollars or six months in jail, or both. Grave desecration is

. . . (1) the unauthorized opening of any place of interment, or building wherein the dead body of a human being is located, with the intent to remove or to mutilate the body or any part thereof, or any article interred or intended to be interred with the said body, or (2) intentional or criminally negligent damaging in any manner, or any grave, tomb, or mausoleum erected for the dead.

Other criminal laws which might come into play involving cemeteries are trespassing and/or criminal mischief, depending on the circumstance. **Title 8 LRS 8:653** deals with “body snatching” from graves and **LRS 8:654** deals with mutilation and disinterring human remains, both felonies with mandatory hard-labor or prison sentences.

The main questions people have concern older graves which are situated on private property. *Are we allowed to go on private property to look at so-and-so's grave? Would it be all right for us to clean off such-and-such grave? Is it all right for those people who own the property to “do away with” those headstones?* All are legitimate questions that we've all asked or heard others ask.

Beginning with a “publicly owned cemetery,” the municipality that owns a cemetery is allowed to set certain rules and regulations governing the cemetery, such as the hours it is open to the public, type of headstone, type of plants or flowers allowed, if allowed at all;

and it may *regulate the conduct of persons and prevent improper assemblages in the cemetery*, etc. A public cemetery would be considered public property just as would the courthouse, city hall, or any other publicly owned building or park, and trespassing would not be an issue unless someone decided to enter it at a restricted time or were lawfully forbidden from going there subject to a court order or other legal restriction.

Title 8 defines “privately owned cemetery” as “any cemetery except a fraternal, municipal, or religious cemetery or a family burial ground.” Certainly the persons or group owning such a cemetery have a right to set such rules and regulations they so desire as long as those rules and regulations do not conflict with law.

Once property is dedicated to cemetery purposes, pursuant to Title 8, the owner of the land cannot remove or disturb any grave, cannot use property included in the cemetery for any purpose inconsistent with cemetery purposes, cannot reduce the size of lands set apart as cemetery and cannot restrict rights of relatives and friends to visit and care for graves (*Vidrine v. Vidrine App.* 1969, 225 So. 2d 691, writ denied 254 La. 853, 227 So. 2d 594).

According to 8:306,

property dedicated to cemetery purposes shall be held and used exclusively for cemetery purposes unless and until the dedication is removed from all or any part of it by judgment of the district court of the parish in which the property is situated in a proceeding brought by the cemetery authority for that purpose and upon notice of hearing to the board and publication as hereinafter provided, and proof satisfactory to the court; (1) that no interments (burials) were made in or that all interments have been removed from that portion of the property from which dedication is sought to be removed; and (2) that the portion of the property from which dedication is sought to be removed is not being used for interment of human remains.

Further, concerning “abandoned” cemeteries, in a 1957 decision styled *Touro Synagogue v. Goodwill Industries of New Orleans Area, Inc.*, the court held where there had been no interment in the cemetery since 1872 and its condition of disintegration was such as to render it unfit for burial purposes, and public and survivors or others interested in its use as a cemetery failed to keep and preserve it as resting place for dead, and nothing remained to stir emotions or sentiments of relatives of the dead; the cemetery was “abandoned” for burial purposes and the owner had the right to sell the property conditioned upon disinterment and reinterment of remains of the dead in another cemetery.

As we all know, nothing can be more traumatic than the loss of a loved one and as many of us know, little can stir the heat of passion more than when it comes down to making decisions as to the burial of loved ones. I have had a few unpleasant experiences of the

past twenty-five years in having to deal with feuding families and “where we gonna bury Pa” or “so and so ain’t allowed at the funeral” and the like.

When it boils down to determining who has the right to control the interment of a decedent, (dead person) unless other specific directions have been given by that decedent in the form of written and notarized declaration, the following order has the right to determine:

1. The surviving spouse, if not judicially separated from the decedent.
2. A majority of the surviving adult children of the decedent, not including grandchildren or other more remote descendants.
3. The surviving parents of the decedent.
4. A majority of the surviving adult brothers and sisters of the decedent.
5. A majority of the adult persons respectively in the next degrees of kindred as established in Civil Code Article 880 *et seq.*

Removal of the remains to another cemetery plot or cemetery follows basically the same order.

Title 8:662 will raise the ire of many of us. It states:

. . . the cemetery authority in charge of any premises on which interments or cremations are made shall keep a record of all remains interred or cremated on the premises under its charge, in each case stating the name of each deceased person, date of cremation or interment, and name of the funeral director.

How many of us have run into brick walls before because this law has not been followed?

The law makes no reference to these records being susceptible to the public records law so one might be forced to go as far as filing a suit in order to obtain them. Locally, I have never met one ounce of resistance in seeing information from Southern Funeral Home when inquiring as to information about a funeral they handled. I think most problems would result when dealing with smaller, rural church cemetery associations or the like who probably are unaware of this law’s existence.

I have been asked many times if a grave is situated on the property of another, would it be trespassing to enter onto those lands to visit the gravesite. I was once told by a respected attorney that the reason it was impossible for a law student to make a perfect score on a test in law school was because there was no perfect answer when it comes to the law. This question falls into that class of there being no perfect answer.

A part of the criminal trespass law in Louisiana states that, “no person shall intentionally enter immovable property owned by another (1) when he knows his entry is unauthorized, or (2) under circumstances where he reasonably should know his entry is unauthorized.”

Common sense should tell us that when property is “posted” we certainly should not enter without permission. Of course many believe those of us with the genealogy or graveyard bug have lost our senses altogether. I have always told my children that should they have to hesitate and question something before doing it, it is probably wrong, and not to proceed. Hence, if we “reasonably” question whether or not it’s right to enter an area, it’s probably not right and the prudent thing to do would be to ask permission.

I doubt any district attorney in this state would prosecute someone for trespassing simply because they went onto property solely to look at or tend to a grave. But why take the chance? If you have doubts, ask the landowner for permission. If the landowner denies you access, I’d bet money that a course of legal action (lawsuit) seeking permission to go to a grave or graveyard would be granted. And we must remember that most of us own property and do not want every Tom, Dick, or Harry, especially a strange one, coming onto our property unannounced and without permission. The gate swings both ways, so common courtesy usually solves this issue before it becomes a problem.

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Tater People

Some people never seem motivated to participate, but are just content to watch while others do the work. They are called *Speck Taters*.

Some people never do anything to help, but are gifted at finding fault with the way others do the work. They are called *Comment Taters*.

Some people are very bossy and like to tell others what to do, but don’t want to soil their own hands. They are called *Dick Taters*.

Some people are always looking to cause problems by asking others to agree with them. It is too hot or too cold, too sour or too sweet. They are called *Agie Taters*.

There are those who say they will help, but somehow just never get around to it. They are called *Hezzie Taters*.

Some people can put up a front and pretend to be someone they are not. They are called *Emma Taters*.

Then there are those who love others and do what they say they will. They are always prepared to stop whatever they are doing and lend a helping hand. They bring real sunshine into the lives of others. They are called *Sweet Taters*.

**The Charter Members of
United Daughters of the Confederacy
Shreveport Chapter No. 237**

By Jane Leslie Newberry

The Shreveport Chapter No. 237 of the *United Daughters of the Confederacy* was organized July 6, 1898. The organizational meeting was held in the office of Dr. G. W. Kendall, a veteran of the War Between the States and a leader in the veterans' organization. His office was located in the Tillory Hotel on Texas Street. In the words of Birdie Scott Blackman: "It was a hot, sultry day that July 6, 1898 when that band of enthusiastic women and a few of us girls met at the office of my father, Dr. J. J. Scott, a staunch Confederate veteran. His office was in a two story building located on Texas Street where the old Woolworth store once stood." When Birdie was nominated to serve as the first president, she wanted to refuse, but looks from her mother and father told her to "stand up and carry on." Later when the installation of the officers was completed the group was given a name, the Shreveport Chapter, and a motto, "Lest We Forget."

Prior to the organization of the U.D.C. the wives and daughters of the Confederate veterans had joined in assisting disabled and handicapped veterans. In March 1899 members of General LeRoy Stafford Camp of United Confederate Veterans voted to investigate the laws governing a camp of *Daughters of the Confederacy*. A committee of three gentlemen, W. H. Tunnard, J. J. Scott and Victor Grosjean was appointed. Then, with the support of the Confederate Camp, Shreveport Chapter No. 237 was founded as one of the first such groups in Louisiana.

The Chapter was represented at the first Louisiana State Convention of the Division in February 1899. At that meeting the Shreveport Chapter president, Miss Birdie Scott, was elected as Louisiana Division second vice-president.

The constitution of the Chapter contained one article which read: *Our purpose is to collect and preserve all material for a truthful history of the Confederate States and to honor the memory of all men and women who served in the cause.*

And **Preserve** it did! During the following years, Shreveport Chapter No. 237 kept the record of the Confederacy alive by marking C.S.A. veterans' graves at Oakland and Greenwood cemeteries, plus the Union soldiers' graves which were located in the Confederate plot in Greenwood Cemetery.

One of the most lasting memorials made by the Chapter was the purchase of the Confederate monument on the courthouse square in Shreveport. The Chapter made its money to purchase the monument by food booths at the Louisiana State Fair and food booths at Christmas. Finally the money was raised with the Daughters contributing over half of the \$10,000 needed for the monument. The city of Shreveport and Caddo Parish appropriated the other half. The monument dedicated in 1905, only 7 years following the Chapter's organization, remains on the courthouse square today.

Later Mr. Youree donated the monument at Stoner Avenue's Greenwood Cemetery. On 3 June 1921, a monument was placed at Oakland Cemetery through the efforts of charter member, Mrs. Peter Youree. And on 13 September 1942 a C.S.A. monument was dedicated at Forest Park Cemetery, with Mrs. Agnes Grosjean Hendrick paying a tribute to the Confederacy.

Shreveport Chapter No. 237 was appointed custodian of Fort Humbug Confederate memorial Park and was responsible for the conversion of the park into a memorial for the men who fought for the Confederacy. The area was composed of the Fort Turnbull/Fort Humbug historical site.

Fort Turnbull, which stood high on a bluff overlooking the Red River, was the largest of four forts and eighteen artillery batteries which formed the defenses of Shreveport in 1863-64. When Federal ships threatened to move up the river and invade this area, more cannon were needed but none could be spared from other forts. Then some nameless innovator suggested placing charred logs on the breastworks that would look like cannon from a distance. Whether the ruse would have worked, we will never know, for the Federal ships were halted by a huge steamer that had been sunk in the river below Shreveport. History does record that General John McGruder once told General E. Kirby Smith that the fort was nothing but a "humbug." From that time on, the name Fort Humbug has remained.

Under the direction of the Chapter, with Mary Belle McKeller as chairman, the park was improved with the addition of the entrance gate, brass cannon and historical markers. In 1939 three acres of the park were given to the State of Louisiana for a National Guard Armory. In 1940 Hardin Memorial Armory, named for Colonel J. Fair Hardin, was dedicated.

During World War II the armory was used as an induction station for men from North Louisiana and the cannon were donated to a scrap metal drive. A Shreveport veterans' hospital was authorized by Congress in September 1944. The site was donated to the federal government by the city of Shreveport and the Daughters gave permission to use the Confederate Park for the site of the Veterans Administration Hospital [now Overton Brooks Medical Center].

The Veterans' Hospital was dedicated 27 November 1950. A bronze marker at the entrance to the lobby gives the history of the site on which the buildings were erected. It states that the park was donated by the city of Shreveport with the concurrence of Shreveport Chapter No. 237, United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Today the members of the UDC, descendants of Confederate veterans, still observe Confederate Memorial Day by placing wreaths on the monument at courthouse square and decorating graves in Greenwood and Oakland Cemeteries. To their best ability, these Daughters preserve the heritage of the Confederate South through educational articles and volunteer work at Overton Brooks Medical Center.

Who were the founding members of Shreveport Chapter 237? If we could have made a group photograph of those 30 charter members, we would see a diverse group of women, ages 17 to 65, whose common thread was that they were wives and daughters of Confederate veterans. In our mind's eye, let's place them on the courthouse steps and consider who they were.

In the back row, standing tall, I visualize Mrs. Letitia Ashmore Nutt, age 63, with her three daughters, Cordelia Nutt, age 40, Letitia Nutt, age 38, and Nannie Nutt, age 36. Husband and father, LeRoy McClure Nutt, a Shreveport lawyer, had been a Captain in the LA Cavalry, Nutt's Co., Red River Rangers. Captain Nutt was from Virginia; Mrs. Letitia Ashmore Nutt was from Kentucky.

Next on the back row, I imagine Mary Lee Martin, age 17, and Alice Martin, age 20, daughters of James Montgomery Martin and Mary Alice Guynemer, granddaughters of Captain August Guynemer and Mary Ann Howell. James Montgomery Martin served in the 3rd LA Cavalry. Mary Lee Martin later married Howard L. Swain. Their daughter was Alice Lee Swain Wineburg who taught at Creswell Elementary and the School for the Blind in Shreveport. Mary Lee and Howard Swain are buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Shreveport.

Alice Martin married William Edward Wallace 21 March 1899. They had two children, William Edward Wallace, Jr. and Martin Scovell Wallace. Alice MartinWallace served as president of the Shreveport Chapter from 1927-1929. Her grandson, Martin Wallace, made his home in Shreveport and great-grandchildren include Mary Martin Wallace and William Clark Wallace. Both Alice and William Edward Wallace are buried at Oakland Cemetery in Shreveport.

Next on the back row I would place Mamie Miller, our only as yet unidentified charter member. Beside her I imagine Nina Seay, age 31; Josie Leonard, age 24; and Kate Jones, age 47. Nina Seay was the daughter of William Austin Seay [Assistant Adjutant General to General Frost] and Eliza Kenton Edwards. Nina married Trigg S. Hutchinson in 1903. She died 9 November 1926, leaving no children, and is buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Shreveport.

Josie Leonard was the daughter of Frederick Augustus Leonard [Co. B 11th LA Infantry, Trans-Mississippi Department] and Josephine Wilder, the granddaughter of Adam and Ann Harris Leonard who came to Shreveport in 1849. Josie's father was city comptroller for Shreveport, parish assessor for Caddo Parish and clerk of court for nearly 50 years. Josie later married G. G. Conway.

Kate Cawthorn Jones was the wife of Charles D. Jones, and the daughter of Josiah D. Cawthorn. She evidently did not live in Shreveport for too long. The Jones family with daughter Cara Jones, are living in the 8th Ward of Caddo Parish with her parents in 1880 and are in Natchitoches Parish in 1900. No listing is ever found in the Shreveport City Directory for them.

Completing the top row in my imaginary photograph would be Mrs. Jennie Thompson Utz, age 48, and Mina Bodley Utz, age 24, mother and daughter. James F. Utz was a member of Co. B, 2nd LA Regiment where he enlisted as a private and was promoted to captain. Born in 1835 in Indiana, he was the son of John and Henrietta Bodley Utz. He died 2 December 1895 at age 59 and was buried at Oakland Cemetery. Later his body was removed to Greenwood Cemetery in Shreveport where he is buried beside his wife, Jennie Thompson Utz. Known children include Mina Bodley Utz, Josie Utz, Belmore Utz Kobler, Bessie Utz McElroy and Jennie T. Utz. Other descendants included Cameron McElroy and Elizabeth Utz Hicks, whose granddaughter is Mrs. Kathryn Sale.

Mina Bodley Utz served as second vice-president of the Shreveport Chapter at organization. She married Dr. William Keener Sutherlin, a native of DeSoto Parish. Mina died 6 June 1906 at age 32 and was survived by her husband and a two-year-old son, Will.

On the second row of my mythical photograph I would place the career women of the Shreveport Chapter. On the far left would be sisters Mary Jones West, age 37, and Dora Jones, age 25, daughters of Judge John W. Jones [Capt. 19th LA Regiment and mayor of Shreveport 1854-1858]. Mary Jones West was the wife of Samuel J. West and the first vice-president of the charter membership. She is buried in the Jones plot at Oakland Cemetery. Dora Jones was a secretary according to the Shreveport City Directories of the period and was an active member of the Shreveport Chapter in the 1917 and 1921 minutes.

Next on the second row I envision Agnes Grosjean, age 20; Adah H. Vinson, age 29; and Clara Geisse Kinney, age 31. Agnes Grosjean was the daughter of Victor and Alice Fory Grosjean. Victor was Commander of the LeRoy Stafford Camp when plans were made to organize the Shreveport Chapter. He was a private with Co. A, LA Guards and later a journalist for the *Shreveport Standard*, the *Shreveport Times*, and the *Caucasian*. Agnes Grosjean was the charter recording secretary and later served as president from 1933-1935. She married John A. Hendrick and they divorced in the 1920s. Agnes Grosjean Hendrick is buried in the Confederate plot at Greenwood Cemetery in Shreveport. Agnes' mother, Alice Fory Grosjean, served as the second president of the Chapter 1900-1902. Children of Agnes Grosjean Hendrick were Dell Grosjean Hendrick and Agnes Grosjean Hendrick. Later generations included Thomas Ryan Hendrick, Alice Lee Grosjean Tharpe, Linda Tharpe Cann and William Bradley Cann.

Adah H. Vinson was the daughter of Richard T. Vinson [5th Co., Washington Artillery and mayor of Shreveport] and Sallie Hill Vinson. Adah served as treasurer of the charter membership and continued in that capacity for many years. In 1900 she married Cyril Scott DeLay, editor of the *Shreveport Times*. Following his death in 1902 and the death of her parents shortly after, Adah began a lifetime of helping others. She was known by many as "The Christmas Tree Lady" for her generous attention to orphans and the needy. Please see the story about Adah Vinson DeLay in the 4th Quarter 1998 *Journal*, page 159.

Clara Geisse Kinney, born in Pennsylvania, was the wife of William Kinney, native of Ireland, who served as a Captain, Co. F, 3rd LA Infantry. He was captured at Vicksburg but was paroled and rejoined his unit. After the war he opened a successful marble works in Shreveport. Many of the monuments in Oakland Cemetery are attributed to him. Clara and William had five children, William B. Kinney, Leonard E. Kinney, Paul G. Kinney, Frances B. Kinney and Anna C. Kinney.

Continuing with leading women of Shreveport, we have Kate Page Nelson, age 52. She was the daughter of C. T. Nelson [Co. A, 1st Mississippi Infantry] and M. I. Nelson and a renowned early educator in Shreveport. She was the principal of the Shreveport Academy in 1882. Later the school was known as the Kate P. Nelson Seminary and was housed at the Battle home at the corner of Texas and Grand Streets. She was a member of the Louisiana State Education Society and St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Her school, the Kate P. Nelson Seminary, was a "high grade college" for girls. Some of the teachers included Sallie Nelson—her sister, Laina Egan, Mrs. Mattie H. Williams, Mrs. Julia Sparke Rule and Amanda Austin. Kate died 25 February 1901 and is buried with her entire family at Oakland Cemetery.

Next on the second row I picture Mrs. Emma Barret Blanchard, age 42, the wife of Newton Crain Blanchard, governor of Louisiana from 1904-1908, also a U. S. Senator, member of the House of Representatives, and Associate Justice, Louisiana State Supreme Court. She was a native of Shreveport, the daughter of W. W. and Mary Barret. Emma died in 1907 and is buried with her husband at Greenwood Cemetery in Shreveport. Emma and N. C. Blanchard had two children, Ethel Blanchard and James Ashton Blanchard, who became a physician. Ethel Blanchard married Leonard R. Smith. Their son was Newton Blanchard Smith. Ethel Blanchard Smith is buried at Oakland Cemetery. This family's papers are on file at the Louisiana State University Archives in the Noel Library on campus.

Completing the second row I would place Mary Belle Currie, age 20 and Sallie Owen, age 27. Mary Belle Currie was the daughter of Andrew W. Currie and Annie Fort Gregg. Andrew Currie, another native of Ireland, served with the Caddo Rifles, Co. H, 3rd LA. He was the first Democratic mayor after the Civil War, 1878-1890. Both Andrew Currie and Annie Fort Gregg are buried in the Confederate plot at Greenwood Cemetery in Shreveport. Mary Belle later married Andrian L. Wallick and moved to Columbus, Ohio. They had two children, Ethel Wallick and Blanchard Smith Wallick.

Last on the second row is Sallie Owens. Not much is known about Sallie. She was the daughter of W. J. Owens and later married Tom Adams in 1905.

I would complete my proposed group photo of the 30 charter members of the Shreveport Chapter with the front row: Miss Birdie Scott, age 24, Mrs. Honora Cullen Scott, age 56, Miss Ida Eugenia Scott, age 30, Julia Sparke Rule, age 46, Mrs. Mary Barlow Tunnard, age 65, Martha A. Allen, age 65, Mrs. Peter Youree, age 47, and Mary Austin Youree, age 32.

Dr. John Scott [Assistant Surgeon Co. B, 1st LA Cavalry—Bossier Cavalry] was the husband of Honora Cullen and father of Birdie Scott and Ida Eugenia Scott. Honora Cullen Scott, a native of Ireland, joined the First Presbyterian Church in 1875 and is buried with her husband at Greenwood Cemetery in Shreveport. Elder sisters of Birdie and Ida were Virginia Palmyra Scott, Lena Ruana Scott and Annie Leola Scott. Honora Cullen Scott's descendants include the children and grandchildren of Birdie and Robert Blackman: Leola Blackman Hipple, John Scott Blackman, and William Mayo Blackman. Grandchildren include Judith R. Hipple Prothro and James Blackman Hipple. The children and grandchildren of Annie Leola Scott and Sterling Palmer include: Eugene Scott Palmer, Sterling Henry Palmer, and Honora Cullen Palmer. Grandchildren include Eugenia Scott Browne Morelock and Elinor Eppes Browne Sloss.

Next on the front row I would place Julia Sparke Rule, who was a native of Louisville, KY, the daughter of Colonel W. H. Sparke and Eliza Withers Perrin. Julia married Charles S. Rule who served as 1st Sgt, Co. C, 5th Cavalry. Julia was a pioneer newspaper woman in Shreveport and the first publicity director of the Louisiana State Fair. She started a society column in the *Shreveport Daily Times* in 1881 called "Pansy's Column." Julia was also a traveling correspondent, reported, bookkeeper, cashier, collector and described by her peers as a "First Class newspaper woman." At the time of her death Julia was the oldest member of the First Baptist Church. Her known children include Mrs. Dush Shaw who lived in Longview and Mrs. Louise Hawkins. Her great granddaughter, Mary Lou Jones, has a picture painted by Julia depicting the three flags of the Confederacy and Mary Lou relates that Julia was a tiny woman, 4'9" tall, who wore a size 1 ½ shoe.

Beside Julia Rule I would place Mary Jane Barlow Tunnard, wife of William Henry Tunnard [3rd La Infantry]. The Tunnards were married in Natchitoches 4 January 1867. They had one daughter, Marie Louise, who married Louis Wakeman. Their granddaughter, Ora Wakeman, married Henry Terry Gladney. And in the subsequent generation, Mariann Gladney married John Patrick Dartois and had three children: Patrick Dartois, James T. Dartois and Clare Dartois Leeper. Mary Jane Barlow Tunnard and William Henry Tunnard are both buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Shreveport.

The next lady in our make-believe photo is Martha A. Allen, nee Carroll. She was the wife of Nathaniel Sykes Allen, a prominent Shreveport architect and musician. They married 23 Dec 1852. N. S. Allen was a major in the 14th Texas Infantry, Randall's Brigade, Walker's Division, Army of the Trans-Mississippi.

Completing our picture will be Mrs. Peter Youree and Mary Austin Youree, sisters in law. Mrs. Peter Youree was born Elizabeth Scott, daughter of W. T. and Mary E. Rose Scott of Harrison County, Texas. Elizabeth, known as Betty, had a father who had served as a member of the 1861 Texas Succession Convention in Austin, Texas. Her brother, Buckner H. Scott, served in Co. B, 3rd Texas Regiment. She married Captain Peter Youree [Co. I, Slayback's Regiment of Missouri Rifles], who surrendered his company in Shreveport in 1865 and was too destitute to return to Missouri. He worked his way up in Reconstruction Louisiana, however, and was a prominent banker at the

time the Shreveport Chapter of UDC was organized. Betty Youree served as president of the Shreveport Chapter twice, from 1898 to 1900 and from 1904 to 1927. She served as state president of the UDC from 1912-1914. She was active in the Daughters of the American Revolution also, serving as State Regent and as Regent of the Pelican Chapter. In addition, she was founder of the first chapter of the Colonial Dames and was a member of the Texas Daughters of the Republic. The Betty Scott Youree Chapter of the Children of the Confederacy was named for her. Betty Scott Youree died 11 Jul 1934 and is buried in the Scottsville Cemetery in Harrison County, Texas. Known children are William Scott Youree who died in 1904 and Susie Rose Youree Lloyd.

Mary Rose Austin Youree was the wife of Peter's brother, Henry Youree. Following Henry's death, Mary Rose married Edward N. Randolph on 24 April 1919. Mary Rose is buried in the Scottsville Cemetery, Harrison County, Texas. There were no children in this line.

Today an applicant to the UDC often has to engage in extensive research to prove descent from or connection to a Confederate veteran. This was not the case for the founding members of Shreveport Chapter 237, they were actual daughters and wives of Confederate veterans and filled a vital role in their volunteer work and their marking of graves. Today's members of Shreveport Chapter 237 of the UDC carry on their proud tradition.



Article from *Shreveport Journal*, April 6, 1939:

CEREMONIES SATURDAY ON 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF FAMOUS BATTLE

The public is invited to attend the tree-planting ceremonies in Fort Humbug Confederate Memorial park at the end of Stoner Avenue, Shreveport, to be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, participated in by United Daughters of the Confederacy and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Following the ceremonies here a motorcade of these two organizations will proceed to Mansfield Battle Park where a similar ceremony will be held at 4:30 p.m.

The J. Milton Edwards Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, with the permission of the U.D.C. chapters, custodians of the two parks, is planting magnolia trees here and at Mansfield, commemorating the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Battle of Mansfield, fought on April 8, 1864, resulting in decisive victory for the Confederate forces under Gen. Richard Taylor, over the federal forces under Gen. N. P. Banks. The Federal forces were advancing on Shreveport, then headquarters of the Transmississippi Department, where Lt. Gen. E. Kirby Smith was in command. Shreveport was saved by the defeat of Banks at Mansfield. A federal column advancing from Little Rock, under Gen. Steele, was near Hope, Ark., when Banks was defeated, but then moved by the left flank to Camden, Ark., and later withdrew to Little Rock after suffering the loss of two of its supply trains and a large number of troops.

Fort Humbug, known during the Civil War as Fort Turnbull, was one of a chain of four forts and 14 batteries comprising the defense system of Shreveport. Due to the fact that Shreveport was saved by the victory at Mansfield, members of the V.F.W. felt, they said, that a memorial tree could fittingly be planted in Shreveport, as well as at Mansfield.

The tree planting ceremonies at the Mansfield Battle Park is only one part of an all-day program at Mansfield Saturday, commemorating the seventy-fifth anniversary of the battle.

The April 8 celebration at Mansfield as usual, is under the auspices of Kate Beard Chapter, U.D.C. Part of the program will be held at the Mansfield Battle Park, and a pageant will be given at the Mansfield courthouse in the afternoon.

At 12 o'clock (noon) there will be a picnic lunch at the Mansfield Battle Park. The public is urged to bring picnic baskets and join in the celebration. Should it rain on that day, this picnic will be held at the courthouse in Mansfield.

At 1 p.m. there will be a parade by the Mansfield High School band, followed by a concert. At 2 p.m. there will be a memorial program: Recessional, "Dixie", by M.H.S. band; invocation, Rev. J. J. Rasmussen, of the Methodist Church; vocal solo, Mrs. John Dowell; unveiling of picture showing the charter members of Camp Mouton by Mrs. Sallie Scales Page, first president of Kate Beard Chapter; vocal solo, Mrs. R. S. Williams.

Pageant: Uncle Sam – Rufus Craig; Confederate soldier – Louis Thorp; Uncle Ned – Hall Peyton, Jr.; Aunt Julie – Niva Maud Laney; flower girls – Carol Clark, Lois Ann Gatlin, Jean Pendleton, Mary Sue Dowell; World War soldier – Horace Wiggins; Boy Scout – T. B. Herndon, Jr.; Girl Scout – Kathleen Rives; Red Cross nurse – Evelyn Mahaffey; chorus, "God Bless America"; benediction, Rev. W. C. Bennett, pastor of the First Baptist Church; "Star-Spangled Banner" – Mansfield High School band.

The pageant was written and will be directed by Mrs. T. A. Moross, Mrs. R. S. Williams, violinist, Mrs. H. M. Silver, accompanist.

At 4:30 p.m. planting of a memorial tree at Mansfield Battle Park by the J. Milton Edwards Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, of Shreveport.

At the ceremonies at Fort Humbug at 3 p.m., following singing of patriotic songs and a prayer by Mrs. R. R. Rice of the Shreveport Chapter, U. D. C., a magnolia tree, to be planted, will be presented by Department Commander J. C. McConnell on behalf of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and will be accepted on behalf of the U.D.C. by Mrs. Thomas F. Fitzgerald, custodian for the U.D.C. of the park and Mrs. J. C. Acton, president of the Shreveport U.D.C. Chapter and first vice president of the Louisiana U.D.C. Planting of the tree will then follow with Mrs. Agnes G. Hendrick, former Louisiana U.D.C. president holding the tree and Commander McConnell, District Commander Jesse Moore and Udoz H. Hankins shoveling in the first spadeful of earth in that order.

At the Mansfield Battle Park at 4:30 p.m., much the same form of procedure will be followed. Rev. McNair Smith, pastor of the Mansfield First Presbyterian Church, will give the invocation and following presentation by Commander McConnell, acceptance will be made by Mrs. Fleet Pendleton, president of Kate Beard Chapter, U.D.C., Mansfield; and by Mrs. Ned Walter Jenkins of the chapter as U.D.C. custodian of the Mansfield Battle Park. Mrs. J. B. Anthony of Mansfield, custodian of the Crosses of Honor for the Louisiana U.D.C., will hold the tree while it is being planted by Messrs. McConnell, Jesse Moore and Hankins.



Genealogy—You know you're hooked when . . .

You can't pass a cemetery without stopping to see if one of your relatives is buried there.

There's a microfilm reader installed in your bathroom.

You spend more time in the county courthouse than your local trial lawyer.

You ask every person you meet the surnames of their grandparents.

You can recite the day, month and year of you great-grandmother's birth, but can't remember your own spouse's birth date.

When someone says they have a new Chicago CD, you think they are talking about a vital records CD for Chicago, IL.

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When someone asks you if you've seen any of the newly released films, you think they are talking about the 1930 Census.

You can remember things that happened 100 years ago, but not what happened yesterday.

You have carpal tunnel syndrome from cranking microfilm reader handles.

You call traveling 10 miles to the shopping mall a lengthy trip but call a 100-mile trip to a cemetery a quick jaunt.

You have a massive collection of articles in which your surname is mentioned only once.

You refuse to go to Las Vegas because they don't have a decent genealogical library there.

Recollections of George Dalman Nelson

I was born October 9, 1917 at 201 Pine Street on the Louisiana side of Junction City, Arkansas. My Mother said that it was the first front of 1917. My parents were Noah Webster Nelson who was born on January 21, 1881 and died May 25, 1957. When I was born, he was 34 years of age. My Mother was Birdie Ann Reynolds Nelson, then 24 years of age. She was born July 1, 1893 in Parker's Chapel. My father's grandparents had left Morgan County, Georgia in 1848 with their family and spent ten years in Russell County, Alabama, coming to Louisiana in 1848, and settling on some land that was in Union Parish seven miles south of Junction City. My Mother's Reynolds family had been in Claiborne Parish since 1819, according to a book by Dr. Gilley of Louisiana Tech. So the Reynolds were early pioneers and the Nelsons came along with the flood of people who came from Georgia and Alabama during the 1840s and 1850s. The Negroes on the Nelson Plantation had taken the name of Battle after the Civil War. I met a descendant of this family who was called Aunt Sallie Battle. She had washed the clothes of my Grandfather Nelson.

My Father and Mother told me there was a black woman who was with her when I was born and the doctor was Dr. William Harper. Mother saved the check that paid for prenatal care and for my delivery, the total of the check was \$25. I was born in the front room of the house and later, on looking at the birth certificate, it showed that they had put some drops of silver nitrate in my eyes. Not being familiar with what they did when a child was born, I was interested in noting this fact. My grandparents, Amos James Reynolds and Julia Pendleton Reynolds, came in their buggy to see me my first day. My Grandmother brought a can of meat so that they wouldn't be any extra burden for lunch. Also my Mother said that Miss Jessie McDonald, a nearby neighbor and, I'm sure, my Aunt Annie Nelson and Aunt Rosa Nelson came to see me that first day. Other visitors were my Father's brother, Luther Nelson and his wife, Nan, and their three daughters, Meadors, Yvonne, and Olga. Daughter Nan was born later. I was certainly born into a happy household.

I remember my Grandfather Reynolds clearly. He sang a little ditty that he heard at a fair in El Dorado when he was a young boy. Some fellow with a jewelry stand sang,

*What care I for gold or silver or all the ladies in the land?
Give me a wife and sixteen children, an old gray mare, and a jewelry stand.*

When my Grandfather died, he still had a muzzle loader gun and a hammer gun, both of which I now have. Aunt May said that one morning they woke up at Parker's Chapel and looked out the back window and saw a turkey up in a tree. She said that Grandpa Reynolds got out his muzzle loader and shot the turkey; they ate it. The muzzle loader gun came down from my Great-Grandfather James Reynolds. I don't know when they bought the hammer gun, it is a Belgian gun.

My Father had a partnership with his brother, Luther, in a store on the Arkansas side on the east side of the Main Street of Junction City near the Louisiana line. He and his

brother had been in business for a number of years. Although I don't remember anything about Junction City at that time, I've seen many pictures taken of me as a little boy with a lot of curls and little buckets of sand to play with. I've also seen picture of my Aunt Grace, who was a young woman of about 17, rolling me in a buggy. Our home was known as the Elkins House since it had been owned by a Dr. Elkins, who was well known but had died with the flu. My Father had wanted to be a doctor but his father felt many doctors fell victim to alcohol and persuaded him not to be a doctor. He would have made an excellent doctor.

When I was 2 ½ years old, my Mother had planned to take me to Sunday School, but on the chosen Sunday Harry was sick and she felt she had to stay home with him. My Father, a Baptist, took me to the Methodist Sunday School. When I asked him why he didn't take me to Baptist Sunday School, he said, "Son, it doesn't have anything to do with religion. You can't deprive a mother of showing off her child to her friends."

My Father was on the City Council of Junction City. There were two governing bodies, one for the Louisiana side and one for the Arkansas side, and my Father was very concerned about living a few yards on the Arkansas side when he had to remain a citizen of Louisiana to qualify for the Louisiana Side City Council. We still have his Certificate of Appointment to the office of City Council for the Louisiana side. It was signed by then Governor of Louisiana, Governor Hall.

My brother, Harry, was born in what was known as the Shepherd House on March 30, 1919. After Harry was born, my Father and his brother closed their store. He had taken a business course at the Metropolitan Business College in Dallas earlier, before marriage, and he turned from storekeeper to work as an accountant for lumber mills in Fryeburg, Gandy, and Princeton. In January 1923 we moved to Minden, Louisiana, where he opened a drug store.

I remember very little about what was sold in the drug store, but it included patent medicine. The store had a soda fountain and for a short period of time my Mother's brother, James Hale Reynolds, came down to Minden to live with us and work at the store as the soda jerk. Later James went to work for the State Highway Department doing work on roads around Webster Parish.

I was a year and a half older than Harry, and so I started school in the fall of 1923. In my class were McVoy McIntyre, Tommy Crichton, Jack Bridges, L. Francis Miller and others who have been life-long friends of mine. The first house we lived in was on Lewisville Road right across the street from the home where McVoy and Claire McIntyre lived, and next door to Floyd Kennon's family. The Kennons had a grocery store and their son, Robert Floyd, was elected Governor of Louisiana in 1952. I do remember playing with McVoy and Claire. A door or two next to us were the Barringtons. Bobby Barrington was a childhood playmate also. After we had lived in this house for a few months we moved to a house on East and West Street in which Miss Martha Gray, a single lady, lived. It had a big hall down the center and we had one side of the house.

During this period my parents were having a home built at 801 Jefferson Street which was in the Chandler Addition. Next to us was the Harville Lee family and next to them was the Coleman Lindsey family. The Lees had a daughter named Marion and a son born in 1932 named J. Bachman, but the Lindseys had five sons, Rufus, Douglas, Lewis, James and David. Next to them was the John McInnis family who had two sons, Harry and John. We had a large number of boys on our hill and one girl.

The subdivision was new and there was a lot of clay which was muddy in the wintertime. It took several years to get some topsoil put back so that you could have a green lawn. We had a great bunch of young people. One of our favorite past-times was to build what we called a skate-mobile which was made by taking the wheels off skates and putting them on a little cart we had built. We would start at the top of the hill and ride down to the bottom. We got up quite a head of steam during this ride. The distance was about five hundred feet.

Writing about the skate-mobile reminds me that when I was four years old and we still lived in Princeton, my Father and I came over to Shreveport to the George T. Bishop Dodge Company, located at the corner of Milam and Spring Streets, and he bought a black 1921 Dodge Touring car. These cars were open and if it rained you put up some protection that they called *Eisen Glass*. The car also still had a crank on it even though there was a self-starter. We kept the car for quite a long time. I never dreamed that I'd spend my working career within a block of where I'd ridden with my Dad. I do remember driving from the second floor down, coming out of the dealership in that car onto Spring Street.

In Minden we played a lot of football. We went swimming in the summer at what was called the Minden Natatorium and we spent a lot of time walking in the woods area that was past the homes on Jefferson Street. After school we'd walk over to the fields and chase little field mice. There was a little pond over that way. I think it was called Turner's Pond. I remember the first bird I ever killed was a woodcock when I was about 12 years old. I can't imagine my Dad letting me do it, but I went by myself with a shotgun over to the woods and a woodcock got up, and I shot real quick. Of course he was so close to me I hit the bird and that was the first bird I ever killed on the fly.

When we were not over 12 or 13 years old, Harry, Marlin Braswell, and I built a log cabin on the corner of our yard. We would go to the woods nearby and cut down trees about six inches in diameter, but the limbs off and drag them back to our home. These landowners were very kind, and we never got a complaint about cutting down a tree. The cabin had a door in it and a little loft, and a fireplace. One thing I do remember is that he got the idea that he wanted this cabin moved onto his lot instead of our lot and that was one of my first experiences with standing up for myself, since Harry and Marlin and I had had the original idea of building the cabin. My Mother was so proud of it that she took a picture of it and used it for a paper on child development at Northwestern during Summer School that year.

Another thing that we did was pick dewberries and sell them for 50 cents a gallon. Also, Mother made a lot of dewberry jelly that we enjoyed the year round. During the summer, when roadwork was being done around our area, we bought Coca-Colas, put them on ice, and sold them to the workers on the road. The Cokes cost us five cents and we sold them for a dime. I remember that Harry and John McInnis both helped us on this project as did Marlin Braswell and some of the other boys on the hill.

During my youth in Minden, air conditioning was unknown. It was an important event when we got an attic fan for our house. During the hot summer, anything that could blow out the hot air from the attic and help the whole house cool down for the night was a great aid to sleeping.

Sometime years before my Mother died, Alice Adams who worked for us here at Querbes & Nelson said she had been talking to my Mother. Harry and I had always tried to merit the approval of our parents, and Mother said something that I took as a great compliment. She said that if she had known how Harry and I would turn out, she would have had more children. One of the words that my Mother used describing the intelligence of a person or student was that he or she was teachable. To her that meant that the person could learn and gain from experiences in life and, as far as she was concerned, if a person was teachable, he could make it.

My Mother was always a good student. She had been co-valedictorian of her high school class along with Ray Harvison. She made a talk on "The Mysteries of the Universe." She taught several years in Marian, and Sadie, Louisiana. Her college work was at Louisiana Tech, L.S.U., Northwestern, and she received her degree from Centenary.

In 1925 my Mother began teaching Kindergarten, and was given a room in the school. She was usually a little earlier than Harry and I were at leaving the house. She worked mighty hard and was able to keep the room in the high school from 1925 until World War II began. Then there was such an influx of families for workers at the shell plant near Minden that she had to give up the room and move the kindergarten class to our home.

Mother's class had a large program in the fall and then another in the spring. I can remember Mrs. Larry Hunter, whose husband owned the Coca Cola plant, being very nice to Mother and playing the piano for her program. Cora Lou Robinson, who went to mother's Kindergarten and later became quite an artist, sold me a picture featuring three student butterflies she painted of one of these programs. Dr. Monte Harrison, a local dentist, is married to a young woman named Glenda Harrison, who was one of the butterflies, Cora Lou was a second butterfly, and Rebecca Campbell, who is married to Judge Corky Marvin was the other butterfly.

Harry and I would go up to Junction City to our Reynolds Grandparent's home to spend the whole three months of the summer because Mother would go to summer school at Normal in Natchitoches for six weeks. Then sometimes she and my Father would come on up to stay at my grandparents' for a few days. We had so many stories to tell from our visits to our grandparents. Harry and I both loved them very much. I think the ability to communicate with older people helped me. I always had great respect for them and was able to get insurance business from much older business people.

At the farm we made little wagons by sawing wheels from black gum logs. One time, unfortunately, a calf died because Harry and I made a harness and hooked it up to one of our wagons. The calf wasn't strong enough to pull the wagon. Although we were very worried about what our grandparents would think, they never said a word to us about this. Sometimes Harry and I would go swimming across from our grandfather's pasture with the Jerry boys. Part of Beaver Creek went also through their property and they had a larger swimming hole than anything on my grandfather's property. We had a lot of fun swimming.

The Jerry boys were A. C., Carleton, Malcom, Dowan, and another brother or so whose names I don't recall. Carleton Jerry was in later years a county judge for Union County, Arkansas and apparently had charge of road building. I remember when my Grandad died in 1937. A. C. Jerry came over to my grandparent's home and told my Grandmother, "Mrs. Reynold, I'm here and I don't want to be in the way, but I'll put a chair on the edge of the front porch and if you should need me, I'll be glad to do anything I can to help."

What interests me is this was 63 years ago, and I remember that gesture of friendship. It taught me a great lesson. I've often said the presence of your body makes the most important statement that can be made about your interest. I've used it in my business. When someone had a car wreck and got sued, I didn't know anything else to do but go sit with them. In some cases they were at fault. It seemed to satisfy our clients if I was there in person and sitting with them, regardless of the outcome.

Harry and I also would help my grandparents during the summertime. I can remember my Grandmother calling "Boyses, Boyses" to wake us. We'd get up at 4:30 a.m., put on our overalls and shirt, eat breakfast, and were out in the fields by 5. We were barefooted. We thought this was quite an honor to be able to be with our grandfather and our uncle. We would chop or hoe cotton or plow. One year the county agent had a plan for farmers to raise Irish potatoes. We would pick up the Irish potatoes after the plow turned them up out of the ground.

On a few occasions when we stayed long enough in the summertime and the cotton was ready to be picked, we would pick cotton. I don't think I ever picked over a 100 pounds in one day. Harry and I would get out there at 5 o'clock and stay until noon. We would then eat lunch. He and I would both take a nap and then go back to the field about 2 p.m. When we went back, we would carry some cool water from the well to refresh those that were working.

During the summers, Harry and I got our first knowledge of the national political world. My great uncle, George Washington Mason, whom we'd call Uncle Wash, was married to my grandmother's youngest sister, Catherine Lipscomb Pendleton Mason. Uncle Wash was editor and owner of the paper in El Dorado. He would come down to Junction City and sit with my grandfather on the front porch and talk about world issues and anything that was in the news. For the first time I heard about Tammany Hall in New

York, which was an old Democratic organization. When Harry and I were in El Dorado, Uncle Wash would drive us around to Greek restaurants to get Greek stamps.

Uncle Wash was interested in the genealogy of the family and he would tell how Warner Brown, who was the grandfather of my mother's grandmother, had come from Columbiana, Alabama across to El Dorado. He had a son, Paul Brown, by his third wife. Paul became wealthy in the tobacco business in Mirrouri and gave some money for a hospital in El Dorado, which was named Warner Brown Hospital. It has since been converted to a county hospital.

Aunt Kate Mason had gone to Mt. Lebanon University near Gibsland, Louisiana and Uncle Wash was one of her teachers. She was much younger than he was. I still have some of her report cards as well as their catalog. One of the most interesting things in the catalog is that the school was about a mile or two from the Gibsland Depot. The catalog says that "Mt. Lebanon has all the advantages of a depot town, without the disadvantages." It would be interesting to note what they regarded as the advantages of a depot town. Mt. Lebanon was a Baptist school that was later moved to Pineville, LA and renamed "Louisiana College."

The Pendletons came to El Dorado from Walkerton, King and Queen County, Virginia by way of Alabama. Frank Courtney, who had married Adeline Pendleton, sister of George M. Pendleton, was both a medical doctor and a minister. Then he came over to teach and preach at Mt. Lebanon. George Macon Pendleton, Jr., my mother's grandfather, was having some problems in Virginia at Walkerton. His dad apparently agreed that he could come down to Mt. Lebanon and stay with his sister and brother-in-law. He later moved to El Dorado, where he married Mary Ann Brown, granddaughter of Warner Brown. He was a pharmacist and taught all of his family what he learned. My Mother felt that one of the reasons my grandmother, Julia Pendleton Reynolds, was able to raise eight out of nine children was because of her knowledge of medicine gained from her father.

The summers in Junction City on the farm were very pleasant. Even now I can see in my mind's eye the plow throwing up the puff adder snakes as it covered weeds with dirt, which is called "sweeping the cotton." "Laying by the cotton" was the last time that they used the plow on the field before picking. I still see those puff adders spreading their heads and hissing at us. And then I remember the little quail that would fly off her nest, acting as if one wing was broken to fool us and get us away from the nest.

The farm of 280 acres seemed adequate for my grandparents. Their house and farm was a solid rock in our childhood. Food was plentiful and the well water was fine. Because of snakes, Grandmother had her yard free of grass. If a snake crawled across the yard, his path was obvious and it would be killed. We would sit on the front porch for a while after supper and would hear several whippoorwills calling.

George D. Nelson, an owner of Querbes & Nelson, works daily and brightens my life. DHN

WRITING A NOVEL FROM YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

By **Mary Emma Allen**

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As we research our family history, we often find fascinating people and exciting incidents. Sometimes these can be turned into stories for publication . . . either for our families to read or for the general public, too.

We do need to be careful, when writing these stories for general readership, that we don't invade the privacy of family and ancestors. Generally when we write about people of past centuries there is no problem. But some family members still might object if we show them in an unfavorable light, unless we know those facts are true to history. However, I usually try to take tidbits from their lives to act as a springboard for my story. Then I don't need to follow their lives exactly but can fictionalize to drive my story forward.

Research the Setting

In the research of my family, I've come up with many people and incidents that would serve as ideas for novels for youngsters or adults. As you discover your ancestors, research the setting and the era.

- *Check out historical information you may find on the Internet.

- *Look for books of regional history.

- *See what you can find about living conditions and dress of that era.

- *Look for old letters and journals, either those of your ancestors or other people. These will give you the language/speech of the era and personal insights. These will help you with conversations and with letters or diaries you may have your characters write.

- *Read novels others have written based on their ancestors to see how they treated family history information.

Story Ideas

Some of the characters I've found in my personal research have stimulated my imagination.

*Great-great-grandmother Cynthia was widowed when in her 40s, during the mid-1800s, and left with eight living children. (Three others had died.) The older four were married and able to care for themselves. The four younger boys were living with her. She decided to leave their home in New York State and move almost halfway across the United State, west to Illinois.

I learned about her struggles as she and the boys homesteaded, lived in a log cabin, raised crops, and tried to pay off her husband's debts. Eventually two of her sons fought in the United States Civil War. Little by little, I learned about her life and found where she is buried. She has impressed me with her strength of character and her determination to meet life's challenges and raise her children after her husband's death.

*This story also could be told from the viewpoint of the youngest boy, James, whose father drowns. He accompanies his mother and brothers to live on a pioneer farm in the midwest. His older two brothers go off to war while he stays on the farm with his mother.

*Great-great-grandmother Olive's family lived during the Civil War too. Three sons/brothers/uncles fought in the war. One ancestor was a widower with two young children. He remarried so his children had someone to look after them while he was away. How did the children adjust to this? How did they react to his being taken prisoner during the war? What was life like at home for them?

I'm developing a story for youngsters, "Papa Goes to War," based loosely on these characters and incidents, telling it from the viewpoint of the 10-year-old girl whose father goes to war and leaves her and her brother with a stepmother.

*My mom, as a young school teacher in the 1920s, took her first position in a town 50 miles from home. She's never lived that far away. As a 19-year-old teacher, she had students only seven years younger than she.

Mother also met the man who eventually would be her husband and my father. She told me stories about her experiences and wrote me letters about them when she learned I was interested in family history. I shall tell her story in non-fiction form for her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. However, this could become a work of fiction too.

*Other ancestors escaped from England during the religious wars in the late 1600s. The father, a minister, and mother had some of their children sail on another ship with friends so the authorities wouldn't detect that the whole family was leaving.

Their adventures before leaving England, experiences on shipboard, reunion in the new country, and setting up a new life could be fraught with all types of interesting incidents in a novel.

As you research your family history, look at the ordinary people you discover. Their stories, although not well known in the history books, tell of people with many types of experiences and adventures. You'll find you have material for exciting children's and adult stories.

I'd enjoy learning about the stories you find and write.

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The Sheriffs of Caddo Parish

Alexander Boyd Sterett	1838-1840
Matthew Watson	1840-1857
Thomas R. Simpson	1857-1858
Henry John Grey Battle	1859-1860
Nathan Hass	1860-1862
Israel W. Pickens	1862-1865
Thomas R. Simpson	1865-1868
John J. Hope	1868
John J. O'Connor	1868-1869
Michael A. Walsh	1869-1875
James W. Wilson	1875-1876
William Heffner	1876-1877
Alonzo Flournoy	1877-1878
J. D. Cawthone	1879
John Lake	1879-1892
John S. Young	1892-1900
Samuel J. Ward	1900-1906
J. P. "Pat" Flournoy	1906-1916
Thomas Roland Hughes	1916-1940
J. Howell Flournoy	1940-1966
James M. Goslin	1966-1976
Harold Terry	1976-1980
Donald E. Hathaway	1980-2000
Steve Prator	2000 –Present

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery Shreveport, Louisiana

By Christine Rivers

On November 9, 1882, Father Joseph Gentile, second pastor of Shreveport's Holy Trinity Catholic Church, purchased 10 ½ acres of land for a Catholic cemetery. Purchase price was \$210. The location was described in the priest's diary as a beautiful one "not too far from the town on the Texas or Greenwood road." On March 4, 1883, Father Gentile designated St. Joseph as the name of the cemetery in honor of his patron saint. Today the address for St. Joseph Cemetery is given as 2100 Texas Avenue, Shreveport.

To raise funds for fencing and laying out the Catholic cemetery, the ladies of Holy Trinity Church put on a fair and raised \$200. Cedar posts were placed ten feet apart with cypress as base and rails and four strands of barbed wire in between to serve as fencing. The ground was leveled and divided into lots twenty feet square. W. W. Waring was commissioned to fabricate a double gate as a carriage entrance with two side gates for pedestrians. The main road, called Calvary Road, led from the gate to an artificial mound on which was placed a large cross. It was Father Gentile's plan the Shreveport priests be buried on the mount "under the shadow of the Cross."



Present-day gate and fence at St. Joseph Cemetery

The first burial in St. Joseph Cemetery took place September 24, 1883. The lot was purchased by Peter Scully, construction contractor of the Red River bridge for the Vicksburg, Shreveport & Texas Railroad. Six of his workmen died in a boiler explosion on the job. The four Catholic men buried in St. Joseph Cemetery were John Burke, age 26; John Malloy, age 53; James Sommers, age 26; and William Thomas, age 35.

St. Joseph Cemetery was donated to the Diocese of Natchitoches in 1886. Over the years, the pastors of Holy Trinity Church continued to care for the cemetery until January 4, 1996, when the Diocese of Shreveport officially assumed operations.

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Andrew Baggett's Civil War Career

From Family Legend to Documentation

By Danielle Harrison Neal

My family was never one to wax sentimental regarding the Civil War. Battles were not rehashed over Sunday dinners nor were there tales of buried silver or plantations ruined. Nobody joined the UDC. Most family stories concerned only immediate generations and usually centered around a colorful great-grandfather born in Texas in 1865. Now I did not believe my Baggett clan landed in an alien spaceship during Reconstruction, so there had to be some Civil War history somewhere.

Establishing correspondence with a second cousin in Sulphur, Louisiana, was tantamount to finding a gold mine. She had stories of the Baggetts I had never heard, some pertaining to the Civil War. For instance, Andrew Baggett's wife, Mary (or Polly), died of smallpox in New Orleans during the War. No exact birth or death dates for her, but at least that much.

Then there was the charming, though puzzling, store of Andrew and his children getting on a raft on the Sabine River at the close of the War to return home to Niblett's Bluff in Calcasieu Parish. Why were his children with him?

The story went that daughter Mary, who would have been 13, kept the family savings of several gold pieces in her shoe for safe keeping. As they gathered parcels and loaded their belongings on the raft to go down river, Mary got sand in her shoes. Once underway, she quickly removed her shoes to get rid of the annoying sand, and shook her shoe over the side of the raft. To her dismay both sand and the gold pieces sank into the muddy Sabine. What a story!

Andrew Baggett, son of Thomas Baggett, is found in the 1850 Census in Harrison County, MS. The Baggetts were wood choppers or lumbermen in their early generations, listed as farmers when older. The family migrated to Calcasieu Parish by 1860 and settled near Sugartown, Louisiana. Listed in 1860 are his wife, Mary, and five children: Thomas, Elizabeth Jane, Andrew, Mary and William Robert. Andrew Baggett was born about 1820 in the panhandle of Florida in the Walton/Santa Rosa County area.

In 1870 and 1880 Andrew Baggett is back in Calcasieu Parish with his second wife, the widow Rebecca Sigler and they have one additional child, Michael Baggett. Andrew and Rebecca are buried in the Campground Cemetery, Sugartown, Louisiana, near a historical plaque commemorating the exemplary Methodist pioneers who brought civilization to the Neutral Strip.

Subsequent generations of Baggetts have been pious, reverent people, many ministers of the Christian Church and Pentecostal faiths among them. My great-grandfather William Robert Baggett was a carpenter and builder most of his life, and in later years a bailiff in

the Vernon Parish court. Since Calcasieu Parish records only date from 1912 (following a disastrous fire) I was eager to supplement Census records to gain a fuller picture of my Baggett line.

So the search for Andrew Baggett's Civil War service record began. He lived to age 80 or better, dying November 16, 1899, but there is no record of a Confederate pension or service record in any of the books or on the microfilm of Confederate veterans. I decided to pursue Polly's burial site in New Orleans for possible information and try to unravel the mystery of why she had joined him there when they were already established in Sugartown. Since New Orleans is such a sizeable city, I thought it would be good to read up on where the Confederate troops had been camped before I began to search cemetery records.

I soon found that Confederate troops had not been camped in New Orleans. The Union forces captured New Orleans easily in 1862 and held it until the end of the conflict. My goodness! If New Orleans was under Union control and Polly joined her husband there, what in the world was Andrew doing in New Orleans? Was he a Prisoner of War? If so, how did he and his children end up over in the Sabine River valley at the conclusion of the War to get on that raft?

I began to suspect a Unionist in the woodpile.

An inquiry to the National Archives regarding a Union soldier named Andrew Baggett serving in Louisiana brought a positive response and a request for \$5 to cover copying and postage. Back in November 1988, what a bargain I received for \$5: the enlistment record, the service record, and the pension application and rejection.

The enlistment record contained the following: Andrew Baggett, age 44 years, farmer, born Walton, West Florida; eyes blue, hair black, complexion dark, 5'10" tall, was mustered in April 22, 1864 at Alexandria, Louisiana for service during military operations in western Louisiana and east Texas. He was assigned as Private, Co. B, 1st Regiment Louisiana Cavalry Scouts. Shortly thereafter his company was reassigned to Co. I, 2nd Regiment, Louisiana Cavalry Scouts. He was paid \$186 through June 30, 1864 and on November 12, 1864 in New Orleans was stated to have deserted August 28, 1864 in Baton Rouge.

When Andrew Baggett applied for a pension on November 4, 1890 at age 72, he declared he was "wholly unable to earn a support by reason of old age and debility. That said disabilities are not due to vicious habits, and are to the best of his knowledge and belief permanent." His signature is shaky but completely legible. Dr. Daniel Moore on September 2, 1891 found his heart enlarged; loss of coordination of muscles in right arm; and a marked diminution in muscular strength occasioned by old age and general debility. The application was rejected on the basis of his desertion August 28, 1864. Evidently he appealed and requested the charge of desertion be removed and the issuance of a discharge be issued. On May 24, 1895 this appeal was rejected.

Actually I believe his daughter's marriage license in East Baton Rouge Parish would have been evidence of an "honorable" departure from the Union army. On May 15, 1865, at the residence of the bride, Miss Jane Baggett, F. A. Nephler, Justice of the Peace, Ward 1, City of Baton Rouge, joined in matrimony William Dunlap and Jane Baggett. Witnesses were Lt. W. M. Price, Lt. R. R. Pearson and William Johnson. Hardly sounds like her father was a deserter hiding from the occupying forces.

What military action, if any, did Andrew Baggett, Cavalry Scout, guide General Banks' troops through during his service from April 22, 1864 to August 28, 1864? I investigated the correspondence file contained in the multi-volume *War of the Rebellion, Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies* in Shreve Memorial Library. April of 1864 featured Banks' disastrous Red River Campaign. On April 8, 1864 the Confederate forces trounced the Union Army at the Battle of Mansfield. The next day, April 9, 1864, the Battle of Pleasant Hill was a draw and the 1st Regiment of Cavalry led a retreat through Cloutierville and Cane River Crossing April 22-24. A web page on Union regimental histories provided that the 1st Regiment of Cavalry was at Alexandria April 27 to May 13; then they retreated to Morganza April 13-20 and to Avoyelles Prairie on May 15. So Andrew Baggett would have been scouting this retreat.

Confederate General Richard Taylor's success in the Red River Campaign delayed Union victory in the war by several months, but only small skirmishes occurred in Louisiana following the Red River Campaign. Some of those skirmishes were at Mansura [Belle Prairie or Smith's Plantation] on May 16, 1864; Yellow Bayou [near Moreauville – also known as Bayou De Glaize, Norwood's Plantation or Old Oaks] May 18 and 19. There was an expedition from Morganza to the Atchafalaya May 30 to June 5 and an action at Livonia May 30, 1864.

And what might Andrew Baggett have done from early June until late August 1864? Perhaps he escorted troops between New Orleans and Baton Rouge.

On the subject of epidemics in New Orleans, I learned that the Union troops occupying the city cleaned the environment up so well that yellow fever failed to make any notable appearance until 1867, but 1865 had a smallpox outbreak. Polly Baggett, joining her husband in 1865, may well have died in that outbreak. I have not yet found her burial in New Orleans records.

Why Andrew Baggett enlisted in the Union Army poses an interesting question. The Baggetts through the years had been lumbermen rather than plantation owners. Did he go to Alexandria looking for work as a carpenter to discover that Cavalry Scout paid much better? Did a recruiter find him in the Sugartown area and make a logical appeal? Why did he move his family to Baton Rouge? Was he working for the Army in May of 1865 when Jane married William Dunlap?

I believe there was genuine Union loyalty within Andrew Baggett, for four of his kinsmen in Santa Rosa Co., Florida volunteered and fought for the Union also. Coincidentally they all enlisted between January and April, 1864.

As happens so often, I am left with more questions than answers regarding Andrew Baggett. Gone, however, is the naïve assumption that every citizen south of the Mason-Dixon Line was a Confederate supporter. That conflict, like others in our own lifetime, had southerners on both sides of the issue, and I am proud to descend from a man who stood up for his convictions.

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VETERANS ADMINISTRATION SEEKS VOLUNTEERS TO INVENTORY OLD CEMETERY MEMORIALS

The VA is seeking more volunteers to research monuments in national cemeteries and soldiers' lots. With Veterans Day approaching, VA hopes the inventory project will spur the public's interest in the history found in national cemeteries.

VA began the documentation process last spring and now estimates approximately 500 memorials or monuments will be found in its 120 national cemeteries and 33 soldiers' lots. "As stewards of these monuments—many of them dating to our cemeteries' founding in the Civil War—we have a responsibility to catalogue and preserve these markers of American history," said Acting Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs S. Eric Benson.

More than 75 volunteers have signed on so far to study 174 monuments. VA hopes to complete the project in the next few months, but will continue to recruit volunteers into next year. The memorials yet to be studied are in cities as varied as Honolulu, Philadelphia and Prairie du Chien, Wis.

With instruction booklets, survey questionnaires, and camera film provided to them, volunteers document the materials, inscriptions and condition of the memorials for historic and preservation purposes. VA officials said most national cemeteries are not staffed to conduct the research sometimes needed, and volunteers provide an objective assessment of the memorials' physical condition.

Civil War enthusiasts, scholars, teachers, archivists, active and retired military members, landscape architects and parents looking for weekend activities for their children are among the current volunteers. Some volunteers asked to survey cemeteries away from where they live to have a reason for a short vacation.

Sites in 30 states need volunteers including Illinois with six cities having a total of 47 monuments. Grafton, W. Va.; Maxwell, Neb.; Salem, N.J.; Biloxi, Miss.; Ft. Gibson, Okla.; and Bayamon, Puerto Rico all have just one monument to be accessed.

For information, including a list of localities where volunteers are needed, visit VA's National Cemetery Administration website www.ccn.va.gov under "What's New." You can also e-mail new.memorials@mail.va.gov or call (202) 565-5426.

From www.bupers.navy.mil/periodicals/shiftcolors Jan.-Mar. issue, p. 8.

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### *Louisiana Purchase*

A New Orleans lawyer sought an FHA loan for a client. He was told the loan would be granted if he could prove satisfactory title to a parcel of property being offered as collateral. The title to the property dated back to 1803, which took the lawyer three months to track down. After sending the information to the FHA, he received the following reply:

*Upon review of your letter adjoining your client's loan application, we note that the request is supported by an Abstract of Title. While we compliment the able manner in which you have prepared and presented an application, we must point out that you have only cleared title to the proposed collateral property back to 1803. Before final approval can be accorded, it will be necessary to clear title back to its origin.*

Annoyed, the lawyer responded as follows:

Your letter regarding title in Case 189156 has been received. I note that you wish to have title extended further than the 198 years covered by the present application. I was unaware that any educated person in this country, particularly those working in the property area, would not know that Louisiana was purchased by the U.S. from France in 1803, the year of origin identified in our application.

For the edification of uninformed FHA bureaucrats, the title to land prior to U.S. ownership was obtained from France, which had acquired it by Right of Conquest from Spain. The land came into possession of Spain by Right of Discovery made in the year 1492 by a sea captain named Christopher Columbus, who had been granted the privilege of seeking a new route to India by the then reigning monarch, Isabella.

The good queen, being a pious woman and careful about titles, almost as much as the FHA, took the precaution of securing the blessing of the Pope before she sold her jewels to fund Columbus' expedition.

Now the Pope, as I'm sure you know, is the emissary of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. And God, it is commonly accepted, created this world.

Therefore, I believe it is safe to presume that He also made that part of the world called Louisiana. He, therefore, would be the owner of origin. I hope to hell you find His original claim to be satisfactory. Now, may we have our loan?

They got it.

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## **QUERIES**

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Juanita Abrahamson Racine, 8918 Hawthorne Drive, Shreveport, LA 71118-2616

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Seeking parents of Jonathan Robert **CHANDLER**. He was born in Georgia in May 1892 and married Laura **URSER** in Miller Co, AR about 1879; they had 8 children. They then divorced and he married Mary Eliza (Mollie) **QUICK**; they had 2 children. He died in Ida in Caddo Parish, LA on 13 Jan 1944. The town of Ida was named for his second oldest daughter.

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James Hamilton **SAMPLE** was born 1808 or 1809 in South Carolina. Looking for any information including when he died and where he is buried.

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**SZELEMI**

John **SZELEMI** was born in Poland and immigrated to the United States in 1916. Would appreciate any information on him or this family.

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Looking for any information on the **ARMITAGE** family. They have roots in Caddo, Avoyelles, and Rapides Parishes of Louisiana since 1840. <dogwoodla@hotmail.com>  
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