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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Our quarterly publication, ***The Journal***, welcomes unpublished material pertaining to genealogy and history, particularly in North Louisiana.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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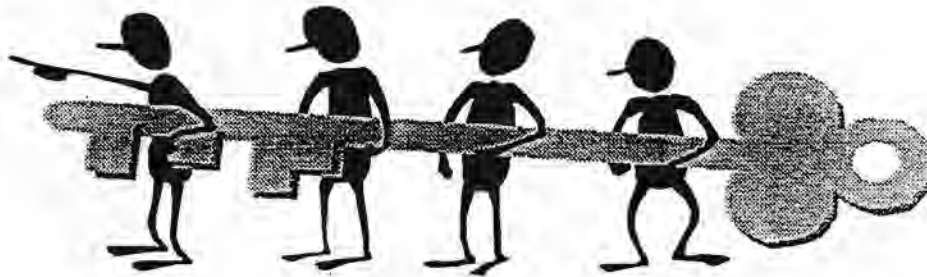
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May 18, 2004

Dear Friends of Genealogy:

Our research trip to the Mississippi State Archives in Jackson, MS was attended by eight members on May 14 and 15. Five members carpooled together and three members traveled by their own autos. Overall, the research trip was a success for the individual researcher. The only problem was there was just not enough time in the two days, Friday and Saturday.

Laura Duffy has arranged for one of the Mississippi State Archive personnel to come to speak to our group at a monthly meeting in 2005.

It is thought that the concept of the genealogical research trip proved to be a success. Therefore, we are considering planning additional trips such as to the Dallas Public Library and/or the Ft. Worth Branch of the National Archives.

Election of officers of our organization for the term 2005-2006 will be on the agenda this year. A nominating committee will be appointed probably in September or October and an election will be held November, 2004. If you would be willing to serve on the nominating committee and/or as an officer, please let one of the board members know.

Thank you for being a Friend of Genealogy.

Ben Achee
President

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Mark Your Calendar

Meeting dates scheduled for 2004 by Friends of Genealogy, Inc.:

January 3, 2004	February 7, 2004	March 6, 2004
April 3, 2004	May 1, 2004	June 5, 2004
July 17, 2004 John Sellers, Summer Grove UMC 9 am to 4 pm	August 7, 2004 Cliff Carden, Bossier Parish History	September 4, 2004 Genealogist Joe Slattery Walking Tour Library Genealogy Dept.
October 2, 2004 Nita Cole, Bossier History Center	November, 2004 Classes Nov. 5, 6 & 13	December 4, 2004 Christmas Social, TBA

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 Achee at 318-746-3688 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. ***This year is one-half over, have you attended a Board Meeting yet???*** 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 exception to our rule – and he is truly exceptional! – will be our July special workshop with **John Sellers**. If you heard him during our fall 2003 lessons, you will remember him. This workshop will be Saturday, July 17, 2004 at the Summer Grove United Methodist Church, 9119 Dean Road, Shreveport, LA 71118 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please use the enclosed sheet to pre-register. The cost for this workshop is \$20.

Genealogy Classes will be offered Friday, November 5; Saturday, November 6; and Saturday, November 13, 2004. The first Saturday we will cover the Census and Courthouse Research Techniques. The second Saturday we will address Military Records, Newspaper Research and Rarely Used Research Aids. The location for these lessons will be announced later.

Ancestor Fair "Genealogy at the Fort" will be held Saturday, August 21, 2004 at Bethel Lutheran Church, Fort Smith, AR. Cost is \$15, lunch available but not included in registration. Please contact Frontier Research Genealogy Society, P. O. Box 2123, Fort Smith, AR 72902 or e-mail Shirley Frantz at [safrantz737@aol.com](mailto:sufrantz737@aol.com) or Barbara Coleman at bkcole@earthlink.net

Reminders!!

Look on page 96 for our New Books on Shreveport Civil Records.

Don't forget our workshop with John Sellers on July 17th. Make this a successful event by registering early.

ASK

Miss Ima G* Bugg

* Genealogy



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

Dear Miss Ima:

I cannot get far enough back with my research to find any probate on the microfilm or any records in books. I have found my grandmother as a child in the 1930 census, but the going is rough because so many records were copied only until 1900. Is it an impossible search?

Dear Discouraged:

There's good news and bad news. The bad news is you will not find much in traditional records to help you at first. The good news is that the sources you will find in other places will be much richer than the older records. Recently I went to a courthouse to research a man who died in the 1960s. The index was very easy to use, and the clerk went out of her way to assist me. The probate file had so much information. It had his marriage date, his wife's death date, his date of death, his children were listed by date of birth, and the husbands of the daughters were given. You will not consistently find such wonderful information on an 18th Century will or probate record. Also check the city directory where your family lived. The city directory will often give their occupation and their spouse's name. Modern-day cemeteries have a good deal of information on burials. Our library goes through the newspaper each day and enters the obituaries in the computerized subject file. You can find obituaries in this subject file for the past 20 years and jot down the dates, go to the newspaper microfilm and read each obituary. Last but not least, try the Social Security Death Index and order the original application for a Social Security card.

Dear Miss Ima:

After several years' work I have traced my Scots ancestors to colonial New Jersey. Is there any hope of learning their ship of transport since there was no central immigration station like Ellis Island in those days?

Dear Scottie:

Yes, there's hope, and new resources are being published every year. In your case I would recommend researching *Scots in the Mid-Atlantic Colonies 1635-1783* by David Dobson. This book identifies more than 3,000 colonists of New York and New Jersey. Many Scots arrived as soldiers in His Majesty's Army who remained in the colonies, sending for their families. The migration patterns of lowland and highland Scots were different. As a rule the lowland Scots were compatible with the established colonists and supported the American side in the Revolutionary War. The highland Scots were often settlers on the frontier, supported the crown during the Revolution and many relocated to Canada following the war. This book may be ordered from Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 N. Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202-3897.



Dear Miss Ima:

My ancestors migrated through the southwestern counties of Virginia before going into Kentucky and then heading south. I am trying to research them from Louisiana and not having a great deal of luck because I don't really know where to look for them for a span of 15 to 20 years. I just can't pin them down.

Dear Unraveled:

As I'm sure you know, with a westward migration through that area right after the Revolutionary War, the counties were being populated rapidly, and new counties were being formed fairly quickly. Perhaps you will be helped by *Index to Virginia Estates, 1800-1850* by Wesley Pippenger. This work covers 22 counties in southwestern Virginia: Bland, Buchanan, Carroll, Craig, Dickenson, Floyd, Franklin, Giles, Grayson, Henry, Lee, Montgomery, Patrick, Pulaski, Roanoke, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington, Wise and Wythe. This book lists more than 41,000 estate records and tells you where to write for a copy of each one. It may be ordered from the Virginia Genealogical Society, 5001 W. Broad Street, #115, Richmond, VA 23230-3023. We tend to think of estate records as equivalent to wills, but there is the potential of much more information in an estate record. Often the contents of the estate are inventoried and then sold. The list of persons buying the estate items is informative. Of course, relatives attended such sales, and daughters often bought household accoutrements. Do not neglect estate records wherever your research location happens to be.

WWI Draft Registration Card Index Bossier Parish, LA

There were three draft registrations for World War I in which more than 24 million men born between September 13, 1873 and September 12, 1900 registered. Only a small percentage of those registering actually were inducted into service. Not all who served in our military branches participated in this registration, but the compilation of such a large number of male citizens and alien-born men is a useful source of information. This is a particularly good source for tracing African American men.

A typical WWI draft registration card possibly may include the registrant's full name and signature, home address, age, date of birth, citizenship status, occupation, employer's name and address, race, dependents or nearest relative, and physical description. Cards for registrants born between June 6, 1886 and August 24, 1897 may also include birthplace, previous military service, and marital status.

Registration	Date	Men Eligible
First	June 5, 1917	Born between 6/6/1886 and 6/5/1896
Second	June 5, 1918	Born between 6/6/1896 and 6/5/1897
Supplemental	August 24, 1918	Born between 6/6/1897 and 8/24/1897
Third	September 12, 1918	Born between 8/24/1897 and 9/12/1900 Also between 9/13/1873 and 9/12/1887

If you find a person you are interested in and want to obtain a copy of the full registration card, write to Friends of Genealogy, Inc., include a stamped, self-addressed envelope, and a donation to cover copying. This index includes Bossier registrants from all registrations and many are obviously not residents of Bossier Parish, but chose to register there. The series will continue until all who registered in Bossier Parish are listed.

Last Name	First/Middle Name	Residence	Date of Birth
DEPUTY	Huber Clyde	Hortman	18 Mar 1887
DEVERAUX	Floyd	Koran	July 330 Jul 1898
DUNBERRY	Dan	Bluff	5 July 1897
DEVERAUX	Mathew	McDade	1898
DeWITT	Anthony	Allendale	5 Jan 1872
DeWITT	Arthur	Bossier	12 June 1900
DICKERSON	Taylor	Shreveport	1894
DICKEY	Emmett Belford	McDade	17 May 1898
DICKEY	Frank George	McDade	17 Feb 1886
DICKEY	John Andrew	McDade	21 Aug 1893
DICKEY	Lotus	Bossier	26 Mar 1884
DICKIE	Walter	Atkins	18 May 1896
DICKIE	Will	Lewis	17 Dec 1892
DICKERSON	Samuel	Benton	Aug 1898
DIFFY	John Alex	Haughton	22 Feb 1900
DIGGS	Jerry	Ivan	15 Dec 1878
DILLARD	Frank	Bodcaw	7 May 1887

Last Name	First/Middle Name	Residence	Date of Birth
DILLARD	Joseph	Bodcaw	10 Mar 1889
DILLARD	Young	Bodcaw	2 Oct 1892
DILLARD	Ford	Priceton	28 Apr 1892
DISOTELL	Robert Washington	Haughton	9 Aug 1893
DISOTELL	Thomas Jefferson	Plain Dealing	27 June 1878
DIXON	Felix	Haughton	5 Feb 1884
DIXON	John	Haughton	6 May 1880
DIXON	Richard	Rocky Mount	
DIXON	Van	Haughton	15 Oct 1898
DODSON	Ervin Clifton	Plain Dealing	16 Apr 1875
DODSON	Lester Lionel	Plain Dealing	16 Dec 1895
DOLES	John Jones	Plain Dealing	26 Apr 1895
DOTY	Hattiwell	Plain Dealing	8 Feb 1896
DOTY	John Floyd	Benton	20 May 1885
DOTY	Thomas	Bossier City	16 Feb 1891
DOUGLAS	Baily	Plain Dealing	8 Dec 1884
DOUGLAS	Charles	Atkins	1 Aug 1897
DOUGLAS	Dude	Bossier	15 Oct 1883
DOUGLAS	Fred	Haughton	8 Oct 1884
DOUGLAS	Joe	Ivan	20 Nov 1899
DOUGLAS	Rufus	Hughes Spur	10 May 1885
DOYLE	Lewis	Rocky Mount	14 Nov 1895
DRAKE	Edward	McDade	19 Dec 1889
DREW	Marcus	Curtis	8 Apr 1887
DUDLEY	D. W.	Taylortown	1 Nov 1879
DUDLEY	Jim	Augurs	10 May 1890
DUDLEY	Marian	Haughton	6 Sept 1891
DUDLEY	Holair	Haughton	10 Dec 1890
DUDLEY	Tommie	Haughton	23 Dec 1892
DUGLIS	D	Ivan	9 Mar 1898
DUNCAN	Hilliard	Atkins	6 Aug 1891
DUNCAN	Virgil Ennis	Bossier City	21 May 1892
DUNKIN	Henderson	Atkins	2 Sept 1880
DURDEN	Alex	Taylortown	10 May 1892
DURDIN	Ben	Rocky Mont	22 Apr 1895
DURHAM	Claude	Sligo	6 Jan 1884
DURHAM	James M	Kingston	22 Apr 1890
DURHAM	Jay Bee	Sligo	6 May 1889
DURHAM	Mithcell	Curtis	13 Sept 1884
DURR	Henry	Curtis	5 Jan 1873
DURR	Tom	Koran	1878
DURR	Wyatt	Curtis	1899
DYES	Bob	Elm Grove	10 April 1890
EATER	Elmo	Princeton	8 Jan. 1875
EALY	Matt	Allendale	1895
EALY	Harison	Curtis	21 Aug. 1897
EALY	Robert	Princeton	1 April 1880

Last Name	First/Middle Name	Residence	Date of Birth
EALY	William	Elm Grove	25 Dec. 1885
EALY	William Jennings	Princeton	30 May 1896
EALY	Edward	Benton	15 July 1892
EASLY	Charles	Alden Village	15 June 1880
EATMAN	Hollis M.	Bossier	29 Sept. 1891
EATMAN	Raymond O.	Bossier	11 July 1887
EATMAN	Robert J.	Bossier City	26 April 1889
EMOEES	David A.	Plain Dealing	27 April 1876
EDINS	Calvin Green	Plain Dealing	29 Sept 1875
EDNA	Ivory	Cotton Valley	12 Sept 1889
EDWARDS	Albert	Plain Dealing	22 Feb. 1891
EDWARDS	Arthur	Plain Dealing	12 Jan. 1900
EDWARDS	B. W.	Curtis	1899
EDWARDS	Ben	Bluffs	22 Aug 1888
EDWARDS	Charlie	Bluffs	1889
EDWARDS	Floyd	Bluffs	2 Oct. 1894
EDWARDS	Franz C.	Haughton	15 March 1873
EDWARDS	Garrett	Shreveport	5 Jan. 1892
EDWARDS	James Alford	Benton	22 March 1875
EDWARDS	Joel	Koran	1895
EDWARDS	John	Curtis	June 1892
EDWARDS	Kid	Benton	16 Jun 1900
EDWARDS	Mose	Bluffs	3 Dec. 1888
EDWARDS	Paul	Bolinger	30 July 1873
EDWARDS	Samuel	Plain Dealing	1 Nov. 1892
EDWARDS	Tommie	Atkins	19 Dec. 1896
EDWARDS	Will	Shreveport	1897
EGGBETON	Robert Waller	Plain Dealing	7 June 1896
ELDERY	Daniel F.	Aldin	10 Dec. 1884
ELECH	Will	Shreveport	1873
ELEY	Mose	Haughton	16 Dec. 1883
ELLER	Columbus	Plain Dealing	23 March 1885
ELLER	Oscar Samuel	Sterling Hill	1 Nov. 1897
ELMORE	Luther	Benton	12 Oct. 1895
ELMORE	Will Lee	Benton	22 June 1889
ELLIS	Herman	Shreveport	4 March 1876
ELSTON	Sidney Hart	Haughton	12 Feb. 1889
ELSTON	Mitch Moore	Haughton	26 Jan. 1892
ELY	Albert	Curtis Bluffs	3 March 1883
ELY	Colburn	Bossier	5 Sept. 1896
ENGLISH	Arthur	Benton	31 May 1897
ENGLISH	Jake	Plain Dealing	Sept. 1882
ENGLISH	Joe	Benton	15 Aug. 1889
ENGLISH	John Henry	Benton	1 June 1893
ENGLISH	John Wilburn	Plain Dealing	2 Dec. 1887
ENGLISH	Sammie	Plain Dealing	22 Dec. 1900
ENGLISH	Stephen	Benton	15 Aug 1896
ERICKSON	Cahill Andrew	Haughton	7 Sept. 1885
ERICKSON	Sivold Christopher	Haughton	19 June 1897
ESTER	Belton	Benton	
ESTERS	Ben	Benton	1 Jan. 1882
ESTERS	Ned	Benton	10 May 1892

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First/Middle Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>
EVANS	Abraham	Benton	16 July 1889
EVANS	John Forest	Plain Dealing	29 Dec. 1898
EVANS	Milton	Plain Dealing	15 Aug. 1900
EVANS	Sam Reese	Haughton	20 Feb. 1896
EVANS	Thomas Benjamin	Plain Dealing	7 Nov. 1898
EVANS	Will	Plain Dealing	29 Jan. 1873
EVERETTE	Lee	Atkins	1 Sept. 1900
EVERETTE	Louis	Alden Village	1898

To be continued.



A Call for Fair Park Yearbooks

Fair Park High School, Shreveport, Louisiana

The Archives on the third floor of the Noel Memorial Library at LSU Shreveport do not have a single Fair Park yearbook. The yearbook is called the *Sequoyah*. Those of you who attended Fair Park or have family members who attended, please check the premises for these yearbooks and consider donating them to the Archives. They have a very nice collection of C. E. Byrd yearbooks, *The Gusher*, and as a Fair Park Alumnus I am really alarmed that Byrd students are being remembered and there are no yearbooks to commemorate Fair Park.

I have four yearbooks that I am donating and I hope you will put the word out that we really need to rectify this situation. For donation information please contact Domenica Carriere at CARRIER@pilot.lsus.edu or phone

Danielle Neal

When you get something for nothing, you just haven't been billed for it yet.

Franklin P. Jones

Farming During World War I

By Robert D. Harrison

The stay on the farm was best forgotten even if we couldn't erase the results from our memory. Everything that was went wrong and Papa finally decided he wasn't cut out to be a farmer.

To begin with, his inability to please the Federal Government was the direct cause of this episode. During the era of World War I the railroads were, as they now say, *nationalized*. They were taken over and run by the Federal Government. This was the beginning of the decline of the railroad. They never recovered from it. When the Government men took over they immediately raised Papa's pay to \$75 a month and whereas in the past he had it easy, it now became as far as he was concerned, impossible to tolerate. "Put everything down in writing, even an order for a keg of spikes." To begin with the old man couldn't write so he or anyone else could read it when it got cold.

Papa quit, but Mr. Wells, his friend to the end, finally talked him into asking for a leave of absence so he might return after the war. This was granted and he began preparing for The Exodus.

First, as was customary in those days, he leased a boxcar from the railroad. It was spotted on an unused side track, and we began loading our possessions. We had a good milk cow and assorted pigs, chickens and cats—at the time we had no dog. First he sold our home in Terrell [Texas]. Then three rent houses that he owned. With the cash received he bought the last two horses used by the Wells-Fargo Express Co. They motorized.

The horses were matched Clydesdales named Fred and Frank. Fred had a full blazed face and Frank, a partial blaze. Fred seemed to like me from the outset, but Frank took a completely opposite view. When I got close to him he tried to bite me and continued to do so as long as I had occasion to be near him. The only time he didn't molest me was when I put his bridle on, but I never ceased to fear him and perhaps he could sense this fact. Buying these horses was the greatest mistake Papa made. They ate up all he had or could gather together for the next several years. He also bought a wagon and a surrey with the fringe on top for the family to ride in.

After all the furniture was loaded, we built stalls for the livestock and loaded them. Papa and I rode the car to Leesville, Louisiana out from which he owned a 160-acre farm. What amazes me in these inflationary times was the fact he had accumulated all this property on pay that most of the time was about 96 cents a day. He also had four rent houses in Leesville that Grandpa Bob looked after. Grandpa Bob collected the rent and promptly pocketed it. The way I heard it the only money ever returned to Papa was when he sold them to pay debts. We were in truth war refugees and we lived to regret The Exodus.

Farming During WWI (Cont'd)

Ten days after a tearful farewell to Terrell, Papa and I and the livestock arrived and were staying at Grandpa's. The only thing that stands out in my memory of the unloading was that Texas cow's introduction to Louisiana. She was accustomed to eating anything green in reach of her prehensile tongue. The first thing she saw was a small pine sapling which she promptly inhaled, thinking it was edible. You would never have convinced me a cow could spit, but she did when the turpentine flavor became apparent to her.

We took the livestock to Grandpa's as he had pens to put them in. Next we assembled the wagon and started hauling our stuff to the farm which was about three miles from town. As we went with each load it took about six hours round trip so we enlisted the help of Grandpa and his one-horse wagon. It took us about a week to make the move.

We found we had reasonably good fences surrounding the barn, etc., but there was one big drawback. Our livestock was accustomed to free range. A small matter of a fence was no trouble at all for Fred and Frank. They just walked through them and went on their merry way, eating.

The chicken yard was surrounded by a picket fence with the pickets close enough together to preclude the chickens getting through, but nothing to prevent them flying to the top of the fence, hooking their head over the top, and down to the other side. Their downfall was the pickets in the fence were shaped to a point at the top, so as soon as they reached the top, their necks slid down in the space between the pickets. There they stayed until they choked to death. We collected about two dozen corpses the first morning. Then Mama clipped one wing on each remaining chicken, but we ate chicken until I never have liked it since.

After sawing some trees and setting some new posts, we corralled the livestock again and started our careers as farmer. By this time it was the first days of December and cold weather was setting in. We kids were enrolled in the Bellview school and to our pleasant surprise we found that passing required absolutely no effort on our part. I was in the sixth grade and the curriculum was identical with the fourth grade in Terrell, so it was no sweat at all. Both of my sisters were in high school so they really enjoyed the vacation. We lived on the farm for 20 months and left it to return to Terrell in the spring of 1920.

We walked to school through a sylvan setting the likes of which you may never see again. It was a tract of virgin long-leaf pines of which there ain't any more. The nearest thing to them is the Douglas fir on the west coast. These statuesque trees didn't have a branch for a distance upward of about 100 feet, and there was a carpet of pine straw about 2 feet thick on the ground. It was indeed awe inspiring. When we bid *adieu* to the farm they were cupping this tract of timber for turpentine, preparatory to cutting for saw timber.

The following spring after we arrived was perfect. We had mended all the fences and were ready to plant our crops. Our major crop was to be cotton and there was some 50 acres of stiff black land to be prepared. It was a breeze as long as it was reasonably dry,

Farming During WWI (Cont'd)

but tended to ball up and adhere very tenaciously to the hooves of the horses. After about 30 minutes of plowing, the feet were so large the horses couldn't move, much to the chagrin of Papa. His friends had told him they weren't worth a damn for plow horses—what he needed were mules. But Papa's idea about mules was this: A mule will be your best friend for 20 years just to get a chance to kick hell out of you. So, no mules for him. He just took an axe to the field and cut the balls of mud from the horses' feet.

As spring progressed into early summer, it started showering and during the month of June it rained every day. That took care of the cotton crop, as this was BI (Before Insecticides). The bugs ate it up, but Mama's garden flourished until one of old Columbus Stephen's goats climbed the fence and started playing havoc with it. Mama had the goat cornered and was about to kill it with a hoe when Papa attempted to stop her. He made a near-fatal mistake, he stuck his foot out to protect the goat and she hit it and broke his foot.

This left all of the feeding and tending of the livestock to me, and I was 11 years old. I went to the barn in the dark every morning, we had no such thing as a flashlight, and Mama would bring the lantern with her when she came to milk. Then I broke my elbow at school and that put me out of commission for about six weeks. My elbow healed much faster than Papa's broken foot, and I was back doing most of my chores before it came time to harvest the crops. There was no cotton to pick (that was the cash crop, remember). Papa sold the rent houses in Leesville.

Then the hogs took something. Papa and I, not knowing that such wasn't done, caught them and drenched them with Epson Salts. Drenching is done by holding the animal's head up, pouring the salts down their throat, and stroking the throat 'til they swallow. Grandpa said you can't drench a hog. He didn't know Papa. Drenching had the anticipated result and they recovered and in due time were converted into food for the winter. Meanwhile Mama canned enough food to last us for 5 years.

On Sunday I got a chance to play for a few hours in the afternoon. Our closest neighbor had a boy about my age, and he and I would catch a goat or yearling calf and try to ride them. We weren't too successful but easily survived the few bumps and scratches.

Mama's youngest sister and her family lived about a half mile from Grandpa's on Snuff Ridge, and the old folks and Janie and her kids would come out to see us. The cousin nearest my age was a boy about 8 named Jodie. He wanted to do everything we did but wasn't allowed to do anything as he had a hernia. Although he was a nuisance, we felt sorry for him and he wanted to ride a goat. We figured he should be allowed to do so, but had to find a way to keep him from getting bucked off and hurt. So we caught a goat, hog tied the goat, then put Jodie on him and wired Jodie's feet together with hay wire under the goat's belly. When the goat was released, he took a couple of futile bucks and found that didn't dislodge the burden on his back. So he took off for the tall timber, Jodie screaming bloody murder. The goat ran under a low limb and it caught his burden in the chest, busted his wired feet loose, and knocked him senseless. We thought he was dead,

Farming During WWI (Cont'd)

but just the breath was knocked out of him. He never asked to ride another goat 'til this day. What Mama did to me I decline to say, but I survived too.

During that summer I went barefooted naturally and acquired numerous sores on my feet which didn't heal at all, so I went bare footed all winter and that saved buying shoes. To this day I yet like the bare feet. I had one very persistent sore on the side of my left foot which stayed with me nearly all winter, but I finally got rid of it. I cut it off and the new wound healed. I was splitting some kindling and made a mislick and sliced off my chronic sore. Then I had to wear shoes again much to my regret.

We lived on the top of a long red clay hill which became a nightmare for the few Model T Fords in circulation at that time. The horses turned out to be very adept at pulling stuck cars out and for once they brought in a little revenue. I never saw them hitched to anything that they didn't move it.

Now Mama had told me not to use bad language, but I was at liberty to say anything I ever heard Papa say. Eventually this backfired on her. One day Papa was plowing Fred and we were going to plant peanuts in a field of deep sand east of the house. I was used to slipping old Fred a handful of corn or some other feed stuff on occasion, which he very gently ate from my hand, never coming close to nipping or harming me in any way. Papa was plowing the field, and it was my job to plant the peanuts. I had a kind of apron affair on and was dropping the peanuts in the furrow Papa had opened. He and Fred were approximately 100 feet across the field from me. Fred knew I had something to eat, so he decided to walk across and get his share. Papa yelled at him and sawed on the reins. I was so exited about what transpired, I just stood stock still and watched. Fred took the bit between his teeth and drug Papa, plow and all across the patch to get his handout. Papa was cussing him and called him a G.D. old blazed faced S.O.B. As you can see this increased my usable vocabulary considerably.

While all this was transpiring, the horses ate and the family ate. Mama baked up a 48- pound sack of flour a week, and the horses ate anything and everything. It seems they were omnivorous. In fact, we finally ate ourselves out of the farm. Papa put it up for sale and sold it to some guy named Dedrick from Ohio, thereby gaining some token of revenge for the Civil War. I never heard what his troubles were, but he lasted about 3 years and died.

Papa got enough out of the farm to make a down payment on a house in Terrell and we moved back. Mr. Wells gave Papa his old job back and he was soon getting \$90 per month. Two years later at age 14 I was working on the railroad in summers and doing a grown man's work.

Editor's Note: This narrative was written by my father about 1973. I lived in Ohio then and had just begun my genealogy research. My request for information about his childhood and the family resulted in this story. Daddy used an old manual Underwood typewriter and did not bother to write from an outline or employ paragraphs. The sheets of paper are wall-to-wall type. I treasure this story and can actually hear his voice as I read it. Here's hoping you have enjoyed his tale.

Jackson Parish, Louisiana
1890 Tax Assessment Roll

This list has been transcribed from the microfilmed records, a copy of which will be donated to the Genealogy Collection at the Shreve Memorial Library in Shreveport, Louisiana. The handwritten records seemed to be in good condition at the time of filming but as with all records of this type, are in many places difficult to read. As a result, this transcription will contain 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.

These records list the taxpayer's name and quantity of land as well as the values of land, livestock, and personal property. We are listing here only the taxpayer's name and amount of land shown, along with a notation for non-white persons. A blank field in the land column indicates that the taxpayer is listed for poll tax and/or personal property tax and does not own land. *[Series began in Volume 15, 2nd Quarter 2003, was not in the 3rd or 4th Quarter 2003 issues, and continued with the 1st Quarter 2004 issue.]*

Taxpayers - Ward 4	Non-White	Acres	Taxpayers - Ward 4	Non-White	Acres
HILL, E. L.		310	LEE, Henry	X	
HILL, James	X		LEE, Ben	X	
HOGAN, I. D.		150	LENNARD, Allen	X	
HARRIS, Goole	X		LIVINGSTON, Brooks	X	
HAWKINS, Harris	X		LIVINGSTON, Wm.	X	
HORN, W. S.		320	LEWIS, Guss	X	
			LANE, A. A.		473
JONES, R. H. & Co.		320	LANE, D. T.		1,000
JONES, W. J.			LEDFORD, A. F.		120
JONES, J. C.					
JONES, Mrs. S. W.		240	McQUROY, O. L.		
JONES, J. H.		98	MOSS, Jack	X	40
JONES, R. R.		40	MONROE, Thomas	X	122
JONES, Julia W.		40	MILES, James	X	
JONES, S. A. W.		160	MAYES, Jake	X	40
JONES, L. W.		850	MOSS, Henry	X	
JACKSON, Arthur			MOSS, Thomas	X	
JACKSON, Henry	X	80	McCONNEL, Robert	X	
JONES, Jordan	X		McCALLA, J. L.		
JOHNSON, Elbert			MALLORY, H. G.		240
JERRY, Abram	X	1.5	MARTIN, Grance	X	
JAMISON, D. M.		217	MOORE, C.		80
			MICHEL, Jackson	X	
KIDD, Paul	X				
KIDD, Cary	X	200	NELSON, Mack	X	
KIDD, E. C.		680	NELSON, Wm. E.	X	
KIDD, E. L.	X				
KENNEDY, Jake	X	230	ODOM, Mrs. M. J.		147
KAVANNAUGH, J. M.		80	OSBORN, R. T.	X	140
KIDD, W. E.		525	OSBORN, Mrs. Mariah	X	50

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Taxpayers - Ward 4	Non-White	Acres	Taxpayers - Ward 4	Non-White	Acres
OSBORN, Hilliard	X		ROGERS, F. W.		240
OSBORN, Manuel, Sr.	X				
OSBORN, Manuel, Jr.	X		STRINGER, Jeff	X	40
OSBORN, Frank	X	70	STRINGFELLOW, Anderson	X	
OSBORN, James	X	120	SLAYTON, Noah	X	
OXFORD, A. G.		290	SMITH, Oscar L.		
OXFORD, Allen C.		110	SMITH, W. P.		240
OWEN, T. B.		160	SMITH, Westley	X	
OXFORD, J. W.			STROZIER, D. W.		160
OSBORN, James, Jr.	X	60	SLAYTON, George	X	
OWEN, W. I.			SMITH, W. T. (MD)		11
OSBORN, John	X		SMITH, Henry	X	
OSBORN, Allen	X	100	SCOTT, Walter	X	20
OXFORD, J. D.			SINGLETON, John	X	
			STILL, B. F.	X	
PARISH, Mrs. Julia		200	SMITH, Mrs. C. L.		
PENTECOST, Austen	X		SMITH, N M & E M GRAHAM		400
PARKER, Walker			SMITH, J Mach & J C DREW		160
PARKER, Mrs. Marinda			SMITH, J Mack & I S RAPE		1,240
PEARCE, Antney	X	40	SMITH, J Mack		1,640
PERRY, Alfred	X		SMITH, J Mack & W C McDONALD		550
PRESNELL, W. L.			SMITH, J Mack & D T TERRINTINE		1,640
PETERS, Lee	X		SMITH, J Mack & Whit SMITH		80
PEOPLES, George	X		SMITH, N M & CALHOUN		
PEARCE, Michel	X		SAULSBERRY, Abram	X	
PEARCE, Sam	X		SHERRARD, H. W.		367
PEARCE, Austen	X		SIMONTON, A. E. (MD)		
POPE, J. T.		160	SIMONTON, A. C. (MD)		40
PONDER, J. M.		280	SANDERSON, D. A.		40
PETERS, Ed	X		SPINKS, R. W.		160
POSEY, J. H.		240	STRICKLAND, H. C.		96
POSEY, J H, M E, & C C		252.5	SANDERSON, H. F.		190
PEARCE, Thomas	X		SANDERSON, John L.		890
PEARCE, Elmore	X		SHOLARS, O. B.		115
			SHERRARD, A. J.		593
RAGSDALE, J. H.		40	SIMS, W. H.		
ROLLINS, Dave	X		SANDERS, David	X	
ROLLINS, Laura		40	STILL, Aaron	X	
ROBINSON, J. A.		160	SHERRARD, Pleas.	X	
ROBINSON, J. W.		160	SHERRARD, Abram	X	
ROBINSON, E.R.			STRINGER, Mrs. Margaret	X	400
ROBINSON, H. L.			SINGLETON, E. H.	X	
ROSS, Charles	X		SIMPSON, Jim	X	
RICHARDSON, Sam	X	80	SLATON, Ned	X	
RICE, Wm.	X		STRINGER, Bob	X	600
RICE, Thomas	X		SMITH, W. E.		840
RICE, Jefferson	X		SHERRARD, Mrs. Josie		479
ROSS, Alex	X	80	STRINGFELLOW, Wyly	X	

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STELL, Nath.	X		WEST, Alex	X	
SANDERS, W. M.		210	WHITE, Henry	X	
SMITH, N. M.		2,793	WARREN, Andrew	X	
			WALSWORTH, W. M.		80
TALTON, John	X		WYATT, Ruben	X	530
TAYLOR, John, Jr.	X		WATERS, Henry	X	55
TAYLOR, Lemmie	X		WIMBISH, Jeff		100
TAYLOR, V. J.		160	WRIGHT, W. H.		
TAYLOR, Taylor	X		WIMBISH, Clay		100
TREMBLE, C.	X		WHITTEN, C. L.		160
THOMAS, Wm.	X		WARREN, Wm.	X	40
THOMPSON, T.	X		WHITEMORE, Mrs. E. J.		220
THOMPSON, George	X		WIMBISH, R. W.		
TURNER, Baswell	X		WILLIAMSON, W. B.		
TREMBLE, Charly	X		WILSON, J. N.		
THOMAS, Wm., Jr.	X		WHITTIMORE, George	X	
TURNER, Andy	X		WIMBISH, W. B.		200
TALTON, Lewis	X		WASHINGTON, Louis	X	
TOLAR, J. R.		120	WHITMAN, R. C.		215
TURNER, Nelson	X		WYATT, Jerry	X	40
TOLSON, Jake	X		WRIGHT, James L.		230
TAYLOR, John, Sr.	X		WHATLEY, J. D.		
THRASHER, J. L.		210	WHITTIMORE, Fab	X	
THOMPSON, David		120	WILSON, John	X	80
TALTON, Robert	X		WILLIS, J. P.		300
THOMAS, Wm., Sr.	X		WHITE, R. W.	X	200
TAYLOR, Richard	X		WATSON, Dirk	X	
TOMLINSON, J. F.		200	WATSON, Wm.	X	90
TOLSON, Alex	X		WATSON, Lewis	X	80
TAYLOR, Lennard	X		WALKER, S. F.		
THOMPSON, Walter			WRIGHT, John	X	
			WEST, Polly		80
UPCHURCH, W. E.		200	WEST, Allen	X	
UPCHURCH, J. T.		40	WEST, Andrew	X	280
			WOODARD, Alex	X	240
VINYARD, J. A.		152	WYLY, Anderson	X	400
VINSON, Warren			WILLIS, G. W.		
VINSON, Marion			WILLIAMS, Austen	X	
VINYARD, J. M.		120	WHITTIMORE, Cebron	X	
			WINBISH, J.	X	
WIMBISH, W. C.		100	WILLIS, J. L.		
WILLIS, F. E.		186	WYLY, George	X	120
WILLIAMS, Jack	X		WYATT, Robert	X	
WEST, Amos	X		WALSWORTH, Wm.		160

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ANDERS, T. J.		520	COVINGTON, I. L.		165
ANDERS, J. L.		120	COOPER, D. C.		200
ARLEDGE, Mrs. S. H.		70	COOPER, A. T.		12.5
ADAMS, N. C.		20	COLE, Noah	X	
BENNET, T. M.			DRIGGERS, R. D.		160
BARNES, Tabitha		87	DYE, N. S.	X	
BARR, D. W.		160	DOBBINS, Henry	X	
BROWN, B. H.		260	DOBBINS, Louis	X	
BRANNON, A. J.		40	DOBBINS, S. H.		
BARRETT, Mrs. Reanna		50	DAVIS, J. K. P.		526
BROWN, S. O.			DICKERSON, George	X	
BROWN, J. P		124	DUNN, S. G.		
BARRETT, R. H.		40	DUTY, Wm.		40
BROWN, M.			DOBBINS, Samuel	X	400
BIBS, T. E.		1,020	DAVIS, J. H.		160
BROWN, A. G.		92	DUNN, S. H.		160
BARR, J. F.		144			
BUTLER, J. J.		160	EWING, R. W.		194
BOYD, C. C.			EWING, W. T.		240
BANNISTER, Mrs. Louisa		320	EWING, J. H.		80
BANNISTER, T. M.			EWING, T. H.		
BARREL, J. F.		40	EDMISTON, Jamy		
BROWDER, J. N.			EDDY, Isaac	X	
BROWDER, W. L.			EDWARD, Harrison	X	
BRYANT, Louis	X				
			FOWLER, L. C.		88
CALK, W. C.		160	FORDHAM, Dennis		280
COMPTON, L. M.		160	FORDHAM, C		
COOPER, N. J.		150	FORHAM, Mrs. C. P.		
COX, B. F.		222	FOWLER, J. R.		880
COLEMAN, Mrs. M. E.		80	FORD, J. B.		40
CULPEPPER, W. M.		220	FOWLER, J. S.		280
CARTWRIGHT, J. L.		40	FOWLER, J. Y.		
CARROL, J. L.		40	FROST, M. C.		
CARROL, L. R.		50	FALK, J. C.		200
CARROL, R. J.			FOWLER, D. H. L.		200
CARROL, J. W.		300	FOSTER, F. F.		
CARROL, J. P.			FALK, W. J.		240
CARROL, J. F.		260	FORDHAM, W.		80
CARROL, John R.		60	FLUET, M. L.		
CASSEY, Berry	X	240	FLUET, F. B.		
CHESsHIRE, G. W.		160			
COVINGTON, J. M.		700	GARNER, John C.		360
CHATHAM, N. J.		160	GRAY, W. R.		120
CHAPPEL, Eli		80	GRIGGS, W. G.		280
CHAPPEL, J. B.		310	GOLMAN, H. H.		
CAGLE, W. G.			GOTHARD, W. J.		

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GOODWIN, J. H.			HEAD, T. S.		160
			HATTEN, J. R.		160
HOOD & WOMMACK		80	HEARN, L. M.		100
HEARN, J. R.			HANCHEY, A. P.		60
HATAWAY, Dave			HENDERSON, Tom	X	40
HEARN, E.		300			
HEARN, J. L.		80	INTO, Henry	X	40
HEAD, J. K.		538	INTO, Dink	X	
HALL, Handy	X	40			
HANDY, Jeff	X		JARMAN, J. S.		
HEARN, O. R.		760	JORDAN, P. S.		
HENDERSON, F. M.	X		JACKSON, Joe	X	
HEARN, L. W.			JACKSON, J. C.		100
HIGHTOWER, W. A.		80	JEFFERSON, Harriet	X	160
HEARN, S. M.		100	JACKSON, Ed	X	
HARRIS, Joe	X	100	JACKSON, King	X	
HUNLEY, Wm.	X		JOHSTON, A. J.		
HUNLEY, Dolph	X		JOHSTON, Z. D.		
HUNLEY, Henry	X		JEFFERSON, Marshal	X	
HUNLEY, Morris			JORDAN, W. P.		80
HUNLEY, Amos	X		JORDAN, J. R.		280
HALL, Wm.			JOHNSON, R. P.		
HORN, Joe M.			JEFFERSON, Jeff	X	80
HARRISON, Cain			JORDAN, W. W.		470
HOOD, J. N.			JORDAN, L. J.		360
HEARN, J. M.		60			
HEARN, W. H.		80	KENNEDY, Green	X	
HEARN, M. R.		100	KENNEDY, S. D.		720
HEARN, S. W.		80	KENNEDY, R. B. & Co.		360
HOOD, T. L. (MD)			KENNEDY, Frank	X	100
HOOD, T. L. (MD)		440	KENNEDY, G. W.		
HEARN, J. C.		100	KENNEDY, Peter	X	40
HEARN, E. C.		120	KELLY, Jas. H.		
HEARN, J. F.		120	KELLY, W. F.		80
HENDERSON, Harris	X				
HARDEMAN, Isaac	X	160	LUNDY, W. R.		160
HENDERSON, F. M., Sr.	X		LILES, T. J.		160
HARDEMAN, Virgil	X	50	LANTRIP, T. W.		
HENDERSON, J. P.	X		LINDSEY, Oliver	X	
HENDERSON, Louis	X	520			
HINTON, R. J.		160	McCORMICK, B. B.		80
HATAWAY, M. D.			MAY, B. B.		160
HATTEN, J. L.		160	MAYFIELD, C. P.		
HENDERSON, J. G. W.			MOON, A. P.		
HEAD, W. H.			MAY, J. H.		
HEARN, R. D.		80	McKASKILLE, Wm.		40
HEARN, G. W.		80	McKASKILLE, H. L.		40
HORN, Saumel		160	McKASKILLE, D. M.		240

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McKASKILLE, J. M.		40	ROBERTS, W. M. F.		140
McKASKILLE, R. A.		40	ROBERTS, W. T.		80
McKASKILLE, John M.		680	ROLO, T.		
McKEEL, J. D.					
McHENRY, Wash.	X	40	SMART, T. S.		200
McHENRY, Jack	X	40	SMART, T. J.		540
MORRIS, Washington			SCOTT, Judge	X	
MAY, J. M.		320	SOUTHERN, Mrs. Mary		120
McKEVER, Master	X		SHOWS, E. P.		
McLAIN, Mrs. Ann		660	SHOWS, W. A.		
McLAIN, J. D.			SMITH, R. M.		
McKASKILLE, J. T.		160	SAULSBERRY, Daniel	X	
McGUIRE, Cebron	X	160	SHELL, J. H.		120
			SMITH, Henry	X	
NELSON, Simon	X		SMITH, D. Z.		
NUGENT, J. R.			SMITH, W. R.		400
NETTLES, J. E.			SMITH, J. J.		40
NATIONS, John			SCOTT, Albert	X	80
NATIONS, C. W.			SCOTT, John	X	40
			SCOTT, Green, Jr.	X	40
PRESTRIDGE, H.			SCOTT, B. M.		180
PHILLIPS, M. C.			SCOTT, Green, Sr.		
PATE, J. M.			SOUTHERN, John		
PARKS, Wm.			SOUTHERN, W. L.		
PARKS, W. T.		120	SHELL, W. P.		
PEVYTOE, J. V. A.			SIMMONS, L. M.		
PRESTRIDGE, J. J.		240	SNOW, Mrs. N. A.		80
PRINCE, C. H.		280	SNOW, F.		
PANKEY, W. A.		360	SAULSBERRY, Allen	X	40
PEVYTOE, J. W.			SHELL, J. M.		80
PHILLIPS, Louis	X		SMART, T. A.		80
PRESTRIDGE, J. M.		120	SIMMONS, J. T.		
POWEL, Johnette	X	200	SIMMONS, W. T.		
			SIMMONS, J. A.		
RUSH, L. M.	X		SIMMONS, W. M.		80
RUSH, Samuel	X		SIMMONS, B. V.		160
RUSH, Burrel	X		SOUTHERN, W. J.		160
RUSH, J. W.	X		SLAY, M. C.		
RUSH, Vicy	X		SISSON, Thomas		
RAMSY, E. W.		80	STONE, A. F.		440
RAMSY, J. E.		180	SHELL, W. A.		
RANDOLPH, John	X		SMITH, S. B.		280
ROBERTS, A. C.		100	SMITH, J. M.		
RICHARDSON, J. J.		218			
ROBERTS, James S.		130	THOMAS, Wm.		
ROBINS, E. R.			TATUM, Jacob	X	
RUSSEL, Margaret			TULLOS, T. W.		160
ROBERTS, Mrs. E. J.		60	THOMPSON, W. C.		160

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TISDALE, R. G.	0		WOMMACK, J. H.		80
TULLOS, F. A.		360	WOMMACK, B. B.		320
TULLOS, C. C.	0	240	WRIGHT, J. W.		80
TULLOS, R. W.		120	WASHINGTON, George	X	80
TULLOS, Jasper		162	WILLIAMS, Abram		40
TULLOS, C. A.			WHEAT, Mrs. C. E.		320
TULLOS, Alfred			WESTLEY, Nelson	X	
TULLOS, B. B.		160	WYATT, Robert		
TULLOS, B. F.			WYATT, Florence		40
TIMPLE, C. R.			WILLIAMS, R. J.		40
TIMPLE, R. F.			WILLIAMS, Ned	X	
TIMPLE, N. H.			WILLIAMS, Robert	X	40
THOMPSON, Isaiah			WILLIAMS, T. M.		
TAYLOR, J. F.		50	WHITTEN, W. B.		160
			WHITLOCK, O.		
WILDER, S. O. (MD)			WYATT, J. P.		1,420
WASHINGTON, Henry	X		WILSON, W. H.		
WOMMACK, W. R.		840	WHEAT, D. W.		320
WOMMACK, G. W.		320	WHEAT, R. C.		80
WOMMACK, W. W.		240	WISE, J. W.		160

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Ode to An E-Mailer or Genealogist's Lament

Snail mail had me in its grip
And e-mail users fumed over each trip
To buy the envelopes, stamps and such
It took for us to keep in touch.

"If only you'd get on the 'net
And get an e-mail name, you bet
That we could then exchange relations
Without a moment's hesitation."

So, thus encouraged I then on-lined
And breathlessly waited to receive your "finds."
"you've got mail," the 'puter intoned
And I eagerly rushed to learn who was on.

Upon opening it up, 'twas then I found
The clever sayings that were passed around.
NO Grandpa Jones, NO Uncle Sammy,
NO maiden name of my great-grannie!

If this is what your e-mail's about
Then cousin, dear, please count me out.

By Diss A. Pointed

Obituaries and Death Notices from Northwest LA Newspapers
By Wanda Volentine Head

1845/03/17 - The trail of the slaves Nelson and Asbury, the former the property of Mr. R. A. Cutliff of this parish, charged with the murder of Mr. Scott at Summer Grove on the 24th of February last and the latter the property of Mr. David Gilmer, also of this parish, for attempting to commit a rape, was held on Monday, and resulted in their full conviction. They will be executed on Friday next, the 21st, at this place. The slave Nelson betrayed some emotion on the occasion of his trial, but the other seemed to be utterly unconscious of the enormity of his crime and his awful situation or else he is a hardened villain. [Caddo Gazette, Shreveport, Louisiana, March 17, 1845]

1848/04/17 - Died of bilious pleurisy, after an illness of ten days at the Shreveport Hotel, Mr. Samuel Dameran, in the 42nd year of his age. He was a native of Virginia, but for the last 5 or 6 years has resided in this place; he was a tailor by trade. Mr. Dameran was a pious good man, a member of the M. E. Church. He died, as he had lived, a Christian. [Shreveport Journal, Shreveport, Louisiana, April 17, 1848]

1850/07/27 - Died on the 19th July 1859, in the parish of Caddo, Mrs. Rebecca Grumbles, aged 24 years, wife of Mr. Jesse Grumbles. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, July 27, 1859]

1853/04/23 - Died on the 20th inst., at her residence in this parish, of pneumonia, Mrs. M. Cogan, aged about 35 years. [Caddo Gazette, Shreveport, Louisiana, April 23, 1853]

1853/04/23 - Murder: We learn that a most atrocious murder was committed in Okalona, on Frydas (sic) [Friday], 1st inst., on the person of Newton Noles, by a young man named Gill. The particulars as we heard them are these: Noles was a school teacher and Gill was one of his students. On the day of the murder, it appears Gill walked into the room during school hours, with his hat on his head and when requested to take it off, he replied insolently, or in a manner quite unbecoming a pupil. Noles demanded an explanation, which brought on the difficulty that resulted in Gill stabbing him, which produced his death in about three minutes. Gill immediately fled and is still at large. A reward of \$200 is offered for his apprehension. He is a youth, we learn of considerable property. Noles was quite a young man, and in indigent circumstances. He labored by the day, and procured means sufficient to acquire himself an education, and was at the time of his death educating his brothers and sisters, who were entirely dependent on him for a support, and also an aged mother; they are now by his untimely decease deprived of the means of subsistence which a dutiful son and loved brother had bestowed on them. (Monroe, Mississippi Democrat, 5th inst.) [Caddo Gazette, Shreveport, Louisiana, April 23, 1853]

1853/04/23 - The Paulding (Mississippi) Clarion says James C. Tyson of DeKalb, killed a man named Spears, during the recent term of the Kemper Court. [Caddo Gazette, Shreveport, Louisiana, April 23, 1853]

1853/09/10 - More Blood: Our town was somewhat moved, though very slightly, such things having become so common, by the news which came in about dark, on Saturday, last, that a bloody and fatal encounter had taken place at Mr. Sidney Kerly's who lived at the late residence

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of Dr. Hardwick four miles from Shreveport on the Greenwood Road, and that Mr. Kerly and another man were both killed. Dr. Hotchkiss was sent for, but when he reached the scene, one was dead, Mr. Thomas Givens, a drover from Texas, and Mr. Kerly beyond the reach of surgical aid. Givens lived about ten minutes and Kerly about two and a half hours. The circumstances as they have been detailed to us, were in substance as follows: Kerly kept a house of entertainment. Givens had been stopping with for several days, and on settling his bill a dispute arose as to the number of days Givens had been there. After some conversation the subject was dropped, and they got up to take a drink. The subject was revived by Givens' asking Kerly if he would swear that he had been there five days, and averred that if he would, he would swear to be a damned lie. Upon this Kerly stepped into the little room on the west end of the front gallery, seized a shotgun, turned to Givens and told him if he repeated the words he would blow him through. Givens repeated them, at the same time drawing a revolver, and said he would repeat them a thousand times. Kerly instantly shot him in the breast. No soon was Givens shot, than he commenced firing on Kerly. Two shots took effect, one in the arm, another in the abdomen; the latter of which proved fatal. After the second fire, Kerly told Givens that it was useless for him to shoot any more, as he had killed him. Strange to say, Givens fired three times after he had been shot in the heart, and the only way to account for his standing so long in that the shot in the gun used by Kerly were squirrel shot. We have visited, though not through curiosity, the spot where the parties fell, and they were certainly at very close quarters. Kerly was fifty-five years of age, married though childless; Givens was about thirty-five, unmarried. [Caddo Gazette, Shreveport, Louisiana, September 10, 1853]

1853/09/17 - Died on Tuesday morning, September 13th, William Camp Beck, Jr., aged 11 years 7 months and 6 days, son of Col. W. C. Beck, of this parish. [Caddo Gazette, Shreveport, Louisiana, September 17, 1853]

1853/09/17 - Died on yesterday, in this place, Mr. William L. Glover. [Caddo Gazette, Shreveport, Louisiana, September 17, 1853]

1853/09/17 - Information has been received here through a letter from a lady of Mobile to her sister in this place of the death of Mr. Wm. H. Flemming, formerly of this parish and town. [Caddo Gazette, Shreveport, Louisiana, September 17, 1853]

1854/08/23 - Died on the 12th inst., at the residence of her brother, Mr. Thomas S. Bass, Mrs. Polly, consort of Captain Thomas B. Jones. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, August 23, 1854]

1854/08/23 - Died on the 16th inst., after a long and painful illness, Mr. Thomas J. Redus (of the house of Walters & Redus), age about 22 years. He was esteemed by all who knew him, and his loss will long be regretted. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, August 23, 1854]

1854/09/06 - Another Drowned - On Friday morning, Mr. Thos. Simmons attempted to swim his mule across Red River, opposite Atkinson's plantation, 65 miles below town, and was drowned. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, September 6, 1854]

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1854/09/06 - Drowned: A valuable young negro man, belonging to Mr. Thos. W. Jones, was drowned on Wednesday, opposite his master's saw mill. It is supposed that he slipped off a saw log and being unable to swim could not get ashore. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, September 6, 1854]

1856/07/02 - Mr. Chas. S. McKeown, charge with shooting Mr. Ralph Foreman, in the parish of Bossier, has been admitted to bail in the sum of \$5000, for his appearance in district court. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, July 2, 1856]

1856/07/09 - Died on the 17th ult., in New Orleans, of the whooping cough, Thomas J. M. Forgay, aged one year, 8 months, 19 days, son of L. C. and Margaret Dillard. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, July 9, 1856]

1856/07/09 - Died on the 30th ult., at Keachie, Louisiana, William Allen, aged 5 months and 10 days, infant son of A. A. and Margaret E. Enos, of this place. [The South1854/09/20 - A Good Man Gone: Our citizens were startled on Wednesday, by the announcement that Colonel Harry L. Douglass had departed this life. A few days previous he was apparently in the enjoyment of excellent health, and bid fair to live for some years, and to see carried into successful operation many of the measures which he originated with a view to the prosperity of Shreveport and its vicinity. Colonel Douglass was one of our oldest citizens, and was ever distinguished for the readiness with which he supported any plan that would tend to develop the resources of this section of the country, promote the welfare of our merchants and planters, or benefit society in general, and his loss will long be felt and most deeply mourned. Until within a few months past he was largely engaged in mercantile affairs, from which he retired, for the purpose of enjoying the calm and quiet of private life; but to the last moment of his existence he was employed in carrying out measures to benefit his fellow-citizens. He was some years ago largely engaged in commercial business at Nashville, Tennessee, and from thence went to Vicksburg, where becoming aware of the natural advantages and growing importance of Shreveport, he determined to make it his home. His remains were escorted to their final resting place by the Masonic fraternity, the Shreveport fire company, and the larger portion our male population. No other token than this need be given of the estimation in which he was held by the community; but only those whom he honored with the title of "friend," know how good, how true-hearted a man he was. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, September 20, 1854]

1854/09/20 - Died on the 13th inst., after a short illness, Col. Harry L. Douglass, aged 63 years, late of the firm Green & Douglass. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, September 20, 1854]

1854/09/20 - Died on the 4th inst., at the residence of Mr. John Carnahan in the parish of Rapides, Oscar, aged four years, youngest son of Mr. H. and Eliza Howerton of the place. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, September 20, 1854]

1854/09/20 - Died on the 9th inst., near Summer Grove, Caddo Parish, Mr. Hiram Johnson. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, September 20, 1854]

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1854/09/20 - We are sorry to perceive among the victims of the yellow fever, at Savannah, Mr. Joseph Bancroft, of the firm Bancroft & Bryan, brokers and dealers in exchange. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, September 20, 1854]

1854/09/27 - An Affray: A serious difficulty occurred at Greenwood, in this parish, on the 18th inst., between Messrs. Wm. Waddill and Lockett, which resulted in the death of the latter. During the affray, several shots were exchanged between the parties, and we regret to learn that a pistol ball was lodged into the side of Mr. Epps, a young gentleman, who was in no way engaged in the affair. When will our citizens abandon the reprehensible habit of carrying pistols and bowie knives? [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, September 27, 1854]

1854/09/27 - Died on the 20th inst., at the residence of Mrs. Cole, Caddo Parish, Taylor Cole, aged one month and twenty one days, infant son of Edward and Palestine L. Jacobs. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, September 27, 1854]

1854/09/27 - Died on the 22nd inst., James, son of James and Lucinda E. Pierce. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, September 27, 1854]

1854/09/27 - Died on the 22nd inst., of spinal meningitis, Atchison G., in his 13th year, son of Giles S. and A. B. Taintor. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, September 27, 1854]

1854/10/04 - A difficulty recently occurred at Carthage, Panola County, Texas, growing out of the contested election between a Mr. Scruggs and Mr. J. H. Anderson, in which deadly weapons were freely used. The particulars have not reached us, but we understand that Mr. Jonas Miller was killed, and a Mr. Turner, a merchant in Carthage, was shot through the thigh. It is reported that some five or six others were slightly wounded, [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, October 4, 1854]

1854/10/04 - Died last evening, after a short illness, Mr. Robert Green, aged about 33 years, late of the firm of Green & Douglass, and universally respected by all who knew him. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, October 4, 1854]

1854/10/11 - Died on the 29th August, at the residence of Dr. Hugh Alison, near Carlowville, Dallas County, Alabama, of typhoid fever, Mrs. Ann E., consort of Alexander M. Morgan, late of Shreveport. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, October 11, 1854]

1854/10/11 - Died on the 5th inst., near Shreveport, of scarlet fever, James Burres, aged five years and eight months, eldest son of the late Jesse V. Brantley and Sarah M. Matthews. (Hickman, Kentucky Argus please notice) [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, October 11, 1854]

1854/10/11 - It would appear that there is no end to the bloody deeds committed of late. On Thursday last, we are informed, an affray occurred at Bellevue, Bossier Parish, in which Mr. Aaron Bryant was killed by Mr. H. Pickett. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, October 11, 1854]

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1854/10/11 - Tribute of Respect from Shreveport Lodge No. 115, F. & A. M. for Robert Green, deceased. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, October 11, 1854]

1854/10/18 - Died on the 12th inst., Sarah Frances, aged five days, daughter of P. O. and Ann E. Ragsdale. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, October 18, 1854]

1854/10/18 - Died on the 15th inst., at the residence of her father, W. H. Powell, in this parish, Mrs. Jane E., consort of W. E. D. Scarbrough. (Minden Herald please copy) [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, October 18, 1854]

1854/11/01 - Died on 30th ult., Alfred, aged 7 years and 8 months, son of the late Thomas and Mrs. Charlotte Steele. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 1, 1854]

1854/11/01 - Died on 30th ult., Mrs. Emilie, consort of A. Wolf. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 1, 1854]

1854/11/01 - Died on the 25th ult., at the residence of Mr. D. I. Hooks, Esq., Caddo Parish, of chronic bronchitis, General Jno. S. Gilbert, aged about 42 years, a member of the Shreveport bar. (November 8, 1854 - note that age should have been 36 years instead of 42 years of age) [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 1, 1854]

1854/11/01 - Died on the 28th ult., Mr. W. E. Posteur, aged about 38 years, a native of Virginia and for several years past resident of this place. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 1, 1854]

1854/11/01 - Died on the 29th ult., Mr. John Steigleman, aged fifty years, a butcher. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 1, 1854]

1854/11/01 - Died on the 30th ult., at the residence of Mr. Renfro, in this parish, Miss Anna Frances, aged 15 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Kneeland. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 1, 1854]

1854/11/01 - The case of the state vs Maclin, for the murder of Judge Price, was continued on affidavit of defendant, for the want of Dr. Willis' evidence who was absent, and on the ground of the sickness of Mr. Watson, one of his counsel. (Vicksburg Whig) [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 1, 1854]

1854/11/01 - Tribute of Respect from Joppa Lodge No. 74, F. & A.M., October 28, 1854, for Wm. E. Posteur. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 1, 1854]

1854/11/01 - Tribute of Respect from Shreveport Lodge No. 115, F. & A.M., October 26, 1854, for John S. Gilbert. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 1, 1854]

1854/11/01 - Tribute of Respect: At a meeting of the bar of the 18th judicial district to pay a tribute of respect to the late General John S. Gilbert, for many years a resident of Shreveport and a distinguished

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member of the bar. Funeral this afternoon, October 26, at 4 o'clock. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 1, 1854]

1854/11/01 - Uncertainty of the Law: In the circuit court lately held in Ripley, Tippah County (Mississippi), the jury returned a verdict of acquittal, in the case of the state vs Rossel, for the killing of Cochran at Holly Springs. At the last term of the court he was found guilty of manslaughter, which operates as an acquittal of murder. A new trial was obtained, on account of some flaw in the proceedings, and at this term his counsel argued before the jury that his crime was either murder or nothing, and if the jury came to the same conclusion they must acquit him. The court charged that this was the law, and he was accordingly acquitted. (Vicksburg Whig) [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 1, 1854]

1854/11/08 - Died on the 19th September last, at the residence of Mr. John Carnahan, parish of Rapides, Logan Porter, aged 21 months, only son of T. C. and Minerva C. Lewis of this parish. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 8, 1854]

1854/11/15 - Died on the 2nd, at his plantation, on Red River, Captain Wm. A. Powell, aged 63 years, a native of Amelia County, Virginia. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 15, 1854]

1854/11/15 - Died on the 7th inst., Ferdinand, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Longfield (?). [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 15, 1854]

1854/12/06 - Messrs. Mordicai Thompson and A. Henry froze to death in a boat on Mobile Bay, during the night of the 20th ult. They were on a gunning expedition. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, December 6, 1854]

1854/12/06 - We regret to learn that Captain Ben M'Kinney, late of the steamer, Storm, died a few days since at New Orleans. He was one of the oldest and most experienced officers on Red River. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, December 6, 1854]

1854/12/20 - Died last evening, Col. Allen Hill, aged about 54 years, formerly of Tennessee, but for several years past, a residence of this place. His funeral will take place this afternoon, at one o'clock from his late residence in this country. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, December 20, 1854]

1854/12/20 - We learn with extreme regret that Robert Donnell, Esq., of this place died in New Orleans, a few days since of cholera. He was one of our oldest merchants and his loss will be mourned by a large circle of fiends and acquaintances. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, December 20, 1854]

1855/01/17 - Died on the 10th inst., Martha Jane, aged 6 months, daughter of Martin and Nancy Falby. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, January 17, 1855]

1855/01/17 - Died on the 12th inst., Mr. John W. Burton, aged about 38 years, attorney at law, a native of North Carolina. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, January 17, 1855]

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1855/01/17 - Died on the 14th inst., Mr. C. Trent, aged about 40 years, a native of Cumberland County, Virginia. (The Richmond and Washington papers please notice) [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, January 17, 1855]

1855/01/17 - Tribute of Respect from Shreveport Lodge No. 115, held at the Masonic Hall on the 13th day of January A. D. 1855 for John W. Burton, dec'd. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, January 17, 1855]

1855/01/24 - (Communicated) Departed this life, on the morning of the 12th December ult., Joseph Soap, aged 66 years. Born in the state of Virginia, lived a number of years in Tennessee, for a time in Mississippi and for the last four years a citizen of Panola Co., Texas where he died. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, January 24, 1855]

1855/01/24 - Died on the 20th inst., Martha Frances, aged 8 years and 9 months, daughter of Mr. H. T. and Mrs. Martha A. Stewart. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, January 24, 1855]

1855/01/31 - We learn by Capt. W. C. Head, that Mr. Aaron Bryan, Sr., aged 55 years, while on his way to this place on business, was shot at Bodceau ferry, between Red River and Bellevue by a man named James Andrews. He was arrested and lodged in jail. Mr. B. was a highly respectable planter of the parish of Bossier. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, January 31, 1855]

1855/02/07 - Died on the 24th ult., of pneumonia, on board steamer H. R. W. Hill, Samuel, infant son of Jno. H. and Jeannie (Deannie?) W. Reynolds of this place. (Memphis and Nashville papers please copy) [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, February 7, 1855]

1855/02/14 - A difficulty occurred at Bailey's place on Red River, Bossier Parish, on Thursday night which Thos. Gill was stabbed by Reuben Hanks. Gill is dead, and Hanks was committed to prison to await his trial. We could not learn any particulars in regard to the origin of the affray. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, February 14, 1855]

1855/02/14 - Died on the 13th inst., Miss Gertrude Ashmore, aged 16 years and 6 months, a native of Versailles, Kentucky. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, February 14, 1855]

1855/02/14 - Died on the 4th inst., in New Orleans, Captain Benjamin Crooks, aged 56 years, one of the oldest steam boatmen on the western waters, and for many years a popular commander on Red River. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, February 14, 1855]

1855/02/21 - On the evening of 12th inst., our worth townsman, Mr. John Little, was accidentally caught in the steam sawmill in this place and sawed literally to pieces. He lived several hours and was able to make his will. (Minden Gazette) [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, February 21, 1855]

1855/03/07 - Died on Monday evening, Mr. Gabriel Rooney, aged about 42 years, for several years past a resident of this place. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, March 7, 1855]

To be continued . . .

Getting Hooked on Family Research

By Wanda Volentine Head

Have you ever wondered why someone in your family has red hair and the rest of your family has dark brown hair? Is there a health problem in the family and the doctor has asked if anyone else in the family has had that problem before? You've thought several times you would like to know where great grandma and grandpa came from. Well, it's time to do a little family research.

Digging into your family history can be one of the most satisfying pastimes, bringing a keen sense of understanding to you on the lives and struggles of your ancestors. You can experience the joys, heartaches and hardships they must have had in their daily labor to make a living and take care of their families.

When you first think about beginning your research, the task may seem a bit overwhelming, not knowing how or where to start. But it's not really that difficult. Think about it! What do you already know about yourself, your children, your parents, your grandparents? Start your family tree by simply writing down all of the information you have about your immediate family - births, marriages, deaths and locations of these events. Start with yourself or your children and move backwards through the generations, as far back as you can with your own knowledge.

Once you have your list, consult with living relatives for any information they might have. Write down all information that is given to you, even if some of the facts appear to be in conflict. By writing down every piece of information you are given, you will see where you need to begin in looking up records to document these facts.

After you have collected some of the basic data, do more formal oral interviews with your older family members. Ask them about their memories of those who are deceased. Family stories can add much to a family's history beyond just names, dates and places. As an old saying in genealogy goes, "It puts meat on the bones."

Be sure to record everything that is said in your interview. Ask direct questions. Many times this spurs an older person's memory and leads to more information. Always be respectful of the person you are interviewing. If they seem reluctant to talk about something or someone, go on to another topic. You may need to do several interviews if they tire easily. Many times in later interviews they are more

comfortable with you and therefore they will be more spontaneous about events or people that they wouldn't speak about in the first interview. If you have not tape-recorded the interview, take careful notes and be sure to transcribe them as soon after your interview as possible, while everything is fresh in your mind.

Then look around in your own home or the home of your close relatives. There is an amazing amount of family history in our homes - heirlooms, gifts, old papers or books. What items do you have in your home that might give you an insight into your ancestor's lives? Here are just a few: Bibles, military papers, school year books, autograph books, award certificates, organization certificates, cookbooks, diaries, family ledgers, photo albums, old papers (birth certificates, death certificates, marriage license, deeds, wills, land titles, etc.), newspaper clippings, school papers (report cards have parents' names and signatures, etc.) scrapbooks, old pictures, jewelry (any piece that might have inscriptions, etc.- class rings, bracelets, lockets, dress pins, organization pins, etc.), antique furniture (especially if it was made by a family member - may have a signature and date), paintings (signed and dated), sewed items (samplers, quilts, hankies and other handmade items). Look in old trunks and chests. They sometimes turn out to be a goldmine. Remember getting measured for your height? Look on the door facings in the old family home. And there are many other items and places to check.

Some items can give you an insight to the lives of your ancestors, even if there is no written information on them. Pieces of clothing, hats, collectible items, toys, and furniture can tell you a lot. For instance - clothing, such as a military uniform or a wedding dress can give your ancestor's physical size. Furniture can say a lot about lifestyle - custom pieces or handmade furniture could show their financial status. Collections will exhibit their interests. Toys will not only show what was popular for the time, but also financial status- whether bought or handmade. Also toys give you an idea of what activities children participated in, other than just daily chores, and could tell whether grandma played with dolls or whether she was a tom-boy.

Keep in mind that you may not be the only one researching your family. Ask family members if they know of anyone else that is researching the family. Or if there has ever been any deceased family member, to their knowledge, that did any research. If not a close family member, there may be a more distant relative working on the family tree. Or if you are really lucky there might be a family history already published. A lot of time and effort can be saved if you discover someone has already done some research on your family line. A word of caution on accepting

research done by others. Use it as a tool for your research, but always verify and check sources given.

Look down the road five or six weeks from now. You've been to the library several times, and have plans for a trip to the parish courthouse. Today you have received a letter in the mail from your 90 year old great Aunt Grace. She's telling the story about her trip from Alabama to Louisiana with her parents as a young girl. But best of all, she tells you where the old family graveyard is located on the home place. The kids are yelling that they are hungry. You reluctantly go into the kitchen, open a can of beans and wieners, warm them in the microwave and set them on the table. The kids look at you as though you are crazy. You run back to your desk, start reading the letter again. Your husband comes to the door and tells you that you haven't washed his golf shirt and he needs it for tomorrow's golf game. You run to the clothes hamper and gather a load of clothes. No time to sort them, just throw everything in the washer. As you go by your husband, you tell him he will have to take the children to the golf course with him tomorrow because you have to go to the country to the old home site to locate that cemetery. He looks up at you as though you have lost your ever-loving mind. That's when you know that you've caught it! Caught what?? Why, that genealogy bug that's going around, of course!!! Happy Ancestor Hunting!!!

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The *Washington Post's* Style Invitational asked readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting or changing one letter, and supply a new definition. Here are some recent winners:

Intaxication: Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realize it was your money to start with.

Reintarnation: Coming back to life as a hillbilly.

Giraffiti: Vandalism spray-painted very, very high.

Sarchasm: The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.

Hipatitis: Terminal coolness.

Osteopornosis: A degenerate disease. (This one got extra credit.)

## **Northwest Louisiana Families**

By Wanda Volentine Head

### **Capps Family**

David S. Capps was born 11 April 1828 in Alabama. He married Dorcas Elizabeth Adkins on 09 October 1853 in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana (Bk 1/p 44). Dorcas Elizabeth was the daughter of William Jean and Amanda Melvina (Adair) Adkins. She was born 27 September 1835 in Henry County, Georgia and died in 1910 at Athens, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana. David died 12 January 1892 at Athens, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana. It is believed that both are buried in the New Hope Cemetery (Upper Old Athens), located just off Louisiana Highway #518, two miles west of present day Athens, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana.

Known children for David S. and Dorcas Elizabeth Capps are:

1. Telitha Emily Capps was born 10 Dec 1854 in Louisiana. She married James T. DeLoach on 16 November in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana (Bk 2/p 367). James was born 16 February 1852 and died 01 July 1932. Emily died 16 April 1919. They are both buried in the New Hope Cemetery (Upper Old Athens), Claiborne Parish, Louisiana.

2. William Capps was born 15 February 1856 in Louisiana. He married (1st) Catherine Scott on 07 February 1889 in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana (Bk 6/p 76). He married (2nd) Dorah R. New on 12 February 1890 in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana (Bk 6/p 378). Dorah was born 23 September 1874 in Georgia and died 24 Jun 1924 in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana. They are both buried in the New Hope Cemetery (Upper Old Athens), Claiborne Parish, Louisiana.

3. Adolphus Capps was born about 1858 and died before 1870, probably buried at New Hope Cemetery (Upper Old Athens), Claiborne Parish, Louisiana; no marker located there.

4. David Henry Capps was born March 1860. Henry never married. It is believed that Henry is buried in the New Hope Cemetery, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, but no marker is located there.

1900 Census, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, Ward 3, Haynesville, Page 68, Dwelling #313, Family #316. Henry Capps (brother-in-law), born March 1860, age 40, born Louisiana, father born Alabama, mother born Georgia, occupation mill laborer; enumerated in household with H. C. Blackstock.

1910 Census, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, Ward 7, Page 241, Dwelling #315, Family #332. David H. Capps (boarder), age 50, born Louisiana, father born Georgia, mother born Alabama, occupation laborer, saw mill; enumerated in household with James T. DeLoach.

1920 Census, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, Homer Precinct, Page 231, Dwelling #50, Family #55. Henry Capps (uncle), age 58, born Louisiana, father and mother born Louisiana, occupation laborer, home farm; enumerated in household with Drew Blackstock.

5. Melvina 'Mellie' Capps was born 30 September 1862. She married Henry T. Blackstock on 29 October 1896 in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana (Bk 9/p 15). Henry was born 04 December 1864



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and died 09 March 1916. Mellie died 04 June 1925. Both are buried in the New Hope Cemetery (Upper Old Athens), Claiborne Parish, Louisiana.

6. Corrine Capps was born about 1864. She married Allen Grant (Gantt) on 10 February 1887 in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana (Bk 5/p 47). (No other information is known)

(Article from newspaper, published at Homer, Louisiana, The Louisiana Weekly Journal, February 16, 1887: Married February 10, 1887, at the residence of the bride's father, D. S. Capps, by J. S. Richardson, Esq., Mr. Allie Gant to Miss Corine Capps.)

7. Benjamin F. Capps was born about 1868. He married (1st) Ruth L. Stone on 06 April 1892 in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana (Bk 8/p 77) and married (2nd) Mary Evans on 03 December 1903 in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana.

8. Capteria/Contesa 'Cappie' Capps was born about 1870. She married Henry T. Blackstock on 13 November 1887 (newspaper article). Apparently Cappie died before 1896 as Henry married her sister, Mellie then. It is believed that she is buried in New Hope Cemetery (Upper Old Athens) but no marker has been located.

(Article from newspaper, published at Homer, Louisiana, "The Louisiana Weekly Journal," November 16, 1887: (Athens Dots) Married, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. D. S. Capps, on Sunday, 13th inst., Mr. Henry Blackstock to Miss Cappie Capps, Esq. W. S. Barnes officiating.)

9. Claude Capps was born 17 November 1873. He married Sallie Matt Glover Bridwell on 31 May 1896 in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana (Bk 8/p 393). Sallie was born 05 December 1869 and died 17 June 1965 in Webster Parish, Louisiana. They are both buried in the Old Shongaloo Cemetery, Webster Parish, Louisiana.

1860 Census, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, 5th Ward, Post Office Athens, Page 768, Dwelling/Family #1367. D. S. Capps (male), age 33, born Georgia, work labor mill, value of personal estate \$100; Elizabeth (female), age 26, born Georgia; E. T. (female), age 6, born Louisiana; W. (male), age 4, born Louisiana; Adolphus (male), age 2, born Louisiana; D. H. (male), age 5/12, born Louisiana.

1870 Census, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, Ward 5, Post Office Athens, Page 152, Dwelling #107. D. S. Capps (male), age 41, born Alabama, occupation farmer, real estate value \$300, personal estate value \$150; Elizabeth (female), age 34, born Georgia, occupation keeping house; Tabitha E. (female), age 15, born Louisiana, at school; Wm. (male), age 14, born Louisiana, laborer; Henry (male), age 10, born Louisiana, laborer; Malvina (female), age 8, born Louisiana, at home; Cornie (female), age 6, born Louisiana, at home; Benj. F. (male), age 2, born Louisiana, at home.

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1880 Census, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, Ward 6, Page 321, Dwelling #88. David S. Capps , age 52, born Alabama, father and mother born South Carolina, farmer; Elizabeth (wife), age 44, born Georgia, father born North Carolina, mother born Georgia, keeping house; D. Henry (son), age 20, farmer; Melvina (daughter), age 18; Corenia (daughter), age 14; Benjamin (son), age 12; Casstesa? (daughter), age 10; Claudy (son), age 6; children born Louisiana, father born Alabama, mother born Georgia.

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## Capps - New Family

William Capps was born 15 February 1856, probably in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, oldest known son of David and Elizabeth Capps. He married (1st) Catherine Scott on 07 February 1889 in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana (Bk 6/p 76). He married (2nd) Dorah R. New on 12 February 1890 in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana (Bk 6/p 378). Dorah was born 23 September 1874 (1900 Census says 1873), in Georgia and died 24 June 1924 in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana. William died 21 December 1932. William and Dorah are both buried in the New Hope Cemetery (Upper Old Athens), west of present day Athens, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana

Known children for William and Dorah R. Capps are:

1. George Almer Capps was born 15 February 1892, in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana. He married Pearl Johnson. Pearl was born 25 November 1898, died 28 May 1970. Both are buried at the Arlington Cemetery in Homer, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana.
2. Reuben Capps was born 29 September 1893 in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana. He married Willie Myrtle Gandy on 21 December 1913. Willie was born 23 November 1896 in Titus County, Texas, and died 27 August 1970 in Titus or Franklin County, Texas. Reuben died 05 September 1947 in Texas.
3. William D. 'Willie' Capps was born 31 August 1895 in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana. He married on 14 November 1920 in Franklin County, Texas to Willie Alva Van Horn, daughter of Franklin and Martha Louise (Stuart) Van Horn. Willie Alva was born 20 April 1903 in Titus County, Texas and died 19 December 1983 in Mount Vernon, Franklin County, Texas. William died 11 June 1964 in Temple, Bell County, Texas.
4. Virgie Clara Capps was born July 1898 in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana.
5. Vera Capps was born about 1906 in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana.

1900 Census, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, Page 114, Dwelling/Family #37. William Capps, born February 1856, age 44, born Louisiana, father born Alabama, mother born Georgia, occupation farmer; Dora R. (wife), born September 1873, age 26, born Georgia, father born Georgia, mother born South Carolina; married 9 years, 4 children, 4 living; George Almer (son), born February 1892, age 8; Reuben (son), born September 1893, age 6; William D. (son), born

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August 1895, age 4; Verges Clara (daughter), born July 1898, age 1; children born Louisiana, father born Louisiana, mother born Georgia.

1910 Census, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, Ward 5, Page 137, Dwelling/Family #182. W. Capps, age 53, born Louisiana, father born Alabama, mother born Georgia, occupation farmer, general farm; Dora (wife), age 36, born Georgia, father and mother born Georgia; both married 1 time, married 19 years, number of children not listed; Ruben (son), age 16; Willie (son), age 14; Vergie (daughter), age 12, Vera (daughter), age 5; children all born Louisiana, father born Louisiana, mother born Georgia.

1920 Census, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, Ward 5, Page 141, Dwelling #129, Family #131. William Capps, age 63, born Louisiana, father born Alabama, mother born Georgia, occupation farmer, general farm; Dora (wife), age 47, born Georgia, father born Georgia, mother born South Carolina; Vera (daughter), age 14, born Louisiana, father born Louisiana, mother born Georgia.

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## Capps - Glover Family

Claude Capps was born 17 November 1873 in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, youngest son of David and Elizabeth Capps. He married Sallie Matt Glover Bridwell on 31 May 1896 in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana (Bk 8/p 393). Sallie, daughter of Edmund P. and Mary C. (Barnette) Glover, was born 05 December 1869 and died 17 June 1965 in Webster Parish, Louisiana. She had been married first to W. F. Bridwell on 23 January 1887 in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana (Bk 5/p 48). They had one child, a son, before W. F. Bridwell's death. Sallie died 17 Jun 1965 in Webster Parish, Louisiana. Claude died 21 July 1954. Claude and Sallie are both buried in the Old Shongaloo Cemetery, Webster Parish, Louisiana.

Known children for Claude and Sallie Capps:

1. Mary Willie Capps born 21 March 1897, Louisiana. She married Auvie Talmadge Matthews. He was born 16 Jun 1900 in Webster Parish, Louisiana and died 17 April 1974. Mary died 31 October 1984. They are both buried in the Old Shongaloo Cemetery, Webster Parish, Louisiana.

2. Audrey Capps was born 22 May 1898 in Louisiana and died 15 February 1902 in Louisiana. She is buried in the New Hope Cemetery (Upper Old Athens), west of present day Athens, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana.

1900 Census, Webster Parish, Louisiana, Ward 1, north of Homer & Sikes Ferry Road, Page 8, Dwelling #131, Family 135. Claud Caps, born November 1873, age 26, born Louisiana, father born Alabama, mother born Georgia, occupation farm laborer; Sallie (wife), born December 1870, age 30, born Louisiana, father born Georgia, mother born Alabama; married 4 years, 3 children, 3 living; Mary W. (daughter), born March 1897, age 3; Audrey (daughter), born May 1898, age 2; children born Louisiana, father and mother born Louisiana; -- --- Bridwell (step son), born --- 1887, age 12, born Louisiana, father and mother born Louisiana.



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1910 Census, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, Ward 7, Page 213, Dwelling #36, Family #40. Claud Capps, age 37, born Louisiana, father and mother born Alabama, occupation laborer, lumber grader; Sallie M. (wife), age 40, born Louisiana, father and mother born Alabama; married 14 years, 3 children, 2 living; Mary Willie (daughter), age 13, born Louisiana, father and mother born Louisiana; Mrs. Mary C. Glover (mother-in-law), age 63, widow, born Alabama, father and mother born Alabama; 7 children, 2 living.

1920 Census, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, Ward 3, Page 55, Dwelling #101, Family #109. Claude Capps, age 47, born Louisiana, father born Georgia, mother born Louisiana, occupation farmer; Sallie M. (wife), age 50, born Louisiana, father born Georgia, mother born Alabama.

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## Capps - DeLoach Family

James Thomas DeLoach, son of William Early (Earl) and Sarah Ann Emaline (Smart) DeLoach, was born 16 February 1852 in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana. He married Telitha Emily Capps 16 November 1873 (Bk 2/p 367). Telitha, daughter of David S. and Dorcas Elizabeth (Adkins) Capps, was born 10 December 1854, and died 16 April 1919. James Thomas died 01 July 1932. They are both buried at the New Hope Cemetery (Upper Old Athens), two miles west of present day Athens, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana.

Known children of James Thomas and Telitha Emily DeLoach:

1. Albertus L. DeLoach was born 09 May 1875 in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, and died 13 May 1945, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana. He married Leona Leroy Smithee. She was born 29 July 1879 and died 11 July 1979. Both are buried in the Arlington Cemetery, Homer, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana.
2. William David DeLoach was born 29 April 1877 in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, and died 04 January 1884.
3. Cinderlier Delia DeLoach was born September 1880 in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, and died about 1953.
4. Alicia Elizabeth DeLoach was born 27 January 1882 in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, and died 04 April 1889.
5. Thomas Frank DeLoach was born December 1884 in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, and died about 1961 in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana. He married Hattie (Harrie) Mae Evans.
6. John Henry DeLoach was born November 1886 in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana.

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7. Ira T. DeLoach was born September 1889 in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana. He married Mary Lou Madden.

8. Lillian Emily DeLoach was born October 1892 in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana.

9. Valentine Vallie DeLoach was born 04 January 1896 in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, and died 12 October 1918, buried New Hope Cemetery (Upper Old Athens), Claiborne Parish, Louisiana.

1900 Census, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, Ward 3, Page 68, Dwelling #323, Family #226. J. T. DeLoach, born January 1852, age 48, born Louisiana, father born Georgia, mother born Alabama, occupation mill proprietor; T. E. (wife), born December 1854, age 45, born Louisiana, father born Alabama, mother born Georgia; married 27 years, 9 children, 7 living; Delia (daughter), born August 1879, age 20; Thos. F. (son), born December 1884, age 15; John L. (son), November 1886, age 13; Ira (son), born September 1889, age 10; Lillian (daughter), born October 1892, age 7; Villie (daughter), born January 1896, age 4; children born Louisiana, father and mother born Louisiana; Jessie (brother), born March 1868, age 32, born Louisiana, father born Georgia, mother born Alabama; + 4 boarders.

1910 Census, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, Ward 7, Page 241, Dwelling #315, Family #332. James T. DeLoach, age 59, born Louisiana, father born Georgia, mother born Alabama, occupation, lumber man, plainer; Emily D. (wife), age 56, born Louisiana, father born Georgia, mother born Alabama; married 37 years, 9 children, 7 living; Lillian (daughter), age 17; Valley (daughter), age 14; children born Louisiana, father and mother born Louisiana; David H. Capps (boarder), age 50, born Louisiana, father born Georgia, mother born Alabama, occupation laborer, saw mill.

1920 Census, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, Ward 7, Page 243, Dwelling #109, Family #132. Jas. Deloach, age 72, born Louisiana, father and mother born Louisiana, occupation none; Mary Franks (wife), age 65, born Louisiana, father and mother born Louisiana.

1930 Census, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, Ward 7, Homer City, Page 10, Dwelling #195, Family #196. Jim T. Deloach, age 78, born Louisiana, father born Georgia, mother born Alabama, occupation, manager, retail grocer, married at age 21; Mary Frank (wife), age 78, born Tennessee, father and mother born Tennessee, married at age 18; + roomers.

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Giuseppe Mondello and Anna Palazzo

By Danielle Harrison Neal

Giuseppe [Joseph] Mondella came to the United States from Corleone, Sicily. As so often happened, he came first, got himself established, and then went back to Sicily for his wife and children in 1904. Giuseppe and Anna Mondella had four children at that time: Joseph b. 1894, Mary b. 1900, Samuel b. 1901 and John b. 1903.

They settled in Powhatan, Natchitoches Parish, LA in a 4-room house. Giuseppe grew cotton in addition to his vegetable garden. Two more children were born to them in Powhatan: Luke b. 1906 and Corine b. 1909. Anna was pregnant with a 7th child when disaster struck.

Anna's child, Corine Mondello Pastiro, now 93 years young, is a beautiful and dignified lady. She spoke about the events of Saturday, September 14, 1912 in a calm, steady voice. "It was evening and we were about to have dinner. Mama had made rice. Some men who had a dispute with Papa over dogs came and shot us in the house." Here is the account from the *Shreveport Times* of Monday, September 16, 1912 :

ONE DEAD AND THREE OTHERS IN HOSPITAL

**Wealthy Italian Family at Powhatan Nearly Wiped Out
ASSASSINS ESCAPE: OFFICERS ON TRAIL**

One man is dead, another perhaps fatally wounded, and a woman and another man painfully injured and probably disfigured for life, because a dog was given the freedom of a farmyard Saturday night and barked at a man passing by. The wounded men and woman are in the Charity Hospital in this city, and their assailants are at large.

The dead:

Joe Mondello, Sr., a wealthy farmer.

The injured:

Joe Mondello, Jr., his son; shot through right lung and a rib fractured. He may die.

Mrs. Mondello, widow of the murdered man; right cheek partly shot off.

Sam Mondello, another son; left lower jaw-bone fractured.

George and Joe Penina, brothers, are accused of doing the shooting. They escaped the officers Saturday night, but their capture is expected at any minute. Joe Penina is married and has three children. The officers do not believe he will go far away from his family. George lived with him.

The trouble occurred near Powhatan, a small town in Natchitoches Parish, between 9 and 10 o'clock Saturday night. The Mondellos are wealthy farmers and have lived in that neighborhood many years. The accused men are poor and only recently moved to Powhatan from Whitecastle. They, too, are farmers, and jealousy is said to have been more the reason of the shooting than the trouble over the dog.

As had been the custom of the Mondello boys, they turned their dog loose in the yard to protect the house just before preparing to go to bed Saturday night. While they were sitting on the gallery a man, said to have been either Joe or George Penina, passed by. The dog naturally barked, evidently badly frightening the pedestrian.

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"Why do you allow your dog to run loose?" he inquired. One of the Mondello boys answered that they always did so for protection.

The man passed on and nothing more was thought of the affair until a few minutes later, when he returned with a friend, and the Mondellos say they recognized the men as the Penina brothers.

Without a word or warning, the men opened fire with shotguns. Mr. Mondello, Sr., tumbled from his chair mortally wounded, having received a full charge of buckshot in his chest. He died almost immediately.

Before the boys and their mother could escape and get inside the house they, too, had fallen. The murderers were hardly ten feet from the gallery when they began their deadly fusillade, and that all four members of the Mondello family are not dead now is considered miraculous.

The dead man was about 50 years old. He was well known and respected by everyone in his neighborhood, and the community was thoroughly aroused when his assassination became known. He was an Italian with more than ordinary ambition and had amassed considerable wealth by his industry and frugal habits.

His son, Joe Mondello, who may die from his injuries, is only 19 years old. He is being treated in ward five of the Charity Hospital, and while the wounds are not necessarily fatal, the physicians in charge say his condition is critical. He was shot through the right lung and Sunday evening it was reported pneumonia had developed which lessens his chances for recovery materially. He also has a fractured rib.

The other son, Sam Mondello, is only 14 years old. A charge of shot from one of the guns struck him in the face and fractured his left lower jaw. Part of the flesh was torn away from his face and, when he recovers, it is expected he will be horribly disfigured. He is in ward three in the Charity Hospital.

Mrs. Mondello, widow of the dead man and mother of the two boys, is in ward four at the Charity Hospital and is suffering keenly from her wounds. The murderers evidently tried to blow the heads off all four members of the family. Part of the woman's right cheek was torn away by a load of buckshot, but her condition is not considered serious. She is suffering intensely from the wound, however, and will be badly scarred for life.

Officials of Natchitoches Parish are still looking for the Penina brothers who are accused of the crime. Local officials have been notified to be on the lookout for them in case they come in this direction, but it is not believed they will go far from home and if not caught soon they will give themselves up. George lived with his brother, Joe, who has a wife and three children.

An officer from the local police department visited the wounded men and woman at the hospital Sunday and obtained statements from each as to how the trouble happened. Joe Mondello, the one injured most, was able to give a coherent statement of the affair. He is a bright young man, speaks excellent English and appears to be well educated. His story to the police is similar to the version given above, which he gave to the hospital attendants.

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The Paul Lombardino family cared for Mary, age 12 and Corrine, age 3. Then as the hospitalized family members were released, they joined the girls at the Lombardino home. Corine said one of them was in the hospital three months.

Evidence of the esteem the Mondello family had in Powhatan is shown by the fact that during their absence, the cotton crop matured and good neighbors picked the crop for them.

The *Shreveport Times* of Tuesday, September 17, 1912 followed up on the shooting:

CATCH ASSASSINS OF MONDELLO AT BUNKIE

**The Italians Were on Their Way to Hide in Swamp
SULLEN AT FIRST; FINALLY CONFESS**

Two Penina Brothers Who Killed Joe Mondello at Powhatan and Shot Others of Family, Claim Dead Man Shot at Younger Brother With Pistol Before Fatal Shot Was Fired.

Bunkie, La., Sept. 16.—Joe and George Penina, the two Italians charged with the murder of the Modello family at Powhatan, were captured today by Town Marshal E. B. Worth. Sheriff Freeman of Natchitoches was at once notified and a deputy sent on the first train to take them in charge. A reward of \$50 was offered by the citizens of Powhatan for the murderers' capture. The prisoners denied their identity and gave the names of Joe and George ??pierio. They had the guns used in the killing tied in bundles and were on their way to the Atchafalaya Swamp. They were sullen and refused to talk.

A later special from Bunkie states that Joe Penina, the youngest of the two brothers, confessed to the killing of Mondello. He stated to Marshal Worthy that Mondello ran from his house to the road, brandishing a pistol, as he, Penina, was going by with a shotgun to kill a vicious dog belonging to Mondello. He said Mondello then ran back to the house and began to shoot at him, all the shots going wild. Penina then blazed away with his shotgun, but says he did not know whether he killed anybody or not. After the shooting he and his brother took a Texas & Pacific Passenger train for Bunkie, where they were captured. The younger brother completely exonerates the older.

Joe Mondello, Jr., the most seriously wounded of the three and whose condition was considered critical after pneumonia developed, is reported doing nicely at the Charity Hospital. His mother and his brother are considered to be out of danger from their wounds, unless blood poison or some other unforeseen development arises.

The father of Joe and George Penina and also his two sons-in-law were arrested by Sheriff Freeman of Natchitoches Parish yesterday, following the coroner's inquest over the body of Joe Mondello, Sr. It was believed they knew considerable of the tragedy as the testimony indicated that several persons had participated in the assassination.

Only one member of the Mondello family escaped the assassin's gun. She is a little girl of tender age and her testimony at the coroner's inquest was to the effect that only two men fired on the house. They are believed to be the Penina boys, thus corroborating the story told by the wounded boys and their mother at the hospital. She said the trouble started over their dog banking at one of the Penina boys as he passed the house, as was published in The Times yesterday.

Dead Man Buried.

Special to The Times.

Natchitoches, La., Sept. 16—The remains of Joe Mondello, the wealthy Italian farmer, of Powhatan, who was shot Saturday night by the Penina brothers, were brought here and buried from the evening train.

Anna chose to take her children to Chicago where she lived with her brother, Charlie Palazzo and her 7th child, Josephine, was born there in 1913. After two years in Chicago, observing the growing warfare between Al Capone and federal agents, Anna decided to once again take her chances in Powhatan. They returned to find all of their farming implements missing and they had to start over from scratch once more.

World War I broke out and Joseph Mondello, Anna's eldest son age 21, was drafted. The next eldest son was only 16 so after petitions and letters, Joseph was given a hardship discharge, having to serve only 6 months.

Anna and her children became truck farmers raising vegetables for family consumption and for sale. In the 1920 Census Anna Mondella and her family are enumerated thus in Natchitoches Parish, ED 41, Sheet 11B:

243/250 Mondello, Joe	Head	Rents	M	W	26	S	1904	Italy	Italy	Italy
Annie	Mother		F	W	50	W	1904	Italy	Italy	Italy
Sam	Brother		M	W	19	S	1904	Italy	Italy	Italy
John	Brother		M	W	15	S	1904	Italy	Italy	Italy
Luke	Brother		M	W	14	S		LA	Italy	Italy
Corine	Sister		F	W	10	S		LA	Italy	Italy
Josephine	Sister		F	W	7	S		LA	Italy	Italy

In 1920 they lived next to the Frank Tombrella family consisting of Frank and Vincenta and children Canchia [? A son], Peter, Joe, Vincenta, and Camille.

By 1923 Anna had moved her family to Shreveport. They leased land on the Hart's Island Road and continued farming. The children came of age and married. Joe Mondella married Vita Alence October 22, 1923.

Sam Mondella married Rosa Manescalco January 13, 1925, and they had three sons: Joseph Mondello who was an auto dealer, Phillip Mondello and John Mondello.

Corine Mondello married Vincent Pastiro November 4, 1928 and they had no children.

John Mondello married Virginia Rosole October 20, 1930 and they had a daughter, Ann, who married Dominick Digilormo, Jr.

Luke Mondello married Joanna Santoro October 26, 1931. He worked as a glass cutter at Libby Owens Ford plant and his daughter, Mary Ann, married Bill Stinnett.

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Josephine Mondello married John Santoro in December, 1930.

In the 1930 Census the family is in Caddo Parish living on La Highway No. 20, Ed 9-71, page 117, line 36:

6/8 Mondello, Sam	Head	R	M	W	29	Married at 24	LA	Italy	Italy	Farmer - Cotton
Rosa	Wife		F	W	21	Married at 16	TX	Italy	Italy	
Joe	Son		M	W	2 3/12		LA	LA	TX	
Philip	Son		M	W	5/12		LA	LA	TX	
7/9 Mondello, Anna	Head	R	F	W	50	Wd		Italy	Italy	Italy
John	Son		M	W	24	Single	LA	Italy	Italy	
Luke	Son		M	W	21	Single	LA	Italy	Italy	
Josie	Daughter		F	W	15	Single	LA	Italy	Italy	

Anna Palazzo Mondello lived to age 86, dying on September 3, 1959, in Benton. Her life was one of faith, courage and resourcefulness. She traveled with her children from Corleone, Italy, to America at age 33. She helped her husband become a successful farmer in the new land. She was widowed and disfigured by the shotgun blasts at age 41. She kept her family together and continued to work to provide for them. She became a citizen of the United States in the 1940s. She left a legacy of hard work and accomplishment that her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren continue.



THE GREATER APOSTOLIC CHURCH CEMETERY

The Greater Apostolic Church Cemetery is located between Eros & Chatham, Jackson Parish, Louisiana on Louisiana Highway #34.

PIERCE, Amber Nicole [w/picture]	14 Feb 1987	01 Jul 1995
McMANUS, Dorothy E.	06 Sep 1915	25 Nov 1995

Beach Springs Baptist Church Cemetery

Located in Jackson Parish, LA on Louisiana Highway #542 in Section 2 Twp
15N Range 3W Survey made 08 Apr 1996, starting at west end of cemetery.

DUCK, *Novis GRISSOM	07 Jan 1914	04 Oct 1976
*James Henry	21 Jul 1909	24 Apr 1958
WALKER, Willie Lee (Daddy) [Mason]	1913	1961
RASBERRY, Math	[no dates]	
UPTON, Commodore L. (La Pvt Co K 127 Infantry WW I)	11 Feb 1893	31 May 1963
UPTON, Evie ANTLEY	26 Nov 1901	22 May 1994
RAMBIN, David Brian (Son)	18 Jul 1967	02 Mar 1984
WALKER, *Eunice Elizabeth {md 21 Jun 1933}	14 Jul 1912	--
*James Harold	27 Jan 1912	10 Sep 1978
DUCK, *Nancy C. {md 03 Aug 1929}	1910	--
*David E.	1905	1976
ROBINSON, *Roy Lamar Sr (Father) (TEC 4 US Army WW II)	09 Aug 1918	26 Mar 1991
*Audrey Lois (Mother)	24 Apr 1921	--
LEWIS, *Rev Mason Lee (Pastored 44 yrs) {md 03 Jun 1950} (Ch: Deborah)	28 Jul 1929	03 Jul 1992
*Cora Elois DANIEL	20 Jan 1932	--
GOSS, *Udean	09 Feb 1923	--
*Earlene M.	10 May 1910	29 Mar 1986
RASBERRY, *Herbert "Pete"	09 Oct 1912	--
*Tressie WOMACK	11 Feb 1916	--
RASBERRY, *Raymond	28 Nov 1933	08 Dec 1983
*Mary	11 Dec 1938	--
RICKS, *Alfred A.	02 Feb 1896	22 Sep 1980
*Lillian R.	27 Nov 1901	--
KENNEDY, Inf/o M/M B. J. Kennedy		07 Aug 1958
RASBERRY, Inf/o M/M K. R. Rasberry		13 Apr 1946
RASBERRY, *Kermit R.	25 Feb 1909	01 Feb 1985
*Robbie E.	21 Aug 1912	20 Aug 1973
RASBERRY, *William Glen	19 Feb 1873	13 Feb 1969
*Lucy B.	23 Jan 1882	18 May 1971
POPE, Ora E.	1899	1963

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HOWARD, James Henry (La Pvt Co D 53 MG Bn 18 Div WW I)	01 Dec 1886	02 Jun 1961
BRYANT, Laura Gertrude	02 Feb 1897	17 Jul 1976
FINCK, Betty J.	11 Dec 1925	22 Sep 1994
WALKER, Inf s/o Kennie & Louise Walker		09 Aug 1945
WALKER, *Dennie L. (Daddy)	30 Jul 1907	07 Jun 1980
*Louise A. (Mother)	09 Jul 1913	--
GRANT, Wanda Kay (inf d/o Grady & Corene DUCK Grant)		25 Jun 1953
GRANT, Corene DUCK	06 Jul 1922	13 Nov 1977
GRANT, Grady G. (S2 US Navy WW II)	13 Nov 1923	06 Jul 1978
GRANT, Robert Ocit (baby)		30 Sep 1938
DUCK, *Robert F. (Father)	01 Apr 1880	20 Sep 1952
*Mary Ann HOWARD (Mother)	29 Oct 1881	28 May 1944
WAGES, Woodrow W (La TEC 5 Hq & Hq Btry 73 CA Bn AA WW II)	22 Sep 1920	02 Jun 1957
WAGES, George William [infant]		01 Aug 1946
WAGES, Barnie Earl	05 Jun 1955	25 Sep 1971
WAGES, Bob A. Sr (Daddy)	12 Sep 1952	01 Jul 1986
PEEL, *Marjorie R. (Mother) {md 12 Sep 1938}	08 May 1919	01 Feb 1989
*Johnnie E. (Daddy)	11 Jul 1910	--
MOORE, Melba Lucille [FHM]	04 Mar 1929	26 Feb 1996
BLALOCK, *Hugie Simmons (Father) (Ch: Barbara, Jimmy, Charles)	14 Oct 1905	25 Jan 1994
*Louise Virginia (Mother)	10 Jul 1907	03 Dec 1987
STRAIN, Tena Mae (Mother)	30 Oct 1903	14 Dec 1969
NASH, *Eli	28 Nov 1888	13 Apr 1964
*Pearl SHO VAN	17 Dec 1893	20 May 1962
PEEL, Frank W. (Father)	18 Apr 1903	06 Nov 1962
PEEL, Florence Louise (w/o Frank W. Peel)	24 May 1909	13 Jan 1946
PEEL, Little Warren (s/o Frank & Florence Peel)	06 Oct 1938	06 Oct 1938

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RASBURY, *Martha Alice W.	09 Feb 1883	12 Apr 1968
*Simmie Joseph	03 Feb 1877	04 Jul 1976
RASBURY, *Walter L.	06 Feb 1906	26 Aug 1978
(Cpl US Army WW II)		
*Eutha Mae	24 Jul 1919	--
WAGES, George W.	22 Jul 1880	03 Feb 1960
DUCK, *Savannah	04 Dec 1904	--
{md 24 Jul 1936}		
*Raphael	19 Jul 1903	11 Oct 1988
DUCK, *Hazel O. (Mother)	28 Dec 1909	--
*Grady F. (Father)	29 Jan 1908	19 Jul 1991
WHITTEN, *Robert L.	03 Jan 1919	26 Feb 1984
(Cpl US Army WW II)		
*Melba D.	22 Jan 1920	--
FULLERTON, *Charles "C B" (Daddy)	14 Aug 1909	09 Jul 1962
{md 05 Oct 1929}		
*Ruby PIERCE (Mother)	05 Oct 1912	--
FULLERTON, *John B.	16 Dec 1876	12 Jul 1963
{md 10 Sep 1899}		
*Sarah SMITH	20 Jul 1878	05 Jun 1961
PEEL, **Terry Glen	05 Jul 1950	23 Nov 1968
**Connie V.	11 Oct 1958	24 May 1962
**Wanda Beth	94 May 1964	--
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*Robert Odis	22 Apr 1914	11 Jun 1963
PARDUE, *Leon O. (Sgt US Army WW II)	03 Feb 1908	28 Oct 1990
*Dee LOE	27 Apr 1916	--
PEEL, *Caar L.	26 Aug 1916	17 May 1981
{md 12 Aug 1939}		
*Margaret R.	12 Aug 1919	--
HOWARD, *Minnie SLAYTER	24 May 1915	--
*John Tillman	04 Dec 1908	09 Feb 1968
JONES, *Harold M.	11 Jan 1930	--
*Sarah H.	28 Apr 1936	04 Sep 1990
ROBERTS, Howard Jr	18 Aug 1954	18 Apr 1992
MAXWELL, *Gertrude H. (Wife)	31 May 1926	--
{md 03 Jan 1945}		
*Otis W. (Sgt US Army WW II)	31 Aug 1919	08 May 1983

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DEESE, Eddie B.	28 Aug 1949	20 Sep 1986
DEESE, Tommy H.	09 Oct 1954	27 Dec 1990
DEESE, *Mary Odell (Mother) {md 11 Sep 1944} *James M. (Father)	02 May 1924 02 Sep 1922	30 Oct 1995 --

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The Unknown Family

I have spent several years looking for family information and have, of this week, decided that I am a descendant of the family called *Unknown*.

I find kazillions with the names of my families, but my branches do not seem to attach to any trees in the known world. Therefore, I have devised several theories to explain our origins:

1. We were sent to the colonies by the British government in the 1600s to spy. We so excelled in the art of blending in with the flora and fauna that no one knew we were here--even the British lost contact with us.
2. We were dropped off here by one of the space ships that some say visited our planet. Again, we were outstanding in the ability to assimilate and so were never noticed. Somewhere down the line someone forgot to tell us that we were from another planet. I think the space ships people report seeing and being captured by are our true family, searching for us to take us home.
3. Immaculate conception--which explains itself.
4. I really don't exist. I am but a figment of someone's imagination, but I don't know who that someone is.

I am very frustrated as you can tell. Do you have a section in this area for us *Unknowns* to apply to families for adoption so that we can transplant our tiny branch buds and belong to some tree--any tree?

Mary Ann Bartlett

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