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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:

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Our monthly meetings are normally held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room at Shreve Memorial Library, Broadmoor Branch, 1212 Captain Shreve Drive, Shreveport, Louisiana. Program topics and other meeting information are published in local newspapers. Following many of our meetings, we have informal round-table discussions for the purpose of assisting individuals with their research.

Our quarterly publication, *The Journal*, welcomes unpublished material pertaining to genealogy and history, particularly in North Louisiana.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

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

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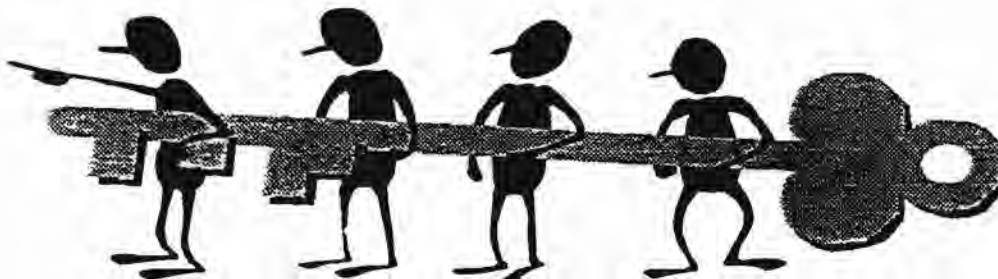
# ***The Journal***

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***Together, we can unlock the secrets of the past.***

## Changes to *The Journal* and to Dues in 2006

Friends of Genealogy, Inc. is a non-profit organization. Any surplus funds raised through a seminar or workshop go to the purchase of research data for the Genealogy Department of Shreve Memorial Library. In past years we have depended on the dues from our members to cover the cost of printing and mailing the quarterly *Journal*, but increasing costs of postage make this an ever-challenging goal—a goal we no longer reach.

For approximately 12 years our dues have remained the same. Now, in order to pay for postage and printing we must increase annual dues. In order to keep dues from being increased to \$20 per individual, the Board came up with the following motion at our June 13, 2005 meeting:

It was moved and seconded that beginning in January 2006 dues be increased to these rates: \$18 individual; \$15 library members; \$20 family; \$25 sustaining member; \$150 life-time member; and that the *Journal* become a 100-page issue published semi-annually.

This motion was voted and passed in our regular meeting July 16, 2004.

Our *Journal* is mailed through Friends of Genealogy, Inc.'s bulk mailing permit. The terms of this permit are that we have 200 pieces of uniform weight per mailing and the rate is partially determined by the weight of each item. The weight factor is less influential than the base fee per mailing, thus we will realize a saving by having two mailings per year rather than four, even though the two will be double the size of the present 50-page quarterly. Thus you will be receiving two 100-page *Journals* each year, maintaining the quality research assistance you are accustomed to in the *Journal*.

To date we have 89 dues paying members. And how do we make up a 200-item bulk mailing? For the most part by exchanging publications with some 72 other genealogical groups around the nation. These exchange publications are found in the Genealogy Department of Shreve Memorial Library, providing library patrons with access to grass-roots data from many different areas of our country. By the way, if you know of a genealogical group in a certain area that you would like us to add to our exchange program, please let me know and I will contact that group to see if they wish to exchange with us.

Concurrently, any family information you contribute to the *Journal* will receive national distribution, as will any query you place.

Thank you,

*Danielle Neal*



# Mark Your Calendar!

**Friends of Genealogy, Inc. has moved its regular meeting date to the third Saturday each month.**

<b>January 15, 2005</b> Milton Finley on Robert E. Lee	<b>February 19, 2006</b> Kathy Jackson on book binding and book restoration	<b>March 19, 2005</b> Sandra Haynie on the Prudhommes of Natchitoches Parish
<b>April 16, 2005</b> Margaret Bateman on North Caddo Parish History	<b>May 21, 2005</b> Lt. Col. John Mitchell, Ret. On How to Research a Military Unit	<b>June 18, 2005</b> John Basco on the Records Project (Digitalized Records)
<b>July 16, 2005</b> Sally Hamer, LSUS, on Writing Family Histories	<b>August 20, 2005</b> Open House/Membership Drive Tour of Genealogy Booths & Library	<b>September 17, 2005</b> Ann Lipscomb Webster on MS Archives Research
<b>October 15, 2005</b> Jane Newberry Family Ghost & Their Stories Bring your own Ghost Story	<b>November 19, 2005</b> LaJuana Goldsby "Sugar & Spice & Everything" Colonial Era Cuisine	<b>December 17, 2005</b> Happy Holidays!! Christmas Social

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 Wanda Head at 318-929-1730 for up-to-date program information. (E-mail: [wvhead@cmaaccess.com](mailto:wvhead@cmaaccess.com))

**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. Please attend and present your thoughts and ideas. Contact Danielle Neal at 318-425-7069 or any Board Member for the time and location of any meeting you wish to attend.

Visit our web site at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~flig/> Here, too, we invite your comments and suggestions. Help us structure our organization to be of the utmost benefit to you and your research.

## Civil War Soldiers Buried at Liberal, Kansas

By Florence Herring

William R. Fisher  
July 31, 1814 – April 8, 1901  
Co. H 10 Ind. Vol. Inf.

A. L. Davis  
Co. B, 167<sup>th</sup> Ohio Inf.

F. W. Harper  
Co. L, 4<sup>th</sup> Ill. Cav.

Jacob Linigar  
Co. B, 12<sup>th</sup> Ill. Inf.

Henry Wheeler  
Co. B, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mich. Inf.

James W. Derey  
Corpl., Co, A, 15<sup>th</sup> Ohio Inf.

W. C. Wilkinson  
Co. D, 60<sup>th</sup> Ind. Inf.

George C. Piersall  
Pvt., Co. A, 9<sup>th</sup> Texas Cav.  
CSA  
Feb 15, 1841 – Jan. 20, 1925

Henry Ellis  
Died July 8, 1886  
Co. C [remainder illegible]

T. F. Yeager  
Co. I, 18<sup>th</sup> Iowa Inf.

John R. Crothers  
Born in Indiana Feb. 15, 1842  
Died Dec. 29, 1900  
Sgt., 1<sup>st</sup> Kansas Battery Vols.

Lewis N. Ellexson  
149<sup>th</sup> Ind. Inf.  
1-33 Ill. Vol.  
1845-1921

Jacor Orth  
Co. K, 146<sup>th</sup> Ill Inf.

Franklin A. Doll  
Co. K, 146<sup>th</sup> Ill. Inf.

Charles N. Heath  
Corpl., Co. K, 1<sup>st</sup> Mich E. &  
M.

Bryant Thornhill  
Co. F, 119<sup>th</sup> Ill. Inf.



## LSU GETS GRANT TO FILM POLICE JURY MINUTES

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission has awarded a 30-month, \$196,140 grant to the LSU Libraries Special Collections for the purpose of preserving and improving intellectual and physical access to 130 years of WPA copies of parish Police Jury Minutes, some dating back to 1811. Between 1939 and 1942, the WPA transcribed the minutes of the police juries in each of Louisiana's 64 parishes on poor-quality wood-pulp paper. In order to prevent further damage to the brittle paper, the transcriptions will be microfilmed. Additionally, a new and improved finding aid will be created. Upon completion of the project, the microfilm will be available at LSU, through interlibrary loan, or for purchase.

Police Jury Minutes are important in Louisiana because the Police Jury was, and still is, the governing body for each parish. These records have previously been unavailable for research because of their fragile condition.

## World War I Photos of C. C. Westmoreland

By Danielle Neal

Sergeant First Class Clarence C. Westmoreland was a member of the 258<sup>th</sup> Field Hospital, U. S. Army, World War I. He left some 20+ photographs of his comrades and we print a selection of those most likely to be legible by scanning. A good many of the photographs have the subject's name and address written on the back. We include this information also. Please note the structures the Field Hospital occupied—many merely floored and half-walled, with canvas roofs.

We are grateful C. C. Westmoreland collected these photographs and kept them. We are further grateful to his widow, Johnnie J. Westmoreland, for passing them on to his family. C. C. Westmoreland married shortly after discharge from the Army. The first marriage ended in divorce. He was single for 25 years and then married Johnnie A. Johnson.

C. C. Westmoreland did not continue in any health-care related occupation following the war. He became a streetcar operator and later drove the electric trolleys in Shreveport, LA.



Sgt Harry Hinton, Sgt Lloyd Hurmance, Sgt CC Westmoreland, Sgt Cris Pederson



Ben H. Ham - Emporia, Lyon Co., KS



Nestor Garabi - Pittsburg, KS



Frank Notion - Wilburton, OK



James H. Moore - Eakly, OK

# **The Westmoreland Family of Panola County, Texas** By Danielle Harrison Neal and Robbie Sutlive

The earliest Westmoreland Family in Colonial Virginia was that of Alex and Sarah Westmoreland of Brunswick County. The Panola County branch is descended from their son, Alexander Westmoreland, born August 10, 1777. This family moved in the 1780s to Stokes County, NC. In 1807 Alexander Westmoreland lived in Burke Co., NC where he married Nancy Thomason.

About 1816, Alexander and Nancy Westmoreland moved across the mountains to McMinn County, TN, where they lived for some 20 years. A second move, in 1836, took them to Cherokee County, AL

We know of 8 children for Alexander and Nancy Westmoreland:

George Westmoreland b. Aug 9, 1809 – married Sallie Dodson  
Thomas Westmoreland b. July 25, 1815  
Joseph Westmoreland b. March 16, 1818 – married Lucinda Woodley  
Betsy Westmoreland b. June 2, 1820 – married Joel Daniels  
Mary Westmoreland b. Jan. 30, 1823 – married William J. Nichols  
Edith Westmoreland b. May 20, 1828 – married Elijah Harkrider  
Martha Westmoreland b. September 9, 1832 – married William A. Lathrop  
William Westmoreland b. July 9, 1834 – married Susan Renfro

The first of the family to make the migration from Alabama to Panola Co., TX were Joseph and Lucinda Westmoreland, who settled on Tiller Road southwest of Elysian Fields in the early 1840s when Texas was still a Republic.

Patriarch Alexander Westmoreland died in Alabama in 1850 at age 73. His daughter, Mary Westmoreland Nichols, died in 1853 in Alabama. The remainder of the family migrated to Panola Co. about 1855, although Thomas Westmoreland returned to Alabama. In the 1860 Census, Panola Co., TX, Page 361, Nancy Westmoreland's household contains her two youngest children, Martha and William, and four Nichols grandchildren. The eldest Nichols grandchild, Perintha, is married to Marion Bracken. The Nancy Westmoreland farm was near the Bracken Cemetery.

29/29	Nancy Westmoreland	65	F	Housekeeper	1,000	1,500	NC
	Martha Westmoreland	25	F	Housekeeper			TN
	William Westmoreland	24	M	Farmer			TN
	Marion Bracken	27	M	Farmer			AL
	Perintha Bracken	19	F	Housekeeper			AL
	Nancy Nichols	16	F	Housekeeper			AL
	Thomas Nichols	11	M				AL
	Charlotte Nichols	9	F				AL

30/30	S. P. Renfro	44 M Farmer	GA
	Jane Renfro	38 F Housekeeper	GA
	Susan Renfro	11 F	AL
	John C. Renfro	8 M	TX

Always take a look at the neighbors when you are doing census research. Seven years after this census, William Westmoreland will marry the girl next door, Susan Renfro.

William Westmoreland and Susan Renfro had three children:

Thomas Westmoreland, b. 1867  
 William Pleasant Westmoreland, b. August 25, 1868  
 Nancy Westmoreland, b. 1872

William Westmoreland died at age 40 in 1874. In the 1880 Census, Susan is a widow living in Harrison County, TX with her three children.

William Pleasant Westmoreland married June 9, 1890 to Lucinda Elizabeth Weeks. Lucy Weeks was a great-granddaughter of Alexander and Nancy Thomason Westmoreland through their daughter, Mary Westmoreland, who married William J. Nichols. Lucy Weeks' mother was Mary Elizabeth Alexandria Nichols who married Thomas H. Weeks.

The children of William Pleasant Westmoreland and Lucy Weeks were:

Clarence C. Westmoreland, b. July 12, 1890 [the World War I photo collector]  
 Thomas Grover Westmoreland, b. 19 August 1891  
 Alice Laverne Westmoreland, b. September 1893  
 William Louis Westmoreland, b. December 28, 1898  
 Thelma Rebecca Westmoreland, b. April 1899

Lucy Weeks died when Thelma was born and William Pleasant Westmoreland married second Harriet Kelly, widow of R. C. Jay. Their children were:

Gracie Westmoreland, b. 1902, died 1923  
 Forest Westmoreland, b. 1906  
 Christine Westmoreland, b. 1914  
 Eunice Westmoreland

William Pleasant Westmoreland became a police officer in Shreveport and most of his children settled in Shreveport.

Clarence C. Westmoreland was a streetcar [and later electric trolley] operator. He married Eloise Z. Woodson, known as Lula, September 20, 1918 in Houston, TX. They moved to Shreveport five months later and separated in May 1920. Their divorce was final in March 1922.



Clarence C. Westmoreland was a single man for 25 years and enjoyed the reputation of being a ladies' man. Then he married Johnnie A. Johnson February 22, 1942. Clarence C. Westmoreland, Uncle Wes to the family, had no children.

Thomas Grover Westmoreland made his home in Carthage, TX. He married Lessie Kelly, daughter of Walter Kelly and Anna Mae Lacy. Their only child was Hazel Oline Westmoreland, born 24 August 1915. She married Richard Sharpe and they had one child, Debbie Sharpe.

Alice Laverne Westmoreland married George William Sabin of Michigan in 1911. George Sabin was also a streetcar/electric trolley operator in Shreveport. He left home early and eventually ended up in the Merchant Marines. We hope in further research to learn more about his background. George and Alice Sabin had two daughters:

Daisy E. Sabin, b. 1915 – married Loye Bechtold  
Violet Lorraine Sabin, b. 1917 – married Murry David McWhiney

Thelma Rebecca Westmoreland, Aunt Beck to the family, married first Herman L. Mitchel, (may have had a second marriage) and third married Charles Rhea. Thelma had four children: Lou, Charles Ray Jr., Nan and Tommy.

Forest Westmoreland married Estelle Sanders and had two children, David and Mary Estelle. Mary Estelle, "Sissy", married first Keeth M. Lane and second, Mr. Rosenblath.

Christine Westmoreland married Buck Marizot and at one time had a catering business in Shreveport.

Eunice Westmoreland married a Mr. Brenner and made her home in Baton Rouge, according to her brother's obituary [Forest Westmoreland].

A good many of the Westmoreland family are buried at the Mt. Zion Methodist Cemetery in Panola County, TX, including matriarch Nancy Thomason Westmoreland. Writing of her in *The History of Panola County, Texas*, Terry G. Jordan states, "Much of the present population of northeastern Panola County is descended from her, though relatively few bear the Westmoreland family name."

## **National Archives and Records Administration Set to Open Military Records**

On 11 June 2005, the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) National personnel Records Center in Overland, Missouri will unseal the first release of what is expected to be a “mother load” collection of interest to military historians, biographers, and genealogists. The center houses the military records of some 56 million individuals, beginning in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and extending into the 20<sup>th</sup>.

A total of three batches of individual records are slotted to be released: Navy enlisted men from 1885 until 8 September 1939; Marine Corps enlisted men from 1906 until 1939; and the first 150 of about 3,000 Americans identified as “persons of exceptional prominence.” Included in the latter category are the military records of generals George S. Patton, jr. and Omar Bradley; African American sports hero Lt. Jackie Robinson; President John F. Kennedy; author Herman Wouk; actors Clark Gable, Audie Murphy, and Steve McQueen; and, yes, entertainer Pfc. Elvis Presley.

Until recently, NARA was merely the physical custodian of these records that were open only to the veteran, the next of kin, or the individual’s service branch. In 1999, however, the Pentagon and NARA reached an agreement that would begin the process of systematically opening these records. According to Bill Seibert, chief of the archival operations branch of the records center, the records now “cease to belong to the military and instead belong to the American people . . . They’re public documents.”

After lengthy discussion with Pentagon officials over several years, NARA was able to negotiate an agreement that provided for all such military records to remain sealed 62 years past the date an individual left active service. That means that most World War II records, for example, will remain closed for several more years. In addition, because of a fire at the records center back in 1973, some files of Army and Air Force veterans will be withheld even longer – until 2023. Coast Guard records will probably not be available until 2026, and because some individual files contain fragile or crumbling paper, such files will probably be kept on hold for some time.

Persons interested in accessing the collection should contact the National Personnel Records Center, 9700 Page Avenue, Overland, MO 63132. Phone number is 314-801-0850.



## **The Goldsby Family**

By LaJuana Goldsby

The earliest records of the Goldsby family is found in English duplicates of the Lost Virginia records of Thomas Goldsby II, James City County, Virginia, 1714. The Goldsby family settled 1,200 acres of land recorded in Albemarle County, VA on the Hardware River in 1732.

Thomas Goldsby's son, Peter Goldsby, is the progenitor of the Goldsby family of DeSoto Parish, LA. Peter Goldsby's wife was Mary and her surname is unknown. Their son, Richard, served in the 9<sup>th</sup> Continental Line from Albemarle County, VA in the Revolutionary War. In 1779 Richard Goldsby's name is found on the Albemarle County, VA, "Declaration of Independence," along with Richard Goldsby's name are those of Thomas Jefferson, Randolph Jefferson and William Michie.

After the Revolutionary War, Colonel Matthews, Commander of the 9<sup>th</sup> Continental Line from Albemarle Co., VA led a group of settlers from Albemarle County to the Goose Pond District on the Broad River of Oglethorpe County, GA. Colonel Matthews had seen their fertile area on his journey into GA during the Revolutionary War and since the land was wearing out in Virginia, this group of settlers were searching for new land. This group of Virginians came to Oglethorpe County, GA in 1784 and because of the huge flocks of geese and ducks that were found in this area on the Broad River, they named it the Goose Pond District. The VA settlers were very aristocratic and brought much of the refinement of their former homes with them, fox hunting and fine horses being two of their passions that became indicative of this area of GA.

Peter Goldsby's son, Richard Goldsby, married Zilla Pherebe Thornton, daughter of Revolutionary soldier, Herod Thorston, and his wife, Pherebe Blackmon, about 1795 in Oglethorpe County, GA.

The Goldsby family lived in the Goose Pond District until about 1830. According the family legend, Richard's two sons, Terrell Thomas Goldsby and Myles Walton Goldsby, left their families in GA and went to TN, walking with an Indian guide from Randolph Landing to an area in District 3 of Shelby County, TN between Raleigh and Millington in the vicinity of present Lucy, TN.

When they were settled, they were joined by their father, Richard Goldsby, their wives and their slaves. Richard Goldsby's will was probated in Shelby county, TN in 1840. Small bequests were made to two daughters and one son and grandson, and it was indicated that they had previously been provided for. Terrell Thomas Goldsby and Myles Walton Goldsby inherited the balance of his estate, consisting of land, slaves and personal property. Terrell Thomas remained in TN and was a successful planter, as were his descendants for another two generations. Miles Walton Goldsby moved to Union Parish, LA on the Ouachita River about 1850. He brought many slaves with him from Tennessee and his family had one of the finest plantations in this area until the Civil War ravaged the area, the three sons were killed in the War. One of his sons, Miles Walton Goldsby, Jr., was a protagonist in the story "In the Gloaming," a love story of old Marion, LA. Miles Walton Goldsby is buried in Concord Cemetery, outside of Marion, LA.

Miles Goldsby had a son, Thornton Boykin Goldsby, who migrated to Dallas County, AL and became a successful planter. He, like his ancestors, loved beautiful horses, and in addition to raising cotton, he also raised fine, thoroughbred horses and raced them. He became the President of the Alabama and Tennessee Railroad in the 1850's. His son, Thomas Jefferson Goldsby, was elected Captain of the Governor's Guard, 4<sup>th</sup> Alabama Infantry, and rose to the rank of Lt. Colonel.

Myles Goldsby had a son, Terrell Thomas Goldsby, who married Elizabeth Frances Wynne, in TN. They migrated in 1849 to DeSoto Parish, LA. Terrell Thomas Goldsby is the progenitor of all the Goldsbys in DeSoto Parish. Terrell Thomas Goldsby joined the Confederate Army in May of 1863, and his wife, Elizabeth, died in June of 1863. Good friends and the slave women took care of the Goldsby children until Terrell Thomas returned from the War. Their home was just south of the Mansfield Battlefield. During the Battle of Mansfield, the slave women first put the children under the beds and then took them into the woods until the battle was over.

Terrell Thomas Goldsby is the great-grandfather of my late husband, Clyde Thomas Goldsby.



## Albemarle County, Virginia "Declaration of Independence" June 21, 1779

*The following is a copy of pages 162-164 of material transcribed in George Gilmer's Commonplace Daybook. This Daybook is in the Virginia Historical Society Library. The content is of interest because it is signed by two Goldsbys, Daniel and Richard, and two Jeffersons, Thomas and Randolph.*

We whos names are hereunto subscribed do swear that we renounce & refuse all Allegiance to the King of Great Britain, his heirs & successors & that I will be faithfull & bear True [sic – should be "not at any time do...?"], any matter or thing that will be prejudicial to the freedom & independence thereof as declared by congress & also that ["we" appears inserted here] I will discover & make known to some one justice of the peace for the said sta traitorous conspiracies which I know or hereafter shall now to be formed against the united states of America

So help me God

George Gilmer	John Grier	Charles Kerr	Ben: Jordan
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Wm: Lewis	Jhn. Harvie	Saml. Bowcock	Wm. BarkDale
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James Bridget	John Harris	Matt: Maury	R. Dixon
John Feilder	John Jouett	Mask Leak	J. Marshall
George Nowill	Nichs. Lewis	Robert Cobbs	Dan. Coleman
Nathl: Haggard	Ben Harris	Thos. Gouch	Wm. Wingfeild
Henry Mullins	Saml. Dedman	Isaiah Woods	Chrs. Wingfeild
Tucker Woodson	Jas. Hopkins	Js. Reid	Wm. Leak

Isaac Davis	C. Sims	Ben: Lacy	Mar. Haggard
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John Day	Michl. Wallace	John Reid	Thos. West
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Richd. Harper	Jos. Hail	Wm. Lew: Benge	Thos. Anderson
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Bernice Brown	Wm. Colvard	Wm. Hopkins	Wm. Slatham
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Wm. Wingfeild	Orlando Jones	Thos. Musick	Chs. Wingfeild
Nat: Morris	Saml. Huckstep	Wm. Leak	Wm. Michie
Jacob Oglesby	Martin Haggard	Ths. Craig	John Wood
Pet. Balieu	John McColloch	Thos. Collins	Thos. Fantrees
Chs. Lil. Lewis	Athur Graham	Js. McMannus	Wm. Johnson
Thos. Morgan	Saml. Ray	Zacha. Mills	Chs. Hudson
Ab. Eads	Wm. Jeffers	John Fantrees	Richd. Scott
Wm. Sorrow	Willm. Fry	Jas. Bend	Chs. Goodman
Wm. Ballard	Jos: Lamb	Ths. Jameson	Js. Barley
Geo. Mann	Rowland Horselee	Danl. Millar	Richd. Harvie
Francis Hogges	Alexr. McKezzie	Robt. Thompson Jr.	John Kearby
John Black	Wm. Pilson	Robt. Pilson	Js. Eppe_on
John Lott Jr	Rhcd. Sharp	Robt. Burrus	Hind. Brudbolt
Wm. McGehie	Saml. Karr	Saml. McCord	Wm. Karr
Wm. Ramsay	David Neins	Wm. Reynolds	Richd. Watson
Thad. Reynolds	Danl. Reynolds	Frs. Browning	Wm. Ranhold
Ab. Gollan	Wm. Cleavland	Fran: Taliaferro	John Kerrie

## *Civilian Conservation Corps*

By Danielle Neal

The Civilian Conservation Corps, nicknamed *Roosevelt's Tree Army*, existed from April 7, 1933 until June 1942. In its nine years, the CCC accomplished great tasks:

- Restored 3,980 historical structures
- Developed over 800 state parks
- Arrested soil erosion on over 20 million acres
- Surveyed millions of acres, hundreds of lakes
- Built 46,854 bridges
- Built 4,622 fish rearing ponds; stocked over 1 billion fish
- Installed approximately 5,000 miles of water supply
- Improved 3,462 beaches
- Transplanted 45 million trees and shrubs
- Reforested with over 3 billion trees
- Built 63,256 buildings
- Built 7,622 impounding and large diversion dams
- Erected 405,037 signs, markers and monuments
- Collected 13,632,415 pounds of hardwood tree seeds and 875,970 bushels of cones
- Developed 6,966 miles of wildlife streams
- Built 20,087 miles of foot and horse trails; 8,304 foot and horse bridges
- Built 32,149 wildlife shelters, 1,865 drinking fountains, 204 lodges and museums
- Built 3,116 lookout towers
- Built 27,191 miles of fences and 38,550 vehicle bridges
- Spent 202,739 man days fighting coal fires which had been burning since earliest history
- 40,000 illiterate men were taught to read and write

In 1932 our nation was three years into the worst depression it has ever known. A desperate people voted into office Franklin Delano Roosevelt hoping for an end to rampant unemployment and economic chaos. FDR had vision—FDR had plans. One of his plans was the Civilian Conservation Corps. FDR was inaugurated on March 4, 1933. On March 9, 1933 he called the 73<sup>rd</sup> Congress into emergency session to hear and authorize his program. He proposed to recruit thousands of unemployed young men, enroll them in a peacetime army, and send them into battle against destruction and erosion of our natural resources. Senate Bill 5.598 was introduced on March 27, made its way through both houses of Congress, and was on the President's desk to be signed March 31, 1933. The first enrollees were inducted on April 7—**37 days after FDR's inauguration**. This amazing bipartisan cooperation was only exceeded by the CCC's accomplishments.

Most of the nation's unemployed young men were concentrated in the eastern cities, while most of the work projects were in the western states. The U. S. Army took a role from the beginning transporting men from induction centers to working camps. Army reserve and regular officers, together with those of the Coast Guard, Marine Corps and Navy commanded camps and

companies. The Departments of Agriculture and the Interior were responsible for planning and organizing the work to be performed. The Department of Labor was responsible for the selection and enrollment of applicants. These facets of the government worked harmoniously under the direction of the National Director of Emergency Conservation Work, Robert Fechner.

The administration of the CCC was unprecedented and remains an astounding example today. The Executive Order that authorized the program and appointed Fechner also established an Advisory Council composed of representatives of the Secretaries of War, Labor, and Agriculture and Interior. The Council served for the duration. It had no book of rules. It was an experiment in top-level management designed to prevent red tape from strangling the newborn agency. Fechner, and later James McEntee, would have their differences with the Council, but the system worked!

The typical young, inexperienced man who enrolled in an eastern city was transported to a camp, taught to use an axe and a shovel if he had never done so, and was paid \$30 per month for his work. Under the terms of the plan, a mandatory monthly \$25 allotment was sent to his family. More than \$72 million paid in allotments made life a little easier for the families back east. In communities close to the camps, local purchases averaging sometimes \$5,000 per month kept many small businesses from failing. The young men worked hard, ate hearty meals, gained weight, and improved millions of acres of federal and state lands and parks. The program was a success and was renewed for a second year in April 1934.

In 1935 Congressmen began to compete to get CCC camps located in their home states and soon all 48 states plus Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands had CCC camps—2,650 camps employing 505,782 men.

As President Roosevelt developed strategy for his reelection campaign, he knew a balanced budget would be an asset. In order to achieve this goal, he proposed to cut the number of CCC camps almost in half to end up with about 300,000 men in 1,400 camps by June of 1936. The hue and cry from the population was enormous. Roosevelt then acknowledged that the reduction plan was not going to make him popular and dropped the request.

There were some 84,400,000 acres of agricultural land dependent on man-made drainage systems and 46 camps were assigned to this work. Indian enrollees did much of this work.

During the flooding of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers in 1937, CCC men saved countless lives and much property. Other disasters in which they helped were the floods of Vermont and New York in 1937, the New England hurricane of 1938, and in the blizzards of the winter of 1936-37 in Utah, 1,000,000 sheep were stranded and in danger of starvation before being rescued. Director Fechner died in 1940 and was succeeded by John T. McEntee. The war in Europe was emerging and though the Corps continued to be successful, the priority of national concerns was changing. John McEntee served in a different, uncertain atmosphere and received faint praise for his efforts.

By late summer 1941 it was obvious the Corps was in serious trouble. Applicants had declined, some men had left for better jobs and participation was down to 200,000 men in about 900

camps. Most people agreed there was still work to be done, but they insisted defense came first. The CCC continued for a few more months, but the end was inevitable. Technically the Corps was never abolished. It was far simpler for Congress just to refuse it any additional money, which it did, and the CCC moved into the pages of history.

### **Guidelines for Research on the Civilian Conservation Corps**

All personnel files are still held by the federal government. The enrollee or the enrollee's next of kin may request discharge papers. Discharge papers are the best source to find the company and camps the enrollee was assigned to.

Specify the name that the individual enrolled by (Last, First, Middle) or nickname. Include date of birth, Civilian Conservation Corps as the branch of service. Provide the separation date, a location of the camp if known, and date and sign your request. If requesting information for a deceased individual, proof of death must accompany your request. Acceptable proofs include copy of a dated obituary or funeral memorial or death certificate.

Other information, including camp and company reports, resides in the National Archives. This material is not yet indexed.

Request discharge papers from:

National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)  
National Personnel Records Center  
111 Winnebago Street  
St. Louis, MO 63118  
Phone: (314) 801-9250  
Fax: (314) 801-9270

To acquire CCC records from the National Archives at 50 cents per page, contact by phone:

Mr. Gene Morris, Civilian Records  
Textual Archives Services  
College Park, MD  
Phone: (301) 837-1993

Information concerning Native American companies and camps can be obtained from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C. at (202) 501-5395.

Records of work projects conducted by the Department of Grazing and other departments of the Bureau of Land Management, are filed at the Rocky Mountain Regional Archives in Denver, CO. Phone (303) 236-8017.



## Index of Louisiana CCC Camps

Louisiana was in District 4 and the following should help you identify your camp of interest.

Project: The number given by the state to the project and camp.  
 Co.#: The number given by the federal government to each company. Some company numbers have a letter following the number. "C" stands for colored, meaning the company was made up of African-Americans. "V" stands for veterans meaning the company was made up of veterans of World War I. "X" or "Mix" stands for an integrated camp.  
 Date: The date that company occupied that particular camp.  
 Railroad: The closest town to the camp that had a railroad stop.  
 Post Office: The closest town to the camp that had a post office.  
 Location: Distance from the railroad stop – additional notes.  
 P: Private Forest  
 F: National Forest  
 S: State Forest  
 D: Private Land (Soil Conservation Project)  
 SP: State Park  
 BR: Federal Reclamation Project

Project	Co. #	Date	Nearest RR Stop	Nearest P. O.	Location
F-5	255	10/19/1933	Dry Prong	Dry Prom	6 mi N
F-4	276	10/19/1933	Leesville	Leesville	
SP-1	277	10/20/1933	St. Martinville	St. Martinville	
F-6	277	11/28/1934	Winnfield	Winnfield	11 mi NW
SP-3	280	7/17/1934	Slidell	Slidell	
SCS-1	280	10/18/1934	Minden	Minden	
P-82	468	10/12/1939	Robeline	Robeline	5 mi SW
SP-4	476	11/27/1935	Bastrop	Bastrop	12 mi N
SP-5	478	5/4/1938	Mandeville	Mandeville	1 mi SE
P-62	1422	6/20/1933	Montgomery	Montgomery	Verda 9 mi E
P-67	1427	6/19/1933	Danville	Danville	9 mi W
SP-6	1427	6/19/1933	Bunkie	St. Landry	12 mi SW
P-68	1435	6/20/1933	Ansley	Ansley	.5 mi SE
P-65	1440	6/23/1935	Marion	Marion	Camp Motherwood 3 mi S
P-69	1445	6/25/1933	Chatham	Chatham	10 mi SE
BR-1	1445	9/28/1938	Sulphur	Hackberry	21 mi S
F-3	1446	6/29/1933	Alexandria	Alexandria	Camp Packard 14 mi SW
L-56	1448	6/26/1933	LaPlace	LaPlace	14 mi S
F-1	1476	5/23/1933	Pollock	Pollock	3.5 mi N
F-2	1477	5/22/1933	Provencal	Provencal	9 mi S
F-6	1477	6/25/1935	Pollock	Pollock	Camp Aswell 4 mi W

<b>Project</b>	<b>Co. #</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Nearest RR Stop</b>	<b>Nearest P. O.</b>	<b>Location</b>
P-59	1479	6/27/1933	Sikes	Sikes	Camp Willis 2.5 mi N
L-64	1480	6/29/1933	Shaeburns	Shaeburns	
L-72	1480-C	12/2/1934	New Roads	New Roads	Camp Melanson 5 mi W
L-61	1481	6/29/1933	Krotz Springs	Krotz Springs	
L-73	1481	5/15/1935	Marksville	Marksville	6 mi N
P-54	1482	6/20/1933	Doyle	Springville	6.5 mi S
L-70	1487	6/29/1933	St. Joseph	St. Joseph	Camp Bruan 4.5 mi N
S-55	1489	6/5/1933	Winnfield	Winnfield	
P-60	1490	6/6/1933	Elizabeth	Elizabeth	10 mi SW
P-77	1490	11/6/1937	Oberlin	Oberlin	.5 mi S
F-79	1490	5/15/1939	Reeves	Reeves	.5 mi E
P-57	1491	6/4/1933	Bastrop	Bastrop	Camp Morehouse 12 mi N
P-58	1492	6/8/1933	Olla	Olla	Camp Urania Forest 1.5 mi S
P-51	1493	6/4/1933	Bogalusa	Bogalusa	Maestri 9.5 mi NW
P-53	1494	6/11/1933	Fluker	Greenwood	Kentwood
P-71	1494	10/12/1934	Doyle	Springville	6.5 mi S
P-80	1494	10/10/1939	Fluker	Grangeville	
P-66	1495	6/25/1933	Jena	Olla	Camp Swan 16 mi SW
P-76	1495	12/19/1937	Mandeville	Mandeville	.5 mi NW
P-52	2428-V	7/15/1933	Slidell	Slidell	Sonderegger 1.5 mi NW
S-67	2429	7/14/1933	Woodworth	Woodworth	John Overton 1.5 mi E
Army-5	2440	7/11/1935	Jeanerette	Jeanerette	4 mi NW
D-2	2441	8/2/1935	Ville Platte	Ville Platte	.75 mi W
SCS-30	2441	4/25/1940	Church Point	Church Point	1 mi E
P-79	3496	7/7/1940	Reeves	Reeves	.25 mi E
Army-1	3498-C	7/5/1935	Shreveport	Barksdale	10 mi SE
P-81	3498-C	9/26/1939	Houghton	Houghton	9.8 mi NE
SCS-21	3499	8/21/1935	Keithville	Keithville	6 mi N
D-1	4401	8/24/1935	Abbeville	Abbeville	1 mi NW
D-4	4403	8/24/1935	Lafayette	Lafayette	Girard Park 1.5 mi S
SCS-32	4403	8/9/1941	Franklin	Franklin	1 mi W
D-5	4404	8/15/1935	Thibodeaux	Thibodeaux	.5 mi N
SCS-31	4404	6/20/1940	Gonzales	Gonzales	1 mi N
D-6	4405-C	8/23/1935	Iowa	Iowa	1 mi E
F-7	4406	7/5/1935	Chestnut	Chestnut	3.5 mi E
SCS-3	4407-C	8/21/1935	Houghton	Houghton	3.4 mi NE
SCS-4	4409	8/15/1935	Farmerville	Farmerville	3.4 mi NE
SCS-5	4410	8/20/1935	Ruston	Ruston	3.4 mi NE
SCS-6	4411	8/18/1935	Monroe	Calhoun	Ouachita 12 mi W
SCS-7	4412	8/22/1935	Arcadia	Arcadia	2.5 mi SW
SCS-22	4412	4/10/1939	Jamestown	Ringgold	4.5 mi W
SCS-8	4413	8/2/1935	Jonesboro	Jonesboro	Colvin .25 mi E



<b>Project</b>	<b>Co. #</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Nearest RR Stop</b>	<b>Nearest P. O.</b>	<b>Location</b>
SCS-10	4413	9/29/1938	Sikes	Dodson	5.5 mi W
SCS-9	4414	8/18/1935	Mansfield	Mansfield	5.5 mi W
SCS-29	4414	6/4/1940	DeRidder	DeRidder	1 mi E
SCS-12	4417	8/16/1935	Pleasant Hill	Pleasant Hill	.5 mi S
SCS-13	4418	8/17/1935	Leesville	Leesville	.5 mi N
SCS-14	4419	8/18/1935	Forest Hill	Forest Hill	.5 mi N
SCS-18	4421	7/24/1935	Clifton	Mt. Hermon	Camp Sanders 9 mi W
SCS-28	4421	9/9/1939	Franklinton	Franklinton	1.6 mi NE
SCS-19	4422	7/10/1935	Kentwood	Kentwood	.75 mi NW
SCS-20	4490	8/26/1935	Flucker	Greensburg	12 mi W
SCS-3	4491	8/20/1935	Homer	Homer	Claiborne 1 mi NW
F-4	5405	10/9/1933	Leesville	Leesville	Vernon 15 mi S
F-5	5406	10/19/1933	Dry Prong	Dry Prong	6.5 mi N
F-6	5407	11/28/1934	Ft. Winnfield	Winnfield	6.5 mi N
SCS-1	5408	10/18/1934	Minden	Minden	Meyer 1 mi N
ASCS-1	6463	5/23/1941	Camp Livingston	Camp Livingston	1 mi W

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### The Greatest Generation - AWON

The Greatest Generation, AWON - - The American World War II Orphans Network is one for the children of Americans who died during that war. The website contains photographs and stories, welcomes those who lost their father or other family members in World War II, and encourages family members to register. There is no fee for registration.

AWON also publishes a newsletter "The Star" and has a database of family members of American WW II dead, which continues to grow. There is a link to a number of books that will interest family historians. <http://WWW.awon.org/>

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## Obituaries and Deaths From Northwest Louisiana Newspapers Contributed by Wanda Volentine Head

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### [Unknown]

1859/02/09 - The body of a white man was found Saturday evening floating down Red River, opposite this place. He had a wound on his head, and it is supposed was either knocked or fell overboard from some boat. The deceased was not recognized. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, February 9, 1859]

### Sterrett, William

1859/02/23 - Died on the 16th inst., Mr. William Sterrett, aged about 25 years. He leaves a wife, child, mother, sister and a large circle of friends to mourn his loss. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, February 23, 1859]

### Penick, Joseph J.

1859/02/23 - Died on the 18th inst., at 2 o'clock, p.m., Joseph T. Penick, son of the Rev. Thomas M. Penick. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, February 23, 1859]

### Wooldridge, Mary (Mrs.)

1859/03/02 - Died on the 28th ult., Mrs. Mary Wooldridge, aged 77 years, a native of Virginia, and for the last fourteen years a resident of Shreveport. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, March 2, 1859]

### Jones, William Jeremiah

1859/03/02 - Obituary: William Jeremiah Jones was born in Pike County, Georgia, March 25th, 1821. When quite young he moved to Alabama. He subsequently moved to Louisiana, and settled in Greenwood, in this parish, where he resided to the time of his death, which occurred on Friday, 18th ult., at 4 o'clock, p.m. His death was occasioned by measles. In early life, Mr. Jones was married to Miss Martha Perry, who died in August 1850, leaving two children. He was married to Miss Elizabeth C. Guise, the 18th November 1851. Mr. Jones was an honest man, a good neighbor, an affectionate companion and an indulgent father. He leaves a widow, four children and many relatives and friends to mourn his loss. He testified upon his dying bed that he had a well grounded hope of heaven founded upon Jesus Christ, the rock of ages. Greenwood, February, 1859. S. J. H. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, March 2, 1859]

Jones, Alice Dale

1859/03/23 - Died of measles, in Greenwood, Louisiana, on the 18th ult., Alice Dale, aged 3 years, 4 months and 20 days, son of W. J. and Elizabeth C. Jones. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, March 23, 1859]

Jones, William Henry

1859/03/23 - Died of the same disease (measles) on the 8th inst., William Henry, aged 12 years, 3 months and 20 days, son of W. J. and Martha A. Jones. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, March 23, 1859]

Wallace, Minerva (Mrs.)

1859/03/23 - Died on the 15th inst., at her husband's plantation, on Red River, parish of Bossier, Mrs. Minerva, aged 19 years, consort of Sewall Wallace. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, March 23, 1859]

Bonnegent, Adolph Ernest

1859/03/23 - Died on the 20th inst., Adolph Ernest, infant son of Ernest F. and Elizabeth R. Bonnegent. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, March 23, 1859]

Austin, G. A.

1859/03/23 - Died on the 21st inst., of typhoid fever, G. A. Austin, Esq., attorney at law. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, March 23, 1859]

Douglas, Blanche Thomas

1859/03/23 - Died on the morning of the 19th inst., at the residence of Dr. T. P. Hotchkiss, Blanche Thomas, aged 3 years, daughter of W. H. and M. S. Douglas. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, March 23, 1859]

Dendy, Amanda M. (Mrs.)

1859/03/30 - Died on the morning of the 10th inst., in Caddo Parish, of inflammation of the bowels, Mrs. Amanda M., consort of J. H. Dendy, aged 23 years, 5 months and 10 days, daughter of Harden D. and Sarah Cross, of Tennessee. The deceased left her husband and two little children to mourn her loss. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, March 30, 1859]

Gilpin, James (Dr.)

1859/04/13 - Died on the 8th inst., Dr. James Gilpin, aged about 65 years, a native of Great Britain; for many years a resident of this parish. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, April 13, 1859]

Craige, Thomas

1859/04/20 - Died on April 14th, at the residence of his uncle, the Hon. Roland Jones, Thomas Craige, son of Thomas and Susan Craige. He was born in Rowan County, North Carolina, on the 3rd of November, 1841, being 17 years of age the 3rd of November last. His death was sudden, after an illness of only about five days, during which he suffered intensely and was in a degree of unconsciousness. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, April 20, 1859]

Lyons, Infant

1859/04/20 - Died on March 25th, in Petersburg, H-----(blurred) County, Texas, Mattie, infant daughter of T. (blurred) and Sarah? S. Lyons, aged 3 years. (Near Mooringsport, Louisiana, April 7th, 1859) [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, April 20, 1859]

Dillard, Thomas T.

1859/05/18 - Died on Friday morning, Thomas T. Dillard, editor of the South-Western, aged 43 years, eldest son of I. and M. R. Dillard. (New Orleans, Richmond and Norfolk, Virginia papers please copy) [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, May 18, 1859]

[Unknown]

1859/05/18 - Found Drowned: On last Thursday, in Cross Lake, near Mr. Flowers, the body of a white man, name unknown, marked on his arms with India ink. On the right arm, a star and anchor; on the left, a ship. The man was of medium size, had on cottonade pants and red flannel shirt. His face was eaten all off. It was the conclusion of those present that he had been murdered. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, May 18, 1859]

McKee, L. B. (Mr.)

1859/05/25 - Died in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, May 15, 1859, Mr. L. B. McKee. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, May 25, 1859]

Holt, L. F. (Mr.)

1859/06/01 - Murder: On the 27th ult., near Bethany, in Caddo Parish, Mr. L. F. Holt, a respectable planter of this parish, was shot by Shed Bowen. After Mr. Holt was shot, Mr. J. F. Camp struck him two or three times. Mr. Holt expired in a few minutes. The perpetrators of this dangerous deed immediately made their escape. Should they be taken, a legal investigation will take place, as the coroner's inquest found a true bill. The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, June 1, 1859]

Estes, Wm Lucas

1859/06/08 - Died on the 3rd inst., in the vicinity of this town, Wm. Lucas, infant son of Dr. M. and R. V. Estes, aged one year, three months and eight days. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, June 8, 1859]

Holt, L. F. (Mr.)

1859/06/08 - Shed Bowin and J. F. Camp, charged with murder of Mr. L. F. Holt have been arrested. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, June 8, 1859]

Cutliff, John R.

1859/06/15 - Sad Calamity: On Monday evening, while Mr. John R. Cutliff was engaged in superintending his saw mill, he accidentally fell against the wheel, and was instantly killed. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, June 15, 1859]

Brownlee, J. Harvey

1859/06/29 - Died on the 26th inst., at his father's residence, in Bossier Parish, J. Harvey, infant son of John A. and M. I. Brownlee, aged 19 months. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, June 29, 1859]

Whitworth, Joseph

1859/07/13 - Suicide: The Linden (Texas) Times of the 1st inst., says a negro man who had been confined in jail at that place, as a runaway belonging to Mrs. Martin of Caddo Parish, committed suicide by hanging himself in jail. Mr. Joseph Whitworth, brother of the lady who owned the negro arrived there on Monday after him not knowing that the negro had hung himself until he arrived at Linden. He informed us that the negro had murdered another negro and made his escape. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, July 13, 1859]

Grambling, James R.

1859/07/13 - The Southern Times (Jackson Parish) of the 1st instant, says a little son, two years old, of Mr. James R. Grambling, expired on Tuesday after a painful through very short illness, caused by eating of the composition with which the common Lucifer match is tipped. It is a fact not generally known that this composition is badly poison with which too great a care cannot be taken. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, July 13, 1859]

Simpson, Mr.

1859/07/13 - The Tyler (Texas) Report learns that an old Norwegian, by the name of Simpson, was murdered at Larissa one night last week and thrown into a well. He was no doubt killed for his money. The murderer had not been arrested when last heard from there. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, July 13, 1859]

Voorhies, Cornelius

1859/07/20 - Cornelius Voorhies, late Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana, died on the 7th instant on his plantation in the parish of St. Martin, after a painful and protracted illness. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, July 20, 1859]

Nelson, Wm G.

1859/07/20 - Fatal Affair in Georgia: The Columbus Times learns that Dr. Wm. G. Nelson, of Pleasant Hill, Talbot County, was shot on the 4th instant by Mr. Henry C. Worthen, of Upon County, Georgia, at the Warm Springs, in the named county. There was no difficulty, and Worthen says he shot at another man. Dr. N. died instantly. Worthen escaped. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, July 20, 1859]

Jenkins, Wm

1859/07/20 - The Augusta Dispatch (Georgia) of the 6th instant says an affray occurred at Waynesboro on the 5th instant between Wm. Jenkins and Pleasant Chance. Jenkins was mortally wounded and died in two hours. Chance was severely stabbed in the face. There had, we learn, been some previous difficulty and the parties were drinking. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, July 20, 1859]

Metzger, Charles

1859/07/27 - Another Sickles Case: The Pittsburg Dispatch says Richard Jervis, an acting constable, caught his wife committing adultery, and killed both her and Charles Metzger, her seducer. The public in general, approved of the course pursued by Mr. Jervis. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, July 27, 1859]

Wright, George R.

1859/08/03 - Died on the 28th ult., near this place, George R. (B?), son of Captain and Mrs. N. E. Wright. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, August 3, 1859]

Yates, May

1859/08/03 - Died on Thursday, the 28th ult., May, infant daughter of Dr. A. A. and Mrs. M. Yates, of this town. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, August 3, 1859]

Dial, Captain

1859/08/03 - Just as we are going to press we learn of one of the most diabolical attempt at wholesale poisoning that we have ever heard of, on the plantation belonging to Captain Dial, near Marshall, Harrison County, Texas. We are unable to give any particulars this week farther than, in cleaning out the well, a large package containing six of the most deadly poisons known were found. Four slaves have already died and fourteen more are in a doubtful condition. Great excitement exists in Marshall. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, August 3, 1859]

Boren, S. E. (Mr.)

1859/08/03 - S. E. Boren, who cut his throat with a razor some ten days since in the parish jail, died last Sunday night of the wound. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, August 3, 1859]

Denslow, A. D.

1859/08/10 - We are sorry to find by the New Orleans papers that Captain A. D. Denslow, of the steamer Telegram, recently died in that city. Captain D. was one of the oldest steamboat men on Red River and always had the reputation of being a high-minded honorable man. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, August 10, 1859]

Poindexter, B. J.

1860/08/15 - Died near Greenwood, on the 24th day of July, daughter of B. J. and A. R.? Poindexter, aged five month, ten days. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, August 15, 1860]

Tharp, Priscilla D. (Mrs.)

1860/08/15 - Mrs. Priscilla D. Tharp, wife of Wm. A. Tharp, died at their residence, near Keachi, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana on Friday, 27th ult., aged 32 years. She was the daughter of the late Rev. Willis Atkins, of Montgomery, Alabama. (Long article, very little information) [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, August 15, 1860]

Rye, B. L. (Dr.)

1860/09/05 - Murder: Last Saturday, at Dr. B. L. Rye's in this parish the negro man Daniel, murdered a negro woman named Vina. Daniel has been arrested and lodged in jail to await trail. Both negroes belonged to Dr. Rye. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, September 5, 1860]

Smith, Hinton

1861/01/09 - Died on Sunday, the 6th inst., at his residence near this town, Hinton Smith, Esq., late District Attorney for the parishes of Caddo and DeSoto. He was unassuming in manner, a quiet and substantial citizen. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, January 9, 1861]

Merrett, George B.

1861/01/30 - Accident: A valuable negro woman belonging to George B. Merrett of this parish, was accidentally burned so badly last Sunday that she expired the next day. [The South-Western, Shreveport, Louisiana, January 30, 1861]

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## 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.

If you find a person you are interested in and want to obtain a copy of the full registration card, write to the Friends of Genealogy, Inc., include a 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. This index began in Volume XV, No 2 and will continue until all in Bossier Parish are listed.

Last Name	First/Middle Name	Residence	Date of Birth
Harty	William Elmer	Bossier City	9 Mar 1878
Hason	Shedrick Matthew	Shreveport	24 Jun 1885
Haston	Dewkin	Benton	22 Feb 1895
Hathaway	Willie	Benton	27 Feb 1890
Haughton	Archie	Curtis	Sept 1874
Hawkins	Aaron	Princeton	27 mar 1891
Hawkins	Arthur	Shreveport	11 May 1876
Hawkins	Arthur Jr.	Princeton	27 Apr 1884
Hawkins	Dewit	Trilby	20 Oct 1886
Hawkins	Henry	Curtis	2 Aug 1896
Hawkins	Monk	Benton	1884
Hawkins	Sam	Haughton	11 Nov 1885
Hawkins	Tom	Princeton	20 Oct 1875
Hawkins	Wheeler	Taylorstown	11 Feb 1869
Hawthorne	Wilson	Plain Dealing	4 June 1898
Haynes	Louis	Ennis, TX	01 Nov 1898
Haynes	James Louis	McDade	18 Sep 1884
Hayes	Gabe Moss	Bossier City	29 Sep 1896
Hays	James	Bluff	1894
Hays	Larry Smith	Haughton	12 Oct 1889
Haywood	G. Cosgood	Ninock	28 Jan 1890



<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First/Middle Name</b>	<b>Residence</b>	<b>Date of Birth</b>
Haywood	Lonzo	Shreveport	14 Aug 1885
Head	Colquit H.	Benton	16 Apr 1889
Heard	Eugene B.	Haughton	7 May 1893
Heard	Mose	Plain Dealing	1 Jan 1890
Heath	Clifford Stroud	Rocky Mount	24 Dec 1887
Heater	Turner	Balinger	15 May 1883
Hector	Dock	Benton	1899
Heflin	Wilson Winston	Shreveport	18 June 1880
Herford	Albion Watson	Plain Dealing	5 Aug 1876
Helm	Tom	Atkins	10 Jan 1883
Henderson	Charlie	Ivan	9 Jan 1899
Henderson	Claude	Shreveport	10 May 1882
Henderson	Dreyden	Curtis	11 Feb 1885
Henderson	Jeames	Ivan	20 Aug 1878
Henderson	Jim	Taylorstown	16 Mar 1877
Henderson	Joe	Taylorstown	5 May 1885
Henderson	John	Taylorstown	12 Mar 1890
Henderson	Luther Capers	Curtis	4 Jun 1886
Henderson	Robert	Shreveport	15 Jun 1882
Henderson	Tim	Taylorstown	16 Jul 1892
Henderson	Webb Andrew	Plain Dealing	26 Dec 1882
Hendricks	Luther George	Plain Dealing	7 Nov 1892
Hendricks	Sidney	Plain Dealing	17 Dec 1888
Hendricks	Walter A.	Plain Dealing	22 Jun 1895
Henry	Furman	Curtis	25 Feb 1893
Henry	George Carroll	Curtis	29 Nov 1878
Henry	Mack	Atkins	Does not know
Henry	Robert	Princeton	12 Sep 1889
Henry	Robert Jerry	Haughton	26 Apr 1874
Henry	Savanah	Benton	14 Feb 1897
Henry	Will Gracia	Benton	7 Sep 1898
Henry	William	Benton	11 Mar 1886
Herndon	Leo Hallie	Rocky Mount	7 Dec 1882
Herns	Jerry	Shreveport	1900
Heron	Leonard	Rocky mount	8 Mar 1892
Herring	Shelby	Forbing	26-Apr-00
Hickman	Tom	Bossier City	4 Oct 1872
Hickman	Willie	Taylorstown	12 Jan 1887
Hicks	Ben	Benton	None Given
Hicks	Elige	Shreveport	Mar 1888
Hicks	Jackson	Shreveport	9 Mar 1873
Hicks	Matthew	Haughton	3 Apr 1894
Hicks	Nathan	Shreveport	24 Dec 1896

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First/Middle Name</b>	<b>Residence</b>	<b>Date of Birth</b>
Hicks	Richmond	Shreveport	24 Dec 1896
High	Cottrell	Plain Dealing	17 Nov 1894
High	W. H.	Plain Dealing	20 Oct 1872
Hilburner	Gary Oby	Plain Dealing	20 Feb 1895
Hilburner	Ollie Vester	Plain Dealing	20 Feb 1895
Hilburner	Yancey Inalohn	Plain Dealing	27 Dec 1873
Hill	April	Taylorstown	3 Apr 1893
Hill	Benjamin Franklin	Plain Dealing	7 Aug 1875
Hill	C. D.	Bossier City	14-Feb-00
Hill	Eliga	Taylorstown	20 May 1899
Hill	Houston	Atkins	3-Jan-00
Hill	Joe	Benton	1 May 1890
Hill	John	Bossier City	1892
Hill	John	Atkins	3 Dec 1876
Hill	Oscar	Taylorstown	10 Jul 1879
Hill	Paul	Benton	16 Jul 1885
Hill	Rufus	Bossier City	22 Sep 1892
Hill	Solomon	Shreveport	1897
Hill	Tillman	Haughton	18 Jan 1898
Hilliard	Charles	McDade	10 Mar 1883
Hilliard	Sol	Princeton	12 Apr 1894
Hillier	Harry	Haughton	12 Apr 1899
Hillier	Joe Edgar	Bossier City	29 Jul 1880
Hillier	John Arthur	Bossier City	19 Aug 1887
Hillier	Leonard	Haughton	11 Dec 1895
Himes	Anderson	Bodcaw	Jan 1892
Hinds	Andrew	Sligo	Mar 1889
Hines	Arthur	Haughton	13 Oct 1880
Hinds	Dave	Curtis	Dec 1892
Hinds	Frank	Sligo	1-Jan-00
Hinds	Jesse	Haughton	14 Feb 1881
Hodges	Lewis James	Plain Dealing	14 Aug 1896
Hines	Kimble	Plain Dealing	30 May 1898
Hines	Pink	Haughton	15 Jun 1881
Hines	Willie	Sligo	15 Mar 1897
Hodge	Hesikias	Plain Dealing	14 Feb 1882
Hodge	Jesse jr.	Haughton	20 Jan 1884
Hodge	Sam	McDade	25 Dec 1894
Hodge	Victor	Haughton	12 May 1895
Hodge	William Naviston Jr.	Elon Farm	27 May 1879
Hoffman	Thomas	Plain Dealing	26-May-00
Hoffpauir	Bennett Simmon	Hughes Spur, LA	20 Jul 1887
Hoffpauir	Lucien Elliott	Hughes Spur, LA	22 Jun 1892

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First/Middle Name</b>	<b>Residence</b>	<b>Date of Birth</b>
Hogan	Charley	Taylorstown	1879
Hogan	Eliga	Koran	06 Sep 1898
Hogan	Green	Koran	03 Apr 1889
Hogan	John	Atkins	06 Mar 1890
Hogan	Mack Joseph	Koran	09 Jul 1890
Hogan	William	McDade	06 Sep 1881
Holland	Greg	Benton	22 Jan 1888
Holland	Marshal Marion	Plain Dealing	22 Oct 1878
Hollingsworth	Arthur	Haughton	1880
Hollins	Will	Bossier City	1892
Holliday	Ely	Benton	10 Aug 1878
Holladay	Thomas Jefferson	Plain Dealing	16 Aug 1873
Holloway	Ermouth Adger	Plain Dealing	15 Aug 1892
Holman	Eliga	Bluff	21-Aug-00
Holmes	Frank	Plain Dealing	10 Oct 1895
Holmes	Jim	Princeton	12 Mar 1884
Holmes	John Jr.	Benton	02 Jun 1890
Holt	Joseph	Allendale	1892
Holten	Still	Brazos, TX	26 Jan 1896
Holtzclaw	Gibson	Haughton	05 Oct 1893
Hopkins	James	Shreveport	07 Jun 1894
Horn	Robert M.	Benton	09 Apr 1898
Horton	Arthur Larey	Elm Grove	07 May 1889
Horton	Charlie	Elm Grove	Oct 1879
Horton	Harley Dove	Haughton	07 Jun 1899
Horton	Lovie Franklin	Haughton	24 Sep 1894
Horton	Lose	Elm Grove	22 Dec 1893
Horton	William Charley	McDade	05 Apr 1876
Hosier	John William	Benton	26 Mar 1892
Hoskin	Willis	Plain Dealing	Aug 1894
Hoskins	Ben	Bolinger	10 Feb 1884
Hoskins	Phil	Plain Dealing	01 Jan 1894
Houghes	Eley	McDade	17 Feb 1893
Houghes	Kelley	McDade	10 Aug 1895
Houghes	Shelly	McDade	10 Sep 1896
House	Alex F.	Rocky Mount	24 Sep 1883
House	Jessie A.	Rocky Mount	24-Apr-00
House	Sam Mose	Hughes Spur+C116, LA	23 Oct 1898
Houston	Morris	McDade	18 Apr 1892
Houston	Sam	Koran	04 May 1887
Howard	Arthur	Haughton	18 Mar 1881
Howard	Dillenorr?	Elm Grove	22 Nov 1879
Howard	Frank	Haughton	08 Jul 1880
Howard	H.	Curtis	None Given
Howard	John	Elm Grove	15 Jun 1892
Howard	Robert L.	McDade	13 May 1881
Howard	Virgil	Allendale	12 Jan 1884
Howell	Frank	Haughton	15 Jan 1882
Howell	James	Atkins	28 Jun 1893
Howell	Joseph Powell	Atkins	01 Jan 1883

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First/Middle Name</b>	<b>Residence</b>	<b>Date of Birth</b>
Hufford	Benny	Curtis	10 Aug 1892
Huckaby	George Clinton	Bossier City	25 Jan 1889
Hucaby	James David	Bossier City	27 Mar 1885
Hudlson	Can	Plain Dealing	12 Sep 1880
Hudleston	Tencel	Plain Dealing	09 Jun 1888
Hudnall	Jesse	McDade	11 Mar 1880
Hudson	Austin	Benton	None Given
Hudson	Cloin Chas	Plain Dealing	11 Sep 1895
Hudson	Daniel Whitiker	Plain Dealing	16 Feb 1898
Hudson	Dennis	Benton	06 Apr 1890
Hudson	Frank James	Benton	04 Jun 1895
Hudson	George Drew	Plain Dealing	10 Oct 1894
Hudson	James Jesse	Plain Dealing	05 Oct 1896
Hudson	John Willie	Plain Dealing	16 Nov 1884
Hudson	Levi Daniel	Plain Dealing	05 Mar 1898
Hudson	Levy	McDade	31 Mar 1895
Hudson	Rhydon Will	Plain Dealing	18-Apr-00
Hudson	Thomas	Benton	10 Apr 1890
Hudson	Tom P??	Benton	07 Dec 1890
Hudson	William Jeff	Plain Dealing	29 Jan 1887
Huggins	Sam	Allen Bridge	10 Mar 1880
Hughes	Archie	Atkins	10 Jan 1898
Hughes	Chas	Bolinger	04 Nov 1875
Hughes	Dorsy Lee	Bolinger	1900
Hughes	Eli Daniel	Cotton Valley	21 Apr 1882
Hughes	J. C.	Haughton	10 Nov 1892
Hughes	Jeams	Curtis	1893
Hughes	Lane	McDade	25 Mar 1884
Hughes	Will	McDade	01 Jan 1884
Hugley	John L.	Sligo	10 Feb 1891
Hunter	Aaron	Bodcaw	16 Feb 1873
Hunter	Carlton	Bodcaw	27 Oct 1899
Hunter	Ed	Atkins	26 Oct 1895
Hunter	Frank	Benton	11 Oct 1896
Hunter	Henry	Shreveport	10 Sep 1874
Hunter	Howard	Benton	1897
Hunter	Joe	Sligo	04 Oct 1886
Hunter	Lawson	Shreveport	03 May 1896
Hunter	Lennon	Shreveport	1-Jan-00
Hunter	Willis	Haughton	14 Feb 1887
Hurley	Daniel	Benton	1900
Hurley	Shederich	Benton	1878
Hutchings	Webon William	Bossier City	18 Apr 1880
Hutchins	John Dawnes	Curtis	13 Jan 1887
Hutchison	Lamar	Shreveport	03 May 1895
Hutson	Andrew	Taylorstown	03 Jun 1893
Hurton	Green	Plain Dealing	29 Aug 1880
Hutson	Lorenzo	Allen Bridge	12 Aug 1898
Hutto	George T.	Taylorstown	27 May 1886
Hutto	Tom	Taylorstown	28 May 1886

# OAKLAND CEMETERY

## ITS TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS THE EVOLUTION OF A NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

By Jane Leslie Newberry

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Perhaps nothing that pertains to our city impresses a stranger more unfavorable than our cemetery. Certainly few places at the age, size, and importance of Shreveport are more deficient in this regard. While some improvement has been noted in the past year or two. . .the general aspect of the grounds is one of neglect and dilapidation. (August 18, 1881, Shreveport Daily Standard)

Since the founding of Oakland Cemetery in 1847-1849, known as the City Cemetery before 1905, stories of neglect have been repeated time after time, decade after decade. Through these decades, there have been those who have attempted to improve the cemetery through restoration of the tombstones and beautification, only to have it face future periods of decay and vandalism.

Oakland, unique in its concept as a non-sectarian and public burying ground situated outside the city limits to provide for city growth, was established as one of the first fifteen such cemeteries. This American phenomenon of civic cemeteries was first started in New Haven, Connecticut (New Burying Ground) in 1796. Soon other cities such as Boston, Massachusetts (Mount Auburn), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Laurel Hill), Macon, Georgia (Rose Hill), and Richmond, Virginia (Hollywood), followed suit. Prior to this concept, most burials took place in churchyards or private burying grounds. Shreveport had no churchyard burying grounds within the city limits. Oakland is one of the few cemeteries in the United States listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is the oldest remaining such landmark in Shreveport.

In 1847, the Shreveport City Council, headed by Mayor L. P. Crain, determined with an ordinance that all persons buried within the corporate limits of Shreveport must be buried in the southeast corner of the Ten Acre Lot (TAL) 18, known then as the city graveyard. The ordinance also warned Shreveporters about burial in the cemetery without permission, for which one could be fined \$50.00.<sup>1</sup> So the problems began with the beginning.

Later, in 1849, the Council passed an ordinance which provided for a layout of streets, a paupers' area, duties of the sexton, and a rail and post fence to keep out cows, horses, swine, and chickens. Not only did the Council find that the fence was necessary, but the public was warned by the ordinance that defacing of tombs, graves, trees, flowers, or the like could result in a fine of \$5.00, or even imprisonment.<sup>2</sup> Consequently, it appears that only after a few years, the cemetery had had its share of troubles.

In the early 1850s, the Council found it necessary to open a public road (Sprague Street) to the rapidly filling cemetery.<sup>3</sup> The public was again reminded that it was against the law to bury elsewhere than in the city graveyard, and that rubbish<sup>4</sup> must be removed from the private lots in the cemetery. Also, according to Council records of the 1850s, lots were to be sold for \$20.00 each, graves were to be dug four<sup>5</sup> feet deep, and paupers' coffins were to be sold for \$5.50.

The trials and tribulations of the City Cemetery doubled after the Civil War. In a series of editorials, the South-Western promoted a drive to point out the disreputable condition of the cemetery. The object of the drive was to promote private subscriptions to implement the Council funds.

The first editorial, dated February 21, 1866, stated:

At last an effort has been inaugurated to put our cemetery in a decent and respectable condition. Some of our citizens propose to raise, by subscription, funds enough to enclose the grounds, lay off and improve the avenue, and otherwise beautify the place. Nature has given us a choice spot and all that is necessary is a little work of art to make it a beautiful resting place for the dead, and one creditable to a christian community. As it stands now, it is a burning shame and disgrace to a civilized community and speaks for us plainer than words. "Let the dead take care of the dead, while we take care of the almighty dollar."<sup>6</sup>

The townspeople were also urged to participate in an auction of "fine jewelry" for which the proceeds were to be donated to the cemetery funds.

Later that year, on May 16, 1866, the South-Western noted in an editorial that although the board of trustees had appropriated \$2,500 for a fence and other improvements for the cemetery, it would still be necessary for Shreveporters to give "his or her mite." The article continued "...that the present condition of the grounds would be a disgrace to a heathen community, to say nothing about a christian one." And, "Let us all give something."<sup>8</sup>

Since the beginning of the city cemetery, private lots had been purchased by Shreveporters. However, many citizens had failed to pay for those lots, even after several burials had been made, and the city was now making attempts to correct the matter. Therefore, an advertisement was placed in the South-Western by the city comptroller, F. A. Leonard, which urged the public to pay for claimed and possessed, but unpaid for, lots. The public was given thirty days to pay for and secure their cemetery titles. Those lots not provided with<sup>9</sup> clear titles would be then available as "unsold lots."

Another editorial in the South-Western, July 25, 1866, urged Shreveporters to cooperate with the corporate authorities:

The improvements that have been and will be made on the yard, will attract the admiration of persons who have their friends or relatives buried there, and make them desirous of placing permanent improvements around their family lots; and in order to guarantee that these last resting places will not be disturbed or the titles to them questioned by other generations, all who are interested should, if they have not already done so, go forward and, by paying for them, forever secure their property....

If our people wish to adorn "the city of the dead" and make those improvements which are in all countries evidences of refinement and civilization, they should aid, by all the means within their power, the corporate authorities in the work which they have undertaken. Our graveyard has long been rudely neglected, and left without even an enclosure; and we are glad to observe that the improvements which the new city administration is making do not so absorb its time and energy as to<sup>10</sup> cause it to overlook this long-needed project.

At one point during this late 1860s drive to improve the conditions at the city cemetery, the South-Western presented an editorial which suggested that the present graveyard be removed and a suitable site be purchased for a new cemetery. The old graveyard would then be converted into a city park.<sup>11</sup>

Although the removal of the cemetery was not accepted, a committee from the city council, headed by Dr. G. W. Kendall was created to look for a suitable site for an additional city cemetery.<sup>12</sup> Dr. Kendall, a veteran of the Civil War, was one of the city's first dentists. The committee work proved to be the beginning of his deep interest in Oakland Cemetery. Later, Dr. Kendall would donate a plot of land dedicated for the burial of Confederate veterans. This committee suggested that the city purchase



thirty-five acres from the Alston Plantation to be used as a city graveyard. The city did purchase the land, actually 34.79 acres in the area now known as Ingersoll, in 1871.<sup>13</sup>

The late 1860s did prove to be a restoration period for Oakland. Little did the city realize that the 1870s would bring such devastating political and social problems, and that the city cemetery would soon face an onslaught of yellow fever victims as never seen before.

In 1871, Shreveport, under the leadership of Mayor J. S. Gilmore, attempted to gather itself together after the fall of the Confederacy, and was faced with a takeover by the radical Reconstruction government headed by Moses Crowell. Although an attempt was gallantly made by Gilmore and the board of trustees, they were finally ejected from office by the federal and state governments.<sup>14</sup> The result was a city deep in debt, faced with innumerable needs and unable to accomplish these needs, which included the restoration of the city cemetery, due to a lack of tax money and a corrupt city government.

Not only were politics causing serious problems for Shreveporters, but in 1873 the constant threat of yellow fever became painfully true as a result of the worst epidemic to hit the city. Almost a third of the city population had died when the epidemic finally subsided in the fall of 1873.

The deaths as a result of the yellow fever epidemic presented a serious problem to the survivors as mass burials became necessary in the city cemetery. So many people died that it was necessary to dig huge trenches in which to bury the victims. The mounds built over those trenches can still be seen from the front gate off Milam Street in a large, seemingly unused area to the left of that gate.

Burials took place at all hours of the day and night as the citizens attempted to bury their dead as soon as possible. For many of these victims, there were no tombstones, and the city records fail to list all of those who died. As one walks through Oakland today, 1873 is frequently seen as the date of death, and the occupant of a grave thus marked was usually a victim of yellow fever.

Finally, by 1877, the Reconstruction period was over in Louisiana, and Shreveport settled down to rebuild and repair. Controversy arose when an injunction was placed on the city government to restrain the sale of the "Old Alston Place," purchased by the city in 1871. The parish contended that the ground had not been dedicated to a public use and that the property had been abandoned by the City. The City claimed that the area had been dedicated and not abandoned, and that creditors could not seize it because it was public land.<sup>15</sup> In the early 1880s a resolution was passed by the city council which would fence off two acres of the Alston land as a burying ground for paupers. No records found indicate whether or not that land was ever used for that purpose.



The August 18, 1881 editorial in the Shreveport Daily Standard, used to introduce this article, continued with strong words directed to the city council:

We are told by the sexton that almost every foot of available ground outside of private lots is already occupied, and that it is with difficulty a spot can be found to bury the body of a stranger. The necessity for a new cemetery is not only imminent but actually upon us. ...Let us therefore secure a cemetery suited to our demands, where we can bury our dead away from the business centers and in the midst of surroundings more pleasant than they at present obtain in the old graveyard.<sup>16</sup>

The 1880s resulted in considerable change in the status of the city cemetery. During this period, the Jewish citizens of Shreveport and members of the Hebrew Zion Congregation purchased separate land off Texas Road (Greenwood Road) for a new cemetery. Also, plans were again made to locate property for a new city cemetery, as the city sexton again reported that the paupers' field had no more room. Plans to find additional land were continued for several years, and that land eventually was to become Greenwood Cemetery.

Although many property owners in the vicinity of the city cemetery requested that lewd and kept women be prohibited from plying their trade near the cemetery, the 1884-85 city directory gave glowing reports about the city cemetery, saying that "it was laid out in great taste and was a favorite resort for the<sup>17</sup> serious and thoughtful, particularly on Sabbath evenings.

In his annual report to the city council January 31, 1888, John Murray, sexton for the cemetery from 1885-1895, stated that the grounds and streets were in much better condition than before and that the underbrush had been cut away. He also reported that the fence had been kept up without expense to the city, and that some brick sidewalks had been placed on principal streets. His reports indicate that he was committed<sup>18</sup> to the job of keeping the cemetery in somewhat good repair. However, in 1890, Murray reported that fifty percent of the burials had been in the pauper area and that no more room was available.

Meanwhile, an era of social awareness had come about in Shreveport. Prior to 1894, there were no city-wide charity organizations in the growing city, and several women's and men's organizations designed to spark attention to city and social needs were formed.

Research seems to indicate that one organization, the Ladies' Cemetery Association, was formed from the Hypatia Club, founded in 1894, and had as one of its goals to stimulate social sentiment in Shreveport.<sup>19</sup> According to

the Council Minutes of April 1891, the Ladies' Cemetery Association requested permission from the council that it be allowed to beautify the "city of the dead". The group also asked that the city street commissioner be instructed to work the proposed streets in the cemetery under the direction of the Ladies' Cemetery Association. In July of 1891, the ladies returned to the council again and requested that the city have the potters field section of the old city cemetery cleared off. The ladies then requested additional aid and received \$100 for improvement to the old cemetery.

By this time, the ladies had to concentrate on two city cemeteries, the old and the new. Greenwood Cemetery, known as the new city cemetery until 1907, was opened on land bought by the city from the John B. Smith estate. The ladies wanted work done and money to do that work. The council made several donations which were used for both cemeteries. As a result of the efforts of the Ladies' Cemetery Association, the city cemeteries showed improvement.

However, with the opening of the new cemetery, the status of the old one dropped quickly. Because the new cemetery had become more socially accepted, the old cemetery was used less frequently. Families even had relatives disinterred and moved to the new cemetery. This movement of graves caused confusion as to the dates of the establishment of the new cemetery. Later, others would be moved to Forest Park, a private cemetery established in the early 1900s.

Near the turn of the century, Dr. G. W. Kendall, whose interest in Oakland began in the 1870s, donated a plot of land in the cemetery for the Confederate veterans of Shreveport. Dr. Kendall, a member of the 25th Louisiana Volunteers during the Civil War, had flags placed each year on the graves of the Confederate and one Union soldier buried at Oakland.<sup>20</sup>

Dr. Kendall requested that his friend, Ada Vinson Delay, continue his work after his death. From the early 1900s until 1919, Mrs. Delay, the daughter of a former mayor of Shreveport, Richard Vinson, worked to carry out his request. She strove to beautify and preserve Oakland, even paying for workers with her own money.<sup>21</sup> Mrs. Delay was a philanthropist not only for Oakland but also for Shreveport's Charity Hospital, where she provided the equipment for the children's<sup>22</sup> ward and saw to the adoption of many homeless youngsters.

During the time that Mrs. Delay worked to preserve Oakland, Shreveport was shaken out of its Victorian structure and isolation with the effects of the Great War. From this period began to emerge the modern era of the city.

Meanwhile, Greenwood Cemetery grew larger as more additions were made to the "new cemetery". As a result, less attention was paid to the "old cemetery" as vandals and time took their usual tolls. During the 1920s and 1930s, jailed criminals worked in crews to help keep the cemetery clean, and the 1940s saw the re-use of vaults of the disinterred to other cemeteries.

In 1929, an Oakland Cemetery Association was formed. Heading the organization was Nettie Boisseau, whose parents, Captain Joseph Boisseau and his wife, Josephine, were buried in Oakland. Until the early 1940s, Miss Boisseau, serving as president and acting treasurer of the organization, dedicated herself to the care of Oakland.<sup>23</sup> A trust fund was set up with a \$1,600 gift from a Mrs. Ford on September 19, 1929. This fund remained in trust for over 40 years, interest free and unused.<sup>24</sup> Miss Boisseau attempted to preserve the history of Oakland by preparing lists of the Confederate soldiers and other notables of Shreveport history buried at Oakland.

Unfortunately, by the late 1940s, Miss Boisseau was quite ill and unable to carry on business, and other members of the Oakland Cemetery Association seem to have disappeared from the scene.

As happens frequently in the social progress of any city, there is a period of little interest in historical aspects of that area, and that apparently was the situation for Oakland from 1950 until 1970. True, there were those few interested individuals who pointed out Shreveport's historic areas such as the hitchers for horses on Commerce Street, the interesting tombs and markers at Oakland, and other glimpses of the past. Some teachers and other individuals took time to tell their students and friends about Shreveport's past, and the North Louisiana Historical Association, headed by the late Max Bradbury, worked hard to keep historical Shreveport and Oakland alive to the younger generations.

Still, there were no permanent projects to protect, repair, or beautify Shreveport's oldest landmark. The exhausting job of upkeep was passed from one city department to another. Valuable records disappeared, and by the late 1960s, the municipal cemetery, under the jurisdiction of the department of Public Utilities, had become grossly neglected. The retaining wall was seriously deteriorated and damaged in several places. There were no water faucets or lights, shrubs and trees had not had care, and weeds and underbrush were seldom, if ever, cut. Serious damage had been done to tombstones and ornamental fixtures. The city had neglected the general upkeep...the "old cemetery," Oakland, was a disaster.

In the spring of 1970, the Shreveport Beautification Foundation adopted as a permanent project the restoration and beautification of Oakland. City officials gave full approval and cooperation for this effort<sup>25</sup> which hoped to make Oakland a garden spot of Shreveport.

For the next eight years, under the direction of Chairperson Aloyese Menasco, the organization produced a series of improvements at Oakland. Interested families were contacted, Memorial Day and Confederate Memorial Day services held. City cleanup crews, Boy Scouts, and family members all worked together to restore, replant, replace,

and improve the general tone of the entire cemetery. Rubbish was removed, trees trimmed, underbrush cut, and water faucets were provided. Magnolia trees replaced the dead trees, and crepe myrtles, bulbs, and other flowers graced the once desolate area.<sup>26</sup>

In 1972, application was made for funding aid to the National Trust in Washington, and in 1974, a \$700 grant was received as the first known National trust in this area. With this money, Sam Wilson, a noted architect and preservationist, did a study of Oakland. In 1977, that study led to the placement of Oakland on the National Register of Historic Places. Very few cemeteries in the United States have had that honor. Finally, the most historic place in Shreveport, containing more history than any other landmark, had been recognized.<sup>27</sup>

Unfortunately, the downward cycle began again for Oakland in 1977 when a change in city administration uninterested in the current project, doomed further support.

Today, the 140-year-old cemetery stands bravely against constant vandalism and nature's ongoing erosion. Oakland is not a safe place in which to wander, for it seems to have become a haven for drunks and drug addicts. Although the city mows the area, crumbling tombs and walls need immediate attention. One hundred years ago, the Shreveport Daily Standard described the conditions at Oakland as neglected and dilapidated. It is most unfortunate that that description is correct today.

There remains a nucleus of deeply interested and concerned individuals who fervently hope for the restoration of this historic landmark. Perhaps before this decade ends City administration and community concern will produce the urgently needed funds necessary for Oakland's restoration.

#### NOTES

1. City of Shreveport, City Council Minutes, March 30, 1847. A ten-acre-lot (TAL) in Block 18 was officially purchased March 30, 1847 for the public burying ground from Bennett and Cane--no mention of price. Records on microfilm at LSU-Shreveport Archives.
2. City of Shreveport, City Council Minutes, July 19, 1849.
3. Ibid., January 11, 1853.
4. Ibid., May 1, 1853.
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6. The South-Western, Shreveport, La., February, 21, 1866.
7. Ibid., July 27, 1866.
8. Ibid., May 16, 1866.
9. Ibid., August 1, 1866.
10. Ibid., July 25, 1866.
11. Ibid., April 28, 1869.

12. City of Shreveport, City Council Minutes, December 7, 1869.
13. Ibid., April 22, 1871; Book S, p. 367, Conveyances, Caddo Parish Courthouse, Shreveport, La., April 26, 1871.
14. City of Shreveport, City Council Minutes, May 2, 1872 through September 22, 1871.
15. The Shreveport Daily Times, December 12, 1879.
16. Ibid., August 18, 1881.
17. Shreveport City Directory, 1884-85.
18. City of Shreveport, City Council Minutes, January 31, 1888.
19. Ester C. Conway, History of Hypatia, unpublished material, LSU-Shreveport Archives. The history states that the Civic League, formed by the Hypatia Club, placed a Confederate Memorial at Oakland in 1903. No such monument can be found at this time.
20. Maude Hearne O'Pry, Chronicles of Shreveport, (Shreveport: Journal Printing Co., 1928) p. 345.
21. Ibid.
22. Ibid. The author has attempted to research Mrs. Delay in more detail, but little information seems to exist.
23. Nettie Boisseau, Oakland Cemetery, unpublished papers, April 1940, Genealogy Department, Shreve Memorial Library, Shreveport, La.
24. The Shreveport Beautification Foundation, unpublished notes.
25. Aloyese Monasco Seyburn, personal interviews, July-September 1985, Shreveport, La.
26. Ibid.
27. Ibid.



### ***New Military Series in Journal***

Beginning on Page 93 you will find results of Carolyn Durrett's composition. The Claiborne Parish WWI Soldiers Service Records contain the induction date, usually the induction location, the military organizations in which the men served, the rank attained, and the discharge date. Surnames beginning with A and B are in this issue and succeeding issues will continue this series. We are grateful to Carolyn for her work on this material.



## MOORING FAMILY CEMETERY

Take Louisiana Highway #169 south from Mooringsport approx. 2.5 miles from the ball field in Mooringsport. There will be a gated access road on the east side of the road and one on the west side. The timber has been clear-cut on the west side and a trail leads northwest from road. Follow the trail on the west side approx. 300 yards and the cemetery is located in a patch of uncut trees with a fence around it. The cemetery has not been cleaned in several years. There are several noticeable spots of unmarked graves and several marked with footstones that have no data. This is located in the SW1/4 of NW1/4 of Section 11 Township 19 Range 16W (GPS 323928N-9358345W). John C. Head made this survey on 03 Oct 2004.



FLY, B. F.	09 Oct 1821	16 Jan 1857
(age: 36 yrs 3 mons 7 days)		

MOORING, John	30 Sep 1794	16 Feb 1863
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John Mooring marker



Eliza Mooring 1797-1882 marker?

[marker broken off - base only beside marker above;  
footmarker - E. M.; probably wife]

[2 footmarkers with no markings]

HEARNE, Ebenezer T. (age 33 yrs 5 mons 11 days) [810]	09 Jan 1828	20 Jun 1961
HEARNE, Olive C.	18 Feb 1828	29 Jan 1909
HEARNE, James N. (age 13 yrs 7 mons)	12 Jan 1854	12 Aug 1867
JONES, Emma Eliza [813] (d/o Olive C. & Ebenezer HEARNE)	02 Jul 1860	07 Jul 1883
HEARNE, Timothy F. (age 20 yrs 1 mon 18 days)	03 Oct 1849	21 Nov 1869
MOORING, W. B. (s/o T. & E. A. Mooring; age 26 yrs 2 mons)	02 Nov 1824	02 Jan 1851



W. B. Mooring marker



Susan E. Mooring marker

MOORING, Susan E. (d/o T. & E. A. Mooring; age 11 yrs 1 mon 10 days)	28 Dec 1832	08 Feb 1844
MOORING, Frances F. (d/o T. & E. A. Mooring; age 10 mons 3 days)	24 Aug 1842	17 Jun 1843



MOORING, John 18 Aug 1834 15 Jul 1840  
(s/o T. & E. A. Mooring; age 5 yrs 10 mons 27 days)

MOORING, Eliza A. 24 Feb 1804 17 Jun 1857  
(d/o Wm & Olive BRYAN; W/o T. Mooring; age 53ys 3 ms 23ds)

[foot marker - no data]

CROOM, Cullen Eugene (age 4 yrs 9 mons 14 days) 14 Apr 1860  
(s/o C. S. & M. A. Croom)

CROOM, Olive 02 Feb 1793 Nov 1844  
(m/o C. S. Croom)



Olive Croom marker



James A. Croom marker

CROOM, James Arthur 28 Feb 1865 186?  
(s/o C. S. & M. A. Croom) [marker broken]

NOEL, James D. 19 Feb 1822 17 Dec 1849  
(s/o James & Mary V. Noel; h/o Mary A. Noel)

NOEL, Mary A. [831] 11 Nov 1822 01 Jun 1869  
(w/o J. D. Noel; age 46 yrs 6 mons 21 days)

NOEL, Inf. s/o J. S. & F. A. Noel 20 Aug 1882 26 Jul 1883

NOEL, Margaret A. 09 Mar 1848 06 Feb 1863  
(d/o J. D. & M. A. Noel)

HEARNE, P. E. 06 Jun 1848 08 Nov 1876

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	NAME	INDUCTION DATE*	ORGANIZATIONS	GRADE	DISCHARGE/DATE
1	Abbott, Shepard	Homer, LA Jun 9, 1918	Co D 1 provisi Onsl Legt 164 Dep Brig to Aug 20, 1918; Co D 415 Reserve Labor Bn QMC to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Jan 15, 1919
2	Adkins, Helbert P.	Minden, LA Feb 9, 1918	Co F 318 Engrs to Disch	Pvt 1cl Oct 8/18; Corp Feb 26, 1919	Hon Disc Jun 25, 1919
3	Alderson, Millage Turner	Homer, LA Jun 26, 1918	Hq Co 2 Provisional Regt 164 Dep Brig to July 14, 1918; Hq Co 806 Pion Inf to Disch	Pvt 1cl Oct 5/1918	Hon Disc Jul 10, 1919
4	Alford, Olin	Homer, LA Aug 27, 1918	Casual Co 100 152 Dep Brig to Sept 20, 1918; Co K 816 Pion Inf to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Feb 28, 1919
5	Allen, Jake	Homer, LA Sep 27, 1918	44 Co 11 Eng Bn 158 Dep Brig to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Dec 9, 1918
6	Allen, Jesse J.	Magnolia Ar Jun 25, 1918	Co I 153 Inf to Oct 3, 1918; Co I 51 Inf to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Jun 3, 1919
7	Allen, John T.	NG Homer, LA Feb 5, 1916	Co A I Inf La NG (Co A 156 Inf) to Sep 20, 1918; Co C 3 356 Inf to Disch	Corp Sep 25, 1917; Pvt Sept 14, 1918	Hon Disc June 12, 1919
8	Allgood, Dorsey ?	Homer, LA Mar 9, 1918	27 Co 7 Tng 162 Dep Brig to Sept 9, 1918; 42 Tng Btry FA COT ? Camp Taylor Ky to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Nov 30, 1918
9	Allgood, Joseph L.	Homer, LA Jun 14, 1918	Btry 8 10 Bn FA Repl Draft to Sep 12, 1918; Hq Co 7 Bn ?a Repl Draft to Oct 22, 1918; Sep Co 3 Regt FA refl Draft to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Jan 10, 1919
10	Allgood, Myron	Homer, LA May 4, 1918	9 Dep Bn Sig C to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Apr 30, 1919
11	Allison, Alexander P	Nov 31, 1916	Co A 28 Inf to Nov 21, 1918; Hq Co 28 Inf to Disch	Pvt 1cl Jan 1, 1918; Corp Jun 1, 1919; Sgt Nov 20, 1919	Hon Disc Nov 30, 1919
12	Anderson, Luther	Homer, LA Nov 13, 1917	L. Co 1 Tng ?n 162 Dep Brig Camp Pike Ar to Aug 26, 1918; Casual Det Serv Bn Camp AA Humphreys Vs to Dec 31, 1918; Co G Development Bn 2 Camp AA Humphreys Vs to Jan 9, 1919; 8 Co 2 Receiving Bn Camp Pike Ar to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Jan 29, 1919
13	Applewhite, Walter	Homer, LA apr 2, 1918	Casual Co 22 Camp Pike Ar to May 11, 1918; Co C 526 Engrs to Disch	Pvt 1st CI Mar 1, 1919	Hon Disc Jul 22, 1919
14	Arant, Virgil	Homer, La Mar 9, 1918	24 Co 6 Tng Bn 162 Dep Brig to Aug 20, 1918; Dental Sec MD Camp Pike Ar to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Feb 7, 1919
15	Atkins, Aylmer Buford	2nd Lt Inf Aug 15, 1917	2nd Inf to Oct 30, 1919; 20th Inf to Disch	Pro 2nd Lt 11/10/1917; Temp 1st Lt March 22, 1918; Pro 2st Lt Oct 10, 1918	Hon Disc Apr 30, 1920
16	Atkins, William L.	1st Lt Med Corp Oct 4, 1917	117 Amb Co ____ 105 San Tn	1st Lt Med Corps	Hon Disc March 22, 1919
17	Aubrey, George A	NG Homer, LA Feb 5, 1916	Co A 156 Inf La NG (Co H 164 Inf) to Mar 4, 1919; Co D 109 Inf to Disch	Pvt 1cl Jul 2, 1917; Pvt Sep 1, 1917; Mach Nov 10, 1917	not given
18	Aubrey, Jim	NA Homer, LA Nov 13, 1917	6 Co 2 Tng Bn 162 Dep Brig to Mar 21, 1918; Co D 309 Serv Bn to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc July 10, 1919

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19	Auld, George D.	NG Homer, LA Feb 5, 1916	Co A 1st Inf Bn NG to Aug 7, 1917; Co 8 1st Inf 7s NG to Nov 1, 1917; Co H 156 Inf July 29, 1918; Co G Dev Bn to Sep 9, 1918; QMC Camp Bearegard to Disch	Corp Mar 16, 1916; Sgt May 1, 1917; Pvt July 11, 1917; Corp Nov 30, 1918	Hon Disc Mar 5, 1919
20	Aycock, Charles S	Arkadelphia AR Oct 9, 1918	Student Army Tng C Ouachita College Arkadelphia Ar to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Dec 14, 1918
21	Backus, Cloger C	Homer, LA Jun 25, 1918	162 Dep Brig to Jul 23, 1918; Co D 153 Inf to Sep 27, 1918; Co 1 51 Inf to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc June 24, 1919
22	Bailey, Jeff	Homer, LA Jul 22, 1918	19 Casual Co 167 Dep Brig to July 27, 1918; MD 6 Vet Hosp to ____; MD Vet Hosp 16 to d isch	Pvt	Hon Disc Jul 8, 1919
23	Bailey, Leonard	not given	26 Co 161 Dep Brig to Aug 3, 1918; Aug aut Repl Draft Camp Grant III to Disch Pvt	Pvt	Hon Disc Dec 21, 1918
24	Baird, James Allen	Camp Beauregard, La May 27, 1918	Co "B" 142 MG Bn to Oct 21, 1918; Co "B": 321 MG Bn to Dec 23, 1918; Hq Det 319 MG Bn to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc May 24, 1919
25	Baker, Boby	Homer, LA Oct 7, 1917	13 Co 162 Dep Brig to Oct 24, 1917; Co B 508 Engrs to Disch	Pvt 1cl Dec 1, 1917	Hon Disc Jun 18, 1919
26	Baker, Don Robinson	1st Lt Inf Nov 27, 1917 fr ORC	312 Am Tn to Disch	1st Lt	Hon Disc March 15, 1919
27	Baker, Jean	Homer, LA Apr 29, 1918	15 Co 4 Tng Bn 152 Dep Brig to June 21, 1918; Co "A" 335 Labor Bn to Jul 29, 1918; Co "C" 322 Serv Bn, to Disch	Pvt 1 cl Aug 1, 1918	Hon Disc Aug 1, 1919
28	Baker, Jim Mst	Sep 19, 1917	Co E 312 Engrs to Nov 15, 1917; Co A 323 Inf to Feb 6, 1918; Co K 6 Inf to Disch	Pvt 1cl Jan 16, 1919; Ck Apr 7, 1919	Hon Disc June 25, 1919
29	Baker, Jin	Homer, LA Mar 29, 1918	Co D 525 Bmgrs Serv Bn to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Jul 23, 1919
30	Baker, Lay W	Homer, LA May 4, 1918	Co B Tulane U Tng Det Camp Martin La to Jul 13, 1918; 15 Serv Co Sig C Ft Leavinworth KS to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Aug 30, 1918 on SCD
31	Baker, Len	Baton Rouge, LA Oct 14, 1918	Co D Student Army Tng Corps La St U Baton Rouge, La to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Dec 7, 1919
32	Baker, Marion M	Homer, La Sep 16, 1918	Inf Univ of Ala to Disc	2nd Lt	Hon Disc Dec 20, 1918
33	Baker, Wilbur S	NA Homer, LA Sep 19, 1917	M T C 341 QMC to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Dec 3, 1917 Physical Disability
34	Ballard, Dexter	Camp Bearegard, LA May 28, 1918	Co A 142 MG Bn to Sept 5, 1916; 39 Bn US Guards to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Dec 9, 1918
35	Barnette, Earl S.	NG Homer, LA Jun 20, 1916	Co C 1 Inf La NG to Oct 31, 1917; Co C 156 Inf to Nov 7, 1918; Co F 164 Inf to Dec 18, 1918; 1 Repl Dep ARF to Aug 11, 1919; Cook Co 72 ASC to Disch	Pvt 1cl May 1, 1917; Ck Jul 1, 1917	Hon Disc Oct 13, 1919
36	Barnette, Paul	NG Camp Nichols LA Jun 8, 1917	Co A 1 Inf La NG to Oct 31, 1917; Co G 156 Inf to Nov 6, 1918; Co ? 161 Inf to Nov 16, 1918; Co M 109 Inf to Disch	Pvt 1cl Sep 2, 1917; Corp Dec 20, 1917	Hon Disc May 28, 1919
37	Barrow, Eugene Josephus	Appt'd from LA June 25, 1918	Under Instructions, Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD 6/17/1918, 5/6/1919	Midshipman 6/25/1918	at time of listing still in service
38	Barrow, Wiltz Lafayette	Homer, La Aug 26, 1918	Inf to Disch	2nd Lt	Hon Disc Feb 6, 1919
39	Baucum, Tom J.	Homer, LA Dec 6, 1917	312 28n Tn 345 F Hosp to Dec 5, 1918; Base Hosp 100 MD to Disch	Pvt 1cl Jan 24, 1919	Hon Disc July 10, 1919
40	Bedford, Holsey	Homer, LA 10/30/1917	13 Co 4 Tng Bn 162 Dep Brig to Dec 9/1917; Co L 367 Inf to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Mar 11, 1919

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41	Bedford, Prentiss	Homer, LA May 11, 1918	17 Co 5 Tng Bn Camp Pike, AR to June 10, 1919; Co C 318 Labor Bn to Feb 24, 1919; Co C 318 Serv Bn Qmc to Disch	Corp June 15, 1918	Hon Disc Jul 18, 1919
42	Beene, Cassilles	Homer, LA 9/1/1918	161 Dep Brig to Setp 17, 1918; Co D 818 Pion Inf to Nov 19, 1918; School for Bakers and cooks Camp Grant, IL to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Feb 1, 1919
43	Bell, Lonnie	Homer, LA 12/7/1917	162 Dep Brig to Jan 1, 1918; Co B Engrs to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Jun 28, 1919
44	Bell, Plumer	Homer, LA 9/1/1918	161 Dep Brig to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Jan 4, 1919
45	Bennett, Jim	Claiborne Parish, LA 9/1/1918	161 Dep Brig to Sep 17, 1918; Co D 812 Pion Inf to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Oct 28, 1918
46	Bentley, Bryan	Homer LA Aug 14, 1918	Student Army Tng C La St Univ. LA to Oct 13, 1918; Co 8 Main Tng Center Camp Jas E. Johnston, FL to Nov 5, 1918; Motor Cp #11 Camp Jos E. Johnston, FL to Jan 2, 1919; MTC Co 812 to Disch(note-copied as typed once Jas E., once Jos E.)	Pvt	Hon Disc Mar 25, 1919
47	Bevill, Albert T	1 Lt DC MD Nov 11, 1918 fr USA	D C 318 F A to Jan 8, 1919 Med Det 604 Engrs to Disch	1st Lt DC MD	Hon Disc June 27, 1919
48	Bevill, Benjamin L.	Homer, LA 9/18/1918	Student Army Ing Corps Tulane Univ LA to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Dec 9, 1918
49	Bird, Baker	Homer, LA May 7, 1918	Cas Co 13 Camp Pike, AR to Jun 17, 1918; 9 Co 3 Tng Bn 162 Dep Brig to Jun 18, 1918; Jun Auto Repl Draft Camp Merritt, NJ to Jun 22, 1918; 1 Dep div to Aug 24, 1918; Co I 365 Inf to disch	Pvt	Hon Disc on Mar 31, 1919
50	Bishop, Sidney	Claiborne Parish, LA 9/27/1918	158 Dep Brig to Nov 1, 1918; 72 Co 18 Bn Inf Repl & Tng Troops Camp Grant, IL to ____; Co C Development Bn #4 Camp Grant, IL to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Feb 1, 1919
51	Black, James	Claiborne Parish, LA 9/1/1918	161 Dep Brig to Sept 17, 1918; Co D 812 Pion Inf to Nov 25, 1918; Co C 416 Ron Labor Bn to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Apr 7, 1919
52	Black, Odie	Claiborne Parish, LA Jul 16, 1918	Aug Aut Repl Draft Can Grant to Aug 14, 1918; Co C 416 Reserve Labor BN to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Nov 15, 1918
53	Blackburn, Charles	Homer, LA 9/6/1917	Co A 318 Engrs to Nov 11, 1917; Co D 114 Engrs to Disch	Pvt 1cl Mar 1, 1919	Hon Disc May 21, 1919
54	Blackman, Henry M	Homer, LA 6/19/1916	Co a 1 Inf La NG (Co A 156 Inf) to Sept 28, 1918; 5 Rn army Candidates School ARF to Nov 18, 1918; 83 Div 2 Dep to Dec 13, 1918; 4 Provisional Tng Reft (83 Div) to Disch	Corp May 1, 1917; Pvt Jul 18, 1917; Pvt 1cl Jan 24, 1919; Mec Jan 24, 1919; Pvt Sep 20, 1919	Hon Disc Mar 22, 1919
55	Bond, William F.	Homer, LA June 25, 1918			Hon Disc
56	Bonds, Charley	Homer, LA Sep 9, 1918	Co F 5 Inf to Nov 18, 1918; Co C 29 Inf to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Jan 25, 1919
57	Bonds, Earl	Homer, LA Jul 18, 1918	Co D 43 Inf to Dec 30, 1918; Co I 43 Inf to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Mar 3, 1919
58	Bonds, Thomas J	Homer LA May 4, 1918	Co C Tng Det Tulane Univ. New Orleans, LA to Jul 13, 1918; Repair Unit 304 MPC to Disch	Sgt Mar 3, 1919	Hon Disc Apr 22, 1919
59	Bonner, Pleasant S	NG Homer, LA Feb 5, 1916	Co A 1 Ls Inf to Oct 31, 1917; Co G 156 Inf to May 10, 1918; Hq Co 165 -- Inf to Disch	Corp May 1, 1917; Pvt July 18, 1917; Mech Nov 17, 1917; Pvt May 10, 1918; Pvt 1 cl Dec 9, 1918	Hon Disc May 26, 1919

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60	Bonner, William Garland	Homer, LA Mar 9, 1918	162 Dep Brig to Dec 5, 1918; MTC Camp Pike AR to Disch	Corp Mar 14, 1918; Pvt May 3, 1918; Pct 1cl Jun 1, 1918; Cpvt Jul 1, 1918	Hon Disc Jan 27, 1919
61	Boyd, David	Homer LA Sep 27, 1918	158 Dep Brig to Nov 1, 1918; 161 Dep Brig to dhsch	Pvt	Hon Disc Jan 27, 1919
62	Boyd, Willie	Homer, LA Oct 30, 1917	162 Dep Brig to Dec 9, 1917; MG Co 367 Inf to Mar 20, 1918; Co A 367 Inf to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Apr 15, 1919
63	Braggs, Joe	Homer LA Sep 27, 1918	158 Dep Brig to Nov 1, 1918; 72 Co 18 Bn Inf Repl & Tng Troops Camp Grant, IL to Nov 12, 1918; 161 Dep Brig to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Feb 4, 1919
64	Brantley, Gilmer Benjamin	Homer, LA May 27, 1918	Co D 156 Inf to Jul 25, 1918; Development Bn 156 Inf to Sep 5, 1918; Co B 29 U S Gds to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Dec 9, 1918
65	Brantley, Other	Homer LA, June 26, 1918	164 Dep Brig to July 14, 1918; 3 Co Aug auto Repl Camp Funston, KS to Sep 24, 1918; 3 Dep Serv Co ASC to Disch	Pvt 1cl Oct 1, 1918	Hon Disc Aug 1, 1919
66	Brantley, Sewall	Homer LA Aug 14, 1918	Student Army Tng C Tulane Univ New Orleans, LA to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Dec 9, 1918
67	Brantley, Willie	Claiborne, LA Sep 1, 1918	161 Dep Brig to Sep 17, 1918; Co D 812 Pion Inf to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Jan 8, 1919
68	Braselton, Bert	Homer, LA Aug 14, 1918	G6 Co 6 Gr Main Tng Depot Camp Hancock, GA to Oct 31, 1918p Co E 363 MG En to Disch	Pct	Hon Disc Dec 31, 1918
69	Braselton, Thesto H.	Homer, LA Sep 5, 1918	Co F 5 Inf to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Dec 4, 1918
70	Brice, Ellis	Homer, LA Jun 19, 1918	Co C 1 Provisional Regt 164 Dep Brig to Jul 7, 1918; Co D 325 Serv Bn to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Jul 16, 1919
71	Bridges, Will S(ton)	NA Camp Beauregard, LA Jul 8, 1918	Camp Sup Det QMC, Camp Beauregard, LA to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Mar 12, 1919
72	Bridsong, Thomas R.	NC Camp Nicholis, LA Aug 3, 1917	Co A I Inf LA NC to Oct 31, 1917; Co G 156 Inf to May 10, 1918; Camp Bearegard Repl draft to July 3, 1918; Hq Co 162 Inf July 7, 1918; Co 1 23 Inf to Disch	Pvt 1cl; Mach Mar 20, 1919	Hon Disc Jul 18, 1919
73	Bridwell, Deco N.	Ruston, LA Oct 11, 1918	Students Army Tng C LA Ind Inst Ruston, LA to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Dec 20, 1918
74	Brooke, Joseph C	RA Ft. Worth, TX Feb 8, 1918	Hq Det MD Assc Ft. Worth, TX to May 16, 1918; Hq School Aerial Observers Post Field, Ft. Sill, OK to Jul 22, 1918; Med Det 31 Bln Co, West Point, KY to Oct 12, 1918; 29 Tng Btry FA COTS, Camp Taylor, to Disch	Sgt Apr 9, 1918	Hon Disc Nov 29, 1918
75	Brooks, Henry	Homer, LA Sep 27, 1918	44 Co 11 Tng Bn 158 Dep Brig to Nov 1, 1918; Inf Repl & Tng Tr Camp Grant, IL to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Jan 27, 1919
76	Brown, Charles	Claiborne Co., LA Sep 1, 1918	Co C 4 Development Bn Camp Grant, IL to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Dec 30, 1918
77	Brown, Chester B.	Claiborne Co., LA Sep 1, 1918	161 Dep Brig to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Jan 3, 1919
78	Brown, George W	Claiborne Par., Homer, LA May 27, 1918	Hq Co 156 Inf to Oct 18, 1918; Co B 125 Inf to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc May 24, 1919
79	Brown, Harvey H.	Homer, LA Apr 2, 1918	162 Dep Brig to May 22, 1918; Co H 113 Inf to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Jun 5, 1919
80	Brown, John Wesley	Homer, La Jun 19, 1918	164 Dep Brig to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Nov 29, 1918
81	Brown, Julius A	Homer, La Sep 18, 1918	Student Army Tng C Tulane Univ New Orleans, LA to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Dec 21, 1918
82	Brown, Larkin	Homer La Sep 27, 1918	158 Dep Brig to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Dec 26, 1918
83	Brown, Lester	Homer, LA Jun 19, 1918	164 Dep Brig to Aug 20, 1918; QMC Co D 415 Res Labor Bn to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Jan 15, 1919



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84	Brown, Robert	Homer, LA Aug 14, 1918	Student Army Tng C Tulane Univ New Orleans, LA to Oct 12, 1918; Btry E 10 Regt FA Repl Draft Camp Jackson, SC to Disch	Corps Nov 30, 1918	Hon Disc Jan 6, 1919
85	Brown, Stephen W.	Homer, LA Jun 26, 1918	164 Dep Brig to Aug 12, 1918; 415 & Reserve Labor Bn QMC to Nov 6, 1918; Co A 415 Res & Lab Bn to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Apr 10, 1919
86	Brown, Tandy W	Homer, LA Jul 29, 1918	Co C 419 Res Labor Bn to Disch	none	Hon Disc Oct 26, 1918 SCD
87	Brown, William J.	Homer, La Jul 15, 1918	4 Co CAC new Orleans, Jackson Bks LA to Sep 22, 1918; Btry E 36 Arty CAC to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Dec 18, 1918
88	Browning, Dock Alvin	Homer, LA Sep 5, 1918	Co G 5 Inf to Nov 15, 1918; Co C 84 Inf to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Jan 20, 1919
89	Bruton, Griffrn E	LB Homer Claiborne La May 28, 1918	Co D 156 Inf to Nov 1, 1918; Co K 162 Inf to Dec 17, 1918; Tr 1 6 Cav to Disch	Pvt 1cl Sep 6, 1918; Pvt Dec 23, 1918; Pvt 1cl May 4, 1919	Hon Disc Jul 9, 1919
90	Buckley, William	Homer, La Spr 29, 1918	Casual Co 29, 162 Dep Brig to May 10, 1918; Co C 526 Engrs Serv Bn to June 29, 1918; 162 Dep Brig to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Dec 4, 1918
91	Buggs, Bonnie	Homer, La Jun 19, 1918	164 Dep Brig to Jul 17, 1918; Co A 325 Serv Bn to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Jun 28, 1919
92	Buggs, Sam	Homer, La Apr 29, 1918	162 Dep Brig to June 21, 1918; Co B 335 Serv Bn to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Jul 26, 1919
93	Buggs, Willie	Claiborne Co., La Jul 16, 1918	161 Dep Brig to Sept 7, 1918; 803 Inf to Sep 12, 1918; 161 Dep Brig to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Jan 27, 1919
94	Bullock, Arthur J.	RA Jackson Bks La Apr 25, 1917	Co B 25 Inf to Disch	Pvt 1cl May 1, 1919	Hon Disc Aug 22, 1919
95	Bullock, Henry	Homer, La Jun 19, 1918	Co C 803 Pion Inf to Disch	Corp Apr 1, 1919	Hon Disc Jul 12, 1919
96	Burdine, Charles Augustus	Camp Beauregard La May 27, 1918	Co B 114 Engrs to Disch	Pvt 1cl Aug 10, 1918; Corp Sept 16, 1918; Sgt Apr 1, 1919	Hon Disc May 21, 1919
97	Burdine, Rufus	RA Ft Logan CO Oct 7, 1917	Co B 7 Engrs to Disch	Pvt 1cl Jul 13, 1918	Hon Disc Aug 4, 1919
98	Burkholder, Paul Caster	App't 2 Lt Inf Jun 9, 1918	162 Dep Brig to ____; 64 Pion Inf to ____; Inf unassgn to Disch	2nd Lt Inf	Hon Disc Apr 26, 1919
99	Burks, Henry	Homer, LA Aug 22, 1918	162 Dep Brig to ____; Co A 328 Labor Bn to ____; Co B 342 Labor Bn to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Apr 8, 1918
100	Burleson, Warren	Homer, La Jun 25, 1918	162 Dep Brig to Jul 19, 1918; Co A 141 MG Bn to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Jan 20, 1919
101	Burns, Lonnie	Claiborne Parish, La Jul 16, 1918	Camp Grant Aug Repl draft to Sep 15, 1918; Prisoner of War Escort Co 27 to Disch	Pvt 1cl Feb 2, 1918	Hon Disc Apr 8, 1919
102	Burns, Thomas P	NG Homer La Apr 5, 1917	Co C 1 Inf Ls NG to Oct 31, 1917; Co G 156 Inf to May 10, 1918; Repl Draft Camp Beauregard La to Jul 3, 1918; Co D 116 Sup Tn to Jul 24, 1918; MTC School 1 to Air 14, 1918; Co B 116 Sup Tn to Jan 6, 1919; Sec B Grp B provisional Rep Unit (1001 Mtc to Apr 1, 1919; Sec 11 Grp C Repl Unit 322 MTC to Disch)	Corp Dec 17, 1917; Pvt Apr 4, 1918; Sgt Feb 26, 1919	Hon Disc Jul 30, 1919
103	Burns, Warren	Homer, La Apr 29, 1918	Co A 526 Engrs Serv Bn to Disch	none	Hon Disc Jul 16, 1919
104	Burns, Warren	Homer, La Apr 29, 1918	Co A 526 Engrs Serv Bn to Disch	none	Hon Disc Jul 16, 1919
105	Burton, Fate	Homer, La Sep 27, 1918	158 Dep Brig to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Dec 9, 1918
106	Bush, Albert A	Homer, La Sep 5, 1918	Co G 5 inf to Nov 15, 1918; Co C 84 Inf to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Jan 31, 1919
107	Butcher, Eric	Claiborne, La Sept 5, 1918	Co B 17 Tn & ?? Co to Disch	Pvt 1cl Nov 1, 1918	Hon Disc Jan 26, 1919
108	Byrd, Ainer	Claiborne, Co., La Jul 16, 1918	161 Dep Brig to Disch	Pvt	Hon Disc Dec 30, 1918

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