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The President's Message

Another quarter has come and gone, and I want to say thanks to all of the volunteers working in the background to keep the Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association moving and moving forward. Many times members of the association do not see the volunteers, but the results of their works.

The last group of volunteers was active with the Seminar, planning and preparation that was held Saturday, August 9, 2008. Again I would like to say thanks to you for your wonderful support. The attendees of the Seminar were privilege to several great lectures by Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck, a nationally known Genealogist, Author and Speaker. The Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association would like to say thanks to all attendees for participating and the Broadmoor United Methodist Church for it's facility.

On the other side of the coin, technological help for our association. I do think that our association need help in staying current with constantly developing web technologies. Many sites where members are constantly communicating and sharing are used in other organizations but don't seem to have made much progress in the genealogical world.

I believe that we will have to reinvent ourselves and adapt to social networking technologies in order to grow. The days of the once a month speaker for the 25 persons that live within the city are numbered. We have much to offer in terms of making local collections available to members, but it needs to be done in a "web way" with obvious advantages for our members as well as nonmembers. I'm seeing this approach work in other associations I belong to and hope that it will soon become apart of our association. If not then all we will have in the future is Family Search, Footnote and Ancestry.

I will conclude by saying that our association need to do at least two things to prosper: a) provide benefits (research resources, education, social networks) to members in exchange for their financial support; and b) equally importantly, promote genealogy and family history as an interesting and fun past-time for people who are not yet in the fold.

Before signing off, please be aware that a committee for the purpose of nominating officers and trustees of the Association shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members. This committee shall be formed not less than 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting of the Association. Please volunteer for a position.

Regards,
Willie R. Griffin

2008 Annual Seminar Report

Submitted by Jim Johnson

The Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association hosted its annual seminar on August 9, 2008 in the George Pearce Activity Hall at the Broadmoor United Methodist Church in Shreveport, Louisiana. The featured speaker for this year's event was Mr. Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck, supervisor of the genealogy department of the Dallas Public Library.

The theme for this year's seminar was "The Colonial Period". Mr. Bockstruck began the first session with "Virginia: Where the British Empire Began", giving details of it's history beginning with the founding of Jamestown in 1607, and what is commonly regarded as the first permanent English settlement. It was founded by the Virginia Company which was chartered by England's King James I, and headquartered in London. In addition, Mr. Bockstruck discussed the development of the Colony of Virginia to include the use of waterways as the primary means of transportation, plus elaborating on the surveying of land boundaries, land grants, as well as taxation.

In the second session, "The Scots-Irish of Colonial America", Mr. Bockstruck explained that the term Scots-Irish refers to settlers migrating from Ireland, but whose earlier origins were in Scotland. Sometimes they are also called "Scotch-Irish," "Ulster Scots," or "Irish Presbyterians." Scots-Irish immigrants came to America from the province of Ulster in Northern Ireland, and the majority of the Scots-Irish migrating during the early colonial period settled in Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, and New York. Many of them later settled further south into Virginia, and the Carolinas. The year 1718 marked the first big wave of Scots-Irish immigrants to the Colonies.

"Migrations across the South" was Mr. Bockstruck's next session. He used a number of eighteenth and nineteenth century era maps to depict the routes used by settlers relocating to the west, as well as those settling areas in the south. This led to a discussion of routes, such as the Great Wagon Road used by immigrants relocating from Pennsylvania southward through the Shenandoah Valley through Virginia and the Carolinas to Georgia. Numerous Indian treaties were negotiated to remove or relocate Native Americans to facilitate the settlement in the lower South, as well as territories to the west. Mr. Bockstruck's discussion included information regarding the surveying of newly open areas and the bounty land grants awarded to Revolutionary War veterans.

In the final session, "How to Find the Maiden Names of Females", Mr. Bockstruck described sources and methods likely to help in determining the maiden names of ancestors. These sources include marriage records, various courthouse documents, church records, as well as clues to be found in family naming practices.

The seminar was an overwhelming success. Mr. Bockstruck's lectures were extremely informative and enlightening. There were 46 in attendance.

In Memory of...

U.S. Air Force Retired Senior Master Sgt. James Albert Oliphant, Jr.

His Obituary

SMSgt James Albert Oliphant, Jr. (U.S.A.F. Retired) of Bossier City, LA died July 01, 2008 at CS Highland Hospital Shreveport, LA of complications from heart surgery. A graveside service will [was] be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, July 05, 2008 at Bracken Cemetery in Elysian Fields with full military honors by Barksdale AFB. Visitation will [was] be Friday, July 4th at the funeral home from 5-7 p.m.

He was born in Marshall Texas December 28, 1929 to James Albert Oliphant, Sr. and Gertrude Milliard Oliphant, He graduated from Marshall High School in 1947, entered the Army Air Corp in September and two weeks later it became the US Air Force. He attended Air Craft Maintaince School in Biloxi, MS, Was stationed in Arizona, Kansas, Germany, England, Guam, French Marco, Greenland, New Jersey, Taiwan, North Carolina, and Vietnam where in 1970 he was awarded the Bronze Star, Delaware, Utah, and Barksdale AFB where he retired in 1975 after 28 years. He attended Vo Tec for a year going to work for SWEPCO in 1980 after 15 years of service. Since retirement he had been very active in Genealogical work. ***Was a member of the Ark La Tex Genealogical Society where he helped publish the Genie.*** And for the last 14 years has been a volunteer at the Harrison County Museum Library in Marshall, Texas, He enjoyed helping people all over the world with their family history. He married Patsy Ruth Haden on July 7, 1951 in Tucson, Arizona.

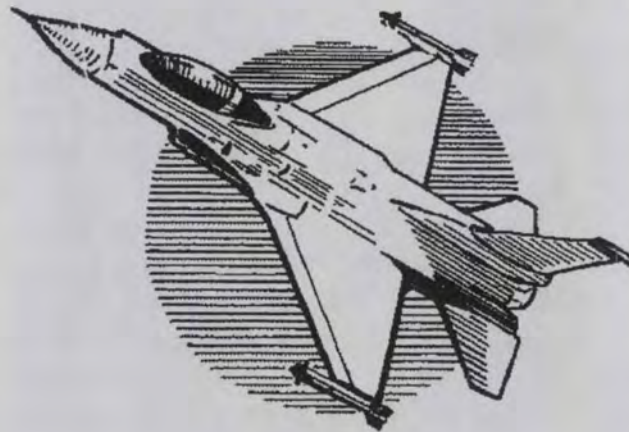
Mr. Oliphant is survived by his wife and one son; Wesley Oliphant and wife Denise Leitz Oliphant of Tomball, Texas, daughters, Patty Moore and husband Christopher Moore of Sacramento, California, Penny Jamieson and Chaplain Randall Jamieson of Seymour Johnson AFB, North Carolina, Grandchildren; Levi Moore of Sacramento, California, Brian Moore and wife Becky Zellmer Moore of New York City, Sunshine Moore of Dresden, Germany, Scott Oliphant and wire Shelby Scott Oliphant of Austin., Texas, Zachary Oliphant and wife Ashley Dawson Oliphant of Tomball, Texas, Garett Oliphant of Tomball, Texas; Daniel and Sarah Jamieson of Pikeville, North Carolina, One Step grandson, Oliver Moore of San Francisco, California. One step granddaughter; Lean Moore of Apple Valley, California, One great grandson Kane Oliphant and one step great granddaughter, Aneesa Curd, One sister, Catherine Oliphant North of Ft. Worth, Texas, Special nephews; Henry, Ray and Danny Shuler; Roy, Floyd, Jr. and Tommy Haden, Nieces; Henrietta Wagon and Jessie Bishop and many more special nieces and nephews.

Mr. Oliphant was a member of the First Methodist Church of Bossier City, LA; Member of the Faith SS Class and Young at Heart Group.

Pallbearers will be Darell Shuler, Grandsons; Zachary & Garrett Oliphant, Brian and Levi Moore, and Daniel Jamieson.

The family request in lieu of flowers, that a Memorial be made to Harrison County Historical Museum Library, the First Methodist Church of Bossier City, LA, Bracken Cemetery Historical Preservation Fund or to the charity of your choice.

Services are under the direction of Downs Funeral Home of Marshall, Texas.



(Editor's note: The editor would like to thank the staff and ownership of the Downs Funeral Home, 4608 Elysian Fields Road, Marshall, TX 75672, Phone Number: (903) 927-1700, for this Obituary and their cooperation.)

OUT OF STATE OBITUARY

Eleanor BORKENHAGEN, from Huntington Beach, California, has been clipping obituaries from the Los Angeles Times and Orange County Register. She has sent the actual obituary of: **Rudy COLEMAN**, *Ph D*, b. April 8, 1929 in Mira, La., d. April 11, 2008, Los Angeles Times, 04/16/08; so if this person is your relative, please contact the *Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association* for a copy of the complete obituary. Please enclose an SASE with your request.

RED LAND, LOUISIANA

By Dale Jennings

The community of Red Land in northeastern Bossier Parish has been held together by the fabric of its old families long after the demise of the little town. But now the tenacious old community itself has become depleted as its population has dispersed or died out. A great many residents of Bossier Parish and elsewhere trace their roots back to that once thriving place. The Salem Baptist Church and Red Land Community Center building near the corner of Highway 157 and Redland Road is the site of old Red Land. Begun in about 1859, the town was named for the color of the region's soil, reddish from its high iron ore content. The name, "Red Land," was first appropriated by the planter Jerome Bonaparte Mading in establishing Bossier Parish's first post office in November 1846. The post office was located on his property four miles northwest of the future site of Red Land, which would not receive its own post office until 1879.

The Salem Baptist Church was the first church in Bossier Parish. A small group of believers calling themselves the Salem Church began meeting in about 1842. The Salem Baptist Church was constituted in November 1844 by H. M. Hargis and its first pastor, Moses S. McDonald. Its first members were McDonald, his wife Mahalah, Frances Roden and Margaret Covington, the wife of Miles Covington. Its other early families included Allen, Boggs, Mading, Winham, Leggett, Martin, Campbell, Barnett, Dixon, Swindle, McWillie, Cavett, Curry, Kirkland and Wallace. Other early pastors after McDonald were Allen Winham, W. S. Leggett and Robert Martin. Salem's first church building is said to have been a log structure erected in 1848. It was on the common grounds of the Salem Cemetery near the north end of the present Salem Cemetery Road. In 1878 Salem Baptist Church was relocated from the cemetery site and rebuilt in Red Land almost two miles to the northeast. The 1859 supporters of the Red Land Seminary – some being the old church families – were also instrumental in establishing the town of Red Land.

Bossier Parish was created from western Claiborne Parish in February 1843. It extended to Arkansas on the north, and from Dorcheat Bayou on the east to Red River on the west. The clearing of the ancient log "raft" from the Red River in the 1830's had opened the river to navigation and the region to settlement. While still Claiborne, the land nearest the river was the first to be sold from the public domain beginning in 1839. Next was the upland "hill land" extending eastward across the northern expanse of the parish. The farmers, or planters, emigrating from the other southern states wrested farm land from the virgin wilderness. A great many of the upland settlers having sold their holdings elsewhere had the funds to buy sizable acreages of this unimproved land. They had slaves, either brought over or obtained here, but not on a scale equal to the river plantation owners. Another task for the early inhabitants was to establish a seat of government to be located centrally in the new parish. This would become Bossier's first town, Bellevue, some twenty miles south of the Red Land location. While the larger planting operations were along the river, cotton, corn and other crops were extensively grown in the more populous upland and along its bayou bottoms. The western side of the parish was oriented on the new town of Shreveport across the river in Caddo Parish. For the first few years the western residents got their mail from the Shreveport

post office. Those in the interior and eastern areas received their mail from Minden, which was on the other side of Dorcheat Bayou in Claiborne Parish. Bellevue got its post office in April 1847, not long after Mading's.

With the establishment of roads and ferries came mail routes and a few crossroad stores with co-located post offices. Jerome Mading had probably acquired a post office at his home as a convenience to his neighbors. He soon sold his property and became a large land owner farther to the southeast. The Red Land post office was closed in 1853. The vast 36-section Township 23, Range 12, extending from just below the Salem Church to the Arkansas line was late to be developed. Its survey was not approved until September 1852. The village of Red Land would evolve on its Section 28.

Martin Martin bought the 160-acre Northwest Quarter of Section 28, T23-R12, from the U. S. government in November 1852. Parson McDonald acquired the Southeast Quarter in December of the same year. The Northeast and Southwest Quarters would not be purchased until 1858 and 1859. The Northwest Quarter of Section 32 containing the Salem Baptist Church was not purchased by Gideon Allen until November 1859. During the late 1850's the Louisiana State Legislature sanctioned male and female "seminary" schools at several locations in Bossier Parish, to include Fillmore, Cottage Grove, Bellevue and one near Benton. (The Pineville Female Seminary at Pineville (Collinsburg) was established in the early 1850's) These private institutions were an alternative to an unsatisfactory public school system, or individual private tutoring. A group of the Red Land area's civic leaders applied for and received approval for such a school. Legislative Act 41 dated March 12, 1859, established the Red Land Seminary as a "body politic" and corporation with a governing board of trustees having the capacity to make contracts, hold property through purchase or donation, and to dispose of the same. Appointed as trustees were Samuel A. Boggs (President), John G. Allen, Martin Martin, Augustus Martin, B. H. Nelson, James Engram, Robert E. Wyche, Dr. John J. Scott, Jerome B. Mading, John B. Campbell and John Hamiter.

Robert Wyche patented the 40-acre northwest one-fourth of Section 28's Southwest Quarter on March 22, 1859. The Red Land Seminary built its school on the east side of this tract. The seminary would later buy the forty acres from Wyche on May 13, 1861, for \$55.00. The school hired as its principal Mr. Thomas W. Abney, who had briefly held that position at the Cottage Grove Seminary. The spring 1859 issues of the parish newspaper, Bossier Times, no doubt would have announced the school's opening, but those issues are not available. During the fall and winter of 1859, the Bossier Banner in advertising the "Red Land Male and Female Institute" revealed much of what is now known about the school. It reads:

"The Second Term of this institution commenced on Monday October 31, and will continue without intermission – except a week at Christmas – for the term of forty weeks. The course of instruction is complete and the corps of teachers efficient.

The large and comfortable new building being finished, we can now offer as many facilities for instruction as may be found in the South-west. The institution is located in a high and healthy region of county (sp) watered by the best of springs – which makes the situation a desirable one. A church is situated near by so that students may attend divine service

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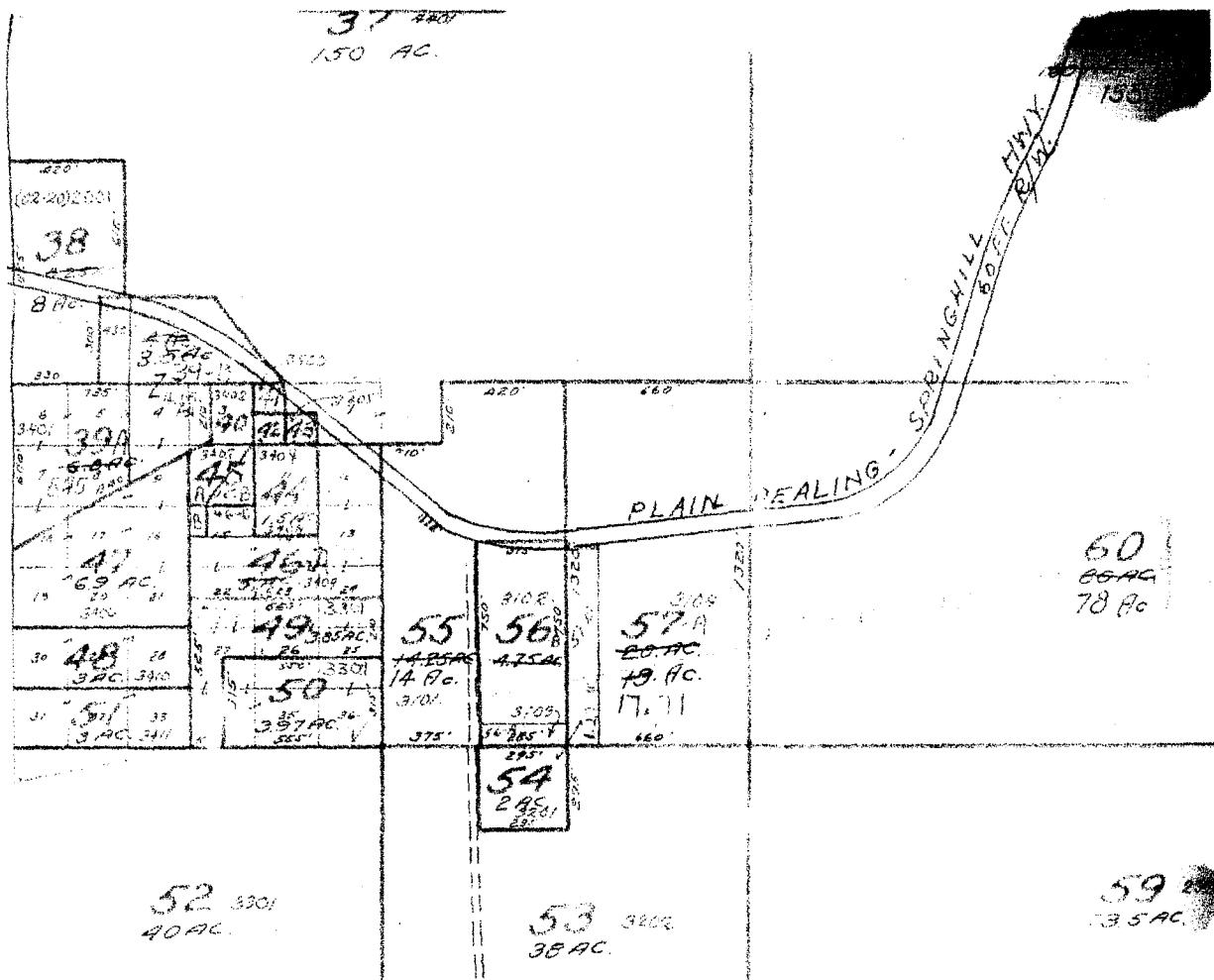
Plainville, Bossier Parish, La.”

The favorable location for the seminary as lauded in the newspaper must have been equally appealing as the location for a village. The establishment of the school apparently provided the impetus for the founding of Red Land at the boundary of Martin’s tract and the seminary tract. Red Land was late in getting a post office, and perhaps the town, because Pine Flat (renamed Plainville in 1859) just to the south had long held that honor.

On June 10, 1859, Martin Martin, a supporter of the Red Land school, helped Doctor John Scott establish his practice. (Martin’s unusual name was probably the result of his parents not wanting to break a traditional generational naming pattern) He granted Scott building privileges without rent for construction of a medical building and out buildings in the southwest corner of his tract, across the half-section line from, and northwest of the school. On October the 29th he donated an approximately 2 ¾-acre lot to the mercantile partnership of Campbell & Cavett taken from an October 26th survey by the parish surveyor, Roswell Elmer. The general store of brothers-in-law John B. Campbell and Moses C. Cavett was just east of Dr. Scott’s office and across from the school as well. The Red Land Masonic Lodge #145 (F&AM), organized in 1857, is known to have had its lodge hall above the store. It is not known when the mercantile partnership was formed or when the store was built. If the store with its Masonic hall dated to 1857, this would have constituted a community center at Red Land at that early date. Martin sold Principal T. W. Abney a 1 ½-acre lot on the west side of Campbell and Cavett’s lot, between the store and the doctor’s office, on July 11, 1860. The Red Land trustees also sold lots from the seminary tract. The combination of these lots and those sold and donated by Martin would make up the commercial area of the town.

The Red Land Seminary trustees had their tract surveyed into thirty-six one-acre lots in the same pattern as the thirty-six sections of a township. A twentieth century Bossier Parish Assessor’s Block Book page for Section 28 shows the Red Land Seminary Lots 1 through 36 (see below). “Ch” can be seen penciled on Lot #11 and “Sch” on Lot #13. Lot #2 shows three of its quarter sections identified as ownership Blocks 41, 42 and 45. A term paper entitled, “Red Land – Social Studies 303,” done at Northwestern State University by

Barbara Beth Burns Vaughn included her 1967 interview with Mr. W. A. (Andrew) Johnson. Mr. Johnson recalled the location of some of the old Red Land business establishments. Other locations have been determined from courthouse conveyance records. Campbell & Cavett's store (later Swindle's) was said to have been on the north side of the road and slightly west of the church. The "Plain Dealing-Springhill Hwy," now Louisiana Highway 157, has had its course changed somewhat since the roadway's early route through Red Land. G. W. Phelps's one-acre lot is on the east side of Lot #1. The school building was located on Lot 13 where the Red Land Community Center building is now situated. On May 13, 1861 (four months after Louisiana seceded from the Union), the trustees sold Lots 1 and 2 to Campbell & Cavett. The \$100.00 proceeds from the sale would have funded the purchase of the seminary land from Wyc he on that date. The war was ruinous to the economy and a great detriment to the educational and other cultural gains being made in the state – to include rural Bossier Parish. Few of Louisiana's private schools survived the deprivations caused by the Civil War. The Red Land Seminary almost certainly did not. No other lots were recorded sold by the trustees until long after the end of the conflict.

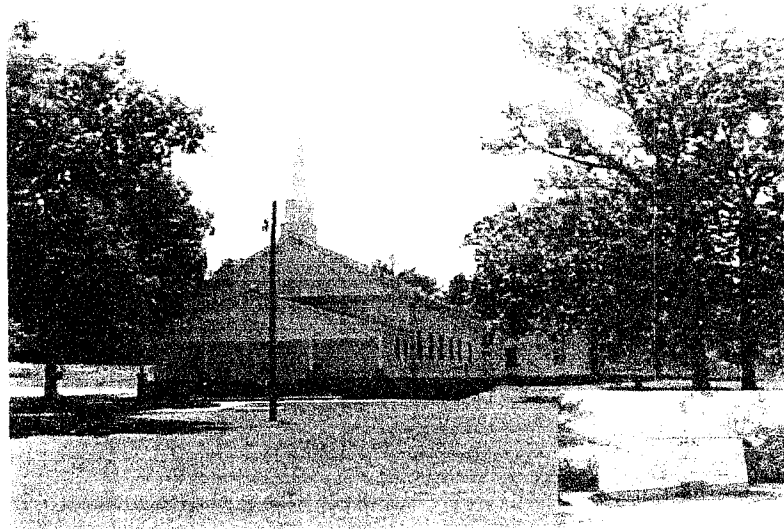


Bossier Parish Assessor's Block Book Page for Section 28, Township 23, Range 12

Most of the military age men in the Red Land area went off to the war in one of the six companies raised from Bossier Parish. As boys became young men, they too enlisted as replacements or into new companies as they were organized. Area soldiers included Gideon Allen, Jr., Rufus H. Allen, John G. Allen, Moses C. Cavett, John J. Swindle, Joshua B. Crawford, Alfred K. Edens, Washington G. Edens, Gilbert H. Edens, Dr. John J. Scott, Wilson Covington, Thomas W. Abney, Robert E. Wyche, Augustus Martin, Samuel J. Boggs, Alexander C. Boggs, Franklin M. Barnett, James M. Mading, George Winham, John C. Ingram, Robert E. Hamiter and Richard A. McDonald. All told, the Red Land men were fortunate in that most returned from the war. At least one, Gideon Allen, Jr., was killed and Wash Edens died from illness. Several others, to include John Swindle, Joshua Crawford, Alex Boggs, John Ingram and Richard McDonald, were wounded.

To be continued.....

HOMECOMING CELEBRATING 164 YEARS SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH



SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2008



Salem Baptist Church and Red Land Community Center Building (Inset)

The Louisiana State Archives, 2008
ALTGA's Horn Book Session; July 12, 2008
Prepared by Glenda Bernard

The Louisiana State Archives in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, is now reaching out to all genealogists with its new online additions. Located at 3851 Essen Lane in the heart of the capital city near Interstate 10 and Interstate 12, it opens its doors from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. on Saturday and 1:00-5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Traditionally patrons needed to accomplish their research at this beautiful building solely during these hours; however, things are "looking up." The library staff has worked diligently to add databases on the archives website to help researchers either prepare for a visit more efficiently or to order documents online. By accessing the Louisiana State Archives website, www.sos.louisiana.gov, clicking on the Archives option, then Research Library, then Vital Records, one can view indexes of two of the most popular collections in the library: the almost completed Death Certificate Index as well as the Confederate Pension Application Index. Both indexes allow researchers to know in advance which certificates and applications are available prior to a visit. Outside the library, the name, year born or died, the volume and page number need to be copied. This information would then need to be placed on a form to give to the Archives personnel, who in turn, would locate the film.

Judy Riffel has authored an excellent volume, *A Guide to Genealogical Research in the Louisiana State Archives*, which outlines the holdings of the Archives in a very detailed and easy to understand format.¹ She explains that beginning in 1819, Orleans Parish made Vital Records registration mandatory for its citizens. These birth and death records were not mandated statewide until nearly a century later, in 1918. At that time the Department of Vital Records was established by the state in New Orleans, Louisiana. When these state records in New Orleans reach fifty years old, they must be transferred to the Archives. The Archives have birth records only for Orleans Parish. Death certificates can be copied for the period 1900-1957 with records sporadic in the early years. Due to damage by Hurricane Katrina, normal transfer of certificates from Vital Records in New Orleans to the Archives is presently in "catch-up" mode. Only deaths recorded older than fifty years are sent to the Archives. Marriage records for Orleans Parish are kept in the Archives for the years 1870-1957.

Although these vital records and pension applications are the only two indexes online at this time, they are not the only outstanding records available to users of the Louisiana Archives. To view these and all other volumes in the research library, visitors must adhere to a few security measures such as the use of only a pencil and a notepad in the work area, but free use of the lockers

for personal belongings is near-by. Many microfilm reels must be retrieved by the library staff, so forms may need to be filed with the staff before viewing. The wait is not long to receive a maximum of four reels and the research can begin. Other microfilm reels which are instantly accessible are cataloged in file cabinets near the microfilm readers and reader/printers. A computerized index for "in-house" use is the LASOS system. Patrons may use this computer to locate any genealogical records in the library.

A wealth of data can be found in incomplete selections for colonial records, parish civil records, land and military records, immigration and naturalization records as well as various governmental records such as penitentiary and hospital. Ms. Riffle's Guide details these and many other holdings well. Perhaps the best explanation for archived records to be incomplete is that a Louisiana archival repository did not exist until 1935! Numerous make-shift locations housed state records until the beautiful Essen Lane facility was completed in 1987. In the future the Louisiana Archives hopes to "reach out" to the public with more online opportunities and to continue to review their "fee for services" policies.

A few hints to consider if an opportunity arises to visit the archives in Baton Rouge would begin with a high level of genealogical preparation using online indexes available. It is always a good idea to know exactly what to look for and to know if the library has this information within its confines. As with any first time visit to a multi-functional library, plan enough time to collect the data and consider visiting on a weekday when the regular library staff is working. The Louisiana State Archives desires to be the state's library of choice for genealogical research!

Judy Riffel, *A Guide to Genealogical Research at the Louisiana State Archives* (Baton Rouge: Le Comite des Archives de la Louisiane, Inc., 2008).



**In Memory of
Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association Member**

Evelyn Claire Elston Johnson

SHREVEPORT, LA – Evelyn Claire Elston Johnson, 85, passed away on May 20, 2008 in Bossier City, Louisiana. Funeral services was held at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 27, 2008 at Rose-Neath's Marshall Street Chapel, visitation was at 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday, May 26. Officiating was Reverend Ed Baswell, pastor of Clarion Baptist Church, assisted by Reverend Brent Shoalmire, pastor of Elm Grove Baptist Church. Interment was in the Forest Park Cemetery, Shreveport, Louisiana.

Mrs. Johnson was born in McDade, LA on January 28, 1923 and was a resident of Bossier City, LA. She Attended Dodd College, Shreveport, LA and graduate from North Texas Teacher's College, Denton, TX.

[The Obituary of Evelyn Claire Elston Johnson, The Shreveport Times, Sunday, May 25, 2008, page 9B]

Family History Month: October 2008

The Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association will join the Broadmoor Library, 1212 Captain Shreve Dr., Shreveport, LA in a two-hour workshop on Saturday, October 11, 2008 to commemorate October as Family History Month.

Linda Weaver Clarke, an author who writes novels based on genealogy research will present a two hour workshop title "Family Legacy Writing Workshop". Linda Weaver Clarke lives in southern Utah and writes short stories and novels. The point of contact for information on the workshop will be the Broadmoor Library, (318) 869-0120.

The ALTGA regular meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. and the workshop will follow from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

For more information about Mrs. Clarke, her website is:
<http://www.lindaweaverclarke.com/index.html>

Louisiana Baptist Church Records on Microfilm At the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives

The Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives is a worldwide center for the study of Baptist history. Operated by the Council of Seminary Presidents, the SBHLA is one of the major denominational collections in the nation and serves by assignment of the Southern Baptist Convention as the central depository and archives of SBC records. The Library and Archives is located on the fourth floor of the Southern Baptist Convention Building at 901 Commerce Street, # 400 in Nashville, Tennessee 37203-3630. The library is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and other hours by special appointment.

FACILITIES AND SERVICES

The Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives is available to all researchers. Some collections have access restrictions; therefore, it is good to contact our staff before your visit so your research needs can be met. Some findings aids are available for viewing or downloading from the [Guide page](#) on their website at www.sbhla.org.

The research center contains photocopy machines, microfilm readers and reader/printers, a separate research room, an audio-visual listening and viewing room and three public access computers. Photocopies are 10 cents each (25 cents if done by the library staff). Copies made from microfilm are 25 cents each (50 cents each if made by library staff). Library check-out privileges and research assistance are available.

OCLC and Southern Baptist Periodical Index databases provide bibliographic services. A card catalogue lists the library and archives holdings. Inventories are available for most archival and manuscript collections. Some inventories are available for viewing or downloading on the [Guide page](#) on their website.

Researchers may bring their own computers or silent typewriters for use in the research room. A break room is available to researchers and provides free coffee and tea; vending machines supply soft drinks and snacks. Free parking on the ground level of the SBC building is available to researchers in the SBHLA.

Researchers are requested to register upon arrival. Advance notice of arrival will allow the staff to have materials ready for researchers. For more information about this service or to inquire about purchasing copies of Baptist documents from other microfilm collections call 1-615-244-0344. [*See Charts for additional information.*]



Louisiana Baptist Church Records: Microfilms Listing

Location	Church Name	MF#	Cost
Alexandria	Riverview B.C., Church Minutes, 1888-1918.	6844	\$10.00
Baton Rouge	Sherwood BC. Church Minutes and Church History, 1968-1993.	6774	\$40.19
Bernice	Shiloh BC. August 1865-August 1919. 676pp.	1060	\$30.42
Bernice	First BC, 1900-1917. 168pp.	4454	\$10.00
Bernice	Pine Grove BC. Church Minutes, 1890-1974	6772	\$31.68
Bernice	Pisgah B.C. Church Record Book, 1926-1938 and Miscellaneous Papers.	6842	\$10.00
Bienville	First BC, 1894-April 1969. Formerly Bienville BC. 956pp.	3539	\$43.02
Bunkie	First BC. Church minutes 1892-1994. 2921pp.	6983	\$131.45
Castor	Old Saline BC. 1844-1998. (Missing November 1889-September 1942). 1487pp. Guest Book from 150th anniversary, Articles of Incorporation, List of Pastors, Church History.	2132	\$66.92
Cheneyville	Oak Grove BC of Clearwater. 1921, 1944-1996. Minutes, histories, financial records.	6918	\$75.78
Claibourn Parish	Mt. Paron Primitive BC, 1853-1881. 198pp.	1589	\$10.00
Corlyss	Vincent BC. Church Minutes 1886-1905, 1912-1920.	6956	\$11.07
Coushatta	Martin BC. Church enrollment 1940-1946, church minutes 1975-1992.	6884	\$58.05
Coushatta	Martin B.C., Church Minutes, Oct. 1946-Sept.1975.	6843	\$27.68
Coushatta	Liberty BC. Church Minutes, 1883-1966	6773	\$24.57
Covington	First BC, 1904-1972. 1,338pp.	4879	\$60.21
Denham Springs	Hebron B.C., Church Minutes and Financial Records, May 1837-Feb. 1994.	6812	\$107.33
Deridder	Temple Baptist Church. Minutes. May 27, 1951 - June 14, 1995	6849	\$54.00
Deville	Philadelphia BC, May 1918-September 1981. Lacking: July 1927- July 1929, October 1938-March 1941, August 1943- June 1948. 1,106pp.	5440	\$49.77
Deville	Uniform Letters, Incomplete 1931-1951, 1964 Church Enrollment Book, 1953-1974 Training Union Records, March 1950-Oct. 1950	6770	\$57.60
Dubberly	Fellowship BC, 1848-1864. 132pp.	4215	\$10.00

Effie	Macedonia BC. Church minutes 1901-1931.	6883	\$10.00
Elton	First BC. 1910-1955; 1955-1959; 1959-1967; 1966-1991; 1991-1994; 1994-1996;	2108	\$107.87
Evergreen	Bayou Rouge BC. Church minutes July 25, 1841-January 10, 1999. 1918pp.	7028	\$86.31
Florien	Mount Carmel BC. Church minutes 1888-1972. 1386pp.	6982	\$62.37
Forest Hill	Forest Hill BC. 1899-1997. 1,629pp.	6032	\$73.31
Franklinton	Bethel Baptist Church. Church Membership. 1907-1945.	6850	\$13.14
Gaar's Mill	Harmony Grove BC. Church Minutes and membership rolls. 1877-1966. 634pp.	6966	\$28.53
Gibsland	Mt. Lebanon BC, 1835-1939. 647pp.	310	\$29.12
Glenmora	Amiable BC, 1829-1977. 1,420pp.	5372	\$63.90
Grayson	Grayson BC. 1936-1995. Minutes, financial records, membership.	6917	\$60.75
Homer	First Baptist Church. Minutes 1851-1903.	6848	\$30.06
Jackson	First BC, 1835-1958. 1,328pp.	263	\$59.76
Jena	First BC, February 1850-September 1872. Formerly Salem BC. 88pp.	5328	\$10.00
Jonesboro	Ebenezer BC. Church minutes. 1849-1997. 1,456pp.	6965	\$65.52
Lake Charles	First BC. Minutes, March 1880-September 1888. Statistics, 1888-1910. 338pp.	5572	\$15.21
Lecompte	Trinity BC. Church Minutes, 1888-1916	6771	\$10.00
Leesville	Laurel Hill BC. 1869-1945. 576pp.	6306	\$25.92
Many	First BC, 1908-1976. 988pp.	4991	\$44.46
Merryville	First BC, 1926-1969. 2,176pp.	3260	\$97.92
Metairie	Highland BC, 1953-1975. 616pp.	4382	\$27.72
Minden	First BC, 1844-1980. 4,700pp.	3275	\$211.50
Minden	Parkway BC. Church Minutes, bulletins, newspapers. 1949-1996. 1576pp.	7030	\$70.92
New Iberia	First BC. July 1926-December 1980. Lacking October 1961-June 1965, February 1968-September 1969. 2,038pp.	5288	\$91.71
New Orleans	St. Charles Avenue BC. Church histories 1898-1973, 1974-1988; Directories, bulletins, newsletters, membership records, minutes, financial records, church letters.	6891	\$726.84
Oakland	Spring Hill Baptist Church. Church Minutes. 1872-1966.	6851	\$10.89

Opelousas	Calvary BC. Church Minutes. June 1961-September 1996. POSITIVE ONLY - NEGATIVE NOT AVAILABLE (see Pub. sheets)	6944	\$33.03
Plaquemine	Bayou Plaquemine BC. Church minutes 1946-1998. 1289pp.	7027	\$58.01
Pollock	Friendship BC. Fishville (Pollock), Louisiana. Church Minutes 1870-1947. 766pp.	6981	\$34.47
Rapides Parish	Amiable BC, 1829-1904. 302pp.	3840	\$13.59
Seiper	Dixie BC. Church minutes 1919-1984.	6882	\$76.86
Shreveport	Broadmoor BC. 1930-1989. 3,216pp.	6680	\$144.72
Shreveport	Emmanuel Baptist Church. Church Records, Apr. 20, 1941-Dec. 31, 1993.	6811	\$100.44
Slaughter	Slaughter BC, 1874-1922. 224pp.	2115	\$10.08
Sterlington	First BC, 1927-1944. 286pp.	1590	\$12.87
Tangipahoa Parish	Mount Nebo BC, 1813-1903. 382pp.	3924	\$17.19
Taylor	Taylor BC, October 1909-1983. 528pp.	5594	\$23.76
Union Hill	Union Hill BC. Church Minutes 1884-1904.	6889	\$10.00
Ville Platte	Calvary BC, 1846-1947. 760pp.	1131	\$34.20
West Monroe	First BC. History, 1848-1953. 464pp.	378	\$20.88



Ark-La-Tex Deaths
The Shreveport Times
Tuesday, August 4, 1970, page 7A
Submitted by Patricia W. Griffin

Mrs. Mary Brummet

Mrs. Mary Scribe Turner Brummett, 90, of Gladewater, Tex., and former Shreveport resident, died Sunday evening in the Gladewater Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Queensborough Baptist Church with the pastor, the Rev. W. T. Furr, and the Rev. Ivey Bates of the First Baptist Church of Gladewater officiating.

Burial will be in Forest Park Cemetery under the direction of Malcolm Stone Funeral Home in Gladewater.

A native of Minden, Mrs. Brummett moved to Shreveport with her parents, the late J. B. Scriber and Annie Tooley Scribe in 1890. She lived here until moving to Gladewater a few years ago. A charter member of Parkview Baptist Church, she was a longtime member of the Queensborough Baptist Church before joining the First Baptist Church in Gladewater.

Survivors include one son, Ernest H. Turner Sr. of Shreveport; two daughters, Mrs. J. L. McCurdy of Shreveport and Mrs. M. E. McFerren of Gladewater; one sister, Mrs. Frank Zimmerman of Shreveport; four grandchildren, Martha McFerren of Gladewater and E. H. Turner, Jr., Mrs. D. W. Wade and Thomas B. Turner, all of Shreveport; and six great-grandchildren .

Pallbearers will be Mogen Hoy, D. W. Wade, E. H. Turner, Jr., E. H. Turner III, the Rev. James Cain, Herman Cain, Curly Thomas and J. N. Cryer.

Gholson Infant

Graveside funeral services for the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Gholson, 2970 Jeston Circle, Bossier City, who died Monday at the Barksdale Air Force Base Hospital, will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the National Cemetery in Pineville.

Survivors besides the parents are the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Taylor of Farmersville and Mrs. Frank G. Donovan of Cooperscove, Tex.; a brother, John T. Gholson, Jr., and a sister, Melba Gholson, both of Bossier City.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the First National Funeral Home.

Andrew S. Rambin

Funeral services for Andrew S. Rambin, 65, of Frierson, will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Rose-Neath Funeral Home Chapel with Father Paul Ceasar, associate pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, officiating.

A Rosary will be said at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Rose-Neath Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in Centuries Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mr. Rambin died early Monday in his residence after a brief illness. He was born April 11, 1905, in Caspiana and had lived in Frierson 15 years.

He was a member of St. Anne's Catholic Church in Stonewall and the Louisiana Cattlemen's Association. He was a self-employed book binder and a cattleman.

Survivors include his widow; one son, Meredith L. Rambin of Shreveport; a daughter, Mrs. Joyce Troegel of Houston, Tex.; one brother, Ernest Rambin of Shreveport; three sisters, Mrs. Vera Robers of Lafayette, Mrs. Dorothy Chism of Victoria, Tex., and Mrs. Eunice Long of San Antonio, Tex., and three grandsons.

John B. Ringgold

John B. Ringgold, 84, of 3617 Penick St., died at 1:15 p.m. Monday at the Schumpert Hospital following a brief illness.

Mr. Ringgold, a native of Polk Count, Arkansas, had lived here 40 years. He was a member of the Queensborough Baptist Church. Mr. Ringgold was a retired employee of the Caddo Parish School Board.

Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Irene Hobson of Shreveport and Mrs. Opal Aucoin of New Orleans; seven grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete at Osborn Funeral Home.

Mrs. Alice Bounds

PLAIN DEALING – Funeral services for Mrs. Alice Jeanette Bounds, 53, of, Rocky Mount, will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in New Bethel Baptist Church Rocky Mount.

The Rev. Frank Ledbetter and the Rev. Robert Meredith will officiate at the services. Burial will be in New Bethel Cemetery under the direction of Bailey Mortuary in Plain Dealing.

Mrs. Bounds, who lived in Bossier Parish 33 years, died Sunday in a hospital in Plain Dealing after a lengthy illness.

Survivors are two brothers, J. B. McBeth of Grand Prairie, Tex., Jack J. McBeth of Benton; and three sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Squarisch of Venice, Mrs. Jewell Trahan of Crowley, and Mrs. Ruby Burks of Benton.

Pallbearers will be Gordon McCall, Robert Sheppard, Johnny Bass, J. C. Deen, Aubrey Stewart and David Owens.

Mrs. Tom B. Cole

MANSFIELD – Mr. Tom B. Cole, 53, died Sunday in a Pleasant Hill Hospital following a brief illness.

Funeral services will be held today at 10 a.m. in the First Baptist Church in Pleasant Hill. Burial will be in Spring Ridge Cemetery with the Rev. J. C. Salley officiating.

Survivors include her husband; one son, Robert F. Harper of Cotton Valley; her mother, Mrs. Ola Mae Johnson of Mansfield; three brothers, Jerry Callens, Canton, Tex, O. O. Callens of Pleasant Hill and W. T. Callens of Kilgore, Tex.; one sister, Mrs. Louise P. Runty of Shreveport; one granddaughter.

Earlie B. Thomas

HOMER – Funeral services for Earlie Benjamin Thomas of Rt. 2, Shongaloo will be held at the Old Union Baptist Church at 3 p.m. today with the Rev Harold Piteman and Rev. Gerald Moring officiating.

Survivors include his widow; six sons, Walton H. Thomas of Springhill, Albert R. Thomas of Shreveport and Elton B. Thomas of Clute, Tex., and Buddy D. Thomas of Minden and E. Bill Thomas of Belton, and W. Ray Thomas of Leton; one brother, Jasper Thomas of Leton; four sisters, Mrs. Lisa Jones of Leton, Mrs. Lena Deloch of Shongaloo, Mrs. Clara Carla Lowe of Haynesville, and Mrs. Syble Perkins of Cotton Valley; and fourteen grandchildren.

Mrs. Etta Byers

FARMERVILLE, La. – Mrs. Etta Byers, 91; services, today at the Litro Baptist Church; burial in the Union Cemetery.

Miss Mary E. Johnston

LAKE CHARLES – Miss Mary E. Johnston, 84; services, 2 p.m., Monday, South City Baptist Church; burial, Oakdale Cemetery.

Steve Duhon

LAKE CHARLES – Steve Duhon, 89; services, 2 p.m., Monday, Hixson Funeral Home; burial, Big Lake Cemetery.

Mrs. Carl E. Youngblood

BERNICE – Mrs. Carl E. Youngblood, 74; services, 3 p.m., today, Weldon Baptist Church; burial, Church Cemetery.

Lucius E. Huckabee

HOPE, Ark. – Lucius E. Huckabee, 93; services, 2 p.m., Monday, Herndon Chapel; burial Huckabee Cemetery.

Mrs. L. D. Fletcher

HOPE, Ark. – Mrs. L. D. Fletcher, 80; services, 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Latimer Funeral Home; burial, St. Paul Cemetery.

Samuel E. Wheeler

MARSHALL, Tex. – Samuel Earl Wheeler, 74; services, 4:30 p.m. Monday Cothran, Blaylock, and Huffman Funeral Home; burial, Scottsville Cemetery.

Luther H. Pitman, Sr.

GILMER, Tex. – Luther H. Pitman, Sr., 58; services, Monday, Herst Methodist Church burial, Gilmer City Cemetery.

Olin O. Leggette

GILMER, Tex. – Olin O. Leggette, 64; services, 2 p.m., today, First Baptist Church; burial, Ore City Cemetery.

Mrs. Myrtle Farrar

PITTSBURG, Tex. – Mrs. Myrtle Farrar, 73; services, 2 p.m. today, Emmanuel Baptist Church; burial Rose Hill Cemetery.



The W.H. Watts Family Bible

Submitted by Glenda Efferson Bernard

All information and punctuation recorded has been typed as observed. The Cover embodies the words, "Holy Bible." Inside the cover, the first page is torn into several pieces, in large script read: Mr. W.H. Watts and Mrs. W.H. Watts, Doyle, La.

[Note: Family Data: W.H. Watts Family Bible, Holy Bible Containing the Old and New Testaments. The Authorized and Revised Version in Paralleled Columns, (Philadelphia, PA: International Bible Press); no publication date given; original owned in 2008 by Glenda E. Bernard, 2922 Chardonnay Circle, Shreveport, LA 71106. The W.H. Watts Family Bible passed from W.H. to his daughter Myrtle (Watts) Smiley, to her daughter Sally Celeste (Smiley) Efferson and to her daughter, Glenda (Efferson) Bernard.]

Title Page: Pronouncing Edition. The Holy Bible Containing the Old and New Testaments, The Authorized and Revised Versions in Parallel Columns. International Bible Press, Philadelphia, PA.

Next Page: The Old Testament Translated out of the Original Hebrew, and with The Former Translations Diligently Compared and Revised. The Authorized and Revised Versions in Parallel Columns.

Marriage Certificate, page 1: This certifies that W.H. Watts, S.C. Watts were solemnly united by me [no name given] in the Holy Bonds of Matrimony at the home of the Bride on the 12th day of February, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine [the nine is crossed out and a number 8 written above the word nine and with perhaps the same pen and ink as other recorded information on this page] Hundred eighty five. Conformably to the Ordinance of God and the Laws of the State [no witnesses are given].

Marriages, page 2: [All information in the same handwriting and appeared to be with the same pen and ink.]

Lorin Smiley and = Myrtle Watts Married on Aug 25 – 1913.

Warry A Watts and = Lorina Carroll married on Jan. 27. 1919.

Caswell D. Lea. And Ruth I. Watts married on May 4. 1919.

Norman J. Broussard. And Julia E. Watts married on Aug 9. 1919

Births, page 3:

William H. Watts. Was born on the 7th day of February 1857.
Sarah Cynthia Watts. Was born on the 31st day of July 1863.
Arelia Ann. Watts. Was born on the 8th day of February, 1886.
Julia Etta. Watts. Was born on the 25th day of January, 1888.
Semma Netter Watts. Was born on the 19th day of June, 1889.
Pearly May Watts. [some bleeding through to this page from the
Marriages page] Was born on the 1st day of May, 1891.
Drue Easley Watts. Was born on the 27th day of November 1893.

[Two pages over, under the heading "Memoranda," is written in black ink, in script, believed to be by the same person recording information above, "Births. (Continued from another page)"]

Memoranda (Births, continued, page 5):

Myrtle Eve. Watts. Was born on the 17th day of May. 1895
Warry Allen. Watts. Was born on the 9th day of November, 1897.
Ruth Inez. Watts. Was born on the 14th day of August, 1899.

[A broken line was drawn in blue ink with some additional information written below, in another handwriting and in deeper ink color.]

Jiles William Efferson was born on the 14th day of October 1904,
Springville, La [the "Sp" on the town is smeared]

Lawrence Joseph Efferson was born on the 28th of September 1909
at Springville, Louisiana

[Written in another handwriting, perhaps that of Myrtle Watts Smiley, and in blue ink]: (Son in laws of Myrtle (Watts) Smiley) [The words "& Lorin" is added after Myrtle (Watts) in black ink]. Stafford W. Ford was born (___? ___).

Deaths, page 4:

Arelia Ann. Watts. Died on the 11th day of February 1886.
Semma Netter Watts. Died on the 7th day of October 1889.
Pearly May Watts. Died on the 14th day of September 1891.
Drue Easley. Watts. Died on the 19th day of January, 1894.
Sarah Cynthia Watts. Died on 14th of January, 1915.

[Written in another handwriting and darker black ink.]

Edward Allen Smiley died on January 14, 1922. [*Written in pencil: son of Lorin and Myrtle (Watts) Smiley.*]

Infant of J.W. and Helen Efferson died on June 30, 1933. [*Written in pencil: son of Jiles and Helen (Smiley) Efferson.*]

William H. Watts Died April 21st 1946

Jiles William Efferson died September 15, 1950

[**Of** interest, **page 6**, has no information added, but has a heading with angels holding these words: "Family Temperance Pledge believing it to be better for all, we the undersigned solemnly promise B The Help Of GOD, to abstain from the use of all intoxicating drinks as a beverage."]

Memoranda, page 7: [Written in black ink with words, "Children of Lorin and Myrtle Smiley" written in blue ink underneath the title "Memoranda".] [**(Births)** written in the top left-hand corner of the page in blue ink.]

Helen Naomi Smiley was born on the 22nd day of August 1914

Edward Allen Smiley was born on the 8th day of April 1916

Living Smiley was born on the 22nd day of January 1918

Lorin V.J. Smiley was born on the 31st day of August 1924

Living Smiley was born on the 29th day of June 1926

Marriages, page 7:

Helen Naomi Smiley & Jiles William Efferson were married on June 29 - 1929.

[*Living*] Smiley and Lawrence Joseph Efferson were married on March 6, 1937.

Stafford W. Ford and [*Living*] Smiley was married on March 1st 1952.

Lorin V.J. Smiley and Martha Frances Goff was married on August 20th 1954.

Births, page 8: [Written in blue ink after heading "Births": Grandchildren of Lorin Smiley and Myrtle (Watts).

Smiley. All names written in black ink are living grandchildren with the exception of the following:

Dudley Jiles Efferson born on July 12, 1931, son of J.W. and Helen Efferson, at Frost, La.

Lawrence Smiley Efferson, born on June 30, 1933. [The following written in blue ink]: **Son** of J.W. and Helen Efferson.

List of Bossier Parish Schools; 1908

Submitted by Willie R. Griffin

The following is a list of the Bossier Parish schools by Wards taken from the School Board minutes on July 9, 1908. Including the names of persons involved as trustees, principals, teachers, etc. for each school. At this time, J.N. **Platt**, was Board President and Jos. E. **Johnston**, was Board Secretary.

[Note: This information was recorded from The Bossier Banner Newspaper, for Thursday, Jan. 9, 1908. This microfilm, # 2006.022.015, Roll 15 is located at the Bossier Parish Library Historical Center, 2206 Beckett Street, Bossier City, LA]

Ward One

1. Atkins – W.E. **Connell**, Dr. H.E. **Atkins** and J.R. **Bryant**, Trustees; Miss Carrie M. **Brown**, teacher.

Colored Schools [Ward One]

1. Bear Point – T.M. **Gatlin**, Allen **Harvin** and Joe **Kimble**, trustees.
2. Atkins – Dr. H.E. **Atkins**, Wade **Washington** and Jerry **Burley**, trustees.
3. Hunter Switch – J.G. **McDade**, Joe **Capers** and Nick **Cassidy**, trustees.
4. Simmon Grove – E.S. **Dortch**, David **Kingsley** and Wesley **Chambers**, trustee.
5. Bluffs, or Hickman – Trustee to be supplied.
6. Fullilove – W.J. **Fullilove**, Idea **Mitchell** and Randolph **Matthews**, trustees.
7. Elm Grove – Trustees to be supplied.

Ward Two

1. Benton High School – B.A. **Kelly**, L.G. **Smith**, J.P. **Creswell**, R.E. **Wyche** and F.G. **Ogden**, trustees; M.F. **Godfrey**, Principal, Misses M.G. **Cummins** and E.L. **McClintock**, assistants, with one other to be supplied.
2. Bossier City – C.C. **House**, W.T. **Colquitt** and M.P. **Moore**, trustees.

Colored Schools [Ward Two]

1. New Hope – J.M. **Stacey** and H. **Brown**, trustees.
2. Providence – J.H. **Stinson** and Sam **Riley**, trustees.
3. Benton – J.P. **Creswell**, Bill **Willis** and Solomon **Norwood**, trustees.
4. Linwood – W.E. **Ivey**, M.L. **Richardson** and Douglas **Adger**, trustees.
5. Willow Chute – Simon **Williams**, Lige **Hicks** and Thomas **Taylor**, trustees.
6. Fellowship – W.T. **Colquitt** and L.C. **Capers**, trustees; A.D. **Owens**, teacher.
7. New Zion – J.W. **Wallace**, Leon **Ford** and Primus **Johnston**, trustees.
8. Foster – Jake **Foster**, Chas. **King** and William **Jameson**, trustees.

Ward Three

1. Alden Bridge – F.T. **Whited**, H.H. **Wheless** and I.F. **Elder**, trustees; S.R. **Doyle**, Principal; Miss **Gardner**, first assistant, and Miss Virginia **Elder**, second assistant.
2. Cottage Grove Hack Line to Alden Bridge – J.J. **Swindle**, Marshall **Durbin** and F.J. **Love**, trustees.
3. Dixie – W.E. **Ivey**, T. **Peace** and J.W. **Voss**, trustees.
4. New Brushy Hack Line – H.C. **Spruell**, S.R. **Strayhan** and John **Love**, trustees.
5. Antrim – A.M. **Odom**, P.C. **Fontaine** and C.G. **Woody**, trustees.
6. Brushy Hack Line – Z. **Gardner**, A.B. **Winham** and H.G. **Merritt**, trustees.
7. Plain Dealing High School – T.N. **Keoun**, J. **Perry**, J.L. **Crawford**, W.C. **Banks**, E.M. **Carstarphen**, R.S. **Doles** and Z. **Gardner**, trustees; Mr. **Freshwater**, Principal; assistants to be supplied.
8. [No listing]
9. Collinsburg – R.S. **Doles**, J.H. **Nattin** and A.B. **Martin**, trustees.
10. Miller's Bluff – John **Dexter**, John **Johnson** and R.W. **McLeish**, trustees.
11. Bolinger – M.S. **Bolinger**, Mr. **Purcell** and Rev. **Holliday**, trustees.
12. Oak Hill – W.D. Byram, Dick Wise and E.D. Burgess, trustees.

Colored Schools [Ward Three]

1. Egypt Hill – J.F. **Strayhan**, Sam **Player** and John **Bowler**, trustees.
2. Booker's Chapel – J.B. **Thompson**, Stratcher **Ralls** and Henry **Chambers**, trustees.
3. Lewisville – Sam **Lyles**, Lee **Smith** and H.H. **Easter**, trustees.
4. Mt. Zion – S.J. **Caldwell**, Turner **James** and St. Matthew **James**, trustees.
5. Ford – G.S. **Ford**, Lee **Butler** and Jacob **Smith**, trustees.
6. Ridge Road – John **Carter**, Nias **Gates** and A.P. **Davis**, trustees.
7. Gilmer Hill – A.R. **Thompson**, George **Smith** and Jeff **Willis**, trustees.
8. Antrim – A.M. **Odom**, William **Atkins** and Eugene **Turner**, trustees.

Ward Four

1. Heifner – T.L. **Brock**, J.B. **Johnston** and L.H. **Boggs**, trustees;
L.F. **Dodson**, teacher.
2. Carterville – J.S. **Dodson**, G.W. **May** and M.B. **Stampley**, trustees.
3. Center – H.E. **Martin**, J.E. **Holloway** and S.M. **Matlock**, trustees.
4. Pleasant Hill – D.L. **Gipson**, J.A. **Lowe** and J.D. **Gleason**, trustees;
G.R. **Pilcher**, teacher.
5. Mot – Oll **Cason**, Dock **Kilgore** and J.D. **McKellar**, trustees.
6. Red Land – F.M. **Johnson**, J.B. **Keoun** and J.F. **Hudson**, trustees.
7. Cypress Hill – W.R. **Payne**, P.E. **Holloway** and W.M. **Slack**, trustees.
8. Line – G.G. **Allen**, I.U. **Malone** and Zeke **Denmon**, trustees.
9. Emma – S.P. **Johnston**, D.H. **Coile** and T.J. **Giles**, trustees.
10. Tyler – E.W. **Wallace**, J.H. **Gipson** and George **Tyler**, trustees.
11. Dooley – J.R. **Arnold**, B. **Billingsly** and I.S. **Arnold**, trustees.

Colored Schools [Ward Four]

1. Carterville – G.T. **Mays**, L.B. **Burton** and W.H. **Hughes**, trustees.
2. Hopewell – S.P. **Johnston**, Hamp **Bryant** and Joe **Phillips**, trustees.
3. Macedonia – J.O. **Nuckolls**, Adam **Goodwin** and Dave **Brown**, trustees.
4. Elizabeth No. 2 – J.E. **English**, Ran **Jackson** and Emmet **Robinson**, trustees.

Ward Five

1. Rocky Mount – J.M. **Henderson**, W.W. **Oglesby** and J.M. **Burks**, trustees; Miss Florence **Billingsly**, teacher.
2. Concord – J.J. **McKinney**, W.B. **McKinney** and H.D. **Bounds**, trustees.
3. McCall – J.B. **Whittington**, J.E. **Rabb** and Jes **Campbell**, trustees.
4. Phillips Hill – J.C. **Burks**, J.B. **Booker** and E.D. **Foster**, trustees; Miss Nettie **McCranie**, teacher.
5. Adair – J.F. **Adair** and J.E. **Young**, trustees.
6. Pine Grove (to be transported) – G.W. **Bryant**, M.R. **Merritt** and G.W. **Dalrymple**, trustees.
7. Bumgardner (to be transported) – L.R. **Bumgardner**, trustee; W.T. **Keith**, carrier.
8. Linton – W.R. **Bumgardner** and W.V. **Lay**, trustees; Ernest J. **Barker**, teacher.
9. Caney – T.P. **Larkin**, M. **Smith** and A. **Hoffpauir**, trustees; Miss Tommie **McCranie**, teacher.
10. Valley (to be transported) – Wm. **Pelt**, W.A. **Bounds** and James **Bass**, trustees.

Colored Schools [Ward Five]

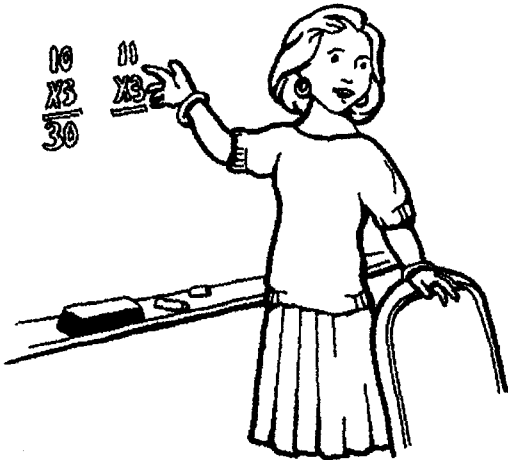
1. Gallilee – Marcus **Birdwell**, Dick **Lee** and Sam **Green**, trustees.
2. New Light – Morris **Jennings**, Will **Broom** and Robert **Sturd**, trustees.
3. Longview – E.J. **Bryant**, Mansell **Grayhouse** and S.J. **Johnson**, trustees.
4. Midway – A.J. **Jones**, W.C. **Coleman** and E.D. **English**, trustees.

Ward Six

1. Haughton High School – J.W. **Hays**, President; W.M. **Duty**, Secretary; G.W. **Smith**, R.L. **McAnn**, C.M. **Tucker**, C.D. **Sandidge** and J.G. **Willis**, trustees.
2. Koran – C.K. **McClanahan**, W.B. **Hamner** and Eugene **Sibley**, trustees.
3. Allentown – Trustees to be supplied.
4. Peas – M.C. **Bledsoe**, W.E. **Peas** and George **James**, trustees.
5. Fillmore (to be transported to Haughton) – D.A. **Horton**, G.L. **Jowers** and C.E. **Beauchamp**, trustees.
6. Kingswood – To be transported by S.S. **Rounsavall**.

Colored Schools [Ward Six]

1. Haughton – J.M. **Moore**, Tom **Jones** and J.M. **Dreyton**, trustees.
2. Ebernezer – H.L. **Skanal**, Dave **Marshall** and Joe **Randle**, trustees.
3. Bellevue – L.C. **Biggs**, Pete **Marshall** and Sam **Jenkins**, trustees.
4. Camp Zion – Loye **McDade**, Tom **Lee** and Butler **Jones**, trustees.
5. St John's – C.W. **Berry**, Henry **Davis** and Berry **Jackson**, trustees.
6. Edwards and Wilson – N.B. **Murff**, Arthur **Edwards** and Tom **Wilson**, trustees.
7. Tooke – M.C. **Bledsoe**, H. **Myers** and Frank **Dickey**, trustees.



Welcome New Members

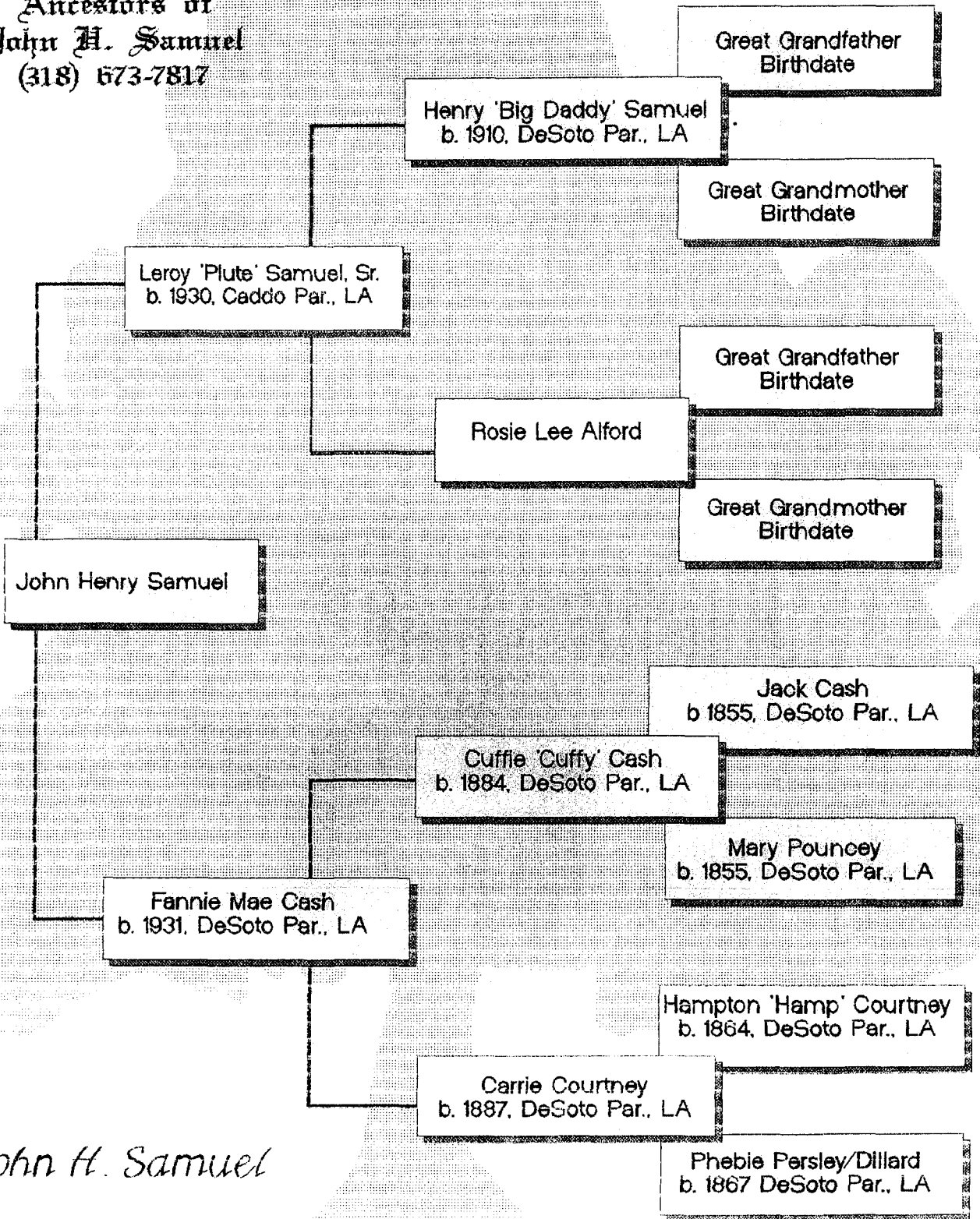
We are pleased to welcome the following as new members of our association.

COLE, Monnie H.
4511 Lee Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71107-2933

SLOCUM, Mary
P. O. Box 13311, Monroe, LA 71213-3311
Researching: Patterson, Hammock, Bornes, Cockerham

TALLANT, Mary Kay
2926 Lakeview Road, Shreveport, LA 71107-5612

Ancestors of
John H. Samuel
 (318) 673-7817



John H. Samuel

Family Group Sheet

Husband: Moses Jackson, Sr.	
Born: Abt. 1825	in: Tennessee
Wife: Binah 'viny'	
Born: Abt. 1836	in: Tennessee

CHILDREN

1	M	Name: Aaron "AJ" Jackson Born: 1849 Married: 1872 Spouse: Julia Ann Tannehill	in: Tennessee
2	F	Name: Nancy Jackson Born: Jun 1851 Married: Spouse: Unknow Dickerson Married: 18 Dec 1889 Spouse: Jack Howard Married: 27 Mar 1937 Spouse: H. W. Drayton	in: Winnfield, Winn Parish, Louisiana in: Winn Parish, LA in: Winnfield, Winn Parish, Louisiana
3	M	Name: Isaac Jackson Born: 1852 Married: Spouse: Laura Anderson	in: Winnfield, Winn Parish, Louisiana
4	M	Name: Asbery Jackson Born: Mar 1855 Died: 1910 Married: Spouse: Emeline "time" Satcher	in: Winnfield, Winn Parish, Louisiana
5	M	Name: Philip 'Olde Tyme Phil' Jackson Born: 1856 Married: Spouse: Laura Married: Spouse: Elizabeth	in: Winnfield, Winn Parish, Louisiana
6	F	Name: Winnie Jackson Born: Dec 1860 Married: 1878 Spouse: Thomas 'Tom' Walker	in: Tennessee
7	M	Name: Warren Jackson Born: 1862	in: Winnfield, Winn Parish, Louisiana
8	M	Name: Sheppard Jackson Born: Jan 1865 Died: 1904 Married: 26 Dec 1889 Spouse: Gussie Williams	in: Winnfield, Winn Parish, Louisiana in: Montgomery, Grant Parish, Louisiana in: Montgomery, Grant Parish, Louisiana
9	M	Name: Moses "mu" Jackson, Jr. Born: 1866	in: Winnfield, Winn Parish, Louisiana
10	M	Name: Ceaser 'Ceaszer' Jackson Born 1: Feb 1868 Born 2: Feb 1868 Married: Spouse: Catherine Tison Married: 06 Aug 1892 Spouse: Laura Sapp Married: 26 Dec 1899 Spouse: Catherine 'Aunt Kitty' Tison	in: Winnfield, Winn Parish, Louisiana in: Grant Parish, Louisiana in: Montgomery, Grant Parish, Louisiana
11	F	Name: Sallie Jackson Born: 20 Jan 1872 Died: 23 Sep 1911 Married: Spouse: George Brownfield, Sr.	in: Grant Parish, Louisiana in: St. Maurice, Winn Parish, Louisiana

Any information on this family or any one member of this family will be greatly appreciated. *The members of this family lived in the Winn Parish and Grant Parish area.* Willie Griffin: wraygriffin3@bellsouth.net

Annie McCune – A Shreveport Legend

[A skit written and performed by Patricia Peyton, on February 15, 2001 for the Era Ladies Club. This sketch was drawn entirely from the carefully researched and delightful account of Annie McCune: Shreveport Madam, by the late Goodloe Stuck and published by Moran Publishing Corp. in Baton Rouge.]

The minute you walked through the door,
I could tell you were a man of distinction!
Hey, Big Spender - - - -
Come and spend a little time with me.

Good afternoon, Ladies. Thank you for inviting me to join you on this special occasion – especially on the day following that honoring St. Valentine, a man who was a real lover!

Perhaps you've heard my name whispered by your fathers or grandfathers. In any event, allow me to introduce myself. I run a little establishment at 910 Fannin—very close to the site of our newly erected convention center. (Hey, that Center should prove to be an asset for MY business.) My place is the finest of its kind—not only in **St. Paul's Bottoms** but anywhere in this nation where the “natural urges” of men are frankly acknowledged. We are located in a legal “red light” district carefully defined and officially approved in February 1903 by Shreveport's seven councilmen!

Who am I? None other than **Annie McCune**, unofficial Queen of the Bottoms and Mother Superior for a bevy of lovely, young ladies who – for a price – regularly offer our patrons good company and “release” for their “manly” tensions.

Since the 1890's, my place of business has also been my home. Like you, Ladies, I do appreciate comfort and enjoy luxurious surroundings. I buy all my household furnishings from Booth Furniture Company on Texas Avenue and the manager there will affirm I buy only the best! For instance, my salon and other public rooms feature leather settees and intricately carved chairs, a mahogany grandfather clock, sterling silver tableware, and an elegant, cut-crystal chandelier. The centerpiece of my private bedroom (which, on occasion, I share with longstanding patrons) is an ornately carved walnut bed with a towering canopy, red brocade hangings held back by gilt cupids, black satin sheets, and lace-edged pillows. Only the best is good enough for Annie McCune!

Now a word about “My” girls. I always say this: “My girls are a helluva lot better’n some that’s a’givin’ it away.” And despite rumors you may have heard, I accept only the best, and I never, never employ “inexperienced” girls. When these innocents apply, I invariably contact a local clergyman for help returning these wayward girls to their parents. If that isn’t possible, I do my best to find them shelter at the Genevieve Orphanage. There, at least, they have certain advantages that were never mine as the daughter of poor Irish immigrants to New Orleans.

Something else about “My” girls. I love them, and they love me. The one thing I will not tolerate is a patron who mistreats them. After all, we look after our patrons, and my girls are clean. In fact, they are examined regularly by local physicians for “social” diseases! After all, quality control is as important to me as it is for all our downtown merchants (some of whom are our patrons).

Thought I don’t allow my girls to recklessly expose themselves to disease, I frequently expose them to cultural experiences. For instance, we recently attended a mesmerizing performance of *Ben Hur* at the Grand Opera House on Texas Street. If you were there, you probably saw us arriving by horse-drawn carriages. We were attired in formal finery and sat on the front row of the balcony. Now, Ladies, I certainly could have afforded orchestra seating. However, as a woman of refinement, I am mindful of the distress we might have caused some of your husbands had we been seated next to you!

(Don black shawl)

Lest you have the impression that mine has been a life of pure pleasure, I must tell you that in my time, I have suffered the loss of two husbands and a darling daughter, Ada Mary Carlile, who was born in 1895 and who lived but five precious years. It is a comfort that she is buried beside me at **Oakland Cemetery**.

Yes, I am long since dead. Following the amputation of my left leg left gangrenous by diabetes and a subsequent bout of pneumonia, I departed this life on June 13, 1920.

My death at age 75 was graciously reported by the **Shreveport Journal** in a headline story that described me

. . . a generous sprit and . . . among the contributors to many charitable funds raised in Shreveport for many years. Her acquaintances recall numerous acts of kindness that she performed as an unostentatious sympathizer.

My funeral at Wellman’s Undertaking Parlor was well attended—why even the Shreveport mayor was present!

A further footnote: In the closing chapter of his book, Mr. Stuck tells of visiting the grave of Annie McCune and wondering whether that grave had ever been graced with a memorial floral arrangement befitting this legendary woman who had suffered much yet who afforded much pleasure and comfort to so many.

Therefore, on Sunday, June 3, 1973, the bulletin of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross announced that the altar flowers that day were given to "the glory of God and in loving memory of Annie McCune." During that morning service, the congregation joined in prayers for the departed – among them, *Annie McCune*.

Following the service, the flowers were carried to Oakland Cemetery and placed reverently beside Annie's headstone. While everyone bowed, the Reverend Kenneth Paul read the burial service.

At the time, some citizens took exception to this so-called sacrilege and made no bones about expressing their disapproval. Fortunately, many more citizens now realize that, in the eyes of God, we sinners are one and therefore Annie is surely one of us.

Finally, several years ago, I attended a Saturday evening communion service at Holy Cross. There I saw Mr. Stuck and told him that later in the week I would be re-telling his tale of Annie McCune to this group of ladies.

With a twinkle in his eye, Goodloe Stuck retorted: "*Just what kind of ladies!!!*"



Homestead Entry Case Files

The following **Homestead Entry Files** were recorded from a microfilm of "The Bossier Banner [Newspaper]", Benton, Louisiana; Jan. 2, 1908 – Dec. 29, 1910; No. 2006.022.015, Roll 15. Microfilm is located in the Bossier Parish Library History Center, Bossier City, LA.

[**Note:** The land records that are generally of most interest to genealogists are the land entry case files. These are records that document the transfer of public lands from the U.S. Government to private ownership.

There are over ten million such individual land transactions in the custody of the National Archives. These case files cover land entries in all 30 public land states.

The case files were filed as either: a) military bounty land warrants; b) pre-1908 general land entry files; or as c) post-1908 land entry files. The information required to access and order copies of the records will differ depending on which of these 3 categories the transaction falls into.

For land records in the remaining 20 states that were never part of the original public domain, check the State Archives for that particular state. This includes the original 13 colonies, plus Hawaii, Kentucky, Maine, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, and West Virginia.

Land case entry files can contain a wealth of genealogical information. Depending upon the type and time period of the land entry, the case file may yield only a few facts already known to the researcher or it may present new insights about ancestors, family history, title, and land use issues. For example, the records may attest to the one's age, place of birth, citizenship, military service, literacy, and economic status, and may even include similar information about family members. But even the smallest case files can establish locations of land ownership or settlement and dates essential to utilize other resources at NARA, such as census, court, and military service and pension records.]

Source: www.archives.gov/genealogy/land/index.html

Homestead Entry No. 8476.

Department of the Interior,
Land Office at Natchitoches, La.
January 13, 1908

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final five year proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of Court, at Benton, La., on Feb. 25, 1908, viz: *Homestead Entry No. 8475* – Lewis W. Whitworth, of Vanceville, La. – made July 27, 1900, for the west half of northwest quarter and southeast quarter of northwest quarter of section 20, township 19 north, range 12 west, Louisiana Meridian.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: C.I. Crouch and W. C. Hammett, of Linton, La.; Marion Gilliard, of Benton, La.; Richard Dabney, of Vanceville, La. **J. ERNEST BREDA, Register. January 23, 1908.**

Homestead Entry No. 9795.

Department of the Interior,
Land Office at Natchitoches, La.
January 13, 1908

Notice is here by given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final five year proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of Court at Benton, La., on Feb. 25, 1908, viz: *Homestead Entry No. 9795* – George Cole, of Sligo, La. – made Oct. 23, 1902, for the north half of southeast quarter and southeast quarter of southeast quarter of section 12, township 17 north, range 12 west, Louisiana Meridian.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: S. Hays and C. Brown, of Haughton, La.; S. Johnson and G. Underwood, of Sligo, La. **J. ERNEST BREDS, Register. January 23, 1908.**

Homestead Entry No. 10,862.

Department of the Interior,
Land Office at Natchitoches, La.
January 13, 1908

Notice is here by given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final commutation proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of Court at Benton, La., on Feb. 26, 1908, viz: *Homestead Entry No. 10,862* – Stephen W. Hayes, of Bluffs, LA., – made Feb. 1, 1905, for the south half of southwest quarter of section 2, township 17 north, range 12 west, Louisiana Meridian.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: W. E. McDade and Cornelius Parish, of Bluffs, La.; Spence Johnson, of Sligo, La., and Henry Dickson, of Haughton, La. **J. ERNEST BREDA, Register. January 23, 1908.**

Homestead Entry No. 8632.

Department of the Interior,
Land Office at Natchitoches, La.
January 13, 1908

Notice is here by given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final five year proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of Court at Benton, La., on

Feb. 26, 1908, viz: *Homestead Entry No. 8632* – John R. Matlock of Carterville, La., – made Nov. 16, 1900, for the southeast quarter of southeast quarter of section 27, township 23 north, range 12 west, Louisiana Meridian.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: E. D. Windsor, G. W. May, S. E. Garrett and A. H. Floyd, all of Carterville, La. **J. ERNEST BREDA, Register. January 23, 1908.**

Homestead Entry No. 10,666.

Department of the Interior,
Land Office at Natchitoches, La.
December 12, 1907

Notice is here by given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final commutation proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before B. A. Kelly, at Benton, La., on Feb. 10, 1908, viz: *Homestead Entry No. 10,666* – Alex Hamilton, of Ivan, La. – made Jan. 7, 1905, for the northeast quarter of northeast quarter of section 22, township 21 north, range 11 west, Louisiana Meridian.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of the land, viz: H. Rushing, J. Rushing, W. Hall and W. J. Bounds, all of Ivan, La. **J. ERNEST BREDA, Register. January 2, 1908.**

Homestead Entry No. 9877.

Department of the Interior,
Land Office at Natchitoches, La.
January 20, 1908

Notice is here by given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before B. A. Kelly, at Benton, La., on March 11, 1908, viz: *Homestead Entry No. 9877* – John B. Holland, of Ivan, La. – made Dec. 20, 1902, for the northeast quarter of northwest quarter of section 8, township 20 north, range 11 west, Louisiana Meridian.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of the land, viz: G. B. Coker, J. F. Adair, M. Young and J. B. Whittington, all of Ivan, La. **J. ERNEST BREDA, Register. January 30, 1908.**

Shiloh Cemetery, Beekman, Morehouse Parish, LA

Submitted by Isabelle M. Woods

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Directions to Cemetery: From Bastrop, LA, city limits, travel North for eight and six-tenth (8.6) miles to the intersection of Crossett Road and U.S. Highway 425. Turn left on Crossett Road for two and three-tenth (2.3) miles to Beekman Cemetery Road. Turn left on Beekman Cemetery Road. The Shiloh Cemetery is enclosed with a chain link fence, behind the Beekman Cemetery.

ID	Decedents	Birth	Death	Inscription/Comments
97	ANDERSON, Mrs. Ada		31 Jan 1983	Obituary, Bastrop (LA) Enterprise DTD 03 Feb 1983
49	ATKINS, Addie	04 Dec 1968	24 May 2003	
48	ATKINS, Mary M.	04 Mar 1936	18 Aug 1994	"Pete"
50	AUSTIN, Billie Sue	1931	1990	Vault Plate and FHM
98	AUSTIN, Willie Albert		05 Sep 1982	Obituary, Bastrop (LA) Enterprise DTD 09 Sep 1982
45	AUSTIN, Willie B.	11 Sep 1936	08 Dec 1998	Mother
13	BRADFORD, Katie Virginia	14 Apr 1927	16 Aug 1970	A Loving Mother and Grandmother
14	BRADFORD, Roosevelt	17 Jul 1921	03 Sep 1991	PVT US Army World War II
71	CALDWELL, Luther	16 May 1916	30 Jan 1993	Rest in Peace. Has a Cement Bench Near Headstone
70	CALDWELL, Rena Mae	20 May 1922	11 Dec 1987	Children: Eddie; Johnnie; Joyce; Douglas; Deborah; & Mickey
59	CARTER, Connie Peal	08 Dec 1939	06 Jan 1994	Wife
55	CASON, John A.	1894	1975	PVT US Army World War I
56	CASON, Martha	05 May 1905	06 Jan 1988	
31	COTTON, Freddie M(ae)	11 Mar 1925	13 Sep 2006	FP: Parents - Mr. & Mrs. Barbara and Homer Fudge
34	COTTON, Frederick	1966	2007	FHM
33	COTTON, Jr., Gurtha	16 Feb 1962	25Apr 1995	In Loving Memory
32	COTTON, Sr., Gurtha	26 Dec 1922	17 Mar 1992	US Army World War II
30	COTTON, Marshall W. H.		28 Dec 1915	Age 66 years
7	FIELDER, Lillian F.	30 Jul 1908	08 Mar 1978	
72	FREEMAN, Billy Ray	01 Aug 1963	18 Sep 1984	With Love, Mother
73	FREEMAN, Erman Dean Moore	04 Mar 1942	10 Nov 1996	



MRS. FREDDIE MAE (FUDGE) COTTON

OBITUARY

“Sister FREDDIE MAE FUDGE COTTON was born March 11, 1925 in Morehouse Parish to the late Barbara and Homer Fudge. She grew up in the Beekman Community where she was a member of the Shiloh Baptist Church. She later moved to Bastrop where she united with and served faithfully as a member at the Greater Magnolia Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. E. E. Hollins.

“Sister Freddie Mae was united in Holy Matrimony to the late Gurtha Cotton, Sr., in 1942. To this union nine children were born.

“She was a homemaker, nurse’s aide and food service technician for Morehouse Parish Schools.

“She was best known throughout the community as “Mear.” She ran “Freddie’s House of Love” from her bedroom recliner. She offered many words of wisdom to others by telephone.

“She shared her faith in God through her words, examples, and illness until God “gave her walking shoes home” on September 13, 2006 at 5:40 P.M. She left this earthly home to be with those loved ones who had gone on before: her husband, Gurtha, Sr., and their sons: Darrel (Ricky) and Gurtha, Jr.

“Her life and memories will be cherished by her children: Hazel Hay and Carolyn King of Pine Bluff, AR; Melvin (Sara) of Summit Point, WV; Janice Robinson (Larry), Vanessa Faye Moore, Arthurnese Zeretta Nimmer (David), and Margaret Cotton—all of Bastrop; her sisters: Uvernia McCoy of Seattle, WA; Ora Fudge Evans (Joseph) of Bastrop; and Earline Lollar of Junction City, TN; two sisters-in-law: Clarice Terrence of Detroit, MI; and MacNeil Martin of Kansas City, KS; eleven grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and a host of special nieces and nephews. Other loved ones include an adopted son, Willie McKee, many friends, acquaintances, church members and neighbors.”

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Source: “The Home Going Celebration For Sister Freddie Mae Fudge Cotton” (photo) dated September 17, 2006, in possession of Mrs. Isabelle Woods, 2016 Surrey Lane, Bossier City, Louisiana.

Shiloh Cemetery, Beekman, Morehouse Parish, LA

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39	FUDGE, C. H.	08 Apr 1910	09 Jun 2001	DUO W/Norma Mae Fudge
36	FUDGE, Estalla Mack	1901	1975	Gone But Not Forgotten
65	FUDGE, Henry C.	08 Dec 1923	01 May 1943	Louisiana PVT Infantry
66	FUDGE, Jessie	1922	1975	TEC5 US Army World War II
16	FUDGE, Larry	02 Sep 1950	19 Nov 1978	Love and Care
37	FUDGE, Louis	24 Sep 1906	25 May 1998	Valute
38	FUDGE, Norma Mae	06 May 1932	Blank	DUO W/ Rev. C. H. Fudge
52	FUDGE, Oscar	09 Aug 1928	25 Jan 1975	PVT US Army Korea
75	FUDGE, Ray Louis	13 Aug 1935	09 Apr 1995	
79	FUDGE, Velma	28 Jan 1928	22 Jan 1989	
67	GIVENS, Goldmer Lee	22 Oct 1927	07 Jun 1985	My Lord is My Refuge
69	GREEN, Dester Johnson	14 Oct 1914	23 Dec 1993	
76	HENDRIX, Earnest C.	22 Feb 1922	08 May 2002	
77	HENDRIX, Sr., William H.	22 Apr 1917	03 Jan 1996	Husband and Daddy. A Cement Bench at Headstone.
19	HICKS, M.	1852	1910	Aug. 31, F.L.T.
3	JACKSON, Hallie Smith	22 Feb 1911	02 Jul 2002	In Loving Memory
95	JOHNSON, Mrs. Cara M.		?? Jan 1977	Obituary, Bastrop (LA) Enterprise DTD 26 Jan 1977 - P
92	KENDRIX, Caroline		28 Jun 1978	Obituary, Bastrop (LA) Enterprise DTD 30 Jun 1978
1	KNIGHTEN, Callie Smith Wells	17 Jan 1910	21 Dec 1987	DUO W/John Joseph Knighten
2	KNIGHTEN, John Joseph	31 Mar 1934	23 Jul 1998	DUO W/Callie Smith Wells Knighten
57	LAWSON, James L.	28 Feb 1920	22 May 1999	PFC U.S. Army World War II
54	LAWSON, Maliza	27 May 1900	12 Jul 1975	Wife
21	McMILLAN, Henry C.	20 Aug 1905	01 Jul 1969	LA TEC5 334 Engineers World War II
17	McMILLAN, Joe	19 Mar 1883	05 Feb 1902	Son of George & Alice McMillan
80	McMILLAN, Millie		18 Nov 1987	FHM
23	McMILLAN, Alice Jean	06 Sep 1950	05 Dec 1993	Mother/ Love Your Children: Tina, Tonya and Tremaine
22	McMILLAN, I. V.	21 May 1889	19 Dec 1978	A Loving Mother and Granddaughter
81	McMILLAN, David	20 Dec 1907	23 Jul 1987	FHM
20	McMILLAN, Jr., George	13 Sep 1887	23 Jul 1977	

OBITUARY

"MRS. GOLDMER LEE GIVENS, 58, died Friday, June 7, at Morehouse General Hospital.

"Funeral services are set for Wednesday, June 12 at 1 p.m. in the Shiloh Baptist Church at Beekman.

"Interment will be in Shiloh Cemetery under the direction of Montgomery's Funeral Home.

"Survivors include her husband, Melvin Givens, Sr., of Bastrop; two sons: Melvin Givens, Jr., of Baton Rouge, and Virgil Bernard Givens of Ossining, N. Y.; two daughters: Betty Rose Johnson, Ossining, and Billy Jean Givens, Crossett, Ark.; two brothers: Hayward B. Sholars of Shreveport and Billie Mallie Sholars of Tallulah; two sisters: Barbara J. Sholars of White Plains, NM. Y.; and Lula Mae Williams of Dallas, Texas; and nine grandchildren.

"A quiet hour is set for tonight at Montgomery's Chapel from 7:00 until 8:00."

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Source: Obituary of Mrs. Goldmer Lee Givens in *Bastrop Enterprise*, Bastrop, Louisiana, dated June 11, 1985, Family History Club Library, Snyder Museum, Bastrop, Louisiana.

OBITUARY

"Funeral services for MRS. CARA MAE JOHNSON, 35, will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Shiloh Baptist Church with the Rev. Floyd Evans officiating.

"Interment will be in the Beekman Cemetery under the direction of Loche's Mortuary.

"Mrs. Johnson died Saturday morning in Morehouse General Hospital after a short illness. She was a native of Bonita but lived at 804 Hood Street in Bastrop until shortly before her death.

"Survivors include her husband, Roy Johnson of Bastrop; her children: Percy Trotter, Barbara Trotter, Troy Johnson, Shea Johnson, Steve Johnson, Lovern Johnson, Gladys Johnson, and Shuntel Johnson; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Quickman Trotter of Bastrop; three sisters: Mrs. Margie Muse and Mrs. Earnice C. Muse, both of Bastrop; and Mrs. Ocelene Trotter of Huntsville, Texas; two brothers: Quickman Trotter, Jr., and Leroy Trotter, both of Bastrop."

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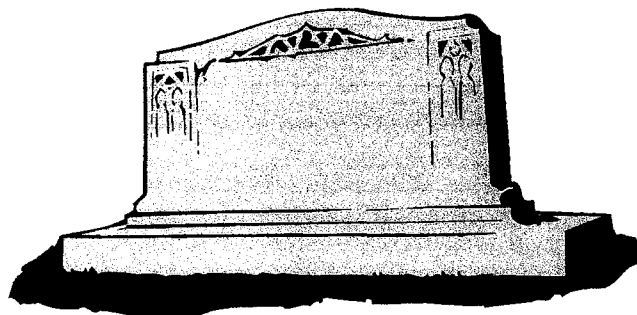
Source: Obituary of Mrs. Cara M. Johnson in *Bastrop Enterprise*, Bastrop, Louisiana, dated January 26, 1977, Family History Club Library, Snyder Museum, Bastrop, Louisiana.

Shiloh Cemetery, Beekman, Morehouse Parish, LA

18	McMILLAN, Joe	04 Mar 1830	14 Jun 1908	Headstone is in Pieces on the ground.
82	McMILLAN, Sarah	15 Aug 1898	22 Dec 1986	FHM
11	NIMMER, Louis	22 Feb 1919	03 Apr 1981	Husband in Loving Memory
12	NIMMER, Louis G.	07 Jun 1935	19 Jun 2000	PFC U.S. Army
10	NIMMER, Ozella M.	26 Jul 1911	11 Jul 2006	Sweetly Sleeping
35	NORSWORTHY, Sherman	05 Jul 1895	16 Oct 1918	U.S.A. (Army?) PVT
60	NORSWORTHY, Willie Mae	18 Nov 1937	26 Mar 1999	Mother
78	ODOM, J. C.		28 May 1986	FHM
15	ODOM, James Curtis	31 Aug 1953	26 Jan 2006	SP 4 U.S. Army Vietnam National Defense Service Medal
94	PARKS, Flora M.		31 May 1985	Obituary, Bastrop (LA) Enterprise DTD 05 Jun 1985
90	PUTNEY, Mrs. Mattie Lee		?? Oct 1977	Obituary, Bastrop (LA) Enterprise DTD 22 Oct 1977
74	RABUN, Sister Gladys Fudge	05 Dec 1930	04 Oct 2006	
6	REED, Gladys S.	02 Sep 1897	14 Aug 1988	Our Precious Mother
29	ROBINSON, Loyd	28 Mar 1901	30 Jul 1988	Rest In Peace
24	SAMPSON, Lutherea (McMillan)	02 Jan 1948	24 Jun 2006	"Mama Lou"
27	SCOTT, Sr., Jasper W.	14 Jan 1881	20 Aug 1964	
25	SCOTT, Julius S.	18 Jun 1911	19 Aug 1991	PFC U.S. Army World War II
46	SCOTT, Linda K.	17 Jan 1951	15 Nov 1997	"Mama K"
28	SCOTT, Lucy E.	24 Feb 1901	09 Nov 1967	
26	SCOTT, Mattie E.	09 Jan 1882	02 May 1925	She Was The Sunshine of Our Home
51	SHEPPARD, Gloria	1935	1963	None Knew Thee But To Love Thee
68	SHOLARS, John Ben	14 May 1929	06 May 1976	Headstone is Under a Large Bush
62	SMITH, Alma Fudge	02 Feb 1889	08 Nov 1965	Mama
83	SMITH, Arthur	01 May 1882	20 Nov 1901	Son of Bell and Harry Smith
64	SMITH, Rev. E. W.	21 Nov 1912	01 Jun 2003	Cordie and The Boys and (y)our Beloved Sadie. Vault
63	SMITH, Herman Albert	25 Oct 1889	26 Mar 1970	Papa
4	SMITH, Lee Roy	15 Nov 1904	15 Apr 1994	Mason
9	SMITH, Marion Pink Smith	1877	1967	Mason
85	SPIKES, Deniese	29 Jul 1979	29 Oct 1979	3 Mos. FHM

Shiloh Cemetery, Beekman, Morehouse Parish, LA

86	SPIKES, Johnny	19 Mar 1964	12 May 1991	27 Yrs. FHM
84	SPIKES, Allen Roy		23 May 1988	49 Yrs. FHM
43	THARPE, Hallie Smith	-- Feb 1880	02 Mar 1966	Mother
44	THARPE, Joseph	15 Apr 1888		Age 65 Yrs.
41	THORPE, Mamie	06 Oct 1907	17 Oct 1990	Mother
42	THORPE, Uriah	26 Aug 1919	14 Oct 1975	
89	TOBIN, Jr., Woodrow Wilson		18 Feb 1980	Obituary, Bastrop (LA) Enterprise DTD 22 Feb 1980
91	TROTTER, Oselean		?? Oct 1985	Obituary, Bastrop (LA) Enterprise DTD 02 Nov 1985
47	WHEELER, Barbara	09 Apr 1899	18 Jun 1996	(Mama By By)
61	WHEELER, Napoleon	01 Aug 1907	26 Jun 1928	
93	WHEELER, Oscar A.		31 Jan 1978	Obituary, Bastrop (LA) Enterprise DTD 02 & 03 Feb 1978
96	WHITMORE, Cornell		10 May 1981	Obituary, Bastrop (LA) Enterprise DTD 13 May 1981
53	WILLIAMS, Ernie L.	1929	2005	Valute
40	WILLIAMS, Jack	1868	1951	
87	WILLIAMS, Joseph Cortez			
58	WILLIAMS, Margaret	18 Mar 1903	16 Apr 1984	Gone But Not Forgotten
8	WILLIAMS, Olevé	25 May 1887	23 Jul 1969	Placed by Donna and Henry S. Brown
5	WILLIAMS, Jr., Thessalonia	08 Feb 1948	16 Sep 1992	Son
88	WOODARD, Gertrude Whitmor		10 Oct 1992	



Bossier Parish School Board Proceedings Benton, LA, January 3, 1891

Submitted by Willie R. Griffin

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School Board of Bossier Parish met in regular session. Present: **J. B. Thompson, President; J. N. Bryan, W. J. Johnston, J. N. Platt, J. B. Adger, J. H. Keyser.**

When **Mr. J. D. Rogers**, a newly appointed member, appeared, took the oath of office, received his commission and participated in the proceedings.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A committee was appointed to wait on the Treasurer to ascertain the amount of money on hand and to be received for school purposes for the year 1891, who reported:

Cash on hand, \$5,091.65; Amount to be received on Township Fund, \$2,700.00; Amount apportionment from State, \$1,800.00; Total of \$9,591.63.

Following schools were located:

[Some schools were recorded with trustees and teachers.]

Ward 1:

One white school at Moss school house.

Trustees: **T. B. Moss, W. H. Bishop and G. A. F. Poole.**

One white school at Ash Point.

Trustees: **Thos. G. Pickett, W. D. Mercer, E. S. Dortch.**

One white school at A. Curtis school house.

One colored school at Knox Point.

Ward 2:

One white school at Benton.

Trustees: **Dr. B. Wise, Chas. Kingsley, A. G. Teague.**

Teacher: **Miss Kingsley.**

One colored school at Benton.

Trustees: **A. G. Teague, Richmond Jones, Wm. Smith.**
Teacher: **B. S. Paul.**

One colored school at Macedonia.

Trustees: **C. E. Byrd, Allen Ralph, Byram Rawls.**
Teacher: **S. H. Ralph.**

One Colored school at Hurricane Bluff.

Trustees: **Sam'l Boggs, John Marshall, Henry Mitchell.**
Teacher: **A. J. Smith.**

Ward 3:

One white school at Strayhan's.

Trustee: **J. F. Strayhan, J. L. C. Graham, Hill Hendricks.**
Teacher: **Miss Esther Thompson.**

One white school at Alden.

Trustees: **I. F. Elder, John Campbell, Jr., D. Sprott.**

One white school at Oak Hill.

Trustees: **J. N. Bryan, A. M. Hightower, R. B. Wise.**
Teacher: **Miss Sanders.**

One white school at Collinsburg.

Trustees: **J. R. Cavett, Jas. Riley, John H. Nattin.**
Teacher: **Miss Jim Thompson.**

One white school at Plain Dealing.

Trustees: **W. B. Goggs, J. J. Swindle, R. S. Doles.**
Teacher: **J. E. Johnston.**

One white school at Cottage Grove.

Trustees: **Dr. J. S. Millings, John Pickett, E. H. Durbin.**

One colored school at Paysinger's.

Trustees: **George Paysinger, Sam Law, Cornelius Howard.**

One colored school at Mr. Zion.

Trustees: **S. T. James, Albert Watson, Wm. Smith.**
Teacher: **N. L. Paul.**

One colored school at Lewisville.

Trustees: **Matt Stewart, Tobe Lyles.**

One colored school at Cottage Grove.

Trustee: **George Chambers, Henry Chambers, Tom Phillips.**

Ward 4:

One white school at Ansel.

Trustees: **W. A. Stroud, Israel Rogers, W. F. McClelland.**

One white school at Walker's Chapel.

Trustees: **Roxie Matlock, J. V. Kilgore, O. C. Cason.**

Teacher: **Mrs. L. E. Delaune.**

One white school at Center.

Trustees: **J. E. Holloway, G. R. Garrett, S. J. Boggs.**

Teacher: **J. B. Mading.**

One white school at Franks'.

Trustees: **J. D. Rogers, J. W. Dodson, H. M. Matlock.**

Teacher: **J. J. Stubbs.**

One white school at Red Land.

Trustees: **A. K. Edens, G. P. Winget, F. M. Johnson.**

One white school at Heifner's.

Trustees: **J. E. Rogers, J. L. Gore, W. E. Holloway.**

White school at Union Hill.

Trustees: **R. H. Curry, A. J. Demoss, John Gleason.**

Teacher: **Miss Lena Gleason.**

One colored school at Elizabeth church.

Trustees: **Alex Long, Wm. Jackson, Sam Neil.**

One colored school at Ansel.

Trustees: **Josiah Phillips, Bossier Bankhead, Sam Bryant.**

Colored school at Enon church.

Trustees: **Henry Thomas, Milton Ford, Frank Johnson.**

Teacher: **Adam Godwin.**

Ward 5:

White school at Rocky Mount.

Trustees: **Rev. Euos B. Foust, Dr. C. H. Irion, J. P. Gleason.**

Teacher: **Lee S. Swor.**

White school at Keith's.

Trustees: **Dr. G. W. Lockey, Charles Jones, A. Carr.**

White school at Whittington's.

Trustees: **J. B. Whittington, John M. McCall, D. M. Morrison.**

Teacher: **Miss Emma Hall.**

White school at Pine Grove.

Trustees: **A. L. Byram, Geo. Dalrymple, H. H. Montgomery.**
Teacher: **Mrs. C. B. Norman.**

White school at Concord.

Trustees: **F. J. Burks, Green B. Wilson, Joseph J. McKinney.**
Teacher: **L. E. Wallace.**

White school at Adger and Hanks'.

Trustees: **Capt. F. M. Hanks, W. L. Adger, Capt. B. R. Nash.**
Teacher: **Miss Carrie Rabb.**

Colored school at Longview.

Colored school at Gallilee.

Trustees: **R. B. Martin, Alf Thomas, A. B. Martin.**
Teacher: **Allen Brown.**

Colored school at New Light church.

Trustees: **Moses Jennings, Richard McCullough, Mose Dalrymple.**

Colored school at Midway.

Trustees: **Capt. Thos. Lyles, Tobe Coleman, Jack Powell.**
Teacher: **Henry Coleman.**

Ward 6:

White school at Bellevue.

Teacher: **W. A. LeRosen.**

White school at Fillmore.

Trustees: **J. W. Rains, J. W. Prince, W. H. Bledsoe.**
Teacher: **Miss Dollie Fort.**

White school at Haughton.

Trustees: **Dr. Paul Lawrence, J. G. Grounds, Dr. Pennington.**

White school at Pease's school house.

Trustees: **E. L. Houston, J. H. Bosley, J. H. Sibley.**
Teacher: **Miss Nona Griffin.**

Colored school at Bellevue.

Colored school at Asbury church.

Colored school at Filmore.

Trustees: **Geo. Fullwood, Tom Copeland, Arthur Hawkins.**

Colored school at Haughton.

Trustees: **Phil Williams, Holland Lawson, Enoch Sykes.**

Colored school at Mims' school house.

Trustees: **Hal Sweeny, Tom Rascoe, Frank Burks.**

Colored school at Edwards' School house.

Trustees: **Arthur G. Edwards, Tom Wilson, Isaac Patterson.**

It was moved and seconded, That all teachers and patrons of public schools come forward and pay their poll tax.

On motion, No teacher can draw pay when report is not signed by at least two trustees.

Moved and seconded, That J. H. Keyser is allowed \$6.00 for express charges on public documents.

It was resolved, That the times of opening the schools be left to the trustees and patrons of the schools.

All children between the ages of 6 and 18 are to be admitted to the schools without extra charge.

One motion, The schools were authorized to be run for five months during the year 1891.

A resolution was submitted by the Bossier Parish Farmers' Union and not acted upon, for the reason that what it asked for was already the law of the Board.

The President appointed on said committee **J. J. Stubbs, J. R. Reynolds and M. H. Brock.**

The Treasurer, **W. H. Scanland**, submitted his report.

On motion, adjourned sine die. **J. B. Thompson**, President. **J. H. Keyser**, Sec'y and Supt.

Facts about the Ark-La-Tex: The states

Arkansas

Did you know?

- Arkansas' first permanent European settlement was in 1686
- Arkansas was admitted to the USA on June 15, 1836; and became the 25th state to be added to the Union.
- Little Rock is the State's Capital
- The official state flag of Arkansas was chosen in a design contest in 1913; and the winner was Miss Willie K. Hocker. The flag's design was finalized in 1926. Sixty-five separate flag designs were entered into the contest, sponsored by the Pine Bluff Chapter of the D.A.R. to present a state flag to the battleship U.S.S. Arkansas that was about to be commissioned.
- The diamond shapes in the center of the flag, on a rectangular field of red represent the only place in North America where diamonds have been discovered and mined.
- The twenty-five white stars around the diamond represent that Arkansas was the twenty-fifth state to join the Union.
- The three blue stars in the lower part of the center represent Spain, France and the United States, the countries that have ruled Arkansas.
- The blue star in the upper center represents that Arkansas was a member of the Confederate States during the Civil War.
- The Arkansas flag colors are: Red, White and Blue; this means that Arkansas is one of the United States of America.
- Origin of the name Arkansas...French variant of Quapaw a Siouan people meaning "downstream people."

Louisiana

Did you know?

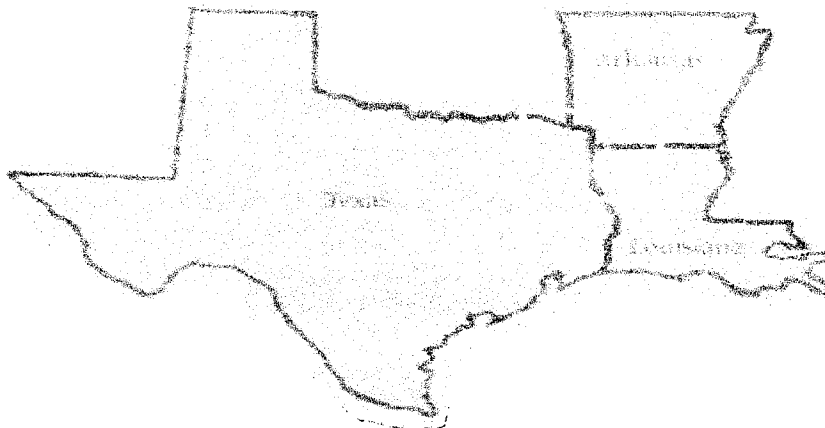
- Louisiana's first permanent European settlement was in 1699.
- Louisiana was admitted to the USA on April 30, 1812; and became the 18th state to be added to the Union.
- Baton Rouge is the State's Capital
- In 1912, the Louisiana State Legislature officially adopted the present state flag.

- The Louisiana state's flag bears a mother pelican, on a field of solid blue, feeding and protecting her brood.
- The Eastern Brown Pelican represent the state bird, and has long been a symbol of Louisiana since the 1800s.
- The Louisiana state's flag design shows the state's role as the protector of its people and resources.
- The state motto: "Union, Justice, and Confidence"
- The Louisiana state's flag colors are: Blue and white, trimmed in Gold.
- Origin of the name Louisiana...Part of territory called Louisiana by Sieur de LaSalle from France King Louis XIV.

Texas

Did you know?

- Texas' first permanent European settlement was in 1682
- Texas was admitted to the USA on December 29, 1845; and became the 28th state to be added to the Union.
- Austin is the State's Capital.
- The Texas state flag was adopted as the state flag in 1839.
- Texas often is called the Lone Star State because of its state flag with a single star.
- This flag was also the flag of the Republic of Texas.
- The Long Star Flag consist of "a blue perpendicular stripe of the width of one-third of the whole length of the flag, with a white star of five points in the center thereof, and two horizontal stripes of equal breadth, the upper stripe white, the lower red, of the length of two-thirds of the whole flag".
- The state flag's colors represent the same virtues as they did in the flag of the United States, the blue stands for loyalty, the white represent strength, and the red is for bravery.
- Origin of the name Texas...Varian of word used by Caddo and other Indians meaning friends or allies, and applied to them by the Spanish in eastern Texas; also written texitas, tejas, and teysas.



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