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## President's Message

Our association has enjoyed a very productive summer and we have benefited from a number of educational events. In July we were fortunate to have as our guest speaker Lora Peppers of the Ouachita Parish Public Library. Lora has conducted a vast amount of research into historical newspapers of Monroe and West Monroe. For her presentation, she vividly described a number of prominent individuals and politicians from an earlier era, based on information found in obituaries and other newspaper articles. Many of the people she included in her presentation led a very colorful life. Never discount obituaries as a great source of genealogical information.

Our seminar held in August was very much a success. Attendees representing a number of genealogical societies in North Louisiana were present, including Shreveport's GENCOM and Friends of Genealogy (FOG). It is always great to have other organizations support and participate in our events.

In early September, several from our association met in Little Rock, Arkansas for the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) conference. This was an exciting opportunity to choose from over 90 speakers that lectured on more than 175 topics during the four day conference. The conference also included an exhibit hall with over 75 vendors and exhibitors. Some 1000 attendees gathered to meet, network, and trade research stories and tips with folks who share our passion. It was exciting to hear of plans from FamilySearch.org and Ancestry.com to expand their online data bases, as well as the digitizing of thousands of records and books that will someday be available to online researchers.

In September, our featured speaker for our monthly program was Susan Hardtner. Ms. Hardtner was one of the founders of the Shreveport Garden Study Club who partnered with the Friends of Greenwood Cemetery to guide the preservation and beautification efforts at that cemetery. Her very enlightening presentation included showing photographic slides of Greenwood Cemetery with its remarkable monuments and speaking about the lives of some of the more prominent citizens buried there. Many of those buried at Greenwood Cemetery played a significant role in the history of Louisiana and Shreveport. Due to similar topographical features, Ms. Hardtner advised that Mount Auburn Cemetery, a national landmark, in Boston, Massachusetts has been chosen as a model for landscaping and future developments for Greenwood Cemetery. It was a pleasure to have Ms Hardtner as our speaker.

Also, in this letter, I would like to recognize one of the most conscientious and loyal members of our association. That person is Chris Stoll, who is a long time member and has served on our board of directors. She is our publicity coordinator, and also takes charge of hospitality matters, whether the task is preparing name tags, soliciting volunteers to provide refreshments, or greeting and assisting our visitors. She is always instrumental in 'connecting the dots' to make sure our meetings and programs run smoothly. We are very fortunate to have Chris as a member of our association.

Jim Johnson  
President

## THE THOMAS BARBER SUCCESSION

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The legacy left by Mr. Thomas Barber is of having been one of Morehouse Parish's prominent and successful African-American farmers. By his death in 1899, Mr. Barber had built a self-sufficient agricultural business through thrift, ingenuity, and the innate ability to make sound financial decisions.

According to census records, Thomas Barber and his parents were born in Maryland. Thomas was born about 1824.

Other than his place of birth, very little is known of Mr. Barber's life. Had it not been for the lengthy legal battle between his step-grandson, Woody Watson, and Thomas Barber's second wife, Clara, over the administration and/or control of Thomas Barber's estate, we would have known even less of Mr. Barber's legacy.

The earliest official record in Morehouse Parish on Thomas Barber is an 1874 marriage record legalizing a thirty-year relationship. On February 12, 1874, Reverend John L. Benton performed the ceremony uniting Thomas Barber and Dorcas Dyson in holy matrimony at the Court House in Bastrop, Louisiana.<sup>1</sup>

Dorcas' age is questionable. In the 1870 Census for Morehouse Parish, Louisiana, Mrs. Dorcas Barber is 50 years old and was born in South Carolina. In 1880, she is 54 years old. She died in May 1889, precluding a third comparison.<sup>2,3</sup>



AMERICUS WATSON  
1825-1910

Official documents regarding her son, Americus Watson, further complicate an estimate of Dorcas' age. Testimony taken in litigation state that Americus was born to the union of Dorcas Dyson and Woodley Watson, Sr., (b ca 1799).<sup>4</sup> According to the 1900 Census, Americus was born in Louisiana in August 1825, resided in Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, and was 75 years old.<sup>5</sup> If estimated birth data regarding Americus is valid, Dorcas allegedly gave birth to her son either in 1820 when Dorcas was five years old or in 1826, a year after Americus was born.

On February 15, 1875, Mr. W. M. Washburn, Public Surveyor, filed a survey made on February 9th of Mr. Thomas Barber's land described as Lot 2 in Section 13, Township 20 North Range 4 East. This land is in Perryville, a suburb of Bastrop, Louisiana, on Nebo Road east of the Mount Nebo Church and Cemetery.<sup>6</sup>

The newlyweds probably joined the neighboring Mount Nebo United Methodist Church. One of the first six Methodist churches in Morehouse Parish, the Mount Nebo United Methodist Church and Cemetery were established on land purchased for twenty dollars on September 19, 1879, from Mr. and Mrs. Jennie H. and R. J. Bouschelle of Boone County, Missouri. Mr. James Hunter, Trustee, finalized the purchase on behalf of the "Colored Methodist Episcopal Church of Morehouse Parish, State of Louisiana" for two acres of land situated on "Part of Section 13, Township 20, Range 4 East, District north of the Red River, Louisiana." The deed was filed by Isaac T. Naff, Deputy Recorder for Morehouse Parish, State of Louisiana on December 1, 1879.<sup>7</sup>

In June 1854, Americus Watson had presented Dorcas with a grandson, Woodley Watson, whose mother is not known. The Barbers raised Woodley Watson from an infant. In 1870 Woodley was 14 years old in the Barber household. Since both Dorcas and Thomas

Barber could not read or write, Woodley was a valuable asset to them. The education the Barbers afforded him sufficiently prepared Woodley to handle the bookkeeping of the cotton gin, farm operations, a general store, cotton houses, employees, and other businesses in which the Barbers were engaged.<sup>4</sup>

By 1900 Woodley Watson was a teacher and farm hand. He married Laura Wilson (b ca 1850) and was the father of ten children of which eight survived: David E. N (Napoleon?), Pearly P., Commodore A., Thomas Barber, Charletta, Martha, Reecy, and Woodley.<sup>8</sup>

On May 7, 1889, Mrs. Dorcas Barber, died intestate in Louisiana. About two months after her death, Thomas donated about 28 acres of land to his step-grandson, Woodley Watson. To this donation Mr. Barber added a provision. Thomas Barber retained full control and use of the residence in which he lived, the gin, and the store on said property during his lifetime, except the ten acres containing the Woodley Watson home. This Act of Donation was filed on July 16, 1889, in Morehouse Parish, Louisiana.<sup>9</sup>

Although a succession of the estate of Mrs. Dorcas Barber was never formally opened, Thomas Barber and Dorcas' son, Americus, settled the division of the community property existing between Dorcas and Thomas Barber with an Act of Partition on October 3, 1889. Americus Watson received the Maxwell Tract—except the crop growing thereon—consisting of 112 <sup>61/100</sup> acres in the partition of community property. Personal property was mentioned but neither itemized nor partitioned between Thomas and Americus in 1889.<sup>10</sup> Americus admits in a subsequent legal proceeding to having received three mules and fifty-five dollars of personal property.

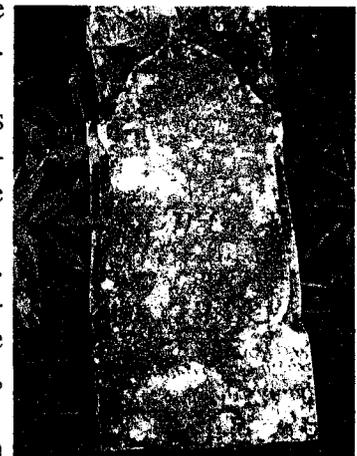
Six months after Dorcas's death, Thomas Barber married Clara Mortimer (about 32 years old) on November 20, 1889.<sup>11</sup> Thomas Barber probably met Clara while conducting business with Clara's neighbors, Mrs. Mary E. and Captain Rinaldo D. Marble, a Caucasian couple with whom Thomas became acquainted in 1866.

In 1870, Clara Mortimer is 17 years old and born in Mississippi. She and Almira Toney, age 12, reside with Louis Downey, age 40, (born in Virginia). By June 1880, Clara is a 24-year old mulatto woman and mother of two mulatto children born in Louisiana: Arthur Mortimer, age 6, and Etta Mortimer, age 4. In the 1900 Census, Clara (age 43) is shown as born in May 1857 and the mother of two children: Arthur Lee, age 25, born June 1874, and Etta Lee, age 22, born December 1877.<sup>12,13,14</sup>

Within a month of their marriage, Thomas donated 50 acres with a life usufruct to Clara in case of his untimely death. On February 9, 1891, he donated to Clara the land containing their home which was the same land donated to Clara in 1889.<sup>15,16</sup>

After approximately nine years of marriage to Clara, Mr. Thomas Barber died intestate on July 17, 1899, in Morehouse Parish. His headstone lays in the shade of a large tree and records the oldest burial in the Mount Nebo United Methodist Church Cemetery, Perryville, Louisiana.

On August 3, 1899, Mrs. Clara Barber petitioned the Fifth Judicial Court, Parish of Morehouse, for recognition as surviving spouse and sole heir of Thomas Barber, who died without relatives either ascendants, descendants, or collateral. Basically she accepted Thomas' succession unconditionally and without benefit of an inventory. The Court granted Clara's petition and ordered her to be placed in full possession as the owner of all Thomas Barber's property.<sup>17</sup>



IN MEMORY OF THE LATE  
THOMAS  
BARBER  
DIED  
JULY 18, 1899  
AGED  
75 YEARS

Within Clara's petition in the Thomas Barber's succession is an affidavit filed by Mr. Rinaldo D. Marble, the afore-mentioned Caucasian planter with a 33-year relationship with Mr. Barber. It, too, shed no light on Mr. Barber's early years. Mr. Marble knew Thomas from 1866 to Barber's death in 1899. In 1866, Mr. Marble resided in Morehouse Parish, Louisiana.

Mr. Rinaldo D. Marble, son of Elizabeth Jones and Thomas Marble, was born on December 19, 1820, in Yazoo, Mississippi. On May 22, 1851, he married Mrs. M. A. Chambers (b 1825, MS) of Yazoo, Mississippi. "...After receiving his education at Clarksville, Tenn., and Cumberland College, Ky., he served three years as a steamboat captain on the Yazoo river,...settled in (Morehouse) Parish, La., and engaged in planting." <sup>18,20</sup> Several members of the Marble family were owner of slaves

In 1856, Mr. Marble married his second wife, Mary E. Griffing (b April 23, 1829 LA; d Jul 29, 1897, LA), in Morehouse Parish, Louisiana. Their son, S. Rinaldo Marble, born April 13, 1857, died on August 23, 1861, at the age of 4¼ years old.<sup>20</sup>

"In March 1862, he enrolled (as a Sergeant in the Confederate States of America) in the (Morehouse) Stars, a Company of the Twelfth Louisiana Infantry." (Due to) illness (he) returned to Louisiana, and crossing the (Mississippi) river, ( Mr. Marble) assisted in raising Company C of the Fifth Louisiana Calvary. He was made first lieutenant and afterward became Captain and Quartermaster of the regiment and shared its operations under General Taylor. Since the war, he (has) been engaged in planting." <sup>18</sup>

According to his Widow's Application for Pension, Captain Marble and his third wife, Fannie Marable (nee), were married by Episcopal Minister J. W. Brown at Bastrop, Louisiana, on August 17, 1898.<sup>21</sup>

Captain Rinaldo D. Marble died on October 22, 1904, at Collinston, Louisiana, at the age of 84 years. He is buried in the Christ Church Cemetery, Bastrop, Louisiana. Mrs. Fanny Marble, who was born in 1853, died on July 22, 1923, in Monroe, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, where she had been residing. She is buried at the Christ Church Cemetery.<sup>20</sup>

With litigation ongoing, Mr. Woodley Watson opposed the above-mentioned order of September 4, 1899, and appealed the decision to the Fifth Judicial Court, Parish of Morehouse, Louisiana. In his petition, he asked the Court for appointment as Administrator of the Estate of Thomas Barber and first wife, Dorcas, alleging the community property existing between Thomas and Dorcas Barber was never settled after Dorcas' death. Woodley averred that Thomas Barber left debts; that he was one of Thomas Barber's creditors, being owed \$2,200.00 by Thomas Barber for unpaid services rendered prior to Thomas' death; that an inventory was necessary; and that the order granting Clara in full possession of Thomas Barber's property should be voided.

On October 1, 1899, Woodley won a partial victory when the Fifth Judicial Court, Parish of Morehouse, ordered an inventory and reserved Woodley's rights to sue the Estate of Thomas Barber to recover any debts owed to him. It also concluded Americus was a lawful heir of Dorcas Barber.

Clara was also successful. The Court held that the 1889 Act of Partition settled the division of community property held by Thomas Barber and Docas Barber. Clara was placed in full possession of and sworn in as the Administratrix of the Estate of Thomas Barber.<sup>16</sup>

When an inventory was finalized on March 17, 1900, Thomas Barber's estate was valued at \$4,571.75 consisting of cash, real estate, stocks, accounts receivables, and personal property. Of that amount, the Estate had \$3,162.72 cash in the bank

Mr. Woodley Watson sued the Estate for past wages due him with an appeal to the Louisiana Supreme Court. In 1901, the Court agreed a verbal contract between the parties

may have existed and awarded Woodley two hundred dollars (\$200) plus court costs instead of the \$2,850 with legal interest he demanded from the Thomas Barber's Estate for services he rendered Thomas for nine years.<sup>17</sup>

Perhaps her current legal battles with Woodley gave Clara a sense of urgency to put her personal house in order. Now a wealthy, middle-aged, widow, Clara may have envisioned her children facing an equally lengthy legal battle proving their parentage and/or their entitlement to her estate at her death. Accordingly, she legally adopted her two illegitimate children, Arthur and Etta, on January 14, 1902. Upon their adoption, her children retained the surname of "Lee."<sup>22</sup>

Mrs. Clara Barber also began her life anew. She sold considerable real estate and married Tom Wilson. About 1906, her daughter, Etta, married Thomas Black and became the mother of two children, Arthur and Clara. In 1910, Clara Wilson's son, Arthur, was 35 years old and single. By 1920 Etta had married her second husband, Louis C. Hodges. Two more daughters: Annie L., age 5; and Gladys, age 4<sup>2/12</sup> years old, reside with their grandmother, Clara, in Pine Bluff, Jefferson County, Arkansas.<sup>23, 24</sup>

The sun finally set on the life of Mrs. Clara Mortimer Barber Wilson. According to her succession, Mrs. Clara Wilson died on January 25, 1915 in Morehouse Parish, Louisiana. Her burial site is not known.

At Clara's demise, her estate contained at least two hundred acres of land. The Thomas Barber home place was now in Section 14, Township 20 North Range 4E, which was east of the land Thomas Barber originally surveyed in 1874.<sup>25</sup>



*Left:* The former site (relocated) of the Mount Nebo United Methodist Church  
7979 Nebo Road  
Perryville, Louisiana.

#### SOURCES

- A. The original photograph of Americus Watson is in the possession of his descendant, Helen Harris, used with her permission.
  - B. The former Mount Nebo United Methodist Church was photographed by John Watson, a descendant of Americus Watson, used with permission. The new Mount Nebo United Methodist Church is on Highway 165 North, Bastrop, Louisiana.
  - C. Photograph of Thomas Barber's headstone by Mrs. Isabelle Woods, Bossier City, Louisiana.
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- 23 1910 U. S. Population Census, Pine Bluff, Jefferson County, Arkansas Ward Two, Page 136, Line 62, National Archives Microfilm T624, Roll 54.
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#### BLACK CHURCHES ESTABLISHED AFTER 1865 MOREHOUSE PARISH, LOUISIANA

Baptist: St. Matthew, Mer Rouge, LA (1865); Olive Green, Bastrop, LA (1882); St. Philip, Bastrop, LA (1882); Olive Grove, Collinston, LA (1885); and Morning Star, Bastrop, LA (1889).

Episcopal: Williams Chapel, Collinston, LA (1879).

Methodist: Washington Chapel, Bastrop, LA (1871); Mount Nebo, Perryville, LA (1879); Alexander Chapel, Bastrop, LA (1880); Cedar Grove, Oak Ridge, LA (1880); Lawson Chapel, Bastrop, LA (1882); and Mount Sinai, Collinston, LA (1897).

*Source:* Donald J. Herbert, Guide to Church Records in Louisiana, (Logan, Utah: Everton Publishers, Inc., 1975) pp. 224-225.

[Continued from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2009 Issue of *The Genie*]

### ***Recommendations for Further Research***

Our methodology is somewhat different than that used in our last problem.<sup>9</sup> The goal below is to identify potential record sources for each of the (possible) major events in Wenceslaus' life. In the course of doing this, expect clues and links to his earliest roots to emerge, even for records gathered from later life events. They will also reveal links with other (collateral) kin, neighbors, associates, such that even if record content is thin for Wenceslaus himself, further research about him may be possible through the other people in his life.

Recall that Wenceslaus' death record indicated birth in Bohemia and Bohemian-born parents. But the informant probably did not have 1<sup>st</sup> hand knowledge of the three births found on this record; therefore, one must reasonably exhaust the records that a prudent genealogist might use to be confirm or reject this finding.<sup>10</sup> Hold open the possibility that the birth information for Wenceslaus might be wrong and that he might have been born outside of Bohemia, perhaps in the United States.

A general comment regarding research into Bohemian record sources is order before beginning. Apart from hiring a feet-on-the-ground professional researcher in Bohemia (p/o present-day Czech Republic), there are archival holdings within Czechoslovakia that might unravel Wenceslaus Votlucka's early history and his ancestors. The Family History Library (FHL) lists several different archival descriptions and inventories in its online catalog. One example is Jaroslav Macek and Václav Žáček, *Krajská správa v českých zemích a její archivní fondy [1605-1868]* [*The district archives in Čechy (Bohemia), Czechoslovakia, their history and holdings*] (Praha: Archivní správa ministerstva vnitra, 1958); FHL book, catalog no. 943.71 A3m. Other archival sources in the card catalog may be examined searching by place: "Austria, Bohemia."

One final word before beginning: The Education Committee members are not experts on record sources associated with St. Louis family history research, nor Bohemian record sources. The objective in this endeavor was primarily to help Harry break through his brick wall, and secondarily to stretch our own knowledge of sources that might be available. Although the committee felt successful on both counts, it defers to other experts on these matters, and regrets any oversights or errors, hoping that other readers may volunteer corrections and updates for Harry's benefit.

<sup>9</sup> Philip Adderley, Glenda Bernard, and Marilyn Christian, "ALTGA's Horn-Book: 'Who were the Parents of Ida Van Norris?' *The Genie* 42 (Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2008), 5-16.

<sup>10</sup> This is one tenet of the Genealogical Proof Standard.

### **Birth Registration (Civil).**

Alternative 1 (Bohemian birth): The committee did not find a source of birth records that might help locate a *civil* birth registration in Bohemia.

Alternative 2 (United States birth): The city of St. Louis began recording births on 12 July 1870-1910. The registers list each parent's nativity and place of birth. Although Wenceslaus was not born there and then, his children were, and there may be good parental information if the family registered the births. The Missouri State Archives has this Missouri Birth & Death Records Database online at: <http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/birthdeath> . According to the *Redbook*, there is about a 40% chance that a civil registration did not occur.<sup>11</sup>

### **Infant Baptism, First Communion and Original Marriage Records.**

The Family History Library Catalog, [www.familyhistory.org](http://www.familyhistory.org), under "Place Names" has various church records available in Kirchenbuch, 1751-1830 by Osterrich, Armee, Bohmesches Militar Grenz Cordon, "Baptisms, marriages, deaths and indexes of military personnel in Bohmen, Austria, now Cechy, Czechoslovakia." It is not known if the Votluckas were in the military, but this reference is a possibility.

As of 1949, christening, marriage and burial registers are housed in state regional archives in the Czech Republic as and can only be researched in person or by a private researcher. Projects are now underway by the Family History Library to digitize records from three archives, but none appear to be accessible at this time. Every attempt should be made to locate the original marriage record for Wenceslaus Votlucka and his bride along with both sets of parents.

Two interesting sites might be checked for researching leads:

1. The Maryland State Archives Reference and Research site for various Catholic records of German ethnicity. (Maryland was an original colony established for Catholics emigrating to the New World in the 17<sup>th</sup> century.) The link is <http://www.msa.md.gov> .
2. Georgetown University holds a file regarding a marriage register and burial register of Bohemia with various date spans beginning in 1790. The link is <http://library.georgetown.edu/dept/speccoll/fl/f11h%7D4.hum> .

### **Migration and Naturalization**

To start the naturalization process, a male normally was at least 21 years old when declaring his intention to become a citizen (1<sup>st</sup> papers), and then he satisfied a 5-year national residency requirement, one year of that being in state before filing

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<sup>11</sup> Alice Eicholz, CG, *Redbook: American State, County, and Town Sources*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. (Provo, Utah: Ancestry.com, 2004), 383.

his petition for naturalization (2<sup>nd</sup> papers). There was an exemption to the formal declaration requirement for alien minors who were in country at age 18 and who then spent the next five years in the United States—these could file *both sets* of papers at the same time, but the 5-year total residency requirement still applied, beginning at age 18.

The St. Louis Genealogical Society's web site was checked for St. Louis Naturalization Records. The St. Louis Naturalization Index Cards 1816-1906 list a Wenzel Woltucka becoming naturalized 22 October 1880 (Circuit Court, Vol. B, page 156). This spelling was also used on one of the 1880 censuses for William Wotlucka/Votlucka. Microfilmed copies can be purchased from the Missouri State Archives in Jefferson City, Missouri.

This naturalized person may correlate with the Wenceslaus that Harry is seeking. If so, then this record may contain his "Final Papers" or "2<sup>nd</sup> Papers," hopefully containing a petition for citizenship and the recording of the citizenship oath in open court.

The next step would be to search for the "1<sup>st</sup> Papers" or the "Declaration of Intention to Become a Citizen."

An 1868 date of immigration was recorded 32 years later in Wenceslaus' 1900 census household. Use caution since immigration year entries on censuses should be taken as a guide and not as absolute fact. 1868 was a unique year election-wise, as it held the first national election following the Civil War. In particular, voter registration fraud was extensive in 1868.<sup>12</sup> If Wenceslaus was caught up in such a scandal, corrupt officials might have issued him his naturalization certificate, which would allow him to vote, without satisfying any of the requirements. In that scenario his certificate of citizenship might be present in court records, but his 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> papers may not; therefore, his immigration could have occurred at any time.

If Wenceslaus became naturalized on 22 October 1880, and if his petition is missing or does not indicate when and where he declared his intention to become a citizen, then the most logical starting point time-wise is 1880 less 5 years (residency requirement), or 1875, working backward in time. If Wenceslaus' April 1849 birth is accurate, the earliest that he could declare his intention was March 1867 (1849+18). Therefore the range of dates to examine start in March 1867 and extend through October 1875.

The Mullanphy Emigrant Home was established in 1867 as a residential dormitory that provided temporary housing to emigrants. A search for these records could indicate when Wenceslaus arrived in St. Louis.

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<sup>12</sup> John J. Newman, *American Naturalization Records 1790-1990, What They Are and How to Use Them*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (North Salt Lake, Utah: Heritage Quest, 1998), 24. Voting scandals associated with naturalization fraud occurred in numerous cities at various times. St. Louis was included, but the timeframe for it was not specified.

Court records, particularly minute books, for local and federal courts in St. Louis County and St. Louis City are prime targets for Wenceslaus' "1<sup>st</sup> Papers," given his known history to date.

For on-line, microfilm and feet-on-the-ground sources and preparation in the St. Louis region, see Joe Beine, "A Guide to St. Louis, Missouri Naturalization Records," *Genealogybranches.com* (<http://www.genealogybranches.com/stlouisnaturalization.html> )

1875 was the only directory listing provided by Harry. Since earlier listings for St. Louis survive, they might suggest the approximate time when he first appeared in the city. Examine all surviving St. Louis directories prior to Wenceslaus' 1872 marriage year. The minimum goal is to determine approximately when Wenceslaus or either parent appears for the first time in St. Louis. In particular check two types of listings that might be present in each issue (may vary from year to year):

- Residential (alphabetical) listing, including other name variations for Votlucka, such as Vatlucka, Wotlucka, etc.
- A block-by-block street listing in order to capture all of the "head-of-household neighbors" of Wenceslaus Votlucka.

*Neighbors and business associates are prime search candidates if direct searches for Wenceslaus fail.*

Later listings for 1909-1911 would be helpful in confirming his suspected death in 1910.

Earlier directories may help identify the incoming arrival years of other suspected relations and friends of the family.

### **School (Religious or Civil).**

Alternative 1 (Bohemian birth): The committee did not locate a source of civil or religious school records for Bohemia; however, it leaves open the question of whether church archival records might contain religious school records. One lead to consider as a starting point is Felix Gundacker, *Matrikenverzeichnis der Böhmisches Staatsarchive* [*Register of vital statistics of the Bohemian archives*], 5 vols. (Wien: F. Gundacker, 2002); FHL book catalog no. 943.71 K23gg. These volumes provide an inventory of Catholic and Evangelical church records in Bohemia.

Alternative 2 (United States birth): Outside of an 1869 *School Book Census* for St. Louis County,<sup>13</sup> the existence of school records, including school censuses for the period, say 1855-1865, in St. Louis, is doubtful—contact the St. Louis Public Schools

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<sup>13</sup> School book census, 1869, St. Louis City Clerk holdings, Missouri State Archives, microfilm no. C 12783.

Records Center/Archives, 314-645-2648, ext. 118. Further information can be found at: <http://genealogyinstlouis.accessgenealogy.com/stlpublicschools.htm> .

**Apprenticeship.** The committee has not been able to determine if an occupational license for the occupation of cooper was required in Wenceslaus' time, or if an apprenticeship for the occupation of cooper was typical of this period in the St. Louis region.

General information about wages of the occupation of cooper can be found in the following report on Google Books, [www.books.google.com](http://www.books.google.com) : Missouri Bureau of Labor Statistics and Inspection, Missouri, "Annual Report of the Bureau of Labor Statistics and Inspection of the State of Missouri," ([Washington, D.C.?]: Office of Bureau of Labor Statistics and Inspection, 1893); original held by Princeton University, digitized 11 June 2008.

**Guardianship and Selection of Guardian.** Missouri law as it applied to minors between 1850-1870 has not been researched. The following recommendations *presume* that if Wenceslaus did not have his father present with him in St. Louis before he turned 21, he would need a guardian to handle any legal affairs or transactions on his behalf. This would either be his mother, who might have to be court-appointed, or a court-appointed third party. Since he reportedly immigrated in 1868, his age then was about 18-19, and guardianship records may exist. One must also allow for an earlier immigration (or American birth). Check for letters of guardianship, guardian's bonds, etc. via St. Louis probate files. For the period 1804-1900 search Missouri State Archives online at: <http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/mojudicial/> .

**Military Service.** One Missouri source to check for possible service is accessible via the Missouri State Archives online in "Soldiers' Records: War of 1812 - World War I, at: <http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/soldiers/> .

**Employment & Neighborhood Make-up.** The most fruitful search for Wenceslaus' employment history and his presence in the neighborhood begins with surviving city directories. The Family History Library has microfilm of St. Louis directories dating almost continuously back to 1859, and further to the mid-1830s with gaps. In particular examine each directory at least three ways:

- Examine the alphabetized residential listing for occupation and business address. Be sure to include name variants mentioned in earlier sections!
- Look for information in the business-by-business category listing to capture fellow coopers or "gratefurnisers." Also include butchers. This might be

useful as some trades and occupational skills were passed down through generations. Although no other "Votlucka" was listed residentially in 1875, directories with occupational listings in other years might yield working brothers, fathers, and/or grandfathers.

- Examine any directory containing block-by-block street listings. These may show another person as the head of the household or homeowner, at the same address as Wenceslaus. These listings are also valuable as they may identify and locate friends and neighbors, as has been seen with the Polivkas, Sudas, and Peleschkas, as well as other possible Votlucka relatives.

**Illnesses.** Some St. Louis hospital registers dating from 1846 to 1900 are available at the Missouri Historical Society Library and the family History Library. The Board of Health Minutes from the Clerk of County Court would contain quarantine records and some listings for patients treated for influenza.

**Poor House Assignments.** The Clerk of County Court has a listing of Almshouse inmates. Recall per her death certificate that Caroline Wotlucka died in The Little Sister's of the Poor Hospital.

**Church Membership and Church Service.**

The St. Louis Archdiocese records are available on microfilm at the St. Louis County Library Special Collections department or at the Family History Library. Check St. John Nepomuk Church and St. Wenceslaus Church records. Other historical items from St. John Nepomuk Church are housed at the Library of the Illinois Benedictine College in Lisle, Illinois.

There were a several benevolent societies connected to St. John Nepomuk Church. Research in this area may contain other evidence of church participation.

**Land Ownership.** City directories are a good starting point for this event. Many will indicate whether Wenceslaus and his kin, friends, associates, and neighbors owned or rented residential or business property. Later censuses will also indicate whether a head of household rented or owned his home or farm.

The St. Louis County Recorder of Deeds is the next place to target. Even if Wenceslaus rented his home or business, he may have borrowed money and taken out one or more mortgages on his movable business property or personal property. It is very important to examine deed and mortgage books (sometimes they are combined) for all entries for Wenceslaus and his kin, friends, associates, and neighbors. There are many other types of documents that could appear besides

pure land-related transactions. In addition, the older the land record, the more likely that additional, genealogically useful information will appear.

It is important to track beginning and ending times of ownership for each piece of property. Missing links may indicate transfers by other means, such as inheritance, court judgments, etc. For critical items, if an incoming or outgoing transaction is not present in the indexes, a page-by-page reading of the deed books is warranted after identifying or narrowing down the probable time period.

**Civil and Criminal Suits.** Although federal court records are of eventual interest, the main search initiative for Wenceslaus and his friends, associates, and neighbors lies in state and city courts—specifically the St. Louis County Court and the St. Louis Circuit Court.

For the period 1836-1875, a feet-on-the-ground researcher will be needed to search and examine case files at the Missouri State Archives-St. Louis. In support of that the researcher should become familiar with the holdings at both city and county level. For example, see the "Guide to County and Municipal Records on Microfilm" at: <http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/County/stlouiscity.pdf>.

For case files after 1875, a similar feet-on-the-ground effort will be needed within the Clerk of *Circuit Court's* Office and the Clerk of *County Court's* Office in St. Louis County.

For federal court records, the National Archives-Central Plains Region will be the target repository.

For appellate case research of both state and federal cases, use the Shreve Library's subscription to WestLaw at its Main Branch. Appellate cases can be researched to determine where the trial court case was initially filed. In addition to the appellate case file, the trial court case file should be reviewed, as one may contain documents not present in the other.

Unique records are also available on microfilm at the Missouri State Archives. For example, coroner's inquests for the City of St. Louis appear to have survived to 1869, with some earlier years included.

It is vital to access and study the loose documents in the case files wherever possible.

**Taxes.** Starting in 1865, a poll tax was enacted on all male persons between the ages 21-50. It was discontinued in 1872. The Clerk of the County Court has poll, real, and personal property tax books. These files could determine when Wenceslaus first appeared in St. Louis, if he did so after age 21; or if he were already present in the city as a minor, when he became of age.

Remember that the city of St. Louis separated from the county of St. Louis. Prior to the split and through 1876, all city and county records were kept by the city of St. Louis. After the split, 1877 to the present, the City of St. Louis has city records and the county records are at the county seat in Clayton, Missouri.

The city of St. Louis had special books for alleys, streets, and sewer taxes. To research these, the location of both residence and municipality is needed.

**Wills, Estate Appraisals, Administrations, Donations to Heirs While Living, Probate Proceedings (of own estate and for others).** With the exceptions of Donations, all of these events are captured in probate court proceedings. For St. Louis, the county probate court covers all cases to 1876; thereafter, the city separated from the county. According to the Missouri State Archives, probate files for St. Louis County have been digitized through 1876, and for the city from 1876 through 1900. Wenceslaus died in 1910 and Caroline in 1929. So, a query to the St. Louis City Probate Court will be needed to see if either of their estates was probated. For kin, friends, associates, and neighbors who (might have) died before 1901 in St. Louis, an online search of "Missouri's Judicial Records" is warranted at: <http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/mojudicial/#searchDB> .

Because one or both parents *might* have immigrated, they should be included in the searches.

Donations while living, if documented, should be present in deed books. See Land Ownership for finding aids.

**Death Registration (Civil).** Although the committee located Wenceslaus' death record, there are other people for whom death records are of value.

If Wenceslaus was actually born in the United States, then one or both parents may have died here, perhaps in St. Louis. The city recorded deaths beginning in 1850. The Missouri State Archives has the Missouri Birth & Death Records Database, Pre-1910, online at: <http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/birthdeath/#search> .

The civil registration for the deaths of all Wenceslaus' children should also be researched for clues.

In support of this effort, also examine the index of obituaries published online by the St. Louis Public Library at: <http://www.slpl.org/slpl/gateways/article240117800.asp> .

With respect to civil death registrations in the Czech Republic, the committee could not determine the extent of resources available.

**Burial.** Some burial permits are available at the St. Louis County Library Special Collections. Catholic burial records can be found at the Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of St. Louis: <http://www.archstl.org/cemeteries/>. Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery was frequently used by the Votlucka / Wotlucka family.

When examining burial records, note the proximity to other persons of interest for further kinship possibilities.

Records for the Moydell Funeral Home, noted on some of the death records discovered, are unavailable to the public at this time.

### **Miscellaneous Comments.**

The St. Louis Public Library had a branch in the Souldard neighborhood. Its Bohemian collection was donated to the library at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, Illinois.

As a final recommendation, be sure to consult Ann Carter Fleming's work *St. Louis Family History Research Guide* (St. Louis: Fleming Publishing, 2008). This work received praise in a review by Evie Bresette, CG, in *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* 96 (September 2008): 235. The committee did not have this work at their disposal when preparing its recommendations; therefore, if the latter conflict in any way with this source, it encourages Harry and others to defer to Ms. Fleming.



## "Philip Adderley, CG, a member of the Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association" earns certification"



### Board for Certification of Genealogists

Press Release: (contact Debbie Mieszala 847-281-9227)

4 August 2009

Philip Burnett Adderley, CG<sup>SM</sup>, of Shreveport, Louisiana, is among the newest associates of the Board for Certification of Genealogists (BCG).

After years of study and work in the field of family history and the successful completion of the BCG requirements, Adderley may now use the service mark of Certified Genealogist (CG). With this designation, Adderley has shown competence in the general skill areas of research, evidence analysis, kinship determination, and reporting.

Each BCG associate specializes in certain geographic and ethnic areas or in certain phase of genealogical work.

Adderley, a professional genealogist, owns the company 311 Research. He earned BA and BS degrees from Washington and Lee University, and an MSEE from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He is a licensed private investigator in Louisiana.

A genealogical researcher for over 30 years, Adderley specializes in 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> century British record sources in Bermuda, 19<sup>th</sup> century federal land records, 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> century Louisiana courthouse records, and brick wall problems. He teaches and lectures on genealogical and historical topics. He has completed several courses at the Institute on Genealogical and Historical Research, and was awarded the Walter Lee Sheppard, Jr. prize in 2006.

As part of the application process to BCG, Adderley had to submit a case study drawn from his research resolving a challenging identity problem and to compile a narrative genealogy of three generations of a family.

"In earning his certification, Philip Adderley joins a growing number of researchers who recognize the importance of upholding standards in the field of genealogy," Board President Laura DeGrazia, CG, said. "Consumers who employ board-certified genealogists are assured that those genealogists' skills have been tested and demonstrated." Associates must apply for renewal of their certification every five years and must continue to demonstrate quality standards in genealogical research.

Headquartered in Washington, D.C., the Board for Certification of Genealogists is an internationally recognized certification body, not a membership society.

To learn more about BCG and certification, see the society's website at [www.bcgcertification.org](http://www.bcgcertification.org). A listing of those who are currently certified is also on the web site.

For a personal interview, Philip Adderley may be contacted at 318-286-7762.

*The Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association would like to express its congratulation to Member Philip Adderley for obtaining and becoming an associate of the Board for Certification of Genealogists (BCG). The title fits him perfectly, because no one is better qualified to take on such an important title or more deserving of it. ALTGA is very lucky, indeed, to have him as a member.*

## Genealogy Queries

I am inviting all of you to submit your genealogy queries for our publication, "The Genie". Have you wondered about whom your Great Grandparents were and where they came from? How about that "skeleton in your closet"? Do you have any "missing links" and "brick walls"? Post your questions and answers in "The Genie". Maybe someone will have the answers you are seeking. Please send them via email to me, Willie R. Griffin, the editor. You may also mail them to Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association, P.O. Box 4463, Shreveport, LA 71134-0463. Attention Editor. Don't forget to include your contact information such as your name, address, phone and email. Thanks, Willie R. Griffin.

## Track ancestors with DNA, Study of history

*By Mike Jones*

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*[www.worldfamilies.net/forum/index.php?topic=7376.0](http://www.worldfamilies.net/forum/index.php?topic=7376.0)*

Tried-and-true research techniques and the latest high-tech DNA technology were among the subjects covered by the recent "Branching Out in Genealogy" seminar at the Lake Charles Civic Center.

The event drew participants from all over Louisiana and Texas with nationally known speakers. Among them were John A. Sellers of Sulphur Springs, Texas, who spoke on "History's Role in Your Genealogical Pursuit;" Bennett Greenspan of Houston, who talked about "The Use of DNA in One's Genealogical Search," and "Tricks of the Trade: Tried and True Research Techniques" discussed by Richard Hooverson of Belton, Texas.

"You can't be a good genealogical researcher without a lot of history," Sellers said during the seminar, which was held on Oct. 27. He said researchers can find a lot of clues about their individual families by simply knowing what was going on in the specific time period they are researching.

Sellers said it is important to know such basics as when a state was admitted to the Union and when a county or parish was officially created. Such clues can help determine when and where to search for ancestors.

"Never limit yourself to what you think your ancestor did," he said.

Sellers noted that the Internet is a great resource for background research, and records such marriage, birth and death records, land records and military records can all provide excellent, documented information.

He said Louisiana succession records are particularly valuable because they are the only wills in the nation to give the maiden name of the wife - thanks to the civil-code legal tradition of this state.

Greenspan said he got interested in using DNA technology for genealogy because he found it could help him overcome inevitable

road blocks in family history research. He said not only did it lead him to discovering his own family relations all over the world, but also inspired him to found a company that provides DNA research exclusively for individuals tracing their family trees.

The company is called Family Tree DNA. Since its founding in 2000, the company has established the largest database in the world for genealogical research, Greenspan said.

The company was selected by National Geographic Magazine to manage the public participation side of its DNA testing program, the Genographic Project, which was launched in 2005.

Greenspan said the Y-chromosome DNA, which is the male DNA, can be used to trace a direct line of male ancestors back hundreds of years and help establish relationships between distant cousins.

Greenspan said it can also be used to determine the general geographic area a person's ancestors came from, such as the British Isles, the Middle East and Africa.

The company's Internet site is <http://www.familytreedna.com>.

Hooverson said "tried and true" research techniques are still invaluable for anyone who wants to trace ancestry. He recommended backtracking ancestors with information regarding ethnic group, religion, surname history, settlement patterns and routes of immigration.

One method that is often overlooked, he said, is the "cluster theory of migration." By that, he said he meant prior to 1849 it was common for pioneers to move with groups of family members and neighbors, rather than as individuals.

He said by studying census and other records of those who lived near family members, it can be a great help in locating where they moved to later.

Hooverson said researchers should also be aware that county or parish boundary lines were sometimes changed in between census periods. A family may be found in a different county from one census to the other without having physically moved.

The event was sponsored by the Southwest Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Library, Libraries Southwest, Southwest Louisiana Genealogical Society and Friends of the Calcasieu Parish Library.

## Genealogy Sites on the Internet

These are just some of the sites to be found on the Internet dealing with genealogy. Just type the address in the location box and press the enter key.

Genealogy Room (OPPL) page  
[www.ouachita.lib.la.us/genpage.html](http://www.ouachita.lib.la.us/genpage.html)

Ouachita Gen WEB  
[www.bayou.com/~suelynn/ouachita.html](http://www.bayou.com/~suelynn/ouachita.html)

Cyndi's List  
[www.cyndislist.com](http://www.cyndislist.com)

Rootsweb Genealogical Data Cooperative  
[www.rootsweb.com](http://www.rootsweb.com)

U.S. Gen Web Project  
[www.usgenweb.com](http://www.usgenweb.com)

Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System  
[www.itd.nps.gov/cwss](http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss)

Louisiana US Gen Web Project Page  
[www.lagenweb.net/lagw](http://www.lagenweb.net/lagw)

Acadian Genealogy Homepage  
[www.acadian.org](http://www.acadian.org)

Find A Grave  
[www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com)

Genealogy Home Page  
[www.genhomepage.com](http://www.genhomepage.com)

GenForum  
[www.genforum.com](http://www.genforum.com)

Family Search (*access to the LDS catalog*)  
[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

Dead Fred (*unidentified family photos*)  
[www.deadfred.com](http://www.deadfred.com)

Access to Ancestry Plus and Heritage Quest are available free at the Shreve Memorial Libraries.

The Genealogy department is located at the Broadmoor Branch, 1212 Captain Shreve Drive, Shreveport, LA 71105. Phone: (318) 219-3468.

Email: [SMLgenealogy@yahoo.com](mailto:SMLgenealogy@yahoo.com)  
Web Site: [www.shreve-lib.org/genealogy.htm](http://www.shreve-lib.org/genealogy.htm)

## 2009 Annual Seminar Report

Submitted by Jim Johnson

The Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association held its annual seminar on August 8, 2009 in the George Pearce Activity Hall at the Broadmoor United Methodist Church in Shreveport, Louisiana. The featured speakers for this year's event were Dr. Buford and Lynda Suffridge of North Little Rock, Arkansas. Dr Suffridge is a semi-retired orthodontist with a special interest in medical history and the science of DNA. Lynda Suffridge is retired from the Arkansas History Commission, and is currently Vice President of the National Genealogy Society. She is a past President and a current board member of the Arkansas Genealogy Society.

Dr. Suffridge began the first session with "The Nuts & Bolts of Using DNA Testing". He began by discussing the history of modern genetics and the events during the 19<sup>th</sup> century that led to the discovery of the molecular structure of DNA. He then explained the makeup of the human cell and the role that molecular DNA plays in each cell. He further explained the difference between Y-chromosome (nuclear) DNA and mitochondrial DNA. He concluded with an overview of the different DNA tests and how testing can enhance genealogical research.

In the second session, "Civil War Medicine, Medical Records, and More", Dr Suffridge began by telling of the primitive medical care available at the onset of the civil war due to inadequate training of physicians and nurses, lack of hospital facilities, and the few drugs that were available. During the Civil War many advances were made in all phases of medical care, including better standards for sanitation, and improved drugs, particularly for anesthesia and inflammation. Dr. Suffridge advised of the types of medical records that were kept and National Archive Record Groups where those records can be sourced.

Lynda Suffridge began the afternoon sessions with a lecture titled "The Territorial South" which covered the Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama Territories prior to each territory becoming a state. She began with a detailed timeline of historical events including those that created those territories. Ms Suffridge then discussed the major record collections of historical importance and the locations where those territorial records can be found.

In the final session, "Early Migration Trails", Ms Suffridge began by explaining early migration patterns, as well as some of the reasons early immigrants migrated. Water routes, streams and rivers were the earliest means of travel. Early land routes were merely paths and trails made by animals or used by Native American Indians. As more settlers moved to the south and to the west, more passable migration trails were developed. Ms Suffridge briefed on the location of some of the major traveled migration trails.

The lectures were very educational and enlightening. We were also fortunate to have Ericson Books of Nacogdoches, Texas as our book vender. Numerous door prizes were given, including prizes donated by board member Doris Hunt, Carolyn Ericson of Ericson Books, and by Kathy Jackson of Restor-A-Book of Oil City. The seminar was a huge success, with 48 in attendance.

## **Welcome New Members**

The Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association would like to **Welcome** the following persons to the Association.

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## **COATES BLUFF**

By Dale Jennings

The *Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Northwest Louisiana* states that a company formed in Natchitoches laid out a town on the bluffs about three miles below Shreveport and called it "Coats' Bluff." The historian J. Fair Hardin in his *Shreveport Times* article stated, without amplification, that the home of Larkin Edwards "stood on the bluff overlooking the river at the end of Olive Street, and just on the outskirts of the early settlement of Coates Bluff, where stood McLeod & Carr's store." Shreveport's founding fathers, in their May 1836 formal pact to form the Shreve Town Company, agreed to a joint effort in procuring the "Lower or Coats' Bluff." This was not done, and their river port now had a serious competitor. According to D. A. Somdal in his June 28, 1935 *Shreveport Times* article, the New Orleans newspapers announced the beginning of steamer trade between New Orleans and Coates Bluff in late 1836. The first boat reported in from the port of Shreveport to New Orleans was January 1837.

Viola Carruth, in *Caddo: 1000*, says that A. J. Bowman, a government engineer sent to inspect Captain Shreve's work on the river, had recommended that a canal be cut across the narrow neck of land at the Coates Bluff (Wright Island) loop. This was apparently delayed, but the 1890 *Memoirs* says that on "a certain Sunday in 1837" some citizens of Shreveport induced Shreve to cut a ditch across that point of land, and that the resultant shortening of the river had left the embryo city of Coates Bluff comparatively high and dry. Shreve himself reported on August 2, 1837, that upon completing his season's work in May, "A canal was also excavated across a narrow point of land, through which the whole channel of the river now flows, and shortens the distance three miles." Although the Coates Bluff loop is approximately three miles around, so is the Pierre Bayou - Coates Bluff lower loop route described earlier. It is commonly assumed that Shreve had cut off the river's route around the loop with his canal. However, the river has probably not traveled that route since before the advent of the raft. The top section of the Wright Island loop into Pierre Bayou has no distinct channel, whereas Pierre Bayou northward from that junction and the middle and bottom sections still have very pronounced channels. The Clyde Fant Parkway end of Pierre has probably silted in and been graded over. The route on which the Coates Bluff settlement was situated would in effect have been abandoned as the result of the construction of Shreve's 1837 "Jenkins cutoff" canal.

According to Somdal, in May 1837, the steamboat *Caspian* came in with "no cargo" from Coates Bluff. This was the last mention of Shreveport's rival in New Orleans shipping notices. The direct route to Shreveport would have been the preferred steamboat route; but, even with its inferior position on the waterway, Coates Bluff was able to obtain the region's first post office on April 10, 1838. The settlement lost its post office to Shreveport one month later, on May 15, 1838. Any channel other than that streaming through Jenkins cutoff would have had a much weaker current to the detriment of steamer traffic. The little river port of Coates Bluff would not have survived for long.

The abandonment of the Coates Bluff settlement was followed by the survey, then public sale of that area of the old Caddo lands beginning in 1840. The strip of land along the Coates Bluff rim was surveyed into two narrow tracts or numbered "lots" totaling twenty-three acres. This rugged, unproductive land was not purchased with the other tracts and would not be sold by the government until more than a century later.

The site of the old "embryo" port town of Coates Bluff cannot be pinpointed by any map or written account. It was probably on a section of the bluffs between the new Shreveport Valencia Community Center's recreation area and the Stoner Hill Elementary School. The Center is near where old Pierre Bayou joins the Wright Island loop – south down the bayou from the Caddo Magnet High School (old Valencia High School). This part of the bluff is the long abandoned, overgrown and gullied Calvary Burial Park and Hopewell Cemetery. No remnant of the settlement would be expected to be found today, but evidence of its steamboat landing may still be visible. Doctor Gary Joiner is of the opinion that a cut in the bank from the landing's cargo ramp should still be evident. Two deeply eroded gullies down to the bottom of the now dry waterway are located in the Hopewell Cemetery. One is just across the fence from the Lab School parking lot and the other is nearer the East Olive Street end of the cemetery. The old settlement site may be the level ground in the vicinity of the Hopewell Baptist Church. The church is near the head of these gullies across C. E. Galloway Boulevard from the cemetery in the Coates Bluff Lot 3.

The two unsold tracts, Lots 3 and 5, first appear on Caddo Parish conveyance records in 1891, having been claimed by a local African-American man, William J. Sayers, apparently through uncontested usage and payment of taxes. The land has been used for cultivation and grazing, a small portion for church purposes, and a considerable part for the "free" Hopewell Cemetery. The properties have been passed along among local African-American families through sale, donation, inheritance and litigation until the better part of both tracts were bought by the Caddo Parish School Board in 1949. That took place only after family representatives applied for and established formal ownership through the Federal Bureau of Land Management.

The African-American Hopewell Baptist Church twice owned a small parcel in the northwest corner of the northernmost lot, Lot 3 (at the end of East Olive). The first time was for only a year in 1891-92. The little corner lot was again sold to the church by a church member, Pauline Calhoun, in 1903. Both the Lot 3 and Lot 5 tracts had been sold by William Sayers to her father, Deacon Simon Ford, in 1893. Pauline acquired approximately twelve acres through her mother, Rachel McGee Ford. Upon the church being destroyed by a storm, Hopewell sold the property in 1911 and rebuilt at or near the present location. The church cemetery was continued as a private burial ground by the Calhouns for family, church members and area residents. When the family sold their property to the school board in 1949, they retained the 4.35-acre cemetery, which is now jointly owned by a host of Calhoun descendants. When inventoried in 2006 and 2007, more than fifty readable grave stones were found, the earliest date of death being 1898. (See article, "Hopewell Cemetery," *The Genie*, Vol. 41, No. 2, Second Quarter, 2007).

More research is needed on the Calvary Burial Park. Two narrow tracts or lots running north along the west side of old Pierre Bayou from its junction with the loop finally did sell in the late 1850's. In 1927, James R. Emery purchased an eight and one-half acre section that adjoined the north edge of the Hopewell Cemetery. He incorporated to form the Calvary Burial Park, receiving approval for 411 burial plots with much additional space for further development. Emery's project was apparently not successful and the property was sold at sheriff's sale in 1949. When the property was later sold to the school board in 1962, a .803-acre strip along the northern edge of Hopewell remained dedicated as a cemetery and was excluded from the sale. This 400 foot long strip with a 110 foot frontage on Viking Drive at its corner with East Olive has been adjudicated to the City of Shreveport. Of particular interest on the Calvary incorporation map are four oversized burial plots, 246 through 249, shown along the edge of the older cemetery. Coincidentally, there are a few grave stones on the Calvary side of the contiguous rugged wooded area of the two cemeteries with dates of death preceding 1927. They are obviously Hopewell burials that were misplaced over the property line (one of these, that of Phillis Abrams who died in 1906, was erroneously omitted from the cemetery inventory referred to earlier). No other grave markers are to be found in the old Calvary Burial Park.

The life story of Henry Miller Shreve is quite well known, but little is known of some of the others who had a part in the history of the Coates Bluff "settlements." The Stoner Hill area historical marker reads, "Two blocks east is the site of Coates Bluff settlement and homes of early settlers, Larkin Edwards, c. 1803, James Coates, c. 1817 and John McLeod, c. 1835. The first local post office was located here in 1838." Not named was John G. Green, the postmaster and probably a clerk in the store. McLeod was apparently the proprietor.

The ceding of their lands meant an upheaval for the Caddos as well as their friends in the Coates Bluff area and other settlers displaced from Rush Island located below Coates Bluff between Bayou Pierre and the old channel of Red River. The Caddo Nation always considered Bayou Pierre to be the Red River and the eastern extent of their territory. The Indian agent and treaty negotiator, Jahiel Brooks, inserted a supplement into the treaty whereby the tribe supposedly confirmed an old grant of more than 34,000 acres of Rush Island to the mixed blood Francois Grappe and his sons. Brooks then bought the land cheaply from the Grappes. The Caddos were subsequently surprised in learning this, having never laid claim to the land.

Larkin Edwards and most of his extended family, James Coates, and other Coates Bluff area settlers moved across the river and bought government land in Claiborne Parish. This part of Claiborne was opened to public sale in 1839 and 1840 and would become Bossier Parish in 1843. Larkin and his son-in-law, Abner Shenick, purchased land extending from the mouth of Macks Bayou, just north of the west gate of Barksdale Air Force Base, south down along the river (Macks Bayou there at Barksdale Boulevard has recently been graded over). Another son-in-law, Jacob Irwin, established his Sunflower Plantation below there, extending from the present site of the CenturyTel Center down along the river past the Jimmie Davis Bridge. Larkin Edwards, two of his sons, and the sons-in-law were enumerated there in their respective households in the 1840 census (Larkin and Jacob are apparently both widowed).

There are some uncertainties about the life of Larkin Edwards. He was born in Virginia in about 1780 and left his family in Tennessee to come to Louisiana, some say as early as 1803. He is said to have separated from his wife, Elizabeth Loveless, in 1815. Upon her death, Edwards returned to Tennessee in 1821 to bring his children from that marriage to northwest Louisiana to be united with his second family. Larkin had married the daughter of a Caddo chief, probably under the custom of the Caddo Nation. There is a difference of opinion about which of his seven children were born to which of his wives. An internet source that appears to have credibility shows three daughters and three sons, born between about 1808 and 1818. They are listed as Larkin Jr., Emily Jane, Anna Baker, Mary, Newton Cannon and Mathew. It is well documented that Larkin's son, John, was the interpreter at the 1835 cession treaty. One daughter, Mary, married Jacob Irwin, an early settler and long-time gunsmith and blacksmith to the Caddos. Emily and Anna married Shenicks, also early settlers who had the confidence of the Caddos. Larkin Edwards died in November 1841. It is not known where he is buried.

It is surprising that more is not known about James Coates. He had seven children, two sons and five daughters, who married into good Bossier Parish families and had descendants. He purchased land and settled up river just south of the future site of Benton. Others who appear to be fellow "expatriates" from the Caddo frontier followed. They included Martha Armstrong, Isaac Lay and the Wallaces, Caesar (Cezaire) and Maximillian. Caesar and James Wallace, "Old Lay," John Armstrong and James Coates were among those accused of encroaching on Caddo lands in 1825 (most, to include Caesar Wallace and Armstrong, were determined to be legal – no doubt residing on Rush Island). Coates bought two tracts of land just south of the present Benton Bossier Parish courthouse. In 1839, he and James Pickett jointly purchased the NW ¼ of Section 5, Township 19, Range 13. They split the 160-acre tract north and south, with Coates retaining the north 80 acres along Flat River. Running south from near that location, Flat River is the demarcation between the flat, fertile river land to the west and the clay soil, wooded rolling hills of the "hill land." It is believed that he chose this site at a large pre-Caddo Indian mound near good springs, along the east or the high side of the Flat River bluffs, for his homestead. When James died on March 31, 1842, he was probably the first buried in the "Coates Graveyard" adjacent to the Indian mound. Unfortunately, there is no known inventory of its burials earlier than 1963. By then the burial ground, an unprotected cow pasture, had been reduced from a populous public cemetery where countless Benton area family members were buried to five surviving grave markers. Three of these have since been completely destroyed. The identities of several other of the burials have been discovered through research to include Caesar Wallace and other Wallace kin (See article, "Old Coates Graveyard," *The Genie*, Vol. 40, No. 3, Third Quarter 2006).

The Flat River bluff at the Coates Graveyard site has a remarkable resemblance to the old Coates Bluff on Red River where James Coates had his trading post. It has even been referred to as the Bossier Parish Coates Bluff.

# **Family History Trivia: A way to generate interest in the Family Reunion**

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The **Neal Family Reunion** for descendants and extended family of Ollie [Ward] and Eleazer. L, Neal, Sr was held in July 2008 in San Francisco, CA. The Neal Family home place is Winnsboro (Franklin Parish), Louisiana. This was the first time the reunion had been held in the City by the Golden Gate, though four of the Neal brothers (of Winnsboro, LA) had made San Francisco their home starting in late 1944. To help spark interest in the reunion I created a Family Trivia Quiz. I sent the questions out by e-mail to family members. A week or so later, I sent an e-mail with the answers to the questions. I particularly hoped this activity would create a strong interest among younger family members, not only to attend the reunion but also to take an interest in our family history. I was not disappointed. At this end of this article I have included a few of the responses to the quiz that I received from younger family members.

I believe there should be one or more Griots in each generation so that the family story continues to live. You may recall having heard the word Griot (pronounced "gree-oh") used when Alex Haley told the story of his family in the epic novel and TV program, "Roots." Historically, Africans and those of African descent have relied on oral history more so than written history. That makes the work of the Griots all the more important. Hopefully, our Neal Family history will continue to be passed down, generation to generation. We do have a story to tell; one that can be an inspiration to the younger family members. In my e-mail communication I attached the Trivia Quiz answers (in a Microsoft Word file) for easy save to family members' computer.

**Our reunion theme was "Honoring and Preserving the Neal Family Legacy."**

## Neal Family Trivia Quiz

1. Eleazer, Sr. and Ollie [Ward] Neal had seven children. Name them in birth order. **Answer: Carey, Charlie, Jesse, William, Solomon, Eleazer, and Eliza.**
2. Eleazer, Sr. had a daughter from a previous marriage. What were her name and her nickname? **Answer: Alice Singleton, Aunt Suh.**
3. Eleazer, Sr.'s parents were Stephen and Francis [Williams] Neal. Name their children. **Answer: James, Godfrey, Stephen, Joseph, Ransome, Dan, Eleazer, Jacob, Frances, Noel, and Timothy.**
4. When and where was Eleazer, Sr. born? **Answer: October 20, 1880, Wisner, LA. He passed away on October 11, 1964 at the age of 84. He was laid to rest at the Oakley Cemetery, Gilbert, LA.**
5. Stephen and Francis' family earned its living by farming and cotton was a major crop. At a particular point in time boll weevils became a problem, eating at the crop, so the family moved to get ahead of the boll weevils. Where did they move? **Answer: to the Mississippi Delta.**
6. Eventually, two of the family members returned to Louisiana, settling in Winnsboro. Who were they? **Answer: sons Eleazer and Stephen.**
7. Of the family members who did not return, name some of the cities where they lived? **Answer: Greenville, Leland, Arcola, and Trail Lake - all in Mississippi.**
8. Who is Godfrey Neill to Eleazer, Sr. and why is Godfrey's last name spelled differently? **Answer: Godfrey Neill was Eleazer, Sr.'s paternal grandfather. His last name is spelled Neill because that is the way the census taker spelled the name on the Federal Census record.**
9. Godfrey Neill was born about 1815 in what state? **Answer: Virginia. Godfrey's wife, Julia, was born in Georgia in 1826. Their children were William, Alfred, Stephen, Marlinda, Solomon W., Francis, and Samuel.**
10. Who were Jesse and Anna Eliza [Davis] Ward to Ollie [Ward] Neal? **Answer: Jesse and Anna Eliza were Ollie's parents.**
11. Jesse Ward was born in 1865 in what state? **Answer: Texas. Jesse's wife Anna Eliza was born in Louisiana in 1868.**
12. Ollie was the second youngest daughter. When was she born? **Answer: June 1891.**

13. Name Ollie's siblings. **Answer: Henry, Carrie ("Cassie"), John, Alfred, and Caroline.**
14. Who is Lemuel (Lem) Davis to Ollie Ward and where was he born? **Answer: Lemuel Davis was Ollie's maternal grandfather. He was born in Maryland in 1825. His wife, Ann, was born in 1824 in North Carolina. Their children were Caroline, Henderson, Cynthia, Alfred, Corrina, Lee, Anna Eliza, and Charlotte. Note: re: Lemuel Davis's being born in Maryland, there's that ancestral connection to our 2006 reunion, which was held in the Baltimore, MD area.**
15. What is the relationship between Eleazer, Sr. and Philip Neal? **Answer: They were first cousins. Their fathers, Stephen and William, were brothers.**
16. Who were Philip Neal's parents? **Answer: William and Caroline (Peebles) Neal. Philip Neal passed away June 9, 1963 at the age of 96. He was laid to rest at the Oakley Cemetery, Gilbert, LA.**
17. In many instances, African American families have followed naming patterns when a child is born. In the Neal Family the name Solomon is found in several generations. List three Neals who had the first name of Solomon and where they fit in the family. **Answer: Solomon W (son of Godfrey and Julia Neill); Solomon Louis (son of Eleazer, Sr. and Ollie Neal; Solomon Edward (son of William and Alice Neal). Also, Isaac Solomon Neal, son of Lawrence and Debbie Neal, was named after his grandfather Solomon Louis Neal.**
18. Which Neal brother was known for offering to buy his children, nieces, or nephews "a nickel dip of cream"? **Answer: Eleazer Neal, Jr. (Uncle Lee). He would to buy us a tasty ice cream cone, referring to it as a nickel dip of cream. ☺**
19. Two Neal family members were known for their famous teacakes. Name them. **Answer: Aunt Melissa and Aunt Eliza.**
20. One of the San Francisco Neal brothers was an avid fisherman, taking the boat out of Half Moon Bay to go ("dip-sy" as Ricky Ricardo would say) deep-sea fishing and would come back with croaker (sp?) sacks full of fish like ling cod. Who was that brother? **Answer: Solomon Neal.**
21. Who was the first Neal sibling to move to the Bay Area? **Answer: Carey Neal and his family in the 1940s. They came to Richmond, CA where his wife, Ludy, had family. However, they didn't stay in the Bay Area and eventually returned to Winnsboro, LA. The next brother to move to California was Jesse and his family in November 1944.**
22. True or False. Eliza and her family lived in the Bay Area for a period of time. **Answer: True. They lived in Richmond where her husband, James, had found work in the shipyards. Subsequently, he died. At the time Eliza**

completed the application for social security (April 1944), she listed her address as 4820 Cutting Boulevard, Apt. 5, Richmond, CA. About 1945, Eliza returned to Louisiana and made her home in Homer.

23. Ollie Ward Neal died in 1923 from illness. Back then, Black people really didn't have access to hospitals and medical care and she'd developed pneumonia. After her death, who raised the children? **Answer: Ollie's parents, Jesse and Annie Eliza Ward, raised the oldest and youngest, Carey and Eliza. The rest of the boys were raised by their Dad, Eleazer, Sr.**
24. What church did the Wards attend and where was it located? **Answer: Mt. Zion Church of Christ (Holiness), Gilbert, LA.**
25. What church did Eleazer, Sr. and his sons attend? **Answer: Augusta Baptist Church, Winnsboro, LA.**
26. What was the name of the business that Eleazer, Sr. had? **Answer: Neal and Sons Grocery in Winnsboro.**
27. Who was the first Neal brother to marry? **Answer: Charlie.**
28. List the spouses for the seven Neal siblings. **Answer: Charlie married Miss Melissa Robinson, November 15, 1935; Carey married Miss Ludy Harris, October 4, 1936; William married Miss Alice Gransberry, May 15, 1937; Jesse married Miss Juanita Lewis, December 31, 1938; Eleazer married Miss Penny Green, September 17, 1938; Eliza married Mr. James Matthews, 1940; Solomon married Miss Fannye Seals, February 11, 1946.**
29. Which one of Ollie [Ward] Neal's siblings lived in Homer, LA? **Answer: Alfred Ward.**
30. What did the Neal brothers call Carey, Sr.? **Answer: Chief.**
31. We know of family members who have served in the US military from World War I to the present. Name those family members and their respective branch of service. **Answer: Alfred Ward (Army, World War I). Solomon Louis Neal (Army, World War II). Solomon Edward Neal (Army). Carey Neal, Jr. (Army). Lonnie Roy Neal (Army). Elmer Neal (Army). Isaac Neal aka "Buster" (Army). Lannie Ernest (Army). Larry Neal (Marine Corps, Army, and Marine Corps Reserves). Christopher Royce Neal (Army). Edward ("Jamal") Neal (Navy). André Christopher Neal (Air Force). Some served during the Korean War, the Viet Nam War, Desert Storm, and most recently Christopher Royce Neal saw active duty in the Iraq conflict.**
32. Which Neal brother was a die-hard San Francisco Giants baseball fan? **Answer: Eleazer Neal, Jr. No matter how badly the team was playing he still had faith in his "boys."**

33. Two Neal brothers attended Grambling State and were educators? Who were they? **Answer: Carey and Jesse.**
34. What type of cookies did Aunt Penny always have on hand to serve guests when they visited? **Answer: coconut cookies (macaroons).**
35. Can you identify the family members in the attached photos? **Answer: Oops – I forgot to attach the photos! I will save this question for another time. Sorry about that.**
36. Which Louisiana college has graduated many Neal family members? **Answer: Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA.**
37. Before his retirement, what was William Neal's occupation? **Answer: William carried on the family tradition and earned his living by farming. His main crop was soybeans.**
38. Which Neal brother was the President of the Franklin Parish Retired Teachers' Association? **Answer: Carey Neal, Sr.**
39. When did Charlie and his family move to California from Louisiana? **Answer: in the late 1950s.**
40. Who was Uncle Tim and where did he live? **Answer: Uncle Tim (Timothy Neal) was Eleazer, Sr.'s younger brother and he lived in Leland, MS.**
41. Neal Family members are located across the U.S. Name the states where family members currently reside. **Answer: California, Florida, South Carolina, Georgia, Colorado, Nevada, Hawaii, Maryland, New York, Rhode Island, Michigan, Kansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana. In California's Bay Area, family members live in the following cities: San Francisco, Foster City, Antioch, Stockton, Tracy, Union City, San Jose, Milpitas, Castro Valley, and up north in Clear Lake.**

### Some responses to the Neal Family Trivia Quiz

**From Makailah:** Thank you for all the work that you're putting into not only our reunion, but educating our family about our rich history. I'm currently teaching 11th grade US History in Colorado and as I learn more about our family, I'm able to share it with my students. Through our stories they gain vivid interpretations of the past, and they are able to see the fruit of the Neal family's labor standing in front of them each day as a testament. Your research and passion is impacting students in my classroom! If you have electronic copies of photos, I would be happy to create a photo essay (PowerPoint) to share at the reunion. *Note: Makailah's Photo Essay presentation at the Reunion Banquet was a highlight of the evening.*

**From Diane:** What a great exercise! I learned so much about my family from just this short list of questions. Thank you so much for taking the time to pull this together. I know that it was no easy feat! I move around so much, it is just so interesting to see everywhere that the Neal family has been--occupations, education, family. Certainly makes me proud! I want to continue to stay connected. Here is my contact information and family for future reference. Also, I am trying to look at my calendar to see whether my family and I can attend the upcoming reunion.

**From Cynthia R.:** Thank you so much for these trivia questions & answers! This kind of history is PRICELESS. I would love to hear more. Be assured that I will pass this along to my daughters.

**From Devery:** I didn't know the answers to any of these questions. I need the "cliff notes" version of our family tree before next summer.

**From Carey:** ...this is an incredible chronicle of family history. I will keep this in my files. Job well done!!

**From Larry:** This was/is outstanding I commend you and whomever for putting it together, very informative and I learned much from reading it

***Good Articles are needed!***

***Do you have one?***

# Alford Cemetery

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From the Mer Rouge, LA, Post Office, travel five-tenths of a mile south on Davenport Avenue and veer right to onto Handy Hill Road. Continue on Handy Hill Road for two miles. The Alford Cemetery appears on the right.

ID	NAME (Last, First, Middle)	PRE/SUFFIX	BIRTH	DEATH	INSCRIPTION/NOTES
47	ALFORD, ADELL		07 OCT 1935	28 MAR 1996	
35	ALFORD, BERTHA LEE HARRIS		30 JUN 1932	19 DEC 1998	
31	ALFORD, CARRIE BANKS		04 SEP 1923	11 SEP 1996	MOTHER. DUO W/ THOMAS ALFORD, JR. SECOND OF 2 HS.
11	ALFORD, CARRIE LEE	MRS.	04 SEP 1923	11 SEP 1976	FIRST OF TWO HEADSTONES
33	ALFORD, COLUMBUS		23 MAY 1949	09 OCT 2003	SP 4 U S ARMY VIETNAM
34	ALFORD, DAN MCKINLEY		22 JAN 1965	21 JAN 1998	
10	ALFORD, DEWEY		18 JUL 1907	24 NOV 1995	VAULT
22	ALFORD, DEWEY		10 FEB 1952	10 JUN 2002	LOVING FATHER AND HUSBAND
48	ALFORD, ELEANOR EVELYN SHILOH		19 APR 1894	20 OCT 1988	
8	ALFORD, EULA MAY		13 AUG 1929	22 OCT 1998	
4	ALFORD, HOOVER "TIGER"	SR.	1931	2006	AGE 75
44	ALFORD, HUEY P.		21 FEB 1932	05 JUN 1995	
49	ALFORD, ISAIAH "TUTT"		- FEB 1861	21 JUN 1932	
46	ALFORD, ISIAH		07 JUN 1925	16 AUG 1999	FP: PARS-MR. & MRS. ELEANOR (SHILOH) & THOMAS ALFORD
7	ALFORD, JOSEPH	SR.	28 AUG 1928	13 APR 1995	
54	ALFORD, MABLE	MRS.		?? JUN 2004	OBITUARY BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 17 JUN 2004
58	ALFORD, MARY LOUISE			?? DEC 1998	OBITUARY BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 21 DEC 1998
5	ALFORD, NATALIE ARLENE		28 APR 1977	03 JUN 1992	VAULT
32	ALFORD, THOMAS	JR.	20 JUN 1923	11 DEC 1996	FATHER. DUO W/ CARRIE BANKS ALFORD. SECOND OF 2 HS.
12	ALFORD, THOMAS		20 JAN 1923	11 DEC 1996	FIRST OF TWO HEADSTONES
16	ALFORD, THOMAS EARL	III	12 MAR 1948	01 DEC 1968	LA PFC CO D 1 BN 27 INF 25 INF DIV VIETNAM BSM & OLC PH
50	ALFORD, THOMAS RAYMOND	SR.	23 JUL 1891	02 JUN 1966	
142	ALFORD, VIRDELL			2008	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 03 DEC 2008
15	ALFORD, WARREN		01 MAY 1910	11 MAY 1970	LOUISIANA TEC 5 129 QM BAKERY CO. WORLD WAR II
2	ALFORD, WILL		1870	1942	FOOTSTONE: "W.A."
14	ALFORD, WILLIAM M.		11 MAR 1925	13 SEP 1990	PVT U S ARMY WORLD WAR II
28	ALFORD, WILLIE		22 AUG 1917	06 MAY 1977	
23	ALFORD, WILSON		06 MAR 1960	05 DEC 2000	SP 4 U S ARMY
43	ALLEN, HERBERT	JR.	17 OCT 1948	20 OCT 1993	
57	ALLEN, JOHN			22 SEP 1987	OBITUARY BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 25 SEP 1987
61	AVERY, SHIRLEY ALFORD BROWN			31 OCT 1997	OBITUARY BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 04 NOV 1997
56	AVERY, TILMER			05 JAN 1994	OBITUARY BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 07 JAN 1994

OBITUARY

“Funeral services for ELENOR SHILOH ALFORD will be held Wednesday, Oct. 26, at Mt. Zion Church of God in Christ on Mer Rouge Road with Elder Billy Smith officiating.

“Burial will be in Alford Cemetery with Miller Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

“She died Thursday, Oct. 20, at Morehouse General Hospital following a long illness.

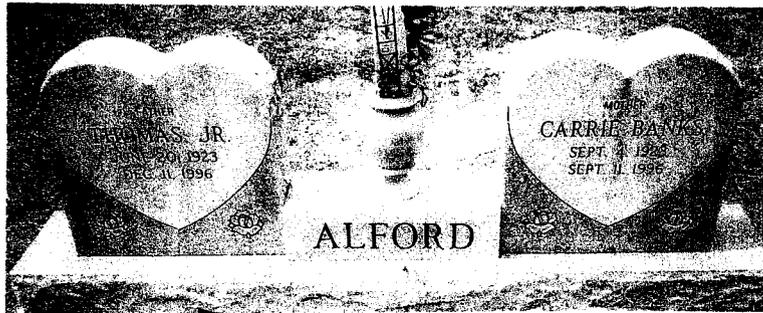
“Survivors include seven daughters: Marie Debose and Shirley Brown, both of Bastrop; Erline A. Evans, Virta A. Marks, Gertie Mae Boughton and Elenor A. Mitchell, all of Mer Rouge; and Velma A. James, Galveston, Texas; three sons, Thomas Alford, Jr., and Issiah Alford, both of Mer Rouge; and Hewey P. Alford, Bastrop.

“Pallbearers will be Frank Mitchell, Joe Mitchell, Rhodney Brown, James Bibby, Robert Evans and Mark A. Alford.

“Visitation will be today from 7-8 p.m. at Miller Funeral Home.”

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Source: Obituary of Elenor Shiloh Alford dated October 25, 1988, in the *Bastrop Daily Enterprise*, 119 Hickory, Bastrop, Louisiana.



OBITUARY

“Funeral service for THOMAS ALFORD, JR., 73, of Mer Rouge will be held Saturday, Dec. 14, 1996, at 1 p.m. at the Mt. Zion C.O.G.I.C. with Elder Billy R. Smith officiating.

“Interment will follow at the Alford Cemetery under the direction of Montgomery’s funeral Home.

“Mr. Alford died on Wednesday, Dec. 11, at North Monroe Hospital following a lengthy illness.

“He is survived by five sons: Columbus Alford and Mark Alford of Mer Rouge; Frederick Alford and Richard Alford of Bastrop; and Michael Alford of Brandon, Miss.; six daughters: Willie Mae Caldwell of Mer Rouge, Katie Mae Robinson of Gary, Ind., Vivian Lee and Cynthia Bradshaw of Bastrop, Reita Lexing of Monroe and Anna Allen of Lake Providence; six sisters: Marie Dubose of Akron, Ohio; Verda Marks, Elaine Evans and Eleanor Mitchell of Mer Rouge, Shirley Avery of Bastrop and Thelma Lee James of Galveston, Texas; a brother, Isiah Alford of Bastrop; 26 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren and host of other relatives and friends.

“Visitation will be held in Montgomery’s Funeral Home on Friday, Dec. 13, from 2-6 p.m.”

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Source: Obituary of Thomas Alford, Jr., dated December 13, 1996, in the *Bastrop Daily Enterprise*, 119 Hickory, Bastrop, Louisiana.

Left: Headstones of ALF 32 and ALF 31

# Alford Cemetery

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ID	NAME (Last, First, Middle)	PRE/SUFFIX	BIRTH	DEATH	INSCRIPTION/NOTES
140	DOWNS, LAZAVIER			02 JUL 2006	INFANT SON OF ALICIA DOWNS AND TRAVALLE PERRY
17	EVANS, ELAINE ALFORD		15 SEP 1916	16 JUN 2005	
19	EVANS, JACKIE LEE		1958	2002	FHM
18	EVANS, WILLIE JACK		1910	12 OCT 1993	FHM. OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 16 OCT 1993
27	HAMPTON, ALEX		1913	01 NOV 1982	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 03 NOV 1982
24	HAMPTON, MAGGIE LEAN JOHNSON		04 JUL 1912	19 MAR 2004	
25	HAMPTON, SAMUEL		08 SEP 1915	01 AUG 1981	FP: WIFE: MRS. MAGGIE (JOHNSON) HAMPTON
26	HAMPTON, WALTER		10 MAY 1895	28 AUG 1974	
6	JAMES, WILLIE "TWEET"	SR.	22 MAY 1937	28 SEP 1993	FP: PARENTS-ANNIE ALFORD PITMAN AND ARMSTEAD JAMES.
55	JOHNSON, DEWEY			?? NOV 1996	OBITUARY BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 11 NOV 1996
30	JOHNSON, NAZZIE DOKES		20 DEC 1943	20 NOV 2003	AUNT LOU. A LOVING MOTHER AND A FAITHFUL FRIEND.
1	JONES, ADA MAY		08 DEC 1923	15 MAY 1947	PHOTO ON HEADSTONE.
60	JONES, IBERIA N.			?? OCT 1998	OBITUARY BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 08 OCT 1998
29	JONES, REGINOLD M.		17 DEC 1955	22 APR 1980	
52	MAYS, LULA	MRS.		16 JUL 1980	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 17 & 18 JUL 1980
141	MAYS, RICHARD			02 MAY 2007	OBITUARY, NEWS-STAR (MONROE, LA) DTD 28 APR 2007
45	MITCHELL, FRANK		17 DEC 1956	08 FEB 1999	
21	MOORE, VAN RAY		1954	2003	HEADSTONE IS A LARGE DECORATIVE URN OF POTTERY.
9	ROBINSON, ORA WATSON		23 AUG 1915	10 NOV 2005	
53	ROBINSON, ROCHELL			12 JUN 1981	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 18 JUN 1981
51	ROBINSON-AVEREY, SHIRLEY MAE		01 APR 1937	15 OCT 1997	
3	SIMMONS, ELLA		1893	1965	AGE 72.
13	SIMS, LEMMIE		05 APR 1925	25 APR 1976	U S ARMY WORLD WAR II
59	STEWART, JOE			29 NOV 2006	OBITUARY BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 08 DEC 2006
39	WATSON, AISHA GIYOUNG		23 OCT 1976	25 JUN 1978	"BABY"
42	WATSON, DARREN	JR.	19 FEB 2001	07 AUG 2004	
36	WATSON, HOBERT	SR.	20 JAN 1920	23 FEB 1992	FOOTSTONE: "DADDY." DUO W/ SUSIE BANKS WATSON
41	WATSON, HUEL CECIL		1933	13 SEP 1999	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 16 SEP 1999
38	WATSON, LINDA M.		20 APR 1953	15 OCT 1975	DAUGHTER OF SUSIE AND HOBERT WATSON
40	WATSON, REOLA		26 SEP 1935	03 NOV 1988	FP: PARENTS-MR. & MRS. MARY AND LEE HARRIS
37	WATSON, SUSIE BANKS		20 AUG 1920	21 SEP 1990	FOOTSTONE: "MAMA." DUO W/ HOBERT WATSON, SR.
20	WILLIS, ALTEE EVANS		26 DEC 1936	26 NOV 1995	VAULT

**OBITUARY**

“SAMUEL HAMPTON loved God, his family and his friends. He showed them his love in expressions and deeds. He was a quiet person, spending much of his time reading—trying to find answers to questions that concerned him. He was an avid sportsman.

“In his declining days, he spent many hours at the hospital and clinic telling everyone he met about God’s love and goodness—urging the unsaved to accept Him as their Savior now. He believed and he knew.

“He professed a hope in Christ in Louisiana when he was a very young person. When he moved to Saint Louis, Missouri, he continued his Christian life at New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church. He never joined any auxiliaries at church, but supported its program in presence and finance.

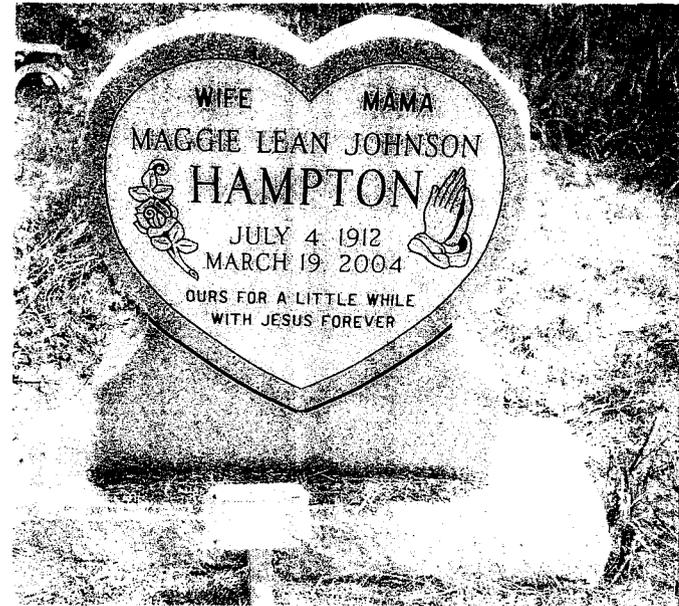
“For thirty-eight years he was an employee at General Steel Industries, Granite City, Illinois, where he established such a good record that when the company went out of business, he was immediately hired by another firm where he remained until he became ill.

“To cherish his memory are his devoted wife, Maggie; two sons: Hewitt and Alex of Oakland, California; two daughters: Irene Brown of Oakland, California; Yvonne Franklin of St. Louis, Mo.; one brother: Alex (Bud); one sister-in-law: Mattyle; father-in-law: Rev. David Johnson; one son-in-law, two daughters-in-law, eleven grandchildren, uncles, aunts, cousins, dear and loyal friend Ambrose Muse, and others.”

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Source: “Funeral Services for Mr. Samuel Hampton” dated August 7, 1981 in possession of Mrs. Isabelle Woods, 2016 Surrey Lane, Bossier City, Louisiana.

**Headstone of  
MAGGIE LEAN JOHNSON HAMPTON,  
Wife of SAMUEL HAMPTON**



**WIFE MAMA  
MAGGIE LEAN JOHNSON  
HAMPTON  
JULY 4, 1912  
MARCH 19, 2004**

**OURS FOR A LITTLE WHILE,  
WITH JESUS FOREVER**

## McGiboney/Mapp Family Bible

Compiled by Herman L. Weiland

Information obtained from Zerox copies of the Bible pages and a transcription made by Patsy King,

The McGiboney/Mapp Family Bible was in the possession of Andrew King for many years. He was the son of James R. King and Susan F. Wright of Greene County, Georgia. The Bible was (1994) in the possession of Patsy King, Shreveport, LA. The title page is missing and the new testament page is worn and torn. The only information available is that the Bible was an "H & E Phinney's Stereotype Edition - Cooperstown N.Y." The Bible records the William and Nancy (Cone) McGiboney family, their six children; Elizabeth, James Cone, Lucretia, Matilda, William, Erasmus and Maria; and extended families of these children.

Page 1 Left side.

William and Nancy McGiboney was married on the 12th day of July 1792  
Littleton Mapp and Lucretia McGiboney was married July the 23 1818  
Allison J. Carroll & Elizabeth C. Mapp was married the 30th of April 1840  
Jesse F. Moore & Frances A. Mapp was married the 28th January 1844  
Charlie Harris King was born July 25th 1886  
Willie Howell King was born Oct. 16, 1889

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Asa Barnes & Mary W. Mapp was married the 27 of Sept 1849  
R. K. Mapp & Fereda Pittman married the 5 of June 1859  
J. R. King & S. F. Wright was married the 5 of November 1867  
Zina King & R. R. Andrews was married 17 of \_\_\_\_\_ 1890  
Children of W. A King & Lula King  
Hellon Louise King was born July 9th 1902  
Nellie Bly King was born November 27, 1905  
Andrew Irene King was born Sept. 24, 1907  
Nellie Bly King married James Porter Rogers on June 16, 1929  
Gwendolyn Lou Rogers was born on October 15th 1930

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Elizabeth McGiboney was born on the 7th March 1794  
James Cone McGiboney was born on the 3rd day of Febry 1796  
Lucretia McGiboney was born on the 2nd day of August 1798  
Matilda McGiboney was born on the 11th day of March \_\_\_\_\_ (1800)  
William McGiboney was born on the 7th April \_\_\_\_\_ (1804)  
Erasmuz McGiboney was born on the 9th day of May \_\_\_\_\_ (1802)  
Maria McGiboney was born on the 26th day of July \_\_\_\_\_  
Andrew King was born on the June 29 1880  
Mary Lou King was born 15 Sept 1882

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of James Cone & Children

John Cone was born in Nov 1767

Bridget Cone was born 13th of August 1769

Sarah Cone was born 23rd Sept 1771

James Cone was born 29th of May 1773

Mary Cone was born 18th of July 1775

Nancy Cone was born 24th of March 1778

William Cone was born 22 of July 17\_\_

Catherine Cone was born 25 Sept 1782 and died on the 5th day of Sept 1814

Zinah C. King was born January 27 \_\_\_\_

Matt D. King was born Nov the 27, 1875

Elic D. Coffoir was born August 24 1885

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Elizabeth C. Mapp was born Sept the 29 1819

Almarian Mapp was born Dec 7 1821

Susan A. Mapp was born Jany the 26 1824

Frances A. Mapp was born Oct the 3 1826

Sarah J. Mapp was born the 24 of Nov 1828

Mary W. Mapp was born the 25th of Nov 1830

Martha A. Mapp was born Nov the 24th 1832

Zina \_ King was born January 27 1872

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William Cone King was born 26 of January 1879

Robert W. Mapp was born Oct the 5th 1834

William L. Mapp was born June the 21, 1836

John T. Mapp was born March the 17th 1839

Virginia A. Carroll was born May 16th 1841

Nancy T. Carroll was born Nov 26th 1842

Susan A. Wright was born the 16th of Sept 1848

Charlie H. Mapp was born the 18 of December 1860

Mina A. King was born the 4 of January 1869

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Elizabeth McGiboney departed this life on the 29th day of May 1794

Matilda Self

daughter of Wm and Nancy McGiboney departed this life on the 28th day of Augt 1833

James McGiboney departed this life on the 11th day of May 1847

Maria Veazey departed this life on the 9th day of October 1848

Elizabeth C. Carroll departed this life the 26th of Dec 1846

Littleton Mapp departed this life the 26th of Oct 1839

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Lucretia Mapp departed this life 7 Oct 1884

Susan A. Mapp departed this life the 7th day of March 1848

Almarian Mapp departed this life the 25 Apr 1839

Nancy McGiboney departed this life the 22nd day of April 1850

Martha A Barnes departed this life the 7 day of September 1856

William L. Mapp departed this life the 16 of June 1858

John L. Mapp departed this life 11 (17) of September 1862

\_\_\_\_\_ Mapp departed this life 26 November 1869

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Negro Boy Jerry was born on the 27th Dec 1817 or 9

Negro Boy Anderson was born on the 9th Dec 1826

Negro girl Milley was born on the 16th of June 1829

Negro boy Alfred was born on the 2nd of April 1831

Negro girl Clery was born on the 23rd of Sept 1833

Negro girl Martha was born on the 7th of October 1836

Negro girl Sucky was born on the 5th of Jany 1839

Negro boy Virgil was born on the 6th of Jany 1841

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## **Family History in the Family Bible**

Most families don't own a family Bible these days, but once you found them almost everywhere, and where they do still exist they can be a superb resource for genealogy. The generations are listed, as the Bible is passed down through the family, so it can become a great help in filling out – and starting a family tree.

To discover if your family has a family Bible, just start asking. Try your parents first, to see if they remember anything, then all your older relatives. If it exists, they'll be able to set you on the right track.

It might seem like a lot of effort for a book, but remember, this is a book with history. Most family Bibles are well over a hundred years old, and if you hold one in your hand, you're holding not just a book, but part of your family's heritage and a great tool for the family tree.

That makes it worth the effort to find. If relatives remember one in the family, then trying to find it can prove to be an interesting task, and one that can teach you a lot about your own family as you talk to people. You'll almost certainly hear some family stories, whether there's a Bible or not and possibly meet relatives you didn't know or have rarely seen.

It will certainly introduce you to the family side of family history and that's always useful.

Source: <http://www.exploreancestry.co.uk/family-bible-genealogy.html>

## EXCHANGE PERIODICAL REVIEW

Compiled by Constance Whatley

Many of the periodicals we receive, in exchange for "The Genie" provide up-to-date ideas on how to solve your research challenges. Always search the periodical published in your geographical interest area, but don't overlook other periodicals that may include articles of general interest to the researcher or about families that have migrated. These periodicals are located at the Broadmoor Branch Library, Shreveport, Genealogy Section, Shreveport.

**Limestone Legacy**, Volume 31, Number 3, April 2009, published by the Limestone County Historical Society, Athens, AL, pages 65-67 is the first installment of an article with the title: John Dawson's Road to Freedom. Check this article if you have a Dawson line.

**ANCESTORS BURIED IN ARKANSAS.** The Arkansas Gravestone Project has announced its web site and it is free. This information is found on page 48 of The Yell County Historical & Genealogical Association Bulletin. If you have relatives buried in this area, check the website. [www.arkansasgravestone.org](http://www.arkansasgravestone.org).

**The Ark Valley Crossroads**, Volume 20, No. 2, published by the Wichita Genealogical Society, Wichita, Kansas, pages 18-19 lists the most popular genealogy websites for 2009.

**The Bulletin**, Volume 58, Number 4, June 2009, published by the Genealogical Forum of Oregon, pages 25-28, lists the tech tips for effective Google researching.

**Virginia Appalachian Notes**, Volume 33, Number 2, Spring, 2009, pages 80-81, is a list of questions used to compile an Oral History. This list of questions grew out of two class projects that were used by the author to commemorate a relative's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. If you are considering conducting an oral interview, this listing may provide some insights.

**Bulletin**, Volume 58, No. 2, Spring/Summer 2009, published by the Seattle Genealogical Society of Washington on page 59 is a short article called: The Life Secrets in your Family Tree that appeared in the Wall Street Journal. A quote from it is: "Many doctors say that keeping track of your family history can be a better way to gauge your risks than getting genetic tests. Family records might turn up correlations that tests can't yet fully explain". The website is given if you want to read the entire article.

## Bossier and Caddo Parish Deaths Reported in Monroe, LA Newspapers

1910-1929

Compiled by Lora Peppers and Pat Gilman  
Ouachita Parish Public Library

Name	Newspaper	Date	Page	Col.	Notes
Adams, W.N. (Dr.)	News-Star	1/30/1925	9	4	After surgery ; buried in Shreveport, LA
Adams, W.N. (Dr.)	News-Star	1/31/1925	3	6	After surgery ; buried in Shreveport, LA
Adams, Will (Dr.)	Ouachita Citizen	2/5/1925	1	3	Shreveport, LA burial
Airy, Joe	News-Star	2/26/1925	1	8	Lynched in Bossier City, LA
Albright, Russell	News-Star	1/7/1929	1	2	Car accident ; Rocky Mount
Apgar, Percy F.	News-Star	11/30/1925	8	3	After surgery ; Shreveport burial
Arkle, A.C. (Mrs.)	News-Star	1/1/1929	9	1	Shreveport, LA burial
Arnold, Newton A.	News-Star	6/24/1927	1	3	Drilling accident ; Shreveport, LA Burial
Aubert Infant Boy	Monroe Morning World	12/17/1929	6	8	Son of Paul ; Burns sustained in an auto accident
Aubert, Paul Dean	News-Star	12/16/1929	1	8	Auto accident ; Elm Grove, LA
Aubert, Sadie	News-Star	12/27/1927	8	3	Infant of Paul
Ausdooks, Marvia	Monroe Bulletin	6/15/1911	3	6	55 years old ; hit by a car at Shreveport, LA
Austin, C.C.	News-Star	6/27/1928	1	2	Possible poisoning ; Shreveport, LA
Bailie, Edith Brown	Ouachita Citizen	7/28/1927	1	2	Shreveport, LA
Bain, James Noel	News-Star	11/1/1925	10	3	Auto Accident ; Shreveport, LA
Barefeld, C.C.	News-Star	12/17/1912	8	3	Murdered in Caddo Parish
Barefield, C.C.	Monroe Bulletin	12/19/1912	6	3	63 years old ; murdered at Caddo Parish Courthouse
Barham, Lucille	News-Star	7/17/1927	1	6	Accidentally poisoned self ; Caddo parish
Barnett, Albert	News-Star	4/4/1910	5	1	Died in Shreveport, LA
Barnett, Jessie (Mrs.)	News-Star	5/6/1927	6	2	Auto accident ; Shreveport, LA
Basch, John	News-Star	3/9/1926	11	1	Flu ; Shreveport, LA burial
Bass, Joe J.	News-Star	11/29/1924	1	8	Suicide at Shreveport, LA
Battle, A.D. (Col.)	News-Star	9/26/1910	4	1	Founder of the Shreveport Times
Beheler, Fred	News-Star	12/20/1929	1	7	Gas from a stove ; Riverview Cemetery
Beheler, Fred	Monroe Morning World	12/21/1929	6	7	Gas poison
Beheler, Fred	News-Star	12/21/1929	12	2	Grandson of Fred C. Peters
Beheler, Fred	Monroe Morning World	12/22/1929	6	8	Shreveport, LA
Benoit, Albert Carroll	News-Star	2/14/1923	2	4	buried in Shreveport, LA
Benoit, Alex	News-Star	11/10/1927	1	7	Shreveport, LA
Berry, J.C.	Weekly News-Star	7/17/1919	3	3	Shreveport, LA
Bertels, Frank (Rev. Father)	News-Star	2/9/1926	3	3	Shreveport, LA burial

Bessonette, Mamie	News-Star	9/16/1929	3	1	From Caddo ; Auto accident
Betts, Shirley H.	News-Star	10/22/1929	10	4	Heart attack ; From Shreveport, LA
Betts, Shirley Houston	Monroe Morning World	10/23/1929	5	4	Died in Shreveport, LA
Blevin, A.B. (Maj.)	News-Star	3/5/1915	1	3	Shreveport
Blevins, A.B.	Weekly News-Star	3/11/1915	2	2	Shreveport, LA ; Oakland Cemetery
Blount, Lee	Weekly News-Star	3/29/1917	2	5	Shreveport, LA
Boley, C.C.	News-Star	9/4/1928	1	2	Auto accident ; from Caddo parish
Brechet, August	News-Star	3/15/1926	1	2	Hotel Fire in Shreveport, LA
Brewster, Arthur B.	News-Star	1/27/1925	1	1	Shot by Ellen Moran ; buried in Shreveport, LA
Brossard, John	News-Star	10/21/1929	8	5	Plane accident ; Shreveport, LA ; From Breaux Bridge
Brown, F.A.	News-Star	11/7/1927	8	5	Killed by C.C. Robinson ; Shreveport, LA
Brownlee, J.W. (Mrs.)	News-Star	7/9/1924	2	2	Shreveport, LA
Bryan, L.D.	News-Star	3/4/1929	10	7	Hit by an auto ; Shreveport, LA
Burch, Horace L.	News-Star	12/13/1927	6	2	Child accidentally shot ; Shreveport, LA
Burnecke, Raymond C.	News-Star	10/23/1918	6	3	Died of pneumonia ; buried in Shreveport, LA
Burnham, Will	News-Star	8/8/1911	3	4	Murdered in Shreveport by I.W. Linxweiler
Burns, C.	News-Star	8/19/1927	1	4	Train boiler explosion ; Shreveport, LA
Burris, W.B.	News-Star	12/28/1929	1	2	After surgery ; ulcer ; From Shreveport, LA
Burroughs, J.T.	News-Star	11/12/1929	2	2	Suicide ; Shreveport, LA
Busi, Gertrude	News-Star	9/5/1929	1	6	After surgery ; Shreveport, LA
Bynum, Wm. Joseph Sr.	News-Star	9/14/1926	8	6	Shreveport, LA burial
Byrd, C.E.	News-Star	2/26/1926	1	4	Shreveport, LA burial
Cahn, Arthur	News-Star	8/7/1911	2	2	Died in Shreveport
Camp, Willie Mae	News-Star	9/12/1928	1	6	Nee: Danscoy ; Liberty Cemetery ; Shreveport, LA
Causey, Jake	News-Star	6/24/1926	1	5	Shreveport, LA ; Killed by Charles Fenatra
Chamblees, W.B.	News-Star	10/8/1926	1	6	Killed by F.C. Nagle Jr. ; Shreveport, LA
Chappell, Arthur	News-Star	8/31/1928	6	1	Car accident ; Shreveport, LA
Chessman, A.W.	News-Star	10/1/1915	6	1	Article has picture and biography
Chessman, A.W.	News-Star	10/2/1915	8	3	Died in Shreveport
Clarke, C.K.	News-Star	3/21/1927	1	1	Died in Baton Rouge, LA
Clarke, C.K.	News-Star	3/22/1927	2	7	Burial In Shreveport, LA
Clarke, C.K.	News-Star	3/23/1927	1	2	President of Standard Oil
Clarke, Charles Kelly	Ouachita Citizen	3/24/1927	4	2	Heart failure ; Baton Rouge, LA
Cook, T.M.	News-Star	10/21/1929	8	5	Plane accident ; Shreveport, LA ; From Texas
Cornish, Lenore	News-Star	3/2/1925	5	2	Shreveport, LA burial
Costley, Al B.	News-Star	9/17/1928	9	6	Heart attack ; Forest Park Cemetery, Shreveport, LA
Cox, Houstice	News-Star	10/15/1928	12	2	Car accident ; Shreveport, LA

Crawford, Wm. Thomas (Capt.)	News-Star	8/8/1925	1	3	From Caddo, LA
Croom, W.H. B. (Hon.)	News-Star	11/1/1912	8	3	Caddo Parish
Cross, Evelyn	News-Star	5/17/1926	7	6	Auto accident ; Child ; Shreveport, LA
Crowder, Fred	News-Star	11/15/1926	1	5	Accidental Shooting ; Shreveport, LA burial
Cullon, L.L.	News-Star	4/5/1928	5	6	Car accident in Shreveport, LA
Curtis, Antonio	News-Star	8/6/1926	14	5	Bossier Parish ; Car/Train wreck
Curtis, W.W. (Mrs.)	News-Star	4/27/1921	1	5	Died in Shreveport, LA ; buried at Faulk's Chapel
Dalton, Kate	News-Star	7/9/1910	2	2	Died in Shreveport
Dancy, E.H.	News-Star	6/27/1927	1	5	Suicide ; Shreveport, LA
Dancy, E.H.	News-Star	6/28/1927	1	4	Suicide ; Shreveport, LA
Dancy, Mrs.	News-Star	6/27/1927	1	5	Shot by husband E.H. ; Shreveport, LA
Dancy, Mrs.	News-Star	6/28/1927	1	4	Shot by husband E.H. ; Shreveport, LA
Darden, Bennie Tom	News-Star	5/31/1928	8	4	Scalded ; Shreveport, LA
Davis, D.G.	News-Star	9/27/1911	1	5	Stabbing in Vivian
Davis, D.G.	Monroe Bulletin	9/28/1911	1	5	Shot at Vivian, LA
Davis, H.G.	News-Star	9/27/1911	1	5	Stabbing in Vivian
Davis, Marcellus	News-Star	8/6/1925	7	7	Suicide ; Shreveport, LA
Davis, Richard W.	News-Star	8/22/1911	1	5	Died in Shreveport
Degnan, Father	News-Star	12/29/1923	3	3	From Rayville, LA ; buried in Shreveport, LA
Delahunt, Terry Junior	News-Star	5/7/1926	1	2	Accidentally shot self ; Shreveport, LA
Dembinski, Charles	News-Star	6/11/1927	5	2	Shreveport, LA ; Jewish Cemetery
Deputy, R.W.	Monroe Morning World	10/28/1929	1	1	Auto Wreck ; Vivian, LA
Derzis, Theodore	News-Star	11/23/1927	10	1	Shot ; Shreveport, LA
Dickson, S.A. (Dr.)	News-Star	6/3/1916	1	7	Mayor of Shreveport
Donette, Clara Seal	News-Star	8/22/1927	8	3	Shreveport, LA burial
Doyle, Ben	News-Star	12/27/1927	8	4	Auto accident ; Shreveport, LA
Dunlap, Alphonse	News-Star	7/30/1928	1	5	Drowned in Ohio ; From Shreveport, LA
Durden, Elijah	News-Star	12/3/1914	1	4	Sylvester, LA; Lynched
Durden, Elijah	Weekly News-Star	12/24/1914	1	3	Lynched at Shreveport, LA
Durden, Elijah	Weekly News-Star	12/31/1914	1	1	Investigation
Durham, Henry	News-Star	8/13/1927	2	2	Shot by Sheriff ; Benton, LA
Eatman, Phelan W.	News-Star	12/14/1929	3	8	Heart attack ; Shreveport, LA burial
Edenborn, William	News-Star	5/14/1926	1	4	Stroke ; Shreveport, LA
Edenborn, William	News-Star	5/15/1926	1	3	Stroke ; Shreveport, LA
Edwards, K.	News-Star	8/27/1929	1	6	Auto accident ; From Vivian, LA
Eisenhower, Addie J.	News-Star	7/19/1926	7	4	Suicide ; Shreveport, LA
Elstner, Lee	News-Star	6/20/1918	6	5	Blood poisoning ; buried at Shreveport

Erwin, A.P.	News-Star	7/1/1929	6	5	Plant explosion ; Shreveport, LA
Erwin, A.P.	Ouachita Citizen	7/4/1929	1	3	Killed in an explosion ; Cotton Valley, LA
Fairfax, Oliver E.	News-Star	6/8/1929	1	1	Suicide ; From Caddo Parish
Faulkner, Will	News-Star	2/15/1919	5	1	Lynched near Shreveport
Fields, G.M.	News-Star	5/22/1929	11	6	Car accident ; From Caddo, LA
Fitts, John	News-Star	1/8/1926	1	8	From Rodessa, LA ; Auto accident
Fleming, Charles	Monroe Bulletin	6/29/1911	7	3	From Shreveport ; ran over by a train ; Hammond, IN
Flournoy, A.J.	News-Star	7/18/1928	12	3	Shot self ; Shreveport, LA
Foster, J. Clairborne	News-Star	7/25/1929	12	1	Stroke ; Shreveport, LA burial
Freund, T.S.	News-Star	9/14/1926	1	2	From Shreveport, LA ; Auto Accident ; burial in NYC
Fuducia, Mr.	News-Star	11/4/1928	10	2	From Mangham ; Shreveport, LA burial
Funderburk, E.B.	Monroe Bulletin	11/14/1912	4	4	Shot self ; Shreveport, LA
Gardner, Sarah	Monroe Bulletin	2/22/1912	1	1	Shreveport, LA tornado
Gipson, Earl	News-Star	12/19/1929	1	3	Heart attack ; Oil City, LA
Gipson, Earl	Monroe Morning World	12/20/1929	11	6	Died in Oil City, LA
Gipson, Earl	Monroe Morning World	12/21/1929	6	6	Burial In Monroe, LA
Greer, Thomas J.	News-Star	11/11/1925	1	8	Shreveport burial ; labor leader
Grigsby, Katherine Marcia	News-Star	3/12/1926	1	1	Child ; blood poisoning ; Shreveport, LA
Gullatt, S.S.	News-Star	8/10/1925	1	5	Auto Accident ; Shreveport, LA
Haas, I.L.	Weekly News-Star	4/5/1917	6	7	Stroke ; Burial at Shreveport, LA
Haas, Issac L.	News-Star	4/2/1917	3	1	Buried in Shreveport
Haddad, Lee	News-Star	11/30/1926	2	1	Hunting accident ; Shreveport, LA
Halstead, Thomas	Monroe Bulletin	4/13/1911	6	4	32 years old ; Shot self ; Shreveport, LA
Hammond, Arthur A.	News-Star	6/5/1916	1	2	Suicide in Caddo parish
Hammond, Arthur A.	Weekly News-Star	6/8/1916	2	1	suicide at Shreveport, LA
Handy, M.P.	News-Star	11/4/1916	1	3	Fell from a roof in Shreveport ; Hasley Cemetery
Handy, M.P.	Weekly News-Star	11/9/1916	5	3	Fell from a roof at Caddo parish
Handy, M.P.	News-Star	12/19/1916	8	3	Memorial
Hanson, George	Monroe Bulletin	10/12/1911	1	1	Murdered in 1907 at Bossier Parish
Hardin, Thomas	News-Star	5/6/1926	1	3	Shreveport, LA
Hargrove, S.E. (Mrs.)	Ouachita Citizen	7/26/1928	4	2	Shreveport, LA
Hargrove, Sarah	News-Star	7/19/1928	5	6	Shreveport, LA burial
Harmon, Noel Jr.	News-Star	12/2/1925	8	4	Child ; Auto accident ; Shreveport, LA
Harris, Johnny	News-Star	8/4/1926	1	8	Shreveport, LA ; shot by police ; 10 years old
Harris, O.H.	News-Star	11/1/1929	1	8	Oil tank fumes ; From Shreveport, LA
Harris, O.H.	Monroe Morning World	11/2/1929	7	2	Asphyxiated by fumes ; Shreveport, LA
Harrison, Sara Strong	Ouachita Citizen	1/19/1928	1	2	Shreveport, LA

Harrison, Sarah Strong	News-Star	1/16/1928	2	1	Pneumonia ; Shreveport, LA
Henderson, Breard	News-Star	12/12/1914	1	6	Shreveport; Lynched
Henry, John	News-Star	7/19/1926	7	6	Killed by posse ; Shreveport, LA
Herbert, John F.	Monroe Bulletin	3/14/1912	4	4	suicide at Shreveport, LA
Hicks, W.W. (Capt.)	News-Star	4/23/1926	6	3	Cedar Grove, LA Cemetery
Hicks, Charles	News-Star	12/3/1914	1	4	Murdered in Caddo Parish
Hill, C.G. (Mrs.)	News-Star	8/28/1924	5	7	Shreveport burial
Hilliers, Harry	News-Star	10/15/1928	12	2	Car accident ; Shreveport, LA
Hines, C.T.	News-Star	7/8/1929	1	5	Plant explosion ; Shreveport, LA
Holiman, Oscar	Monroe Morning World	10/31/1929	3	1	Car wreck ; Vivian, LA
Hornbeck, Daisy Freeman	News-Star	4/10/1929	1	7	Shreveport, LA
Hoskins Tom W.	News-Star	3/15/1926	1	2	Hotel Fire in Shreveport, LA
Howard, Virgil	News-Star	4/3/1926	10	4	Murdered ; Shreveport, LA
Hughes, W.C.	News-Star	8/19/1927	1	4	Train boiler explosion ; Shreveport, LA
Hunt, W.T. (Mrs.)	News-Star	9/16/1929	3	3	Blood poisoning ; Forest Park Cemetery ; Shreveport, LA
Hunter, Samuel Smith	News-Star	4/20/1922	1	6	Shreveport, LA ; Greenwood Cemetery
Hutte, Jack	News-Star	3/15/1926	1	2	Hotel Fire in Shreveport, LA
Hyatt, George	Monroe Morning World	11/15/1929	1	2	Shot near Shreveport, LA by E.F. Neely
Isaacs, Margaret	Monroe Bulletin	2/22/1912	1	1	Shreveport, LA tornado
Jackson, Earl	News-Star	2/17/1926	1	8	Killed by Chester Barton ; Vivian, LA
Jackson, George	News-Star	7/19/1926	7	6	Killed by posse ; Shreveport, LA
Johnson, Albert S.	News-Star	1/3/1929	2	4	From Shreveport, LA ; Arkansas burial
Johnson, J.E.	News-Star	11/19/1910	5	4	Died at Benton, LA
Johnson, Johnnie	News-Star	11/23/1925	10	2	Drowned ; Shreveport, LA ; Cross Lake
Johnston, Joseph E.	News-Star	11/21/1910	2	3	Buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Bossier Parish
Jones, "Anabella"	News-Star	11/22/1929	18	1	Shot ; Shreveport, LA
Jones, Frank	News-Star	11/28/1927	1	6	Hit by train ; Shreveport, LA
Jones, Sam	News-Star	1/11/1927	1	6	Drowned ; Caddo parish
Jordan, Charles "Red"	News-Star	3/14/1910	5	4	Died In Shreveport, LA
Kahn, Arthur T.	News-Star	1/6/1927	1	8	Stroke ; Shreveport, LA burial
Kahn, Arthur T.	Ouachita Citizen	1/13/1927	1	6	Apoplexy ; Shreveport, LA
Kalmbach, Charles	News-Star	12/10/1928	5	3	Shreveport, LA burial
Kinney, M.M.	Monroe Bulletin	8/28/1913	1	3	shot at Zwolle, LA ; Burial at Shreveport, LA
Kornegay, C.G.	Monroe Bulletin	3/23/1911	7	3	Shot by mistress ; Shreveport, LA ; Greenwood Cem.
Landrum, L.C. (Mrs.)	News-Star	11/9/1927	1	5	Suicide ; Shreveport, LA
Larche, A. Myatt	News-Star	3/4/1927	6	4	Larche Cemetery ; West Monroe
Larche, A.M.	Ouachita Citizen	3/3/1927	5	5	died at Shreveport, LA ; Sardis Cemetery

Lasier, H.L.	News-Star	7/1/1929	6	5	Plant explosion ; Shreveport, LA
Laster, H.L.	Ouachita Citizen	7/4/1929	1	3	Killed in an explosion ; Cotton Valley, LA
Lawrence, P.M.	News-Star	10/31/1925	9	4	After surgery ; Shreveport burial
Lawrence, P.M.	News-Star	11/7/1925	8	4	Shreveport burial
Lee, O.V.	News-Star	3/22/1916	8	3	Died in Shreveport of Pneumonia
Lester, Martin	News-Star	3/15/1926	1	2	Hotel Fire in Shreveport, LA
Lewis, Jobie	News-Star	12/3/1914	1	4	Sylvester, LA; Lynched
Lewis, Jobie	Weekly News-Star	12/24/1914	1	3	Lynched at Shreveport, LA
Lewis, Jobie	Weekly News-Star	12/31/1914	1	1	Investigation
Lewis, Watkins	News-Star	12/12/1914	1	6	Lynched in Caddo Parish
Lewis, Watkins	Weekly News-Star	12/24/1914	1	3	Lynched at Shreveport, LA
Lewis, Watkins	Weekly News-Star	12/31/1914	1	1	Investigation
Lowe, Byrdon P.	News-Star	2/21/1927	5	4	Belcher, LA ; Auto crash
Lyons, Sam E.	News-Star	11/29/1926	1	7	Shot by Dr. T.F. Fleming ; Shreveport, LA
Mack, C.P.	News-Star	9/12/1925	1	3	Auto/train accident ; Shreveport, LA
Maddox, Dorothy	News-Star	3/4/1927	1	5	Fire ; Child ; Shreveport, LA
Manheim Infant	Monroe Bulletin	2/22/1912	1	1	Child of A.J. ; Shreveport, LA tornado
Mason, Charles	News-Star	6/22/1928	11	2	Auto accident ; Shreveport, LA
Massey, Ira	News-Star	8/12/1929	10	4	Strangled on a pill ; Vivian, LA burial
Massey, W.J.	News-Star	7/1/1929	6	5	Plant explosion ; Shreveport, LA
Massey, W.J.	Ouachita Citizen	7/4/1929	1	3	Killed in an explosion ; Cotton Valley, LA
Mayo, Mary Jennings	News-Star	12/28/1928	1	6	Auto accident ; From Shreveport, LA
McCabe, Laura	News-Star	4/17/1918	6	3	Shreveport ; Buried in Monroe
McCaleb, J.H. Jr.	News-Star	10/22/1914	8	4	Died in Shreveport, City Cemetery
McClellan, J.W.	News-Star	8/20/1910	5	4	Died in Shreveport, LA
McClure, John D.	News-Star	10/25/1929	14	1	Suicide or accidental shooting ; Shreveport, LA
McClure, John D.	News-Star	10/29/1929	13	2	Suicide or accidental shooting ; Shreveport, LA
McCue, Joseph C.	News-Star	8/20/1929	2	2	From Shreveport, LA ; Died in Texas
McDaniels, Walter	News-Star	8/19/1910	1	4	Shot and killed in Shreveport
McFarland, O.R.	News-Star	9/6/1929	1	8	Gas fumes ; Shreveport, LA
McGaha, Rollie	News-Star	6/7/1928	6	1	Hit by a falling tree ; Shreveport, LA burial
McGaha, Rollie	News-Star	6/9/1928	8	1	Hit by a falling tree ; Shreveport, LA burial
McGowan, Frank	Monroe Bulletin	2/22/1912	1	1	Shreveport, LA tornado
McKinney, Alice Cary	Ouachita Citizen	10/11/1928	1	4	Died in Shreveport, LA ; burial in Ruston, LA
McNeely, James	News-Star	1/7/1912	8	1	Engineer from Monroe, died in Shreveport
Meeks, Clyde P.	Weekly News-Star	12/19/1918	3	2	Shreveport, LA ; died in battle
Meiritt, H.F.	News-Star	7/19/1926	7	6	Killed by John Henry and George Jackson ; Shreveport

Mercer, J.C.	News-Star	12/14/1929	3	4	Auto accident ; Shreveport, LA
Merritt, H.F.	News-Star	5/29/1926	2	4	Murdered ; Caddo parish
Millis, C.B.	News-Star	8/19/1927	1	4	Train boiler explosion ; Shreveport, LA
Moore, Claude	News-Star	10/24/1918	6	3	Spanish Flu ; buried in Shreveport, LA
Moore, Roy	News-Star	10/19/1926	1	7	Shot during robbery ; Shreveport, LA
Moore, Will C.	News-Star	7/8/1927	1	5	Accidentally shot self ; Shreveport, LA
Morgan, Venis	Monroe Morning World	12/3/1929	1	4	Suicide ; Shreveport, LA
Morris, John B.	News-Star	9/12/1927	1	1	Killed in Shreveport, LA by T.C. Lewis
Morris, John B.	News-Star	9/13/1927	1	1	Killed in Shreveport, LA by T.C. Lewis
Morris, William E.	News-Star	10/8/1912	5	6	Buried at Shreveport, Confederate veteran
Mosher, Irene	Monroe Morning World	12/16/1929	1	5	Shreveport, LA
Mosher, Irene	News-Star	12/16/1929	1	8	Auto accident ; Elm Grove, LA
Mosher, Irene	Monroe Morning World	12/17/1929	6	8	Burns sustained in an auto accident
Mosher, J.S. (Mrs.)	News-Star	12/16/1929	1	8	Auto accident ; Elm Grove, LA
Mosher, J.S. (Mrs.)	Monroe Morning World	12/17/1929	6	8	Burns sustained in an auto accident
Muslow, Harry	News-Star	5/17/1926	7	6	Auto accident ; Caddo parish
Myrick, J.H.	News-Star	2/18/1920	1	1	Train wreck at Gibsland, LA ; from AR
Myrick, J.H.	Weekly News-Star	2/19/1920	1	1	Oil City, LA ; train wreck at Gibsland, LA
Neil, Mary W.	News-Star	7/30/1929	6	1	Greenwood Cemetery ; Shreveport, LA
Nichols, Henry	Monroe Morning World	12/26/1929	9	1	From Shreveport, LA ; Suicide
Nolen, D.M.	Monroe Bulletin	8/28/1913	1	3	hit in the head with an axe ; Shreveport, LA
Oden, Myrtle	News-Star	11/29/1924	1	8	Killed by Joe Bass ; Shreveport, LA
Oden, Russell	News-Star	9/25/1925	1	8	Rabies ; Child ; Shreveport, LA
Osborn, W.M.	News-Star	12/26/1929	1	3	Shreveport, LA burial
Palmer, Jean B.	News-Star	1/12/1927	1	6	Shot ; possible suicide ; Shreveport, LA
Penick, Nathan	News-Star	11/26/1929	2	4	Fractured skull ; New Orleans, LA ; Shreveport burial
Pinson, C. Thurman	News-Star	7/17/1929	1	1	Suicide ; Shreveport, LA
Pipes, T.W. (Mrs.)	News-Star	12/24/1916	2	2	Greenwood cemetery
Pipes, T.W. (Mrs.)	Weekly News-Star	12/28/1916	6	6	66 years old ; Shreveport, LA ; Greenwood Cemetery
Polette, L.A.	News-Star	1/11/1918	1	1	Died in an oil drill accident ; Buried in Shreveport
Ponder, J.L. (Mrs.)	News-Star	11/5/1925	5	2	Shreveport burial
Powell, J.M.	News-Star	10/4/1927	1	6	Shot ; Shreveport, LA
Powell, Lance	News-Star	8/20/1910	8	2	Died in Shreveport, LA
Rascoe, Allie Fleming	News-Star	10/19/1910	4	3	Native of Shreveport, LA
Ratcliff, Harold R.	News-Star	10/18/1918	2	1	Shreveport ; Spanish Flu ; Greenwood Cemetery
Ray, C.H.	News-Star	7/26/1926	1	5	Suicide ; Shreveport, LA burial
Read, Robert	News-Star	7/24/1925	1	7	Killed by George W. Gill ; Shreveport, LA

Reardon, Ralph	Monroe Bulletin	10/26/1911	1	5	25 years old ; drowned near Shreveport, LA
Redline, E.B.	News-Star	9/23/1929	1	5	Suicide ; Shreveport, LA
Reeves Boy	Weekly News-Star	12/28/1916	5	1	5 years old ; axed to death near Minden, LA
Reeves boys	News-Star	12/26/1916	1	1	Minden murders
Reeves Family	Weekly News-Star	3/15/1917	1	4	Trial at Minden, LA of murderer
Reeves, (John, Thankful and 2 sons)	News-Star	12/28/1916	6	5	Murdered in Minden ; Arrest of four suspects
Reeves, (John, Thankful and 2 sons)	News-Star	12/29/1916	1	1	Murdered in Minden ; Arrest of four suspects
Reeves, (John, Thankful and 2 sons)	News-Star	12/30/1916	1	1	Murdered in Minden ; Arrest of four suspects
Reeves, (John, Thankful and 2 sons)	News-Star	1/30/1917	1	1	4 Persons convicted of murder
Reeves, (John, Thankful and 2 sons)	News-Star	2/2/1917	1	6	1 Person indicted for murder
Reeves, (John, Thankful and 2 sons)	News-Star	3/14/1917	1	4	Buried in Shreveport
Reeves, (John, Thankful and 2 sons)	News-Star	3/15/1917	1	3	Buried in Shreveport
Reeves, (John, Thankful and 2 sons)	News-Star	3/17/1917	1	2	Buried in Shreveport
Reeves, (John, Thankful and 2 sons)	News-Star	6/26/1917	1	6	John Long sentenced
Reeves, John Nelson	News-Star	12/26/1916	1	1	Minden murders
Reeves, John Nelson	Weekly News-Star	12/28/1916	5	1	68 years old ; axed to death near Minden, LA
Reeves, Mrs.	News-Star	12/26/1916	1	1	Minden murders
Reeves, John N. (Mrs.)	Weekly News-Star	12/28/1916	5	1	30 years old ; axed to death near Minden, LA
Renfro, Hattie	News-Star	9/30/1927	1	6	Hit by car ; Shreveport, LA burial
Rider, Jesse	Monroe Morning World	10/25/1929	1	4	Car wreck at Bellevue, LA
Rider, Jesse	News-Star	10/25/1929	7	2	Auto accident ; Shreveport, LA
Roberts, W.B.	News-Star	11/25/1914	1	2	Suicide, Shreveport
Roberts, W.B.	Weekly News-Star	11/26/1914	1	2	65 years old ; Suicide at Shreveport, LA
Robinson, J.F.	News-Star	7/8/1929	1	5	Plant explosion ; Shreveport, LA
Roby, Virgil	News-Star	11/8/1910	1	1	Car hit by a train in Shreveport, LA
Rogers, W.H.	News-Star	10/31/1925	1	2	Fire ; Shreveport, LA
Roob, Walter	News-Star	9/12/1929	1	8	Shot during a robbery ; Shreveport, LA
Roundtree, C.M.	News-Star	10/29/1929	1	8	From Texas ; Died in Shreveport, LA
Runners, Bernice	News-Star	2/11/1929	1	7	Burns ; Shreveport, LA
Sandidge, Emma	News-Star	1/21/1915	8	7	Died of burns in Haughton, LA
Sanford, W.A.	Monroe Morning World	11/9/1929	1	4	Shreveport, LA ; Suicide by shooting
Sanford, W.A.	News-Star	11/9/1929	7	6	Suicide ; Shreveport, LA
Schneider, Al	News-Star	8/5/1928	1	3	Plane crash ; Shreveport, LA
Schneider, Al	Ouachita Citizen	8/9/1928	1	4	Killed in a crop dusting accident ; Shreveport, LA
Seay, James L.	News-Star	12/20/1926	1	4	Accidentally shot self ; Shreveport, LA
Shumway, Iva F.	News-Star	12/20/1928	9	8	Hit by a train
Shumway, Iva F.	News-Star	12/20/1928	10	4	Shreveport, LA

Silbernagel, Benedict	News-Star	11/21/1914	1	2	Shreveport
Simmons, Jake	News-Star	1/7/1912	8	2	Buried in Shreveport
Skoog, Alex	News-Star	1/30/1926	7	4	Shreveport, LA burial
Smith, L.F.	News-Star	9/14/1928	3	2	Hit by a train ; Shreveport, LA
Smith, Leon R.	Weekly News-Star	10/24/1918	3	5	Influenza ; Shreveport, LA ; Oakland Cemetery
Spann, W.R.	News-Star	4/4/1928	1	3	From Shreveport, LA
Spann, W.R.	News-Star	4/4/1928	1	3	From Shreveport, LA
Steere, Mary	News-Star	2/28/1910	2	2	Died in Shreveport
Stewart, Elenor	News-Star	1/5/1929	1	3	Burned ; Shreveport, LA burial
Stewart, Henry	News-Star	2/2/1917	8	3	Killed by Matt Wood, Belcher, LA
Stiles, Bert	News-Star	3/12/1926	6	1	Killed during robbery ; Shreveport, LA
Stripling, Robert	News-Star	1/27/1911			From Shreveport and Union Parish
Stroud, Jessie	News-Star	4/15/1913	5	1	Killed in Vivian by wife Della
Sumrell, H.A.	Monroe Bulletin	12/21/1911	3	5	50 years old ; heart attack ; Shreveport, LA
Taylor, J.M.	Weekly News-Star	3/15/1917	5	4	Shot near Plain Dealing, LA
Thomas, C.W.	News-Star	12/26/1922	1	3	In Shreveport, LA
Thompson, Wallace	News-Star	8/8/1929	12	5	Electrocuted while fishing the Red River near Shreveport
Toncary, Henry E.	News-Star	8/20/1929	1	8	Died of a mosquito bite in Texas ; From Shreveport, LA
Trimble, Jas. G.	News-Star	9/2/1924	1	4	From Farmerville, LA ; Buried at Shreveport, LA
Trout, John	News-Star	3/21/1927	10	2	Shreveport, LA burial
Tullos, Sidney Washington	News-Star	1/9/1929	8	6	From Shreveport, LA
Unknown	News-Star	2/11/1928	1	4	Male ; Found in James Bayou ; Caddo Parish
Unknown	Ouachita Citizen	11/22/1928	4	1	Shreveport, LA ; brother of Mrs. Carrie Davis
Unknown	News-Star	11/16/1929	1	3	White male skeleton found at Shreveport, LA
Unknown	Monroe Morning World	12/20/1929	1	1	Mexican ; Froze to death ; Caddo Parish
Unknown African-Americans (2)	Monroe Bulletin	2/22/1912	1	1	Shreveport, LA tornado
Vaughan, Fred	News-Star	1/14/1927	6	4	Shot by deputies ; Shreveport, LA
Vize, W.A.	News-Star	10/20/1925	1	3	Auto Accident ; Shreveport, LA
Ward, Marmaduke	Monroe Morning World	12/3/1929	1	4	Killed by Venis Morgan ; Shreveport, LA
Washington, Charles	News-Star	12/12/1914	1	6	Shreveport; Lynched
Watkins, Virgil	News-Star	11/13/1929	1	3	Shot ; Vivian, LA
Watson, Ralph	News-Star	6/2/1927	1	6	Fire ; Shreveport, LA
Watson, Ralph	Ouachita Citizen	6/9/1927	1	1	House fire ; Shreveport, LA
Watt, Elijah	Weekly News-Star	3/15/1917	1	6	Murdered at Shreveport, LA
Wells, Frank	Monroe Bulletin	4/13/1911	6	4	Suicide ; Shreveport, LA
West, D.H.	News-Star	3/15/1926	1	2	Hotel Fire in Shreveport, LA
White, C.W.	News-Star	7/26/1928	1	3	Shot by Mrs. Myrtle Lane ; Shreveport, LA

White, Eugene O.	News-Star	7/10/1929	8	1	From Cedar Grove, LA ; LaSalle parish burial
White, Eugene O.	Monroe Morning Post	7/11/1929	3	1	50 years old ; burial near Jena, LA
White, Will D.	News-Star	4/15/1929	1	5	Electrocuted ; Caddo Parish
Whittaker, Sallie	Monroe Bulletin	2/22/1912	1	1	Shreveport, LA tornado
Whitworth, Julian	News-Star	10/23/1929	1	5	Suicide ; Shreveport, LA
Williams, Carson	News-Star	2/17/1913	2	2	From Monroe, died in Shreveport
Williams, Virginia	Monroe Bulletin	2/22/1912	1	1	Shreveport, LA tornado
Willis, Clay	News-Star	2/23/1923	1	2	Hung in Jail ; Caddo parish
Wilson, Eva	Monroe Bulletin	10/26/1911	1	5	14 years old ; drowned near Shreveport, LA
Wilson, Florence	Monroe Bulletin	10/26/1911	1	5	18 years old ; drowned near Shreveport, LA
Winston, W.B. (Mrs.)	News-Star	7/20/1928	6	2	After surgery ; Shreveport, LA burial
Winston, W.B. Sr.	News-Star	2/18/1929	8	1	Shreveport, LA burial
Worley, Powell C.	News-Star	3/15/1920	1	3	Alexandria, LA ; buried at Shreveport, LA
Youree, Henry H.	News-Star	5/14/1910	6	4	Died in Shreveport, LA

## Family History in the News

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