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## President's Message

It has been an extremely busy year for the Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association. It is difficult to believe that 2011 is almost over. Reflecting back on the last few months, we have had a year long lineup of excellent speakers and educational programs catering to audiences with an interest in both history and genealogy. Among the highlights of this year's events were programs offered in March as part of our designated Genealogy Education Month. Those programs were planned and presented by Certified Genealogist Philip Adderley. In August, we invited Trevia Wooster Beverley, a well known genealogist and lecturer, as our featured speaker for our annual seminar. That seminar was one of our most successful seminars and we had a near record attendance.

Another highlight of the year was our celebration of Family History Month in October. Kelvin Meyers, a forensic genealogist, was our guest lecturer. His topic was based on extensive research he had conducted in locating women in central Texas in the 1880 era. The ladies in question had joined the Women's Commonwealth of Texas, aka The Sanctificationist, an early model for the separatist feminism movement. We co-hosted this very entertaining event with the Broadmoor Branch Library's Genealogy Department.

In November, our guest speakers were Len and Madeline Elford, who are local collectors of historical memorabilia. Their presentation was titled "Sentimental Journey through Old Shreveport" and included a slide show based on a rare post card collection depicting 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century homes and businesses in the Shreveport area.

We finished the year with our annual meeting and a festive Christmas luncheon. Glenda Bernard, our Association 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and key member of our Education Committee, presented "Seamen's Protection Certificate Applications and Proof of Citizenship". These applications were a type of passport used by American citizens who worked on the rivers and oceans out of ports around the world. At this meeting, the membership in attendance elected Linda Lynn and Sonja Webb as Trustees for the 2012-2013 term. Special thanks to Doris Hunt and Edwina Wise for their previous service as Trustees. Doris will continue serving on our Education Committee and Edwina will serve in an advisory capacity.

Finally, I would like to recognize a valued member who has made numerous contributions throughout the year. Lise' Taylor, an ALTGA member and Broadmoor Branch Library's Genealogy Department supervisor, has worked in a number of ways to strengthen the bond between the library and our association. She has significantly increased the library's collection of books, microfilm, and computer data bases available to the researcher. Also, she has increased emphasis on staff training which has improved service to the patron. She works closely with our board members making recommendations for book purchases, programs, and other genealogical initiatives. The many improvements made in the library not only benefit our members, but they also benefit the genealogy community at large. We are very fortunate to have Lise' Taylor as a member of our association and as the librarian for our genealogy community.

Jim Johnson  
President

## GOLD POINT PLANTATION

By Dale Jennings

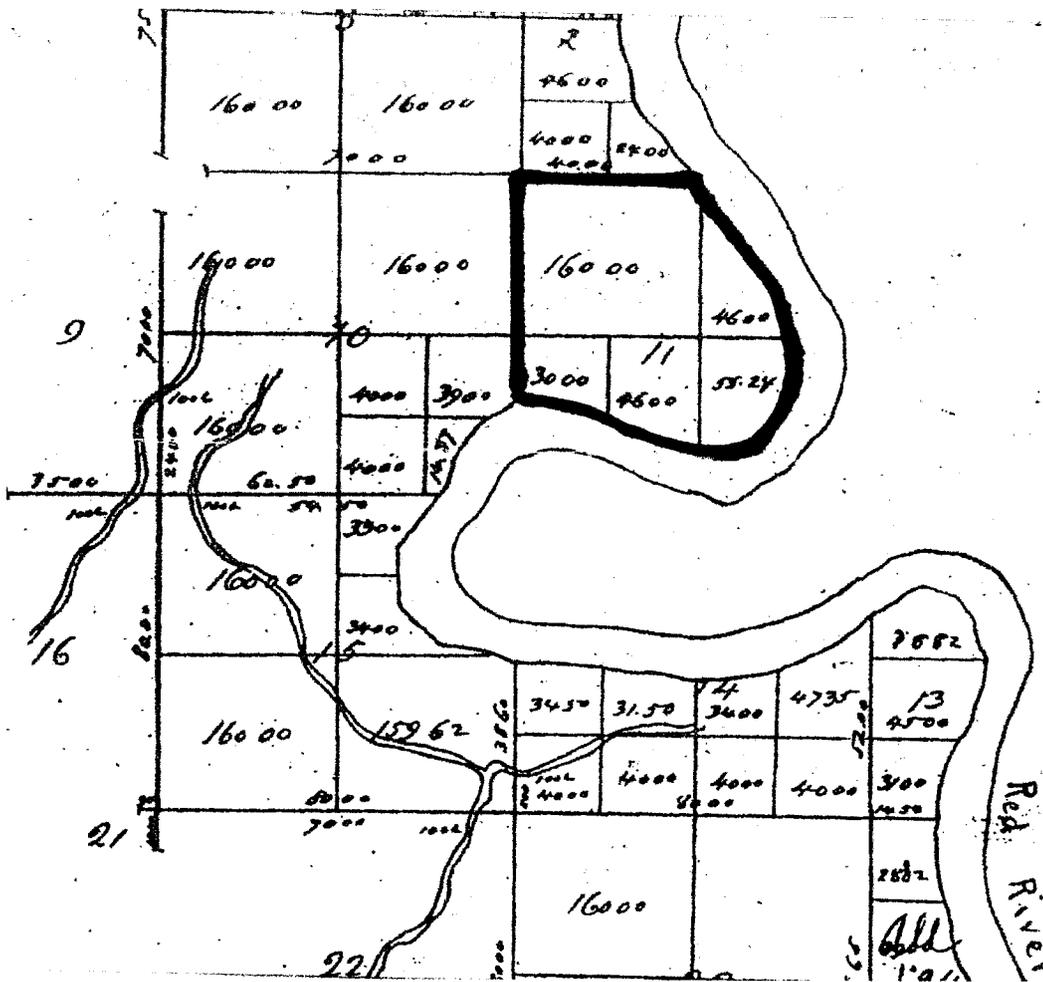
Gold Point was representative of the old Red River cotton plantations in mid-Bossier/Caddo Parish between the Pandora and Hurricane Bluff. Those two plantations straddled the common parish boundary—the Red River—as did other plantations in between including Gold Point. One of the smallest at just over a thousand acres, its size and configuration would change over the years. Gold Point Plantation had a strong Pickett and Gilmer family history in common with a number of the other river plantations

James Belton Pickett purchased 337 acres on the Caddo side of Red River from the U.S. Government in June 1839. The land was bounded on the east by the prevailing course of the river and on the south by the upper edge of its peninsula (See Caddo U.S. Govt. Plat Map). Pickett, who was primarily a planter, died suddenly in 1842. He had in a short time established several plantations in Claiborne (Bossier) Parish and had acquired additional blocks of land that suggested plans to create others. His widow, Paulina DeGraffenreid, was like-minded to be a planter. Less than a year after her husband's death, she married a Bossier Parish widower, James Blair Gilmer. Gilmer had purchased a great amount of land in Bossier and Caddo parishes, but seemed more bent toward being a land investor and business entrepreneur. Together they improved, developed and created some thirteen plantations, primarily in Bossier Parish, but several of which occupied both banks of Red River.

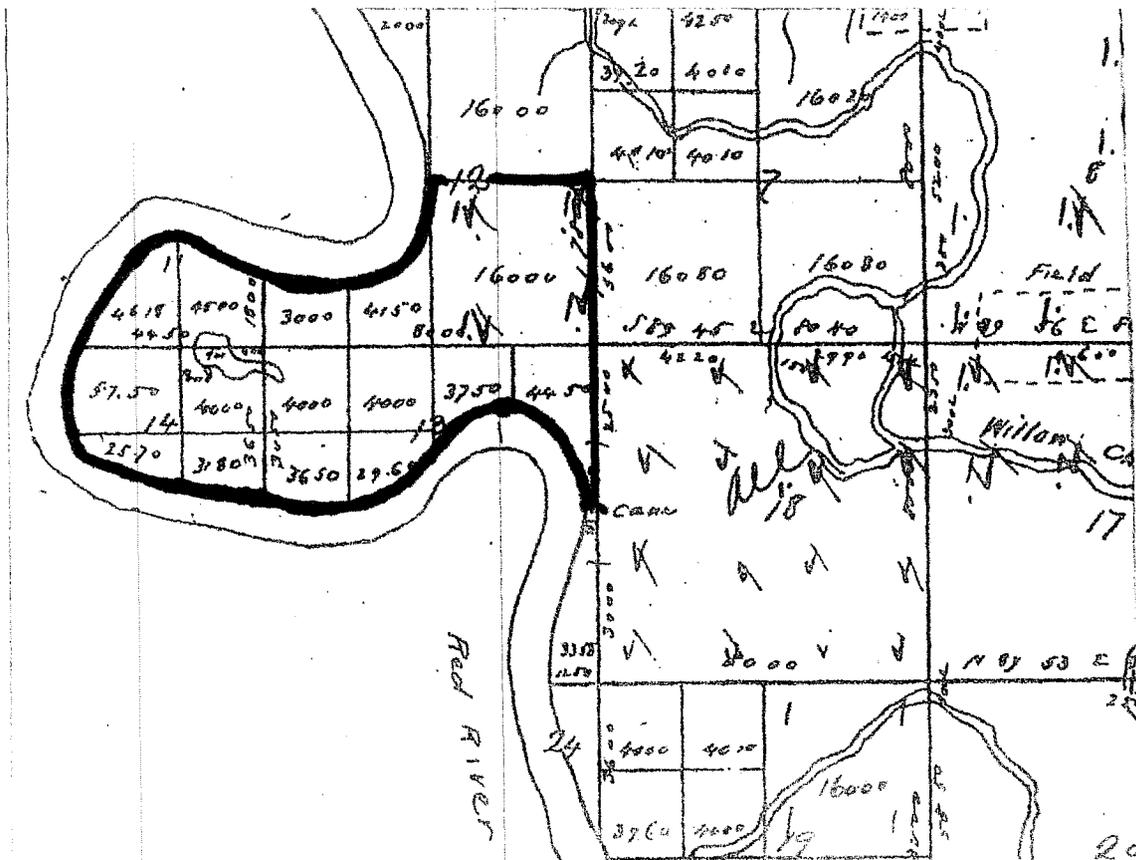
The 709 acres on the Bossier side of Red River had a history of speculative ownerships before being combined with the Caddo property to form the Gold Point Plantation. Its origin was the 649-acre portion of a land grant awarded to the person of General Philemon Thomas. Philemon fought in the Revolutionary War, was a general in the War of 1812 and served two terms as a Louisiana delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives from 1831 to 1835. He received at no charge a warrant of 1,280 acres of U.S. Government land in Louisiana, authorized by an 1834 Act of Congress. In 1835, he sold his yet unselected grant of land to George Poindexter of Mississippi. Poindexter in turn sold it to a partner, Felix Huston, or Houston. In 1841, Huston selected as part of his entitlement a 649-acre tract on the east bank of Red River. Felix sold the acreage to James Washington Patton of North Carolina in 1844. James B. Gilmer, husband of Paulina DeGraffenreid Pickett, purchased the now Bossier Parish tract from Patton the same year. The Gilmers sold off 100 acres and added 160 to attain the net 709 acres, most of which was within the inside bounds of the Gold Point peninsula (See Bossier U.S. Govt Plat

Map). They combined this with the Caddo land along the north edge of the peninsula to form their 1,046-acre Gold Point Plantation.

The naming of Gold Point has been associated with the legend of "General Crook's Gold," featured in a New Orleans newspaper article. Supposedly, during George Crook's 1876 campaign against the Indians in Montana, gold coins from the New Orleans mint were sent up river by steamboat to pay his troops. The story is that the gold fell overboard into Red River somewhere along the peninsula that came to be known as "Gold Point." Two things argue against this story. The route from New Orleans would have been up the Mississippi River to St. Louis and then up the Missouri River. Also, Gold Point Plantation had that identity at least as early as 1855. The naming of Gold Point may have been the whim of one of the river's early travelers needing to identify this river point feature.



U.S. Government Survey Plat Map (Caddo Parish Court House)



U.S. Government Survey Plat Map (Bossier Parish Court House)

When James and Paulina Gilmer decided to dissolve their marriage in 1855, they were faced with dividing their vast holdings. Gold Point Plantation exemplified the legal entanglement of their property. Their unequal interest in that and other plantations was further complicated by the inheritance rights of Paulina's two sons to their father's estate. James Gilmer's three daughters hadn't any such interest through their mother, but would ultimately be affected by their father's property settlement. When the oldest son, John, was emancipated in 1855, he filed for succession. In the succession sale that followed, most of the land that James and Paulina Pickett had acquired previous to Pickett's death was bought by family members. Thousands of acres were purchased by Paulina, James Gilmer and James' brother, George E. Gilmer. A 1,660-acre part of the Hurricane Bluff Plantation was taken by John Pickett, but the 337-acre parcel of the Gold Point Plantation belonging to the Pickett estate seems not to have been sold. All parties retained their purchase funds until final settlement of the Pickett estate. The task of settling the property rights between James and Paulina was still ahead and seemed daunting.

A grand strategy was devised by James and Paulina to divide the family assets between them. That involved both community and individual property and included the property just purchased by both. This would entail both an agreement between the marriage partners and an official sanction. Three mutual friends were chosen and agreed to be party to binding arbitration in the division of all assets, physical and abstract. The result would be linked to the dissolution of their marriage and submitted to the Louisiana State Legislature for ratification. The arbitrators were Dr. James Washington Vance, a trusted old family friend; Francis Armor, Gilmer's old partner in the Collinsburg store; and Leonidas Spyker, Gilmer's brother-in-law.

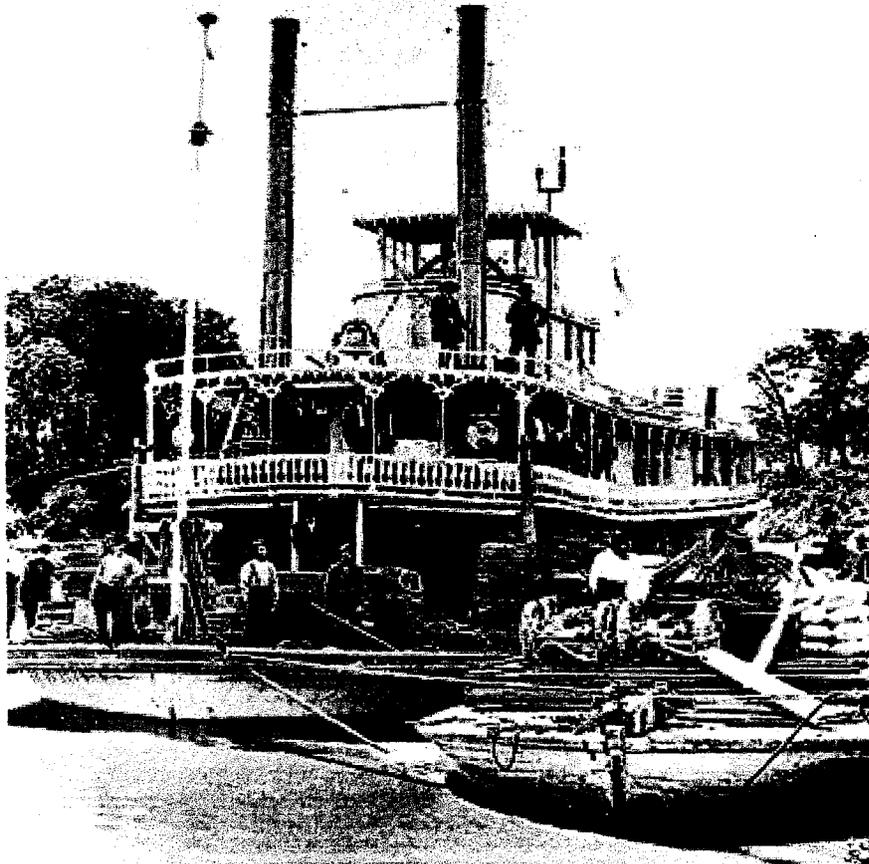
The Gilmer property settlement was worked through and given the force of law in a joint session of the Louisiana State Legislature in early 1856. Paulina had gotten nine of the thirteen plantations to include the Gold Point. The document dividing the assets required a voluminous twenty-nine pages (Bossier Conveyance Book 4, Pages 104-133). It showed Gold Point to be a productive plantation that included a gin house, mill, steam engine, twenty-one mules and eighty-six slaves.

In February 1857 when the youngest Pickett son, James, reached legal age Paulina, as administrator, completed the settlement of her first husband's estate. John was given the remaining 2,285 acres of the Hurricane Bluff Plantation, which with its slaves was appraised for \$138,045. James received the Gold Point Plantation, which with its slaves was worth \$104,400, a difference of \$ for which he was compensated. He would soon add another 100 acres \$33,645 along the underside of the peninsula in Caddo Parish. Included with the Gold Point property, besides its 88 slaves, were 26 mules, 10 cows and calves, 25 hogs, 10 sheep and 4,000 bushels of corn. Its main crop, cotton, was not then in season. Each son formally accepted the award from his father's estate, acknowledging that this amount far exceeded his entitlement of \$90,000

The Gold Point slaves had been appraised by family groups. John Pearce, age 35, and Hetty, age 19, were valued at \$2,050. A descendant residing in New Orleans, Mr. Jari Honora, says that John and Hetty were married on Gold Point in the year 1857 and would have eleven children. Following the war and freedom, John Pearce was elected State Representative from the local Bossier Parish district in 1868. Mr. Honora said that he has a packet of material instructional in holding political office sent to his ancestor by Paulina Pickett. The envelope that it came in was addressed to John through the Benton Post Office. (Pearce's name had been given as "John Pierce" in the Gilmer division of assets document, and Mr. Honora says the family name "Pierce" would prevail.) By all accounts, the Picketts had treated their Gold Point and other slaves well.

According to the June 1862 minutes of the Red River Baptist Church, the Rev. Allen Winham and several brethren met at Gold Point on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sabbath in June to receive and baptize forty-eight black members into the Red River Baptist Church. The church had sponsored a black missionary branch there on the Pickett Gold Point Plantation. Red River Baptist had by then relocated from the nearby Willow Chute neighborhood to Wallace Springs several miles to the northeast (and since to the Linton community).

To be continued.....



# **THE DIARY OF HENRY GERARD HALL**

**Submitted by James G. (Jim) Jones**

*[continued from previous issue of The Genie]*

## **INTRODUCTION**

This portion of a personal diary came into my possession in September 2010 when I found it in a family history book at the Rescue Mission Thrift Store in Shreveport, Louisiana. My wife and I frequent thrift stores, flea markets, garage sales and estate sales for items that are of interest to us in our family history research. While perusing the bookshelves that day, I came across an unusual book that turned out to be an unpublished family history of the Hamilton and Gayle families of Bossier Parish, Louisiana. I had to have the book and was able to purchase it for less than a dollar. Upon closer examination of the book when I got it home I discovered that there were personal histories of the ancestors of the Hamilton and Gayle families and also articles about some of the history of the Shreveport Bossier City area. One interesting article in the diary was a portion of a personal diary of Henry Gerard Hall that included entries from September 29, 1872 to October 7, 1873 and told of the everyday life and events in Shreveport during that time. Henry G. Hall passed away following this last entry of yellow fever at the age of forty.

Henry Gerard Hall was an educated and learned gentleman who lived in Shreveport immediately following the Civil War. He was born in South Carolina but moved to the area of Elysian Fields, Texas with his family as a boy of about 10 years old. He served in the Civil War as a Confederate officer in Company A, 28<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry (dismounted), Randal's Regiment of the First Texas Lancers. He enlisted April 12, 1862 at Shelbyville, Texas at the age of 29 and fought in battles in both Louisiana and Arkansas. He received a promotion to Major in May 1862 and to Lieutenant Colonel in April 1865. After the Civil War, he practiced as a lawyer in Caddo and surrounding parishes and parts of east Texas and in the 1870's was elected judge in Caddo Parish.

The donation of this family history book to the Genealogy Branch at the Broadmoor Branch of the Shreve Memorial Library has made it available to the genealogy research community. This story of finding this book needs to remind all of us as family history researchers to be aware and on the lookout for any record headed for destruction and make it part of archive records for researchers that follow us.

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22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>, I failed to attend church on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>. Was in town 22<sup>nd</sup>, attended the funeral of Crowders child on Monday 24<sup>th</sup>. Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> turned cold. I write a little on my review each day.

June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1873. I have made no entry now for a long time. The same uncertainty has continued in regard to the parish officers. We have been unable to get a decisive trial in any but the clerk's case. Mine is set for trial June 16<sup>th</sup>. I have had much leisure and some sickness, have read a good deal and written some. Mrs. Button came here for a surgical operation May 14<sup>th</sup> and died 25<sup>th</sup>. Yesterday I received notice of my first quarter's warrant 625 at 55. I moved office a few days ago and yesterday had my room partitioned off. I propose to enter here the occurrences that may be important, especially the day and date. Corn tassels just appeared yesterday, in our patch. Plenty of rain, I shipped goods to Snideker Watrous and Boynton N Y, and wrote many letters yesterday. Sent also \$3 for the N. O. Republican for self and Heffner.

June 4<sup>th</sup> I learn that yesterday the defendants in the contest cases proper have set them for trial on the 7<sup>th</sup> of July. Wrote several letters in my new office and filed cross interrogatories to Warmoth and Lynch. Heavy rain afternoon late. A new girl begins - Josephine at \$8 or \$10 a month.

June 4<sup>th</sup> 1873. Planted some potato slips, making out a full 3<sup>rd</sup> row. Searched through the papers and made brief for election cases, nearly all day. Rain pm. Henry seems better for now 4 days.

5<sup>th</sup>. Flem came this day and plowed my corn and I planted peas on about this day. Rain almost daily till the 11<sup>th</sup> which was a clear dry day. 11<sup>th</sup>. We attend Miss Fidie Bryant's wedding today. Cousin Jank Hanks arrived. (10) at night we went to Fuller's. Nothing of moment is remembered of intermediate days. Austin arrived Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>.

18<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>. I went to church. Bro. Blackman preached. Rain almost daily. Wilkinson prepares to build a house, and his wife visits us on the 17<sup>th</sup>. I saw Bob Parker in town that day. I did not go to town on the 18<sup>th</sup>. On the 16<sup>th</sup> I took Hally and Henry to see the cataracts caused by the heavy rains just fallen. 17<sup>th</sup> at night Austin, John Watson and Cannon Flournoy came awhile. Machine man brought up a Wheeler and Wilson machine 18<sup>th</sup>. 19<sup>th</sup> I fixed supports for tomato vines - then went to town.

20<sup>th</sup> I staid at home all day working at the well - let my pocket-book and money fall in and got them out. Made a door in the cover and fixed it all right. Noah nearly finished hoing and planted some potato vines. 21<sup>st</sup>. Austin left. I went down and returned at 12. Rain pm. 22<sup>nd</sup> I attended preaching. 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>. I attend Court a little, awaiting opportunity to try my motion to be installed in office.

26<sup>th</sup>. Jane Hanks and Molly leave us for another boarding house. My case is set for 10 am tomorrow. Allena spends the day with us. 30<sup>th</sup>. Hally starts to school to Mrs. Bailey today.

July 1<sup>st</sup>. I have two Negro men to hoe and do other work today. 5<sup>th</sup>. I had a trial in my case against Ford and recovered judgment against him. Finished copying a brief for Holloway, and carried it to him at night. Mary a black woman with her little girl aged seven began to work for us today at \$7 a month. Had a talk with Mat Moore.

6<sup>th</sup>. I felt ill and did not go with Eugenia to church. Extremely hot for these 2 days.

7<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> (Written Aug 5th 1873). I remained at home working about the garden and visiting my office almost daily preparing briefs and for the Supreme Court. It is decided at last that I am to go to Monroe to look after our cases. It is arranged that Mrs. Hicks and family are to occupy our house while their house is torn down to be rebuilt, while Eugenia goes to visit her Father and while I am gone to Monroe to the Supreme Court.

On Saturday July 19<sup>th</sup>. I take the stage for Monroe with Pegues for company and a Dr. as far as Minden, We breakfast in that place 20<sup>th</sup>, I took some headache during the day, took no dinner, got a sack of hay for a pillow, rode on the box afternoon and at night slept in the boot, and was nearly well when we reached Monroe 21<sup>st</sup>.

About July 26<sup>th</sup>. During the week I give attention to some case, 3 or 4. At last a decision is made quashing McFarland's bond, declaring all acts of Pickens as sheriff and Morrison as clerk as null and void. This destroys all the business done by all the Parish officers holding under Warmoth since Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1872. These pretenders are thus effectually ousted. I stay till Monday evening 28<sup>th</sup> and start home on the stage, arriving July 30<sup>th</sup>.

30<sup>th</sup> July to August 4<sup>th</sup>. I attend at my office daily a little while. Went to preaching on Sunday Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Barnes called on us at night, and we did not go to Church. Turnips planted while I was gone came up about the 1<sup>st</sup> and I put in more on the 4<sup>th</sup> and a shower falls on them. Jeff begins to work for us the 4<sup>th</sup>. Henderson worked on the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

August 6<sup>th</sup>, 1873. I have been attending daily to the routine. Today I met Bro. Peyton who came to stay all night. Got a grass-knife to cut hay. Took Henry down and hurried home on account of expected rain. W. B. Peyton stayed with us the night of Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>. Mat was here all night on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup>. I called to see Wilkinson sick 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> I staid home not well myself. Monday was in town attending to official duties, went at night to see if Molly and Theodocia came on the cars. Tuesday mother came.

13<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, the celebration came and wore us out. Met Molly and Theodocia there. 14<sup>th</sup>. I went with Eugenia and the little ones to Greenwood to meet conveyance to Elysian Fields, but we waited some hours and they did not come and we returned. Tired, toothache, headache a little.

September 11<sup>th</sup>, 1873. I have made no entry in this Journal for near 4 weeks. We are now in the midst of a destructive epidemic of Yellow fever. Many have been attacked and several prominent well known persons have died.

Retrospect On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of August, being the 18<sup>th</sup> day I held my first term of the Parish Court for Caddo Parish. I continued all that week and resumed a second weeks work on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> and progressed agreeably and I think satisfactorily to nearly all parties. I like the exercise well of making up judgments on questions of law. At the end of the second week some cases were set for the week beginning Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> of September; but on that morning the advice to adjourn was given with the concurrence of all the lawyers present and so Court was adjourned till the next time in courses. Mr. C. P. Kachell had died of yellow fever on the 31 Aug. also on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> were

buried of people known in person or by family to me. Julia (12) and Sara Walker 14, Lizzie Booth. A. G. Beall on 1<sup>st</sup> September, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Walker and C.W. McCoy, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bessie Griswold 12, R. B. Bergman, and about this time Simon Kahn - buried, on the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>, Sadie Griswold (73) and Tom Walker's widow. - on the 6<sup>th</sup> Robt Craig, S. D. Pitts. 7<sup>th</sup> John Mundy (of McCollins) - 8<sup>th</sup> J. L. Anderson 28, Francis Parsons, Joseph Howell (82) - 9<sup>th</sup> Oscar Thomas, 10<sup>th</sup> Harry Walters 20, Maj. C. B. Cosby at Greenwood, and Mr. Holloway's son at Marshall.

After Court adjourned I continued to go down town daily for a while. On Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> I went to a wedding at Judge Land's (Maj. Ashton marries Miss Sallie Land) On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> and perhaps for a day or 2 before I did not go down, but on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Eugenia and I both went to visit old lady Pitts just left a widow after a married life of 52 years. Monday and after I avoid going to town. The latter part of last week I made a gate opening in to the lane on the North, had the Bray boys to do several jobs before that and some after. This week I finished the gate and yesterday 10<sup>th</sup> I made a frame to hold up a book while I read. Fuller & family arrived from Arkansas, and went out to the country.

September 11<sup>th</sup>. So far we have all continued well. Today I made and put in a head to the well bucket. I have written lately to W. H. Crouch, 9<sup>th</sup>. Prof. McCulloh about 7<sup>th</sup>, McCooke 8<sup>th</sup>. I have been reading Harpers Magazine (Sept.) and now Prescotts Peru. Have made several orders as parish Judge almost every day. (Written 12<sup>th</sup> night) Among the persons buried today were the following acquaintances of mind J. H. Williarason, M. Gooch, G. J. Riddle, John Cooke, Dr. Hibbette, Mrs. W. E. Hamilton. I walked out to Mrs. Renfroe's and saw Mr. Boon pm.

Sept 12<sup>th</sup>, Friday. I made a pair of quilting frames today and did a little mending on my reading easel. A bountiful rain came a little after noon, a great blessing to us in many respects, - filling our cistern, reviving our potatos, peas and other vegetation and giving us hope of turnips. I hope also the rain may help to arrest the sickness which so fearfully prevails. I hear by last evenings paper that L. Baer died in Marshall, also L. Fraenkel. And here W. T. Brooks, Mrs. Sawyer and child of my acquaintance and nearly 20 others were buried today. We are still blessed with good health. I read with my easel last night and today.

Saturday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> 1873. We are spared through another day without sickness in our family. I got Cal Hicks to barrow my turnip patch again, sowed the seed I had left, went over to the depot, and from there sent down by Mr. Sims and got 25¢ worth more and finished sowing the ground. Today also I raised the trough that catches the waste water from the cistern and bored a hole to let the water out at will. A. H. Leonard and afterwards Kilpatrick, called to see me about succession business. Mr. Tenny came also. Miss Dick Files visits us. Theodocia bade us good bye at sunset as she is to start home tomorrow. My pain, or "crick" at the back of my neck and shoulder is still pretty severe in certain postures. We hear this evening that Mrs. W. T. Fleming died at 3 am today, - no others well known to us. Many are sick. Capt. Sam Morrison here and Mr. Holloway at Marshall among the number.

Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>, 1873 Sunday early this morning I got a message from my neighbor Smith and on arriving there found that his son Warren was dying. I returned home after a while and in a few minutes he sent me word that Warren was dead. I went and got orders to make some arrangements for the burial. So I went down town for the first time since 7<sup>th</sup>. I went to the burial at 4 pm, rode with Mr. Rose. Mr. Morrison proves to be not sick - only had a chill. E. Dreyfus has

died cor. Tex. and Spring St. I heard that young Thatcher was dead, son of the late Wm. S. M. Chapman has died in Greenwood. Geo. Cole and T. W. Jones have lost each a child. Cole is expected to die, and Ton Byland is also reported very low. I saw Noland who keeps the list of interments at the graveyard. Page also, Rigby is down, and Mrs. Levissee (and Lormy has been). 21 burials at 5 pm, mostly strangers to me. I got letter from Uncle Sam at Memphis 10<sup>th</sup>.

Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> (written on the 16<sup>th</sup> morning) I raked my turnip grounds a little and was making a new hatchet handle when Fuller arrived in his hack for provisions and he Bought butter and eggs to set. Mother got ready and went off with Fuller. After a pleasant dinner they started and later I went to see Col. Tornkies and arranged to get \$60 from his bank, - was fortunate in finding Mr. Sheridan going there in his buggy. He also brought me back via Convent home. I learn at Tenny's that J. M. Lawton has died today, the second lawyer that has died. 35 interments today. Before dusk I went to Boon's and arranged for him to endorse for me. Byland dies about this evening - Csangle on the 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>. I sent some letters to be mailed and got some stamps. Today Capt. Bell and Judge Hicks were together at my house and I learn that Arch Hicks had started away, got 4 or 5 miles and came back sick.

Sept 16<sup>th</sup>, 1873. Before breakfast I learned that Mrs. Levissee was dead. Boon came after breakfast and Kilpatrick. Heffner and I went to Judge Levissees and assisted in the burial. 15 bodies already reported for burial. The weather is still cool and fine as ever since last Friday; but warm in the sunshine. Written 17<sup>th</sup>. Later I went over to the depot to see about the letter I sent in the morning to Maj. McLain, and there met Kilpatrick who was going down a 2nd time and still had the letter with him. I learn this evening that Father Pierre, Mr. Rigby our neighbor, and Mr. McCain are dead or dying. Another Catholic priest the youngest, has died before. Also young Smith at the P.O. Nathat Hays and young Noel near Mooringsport - 35 interments today. I wrote some letters for the mail today. I learned a few days ago that my friend M. V. Thompson died early in the epidemic.

Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, 1873. Soon after breakfast I went to the depot and met Doc. Woodruff by whom I sent the letter to Maj. McLain. Afternoon Heffner got me to write a deed for him which I took to the depot for Wm's Heffner's signature. 20 people buried today. Maj. Cathey and W. T. Watts among the number, the former not of yellow fever.

Sept 18<sup>th</sup>, 1873. Wiikerson came out and we cut off the posts of the large walnut bedstead. I went down to Tomkie's Bank and found my note had been received but no attention to the business had been paid. I got the note or draft, walked out to Boon's got his signature, went down again and drew the money \$60. Paid up Julia and Emma. Worked to fix the bed for a musquitto bar. Few burials seem to be taking place today. Judge Levissee sent for me at sunset but I feared he had yellow fever.

Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, I remained about the house most of the day - was over at the depot to see James Heffner. Saw John Hicks walk up there, just out of his sick bed or room! He proceeds over to his Father's in buggy with Capt. Hunter. I borrowed augurs from Rooks and bored the holes in bedstead for musquitto bar poles and it made me sore and tired. Brother Stringfellow dies today. Some days ago I heard of the loss of young Smith at the Post Office and of Mer Rae telegraph operator.

Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, 1873. A message from Judge Looney's that his wife is dying early this morning. We also learn that Mr. W. W. Barret died last night. She is buried before noon, and Mrs. Looney I suppose dies and is buried during the day. I was engaged making more poles for the muscuto bar, until I felt exhausted and lay down till dinner. During the morning S. L. Taylor comes and with 4 frenchmen and Col. Kilpatrick and proves up a Frenchman's will. (Legros). Mrs. Hunter comes after dinner and sits with us awhile. She says Chas. O. Phelps is dead probably. We are thankful each morning to rise and find ourselves well - and so each night. Julia Williams did not come to work for us today. Wm. Wilkinson brought us some fish in the evng. At night I wrote a codicil to my will designating persons as executors jointly with my wife.

Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>, Sunday. I remained at home nearly all day, going over to the depot only once, where I sent a note, hoping it might reach Mr. Cooke at Elysian Fields. Came by Mr. Heffner's and got papers which I read most of the day. At night Hally was taken ill with a slight chill and fever, which makes us uneasy. She vomits her food and water during the night. We all got a good nights rest. Cap. Hunter called in regard to the estate of Mundy and later Kil on the same subject and Judge Hicks is now sick, and Mr. Rankin. I fixed musquito nets over my windows. From the paper I learned that Mrs. Lindsay died in N. O., or on the way. Collins is dead as well as Mundy.

Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>, Monday. While cutting up brush for fuel I called Capt. Hunter over and he says Hally has not the yellow fever, and her progress indicates the same, we feel relieved. I got her some ice from the depot. Eugenia feels a little chilly. Dark, cloudy and cool and rain begins about 11 or 12. I sowed some turnip seeds. Boon told me today that R. D. Sale has died. I learn also of the death of H. H. Lee and Mr. Gilmer, Col. Cummings father-in-law. Eugenia's chill came about 11 am and I did not realize that she was seriously ill until night or in the evening. (I write this on 27th)

Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup>. I was left alone last night with the baby and Henry to nurse besides the sick. Eugenia's chill proves to be like Hally's and she suffers very severely during the night with pain in the head and back, not unlike what she has suffered at other times. But the conviction gains on me that she and Hally have the prevailing fever. Bro. Wilkinson comes in and confirms this idea. I got through the night much better than might be expected. Early today I left word for Mr. Moore to come, but he did not come. I afterwards learn that he is sick. Bro. W. promises to send Cutliff, but after long delay Dr. Fenner comes pm. I got ice twice today - a full supply for night. The Dr. left few directions. Oil has been given. Hally's acted early, but Eugenia's had failed till we were just about giving injection when there was an action. Hally had considerable fever last night, Eugenia scarcely any. But today both have fever not extremely high, Mr. Hefner comes once or twice to talk to me about the treatment of fever. Jones and Kilpatrick call on legal business. Julia and Emma leave at night with little promise of coming again. I was alone all night with 2 sick and 2 babies. Was called up every few minutes. Slept scarcely at all, nor felt sleepy, but rested a good. Hally complained very much all night, especially of pain in the leg (left) and knees a usual complaint with her and in the back - not so much in the head. I put ice on her forehead in the night and it soon got too cold for her and I applied wet towels to both of them. They occasionally ate ice. I gave only one or two doses of bromide of potash to Eugenia but gave then hourly to Hally without much apparent affect. I found little trouble in keeping Ruby quiet and none with Henry.

Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>, 1873. I have no one to get breakfast or help about anything. Julia comes to say that Henry her husband will not let her or Emma come to cook or to nurse for us. Noah brings one

whom I hire. Caroline comes. Hally seems better today but complains much of her left leg. Eugenia has decided fever, complains of being hot, but does not feel very hot to the touch, and her pulse is almost as slow as mine. I went over after tea and bread. Mrs. Curtis a nurse, came about 3 pm and seems to set things right. Sims called pm. J. W. Jones and also Col. Kil. About midnight Mrs. Curtis said there was black vomit. I went for a Dr. to Moore's and Hick's office found the last at his father's. He consulted and they kept back the vomit some time; but it returned later in the day, 25<sup>th</sup>, and the signs pointed to a fatal results. Little help to be had. I had to go some errands to get things needed - but worse and worse, she became unconscious - died about 9 at night. Taylor passed am and went for a Dr. who came late in the evening. Hally was moved to the little room. I am overpowered and cannot describe particulars. Mrs. Wilkerson and Mrs. Daws came the latter returned a time or two. We did get help barely enough at last. I took charge of the little ones and got considerable rest during the night, Jenny was buried today. I can no longer name them.

Written 27<sup>th</sup>. Eugenia died about 9 o'clock at night 25<sup>th</sup>. Her symptoms proved bad again; black vomit returned - was copious and the case became hopeless. She became unconscious and altho the struggles and groans lasted long I trust her consciousness of pain was not great. The effect on the nerves and muscles too was considerable, but perhaps not on sensation. I could not well bear the sight lay down between my little ones and lost consciousness till S. L. Taylor told me all was over. For some seconds I was in suspense feeling that the announcement was made to me in another world that I was in another world. Taylor, Hunter and Mr. Perkins tendered help and did all that was needed. Some ladies came from Hunter's. I kept the little ones in bed and got along with them till mornings. I tried to get a horse and messenger during the day 25<sup>th</sup> to carry a letter to Mr. Cooke. W. Wilkinson could hire none, but said Fritz Richler would go on his own horse, but I did not see Fritz till 26<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup>. Painful as the struggle was, and painful to think about, it is over with my beloved most excellent wife Eugenia. She is at rest. With her it is over. It was over that Wednesday night about her usual bedtime. About the 21<sup>st</sup> I spoke to her about the greater earnestness and constancy of our prayers since the sickness has been around us, and she told me that when Julia did not come, and while she was alone in the kitchen preparing our dinner, she was powerfully moved to prayer, more powerfully (I think she said) than ever before. Thus her preparation was made calmly, in full exercise of her faculties before the disease began to affect hers. We had no talk about it after she was prostrated.

Friday 26<sup>th</sup>. I rode with little Henry to see the body of his mother buried. Mrs., Curtis stays with Hally who was moved to the little room on the 25<sup>th</sup> morning I think. Mrs. Curtis says the bed and things must be burned, and I prepare a brush pile for it, but the burning is delayed. I got Wm. Wilkinson to look for help on the 25<sup>th</sup>, and he brought old Isaac Johnson a black man of 60, who split a little wood and proved a good nurse at night and relieved Mrs. Curtis that night, besides attending at the bedside of the dead. He promised to come again tonight, Hally remains about the same, but there is no hope. Dr. Davidson who came out on 25<sup>th</sup> comes late again today. I go on errands to the depot and other places for ice. At dusk I went for fresh milk, met L. Dodez at Hfner's, got milk and aired a black man to sit up at Bro. Wilkinson's. I am too busy with the children and many things to dwell on my grief. Dodez was to come again at night, but only sent back a prescription which he carried down for me, he having to stay with John Dillon said to be dying. Dr. Davidson says Hally's case is serious. I passed the night well and little Ruby never raised any disturbance all night. Made noise only 2 or 3 times.

Saturday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>, 1873. After I paid off Jake - \$2 this morning Mrs. C. told me he was no use and an offensive nuisance. Isaac Johnson did come late and was valuable. After trouble in the night they speak favorably of Hally's case. But after awhile Mrs. C. tells me she tried to vomit and I must get a fly blister. I had to go down to Texas Street Ward's. It was raining. I returned on the same car. Symptom had not returned, I must get ice and champagne. I sent from the depot and got ice and champagne by 3 ways. Ice is supplied free. Maj. Ashton is dead.

I have written letters to my debtors clients asking for money of Josiah W. Cooke, \$52.50, Henry Garlick \$38.80 and D. J. Spears Logansport \$30 cash advanced. Now if R. A. Cutliff exr. would pay me \$75. Mrs. Curtis falls at news of J. C. Elstner's death, brought to her by Dr. Davidson and Choppin, who called and speak hopefully of Hally. L. Dodez Esqr. stays with us at night. Rained a good season this evng.

28<sup>th</sup> Sunday. I carried the children down on the Fairfield cars - went with Henry to depot - brot bak things. Sins tells me his daughter is sick. Still warm, cloudy, windy and sunny. The first Sabbath I have passed since my beloved Eugenia passed into her lasting peace and rest. I read from Proverbs and Ecclesiastes the latter of which appeared to Eugenia the saddest of all writings, as she has told me. I took the children got another ride on the fairfield cars at evening. Lucian Dodez came after dark and staid with us, Hally seems about to recover from the disease, and now it is a delicate task to give her food that she can take and in quantity and form such that it will be safe.

Monday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>, 1873. I sent my letter to Jas. A. Ware by Dodez to be mailed. Caroline is to wash, I chopped up brush for wood, Mrs. Curtis sent me down for things, some of which I got. Got meal and a card from Uncle Sara Watson anxiously inquiring which I answered. I gave L. L. Tompkies a draft on James A. Ware for \$100 to be collected. I have secured Ware by sending him my draft for my 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter's payment of salary \$625. Dickey Barret called while we were at dinner. We had chicken. Miss Zoe came afternoon as Ada died yesterday. Julia came to see us a little. While I was chopping brushwood a wagon stopped at my gate and called for me. It proved to be a supply wagon with refreshments supplied by the Howard Association. Bread, potatos, eggs, tea, ice, ale, porter, wine, flour, tea, a little ham, condensed milk, candles, salt, rice, sweet potatos. A most gratifying instance of practical charity.

My office furniture, books, etc., were brought up by 2 drays today. Hally is still doing well. The Dr. discharged her case today. I gave orders in some cases to Calliham who came to see me and also to Schnurr and Scott, who came afterwards.

Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, 1873. Tuesday Early this morning I hear that there was an attempt to rob L. Baer's store last night and Pritchard (whom I saw at the graveyard on the 26<sup>th</sup>) was killed either as a participant or as an antagonist of the robbers. We first heard the latter. A self-constituted jury are investigating the matter. I went down and had the transom light put in over Fuller and Yates store where a pane was broken out. I got two pairs of blankets from R&G's, glass, putty and butter. Also newspapers. Sent a large package of letters to F & Yates near Keachi and also other letters of my own to Peyton etc. Hally still gets on well but takes scarcely any food directly except lemonade. Caroline washed today as yesterday. Seems likely to stay for \$15 a month. I read N. O. papers at night and learned that Janes Hoss died some time ago.

October 1<sup>st</sup>, 1873. God has mercifully spared me day after day and I am still in good health. So are the little ones, and Hally today for the first time since her sickness takes food directly in small quantity. She is in a hopeful condition. I did some little jobs, cut brush wood - mended the marble table, etc. I took a lunch, felt cool and went out to work and started a sweat. After dinner I walked down town and called to demand the rent of Fuller's tenants. Saw funeral notice of Charles W. Lewis. A. H. Leonard is sick also. I attended to a few matters in town and rode out - delivered telegram to J. W. Smith. I paid Caroline "Hall" \$6 for her weeks work finished this morning and she sets in for a month at \$15 per month. Lucian comes a little while at night.

Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1873. In the afternoon of this day Sister Molly came in a hack to take me and the children to Keachi if any of us should be able to go. But I deem it best for us all to remain here and Hally cannot go or be left. Molly brings letters full of kindness from Bro. Peyton and his wife - also \$15 in money. I start her back late afternoon and I took the children for a little ride. Peyton Ward's wife was in distress her child dying and Peyton gone. I got Mr. Wilkinson to go for him. Molly found us at dinner. I remember few incidents of the day (now 3<sup>rd</sup> 7 pm) I cut boisd'arc sticks and made bowsticks, etc.

Friday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1873. I got a letter from Mr. Cooke today - he had heard only a rumor up to the 1<sup>st</sup>, wishes us to come out if we can. I met Judge Land, Looney, and Kilpatrick at Looney's to consult about a District Clerk, etc. I read some. Wrote to Mr. Cooke. Went down with L. Dodez, left the letter at the depot; got off the car at Crockett St., and went with Isaac DaCosta calling again on Ruller's tenant's for rent. P.O. is not open, at telegraph office, Howard Assn and Fleming's. Got a bottle Simmon's medicine. It is exceedingly warm today 82°.

Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> (Written 5<sup>th</sup> at night) Little of importance occurred today. At dark I rode down to Kilpartick's and got some milk and walked back by moonlight. Caroline went down town and Mrs. Curtis thought she would not come back but she did.

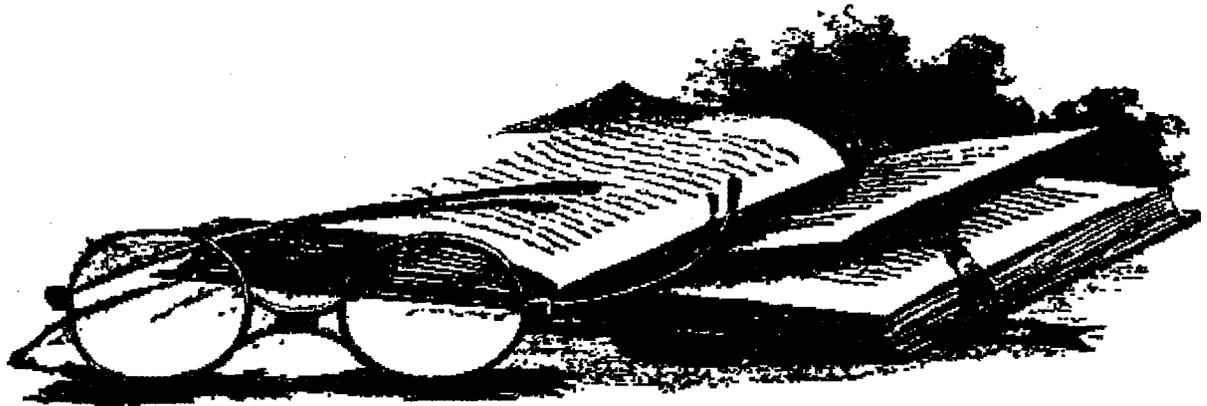
Oct 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday. We took breakfast late, Hally had her dress changed and I carried her into my room. After a while I, opened a bottle of champagne and gave her a drink, and a while later told her the sad truth that her mother was dead. She wept and seemed to take it very calmly - was relieved by hearing me sing hymns and joining with me herself. In the evening Mrs. Curtis and I took the children for a nice ride down to the Fairfield railroad, leaving Caroline in charge of Hally. Henry and I went over and got ice, etc. at the depot. It has been excessively warm for 2 or 3 days near 90° in the afternoons and at this moment 7 pm, it is 84° in my room with 2 doors and 2 windows open.

Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, 1873. A brisk wind blew up during the night and it turns much cooler. Hally is brought into my room again and the couch is fixed for her. Judge Land comes by appointment and produces the will of his son-in-law Jas. S. Ashton with witnesses to prove it which is done. Kilpatrick brings some Italians, etc. to prove Gustis' will but they are not sufficient in the absence of M. S. Jones who wrote it, and witnessed it. I went with Henry to Fritz's and got a bottle of sherry wine for Hally. Mrs. Curtis leaves us after noon. Caroline went to Judge Land's and got milk about sunset and we can get more at 7 tomorrow morning. Old Robert or some such name worked for me cutting grass and peavines. He brought my books around to put in the case. I felt a little chilly at the feet once or twice today, but am still quite well tonight. I feel hopeful that I may escape the fearful plague, and I humbly pray to God that I may be spared awhile for the sake of my

children. We are very comfortable physically considering our deep affliction and sad bereavement. Dodez came at night and I did not sleep till near 3 o'clk.

Oct 7<sup>th</sup>. Judge Land came by and requested me to go to his house and administer the oath to his daughter Mrs. Ashton as executrix. I took my little son with me. In the morning I fixed the bookcase and put up some books. Henry after a good nap awoke sick about sunset vomited and had cold feet. I prepared for the fever from the first. Went to Dr. Moore's got Dr. Chappia, and Moore is to take charge after him. Went with Wilkerson to depot wrote a note to Mrs. Curtis, tried to get help laid down to rest on Eugenia's bed (made up for the first time since she left us) leaving Caroline to watch while I tried to sleep. By bedtime a nurse came sent by Howard Association that is by the blessed Savior Himself. Henry often called for me, and complained but we got through the night very well. I felt chilly just before day. I got several letters today, one from Emil Albinola, making anxious enquiries for me on behalf of his adopted cousin 105 48<sup>th</sup> Street, New York. I was answering it before Henry took sick.

*Note. Henry Gerard Hall, the author of this diary died following this last entry, of Yellow Fever, aged 40 years.*



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ID	NAME (Last, First, Middle)	PRE/SUFFIX	BIRTHDATE	DEATHDATE	INSCRIPTION/NOTES
4	ANDERSON, ROSIE		1904	1949	MOTHER
130	ATKINS, LOTTIE			14 FEB 2010	F N, NEWS-STAR (MONROE, LA) DTD 25 FEB 2010
30	ATKINS, RAFE		05 MAR 1897	27 JUL 1950	LOUISIANA PVT 162 DEPOT BRIGADE WORLD WAR I
29	ATKINS, SAM		06 FEB 1933	15 SEP 1984	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 21 SEP 1984
10	AUSTIN, AMOS		28 AUG 1895	15 JUN 1953	LOUISIANA PVT CO C 526 ENGR SVC BN WORLD WAR I
18	AUSTIN, CLARENCE		08 JUN 1922	24 DEC 1966	LOUISIANA PFC U S FORCES PHILLIPINES WORLD WAR II
93	AUSTIN, HENRY			03 FEB 1999	OBITUARY BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 05 FEB 1999
15	AUSTIN, LOVIE			02 JUN 1998	F N, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 05 JUN 1998
96	AUSTIN, WAYNE			1992	OBITUARY BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 10 AUG 1992
49	BAILEY, M. C.		02 MAR 1879	16 JUL 1926	HUSBAND OF MAY BAILEY
24	BARNES, ERNEST		03 APR 1893	03 MAY 1974	PVT U S ARMY WORLD WAR I
102	BARNES, HERMAN			2007	F N, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 25 APR 2007
40	BARNETT, CHINK	SR.	12 DEC 1922	01 JUL 1990	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 6 JUL 1990
43	BARNETT, CHINK	JR.	05 JUL 1948	30 MAR 1985	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 10 APR 1985
37	BARNETT, ISABELLA		24 AUG 1919	25 JAN 2004	
41	BARNETT, JESSIE JAMES		05 MAY 1963	12 SEP 2002	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 18 SEP 2002
38	BARNETT, KATIE MAE		25 OCT 1941	23 MAY 1997	
44	BARNETT, MAMIE		04 JUL 1908	08 MAY 1979	
42	BARNETT, TATE		10 JUL 1962	24 APR 1986	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 26 APR 1986
54	BATTLE, KARONDA SHANNELL		26 OCT 1980	16 FEB 1987	
63	BENSON, ALFRED ANDREW		23 FEB 1921	09 OCT 2006	
101	BOUIE, KATIE LEE	MRS.		23 MAY 1997	OBITUARY BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 27 MAY 1997
126	BURRELL, ROSIA	MRS.	09 APR 1882	29 SEP 1912	WIFE OF G. BURRELL
46	CALVIN, GREGORY			19 NOV 2005	AGE 43. FHM
36	CHANDLER, SALINA		10 SEP 1907	12 NOV 2005	"BIG JOHN."
127	COLEMAN, JOHN		26 NOV 1893	13 APR 1951	LOUISIANA PVT QMC WORLD WAR I
122	CRISS, SAM			07 MAR 1973	OBIT., BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 09 MAR 1973,P7,C8
65	DANIELS, PAULA		1961	15 FEB 2008	F N, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 23 FEB 2008
66	DANIELS, ROBERT EARL			17 MAY 1978	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 19 MAY 1978
32	DEJOHNETTE, DALTON		22 SEP 1920	22 NOV 1998	U S ARMY WORLD WAR II. OBIT BASTROP ENT. 25 NOV 1998
82	DEJOHNETTE, FLYNN "BOOTY"			22 NOV 1998	OBITUARY BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 25 NOV 1998

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103	DEJOHNETTE, ROBERT			10 JUL 1988	OBITUARY BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 14 JUL 1988
114	DEVALL, DORA			11 MAY 1975	OBITUARY BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 14 MAY 1975
89	DUNCAN, ANNIE MAE			01 APR 1988	F N BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 08 APR 1988
131	DUNCAN, SHIRLEY			21 AUG 2010	F N, NEWS-STAR (MONROE, LA) DTD 26 AUG 2010
124	ELIJAH, GEORGE			05 OCT 1975	OBIT., BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 06 OCT 1975,P12A,C3
84	ELIJAH, ROSIE	MRS.		13 NOV 1987	OBITUARY BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 14 NOV 1987
7	ELLIS, CEASER		17 JUN 1886	24 SEP 1910	SON OF B. E. & RITHA ELLIS
80	EVANS, A. V.		12 MAR 1901	06 OCT 1997	OBITUARY BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 09 OCT 1997
2	EVANS, ANNIE		05 APR 1902	29 JUL 1978	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 31 JUL 1978
78	EVANS, ELIC			11 OCT 1982	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 13 OCT 1982
3	EVANS, N-----		12 MAR 1902	06 OCT 1998	FHM
14	FITCH, BREARD	SR.	18 FEB 1926	29 AUG 1976	U S ARMY. OBIT., BASTROP (LA) ENTERP., DTD 31 AUG 1976
11	FITCH, ISSAC		02 OCT 1888	12 NOV 1963	FATHER
64	FITCH, ISSAC	JR.	09 APR 1914	17 JAN 1987	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 23 JAN 1987
61	FITCH, MELVIN L.			1984	DATA FROM HIS FUNERAL PROGRAM
12	FITCH, RITHA ELLIS		04 AUG 1890	04 MAR 1943	MOTHER
13	FITCH, WILLIE LEE		23 DEC 1916	05 FEB 1976	FOOTSTONE: "HUSBAND"
56	FORD, MABLE L.		17 JUN 1942	15 JUL 1991	AGE 49. FHM
123	GARDNER, GEORGE			29 MAR 1973	OBIT., BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 17 APR 1973,P3,C1
75	GARDNER, WILLIE			1978	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 03 FEB 1978
45	GAV---IN, ?				DAMAGED CARDBOARD SIGN AFFIXED TO A WOODEN CROSS
34	GEORGE, LUCY		02 JUN 1917	12 DEC 1980	
35	GEORGE, TOMMY		25 AUG 1913	16 AUG 1983	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 19 AUG 1983
110	GIBSON, DUNK	JR.		10 MAR 1998	F N, NEWS-STAR (MONROE, LA) DTD 17 MAR 1998
79	GIBSON, LUE	MRS.		04 APR 1979	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 07 APR 1979
57	GILBERT, JOHN W.		25 FEB 1926	23 MAY 1991	SM 2 U S NAVY WORLD WAR II
83	GIPSON, DAVID RAY		31 JUL 1926	04 APR 1993	OBITUARY BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 09 APR 1993
67	GLOVER, ANTHONY			22 JAN 1979	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 26 JAN 1979
73	GREEN, CHARLES			22 MAY 1981	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 26 & 28 MAY 1981
39	GREEN, ROSIE L.		13 JAN 1923	14 FEB 1996	
22	GRIFFIN, ROBERTA S.		31 MAY 1918	28 DEC 1988	

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ID	NAME (Last, First, Middle)	PRE/SUFFIX	BIRTHDATE	DEATHDATE	INSCRIPTION/NOTES
118	HARRIS, BERTA	MRS.		17 FEB 1988	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 20 FEB 1988
8	HARRIS, HENRY		14 AUG 1895	24 NOV 1990	
88	HARRIS, KENNETH R.			28 JUL 1987	OBITUARY BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 31 JUL 1987
51	HAYNES, ELVIRA		14 DEC 1902	16 DEC 1980	F N, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 19 DEC 1980
62	HAYNES, WILLIAM "BILL"		01 APR 1906	30 APR 1989	FP: PARENTS-MR. & MRS. DAISY & GEORGE "SOAP" HAYNES
105	HAYNES, WILLIAM "JR"			25 OCT 1993	OBITUARY BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 28 OCT 1993
33	HENDERSON, ELMO		09 MAR 1942	22 NOV 2005	
19	HIGGINS, CASIE ?		14 JUN 1892	18 JUN 1954	AGE 62
1	HIGGINS, JENNIE		13 FEB 1915	29 MAR 1996	IN LOVING MEMORY OF MOTHER
115	HODGE, JESSE MARQUIS		02 JUN 1975	27 SEP 2009	HS & F N, NEWS-STAR (MONROE, LA) DTD 02 OCT 2009
113	JACKSON, FLORINE	MRS.		26 JAN 1975	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 31 JAN 1975
117	JACKSON, MARY	MRS.		24 JAN 1976	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 28 JAN 1976
132	JOHNSON, DOROTHY MAE			02 JAN 2011	FN, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 06 JAN 2011, P3, C2
133	JOHNSON, ELSIE			14 JAN 2011	FN, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 21 JAN 2011, P3, C2
69	JOHNSON, ELSIE	MRS.		28 AUG 1976	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 02 SEP 1976
16	JOHNSON, ELVIRE B.	MRS.		10 APR 1975	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 16 APR 1975
90	JOHNSON, FITZGERALD DWIGHT			2004	F N, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 17 MAR 2004
47	JOHNSON, GREEN		22 NOV 1893	05 SEP 1976	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 08 SEP 1976
85	JOHNSON, RAYMOND EARL			01 FEB 1987	OBITUARY BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 06 FEB 1987
81	JONES, BOBBY RAY			11 AUG 1986	OBITUARY BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 15 AUG 1986
76	JONES, FLOYD WILLIAM		15 SEP 1897	12 SEP 1982	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 17 SEP 1982
31	JONES, INEZ		11 NOV 1953	05 OCT 1953	OUR PRECIOUS MOTHER
109	JONES, LULA		01 OCT 1904	26 AUG 2009	F N, NEWS-STAR (MONROE, LA) DTD 29 AUG 2009
129	JONES, MANDY	MRS.		05 JUL 1973	OBIT., BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 09 JUL 1973,P12,C4
58	JONES, SAMUEL		27 AUG 1935	19 FEB 2003	
26	LANDROUS, SALLIE		1853	1956	AGE 98
121	LEDENT, IDA	MRS.		02 JAN 1973	OBIT., BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 09 JAN 1973,P10,C3
9	LEE, NANNIE B.		20 AUG 1893	04 NOV 1990	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 8 NOV 1990
120	LOVE, DAISY	MRS.		27 JUL 1995	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 31 JUL 1995
52	MATTHEWS, LEOLA C.		28 NOV 1892	27 JUL 1978	F N, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 31 JUL 1978
119	MCGHEE, FRANK	SR.		16 DEC 1972	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 21 DEC 1972

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55	MCKINNEY, LLOYD		03 APR 1905	06 MAY 1975	HUSBAND
72	MILLER, JOHNNIE			21 FEB 1980	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 26 FEB 1980
92	MILLER, LLOYD "TOOTSIE"			25 JUL 1990	OBITUARY BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 27 JUL 1990
50	MILLER, MARION		05 AUG 1912	15 FEB 1978	HOUSEHOLD OF RUTH NO. 4303 G.U.O.O.F.
104	MILLER, TOM			15 APR 1991	OBITUARY BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 19 APR 1991
59	MILTON, LEROY	JR.	1910	12 MAR 1999	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 18 MAR 1999
60	MONTGOMERY, DELLA		01 OCT 1894	1976	FP: PARENTS-MR. & MRS. BEVERLY AND EMERLINE DAVIS
70	MOSELY, SUSIE	MRS.		14 DEC 1981	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 18 DEC 1981
108	PAIGE, CHARLIE			25 MAR 2009	OBIT., NEWS-STAR (MONROE, LA) DTD 27 MAR 2009
28	PALM, F. GRAHAM		03 MAY 1988	16 JUN 1988	FHM
68	PALM, PINKIE	MRS.		26 FEB 1982	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 01 MAR 1982
111	PARHAM, LULA MAE			08 AUG 1998	F N, NEWS-STAR (MONROE, LA) DTD 11 AUG 1998
6	PITTS, ADDIE D. (DELORES)		1921	17 AUG 1999	VAULT
5	PITTS, ESSIE MAE		15 MAY 1942	17 JUL 1976	DAUGHTER
20	PRICE, WILLIAM R.		17 FEB 1930	31 JUL 1966	LOUISIANA PVT U S ARMY KOREA PH
77	RANDALL, DANIEL			02 SEP 1977	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 16 SEP 1977
100	RANDLE, GREGORY "GREG"			2005	F N, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 26 APR 2005
74	REESE, GENERAL			24 APR 1983	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 28 APR 1983
98	REESE, HENRY MAC			1989	OBITUARY BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 25 JUL 1989
106	REESE, JAMES			28 NOV 1989	OBITUARY BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 01 DEC 1989
116	REESE, REGINALD		19 NOV 1968	10 OCT 2009	F N, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 15 OCT 2009
87	RICHARDSON, TYRICE		06 SEP 1986	15 SEP 2008	F N, NEWS-STAR (MONROE, LA) DTD 17 SEP 2008
25	ROBINSON, EUGENE	JR.	11 OCT 1927	07 APR 2003	
91	ROBINSON, LEON			1993	OBITUARY BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 22 JAN 1993
21	SAMPSON, FREDDIE B.		11 MAY 1931	21 NOV 1990	OBITUARY, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 23 NOV 1990
99	SLEDGE, EARLINE			01 JUL 1994	F N, BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 07 JUL 1994
97	SLEDGE, JIMMIE			29 AUG 1989	OBITUARY BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 01 SEP 1989
135	SLEDGE, WILLIS LEWIS			15 APR 2011	FN, NEWS-STAR (MONROE, LA) DTD 20 APR 2011
112	SMITH, FRANK	JR.		26 MAR 1999	F N, NEWS-STAR (MONROE, LA) DTD 30 MAR 1999
107	SMITH, NETTIE MAE		25 DEC 1918	22 JAN 2009	F N, NEWS-STAR (MONROE, LA) DTD 29 JAN 2009
94	SNEED, FLORA WILLIAMS	MRS.		31 DEC 1989	OBITUARY BASTROP (LA) ENTERPRISE DTD 03 JAN 1990



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grandchildren, two foster daughters, Clancy Evans of Bastrop and Mary Collins of Port Arthur, Tex.; and a foster son, Sam Atkins of Oak Ridge.”

Source: Obituary of George Elijah, *Bastrop Daily Enterprise*, 119 East Hickory Avenue, Bastrop, Louisiana, dated October 6, 1975, Page 12A, Column 3. [CON 124]

### ELIC EVANS

“Services for ELIC EVANS of Oak Ridge will be held at noon Saturday at Mount Olive Baptist Church in Oak Ridge with the Rev. Michael Reed officiating....

“Mr. Evans died Monday at Morehouse General Hospital after a short illness.

“Survivors include seven sisters: Lovie Austin, A. D. Evans, both of Oak Ridge; Lula May Palm, Daisey Love, both of Bastrop, Myrtis Ward of Memphis, Tenn., Patti Sampson of Monroe, Lela Louis of Shreveport; and five brothers: the Rev. Floyd Evans; Woodrow Evans, both of Bastrop, A. V. Evans of Oak Ridge, the Rev. David Evans of Shreveport, and

Rev. Alonzo Evans of El Dorado, Ark.”

Source: Obituary of Elie Evans, *Bastrop Daily Enterprise*, 119 East Hickory Avenue, Bastrop, Louisiana, dated October 13, 1982. [CON 78]

### BREARD FITCH, SR.

“Funeral services for BREARD FITCH, SR, 50, will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Salem Number 1 in Collinston with the Reverend Johnnie Frank Givens officiating....

“Mr. Fitch died Sunday morning at 11:45 at Morehouse General Hospital.

“He was a veteran of World War II.

“Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Earline Fitch; five daughters: Mrs. Jennie Davis, Mrs. Virginia Bradshaw, Miss Barbara Fay Fitch, Miss Marilyn Ann Fitch, Miss Retha L. Fitch, all of Bastrop; two sons: Breard Fitch, Jr., of San Jose, Calif., Nathaniel Fitch, Bastrop; two stepsons: David Hardin, Jr., of Fremont, Calif.; Frank Hardin of Bastrop; two sisters: Mrs. Levernica F. Nicholson of Berkeley, Calif., Mrs. Lillian

Love of Bastrop; four brothers: Isaac Fitch of Collinston, Eugene Fitch, Chicago, Ill.; Velma Fitch of Kansas City, Mo.; and Hoston Fitch, Los Angeles, Calif.; two grandchildren; one aunt, Mrs. Floyd Richardson, of Monroe; an uncle, Lafayette Ellis, of Collinston, and a number of nieces and nephews.”

Source: Obituary of Breard Fitch, Sr., (photo) *Bastrop Daily Enterprise*, 119 East Hickory Avenue, Bastrop, Louisiana, dated August 31, 1976. [CON 14]

### FLORINE JACKSON

“MRS. FLORINE JACKSON, 33, died unexpectedly last Sunday, January 26, at her residence, 1333 Lynn Drive, Monroe. She was pronounced dead upon arrival at St. Francis Hospital.

“Funeral services are scheduled at 12:30 p.m., Sunday, at New Bethany Baptist Church, Oak Ridge, with the Reverend Willie Robinson officiating....

“Mrs. Jackson was a native of Epps and lived several years in

Bastrop before moving to Monroe.

“Survivors include her husband, Willie Jackson, Jr., of Monroe; seven sons: Michael, Willie Jr., Milton, Terry, Lamar, Leavell and Tyrone Jackson, all of the home; one daughter, Mary Florence Jackson, also of the home; her mother, Mrs. Lizzie Rufus of Monroe; four sisters: Mrs. Catherine Tyson of Monroe, Hattie Mae Rufus of Oak Ridge, Rosa Mae Hobbs of Bastrop and Lizzie Ruth Cooper, Dallas, Tex.; two brothers: Jessie Lee Rufus, Dallas; and Walter Rufus, Jr., of Monroe; her grandfather, John Henry Arnold and step-grandmother, Adeline Arnold, both of Oak Ridge; and a host of nieces and nephews.”

Source: Obituary of Mrs. Florine Jackson, *Bastrop Daily Enterprise*, 119 East Hickory Avenue, Bastrop, Louisiana, dated January 31, 1975, Page 8, Columns 2 and 3. [CON 113]

### ELVIRA JOHNSON

“MRS. ELVIRA JOHNSON, 56, of Oak Ridge, died Thurs-

day, April 10, at the Richland Parish Hospital in Rayville following a long illness.

"Funeral services will be held Sunday at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Oak Ridge at 2 p.m. with the Reverend F. M. Moore officiating....

"Mrs. Johnson was a lifelong resident of Oak Ridge.

"Survivors include her husband, Green Johnson, Sr., of Oak Ridge; four daughters: Ora D. Dennis of Los Angeles, Calif.; Josephine Walker, Los Angeles and Velma Debose and Christine Cooksey, both of Oak Ridge; one son, Green Johnson, Jr., of Los Angeles; one sister, Jinnie Higgins of Oak Ridge; two brothers: Lee Bonner of Bakersfield, Calif.; and Charlie Bonner of Dumas, Ark.; two stepsons: Peter Johnson and Earvin Johnson, both of Portland, Ore.; two stepdaughters: Bessie Mae Smith of Florida and Lettie Mae Robinson of Dallas, Texas; 26 grandchildren and two great grandchildren."

Source: Obituary of Mrs. Elvira Johnson, *Bastrop Daily Enterprise*, 119 East Hickory Avenue, Bastrop, Louisiana, dated April 16,

1975, Page 10, Column 1. [CON 16]

### JOHNNIE MILLER

"Funeral services for JOHNNIE MILLER were held today at 2 p.m. at Old Mount Olive Church with the Rev. M. R. Reeves officiating.

"Interment followed in Congo Cemetery under the direction of Loche's Mortuary.

"Mr. Miller died Thursday, February 21, at his home following a lengthy illness.

"He is survived by one son, Willie Miller of Bastrop; 7 daughters: Debra Walker and Janet Miller both of Bastrop; Lena Mansfield of Collinston; Beatrice Battle of Oak Ridge; Dorothy Lee, Vera Dunlap and Lula Tippit, all of Houston; six brothers: Jimmy Williams of Oak Ridge, Tom Williams and James Williams, both of Monroe, Horace Williams of Los Angeles, Calif.; Willie Ross of Pine Bluff, Ark.; and Robert Brown of Wilmot, Ark.; two sisters: Addie Jackson of Bastrop, and Alberta McDonald of Monroe; 44 grandchildren and

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12 great grandchildren."

Source: Obituary of Johnnie Miller, *Bastrop Daily Enterprise*, 119 East Hickory Avenue, Bastrop, Louisiana, dated February 26, 1980. [CON 72]

### DELLA MONTGOMERY

"MRS. DELLA MONTGOMERY was born in Oak Ridge, La., on October 1, 1894. She was the daughter of Beverly Davis and Emerline Davis.

"She confessed hope in Christ at an early age under the leadership of Rev. Scates of New Bethany M. B. C. where she remained a faithful member until death.

"In 1912 she was united in Wedlock to the late Bro. Willie Montgomery. To this union, no children were born.

"Sister Della is survived by a Sister Susie Mosely; a half sister, Pecalia Winston in California; two nephews: Bro. C. T. Daniel and Bro. Robert E. Daniel—all of Bastrop, La., and a host of friends."

Source: "Funeral Service for Sister Della Montgomery" (photo) dated July 8, 1976, in possession of Mrs. Isabelle Woods, 2016 Surrey Lane, Bossier City, Louisiana. [CON 60]

### PINKIE PALM

"MRS. PINKIE PALM died Friday, Feb. 26, at the Hickory Manor Nursing Home following a lengthy illness.

"Funeral services will be held Wednesday, March 3, (at) 1 p.m. at the Mount Olive Baptist Church in Oak Ridge with Rev. Michael Reed officiating....

"She was a life long resident of Bastrop.

"Survivors include one son, Dalton DeJohnette of Oakland, Calif.; six brothers: A. V. Evans and Alex Evans, both of Oak Ridge; Rev. Alonzo Evans of El Dorado, Ark.; Rev. David Evans of Shreveport; Woodrow Evans and Rev. Floyd Evans, both of Bastrop; seven sisters: Lovie Austin and A. D. Pitts, both of Oak Ridge; Lela Lewis of Shreveport, Pattie Sampson of Monroe; Lula Mae Palm and Daisy Love, both of Bastrop; and Myrtle Ward of Memphis, Tenn.; and two grandchildren."

Source: Obituary of Pinkie Palm, *Bastrop Daily Enterprise*, 119 East Hickory, Bastrop, Louisiana, dated March 1, 1982. [CON 68]

## CCC veterans recognized by Kisatchie

By TOM KELLY

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"Our nation could not have fought and won a two-ocean war as fast as we did in the 1940s, without the CCCs," said Kisatchie National Forest archaeologist Timothy Phillips, in an interview backgrounding his ongoing research of the work of the Civilian Conservation Corps in Louisiana in the 1930s.

Born of the Great Depression by an Act of Congress passed in March, 1933 during the first 100 days of the Franklin D. Roosevelt administration, the CCCs organized a civilian army of unemployed young men 18-25 years old, primarily from destitute families on public relief. The men were brought into military-type camps administered by Army personnel, and given work building public facilities of many kinds, restoring forest lands, soil erosion prevention, and other work.

"They had all the military discipline except combat training," Phillips said. "When World War II came, the vast majority went directly into the military services. Some had gone to work, and then into the military. The United States, through the CCC, had three million-plus young men exposed to military-type discipline. All that was necessary was to provide combat training, and they were ready to go."

Thus, the CCC may be said to have saved the nation twice - first by implementing a program of natural resources conservation and preservation which continues to enrich the country, and second by fighting and winning the World War which placed America on course as the world's foremost industrial, economic, and military superpower. Quite a generation . . . the "Greatest," according to today's evaluation.

Veterans of the CCC are dying at a rapid pace, Phillips said - a fact which is spurring his effort to complete his history of the organization in Louisiana, and prepare it for public use. He began oral interviews, which are preserved on tape, last year, and has located over 150 CCC veterans from various parts of the State, with about 80 interviews concluded.

Among the facilities built by CCC members are the original Gum Springs recreation area on the Winn District unit of Kisatchie National Forest west of Winnfield, the Stuart Lake camp area in the Catahoula District at Bentley and many others.

"Many of the roads and state parks that we use today, and millions of trees in the Kisatchie National Forest, were built and planted by the CCCs," Phillips said.

Several chapters of Phillips' written history are already prepared, including stories on Winn, Rapides, and Natchitoches parishes.

Shortly after Congress passed the CCC act, camps were established in Central Louisiana, to provide forestry and conservation work. On June 5, 1933, Camp Allen, named for then-Governor O.K. Allen, was established on the eastern shore of Saline Lake, about a mile and a half northwest of U.S. Highway 84. It was the first of several to be established in Winn parish before the demise of the CCC in July, 1942, shortly after the start of World War II.

Camp Allen was eventually moved to Knoxville, Mississippi. Others in Winn Parish were Camp Willis, at Sikes, Camp 1422 at Verda, Camp 4507 at Calvin.

The camp at Calvin became a trans-shipment site, where men scheduled for transfer to other locations came for processing.

In Rapides Parish, Camp Packard, named after Major Gooding Packard, was established for tree planting, building roads, bridges, firelines, and construction of the Valentine Lake recreation area.

A camp was established at Forest Hill, to help farmers protect farms from soil erosion, and building roads, a local telephone system, and fire fighting systems.

In Natchitoches parish, a camp was established at Provencal, for reforestation, fire fighting, and road building.

Tim Phillips, born in West Virginia, and reared in Ohio, made it to Louisiana as an offshore oil worker in 1974. In the mid-1970s he enrolled at University of Southwestern Louisiana at Lafayette, and began studying anthropology and archaeology. He joined the U.S. Forest Service in 1984, and has learned, "hands-on" the history and pre-history of the Kisatchie Forest area. His interest in the CCC came from learning of the work the organization did in the early years of establishment of the forest.

He and his wife, Jeannie, a native of Breaux Bridge, not far from Lafayette, are residents of Natchitoches. They have a son who lives in Bossier City, a daughter in Farmerville, and one granddaughter, age 3.

***Note: Article reprinted with permission.***

**List of Civilian Conservation Corps Camps; Arkansas, Louisiana & Texas**

State	County	Camp #
AR	Faulkner	AR-SCS-1
AR	Boone	AR-SCS-2
AR	Izard	AR-SCS-3
AR	Randolph	AR-SCS-4
AR	Faulkner	AR-SCS-5
AR	Cleburne	AR-SCS-6
AR	Craighead	AR-SCS-7
AR	Pope	AR-SCS-8
AR	Cross	AR-SCS-9
AR	St Francis	AR-SCS-10
AR	Pulaski	AR-SCS-11
AR	Hot Spring	AR-SCS-12
AR	Hempstead	AR-SCS-13
AR	Columbia	AR-SCS-14
AR	Drew	AR-SCS-15
AR	Carroll	AR-SCS-16
AR	Conway	AR-SCS-17
AR	Independence	AR-SCS-18
AR	Boone	AR-SCS-19
AR	Bradley	AR-SCS-20
AR	Hempstead	AR-ASCS-1
AR	Sebastian	AR-ASCS-2

State	Parish	Camp #
LA	Webster	LA-SCS-1
LA	Bossier	LA-SCS-2
LA	Claiborne	LA-SCS-3
LA	Union	LA-SCS-4
LA	Lincoln	LA-SCS-5
LA	Ouachita	LA-SCS-6
LA	Bienville	LA-SCS-7
LA	Jackson	LA-SCS-8
LA	De Soto	LA-SCS-9
LA	Winn	LA-SCS-10
LA	Catahoula	LA-SCS-11
LA	Sabine	LA-SCS-12
LA	Vernon	LA-SCS-13
LA	Rapides	LA-SCS-14
LA	West Feliciana	LA-SCS-15
LA	Washington	LA-SCS-18
LA	Tangipahoa	LA-SCS-19
LA	St Helena	LA-SCS-20
LA	Caddo	LA-SCS-21
LA	Bienville	LA-SCS-22
LA	Vermilion	LA-SCS-23
LA	Evangeline	LA-SCS-24
LA	Lafayette	LA-SCS-25
LA	Lafourche	LA-SCS-26
LA	Calcasieu	LA-SCS-27
LA	Washington	LA-SCS-28

State	Parish	Camp #
LA	Beauregard	LA-SCS-29
LA	Acadia	LA-SCS-30
LA	Ascension	LA-SCS-31
LA	St Mary	LA-SCS-32

State	County	Camp #
TX	Bell	TX-SCS-1
TX	Bell	TX-SCS-2
TX	Smith	TX-SCS-3
TX	Navarro	TX-SCS-4
TX	Mclennan	TX-SCS-5
TX	Travis	TX-SCS-6
TX	Williamson	TX-SCS-7
TX	Hunt	TX-SCS-8
TX	Red River	TX-SCS-9
TX	Fayette	TX-SCS-10
TX	Karnes	TX-SCS-11
TX	Ochiltree	TX-SCS-12
TX	Potter	TX-SCS-13
TX	Hall	TX-SCS-14
TX	Lamb	TX-SCS-15
TX	Dawson	TX-SCS-16
TX	Denton	TX-SCS-17
TX	Cass	TX-SCS-18
TX	Cherokee	TX-SCS-19
TX	Titus	TX-SCS-20
TX	Brown	TX-SCS-21
TX	Wood	TX-SCS-22
TX	Harrison	TX-SCS-23
TX	Erath	TX-SCS-24
TX	Nacogdoches	TX-SCS-25
TX	Coryell	TX-SCS-26
TX	Madison	TX-SCS-27
TX	Parker	TX-SCS-28
TX	Williamson	TX-SCS-29
TX	Washington	TX-SCS-30
TX	Limestone	TX-SCS-31
TX	Hill	TX-SCS-32
TX	Grayson	TX-SCS-33
TX	Kaufman	TX-SCS-34
TX	Delta	TX-SCS-35
TX	Dallas	TX-SCS-36
TX	Ellis	TX-SCS-37
TX	Wilson	TX-SCS-38
TX	El Paso	TX-SCS-40
TX	Lavaca	TX-SCS-41
TX	Guadalupe	TX-SCS-42
TX	Coleman	TX-SCS-43
TX	Floyd	TX-SCS-44
TX	Cochran	TX-SCS-45

## PERIODICAL EXCHANGE REVIEW

*Compiled by Glenda Efferson Bernard*

The **Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association** is part of an exchange program with other genealogical societies across the nation. The idea is to obtain newsletters and bulletins from these various societies in exchange for a copy of "The Genie." This very successful endeavor benefits genealogists who visit the Broadmoor Branch of the Shreve Memorial Library in Shreveport, Louisiana. The items discussed in this article, along with many others, are found on magazine racks to one's right upon entering the Genealogy Department.

The purpose of this article is to acquaint the reader with several publications which may be of interest in research. Generally speaking, one can find more data about the person of interest if research is covered in his locale before searching nationwide. For example, regional articles may provide an early church roster with just the name needed while a magazine showcased to reach statewide readers may not include such detail.

Numerous exchange copies have been deposited recently into the library's collection. Some interesting ones include:

***The Coweta Courier, Fall 2011, Coweta County, Georgia.*** This 24 page quarterly includes will book abstracts for the county and a selection of death notices from the 2,278 deaths recorded in Coweta County, Georgia, on file from March 1895- August 1947. (Death notices are often difficult to locate for this time period in any county.) Also a listing of items of genealogical interest from "The Newman Herald," a Coweta County area newspaper from its November 18-December 2, 1865, issue is shown.

***Bulletin of The Genealogical Society of Old Tryon County, Inc., August 2011.*** This quarterly center upon numerous present day counties of North and South Carolina which were once Tryon County, North Carolina, for the years 1769-1779. A fascinating creation of a family structure is given based on Michael John Neill's design. The author follows the family from the 1790 census through the 1830 census. Eighty eight endnotes are given for this one article! A continued transcription from April and October 1809 for the "Minutes of the Superior Court of Law and Equity, Rutherford County, North Carolina" is full of information as well as a transcription of the children and grandchildren of Elijah Dycas and Lavina Green are both very interesting reading. A cemetery can still be found on land that was sold in 1824 which included ancestors of Dycas and Green.

A remarkable Revolutionary War Pension Declaration of Anthony Dickey is transcribed. This is detailed and well documented in twenty-two pages of this fifty page bulletin.

***Searchers and Researchers, Summer 2011, Issue 2.*** This bulletin showcases Ellis County, Texas. This little jewel includes photocopies of persons, probate court minutes and a home built in the area in 1842. The pictures are clear and are labeled by name for the most part. A newspaper transcription of "The Ennis Daily News," 1913, which describes a history of Cumberland Presbyterian churches in Ellis County, is quite lengthy. Also in the "Waxahatchie Enterprise," 1901, is an account of everyday life from "the field." A rich write-up of a local family, the Douglas family, is presented.

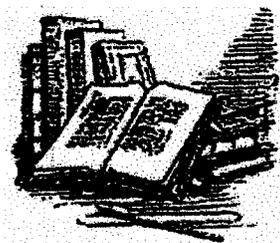
***Clark County Historical Journal, 2010,*** is published by the Clark County Historical Association of the Arkadelphia, Arkansas area and is 120 pages in length. It is uncertain as to whether this is a yearly publication. It includes Bible record pictures and details of a Wyatt and Taylor family history. A very interesting article can be read on "The Early Women's Organization of the First Presbyterian Church, Arkadelphia, Arkansas" which even includes several recipes from the Presbyterian Young Ladies Cookbook, published in 1922. Two of these recipes, "To Fry a Young Grown Chicken" and "To Fry Egg Plant" are must reads for fun as well as details which would be helpful in today's cooking world.

Such a wide selection of articles makes this bulletin a favorite of this writer who has no known relatives from this or any part of Arkansas.

***Tracks and Traces, Spring, 2011, a Union County, El Dorado, Arkansas,*** publication is seventy five pages long and is nicely organized with a great deal of information. Extractions of "The El Dorado Eagle," 1881-1883, can be read along with a "History of Mount Willie Baptist Church", organized in 1895, a "History of The Parker's Chapel School", beginning in 1901, and a list of the teachers of that school. A full account of marriage records of Union County, Arkansas, for 1829-1878, along with security names, recorded dates, and ministers' names are given.

***The Johnson City Genealogist, June 2011, Issue 2,*** is a thirty page compilation for anyone with ancestors from Kansas! The quarterly magazine extracts from the "The Olathe Mirror," 1864, are primarily deed transfers giving location, acres and amounts. Extracts from another newspaper of the area, "The Weekly Herald," contain more local interest such as births, deaths, visits to neighboring towns, diseases at the time, etc. A very long exchange quarterly review section is included in this bulletin.

**Tennessee Ancestors, Fall 2011**, is a tri-annual presentation of the East Tennessee Historical Society. The "Place of Birth of Postmasters and Other Federal Employees, 1816-1825," is a detailed listing of early Tennessee officials outside of the Postal Department, as well as inside of it. A wonderful article by Donahue Bible, "Amazing Record Sheds New Light in Bible Family of Early Greene County," is included. In Bible's account, photocopies of pages of a French New Testament display family accounts of births, deaths and marriages on various pages of the Holy Bible. Information concerning the 1748 marriage of Maria and Adam Biebel and their descendants is so interesting! Census and Bible records are included with a lengthy list of voters and election results from Knox County, TN, 1861. An 1895 map is cleverly displayed which defines the various districts of Knox County at the time of their secession vote in 1861.



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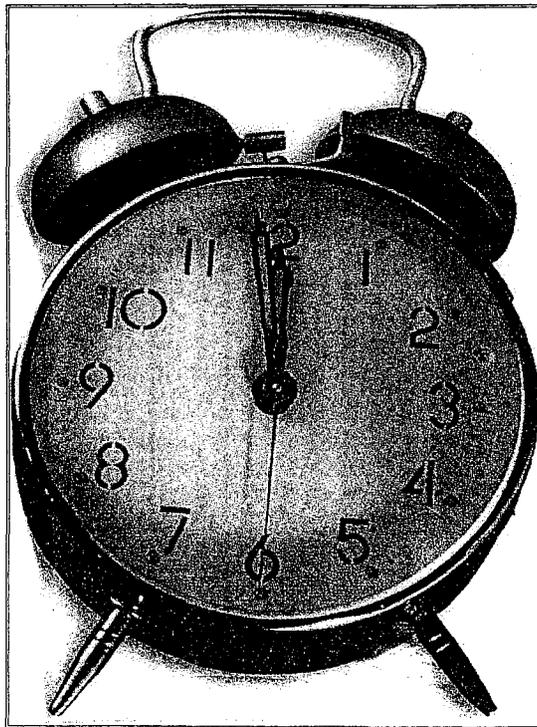
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## **Dubach – Thrifty And Prosperous Town Of Lincoln Parish**

**By: Fannie May Trousdale**

### Municipal Affairs Of Dubach Managed By Splendid Council

Town Has Graveled Streets And Sidewalks, Pretty Homes, Two Handsome New Brick Churches And Best Agricultural High School In State. Over A Dozen Brick Business Houses, Quarter Of A Million-Dollar Bank, Potato-Drying Plant And One Of The Biggest Sawmills In The Country.

I was en route from Ruston via the Rock Island to Junction City. It was “night and the stars were gleaming tender and true,” when the train came to a pause and I glanced out indifferently, then sat up and ejaculated slangily: “well look who’s here!” Electric lights to the right of us, lights to the left of us sparkled, twinkled, numerous smartly built brick business houses stretched away into the darkness, each window and doorway flashing an electric welcome.

I wondered what had happened overnight on the Rock Island. About that time the train porter announced: “Dubach!”

“When I come back,” I mentally resolved, “It’s Dubach for mine.”

Well, I came back, and here I am at the best hotel I’ve met in many a day, where they serve piping-hot biscuits and real butter, yellow-legged fried chicken and home-made preserves fit for the gods. I want to tell you, briefly, about this snappy, busy, bustling “bit” town of 1,200 souls, and how smart and clean and darling a place it is, perched on the hillside as if about to fly away, and so perfectly drained that it smacks of the term sanitary, like a hospital ward.

I haven’t much space to tell it in, and I’ll get in trouble again with the manager of the Times, I know, for giving away his space – “the only thing.” he is wont to say to me sternly, “that we have to save.”

It has been incorporated, this Dubach, eight years, and C. C. Barham has been the mayor continuously for six years, a corking good one at that. Its municipal affairs are the best managed of any town I’ve written yet. It has money in the bank and a board of alderman that are absolutely consecrated to the welfare of Dubach, all representative business men who belong to that class immortalized by Kipling wherein “No one shall work for money, and no one shall work for fame.” The health is remarkable here; there is deep well water aplenty; there is the finest electric light system, fire protection, a pay roll of many thousands, and prosperity all distributed by the Dubach Lumber Company. These to begin with.

So the game little town, with a big [lift] from its daddy, the mill, was set on its feet and has been going and growing ever since.

There are graveled streets and sidewalks, pavements, pretty homes, two of the prettiest new brick churches in the state, the best agricultural high

school with Prof. Bert Warren, one of the recognized young school men of North Louisiana, in charge, and a faculty of 10 trained teachers; it is a handsome brick building that would represent about \$40,000 today. There are over a dozen brick business houses, a \$250,000 bank, a potato-drying plant that is attracting all eyes this way; one of the biggest sawmills in the country; one steel and one brick warehouse; a new cotton gin, a new garage; a Red Cross organization of 45 members, Masonic, Woodmen, K. of P. and Woodmen's Circle lodges.

Thrift and prosperity walk hand in hand in Dubach. Business this year has doubled and tripled and quadrupled that of last, and everybody looks happy and full of pep. And the little town grows space; no vacant houses; new buildings going up and opening up. She reaches out her arms, does Dubach, for more. It's an ideal spot to live in and a dandy good business place to make money in.

I would like, while I'm about it, to present the mayor and council of Dubach to the readers of *The Times*. They are out of the ordinary. Mayor C. C. Barham is young, live, progressive, self-made, good looking and a substantial business man. He's for Dubach, first and last. Mr. B. H. Rainwater, of the well known Rainwater family, is manager of the Dubach Lumber Company's commissary and a man of superior attainments. Mr. C. E. Colvin, a salesman with C. C. Barham, is a finely-trained business man and the "watchdog of the treasury." S. J. Colvin is a prominent and busy merchant and a booster for Dubach. C. A. Norris, of the Norris Lumber Company, is a man of affairs in Lincoln. O. P. Railey - well, besides being a jeweler and cold drinks man, he is an Irishman and the wag and wit of the council. Of course he's a booster, and of course he's beloved by everybody that comes within his sunshiny zone. I'm always for the Irish, me; they make this old world a better place to live in. V. M. Woodward is the handsome young town marshal.

Dubach wants a dairy, a laundry, an ice factory, more business of any and all kinds, more people to come here and live happily ever after, and has her weather eye out for them.

I had the pleasure of meeting the new Baptist minister, the Rev. Leon Stone, who comes from Jena, where he spent eight years as pastor of that church and principal of the school.

Rev. G. L. Purcell is the beloved pastor of the Methodist church, and is doing a splendid work in the parish of Lincoln.

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## **Dubach High is School Leader**

### ***Holds Parish Cup And Won Second Place At State Fair***

*Submitted by James G. (Jim) Jones*

One of the three agricultural schools of Lincoln, rich in vocational schools and about to add a fourth, I understand, the Dubach Hi stands out boldly as a leader in activity and attainments. It is the proud possessor of the parish cup at present; captured second place at the Shreveport Fair last week in general school exhibits, and its football and baseball teams have given the surrounding schools many a trouncing that they will remember.

I visited the school while in Dubach. It is not up a hill, nor down the long road, but right in the center of things, a handsome, new modern, \$30,000 building, with a frame building on the grounds for domestic science and manual training. It has a commodious auditorium, sunny class rooms, library, office, chemical laboratory, and as Professor Warren proudly explained, has almost everything a school needs.

No school on the map ever had quite all its needs provided; at least none that I have ever written. Dubach comes nearer than most.

"We all work here," said the young principal as he showed me through. "I work them to the finish." He is young, live, ambitious, this Prof. Bert Warren of Dubach Hi. He is a Ruston boy with seven years' experience, an L. I. I. and an L. S. U. man. "We have a four-acre ball park," he explained, "and a 35 acre farm where some hard and scientific training is staged. We go in for athletics, have basketball for boys and girls, in addition to baseball and football. We held a community fair on the school grounds in October that was a dandy and drew a great crowd. In the school the demonstration agent has achieved remarkable results with his pig, poultry and canning club work among the students.

Prof. W. W. Crumpton of A. and M. College, Mississippi, is the head of the agricultural department of the school and is getting fine results. The remainder of the faculty includes Misses Nita Pyburn of Dodson, L. I. I. graduate; Lillian Talbot of Ruston, L. I. I. graduate; Winnie Smith, Ruston, State Normal; Clara Moore, Bernice, L. I. I.; Cordie Autrey, Dubach, State Normal; Josephine Jackson, Ruston, L. I. I.; Eula Henry, Dubach, state Normal; music, Miss Florrie Popp of Junction City, graduate of Meridian Female College.

If the Agricultural High School of Dubach is a fine school, and no one denies it, it has a fine representative body of men on its board that deserve special mention.

The president is Dr. Joe Smith, leading physician and popular citizen. He is a son of Lincoln Parish, a graduate from Tulane University and one of the men Dubach is proud of.

E. B. Tatum, secretary-treasurer of the board, is assistant secretary of the Dubach State Bank, and a member of one of Lincoln's foremost families. B. H. Rainwater, easily the most likeable and popular man in Dubach is the head of the Dubach Lumber Company's commissary. R. L. Hanna, who, by the way, belongs to the well-known Hanna family of Monroe and Shreveport, is owner and manager of the Dubach gin and is a man of sound sterling qualities. This year he will handle about 2,000 bales of cotton as against 350 when he first opened for business. J. E. Hammond of the South Carolina Hammonds of high standing is and has been for 11 years in the service of Uncle Sam.

The Agricultural High School of Dubach is its chief pride and boasts; is one of the hardest working most ambitious schools in North Louisiana and one that, by the same token, is making the biggest strides toward the goal it has set.

"We are working hard, but I am not satisfied," said Principal Warren.

Of course, he is not satisfied. That explains why he is making the drive and his faculty with him, for greater and still greater achievements.

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## **Dubach State is Safe and Solid**

### **Bank That Has Never Failed To Pay Annual Dividends**

*Submitted by James G. (Jim) Jones*

The Dubach State Bank may not make any display of massive columns, marble or mahogany – it is a bank of no pretensions whatever – but I don't think I ever have written a sounder or solider or more prosperous institution, per se.

And the people know it.

The men who manage its affairs are conservative, careful, safe and sane, and while there are no flourish of trumpets and the banking house is in no way better than its fellows, its business is growing steadily, surely and, since September, remarkable. It means something to Dubach to have such a bank, and such a safe and sane policy as it has adopted and sticks to, and will continue to so stick, to the end of the chapter. It has never had but one loss, and that an insignificant one, since it was launched.

Another thing equally remarkable, it has never failed to pay annual dividends; more than that, it pays 10 per cent dividends semiannually.

Dubach State Bank was organized and established in 1907. It is its first and only bank; it has capital of \$12,500 and a surplus of the same amount. It has undivided profits of over \$7,500.

The total deposits, subject to check since September 1, are represented in round figures by \$78,500; time deposits, \$34,400.78.

It was late Saturday afternoon when I paid my respects to the Dubach State Bank, at the close of a brisk day's business. Five-thirty may seem a late hour for a bank to still be open, but the cashiers were still at their posts, and as busy as cranberry merchants.

"Yes, we've had a pretty good day," the cashier smiled contentedly, as he stopped long enough to extend greetings; "much the same as we've been having for many Saturdays gone before.

He turned to his deposit sheet; "On this day I see the deposits have run into \$23,353.51; checks \$14,929.04."

I caught the spirit of his enthusiasm; anyway, I'm a glad-hander, and I returned his smile with interest.

"That's not so worse," I replied, "for one day's business. You should be decorated."

Its stock is three for one stock, I might add, while I'm about it, since some one might "ask to know."

I asked Cashier Henry what the bank's slogan might be and his reply was:

"Dividends, I guess."

"And what have you done for your country in Liberty Bonds?" I queried.

"The bank has sold \$10,600 worth of bonds, and will sell many more, I am sure," replied the cashier.

He is R. W. Henry, a son of old Lincoln; he was a live merchant at Hico for nine years, and went into the bank as cashier at its opening. He has made a fine official.

E. B. Tatum, assistant cashier, of the prominent family of Tatum, is an L. I. I. graduate of 1910. He will be remembered by president, faculty and class as one who made a fine record.

S. S. Tatum, president of the bank, is from Claiborne; is an influential man, planter, ex-school man and a leader in the affairs of his own home town and vicinity.

T. B. Colvin, vice president, is of the well-known Colvin family of old Lincoln; he's a merchant-planter of prominence.

Other directors of the bank are W. A. Colvin, live-stockman; C. C. Colvin and R. D. Caldwell, prominent planters; D. A. Pollock, vice president of the Bank of Bernice and widely known.

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## **Dr. Martin Luther King's First Visit to Shreveport And the Galilee Missionary Baptist Church**

**Submitted by Jessie Barnes Stewart**

**[A longtime member of the Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association, Inc.]**

The **Torch** that gave light to the path of segregation was spoken on a hot summer day at the **Galilee Missionary Baptist Church**, 854 Williamson Street, Shreveport, Louisiana by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. [Thursday, August 14, 1958].

From the yesteryears to the 1950's, Shreveport was a segregated city. Just to mention a few, there were colored and white water fountains in public places; colored and white dressing rooms in department stores; maids, cooks, wash women, caretakers of children (nurse), and chauffeurs were the only few job for Blacks. They were unable to register and vote. Dr. C. O. Simpkins and the Black pastors united their feeble efforts to improve the condition of Blacks in Shreveport. Dr. King was invited to speak and assist in plans for a voter registration drive. He accepted the invitation and came to Shreveport to participate in the workshops, but some of the church congregations were afraid to let him in for fear of a riot. Dr. King was a peaceful warrior and believed in non-violence. One pastor, Dr. Jesse Terrel Stewart, pastor of the Galilee Missionary Baptist Church and its' membership along with the support of the deacons offered the sanctuary for his visit. On the day of the visit (the church was located across the street from the police station) the policemen rode the streets and put tickets on cars. However, accompanied by fear, people came by the hundreds to hear one of the greatest speeches ever made by Dr. King. That speech ignited the blacks of Shreveport, signaled a new day, and was the beginning of the end of the segregated path in the City of Shreveport. The struggle for justice and equality in the City of Shreveport went on and on. Shreveport followed the pioneering cities of Baton Rouge, Montgomery, Tallahassee, Birmingham, Nashville, and Petersburg, Virginia in the quest for civil rights. This movement spread quickly to Northern cities and eventually across the entire United States to bring changes, *it was the first step of the great civil rights movement that moved North Louisiana and the City of Shreveport to join the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.*

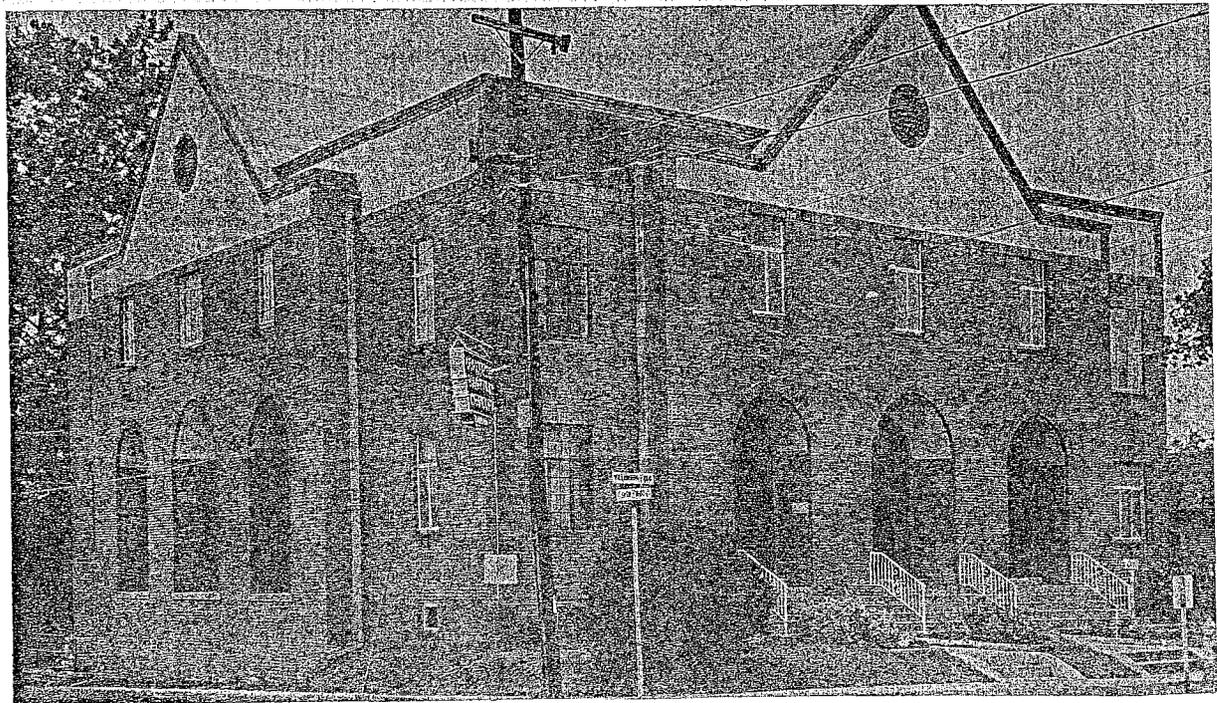
The speech Dr. King delivered at Galilee reached African American communities and the world. This message brought light to a dark and gloomy community besieged by inequality, injustice, and the evil of segregation, but hope was ahead. After the workshop, people still bore hard feelings and words at the registrar's office. Many were turned away. The words of Dr. King's message "*Free at Last, Thank God Almighty I'm free at last*" linger and reverberate in the hearts and minds of civil rights activist to the present day.

The step's of this church is a monument for the advancement of Lakeside, Allendale, and adjoining sections of Caddo Parish. The prayers of our forefathers from the slave chains and the sound and sting of the whip through the inspiration and direction of the current pastor, Dr. E. Edward Jones, who provided through God

in the path of two interstate freeways to provide housing for the row houses with outdoor toilets, bathing in tin tubs, no hot water, no gas lights, and crowded and congested conditions. The message from the lips of Dr. King and the dilapidated building on Williamson Street was the defining moment that turned the tide and set the pace for African Americans in Shreveport to pursue and obtain equal opportunity, justice, and equality.

This church has spawn firemen, teachers, doctors, lawyers, entrepreneurs, and many, many more professionals in every field of endeavor.

From this crusade that began in Shreveport at the Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, 854 Williamson Street, Shreveport, we thank God for Dr. Simpkins and the late Dr. Jesse Terrel Stewart, that was born in Bossier Parish, with the courage and mind to move this segregated dark and gloomy age to give light to a segregated path. The truth of the matter spells one thing - every Shreveporter, black, brown, yellow, and white should pool their resources to support the Old Galilee Museum and preserve this building for perpetuity so that generations yet unborn can understand the history of the civil rights movement in the City of Shreveport.



**Galilee B.C.** in 1924. This is Galilee's House of Worship built under the leadership of Rev. E.S. Stills. Moving from Hope Street, this building stands now at Snow and Williamson Streets.

***Note: Jessie Barnes Stewart is a 50 year plus member of the Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, 1500 Pierre Avenue, Shreveport, LA.***

## **PUTTING YOUR ANCESTOR'S LIFE ON A TIMELINE**

**Submitted by Esther Eley Jones**

My fourth great-grandfather, Benjamin Hodge, was born in South Carolina in 1752. He died 28 January 1837 in Richland County, South Carolina. What happened between those two dates is the real life story of Benjamin Hodge. In my search to fill in the blanks on my family tree, I sometimes forget that the final sum of a life is much more than when a person was born and died. It is the life story of all those events in a life. In order to see a snapshot of those events, I created a research timeline of Benjamin Hodge. The research timeline is an effective research tool to organize all information acquired from an ancestor's documents, census listings, wills, pensions, historical events, and any important of an ancestor's life. The research timeline highlights the major events in an ancestor's life, as well as, the smallest events. The research timeline gives you a picture of your ancestor's life. It serves to help organize an ancestor's life in chronological order, down to the smallest detail from birth and ending with death. All of those events make up Benjamin Hodge's life story. The purpose of my timeline for Benjamin Hodge was to analyze the information to see where I was in my research of his life story and to see if there were gaps, overlapping events, or conflicting data in my research.

Few ancestors left daily journals or records of their activities and the events with which they were associated. Yet we try to reconstruct their lives as accurately as possible with reliable sources and historical events of the time. The use of the timeline will visually display events surrounding an ancestor's life in his time and geographic area. It will provide a detailed summary of a person's life in the context of life's everyday events.

Benjamin Hodge's daughter, Lidia, married Jordan Lee, my third great grandfather. Jordan was born in Richland County, South Carolina in 1780. Timelines help the researchers understand how two families merged into one and how they came to be in the same place. The timeline can help prove or disprove family stories, identify migration patterns, and help understand how major and minor historical events influenced our ancestors' lives.

Family historians are accustomed to using charts and forms to organize their research. Pedigree charts, family group sheets, and descendant charts are standard tools of a genealogist. Most of us are familiar with those tools; however, timelines are vital tools in helping genealogists see gaps in events of an ancestor's life, overlapping events, or conflicting data. When creating your timeline, you will add important dates from your ancestors' lives, along with historic events such as wars, natural disasters, and epidemics. Look for local events of importance to add to your timeline. You will add personal information such as children's names, birth dates, marriages and names of their spouses,

deaths if any preceded your ancestor. Include census listings, when and where your ancestor witnessed legal documents, bought land, and any pension information. A timeline can show you, at a glance, which major event may have influenced your ancestors' life or reason for their life choices.

When genealogists have researched all the obvious sources for information, such as vital records, census records, land records, wills, pensions, national and state archives, creating a timeline can be a valuable tool. Analysis of the research data in the timeline of my ancestor Benjamin Hodge helped me identify gaps in my research and conflicting data. The analysis also led to questions, creative thinking, and gave me hints for further research into the life of Benjamin Hodge.

By placing your family records against a backdrop of a life events and world events in a timeline, you can tell amazing family stories in a powerful visual way. Once you have finished using your timeline for research, you have a handy tool available for writing a narrative or biography. Make sure your notes are short and clearly written or stated. The research timeline makes it easy for organizing your ancestors' information into life stories and incorporating the historical events for a more creative, and interesting narrative rather than just a reconstruction of dry facts.



## **Why Bother?**

### **The Value of Documentation in Family History Research**

**By Kory Meyerink, MLS, CG**

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**Why Genealogists Say "Without Proof there is No Truth"...** How to overcome the biggest obstacles in documenting your research and why taking good notes will make your research faster and easier.

New family historians often ask: What's all this hubbub about documentation? Why does it matter, and what difference does it make where I got my information? After all, I am just doing this as a hobby, or to sort out the branches on the family tree for the upcoming reunion. Often there is the feeling that "I'm not going to publish my findings or write a book" and no one is going to see this research but me. Anyway, I'm just doing this for fun and the fun is in the searching, not in writing down, in minute detail, where the information came from, so "cut me some slack and lay off the preaching about citing sources."

Well, I can appreciate those thoughts; they are not much different than my thinking several years ago when I got started. But since then, I've seen the light! Let me share with you three of the many reasons why you want to document your family history findings. Let's begin with the most useful reason.

#### ***Documentation Will Make Your Research Easier and Faster***

Surprising, but true. Taking time to document where you got your facts (or allegations) will save you time later in your research. Let's face it; most of us do our research a little bit at a time, as we have time and opportunities. Often you do some research on one family; only to set it aside for a couple years (or more) while other activities, and even other research, take priority. Well, what happens when you sit down to work on that line you put off two or three years ago? Without writing down what you searched and where you found your information, you will likely look at some of the same sources again, only to find, or not find, what you had already learned. Like me, I am sure you do not want to spin your wheels redoing what you did earlier. Indeed, isn't that part of what we love about genealogy? It's always a new adventure. No two searches, or families, are quite the same.

### **Example**

We would have found one of my wife's ancestors much faster if her cousins had documented the source of their information sooner. For years we heard that Frank Cromwell came from Woodstock, but the state was not given. We searched every Woodstock in the northern states (there are more than a dozen) without finding him. Many years later, when her cousins sent us a picture of Frank's mother, we learned the source of the Woodstock statement. The back of the picture included the name and city of the photographer. Only then did we find out that this was a fair-sized city, with a photography studio in the mid-nineteenth century. This seemingly insignificant piece of documentation redirected our efforts to Woodstock, Ontario where we did find Frank and his family.

### ***Documentation Helps Prevent Duplication of Research***

In the course of our research, we can't help but spend some time researching families others have already researched. Eventually, someone else will be researching some of the very same families we are looking for today. Indeed, one of the admonitions new researchers receive is to check for "previous research." Most of us don't have time to do only "original research" on all of our families, after all, every person we find means there are two more (his or her parents) for us to find. We depend on quality previous research to speed us along our search. Without documentation, we do not know what sources somebody has already used. This means we will likely use some of the same sources the earlier family historian used. This wastes our time and resources which could better be used to solve problems others haven't tackled yet.

### **Example**

Years ago I located a distant cousin who had acquired some pedigree charts and family group records about a common ancestor, Penelope Hazzard. Clarence King had compiled these pages in the 1950s, but he had assigned different parents to Penelope than had my third-great Aunt (Arcelli Hall). My task was to determine which, if either set of parents, were correct. Much to my dismay, none of the material I received from Clarence King or Aunt Arcelli indicated how they arrived at their conclusions. It took me about two days of research in probate, land, and other records to learn that Clarence had made the right connection. Oh, how I wish he had just made a simple suggestion such as "according to Joshua Raymond's will, Penelope was an unrecorded child of Oliver Hazzard and Elizabeth Raymond."

### ***Documentation Gives Others Confidence in Your Research***

Yes, this is the old standby reason you read in every genealogy textbook, but that does not make it any less true. Indeed, nobody seems to argue with the genealogist's maxim: Without proof, there is no truth. The problem is that

many people, especially those just starting out, do not plan on publishing their research findings, as they are just doing it for their own interest. But, let's examine that concept for a minute. Throughout the course of our research we are constantly using the research of others. It may be a published family history, a brief biographical sketch, or a computerized lineage from Ancestral File or the World Family Tree. As noted above, our research moves forward much faster when we use such resources. Now, if we use such resources, aren't we obligated in some way to contribute (i.e. give back) to that growing pool of previously solved genealogical puzzles?

When we eventually do contribute new information to the database of our choice, or print up a booklet for a family reunion, won't we want those who use our information to believe what we say is true? If you have ever had to correct (or demolish) a cherished "family tradition," (and some of us get a strange sense of satisfaction in doing so), you will want to document your findings to make them believable. Of course, not everyone will believe you over Uncle Lester, but many will, and the your true version of the story will eventually be accepted, but only if others have confidence in your research.

Even if you continue to resist publishing (in print or electronic format) parts of your family history, you will likely end up communicating with some distant (or close) cousin doing research on a line common to both of you. This is simply a function of genealogical "networking." As you research, you will find another researcher who has submitted information to the International Genealogy Index or one of the databases noted above, or written an article for a local genealogical periodical, or joined a lineage society with your common ancestor. You will naturally want to contact him or her to learn if they have more information. They will want to exchange information and learn what you have found out. You may place a query seeking information about a problem, or answer one from another researcher.

In all of these situations, you will want others to have confidence in your research, just as you will want to have confidence in theirs. That confidence can be had for just a little bit of documentation.

### ***Documentation Doesn't Have to Be Hard***

Perhaps the biggest objection to documentation is the dismay at the necessity of proper formatting when citing sources. Well, guess what? There are so many ways to cite sources that formatting your citations should not be a big hang-up or time commitment. Certainly if you are submitting an article for a scholarly journal you would be expected to follow their citation format. Lineage societies require a certain level of documentation to constitute proof of a connection. And, indeed there are some emerging standards for "scholarly documentation." However, the good news is that you DO NOT need to follow those standards in everything you document.

There is only one hard and fast rule for general documentation: Record enough information so that another researcher can determine what you have searched. Thus it is not enough to say "U.S. Census" for a source. That is not specific: Which year? Which county and state? What page number? You would want to say, for example, "1850 census, Berrien County, Michigan, page 213." This however is the bare minimum. This is adequate for many research purposes, and it is information that is already on your research log.

**Research log?** I certainly hope that as a family historian, you have learned the value of a research log or calendar of searches. This is the beginning of documentation, and helps fulfill all three of the reasons for documentation that I've given in this article:

- A research log speeds your research by easily listing just what sources you have already searched, and what your results were.
- It also limits duplication of your research efforts by reminding you what you searched, when you searched, and who you were looking for in that source.
- Lastly, it is a quick way to provide confidence to others with whom you share your findings, as you can easily photocopy or print out a copy of your log.

For those who want to go just a little further in citing their sources, the six elements of a good source citation include:

- Author (who provided the information)
- Title
- Publication information (publisher, location)
- Date of the information (usually the year)
- Location of the source you used (library or archive) and the call number
- Reference number to the specific information (page, entry, line, etc.)

Consistent formatting is useful, helpful, and even required in some settings, but for now, don't get hung up on the commas and colons. Just begin citing your sources, and cite them well enough that others can understand what you searched.

**CHRISTMAS AT UNIONVILLE:**  
**A story of Christmas in a small country community**  
Submitted by James G. (Jim) Jones

Christmas 1960 was near and the small community of Unionville did not have any fancy Christmas street lighting, a Christmas parade or a Santa Claus for the children to give their Christmas list to but there was a spirit of the joy of Christmas in the air for all to experience.

Unionville at that time was located at the intersection of two highways and consisted of homes scattered for five miles in all directions from the center of the community – the Colvin and Jones Grocery Store and Gas Station. My grandfather Tut had operated the store for over sixty years and my father had been a partner in the business for about ten years. My grandparents lived next to the store and we lived across the intersection in a house that my parents had just built.

As you would drive through the community, all of the houses with bright lights and beautiful door decorations made it obvious that it was Christmas time. But the sight that caught everyone's eye was my father's Christmas tree that he had decorated for years. The tree was a large live pine tree (about 20' high) in front of my grandparent's house near the main highway. The tree was on a raised area between the house and the road and was a sight to behold because it was decorated from the bottom to the top with lights with all the colors of the rainbow. In those days, one could not run down to Wal-Mart and buy the strings of light to decorate a tree of this size so my father had to be very innovative. He made the string of lights by using a twisted wire electrical cord (the type of electrical cord that was used to make drop cords for lights in those days). He then wired in a light bulb socket about every three feet to complete the string. For the bulbs he used regular forty watt light bulbs which he dipped into different colors of paint. After the paint had dried and all the bulbs had been screwed into their sockets the hanging of the lights was ready to begin. There was no high lift bucket truck available so my father used his inventiveness again and rigged up a long pole with a hook on the end to lift the light string into the tree. Once this was complete and the string plugged up and the lights burning brightly everyone in Unionville knew it was officially Christmas.

As you wandered away from the tree toward the store the sounds were reminders that it was surely Christmas time. The store was always a busy place this time of year and the sight of all the people hurrying about to do their last minute shopping and wishing each other a merry Christmas were a delight to the ears. As you neared the front porch of the store there was the aroma of Christmas in the air. There was always an abundant supply of apples and

oranges in the store at this time of year and since the fruit was in open wooden crates there was always the delightful smell of apples and oranges in the air. As you walked up the steps toward the front door you could see the light from inside peeking around the cracks around the door and hear the noise inside from the many Christmas shoppers. As you open the door you feel the warmth coming from inside that was provided by the large space heater that was in the back corner of the store. This was the only source of heat for the store, but kept the store comfortably warm and toasty during the cold winter days and was a favorite gathering place for customers to gather and remove the winter chill from the body.

The first thing that you see upon opening the door and stepping into the store interior was the checkout counter in the front center of the store with a display of one of the best parts of Christmas. There were four large plastic bins filled to the brim with the standard Christmas candies for that era – orange slices with their tangy orange flavoring and sugar coating that made them impossible to resist – chocolate drops with their creamy white center that melted in your mouth – sugar coated gumdrops in as many flavors as the different colors of light on the Christmas tree outside – and my favorite, the coconut bon-boons with their chocolate outside shell and a cream filled center mixed with coconut.

Further into the store you see wooden boxes full of the most delicious fruits imaginable. The red delicious apples were crispy, juicy and sweet and were always the largest of the year. The oranges were large naval oranges that were very easy to peel by hand but always made a complete mess because they were so juicy. Next to the fruit were large burlap bags full of nuts of every description – English walnuts, Brazil nuts, hazel nuts, pistachio and the favorite our home grown pecans from our four pecan trees.

Walking past the fruits and nuts the meat counter comes into view. At this time of the year the meat counter was overflowing with the meats that were the favorites for the holiday season. There were large smoked hams and plump turkeys that were ready for the customers' ovens and family Christmas dinner tables. Continuing the tour past the large space heater – perhaps pausing for a moment to warm your backside – you find yourself in the dry goods section of the store. The objects that caught your eye in this part of the store were the large display of costume jewelry that my mother had on display for Christmas time. She sold these all year long but at this time of year she would have many extra selections for the ladies of the community.

Naturally, this time of year the store kept both the Colvin and Jones families very busy but we still had some time to prepare for their family Christmas. The store was opened at daybreak and stayed open to late hours at night but during the slack periods there was time to prepare meals, restock shelves, and do a little Christmas shopping of our own and sometimes an

emergency trip to Ruston to Ritchie Grocery Wholesaler for an item that we had run out of. Even though the store was not usually decorated with lights my grandparents and parents front porches and doors were always well adorned for the season. My mother's favorite decoration for the front of the house was to cover the door with red paper, place a large wreath in the center of the door and frame the door with a string of lights. This was also my favorite decoration because to me it was so serene and pleasant and helped to keep the real spirit of Christmas alive.

Let's not forget the inside Christmas trees. Even though in the later years mother succumbed to some of the commercializing of Christmas and bought an aluminum revolving tree with a colored spot light (which I hated), most of the time we would use live cedar trees from the nearby woods. Some of the most memorable times of my life were those annual treks to the woods to find the perfect tree to decorate. We would grab an axe, climb into the pickup truck and head for one of the several sections of woods that we just knew would have the perfect tree we were looking for. After much trudging through the woods and discussion about which tree would be just right, we would wield the axe and cut our "perfect" tree down and load it into the truck and head home. There was much excitement in the air as we headed for home where we would trim the tree bring it inside and begin decorating it. After the lights, balls, icicles and finally the angel top were all adorning the tree we would all go outside in the cold weather and give our ooh's and aah's of approval of how "perfect" this year's tree was.

Although we had been very busy at the store for weeks the busiest time of this season was Christmas Eve. We would be busy with last minute shoppers until late into the night and would not really have time for family but that was OK we would have tomorrow off for the first time in quite a while. When we would finally close the store my father and grandfather would do something that would remain with me and set some of my values in life forever. They would gather all of the extra fruit and foods that we had not sold along with other items that they knew some people needed that they were not able to afford and load up the truck and make deliveries late into the night. As we went to sleep that night we slept very peacefully and comfortably and were very thankful to have been blessed to have been born into such a family.

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# **Top Five Genealogy Mistakes**

## ***Errors To Avoid During Your Genealogy Research Project***

**By Rick Evin**

Although building your family tree can be an exciting and rewarding endeavor, there are some common pitfalls that unwary beginners can face.

### **Starting Without a Plan or Goals**

Genealogy is both a hobby and an art, with a range and depth that is sometimes underestimated by beginning genealogists. The number of ancestors to search multiplies quickly: in just 5 generations there are 32 ancestors, and if you also choose to trace their siblings or children, the number gets exponentially high. There is also a multitude of data you can collect, including photos, life stories, copies of vital records, and so on. To ensure you don't burn out, and to make your research as efficient as possible, it is essential to know the goal of your research before you start: decide who you want to find and what you want to know.

### **Haphazard Research and Lack of Documentation**

Piecing together your family tree is like unraveling a mystery from various clues. Sometimes, it takes more than one look before you make that vital connection. As such, it is critical that you keep an organized record of your research and document the clues you've found, so that you can easily find that birth certificate or that family surname thread again for re-inspection. There are multiple resources for documenting your findings; use it and you'll thank yourself later.

### **Insisting Upon a Pure Spelling of the Name**

It is so annoying when someone spells your name wrong. But that doesn't mean it doesn't happen, and it shouldn't prevent you from searching alternate spellings of your surname, either. Those who create public records or transcribe and index them for research are human, so mistakes do happen. What's more, it is possible that your surname has evolved over time and changed quite drastically when your ancestor immigrated to the U.S. So swallow that pride and be flexible—it may be the difference between a blank spot on your tree and a page full of information.

## **Letting Others Decide the Authenticity of Your Tree**

Tracing your family history can get murky at times, and you may be tempted to rely on another person's tip or an existing family tree that seems to fit your clues. It is important, however, to find out for yourself how reliable and accurate that information is. Be critical: question your sources (even your relatives) and your conclusions. A good strategy is to consult multiple resources. If you've heard information from relatives, find multiple public records that corroborate. You can search public records on your own or use a paid service that provides easy access to family history records. Or if you've found resources online, go offline for clues to confirm those findings, like graves or obituary microfilms.

## **Not Backing Up Your Data—in Multiple Places**

After a couple of years of research, you are ready to put it into a beautiful book. Just as you click print, the power goes out, your computer dies, and all of your information is lost. Sound like a cliché? Don't let yourself become one. Back up your data early, often, and in multiple ways: Put it online, print it, email it to fellow researchers, put it on an external hard drive, put it on another computer. You don't have to lose your precious data, as long as you're vigilant about backing it up.

Knowing these potential pitfalls, you are already well on your way to a fulfilling and disaster-free journey into the depths of genealogy research.

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## **What Is It That Genealogists Are Trying To Accomplish?**

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It is important to define what it is that genealogists are trying to accomplish. Not so much in data content but in their technique, for it is the technique that will define the success or failure of their other genealogical objectives. It is the technique that will make your research, effective, efficient, and economical. All the data in the world cannot be brought out to particular and specific information if you do not know how and where to look for it.

You may think it obvious of the goals but many beginning genealogists enter the activity without a full understanding of what is required for effective and efficient research, both in terms of data extraction and technique. If you seem to be spending more time searching than extracting information, possibly you have not yet uncovered the goals and/or principles for effective genealogical research.

The researcher needs to isolate specifically what he or she wants to accomplish, not only in terms of overall goals of the project but also for each search undertaking he or she does.

Therefore, let me state a couple of prime goals simply and generally:

- As a Researcher, you want to locate information on subjects (family members or otherwise) for the purpose of trailing bloodlines, both ancestry and descendancy. In addition, you want to use the whole family research approach for effective resource evaluation and data extraction;
- You want to continue throughout the entire project to evaluate evidence found on your search and extractions, both in terms of the proving or disproving pedigree relationships;
- You want to document your search results (both positive and negative) according to the standards for proper genealogical documentation for the benefit of yourself and others. Refer to Elizabeth Shown Mills publication titled "Evidence! Citation and Analysis for the Family Historian" for documentation standards in this field.
- Lastly, you need to be ready and willing to evaluate all types of documents and archives for effective management of your research phase of the project.

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