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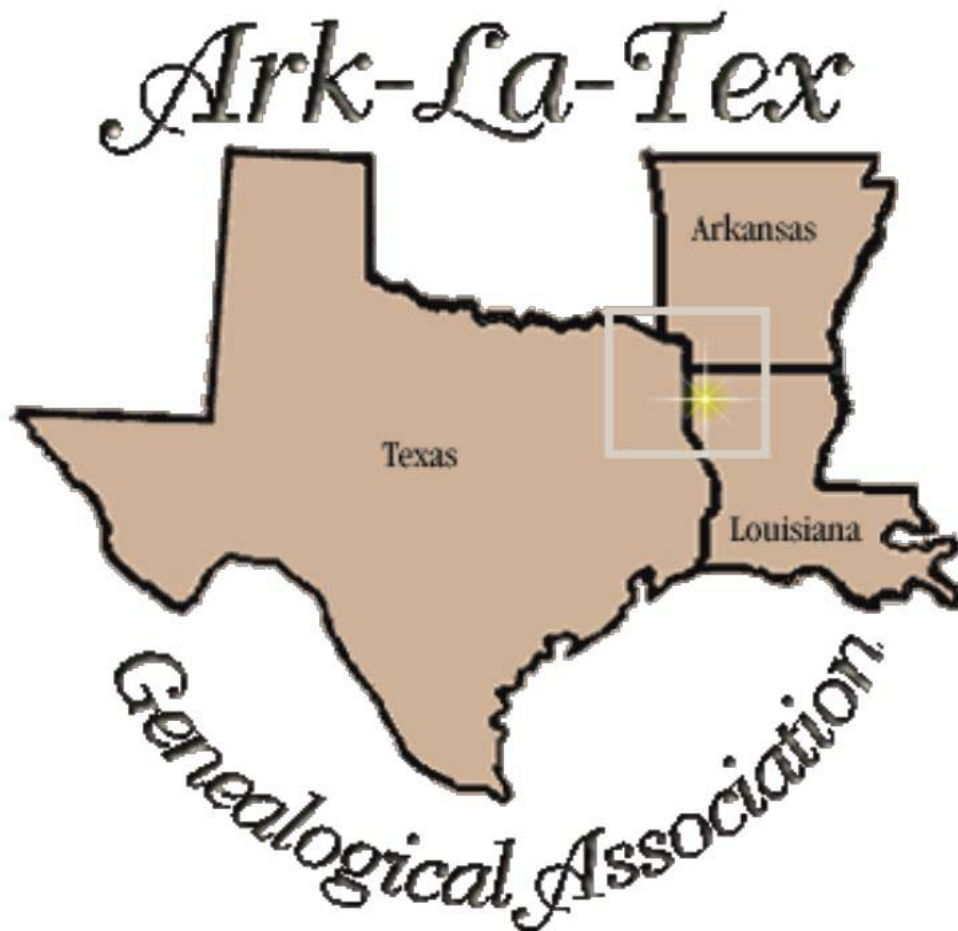


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The *Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association, Inc.* is a *non-profit, non-sectarian, non-political*, educational organization dedicated solely to the cause of genealogy. This organization is governed by these purposes:

To collect, preserve, and make available genealogical materials, documents, and records; to encourage an interest in genealogy and to sponsor educational programs for its development; to promote and publicize the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, as a major genealogical research center for genealogists and historians; to cooperate with and assist all other genealogical, historical, and patriotic societies in the furtherance of these purposes; to compile and publish a quarterly composed of records and data related to the science of genealogy.

The *Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association, Inc.* meets on the second Saturday of each month from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Randle T. Moore Senior Citizen Center, 3101 Fairfield Avenue, Shreveport, LA.

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All members receive four issues of The GENIE, which is published quarterly.

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Statement of Publication

[Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association, Inc.]

The Genie is published quarterly with issues in March, June, September and December. Each member receives four issues for each year of membership. All material published in **The Genie** is compiled and contributed by the members. Members and nonmembers of the Ark-La-Tex Genealogy Association may contribute material for publication in *The Genie* (*bible records, cemetery listings, diaries, wills, etc.*). Such contributions are appreciated and encouraged. Send material for publication to *The Genie* at the Association's mailing address. Material will be used at the discretion of the Editorial Review Board as space permits. We reserve the right to edit and/or condense material as needed. Submission deadlines are the last week before the first day of the month of quarterly publication.

The Association *exchanges periodicals* with other genealogical and historical organizations publishing data of general interest. These periodicals are then donated to the Broadmoor Branch *Genealogy* Section of the Shreve Memorial Library. We regret that we cannot exchange with limited family organizations. However, send samples of your publications for review. Since many publications possess information of value concerning families contain therein.

When *Cemetery Records* are submitted, include the name of the contributor, the copier, date copied and cemetery locations (such as road name or number, community, etc.) and also the Section, Township, and Range, if known. When *Bible Records* are submitted, give date and publisher of the Bible (if known), date copied, name of the contributor, name of present owner and the original owner.

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The Genie cannot be responsible for errors or inaccuracies, but will hasten to publish corrections. Please read the material carefully and advise the Association in writing of corrections.

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GIFT HORSES

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, ARK-LA-TEX GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION

Our end-of-year holiday seasons are gift-giving seasons. For many this portends expected, hoped-for gifts and perhaps a few surprises. As genealogists we give and receive gifts among each other in the form of shared information about our ancestors, new methods of conducting research, and new ways of evaluating evidence.

My message to you this quarter is an odd offshoot from the horse trading business: before taking—or giving—a genealogical gift seriously, first “look your gift horse in the mouth.” This expression came about because a horse’s value was generally greater at a younger age, and a serious horse trader could better estimate age and health by examining its teeth.

The “teeth” of genealogical gifts are their ability to withstand the scrutiny of other experienced genealogists. Is the new “fact” you were gifted both accurate and consistent with the remainder of the ancestor’s life, and does it correlate with the other findings after a reasonably exhaustive search has been conducted? Does it conflict with other findings and can the conflict be adequately resolved and explained? Is the new research method you are using endorsed by the field of genealogy? Are you using the latest standards in evaluating new evidence?

Conducting research for others can be a great gift. Because your findings and perhaps conclusions are likely to affect *other* people’s lives in unforeseen ways, you may find yourself digging a little deeper and more cautiously into all aspects of the problems before you. I recommend that all of you take some time to work on *someone else’s* brick wall, and in particular, to actively use our genealogical research standards as a checklist before giving your “client” your findings, conclusions, and the rationale behind them.

Having one’s work vetted by others is another gift. Thankfully, I have had the benefit of others judging my findings, theories, and conclusions objectively and skeptically. Certain observations helped me refocus on some inadequacies and dig elsewhere. I sought to disprove apparent conclusions far more often than when I researched my own family lines two-three decades ago. Are you willing to vet someone else’s work and to have your work vetted?

A third genealogical gift with good teeth is one you can give yourself—structured genealogical and historical training. For those of us who live in this region, consider the National Genealogical Society’s Home Study Course, annual training at Samford University’s Institute for Genealogy and Historical Research, and/or perhaps pursue a degree in History. While seminars, national conferences, and monthly association meetings provide excellent, focused subject matter, relying on them exclusively will leave holes in your training that structured comprehensive courses are designed to fill.

I wish you all a Happy 2015, and that you receive—and give—many fine Gift Horses in the years to come.

Philip Burnett Adderley, *President*.

The Vice President's Message

Reed Mathews, 2nd Vice President

In the last few months of 2014, the Association has been treated to excellent genealogical and historical programming. I do enjoy reporting the highlights of these presentations and providing news of our society for The Genie.

In September, I discussed "The Death and Further Life of Microfilm." My talk was largely inspired by a posting that Dick Eastman made to his popular genealogy blog in May entitled "The Death of Microfilm" (<http://blog.eogn.com/2014/05/29/the-death-of-microfilm/>). In this article, Eastman predicts that we will not see microfilm readers in libraries in 10 years. The makers of microfilm, microfilm cameras and microfilm readers will all go out of business and there will be no way to maintain this dying medium. He maintains that digital images may be copied without loss infinitely so that there is no problem with digital archiving.

I reviewed the history of microfilm and its importance to family historians. I was proud to remind the Association of our role in the microfilming of courthouse records across the state of Louisiana. In the mid-1960's, the Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association partnered with the Genealogical Society of Utah (the genealogical arm of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints) to microfilm these very valuable records. I wonder if anyone living now can verify my assumption, but I believe that it was the Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association's donation of these microfilms of Louisiana courthouse records to the Genealogy Department of the Shreve Memorial Library that launched that collection in the 1960's to its current position as the premiere genealogical collection in the state of Louisiana. We can all take great pride in this accomplishment of our organization as well as an inspiration to achieve as much in our time.

There is much in Dick Eastman's article with which I have to agree. Microfilm cannot compete with the ever-expanding digital access that Ancestry.com, FamilySearch.org and other online databases offer. He underestimates the niche market of genealogists, academic researchers and others who seek esoterica of all kinds which will continue to demand the information that only microfilm offers. Manufacturers continue to innovate for this niche market and sellers continue to profit from it. Furthermore, the archival value that microfilm provides will continue to make it important. The future is hard to predict, but I feel certain that microfilm will outlive Eastman's 10-year life expectancy.

For October's meeting, Phil Adderley presented "Filling Gaps in Your Ancestor's Migrations: Unpublished and Unknown Settlers of the Public Domain." Phil explained how individuals acquired land from the federal government through private land claims, preemption rights claims and homestead claims among other methods. Private claims are claims that involve the acquisition of land from foreign governments in a time prior to American jurisdiction. Preemption claims were filed by squatters on the federal domain who applied to the U.S. Government to be allowed a first chance to buy their land. Homestead claims involved a process of claiming land by living there, cultivating the land and improving it. The unsuccessful private claims, preemption claims and homestead claims in which individuals failed to gain legal ownership of the land are particularly fruitful for filling out missing chapters of ancestors' lives. According to Phil, for every 2 successful homestead entries, 3 homestead attempts failed.

Genealogical information from successful entries in which individuals did acquire titles to the land by these three methods and others is accessible through such published indexes as the *Family Maps* book series and the Bureau of Land Management Government Land Office database available on line. The information from unsuccessful claims remains hidden from easy

access, however. For failed private claims, Phil referred researchers to Robert M. Kvasnicka's 6 volume series, *The Trans-Mississippi West, 1804-1912*, and in particular to *Part IV: A Guide to the Records of the Department of the Interior for the Territorial Period, Section 3: Records of the General Land Office*. For failed claims of individuals who settled on federal lands (preemptions, homesteads and others) a research strategy involves identifying places the individual *may* have lived.

Phil discussed the tracking of persons of interest from known homes to their eventual destinations through the study of migration trails, kinship groups, friends, associates and neighbors to identify hunting grounds for these failed land entries. Local tract books available through state land offices give information on failed claims that may not be available from the authoritative Government Land Office tract books. Both local and GLO tract books should be consulted. Local land district files and GLO case entry files available from the National Archives are the real sources for successful and unsuccessful land entries. Phil outlined research methods and gave examples of the wealth of information that can be found in these failed land entries.

William Lane Callaway, a local historian, discussed "Barksdale in the Beginning" for our November meeting. Tremendous advances in aviation following World War I and the growing political unrest in Europe engendered a desire to expand and develop America's military capacities. By 1924, leading local citizens organized to advocate Shreveport and the region as a potential host of an air base. The area across the Red River from Shreveport was selected December 5, 1928 to become Barksdale Field. In 1931, the 2,200 acre site became the world's largest airfield. Mr. Callaway painted a vivid portrait of America's growing military power and of Shreveport's boosterism that melded to make Barksdale Air Force Base possible.

Members of the Education Committee continue to do excellent work in their hornbook sessions in our meetings. In November, Sonja Webb presented "Printed Resources for All of Us." For the December meeting Peggy La Cour offered "Stocking Stuffers for Genealogists." Peggy distributed "genealogy mementos that she had acquired" to members of the audience.

Our annual election of officers was held in December. Jim Johnson and Barbara Kronenberg were elected to trustee positions. Brenda Randall, June Scholes and I retained our positions of recording secretary, treasurer and 2nd vice president, respectively. Bonnie Beran became our new 1st vice president and Glenda Bernard was elected president. On behalf of the old board I welcome the new members and congratulate them on their election.

I wish you all the best of holidays and a joyous, healthy and rewarding new year.

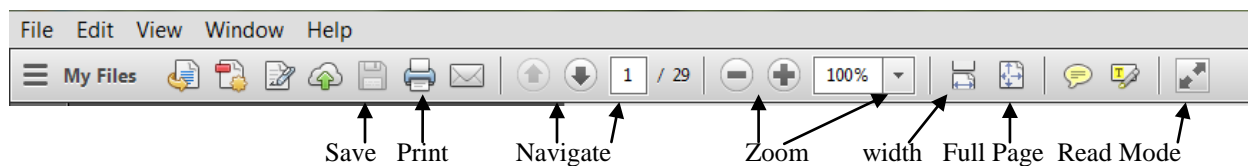
Helpful Hints for Viewing the Genie (Adobe Acrobat Reader)

By Elaine Johnson

Now that the Genie has gone digital we thought it would be helpful to provide you with some information regarding Adobe Acrobat Reader. Most of you may already know this, but here are some helpful hints:

- We have tried to make this as easy as possible by adding links from the table of contents. Just click on the item you are interested in on the Table of Contents and it will take you directly to that content.
- At the top of every other page is a YELLOW TOC button. If you click on that, it will take you back to the table of contents.

The following toolbar is what you see when you open the Genie in Adobe Acrobat Reader. Below is some information regarding the different icons on the toolbar.



- The **SAVE** icon allows you to save the Genie to your computer.
- The **PRINT** icon allows you to print the Genie.
- The **NAVIGATE** icons let you page forward and backward through the Genie. You can either press the up arrow to go backwards; the down arrow to go forward, or enter a page number (i.e. change the 1 to 15 to jump to page 15). You can, of course, also use the scroll bar on the side to move back and forward, OR the scroll wheel on your mouse.
- The **Zoom** icon is especially helpful. If you open the Genie and the print is very small, you can click on the + icon to enlarge it. You can press the – icon to make the print smaller. You can also click on the drop down arrow (next to 100%) and select a zoom size. 100% is usually pretty good, but you can make it larger if you wish.
- The **WIDTH** icon lets you fit the Genie to the width of your screen. (Just click on it)
- The **FULL PAGE** icon lets you see an entire page on your screen (just click on it). That will usually make your print smaller, but is good if you want to read the whole page without scrolling
- The **READ MODE** icon will open your Genie up full screen. You will not see the tool bar across the top. However, if you run your mouse down to the bottom of the page, the following mini toolbar will appear. You can then do most of the things that you do with the regular toolbar. This just gives you a little cleaner look. *To go back to the regular toolbar, just press the escape key in the top left corner of your keyboard.*

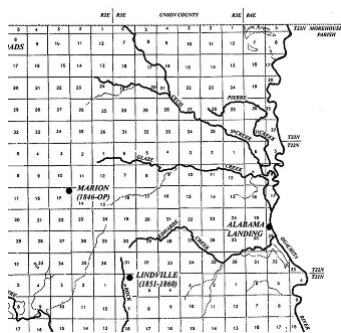
THE ALABAMA LANDING

Contributed by Jon R. McKinnie, League City, Texas

In 1541-1542, Spanish explorer Hernando DeSoto's expedition included the first white men to explore this particular area of north Louisiana. They had traveled throughout mid-America from the Mobile, AL starting point and, in time, to south Arkansas and north Louisiana. Expedition journals record they spent the winter of 1541 at an Indian village somewhere within the area of what's now known as Camden, AR

The land south of there was a long stretch of low-lying swampy area. (The US Geological Survey has documented the Red River – Alabama Landing fault which created a 25 foot drop in land level, extending from Smackover Creek, south of present day Camden to just north of the Alabama Landing.) The only way to move south was down the Ouachita River. The DeSoto expedition constructed boats, left the Camden area, floating down the Ouachita River, and eventually discovering a "beautiful, firm, rocky landing spot" which some researchers believe became known as the Alabama Landing. This was the first bluff with gravel banks encountered south of Camden on the west side of Ouachita River.

Searching for gold and silver, the explorers disembarked and traveled west through what's now the Shreveport area, continuing to north of Houston. Giving up on their quest, the explorers turned back, retracing their path through north Louisiana, up the Ouachita River and Bayou Bartholomew, and over to the Mississippi River. However, Desoto died while they wintered in the area of Lake Village, AR. Following his death, they abandoned the expedition, built boats and floated south to the mouth of the Mississippi.



According to early maps, Alabama Landing received its name in the early 1800's. (Coordinates are N 32 degrees 52.384', W 92 degrees 05.344') The landing had been in use for years when, in the early 1800s, many settlers from Alabama came ashore and began establishing in the higher elevations west of the Landing. (There was also an adjacent ford on the upstream side.)

My 3rd great grandfather, Louis Reppond, was born 1789 in Ft Miro (now Monroe, LA). As a young man, the story goes he wanted to settle upriver and near the Alabama Landing; exploring the area, he discovered Reppo Creek, which is north of the Landing. The first substantial ridge he encountered on the edge of the swamp was occupied by an Indian village. In 1834, Louis Reppond purchased the 80 acres for \$100 from the United States, and it became the Reppond homestead. As a young girl, my grandmother Ethel Mary Jane Reppond McKinnie remembered an old Indian man living on the property; when he passed away, her family buried him on the property. Out of respect, a pecan tree was planted over the grave. The Reppond homestead, now McKinnie family property, has remained in the family for 179 years.

Some of the early settler families in the Alabama Landing area included Reppond, McKinnie, Day, Hargis, Turner, George, Crow, Byrd, Abscent, Lee, Thomas and Love.

By 1830, Alabama Landing was a center for passengers coming to Union Parish or going northwest. During this period, four large warehouses were constructed for storing cotton and farm products heading south. Stored merchandise was hauled by ox-drawn wagons to Shiloh, Union Cross Roads (Oakland), Marion, and Upper and Lower Pines (Farmerville).

In 1832, one new community (10 miles west) was named Marion, in remembrance of their hometown, Marion, AL. Dean, another local community, became more established in 1900 when the railroad was extended from Huttig, AR, to gain access to virgin timber.

A road east toward Bastrop, Lake Providence and Vicksburg was present at least by the 1840s. So not only did steamboats unload settlers at the Alabama Landing (they likely could go no farther upstream for much of the year), but overland wagons from the east crossed at this site.

During early settlement days, heavy wagons were pulled by yokes of oxen, transporting freight to and from the docked steamboats at the Alabama Landing port. When each steamboat landed, a small cannon was fired, letting the pioneer families know they had arrived. Since there were no stores in the area, it was necessary for families to meet the steamboats and barter for supplies.



One such steamboat, City of Camden, plied her trade along Ouachita River, making stops from Camden to Alabama Landing and Ouachita City in Union Parish, and perhaps at Port Union, further downriver at the mouth of Bayou d'Loutre, then on to New Orleans. The steamboat was perhaps too large to traverse Bayou d'Arbonne from Monroe to Farmerville.

Early roads in Union Parish were probably not much more than improved Indian trails. On July 9, 1842, Union Parish Police Jury authorized "Planters Sandy Road" to be cut from Farmerville eastward to the river port, Alabama Landing. The police jury appointed John Hill as overseer, and the following hands were assigned: Iasmes Powell, Sands Lewis, M. Powell, Joseph Taylor, Classus Taylor, Charlie Abscent, Milliard Briggs and Rechel Bop.

Planters Sandy Road began at Farmerville, following what is now Ward Chapel Road to near Antioch Church, across d'Loutre at Ned Lee's crossing, to Liberty Baptist Church and east to intersect the Arkansas Road at Linville Trading Post, to the Will Beasley farm, to the Ben Robinson place, to the Four Mile Post, and on to Alabama Landing.

Lewis G. Campbell opened a post office there on January 3, 1878, naming it "Alabama." However, it closed on September 5, 1882, and mail was redirected to Marion.

In the last part of the 1800s, a fire destroyed the riverfront warehouses. Railroads, the new means of transportation, took over passenger movement, mail distribution, and commercial trade in the area. The era of Alabama Landing was passing and continued to decline to present times.

Winnie Wheeler Thompson recalls her father, John Wheeler, talking about going to the Alabama Landing on the 4th of July (during 1900-1940). Her grandparents, Thomas Jefferson "Jeff"

Wheeler and Mary Johnston Wheeler, “packed up a wagon with fried pies, tea, potatoes, grease, onions, cornmeal and whatever was growing in the garden and orchard, along with some fishing poles and worms. Grandpa Jeff always brought his fiddle, too. They headed to the Alabama Landing with kids Percy, Ethel, Eula Pearl, Cora, Charlie, Heloise, and her dad John. The kids took turns walking or riding in the wagon. They spent the next couple days fishing, playing and swimming. They had a fish fry with whatever they caught, socializing with other families for the holiday. It was always an event.”

Beginning in 1900, Dean Baptist Church conducted their baptisms in waist deep water at the Alabama Landing. The church congregation gathered on the shore to sing hymns, pray and witness the rebirth of Christians, emerging from the waters of Ouachita River.

There were always “river rats” living on the river, not the animal type but humans who subsisted off the river. Haynie Lee Fisher was one of the more colorful characters, living at Alabama Landing in a makeshift houseboat, fishing and assisting boaters for tips. Haynie never married, stating “Never could find a woman who wanted to live on the river. They all want to live in town, but you can’t grow a garden in town.”

During the 1940s-1960s, Chris Fox, Walter Smith, Guy Upshaw and Jay DeVille made livings and raised their families by commercial fishing. Those times are gone. Chris Fox drowned during the winter of 1961, wearing his slicker suit and hip boots; his body was not found until the next spring.

My father, Dub McKinnie, worked for Southwest Gas for 43 years and was a commercial fisherman on the side. Using hoop nets, we primarily caught buffalo fish, catfish, carp and gasper goo, selling them to “peddlers” that met us downstream at Alabama Landing. I remember once, we had caught 1,300 pounds of buffalo in one net. The wooden boat was full to the gunwales, water lapping over the front of the boat. I thought we would become the first “submarine” on the river! At 25 cents per pound, this boatload brought ~\$325, probably more than Dad made in a month.

Starting in the late 1970s, the Ouachita River bottoms were acquired by the federal government using Federal Duck Stamp funds. According to Joseph McGowan, manager of the Upper Ouachita National Wildlife Refuge, the Refuge was established in 1978 to provide habitat for migratory birds and waterfowl and for the conservation of the wetlands. Most of it was purchased from Pennzoil Producing Company, landowners, the Nature Conservancy, and the Conservation Fund. Currently the Refuge consists of 42,954 acres located in Union and Morehouse Parishes.

PERIODICAL EXCHANGE REVIEW

Compiled by Glenda Efferson Bernard

December 2014

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 this association's publication, "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 a rotating magazine rack to one's right upon entering the Genealogy Department as well as on the shelf directly behind the rack.

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.

This review highlights several exchange publications that are in the library at this time, however, future reviews will include a selection from the digital exchanges as well.

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

Limestone Legacy, Vol. 36, No. 4, July 2014, published by the Limestone County Historical Society (Athens, Alabama) is thirty pages in length. The volume includes sketches of the founders of the First Christian Church, Athens, Alabama which began in the late 1850s. Also short abstracts of the people buried in the Athens City Cemetery are incorporated in this edition. A lengthy article regarding cemetery plats of the county with locations within the cemetery as well as marker inscriptions as well as a continued article regarding Limestone County wills from the 1910-1912 timeframe can be found.

Kinfolks, Vol. 38, #2, May 2014, 35 pages in length is published by the Southwest Louisiana Genealogical Society, Inc. A captivating historical account of "Early Lake Charles, People and Places," is in this comprehensive volume. It is from a speech by Mike Louviere in which he discusses customs of some of the early Native American tribes, several graves found in the area as well as a look into the Holmwood community. This "suburb" was a historic World War I training site for pilots. A great article by William Dollarhide, "Piles of Paper-Part II" is a very interesting article on genealogical organization in this edition. A favorite and memorable inclusion is "Memories of Rose Hill Plantation" in which an elderly African American man who had lived and worked on the plantation since about 1896 relates his memories. He is able to discuss the people of the plantation as well as "reconstruct the layout of the plantation." Numerous obituaries are given from the 1940s-1970 as well as a continued article regarding a partial rewording of the City Directory of Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Our Heritage, is a large newsletter published by the San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society, Vol. 55, #1 & 2, Fall and Winter 2013-2014. Its 85 pages make it a huge volume. The editors go to great pains in honoring recently deceased members of their organization. A wonderfully informative article by the society's new editor, Larry W. Luckett is "Online Research at the Texas Genealogical Land Office Archives.

He includes computer screen images in his explanation to help the reader move through the Texas GLO online (www.glo.texas.gov) in this extensive feature. Several family histories with photos are included: The Conrad and Marie (Otto) Flaig family, Morris D. Fennell, a Civil War veteran and Leander Campbell. The publication ends with a "Deed of Gift" from a descendant of Dr. Anthony Dignowity who was an immigrant from Austria in 1832. He wrote a detailed autobiography of his life in America during the fight for Texas Independence. Each of the above mentioned inclusions have fully detailed endnotes.

Plum Creek Almanac, Vol. 32, No. 1, Spring 2014, is published by the Genealogical and Historical Society of Caldwell County, Texas. Its 85 pages include a pictorial history of towns of Caldwell County, TX. Short descriptions of the towns, their population, location and history are described. This appears to be an excellent idea for a society to periodically provide for its membership.

Valley Leaves, Volume 48, Issues 3-4, Spring 2014, is another large (88 pages) distribution of the Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society, Inc. (North Alabama). Three counties are highlighted in this newsletter: Jackson, Madison and Marshall Counties. "Historical Sites, Businesses, Professionals and Tradesmen, Jackson County, Alabama" is a directory which lists and describes various towns throughout Jackson County that contribute to the categories in the title. Madison County takes another approach by showcasing prominent citizens of Huntsville, Alabama, and their residences within a short distance of the center of the town. A large set of articles describe the Hewlett School in Madison County and its present day modern Madison County Records Center. Marshall County's history is recorded as well as the 1934 death notices and tax records of 1876. Each county has a different focus and the editors of this work have done an excellent job in providing interesting genealogical information within its pages.

Greene County Historical and Genealogical Society, Volume 29, Issue 2, Summer 2014 is a newsletter centering on Paragould, Arkansas. "The Sportsman's Paradise on the Buffalo Island Route Arkansas" is the opening article for this 25 page publication. Numerous small towns are discussed on this route near Paragould, AR, the county seat, with some towns described in Missouri which are not far away. Very clear and distinct photos of town life are copied into this article. A good article with a 1949 picture of Paragould Assemble of God Church is within this newsletter, as well as a listing of postmasters in Greene County, Arkansas, 1832-1930.

The Vernon Genealogist, Volume XXI, Number 1, April 2014 is a 96 page publication by The Vernon Historical and Genealogical Society. This growing organization has printed a "jam-packed" genealogical issue beginning with "America's First USO Building" by Rickey Robertson. This DeRidder, Louisiana, structure's history is compelling and is followed by "DeRidder Unveils WWII Artifacts," a newspaper article. Also a very long family history of Lee and Dolly Hall Sweat is detailed to encourage other family members to become involved in the family's history and attend the upcoming reunion. The remainder of the newsletter is a large set of funeral records of citizens who had died in the parish during the year 1964.

Terrebonne Life Lines, Vol. 33, No. 1, Spring 2014 by the Terrebonne Genealogical Society (Houma, Louisiana) is a delightful 55 page publication which encompasses a vast array of genealogical data. The 1913 St. Francis Baptismal Register Index, Ovide Bazet's Oral History, and Louisiana Death Records from Assumption, LaFourche and Terrebonne Parishes are listed from the Louisiana State Archives in Baton Rouge. A short history of John C. Lay is addressed to close out the volume.

Contributed by Isabelle M. Woods

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322	ADAMS, ALFIE	UNDER	GROUND	
157	ALEXANDEY, GERTRUDE	06 OCT 1906	27 JAN 1970	
129	ALLEN, BEATRICE	1937	1984	DUO HS W/ EVER ALLEN
338	ALLEN, C. B.	08 APR 1935	19 JUN 1991	
233	ALLEN, EDDIE HOWARD	14 SEP 1922	07 MAR 2003	PFC U S ARMY WORLD WAR II
128	ALLEN, EVER	1927	1961	DUO HS W/ BEATRICE ALLEN
197	ALLEN, GERALD J.	25 JAN 1970	18 MAY 1974	
336	ALLEN, HARMIE	30 MAR 1940	23 DEC 2007	
228	ALLEN, JESSE J.	1947	1995	FHM
231	ALLEN, JESSIE JAMES	24 APR 1947	25 DEC 1995	U S ARMY VIETNAM
120	ALLEN, JR., EVER	06 OCT 1953	24 AUG 1966	
127	ALLEN, LILLIE MAE	15 OCT 1891	27 OCT 1987	DUO HS W/ EDD ALLEN
225	ALLEN, LUCY	10 FEB 1917	29 JAN 2002	
232	ALLEN, MELVIN L.	16 AUG 1958	01 APR 1996	
337	ALLEN, MICHAEL ARTHUR	09 OCT 1968	23 APR 1984	
121	ALLEN, REV. EDD	01 JAN 1886	23 FEB 1961	DUO HS W/ LILLIE MAE ALLEN. ALSO HAS A SINGLE HS.
222	ALLEN, ROSIE NELL	28 JAN 1919	09 SEP 1994	MOTHER
224	ALLEN, SEAL E.	15 MAY 1940	09 OCT 2000	
188	BAILEY, LIZZIE ETHEL	22 SEP 1897	12 AUG 1985	AUNT
289	BANKS, FREDRICK MARQUISE	03 SEP 1995	01 OCT 1995	FHM
125	BEDFORD, HETTIE		27 DEC 1900	AGED 78 YEARS. WIFE OF JACK BEDFORD
13	BELL, AMANDA B.	1891	1956	MOTHER
29	BELL, FLORA	1888	1948	AGE 60. W/O TOM BELL
5	BELL, GEORGE W.	1852	1935	FATHER. DUO HS W/ MOLLIE BELL
21	BELL, JAMES B.	14 OCT 1950	04 NOV 1965	AGE 15 YRS
14	BELL, JR., GEORGE W.	05 AUG 1887	07 JAN 1980	
249	BELL, JR., ROBERT JOE	15 JUL 1941	31 JUL 1996	
15	BELL, LONNIE	27 JUL 1891		PVT U S ARMY WORLD WAR I
35	BELL, LOTTIE J.	--- OCT 1877	08 JUN 1926	
9	BELL, MAE WILLIE	22 MAR 1908	12 APR 2001	MOTHER
6	BELL, MOLLIE	1854	1928	MOTHER. DUO HS W/ GEORGE W. BELL
32	BELL, OLIE	29 JUN 1909	19 OCT 1909	AGE 3 MONTHS 18 DAYS
51	BELL, PEALINA	30 APR 1919	19 AUG 1979	
50	BELL, PLUMMER	10 AUG 1896	06 JUN 1974	
7	BELL, PORTER	06 NOV 1914	25 DEC 1978	FIFTEEN CHILDREN
31	BELL, RAY	08 MAY 1913	27 MAR 1914	AGE 10 MONTHS 19 DAYS
8	BELL, SR., ROBERT	05 MAR 1877	03 JUL 1964	
30	BELL, TOM	06 MAY 1880	01 JUL 1958	
245	BELL, TOMMIE	27 SEP 1911	13 APR 1996	PFC U S ARMY WORLD WAR II
52	BELL, UNION	21 MAR 1908	08 SEP 1990	
43	BELL, VADA B. ("MADEAR")	15 JUL 1920	15 NOV 2004	
246	BELL, W. T. FERIAN "SONNIE"	25 AUG 1934	26 MAR 2003	LOVING FATHER AND GRANDFATHER. PHOTO..
152	BIRCH, SALLY	14 APR 1881	13 APR 1959	
308	BISHOP, SIDNEY	28 FEB 1919	29 DEC 1941	JP
264	BROADNAX, RODNEY T.	29 MAY 1972	09 FEB 1997	BELoved SON
103	BROOKS, FRANK	25 MAR 1879	16 APR 1950	W/ IRENE BROOKS/TOM BROOKS/MELVINIE GREENING
104	BROOKS, IRENE	03 APR 1884	03 NOV 1945	W/FRANK BROOKS/TOM BROOKS/MELVINIE GREENING
105	BROOKS, TOM	07 JUL 1915	15 MAR 1947	W/FRANK BROOKS/IRENE BROOKS/MELVINIE GREENING
12	BROWN, ANNIE		12 OCT 1965	
112	BROWN, ANNIE MILDRED	1948	1953	DAUGHTER OF LESTER & MILDRED BROWN
16	BROWN, CLINTON	12 AUG 1933	27 JAN 1978	SON
282	BROWN, EVELYN HOLYFIELD	15 JUL 1932	12 JUN 1992	MOTHER

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3	BROWN, EXCELL	01 NOV 1927	24 FEB 1969	PHOTO ON HS
124	BROWN, FELTON	03 JUN 1926	11 JUL 1977	SON
40	BROWN, JETHRO	16 MAY 1926	01 FEB 1987	
285	BROWN, JOE	06 DEC 1897	01 MAY 1974	DUO HS W/ THEO H. BROWN
122	BROWN, LESTER	02 FEB 1922	17 JUN 1958	ILLINOIS PFC 3010 BASE UNIT AAF WORLD WAR I
156	BROWN, LUTHER	1914	1964	HUSBAND & FATHER
154	BROWN, PRECIOUS	13 NOV 1917	13 APR 1981	
194	BROWN, SEABON	04 OCT 1936	28 APR 1980	FATHER. IN MEMORY FROM YOUR CHILDREN.
247	BROWN, SIS. LILLIAN	26 DEC 1920	20 NOV 1999	BELOVED MOTHER. DUO HS W/ CHARLES E. BURCH.
286	BROWN, THEO H.	06 DEC 1900	BLANK	DUO HS W/ JOE BROWN
49	BRYANT, SHINET	01 JAN 1902	03 MAR 1970	FHM
248	BURCH, BRO. CHARLES E.	06 OCT 1950	BLANK	BELOVED SON. DUO HS W/ SIS. LILLIAN BROWN.
234	BYRD, JOE	03 AUG 1936	19 FEB 2000	DUO HS W/ LOUISE ALLEN BYRD
235	BYRD, LOUISE ALLEN	13 OCT 1933	BLANK	
84	CALHOUN, ADA	28 DEC 1885	27 JUL 1908	DAUGHTER OF A. R. & LYDIA CALHOUN
80	CALHOUN, LOVICK	25 DEC 1923	30 SEP 1940	
83	CALHOUN, ROBERT	24 FEB 1889	12 AUG 1944	AGE 55 YRS
82	CALLHOUN, LOVICK	28 JUL 1888	07 AUG 1923	SINAI CHAMBER 4141, SUMMERFIELD, LA
236	CLARY, MARY TAYLOR	21 MAR 1901	24 AUG 1986	THE TAYLOR CHILDREN. FHM.
327	COLEMAN, BRENDA FAYE	1960	2011	VAULT
321	COLEMAN, MARY	13 OCT 1910	02 JUL 1913	A BABY DAUGHTER OF N. C. & NICY COLEMAN
361	CURRY, AMERICA	19--	23 AUG 1906	WIFE OF WALLACE CURRY
227	CURRY, LUCILLE	10 MAR 1919	31 JUL 1991	DUO HS W/ AARON CURRY, SR.
226	CURRY, SR., AARON	07 AUG 1915	08 OCT 1999	DUO HS W/ LUCILLE CURRY. WED OCT. 10, 1933.
99	DANIEL, MINNIE M.	23 MAY 1901	05 FEB 1902	AGE 9 MONTHS 81 DAYS
210	DAVIS, ELOIN	22 APR 1930	24 JUN 1972	AGE 42
136	DAVIS, HENREATHER	09 MAY 1895	16 JUN 1969	
209	DAVIS, HENRY	01 JAN 1894	06 JUN 1971	
189	DAVIS, JR., THOMAS "T. J."	09 OCT 1927	22 FEB 1992	
208	DAVIS, MRS. ASIA LEE	13 FEB 1924	26 JUN 1996	OUR BELOVED MOTHER
243	DAVIS, RUTHIE MAE	15 JUL 1942	22 JUN 2004	
102	DREW, RACHAEL N.	11 AUG 1904	26 SEP 1956	
138	EUTSEY, THEO ANDOLPH	1916	1970	MOTHER
206	FORD, E. L.	29 FEB 1932	18 MAR 1968	
201	FORD, EFFIE	19 OCT 1912	31 OCT 1978	DUO HS W/ ELLE FORD
202	FORD, ELLE	1907	BLANK	DUO HS W/ EFFIE FORD
207	FORD, J. D.	04 JUL 1937	01 JAN 1968	
255	FORD, JIMMIE	20 MAY 1943	20 JUN 2004	PAPA
178	FORD, JOHN			NO DATES ON HEADSTONE
258	FORD, LOUIS		18 JUL 2000	53 YEARS. FHM.
256	FORD, ROBERT LEE	28 OCT 1951	22 APR 1995	DADDY. DUO HS W/ VIOLA PITTS FORD
257	FORD, VIOLA PITTS	02 JAN 1958	BLANK	MAMA. DUO HS W/ ROBERT LEE FORD
25	GEORGE, AZZIE	UNDER	GROUND	
261	GEORGE, BETTY JEAN	05 APR 1937	03 APR 2008	AGE 70. FHM.
213	GEORGE, CLEATRICE	14 APR 1916	31 DEC 1975	
214	GEORGE, EARNEST	14 APR 1922	28 FEB 1987	
215	GEORGE, EDWARD	14 JUN 1922	23 AUG 1999	
44	GEORGE, ELMER T.	02 AUG 1921	14 JAN 1969	HUSBAND OF RUBY L. GEORGE
262	GEORGE, IZELL	10 MAR 1928	11 MAR 1997	
212	GEORGE, JR., OTHA	01 SEP 1929	23 SEP 1974	
22	GEORGE, LIZZIE	09 MAR 1898	08 MAR 1995	MOTHER
26	GEORGE, MARY U.	UNDER	GROUND	WIFE OF THOMAS GEORGE. .

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263	GEORGE, NACOLE MAE	10 OCT 1932	13 NOV 2005	FHM
23	GEORGE, OTHA	03 SEP 1892	01 DEC 1964	DAD
211	GEORGE, WILL C.	22 MAY 1935	12 SEP 1972	
28	GEORGE, WILL C.	11 FEB 1903	11 NOV 1948	AGE 45 YRS
356	GIBSON, ARLEAN	1931	1949	GRANDDAUGHTER OF ANNIE & C. Z. MARTIN
295	GLOVER, BRENDA L.	04 NOV 1969	22 --- 1997	MONTH DIED ILLEGIBLE
299	GREEN, MINNIE M.	26 OCT 1894	19 SEP 1977	
106	GREENING, MELVINIE	10 MAY 1924	28 MAY 1960	W/FRANK BROOKS/IRENE BROOKS/TOM BROOKS
39	HARDWELL, SANDRA		2010	VAULT. BIRTH YEAR ILLEGIBLE.
42	HAY, ALFRED A. "BIBBEN"	14 MAR 1961	10 AUG 2010	
326	HAY, DAVID RAY	1963	2002	VAULT
288	HAY, FRED	17 OCT 1926	11 AUG 1994	
319	HAY, RUREL	01 DEC 1934	15 JAN 1969	
41	HAY, SHEDRICK	08 JAN 1920	08 DEC 1977	
325	HAY, TELLIE			DADDY. NO DATES ON A WHITE CROSS.
274	HAY, TIM	02 JUL 1933	08 MAY 2003	LOVING FATHER BY ESMA, RUBY AND TWILLA
324	HAY, WILLIE DON	20 AUG 1957	23 MAY 1977	SON
320	HAYS, FLORA	1866	1938	A TENDER MOTHER AND A FAITHFUL FRIEND
169	HEARD, ANNIE	06 OCT 1906	26 NOV 1974	
333	HENDERSON, BOOKER T.	31 OCT 1898	18 JAN 1968	
331	HENDERSON, SR., ALCUS	15 JUN 1892	14 SEP 1944	
47	HILL, ALLEN	1829	09 AUG 1904	HUSBAND OF MILLIE HILL
242	HILL, ANNIE CAT	27 NOV 1959	27 MAY 2001	
218	HILL, JANICE	15 MAR 1926	22 AUG 1979	
48	HILL, MOLLIE	10 FEB 1848	27 OCT 1913	MOTHER OF ALLEN HILL
240	HINTON, MISS TRACI NICOLE	03 SEP 1951		DOD ILLEGIBLE
61	HOLLYFIELD, INFANT		--- APR 1908	SON OF GEORGE & LOLA HOLLYFIELD
60	HOLLYFIELD, MRS. ELLA	08 JUN 1866	02 MAY 1901	WIFE OF ROBERT HOLLYFIELD. AGE 34 YRS 3 MOS
46	HOLLYFIELD, ROBERT	08 FEB 1914	09 FEB 1914	SON OF ROBERT T. & A. HOLLYFIELD
123	HOLYFIELD, BEOLAR	03 JUN 1920	22 SEP 1965	
181	HOLYFIELD, CARRE LEE	01 APR 1922	15 AUG 1977	
358	HOLYFIELD, COTTRELL	1929	1946	SON OF TESSIE LEE MYLES HOLYFIELD. 17 YRS.
360	HOLYFIELD, DESSIE	1914	1916	DAUGHTER OF ROBERT & A. HOLYFIELD
359	HOLYFIELD, ERMA	26 DEC 1906	08 MAY 1904	DAUGHTER OF P & A. HOLYFIELD
166	HOLYFIELD, ESSIE K.	15 FEB 1894	17 JAN 1977	DUO HS W/ROBERT HOLYFIELD
345	HOLYFIELD, GEORGE	1875	1948	AGE 73. BELOVED HUSBAND OF LILA HOLYFIELD.
164	HOLYFIELD, JEFFERSON	17 FEB 1929	07 APR 1996	HUSBAND & FATHER
187	HOLYFIELD, LENNON	12 DEC 1898	14 MAY 1975	
346	HOLYFIELD, LILA	04 AUG 1875	21 MAR 1965	
357	HOLYFIELD, M. LENTON	1925	1956	
341	HOLYFIELD, MANLY	1883	23 OCT 1925	
284	HOLYFIELD, MILES	30 JAN 1905	17 FEB 1986	
167	HOLYFIELD, RACHAEL	16 OCT 1900	09 APR 1955	
165	HOLYFIELD, ROBERT	15 AUG 1867	15 MAY 1949	DUO HS W/ESSIE K. HOLYFIELD
344	HOLYFIELD, SR., GEORGE	1845	1930	
283	HOLYFIELD, TESSIE LEE	16 MAY 1906	18 JUL 1967	MOTHER
108	HOLYFIELD, VERA LEE		1942	W & DTR OF BEOLAR AND WILBERT D. HOLYFIELD
229	HUNTER, CHRISTELL	17 MAR 1931	28 AUG 2013	FHM
230	HUNTER, JOHN T.	10 JUL 1934	25 JUL 2005	
364	HUNTER, SALLIE	1862	18 JUN 1907	WIFE OF JAMES HUNTER
1	JACKSON, IOLA L.		25 JUN 1934	
10	JAMES, ALMER	25 FEB 1875	14 SEP 1984	

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37	JAMES, ELIZA			NO DATES ON HEADSTONE
19	JAMES, ESTELLA G.	12 FEB 1895	06 AUG 1980	DUO HS W/ JOHN JAMES
20	JAMES, JOHN	02 AUG 1889	02 MAY 1968	DUO HS W/ ESTELLA G. JAMES
27	JAMES, JOHN S.	09 JUN 1925	13 JUL 1940	
34	JAMES, MIRDLE	09 DEC 1916	20 NOV 1921	
33	JAMES, N. W.	08 MAR 1882	24 MAR 1918	SON OF ROBERT & LIZZIE JAMES
11	JAMES, ROBERT	20 SEP 1894	25 APR 1948	OKLAHOMA PVT 65 PIONEER INF WORLD WAR I
18	JAMES, THOMAS JEFFERSON	30 JAN 1921	30 APR 1986	PFC U S ARMY WORLD WAR I
307	JOHNSON, DANIEL	31 MAR 1929	13 JAN 1922	
259	JOHNSON, LINDA SUE	02 FEB 1959	03 JUN 2006	AGE 47. FHM.
140	JONES, ESTHER LEE	03 MAR 1945	29 MAY 1961	
309	JONES, IVORY LEE	12 AUG 1914	16 APR 1955	AGE 40 YEARS
268	JONES, JESSIE MAE	23 APR 1920	04 JUL 2003	
355	JONES, LONNIE JR	06 JUL 1946	08 JUN 1961	AGE 15 YRS
223	KEMP, THEO KAY	06 JUN 1939	30 AUG 1983	DEAR MOTHER
150	KENNEDY, ALTORIAR	01 APR 1905	30 APR 1990	
342	KENNEDY, AMOS	31 AUG 1918	17 JAN 1976	
272	KENNEDY, ANNIE	26 JUN 1943	10 MAR 1997	DUO HS W/ BRODIE KENNEDY
271	KENNEDY, BRODIE	21 FEB 1936	BLANK	DUO HS W/ ANNIE KENNEDY
314	KENNEDY, DAYTON	23 MAY 1910	BLANK	DUO HS W/ OSSIE B. KENNEDY
151	KENNEDY, GEORGE	11 NOV 1888	05 JUL 1976	
343	KENNEDY, GUS	07 APR 1885		DEATH DATE UNDER GROUND
315	KENNEDY, OSSIE B.	21 FEB 1915	25 MAR 2004	DUO HS W/ DAYTON KENNEDY
273	KENNEDY, SANDRA J.	01 APR 1963	06 AUG 2010	
354	KENNEDY, SUSIE	15 APR 1881	28 APR 1848	
171	KIDD, THEO	08 NOV 1907	17 JUL 1956	
53	KOMP, WILLIE D.	1938	1990	AGE 52. FHM
139	LEIVINGSTON, ALFORD	1879	1946	HUSBAND OF EMMA LEIVINGSTON
134	LEIVINGSTON, CLARENCE EDWARD	24 JUN 1943	21 NOV 1995	
195	LEIVINGSTON, DAVID P.	21 JAN 1946	17 OCT 1975	SP4 U S ARMY VIETNAM
348	LEIVINGSTON, DOCK	07 OCT 1910	18 JUN 1988	DUO HS W/ OLETHA LEIVINGSTON
88	LEIVINGSTON, DOCK	14 JUL 1893	15 DEC 1938	
126	LEIVINGSTON, E.	29 OCT 1848	10 OCT 1918	
131	LEIVINGSTON, HERRON	02 DEC 1912	21 FEB 1963	
205	LEIVINGSTON, HULDIA A.	1896	1973	
323	LEIVINGSTON, JEFF	21 OCT 1883	13 NOV 1976	
203	LEIVINGSTON, JIMMIE LUE	07 JUN 1910	08 MAR 1991	LOVING MOTHER
115	LEIVINGSTON, JOE MACK	1897	12 JAN 1962	
133	LEIVINGSTON, JR., HERRON	25 AUG 1941	26 SEP 1970	
147	LEIVINGSTON, LIZZIE	22 FEB 1910	07 JUN 1989	
137	LEIVINGSTON, MAGGIE	15 JAN 1892	09 AUG 1959	
130	LEIVINGSTON, MARY LOU	28 AUG 1913	28 JUL 1962	
267	LEIVINGSTON, MILDRED RANDOLPH	07 APR 1918	07 MAR 2004	
349	LEIVINGSTON, OLETHA	13 APR 1913	20 JAN 2008	DUO HS W/ DOCK LEIVINGSTON
144	LEIVINGSTON, SARAH	1862	21 FEB 1924	
221	LEIVINGSTON, SR., J. C.	05 DEC 1903	31 SEP 1986	
204	LEIVINGSTON, THIRSTY	24 MAY 1922	04 APR 1995	U S ARMY
363	LEIVINGSTON, WILLIE L.	1903	04 JAN 1958	
97	LEVISTON, VELMA L.	--- JAN 1915	--- JAN 1916	DAUGHTER OF BEN & J. LEVISTON
24	LEWIS, FANNIE GEORGE	01 SEP 1917	30 DEC 1962	AGE 45 YRS
2	LEWIS, GERTIE L.	02 APR 1907	25 JAN 1985	MOTHER
36	LEWIS, VADA B.	17 AUG 1930	15 SEP 1968	

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329	LIVINGSTON, DASSIA	08 AUG 1896	06 NOV 1925	DAUGHTER OF POLLY ANN MONKS
186	LOWERY, DEZA LEE	25 MAR 1913	23 JAN 1975	
347	LOWERY, HUEY L.	17 JUL 1933	09 AUG 1998	
185	LOWERY, JOE "HACKSAW"	25 NOV 1909	18 JUN 2001	
275	LOWERY, JOE CARL	13 JAN 1937	BLANK	DUO HS W/ PEARLIE MAE LOWERY
193	LOWERY, MAYDELL	25 MAR 1919	19 JAN 1979	
277	LOWERY, MICHAEL CARL	18 AUG 1959	16 JAN 2011	VAULT
276	LOWERY, PEARLIE MAE	11 DEC 1941	08 MAR 2004	DUO HS W/ JOE CARL LOWERY
287	MALONE, MARCUS SHON	25 DEC 1979	17 MAY 1980	SON. BABY OF ALBERT & WANDA MALONE.
92	MARDIS, JOHN	1868	1941	
91	MARDIS, SALLIE	1872	1946	MOTHER
353	MARTIN, ANNIE	09 APR 1896	27 AUG 1963	
352	MARTIN, C. Z. DUDE	15 OCT 1886	13 AUG 1983	
310	MARTIN, FANNIE	08 MAY 1895	19 JAN 1944	AGE 49 YRS
98	MARTIN, IDA		24 AUG 1920	
153	MEADORS, ALBERT	06 DEC 1896	14 OCT 1974	
73	MEADORS, ANNIE DEAN PAYNE	29 NOV 1916	18 JAN 1986	
78	MEADORS, AZZIE	05 NOV 1877	01 MAR 1952	
75	MEADORS, BEATRICE B.	09 JUL 1904	21 NOV 1970	DUO HS W/ DODSON M. MEADORS
252	MEADORS, CHARLES D.	05 MAR 1949	10 JAN 1997	SP 5 U S ARMY VIETNAM
114	MEADORS, CHRISTEL (COWSER)	06 JUL 1912	07 FEB 1991	DUO HS W/ JOHN MEADOWS. ALSO HAS A SINGLE HS.
74	MEADORS, DODSON M.	10 OCT 1908	13 APR 1971	DUO HS W/ BEATRICE B. MEADORS
63	MEADORS, DR. WILLIAMS, PHD	08 SEP 1892	25 FEB 1918	SON OF H. R. & CALLIE MEADORS
79	MEADORS, ELBERT	1888	1962	OUR BELOVED FATHER
58	MEADORS, ELBERT		13 JUN 1903	AGED 75 YEARS
64	MEADORS, GEORGE		06 APR 199--	DATA ON A CONCRETE SLAB ILLEGIBLE
68	MEADORS, GEORGE W.	22 MAR 1882	24 APR 1954	DUO HS W/ VATA B. MEADORS
62	MEADORS, GORDON WELCOM	06 JAN 1907	05 MAY 1908	SON OF G. W. & VATA B. MEADORS
65	MEADORS, HAROLD RICHARD	15 SEP 1915	25 NOV 1983	PVT U S ARMY WORLD WAR II
38	MEADORS, JAMES	1924	1967	U S NAVY WORLD WAR II
148	MEADORS, JAMES TERRY	30 JAN 1948	21 NOV 1971	
237	MEADORS, LEONARD	27 APR 1921	28 MAR 1983	PVT U S ARMY WORLD WAR II
269	MEADORS, LODIS W.	03 JAN 1928	28 MAR 1996	U S ARMY WORLD WAR II
270	MEADORS, LULU M.		11 JUN 2001	AGE 66. FHM.
81	MEADORS, LYDIA	04 MAY 1914	23 SEP 1987	AGE 73 YRS
57	MEADORS, MARGARET	22 JUN 1848	18 FEB 1931	MOTHER
94	MEADORS, MRS. CALLIE	05 MAR 1863	28 JUL 1939	WIFE OF REV. H. R. MEADORS
163	MEADORS, MYRA YVONNE	11 APR 1930	23 JUL 1999	BELOVED MOTHER & GRANDMOTHER
350	MEADORS, OTIS	02 JAN 1908	07 FEB 1985	
90	MEADORS, REV. H. R.	27 MAY 1860	28 JUN 1929	HUSBAND OF CALLIE MEADORS
56	MEADORS, ROBERT	25 MAR 1874	29 OCT 1923	
55	MEADORS, SADIE	09 OCT 1876	03 SEP 1934	
119	MEADORS, SR., HUDSON	06 APR 1914	11 NOV 1979	
238	MEADORS, THELMA HOLYFIELD	06 AUG 1927	06 FEB 1984	MOTHER
69	MEADORS, ULES	04 JUN 1893	15 JUN 1963	LOUISIANA PVT U S ARMY WORLD WAR I
67	MEADORS, VATA B.	11 SEP 1885	23 APR 1958	DUO HS W/ GEORGE W. MEADORS
77	MEADORS, W. M.	05 MAR 1867	15 MAY 1955	
59	MEADORS, WELCOM	26 DEC 1908	08 JAN 1909	DAUGHTER OF WILLIAM & AZZIE MEADORS
117	MEADORS, WILL C.	1904	1974	DADDY
66	MEADORS, WILLIAM BRIEDE	22 FEB 1908	04 AUG 1975	
135	MEADOWS, BELINDA	1950	1953	DAUGHTER OF WILL & SALLIE WHITE
101	MEADOWS, CHARLIE	1908	1929	

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132	MEADOWS, EDGAR	20 JUN 1918	10 OCT 1980	
72	MEADOWS, FRANK	19 MAY 1905	BLANK	DUO HS W/ HILDA P. MEADOWS
71	MEADOWS, HILDA P.	27 NOV 1907	22 JUN 1976	DUO HS W/ FRANK MEADOWS
241	MEADOWS, HILL	1926	1993	
70	MEADOWS, JACK	26 AUG 1891	19 SEP 1965	ARKANSAS PFC CO A 804 PIONEER INF WORLD WAR I
113	MEADOWS, JOHN S.	05 JUN 1919	11 NOV 1989	DUO W/ CHRISTEL MEADOWS. ALSO HAS A SINGLE HS.
93	MEADOWS, JOSEPH	1898	1929	
244	MEADOWS, JR., HUDSON	26 MAR 1940	27 JAN 2004	FATHER
116	MEADOWS, LEANNA	1891	1962	BELOVED DAUGHTER. AGE 68
86	MEADOWS, MILO	08 MAR 1905	20 JAN 1993	DUO HS W/ ZELLA B. MEADOWS
118	MEADOWS, WESLEY	05 AUG 1897	08 DEC 1986	
85	MEADOWS, ZELLA B.	23 FEB 1914	13 JAN 2005	DUO HS W/ MILO MEADOWS
311	MILLER, BULA MAY	18 NOV 1906	11 MAR 1949	
184	MILLS, EDWARD	07 JUN 1913	30 JAN 1983	DUO HS W/ LUCY MAE MILLS
141	MILLS, JOHN	10 JAN 1866	28 MAR 1923	
183	MILLS, LUCY MAE	14 MAR 1912	03 JUN 1982	DUO HS W/ EDWARD MILLS
220	MITCHELL, ALVIN CHARLES	10 APR 1947	27 APR 2009	LCPL U S MARINE CORP VIETNAM PURPLE HEART
253	MITCHELL, HERMAN	1956	1995	VAULT. FHM
254	MITCHELL, JR., ELCANTOR	03 MAR 1955	28 FEB 2003	
339	MITCHELL, M. C.	26 AUG 1931	22 APR 1968	36 YRS.
180	MITCHELL, MICHAEL C.	30 MAR 1972	07 MAR 1980	SON
54	MONTGOMERY, JANG	1848	1925	
297	MYLES, JASON	25 DEC 1879	20 JUN 1982	FATHER
296	MYLES, JOHN	UNDER	GROUND	PVT U S ARMY WORLD WAR II
266	NORTON, LENA MAE	24 FEB 1925	18 JUL 2004	
250	PHILLIPS, JR., WILLIE	1953	2006	
280	PITTS, ALVIN	16 JAN 1919	05 FEB 1997	CPL U S ARMY WORD WAR II
317	PITTS, BECCA	17 MAY 1892	20 FEB 1978	
294	PITTS, CHRISTENE	09 JUL 1926	19 AUG 2005	DUO HS W/ TOMMY PITTS, SR.
281	PITTS, ELZAREE	10 JAN 1931	17 JAN 1993	A LOVING WIFE AND MOTHER
318	PITTS, JESSIE	1890	1942	AGE 52. HUSBAND OF REBECCA PITTS
351	PITTS, OLA MAE ABBOTT	26 DEC 1941	15 AUG 2012	
251	PITTS, SR., PAUL M.	18 APR 1962	30 DEC 2012	PHOTO ON HEADSTONE
293	PITTS, SR., TOMMY	22 DEC 1921	19 JAN 2001	DUO HS W/ CHRISTENE PITTS
260	PITTS, THURMAN	04 AUG 1937	05 MAY 1995	
76	PORTER, DOYLINE MEADORS	05 SEP 1916	01 FEB 1957	MOTHER
362	RANDOLPH, C. H.	08 JAN 1922	23 AUG 1976	
146	RANDOLPH, JAMES			HS DATE ILLEGIBLE
145	RANDOLPH, LILLIE	07 SEP 1887	29 NOV 1980	
149	RANDOLPH, LILLIE MAE	31 JAN 1922	23 AUG 1976	
192	RANDOLPH, NAPOLLON	29 MAY 1933	04 OCT 1991	"SONNY BOY"
143	RANDOLPH, OLA			MOTHER. NO DATES ON HS.
142	RANDOLPH, THOMAS			FATHER. NO DATES ON HS.
107	RAYNE, MARCIE	1924	1962	
111	REEVES, ADA	04 JUN 1875	11 AUG 1911	AGE 36 YRS
95	REEVES, ARDIE		01 APR 1924	AGE 37 YRS
328	REEVES, CHARLIE	08 MAY 1900	19 NOV 1968	A LOVING HUSBAND OF CATHERINE REEVES
161	SEAWOOD, JAMES RUSSELL	16 MAY 1923	23 JUN 2003	U S ARMY WORLD WAR II & HS W/ MARTHA SEAWOOD
162	SEAWOOD, MARTHA (MEADORS)	22 MAY 1930	06 NOV 2013	DUO HS W/ JAMES R. SEAWOOD
179	SMITH, IRENE	1919	2003	HER HEADSTONE IS A WHITE CROSS.
239	SMITH, LUTHER	03 SEP 1938	29 JUN 1995	BELOVED HUSBAND AND FATHER
292	SMITH, MARGIE	18 MAY 1933	01 NOV 2012	MOTHER. DUO HS W/ ZAMON T. SMITH

MOUNT SINAI CHRISTIAN METHODIST CHURCH CEMETERY, SUMMERFIELD, CLAIBORNE PARISH, LOUISIANA

From Summerfield, Louisiana, take Louisiana Highway 9 south 3.7 miles, then right on Mt. Sinai Road 2.1 miles. Cemetery on left.

ID	NAME (Last, First Middle)	BIRTH	DEATH	INSCRIPTION/COMMENTS
217	SMITH, ROBERT L.	15 NOV 1952	21 MAR 1986	PHOTO ON HEADSTONE
216	SMITH, WILLIE C.	12 NOV 1954	21 FEB 1982	PHOTO ON HEADSTONE
291	SMITH, ZAMON T.	30 MAY 1932	14 JUN 1980	FATHER. MIL--PVT U S ARMY & HS W/ MARGIE SMITH.
190	STEAVESON, IRENE	10 AUG 1890	24 NOV 1984	
191	STEVENSON, JIMMY	15 JAN 1892	31 JUL 1980	
290	TATE, JA'QUEZ M.		10 OCT 2001	AGE ZERO YEARS. FHM
158	TAYLOR, ALBERT	18 OCT 1928	10 JAN 1960	AGE 32 YRS
159	TAYLOR, ANNIE	06 JUL 1930	15 AUG 1956	
160	TAYLOR, GEORGE	09 JAN 1942	23 JUN 1977	AGE 35 YRS
200	TERRELL, GUY A.	03 APR 1958	04 JUL 1974	HS W/ WILLIE TERRELL AND NORSIE LEE TERRELL
199	TERRELL, NORSIE LEE	11 OCT 1917	20 AUG 1985	HS W/ WILLIE TERRELL AND GUY A. TERRELL
198	TERRELL, WILLIE	25 NOV 1903	21 MAR 1989	HS W/ NORSIE LEE TERRELL AND GUY A. TERRELL
279	THOMAS, BOAZINE	15 JUN 1949	29 DEC 2012	AGE 63. FHM.
340	THOMAS, CHARLEY	24 OCT 1932	12 JUL 1957	
335	THOMAS, JIM		1969	
313	THOMAS, MAMON	1863	1941	AGE 84
278	THOMAS, MAMON	24 DEC 1914	29 JAN 1987	
312	THOMAS, MARY LOU	22 JUN 1873	23 JAN 1954	
334	THOMAS, MATTIE	01 JAN 1909	11 MAR 1969	
332	THOMAS, ODIE S.	08 FEB 1926	08 JAN 1970	AGE: 43 YRS 1 MO
17	THOMAS, ZANIE	21 SEP 1906	25 DEC 1977	
196	TOWN, DANIEL MARIO	30 SEP 1968	17 MAY 2006	
219	TOWNS, MATTIE TURNER	24 AUG 1951	07 JUL 1998	
89	TURNER, SALLIE	1862	18 JUN 1907	WIFE OF JAMES HUNTER
87	TURNER, VADA B. L.	16 FEB 1914	19 MAY 1944	WIFE OF J. A. TURNER
96	VINSSION, ADIE	17 APR 1937	14 JAN 1972	
182	WAKE, BEALE	04 JUL 1901	06 OCT 1986	
303	WALSTON, ADA	05 DEC 1895	BLANK	DUO HS W/ ARTHUR WALSTON
301	WALSTON, ALBERT	23 DEC 1915	31 DEC 1976	
304	WALSTON, ARTHUR	08 JUN 1890	21 JUN 1979	DUO HS W/ ADA WALSTON
306	WALSTON, CURTIS L.	27 APR 1917	23 FEB 2005	DUO HS W/ VESSIER H. WALSTON
298	WALSTON, DAVID "POKE"	26 JAN 1951	05 DEC 2007	
300	WALSTON, DOLLIE ROE	03 MAR 1928	23 FEB 1966	
168	WALSTON, ELIZA B.	06 MAR 1913	04 APR 1994	VAULT
109	WALSTON, MILES	1850	1906	BEST GUESS AT VITAL DATES
110	WALSTON, MISSOURIA	1848	03 JUN 1912	WIFE OF M. WALSTON
330	WALSTON, OLLIE	UNDER	GROUND	
302	WALSTON, ROY	12 MAR 1893	29 OCT 1989	
305	WALSTON, VESSIER H.	17 OCT 1917	20 JUN 1990	DUO HS W/ CURTIS WALSTON
265	WASHINGTON, MICHAEL J.	31 MAR 1959	24 FEB 2003	SFC U S ARMY PERSIAN GULF
170	WASSON, CELLIES	04 OCT 1890	04 AUG 1962	
172	WASSON, NORMAN	03 MAY 1969	01 MAY 1944	
45	WATTS, MARVIN	18 JUN 1910	15 JUN 1959	
155	WEST, EUNICE M.	1926	1942	
316	WILLIAMS, ADA MAI	28 OCT 1918	20 OCT 1950	36 YEARS
173	WILLIAMS, ALYCE N.	15 SEP 1914	14 DEC 2010	AGE 96. FHM
176	WILLIAMS, DAVID T.	25 MAY 1984	19 JUN 1970	
174	WILLIAMS, MARY K.	26 FEB 1945	21 OCT 2007	FATHER. AGE 62. DUO HS W/ SAM WILLIAMS.
175	WILLIAMS, SAM	04 NOV 1939	29 JUN 1973	DUO HS W/ MARY K. WILLIAMS.
177	WILLIAMS, WILLIE R.	--- MAY 1968	28 MAR 1969	
100	WILSON, ISIAH	16 NOV 1911	--- DEC 1911	SON OF JOHN & LEA WILSON
4	WILSON, MATTIE BELL	1890	1960	MOTHER

Dinner Conversation with an Ancestor - John T. Broom

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If I could invite one of my ancestors to Sunday dinner, it would perhaps be my Great Great Grandfather John T. Broom. I will first provide some background information on him.

John T. Broom was born in Greene County, Georgia about 1838. His parents were Leroy Broom (1802 - 1887) and Saletha (Stephens) Broom (1815 - 1889). The Leroy Broom family moved from Greene County to Carroll County, Georgia about 1854. On October 3, 1856, John T. Broom married Sarah J. Carson. Sarah was the daughter of James W. Carson (1809 - 1887) and Eliza (Neely) Carson (1813 - 1878), who also resided in Carroll County.

The 1860 Federal Census for Carroll County shows John T. was 22 years old, head of household, married to Sarah J., and had two sons; James J, age 2, and Wm T., age 3 months.

In 1861, John enlisted in Company F, Cobb's Legion, a Carroll County infantry unit. On September 14, 1862 at age 24, he was killed in the Battle of Crampton's Gap on South Mountain, located in Southern Maryland. South Mountain is part of the Blue Ridge Mountain Range and the upper Appalachians.

During the Civil War, the state of Georgia instituted a policy of donating salt, which was a scarce commodity, to widows of soldiers and to those that lost a son in the war. The list of those receiving salt in Carroll County in 1864 includes the entry 'Orphans of J. T. Broom', whereas all the others that are listed are either wives or widows.

The 1870 Federal Census for Carroll County shows the two sons James J. and Tom (Wm T.), ages 12 and 10, as living in their grandfather James W. Carson's household. John's wife Sarah is not listed. There was no will recorded, and John's estate which included 202 acres of land in Carroll County, was not settled until years later in 1878. The fate of Sarah is not mentioned in the probate records.

I am sure during this short visit there would not be a silent moment, as I have many questions I would like to ask him. But foremost, is the question of what happened to his wife Sarah. She would have been 22 years old at the time he was killed in 1862. Did she die during pregnancy, child birth, or from some other cause? Did she die before or after he left to go fight in the Civil War? Is she buried in Carroll County's old Macedonia Baptist Cemetery, where Sarah's and John's parents are buried? Is her grave among those in that part of the cemetery marked only by large red field stones?

Twas the Night before the Reunion By Suzanne de la Cour

(With all due credit to Clement Clarke Moore
For his poem entitled "A Visit from St. Nicholas")

'Twas the night before the reunion, I searched through the house
For a picture or the maiden name of great grandpa's spouse;
The pedigree charts were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that a long lost cousin soon would be there.

The feme sole was nestled all snug in her bed,
While visions of glo records danced in her head;
The executrix in her kerchief, and executor in his cap,
Had settled the probate records in time for a long winter's nap,
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from my computer to see what was the matter.

Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Wishing ancestry didn't cost quite so much cash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow,
Gave a luster of midday to tax records below,
When what to my wondering eyes did appear,
But a miniature family tree and clues to search here.

With a little old genealogist so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be Uncle Rick,
More rapid than eagles his records they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name:
Now Deeds! Now, NARA, birthdates to record!
On Persi, On Census, so many to hoard.
To the top of the family tree, top of it all,
Now dash away, dash away, dash away brick wall.

This Old House

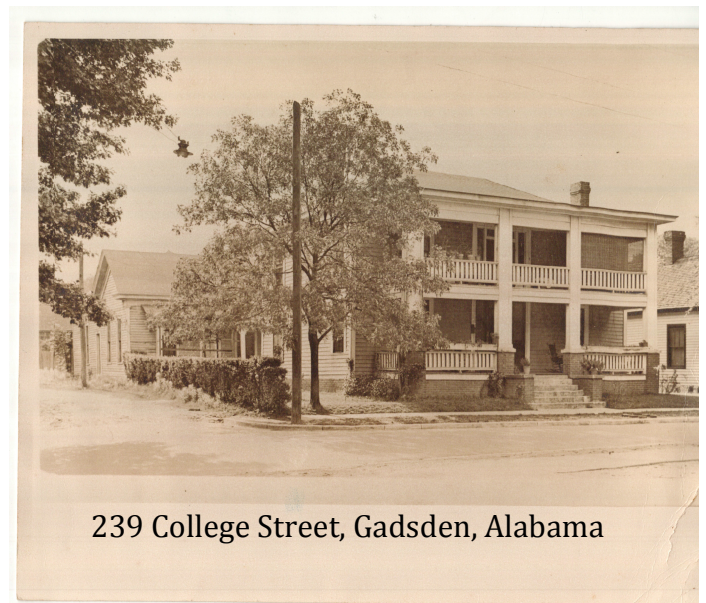
By Sonja Dowling Webb

The old song, *This Ole House*,¹ by songwriter/composer Stuart Hamblin and sung by many including Rosemary Clooney, Bette Midler, and The Statler Brothers includes lyrics that are relatable to all of us.

The words *This Ole House*, aptly apply to many families' home place. We are all in search of the "home place" in our family trees. The home place gives us that sense of place, pride of place, and family structure; a place where family members pulled together lives and planted family roots.

*"This ole house once knew my children,"*² or siblings with children.

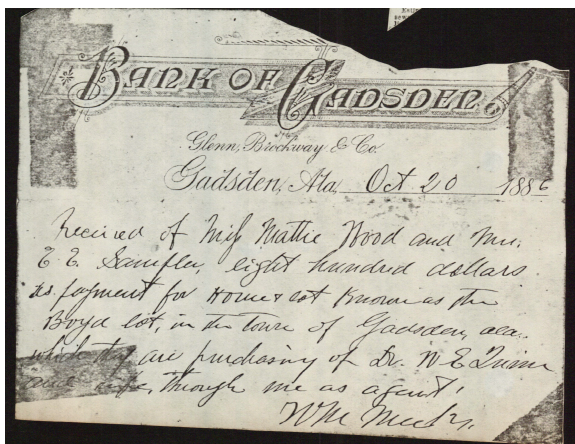
So was the case with Emily Ellen Pyrenes Wood Sampler. Her house on 239 College Street, Gadsden, Alabama was "the ole house" many in my family knew. Family members rarely used her given name Emily Ellen; they referred to her as Ella or Aunt Nell. I'm not sure of the origin of the name Aunt Nell, but probably a niece or nephew had trouble with pronouncing Emily Ellen. The ole house on College Street knew Ella's parents, Robert Capel Wood & Martha Matilda McCleskey Wood, her sisters, nieces, one sister's grandson & son-in-law, and later grandnephew & his family. The house had several generations of family living within its walls. Through the decades Methodist church members would stay in the house with Ella during camp meetings. Emily Ellen Wood married Rev. Dr. Robert Sampler in the parlor of the ole house December 27, 1885. Dr. Sampler was a Methodist Circuit riding Preacher and Civil War veteran.



¹ 1954 by Hamblin Music Inc.

² Stuart Hamblin

“This ole house once knew my life, this ole house was home and comfort as we lived through storm and strife”³

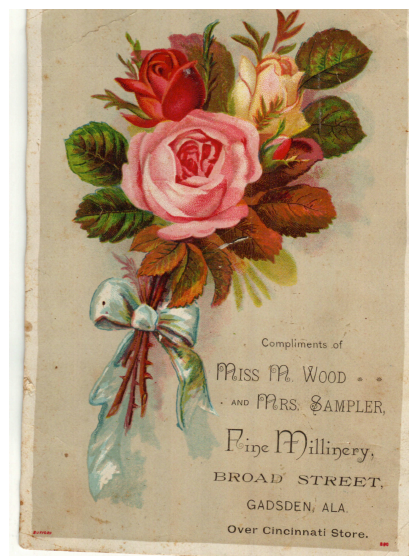


It is believed the ole house on College Street was built before the Civil War by a gambler. It was constructed with two-story classical columns and bay windows in the front. The gambler met a tragic death in the house when an unknown intruder pulled the trigger of a derringer at the keyhole of the front door. The murder went unsolved.⁴ Gadsden was

incorporated in 1871⁵ on the banks of the Coosa River and became an active steamboat town. Anyone angry with the gambler could easily have left town by steamboat.

Ella and her sister Matt (Martha Wood) purchased the house in 1886. Later the front façade of the house was altered by replacing the classical columns to feature large porches on the first and second floors with a swing on the front porch. The porch was a frequent family gathering place at the end of a hot summer's day.

My uncle, Thomas F. Dowling, Jr., wrote of the lawn around the house filled with the sweet smells of jonquils, rose bushes, and fig trees, strawberries and blackberries vines. Pecan and walnut trees grew near the house. There were a few outbuildings close to the house. Chickens with a rooster could be found near the small barn. A small annex was behind the house and used by family members to live in for short periods of time, including my grandparents and their sons. At one time the annex was converted into a



³ Stuart Hamblin

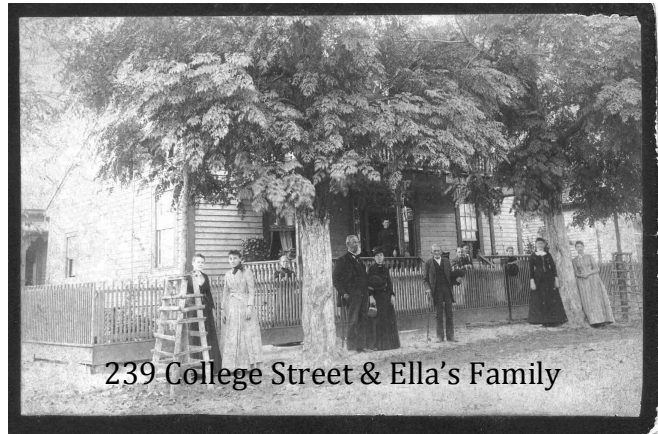
⁴ Story found in Thomas F. Dowling, Jr's genealogy notes. He grew up in Ella's home and relates that she told him many family stories. I have not been able to verify the gambler story.

⁵ Etowah County Centennial Committee and Joe Barnes, *A History of Etowah County, Alabama: History of Gadsden*. Birmingham, Alabama: Roberts & Sons, 1968,225.

design room for Ella and Matt's millinery work until opening shop on Broad Street in Gadsden.

Ella and Matt cared for their elderly parents during their declining years.

There were eight Wood girls and one brother. The ole house had a constant stream of visitors over the years. Their sister, Eliza Wood Klutts and her daughter, Ethel Klutts moved in with them. Ethel was a well-known artist in Alabama and she was the supervisor of art education for Gadsden Public schools. There were two fires in the ole house



and both were thought to have been caused by the paint materials Ethel used in a room she taught art lessons. The ole house survived, but was badly damaged. When Ethel died in 1935 Aunt Nell (Ella) had the wake in the front room of the house. A cousin (Marge Scott Ashley) related to me that as a child she went to the wake and remembers seeing Ethel lying in state. There were probably other wakes in the house as Ella outlived all of her siblings dying in December of 1945.

"This ole house once rang with laughter"⁶

In March of 1912 Frances Robbins Dowling gave birth to Thomas Francis Dowling, Jr. She died two weeks after the birth leaving her husband, Thomas F. Dowling, with a newborn. Ella and Matt took them into their home, the ole house on College Street. They raised the baby as their own and he brought laughter into the house and joy into their lives. Ella and Dr. Sampler did not have children and Matt never married. The house was alive with the antics of a little boy until he grew into a man. Thomas Dowling, Jr.'s mother was the daughter of Ella and Matt's sister Mary Louise Wood Robbins. Matt died in 1914, but Ella cared for the baby as if he were hers, and he was. Thomas F. Dowling remarried in 1923 when his son was 11 years old.



⁶ Stuart Hamblin

Thomas Jr. was called Francis by this time. His father's new wife gave birth to a son in 1925. This second son was named John W. Dowling after his Irish grandfather. John Dowling was my father. A third son, Robert C. Dowling, was born in 1926. At various times this family lived with Ella in the Ole House. Ella cared for her extended family and shared family stories and history. She kept documents, letters and photos; some which were handed down to Francis. Many of her precious family heirlooms, letters and documents were lost in the two fires the house suffered.

When Francis (Thomas Dowling, Jr.) married in 1935, he and his wife moved into the annex behind the ole house for a period of time. Thomas F. Dowling, III was born here.

In 1922 the ole house played host to a gathering of Confederate soldiers in town for a reunion. Ella's home was frequently the center of hospitality. She often opened her home for Methodist members after camp meetings. The ole house was a buzz of activity because Ella shared her home with family, church members, and friends.

***"This ole house heard many shouts. Now she trembles in the darkness when the lightning walks about"*⁷**

At age 94 Ella went to "meet the saints". She died in 1945. She deeded the house to Thomas F. Dowling III. He let it decay over the years, and in 1960 it was torn down and replaced with a parking lot to the great sadness of his father Thomas F. Dowling, Jr. There is a small building on the lot today which stands across the street from the present day Gadsden Public library.

The ole house saw a long stream of family and friends come through its doors. Some stayed longer than others, but all found comfort in the warmth and caring grace of Emily Ellen Pyrenes Wood Sampler who had great compassion for family. She generously helped her family by opening her home and providing them the comfort of belonging.

And the Ole House on College Street had known the joys and trials of several generations of family over the decades. And the people who lived there had a sense of pride of place as they walked the floors of the old house. The old house, the home place, was a family sanctuary for so many family members.

⁷ Stuart Hamblin

Contributed by Mrs. Isabelle M. Woods



Plat of Clarklea Place



Clarklea Place



Lila P. Wolfe

The History of Clarklea Place

When Mrs. Lila P. Wolfe presented "The History of Clarklea Place" to the Family History Club on March 21, 2014, we traveled back to a time when a woman played a prominent role in the economy of Morehouse Parish.

Mrs. Wolfe was well-prepared to discuss Clarklea Place at Bastrop, Louisiana, its founder, Mrs. Mary Emily Clark (aka Emily), the plots she owned, and changes in this subdivision over time.

On a 20 inch by 30 inch board, Mrs. Wolfe displayed photographs of Mrs. Clark's former homes, discussed some of its residents and parks in this subdivision. The artwork and beautiful photographs displayed were the work of Mrs. Anna Sharp.

With the assistance of Mr. Ken Watt, Mrs. Wolfe

distributed a copy of her land.

Emily's wedding invitation, photographs of Mary Emily Lea and her husband, George William Clark (ca 1833-1913); her mother, her sister, Jessie A. Lea (1862-1958), and copies of published obituaries of Emily and Jessie.

Each person also received a copy of the Plat of Clarklea Place with a complete, 37-page, *Abstract of Title*. It was prepared by J. W. Gillen, Abstracter, for Mrs. Wolfe's mother, Mrs. Mary Moore Patton (1897-1986), who married Charles Holley Patton, (1899-1949).

Clarklea Place is two miles south of the Morehouse Parish Court House. (See map insert).

Oral history revealed that at six years old, Mrs. Clark recalled seeing windows and doors of homes they passed draped in black in memory of the death of President Abraham Lincoln. Family history also portrayed Mrs. Clark as one who proceeded with caution and sought legal advice, if necessary, to find solutions to problems shared by persons with whom she came in daily contact. In a local newspaper during 1922, she informed the Ku Klux Klan to confer with her first with any problems affecting anyone on

Mrs. Mary Emily Lea Clark was born on August 7, 1858, in New Haven, Connecticut. She was a nurse. On March 27, 1895, in Chicago, Illinois,



Mary Emily Lea Clark

George William Clark married Mary Emily Lea. Emily was his second wife. Mr. Clark had made



George William Clark

a fortune investing in bean futures after the Civil War.

Although no child was born to this union, Mr. George William Clark had two children with Cornelia Chapin, his first wife. A son, William George Clark, Jr., resided at Park Manor with his family. William was a Presbyterian minister.

Mr. Alvin Leopold, called Park Manor the "Plumb Nellie," because it was "plumb out of Bastrop and nearly to Mer Rouge."

William died in 1910 and left Park Manor to his wife and other assets to his three children: Holley Lyons Clark, Caryl Chapin Clark, and Myron Gilbert Clark.

Mr. George Clark also had a daughter, Lula Monett Clark (1871-1951) who married Charles Hale Patton, (1858-1936). They resided on the Monett's Pleasant Hill Plantation at Upland near Bastrop, Louisiana. At the death of its owners, James Monett (1808-1895) and his wife, Lucinda Clark Monett (1806-1893), George inherited the Monett estate. Mrs. Monett was George's aunt.

When Mr. George William Clark, died on January 20, 1913 at Morehouse Parish, Louisiana, his wife, Emily, became a wealthy widow. On June 10, 1913, she purchased 40 acres from Mary L. Naff Collins (1856-1918), the second wife of Captain William A. Collins (1831-1918). Mrs. Collins' ancestor, Isaac Tipton Naff (1823-1884), had created this acreage by combining two tracts of land obtained in 1861 with a *Patent* from the U. S. Government and with an *Act of Exchange* from Mr. Robert B. Todd in 1867.



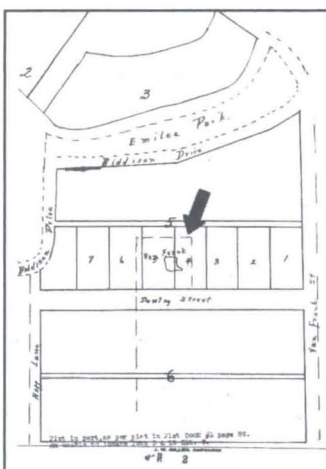
Side View of Mrs. Emily Clark's Former Home (Then)



Front View of Mrs. Emily Clark's Former Home (Now)

Emily bought and resided in the home (top, left) already built of logs on Lot 4 and Lot 5 in Block 5 of Section 36, Township 21, North Range 5 East on Dewing Street in Bastrop.

Another home of Mrs. Clark has been renovated. Today it is known as the "Massey House" for Mr. and Mrs. Ed and Essie Massey, former residents.



Mrs. Emily Clark's Plots, Lots 4 and Lot 5, Block 5, Clarklea Place



Massey House

From 1933 until 1936, the Patton family lived in the "Massey House." They then purchased land and built a home across the street, where Mrs. Wolfe currently resides.

In the 1940's, Surveyor A. C. Volk of Bastrop, surveyed and subdivided the land into lots. "Clarklea Place" was born. It bears the surnames of sisters, Emily Lea Clark and Jessie A. Lea. Mrs. Clark then sold lots.

Mrs. Clark also renovated her residence during the 1940's from lumber milled from two huge oak trees grown within Clarklea Place. Mrs. Clark then invited her mother and sister to live with her. Today, this house is painted in red (top, right).

After World War II, the 80 feet by 150 feet lots sold quickly at fifty or one hundred dollars per lot. It was a nice, quiet, and a great neighborhood in which to live.

In 1952, Mrs. Clark executed a holographic will leaving her estate to her sister-in-law, Melissa S. Lea, and seven grandnieces and grandnephews: Kent Lea, Michael Lea, and Christine Lea; Duane Freberg, Jean Freberg, Sherell Freberg and Karin Freberg.

Mrs. Emily Clark, 96, died on May 10, 1955, at the St. Joseph's Home for the Aged in Monroe, Louisiana. She was buried at the Memorial Park Cemetery, Bastrop, Louisiana.

Her sister, Jessie, 96 years old, died in 1958 at the home of Mrs. J. T. Jackson in Monroe, Louisiana. She was buried in Connecticut.

At their deaths, both sisters were survived by a brother residing in Plainview, Connecticut.

In the latter part of 1960, residents began an exodus from Clarklea Place to an area surrounding the Country Club in Bastrop. Real estate investors purchased and converted these homes to residential rental units. As a result, property values in Clarklea Place declined.

To reverse this trend, homes are now being remodeled and a concerted effort is being made to attract permanent residents.

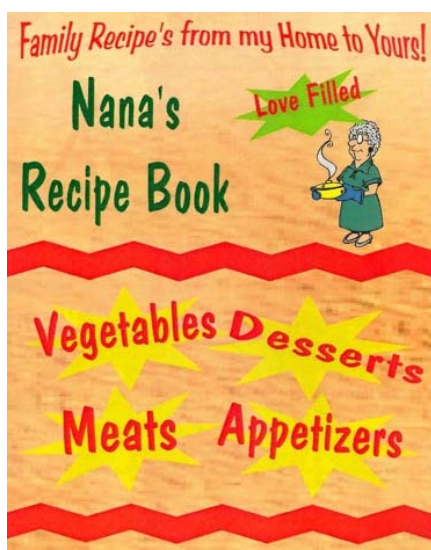
The landscape of Clarklea Place has also been improved. Emilea Park will be converted to a walking park.

Mrs. Wolfe foresees a future of positive growth for Clarklea Place. She has a perfect vantage point from which to witness its progress unfold.



From My Home to Yours

Contributed by Linda Lynn



Sometimes we become overwhelmed when beginning our genealogical quest because there is so much information to analyze. We don't know where to start, what to analyze, what to discard, or even where to look. Look around you; there are clues everywhere which can provide insight into your past.

Long-time family genealogist and former registrar for Frances Rebecca Harrison Chapter of Daughters of American Revolution, Sheryl Choate Wise is a whiz at deciphering records. She is also a great cook and once had her own catering business. She is often considered the family matriarch because so many family gatherings are held at the home she shares with husband of 50 years, Alton. This is where she is the queen of the kitchen. Everyone pitches in with an appointed task, and talk, of course, involves who brought what dish, "mmmmmm, give me your recipe", and "wow, I want more."

So, after the cleanup is done, Sheryl fires up her trusty computer and all interested family chefs get a copy of their requested recipe. Her treasury of delicious recipes has been compiled over decades. She decided several years ago to compile a cookbook for a family bride. Each recipe was annotated with a brief note about the original preparer, and her daughter-in-law Tina helped.

As the late Paul Harvey would say, "Here's the rest of the story." Everyone wanted her own cookbook. It was a treasure trove of genealogy. You see, Sheryl's is a large, extended family. Lots of marriages, remarriages, unmarried aunts and uncles, and family traditions and tidbits are recorded in ***Family Recipes from my Home to Yours: Nana's [Love-Filled] Recipe Book.***

By perusing Sheryl's work, you'll find that her "Aunt Florence never had an electric mixer. She would hold the bowl in the crook of her arm and beat the ingredients." (How many of you can picture your mother or grandmother doing the exact same thing?) Uncle Ira liked to eat his desserts before his meals. Her mother, Mary Choate, who passed away in November 2014, didn't get an electric mixer until after Sheryl was married, in 1962.

Sheryl's cookbook has no family tree or pedigree chart—that's already on her computer—but it is no less a record of her family, one that will be remembered and cherished and *used*.

Now that, friends, is **down-home genealogy**, and you too can preserve your family history in a similar manner.



I have always enjoyed cooking for my family and friends. For several years I have wanted to make copies of all my family favorites. When Brittany got married March 15th I copied a lot of them on recipe cards for her. Then Terry got married October 4th and she wanted copies, this was the opportunity to put them all together in a book. I have looked through shoe boxes and cook books for my favorites. I have called family members for theirs.

I have collected 300 recipes and have been typing them for three weeks. I hope that all of you will treasure these and enjoy trying them out as much as I have enjoyed putting them together.

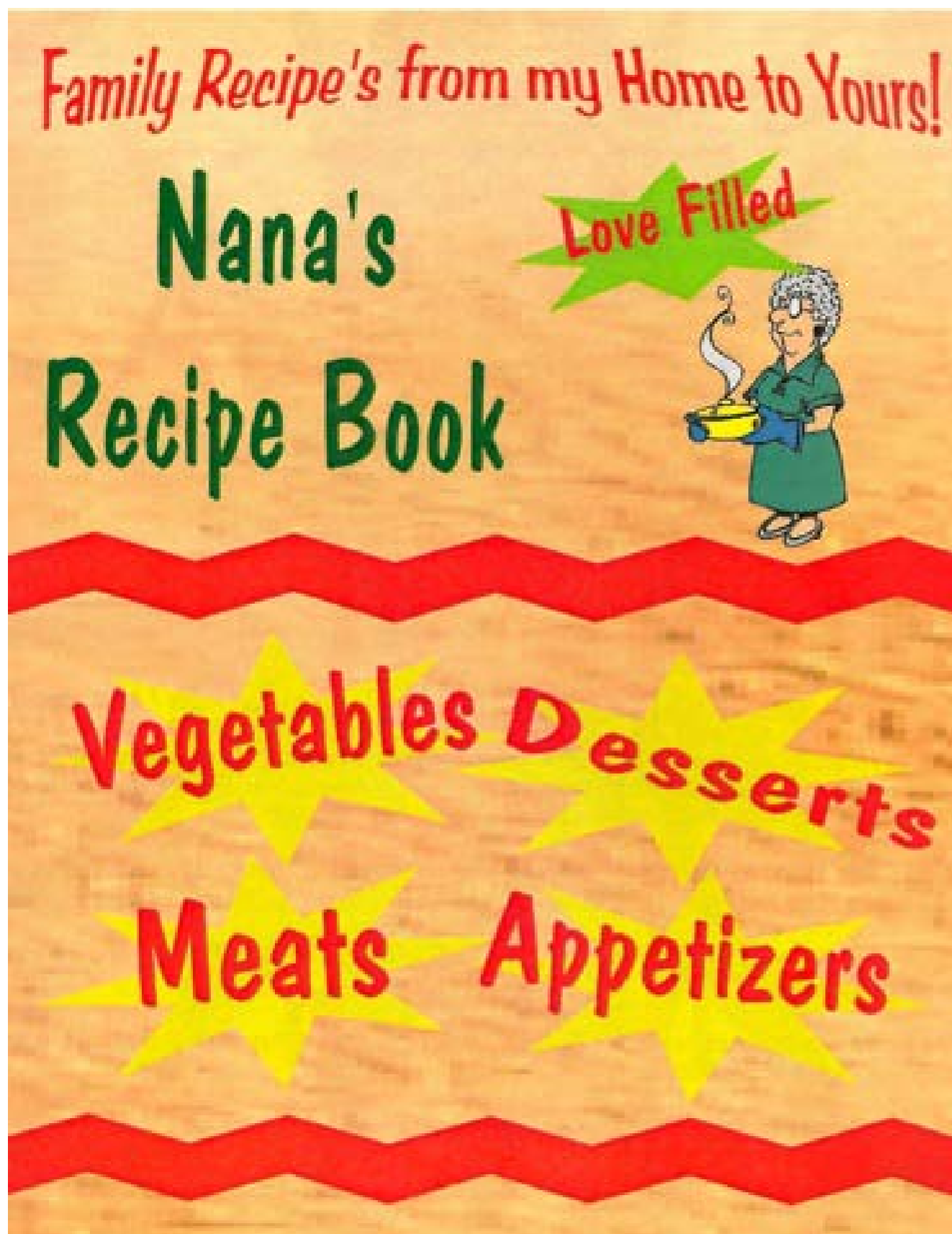
I have included who I got the recipes from and any story behind it. There is even some genealogy included.

"The recipe that is not shared with others will soon be forgotten, but when it is shared, it will be enjoyed by future generations."

Appreciation goes to Tina for making my cover sheets.

Family Recipes Compiled with Love by:

*Sheryl Choate Wise
December 25, 2008.*



Mexican Hot Sauce

8 qts. Peeled, drained tomatoes
2 cups white vinegar (5% acidity)
2 Tbsp. non-iodized salt
1/3 cup garlic powder
2 cups chopped Jalapeno peppers (about 30 large ones)
½ cup Crisco oil
2 large onions, chopped or 3 Tbsp. dried minced onions

Place tomatoes in food processor and chop. Drain if you like sauce thick. Measure. Chop onions fine in processor. Chop peppers and measure. Put all ingredients in a large pot. Cook on medium heat about 2 hours. Remove and put in hot sterilized jars and seal. Water bath for 5 minutes. Start counting when jars are placed in boiling water. Makes 16- 20 pints.

Our boys and their friends loved this hot sauce. I would have to put it up in Quarts. Richard Kent would bring me tomatoes from his mother's garden and the jars so I could fix him some. When I didn't have tomatoes in the garden, I would buy gallon cans of tomatoes.

Uncle Ira's Chili Sauce

(In Memory of Ira Ivy Williams)

1 gal. tomatoes, peeled and chopped	2 tsp. allspice (powdered)
3 cup vinegar (add more later if needed)	3 tsp. cinnamon (powdered)
2 cups sugar (add more later if needed)	6 or 7 med. Onions, chopped

Scald and peel tomatoes. Mix all ingredients together with chopped tomatoes in a large pan. Cook until desired thickness, stirring continuously as it thickens. Pour into hot sterilized jars and seal immediately. Good with peas!

I lived with Uncle Ira and Aunt Florence (his sister) before I married. He was my great uncle. He would fix this in the summer when the tomatoes were ripe.
Ira Ivy Williams- Sept. 15, 1887- July 7, 1972. Uncle Ira never married.

Cherry Delight Salad

1 small can crushed pineapple
1 can Cherry pie filling
8 oz Cool Whip

1 can condensed milk

Mix pineapple, milk and pie filling. Fold in Cool Whip.

Optional:

I add coconut, pecans and miniature marshmallows.

Sis. Maxie Frake gave me this recipe.

I like to fix it for our family get together's. It is quick and easy and so good!!

Pat's Favorite Fruit Salad

1- 3 oz box instant French Vanilla
Pudding
2 cans Chunky Pineapple, drained
¼ cup coconut
¼ cup pecans, chopped

1 11 oz. can Mandarin Oranges
8 Maraschino Cherries, sliced
3 large bananas, sliced

Combine all ingredients in a bowl and stir well. Add some of the reserved pineapple juice if too thick.

Note: you can add Chunky Fruit to this also.

Patsy Mason gave me this recipe once (in the 1980's) when we had a recipe exchange. Pat is married to Calvin Mason, son of Norvelle Williams, stepson of Zennie Williams.

Mama Nell's Old Fashioned Butter Roll (In Memory of Norvelle Green Williams)

3 cups self rising flour
¾ cup shortening

1 ½ cups milk

Cut shortening into flour. Add milk and stir well. Divide dough into half. Roll out. To each roll, sprinkle with 1 cup sugar, slice 1 stick margarine lengthwise and place on sugar. Sprinkle 1 tsp. vanilla over sugar and margarine. Roll up jelly roll style and place in a greased 10 x 14" pan, top side down. Bake 350° until done and brown on top. Remove from oven and place on stove over two burners. (when you remove rolls from oven, remove any sugar that has leaked out of rolls and turned brown).

Add water to top of rolls, then add around rolls:

2 cups sugar
2 sticks margarine, cut up

2 tsp vanilla

Cook on low to medium heat until all is melted and sauce is thick, stirring constantly. I use a spatula and lift the rolls for the sauce to run under the rolls.

Mama Norvelle was my step grandmother. But, she had been my grandmother since I was 2 ½ years old. We loved the butter roll and would always get her to make it when she and Papa (Zennie) came to visit. He died May 31, 1979. She had a lump in her breast that we didn't know about. She started hurting in her shoulder really bad in January 1980. She came to visit us in March before going in the hospital. I asked her to make the butter roll and I wrote down the ingredients. She died on Papa's birthday April 15, 1980. It would have been lost. I was told that Papa taught her how to make it, that it was my grandmother Averil Williams's recipe.

Amelia Novelle Green Mason Williams- Sept. 1, 1916- April 15, 1980. She and Papa married Aug. 31, 1949.

Aunt Florence's Coconut Cake
(In Memory of Florence Williams Hawthorn)

2 ½ cups plain flour	2 eggs
3 tsp. baking powder	1 cup milk
1 cup sugar	1 tsp. vanilla
¾ cup butter	

Cream butter and sugar. Add eggs and vanilla. Beat well. Add milk, flour, and baking powder. Mix well. Bake 350° 25 – 30 minutes in 2- 9 inch greased and floured pans. Frost with 7 minute frosting and cover with coconut between layers and on top and sides of cake.

“Seven Minute” Frosting

2 egg whites	½ level tsp. cream of tartar
1 ½ cups sugar	6 Tbsp. water
Few grains salt	1 tsp. vanilla

Mix all ingredients except vanilla in top of double boiler. Beat over boiling water until mixture stands in soft peaks, 7 – 10 minutes. Remove from heat, add vanilla. Beat until very thick. Enough for 2- 9 inch layers.

Note: I use a Duncan Hines Butter Yellow Cake Mix

Florence Fadre Williams Hawthorn- Dec. 29, 1892 – July 10, 1966. She married James B. Hawthorn Dec. 23, 1916. She had no children.

Mama Norvelle used to make me a Coconut Cake for my birthday.

Mother makes it at Easter and colors some of the coconut green and makes nests and puts jelly beans in them.

I attended VBS just before Alton and I married on June 17, 1962. We made cookbooks. Aunt Florence gave me this recipe to include in it.

Heavenly Hash Cake

(Mary Williams Choate)

2 sticks margarine
½ cup cocoa
4 eggs

2 cups sugar
1 ½ cups self-rising flour
1 cup chopped nuts

Melt margarine and cocoa in top of double boiler. Beat eggs; add sugar, flour and pecans. Add melted margarine and cocoa. Mix well and bake 350° for 30 minutes or until done. Turn oven off. Pour 1 large pkg. marshmallows on top. Place in oven about 5 minutes or until marshmallows are soft. Leave in pan and cover with icing.

Icing:

1 stick margarine
½ cup cocoa
1 box Powdered Sugar

1/3 cup milk
1 tsp. vanilla

Melt margarine and cocoa in top of double boiler. Add powdered sugar, milk, and vanilla. Beat well. Pour over top of cake.

Mother gave me this recipe when she lived in Mesquite, TX. during the 1960's. She moved to Mooringsport in August 1972. Ronnie called it the "Elmer's Glue Cake".

Mamaw Parker's Caramel Icing

(Lois Graham Parker)

3 cups sugar

1 Lg. can Pet Milk

Put sugar in heavy boiler and stir sugar until it begins to caramelize (turn brown) do not let burn. Add milk and stir constantly until it begins to thicken and makes a ball in cold water. Add 1 stick of margarine and beat for about 2 minutes. Pour over cake (a yellow cake, layers or sheet cake) and enjoy.

Everyone always loved Mamaw Parker's cake. She loved to cook for her family and friends. I know she misses being able to do so now. She is 84 years old. SCW

Stocking Stuffers for Genealogists

These are a few resources for genealogists shared by Ms. Suzanne de la Cour as a Horn Book presentation given 13 December 2014 to the Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association's monthly meeting.

www.AmericanAncestors.org

New England Genealogical Society. Register for free as a Guest User and access a limited number of databases and their Online Learning Center.

Bossier Parish Library Historical Center, 2206 Beckett St, Bossier City, LA. 746-7717
www.bossierhistory.org

Chronicling America: free, digitized newspaper pages
<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov>

Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research, Houston Public Library. 5300 Caroline, Houston, TX (832) 393-2600
www.houstonlibrary.org/clayton

Daughter's of the American Revolution www.dar.org
Their Genealogical Research System (GRS) includes free online database.

East Baton Rouge Parish Library genealogy resources:
New Main Library at 7711 Goodwood Blvd, (225) 231-3751
Bluebonnet Regional Branch, 9200 Bluebonnet Blvd (504) 763-2283

www.familysearch.org
Free site of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.
Search there growing database of digital historical records, create a family tree or fan chart, access the Learning Center

www.funeralnet.com Search for funeral homes by city, and more

GenCom: our sister genealogical group usually meets the 4th Sunday of the month at 2pm at the Broadmoor Library. Their DNA Special Interest Group meets the 2nd Wednesday, 10am.

Genealogist's Christmas Eve
<http://genealogy.about.com/library/blchristmas.htm>

Geographic Names Information System (GNIS) <http://geonames.usgs.gov> Two million place-names including 107,000 cemeteries.

Louisiana State Land Office <http://www.doa.louisiana.gov/slo/>
1201 North Third Street, Suite G-150, Baton Rouge, LA 80802
Call to schedule an appointment to visit. (225) 219-9537

Mansfield Female College Museum, 101 Monroe St, Manfield, LA.
Call for schedule 871-9978. Houses the Veach-Foshee Library of genealogical and historical books. www.sos.louisiana.gov/mfcm

The National Archives & Records Administration (NARA) St Louis, MO
Military records facility www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/index.html

National Genealogical Society www.ngsgenealogy.org

NGS 2015 Family History Conference, 13-16 May, St Charles, Missouri
Registration opens 1 Dec, 2014.

Newberry Library, Chicago www.newberry.org/genealogy

Noel Memorial Library, Archives & Special Collection 797-5378
libarchives@lsu.edu

Northwestern State University of LA., Cammie G. Henry Research Center. Call
(318)357-4858 to schedule visit.

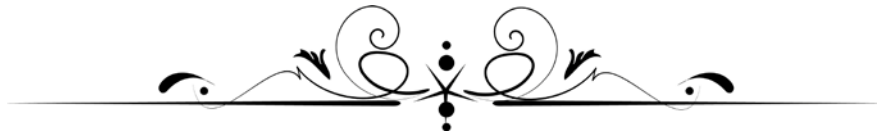
Samford University's Institute of Genealogy & Historical Research (IGHR),
Birmingham, AL. in June. Register in January. Discuss with Glenda, Phil, or myself.
<http://ighr.samford.edu>

Shreveport Family History Center, 200 Carroll St., Shreveport, LA.
Open Tues & Wed 10a-4p

Teach Me Genealogy www.tmgenealogy.com
Information, charts, list of free websites, quotes

Was your ancestor of the age to have served in a particular war?
Year the war started minus max age to serve = Earliest birth date
End of the War minus minimum age to serve = Latest birth date
Civil War example: 1861-45 = 1816 1865-16 = 1849
Might have served if born between 1816-1849

Hint: Research the history and geography of where and when your "person of interest" lived. Example: 1816 was called The Year Without Summer: crop loss leading to a food crisis in Europe, Germany and the Northeast US. It snowed in the summer. Many people emigrated seeking food.



“Why waste your money looking up your family tree? Just go into politics and your opponents will do it for you.” ~ Mark Twain

“If you think your family is normal, then you are probably not a genealogist.” ~ Unknown

“If you cannot get rid of a family skeleton, you may as well make it dance.” ~ George Bernard Shaw

“I don’t know who my grandfather was, I am much more concerned to know what his grandson will be.” ~ Abraham Lincoln

“In all of us there is a hunger, marrow deep, to know our heritage – to know who we are and where we came from. Without this enriching knowledge, there is a hollow yearning. No matter what our attainments in life, there is a vacuum, an emptiness, and the most disquieting loneliness. ~ Alex Haley



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