

A BRIEF GLIMPSE OF
EARLY CORLEY'S IN LOGAN COUNTY, ARKANSAS

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Extracted from: TWO HUNDRED YEARS OF CORLEY GENERATIONS
(and related family names)

JACOB CORLEY was born 1800-1810 in North Carolina. He married CATHERINE "Katie" DORSEY, born 1803 in South Carolina. This marriage was 22 April 1827, in Perry County, Alabama. JACOB and CATHERINE had at least six boys. No daughter's records or names have been located. Names of JACOB's sons:

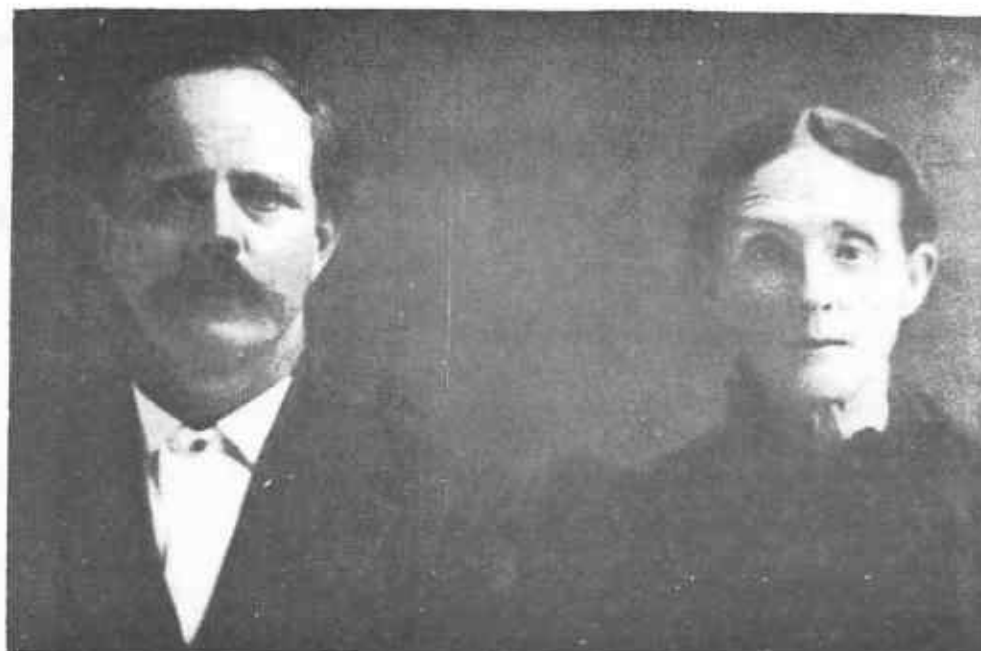
1. LEGRAND HAWKINS CORLEY (M), born 12 January 1828, in Alabama. Died 12 October 1894. Buried in Barnhill Cemetery, Logan County, Ark. He joined the Union Army, Company H, 1st Arkansas Infantry on 1 April 1865, and mustered out with the regiment four months later (10 August 1864). Court records at Paris, Logan County, Arkansas, show that LEGRAND HAWKINS CORLEY was appointed deputy clerk to the Circuit Court, Logan County, Arkansas, on 8 December 1886. S. D. ESPRY was appointed as the administrator to LEGRAND's estate. The final settlement of the estate was not until 1898. JAHUE E. CORLEY purchased 60 acres of the land and another portion was sold to a man by the name of O. R. SPRADLING on 18 April 1896. JAHUE later lost his acreage in payment of an indebtedness to D. C. WATKINS. (This acreage was sold at auction to E. C. CUMMINGS.)
2. CHARLES FRANKLIN CORLEY (M), born 1830 in Alabama. Died 1864 in Logan County, Arkansas. He was bushwhacked while on his way to enlist in the Union Army.
3. JAMES D. CORLEY (M), born January 1833, in Alabama. Date of death is unknown at this time. He enlisted in the Union Army, Company H., 1st Arkansas Infantry on 10 March 1863. He was wounded in action on Mulberry Creek on 18 October 1864, but no discharge was given on muster out of the regiment. Although he and his wife had no children of their own, they were instrumental in raising a number of the CORLEY children. JAMES D. owned and operated a store in the area of what is now Magazine, Logan County, Arkansas.
4. JARREL CORLEY (M), born 183⁵₂, in Alabama. Date of death unknown. No other information known about JARREL at this time.
5. WILLIAM CORLEY (M), born 1837, in Alabama. Said to have "died young". He was in the 1850 census, enumerated with CATHERINE (DORSEY) CORLEY, but was not found in the 1860 census.
6. SOLOMON O. CORLEY (M), born 18 August 1838, in Alabama. Died on 19 November 1918, when he fell from the back of a moving truck. He is buried in Howe Cemetery, Leflore County, Okla.

JACOB was enumerated as head of the household in 1840. However, the 1850 census (24 October 1850) lists CATHERINE as the head of household. JACOB and CATHERINE had moved to New Site, Tishomingo County, Miss. approximately 1839. It is said that JACOB left the family sometime during the 1840's to head West, possibly to search for a better place to live. Pre-Civil War activities may have had a bearing on this, since most of the CORLEY's were in sympathy with the Union and living in Confederate territory. For whatever reason, JACOB did leave and never returned. We have been unable to find him anywhere in the Census after 1840.

In 1856, CATHERINE received word that JACOB (or a man answering to his description) was in western Arkansas. She and her sons (plus other family members) "pulled up stakes" and headed to Arkansas. They settled in a community called Barnhill, Arkansas (to the NE of Magazine, Logan County, Arkansas).

LEGRAND HAWKINS CORLEY's first wife was MARTHA A. (maiden unknown). MARTHA was born in 1829, in Tennessee. She died in 1856 in Mississippi. LEGRAND and she were married in 1848 in Miss. They had five (5) children:

1. JOHN JORDAN CORLEY (M), born 21 September 1849, in Miss. Date of death was 1925. He is buried in Dibble, Oklahoma. JOHN JORDAN was a self-educated man and a minister. He married TELITHA E. BENGE in 1869. TELITHA was born 21 July 1845, in Arkansas. She died in 1934 and is buried in Dibble, Okla. JOHN JORDAN CORLEY enlisted in the Union Army, Co. H. 1st Arkansas Infantry on 1 April 1865. He mustered out with the regiment four months later (10 August 1865). JOHN JORDAN and TELITHA had seven (7) children.



John Jordan Corley & Telitha E. (Benge) Corley
(Before 1900)

2. JAMES F. CORLEY (M), born 23 December 1851, in Mississippi. He died 4 April 1906. Married to MARTHA CAROLINE SIMMONS around 1876 in Logan County, Arkansas. MARTHA CAROLINE was born 21 October 1853 in Smith County, Texas. She was the daughter of James Bailey Simmons and Mary Smith Simmons. She died before 1886 as JAMES F. married MARY F. MOORE, 18 December 1886. JAMES F. had three (3) children.
3. CATHERINE CORLEY (F), born 10 March 1853, in Mississippi. She died in 1925. No other information known at this time.
4. JOSIAH B. CORLEY (M), born 27 February 1854, in Mississippi. He died 28 February 1929, and is buried in Moore Cemetery, Logan County, Arkansas. Married #1 to MARY FRANCES SIMMONS, daughter of Mary (Smith) & James Bailey Simmons. MARY FRANCES was born 22 February 1856, in Smith County, Texas. Her date of death is unknown, but she was enumerated in the 1880 census, so her death would have to be between that time and the date of JOSIAH's second marriage. JOSIAH and MARY FRANCES had only one (1) child.

JOSIAH's second marriage was to MARTHA CAROLINE PENDERGRASS, born 27 May 1851, in Illinois. She died 3 July 1906 and is buried in the Clark Cemetery, Logan County, Arkansas. MARTHA CAROLINE was the daughter of Minerva Caroline (Southerland) and Phillip Pendergrass. She came to Arkansas about 1870 with her mother, brothers, and sisters from Smith County, Texas. Her father had died 10 November 1855 in Smith County. JOSIAH and MARTHA CAROLINE had five (5) children.

JOSIAH's third marriage on 21 February 1907 was to MOLLIE / MAUDIE ROBINSON, born 4 April 1886. She died 27 August 1953 and is buried in Greenland Cemetery, Fayetteville, Ark. The marriage license shows her name as "MOLLIE". She was the daughter of G. B. Robinson. MOLLIE and JOSIAH had 14 children (1 was stillborn).



Josiah B. Corley
(date unknown)

5. JEREMIAHA CORLEY (F), born 1856 in Mississippi. No other information is known about her at this time.

LEGRAND HAWKINS CORLEY's wife, MARTHA died approximately 1856, and LEGRAND married a second time. The name of this second wife is unknown, but they are known to have had three (3) children:

1. JOSEPHINE CORLEY (F), born 17 November 1858 in Logan County, Arkansas.
2. JILES L. CORLEY (M), born 9 February 1862 in Logan County, Arkansas. He died 12 May 1914 and is buried in Ellington Cemetery, Magazine, Logan County, Arkansas. JILES was married to TINIE KYLE. TINIE was born 27 March 1861 and died 2 March 1940. She, also is buried in Ellington Cemetery. By JILE's tombstone there are three infant graves: daughter, born & died 12 August 1886; son, born & died 28 December 1888; son, born & died 4 February 1891. There is one daughter known to have lived to adulthood. She is CHLOE. No other information is known except that she taught school in Magazine, Arkansas, and is thought to have moved to Oklahoma. JILES' tombstone is most impressive and indicates that he was a member of the Woodcutters Union and a member of the order of the International Odd Fellows.
3. NANCY F. CORLEY (F), born 7 January 1864 in Arkansas. No other information known at this time.

LEGRAND HAWKINS CORLEY's third marriage was to NANCY (FINCH) CORLEY, widow of CHARLES FRANKLIN CORLEY (brother to LEGRAND). NANCY was born 3 April 1837, in Tennessee. She died 28 March 1905 and is buried in Barnhill Cemetery, Logan County, Arkansas. LEGRAND and NANCY were married 5 December 1864. This union brought together the two families with a total of seventeen children. However only four (4) of these children were LEGRAND and NANCY's offspring:

1. MARY E. CORLEY (F), born 8 July 1865, in Logan County, Arkansas. She died 27 August 1886. We know of no marriage and/or decendants at this time.
2. JESSE ALFRED CORLEY (M), born 2 April 1867, at Magazine (or Barnhill) Logan County, Arkansas. He died 31 December 1946 and is buried in Little Vine Cemetery, Blue Mtn., Arkansas. On 24 November 1892, JESSE was united in marriage with MIZIE CLEO SHACKELFORD, born 6 March 1872. Mizie died 2 June 1943, and is buried in Little Vine Cemetery, at Blue Mtn., Arkansas. MIZIE was the daughter of George & Sarah E. (maiden name unknown) Shackelford. JESSE and MIZIE had a total of 11 children.



Jesse Alfred & Mizie Cleo (Shackelford) Corley Family

3. JAHUE E. CORLEY (M), born 2 September 1868 at Magazine (Barnhill) Arkansas. Died 3 November 1898 (according to a ledger kept by his youngest brother). Court records show that on 8 December 1886, JAHUE was serving as constable for Mountain Twp., Logan County, Arkansas. Church records of the Revilee Primitive Baptist Church lists JAHUE as a member. In September 1896, he was a messenger to the 53rd session of the Salem Assoc. to Harmony Church, Gravelly, Yell Co., Arkansas. Other records show him as Clerk/Moderator Protem. Sometime in 1897, JAHUE went to Indian Territory, Oklahoma. In December 1898, JESSE ALFRED CORLEY received word that his brother, JAHUE, had died near Seminole, Indian Territory. JAHUE was married to PHARABA SUSAN GREEN. They had five (5) children.



Jahue E. Corley

4. BURL PRIDDY CORLEY (M), born 30 April 1874, at Magazine (Barnhill), Logan County, Arkansas. Died 11 September 1958 and is buried in Havana Cemetery, Havana, Arkansas. BURL married JULIA WATERS in 1910. JULIA died 23 March 1949 and is buried in Havana, Arkansas. BURL's ledger, kept from 1890, was instrumental in providing a lot of this data. In his declining years, BURL lived with OMER OLIVER CORLEY & ROSIA GERTRUDE (LOVELL) CORLEY. ESSIE BERRY was the administratrix of BURL's estate.



Legrand and Nancy (Finch) Corley

CHARLES FRANKLIN CORLEY married NANCY FINCH on 11 June 1852, in Tishomingo County, Mississippi. The wedding ceremony was performed by W. Archer, M.G. To CHARLES Franklin and NANCY were born five (5) children:

1. JOHN SOLOMON CORLEY (M), born 10 November 1854, in Miss. His date of death was October 1877, and he is buried in Barnhill Cemetery, Logan County, Arkansas. He married NANCY ELLISON, daughter of Johnathan G. Ellison, in 1875. They had one (1) child.
2. MARTHA ELIZABETH "BETTY" CORLEY (F), born September 1855, in Mississippi. Her death was on 12 January 1932. She married JAMES ALEXANDER A. NEWMAN, born June 1850 at Jefferson, Tennessee. "ALEX" died in 1908 and is buried in Ellington Cemetery, Magazine, Logan County, Arkansas. "ALEX" was the son of Elizabeth Ann (Loyd) & John Calvin Newman. "ALEX" and "BETTY" had seven (7) children.
3. NANCY CATHERINE CORLEY (F), born 1 November 1857, Barnhill, Logan County, Arkansas. Her death was 20 March 1951 and she is buried in Ellington Cemetery, Magazine, Arkansas. In the year 1879, NANCY married a man by the name of WILLIAM THOMAS BERRY. WM. THOMAS was born 30 October 1851 in Covington, Kentucky. His death was 27 December 1925 and he is also buried in Ellington Cemetery. WILLIAM THOMAS BERRY came to Arkansas from Ohio in 1870. He was the only surviving



Martha "Betty" Newman



Nancy Berry

child of BENJAMIN BERRY and ELLEN (EWING) BERRY. BENJAMIN BERRY disappeared in the early 1850's. ELLEN was later married to JOHN JACOBS. The migration route of the family was down the Ohio River to the Mississippi River and on to the Arkansas River. Turning up the Arkansas River, they went to Dardanelle, Arkansas. From there they traveled to Magazine, Ark. WILLIAM THOMAS BERRY and NANCY CATHERINE (CORLEY) BERRY had 10 children.

4. LEGRAND "HAWKINS" CORLEY (M), born 14 June 1860 at Barnhill, Arkansas. His death came on 10 May 1910 and he is buried at Camp Verde, Texas. "HAWKINS" married LENORE DELRY "DEE" HUMPHRY on 2 January 1884. "DEE" was born 8 November 1866 at Magazine, Arkansas (probably at Barnhill); died 22 March 1919. "Hawkins " and "Dee" had 10 children, but only five lived to adulthood. "HAWKINS" was called such to distinguish him from his uncle, LEGRAND HAWKINS CORLEY (b. 1828). After grade school, "HAWKINS" finished his studies at Hendrix College (before that school was moved to Conway, Arkansas). The school was probably termed an "academy" rather than a college at that time. "HAWKINS" was a school teacher and lawyer for many years.
5. LUCINDA CORLEY (F), born 10 March 1862, at Magazine, Arkansas; died on 6 August 1909 and is buried in Magazine, Logan County, Arkansas. She married a cousin, J. WILL CORLEY, born 1868. The date of that marriage was 29 December 1901 at Magazine, Arkansas with the ceremony being performed by W. D. Walker, J.P.

JAMES D. CORLEY (referred to as "Uncle Jim" by All relatives) married a young lady by the name of AUGUSTUS CLIFFORD (maiden unknown). AUGUSTUS was called, "Aunt Cliff". She was born in 1841 in Alabama. She and "Uncle Jim" had no children.



James D. Corley



Augustus Clifford Corley

JARREL CORLEY: born 1835, Alabama. No other information known at this time.

WILLIAM CORLEY: As previously stated, was said to have "died young".

SOLOMON O. CORLEY married SARAH CAROLINE GRADY around 1858. SOLOMON enlisted in the Union Army, Company H, 1st Arkansas Infantry on 10 March 1863. He mustered in for action on 25 March 1863 and served to the end of the Civil War. SARAH CAROLINE GRADY was born 18 December 1840 and died 28 October 1915. She is buried in Howe Cemetery, Howe, Leflore County, Oklahoma. SOLOMON and SARAH CAROLINE had two (2) children.



Solomon and Sarah (Grady) Corley

1. JAMES WILLIAM LAFAYETTE CORLEY (M), born 24 June 1859 in Logan County, Arkansas. Died 21 September 1918; buried in Abernathy, Texas. Married #1 to MARTHA J. "MATTIE" CROWE, born 1859 in Arkansas. To this union were born five (5) children. Second marriage was to LUDIE MAY HEMBREE, born 13 August 1874; died 29 April 1963; buried in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. LUDIE MAY was the daughter of David Thompson Hembree and Nancy Catherine (Crow) Hembree. J.W.L. CORLEY owned a store in Lincoln, Arkansas, for a few years then went into politics and moved to Howe, Indian Territory, Okla. He was one of the people that "stole" the records from Guthrie, Oklahoma, to move the Capitol of Oklahoma from Guthrie to Oklahoma City.

LUDIE MAY (HEMBREE) & JAMES WILLIAM LAFAYETTE CORLEY had nine (9) children.



James William Corley

2. NANCY CATHERINE CORLEY (daughter of Solomon & Sarah Caroline) was born 1861 in Arkansas; died 1907. In 1875 she married W. L. NEWMAN and is said to have moved to Texas. No other information known.

JOHN CORLEY, brother to JACOB CORLEY, probably came to Arkansas by 1854, as one of his sons was born 17 August 1854 in Arkansas. JOHN settled on Flat Top Mtn., just North of Mt. Magazine. He homesteaded 80 acres of land according to land records. The CORLEY community was named for JOHN CORLEY. At one time a health resort was at CORLEY SPRINGS. There were stores, a post office, school, church and many other buildings. Corley was located on early road maps. The Corley Springs are still running but are not kept clean. A new community building has been built by the H. D. Club at Corley. The Corley Cemetery is well kept.

During the Civil War, JOHN CORLEY remained loyal to the Union. He was killed by the bushwhackers about 10 May 1864. He was hanged from a tree that is in the Cove, not too far from Cove Lake. This tree is on government land and according to a great-great-grandson of JOHN CORLEY, this tree is still standing. "JACK" CORLEY, grandson of JOHN

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saw this tree in 1936. While working on Cove Lake, JACK CORLEY and Walter Plumer walked to see this tree. JACK was the foreman on Cove Lake at this time. While he was gone, the head boss came by. The workers told him where JACK had gone. He (head boss) understood the importance of the trip to see this tree and was not upset.

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS CORLEY (son of JOHN) fought in the Civil War on the side of the Union and was to be hanged by bushwhackers near Dardanelle, Arkansas, but escaped by swimming the Arkansas River. This story was passed down by Columbus' grandson, CLYDE EZELL.

JOHN CORLEY was born in 1808, South Carolina; died 10 May 1864; buried (probably) in Logan County, Arkansas. He married CYNTHIA "ATHA" BOX on 28 February 1844. "ATHA" was born 1824, in South Carolina. Her death was between 1870 & 1880. A son, PORTER L. CORLEY, sold 40 acres of the CORLEY land on 10 December 1877. This indicates that "ATHA" had died just prior to that date. JOHN & "ATHA" had seven (7) children that are known:

1. CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS CORLEY (M), born 29 December 1844, in Mississippi. Died 19 March 1906 and buried in Paint Rock Cemetery, Logan Co., Ark. He joined the Union Army, Co. E, 4th Arkansas Calvary. He bought land at Driggs, Arkansas, in the 1880's and lived there until his death. CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS CORLEY married MARTHA PRISCILLA GAYLOR around 1866. MARTHA was born 10 March 1850, in Tennessee. She died 11 October 1941 and is buried in Paint Rock Cemetery also. COLUMBUS & MARTHA had seven (7) children.
2. BENJAMIN F. CORLEY (M), born 1848, in Mississippi. No other information known at this time.
3. JOHN L. CORLEY (M), born 1849, in Mississippi. No other information known.
4. JOHN TAYLOR MILLIARD CORLEY (M), born 1850 in Mississippi. No other information known at this time.
5. PORTER L. CORLEY (M), born 17 August 1854, in Arkansas. Died 24 May 1911. Buried in Moore Cemetery, Logan Co., Ark. Married to CLARISSA MOORE, born 24 June 1859; died 11 January 1941; buried Moore Cemetery, Arkansas. PORTER & CLARISSA were married 9 December 1883, in Logan County, Arkansas, by M. O. Sanders. They had four (4) children.
6. JAMES MONROE CORLEY (M), born January 1857, in Johnson County, Arkansas (JAMES MONROE was actually born on Flat Top Mountain by Corley Springs, a part of Johnson County that later became Logan County). JAMES MONROE CORLEY married MARTHA ALICE FROST, born March 1861, in Johnson County, Arkansas. They were married in Logan County, Arkansas, on 9 January 1879, by John Young, M.G. There were seven (7) children born to this union.

7. ROBERT QUINCY CORLEY (M), born 21 December 1858, Logan County, Arkansas. Died 3 February 1927 and is buried in Springhill Cemetery, Logan Co., Ark. ROBERT QUINCY was born on Flat Top Mountain, just North of Mt. Magazine. He was born in a house about 100 feet from the CORLEY springs. When the family farm was sold, he went to Chismville, Ark., and while working for J. A. DORAN he met and married LOUISA PARALEE McNERLIN. LOUISA was born 17 February 1861, at Chismville, Ark. (the daughter of NANCY (DOTSON) & THOMAS McNERLIN). ROBERT bought land in Walnut Grove and moved there in 1901. This land still belongs to his grandsons. LOUISA PARALEE and ROBERT were married on 7 September 1882 by J. A. DORAN, J.P. LOUISA PARALEE died 2 January 1951 and is buried in Springhill Cemetery, Logan Co., Ark. To LOUISA and ROBERT were born six (6) children.



Seated (L to R): Robert Quincy Corley, Louisa Paralee (McNerlin) Corley and Annie Elnetta "Nettie" Corley
 Standing (L to R): Charlie Sidney Wallace Corley, William Calvin Jackson "Jack" Corley, Archie Melvin Corley and Robert Luther Corley
 (Photo probably taken 1909 or 1910, since Robert Luther was born in 1901.)

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS CORLEY's children:

1. MARY PRISCILLA CORLEY (F), born 1867 in Logan County, Arkansas. She died in 1907 and is buried in Paint Rock Cemetery, Logan Co., Arkansas. She married SHERMAN DRIGGS on 8 November 1887. SHERMAN was born in June 1866 in Ohio. He died in 1937 and is buried in Paint Rock Cemetery, Logan County, Arkansas. MARY and SHERMAN had five (5) children.
2. JOHN STEPHEN CORLEY (M), born 29 February 1868 near Paris, Ark. He died 22 December 1913 and is buried in Logan Co, Ark. JOHN STEPHEN was married #1 to CALDONIA ROY, born in May 1872 in Logan Co., Ark. She died shortly after 1900 and is buried in Logan Co. JOHN STEPHEN and CALDONIA had four (4) children.

JOHN STEPHEN married the second time to MARY E. BARTLEY, born 15 October 1882 near Booneville, Arkansas. She died on the 26th day of June 1973 and is buried in Cole's Chapel Cemetery in Franklin Co., Ark. JOHN STEPHEN & MARY were married 13 April 1902. (MARY was the daughter of SARAH ELLEN (RUSSELL) & ROBERT MOSES BARTLEY). There were seven (7) children by this marriage.

3. DIDAMUS HAWKINS CORLEY (M), born 3 May 1870 near Driggs, Arkansas. He died on 23 June 1950, and is buried in Paint Rock Cemetery, Logan Co., Arkansas. DIDAMUS was crippled, but managed to ride a horse and he taught Sunday School for many years.
4. JOSEPH ELI CORLEY (M), born February 1873, near Driggs, Arkansas. He died in 1955 and is buried in Paint Rock Cemetery. JOSEPH ELI married DELDINA PENICKS on 19 October 1895, in Logan Co., Ark. They had a total of only two (2) children.
5. SARAH ROSELEE CORLEY (F), born 2 March 1875 near Paris, Arkansas. Died on 19 September 1951 and is buried in Paint Rock Cemetery. She married JESSE EZELL, born 9 February 1863; died 21 September 1949; buried in Paint Rock Cemetery. SARAH & JESSE were married on 16 December 1898, in Logan County, Arkansas. They had two (2) children.
6. MARTHA ANN CORLEY (F), born June 1884 near Driggs, Logan County, Arkansas. Died: Unk. Married to ANTOINE BELLIE (Bà lē), born ca 1881. They were married on 13 June 1922, and moved to Iowa shortly thereafter. The family fondly referred to ANTOINE as a "mail order husband". No children are known to have been from this union.
7. RACHELL MARANDA ELIZABETH CORLEY (F), born 10 December 1888, near Driggs, Arkansas. She died 23 October 1970 and is buried in Ripley, Oklahoma. Married to THOMAS KINDLE McGEE, born 13 February 1870. THOMAS died 22 September 1947, and is buried in Ripley, Okla. He and RACHELL were married 1 December 1907, in Logan County, Ark. RACHELL MARANDA was very active in the Church of God and became an ordained minister (she preached in Ripley, Oklahoma). MARANDA and THOMAS had six (6) children.

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PORTER L. CORLEY's children:

1. SHERMAN L. CORLEY (M), born 28 September 1885 at Greasy Valley, Arkansas. Died 2 April 1917 and is buried in Moore Cemetery, Logan Co., Arkansas. SHERMAN was married to NELLIE WRIGHT on 26 January 1917 in Logan Co., Arkansas. One (1) daughter was born to this couple just shortly after SHERMAN's death.
2. EVA ADELINE CORLEY (F), born 3 January 1888 at Greasy Valley, Ark. Died 3 November 1980 and is buried in Muskogee, Oklahoma. She married JAMES T. BRAMLETT in Logan Co., Ark. JAMES died 1967 and is buried in Muskogee, Okla. One (1) child was born to this couple.
3. ORVAL CORLEY (M), born 8 June 1889 in Logan County, Arkansas. Died on 16 June 1891 and is buried in Moore Cemetery, Logan Co., Ark.
4. LUCY CORLEY (F), born October 1891; died 27 September 1902, buried in Moore Cemetery, Logan County, Arkansas.

JAMES MONROE CORLEY's children:

1. ATHA CAROLINE CORLEY (F), born 16 October 1879, in Logan Co., Ark. Died 11 February 1947 and is buried in Paint Rock Cemetery, Logan Co., Arkansas. ATHA CAROLINE married BUNN WEBSTER, born 22 April 1879; died 7 February 1953. BUNN is buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Riverside, California. They had six (6) children.
2. SARAH ELIZABETH CORLEY (F), born September 1881 in Logan Co., Ark. Married to JOHN F. WHITE. Two (2) children. SARAH probably died around/after 1910.
3. NOVELLA CORLEY (F), born 20 November 1884 in Logan County, Ark. She died 15 February 1912 and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Paris, Arkansas. NOVELLA married JOHN W. WHITE on 9 November 1902. JOHN was born 2 August 1882, in Arkansas, died 14 April 1966; buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Paris, Arkansas. JOHN was a house mover, utilizing logs as rollers and horses to pull the house. He moved the old Paint Rock School to the Paint Rock Cemetery, Logan Co., Ark., where it is still standing. It is being well kept and is still used for some occasions. NOVELLA & JOHN had two (2) children.
4. BENJAMIN CORLEY (M), born January 1887 in Logan County, Arkansas. He never married and spent the last few years of his life in a home for veterans near Los Angeles, California.
5. VIRGIL CORLEY (M), born 28 March 1896 in Logan County, Arkansas. He was married to BEADY MOORE, born 1902 in Logan County. They were married 19 April 1920 in Logan Co., Ark., and had only one (1) child. Dates of death unknown, but VIRGIL was killed in a train accident in California.

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6. ERNEST R. CORLEY (M), born July 1900 in Logan Co., Ark.; died somewhere in Florida.
7. VERNA LORENE CORLEY (F), born 8 March 1904, in Logan Co., Ark. Married #1 to CARL LEE in December 1922 at Fort Smith, Arkansas. CARL & VERNA had one (1) child. Married #2 to _____ SNYDER; two (2) children.

ROBERT QUINCY CORLEY's children:

1. FRANKLIN MONROE CORLEY (M), born 21 June 1883, Logan County, Ar. Died 21 December 1889; buried Springhill Cemetery, Logan Co., Ark. If you notice the date of "December 21" you see that FRANKLIN MONROE died on his father's birthday.
2. CHARLEY SIDNEY WALLACE CORLEY (M), born 29 May 1886, near Chismville, Ark. Died 12 May 1947 and is buried in Springhill Cemetery, Logan Co., Arkansas. CHARLEY married OLLIE MILLER on 20 April 1906. OLLIE MILLER was the daughter of MARK H. and NANCY BRUNK MILLER. OLLIE was born 29 November 1889 in Arkansas; died 23 June 1939 and is buried in Springhill Cemetery. This couple had three (3) children.
3. ANNIE ELNETTA CORLEY (F), born 13 October 1889, Logan County, Ark. Died 21 June 1971 and is buried in Springhill Cemetery, Logan Co., Arkansas. "NETTIE" never married and lived at the home of her parents and helped care for them until they both died. Then she went to Paris, Arkansas, to care for a lady named "Priscilla" (later she went to Heavener, Oklahoma, to care for the same lady). When Nettie's health began to fail, she came back and lived in a little house on LUTHER CORLEY's land. When she was unable to care for herself, she went to the nursing home where she lived out the last year of her life. She was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and attended faithfully for as long as she was able to go.
4. WILLIAM CALVIN JACKSON "JACK" CORLEY (M), born 2 March 1892 near the town of Chismville, Arkansas; died 17 August 1982; buried in Cole's Chapel Cemetery. He married EMMA SCHERER on 9 September 1914. EMMA was born 30 April 1893 near Chismville, Arkansas. They had three (3) children.

EMMA is the daughter of HENRY P. SCHERER and WILLIE ELLEN (SIMMONS) SCHERER. The small community near Chismville, Arkansas, where EMMA was born is called Mt. Olive. Jack & Emma were married by J. A. DORAN, the same man who had performed the marriage ceremony of JACK's mother and father in 1882. The ceremony was performed with JACK and EMMA sitting in their buggy in front of Mr. Doran's house.

JACK started teaching school in the summer of 1914, and taught for several years until the schools were consolidated. He farmed and raised Jersey cows for years. He loved Magazine Mountain and was fortunate enough to be a part of the development of the area during 1935 to 1938. He helped build the road and then was a foreman on the building of Cove Lake. In the fall of 1916, JACK & EMMA took their baby daughter to Mt. Magazine in a covered wagon. They stayed at the West end of the mountain. When they left the mountain on their way home, they took the old road that comes directly off the West end.

JACK was an active farmer in the county and believed in taking care of the land for future generations. He belonged to the Farmer's Union, Farm Bureau and served as President of both organizations. He served on the board of the Soil Conservation Service for forty years. When the "Six-Mile Watershed" program won first place in the nation, JACK accepted the plaque in Washington, D. C.

5. ARCHIE MELVIN CORLEY (M), born 6 October 1895 near Chismville, Ark. Died 20 August 1956; buried in Springhill Cemetery, Logan Co., Ark. Married to MARY ELIZABETH HAYS, born 19 January 1906 near Potts, Arkansas. MARY ELIZABETH "LIZZIE" was the daughter of JOSEPH HAYS and SUSAN SHARP HAYS. MARY died 28 June 1980 and is buried in Springhill Cemetery. She and ARCHIE MELVIN were married 12 May 1928 in Logan Co., Ark. They had two (2) children. ARCHIE MELVIN was a soldier in World War I and served in France. He and his family lived on the land bought by ROBERT QUINCY CORLEY until his death.
6. ROBERT LUTHER CORLEY (M), born 29 May 1901, near Walnut Grove, Arkansas, Died 14 August 1979 and is buried in Springhill Cemetery, Logan County, Arkansas. He was married to REVA ETHEL LOFTIS, born 8 September 1900, in Logan County, Arkansas. REVA was the daughter of ADOLPHUS LOFTIS and MARTHA (SELF) LOFTIS. LUTHER & REVA were farmers. REVA died 1 October 1982 and is buried in Springhill Cemetery. REVA & ROBERT LUTHER had two (2) children.

JAMES CORLEY (brother to JACOB CORLEY), refer to: "Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Western Arkansas", Chicago & Nashville, The Southern Publishing Company, 1891.



LIBERTY SCHOOL IN REVILLE VALLEY

(Editor's Note: The following story appeared in the Southwest Times Record, Fort Smith, Arkansas on Sunday, June 19, 1966.)

LOCAL WOMEN REVISIT REVELEE VALLEY REGION

BY Eric Allen, Staff Writer

LIBERTY, Ark.--Just south of old Driggs Town on State 109, a graveled side road loops off like a bow in a yellow ribbon, leading you into a secluded mountain valley where pioneer homes, schools and churches lend the impression you have stepped back 100 years in time.

Tall oaks and elm trees shade the roadway. Above the tops of sumac thickets, green pasture lands reach up the slopes and down into the folds of surrounding hills. Great houses with tall rock chimneys, well kept and neatly painted, stand on the shoulders of the mountains above rock retaining walls a century old.

Except for one large ranch where Black Angus cattle and sleek quarter horses graze, the region appears to be timeless.

This is the valley of Revelee Creek--a winding, scenic expanse of elm trees and meadow lands which draws your gaze for miles toward the hazy blue summit of Mt. Magazine.

When you turn right at a Y and strike the pioneer Paris-Magazine Road, you soon reach the Liberty school and church house, and the imposing, Civil War period home and blacksmith shop of the late Uncle Dee Coleman.

According to two Fort Smith residents who were born and spent their childhood days here, it is the center of one of the earliest farming communities in Western Arkansas.

"This old road is the first through route ever built in this section of Logan County," said Mrs. Edna Andrews Horne, 1409 S. G St., Fort Smith. "And I attended my first school term here at Liberty almost 70 years ago. The old school dates almost 100 years, and there were homes in this valley a long, long time before then."

Mrs. Horne and a friend, Mrs. Merle Walker Tuttle, 418 S. 14th St., Fort Smith, both made a special trip to the valley recently. They said they enjoy going to the old school building often, just to take hold of the rope and ring the old church bell. The building served for a school and church gathering place for many years, Mrs. Tuttle said.

The bell has a lilting tone that echoes and re-echoes across the valley. Once it tolled the time of recess for students -- and also the time of "books" which drew them from exuberant play.

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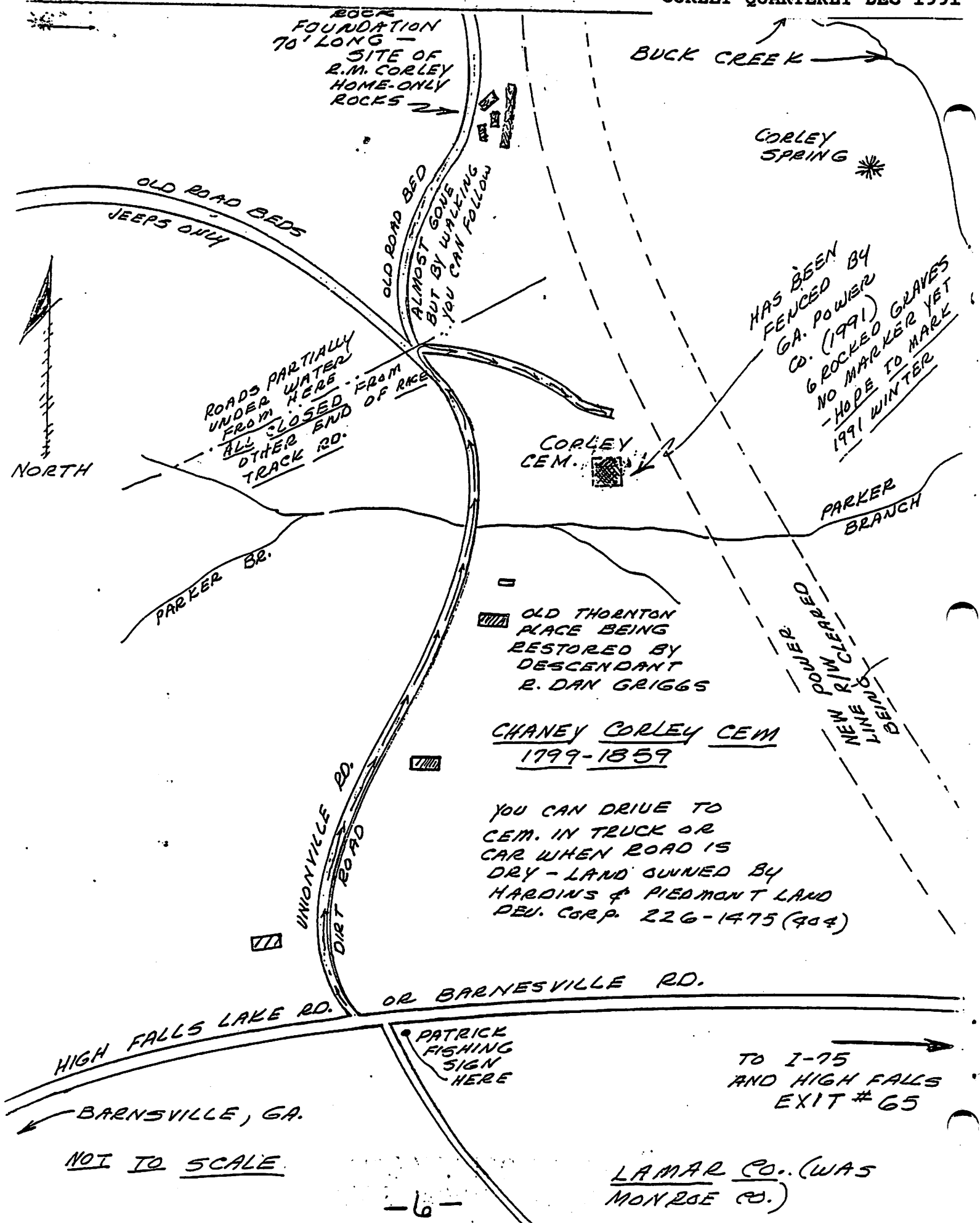
ROBERT MARION 1822-1912 MARRIED NANCY CAROLINE MORRIS (MONROE CO.) GA. (COMPLETE RECORD)	MARY ELIZABETH (HARREL) 1828-1902 (HENRY CO.) GA. (COMPLETE)	W. GEORGE CA. 1825 (WENT TO ALA. -WORKING ON THIS)	AUGUSTUS 1827 (WENT TO MISS. AFTER 1860)- TRACED TO 1900 -WORKING ON THIS)	ADKIN 1830 (NO TRACE AFTER 1850)	ANGELINE 1832 (WENT TO MISS.- NEWTON, CO. -DID NOT MARRY	MARTHA 1835 (DEKALB CO. GA.- JAMES F. STUBBS	CORDELIA 1838 (NO TRACE AFTER 1860)	JOSEPH C. 1840 DIED IN CIVIL WAR SAVANNAH GA.
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ROBERT MARION CORLEY - NANCY CAROLINE MORRIS CORLEY
 GA. 1822-1912 GA. 1827-1900

ALL LIVED IN GA.

MARY GEORGIE (GOEN) 1850-1921	JAMES CHANEY 1852- 1939	LUELLA C. (PARKER) 1854- 1922	ELIZABETH H. (THORNTON) 1856-1911	H. WILTON 1859 1908	JESSIE A. 1862- 1945	HOWARD ANDERSON 1866- 1930	CHARLES S. 1868- 1959
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FEATURED FAMILIES

The lines of CHANEY CORLEY, b. about 1799 SC d. 1859 GA and his son ROBERT MARION CORLEY (see the cover photo), b. 1822 d. 1912, are being researched by VIRGINIA CORLEY LLOYD, P.O. Box 758, Forsyth, GA, 31029. CHANEY is a son of CATLETT CORLEY (1752-1831) of Edgefield District, SC and his third wife SUSANNAH JENNINGS (1770-1840). A CQ issue about CATLETT, his 3 wives and 16 children is in the planning stages.

Mrs. LLOYD has done extensive research on these lines and has files of documentation. She offers to share her efforts with anyone researching these lines.

Included in this issue are copies of family charts and data sheets that Mrs. LLOYD has prepared. She prefers to share these types of charts with family members as she believes they are easier for them to understand.

Also included is a terrific map of the CHANEY CORLEY CEMETERY, Lamar Co. GA. At the top of the map the rock foundation of ROBERT MARION CORLEY's home is also noted. Maps like these are wonderful additions to our families histories.

Others researching the CHANEY CORLEY line are KATHERINE HARRELL, 208 La Fayette Rd. S.W., Rocky Face, GA 30740 and KEN McCracken, 3415 Polo Down, Birmingham, AL, 35226.

IDA WEST SOWERS, 1001-16th Ave. North, Texas City, TX 77590, is tracing ADKIN CORLEY, b. 1800 Edgefield District, SC, a brother of CHANEY who named a son, b. 1847, after him.

CHANEY CORLEY

CHANEY was born Edgefield Co., SC, about 1799. He married ELIZABETH and came to GA. ELIZABETH was from VA. CHANEY owned hundreds of acres around

the Towaliga River and High Falls, Monroe Co., GA. CHANEY died in 1859. (ELIZABETH died before 1859). Both are buried in Lamar Co. (Monroe Co. when they died). [See map on page 7.]

CHANEY's children were:

1. ROBERT MARION (1822-1912). This is VIRGINIA CORLEY LLOYD's line and she indicates that she has a complete record on him.
2. MARY ELIZABETH - Married JOSEPH R. HARRELL. Went to Stockbridge (Henry Co. GA) in 1860 and had 10 children. Died in Henry Co.
3. AUGUSTUS b. about 1827.
4. ADKIN b. about 1830.
5. ANGELINE b. about 1832.
6. W. GEORGE - married ELLA ENGLISH.
7. MARTHA b. about 1835, resided Henry Co. 1860.
8. CORDELIA A. b. about 1838, resided Henry Co. 1860.
9. JOSEPH C. b. about 1840, died in Savannah in Civil War. Mrs. LLOYD has his service record.

Mrs. LLOYD's profile of CHANEY's son, ROBERT MARION, is on page 4. Charts of both men's families are on page 5.

GAZETTE continued

including an obituary for his grandfather, JOHN E. CORLEY. That obit is on page 9; other CORLEY newspaper items will be in future CQ issues.

For more information about Mr. RUSSELL's project contact him at 506 Loop Road, N. Little Rock, AR 72120-2216.

If you are a CORLEY researcher and have a genealogy project that will be or already has been published, the CQ will print a write-up on it; flyers are also welcome if approved in advance.

ROBERT MARION CORLEY

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Corley
Fam

Robert Marion Corley
July 7, 1822 - March 8, 1912

Nancy Caroline (Morris) Corley
Dec. 14, 1827 - Oct. 10, 1900

Rocky Creek Baptist Church, Monroe County, Georgia

Robert Corley was a farmer. He enlisted in the army on August 6, 1863, and was a Civil War Private with Company C, 4th. Georgia Battalion. He was a Sharpshooter volunteer with Tylers Brigade and was honorably discharged on April 26, 1865.

CHILDREN

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| (1) Mary Georgie (Corley) Goen: | Oct. 18, 1850 - July 11, 1921 |
| (2) James Chaney Corley: | June 7, 1852 - May 24, 1939 |
| (3) Luella C. (Corley) Parker: | May 31, 1854 - June 5, 1922 |
| (4) Elizabeth H. (Corley) Thornton: | Dec. 20, 1856 - 1911 |
| (5) H. Wilton Corley (a dwarf): | March 12, 1859 - Dec. 18, 1908 |
| (6) Jessie A. Corley: | October 9, 1862 - Dec. 12, 1945 |
| (7) Howard Anderson Corley: | June 3, 1866 - Dec. 5, 1930 |
| (8) Charles S. Corley | July 30, 1868 - Feb. 1, 1959 |

BURIED

Luella married Joseph C. Parker (1850-1936)
Pleasant Hill, Lamar County

James Chaney - Margaret Webb Corley (daughter of Rebecca Proctor Webb and John Wilson Webb)
Fairview Church, Monroe County

Charles S. and wife Olive Gosset
Pleasant Hill, Lamar County

Wilton Corley, Jessie Corley & wife
Rocky Creek Church, Monroe County

Jessie & wife Emma not marked; buried at foot of Robert and Caroline at Rocky Creek, Monroe County GA.

Jessie Corley (1862-1945)

Emma Corley (1868-1933)

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Howard Anderson Corley - 1st wife 1891 Genie White, Daughter of Julius F. & Mary Elizabeth Middlebrooks White, Children Millard (1893) & Eulalia May (1895), 2nd wife, Lizzie Wilson (1898) (Dav. of Charlie P. Wilson), Children, Onis, Chesley, Ashley, Quinlin, & Lester - 1 son died

Will of Daniel Corley

Corley
Far

The following is a genealogy of one branch of the family of Daniel Corley, who lived in the County of Bedford, in the State of Virginia, where he lived and died on or about June 15, 1807.

His last Will and Testament is dated the 19th day of January, 1807 and was filed for Probate in the Circuit Court of said Bedford County on the 22nd day of June, 1807.

The aforesaid will mentions as sons and daughters of the testator the following persons to-wit: Sallathiel Corley, William Corley, Beverly Corley, Cheatham Corley, Pheba Corley, Lucy Corley and Sallie Finley.

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while Sallie Finley is not expressly named as a daughter, I can only assume by the nature of the gifts provided in said will for Sallie Finley, that she was a daughter.

In The Name Of God Amen, I Daniel Corley of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia being weak in body, but of perfect sound mind and memory, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following, to wit,

1st. I give and bequeath to my son Sallathiel Corley the sum of one dollar to be paid to him by my Executors hereinafter named within twelve months after my decease, he having heretofore received his share of my estate.

2nd. I give and bequeath to my son William Corley the sum of one dollar to be paid to him by my Executors as aforesaid, within twelve months after my decease. he having heretofore received his share of my estate.

3dly. I give and bequeath to my son, Beverly Corley one hundred acres of land to be laid off for him on the lower end of my land on Pates Road. Beginning at a post oak on the west side of said road.

4thly. I give and bequeath to my son, Cheatham Corley one hundred acres of land to be laid off for him, off my land on Bratcher's Road and to include the plantation whereon he now lives.

5thly. I give and bequeath to my daughter Pheba Corley the sum of ten pounds to be paid to her by my Executors within twelve months after my decease.

6th. I give and bequeath to my daughter Lucy Corley the sum of ten pounds to be paid to her by my Executors within twelve months of my decease.

7 thly. I give and bequeath to Polly Finley, daughter of Sallie Finley the sum of ten pounds to be paid to her by my Executors, when she arrives to lawful age or marries.

8thly. All the balance of my estate both real and personal, of whatsoever kind it may be after the payment of all my just debts and funeral expenses. I give to Sallie Finley and her six children namely Allen, Polly, James, Berry, John and Jeremiah to be by them peaceably enjoyed, until Jeremiah the youngest arrives to the age of twenty one years. at which time my will and desire is, that all my lands, not hereinbefore disposed of, be equally divided between the said Sallie Finley's five sons, namely Allen, James, Berry, John and Jeremiah, except fifty acres which, I give to the said Sallie Finley including the houses and plantation whereon I now live, during her life (except she should marry) and at her death, the aforesaid fifty acres to be equally divided between her aforesaid five sons and all the residue of my personal estate, at the aforesaid period. when the said Sallie Finley's youngest son Jeremiah, shall arrive at the age of twenty one years, with the increase thereof, I desire it be equally divided amongst the said Sallie Finley's six children, namely Allen, Polly, James, Berry, John and Jeremiah except a sufficiency to afford the said

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Sallie Finley a comfortable support, which I give to her during her life and at her death to be equally divided amongst her six children as aforesaid. But in the event of the said Sallie Finley's marrying the estate herein given to her is to be taken out of her possession and divided amongst her six children in the manner hereinbefore directed, which I give to them and their heirs forever.

9thly. and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint Robert Hardy, Allen Corley and John Pate. Executors of this my Last will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 19th day of January 1807. Signed by his mark.

This will was probated on June 22. 1807 in Bedford County, Va.

There must have been some question about the above will being legal as I found the following document dated February 8, 1827.

I, V.W. Nichols, Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County of Bedford, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the last will and testament of Daniel Corley, as appears of record in my office.

In testimony whereof, I have hereto set my hand and annexed the seal of the said Court. this 8th day of February, 1827.
I have typed this as it was written.