

THE PENIX FAMILY

By Lyman Priest

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FIFTH GENERATION

48. GLENN WILLIAM⁵ HODGES (*Noralee⁴, Lula Bell³ Mary Ann², Henry H.¹*), son of Glenn Washington and Noralee (Strider) Hodges was born 18 December 1928 in Tuckerman, Arkansas.

He graduated from Tuckerman High School, Class of 1946. He enrolled in the University of Arkansas, where he graduated in 1950 with a B.A. degree in English and Journalism. For his graduate studies he attended the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Medford, Massachusetts, where in 1954 he was awarded the M.A. degree in International Economics. He later enrolled in the Law School of Memphis State University, where in 1958 he was awarded the LL.B. degree.

In 1954 he was employed by the First Tennessee Bank, Memphis, Tennessee, and retired in 1980 as senior vice president. He was subsequently vice chairman of Guardsmark, Inc., a firm providing commercial security. At present he is owner and operator of Video Magic, a movie rental outlet in Memphis.

He was drafted in 1950 during the Korean War and served two years in Kansas City, Missouri.

Never married.

49. PATRICIA JANE⁵ HODGES (*Noralee⁴, Lula Bell³ Mary Ann², Henry H.¹*), daughter of Glenn Washington and Noralee (Strider) Hodges was born 19 December 1931 in Tuckerman, Arkansas.

She married in 19 September 1952 ALLIN MEANS.

Children (Allin Means) surname MEANS:

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spot above the sandbar, surrounded by cottonwoods and willows. The boys always struck out for the woods to put on their bathing suits, while the girls claimed the privacy of the car.

As soon as everyone crossed over the blistering hot sand, and waded with relief into the cool river, they got out their white linen or duck water wings and began to puff and blow. The narrow center section of these queer contraptions went across the chest and under the arms, extending out behind in plump, kidney-shaped appendages that might have looked, by some far stretch of the imagination, like comic strip angels' wings.

The Methodist and Episcopal churches gave wonderful picnics down on the beach, which by inviting all the friends of all the Sunday School children, often grew to mammoth proportions. Our mothers and fathers even gave sunrise breakfasts there when some visitor was in town, and after a quick dip in the chilly morning water, nothing on earth ever smelled as good as bacon and sausage and onions frying over a driftwood fire.

Parties camped overnight on the grassy knoll above the sandbar. Miss Leah Jones chaperoned Carolyn Jones, Amanda Wilmans, May Rushton and Clint Edgar on a two day camp one summer. Their dates came down for a swim and picnic each afternoon. But the wild hogs, always roaming around the river banks, got in the food supply, even going so far as to eat one of the wet bathing suits hanging on the bushes, and Miss Leah got in a poison ivy vine. The camp ended rather unhappily that time.

- i. Mark Allin, b. March 1958; mar. 1988 Dana Williams.
Ch. Camille, b. Dec. 1989; surname *Means*.
- ii. Patsy Lee, b. Aug. 1960; mar 1982 Michael Gardner.
Ch. Philip Robert, b. 1984; Audrey Jane, b. Dec. 1988; surname *Gardner*.
- iii. Glenda Bell, b. May 1962; mar. Marcus Laughlin.
Ch. Bethany Lauren, b. April 1991; surname *Laughlin*
- iv. Franklin Bert, b. March 1969.

50. HUNTER LATTIMORE⁵ SMITH (*Gracchus Lattimore⁴, Nora³, Mary Ann², Henry H.¹*),, son of Gracchus Lattimore and Zella (Simrell) Smith, Jr., was born 26 July 1947 in Springfield, Missouri.

He married in March 1969 BELINDA GROVES.

Hunter Lattimore Smith attended public schools in Stockton, Missouri, and graduated from Southwest Missouri State University, Springfield, Missouri. He has worked for the State of Missouri for more than 20 years and is now with the Missouri State Department of Aging.

He is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Children (Belinda Groves) surname SMITH:

- i. John Hunter, b. 1970; mar. 1990 Lorna Cassell.

51. PAMELA SUE⁵ SMITH (*Gracchus Lattimore⁴, Nora³, Mary Ann², Henry H.¹*),, daughter of Gracchus Lattimore and Zella Lee (Simrell) Smith, Jr., was born 8 June 1950 in Springfield, Missouri.

She married in 1971 JOHN LARRY JENNINGS, son of John and Nellie (Beard) Jennings.

Pamela Sue and her husband both graduated from Central Missouri State University at Warrensburg, Missouri. They are both members of the Presbyterian Church.

Children (John Larry Jennings) surname JENNINGS:

- i. John Bradley, b. 26 April 1972.
- ii. Derrick Smith, b. 25 July 1977.
- iii. Adam Patrick, b. 15 Feb. 1979.

52. PATRICIA LOU⁵ SMITH (*Gracchus Lattimore⁴, Nora³, Mary Ann², Henry H.¹*), daughter of Gracchus Lattimore and Zella Lee (Simrell) Smith, Jr., was born 8 June 1950 in Springfield, Missouri.

She married -- KAISER. The marriage ended in divorce.

Patricia Lou attended public schools in Stockton, Missouri. She received the B.S. degree from Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield, Missouri; M.S. degree from Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kansas; and M. S. degree from the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma.

Patricia Lou is a reference librarian at Oak Park Public Library, Oak Park, Illinois. She a member of the Lutheran Church.

No children.

53. MARY ALICE⁵ HOLDEN (*Robert Gray⁴, Alice³, Susan F.², Henry H.¹*), daughter of Robert Gray and Lelia (Tims) Holden, was born 30 June 1924 in Newport, Arkansas.

She married JOHN LOUIS CONNER.

Children (John Conner) surname CONNER:

- i. John Louis, Jr., b. 8 Nov. 1948, Newport, Ark.
- ii. Mary Alice, b. 30 June 1950, Newport, Ark.
- iii. Robert Holden, b.3 Aug. 1951, Newport, Ark.; d. 24 Nov. 1985.

54. VIRGINIA LEE⁵ ARMSTRONG (*Earl⁴, Albert³, Susan F.², Henry H.¹*), daughter of Earl and Sallie Madge (Murphy) Armstrong, was born 10 December 1923 in Newport, Arkansas.

She married 8 February 1942 in Little Rock, Arkansas, WILLIE MILTON STRICKLIN, who was born 31 October 1922 at Saltillo,

Arkansas. He died 17 April 1973 at Little Rock, Arkansas, and is buried at Pinecrest Cemetery in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Children (Willie Milton Stricklin) surname STRICKLIN:

- i. Virginia Ann, b. 18 Jan. 1943; mar. Aug. 1963 at Little Rock, Ark. Richard Thomas Scharfenberg, b. 21 Nov. 1943 Little Rock, Ark.
Ch. Karen Ann, b. 16 Sept. 1970;¹⁵⁵ Kevin Andrew, b. 4 Dec. 1976; both b. Little Rock, Ark. surname *Scharfenberg*.
- ii. Linda Kay, b. 13 Jan. 1945 Little Rock, Ark.; mar. Aug. 1964 at North Little Rock, Ark. Thomas Wayne Mitchell, b. 21 Nov. 1940 Little Rock, Ark.
Ch. Lisa Kay, b. 27 Feb. 1968;¹⁵⁶ Timothy Wayne, b. 2 March 1971; Jennifer Lynn, b. 21 Jan. 1973; Brian David, b. 18 Dec. 1975; all b. Little Rock, Ark., surname *Mitchell*.
- iii. David Milton, b. 29 June 1946 at Little Rock, Ark.; mar. June 1966 at Little Rock, Ark., Pamela Finch b. 17 June 1949 at Daisy, Tenn.
Ch. Michael David, b. 13 Feb. 1967;¹⁵⁷ Robert Wayne, b. 20 Mar. 1968;¹⁵⁸ Jason Paul, b. 31 May 1973; Bradley Stuart b. 30 May 1976; John Alan, b. 18 Nov 1977, all b. Little Rock, Ark; surname *Stricklin*.
- iv. Paul William, b. 7 Dec. 1956 Little Rock, Ark.; mar. June 1966 North Little Rock Susan Elizabeth

¹⁵⁵Karen Ann Scharfenberg mar. David McFall, b. 13 Jan. 1968 at Forrest City, Ark.

¹⁵⁶Lisa Kay Mitchell mar. June 1988 at North Little Rock Gordon Jones, b. 28 Nov. 1962 Siloam Springs, Ark.

¹⁵⁷Michael David Stricklin mar. June 1987 Stacy Duncan, b. 3 March 1968; Ch. Ashley Nicole, b. 3 Jan. 1988 Washington State; Aaron Michael, b. 2 Dec. 1989, N.C.; surname *Stricklin*.

¹⁵⁸Robert Wayne Stricklin mar. Aug. 1990 Florida Jacqui Babbitt, b. 31 Aug 1967 Spain, Amer. parents.

Nimmo, b. 18 May 1957 White Plains, Mo.
Ch. Adam Paul, b. 15 June 1984; Michelle
Elizabeth, b. 6 Dec. 1985; both b. Little
Rock, Ark.; surname *Stricklin*.

- v. James Lee, b. 9 Jan. 1962, Little Rock, Ark.; mar.
Aug. 1981 Cynthia Ann David, b. 8 Aug. 1953 El
Dorado, Ark.
Ch. Benjamin Alan, b. 3 Oct. 1984; surname
Stricklin.

55. MADGE CORINNE⁵ (MARGIE) ARMSTRONG (*Earl⁴,
Albert³, Susan F.², Henry H.¹*), daughter of Earl and Sallie Madge
(Murphy) Armstrong, was born 14 August 1927 at Searcy,
Arkansas.

She married in June 1945 in Little Rock, Arkansas, LLOYD
THOMAS BRYAN, who was born 30 August 1926 in Fort Worth,
Texas.

Children (Lloyd Thomas Bryan) surname BRYAN:

- i. Vicki Lynn, b. 24 Nov. 1947, Fayetteville, Ark.;
mar June 1968 James Walton Stewart, b. 1 April
1947 Fort Worth, Tex.
Ch. Bryan Lemar, b. 24 Nov. 1974, Georgetown,
Tex.; Joy Beth, b. 3 Oct. 1977 El Paso, Tex.;
Bradley Walton, b. 30 Oct. 1981 Athens, Tex.;
surname *Stewart*.
- ii. Janet Kay, b. 13 Dec. 1951 Little Rock, Ark.; mar.
June 1970 Jess Hayes Dickinson, b. 25 March 1947
Charleston, Miss.
Ch. Michael Bryan, b. 30 Dec. 1974 ; Jacob Lee,
b. 14 Feb. 1976; both b. Little Rock, Ark.;
surname *Dickinson*.
- iii. Lloyd Thomas, Jr., b. 1 Dec. 1954 Little Rock,
Ark.; mar. Dec. 1975 Rebecca Diane Braden, b. 22
Jan. 1955 Little Rock, Ark.
Ch. Jordan Thomas, b. 8 Dec. 1982; Jenny

Rebekah, b.8 Jan. 1984; both b. Little Rock, Ark.; surname *Bryan*.

56. SHIRLEY ANN⁵ ARMSTRONG (*Earl⁴, Albert³, Susan F.², Henry H.¹*), daughter of Earl and Sallie Madge (Murphy) Armstrong, was born 23 November 1932 in Blytheville, Arkansas.

She married in June 1960 in Fort Worth, Texas, RALPH TRUMAN FAGAN, who was born 11 August 1932 in Minneapolis, Kansas.

Children (Ralph Truman Fagan) surname FAGAN:

- i. Steven Wayne, b. 7 July 1961 Fort Worth, Tex.; mar. June 1982 Julianne Marie Gutierrez, b. 16 May 1963 Fort Worth, Tex.
Ch. Sarah Michelle, b. 14 July 1990 Arlington, Tex.; surname *Fagan*.
- ii. Susan Kay, b. 22 Nov. 1962 Fort Worth, Tex.; mar. Aug. 1981 at Fort Worth, Tex., Tracy Dwain Farr, b. 5 Jan. 1962 in Texas.
Ch. Andrew Dwain, b. 29 June 1988 Hampton, Va.; Robert Truman, b. 16 May 1990 Huntington, Cambs., U.K., surname *Farr*.

57. NANCY CAROLYN⁵ FOX (*Alice Gray⁴, Joseph Gray³, Susan F.², Henry H.¹*), daughter of Walter Vardiman and Alice Gray (Armstrong) Fox, was born 21 April 1933 in Newport, Jackson County, Arkansas.

She married 18 December 1955 in Newport, Jackson County, Arkansas, THOMAS LYNN DAVIS, son of Samuel Lee and Annie Lou (Sallee) Davis. Thomas was born 11 May 1933 in Prescott, Arkansas.

Thomas Lynn Davis graduated in May 1955 from Arkansas State University. He served two years in the U.S. Army. He is

Executive Vice-President of the Golden Flake Snack Foods, Inc.
Birmingham, Alabama.

Children (Thomas L. Davis) surname DAVIS:

- i. Michael Lynn, b. 5 Aug. 1957, Columbus, Ga.;
mar. 16 Feb. 1980, Macon, Ga., Carolyn Gavin.
Ch. Bradley Gavin, b. 25 May 1985; Rebekah
Susanne, b. 12 Aug. 1988; surname *Davis*.
- ii. Donna Ann, b. 6 May 1959; mar. 8 June 1986,
Ann Arbor, Mich., Scott Robert Verna.
Ch. Amanda Claire, b. 14 Aug 1987; Robert
Taylor, b. 16 Oct. 1990; surname *Verna*.

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58. DEWEY LEE⁵ BUFFINGTON, JR. (*Nora Franklin⁴, Joseph Gray³, Susan F.², Henry H.¹*), was born 11 February 1933, Newport, Jackson County, Arkansas.

He married 10 December 1951 in Jasper, Arkansas, DELORES SMITH, daughter of James and Jessie (Jones) Smith. Delores was born 27 September 1933.

After attending the University of Arkansas, Dewey Lee Buffington became a real estate broker in Little Rock, Arkansas. Delores is a teacher in the Little Rock school system. They are Methodists.

Children (Delores Smith) surname BUFFINGTON:

- i. Blake Allen, b. 22 Sept. 1953.
- ii. Mark David, b. 14 July 1956.

59. JAMES GRAY⁵ BUFFINGTON (*Nora Franklin⁴, Joseph Gray³, Susan F.², Henry H.¹*), son of Dewey Lee and Nora Franklin (Armstrong) Buffington, was born 26 January 1936.

He married 27 June 1959 MARTHA ANN LOONEY, daughter of George and Minnie (Russell) Looney. Martha Ann was born 1 December 1938.

James Gray Buffington attended Arkansas State University in Jonesboro and graduated from the University of Tennessee School of Dentistry. He has a dental clinic in West Memphis, Arkansas. James served two years in the U.S. Army. Both James and Martha Ann are members of the Baptist Church in West Memphis.

Children (Martha Ann Looney) surname BUFFINGTON:

- i. James Gray, b. 14 June 1964.
- ii. Suzanne, b. 27 Feb. 1967.
- iii. April, b. 5 April 1971.

60. MICHAEL LANE⁵ BUFFINGTON, (*Nora Franklin⁴, Joseph Gray³, Susan F.², Henry H.¹*), son of Dewey Lee and Nora Franklin (Armstrong) Buffington, was born 30 December 1942 in Newport, Jackson County, Arkansas.

He married first in 1960 DIANE RUTLEDGE.

He married second 19 October 1968, Magnolia, Arkansas, DOROTHY LOU KEITH, daughter of Edwin and Elsa Lou (—) Keith. Dorothy Lou was born 27 June 1944 in Magnolia, Arkansas.

Michael Buffington is a graduate of both the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and the University of Arkansas Medical School in Little Rock. He served two years as a physician in the U.S. Air Force. He is a family specialist in Little Rock and is also certified in acupuncture.

Children (Diane Rutledge) surname BUFFINGTON:

- i. Paige, b. 23 Sept. 1961.

Children (Dorothy Lou Keith) surname BUFFINGTON:

- ii. Mathew Benjamin, b. 27 Dec. 1971.
- iii. James, b. 6 May 1976.

61. THOMAS BLAKE⁵ BUFFINGTON (*Nora Franklin⁴, Joseph Gray³, Susan F.², Henry H.¹*), son of Dewey Lee and Nora Franklin (Armstrong) Buffington, was born 3 January 1945 in Newport, Jackson County, Arkansas.

He married first September 1968 in Mexico KATHRYN POWERS, daughter of Neal and Kathryn (Heep) Powers. Kathryn was born 16 November 1944 in Houston, Texas.

He married second 8 December 1990 in Little Rock, Arkansas, DELIA DOWELL WRIGHT, daughter of Walter and Clare (Phillips) Dowell.

Thomas Buffington attended the University of Arkansas. He is a real estate broker and builder in Austin, Texas. He is a Methodist.

Children (Kathryn Powers) surname BUFFINGTON:

- i. Thomas Blake, Jr., b. 27 Jan. 1970.
- ii. Kimberley, b. 18 Oct. 1971.

62. MARGARET CAROLYN⁵ ARMSTRONG (*Thomas Craft⁴, Joseph Gray³, Susan F.², Henry H.¹*), daughter of Thomas Craft and Margaret Elizabeth (Reed) Armstrong, was born 15 December 1943 in Newport, Arkansas.

She married 3 November 1963 in Miami, Oklahoma, WILLIAM ANDREW HARRISON.

Children (William Andrew Harrison) surname HARRISON:

- i. Katherine Leigh, b. 25 July 1966 New Orleans, La.
- ii. Angela Elizabeth, b. 17 Nov. 1969 Shreveport, La.
- iii. Holly Reed, b. 19 Dec. 1972 Shreveport, La.
- iv. William Andrew, Jr., b. 5 May 1976 Shreveport, La.

63. THOMAS CRAFT⁵ ARMSTRONG II (*Thomas Craft⁴, Joseph Gray³, Susan F.², Henry H.¹*), son of Thomas Craft and Margaret

Elizabeth (Reed) Armstrong, was born 16 October 1949 in Newport, Jackson County, Arkansas.

He attended the University of Central Arkansas and the University of Arkansas.

He is employed in the field of corporate communications in Atlanta Georgia.

He is not married.

64. FURMON MICHAEL⁵ GARDNER (*Nora Elizabeth⁴, Charles E.³, John Columbus², Henry H.¹*), was born 21 June 1943.

He married 15 August 1964 CATHERINE JEAN HILGER.

Furmon Michael Gardner earned the D.D.S. degree from the Baylor University College of Dentistry, the Residency degree in Fixed Prothodontics from the U.S. Army Dental Corps, and a Ed.M. in Education and Administration from the George Washington University. He chose the army as his career and served as Chief of the Residency Program in Fixed Prothodontics during most of his career.

Children (Catherine Jean Hilger) surname GARDNER:

- i. Bryn Elizabeth, b. 9 June 1967.
- ii. Wendy Cathleen, b. 22 Oct. 1969.

65. SAMUEL B.⁵ PENIX III (*Samuel B. Jr.⁴, Samuel B.³, John Columbus², Henry H.¹*), son of Samuel B. and Ruby Mae (Hanley) Penix, Jr., was born 4 June 1929 at Tuckerman, Jackson County, Arkansas.

He married first 7 July 1952 at Newport, Arkansas, LOUISE T. BATCHELOR, daughter of John W. and Ethel (Taylor) Batchelor. The marriage ended in divorce.

He married second 8 November 1976 at Sallisaw, Oklahoma, MARY ANN CAUGHRON, daughter of Buster B. and Verba Thelma (Murphy) Caughron. Mary Ann was born 26 July 1947 at Newport, Jackson County, Arkansas. Sam B. Penix III graduated from Tuckerman High School, class of 1947, attended Draughon

4. LEWIS WILLIAM² PENIX (*Henry H.¹*), son of Henry H. and Caroline (Roberts) Penix, was born 1 May 1850 in Arkansas and died near Hickory Grove, Jefferson Township, Jackson County, Arkansas, and is buried in the Penix Graveyard at Hickory Grove.³⁸

He married first in Jackson County, Arkansas, 27 December 1877 WILLIE JANE CARVILLE, daughter of William K. and Mary A. (Estes) Carville.³⁹ Willie Jane was born 7 December 1857 in Memphis, Tennessee. She died 1 July 1890 in Jefferson Township, Jackson County, Arkansas, and is also buried in the Penix Graveyard.⁴⁰

He married second 20 April 1892 ANNA AUGUSTA HUNTER, daughter of William H. and Jennie Lind (Williams) Hunter.⁴¹ Anna was born 29 December 1869 in Jefferson Township, Jackson County, Arkansas. She died 23 October 1954 near Hickory Grove, Jefferson Township, Jackson County, Arkansas, and is also buried in the Penix Graveyard.⁴²

After the death of Lewis William Penix his widow Anna married 14 May 1903 James M. Jackson.⁴³

According to the article in the Goodspeed 1889 *Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Northeast Arkansas*, the writer mentioned first that Lewis W. Penix resided on Section 13, Union [*sic*] Township, Jackson County, and that since 1882 he had lived on the homestead of his [first] wife's parents in Union [*sic*] Township. The writer also mentioned that in 1880 he had in partnership with R. V. Hunter, purchased 240 acres of land in

³⁸Goodwin, ed., *Cemetery Records*, Vol. 2, p. 36.

³⁹"Marriage Record of L. W. Penix and Willie J. Carville," Lewis William 27, Willie J. 20, Jackson County, Ark., Marriage Records A, page 346.

⁴⁰Goodwin, ed., *Cemetery Records*, Vol. 2, p. 36.

⁴¹"Marriage Record of L. W. Penix and Anna A. Hunter," Lewis William 41, Anna 22, Jackson County, Ark., Marriage Records C, p. 716.

⁴²Goodwin, ed., *Cemetery Records*, Vol. 2, p. 36.

⁴³"Marriage Record of James M. Jackson and Anna A. Penix," James 31, Anna 33, Jackson County, Ark., Marriage Records Bk. E. p. 528, County Clerk, Newport.

Jefferson Township and that he had also purchased 40 acres in Union *[sic]* Township.⁴⁴

In fact, on 16 December 1879 L. W. Penix and R. V. Hunter bought from W. R. Jones and Kate his wife for \$2,500 the Southwest Quarter of Section 11 and the North Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 14 in Township 12 North, Range 3 West, containing 240 acres, known as the Billings Place.⁴⁵ On 14 July 1894 R. V. Hunter and M. A. Hunter his wife sold to L. W. Penix for \$2,000 their half interest in the same piece of land.⁴⁶ Here, on the Jacksonport-Elgin road (now Arkansas Highway 17) one mile south of the Hickory Grove Church, L. W. Penix built his house and other farm buildings and moved sometime after his second marriage. The Penix Graveyard is located a quarter mile up the road toward the Hickory Grove Church on the right. As late as the 1920's a dirt road ran from the Penix house east along the north line of what was known as the Strider pasture and connected with another dirt road that ran south between Sections 23 and 24 past the Henry H. Penix home place to the Fitzgerald-Diaz road.

On 9 November 1885 L. W. Penix bought from Roberts Manley and Rhoda his wife for \$1,500 the East Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 13, Township 11 North, Range 3 West.⁴⁷ According to the *Atlas and Platbook of Jackson County, Arkansas*, the L. W. Penix land in Section 13 adjoined his father's land in Section 24, both of which were in Jefferson Township.

⁴⁴*Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Northeast Arkansas*, p. 803. R. V. Hunter was mentioned as being deceased in the Lewis W. Penix sketch.

⁴⁵"Deed of Sale from William R. and Kate Jones to L. W. Penix and R. V. Hunter," 16 Dec. 1879, (recorded 16 Dec. 1879), Jackson Co., Ark., Deed Bk. 2, p. 410-411., Circuit Clerk, Newport, Ark. Photocopy in possession of author.

⁴⁶"Deed of Sale from R. V. and M. A. Hunter to L. W. Penix," 14 July 1894, Jackson Co. Ark. Deed Bk. 21, p. 463, Circuit Clerk, Newport, Ark.

⁴⁷"Deed of Sale from Roberts and Rhoda Manley to L. W. Penix," 9 Nov. 1885 (recorded 9 Nov. 1885), Jackson Co., Ark., Deed Bk. P, p. 415, Circuit Clerk, Newport, Ark. Photocopy in possession of author.

PHOTOS FROM THE JCHS FILES

The following pictures are in the files of the Jackson County Historical Society. Copies were made available to the JCHS by a member of the Best family. Captions printed below photos are as written on backs of the pictures.



Best Restaurant and Saloon on Front Street, before prohibition.



Best Wagon Yard & Livery Stable, 1900

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FIRST GENERATION

1. HENRY H.¹ PENIX was born 5 November 1818 in South Carolina,¹ died 3 January 1875 in Jefferson Township, Jackson County, Arkansas, and is buried in the Penix Graveyard off State Highway 17 in Jefferson Township, Jackson County, Arkansas.²

He married, probably in Tennessee, CAROLINE ROBERTS, who was born 2 September 1821 in North Carolina. She died 24 September 1888, and is also buried in the Penix Graveyard.³

Henry H. Penix migrated with his parents from South Carolina to Tennessee sometime before 1825, when a brother Lewis was born. The Penix brothers married sisters of Benjamin F. Roberts⁴ and moved singly or more likely together to Arkansas sometime before 1846, when daughter Mary Ann was born to Henry H. and Caroline Penix. The Henry H. Penix family is believed to have lived at Crowley's Ridge in Poinsett County before moving on to Jackson County.⁵ Residence in Poinsett County prior to 1852 cannot be verified because tax lists for the years 1841-1852 are missing.⁶

Although census enumerators missed the Henry H. Penix family in both 1850 and 1860 censuses, the tax assessor found Henry H. Penix in Jackson County first in 1851 for a poll tax and

¹1870 U.S. Census, Jefferson Twp., Jackson Co., Ark.; p. 16, dwelling 113, family 110, lines 21-29.; National Archives Microfilm M-593, Roll 56.

²Dates of birth and death are from Jane Allen Goodman, ed., *Cemetery Records of Jackson County, Arkansas* (hereinafter cited as *Cemetery Records*) (Newport, Ark: Jackson County Historical Society, 1979), Vol. 2, p. 36.

³Dates of birth and death are from Goodman, *Cemetery Records*, p. 36

⁴James Logan Morgan, "Bits of Bark from the Family Tree: The Benjamin F. Roberts Family," *The Stream of History*, XV, July 1977, p.14.

⁵Lula Strider to Charles Penix, Pine Bluff, Ark., 21 March 1967. Original in possession of addressee, photocopy in possession of author.

⁶James Logan Morgan to author, 7 Feb. 1977.

continued to assess his taxes in Jackson County in subsequent years.⁷ In 1857 he was taxed for the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 14, Township 12 North, Range 3 West, a tract of 40 acres. In 1865 and 1866 he was taxed for the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of section 24, Township 12 North, Range 3 West, 40 acres of land.⁸

On 21 May 1859 Henry H. Penix and Caroline his wife sold to B. F. Roberts for \$18.75 a tract of 10 acres of land in the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 14, Township 12 North, Range 3 West.⁹ On 27 March 1869 Henry H. Penix bought from Benjamin C. Steen for \$100 a tract of 20 acres of land in the North Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 12 North, Range 3 West.¹⁰ On 10 July 1871 Henry H. Penix acquired by deed from O. A. Hadley, Governor of Arkansas, the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 12 North, Range 3 West.¹¹ In the 1917 *Atlas and Platbook of Jackson County, Arkansas*,¹² R. V. Hunter was shown as the owner of 60 acres of land in the Northwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 12 North, Range 3 West, apparently the farm of Henry H. and Caroline Penix.

Although census enumerators had missed the Henry H. Penix family in both the 1850 and 1860 censuses, they found the family in the 1870 census in Jefferson Township, Jackson County, Arkansas.

⁷James Logan Morgan to author, 7 Feb. 1977. The Jackson Co., Ark. Tax Lists (Real and Personal) were missing for the years 1840-1843, 1847-1849. No Penix was on the the 1844-1846 tax lists.

⁸James Logan Morgan to author, 12 Feb. 1877. In the letter the writer provided information about Jackson County land conveyances cited below.

⁹"Bill of Sale from Henry H. and Caroline Penix to B. F. Roberts," 21 May 1859, Jackson Co., Ark., Deed Book I, p. 110, Circuit Clerk, Newport, Ark.

¹⁰"Bill of Sale from Benjamin C. Steen to Henry H. Penix," 27 March 1869, Jackson Co., Ark., Deed Book M, p. 566, Circuit Clerk, Newport, Ark.

¹¹"Bill of Sale from O. A. Hadley to Henry H. Penix," 10 July 1871, Jackson Co., Ark., Deed Book Q, p. 221., Citcuit Clerk, Newport, Ark.

¹²*Atlas and Platbook of Jackson County, Arkansas* (Newport, Ark.: Newport Citizen, 1917).

The 1870 family included Henry H. Penix, age 51, born South Carolina; his wife Caroline, age 48, born North Carolina; his daughter Mary A., age 23, born Arkansas; his son Lewis W., age 20, born Arkansas; his daughter Elizabeth T., age 18, born Arkansas; his daughter Martha J., age 16, born Arkansas; his son John C., age 14, born Arkansas; his daughter Lady [?Lydia] White, Age 11., born Arkansas; his son James H., age 6, born Arkansas.¹³ Missing from the 1870 Census are a child who had died in infancy, a daughter Minerva who had died when she was 18 years old, and Susan F. who had married Robert T. Armstrong two years before and was enumerated separately. The Penix household also included Susan Johnson, age 6, born North Carolina, and John H. Penix, age 20, born Arkansas, nephew and son of brother, Lewis Penix.¹⁴

Children (Caroline Roberts) surname PENIX:

- i. Infant, b. Tenn. or Ark., d. in infancy.
- ii. Minerva, d. at age 18.
2. iii. Mary Ann, b. 29 Dec. 1846.
3. iv. Susan F., b. 11 Nov. 1848.
4. v. Lewis W., b. 1 May 1850.
5. vi. Elizabeth T., b. 23 Feb. 1852.
- vii. Martha J., b. 1854; d. 1933; bur. Penix Graveyard.¹⁵
6. viii. John C., b. 11 Sept. 1856.
- ix. Lydia White, b. 1859; d. 1877.¹⁶
7. x. James Henry, b. 1864.

¹³1870 U.S. Census, Jefferson Twp., Jackson Co., Ark., p. 4, dwelling 178, family 178, lines 11 to 13; N.A. Microfilm M-593, Roll 56.

¹⁴Children's names are from the article about Lewis W. Penix in *Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Northeast Arkansas*, p. 893.

¹⁵Goodwin, ed., *Cemetery Records*, Vol. 2, p. 37.

¹⁶Died at age eighteen. *Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Northeast Arkansas*, p. 893.

SECOND GENERATION

2. MARY ANN² PENIX (*Henry H.¹*), daughter of Henry H. and Caroline (Roberts) Penix, was born in December 1846 in Arkansas. She died 9 May 1931 (aged 84 years, 4 months, and 9 days) in Tuckerman, Bird Township, Jackson County, Arkansas.¹⁷ She is buried in the Hickory Grove Cemetery, Jackson County, Arkansas.¹⁸

She married after 23 June 1870 in Jackson County, Arkansas, RICHARD V. HUNTER,¹⁹ son of Joseph and Rebecca (Thompson) Hunter. Richard was born 3 December 1837 in Tennessee. He died 23 July 1899 in Jefferson Township, Jackson County, Arkansas. He is buried in the Hickory Grove Cemetery, Jefferson Township, Jackson County, Arkansas.²⁰ Richard married first before 1865 Melvina C. —, who had been born in 1840 in Tennessee.²¹ In the 1870 Census Mary A. Penix, age 23, was enumerated in Jefferson Township, Jackson County, Arkansas, in the household of her father, Henry. H. Penix.²²

¹⁷"Death Record of Mary Ann Hunter," 9 May 1931, Death Certificate No. 533, Arkansas State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics. J. A. Strider was the informant. Photocopy in possession of author. "Obituary of Mrs. Mary Hunter," *Tuckerman Record* (Tuckerman, Jackson Co., Ark.) 15 May 1931, p. 1, col. 4.

¹⁸Goodwin, *ed.*, *Cemetery Records*, Vol. 2, p. 32.

¹⁹1870 U.S. Census, Jefferson Twp., Jackson Co. Ark., p. 16, dwelling 113, household 110, line 23, Mary A. Penix, age 23, was enumerated 25 June 1870 in the household of her father, Henry H. Penix.

²⁰Goodwin, *ed.*, *Cemetery Records*, Vol. 2, p. 32.

²¹1870 U.S. Census, Bird Twp., Jackson Co., Ark., p. 295, dwelling 137, family 137, lines 35-39; N.A. Microfilm M-593, Roll 56. The household also included his wife Melvina C.--, 30, and his children Hester A., age 5, Eva age 4, and John H. Hunter, age 2.

²²1870 U.S. Census, Jefferson Twp., Jackson Co., Ark., p. 16, dwelling 113, family 110, line 23; N.A. Microfilm M-593, Roll 56.

In the 1870 Census Richard V. Hunter, age 32, was enumerated in Bird Township, Jackson County, Arkansas, with wife Melvina C., age 30, daughter Hester A., age 5, daughter Eva, age 4, and son John H., age 2.²³

In the 1880 Census, Mary Hunter, age 31, was enumerated in Jefferson Township, Jackson County, Arkansas with her husband, Richd. Hunter, 42, farmer, born Tennessee, and four children, Hester, age 16; Eva A. age 14; Wm. Henry 2; and Richard [Henry R.] 10 months old, born the previous September. Hester and Eva were children by her husband's first marriage.²⁴

In the 1900 Census Mary A. Hunter, farmer, born December 1846, Age 53, mother of four children, was enumerated in Jefferson Township, Jackson County, Arkansas with four children, Walter W., born December 1876, age 23; son Henry R., born September 1879, age 20; Lula B., born October 1881, age 18; daughter Nora P., born February 1886, age 14, and sister Martha J. Penix, born April 1854, age 46.²⁵

In the 1910 Census Mary A. Hunter, was enumerated in Jefferson Township, Jackson County, Arkansas, in the household of her son W. W. Hunter, age 33, which also included her sister Martha Penix, age 56, and nephew, John Jackson, age 36.²⁶

On 16 December 1879, in partnership with his brother-in-law, L. W. Penix, R. V. Hunter bought 240 acres of land in Jefferson Township, Jackson County, Arkansas.²⁷ On 14 July 1894 he and

²³1870 U.S. Census, Bird Twp., Jackson Co., Ark. p. 295, dwelling 137, family 137, lines 35-39, N.A. Microfilm M-593, Roll 56.

²⁴1880 U.S. Census, Jefferson Twp., Jackson Co., Ark., E.D. 137, dwelling 36, family 36, lines 1-6, N.A. Microfilm T-9, Roll 47.

²⁵1900 U.S. Census, Jefferson Twp., Jackson Co. Ark., E.D. 59, dwelling 141, family 144, lines 55-60; N.A. Microfilm T-623, Roll 62.

²⁶1910 U.S. Census, Jefferson Twp., Jackson Co., Ark., E.D. 68, dwelling 106, family 106, lines 14-18; N.A. Microfilm T-624, Roll 53.

²⁷"Deed of Sale from W. R. and Kate Jones to L. W. Penix and R. V. Hunter," Jackson Co. Deed Book 2, pp. 210-211., Circuit Clerk, Newport, Ark.

Mary Ann his wife sold to L. W. Penix their half-interest in the 240 acre tract.²⁸

In the 1917 *Atlas and Platbook of Jackson County, Arkansas*,²⁹ R. V. Hunter was shown as the owner of 60 acres of land in the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 12 North, Range 3 West, apparently the same tract that Henry H. Penix had acquired 10 July 1871 by deed from O. A. Hadley, Governor of Arkansas.

Children (Richard V. Hunter) surname HUNTER:

- i. Walter W, b. 22 Dec. 1876; d. 8 Oct. 1912; bur.
Hickory Grove Cem.; Jefferson Twp., Jackson Co.,
Ark.³⁰
8. ii. Henry Richard, b. Sept. 1879, d. 1927.
9. iii. Lula Bell, b. 9 Oct. 1881.
10. iv. Nora Pearl, b. 2 Feb. 1886.

3. SUSAN² F. PENIX (*Henry H.¹*), daughter of Henry H. and Caroline (Roberts) Penix was born 11 Nov. 1848 in Arkansas. She died 23 April 1900 and is buried in the Hickory Grove Graveyard, Jefferson Township, Jackson County, Arkansas.³¹

She married 18 September 1868 in Jackson County, Arkansas, ROBERT T. ARMSTRONG,³² son of Thomas and Celia (—) Armstrong. He was born 1 August 1845 in Henderson County, Tennessee. He died 11 April 1883 in Union Township, Jackson

²⁸"Deed of Sale from R. V. and M. A. Hunter to L. W. Penix," 14 July 1894, Jackson Co. Ark., Deed Bk. 21, p. 463, Circuit Clerk, Newport, Ark.

²⁹*Atlas and Platbook of Jackson County, Arkansas* (Newport, Ark.: Newport Citizen).

³⁰Goodwin, ed., *Cemetery Records*, Vol. 2, p. 32.

³¹Goodwin, ed., *Cemetery Records*, Vol. 2, p. 32.

³²"Marriage Record of R. T. Armstrong and Susan F. Penix," Robert 23, Susan 19, marriage 17 Dec. 1868, Jackson Co. Ark. Marriage Bk. A, p. 514. County Clerk, Newport. F.H.L. film 1290121. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's parents, H. H. Penix, by John Anderson, a Presbyterian clergyman.

County, Arkansas.³³ He is buried in the Hickory Grove Cemetery, Jackson County, Arkansas.³⁴

In the 1870 Census Robert T. Armstrong, age 23, farm worker, was enumerated 5 July 1870 in Jefferson Township, Jackson County, Arkansas, with his wife Susan, age 21, and his son Henry W., age six months. Susan's cousin, Samuel W. Penix, age 23, farm worker, son of Uncle Lewis Penix, was also enumerated in the Armstrong household.³⁵

In the 1880 Census Robert Armstrong, Age 34, farmer, was enumerated in Union Township., Jackson County, Arkansas, with his wife Susan F., Age 31, and the following children: Ella W., Age 9; William Y., Age 7; Alice L., Age 5; Albert, Age 3; Emma, Age 1.³⁶ Another child Joe, born April 1882, Age 18, was enumerated — June 1900 in Union Township, Jackson County, Arkansas, in the household of his brother, William Armstrong. His mother had died the previous April 1900.³⁷

Children (Robert T. Armstrong) surname ARMSTRONG:

- i. Henry W., b. Dec. 1869; d. young.
- ii. Ella W., b. 1871; mar. 13 Feb. 1889 Robert L. Pierce.
Ch. Ethel; Linnie.
11. iii. William Young, b. 21 Dec. 1874.
12. iv Alice L., b. 3 Feb. 1876.
13. v. Albert, b. 1877.
- vi. Emma, b. 1779. d. young.
14. vii. Joseph Gray, b. 22 Nov 1880.

³³He was mentioned as being deceased in the Lewis W. Penix sketch in the 1889 *Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Northeast Arkansas*, p. 803.

³⁴Goodwin, ed., *Cemetery Records*, Vol. 2, p. 32

³⁵1870 U.S. Census, Jefferson Twp., Jackson Co., Ark., p. 4, dwelling 178, family 178, lines 11 to 13; N.A. Microfilm M-593, Roll 56.

³⁶1880 U.S. Census, Union Twp., Jackson Co., Ark., E.D. 133, lines 37-43; N.A. Microfilm T-9, Roll 47.

³⁷1900 U.S. Census, Union Twp., Jackson Co., Ark., E.D. 61, dwelling 129, family 129, line 70; N.A. Microfilm T-623, Roll 62.

Business College and the University of Arkansas, where he affiliated with the Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

He served in the Navy and Army for 31 years (active duty and reserve) and retired with the rank of colonel. He graduated from Infantry, Artillery, and Intelligence Career Schools, Army Command and General Staff College, Industrial College of the Armed Forces and nominated for general officer rank.

He held various management and sales positions in automobile dealerships for 37 years, owning and operating Sam Penix Ford, Inc., (Ford-Mercury-Lincoln) and Penix Chrysler, Inc. (Dodge-Chrysler-Plymouth-Mit-subishi). At present he owns Penix Real Estate and Sales, Inc.

He is a member of the Umsted Memorial Methodist Church and serves as trustee and administrative board member. He serves as trustee of Paragould District, United Methodist Church.

Children (adopted) surname PENIX:

- i. Michael Hanley, b. 3 March 1963.
- ii. Luanne, b. 10 May 1965; mar. 15 Aug. 1984 at Jackson Tenn., Charles Clyde Allen.
Ch. Gayle, b. 8 Sept. 1985, surname *Allen*.

Children (Mary Ann Caughron) surname PENIX:

- i. Thomas Murphy, b. 28 June 1978.

66. PEGGY JANE⁵ PENIX (*Samuel B. Jr.*⁴, *Samuel B.*³, *John Columbus*², *Henry H.*¹), daughter of Samuel B. and Ruby Mae (Hanley) Penix, Jr., was born 21 September 1933 at Tuckerman, Jackson County, Arkansas.

She married 26 December 1951 RAYMOND G. DAVIS.

Peggy Jane and Raymond Davis formerly owned and operated the Children's Shop, Davis Alignment Service, and now own and operate Farmer's Elevator and Warehouse Company.

Raymond David is very active in the Newport Church of Christ, having served for many years as deacon. Son-in-law R. M. Bledsoe also serves as deacon.

Children (Raymond G. Davis) surname DAVIS.

- i. Mary Julian, b. 22 June 1954, Newport, Ark.; mar 8 May 1976 Robert M. Bledsoe.
Ch. Elizabeth Jane, b. 28 Sept. 1978, Fort Worth, Tex.; surname *Bledsoe*.

67. TROY D. CHURCHMAN, JR., adopted son of Troy and Mildred (Jackson) Churchman, was born 31 July 1946 in Little Rock, Arkansas.

He married 10 June 1989 at the Lee-Fendall House in Alexandria, Virginia, KATHY KITHRELL. Kathy was born 27 September 1946 at Tyler, Texas.

Troy D. Churchman, Jr. attended Hendrix College for two years. Then he served in the Vietnam War for two years. He returned to Little Rock and completed his degree at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

After graduation he became a Health System Specialist with the Veterans Administration Hospital System in Washington. D.C.

In the 1880 Census Wm Penix, age 30, was enumerated in Jefferson Township, Jackson County, Arkansas, with his wife Willie, age 22, and daughter Nora E., age 1.⁴⁸

In the 1900 Census William L. Penox [*sic*], born May 1850, was enumerated in Jefferson Township, Jackson County, Arkansas, with wife Anna A., daughter Nora E., son Clarence E., daughter Jennie L. and four others, including nephew John Jackson., born June 1874.⁴⁹

Children (Willie Jane Carville) surname PENIX:

15. i. Nora, b. 1 Dec. 1878.
 - ii. J. W. (Jimmy), b. 19 Feb. 1881; d. 10 Aug. 1881.
16. iii. Clarence Edward, b. 28 Aug. 1882.
 - iv. T. H. (Tommy), b. b. 19 Aug. 1883; d. 5 Dec. 1887.

Children (Anna Augusta Hunter) surname PENIX:

17. v. Jennie Lind, b. 10 March 1893.
18. vi. William Eugene, b. 10 June 1897.

5. ELIZABETH T.² PENIX (*Henry H.¹*), daughter of Henry H. and Caroline (Roberts) Penix, was born 23 February 1852 at Hickory Grove in Jefferson Township, Jackson County, Arkansas. She died 11 April 1943 at Rector, Arkansas, while on a visit with her niece and foster daughter, Mrs. R. N. Payne. She is buried in the Penix Graveyard, Jefferson Township, Jackson County, Arkansas⁵⁰

⁴⁸1880 U.S. Census, Jefferson Twp., Jackson Co., Ark., E.D. 137, dwelling 79, family 84, lines 19-21; N.A. Microfilm T-9, Roll 47.

⁴⁹1900 U.S. Census, Jefferson Twp., Jackson Co., Ark., E.D. 59, dwelling 134, family 143, lines 56-65; National Archives Microfilm T-623, Roll 62.

⁵⁰"Obituary of Mrs. Lizzie Lawrence," *The Tuckerman Record* (Tuckerman, Jackson Co., Ark.) 16 April, 1943, p. 1, col. 3-4.

She married first 30 June 1872 ROBERT P. JACKSON.⁵¹

She married second 11 October 1882 THOMAS D. LAWRENCE, a farmer and merchant at Tuckerman.⁵²

At the time of her death she was Tuckerman's oldest citizen, having passed her 91st birthday shortly before her death.

She spent her entire life in Jackson County, first at Hickory Grove, then at Tuckerman. She joined the Hickory Grove Baptist Church while a young woman, had assisted in organizing in 1893 the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, which was later moved to Tuckerman.⁵³

In the 1900 Census Elizabeth Lawrence, age 47, and her niece Willie Penix, age 10, were enumerated in Bird Township, Jackson County, Arkansas in the household of Thomas D. Lawrence, age 64, merchant.⁵⁴

In the 1900 Census her son John Jackson was enumerated in Jefferson Township, Jackson County, Arkansas, in the household of her brother, William L. Penox [*sic*].⁵⁵

In the 1910 Census Lizzie Lawrence, age 58, divorced, mother of two children, one living, was enumerated in Tuckerman, Bird Township, Jackson County, Arkansas, in a household that included her niece Willie Penix, age 20, a teacher.⁵⁶ Thomas D. Lawrence,

⁵¹"Marriage Record for Robert P. Jackson to Elizabeth L. Penix," Robert 22, Elizabeth 20, Jackson Co., Ark., Marriage Records, Bk. C, p. 103, County Clerk, Newport.

⁵²"Marriage Record for Thomas D. Lawrence to Mrs. Lizzie Jackson," Thomas, 45, Bird Twp., Lizzie 30, Jefferson Twp., license 10 Oct. 1882, marriage 11 Oct. 1882 by Lewis Penix, J.P., Jackson Co., Ark. Marriage Records, Bk. B, p. 294.

⁵³"Obituary of Mrs. Lizzie Lawrence," *The Tuckerman Record* (Tuckerman, Jackson Co., Ark.) 16 April, 1943, p. 1, col. 3-4.

⁵⁴1900 U.S. Census, Bird Twp., Jackson Co., Ark., E.D. 51, dwelling 29, family 32, lines 20-22; N.A. Microfilm T-623, Roll 62.

⁵⁵John Jackson, nephew, born June 1874, was enumerated in the household of his uncle, William L. Penox [Lewis William Penix] in the 1900 U.S. Census, Jefferson Twp., Jackson County, Ark., E.D., dwelling 134, family 143, lines 56-65; National Archives Microfilm T-623, Roll 62.

⁵⁶1910 U.S. Census, Bird Twp., Jackson Co., Ark., E.D. 61, dwelling 119, family 119 lines 47-48; N.A. Microfilm T-624, Roll 53.

age 72, divorced, was enumerated in a different house-hold in Tuckerman, Bird Township, Jackson County, Arkansas.⁵⁷

In the 1910 Census John Jackson, aged 36, was enumerated in Jefferson Township, Jackson County, Arkansas, in the household of his cousin, W. W. Hunter, age 33, and his aunts, Mary A. Hunter, and Martha Penix, age 56.⁵⁸

Children (Robert . P. Jackson) surname JACKSON:

19. i. John, b. June 1874.
- ii. —

6. JOHN COLUMBUS² PENIX (*Henry H.¹*), son Henry H. and Caroline (Roberts) Penix, was born 11 September 1856 in Jackson County, Arkansas, died 25 December 1893, and is buried in the Penix Graveyard.⁵⁹

He married 7 March 1880 in Jackson County, Arkansas, DORA ANN JOWERS,⁶⁰ daughter of George A. and Mary Ann (Overstreet) Jowers. Dora was born 22 April 1859 in Mississippi. She died 18 May 1947 in North Little Rock, Arkansas. She is buried in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Tuckerman, Arkansas.⁶¹

After the death of her husband Dora married second 10 February 1904 W. J. Smith.⁶²

⁵⁷1910 U.S. Census, Bird Twp., Jackson Co., Ark., E.D. 61, dwelling 141, family 141, lines 70-71; N.A. Microfilm T-624, Roll 53.

⁵⁸1910 U.S. Census, Jefferson Twp., Jackson Co., Ark., E.D. 59, dwelling 106, family 106, lines 14-18; N.A. Microfilm T-624, Roll 53.

⁵⁹Goodwin, ed., *Cemetery Records*, Vol. 2, p. 36.

⁶⁰"Marriage Record of John C. Penix and Dora Jowers," license and marriage 7 March 1880, John C. 24, Dora 20, Jackson County, Ark., M.R., Bk. B, p. 102, County Clerk, Newport. Photocopy of original marriage license received from Charles Edgar Penix, Jr.

⁶¹"Obituary of Mrs. Dora Penix," *Tuckerman Record* (Tuckerman, Jackson Co., Ark.), 23 May 1947, p. F. According to the obituary, she was buried in Pleasant Grove Cemetery.

⁶²Marriage Record of W. J. Smith and Mrs. Dora Penix," license 10 Feb. 1904, Jackson County, Ark., Marriage Records, Bk. F, p. 92, County Clerk, Newport. F.H.L. film 1290124.

Although Dora Penix was a lifelong resident of the Tuckerman community, she had been making her home with her sister, Mrs. Lawrence Kennard, in North Little Rock at the time of her death. She was a member of the Methodist Church.⁶³

In the 1880 Census Columbus Penix, age 23, was enumerated in Jefferson Township with his wife Dora A. Penix, age 20.⁶⁴

In the 1900 Census Dora Penix, age 41, was enumerated in Bird Township, Jackson County, Arkansas, as head of a household that included children Charles, age 17, Samuel, age 14, Pearl, age 12, Forrest, age 10, and Henry, age 7.⁶⁵

In the 1910 Census Mrs. Dora Penix age 51, widowed, mother of seven children, five living, was enumerated in Bird Township, Jackson County, Arkansas, with son Henry, age 17.

Children (Dora Ann Jowers) surname PENIX:

- i. Jesse F., b. 27 Jan. 1881; d. 1 March 1883; bur. Penix Graveyard.⁶⁶
20. ii. Charles Edgar, b. 31 Aug. 1882.
- iii. Claud B., b. 11 April 1884; d. 12 Feb. 1886; bur. Roberts-Penix Graveyard.⁶⁷
21. iv. Samuel B., b. 11 Aug. 1885.
22. v. Pearl, b. 24 Aug. 1887.
23. vi. Forrest Lee, b. 22 Aug. 1889.
24. vii. Henry Jowers, b. 8 May 1893.

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⁶³"Obituary of Mrs. Dora Penix," *Tuckerman Record* (Tuckerman, Jackson Co., Ark.), 23 May 1947, p. F..

⁶⁴1880 U.S. Census, Jefferson Twp., Ark., E.D. 137, dwelling 38, family 38, lines 12-13; N.A. Microfilm T-9, Roll 47.

⁶⁵1900 U.S. Census, Bird Twp., Jackson Co., Ark., Ed. 52, dwelling 156, family 157, lines 1-6; N.A. Microfilm T-623, Roll 62.

⁶⁶Goodwin, ed., *Cemetery Records*, Vol. 2, p. 36

⁶⁷*Ibid.*

THE PENIX FAMILY

By Lyman Priest

(Continued from last issue)

7. JAMES HENRY PENIX (*Henry H.¹*), son Henry H. and Caroline (Roberts) Penix, was born in 1864 in Jackson County, Arkansas, and died 18 January 1892 in Jackson County, Arkansas.

He married 9 February 1888 JENNIE ANDERSON in Jackson County, Arkansas.⁶⁸ Jennie died only a few days before her husband.

On 15 February 1892 L. W. Penix petitioned the Jackson County, Arkansas, Probate Court for appointment as guardian of the infant daughters of his brother, Henry Penix, instead of Spencer Anderson, the brother of Jennie (Anderson) Penix. According to the petition, Henry Penix had died intestate 18 January 1892 in Jackson County, Arkansas, only a few days after the death of his wife. In the petition the infants were identified as Clara L Penix, age three years, and Willie May Penix, age one and one-half years.⁶⁹

In the 1900 Census Willie Penix, age 10, was enumerated in Bird Township, Jackson County, Arkansas, in the household of Elizabeth Lawrence, age 47, and the latter's husband, Thomas D. Lawrence, age 64, merchant.⁷⁰

In the 1910 Census Willie Penix, age 20, a teacher, was enumerated in Tuckerman, Bird Township, Jackson County, Arkansas, in the household of her aunt, Lizzie Lawrence, age 58⁷¹

Children (Jennie Anderson) surname PENIX:

- i. Clara L., b. 1888.
- ii. Willie May, b. March 1890; mar. R. N. Payne.

⁶⁸"Marriage Record of J. H. Penix to Jennie Anderson," J.H. 24, Jacksonport, Jennie 22, Fitzgerald, Jackson County, Ark., Marriage Records, Bk. C, p. 252, County Clerk, Newport. F.H.L. film 1290122.

⁶⁹"Petition for appointment of Guardian," Jackson County, Arkansas, Probate Court, 15 Feb. 1892, original in loose papers in office of County Clerk, Newport, Ark., photocopy in possession of writer.

⁷⁰1900 U.S. Census, Bird Twp., Jackson Co., Ark., E.D. 51, dwelling 29, family 32, lines 20-22; N.A. Microfilm T-623, Roll 62.

⁷¹1910 U.S. Census, Bird Twp., Jackson Co., Ark., E.D. 61, dwelling 119, family 119 lines 47-48; N.A. Microfilm T-624, Roll 53.

moved into the "second" First National bank building at 113-115 Hazel Street when the structure was opened. In 1992, it is known as the Dr. Gray building. In 1917, this building was remodeled with a complete new stone facelifting.

In 1946, the bank moved to more spacious quarters at 502 Front Street, where it remained until 1966.

In December of 1966, the bank moved to its present location on the corner of Hazel and Second Streets as we opened the new \$500,000 facility with some 14,000 square feet of floor space. An open house on January 9, 1967, saw more than 6,000 people visit the new building. Included in this number were some 200 correspondent bankers.

First National Bank officially changed its name to First State Bank on July 6, 1978.

In 1984, First State Bank acquired the assets of Jackson County National Bank.

First State Bank, a progressive bank, is now part of the North Arkansas Bancshares, Inc., holding company which is owned by Union Planters Bank in Memphis.

First State Bank has reflected tremendous growth in the last three years. Assets now total over \$66 million.

There are currently two branch offices. One is located at Village Mall where we have been in our present facility since 1988. The second is located at Tuckerman where quarters were renovated in 1988.

Sigmund Wolff served as the first president of the bank. His successors have been, in order, T.J. Watson, J.D. Goldman, W.A. Billingsley, T.N. Graham, John E. Bryan, Dr. A.M. Elton, Gaither Johnston, Charles Shaver, Jack C. Owen, William Fisher, Gerald Summett, Harold Perrin and Robert L. "Bob" Smith.

THIRD GENERATION

8. RICHARD HENRY³ HUNTER (*Mary Ann², Henry H.¹*), son of Richard V. and Mary Ann (Penix) Hunter, was born in Jefferson Township, Jackson County, Arkansas, in September 1879. He died 16 September 1927 in Big Rock Township, Pulaski County, Arkansas.⁷² He is buried in the Hickory Grove Cemetery, Jefferson Township, Jackson County, Arkansas.⁷³

He married CLARA JORDAN.

In the 1880 Census, Henry Hunter was enumerated in Jefferson Township, Jackson County, Arkansas, in the household of his mother as Richard Hunter, 10 months old, born the previous September.⁷⁴

In the 1900 Census Henry R. Hunter, born September 1879, age 20, was enumerated in Jefferson Township, Jackson County, Arkansas, in the household of his mother.⁷⁵

In the 1910 Census Henry Hunter, age 30, was enumerated in Bird Township, Jackson County, Arkansas, with wife Clara, age 24. He was a dry goods merchant.⁷⁶

He spent the greater part of his life in Tuckerman, where he was in the mercantile business for a number of years.⁷⁷

Children (Clara Jordan) surname HUNTER:

⁷²"Death Record of Richard Henry Hunter," 16 Sept. 1927, Certificate of Death File No. 1129, Ark. Dept. of Health, Division of Vital Records.

⁷³Goodwin, *ed.*, *Cemetery Records*, Vol. 2, p. 32.

⁷⁴1880 U.S. Census, Jefferson Twp., Jackson Co., Ark., E.D. 137, dwelling 36, family 36, lines 1-6, N.A. Microfilm T-9, Roll 47.

⁷⁵1900 U.S. Census, Jefferson Twp., Jackson Co. Ark., E.D. 59, dwelling 141, family 144, lines 55-60; N.A. Microfilm T-623, Roll 62.

⁷⁶1910 U.S. Census, Bird Township, Jackson Co., Ark., E.D. 61, dwelling 2, family 2, lines 4-5, N.A. Microfilm T-624, Roll 53.

⁷⁷"Obituary of R. H. Hunter," *Tuckerman Record* (Tuckerman, Jackson Co., Ark.) 23 Sept. 1927, p. 1, col. 4. Microfilm at Arkansas History Commission.

- i. Mary Wilma, b. ? ; mar. Elliott Henthorn.
Several Children, of which Richard is oldest.

9. LULA BELL³ HUNTER, (*Mary Ann*², *Henry H.*¹), daughter of Richard V. and Mary Ann (Penix) Hunter, was born 9 October 1881 in Jefferson Township, Jackson County, Arkansas. She died 29 October 1967 in Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee.⁷⁸ She is buried in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Tuckerman, Arkansas.⁷⁹

She married 4 February 1900 in Jefferson Township, Jackson County, Arkansas, JAMES A. STRIDER, son of Dr. James M. and Ada (—) Strider.⁸⁰ James was born July 1873 in Mississippi.⁸¹ He died in 1940 and is buried in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Tuckerman, Arkansas.⁸²

In the 1900 Census Lula B. Hunter, born October 1881, was enumerated in the household of her mother, Mary A. Hunter, in Jefferson Township, Jackson County, Arkansas.⁸³ In the same census she was also enumerated in the household with her husband, James A. Strider, in Jefferson Township, Jackson County, Arkansas.⁸⁴

In the 1910 Census, Lula Hunter, was enumerated in Bird Township, Jackson County, Arkansas, in the household with her

⁷⁸"Death Record of Lula B. Strider," 29 Oct. 1967, Certificate of Death File No. 67-029834, Tenn. Dept. of Health, Division of Vital Records.

⁷⁹"Gravestone Inscription," Grace Lawn Cemetery, Tuckerman, Ark. Copied May 1991 by Charles and Mattie Penix.

⁸⁰"Marriage Record of James A. Strider and Lula Hunter," license 2 Feb. 1900, marriage 4 Feb. 1900, James 26, Newport, Lula 18, Newport, Jackson County, Ark, Marriage Records, Bk. E, p. 113, County Clerk, Newport. F.H.L. Film 1290124.

⁸¹1900 U.S. Census, Jefferson Twp., Jackson County, Ark., E.D. 59, dwelling 129, family 138, lines 32-33; N. A. Microfilm T-623, Roll 62. James A. Strider, husband, born July 1873 Mississippi.

⁸²"Gravestone Inscription," Grace Lawn Cemetery, Tuckerman, Ark. Copied May 1991 by Charles and Mattie Penix.

⁸³1900 U.S. Census, Jefferson Twp., Jackson Co. Ark., E.D. 59, dwelling 141, family 144, lines 55-60; N.A. Microfilm T-623, Roll 62.

⁸⁴*Ibid.*

husband Jas. Strider and children, Vaughn, age 9, Thelma, age 6, and Nora, six months.⁸⁵

Children (James A. Strider) surname STRIDER:

- i. Vaughn, b. 11 Dec. 1900; d. 14 July 1921; bur.
Hickory Grove Cem., Jefferson Twp., Jackson Co.,
Ark.⁸⁶
25. ii. Thelma Mac, b. Oct. 1906.
26. iii. Noralee, b. Jan. 1910.

10. NORA PEARL³ HUNTER (*Mary Ann*². *Henry H.*¹), daughter of Richard V. and Mary Ann (Penix) Hunter, was born 2 February 1886 in Jefferson Township, Jackson County, Arkansas. She died 17 September 1923 at Tuckerman, Jackson County, Arkansas. She is buried in the Hickory Grove Cemetery, Jefferson Township, Jackson County, Arkansas.⁸⁷

She married 13 November 1909 GRACCHUS (GRACK) LATTIMORE SMITH,⁸⁸ son of John Greenup and Jennie Lind (Williams)⁸⁹ Smith. Gracchus Lattimore Smith was born 16 February 1883 at Hickory Grove, Jackson County, Arkansas. He died 1 October 1951 at Brinkley, Arkansas. He is buried in the Hickory Grove Cemetery, Jefferson Township, Jackson County, Arkansas.⁹⁰

⁸⁵1910 U.S. Census, Bird Twp., Jackson Co., Ark., dwelling 63, family 63, lines 48-52; N.A. Microfilm T-624, Roll 53.

⁸⁶Goodwin, *ed.*, *Cemetery Records*, Vol. 2, p. 32.

⁸⁷Goodwin, *ed.*, *Cemetery Records*, Vol. 2, p. 32.

⁸⁸"Marriage Record of Gracchus Latimore Smith and Norah Pearl Hunter," license 13 Nov. 1909, marriage 14 Nov. 1909, Gracchus 26, Newport, Norah 23, Newport, Jackson Co., Ark., M.R. Bk. G, p. 325, County Clerk, Newport, F.H.L. film 129125.

⁸⁹Jennie Lind Williams married first William H. Hunter, then, after the death of William H. Hunter, married John Greenup Smith.

⁹⁰Goodwin, *ed.*, *Cemetery Records*, Vol. 2, p. 32.

Nora Smith was a member of the Baptist Church.⁹¹

Grack L. Smith received his primary education at Hickory Grove and attended Mountain Home College, Mountain Home, Arkansas. He was interested in politics and was elected treasurer of Jackson County. When he lived in Newport he was engaged in the real estate and insurance business. About 1925 he moved to Miami, Florida, and about 1935 to Brinkley Arkansas. He was a member of the Baptist Church.⁹²

Children (Gracchus Lattimore Smith), surname SMITH:

27. i. Hunter Williams, b. 6 Feb. 1911.

28. ii. Gracchus Lattimore, Jr., b. 28 Oct. 1916.

11. WILLIAM YOUNG³ ARMSTRONG, (*Susan F.², Henry H.¹*), son of Robert T. and Susan F. (Penix) Armstrong, was born 21 December 1874 in Union Township, Jackson County, Arkansas. He died 8 June 1927 in Newport, Jackson County, Arkansas and is buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Newport, Arkansas.⁹³

He married first 3 February 1895 IDA WEAVER.⁹⁴ Ida was born 11 October 1875 and died 28 September 1910. She is buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Newport, Arkansas.

He married second 24 November 1910 PEARL MCLAIN.⁹⁵

⁹¹"Obituary of Mrs. G. L. Smith," *Newport Daily Independent* (Newport, Jackson Co., Ark.) 18 Sept. 1923, p. 1. Col. 2. Microfilm at Arkansas History Commission.

⁹²"Obituary of Grack L. Smith," *Newport Daily Independent* (Newport, Jackson Co., Ark.), 2 Oct. 1951, p. 1, col. 4. Film at Arkansas History Commission.

⁹³"Death Certificate of William Y. Armstrong," 8 June 1927, File No. 703, Arkansas State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Little Rock, Ark.; "obituary of William Y. Armstrong," *Newport Daily Independent*, (Newport, Jackson Co. Ark.), 8 June 1927, p. 1, cols. 1-2.

⁹⁴"Marriage Record of William Y. Armstrong and Ida Weaver," William 22, Newport, Ida 19, Newport, license 2 Feb. 1895, marriage 3 Feb. 1895, Jackson County, Ark., Marriage Records, Bk. D, p. 259, County Clerk, Newport. F.H.L.film 1290123.

William Armstrong was a member of the Baptist Church and of the Woodman of the world.

In the 1900 Census William Armstrong, born December 1874, Age 25, was enumerated with his wife Ida, born October 1875, age 24, and two children, Myrtle, born February 1896, age 4, Beulah, born April 1899, age 1, and his brother Joe, born April 1882.⁹⁶

Children (Ida Weaver) surname ARMSTRONG:

- i. Myrtle, b. Feb. 1896; mar. 25 Nov. 1915 Jim Rhoads.⁹⁷
- ii. Beulah, b. April 1899; mar. Alonzo Watson.
- iii. Robert W., b. — ; d. in infancy.
- iv. Willie, b. --; d. -- in California; mar. first Robert Maddox; div. mar. second -- Rose.

12. ALICE³ ARMSTRONG (*Susan F.², Henry H.¹*), daughter of Robert T. and Susan F. (Penix) Armstrong, was born 3 February 1876 in Union Township, Jackson County, Arkansas. She died 19 January 1904 at her home near the Holden Bros. mill six miles northeast of Newport. She is buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery.⁹⁸

She married 6 March 1895 in Jackson County, Arkansas, JOHN ROBERT HOLDEN, son of John J. and Mary Jane (Ellingham) Holden.⁹⁹ He was born in 1869 in New York City. He died in 1946

⁹⁵"Marriage Record of W. Y. Armstrong and Pearl McLain," William 37, Newport, Pearl, 21, Newport, license and marriage, 24 Nov. 1910, Jackson County, Ark., Marriage Records, Bk. G, p. 449. County Clerk, Newport. F.H.L. Film 1290125.

⁹⁶1900 U.S. Census, Union Twp., Jackson Co., Ark., F.D. 61, dwelling 129, family 129, lines 66-70; N.A. Microfilm T-623, Roll 62.

⁹⁷"Marriage record of Jim Rhoads and Myrtle Armstrong," license 23 Nov. 1915, marriage 25 Nov. 1915, Jim 27, Myrtle 19, Jackson County, Ark., Marriage Records, Bk. H, p. 616, County Clerk, Newport. F.H.L. film 1290126.

⁹⁸Obituary of Mrs. Robert Holden," *Newport Daily Independent* (Newport, Jackson Co., Ark.) 20 Jan. 1904, p. 1, col. 3. Arkansas History Commission.

⁹⁹"Marriage Record of John R. Holden and Alice Armstrong," license 5 March 1895, marriage 6 March 1895, John 24, Newport, Alice 18, Newport,

and is buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery. After the death of his wife Alice he married second 7 October 1905 in Newport, Arkansas, Litta B. McClain.¹⁰⁰

Children (J. R. Holden) surname HOLDEN:

29. i. Robert Gray, b. 23 Feb. 1897; d. 4 September 1974.
30. ii. Brouse, b. 23 June 1899; d. 7 Sept. 1967.
- iii. Edith T., b. 22 Feb. 1901; d. 19 Sept. 1905; bur. Walnut Grove Cem., Newport.
- iv. George C., b. 18 Jan. 1904; d. 2 Jan. 1905; bur. Walnut Grove Cem., Newport.

13. ALBERT³ ARMSTRONG (*Susan F.*², *Henry H.*¹), son of Robert T. and Susan F. (Penix) Armstrong, was born in March 1876 in Union Township, Jackson County, Arkansas. He died in 1954.

He married first 28 December 1898 BESSIE BIRDSONG,¹⁰¹ who was born 10 July 1881 and who died 7 May 1908.

He married second 6 November 1909 CORA RHODES.¹⁰²

In the 1900 Census Albert Armstrong, born March 1876, age 24, was enumerated in Union Township, Jackson County, Arkansas,

Jackson County, Ark., M.R. Bk. D, p. 273, County Clerk, Newport. F.H.L. film 1290123.

¹⁰⁰"Marriage Record of J. R. Holden and Litta B. McClain," license 6 Oct. 1905, marriage 7 Oct. 1905, J. R., 35, Newport, Litta 21, Newport, Jackson Co., Ark. M.R. Bk. F, p. 277, County Clerk, Newport, F.H.L. film 1290124.

¹⁰¹"Marriage Record of Albert Armstrong and Bessie Birdsong," Albert 21, Newport, Bessie 17, Newport, license 22 Dec. 1898, marriage 28 Dec. 1898, Newport, Jackson County, Ark., Marriage Records Bk. D, p. 638, County Clerk, Newport. F.H.L. film 1290124.

¹⁰²"Marriage Record of A. Armstrong and Cora Rhodes," Albert 32, Cora 19, Newport, license 6 Nov. 1909, marriage 7 Nov. 1909, Jackson County, Ark., Marriage Records Bk G, p. 307. F.H.L. film 129125.

with wife Bessie, born July 1886, age 18, and son Earl, born February 1900, Age 4/12, born Arkansas.¹⁰³

Children: (Bessie Birdsong) surname ARMSTRONG:

31. i. Earl, b. 2 Feb. 1900.

Children (Cora Rhodes) surname ARMSTRONG:

ii. William Albert

iii. J. J.

iv. Robert

14. JOSEPH GRAY³ ARMSTRONG (*Susan F.*², *Henry H.*¹), son of Robert T. and Susan F. (Penix) Armstrong, was born 22 November 1882 in Union Township, Jackson County, Arkansas. He died 20 February 1975. He is buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Newport, Arkansas.

He married 27 July 1904 MABEL CRAFT,¹⁰⁴ daughter of J. T. and Nora (Hackney) Craft. Mabel was born 17 September 1885 at Beebe, White County, Arkansas. She died 11 June 1961 and is buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Newport, Arkansas.

In the 1900 Census Joe Armstrong, born April 1882, Age 18, was enumerated — June 1900 in Union Township, Jackson County, Arkansas, in the household of his brother, William Armstrong. His mother had died the previous April 1900¹⁰⁵.

In the 1910 Census Joe Armstrong, age 28, was enumerated with his wife Mabel, age 24, (married six years, mother of four children, of which two were living); daughter Alice, age 2; and son

¹⁰³1900 U.S. Census, Union Twp, Jackson Co., Ark., E.D.61, dwelling 4, family 4, lines 4-6; N.A. Microfilm T-623, Roll 62.

¹⁰⁴"Marriage Record of J.G. Armstrong and Mabel Craft," Joe 22, Newport, Mabel 18, Newport, license 27 July 1904, marriage 27 July 1904, Jackson Co., Ark., Marriage Records, Bk. F, p. 144, County Clerk, Newport. F.H.L. film 1290125.

¹⁰⁵1900 U.S. Census, Union Twp., Jackson Co., Ark., E.D. 61, dwelling 129, family 129, line 70; N.A. Microfilm T-623, Roll 62.

Charley, age one month. Robert W. Armstrong, a nephew, age one month, was also enumerated in the household.¹⁰⁶

Judge Armstrong served as a county official for more than 35 years, first as county treasurer, then as county clerk and county judge. During his three terms as county judge he was instrumental in the construction of the Jackson County Convalescent Home and the W. A. Billingsley Memorial Library.

He was a member of the Newport Rotary Club, Jackson Lodge 191, F&AM and Woodman of the World. He was member of the Umsted Memorial Methodist Church in Newport.¹⁰⁷

Children (Mabel Craft) surname ARMSTRONG:

- i. Mabel. b. and. in infancy.
- ii. Oscar. b. and d. in infancy.
- 32. iii. Alice Gray, b. 8 Jan. 1908.
- iv. Joseph Charles, b. 1910; d. 1911.
- 33. v. Nora Franklin, b. 5 Jan. 1913.
- 34. vi. Thomas Craft, b. 6 Jul. 1915.

15. NORA³ PENIX (*Lewis William², Henry H.¹*), daughter of Lewis William and Willie Jane (Carville) Penix, was born 1 December 1878 in Jefferson Township, Jackson County, Arkansas, died 15 January 1975. She is buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery.

She married 28 November 1900 at Hickory Grove, Jefferson Township, Jackson County, Arkansas, JAMES HENRY GAMBLE, son of William H. and Susan Pistole (Steen) Gamble.¹⁰⁸ James Henry Gamble was born in 26 September 1879 in Jackson County,

¹⁰⁶1910 U.S. Census, Union Twp., Jackson Co., Ark., E.D. 73, sheet 2, Malcolm Avenue, dwelling 25, household 25, lines 15-20; N.A. Microfilm T-624, Roll 53.

¹⁰⁷"Obituary of Joseph Gray Armstrong," *Newport Daily Independent*, 21 Feb. 1974.

¹⁰⁸"Marriage Record of J. H. Gamble and Nora Penix," license and marriage 28 Nov. 1900, James 21, Nora 21, Jackson County, Ark., M.R. Bk. E, p. 231, County Clerk, Newport, F.H.L. film 1290124.

Arkansas, died 25 February 1938 in Memphis, Tennessee. He is buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery.

James Henry Gamble was born on the farm where he resided at the time of his death, the son of prominent pioneer citizens, and was himself a prosperous landowner. He was a member of the Baptist Church.¹⁰⁹

Children (James H. Gamble) surname GAMBLE:

- 35. i. William Norman, b. 28 Dec. 1901.
- 36. ii. Harry Edward, b. 7 Oct. 1908.

16. CLARENCE EDWARD³ PENIX (*Lewis William², Henry H.¹*), son of Lewis William and Willie Jane (Carville) Penix, was born 28 August 1882 in Jackson County, Arkansas, died 23 May 1961 in Jefferson Township, Jackson County, Arkansas, and is buried in the Penix Graveyard.¹¹⁰

He married 4 April 1907 LOLA AMICK, daughter of Thomas Richard and Allie (Moser) Amick.¹¹¹ Lola was born 18 June 1885 in Jackson County, Arkansas, died 7 April 1960 in Jackson County, Arkansas, and is buried in the Roberts-Penix Graveyard.¹¹²

Clarence Penix spent his adult life in the Hickory Grove Community, Jefferson Township, Jackson County, Arkansas, where he owned and farmed 80 acres of land that had belonged to his father.¹¹³

Children (Lola Amick) surname PENIX:

¹⁰⁹Obituary of James Henry Gamble, *Newport Daily Independent* (Newport, Jackson County), 25 Feb. 1938, p. 1, col. 1. Microfilm at Arkansas History Commission.

¹¹⁰Goodwin, ed., *Cemetery Records*, Vol. 2, p. 37.

¹¹¹"Marriage Record for Clarence E. Penix to Lola Amick," Clarence 24, Lola 21, marriage 4 April 1907, Jackson County, Ark., Marriage Records, Bk. F, p. 478, Circuit Clerk, Newport, Ark. F.H.L. film 1290124.

¹¹²Goodwin, ed., *Cemetery Records*, Vol. 2, p. 37.

¹¹³Obituary of Clarence E. Penix, *Newport Daily Independent* (Newport, Jackson Co., Ark.), p. 6, col.s. 6-7.

- i. Beatus, b. 30 Nov. 1907.
- 37. ii. Charles Edward, b. 11 April 1909.
- 38. iii. Walter Eugene, b. 14 September 1914.

17. JENNIE LIND³ PENIX (*Lewis William², Henry H.¹*), daughter of Lewis William and Anna Augusta (Hunter) Penix, was born 10 March 1893 at Hickory Grove, Jefferson Township, Jackson County, Arkansas. She died 3 January 1969 in Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas.¹¹⁴ She is buried beside her husband in the Penix Graveyard, Jefferson Township, Jackson County, Arkansas.

She married 23 December 1914 at Hickory Grove ERASMUS ABRAHAM (RAS) PRIEST,¹¹⁵ son of James H. and Matilda (Mauldin) Priest. Ras was born 4 May 1889 in Jackson Township, Little River County, Arkansas. He died 19 March 1961 in Newport, Jackson County, Arkansas.¹¹⁶ He is buried in the Penix Graveyard at Hickory Grove.¹¹⁷

Ras Priest graduated 5 June 1914 from the Foreman Arkansas, High School. After his marriage he taught school briefly in Little River County before returning to Jackson County. He taught in the Harper and Weldon schools before moving in the fall of 1918 to Newport, where he was employed in the Arkansas Bank & Trust Company and its successor, the Arkansas Trust Company. While working in the bank he read law at night in the office of the late Gustave Jones, was admitted to the bar 19 November 1928, and practiced law in Newport from 1 March 1930 to shortly before his

¹¹⁴"Death Record of Jeanette P. Priest," 3 Jan. 1969, Arkansas State Dept. of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Little Rock. W. E. Penix was the informant.

¹¹⁵"Marriage Bond for Ras Priest to Jeannette Eleanor [*sic*] Penix," Ras 25, Jennie 21, bond 23 December 1914, minister's return 25 Dec. 1914, Little River County, Ark., Marriage Records, Bk. M. page 148, photocopy in possession of author.

¹¹⁶"Death Record of Ras A. Priest," Death Certificate No. 3246, Arkansas State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Little Rock. Jennie Penix Priest was the informant.

¹¹⁷Goodwin, *ed.*, *Cemetery Records*, Vol. 2, p. 36.

death. He was a past president of the Jackson County Bar Association and a member of the American Bar Association.¹¹⁸

Before her marriage Jennie Lind joined in 1914 the Missionary Baptist Church at Hickory Grove and was baptized in White River by Baptist ministers William T. Bracy and Ed Sherrill. After moving to Newport from Weldon in 1918 she and Ras joined the First Methodist Church, where in the 1920's Ras was Sunday school superintendent, teacher of a class for high-school boys, and member of the board of stewards.

Children (Ras Priest) surname PRIEST:

39. i. Lyman William, b. 1 Dec.1915.

18. WILLIAM EUGENE³ PENIX (*Lewis William². Henry H.¹*), son of Lewis William and Anna Augusta (Hunter) Penix, was born 10 June 1897 in Jefferson Township, Jackson County, Arkansas. He died 2 September 1980 in Newport, Jackson County, Arkansas. He is buried in the Walnut Grove Cemetery in Newport.

He married 23 December 1918 in Jackson County, Arkansas GRACE BERTHA HALL, Daughter of Walter Eugene and Bertha Magdalene (Wagner) Hall.¹¹⁹ Grace was born 17 January 1898 in Sage, Izard County, She died in 26 November 1984 in Jonesboro, Craighead County, Arkansas. She is buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Newport.¹²⁰

Bill Penix attended the Hickory Grove School, situated one mile north of his home on the road to the Elgin community, and the Tuckerman school, where the teacher was his uncle Wesley M. Shaver, who inspired him to make the most of his education.

¹¹⁸Obituary of Ras A. Priest," *Newport Daily Independent* (Newport, Jackson Co., Ark.), 20 March 1961, p. 1, col. 1.

¹¹⁹"Marriage Record of Willie E. Penix and Grace B. Hall," license 22 Dec. 1918, marriage 23 Dec. 1918, Willie 20, Newport, Grace 19, Melbourne [Izard County], Jackson Co. Ark., M.R. Bk. I, p.325, County Clerk, Newport, F.H.L. film 1290126.

¹²⁰Obituary of Grace Hall Penix," *Newport Daily Independent* (Newport, Jackson Co., Ark.), 27 Nov. 1984.

After his marriage, Bill farmed the land on which he was born in the Hickory Grove community. During the New Deal he worked in Newport for the Agricultural Adjustment Administration in addition to farming. He founded the Penix Dairy, which in 1945 moved to Newport and which he continued to manage until his retirement. 1 March 1976.

He was a member of the first board of directors of the Farmers Electric Cooperative Corporation when it was organized and served as its chairman for seven years. He served for fifteen years as chairman of the Jackson County Board of Equalization.¹²¹

After his retirement Bill continued to be active in the county, and worked part-time in a sporting goods store. He was the *complete* outdoorsman, the fisherman and hunter whose advice was respected by expert and novice alike.

Both Bill and Grace were members of the First United Methodist Church in Newport. Bill was a communion Stewart for 25 years.

Children (Grace Bertha Hall) surname PENIX:

40. i. Marianne, b. 11 April 1933.

19. JOHN³ JACKSON (*Elizabeth², Henry H.¹*), son of Robert P. and Elizabeth (Penix) Jackson, was born in June 1874 in Jefferson Township, Jackson County, Arkansas. He died — and is buried —.

In the 1900 Census John Jackson, age 26, born June 1874, was enumerated in Jefferson Township, Jackson County, Arkansas, in the household of his uncle, William L. Penox [Lewis William Penix.]¹²²

In the 1910 Census John Jackson, aged 36, was enumerated in Jefferson Township, Jackson County, Arkansas, in the household

¹²¹"Obituary of William Penix," *Newport Daily Independent* (Newport, Jackson Co., Ark.). 3 Sept 1980, p. 1, cols. 5-6. Microfilm at Arkansas History Commission.

¹²²1900 U.S. Census, Jefferson Twp., Jackson Co., Ark., E.D. 59, dwelling 134, family 143, line 63; N. A. Microfilm T-623, Roll 62.

of his cousin, W. W. Hunter, and his aunts, Mary A. Hunter, and Martha Penix.¹²³

20. CHARLES EDGAR³ PENIX (*John Columbus², Henry H.¹*), son of John Columbus and Dora Ann (Jowers) Penix, was born 31 August 1882 in Jackson County, Arkansas. He died 19 November 1930 in Jackson County, Arkansas, and is buried in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Tuckerman, Arkansas.

He married 8 April 1914 NORA LEE YELVERTON, daughter of George and Eliza (Shipman) Yelverton.¹²⁴ She was born 11 January 1892 in Tuckerman, Jackson County, Arkansas. She died 12 January 1978 in Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas, and is buried in Grace lawn Cemetery, Tuckerman, Arkansas.

Charles Penix had extensive farming properties when he died at 48 years of age. Although he resided at his country home a few miles from Tuckerman, he took an active interest in the business and social life of Tuckerman. He was a member of the Tuckerman Methodist Church, the school board, and the Jackson County Democratic Central Committee.¹²⁵

Children (Nora Lee Yelverton surname PENIX:

41. i. Nora Elizabeth, b. 22 February 1915.
42. ii. Charles Edgar, Jr., b. 12 January 1918.

21. SAMUEL B.³ PENIX (*John Columbus², Henry H.¹*), son of John Columbus and Dora Ann (Jowers) Penix, was born 11 August 1885 in Tuckerman, Jackson County, Arkansas. He died 10

¹²³1910 U.S. Census, Jefferson Twp., Jackson Co., Ark., F.D. —, dwelling 106, family 106, lines 14-18; N.A. Microfilm T-624, Roll 53.

¹²⁴"Marriage Record of Charles E. Penix and Nora L. Yelverton," license 7 April 1914, marriage 8 April 1914, Charles 31, Tuckerman, Nora L. 22, Tuckerman, Jackson Co., Ark., M.R. Bk. P, p. 334. County Clerk, Newport, F.H.L. film 1290125.

¹²⁵"Obituary of Charles Penix," *Newport Daily Independent* (Newport, Jackson Co., Ark.), 19 Nov. 1930, p. 1. col. 2.

January 1970 in Newport, Arkansas. He is buried in Grace lawn Cemetery, Tuckerman, Arkansas.

He married 6 October 1907 MARY LYDIA (SOLLIE) CHURCHMAN, daughter of Joseph William Churchman and Mary (—) Churchman.

He was first a farmer and subsequently for many years an employee of the Clendenin School, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

He helped to organize and build the Hope Methodist Church in the Elgin community and served many years as Sunday School superintendent.

Children (Mary Lydia (Sollic) Churchman) surname PENIX:

43. i. Samuel B., Jr., b. 19 May 1908.

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THE PENIX FAMILY

By Lyman Priest

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22. PEARL³ PENIX (*John Columbus², Henry H.¹*), daughter of John Columbus and Dora Ann (Jowers) Penix, was born 24 October 1887 in Jackson County, Arkansas. She died 21 November 1971 in North Little Rock, Arkansas. She is buried in Roselawn Cemetery, Little Rock, Arkansas.¹²⁶

She married 3 September 1905 in Jackson County, Arkansas, THOMAS D. CHURCHMAN.¹²⁷ Thomas D. Churchman was born 12 December 1881 in Jackson County, Arkansas. He died 30 March 1913 in Jackson County, Arkansas and was buried in the Penix Graveyard near Hickory Grove. In the 1940's his remains were moved to Grace Lawn Cemetery, Tuckerman, Arkansas.¹²⁸

After the death of Thomas D. Churchman, Pearl married in April 1918 CHARLES RICHARD JESSUP. He was born 7 March 1887

¹²⁶"Gravestone Inscription of Pearl Jessup," Roselawn Cemetery, Little Rock, Ark. Copied by Elizabeth Penix Gardner and Charles Penix May 1991.

¹²⁷"Marriage Record of Thomas D. Churchman and Pearl Penix," license 2 Sept. 1905, marriage 3 Sept. 1905, Thomas 23, Pearl 19, Jackson Co., Ark. M.R. Bk. p. 263, County Clerk, Newport. F.H.I. film 1290124

¹²⁸"Gravestone Inscription of Thomas D. Churchman," Grace Lawn Cemetery, Tuckerman, Ark. Copied June 1991 by Charles and Mattie Penix.

and died 10 February 1925. He is buried in Roselawn Cemetery, Little Rock, Arkansas¹²⁹

Pearl had lived in North Little Rock for the last 50 years of her life. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of North Little Rock and a member of the Ladies Bible Class.¹³⁰

Children (Thomas D. Churchman) surname CHURCHMAN:

44. i. Troy D. Churchman, b. 23 Dec. 1906.

23. FORREST LEE³ PENIX (*John Columbus², Henry H.¹*), son of John Columbus and Dora Ann (Jowers) Penix, was born 22 August 1889 in Jackson County, Arkansas. He died 25 March 1969 at Tuckerman, Jackson County, Arkansas. He is buried at Grace Lawn Cemetery, Tuckerman.

He married 7 January 1914 in Jackson County, Arkansas, LUCY LINDLEY,¹³¹ daughter of James Wesley and Emma Elizabeth (Choate) Lindley. Lucy was born 17 August 1892 at Kenyon, Jackson County, Arkansas.

Forrest Lee Penix was for more than 20 years president and at the time of his death was chairman of the board of directors of the Bank of Tuckerman. He was a trustee and a member of the board of stewards of the United Methodist Church at Tuckerman. He was a member of the school board and at one time was its president.¹³²

¹²⁹"Gravestone Inscription of C. R. Jessup," Roselawn Cemetery, Little Rock, Ark. Copied by Elizabeth Penix Gardner and Charles Penix May 1991.

¹³⁰"Obituary of Mrs. C. R. Jessup," *Arkansas Gazette* (Little Rock, Pulaski Co., Ark.). 23 Nov. 1971, p. 10B, col. 5. Microfilm at Arkansas History Commission.

¹³¹"Marriage Record of Forrest L. Penix and Lucy Lindley," license 6 Jan. 1914, marriage 10 Jan. 1914, Forrest 24, Tuckerman, Lucy 24, Tuckerman, Jackson Co., Ark., M.R. Bk. P, p. 334. County Clerk, Newport, F.H.L. film 1290125.

¹³²"Obituary of Forrest Lee Penix," *Newport Daily Independent* (Newport, Jackson Co., Ark.), 27 March 1969.

Children (Lucy Lindley) surname PENIX:

- 45. i. James Forrest, b. 26 Oct. 1914.
- 46. ii. James Albert, b. 16 March 1924.
- 47. iii. Robert Lindley, b. 29 March 1930.

24. HENRY JOWERS³ PENIX (*John Columbus², Henry H.¹*), son of John Columbus and Dora Ann (Jowers) Penix, was born 3 May 1893 in Jackson County, Arkansas. He died 14 June 1966 in Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas. He is buried in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Tuckerman, Arkansas.

He married 25 August 1921 Nell Ricketts, who survived him.

Henry J. Penix was born in the Yellow Schoolhouse community, but spent most of his life in Bird Township, where he farmed and operated a service station. He was a veteran of World War I and active in America Legion affairs and at the time of his death was vice commander of the Earl Matheny Legion Post at Tuckerman.

He was a member of the Tuckerman Methodist Church.¹³³

No children.

¹³³Obituary of Henry J. Penix," *Tuckerman Record* (Tuckerman, Jackson Co., Ark.), 16 June 1966, p. 1, col. 2.

FOURTH GENERATION

25. THELMA MAE⁴ STRIDER (*Lula Bell³, Mary Ann², Henry H.¹*), daughter of James A. and Lula Bell (Hunter) Strider, was born 18 October 1906 in Tuckerman, Bird Township, Jackson County, Arkansas.

She married in 20 June 1941 EDWIN L. JOHNSON.

Thelma Mac graduated from Tuckerman High School and Ouachita College. She taught school for 8 years in Tuckerman, 2 years in Burdette, 2 years in Pine Bluff, and 22½ years in Memphis before retiring in 1971.

No children.

26. NORALEE⁴ STRIDER (*Lula Bell³, Mary Ann², Henry H.¹*), daughter of James A. and Lula Bell (Hunter) Strider, was born 5 January 1910 in Tuckerman, Bird Township, Jackson County, Arkansas. She died 21 September 1970 in Memphis Tennessee.¹³⁴ She is buried in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Tuckerman, Arkansas.¹³⁵

She married 8 February 1928 GLENN WASHINGTON HODGES, who was born in 1908 and died in 1936 in Little Rock, Arkansas. He is buried in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Tuckerman, Arkansas.

Noralee attended Central College, Conway, and Draughton Business College. Before the World War II she worked for the National Youth Administration in Newport, during the war at the Air Base in Newport, and after war at the Naval Air Station in Memphis until 1970.

¹³⁴"Obituary of Mrs. Noralee Hodges," *Tuckerman Record* (Tuckerman, Jackson Co., Ark.), 24 Sept. 1970, p. 1, col. 3. Microfilm at Arkansas History Commission.

¹³⁵"Gravestone, inscription of Noralee S. Hodges," Grace Lawn Cemetery, Tuckerman, Ark. Copied June 1991 by Charles and Mattie Penix.

Children (Glenn Washington Hodges) surname HODGES:

- 48 i. Glenn William, b. Dec. 1928.
- 49. ii. Patricia Jane, b. Dec. 1931.

27. HUNTER WILLIAMS⁴ SMITH (*Nora³, Mary Ann², Henry H.¹*), son of Gracchus Lattimore and Nora (Hunter) Smith, was born 6 February 1911 in Tuckerman, Arkansas.

He married in August 1934 at Arkadelphia, Arkansas, FREEDA COOPER, daughter of William Travis and Nellie Anna (Clinkenbeard) Cooper. Freeda was born 9 July 1910 in Marshall, Missouri.

After graduating from Tuckerman High School Hunter, Hunter was in the military service from 1930-1934. He was a sales representative for Proctor and Gamble for 32 years. Freeda is a career nurse.

Both Hunter and Freeda are Baptists.

No children.

28. GRACCHUS LATTIMORE⁴ SMITH, JR. (*Nora³, Mary Ann², Henry H.¹*), son of Gracchus Lattimore and Nora (Hunter) Smith, was born 28 October 1916 at Newport, Arkansas.

He married 7 July 1945 at Miami, Oklahoma, 1945 ZELLA LEE SIMRELL, daughter of Dr. Harry A. and Hester E. (Cowan) Simrell. Zella as born 12 September 1925 in Capinger Mills, Missouri.

After graduating from Tuckerman High School, Class of 1934, he attended business college in Springfield, Missouri.

Lat was a sergeant in the field artillery in the South Pacific during World War II.

Lat and Zella are both members of the Presbyterian Church.

Children (Zella Lee Simrell) surname SMITH:

- 50. i. Hunter Lattimore, b. 26 July 1947.

- 51. ii. Pamela Sue (twin), b. 8 June 1950.
- 52. iii. Patricia Lou (twin), b. 8 June 1950.

29. ROBERT GRAY⁴ HOLDEN (*Alice³, Susan F.², Henry H.¹*), son of John Robert and Alice (Armstrong) Holden, was born 23 February 1897 in Village Township, Jackson County, Arkansas. He died 4 September 1974 in Newport, Jackson County, Arkansas. He is buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery.

He married 23 February 1923 LELIA TIMS¹³⁶

He attended the Newport schools, the University of Arkansas, and Arkansas State College at Jonesboro. He was a veteran of World War I and was a member of Neil Griffin American Legion Post 47 for more than 50 years. He attended the First Baptist Church in Newport.

With his brother Brouse he owned and operated for many years the Holden Bros. Farm & Gin Company. He owned and operated his farm lands under the name of R. G. Holden Land Company. His many business interests included raising cattle and Shetland ponies and developing the Village Mall Shopping Center.

Children (Lelia Tims) surname HOLDEN:

- 53. i. Mary Alice, b. 30 June 1924

30. BROUSE⁴ HOLDEN (*Alice³, Susan F.², Henry H.¹*), son of John Robert and Alice (Armstrong) Holden, was born 23 June 1899 in Village Township, Jackson County, Arkansas. He died 7 September 1967 in Newport, Jackson County, Arkansas. He is buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery.

He married first EDITII LITTLETON.

He married second 14 December 1946 in Jonesboro, Craighead County, Arkansas, DOROTHY DAVIS.

¹³⁶"Obituary of Robert Gray Holden," *Newport Daily Independent* (Newport, Jackson Co., Ark.), 5 Sept. 1974, p. 1, col. 3-5. Microfilm at Arkansas History Commission.

After attending the Newport schools and school at Bell Buckle, Tennessee, he went into business with his father in the J. R. Holden Land & Lumber Company. Then he and his brother were partners for many years in the Holden Bros. Farm & Gin Company. He was a member of the board of directors of the White River Production Credit Association, the Newport Police Commission, and other business and civic organizations. He was a member of the First Methodist Church.¹³⁷

Children (Edith Littleton) surname HOLDEN:

Adopted son Jerry, b.

Children (Dorothy Davis) surname HOLDEN:

- i. Brouse, Jr., b. 14 Sept. 1948.
- ii. James Reid, b. 9 Feb. 1952.

31. EARL⁴ ARMSTRONG (*Albert*³, *Susan F.*², *Henry H.*¹), son of Albert and Bessie (Birdsong) Armstrong, was born 2 February 1900. He died 11 December 1970 and is buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Newport, Arkansas.

He married 4 November 1922 at Heber Springs, Arkansas, SALLIE MADGE MURPHY, who was born 4 March 1905 at Owensboro, Kentucky. She died 20 December 1988 and is buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Newport, Arkansas.

Children (Sallie Madge Murphy) surname ARMSTRONG:

- 54. i. Virginia Lee, b. 10 Dec. 1923.
- 55. ii. Madge Corinne (Margie), b. 14 Aug. 1927.
- 56. iii. Shirley Ann, b. 23 Nov. 1932.

¹³⁷"Obituary of Brouse Holden," *Newport Daily Independent* (Newport, Jackson Co., Ark.) 8 Sept. 1967, p. 1. Col. 1.

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32. ALICE GRAY⁴ ARMSTRONG (*Joseph Gray³, Susan F.², Henry H.¹*), daughter of Joseph Gray and Mabel (Craft) Armstrong, was born 15 January 1908 in Union Township, Jackson County, Arkansas.

She married 29 September 1927 WALTER VARDIMAN FOX, son of George and Lena Lee (Flynt) Fox. He was born 25 September 1904 in Independence County, Arkansas. He died 19 October 1975 and is buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Newport, Arkansas.

Walter Vardiman Fox moved at an early age to Newport, where he attended the Newport public schools. He was the local representative of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States and at the time of his death was office manager of the Charles Holden Chrysler Company.

He was a deacon of the First Baptist Church in Newport and a member of the Newport Lions Club. He was for many years active in civic affairs, which included serving as City Alderman.¹³⁸

Children (Walter Vardiman Fox) surname FOX:

57 i. Nancy Carolyn, b. 21 April 1933.

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