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Entries From Orren M. Rieff's Family Bible
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 John W. Rieff and Malvina Hunt were married Dec. the 16th, 1875.

DEATHS

NANCY WHITE RIEFF died Dec. 23rd, 1819
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 She was a dutiful and obedient daughter, a devoted wife, kind and affectionate Mother and a consistent and humble Christian. Peace be to thy departed spirit Mother.
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 Died Sunday morning two minutes before eleven o'clock Sept. 21, 1913, HENRY MARTIN RIEFF, aged 66 years and nine months.
 Died Saturday evening at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes, Oct. 2 1922, MARGARET, daughter of O. M. and M. A. RIEFF, age 75 years, 8 months and 14 days.

Bible now in the possession of Mrs. Ruth Kerley, Fayetteville, Arkansas

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THE ORREN M. RIEFF FAMILY

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Seated, left to right: Orren Murray Rieff — Matilda Ann (Fambrough) Rieff — Mary Jane Rieff Evans.

Standing, Henry Martin Rieff — Americus Lee "Meck" Evans — Margaret Delana Rieff — Eliza Catherine Rieff — Laura Rieff Fine.

Picture taken in the early 1890s, as "Meck" Evans was born in 1882 and appears to be 8 to 12 years of age in this photo.

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THE RIEFF FAMILY

My first acquaintance with the Rieffs was when I discovered that Orren M. Rieff was the contractor who built the Ozark Institute building at Mt. Comfort. I saw the original records and we have published some of them. I also suspected that Orren Rieff had built the trick house for his brother Henry, which is now the Moore's Chapel funeral home. The Rieffs have always intrigued me, ever since I visited the Rieff's Chapel cemetery out on the Cato Springs Road. I have been out there many times, especially when the pear blossoms are in bloom, and I always salute John Rieff, and his wife, Hannah Ross, who sleep there.

So, it was a pleasant surprise to receive a copy of the family bible of Orren M. Rieff sent to us by one of our new members, Robert M. Ausbourne, of Tampa, Florida. Mr. Ausbourne visited our office during the summer and we steered him to all the cemeteries where any Rieffs may be buried.

My own interest in the Rieffs dates back to the late Miss Jobelle Holcombe who was my guide on my first visit to the Rieff's Chapel cemetery. Miss Holcombe knew the Rieff story and she made the speech when our Society dedicated the marker on the Henry Rieff house (now Moore's Funeral Home) on West Center Street in Fayetteville.

Here, then, are the entries from the 7-page family record section of the Orren M. Rieff family bible, by courtesy of Robert M. Ausbourne, 6502 - 34th Street, Tampa, Florida 33610.

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(Editor's note: Also on page 2 are recorded the birth dates of some later generations, as follows:)

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 Baptized April the 15, 1900.
 Ollie Ines Masters was born Aug. 8th, 1889
 Elmer Eugene Masters was born March the 21, 1892
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(Editor's note: It is quite evident that some of these later entries were made in later years. Different handwriting.)

PAGE 4--MARRIAGES

Cloyd Fredrick Rieff and Miss Elizabeth Ball (?) were married April, 1932

(Editor's note: Some of these entries are illegible. However, here are the Kerley marriage entries:)

Virginia Ann Kerley, (date illegible)

Mayme Elizabeth Kerley (illegible), date June 17, 1942.

Joan Kerley and Hugh Griffin, married Jan. 16, 1953.

(Editor's note: This page from the Rieff bible records contains four illegible marriage records and seven birth records that are hard to decipher: Griffin, Riddle and Rieff.)

PAGE 5--COLLATERAL RECORD

THOMAS JEFFERSON FINE was born June the 15th, 1847

MARGARET MATILDA FINE was born Aug. 10, 1848

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RUTH ALLIE RIEFF (?) was born Nov. the 4th, 1899

HENRY HUGH RIEFF was born Jan. the 3rd, 1901

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ANNETTE CATHARINE EVANS was born Tuesday morning, April 19, 1869

MARGARET JOSEPHINE EVANS was born Monday evening, June 17, 1872

LAURA BELL EVANS was born Thursday morning, Oct. 29, 1874

SARAH ANN EDNA EVANS was born Friday morning, Feb. 21, 1879

AMMERICUS LEE EVANS was born Sunday eve, March 19, 1882

(Editor's note: There are two more illegible entries on this page, the names appearing to be Billy and Eula. The EVANS entries were added later and are in good handwriting. But they are additions to the original Orren M. Rieff family bible.)

PAGE 6--DEATHS

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(Two more illegible paragraphs, then this:)

Died Monday night at 11 o'clock, Jan. 2nd 1929, Sarah Elizabeth Rieff--wife of HENRY RIEFF, aged 56 years, 2 months and 10 days.

Maggie Evans died Wednesday morning a few minutes after 5 o'clock, September 27, 1893, aged 21 years 3 months and 10 days. Maggie professed religion September 14, 1887.

Died on Sunday morning Oct. 3, 1875, Margaret M. Fine, daughter of Thomas and Laura Fine, aged 2 years and 1 month.

Died on Tuesday morning Feb. 4th, 1896 Henry M. Fine, aged 18 years, 6 months.

(Editor's note: There are two other death records on this page in the Rieff family bible--Ellis Masters and Elmer Masters, both of which are illegible.)

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HEADQUARTERS HOUSE

Your Newsletter arrived. Please send me the names of the people whom I should contact and I will write to them about preserving the old Tebbetts house as a historical site. When I was a young girl and going to the old Washington School, I walked by the old house each day on my way home, and even though I was only a child I loved the house and the history behind it. Vera Drake, Velma Phelps, Dr. Walker's daughters, Miss Morrow (my 7th grade teacher) and Prof. Bates have all talked to and told me the history behind the old house, and each year when my husband and I are there we go by and look at the house. I will do all I can to help preserve it.