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BREWSTER - SIMPSON CEMETERY

by Burlene Hilton

This little family cemetery is about seven miles south of Prairie Grove on the Cove Creek road on the old Simpson place now owned by Vol Reed. It contains something like 50 graves of which only 23 have stones to identify those who lie there. I was in search of the graves of Jeremiah and Barsheba Brewster, for I have been told that they are buried there but they had no stones, except very old rock enclosures covered with slabs. There are about eight graves of this type, 15 with just sandstone markers.

In one very old iron fence enclosure were the graves of Jane W. Simpson, born April 23, 1795, and Hugh Simpson, born 1817, died 1852. Near the enclosure are J. M. Simpson, born 1818, died 1898, and wife Mary Simpson, born 1821, died July 31, 1900.

In a new fenced enclosure are the Baker family: Malinda Baker, born Jan. 20, 1857; died Feb. 14, 1926; Alvin Baker, 1879-1921; Anderson Baker, and Sabene Baker. Others:

Claude Stewart, Feb. 5, 1885 - June 22, 1885 (twins)

Maude Stewart, Feb. 5, 1885 - July 24, 1885 (")

Stella Stewart, b. July 9, 1880, d. July 19, 1884

Hiram Brewster, b. Dec. 31, 1842, d. Sept. 19, 1932

Sarah, wife of Hiram Brewster, b. Jan. 23, 1818, d. Apr. 20, 1906

Emma Lee, daughter of H. M. & S. H. Brewster, 1880-1881

Mary Ellen Cantrell, wife of J. Cantrell, Nov. 27, 1861 - 5/18/01

Richard Wood, b. Feb. 14, 1795, d. Dec. 18, 1862

Michael Rinehart, b. July 15, 1826, d. Nov. 14, 1899

Martha, wife of Michael Rinehart, b. 1837, d. May 5, 1905

Mary Wood, b. Feb. 2, 1806, d. March 3, 1877 (probably wife of Richard Wood.)

John Francis Brewster, b. Dec. 10, 1852, died 1928, and his wife, Mary Elizabeth Brewster are also buried in this little cemetery, but no stone to identify their graves.

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INFORMATION, PLEASE

I am seeking information on my ancestor, William Rile Simpson who, tradition indicates, was born 17 Sept. 1855 in Fayetteville, Ark. His father, Daniel P. or Daniel Brittain Simpson, died in Fayetteville about 1862. He was a soldier but died at home of an illness. Can you check the compiled records and county histories for Simpsons? Can you supply me with names of anyone there who might be interested in exchanging information concerning the Simpsons of your county? If there is any charge for this service, please let me know.

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ORANGE COUNTY CALIFORNIA
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

THE GRISCOM FAMILY REUNION

by Margaret Pitts Barkman, Lincoln, Ark.

The descendants of William Henry and Nancy Moore Griscom gathered at the Latta Barn in Battlefield Park near Prairie Grove, with well-filled baskets of delicious foods for a family reunion on Oct. 9th, 1966, and to honor their cousins from New Jersey: Mrs. Howard (Gertrude) Shimp of Bridgeton, N. J. and her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ogden of Mickleton, N. J. These sisters had driven to Beatrice, Neb., to take Mrs. Shimp's son Clarkson to enroll in a new Christian college there, then came on to Arkansas to be guests of their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Griscom of Route 2, Fayetteville. During Jerry's service, he was stationed in New Jersey and managed to get acquainted with the cousins and their mother, Mrs. Arnetta Hitchner.

Other guests at the Prairie Grove reunion included Leonard and Burlene Griscom, Cage Henry Griscom of Summers, Ark.; Edward and Cleo Metz, James and Pat Griscom, Clark and Anna Mae Ray and son -- all of Tulsa; Frank and Ruth Matthews of Springdale; Mrs. Edith Uhl Addleton, Jerry and Irena Griscom and two children, Shirley and Dale -- all of Fayetteville; Mrs. Claude Griscom, Horace and Mildred Griscom, Floyd and Theo Griscom, Barbara Griscom and daughter Cara, J. D. and Jolene Griscom and two children, Carl and Margaret Barkman -- all of Lincoln.

Baby Cara Griscom was the youngest of the fifth generation of the Arkansas Griscom clan; and Mrs. Claude Griscom the oldest.

Everyone enjoyed hearing about the Griscom relatives in New Jersey and especially about the Griscom family tree which is on the wall in the basement of the Betsy Ross home in Philadelphia, Pa. This tree includes the names of these cousins, Grandfather Griscom and his brother Wm. Henry Griscom, who came to Arkansas as a young man, married, and later died at an early age, leaving his wife and two young sons, Claude D. and William Clark. His grave is in the Moore cemetery on the old Bain farm.

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BUCHANAN MEMENTOS

The enclosed odds and ends of clippings and photographs were among the personal mementos left by mother, Grace Buchanan Reynolds (Mrs. W. J.) when she died in 1963. It is possible that some of them may be of interest to your Society. As you know, my grandfather, Dr. John L. Buchanan was president of the University for several years. My parents' wedding was the first one to be held in the old Methodist Church soon after it was completed. They were married in 1900.

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THE REESE CEMETERY, NEAR FLY CREEK

List Compiled by Burlene Hilton

This Reese cemetery is about four miles south and east of Cane Hill and a mile northeast of Fly Creek school, high on the mountain range. There are some 120 graves and 55 of these are marked only with sandstone markers. Due to this, one cannot be sure how long it has been used as a burial ground. The land was given by John Reese who spent his entire life on a farm nearby. He was the son of William Reese who settled on Cove Creek by 1841. John Reese and several members of his family are buried there and a great number of descendants of William Johnson Reed families. The oldest inscribed marker is at the grave of James K. Griggsley, Aug. 21, 1880, age 35 years.

Burials

John Reese, Feb. 1841-June 25, 1923

Mary J. Reese, Feb. 1, 1852-July 20, 1939

Ollie B. Reese, daughter of J. and M. J. Reese, died 1890, age 8 mo. 12 days

T. B. Reese, son of J. and M. J. Reese, b. Mar. 28, 1877, d. Jan 21, 1905

James M. Reese, b. Oct. 29, 1874, d. Nov. 10, 1947

Maggie A. Reese, b. July 6, 1880, d. Apr. 27, 1937

Ivan F. Reese, b. July 30, 1907, d. Oct. 17, 1925

The following are Reed-related:

Ambrose K. Reed, b. Aug. 26, 1856, d. April 15, 1915

Mother, Kizzie Reed, Mar. 13, 1859-May 14, 1933 (Kizzie Rather Reed)

Margrete Reed McCamish, wife of J. R. McCamish, b. Mar. 16, 1856, d. July 6, 1906

Oliver C. McCamish, son of J. R. and M. P. McCamish, 1881-1883

(About 15 sandstone markers in the McCamish row of burials)

Davis Eugene Reed, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Reed, Feb 1948-Dec 1948

Tometh L. Reed, 1889-1930

Loyd Reed, Nov. 22, 1889-July 6, 1930

Florence A. Reed, Feb. 1892-July 18, 1893 (daughter of Loyd and Dorcas Reed)

Bessie Reed, Dec. 23, 1885-Feb. 16, 1923 (daughter of George Reed)

Earl Reed Latta, son of L. E. and L. B. Latta, Aug. 2, 1918-Aug. 4, 1918

Three infant children of Erby and Myrtle Reed Pennal:

Son, 1910; daughter, 1918; son Ellis Ross, 1912-1915

James A. Brunk, Sept. 28, 1854, d. Jan. 4, 1924

Sarah C. Brunk, wife of J. A. Brunk, b. Aug. 28, 1858-Apr. 30, 1914

(Sarah Brunk was the daughter of William Johnson Reed)

Grover C. Glidewell, 1885 - ? (about 1960)

Ortha J. Glidewell, 1885-1942 (wife) -

Homer W. son of G. C. and O. J. Glidewell, Oct 25, 1914-May 21, 1916

Vollmar F. Glidewell, 1908-1951

Elmo Burton Glidewell, 1897-1962 (last burial at Reese cemetery)

Nancy J. Mintz, wife of John Mintz, Aug. 23, 1853-1925

Alice A. Wood, 1902-1938

C. A. Parker, June 24, 1860-d. Dec. 18, 1949
Alta A. Parker, b. 1866, d. 1932
Emaline H. Parker, b. Feb. 18, 1864, d. Apr. 15, 1947
Mary S. Parker, wife of Thomas C. Parker, b. Dec 16, 1836-d. May 21, 1916 (mother of C. A. Parker)
Omer H. Parker, son of C. A. and A. A. Parker, Jan. 25, 1891-Aug 21, 1912
Clara B. Parker, daughter of C. A. and A. A. Parker, 1889-1902
Harvey D. Hembree, b. 1854-d. 1948
Mary T. Hembree, b. 1867-d. 1943
David Snodgrass, July 14, 1817-Apr. 2, 1904
Sarah Snodgrass, wife, Apr. 13, 1834-Nov. 3, 1898
Cline Snodgrass, infant of J. R. and A. V. Snodgrass, Apr. 14, 1900-Oct. 23, 1900

J. H. King, b. Oct. 28, 1854-d. Nov. 10, 1923 (son of Wesley and Evaline Holt King)
Mary Francis, wife of J. H. King (Jan. 2, 1861-Apr. 7, 1922)
S. B. King, 1866-1933 (son of Wesley and Evaline Holt King)
Emily King, 1859-1945 (daughter of Wesley and Evaline Holt King)

D. C. Burgess, May 19, 1848-d. Oct. 24, 1922
M. J. Burgess, June 28, 1851-d. May 23, 1936
W. D. Bullington, b. Dec. 12, 1892-d. Jan. 17, 1898
Odes Bullington, son of E. and Mary E. Bullington, b. Jan. 7, 1892 - d. Mar. 10, 1909

Lawrence M. Bozarth, 1901-1940
Edmond Hodges, b. Nov. 25, 1831-d. Oct. 8, 1908
George Harrell, b. 1875-d. 1953
Malinda Harrell, wife, b. Sept. 3, 1859, age 71 years
Jessie Harrell, b. May 7, 1919-d. Oct. 23, 1939

Taylor Buskirk, Aug. 31, 1845-Dec. 3, 1905
Alpheus Buskirk, Dec. 20, 1843-June 9, 1893
E. G. Buskirk, Sept. 9, 1887-Dec. 11, 1899
Hannah M. Buskirk, b. Mar. 11, 1855-d. Dec. 5, 1935
Mary Buskirk
Ann Buskirk
Albert Buskirk, d. Feb. 9, 1927, age 70 (probably husband of Hannah)
(The Buskirks were once numerous in the area, related to the Reeds, Rathers and McClures; none left in the area today by name.)

I plan to visit the Scott cemetery some time soon. It is about three miles east of Fly Creek school, located on Cove Creek, and probably a half mile off the Cove Creek-Fly Creek road to the south. Some of the Wesley King kinsmen are buried there, as well as the early Scotts, and I believe this might be the place where William Reese and wife are buried. Some of the Morrow family should be there also.

WEST CEMETERY, NEAR SUMMERS, ARK.

by Mrs. Ray Carte, Lincoln, Ark.

At the suggestion of Mrs. Burlene Hilton I am sending you the listing of a little cemetery I visited recently. It lies in a valley between Sugar Hill and West Mountain, about two miles southwest of Summers, Arkansas.

Thomas West and his sons: Jonathan R., Nathan R., Thomas R., and Pleasant R. West, homesteaded this valley in 1830. I have been told that the "R" in each name stands for Renshaw, their mother Mary's maiden name.

I went there with my mother-in-law, Fanny West Carte, to visit the grave of her grandfather, Pleasant R. West. The little family cemetery is in a pasture and the markers have all been knocked over. There are six graves with inscribed markers and about 20 graves marked only with sandstone slabs.

Pleasant and his nephew, Ewing Summers West, son of Nathan R., died on the same day, Nov. 23, 1863. They were going home from Summers when they were shot off their mules by bushwhackers (Pin Indians). The Indians took their mules and left both men for dead. Ewing, however, was not dead and was able to crawl to a nearby house where he died sometime later that day.

Pleasant's wife Emily and two of Ewing's sisters, Mary and Matilda, Jonathan's daughter Elizabeth, Amanda Mankins, Evaline Elms and Elizabeth Little, dug the graves and buried them the next night. Reverend Nathan R. West was buried there in 1890. I do not know where Jonathan and Thomas are buried. Pleasant's wife Emily and Nathan's wife Elizabeth are buried at Ganderville. The father and mother, Thomas and Mary Renshaw West, are buried at Bethlehem. Mary died in 1838 and is one of the oldest graves in that cemetery.

-- Christine Carte, Lincoln, Ark.

PLEASANT R. WEST, born March 26, 1821; died Nov. 23, 1863

EWING SUMMERS WEST, son of N. R. West, born Feb. 28, 1834; died Nov. 23, 1863.

MAHALIA WEST, wife of Wiley B. O. Johnson, born Dec. 3, 1836; died Sept. 6, 1859.

ELIZABETH HANNAH, daughter of P. R. West, born 1852; age 11 mos.

JAMES CAPERS, son of N. R. West, born November 20, 1858; died July 28, 1861.

REV. N. R. WEST, born Dec. 24, 1810; died April 1, 1890.

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The murdered man sprawls in the ditch
The great singer hears the brass above the rustling strings
The ghost of a cornet bays gently
Is it the vanished aria
Or a boy in the village band?

Go down to the hovel at the end of the street
A mother is suckling her baby
He takes the milk in great gasps
Little bubbles of milk form on his lips
Do not forget him
The mocking bird spills notes down his shingles.

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In the operating room
The patient swoons under his ether dream
His viscera awaiting the caress of the surgeon
The gloved hands move with ineffable grace
Dancers with rubber legs above the gleaming whiteness
And the knife with swift delicacy
The pathetic stream of blood
How like a flower the secrets of the body
Once the sheath is laid back
The long coiling roots
Flow into the hands of the surgeon

Once a man had a lead bullet to chew
Thus stifled his screams

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O pioneers, you who came in buckskin,
The wheel turned in the earth, the road wound after
Now is the town, the Indians are vanished
There is no buffalo at the wallow
For the bird is metal.

Float over us, silvery bird
Are you prophecy or death?
Fade sorrow and pain and joy
But in the dust
Leave smooth and polished stone

Man holds the earth for a day, it is his
Rise, town, among the towering hills....

--- GENE SHUFORD

GARRETT CREEK CEMETERY

Recorded Oct. 20, 1968 by
Mrs. Burlene Hilton
Mrs. Edith Taylor

The Garrett Creek cemetery is located 16 miles south of Prairie Grove, Arkansas on the old Cove Creek road. The community name "Garrett Creek" came to be known because a Rev. Garrett lived and ministered at the little church here for many years and the creek here is called the same. The original cemetery was about 200 yards southeast of the present one but only some 20 sandstone markers are here, all unidentified. The date of the first burial is unknown in the present cemetery on the hill, but was a baby of Ollie Rose with a sandstone marker. The first identified burial was in 1874, Mary Ann Burrow. There are about 72 unidentified sandstone markers in the new one, which is over 90 graves without names.

Allen, Myrtle Cuzick, wife of Hugh Allen Mar 3, 1887-June 24, 1931

Barnes, Gloria Jean, no dates

Burrow, Isom K., Nov 27, 1832-Aug 10, 1912

Burrow, Mary Ann, Apr 15, 1838-June, 1874

Cantrell, Wayne E., 1907-1911

Cantrell, Lillie F., 1903-1904

Cantrell, Isaac D., 1866-1915

Cantrell, Mary S., 1868-1935

Cantrell, Arvil R., 1901-1918

Carmack, Rufus, 1893-1951

Carmack, Zadie, 1895-1968

Carte, Ruth Mae, Apr 28, 1886-June 11, 1964

Carte, Samuel, June 25, 1882-Apr 17, 1958

Cass, Mary J., 1855-1923

Cass, Pvt. Thomas E., 1836-1917, Co M4 USC, GAR 1861-1865

Clanton, Burl, 1865-1932

Clanton, Parthrina Rebecca, 1867-1924

Clanton, Arley, 1905-1906

Clanton, Laura, 1888-1964

Clanton, Lou, 1900-?

Clanton, Henry, 1872-1947

Clanton, Maud, Nov 23, 1881-Apr 20, 1917

Clanton, Alfred, Jan 16, 1827-May 21, 1890

Clanton, Frances, wife of Alfred, Nov 5-18?3-Mar 14, 1907

Clanton, Alfred, 1859-1925

Clanton, Matilda, 1867-1925, wife of Alfred (died one hour apart of pneumonia; buried in same grave)

Coiner, William R., 1835-1912

Coiner, William Jr., 1894-1911

Davis, Mary Jane, Oct. 16, 18 ? -1918

Halbrock, Amanda, Mar 10, 1848- ?

Halbrock, Thomas M., 1839-1918

Hite, Otis A., 1909-1967
Hite, Otis A., Mar 7, 1888-Oct 21, 1951

Kirkendall, Clanton T., 1920-1965

Montgomery, Lafayette, 1846-1934
Montgomery, Masaretta, 1853-1910
Montgomery, Toney, 1893-1935
Mourning, Andrew Jr., 1846-1927
Mourning, Robert "Rusty", 1930-1943

McBroom, Mar E., July 27, 1838-June 5, 1894
McCullum, Maggie, 1890-1929

Pierson, Trella Mae, 1905-1965
Pierson, Edgar Ray, 1939-1964

Pierce, S. R., June 3, 1855-Apr 20, 1915
Pierce, N. A., Nov 14, 1828-Apr 14, 1913
Pierce, James, husband of N. A., Oct 14, 1828-Feb 18, 1916
Pierce, J. O., Jan 2, 1859-Dec 31, 1941
Pierce, Elizabeth, July 27, 1859-Aug 17, 1929
Pierce, Martha, dau. of J. O. and E., Jan 13, 1882-July 1, 1889
Pierce, Frances, 1856-1936
Pierce, William H., 1861-1938
Pierce, George Marvin, June 9, 1898-Sept 9, 1968

Quinton, Harvey F., Oct 16, 1904-Sept 15, 1906

Rader, William T., 1864-1945
Rader, Nannie, 1863-1937
Romine, Louisa, 1952-1964
Rose, N., 1841-1916

Stephen, Austin, July 6, 1893-Oct 28, 1914

Tapp, J. W., no date
Tapp, M. J., no date
Tapp, P. W., no date

Woods, Alexander S., 1856-1945
Woods, Glenda K., Aug 1947-?
Woods, Jerry Kerk, Aug 9-Nov 17, 1957
Woods, Charles C., 1888-1960
Woods, Benna D., 1892-1967
Woods, George W., 1900-1966
Woods, Emma L., Aug 24, 1866-May 6, 1951
Woods, Lee H., Feb 2, 1888-Oct 14, 1940
Woods, Elmer Wyatt, Jan 28, 1885-Mar 21, 1960

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WHITE - Mrs. Lily Turner, 2601 River Drive, Denver, Colo., 80211, is interested in finding descendants of her uncle, Tom White, living in Fayetteville 1896, had general store and wagon manufacturer, also canning business. If you know, write Mrs. Turner.

CHEATHAM CEMETERY, LINCOLN, ARKANSAS

Recorded by Burlene Hilton and Edith Taylor

The land for the Cheatham cemetery, one mile east of Lincoln, Arkansas was given by Tom Cheatham. Two persons were buried there before 1862, but only sandstone markers and no one to remember who they were. Earliest tombstone marker of the Cheatham family was that of Francis M. (Marian) Cheatham, who was killed in 1862 by Indians or bushwhackers. He was a brother of Tom and both came to the area quite early. Only six sandstone markers mark unidentified graves.

Andrews, Floyd Davis, Dec. 25, 1861-Mar. 1940
Cheatham, T. J., June 20, 1839-Mar. 13, 1893
Cheatham, Mary E., wife of T. J., Aug. 4, 1849-Nov. 18, 1933
Cheatham, Wyette S., son of T. J. & M. E., Aug. 9, 1885-June 2, 1961
Cheatham, Dollie Jordon, dau. of T. J. and M. E., June 20, 1891-Nov. 25, 1915
Cheatham, James Henry, son of T. J. & M. E., Mar. 19, 1871-Jan. 4, 1900
Cheatham, Becca Isabel, dau. of T. J. & M. E., Apr. 12, 1878-Feb. 9, 1896
Cheatham, Marian, son of T. J. & M. E., Sept. 8, 1877-Dec. 25, 1894
Cheatham, Annis, dau. of T. J. & M. E., Nov. 20, 1884-age 1 yr., 6 mos., 1 da.
Cheatham, Albert J., son of T. J. & M. E., Feb. 11, 1881-age 19 days
Cheatham, M. E. S. C., dau. of T. J. & M. E., died Feb. 6, 1870, age 2 mos., 1 day
Cheatham, Francis M., son of W. L. Cheatham of Walker County, Ala., Dec. 16, 1838-Dec. 2, 1862
Cheatham, G. W., born in Winsted, Ala., Aug. 15, 1837-Mar. 29, 1902
Cheatham, Jane, wife of G. W., Apr. 7, 1846-July 15, 1942
Cheatham, Cintha E., Feb. 10, 1868-Mar. 1, 1914
Cheatham, W. W., Jan. 18, 1869-Mar. 7, 1911
Cheatham, James L., Feb. 27, 1879-Oct. 8, 1942
Cheatham, Rena, Nov. 7, 1879-Sept. 30, 1949
Cheatham, John D., Nov. 13, 1872-May 18, 1951
Cheatham, Loyd W., Art. SCUS, Navy, W. W. II, Dec. 2, 1905-May 23, 1966
Cheatham, Wade L., Aug. 16, 1916-Apr. 8, 1940
Cheatham, Mildred B., Feb. 23, 1932-Jan. 9, 1954
Cheatham, --, son of Wyette Cheatham (infant twin)
Maner, Miller Melvina, dau. of T. J. & M. E., Mar. 25, 1879-June 27, 1910
Teague, Bert C., July 1898-Sept. 20, 1964
Carte, --, infant son of Kenneth F. Carte, Mar. 24, 1960-Oct. 20, 1961

This is a well-kept family cemetery.

March, 1969

1877. They were the parents of ten children from whom the families of Cate, Ballard, Strain, Bartley, McCausley, in addition to Mankin and others, are descended.

It has been written that Peter Jr. was very liberal with his wealth, and that his father, Peter Sr., was also. The latter was always deeply interested in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the county, and he contributed liberally to educational and religious institutions there. "It is wonderful to think of this old man, a boy six years old when the Independence bell rang out liberty to the colonies, a man in the vigor of life when Jefferson, Adams, Jay and Hamilton were in their glory, an old man when Benton, Cass, Clay and Webster were in their prime. He saw the Republic in its birth, with less than three million people," writes Mitchell in the Gazette. He lived to see it 75 to 90 million--the latter seeming a small number today.

He is buried on the shore of the White River near the town that once had the name of Mankin town and is now Sulphur City. The cemetery is the Rieff (Reeves??) cemetery east of Elkins, and the grave is marked with an elongated hexagonal-shaped sandstone slab. These are unusual in the cemeteries of Arkansas, and this also ties this area to the east coast, to the cemeteries of Virginia and Maryland particularly.

The breezes in the stately cedars standing sentinel over the grave have been blowing almost ninety years since the passing of this old citizen, who, though he most probably was a legend in his own time, certainly with his son Peter II is a legend in the area today.

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NEWS ABOUT OLD CANE HILL

Dr. Conrow R. Miller is writing a history of Cane Hill which is scheduled to appear shortly. A limited edition will be printed and it is suggested that those who are interested in reserving a copy contact Dr. Conrow R. Miller, Reedholme, Cane Hill or call 824-5259 at Lincoln.

The Cane Hill Pioneer Day has been expanded to start on Friday night, July 25, for the presentation of an historical pageant written and directed by Dr. Conrow R. Miller. The next day there will be a parade, which will include floats from towns and organizations in the area, as well as things of an historical nature. There will be articles on display in the old college building, family reunions and music. Many other things to be announced later will be enjoyed.

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THE DUNAGAN CEMETERY
(List prepared by Burlene Hilton)

The Dunagan cemetery is located $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles east of Evansville on the Evansville-Hale Mountain road. It is probably a portion of land off the Alexander Shannon farm which is located there. Since the cemetery is now in an abandoned condition, you can hardly see it, although it is near the road. The first grave with inscription is that of Pernizia Shannon, b. 1818 and d. 1850. She was wife of Alexander Shannon. The last burial was that of Ella Lane, 1862. There are about 20 unidentified sandstone markers. Other burials:

Levi Campbell (1833-1880)	A. L. Campbell (1861-1879)
Emma, daughter of A. L. and M. J. Campbell, died Sept. 28, 1879	
Ladoney Campbell (1872-1873)	B. H. Chastain (1834-1879)
Rev. A. Y. Cox (Jan. 13, 1829-Aug. 14, 1905)	
Ruth R. Cox, daughter of A. Y. and S. J., 1882-1884	
Ada Cox, Jan. 27, 1878-Aug. 24, 1903	
Andrew J. Cox (1868-1936)	Mary Cox (1866-1903)
Sarah Cox Dunagan, Mar. 20, 1858-Dec. 18, 1937	----- "Wonderful Mother"
Mary Wallace Hockman (1840-1889)	Margaret Hockman (1841-1916)
Lillie B. Hockman, Apr. 25, 1867-Feb. 14, 1879, dau. of L. & M. Hockman	
Isaac Hockman (1881-1903)	H. M. Hoffman (1861-1942)
Lina Hoffman (1860-1940)	
Clarence, son of H. M. & Lina Hoffman, d. 1885, at 2 yrs 9 mos 12 days	
John Lane (1879-1941)	Ella Lane (1880-1962)
Sadie Lane (1911-1925)	Mary Lane (1917-1925)
George W. Larremore, b. Feb. 18, 1812; d. Jan. 29, 1902	
Elizabeth "Betsy" Larremore, 1817-1893	
James J. Larremore, Jan. 9, 1838-July 13, 1925	
Elizabeth Jane Larremore, 1844-Apr. 10, 1909. She was the daughter of William Reese of Cove Creek.	
George Rather (1848-1918)	Barbra Rather (1873-1890)
Alexander Shannon (1813-1890) -- Among the earliest county pioneers	
Pernizia Shannon (1828-1850)	Sarah Shannon (1834-1873)
Wallace Shannon (1860-1881), son of L. B. and B. Shannon	
Lowery B. Shannon, b. Jan. 17, 1857; d. Nov. 20, 1883	
Joe Bob Garrison, b. May 2, 1911; d. Oct. 10, 1913	
Billie Burl Welchel, d. 1920 at age 4 days	
Hallie, dau. of H. & A. B. Cox, b. Oct. 15, 1899; d. Nov. 9, 1899	

The little cemetery was visited by Mary Cox of Sanderson, Texas and her material came to me through C. T. Chambers of San Diego, Cal. But only yesterday I visited the Dunagan cemetery, looking for the graves of George Rodgers who married Caroline Shannon, but if they are buried here I found no marker. Mary Cox added some information which may be of help to others who continue to search out ancestors: Sarah Cox, b. March 20, 1858; d. Dec. 18, 1937. She married Thomas J. Dunagan, Dec. 15, 1875, by W. S. Derrick, Methodist preacher. Dunagan was a widower with four children.

George Rather (1848-1918) married Mary Stout; their children--Barbra (1873-1890); Ada (1878-1903) and Mary Edna (1881-1914). Both Ada and Mary Edna married Andrew J. Cox. All are buried in Dunagan cemetery. Andrew Jackson Cox, b. Aug. 2, 1868; d. Mar. 26, 1936; married Ada Paemilia Rather Feb. 13, 1895; 2nd marriage to Mary Edna Rather July 11, 1904; 3rd marriage to Gertie Maxey, age 46 of Cove City, Crawford Co., Ark. on Oct. 17, 1929.

HISTORICAL SOUVENIR
(from the Thomas J. Hunt Collection)

(Editor's note: After the Civil War, in which he served in the First Arkansas Cavalry USA, Colonel Hunt of Fayetteville was appointed Revenue Assessor for the 3rd District of Arkansas. Among the Hunt papers in the keeping of the WCHS is a packet of letters endorsed in Hunt's handwriting: "Whisky seized at Sherman, Arkansas with papers relating thereto." The letters tell of an interesting incident. One reads as follows: -- WJL)

Office of Quinlin Bros. & Co.,

Wholesale Liquor Dealers,

218 Walnut St.

St. Louis, May 26th, 1871

Hon. A. C. Pleasanton,
Com. US Revenue, Washington, DC.

Sir:

On the 15th March last through the failure of one of our customers in Forsythe, Mo., we were compelled to take 15 brls whisky in liquidation of our claim against him (the same having been sold to him by us.) There being no market there we purchased a flatboat and put the whisky on it in charge of a young man named Lemuel Freeman, with instructions (as pr copy enclosed). About the 20th of March while prosecuting his trip on White River, at Sherman, Marion Co., Ark., in the 3rd Revenue Dist., he disposed of 4 barrels of said whisky. The Deputy US Marshal, W. C. Hudson, then seized the balance of the lot, 10 barrels (one barrel being destroyed by the rabble), for non-payment of Special Tax for for a License, and filed information against it in the Federal Courts at Little Rock, E. G. Whipple, US Atty., 250 miles from where the whisky was seized. This whisky was labelled in the name of and as the property of Lemuel Freeman. With a great deal of trouble and heavy expense we sent to Sherman and hence to Little Rock and bonded whisky for the US Marshal. The expense and costs thus far attending the matter is about equal to the value of the whisky. We are largely engaged in the wholesale liquor business in this city and have always met our Revenue Taxes with promptness and never attempted any evasion of same and desire to pay all just and proper excise taxes etc imposed by law, and respectfully ask you (in compromise of this case) to order a dismissal of all proceedings against said ten barrels of whisky, upon payment by us of Sixteen Dollars, the Amt of Special License (Merchants Wholesale Liquor Dealers) for the months of March & April 1871 and all costs incurred, although sold by said Freeman against our instructions.

Respectfully soliciting a reply,
We are your obdt Servt

Quinlin Bros & Co.

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NEGRO CEMETERY AT LINCOLN, ARKANSAS

By Steve Wright and Deane G. Carter

"Charlie Wilson, Born in Slavery, Died June 9, 1950" is the carving on the newest gravestone in an old cemetery just east of Lincoln, in Washington County. The oldest marked grave is that of Isaac Brown, who died in August, 1882, at the age of 82 years. Altogether, the burying ground contains perhaps 150 graves, most of them unmarked except by plain field stones, or with letters only as MR, LP, VIR B and Bob K.

This Negro cemetery lies 100 yards or so to the north and east of the roadside park on U. S. Highway 62 at the edge of Lincoln. The exact location is indicated in a 1908 plat book of Washington County as being on land owned by J. W. Bean with a small area out for "cemetery, Methodist Church and Negro School." The legal description is "the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ pf Section 30, Twp. 15 N, Range 32 W."

Now in 1966, there is no trace of the church or school, but the cemetery is still indicated by plain sandstones, a few marble markers and unmarked sunken graves. The cemetery has been kept free of briars and weeds, but otherwise it is in poor condition; piles of brush and rubbish mark the north edge of the plot. It is too bad that this burial ground, so close to town, park, and highway cannot have more care.

The identified burials are as follows:

Isaac Brown, d. August 1882, aged 82 years

Ellen Frances Barker, b. Mar. 6, 1884, d. Oct. 18, 1944

Arthur Trim Barker, b. Jan 15, 1884, d. Dec. 15, 1932

Mary Barker, d. Feb., 1909, age 40

Mary Barker and Children, wife of W. C. Barker, 1851-1902

Charlie Wilson, born in Slavery, died June 9, 1950

Mandy Wilson, d. Nov. 4, 1939

Nellie Perkins, d. Nov. 1908, age 28

Laura, wife of William Miller, d. July 17, 1926

Adeline, wife of J. L. Ballard

Doc Kidd, b. 1844, d. Jan. 1894

J. W. Bean, b. Nov. 22, 1827, d. Feb. 22, 1908

Elizy Bean, b. Nov. 10, 1836, d. Mar. 23, 1909

Anderson Been (Bean)

Mandy Bean

J. W. Bean is probably the Wesley Bean who is listed as an early settler by L. D. Carter in his "History of Lincoln" published in the Aug. 1955 FLASHBACK.

That, in all too brief outline, is what Rev. Washburn and Rev. Mecklin did at Mt. Comfort, and we are gathered here today to acknowledge the adequacy of their effort. As we dedicate this memorial wall and the two historical markers to them and to their neighbors and associates, let us dedicate ourselves to renewed devotion to the ideals that inspired these pioneers.

Again let us congratulate the officers and members of the Washington County historical Society and the Mt. Comfort Improvement Club for their long-range programs that record these things for our children and for on-coming generations. Though these youngsters will have their own crises to face in the nuclear age, it will fortify them to know the response their forefathers made to such earthy problems as bread to eat, clothes to wear, shelter from the elements, and basic sustenance of the mind and spirit.

NEWS AND NOTES

Stories about treasure buried during the Civil War are quite common in the Ozarks. We have published the account of the burial of five jars of gold at Dutch Mills, of which only three jars were recovered after the war. Ed A. Yeater came into our office with a copy of his gr-grandmother's diary, in which this paragraph appears:

"In the spring of 1866 Mr. Yeater went to Fayetteville, determined to get his money. His sister and husband and several of the Northern men from Iowa, Illinois and Michigan, officers in the Arkansas regiments, had settled permanently in Fayetteville and were doing business there, so he now felt safe in searching for the money.

"They searched diligently, even putting horses to a plow and going over most of the hillside. The place was so changed by the cutting down of the trees and the use of the place as camping ground for the army that, not having seen it since it had been a wooded hill, he could not locate the exact place where he had buried it. His being there digging so long - two days - aroused curiosity and men stood around and asked many questions. Mr. Yeater had just told them that he had buried some of his treasures there during the war when his pick struck something solid and some goldpieces were revealed. Then it was necessary to pledge these bystanders to silence until he could get away with the money."

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Writers are always on our historical society stairway, looking for information. Recently we greeted several University students who are doing research and theses on Ozarks subjects. Among them were a graduate student named Bedell who is studying the history of the Negro in the Ozarks; Kathryn Jones, who is majoring in Social Anthropology and researching various immigrant colonies in the Ozarks. And several students who are interested in such aspects of the Civil War as mills and millers, guerrilla activities, reconstruction, etc.

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WEST FORK

West Fork's beautiful cemetery, located just north of the town on a high bluff, has a magnificent view in all directions. It overlooks the river, the railroad, and Highway 71 on the east, and the town of West Fork on the south. Here are buried many of the first-comers to the White River valley, including such pioneer names as Quinton, Bloyed, Gilbreath, Winn and many others. The cemetery dates back to the 1830's and is one of the county's older burial grounds. There are more than 300 field stone markers, which differ from similar headstones found in other old Washington County graveyards in that they are not rough stones but have been crudely shaped and many still show weathered inscriptions, with dates in the 1840's and 1850's.

An unusual feature of the West Fork cemetery is the many official Civil War markers. They include:
Cpl. Alfred R. Quinton of Co.D, 1st Ark. Cavalry, and his wife Martha (1836-1920)

Henry Quinton of Co.B, 10th Illinois Cavalry
L. C.(?) Males of Co. B, 1st Arkansas Cavalry
Cpl. A. C. Robinson of Co.D, 1st Arkansas Cavalry, and his wife Martha E. (1847-1923)

Stephen Loftin (Lofton?) of Co.I, 1st Arkansas Cavalry
William Hutchinson of Co.B, 1st Arkansas Cavalry
Giles Lofton of Co.D, 1st Ark.Cav., and his wife Margaret (1840-1927)
Lt. Thomas Latham of Co.A, 1st Tenn. and Ala. Vol. Cav., and his wife, Elizabeth Ann (1837-1908)

John S. Gibbs (1848-1913) of Co.B, 50th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry
William F. Little of Co.I, 24th Kentucky Infantry, and his wife Anna (1846-1917)

James Bloyed of Co.D, 1st Arkansas Cavalry
H. ?. Reed of Co.B, 1st Arkansas Cavalry
J. H. Reed of Co.D, 1st Arkansas Cavalry
James Jett of Co.C, 1st Arkansas Cavalry
Levi Strickland of Co.D, 1st Arkansas Cavalry
?. M. Strickland of Co.D, 1st Arkansas Cavalry

The pioneer Bloyed family is represented in the cemetery by:
Eli Bloyed (1786-1878) and Mary Bloyed (1788-1861)
Peter Bloyed (1809-1885) and Sarah Bloyed (1821-1883)
William Bloyed (1811-1843)
Elizabeth Bloyed (1845-1858)
Mary Bloyed (1847-1936)
Henry S. Bloyed (1860-1888) and wife Antonia (1855-1888)

Among the older West Fork settlers who sleep here are:
Mary Davis (1795-1884)
Matilda Caughman (1801-1870)
James Winn (1810-1868) and Nancy Winn (1816-1863)
R. Perry (1815-1873)
A. B. Painter (1819-1898) and wife Nancy (1816-1900)
Mrs. K. M. Hurford (1816-1900)

The Gilbreath family is represented by
Cyrus G. Gilbreath (1808-1880) and wife Sallie (1811-1848)
Cynthia A., wife of C. G. Gilbreath (1811-1875)
H. W. Gilbreath (1834-1899) and wife Sarah J. (1838-1920)
William G. Gilbreath (1848-1925) and wife Mary E. (1858-1909)

An interesting group of gravestones are those of the pioneer McKnight family:

Thomas McKnight (1823-1899) and wife Elizabeth (1831-1915)
and their sons: J. F. McKnight (1852-1881) and James McKnight (1859-1899)
and their daughters: Maggie (1857-1887) and Anis (1867-1878).

Four members of the Caldwell family died during the Civil War and a fine marble monument marks their graves:

W. H. Caldwell (1811-1864), his son W.H. (1848-1863) and two other children who died in 1861 and 1864.

Pioneers who sleep in the West Fork cemetery include:

Thomas Walker (1828-1902) and wife Cynthia J. (1831-1900)
David F. Hope (1829-1896) and wife Louisa (1837-1922)
Mrs. S. A. Collyer (1832-1902)
Elizabeth, wife of William Anderson (1833-1859)
Elizabeth Dearing (1833-1909)
Sallie P., wife of J. P. Cox (1834-1885)
Thomas Y. Epps (1834-1917) and wife Susan E. (1839-1929)
J. T. Bushnell (1837-1888)
J. C. Oldham (1837-1916) and wife Melissa (1833-1899)
David W. Glover (1839-1926) and wife Jennie (1839-1911)
W. A. Wells (1839-1927) and wife Harriet M. (1830-1919)
Dr. Samuel P. Sample (1841-1892) and wife Mary E. (1848-1931)
Martin J. Gill (1841-1919)
Lucinda Caughman (1843-1864)
Anna Francis Jones (1843-1935)
Thomas Everett (1845-1925) and wife Mary (1861-1915)
James D. Campbell (1845-1867)
Mary, wife of C. Boozer (1847-1889)
David M. Kittredge (1849-1930) and wife Cornelia A. (1849-1935)
Lucinda, wife of J. C. Oldham (1849-1910)
George W. Sheffer (1850-1915)
John Lee (1850-1903) and wife Frances (1856-1924)
John C. Marshall (1850-1932) and wife Elizabeth (1852-1933)
Joe Rutherford (1851-1931) and Mrs. C. Rutherford (1855-1935)
Samuel C. Robinson (1851-1924) and wife Harriet (1848-1890)
Sarah C., wife of J.A. Hubbs (1852-1903)
F. J. Males (1852-1935)
James W. Bell (1852-1910) and wife Lucinda (1858- ?)
Wofford B. Fraker (1853-1918) and wife Harriett H. (1862-1950)
Mark Little (1854-1926) and wife Sarah (1867- ?)
F. M. Wicks (1854-1920)
Lula L. Luther (1855-1913)
B. Franklin Lacy (1855-1929) and Mary Pearl Lacy (1877-1947)
J. L. Bryan (1856-1928)
W. K. Hughes (1856-1931) and wife Sarah E. (1864-1922)
Arthur Long (1857-1938) and wife Lou May (1865-1941)
Harriet E. Dinwiddie (1857-1901)
John W. Dearing (1857-1918)
James T. Hope (1858-1895)
John E. Lansdell (1858-1898) and wife Lidia J. (1861-1897)
Asa K. Hardin (1857-1902) and wife Bathsheba (1854-1936)
James R. Wagner (1857-1926) and Lutitia A. Wagner (1876-1942)
John R. Malone (1857-1921)
Rev. M. M. Combs (1859-1926) and wife Mary S. (1855-1933)
George A. Curtis (1859-1936)

Isaac N. Epps (1860-1950) and wife Lucinda (1868-1926)
 Henry J. Johnson (1860-1935)
 Howard Bayless (1861-1931) and wife Nannie (1866-1940)
 H. T. McKnight (1861-1930) and wife Mahala A. (1862-1890)
 Walter C. Cohenour (1861-1931) and wife Addie (1858-1933)
 William York (1862-1896) and wife Nancy (1871-1899)
 Hugh R. Hope (1863-1933) and wife Mary E. (1861-1933)

Among the interesting old gravestones in the West Fork cemetery are those on the Caughman graves ("borned"), fine old sandstone markers on the Winn lot and on the Painter graves, and the neatly carved and deeply chiseled stones on the older Bloyed graves (1843 and 1861). There are also some hundred-year-old sandstone markers over the graves of children, including a fine specimen on the grave of David Craig who died in 1851. But what is probably the most beautiful gravestone is on the grave of Sallie Gilbreath. The sculptor was W. M. Walker in 1848.

The only World War marker is on the grave of Herbert M. Kittredge (1892-1935) of the 164th Depot Brigade.

Family names in the West Fork cemetery not mentioned above are:

Allen	Dameron	Gibson	Robinson
Andrews	Davis	Hays	Rosebeary
Barcelo	Dean	Hobbs	Sample
Bullion	Doke	Hutchens	Stockburger
Bunn	Donley	Hutcheson	Stringer
Canady	Emerson	McMeins	Suttle
Carter	Fowler	Perry	Taber
Cash	Glover	Phillips	Terry

LUTHERAN CEMETERY, Springdale

The first burial in the Lutheran cemetery located at the west city limits of Springdale occurred about 60 years ago.

Among the people buried there are:

Margaret, wife of W. Clark (1812-1900)
 Elizabeth, wife of M. H. Linebarger (1827-1909)
 Iver Nelson (1826-1907) and wife Maria (1831-1905). Born in Norway.
 James G. Clemmer (1844-1924) and wife Hettie Ann (1850-1926)
 T. D. Rader (1846-1919) and his wife Sarah E. (1855-1939)
 Rev. F. W. John (1848-1902)
 Rudolph Blum (1848-1902)
 David M. Linebarger (1851-1933) and his wife Susan L. (1853-1919)
 J. H. Bird (1854-1902)
 Russell Bird (1856-1885). Tombstone says "Killed".
 William R. Bird (1859-1917) and wife Martha J. (1861-1936)
 S. E. Campbell (1855-1892)
 John Hancock (1855-1933) and his wife Kate (1869-1948)
 Rev. Alfred B. Johnson (1856-1937)
 Martha J., wife of Thos. J. Davis (1858-1903)

Other family names in Springdale's Lutheran cemetery are: Berner, Borges, Dobrinski, Koch, Kuhnert, Neff, Self, Solt, Umbraugh.

RIEFF'S CHAPEL, near Cato Springs

The century-old Reiff's Chapel churchyard has a beautiful location atop a hill just southwest of Cato Springs. A stone wall encloses the cemetery and a solitary pine tree stands in the center. The cemetery was started about 1840 as the Rieff family's burying-ground.

Three well-built sandstone vaults are a distinctive feature of this cemetery. The oldest one contains the remains of Mrs. Mary Alexander Rieff (1821-1845). Another is the burial place of Mrs. Polly Brinson (died 1853). The third is the grave of the wife of John Rieff, founder of the family line in Washington County. It bears this inscription: "Here lies Hannah, the wife of my youth, the mother of my children. Born Dec. 12th, 1781; died Apr. 17th, 1853. John Rieff." John Rieff's grave is nearby, but only a fragment remains of his tombstone.

Other early Rieff burials are those of Susan E. Rieff, daughter of O.M. and M. Rieff (1840-1846). This grave has both a crudely chiseled marker and a later handsome tombstone, both over a century old.

Washington G. Rieff (1811-1861)

Orren M. Rieff (1810-1894) and his wife Matilda A. (1813-1896)

Henry Rieff (1823-1874)

Henry Rieff (1844-1913)

Matilda Adaline Rieff, daughter of O.M. and M.A. Rieff, died Nov. 1, 1861.

Other pioneers buried in the Rieff's Chapel cemetery include:

Rev. Thos. M. Brinson (1813-1866)

L. H. Jones 91832-1859)

Rebecca A. Blankenship (1813-1893)

Hattie Lane (1844-1928)

Martin I. Wozengraft (1846-1921)

Joseph Dodson (1846-1917)

Martha A., wife of J.R. Hambrick (1843-1880)

Sarah Jane Lewis (1852-1922)

Henry W. Mullins (1841-1921)

S.M. Cate (1854-1910) and his wife Mollie (1859-1926)

J.H. Paschal (1858-1938) and his wife, Anna Marrs Paschal (1861-1897)

The Cox family, who were among the first comers to Washington County, has a marble family monument that marks the last resting place of Abraham Cox (1798-1875) and his wife Elizabeth (1807-1898) and Thomas C. Cox (1847-1862) and Margaret Ann Cox (1836-1896).

Other early families who sleep in the Rieff churchyard are the Catos, McColloms and Keslers. On the McCollom lot lie buried:

Robert McCollum (1805-1870) and his wife Sephrona (1812-1888) and

R.C. McCollom (1848-1925) and his wife Harriet M. (1849-1944).

On the Cato lot are

Margaret, wife of J.H. Cato (1814-1873)

J.R. Cato (1826-1910) and his wife Lieuticia (1828-1908)

On the Kesler lot are

Philip Kesler (1828-1893) and his wife Kate J. (1843-1918)

In the Rieff cemetery is the grave of a Mexican War veteran, T.J. Kelly (1818-1897) who served in Co. B, 1st Ark. Volunteers, in Mexico.

Other names that appear in the Rieff cemetery include: Adams, Benton, Cundiff, Carter, Hembree, Hughes, Jones, Leimser, Milsap, Morelock, Pate, Rogers and Wilkinson. Also Avas and G.W.M. Reed, unmarked.

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HOWELL CEMETERY, 2 miles south of Moffitt

Pioneer names are numerous in this century-old cemetery, 8 miles south of Prairie Grove -- Hannah, Mallicoat, Cavin, Howell, Harrison, Jones, and others. There are hundreds of field-stone markers, all in long neat rows.

The oldest and most unique gravestones are four deeply-chiseled sandstone markers over the graves of four Howell children who died in 1855 -- W. Larken Howell (1833-1855), Mary Howell (? - 1855), Sarah Howell (1837-1855), John Howell (1843-1855). It is useless to speculate on the tragedy that struck this quartet of teen-agers nearly a century ago. It is quite possible that they were the children of Wiley B. Howel (his old headstone spells the name with a single "l") (1812-1876) and his wife Elisabeth (1811-1865). Near the elder Howells are J.E. Howell (1848-1928) and his wife Margaret C. Howell (1845-1906).

Patriarch of the Hannah clan is John F. Hannah (1797-1879). Beside him lies Elisabeth Hannah (1827-1872). Both have interesting old tombstones. Other Hannahs buried here are:

Thomas A. Hannah (1825-1886) and wife, Miriam Morrison (1841-1884)

A. V. Hannah (1831-1909) and wife R. A. (1831-1884)

Mary E., wife of R. O. Hannah (1845-1871) - tombstone by Dorman & Co. of Fayetteville

John H. Hannah (1853-1914) and wife Sarah Josephine (1856-1926)

W. H. Hannah (1858-1882)

Three of the Hannahs were Confederate soldiers -- John F., Thomas A., and A. V.

The pioneer Cavin family is headed by Ananias Cavin (1814-1897) and his wife, "Aunt Polly" (1820-1893). Her gravestone says "Married in 1836, moved to Arkansas 1845, joined Missionary Baptist Church 1846."

James Cavin (1839-1924) and Matilda E. Cavin (1836-1914)

Sarah E., wife of J. L. Cavin (1842-1889)

John Cavin (1845-1918) and wife Mary Elizabeth (1856-1928)

William Thomas Cavin (1849-1918) and wife Menerva P. (1853-1921)

Two of the Cavins were U.S. soldiers in the Civil War -- James and John, both members of the 9th Kansas Cavalry.

Other early settlers of the Illinois valley who are buried in this old cemetery include:

D. Mallicoat (1809-1887) and wife Nancy (1810-1879)

Eli Pearson (1812-1890) and wife Elizabeth (1819-1898)

G. L. Harrison (1812-1885)

James F. Jones (1816-1888) and Louisa "wife of Franklin Jones" (1818-1888)

J. M. Darrinell (1816-1899) and Mary A. Darneille (1836-1902) -- note spelling of names

Ira Ferguson (1822-1880), a Confederate soldier

W. A. Skelton (1832-1902) and wife, Jane McConnell Skelton (1836-1921).

He was a Confederate soldier.

James Mallicoat (1831-1878) and wife Nancy A. (1833-1911)

Joyce Smith (1833-1912)

Nelson Moore (1836-1879)

J. W. Jones (1838-1906), a Confederate soldier, and his wife, Harriet Melissa (1858-1934)

Malinda, wife of R. P. Harrison (1839-1878)
Sarah Ann, wife of R.P.Harrison (1839-1888)
Elizabeth Linco (Lincoln?) (1840-1891)
F. M. McClung (1844-1912)
Francis Marin Rieff (1845-1919) and Lucy Rieff (1847-1911)
Joshua T. Woods (1849-1931) and wife Matildia J. (1851-1931)
Richard T. McDonald (1850-1900) and "China, wife of R. T. McDonald
and James Buck" (1849-1922)
Thomas N. Jones (1852-1926) and wife Telitha (1864-1928)
I. W. Britt (1855-1939) and Charity Lou Britt (1868-1948)
Sarah J., daughter of ? and M. Owen (1857-1886)
James R. Owens (1859-1928) and wife Mary L. (1860-1941)
Hettie J., wife of H. E. Clabourn (1870-1892)

Sandstone markers bearing name but no date mark the graves of
E. F. Grant and wife and of T. T. Grant.

One of the oldest graves in this cemetery is that of James Tankesley,
son of O. D. Tankesley. This is an old burial vault covered with an
inscribed slab. The date is illegible.

Other family names found here are Burris, Carney, Clark, Dye, Phillips,
Shanks. There are also children's graves bearing the names of Ferguson,
Hammontree and Holcomb.

McDONALD CEMETERY

This small graveyard -- there are some 60 burials -- is located about
10 miles south of Prairie Grove. It is hard to find and difficult to
reach. It is on the old McDonald farm, but the founder of the clan
(J. J. McDonald) is buried in an abandoned graveyard 2 miles south of
the old homestead.

Buried in the McDonald cemetery are:

J. G. McDonald (1846-1928) and wife C. J. (1845-1904)
J. W. McDonald (1853-1911)
Abner G. McDonald (1858-1919)
Compton Davis (1837-1910)
Corporal Robert Messamore of Co. H, 7th Kentucky Infantry, and his
wife Cathrine (1845-1918)
Howard N. Pegram (1856-1948) and Frances M. Pegram (1871-1918)
J. W. Russell (1860-1936)
Joseph Buris (1861-1931)
Rebecca S. Reynolds (1868-1950)

COMBS CHAPEL

The Combs cemetery, 2 miles southeast of Fayetteville, is one of the county's larger graveyards. It contains many tombstones of the 1850's and 1860's, and the hundreds of fieldstone markers suggest a much earlier use. The cemetery is located on a knoll, from which an excellent view of Fayetteville can be had. The chapel, which stood beside the cemetery entrance, was long a familiar landmark.

Combs cemetery contains numerous heavy carved gravestones, with ornamental upper edges and inscribed with the quaint lettering of a century ago. These headstones are usually accompanied by plain or initialed footstones. Among the well-preserved old sandstone markers in the Combs burying ground are:

John Rogers (1827-1865) - stone has arched top and paneled front

Horace Watrous (1811-1858) and Sarah M. Watrous (1847-1860)

Jeremiah Sutton (1803-1859) - stone broken but a fine old marker

Two Collins children, boy and girl, who died in 1862. Their headstones have arched tops.

On the T.N. and E.A. Ridley lot are four fine old headstones and footstones, each of a different design, marking the graves of Elizabeth A. Ridley (1827-1864) and her children: Mary J., age 18, who died in 1864; Lemerles E., age 14, who died in 1865; Jeremiah, age 13, who died in 1866 - four deaths in one family during the war years.

In the center of this graveyard is a tall cedar that shades the Combs family lot. One of the most impressive monuments in the entire county marks the last resting place of the pioneers, Nathan Combs (1830-1898) and his wife Elizabeth (1831-1900). Beside them are J. G. Combs (1855-1925) and Martha Combs (1860-1940). Also in the Combs enclosure is a marble shaft that marks the grave of Capt. George Cline (1789-1868), who fought in the War of 1812, and his wife Elizabeth (1797-1878).

The history of a century is represented in the Broyles family lot: Madison J. Broyles (1819-1910) and wife Harriett V. (1825-1908) George R. Broyles (1850-1932) and wife Nancy C. (1851-1900) John W. Broyles (1848-1926) and wife Dina C. (1851-1932) William C. Broyles (1856-1929) and wife Lillie M. (1869-1906)

Another pioneer family buried in Combs cemetery is the Edmonsonds, including:

Thomas Edmonsond (1818-1877) and Nancy M. Edmonsond (1824-1878)

A. R. Edmonsond (1853-1893) and wife Lucinda (1853-1900)

There is also E.D. Edmondson (change in spelling) (1855-1901)

There are some good examples of both early sandstone and marble markers on the Sutton family lot, including:

Jeremiah Sutton (1803-1859) and wife Margaret (1805-1874)

H. Marena Sutton Cox (1840-1914)

Nellie J. Carter (1847-1914) and her husbands: (1) Seborn A. Sutton (1843-1874) and (2) S. L. Woolsey (1842-1918)

There are several hundred fieldstones in the Combs cemetery marking pioneer graves that cannot be identified. Among the early comers whose tombstones bear dates are:

Garner G. Newman (1806-1885) and Elizabeth Newman (1829-1909)
 Charles Cleaveland (1815-1887)
 Samuel Mayes (1818-1875) and Lucinda Mayes (1819-1918)
 Mary Cassady (1822-1906)
 R. H. Perry (1825-1914)
 Thomas A. Cline (1827-1896)
 Taylor Boyles (1827-1893)
 Sylvester M. Bond (1831-1910)
 John C. Chandler (1832-1904)
 Thomas Brooks (1832-1910) and wife Lucy (1834-1905)
 Dovey C., wife of H. S. Brouge (?) (1833-1890)
 Herman Wilcox (1833-1908)
 A. M. Perry (1835-1899)
 Joseph Mayes (1835-1905)
 William L. Fincher (1838-1887) and Ewing A. Fincher (? - 1888)
 T. L. Howell (1840-1914)
 C. Wesley Ellis (1841-1889) and wife Lucinda J. (1847-1915)
 Mary E. Hurt, "born 1841, married to J.W.Quick 1858, died 1883"
 Jane Jones (1841-1916)
 Eli Reed (1842-1920) and wife Elizabeth H. (1849-1920)
 Kiziah Margaret, wife of W. L. Fincher (1842-1881)
 W. J. Cardwell (1842-1882)
 Caroline Schornik (1842-1908)
 Joseph P. G. deRoulhac (1846-1925) and wife Lizinka B. (1854-1933)
 Margreth, wife of J. T. Mhoon (1846-1886)
 Amanda M., wife of Samuel Wilks (1847-1907)
 Robert Wilks (1848-1896) and wife Sarah C. (1852-1911)
 Malinda Dill (1849-1945)
 R. A. McLendon (1850-1921) and wife Milenda
 James H. Haskin (1850-1921)
 John Roberts (1853-1905) and wife M.F. "Fannie" (1857-1946)
 Nannie, wife of William N. Brinson (1855-1889)
 Leander J. Sivage (1858-1922) and wife Laura A. (1864- ?)
 Orlena A., wife of H. M. Miller (1858-1938)
 Joseph W. Clark (1859-1889) and wife Laura E. (1869-1916)
 Sam Holt (1860-1917)
 E. A. Wilson (1860-1942)
 Anson Hicks (1860-1921)
 Nora M. Lawson (1861-1921)
 James A. Wilkes (1861-1943)
 Delily Adeline, wife of J. W. Fleming (1861-1889)
 Alice Miller, wife of W. H. Perry (1862-1927)

War veterans buried in Combs cemetery include:

G. W. Patrick, Co.I, 1st Arkansas Cavalry, Civil War
 Oscar Perry (1892-1918), Co.35, 9 Bn., 163 Regt., Camp Dodge, Iowa
 William Mack Wilson, 162nd Depot Brigade, 1927

Other family names found in the Combs graveyard are:

Barker	Hart	Lindsay	Rose
Bogan	Hartman	McKinzie	Rush
Brickey	Henno	Magness	Rutherford
Cate	Hinkle	Mhoon	Starnes
Cunningham	Hudson	Miller	Strickler
Dotson	Johns	Montgomery	Swaney
Eads	Jones	Norwood	Tackett
Evans	King	Owen	Tate
Gray	Landron	Phillips	Toney
	Lehman	Roark	

FRIENDSHIP CEMETERY

What is probably the largest rural cemetery in Washington County is the churchyard located at the Friendship Baptist Church, about 3 miles east of Springdale. This church was organized in 1847 and the cemetery was started shortly thereafter. Field-stones were used as grave markers in the 50's but there are many fine old tombstones of the 1860's. Among the several thousand graves in the cemetery are those of hundreds of pioneers who came to this section soon after statehood.

Among the earliest birth-dates in the Friendship cemetery are:
 Frank Simpson (1798-1878) and his wife Ginsey (1801-1868)
 Lee G. Blakemore (1800-1881)
 Willis Boyd (1806-1882) and Lusinda Boyd (1817-1896)
 Poleamon W. Harper (1806-1873) and his wife Nancy (1817-1876)
 Johnson M. Roberts (1810-1862)
 W. M. Denny (1812-1894)
 William, husband of M. L. Morris (1812-1881)
 Elder Gamaliel Bryant (1813-1895)
 John Weber (1815-1896)
 Eli Chaudoin (1816-1899) and his wife Susan A. (1818-1901)
 John Nicholson (1816-1864) and his wife Margaret A. (1808-1877)
 John Reed (1819-1866)

Pioneers who were born in the 1820's and 1830's include:
 James Farel (1821-1886) and his wife Cynthia (1820-1893)
 Sarah A. Meek (1821-1875)
 Benjamin Harrison Snead (1822-1868)
 Jeremiah Kelley (1823-1912) and Jane Kelley (1826-1915)
 Isaac C. Patton (1820-1862)
 Pascal Patton (1824-1862)
 W. F. Draper (1824-1896) and his wife Mary (1824-1916)
 Matthew Megary (1824-1907) and his wife Martha (1823-1891)
 W. R. Vinson (1827-1899)
 Thomas J. Childs (1825-1873)
 Jessie D. Goodman (1826-1883)
 James S. Lewallen (1828-1900) and his wife Nancy J. (1838-1928)
 J. E. Kennan (1828-1884)
 "Mother Mahulda" Kennan (1839-1926)
 Eli E. Sill (1830-1920)
 Nancy M. Wilson (1831-1907)
 Jesse E. Williams (1833-1882) and his wife M.A. (1838-1888)
 John Sanders (1834-1917) and his wife Mary (1834-1907)
 Caroline Sanders (1836-1910)
 William C. Shepherd (1835-1872)
 E. T. Scott (1837-1917) and his wife Sarah (1840-1888)
 Jasper M. Banks (1838-1885) and his wife Ellen E. (1841-1890)

The Grahams, who are well represented in the Friendship cemetery, include these pioneers:
 Levi Graham (1806-1865) and his wife Nancy (1817-1890)
 John C. Graham (1839-1887) and his wife Annis (1849-1920)
 Asa Graham (1857-1935) and his wife Mahaley (1854-1931)
 Peter Graham (1860-1933) and his wife Catherine (1860-1933)

The Atwood family is represented by:
Simeon A. Atwood (1807-1888) and his wife Eliza (1820-1882)
James C. Atwood (1861- ?) and Mary J. Atwood (1847-1863)

There are numerous Moneyhuns in the Friendship graveyard. Among the older ones are:

J. R. Moneyhun (1838-1919) and his wife Susan (1841-1914)
J. G. Moneyhun (1863-1941)

The Ownbey family also has a large representation, including:
P. M. Ownbey (1826-1899) and his wife Martha Ann (1834-1923)
Julius F. Ownbey (1856-1888) and wife M. Elizabeth Weir (1857-1943)
Judson W. Ownbey (1854-1882)
Adolphus Ownbey (1858-1882)
Vasco L. Ownbey (1875-1918)
Austin E. Ownbey (1879-1921)

There are several Davis lots in the Friendship cemetery, on which are the graves of

William H. Davis (1851-1925) and his wife Flora H. (1851-1938)
Z. A. Davis (1854-1929) and his wife Mary (1857-1931)
George W. Davis (1861-1930) and his wife Susanna B. (1862-1935)

There are a number of Henry gravestones whose inscriptions are barely legible. They include:

Jane M. Henry (1828-1878)
Albert Henry (1835-1877)
Eliza R. Henry (1837-1888)

An interesting group of old and well-preserved gravestones, probably the first marble markers -- stand out among the rough fieldstones that surround them -- identify these members of the Hartley family, two babies who died in 1864 and another babe and its mother who died in 1866:

Ann Hartley (1836-1866) and daughter Anne (1866)
Her son Horace (1860-1864) and daughter Emily (1863-1864)
Nearby are the graves of Henry C. Hartley (1826-1899) and Malinda Hartley (1845-1923)

Early comers to the Friendship area who were born in the 1840's and 1850's include:

Edward E. Hale (1840-1923) and his wife Anna A. (1840-1932)
Malinda J. Porter (1840-1916)
Frank Parsley (1841-1929)
John Jones (1841-1901) and Mary L. Jones (1843-1936)
Humphrey P. Gregg (1842-1907) and his wife Dora A. (1846-1881)
G. W. Smith (1843-1928) and his wife Amanda (1845-1912)
William J. Nelson (1843-1903) and his wife Elizabeth (1848-1922)
Rev. J. T. Boyd (1845-1930) and his wife Mary T. (1838-1930)
Mary, wife of John Ivey (1845-1888)
Isom M. Branham (1846-1929) and his wife Clarinda E. (1849-1933)
Elvina L. Weber (1846-1908)
John L. Rutherford (1846-1926) and his wife Margaret E. (1851-1929)
J. M. Chastain (1847-1894)
Charles Thompson (1848-1927) and his wife Rena (1853-1948)

A. B. Niccum (1848-1928)
 Amanda A., wife of S. L. Eidson (1848-1883)
 Margaret M., daughter of A.H. and T.C.Searcy (1849-1862)
 Rachel Farrel King (1849-1925)
 Cynthia J., wife of T. M. Roberts (1849-1894)
 William M. Goodson (1849-1936) and his wife Aria Jane (1860-1942)
 Frances A. Plain (1849-1921)
 Frank Plummer (1849-1911)
 Richard Plumley (1848-1912) and his wife Astri (1857-1939)

Also born before the Civil War were the following pioneers who sleep in the Friendship cemetery:

B. F. Lindley (1850-1917) and his wife Nancy (1851-1939)
 John M. Farrel (1852-1903) and his wife Sarah E. (1868-1928)
 Walter T. Mills (1852-1880)
 Samuel Eidson (1852-1894)
 A. L. Emery (1853-1936)
 John W. Boone (1854-1918) and his wife Tennie M.M. (1858-1915)
 Green B. Robbins (1854-1944) and his wife Mary F. (1851-1933)
 J. Dorsey (1855-1945) and his wife Mary E. (1861-1941)
 Jacob J. Fink (1855-1929) and his wife Martha A. (1856-1945)
 James Harvey Webb (1855-1914)
 Louis Dickson (1856-1929) and his wife Sarah (1862-1925)
 Eli Chaudoin (1856- ?) and his wife Mary J. (1867-1936)
 John T. Hilton (1857-1940) and his wife Mary J. (1861-1918)
 W. N. Hewitt (1858-1923) and his wife Cornelia (1852-1938)
 James B. O'Neal (1858-1926) and his wife Nancy E. (1864-1906)
 Andrew Y. Roberts (1858-1943) and his wife Martha J. (1860-1941)
 Martin Hartley (1858-1884)
 J. C. Bowman (1858-1930) and his wife Delania (1866-1924)
 John A. Joyce (1860-1931) and his wife Ellen C. (1860-1932)
 J. Wesley Carter (1860-1907) and his wife Maggie (1861-1929)
 Francis M. Brooks (1861-1932) and his wife Georgia A. (1859-1923)
 David W. Joyce (1861-1916)
 Margaret, wife of H. N. Stone (1862-1913)
 G. W. Winn (1862-1913)

The only burial vault in the Friendship cemetery is a brick vault that houses the body of the 3-year-old son of William H and M. E. Lovelady. The child died in 1877.

Veterans of the Civil War who sleep in the Friendship graveyard are:

Edward E. Hale of Co. L, 22nd North Carolina Infantry
 J. S. Lewellen of Co. K, 1st Arkansas Infantry
 Thomas M. Roberts of Co. K, 35th Arkansas Infantry
 William A. Lewis of Co. G, 160th Illinois Infantry
 J. B. Morris (1846-1906) of Co. B, 31st Infantry, CSA
 Cyrus Porter (1826-1896) of Co. F, 1st Indiana Heavy Artillery
 Lafayette Carr (1840-1923) of Co. D, 100th Indiana Volunteers, and his wife Hannah (1842-1936)
 J. R. Booth of Co. B, 58th Pennsylvania Infantry

Veterans of the two World Wars include:

Harvey W. Calvert, 132nd Field Artillery, World War I
 Denton Speck, 320th Field Artillery, World War I

James R. Moneyhun, S/Sgt 405th Infantry, World War II
 Richard Lee Carlock, U.S. Navy, World War II
 E. R. Rogers, U.S. Navy, World War II
 Elmer Johnson Jr. (1915-1944), 687th Field Artillery. "Made the supreme sacrifice in France, September 12, 1944."

In addition to the names already mentioned, the following family names are found in Friendship cemetery:

Anderson	Davis	Jones	Sisco
Arbogast	Dean	Kyle	Sisemore
Barrows	Donaldson	Lane	Spiker
Betts	Dorsett	Linch	Stamps
Bishop	Eidson	McGarrah	Stanton
Black	Frazier	Means	Steinberg
Blevins	Fuzzell	Myrick	Tarver
Bone	Gay	Nix	Tillman
Bookout	Goodman	Nordin	Todd
Bradshaw	Greene	Norman	Trimble
Brand	Greer	Overton	Turner
Brookhyser	Hallford	Perry	VanZant
Caler	Hanson	Petty	Vaughan
Campbell	Harp	Phillips	Vernon
Cardwell	Hazel	Samuel	Watson
Coleman	Holt	Scott	White
Cook	Hunt	Scroggins	Wilson
Cramer	Huntley	Sellers	
Dale	Jarvis	Sims	

VINEY GROVE

This 100-year-old burial place of Viney Grove pioneers has almost vanished. What must once have been a beautiful cemetery on the southern slope of a hill a half mile west of the village of Viney Grove is today a pasture -- and not much of that. Mostly bare ground with an occasional patch of underbrush marks the site. Cows and horses have tumbled the gravestones, broken them, and the elements have done the rest. Only ten stones remain standing, and when they fall or are carried away, Viney Grove cemetery will be no more.

Following a path that a cow had made into the brush, I came upon a fine old sandstone marker -- the grave of Moses Edmiston "who departed this life 1857 aged 35." Another sandstone marker nearby, probably also an Edmiston, bore the initials "S.N.E." and the date 1854. The Edmistons were among the earliest comers to Washington County, and, judging by these two tombstones and the ruins of a burial vault, were people of importance. The only other Edmiston gravestone left at Viney Grove is that of Rachel F., wife of G.W. Edmiston (1848-1884).

Names are legible on the headstones of A.B. Darman (1841-?), William Berley, J. G. Johnson (1854-1900), and John R. Howard (1863-1888) and his children.

Depressed by the neglect which this cemetery has suffered, I was turning to leave when a flash of metal in a clump of brush caught my eye. I parted the briars and there was revealed a metal U.D.C. marker, with the star and inscription "C.S.A. Veteran 1861-65". But who he was is now known only to the Great Historian.

BLACK OAK Cemetery, near Greenland

The century-old Black Oak burying ground, atop a mountain 3 or 4 miles west of Greenland, is difficult of access. Years ago, before the Black Oak church and school were destroyed by fire, a country road ran around the rim of the mountain. Now it is necessary to leave the car on the nearest gravel road, near the Martin place, and walk a mile across the Mack Smith farm and through a picturesque woods. The Black Oak cemetery, at the south edge of the mountain, contains some 300 or more graves, most of them marked with uninscribed sandstone slabs. But the graveyard also sparkles with such pioneer names as Alexander, Combs, Rutherford, Tollett, Carter, Hagen, Diven, Carney, Cate, Hughes and others who lived in Washington County a century or more ago.

Here sleeps John Alexander, one of six white men living in Washington County before the arrival of the Cane Hill pioneers in 1827. John Alexander was born Jan. 27, 1777, and died May 27, 1860. He was Our County's first representative in the Territorial Legislature. His grave is marked with an attractive marble headstone on which the inscription is still legible, after 94 years. Only the name "Jane Alexander" can be deciphered on a neighboring gravestone, the rest of the inscription having weathered away. The Alexanders were evidently people of means, for nearly all of the graves have finely-fashioned markers with arched tops, popular in the 1850's. Several of the older graves are those of children:

An Alexander infant who died in April 1853

James R., a son of Wm. and L. J. Alexander, died Nov. 9, 1853

Matilda, daughter of W.L. and M.E. Alexander, died 1862

Sherman, a son of W.L. and M.E. Alexander (1865-1882)

Nancy J. (1845-1865) and Martha A. (1849-1865), daughters of J. and A. Alexander.

Here also sleep:

Polly Ann Alexander (1823-1886)

Louvicy, wife of Wm. Alexander (1831-1857)

Mary A. Cate, daughter of J. and A. Alexander (1848-1880)

The Rutherford lot in the old Black Oak burying ground has many graves but only six stones with legible inscriptions:

Elizabeth A., daughter of W.B. and N.M. Rutherford (died 1854)

George A., son of W.B. and N.M. Rutherford (died 1858)

Nannie O., daughter of W.B. and Nancy M. Rutherford (died 1876)

Thomas McDonald, son of Wm. and N.C. Rutherford (died 1863)

Samuel C. Rutherford, son of Wm. and N.C. Rutherford (died 1873)

Nancy, wife of Wm. Rutherford (1836-1873)

The oldest dated burial (1843) is a child (Martin Carter). Another Carter child (Henry) died in 1853. Here also are:

David Carter (1809-1889) and wife Mary (1810-1891)

Sarah J., wife of R. Carter (1842-1884)

The pioneer Hughes family is represented by

James K., infant son of Elbert and Susannah Hughes, who died in 1852.

William Hughes (1840-1861)

Thomas P. Hughes (1854-1888)

Bettie, Daughter of Susan and E.F. Hughes (1861-1881)

Other early settlers buried here are:

Thomas Miller (1794-1867)

J. S. Diven (1801-1878)

Abby Tennison (1801-1892). Beside her is the grave of John Tennison (1825-1893)

Charles Cate (1805-1869) and Sarah, "wife of Charley Cates" (1810-1863)

Samuel Hager (1818-1886) and Eva, daughter of S.&C. Hager (1870-1888)

Joel A. Combs (1818-1874) and wife Pernetty (1825-1913)

Sarah, the wife of Levi Combs. Age 68.

A. B. Combs, a Civil War soldier of Co.D, 1st Arkansas Cavalry

F. G. Tollett (1828-1871)

Susan, the wife of Fertinnan Tollett (1833-1862)

James R., son of Susan and Fertinnan Tollett (died 1863)

Henry T. Cate (1827-1898) and wife Mary J. (1827-1914)

Thomas Woodward (1834-1883) and wife Penina (1840-1922)

Nichols A. Carney (1836-1911) and wife Winnie (1834-1916)

Nancy J., wife of W. H. Tucker (1840-1885)

H. C. Martin (1844-1922) and wife Elizabeth F. (1849-1906)

Joseph I. Lane (1844-1871)

Annie, wife of W. H. Jones (1867-1888)

A World War I veteran buried here is Claud R. Martin of the 83rd Division, who died in 1923.

An attractive arched headstone of a century ago marks the grave of Wm. A., son of J. and M. Bates, who died in 1855. The entire inscription is in ornamental script lettering.

There are other pioneer families represented in the Black Oak cemetery near Greenland, but the tombstone inscriptions are illegible. The names of Fellows, Howell and Tate can be deciphered.

MCDONALD CEMETERY, near Prairie Grove

This small graveyard -- there are some 60 burials -- is located about 8 miles south of Prairie Grove. It is hard to find and harder to reach. It is on the old McDonald farm but the founder of the clan (J.J.McDonald) is buried in an abandoned graveyard 2 miles south of the old homestead.

Buried in the McDonald Cemetery are:

J. G. McDonald (1846-1928) and wife C.J. (1845-1904)

J. W. McDonald (1853-1911)

Abner G. McDonald (1858-1919)

Compton Davis (1837-1910)

Corporal Robert Messamore of Co.H, 7th Kentucky Infantry, and his wife Cathrine (1845-1918)

Howard N. Pegram (1856-1948) and Frances M. Pegram (1871-1918)

J. W. Russell (1860-1936)

Joseph Buris (1861-1931)

Rebecca S. Reynolds (1868-1950)

BOONE, near Greenland

One of the most interesting burial sites in Washington County is the Boone family graveyard on a county highway 2 miles southwest of Greenland. It dates back to 1835.

The plot, which contains four graves (there may be others), is walled in with huge stones. The stones are 6 inches thick and accurately cut. Inside the enclosure are three massive burial vaults, which also show the skill of the stone-cutters of a century ago.

The first vault is the burial site of Dr. James Boone (born 1788; died June 11, 1856). His tomb, surmounted by a 4-foot pyramidal shaft, is pictured at the left. The center tomb is built up with a heavy foundation, from which the top slab and inscription plate have disappeared. A guess would be that Dr. Boone's wife was buried beneath this vault. A third vault contains the remains of Cor-

nelea Vitoria Boone, died Aug. 18, 1835, aged 3 years. It would be safe to say that this is

one of the oldest gravestones in Washington County. In front of this vault is the grave of another 3-year-old girl, Sophia B. Reed, born September 1833, died 1836. This is a well-cut sandstone marker, with the old-fashioned arched top.

Judging by the massive masonry, the Boone cemetery was built to stand a century. Well, the century is up, and the once-imposing burial site is doomed. Trees, none of them more than a few inches in thickness, have forced the burial vaults and stone walls apart. Three slender saplings keep the heavy pyramidal stone atop the tomb of Dr. Boone from falling. The surprising thing is that vandals have not already carried off the cut stones. They must be even heavier than they look.

Besides his claim to fame as one of the County's earliest physicians James Boone figures in history for still another reason -- he was murdered by his slaves. This occurrence is described in Goodspeed's history as follows:

"In 1856 Dr. James Boone, an old and prominent citizen living about five miles from Fayetteville, was brutally murdered by three slaves, two of whom belonged to him, and one was the property of a neighbor. The negroes conspired to kill him, and going to his house at night they created sufficient disturbance to bring him to his door, when they felled him to the ground with a blow from a bludgeon, and continued to beat him until he was dead. When accused they confessed to the crime, and a band of men led by the sons of Dr. Boone, took the two negroes that had belonged to him from jail and hung them. The third one was tried at the next term of circuit court, and was also hung."

CAMPBELL CEMETERY, north of West Fork

This graveyard, at the Campbell school 2 miles north of West Fork, contains the remains of many pioneers, among them such names as Reed, Graham, Karnes, Yoes, Robinson, Webb and others. There are many old graves with no identification.

A Civil War marker heads the grave of Peter Graham of Co.A, 1st Arkansas Infantry. Just a few yards away is a handsome memorial to Corp. Tolbert P. Graham, (1880-1918) of Co.E, 139th Infantry, who died in the Argonne-Meuse in World War I and is buried in a US cemetery in France.

There are other Grahams in this West Fork graveyard, among them:

W. C. Graham (1822-1910) and wife Matilda (1838-1910)
Wilson Graham (1838-1909) and wife Marinda (1840-1923)

The Robinsons are represented by:

David Robinson (1818-1895) and wife Mary (1821-1883)
John W. Robinson (1844-1928) and wife Mary M. (1849-1941)
Harrison Robinson (1850-1887) and Hettie Robinson (?-1884)

The Webb family is represented by:

George Webb (1803-1883)
David Webb (1834-1889) and wife Elizabeth (- ?-1900)
Rev. Elbert S. Webb (1850-1910) and wife Elizabeth (1853-1932)

Other West Fork pioneers buried here include:

William L. Alexander (1823-1912) and wife Mary E. (1843-1908)
R. J. Hope (1825-1894) and wife Lucinda J. (1831-1889)
William Karnes (1831-1901) and wife Lucinda M. (1840-1915)
Jacob Yoes (1831-1908) and wife, Sarah P. Reed (1833-1920)
Thomas J. Lee (1844-1910) and wife Eliza E. (1842-1909)
A. J. Miller (1841-1900) and wife, Elizabeth C. (1844-1926), later
the wife of Henry Fry
A. K. Sawyers (1846-1931) and wife Louisa M. (1846-1922)
Salley J., wife of W. G. Gilbreath (1848-1885)
John Reed (1846-1879) and wife Sarah J. (1849-1927)
George F. Reed (1853-1881)
James A. Reed (1848-1898) and Margaret Reed (1858-1911)
Mary Abigail, daughter of Jacob and Sarah E. Yoes (1863-1931)
James W. Yoes (1857-1923) and Sarah E. Yoes (1863-1931)
Samuel Alexander (1857-1935)
A.E., wife of J.H. Dearing (daughter of Wm. and Lucinda Karnes)
(1860-1887)

Other family names found in this graveyard include Boyd, Dye, Jordan, Rutherford and Walker.

Wilson Cemetery, near Monitor

This interesting old burial ground is located a half mile north of the Monitor school, northeast of Springdale. The first person buried here was John Wesley Wilson, who was killed by bushwhackers during the Civil War. He had a little blacksmith shop for his own and neighbors' work and was shot down while working in his shop. His daughters buried him in what was then the back of the orchard. His tombstone says: Jno. Wilson, "husband of Rebecca" (1814-1863). Beside him sleeps Rebecca Wilson (1818-1885).

Several burials took place here in 1864. Today there are several hundred graves, many of them relatives of John Wesley Wilson. Among the old names are Graham, Presley, Gobble, Hancock, Anderson, Wolfe, Atwood, Alstott, Mays, Lynch and others.

Among the older Grahams buried here are:

James S. Graham (1818-1894) and wife Rebecca J. (1828-1907)
 Rev. S. S. Graham (1835-1908) and wife L.A. (1839-1905)
 Moses Graham (1833-1890)
 Elizabeth Graham - "Little Grandma" (1837-1928)
 Elizabeth, wife of B. P. Graham (1844-1909)
 Peter Graham (1845-1904) and wife Temperance (1850-1930)
 Talitha Jane, wife of S. M. Graham (1852-1912)
 William Paschal Graham (1853-1885)
 Wesley Graham (1858-1925) and wife Nancy (1855-1935)
 Robert E. Graham (1859-1888) and wife Amanda A. (1854-1937)
 Benny W. Graham (1860-1941) and wife Cynthia E. (1864-1943)
 Silas Marion Graham (1860-1945) and wife Lucinda Wilson (1870-1944)

One of the oldest dated tombstones marks the grave of a Graham child -- Sterling Price Graham, born 1862 (named for the Confederate general then active in northwest Arkansas); died 1865. There are many Presley gravestones but the dates on most of them have weathered away. The oldest one that can be deciphered is that of Larkin Presley (1833-1890). One of the Graham children was named Presley B. Graham.

Among the pioneer members of the Wolfe family buried in this old cemetery at Monitor are:

John A. Wolf (no "e") (1824-1899) and wife Elizabeth (1824-1894)
 Granville A. Wolfe (1847-1922) and Debbie A. Wolfe (1852-1903)
 John A. Wolfe (1848-1879)
 William F. Wolfe (1857-1919) and Martha A. Wolfe (1861-1932)

Other pioneers buried here include:

Sarah T. Ritchey Olmstead (1818-1905)
 Robert Lewis Hewitt (1819-1864)
 Mira, wife of Rev. E. Wright (1825-1903)
 A. Gobble (1833-1891) and Susan Gobble (1834-1920)
 E. M. Hancock (1831-1911) and wife Elizabeth (1835-1913)
 Susan, wife of Evans Atwood (1839-1887)
 Napoleon, son of Nap and Martha Clark (1841-1864)
 W. Wesley Anderson (1841-1921) and Mary Anderson (1851-1928)
 W. H. Wilson (1842-1900)
 M. V. Mays (1842-1920) and wife M. J. (1850-1918)
 R. S. Anderson (1844-1905) and Sarapta Anderson (1845-1930)
 James H. Alstott (1844-1929) and wife Anna E. (1855-1940)

Charles F. Crane (1844-1926) and wife Charlotte R. (1851-1920)
Benjamin Wilson (1847-1925) and wife Dortha T. (1849-1929)
W. P. Kendrick (1850-1923) and Mary Kendrick (1856-1937)
Philip M. Fritts (1852-1926) and wife Cordelia F. (1856-1890)
W. W. Wilson (1854-1930) and wife Susan Rebecca (1852-1930)
Henry Allen Fritts (1856-1939) and wife Effie Carolyn (1865-1930)
W. F. Blasingame (1856-1908)
James F. Lynch (1857-1938) and wife Belle Dora (1871-1941)
Nicholas White (1861-1934) and wife Samantha J. (1870-1932)
Mrs. Cordelia McGarrah (1870-1927)

Government markers indicate the graves of the following veterans:

Byron Olmstead, Co.I, 138th Illinois Infantry, Civil War
J. E. Moore, Co.E, 4th Cavalry, Civil War
Henry H. Gabbard (1869-1933), Co.B, 21st Kans.Inf., Spanish-American War
Otto J. Graham (1897-1951), 162nd Depot Brigade, World War I
Raymond A. Alstott (1916-1942), 29th AAF Air Base Gp., World War II

Other family names in the Monitor cemetery are: Allred, Ayers, Bland, Braman, Dicks, Elenberger, Gohean, Graves, McGlone, Murphy, Nichols, Odell, Slaughter, Stockton, Tabor.

Mineral Springs

Just inside the gate of the Mineral Springs cemetery is a handsome granite monument with this inscription: "Dedicated by Mineral Springs Community Club in memory of John A. Hale 1856-1935 who gave this cemetery to the community." Other Hales who sleep here are:
Samuel S. Hale (1851-1923) and wife Mary (1850-1909)
S. E. Hale, wife of D. R. Hale (1862-1928)

Four Civil War veterans buried here are:

W. J. Hopper of Co.A, 14th Illinois Infantry
John D. Woods of Co.I, 1st Arkansas Cavalry (1842-1924)
John J. Goldsborough of Co.B, 154th Indiana Infantry
James Underhill (1833-1903) of Co.K, 47th Kentucky Infantry, and his wife Victoria A. (1853-1928)

Pioneers buried at Mineral Springs include:

Moses Malone (1818-1892)
Samuel W. Parrack (1822-1895)
Jasper N. Clark (1829-1903) and Mary George Clark (1834-1930)
John F. Schneider (1834-1915) and wife Matilda A. (1845-1898)
Eliza, wife of Joseph Pistole (1844-1913)
Hugh McGee (1849-1923) and wife Nancy A. (1859-1941)
Sarah C. Walker (1852-1923)
William David Kerley (1859-1942)
W. D. Goldsborough (1861-1933) and wife Nellie C. (1870-1893)
James Monroe Malone (1861-1943) and wife Margaret Rachel (1868-1942)
Federal Jacob Skelton (1862-1947) and wife Ella V. (1868-1939)
Norman B. Goldsborough (1865-1929)
Wash Woods (1866-1931) and wife Nina (1868-1944)
John W. Newell (1867-1918)
Ben C. Malone (1867-1942) and wife Nora A. (1876 -?)

A World War II veteran buried here is Hugh McGee of the QM Corps, US Army (1923-1944)

Other names in the cemetery at Mineral Springs include: Collins, Hammond, Rumsey, Snider, Sorrels.

Bethesda

This hundred-year-old burial ground on a hilltop 4 miles south of Lincoln contains such pioneer names as Evins, Shannon, Leach, Crozier, Howard, Morrow, Sexton, Scott, Joyce, Colburn, Bush, Whinery, White and many others. The oldest dated tombstones are those of the Leach family, several dating back to the early 1850's. Among the early members of the Leach family buried here are:

Thomas Leach (1789-1881) and Ruth "consort of Thomas Leach (1795-1849)
George Washington Leach (child, died 1853)

B. Leach Sr. (1815-1889) :

Rev. Thomas M. Leach (1822-1894) and wife Catherine, daughter of Samuel and Mary Turne (1828-1865)

Mary M. M., wife of A. Leach (1821-1885)

Catherine, wife of T. F. Leach (1842-1880)

Arthur Z. Leach (1864-1944) and wife Emma H. (1864-1947)

Other pioneers who sleep in the Bethesda cemetery are:

Martha Sexton (1783-1862)

John B. Crozier (1799-1864) and Catherine Crozier (1806-1876)

Christenia, wife of Nimrod Scott (1803-1863)

Amanda M. Sexton (1808-1872)

Ebenezer Miller (1809-1873)

E. M. Evins (1810-1896)

Ammon, "husband of M. J. Payne (1814-1873) and M.J. Payne (1827-1897)

Landan N. Bush (1821-1893) and Mary Wade Bush (1825-1913)

Enoch Howard (1831-1910) and wife Catherine (1831-1925)

Capt. J. C. Flynn (1832-1905)

Sarah Ann Whinery (1835-1910)

Capt. W.H. Shannon (1835-1878) and Sarah E. Shannon (1842-1907)

John L. Shannon (1837-1912)

Mary, wife of J. Rector (1836-1889)

W. B. Colburn (1839-1897) and Mrs. W. B. Colburn (1851-1933)

Jacob White (1840-1919) and wife Mary S. (1843-1920)

Corp. G.W. Morrow, Co. B, 34th Ark. Inf. (1842-1935) and wife Samantha (1841-1905)

Silas Bush (1843-1907)

Mary Scott (1843-1921)

Rev. J.K.P. Crozier (1844-1919) and wife Margaret H. (1843-1919)

Martin J. Goldman (1845-1939) and wife Sarah A. (1845-1921)

D. V. Flynn (1845-1920)

J. R. Crow (1845-1923) and E. A. Crow (1846-1933)

James F. Jones (1847-1910) and wife Margaret E. (1857-1922)

Z. T. Howard (1848-1907)

C. H. Chase (1849-1896)

Mary C. Murphy (1849-1926)

Cage Grimsley (1851-1909)

J. R. Payne (1851-1899)

Solomon Phillips (1852-1901)

Thomas A. Whillock (1853-1896)

Lively Maples (1853-1939) and wife Nancy (1853-1889)

Hugh L. White (1853-1917) and Mary I. White (1857-1937)

Joseph Howard (1856-1942) and wife Ida (1852-1940)

G. W. Murray (1856-1889)

John Wesley Kirkland (1857-1922) and wife Mary Alta (1859-1931)

Pheby L., wife of I.A. Bottoms and daughter of J. and M.J. Bridgeman (1857-1880)

Ellen Kidd (1857-1915)

*Rev. Crozier married
wif parents
J.W. Chandler
& Elizabeth Choate*

L. H. Pharr (1858-1927)
 John W. Glenn (1858-1936) and wife Sarah E. (1860- ?)
 Mrs. Mary E. Hull (1860-1941)
 C. Walter Whinery (1861-1943)
 W. A. Payne (1861-1928)
 James N. Bridgeman (1862-1935) and wife Mary C. (1862-1947)
 James Arthur Baugh (1864-1932) and wife Mattie A. (1870-1953)

There are a number of Smiths buried in this old graveyard but the stones bear no dates. However, the burials are old, for the small pyramidal monuments date back to the 70's or 80's. They mark the graves of A. C. and Susan Smith. There is also "Uncle John" Smith, and P.D. Smith (1858-1944) and Sarah C. Smith (1856-1936).

Some of the older Joyce headstones also bear no dates, as for example, B.C. Joyce and wife Martha A. There are also Robert K. Joyce (1854-1929) and wife Fannie (1861-1926). An official government marker is on the grave of Chas. C. Joyce (1888-1947), who served in the 147th Infantry, 37th Division, in World War I.

Besides Corporal Morrow, Captain Shannon and Captain Flynn, Bethesda has another Confederate veteran, Capt. Henry S. Anderson, Co. M, 3rd Indian Home Guards. His grave has an official government marker. His wife Cornelia is buried beside him.

Other family names that appear in the Bethesda cemetery, all of a later date, are the following:

Avery	Harris	Pennel
Benson	Henry	Perkins
Brown	Hull	Reed
Carmack	Jones	Rice
Cheatham	Landers	Rutherford
Childress	Langley	Sappington
Cox	McCratic	Seay
Glenn	McReynolds	Skinner
Grimsley	Morris	Williamson
Griscom	Parker	Winkler

Crawford

This old burial ground of the pioneer Crawford family is located a mile north of Rhea's Mill. The earliest dated burial is 1841 but rough fieldstones and fallen tombstones indicate earlier burials -- about 50 unidentifiable graves.

The Crawfords, who were among the early comers to Washington County, are represented by:

James S. Crawford and wife Harriet (1808-1851) and their baby (1841).

These graves have the fine old carved gravestones of a century ago.

R. D. Crawford (1816-1899)

A.D., husband of L.F. Crawford (1856-1904)

Leonidas Crawford (1850-1919) and wife Sallie (1862-1930)

Other burials in this old graveyard are:

Alex Free, a Civil War soldier of Co. B, 13th Kansas Infantry

H. T. Henderson (1839-1916) and wife Sarah Elizabeth (1842-1915)

James Snodgrass (1848-1878)

Martha, wife of George Templeton (1854-1911)

Laura F., wife of T. E. Mathews (1867-1912)

Members of the Cherry, Day, Jacobs and Meadearis families.

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Baptist Ford

The Baptist Ford cemetery, on Highway 71 one mile south of Greenland, occupies a beautiful site on the West Fork of White River. It is an old cemetery, probably older than Evergreen cemetery in Fayetteville. It already had a hundred or more graves when the first engraved tombstone was erected there in 1846. The old sandstone markers at Baptist Ford are different from the field-stones found in most other country graveyards. These are mostly massive stones, often 12 inches thick and 3 or 4 feet tall. Some of them originally bore name and date, but the inscriptions have weathered off during the century.

Well-preserved old sandstone markers that are good examples of the craftsmanship of the early tombstone makers are those over the graves of Henry Wakefield, Ralph Skelton and Reding Putman. The oldest tombstone is an oddly-lettered sandstone marker over the grave of John Calvin, son of W. R. and I. Thomas. He died November 21, 1846, which makes this the oldest dated burial in this cemetery.

Reding Putman (1792-1865) has two monuments, one a quaint old-time stone and the other modern. Buried beside him is his wife Phebe (1787-1884). Ralph Skelton (1787-1862) has a fine old gravestone, as have Rachel Privett (1839-1863) and Henry Wakefield (died 1865). The Wakefield monument is an upright sandstone slab cut coffin-shape and neatly lettered.

On the Carlile lot (J.D.Carlile 1829-1910) are the graves of seven children in a row, the oldest being Washington L. Carlile who died in 1859. The seven stones are uniform in size and design. The cemetery contains a great many tombstones of the 80's and 90's, made by Atchison & Young and later by Atchison & Dorman of Fayetteville.

Among the pioneers buried at Baptist Ford are:

R. Reed (1788-1861) and his wife Elizabeth (1802-1897)
 W. Chapman (1806-1875) and his wife Sarah (1810-1900)
 James Clark (1812-1888)
 J. C. Jarrel (1818-1867)
 Eli Baker (1820-1898) and his wife Dorcas ("Age 36")
 J. W. Upton (1823-1898) and his wife Martha (1830- ?)
 Walter E. Shanks (1824-1894) and his wife Elizabeth C. ("Age 36")
 A. H. Cowen (1826-1908) and his wife Mary (1837-1902)
 Ruth A. Caldwell (1827-1891)
 Nancy Jane, wife of Sylvester Ingles (1827-1910)
 Thomas Phelan (1828-1900) and his wife Sarah (1831-1901)

There are many Browns in the Baptist Ford cemetery, among them
 Thomas T. Brown (1825-1883)
 W. H. Brown (1849-1915) and wife Fannie McKnight Brown (1850-1926)
 James M. Brown (1852-1892) and his wife Martha E. (1864-1897)

A family that is well represented in the Baptist Ford graveyard is the Stockburger clan. Among the older members are:
 John Calvin Stockburger (1829-1916) and his wife Martha (1828-1912)
 Alex Stockburger (1850-1926) and his wife Sarah D. (1855-1925)
 Joe Stockburger (1861-1942) and his wife Etta (1862-1938)
 Ed E. Stockburger (1868-1947) and his wife Mary S. (1867-1938)

The Farmers have the following dead at Baptist Ford:

Eliza A. Farmer (1817-1892)
Jasper Farmer (1840-1919) and his wife Martha N. (1849-1926)
Stacy Farmer (1842-1923)
James M. Farmer (1850-1917)

Pioneers born in the 1830's and 1840's who sleep at Baptist Ford include the following:

William M. Wilson (1832-1918) and his wife M.L. (1837-1924)
A. J. Harp (1834-1904) and his wife Sarah (1836-1886)
Mary Ann, wife of H. H. Fellows (1834-1873)
J. M. Brown (1835-1908) and his wife Mariah (1833-1905)
Dempsey Wallen (1836-1926) and his wife Rebecca Jane (1847-1920)
Mrs. E. J. Gollaher (1837-1915)
J. T. Crider (1837-1900) and his wife H. J. (no dates)
Polly Reed Rizley (1837-1869)
I. A. Copeland (1838-1868)
William R. Ward (1833-1903) and his wife Hannah J. (1845-1888)
Catherine E. McConnell (1838-1903)
Henry Edward Wyatt (1836-1907) and his wife Annie (1856-1948)
W. J. Yates (1838-1915) and his wife Mary (1828-1899)
James Henry Privett (1839-1919) and Rachel G. Privett (1839-1863)
John S. and Martha A. Cannon (no dates)
David Wilcox (1840-1909) and his wife Susan (1848-1908)
Rose, wife of James F. Wilson (1840-1900)
Sarah A., wife of W. A. Wells (1841-1898)
James Ross (1842-1927)
James R. Dotson (1842-1880) and his wife Permelia (1843-1927)
Daniel Chapman (1843-1921) and his wife Sarah Jane (1849-1879)
Rebecca C. Ham (1843-1874)
Charles M. Dye (1843-1894)
J. L. Phelan (1844-1887)
Isaac N. Smith (1846-1935) and his wife Frances L. (1854-1932)
Sarah E. Anglin (1848-1931)
G. C. Laney (1848-1904) and his wife Emily E. (1846-1912)
Lucinda T. Parker (1849-1918)
Harry Lee Crouch (1849-1930)
W. H. Brown (1849-1915) and his wife Fannie McKnight Brown (1850-1926)
Mary A. H. Langston (1850-1879)
G. H. Jones (1850-1901) and his wife Martha (1850-1926)

Also born before the Civil War were the following Baptist Ford dead:

Frank McKinley (1851-1898)
T. J. Carney (1851-1899)
William Phelan (1852-1936) and his wife Sarah (1866-1943)
Zack Fleming (1852-1902)
John D. Logue (1853-1929)
"Mother" Mal Caldwell (1854-1932)
John C. Alexander (1854-1943) and his wife Bettie (1861-1948)
John A. Niccum (1855-1935)
M. F. Caldwell (1856-1927) and his wife Flora (1856-1913)
H. G. Chase (1856-1926) and his wife Jane (1859- ?)
Calvin E. Mullen (1856-1939) and his wife Polly Ann (1867-1935)
Jacob Malone (1856-1924) and Martha Malone (1860-1918)
Will Williams Kennedy (1856-1939) and his wife Sarepta Price (1873-?)
Theodore N. Mathias (1857-1936) and his wife Clara M. (1863-1941)
Fannie, wife of Lafayette Gollaher (1857-1913)

Matthew Gourd (1858-1935)
 Jacob N. Cox (1858-1937) and his wife Alice V. (1859-1935)
 Isaac W. Carroll (1859-?) and wife Prudia F. (1862-1904)
 Mary M. Johnson (1859-1931)
 William S. Gibbs (1859-1933) and his wife Sophia M. (1869-1943)
 George A. Cowan (1859-1938) and his wife Laura A. (1868-1931)
 George W. Setser (1859-1941) and his wife Martha E. (1863-1907)
 J. L. Smith (1860-1929)

Civil War soldiers buried in Baptist Ford cemetery include:
 Moses Hutton, Co. D, 1st Arkansas Cavalry
 W. N. Males, Co. D, 1st Arkansas Cavalry
 A. J. Reed, Co. B, 1st Arkansas Cavalry

The following family names may be found in Baptist Ford Graveyard in addition to those named above:

Barnett	Jenkins	Palmer	Thomas
Bishop	King	Pascal	Tromble
Blackburn	Langley	Powell	Turner
Burgin	Lee	Rheam	Walker
Cheevers	Lowe	Roberts	Webb
Curtis	McDonald	Rutherford	Wilcoxon
Foote	Meadows	Sievers	Williams
Hock	Montgomery	Spearman	Winn
Hulse	Oxford	Spyres	Wright
Hunt	Pace	Tackett	Yoes

Dowell

The Dowell cemetery, two miles south of Fayetteville on the Cato Springs road, was begun as the family burying ground of the Dowells, shortly after the turn of the century. There are a few graves that date back to the 1890's and it is possible that some of the field-stone markers go back to a still earlier date.

Patriarch of the Dowell clan was Capt. W. F. Dowell, whose tombstone gives the dates 1832-1906, and those of his wife Julia as 1841-1919. Other burials in the Dowell plot are:

Sam F. Dowell (1864-?) and Emma Bolinger Dowell (1860-1936)
 James E. Suttle (1866-1939) and his wife, Delia Dowell Suttle (1863-1936)
 Frank Dowell (1871-1949) and his wife Florence (1871-1905)
 W. E. Alexander (1878-1928) and his wife Pearl D. (1877-1940)

Other burials in the Dowell cemetery include:
 Maria Farrington (1842-1908)
 Cyrus Harrison (1854-1893)
 Mary J., wife of W. Noble (1852-1908)
 Jno. W. Mooring (1831-1915) and his wife Mamie (1846-1928)
 Joseph E. Thomas (1850-1934) and his wife Pluma E. (1830-1932)

Other family names in the Dowell cemetery, some of them more recent, include: Cookson, Daniel, Dickson, Keeler, Mannon, Pegram, Thompson.

Parksdale

The Parksdale cemetery is one mile west of the Fayetteville Fair Grounds. In its earlier days it must have been a lovely spot. Many old field-stone markers and sandstone burial vaults are grouped under a half dozen trees on the crest of a hill. This was probably the beginning of the cemetery. During the past 90 years the cemetery has spread down the hill on all sides. This burial ground has suffered neglect -- except for some individual families who have maintained their own family lot. Erosion has taken its toll and graves have sunk. Underbrush makes an inspection of the cemetery difficult.

The Parksdale graveyard contains one of the most attractive burial vaults in the county, housing the dust of Howard Hall, who died Dec. 8, 1862, at the age of 32 years. It appears to have been one of a group of burial vaults, all of similar design, but the others have fallen and are gradually becoming buried in the clay. The tomb of Howard Hall has a carved headstone that is deeply chiseled, and the inscription is as legible today as when it was cut 90 years ago.

An unusual Confederate marker is on the grave of M. B. Tharp (1839-1924) -- a large bronze "CSA 1861" insignia mounted on a concrete pedestal. His wife, Alla Jane (1845-1927) is buried beside him. Another Civil War soldier buried here is Thomas Taylor (1845-1911), whose government marker relates that he was a member of Co. D, 3rd Arkansas Cavalry. Among the older people buried in the Parksdale cemetery are:

Irena Thomas (1820-1900)
Mary Jones, "Mother of Jim Dixon" (1839-1921)
Laura Sullivan (1841-1910)
Eunice R. Shackelford (1849-1904)
P. A. Kirkland and John B. Kirkland (1852-1925)
John B. Clark, "age 95 years"
J. Wilson Jones (1851-1939) and wife Livia I. (1867-1948)
Mrs. S. E. Logan (1852-1923)
Mrs. Mary Smith (1854-1930)
Ed Winkle (1855-1920)
James D. Bixler (1855-1932) and wife Mary A. (1846-1936)
William A. Twiggs (1857-1940)
J. M. Cook (1859-1941) and wife Allie (1859-1901)
William Davenport (1865-1946)
Conrad Cunningham (1866-1923)

Other family names in the Parksdale graveyard are: Barnes Bilderback, Crisp, Dotson, Gabbard, Hatfield, Horne, Layman, Miller, Osburn, Parker, Phillips, Quist, Reynolds, Walker, Worley. The graves of hundreds of pioneers sleeping in Parksdale cemetery are unmarked and cannot be identified.

WHITE OAK CEMETERY

The White Oak cemetery is located two miles north of Wheeler post office. It adjoins the University's experimental stock farm. This large and well-kept burying ground is not old as Washington County cemeteries go. The earliest dated burials were in the 1880s, although there are some field-stone markers that could date back to the 1870s. The following partial list includes most of the older settlers of the area, especially those who were born before 1860.

Silas Genterman (1806-1888)
 James Ivy (1814-1886)
 Elder Norman F. Goodrich (1811-1891) and wife Malinda (1814-1892)
 H. A. Huntsucker (1816-1891)
 J. T. Hayes (1827-1907) and wife M.A. (1842-1929)
 ----- Helton (1829-1902)
 John Crabtree (1833-1895) and Mrs. John Crabtree (1825-1887)
 P. L. Callison (1829-1914) and wife Mary S. (1833-1912)
 Emaline Ellen Nichols (1831-1917)
 Samuel Lockhart (1837-1914)
 W. H. Beasley (1834-1900) and wife Elizabeth (1832-1895)
 James E. Curry (1836-1924)
 T. J. Phillips (1838-1916) and wife Malinda (1846-1903)
 J. H. Phillips (1830-1897) and wife W. N. (1856-1895)
 W. J. Sullivan (1831-1910) and wife Sarah (1835-1914)
 Samuel S. Huckaby (1837-1915) and Martha L. Huckaby (1854-1933)
 Mrs. Frances A. Fowler (1840-1885)
 Napoleon B. Elliott (1840-1915) and wife Harriett L. (1854-1934)
 C. M. Thompson (1839-1924) and wife Nancy Ann (1840-1910)
 P. J. Hinshaw (1839-1905)
 William J. Hogg (1838-1900) and wife Mary M. (1840-1910)
 William Osburn (1834-1908) and wife Elizabeth (1844-1918)
 W. T. Wright (1844-1906) and wife Mary (1849-1888)
 H. C. Parker (1846-1909) and wife Mary E. (1853-1934)
 S. T. Beaver (1847-1899) and wife Mary L. (1860-1905)
 John J. Hodges (1845-1891) and wife Delilah (1846-1896)
 Sam W. Richardson (1847- ?) and wife Julia A. (1855-1929)
 James Allen Sherrod (1853-1927) and Bettie Jane Sherrod (1845-1924)
 Jesse T. Goddard (1847-1916) and wife Mary C. (1854-1927)
 J. S. Cowan (1847-1926) and wife Penelope J. (1844-1928)
 J. G. Atkisson (1848-1932)
 J. W. Rice (1845-1915) and wife Mary M. (1843-1917)
 William M. Bonham (1851-1932) and wife Sarah J. (1858-1933)
 Lucy J., wife of H. R. Royston (1855-1896)
 Robert L. Neal (1854-1929)
 Mrs. Barney Clark (1857-1887)
 James F. Harris (1852-1913) and wife Mylinda E. (1856-1915)
 George W. Harman (1855-1942) and wife Mary Alice (1857-1938)
 G. M., wife of J. J. Thomas (1853-1892)
 A. Burnett (1850-1910)
 Benjamin F. Clark (1853-1929) and wife Mary E. (1857- ?)
 R. W. Henderson (1858-1905)
 Lewis A. Luttrell (1859-1908) and wife Amanda (1860-1928)

Among other old families represented in the White Oak cemetery are: Andrews, Draper, Elliott, Huls, Honeycutt, Lively, Hovey, Kilgo, Fraker, Kelley, Lookinbee, Lockhart, McCoy, Mayes, Martin, Mitchell, Langston, Mayo, Neale, Richardson, Rightsell, Roper, Stewart, Tyler, Thompson, Wright, Shumate, Whinrey.

No.64
VOL REED

This was my grandfather Sam K. Reed's 15th child and grandmother Lize's 12th child. For many years I had 13 living uncles and aunts. Vol and Steve were reared after all the other children were grown. They married and are living in their own homes near their parents' home on good old Fly Creek.

No.65
CLEM REED

This was one of Uncle Button and Aunt Donnie Reed's sons. They had five boys but no girls. I heard Aunt Donnie say that she had to make house helpers out of some of her sons, but they were not too happy doing house chores. But Uncle Will saw to it that whatever Aunt Donnie commanded was carried out to the letter. He was a small man in size but very strong.

No.66
WHITE McCaleb

This was Uncle Robinson and Aunt Laura's youngest son. He was handsome and may have broken more than one girl's heart. He was out for fun and could play more pranks on folks than Peck's bad boy ever thought of. But he was good-hearted withal.

No.67
LON McCaleb

Lon is the oldest child of my uncle Robinson and Aunt Laura (Reed) McCaleb. He is the father of three sons and two daughters. Their names and whereabouts are unknown to the writer. Lon McCaleb is a homebody--a good husband and father. He is a farmer by profession and prosperous in all his undertakings. Cousin Lon and his wife Ada are now making their home in Vinita, Oklahoma.

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If there are any mistakes in these little paragraphs of family history, they were not made intentionally. I am the oldest granddaughter of Samuel King Reed and his wife Lizzie.

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328 S. Locust St., Nowata, Oklahoma

OWNED THE SITE OF LINCOLN

The Sept. 11, 1908 issue of The Lincoln Times, published by George N. Barnes, Lincoln's first editor, carried this item: "The colored folks will hold a big picnic in Lincoln on the 19th of this month." This is reminiscent of the time when there was a large colony of colored people just east of Lincoln. Their little gray church, where many "shouting-happy" meetings were held, still stood there just a few years ago. Now only one couple, who live beside the highway overlooking the colored cemetery where Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Bean lie buried, remain. Wesley Bean owned the original town site of Lincoln. -- Mrs. Ruth Holt Payne.

ANTIOCH CEMETERY

This cemetery is four miles south of Morrow, atop Antioch Mountain. This is the hill that lies between Skylight Mountain on the east and Hale Mountain on the west.

Daniel T. Glidewell (1835-1903)
J. Calvin Glidewell (1861-1941) and wife Terressa (1861-1944)
James Glidewell (1860-1934?) and Anna Z. Glidewell (1862-1894)
Robert T. Glidewell (1863-1937) and wife Margrett (1856-1912)

D.R. McCalib (1820-1894) and wife Scynthea (1824-1884)
S. C. McCaleb (1858-1916)
Dovie A., dau. of Ira A. & M.E. McCaleb (1883-1896)

B. Randolph, b---, died 1885
Louis McCawley (?), born 1832, died 1887)
Mary L., wife of J. M. Collins (1847-1884)
Bettie J. Collins (1854-1922)
Elijah Collins (1857-1940)
Mrs. Fannie Collins, wife of David Collins (1860-1928)
John Collins (1855-1935)
Louisa Ann, wife of G. F. Hubbard (1853-1885)
W.J. Whitehouse (1837-1926) and M.E. Whitehouse (1841-1902)
----- Whitehouse (1845-1888)

E. Andrews (1824-1888) and Sarah J. Andrews (1830-1900)
J. H. Andrews (1851-1901)
Katherine Joanna Andrews (1860-1941)
Josiah Bolling (1855- ?) and Scriptra his wife (1854-1900)
Mrs. Callie Whinery (1853-1918)
R. H. Quick (1843-1919)
Rachel Scraper (1852-1908)
T. H. Loftin (1858-1938) and Sarah F. Loftin (1861-1928)
J. C. Hurst (1854-1934) and J. B., his wife (1877-1956)
Wilburn, husband of Mary E. Baldwin (1851-1913)
William S. Huff (1841-1919)
H. L. Holloway (1862-1934) and wife (1877-1937)
J. C. Fletcher (1838-1912) and Mary Fletcher (1848-1937)
T. R. Holcroft (1836-1922) and S.A., his wife (1837-1934)
N. S. Baugh (1838-1913) and wife Amanda (1838-1922)
George C. Baugh (1865-1958)
B. F. Briggs (1851-1917) and wife Martha F. (1855-1937)
J. H. Carlile (1835-1904)
Nancy T., wife of S. C. Fidler (1857-1909)

Richard T. Andrews, Co.D, 1st Ark. Regt. CSA (1832-1915)
Jos. Larremore, Co.L, 15th Mo. Cav., USA (no dates)
John H. Cox, Cpl. 8th Serv Co., World War I (1901-1956)
Elmer Lee Hunt, Sgt. 161st Inf., World War II
Walter R. Tripp, PFC 79th Eng. Maint. Co., World War II (1930-1949)

Other family names in the Antioch cemetery are:

Kirkendoll	McCamish	Rice	Hillhouse
Campbell	Copeland	Freeman	Scott
Smith	Cooper	Wilhelm	Holcroft
Nobick	Griffin	Henry	

Daughter of Pioneer Cane Hill Preacher

I am enclosing my check for membership in the Washington County Historical Society. I was born in Cane Hill. At that time the home of my parents, Rev. I.A. and L.P. Gaither, was in California, but my mother went home to Cane Hill on a visit and didn't get back until my twin brother and I were about $3\frac{1}{2}$ months old. We were born at our grandmother's home, Mrs. White McClellan, better known as Miss Sara Jane.

My mother was Miss Lou Parker McClellan and she, along with a cousin of hers, Mr. Joe Mynat of Atlanta, Ga., got some of the family tree that Bobby McLane sent you from Hot Springs. During the years that I worked in Tulsa, I spent week-ends in Cane Hill. Of course, we lived there two different times of about seven years each, being away about ten years in between.

On second thought I will make my check for \$5 and the extra can be used for expense on the McClellan booklet.

-- Miss Mary Gaither,
369 N. Pepper St., Woodlake, California

Admiral Is Native of Our County

James B. Childs, 1221 Newton St. N.E., Washington 17, D.C., sends us a tear sheet from Parade magazine of May 6 that contains an article entitled "The Spy War -- Who's Winning?" We had read the article when it appeared in the Arkansas Gazette but did not know that Admiral Laurence Frost who commands the National Security Agency is a native of Washington County, Arkansas -- until Mr. Childs told us. Quoting from the article, "NSA is currently headed by a former chief of U.S. Naval Intelligence, Admiral Laurence Frost, who is almost a complete unknown to his countrymen, yet his job and mission are most vital to the nation's welfare." Mr. Childs adds: "Admiral Frost was born in Washington County, Ark., the grandson of Thomas W. and Polly Boone Frost." Mr. Childs himself is a Boone kinsman. The Boones lived out Elkins way, where there was an early postoffice called Boone's Grove.

Post Offices of Benton County

In its May 1962 issue the Benton County Historical Society's PIONEER began publication of a list of postoffices and postmasters in Benton County (from the National Archives). Early postoffices were:

Osage (later Bentonville), Dec. 31, 1836; John B. Dickson, PM
Sugar Creek, Jan. 5, 1837; Samuel Burks PM
Sherrod, Sept. 12, 1840; Arthur Sherrod PM
Beatie's Prairie (later Maysville), Dec. 21, 1840; John Carr PM
Lindsey's Prairie, July 16, 1842; Andrew Agnes PM
Cross Hollow, Sept. 19, 1843; Ephraim D. Dickson PM

The PIONEER also began publication of Benton County marriages. The first list is from Book A and includes all 1867 marriages.

Membership in the Benton County Historical Society is \$3 per year. Secretary is Huey G. Huhn, Rogers, Ark.

Tuttle

This well-kept cemetery at Tuttle on Highway 74 a mile this side of the Madison County line is over a hundred years old. Here are buried the Trammels, Fergusons, Smiths, Wilsons, Neeleys and other early settlers on Richland Creek. The oldest burial date (1853) is on a sandstone vault on which the name Boone can still be deciphered.

The Smith family is represented by

Thomas Smith (1785-1870) and Ann E. Smith (1807-1866)
A. J. Smith (1821-1864) and Mary J. Smith (later the wife of H. M. Maguire) (1827-1895)
Andrew T. Smith, World War I soldier (106th Inf., 27th Div.), who died Nov. 9, 1924.

Among the early Trammels buried here are:

George S. Trammel (1825-1882) and wife M.E. (1835-1913)
Maggie, wife of N. S. Trammel (1850-1917)
E. J. Trammel (1859-1931)
K. L. Trammel (1864-1924)

Other pioneers who sleep in the Tuttle graveyard include:

Mary Ann, wife of J. J. Bishop (1822-1867)
W. W. Ferguson (1823-1912)
James M. Wilson (1824-1882) and wife Mary T. (1847-1926)
D. G. W. Robinson (1824-1899)
B. E. Davis (1826-1888)
Elijah Neeley (1830 ?) and Samuel Neely (1837-1862)
Amanda L., wife of ----- Weems (1834-1866)
Lawson Pitts (1832-1906) and Mary E. Pitts (1840-1924)
Rev. H. N. Saunders (1837-1916) and wife Rhoda (1835-1910)
J. P. Hennesa (1837-1866), an attractive low burial vault
Anthony W. Reagor (1840-1865)
P. M. Gibson (1840-1908) and wife Jennie (1846-1933)
George W. Calvert (1840-1925)
Richard A. Neeley (1847-1890)
Joseph W. Ferguson (1848-1922) and wife Dorcas I. (1846-1930)
Sarah M. B., wife of H. H. Mullins (1847-1870)
Leroy Clark (1848-1929) and wife Mary J. (1857-1913)
W. E. McKinzie (1852-1919) and wife M. J. (1853 -?)
Churchwell H. Sexson (1854-1874)
W. H. Finley (1856- ?) and wife Hannah (1855-1910)
Riley Duncan (1857-1940) and wife Mary E. (1860-1917)
Mary Tate (1858-1887)
Mrs. Lucinda Tate (1868-1937)
W. L. Danner (1862-1922)

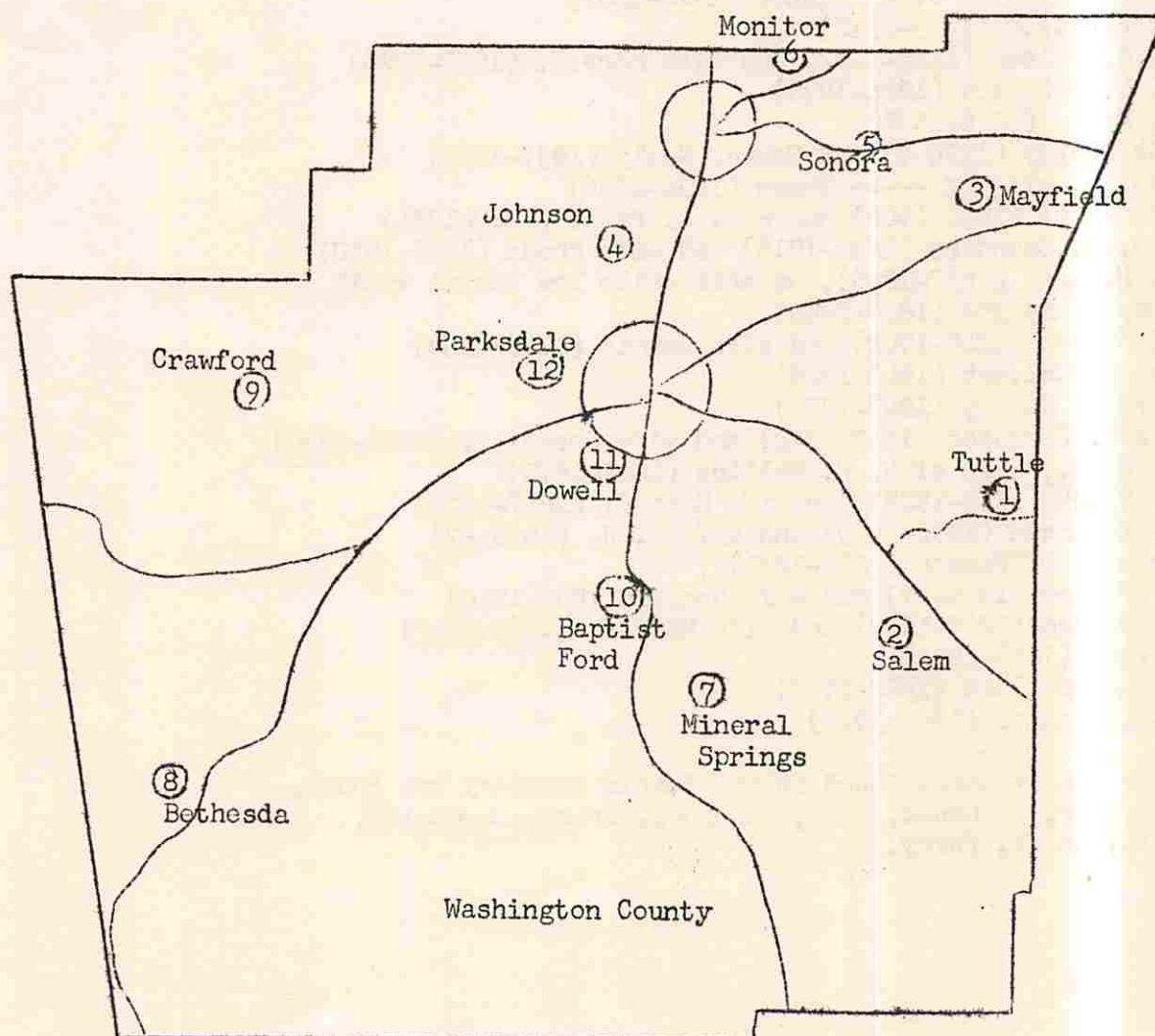
Other family names found in the Tuttle cemetery are Bodin, Branstetter, Buchanan, Byrd, Donaghey, Friman, McCawley, Merrick, Nance, Perry.

Old Settlers Who Are Buried in Washington County (continued)

At the request of several readers, we will publish in each issue of FLASHBACK a map showing the location of the cemeteries listed in that issue. On the map below, are the twelve cemeteries that are listed in this number.

Our cemetery lists are attracting wide attention from people interested in genealogy in general or in their own ancestors. Visitors have recently come to Fayetteville from as far away as Wichita and Houston, to try to locate the graves of members of their families. While we have already explored over a hundred burial grounds in Washington County, there are others, chiefly family graveyards, that we do not know about. Any information will be gratefully received.

Most of the cemeteries listed in this issue are easily accessible. The single exception is Mayfield. This is the original Mayfield burial ground, about a half mile north of the village. The Mayfield family cemetery is southwest of the village.



Salem

This cemetery, located in a pine grove atop a hill just off the Elkins-Sulphur City road, is over a century old. There are several old burial vaults and many gravestones of the 1850's and 1860's. This may originally have been the family graveyard of the Harris family. Older members of this family who are buried here include:

Barsheba, wife of Wm. M. Harris (1804-1860)
 John B. Harris (1820-1873) -- a beautiful old Masonic gravestone --and his wife Sarah (1823-1857).
 William A.M. Harris (1836-1898) and his wife Sarah H. (1835-1917) and their children: Alexander 1855 (this is the oldest burial date in the cemetery), Nancy 1861, Harriet 1864 and James W. (1866-1870).
 Robert M. Harris (1847-1908) and wife Jerusha (1849-1909)
 John T. Harris (1850-1899) and wife Perdema W. (1856-1938)
 S. A. S. Harris (1848-1935) and Susan Harris (1851-1888) and Martha Harris (1854- ?)
 Ben F. Harris (1856-1928) and wife Narsis 91854 -?)
 Samuel Harris, a Civil War soldier (Co.A, 2nd Arkansas Cavalry)

Most of the old burial vaults built above the ground have collapsed, but there is one still standing that bears the name Harriett Brown and the burial date 1856.

A coffin-shaped sandstone slab covers the grave of Hannah H., wife of Hugh R. Williams (1824-1857).

Among the fine carved gravestones of an earlier day, the following should be mentioned:

Lucinda, wife of J. J. Payne (1819-1861)
 Aron Ashbrok (1798-1884) -- an unusual design
 Elizabeth, wife of Philemon M. Carrigin (1798-1873)
 S. L. Stafford Work (no dates, but a fine old gravestone)
 R. A. Scott (1819-1886) and wife Liza (1834-1889) -- two good specimens of the marble gravestones of the 80's made by Morley & Thomas of Fayetteville.

Among the pioneers buried in the Salem churchyard are:

Francis M. Ray (1778-1863) and wife Sarah E. (1777-1862)
 Mary A. Phillips (1803-1904) - a centennarian
 Ann, wife of John Jones, born in Frome, England (1809-1894)
 James Phillips (1818-1911) and wife Martha (1815-1900)
 Rachel Hatfield (1821-1915)
 M. G. Jones (1822-1906)
 Mrs. A. H. Rutherford (1824-1880)
 Sarah, wife of J. H. VanZant (1824-1883)
 Bell Flowers (1825-1911)
 Isaac N. Wylie (1827-1908)
 Alexander A. Brown (1827-1897) and wife Nancy A. (1829-1902)
 John C. Carrigan (1832-1883) and Manerva J. Carrigan (1828-1898)
 Wiley Barnes (1830-1904) and wife Amanda (1832-1906)
 A. V. Hicks (1834-1908) and wife Lovina H. (1838- ?)
 John Brooks (1834-1906) and Mary F. Brooks (1850-1936)
 J. P. Colclasure (1837-1913) and wife Lusinda (1837-1917)
 George W. Jewell (1846-1923)
 Thomas Williams Sr. (1846-1914)
 William W. Haire (1847-1891)
 Robert B. Jones (1849-1926) and Josephine Brown Jones (1853-1932)
 Robert A. Dodd (1851-1918)
 William C. Carrigan (1853-1876)
 R. C. Horner (1854-1937) and wife Lizzie (1866-1906)

Caroline Solomon Tuttle (1854-1943)
 Susan, wife of James Williams (1856-1896)
 Henry B. Fawbush (1856-1928) and wife Mary S. (1865- ?)
 Lionell Bogan (1856-1940) and wife Rachel (1861-1941)
 Jacob R. Moore (1857-1903) and Martha C. Moore (1861-1934)
 Sallie Horner (1858-1924)
 Wilson N. Brown (1858-1932)
 Albert J. Brown (1861-1944) - "He admired nature".
 James P. Carrigan (1859-1876)
 George Harrison (1859-1943) and Stacey Harrison (1862-1948)
 Charles T. McMillan (1859-1941)
 Caswell Harrelson (1859-1925)

A Civil War soldier, whose government marker gives no dates, was
 Lieut. J. W. Bonney of Co.B, 4th Iowa Infantry.

Other family names found in this old churchyard include:

Boaz	Gabbard	Jordan	Reed
Cooney	Graham	McDaniel	Shumate
Freeland	Gregg	Morris	Whitehouse
Grebe	Hanshaw	Osburn	Whittemore

Old Mayfield Cemetery

This is another of our county's vanishing graveyards. The sunken
 graves in regular alignment and the many fallen tombstones indicate a
 cemetery of some prominence in the 1860's and 1870's. Not a single one
 of the fine marble gravestones chiseled by W.M.Walker in the 60's and
 by Morley & Oliver of Fayetteville in the 80's remains standing. Many
 are already buried under the debris and eroding soil of many decades.
 A few more years and every vestige of this pioneer burial ground will
 have disappeared.

Many of the early settlers buried here have already been forgotten.
 The few whose headstones are still legible will be remembered a little
 longer -- through publication of their names in this article. They are:

Andrew Johnston (1795-1871)
 Alex Allison (1805-1870) and (probably) his son Hugh (1835-1862)
 William Sharp and his wife Manervia (1814-1870) and their daughter
 Martha J.
 James B. Garrett (1815-1896) and wife Charity P. (1816-1887)
 Jackson Keeney (1828-1880)
 F. Clayton (1835-1886) and Mary B. Clayton (1830-1871)
 Sarah, daughter of W. B. and N. B. Clayton
 Thomas Titsworth (1857-1873)

These are the only names left, of a hundred or more Washington County
 pioneers who came here from South Carolina before statehood.

Johnson

This graveyard, located one mile west of Johnson, is not old as Washington County graveyards go. The first burials occurred probably 75 years ago. The old section of this cemetery is surrounded by a stone wall and contains many rough fieldstone markers.

An outstanding example of the tombstone sculptor's art is a massive stone vault that covers the remains of Pammelia A. Cox, born 1833, died 1876. The stone slabs are beautifull grooved and fitted. The vault measures $3\frac{1}{2}$ x 8 feet and stands 3 feet high. Engraved in the covering slab is a heraldic design and the name and dates. The sculptor's name appears in the lower right-hand corner -- M. Ch. Todt. This forgotten tombstone maker constructed what is probably the finest burial vault in any Washington County graveyard.

There are many members of the Cox family and in-laws buried in the Johnson cemetery, including little headstones that give no dates but say simply: "Grandmother Cox" and "Grandmother Ingram". There is a marble Civil War headstone on the grave of Samuel Cox of the 1st Arkansas Light Artillery.

Maxeys are well represented, including such pioneers as Radford Maxie (1839-1898) Bennett M. Maxey (1853-1938) and wife Margaret C. (1851-1933) John Maxey (1855-1930) and wife Jane (1844-1905)

But the outstanding member of the Maxey clan is Eldon A. Mexey Jr. His splendid marble monument carries this inscription: "USAAF -- Citation of Honor -- S/Sgt Eldon A. Maxey Jr., who gave his life in the performance of his duty, July 8, 1945." And the citation, beginning "He lived to bear his country's arms. He died to save its honor. He was a soldier. He knew a soldier's duty....."

There are many Lupers in the Johnson graveyard, beginning with Emily Luper (1819-1891) and including Harriett Luper (1856-1920) and Martha M. Luper (1854-1919).

Other pioneers who are buried at Johnson include:
J. C. Wages (1830-1897) and his wife Sarah (1830-1891)
M. C. Simkins (1830-1893)
Henry Freeman (1832-1900)
M. R. Daniel (1833-1887)
John Masterson (1836-1917) and his wife Mary (1842-1920)
William H. Alvis (1837-1901)
Jonathan Smith (1837-1911) and his wife Lavinia E. (1840- ?)
Cinda Phillips (1837-1905)
George W. Kisner (1842-1892)
James Austin (1843-1901) and wife Minta (1850-1934). Also on this lot is "Grandpa Austin".
H. S. Hearn (1844-1895)
A. M. Late (1845-1914) and wife H. J. (1843-1926)
N. P. Thurmond (1845-1908) and Z. Thurmond (1856-1911)
Dr. J. G. Reid (1847-1926)
Jdah L., wife of J. W. Austian (1848-1883)
Robert Garret (1849-1939) and wife Susan (1857-1927)
S. E. Claypool (1849-1901)
Joseph L. White (1851-1911) and wife Tempie C. (1863-1943)

William F. Suttle (1853-1920) and wife Eeean C. (1860-1946)
Charlotte C. (1856-1885), wife of F. P. Christian
Josie May (1858-1898), wife of Perry Cossand
William P. Langford (1858-1917)
Charley McMaster (1860-1951) and wife Nettie

Other family names - some old, some recent - found in the Johnson cemetery are: Coleman, Davis, Hanks, House, Howard, Kisner, Lockhart, Lomax, Mason, Moreland, Slane, Stuckey, Sweeten, Waldrip, West, Wilkinson, Wines, Wohlford, Wood.

Sonora

This cemetery is located 100 yards off the highway just east of the Sonora school. It is not an old burial ground but it does contain the graves of pioneers who came to the section east of Springdale before the Civil War.

The Cloers have such early settlers as:

W. B. Cloer (1820-1905) and his wife Adaline (1825-1914)
J. F. Cloer (1844-1903), who fought in the Civil War with Co.H, 49th Missouri Infantry, and wife Louiza (1849-1921)
Thomas J. Cloer (1857-1921) and his wife Margaret E. (1859- ?)
N. I. Cloer (1862-1930)
John W. Cloer (1873-1909)

The Harp pioneers include:

William A. Harp (1853-1928) and his wife Sarah C. (1859-1925)
Wiley Harp (1855-1942) and his wife Mary Alice (1863-1938)
Phillip A. Harp (1862-1944) and his wife Martha A. (1870-1945)

The Johnsons are represented by these early settlers:

W. M. Johnson (1823-1912) and his wife Sarah E. (1834-1925)
William Johnson (1850-1937) and his wife Suphronia J. (1852-1937)
Thomas L. Johnson (1863-1942) and his wife Elizabeth (1865-1946)

Other early settlers buried in the Sonora graveyard are:

M. V. Duncan (1837-1913), a Civil War veteran who served in Co.K, 1st Indiana Heavy Artillery
Samuel P. Jones (1836-1906) and his wife Hannah (1836-1914)
Abraham H. Cate (1840-1920) and his wife Elizabeth (1863-1939)
George M. Shankles (1840-1914)
P. L. Henson (1845-1937) and his wife Mary (1851-1938)
T. G. Foust (1850-1925)
Mary M. Bach (1851-1908)
James H. Stone (1853-1925) and his wife Eliza J. (1858-1918)
T. T. Stone (1856-1920)
E. A. Lowe (1851-1913)
James S. VanSandt (1857-1941) and his wife Margaret M. (1856-1923)
Thomas J. Parsons (1856-1903) and wife Ellen Kennan Parsons VanZant (1867-1943)
John H. VanZant (1865-1911)
James H. Roberts (1871-1950) and his wife Emma H. (1876-1938)

Other family names in the Sonora cemetery include: Boyd, Chadwick, Cogger, Cunningham, Frost, Halbrook, Homesley, Kennan, Piper, Sanders, Slaughter.

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Twin Oaks Cemetery, Fayetteville

Fayetteville's burial ground for Negroes is located just south of the National Cemetery. Here rest some who were born into slavery and hundreds of their descendants. Few of the dead in Twin Oaks have markers, but four of them have marble headstones placed there by the nation because they served their country in its armed forces. They are:

Frank Smith, Pvt., 162d Depot Brigade, World War I
Ollie McPherson (died 1919), Pvt., 415th Reserve Service Bn.
Jacob I. Carr (died 1937), Pvt. U.S. Army
Lawrence Jenkins (1920-1951), Cpl., 488th AAF Aviation Sqdn.

Among the older colored people who rest in Fayetteville's Negro cemetery are:

Margrett West (1819-1913)
Jane McKisick (1821-1901)
Jack Denton (1833-1908) and Fannie Denton (1844-1917)
Willis Pettigrew (died 1913) and Rosetta Pettigrew (1839-1912)
William Talor (1845-1912), member of Golden Heart Lodge 2134, FLT
Ann York (1844-1928)
Smathia Williams (1845-1909)
Henry Moore (1845-1922)
Susie Thompson (1861-1901)
Samuel Young (1864-1950) and Lula Young (1864-1929)
Joe Manuel and Susie M. Manuel (1862-1952)
Sophronia, wife A. W. Buchanan (1862-1918)
Beckie Blackburn (1866-1949)
Alice Peal (1865-1936)

Other family names found in the Twin Oaks Cemetery are: Barker, Drake, Fisher, Hall, Hayes, Jordon, Kidd, King, McConnell, Mason, Morgan, Ollison, Reynolds, Robinson, Slay, Smith, Sutton, Tuttle, Vaughn, Walker, Rhitney, Wilson, Wynn.

On the tombstone of Daniel Evans (1904-1944) appears this couplet:
"Of all my friends from far and near
There was none like Pete who is resting here."



FAYETTEVILLE'S LAST SURVIVING EX-SLAVES

Left to right: Uncle Willis, Uncle Sam, Uncle Charlie, Squire Jahagan and Uncle Nick. Photograph by B.E. Grabill about 1910.

OUTLINE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORY

The Washington County Historical Society is preparing "An Outline of Washington County History" for use in the public schools of the county. We have received a number of requests from teachers in the grades and high schools, asking for help. Since the principal source books on the history of our county -- Goodspeed and Campbell -- are beyond the reach of most schools, the Society has decided to furnish an outline history. The initial printing will be 1,000. The 6-page outline will be furnished free to the schools of the county.

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SOCIETY HOLDS "PICTURE NIGHT"

The Washington County Historical Society held a "Picture Night" at its Oct. 28 meeting. Each member was asked to bring one or more old photographs. These were passed around the tables and provoked lively discussion. Oldest pictures shown were crayon portraits of Ewing Benbrook and his wife, Mahala Fincher Benbrook -- shown by their great-granddaughter, Mrs. Jewell Benbrook Hamblen.

A short business meeting was held, at which it was decided to make a pilgrimage to Old Carrollton, one-time county seat of Carroll County, on Sunday, Nov. 9. It was announced that an auction of historical relics and antiques will be held at the Society's November meeting -- on Tuesday evening, Nov. 25 -- for the benefit of the Society's picture-and-slide-collection fund.

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OVERLAND MAIL COVERS

Our Society has received a number of souvenir covers of the recent Overland Mail Centennial, which we intend to frame for our WCHS office. The covers, all bearing attractive cachets, were carried on Highway Post Office No. 1 to California. When old No. 1 blew a cylinder head, the mail was transferred to another P.O. truck and it reached San Francisco on schedule. All covers are back-stamped "San Francisco, Oct. 10". Friends addressed covers to the Society from Warsaw and Springfield, Mo.; Pea Ridge, Avoca, Van Buren and Fort Smith, Ark.; Denison, Tex.; Carlsbad, New Mexico; and San Francisco; also covers mailed enroute on H.P.O. No. 1. We thank the friends who remembered us.

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DESPERADOES OF THE SOUTHWEST

Prof. Guy B. Massey of Wilburton, Okla., who is a member of the WCHS, writes us about a booklet published in 1847, entitled "Desperadoes of the Southwest", which contains an account of the "Cane Hill Murders". The author's name on Mr. Massey's copy is Charles Summerfield. We have written Mr. Massey that this was the pseudonym of Alfred W. Arrington, and that the booklet is the same as that published under Arrington's own name. Miss Grace Upchurch of the University of Arkansas Library informs us that two editions were published under the name Summerfield (in 1847 and 1849). The Library has copies of both the Arrington and the Summerfield editions.

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GOLLAHAR-PEERSON CEMETERY

by F. M. McConnell

This small cemetery is located in the SW quarter of Sec. 29, Tp. 16, Range 30, about 3 miles southwest of Fayetteville, and about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile east of the Old Wire Road, on a farm now owned by E. W. Anglin. The identifiable graves are as follows:

Andrew Jackson Peerson	Mar. 28, 1852	Aug. 12, 1853
(Easter Peerson	Oct. 10, 1818	June 21, 1896
(Anna Peerson	Apr. 18, 1861	Dec. 12, 1897
John A. Peerson *	Dec. 10, 1845	Oct. 22, 1882
Henry Gollahar **	Oct. 5, 1814	Sept. 24, 1878
Lafayette Gollahar	Jan. 24, 1856	Apr. 5, 1888
Wesley Gollahar	Nov. 8, 1861	Oct. 17, 1897
James G. Carter	Oct. 3, 1869	June 10, 1883 (or 1893)

A small number of other graves are marked only by plain flag-stones. Other graves are unmarked.

* John A. Peerson once owned a large farm near Greenland. He married Miss Lucinda Tennessee Gilliland, member of the well-known Gilliland family. Their children were Paris, Powell, George, Robert, and Laura Peerson. After the death of her husband in 1882, Mrs. Peerson married Alexander Parker in 1885. Their children were Clara and Clarence Parker (twins) and Homer and Virgil Parker (also twins).

** Henry Gollahar was the great-grandfather of County Judge Bruce Crider, and Lafayette Gollahar was Mr. Crider's grandfather.

One member of the Peerson family, E. P. Peerson, owned a store at Greenland at the time the village was called Staunton for a short time.

Homer Parker and his cousin, Dennis C. Parker, were recent visitors at Fayetteville, and while here Dennis C. Parker became a member of the Washington County Historical Society.

WCHS OFFICE

The Washington County Historical Society has its office at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ East Center street (upstairs) in Fayetteville. The office is open every morning from 9 till 12. The Society's stock of booklets and back issues of FLASHBACK is in the office and we will be glad to show them to visitors at any time.

One of the more unusual Forage Claims filed and Prosecuted by Captain Reed was the following:

Elijah Leach, deceased. His claim was for forage taken by the US troops at Fort Smith. His money came to the Quartermaster there in the summer of 1864. He was afraid to go and he sent his stepdaughter and they would not pay it to her, only to him in person. He was killed by Col. Jameson's Command in the fall of 1864 and he never did get the money. He has one heir living, his daughter, wife of T. A. Edmiston. Frank Dyer is administrator of Leach's estate. His claim was for \$600. T. A. Edmiston's P.O. is Boonsboro, Ark. I am to have 10 per cent for collecting. 31st of Oct., 1873.

In 1876 Captain Reed filed the following claim in Washington:

Sarah S. Pollard of Benton County gave me the Power of Attorney to collect her Southern claim in the hands of the Southern Commissioners, Washington, D.C. I am to have 50 per cent of her claim for collecting. Her claim is No. 9648 for \$800. Allowed \$385 on March 16, 1876.

Claimants who had receipts, signed by a Quartermaster or other officer, for the forage and produce taken during the war by Northern troops, had an easier time collecting their claims than those who had nothing to show for the corn, wheat, flour, bacon and pork that had been taken by the invading army. Affidavits were helpful, especially when supported by ex-Union soldiers. Confederate veterans or sympathizers probably had a hard time getting their Forage Claims approved, although Captain Reed played no favorites. He got his fee, ranging from 10 to 50 per cent, no matter whether his client had been Union or Confederate in the late war. It is worth noting that William Morton and William Rogers of Prairie Grove were unable to collect on their respective Forage Claims for \$2,998 and \$2,163 -- probably because their property losses occurred in battle and not through seizure.

Most of the Forage Claims allowed were modest amounts, from \$100 to \$300. The largest amounts allowed to citizens of Washington County were \$1,340 to Margaret Drake, \$1,166 to T.M. Godard, and \$1,100 to Ebijah Phelan.

The largest claim filed through Captain Reed's office was that of Cornelius H. Kidd, administrator of the estate of T.K. Kidd. He filed a Forage Claim for \$10,604 in 1873. Six years later (1879) the claim had been reduced to \$9,970, with this notation by Captain Reed: "I am to have 15%." The Reed ledger does not show the final disposition of the Kidd claim.

Tandy Kidd's claim was no doubt based on the loss that he suffered in 1862 when General Blunt's Federal army seized and operated the Kidd mill at Boonsboro (Cane Hill). Kidd's mill was where Pyeatt, Moore, Carnahan, Buchanan, and others operated after the war -- where the big water wheel still stands (1958). Maps of the battle of Cane Hill show Kidd's mill pond on Jordan Creek, just north of where the road now crosses the creek. The Kidd family burying ground is on the road that winds up the hill to the McClellan graveyard.

OLD VINEYARD CEMETERY

This old burying ground had escaped me on my previous visits to the Evansville area. I am familiar with the Academy, Lewis, Chandler and other old graveyards around Evansville but somehow I missed the Vineyard cemetery. But on August 12, I visited this old burying ground, where sleep members of the pioneer Shannon, Price, Denton, Bryant, Tatum, Greer, and other families. There are about 200 graves in this fenced and well-kept burying ground, which is located a mile north of Evansville and a half mile east of Highway 59. It is within walking distance of the Latta settlement at Old Vineyard. My guides were Rex Winsted and L.R.Hatchett, both of whom have ancestors sleeping in this old burying ground. Among the older settlers buried here are the following:

Daniel Reece (1799-1882)
 Granville B. Shannon (1801-1872), husband of Unity W. Shannon
 Sterling J. Barnard (1817-1872)
 Nancy Ellison (1817-1897)
 S. J. Price (1827-1897)
 Margaret E., wife of S. C. Caswell (1827-1898)
 Elizabeth Tatum (1830-1896)
 Sarah F., wife of J.K.Harksberry (1836-1884)
 Mrs. S. E. Bogan (1838-1892)
 Sarah Price (1837-1919)
 Matilda J. Denton (1841-1931) and B. F. Denton (1843-1892)
 H. H. Robinson (1843-1908)
 J. W. Greer (1840-1887)
 Hamilton Winsted (1846-1892)
 Dr. Javan Bryant (1840-1892) and Susanna N., wife of Javan Bryant (1844-1883)
 T. J. Shannon, Pvt. 2 Cherokee Ark. Cav. CSA, died Nov. 31, 1930, and Cynthia, wife of T.J.Shannon (1846-1887)
 Olive May, daughter of T.J. and C.C.Shannon (1869)
 David A. Butler (1850-1869)
 Richard A. McBrien (1849-1933)
 Sarah, daughter of S.J. and S.L.Price, and wife of Dr. C. Powhattan (1853-1892)
 L. E. Shannon, wife of W. M. Shannon (1855-1886)
 Sarah C. Shannon (1854-1947) and J. A. Shannon (1860-1937)
 Eld. Geo. F. Tatum (1857-1894) and Nancy J. Tatum (1862-1889)
 Rufus L. Hatchett (1851-1932) and Jimmie R. Hatchett (1858-1943)
 LeGrand "Lee" Wright (1870-1946)

Other family names in the Vineyard graveyard are:

Bateman	Buckner	Grant
Bean	Dacus	Hines
Briggs	Downs	McBrien
Brooks	Fletcher	Miller
Burnett	Godard	Worsham

My last stop in Vineyard cemetery was a walled enclosure containing four graves. The inscriptions on the headstones have weathered away, but a pencil rubbing brought out one -- "Jno. George, AE 9 Y 10 M." This walled-in burial plot has no connection with pioneer history. It marks the last resting place of four members of a Turkish show troop which camped one night in the dry creek bed of Evansville creek. During

the night a heavy rain in the hills sent a torrent of water rushing down the creek. Four of the strangers and their trained bears were drowned. For many years after the tragedy, the survivors each year visited the burial plot at Old Vineyard. None has been there recently. Yet the memory of these gypsies is kept alive through the years, as the story is told and re-told in the homes along Evansville Creek.

POSTOFFICE
BOX 237

Letters from Readers

In some way I acquired two copies of "Thirty Years in Arkansas" by Rhea. Under separate cover I am sending one to you, as you report your supply exhausted. Am glad to donate this copy to the Society. I'm enclosing a sheet from a book catalog. You will note this item is quoted at \$9.00.

— G. W. Humphreys, Nocona, Texas

---WCHS---

I want to get information, if available, on the burial place of my great-grandfather Samuel Mayes who settled near West Fork about 1834. He was a tanner of leather. His wife's name was Lucinda. If any record, please advise me.

— Vale Mayes, Edinburg, Texas

---WCHS---

I am delighted to have the opportunity of joining the Washington County Historical Society. The family I am interested in is the Phipps line. My grandfather, James Silas Phipps, born 14 May, 1868, in Washington County (Wheeler Township). He was the son of Thomas Phipps and his mother's maiden name was Craig. I would appreciate any information that you might have on file.

— Mrs. Alma B. McMinn, San Jose, Calif.

---WCHS---

There are some items mentioned in the July issue of FLASHBACK that I want to buy -- 4 copies of "Thomas Kimbrough and His Descendants" and 2 copies of "Folklore of the Battle of Pea Ridge." My grandfather, Albert J. Hodges, of Dutch Mills, Ark., was taken prisoner at Pea Ridge and remained a prisoner for 18 months. The Kimbrough books are for kinsmen in Tennessee who are working with me on a much larger Kimbrough genealogy.

— Felix A. Kimbrough, Oklahoma City, Okla.

---WCHS---

I received the Arkansas Overland Mail Newsletters and appreciate them very much. My grandfather, John G. Harbin, was the Overland Mail agent at Harbin's Station, Mo. He was a slave owner and lived in the Southern manner as much as pioneer conditions would permit. He was a Captain in Gen. Sterling Price's Missouri Guards. My mother was the last survivor of the Harbin family. Much that she told me as a boy has been revived in recent years by reading histories of the Butterfield Overland Mail.

— Clyde C. Hammers, Kansas City, Mo.

Cemetery Lists

(Editor's note: Besides the nearly 100 cemeteries whose lists have already appeared in FLASHBACK, there are many small graveyards in our county that are not so well known. We plan to publish lists for these, as the information becomes available. Some of them may furnish leads for persons engaged in genealogical or historical research. We are publishing five of these lists below. We have been unable to learn the names of these cemeteries. If any readers know the names, we would welcome the information. -- WJL)

Southwest of West Fork

This cemetery is about 5 miles southwest of West Fork, on the Devils Den road (State 70). It is not an old burying ground but it does contain three Civil War veterans and members of several pioneer families, including the Rieffs and Wrights.

Civil War soldiers buried here are:

Charles P. Pool of Co.D, 6th West Virginia Infantry
John F. Straw of Co.B, 10th Wisconsin Infantry
Jacob Stricklin of Co.B, 1st Arkansas Cavalry

Members of the Rieff family who sleep here include
J. H. Rieff (1825-1914) and Mary A. Rieff (1824-1900)
L. M. Rieff (1850-1934) and Mary Rieff (1852-1943)
Lucy Rieff (1868-1914)

Other early settlers are:

John Wright (1829-1916) and wife Mildred (1838-1918)
John S. Wood (1849-1930)
William J. Straw (1851-1917) and wife Elizabeth (1851-1920)
John W. Haun (1851-1919) and Martha J. Haun (1848-1935)
F. N. Woods (1852-1915)
John J. Walker (1852-1930) and wife Rachel N. (1866-1932)
Mrs. L. A. Sharp, wife of B. O. Sharp (1852-1898)
Ruth Evalyn, wife of William Miller (1854-1896)
Thomas V. Sproul (1857-1914) and Clark W. Sproul (1860-1928)
E. C. Sharp (1860-1935)
Julia McDonald (1861-1943)
Mary M. Messamore (1866-1942)

East of Strickler

This cemetery, 4 miles east of Strickler and 3 miles north of Devil's Den State Park, contains early members of the Prater, Dotson, McKnight, Miller, Wilcox and McClellan families. It is not an old burying ground as Washington County graveyards go; it dates back about 85 years.

Margaret A. Adams (1814-1886)
Thomas Bradshaw (1831-1907) and wife Rebecca. He was member of Co.D of 59th Indiana Infantry, Civil War
Sarah Ann Caviness (1836-1897)
Lemuel J. Bruner (1838-1910)
Mary Ann Edwards (1840-1927)
Mary C. McClellan (1842-1906)
Sergeant Richard Gooding, Co.G, 5th Tennessee Cavalry, and Esther P. Gooding (1850-1933)

A. B. Willcox (1848-1942) and wife Emoretta (1849-1919)
 Edwin T. Stuart (1850-1944)
 B. L. McKnight (1853-1929) and wife R. M. (1859-1917)
 A. Starwalt (1856-1920)
 John B. Prater (1858-1933) and wife Lennis (1866-1896)
 Wm. H. H. Parks (1858-1879)
 Lewis Henry Miller (1860-1942) and wife Alice Grace (1867-1935)
 P. A. McBride (1861-1943) and wife, Alice Dean Walker (1864-1948)
 John Franklin Dotson (1865-1949)
 Wain Dotson (1868-1935)
 Enoch Richard Green (1868-1948) and Nancy Evlin Green (1874-1937)
 Marion E. Dotson (1870-1931) and Fannie Dotson (1876-1935)
 Clint Wade Rieff (1879-1941)

War veterans buried here include:

S. A. Dotson, Co. A, 4th Tenn. Inf., Civil War
 Loren Everett Miller (1893-1918), Pvt. Co. G, SARD, World War I
 "Died at Brest, France."
 Edgar J. Prater, 60th Inf., 9th Div., World War II (1921-1944)

Other family names found in this cemetery are: Beasley, G abbard, Hammond, McAdoo, Taylor, Wright.

South of Strickler

This small burying ground is located about 4 miles south of Strickler and is known locally as Bug Scuffle cemetery.

Jacob Keck (1832-1905) and wife Harriet E. (1839-1906)
 Samuel Sargent (1834-1915) and wife Lovina (1836-1903)
 James A. Hampton (1854-1933) and wife Margaret J. (1854-1939)
 John F. Neal (1855-1911)
 Fred R. Spencer (1856-1913)
 Artie, wife of J. W. Wilcox (1857-1917)

South of Harris

On a mountain top 2 miles south of Harris, on the Stout farm, is a small burying ground that contains such pioneer names as McGarrah, Moore and Reed. The cemetery is difficult of access but is still being used. Its distinguishing feature is a huge oak tree, over 60 feet high and with a trunk 9 feet in circumference. The perfect spread of its branches shades some 25 or 30 graves, among them the following:

Alexander W. Reed (1825-1894)
 Rev. R. F. Burkhead (1828-?) and wife Eleanor P. (1836-1894)
 John Eads (1837-1929), Co. E, 11th Missouri Cavalry, Civil War
 J. S. McGarrah (1844-1911) and Elizabeth McGarrah (1843-1934)
 Sarah Eads (1848-1919)
 J. S. Colclasure (1866-1949)
 C. E. Fry (1850-1927)
 J. J. Moore (1850-1930) and wife Joanna (1859-1939)
 Robert W. Reed (1863-1949)
 Jean Adah Davidson (1868-1933)

Strain Cemetery

The Strain family, which gave this lovely little cemetery south of Harris its name, is represented by several generations, including the following pioneers:

William J. Strain (1836-1922) and wife Evaline A. (1836-1929)
 R. M. Strain (1838-1912) and wife Priscilla (1847-1918)
 B. P. Strain (1843-1894) and Mary Strain (1846-1913)

The cemetery evidently was first put to use just before the Civil War. The oldest burial date is 1854, but there are a few illegible markers that may be older. There are four sandstone burial vaults, two of them small and containing infant burials -- Andy Elisha Honaker and William Hurst (1861). The adult vaults, built in the familiar coffin shape, contain the dust of the pioneers, Hiram W. Fincher (1800-1863) and Harriet Fincher (? -1860). There are other early Finchers in the Strain cemetery, including:

J. A. Fincher (1841-1926) and wife Susan (1843-1914)
 William H. Fincher (1865-1886)

There are a number of fine old sandstone grave markers, neatly cut and deeply engraved. Among these are the Moulden gravestones:

Smith R. Moulden (1825-1857)
 Mary Moulden (1786-1860)
 Thomas Moulden (1823-1854)
 Mary Jane Moulden (1829-1890)
 W. P. Moulden (1850-1912)

There are many Maguires buried here, including:

J. G. Maguire (1851-1930)
 Owen C. Maguire (1853-1923) and wife Flora (1870- ?)
 W. A. Maguire (1853-1923) and wife Rena (1867-1897)
 James H. Maguire (1861-1943) and wife Matildia (1865-1947)

Members of the pioneer Wood family who sleep in the Strain cemetery:

Henry N. Wood (1838-1915) and wife Nancy J. (1846-1944)
 Andrew S. Wood (1852-1927) and wife Jennie (1856-1941)

Among the early birth dates are the following:

Margaret A. Colclasure (1800-1877)
 M. S. Gregory (1817-1894) and wife Elizabeth (1822-1890)
 Susan, wife of John Irvin (1818- ?) - with a fine old gravestone
 Sarah, wife of Caleb Karnes (1820-1911)
 Joshua B. Moore (1823-1908)
 Bailum Ezell (1824-1922)
 Susan E. Prather (1825-1897)
 W. G. Mhoon (1840-1919) and wife Martha (1839-1914)
 Mary Jane Wagnon (1841-1914)
 Abner Wilson (1841-1883)
 Hosea M. Benbrook (1846-1943) and wife Catherine (1844-1936)
 James B. Brewer (1860-1930) and wife Ella M. (1866-1925)
 Jesse E. Baggett (1860-1950) and wife Lou J. (1870-1937)
 William Thomas McClelland (1860-1943) and wife Ellen (1863-1947)

Veterans' graves with official markers are those of

Elsey B. Fry, Co. A, 129th Ohio Inf., Civil War
 Sam Neeley (1887-1941), 85th Co., Trans. Corps, World War I

Other family names found in the Strain cemetery include: Atha, Black, Dyer, Gregg, McCuiston, Mills, Paschal, Reed, Wood.

A Bit of VanHoose History

Through the courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Crawford of Banning, California, we are able to present below a list of the first members of the noted VanHoose family to come to Washington County. Mr. Crawford's parents -- Wm. Denson Crawford (1865-1952) and Willie Frances Marion (1872-1948) -- were married in Fayetteville Oct. 31, 1889. His grandparents -- Wm. Henry Francis Marion (1835-1927) and Elizabeth Jane VanHoose (1837-1926) -- also were married in Fayetteville, on Nov. 18, 1861. His great-grandparents -- John VanHoose (1792-1882) and Lydia Lewis (1799-1857) -- died and are buried in Washington County. His great-great-grandparents were Zachariah Lewis and Rachel Bracken.

John VanHoose, born Dec. 12, 1792, in North Carolina, married 1813 to Lydia Lewis, born Sept. 22, 1799, in North Carolina; died Jan. 28, 1857 in Washington County, Ark. John VanHoose died in Fayetteville, Ark., July 12, 1882. Children of John and Lydia (Lewis) VanHoose were:

1. Rachel (1816-1906) m. 1) Porter Dickerson; 2) Bob Williams
2. John Jackson (1819-1904) m. Rachel Mills
3. Mary (1821-1889) m. Nathaniel Thorpe
4. Zachariah (1823-1887) m. Mildred R. Barrett
5. Peter P. (1825-1865) m. Adaline Gregg
6. George Washington (1827-1829)
7. James Hayden (1830-1900) m. 1) Malinda Ann McIlroy; 2) Martha Skelton
8. George Washington (CSA) (1832-1909) m. Nancy Rowton
9. Jacob M. (1835-1915), never married
10. Elizabeth Jane (1837-1926) m. W. H. F. Marion
11. Henry B. (CSA) (1840-1868), never married
12. Lydia (1843-1846)

The sons of John and Lydia VanHoose who figured prominently in the early history of Washington County were Peter P., James H., and George W. The family came from Kentucky in 1839. These three brothers attended Ozark Institute at Mt. Comfort, where Peter later taught before taking up the practice of law. Goodspeed's history says of Peter VanHoose: "He was a thorough scholar and a lawyer of high ability but was cut off by death in the prime of life."

George W. VanHoose was a carpenter by trade. He raised a company for the Confederate service and became Captain of Co. D, 17th Arkansas Infantry. He was a prisoner on Johnson's Island during the last two years of the war. He was prominent in Masonic activities and served several terms as Coroner of Washington County.

James Hayden VanHoose was one of Fayetteville's foremost promoters. He was a prolific writer and served as correspondent for several newspapers, including the Arkansas Democrat of Little Rock. He wrote much history of Fayetteville's early days. He was a partner of Wm. McIlroy in the latter's mercantile business after the war. He served two terms in the 1880's as Mayor of Fayetteville. He was perhaps the county's foremost Mason; He was three times (1865, 1879, 1882) named Master of Washington Lodge No. 1; three times (1867, 1879, 1888) High Priest of the Chapter; and in 1877 Commander of the Knights Templar.

The Marrs family has the following early settlers:

Wesley Marrs (1800-1845)
 Alexander Marrs (1801-1878)
 Capt. S. L. Marrs (1809-1876) and wife Tempa (1809-1886)
 Squire Brooks Marrs (1811-1892) and wife Matilda (1813-1888)
 William Marrs (1823-1896)
 W. H. Marrs (1828-1863) and wife Arey (1830-1913)
 John Marrs (1839-1918) and wife Martha (1836-1908)
 J. D. Marrs (1852-1880)
 S. E. Marrs (1853-1917)
 J. Thurston Marrs (1853-1945) and wife Elizabeth J. (1860-1923)
 Squire Buchanan Marrs (1856-1940) and Tenna Kate Marrs (1872-1918)

Among the early McCormicks buried at Prairie Grove are:

Thomas M. McCormick (1809-1887)
 James W. McCormick (1833-1886) and wife Mary J. (1833-1891)
 Dr. E. G. McCormick (1855-1938) and wife Mamie (1866-1950)
 William Thomas McCormick (1858-1907)

The Lake family is represented by:

M. F. Lake (1819-1895)
 James E. Lake (1844-1911), Confederate soldier of the 7th Tenn. Cavalry
 M. Frank Lake (1854-1919) and wife Mary Mock (1855-1944)

Early members of the Morton family buried here include:

William Morton (1804-1880) and Rachel Morton (1803-1873)
 Thomas J. Morton (1832-1921), Confederate soldier, 31 Div Va Vols.
 John M. Morton (1833-1904)
 William T. Morton (1841-1904)
 Eleanora N. Morton (1848-1883) and Agnes T. Morton (1845-1937)

The Campbell family is represented by:

James B. Campbell (1837-1895)
 Mary Elizabeth Campbell (1837-1918)
 Mary, wife of Wm. Campbell (1836-1890)
 John S. Campbell (1847-1933) and wife, Mary P. Shofner (1852-1906)
 Emma Campbell, wife of A. L. Maupin (1849-1931)
 Roberta Campbell, wife of Henry C. Magruder (1851-1924)

Older members of the Cummings family buried here include:

N. B. Cummings (1813-1892) and wife Lucy McGill (1823-1892)
 Kibble Carr Cummings (1843-1913) and wife (1) Emma Vail (1855-1883)
 and (2) Hattie Tilley (1856-1909)
 Clem Lock Cummings (1861-1931) and wife Mary E. Zellner (1865-1911)

Among the early comers to Washington County who sleep in the Prairie Grove cemetery are the following:

Col. John Ross (1778-1876)
 Phillip Smith (1795-1855) and wife Mary (1798- ?)
 Susan, wife of Elles Carter (1795-1869)
 John C. Ferguson (1795-1863) and Elizabeth P. Ferguson (1811-1844)
 Caswell Bogan (1797-1889)
 David Maberry (1799-1877) and wife Nancy (1799-1884)
 Rufus Perry (1805-1875)
 L. F. Divin (1806-1836)
 Elizabeth Polson (1808-1896)

Rev. John Hinds (1809-1862) and wife Rhoda (1817-1905)
 C. Brunk (1810-1895) and wife Hannah (1810-1886)
 J. B. Gillis (1812-1878) and wife Temperance (1809-1883)
 James Shelton Butler (1810-1889) and wife Hannah Jane (1827-1906)
 Allie E., wife of P. H. Trout (1812-1890)
 Moses Rollans (1813-1882) and wife Margaret (1824-1851) and Sarah
 Stephen Sanders (1813-1894)
 Robert L. Henson (1813-1896)
 Mrs. N. C. Dodson (1815-1906)
 William Woolverton (1817-1879)
 Eliza J., wife of P. C. Sawyers (1817-1883)
 James Duncan (1818-1878)
 W. E. Meadearis (1818-1892) and wife Eveline D. (1820-1865)
 Ludia, wife of Gabriel Shoffner (1818-1867)
 Rev. William Reed (1819-1866)
 Tandy McGoddard (1820-1879) and wife Lucinda (1820-1897)
 Dazzel Carter (1821-1890) and wife Sarah E. (1845-1903)
 ----- Mock (1821- ?)
 M. Dye (1822-1866)
 Col. Thomas Jefferson Patton (1822-1898) and wife Lucy Ann Gee (1835-1922)
 Henry H. Collier (1823-1894) and wife Susan F. (1827-1916)
 Mary Hill (1822-1913)
 A. S. Taylor (1823-1906)
 W. H. Thomas (1823-1908) and wife Sarah R. (1833-1882)
 J. R. Beaty (1824-1905) and wife Margaret (1832-1910)
 Adaline Bealer Wilson (1824-1905)
 Dennis M. Fields (1824-1877)
 William P. Jobe (1824-1864) and wife Elizabeth A. (1827-1884)
 Archibald Borden (1824-1914) and wife Mary E. (1841-1895)
 J. G. English (1825-1899) and wife Elizabeth (1826-1915)
 Dicy Barron, wife of H. H. Barron (1826-1861 ?)
 J. T. Jeffries (1825-1892)
 J. F. Dunagan (1825-1910) and wife Mary (1824-1894)
 J. J. Maxwell (1825-1902) and wife N. M. (1827-1914)
 Sarah, wife of Moses Rollans (1827-1906)
 R. H. Blackburn (1827-1903) and wife Margaret (1830-1886)
 Armstrong Hendricks (1828-1920)
 Lucinda Lowrey Black (1829-1909)

Born in the 1830's were the following dead at Prairie Grove:

Jonathan Wilkison (1830-1904)
 J. M. McCoy (1830-1914) and wife Mary M. (1841-1908)
 Eliza Inman (1830-1887)
 W. Henry Marshal (1830-1846)
 J. C. Devin (1830-1908) and wife Elizabeth J. (1832-1884)
 David Mayberry (1831-1908) and wife Frances E. (1841-1918)
 T. J. Preston (1831-1917) and wife S. J. (1841-1917)
 Nancy J. Staples (1831-1921)
 Thomas B. Morgan (1832-1867)
 Joseph M. Bell (1832-1914) and wife Juan J. (1842-1923)
 B. A. Carl (1832-1915) and wife Sarah S. (1837-1925)
 J. W. Smith (1832-1918) and wife M. J. (1849-1930)
 John W. Polson (1833-1913) and wife Sallie M. (1844-1911)
 E. Z. Shirell (1833-1908) and Luzany F. Shirell (1830-1886)
 W. E. Zellner (1833-1911) and wife Mary A. (1841-1931)

Jasper N. Woodruff (1834-1902) and Martha Kelleam Woodruff (1842-1935)
 Abram Dixon (1834-1927) and C. A. Dixon (1836-1920)
 Tom David (1835-1914), a Civil War soldier
 Francis Marion Dyer (1835-1921)
 Amanda, wife of H. H. Davis (1836-1920)
 W. A. Carson (1836-1900) and wife Margaret (1840-1923)
 J. C. Bain (1836-1920) and wife Mary H. (1852-1918)
 A. B. Rich (1836-1923) and wife Artema (1843-1899)
 C. B. Rich (1837-1914) and wife J. N. (1842-1918)
 W. N. Scott (1837-1921) and wife G. A. (1850-1921)
 Amos Yetman (1837-1905)
 J. C. Wilson (1837-1919) and wife Mary J. (1848-1916)
 John Brookens (1837-1912)
 Elizabeth, wife of Wm. H. Edmiston (1837-1895)
 Sarah A. Coulter (1838-1878)
 J. B. Gillis (1838-1923) and Ida N. Gillis (1856-1912)
 Samuel Cartwright (1838-1922)
 Martha Cooper, daughter of Raleigh and Nancy Dodson (1838-1912)
 G. E. Brunk (1839-1924) and wife Lucy (1838-1920)
 John M. Trout (1839-1859)
 J. B. Matlock (1839-1925) and wife Jennie S. (1847-1929)

Born in the 1840's were the following:

W. E. Pittman (1840-1920) and wife M. C. (1850-1938)
 Henry H. Rickert (1840-1895) and wife Jennie C. (1851-1906)
 Emily M. Woods Ryker (1840-1916)
 John S. Edmiston (1841-1915) and wife (1) Emily (1850-1884) and
 (2) Nina Elizabeth (1860-1950)
 John O. Parks (1841-1889)
 James Cass (1841-1916) and wife Elizabeth Douglas Bartholomew (1839-1908)
 Lindsey Porter (1841-1936) and wife Nancy E. (1843-1923)
 Joshua F. Palmer (1841-1917) and wife Lucy F. (1841-1922)
 J. C. Cunningham (1840-1920) and wife Frances E. (1846-1915)
 Augustus Allen (1842-1927), Confederate soldier
 Newt Thompson (1842-1912)
 Charles Parker (1842-1918) 154 Ill. Inf. USA, and wife Laura C. (1853-1911)
 F. Montgomery (1842-1911)
 William P. Dyer (1842-1921) and wife Rebecca J. (1857-1888)
 Sarah J., wife of T. C. McCuiston (1842-1871)
 Rufus S. Staples (1843-1900)
 Jos. L. Watson (1843-1918) 66 Ind. Inf., and wife Mary C. (1846-1924)
 D. W. C. Howell (1843-1901)
 Isaac Reed (1843-1922)
 R. P. Harrison (1843-1911) and Mary J. Harrison (1843-1926)
 Robert Owen Hannah (1844-1921) and wife Susie Ann (1849-1931)
 Nelson Mallicoat (1844-1910), Co. C, 1st Ark. Cav., and wife Elizabeth
 Jane (1840-1930)
 Rebekah J. Rolans, wife of J. C. Cunningham (1845-1871)
 I. R. Ludlow (1845-1899)
 William M. Shofner (1845-1908) and Margaret I. Shofner (1851-1914)
 Abraham Lincoln Maupin (1845-1910) "Served four years in Confederate army"
 Mary J. Devin (1845-1936)
 Ellis Carney (1845-1918)
 R. A. Wheeler (1845-1931) and wife Ella E. (1854-1927)
 Louis W. Spence (1845-1894)
 A. T. Strickler (1846-1929) and wife Mary Evelyn Brewster (1848-1920)
 C. C. French (1846-1931) and M. E. French (1858-1951)

John A. Cox (1846-1923) and wife Clementine (1848-1934)
 Joseph Tilley (1846-1916) and wife Agnes (1851-1930)
 Dallas J. Godard (1846-1928) and wife Abbie (1858-1937)
 William A. Masoner (1847-1876) and wife Charillo J. (1853-1876)
 A. P. Allen (1847-1909)
 Nannie J. Dodson (1847-1922)
 John J. Baggett (1847-1919) and M. J. Baggett (1852-1933)
 Mrs. Frances M. Henson (1848-1936)
 Henry Clay Magruder (1848-1906)
 M. A. Chitty (1848-1923)
 Fannie Andrews (1848-1922)
 J. H. Andrews (1849-1891)
 Thomas Anderson Morrow (1849-1924) and wife Grace J. (1852-1926)
 James Tunstill Dodson (1849-1912)
 Mattie Shirell (1849-1933)
 John P. Goddard (1849-1882)
 Mary E., wife of Henson Carney (1849-1877)

Mary Ann, wife of R. Edmiston (1850-1922)
 Nelson D. Lewis (1850-1913) and wife Frances S. (1850-1917)
 Magg McKeever (1850-1915)
 Emma A. Cook (1850-1936)
 Rufus M. Perry (1850-1879)
 Mrs. Mary E. Garmaway (1851-1923)
 Fanny, wife of Dr. W. W. Mahan (1851-1890)
 William Jackson Maddox (1851-1921) and wife Ann Sophia (1861-1934)
 William P. Woodfin (1851-1921) and wife Delilah (1850-1925)
 Z. L. Allen (1852-1923)
 S. E. Crouch (1852-1916) and wife Sarah T. (1856-1945)
 J. O. Courtright (1852-1919)
 Silas P. Smith (1852-1925)
 Chris Hofmeister (1852-1925) and wife Julia Frances West (1859-1912)
 William W. Jones (1852-1922) and wife Louisa J. (1865-1950)
 Daniel Worth Cann (1852-1926) and wife Elizabeth Irene (1862-1949)
 William Mason Murphy (1852-1922) and wife M. Melissa (1852-1940)
 Jarvis L. Barker (1853-1925) and wife Judia L. (1855-1892)
 J. P. Edmiston (1853-1927)
 James Crawford Tilley (1853-1910) and Kate Blackburn Tilley (1858-1937)
 Pinkney E. Shofner (1854-1932) and wife Lina H. (1857-1936)
 John Q. Collier (1854-1899) and wife Martha A. (1856-1942)
 Luna Whaley Thomas (1854-1917)
 H. A. Terwilliger (1854-1923) and wife S. M. (1853-1935)
 Ephraim Gaines (1855-1929) and wife Ciola V. (1857-1937)
 Millie, wife of R. B. Maxwell (1855-1894)
 Anna Bradberry, wife of J. S. Ferguson (1855-1934)
 Thomas M. Blakemore (1855-1948) and wife Jannie Allen (1855-1926)
 Amanda E. Taylor, wife of J. L. Barker (1855-1921)
 Rev. John F. McCuiston (1855-1936) and wife Julia Ann (1862-1951)
 James A. Ross (1855-1875) and wife Mary E. (1854-1875)
 Wm. Harvey Blackburn (1855-1927)
 Elizabeth, wife of J. W. Simpson (1855-1887)
 Mary Jane, wife of Jesse W. Goddard (1855-1939)
 William N. Butler (1856-1934) and wife Theresa A. (1857-1943)
 Herman J. Niehaus (1856-1919) and Frances Z. Niehaus (1861-1926)
 Alex C. Cruse (1856-1950) and wife Lucy Crawford (1857-1938)
 William M. Graham (1856-1922) and wife Janie A. (1855-1928)
 Jessie S. Atkinson (1856-1918)

Dr. W. F. Greene (1856-1913)
 Thomas Jefferson Abshier (1857-1949) and wife Mary Isabella (1861-1944)
 Alexander Sanders (1857-1894) and wife Sarah E. Carney (1861-1926)
 Thomas B. Ferguson (1857-1887) and Sarah Adeline Ferguson (1860-1941)
 E. D. Carl (1857-1918)
 Wilson Richardson (1858-1943)
 James P. Shofner (1858-1946) and wife Louella E. (1869-1940)
 T. W. Oates (1858-1949) and wife Victoria A. (? -1947)
 John W. Shanks (1858-1943) and wife Elizabeth S. (1865-1949)
 H. Henson (1858-1916) and wife Annie (1856-1928)
 Whitefield Tilley (1859-1929) and wife Mary (1867-1947)
 Betsey Todd Walker, wife of B. C. Campbell (1859-1930)
 Rev. A. E. Carnahan (1859-1930)
 M. E. Bradley (1859-1919) and W. M. Bradley (1860-1933)
 Charles Shirell (1859-1913)
 Charles S. Crosby (1859-1938) and wife Matilda Redford (1861-1938)
 Robert Thomas Hill (1859-1923) and wife Passia Amanda (1865-1945)
 J. V. Rich (1860-1890)
 Balard Tucker (1860-1943) and wife Tennie (1856-1935)
 William L. Woodruff (1860-1943) and wife Rose Conley (1882-1940)
 Jasper N. Woodruff (1861-1895)

Veterans of the nation's various wars buried in Prairie Grove cemetery and not previously mentioned are:

J. L. Craft, Co.H, 2nd Col.Cav., Civil War
 Andrew J. Lasley, Co.K, 2nd U.S.Inf., Civil War (1838-1915)
 Caswell K. Mahan, 14th Inf. (1884-1907)
 Lt. Lee Hugh Rogers, 1st Aero Sqdn., World War I. (1889-1948)
 Mylumm C. Gentry, 162nd Depot Brigade, died 1932
 Harry J. Edwards, 110 Ammo Trn, 35 Div., World War I (1891-1951)
 Wm. M. Blacklidge, 153 Inf., 39 Div., died Jan. 30, 1918
 John Edward Icenogle, S/1c USNR, World War II (1927-1945)
 Beeman C. Yeager, Co.D 138 Inf. 35 Div., "Gave his life for his country on the battlefield of France, August 30, 1918."

Other family names that may be found in the Prairie Grove cemetery include the following:

Abercrombie	Ezell	Lynch	Simmons
Adams	Farmer	McConnell	Stanberry
Alexander	Fiddler	McNeely	Stevens
Beebe	Ford	Maguire	Stewart
Bledsoe	Franklin	Mason	Stockton
Bogart	Gibson	Matthews	Strawn
Bollin	Gleason	Mitchell	Tate
Boyer	Greathouse	Napier	Terpening
Brown	Hammontree	Nugent	Thomas
Caudle	Harmon	Oliver	Thurman
Cohea	Harris	Parr	Twichel
Cole	Hartley	Pasley	Von Berg
Compton	Henry	Payne	Webb
Cook	Hicks	Quick	Webster
Courtney	Hill	Randell	Wheeler
Crisp	Houghton	Ratliff	Whitaker
Daniel	Hudgins	Reinold	Whitmire
Darrow	Hulse	Reynolds	Wiswell
David	Johnston	Sample	Yates
Dearing	Kearney	Shelby	Yount
Delap	Kolb	Shumate	Zinn

SOUVENIRS

The Carnahan sisters (Mrs. Quaile, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Rogers), who live at Avoca, have many interesting souvenirs of old Cane Hill. We hope to publish some of these from time to time. Below are a few.

1

Invitation on beautiful old lace-embossed writing paper, folded to 2½ x 4 inches. Written in the elegant handwriting of a century ago:

"You are respectfully invited to attend at Prairie Meeting House by the Committee & School on Decbr. 23rd, 1852, at 3 o'clock P.M.

The Committee:

R. F. Crawford
James A. Morton
Aaron P. Morton"

The invitation was from M. K. Walker to Miss Martha Crawford.

2

Printed program of the Fourth Semi-Annual Exhibition of the Washington Society of Cane Hill College, on Friday evening, Feb. 2, 1855:

"Programme of Exercises

Music

Prayer

The Guide of Man.....J. W. Drake
Longings for Immortality.....P. W. Buchanan
The Reformation.....Jas. W. Beasley
Self-Dependence.....Wm. M. Buchanan
Triumphs of the Revolution.....J. H. Crawford
Aliquid Nugarum.....Jas. Mitchell Jr.

Benediction

(Wm. Quesenbury, Printer, Fayetteville, Arkansas)"

3

Letter from the Southern Memorial Association of Fayetteville to Jacob Preston Carnahan of Cane Hill:

Fayetteville, Ark.,
April 30th, 1877

Gen. J. P. Carnahan

Sir.

I have the honor to inform you, that you have been unanimously chosen by a vote of the Southern Memorial Association of this place, to deliver an address upon the occasion of the decoration of the graves of Confederate soldiers, which falls this year upon the 31st of May.

Will you be kind enough to send us an immediate answer authorizing us to advertise you to the public as one of the orators upon that day?

I am, Sir, most respectfully,

Miss Mollie Massie
Cor. Sec. S.M.A.
Fayetteville, Ark.

(Among the Carnahan souvenirs is a circular put out by the American Sunday School Union, claiming credit for having assisted "the first Sabbath School in Arkansas", organized at Cane Hill in October 1828. This interesting promotion piece will be published in full in the January FLASHBACK.)

Shady Grove Cemetery

Shady Grove Cemetery is located just west of Highway 71, opposite the Springdale golf course. It is not an old cemetery as Washington County churchyards go, but it is the last resting place of a number of settlers who came to the county before the Civil War. The earliest burial dates shown on the gravestones are in the 1890's. The church that gave this burial ground its start is no longer in use but the old families continue to bury their dead in this hallowed ground. Among the old-timers who are buried here are:

Thomas Graves (1816-1895)
 John Lichlyter (1822-1910) and wife Louisa A. (1842-1911)
 A. Huckaby (1822-1898)
 James Solomon (1824-1908) and wife Emillia A. (1828-1905)
 Jacob Q. Johnson (1828-1908) and wife Rietha J. (1832-1912)
 A. D. Lichlyter (1828-1898)
 Charley B. Elder (1828-1898)
 John G. Good (1830-1913) and wife Elizabeth (1837-1920)
 T. G. Kelley (1832-1898)
 Rev. John W. Walkup (1835-1921) and wife Nannie (1847-1918)
 Rev. G. P. Hanks (1837-1929) and wife Frances M. (1843-1920)
 Mary M. Gorman (1839-1905)
 Pauline Bracy (1840-1913)
 R. A. Ballew (1841-1910)
 James H. Trowbridge (1841-1910) and wife Annie (1861- ?)
 David H. Perry (1845-1925)
 William H. Evans (1847-1918)
 William Smith (1848-1909) and wife Margaret (1853-1922)
 Mahala Angeline Boswell (1848-1925)
 Taylor M. Morton (1848-1911) and wife Malissa A. (1861-1946)
 M. T. Nail (1850-1918) and wife Mary E. (1852-1910)
 Rush J. Steward (1851-1926) and wife Martha (1856-1949)
 Frank Edgar Pierce (1851-1912) and Mary E. Pierce (1855-1926)
 Alexander B. Henson (1854- ?) and wife Maud E. (1860-1930)
 E. E., wife of J. L. Smith (1854-1921)
 John W. Carter (1854-1927)
 W. L. Guess (1856-1886)
 William H. Brooks (1857-1929) and wife Sarah E. (1863-1909)
 William N. Kelley (1857-1918)
 Roxie L. Rose (1858-1902)

A number of army veterans are buried in this cemetery, including
 A. W. Baker (1832-1904), Co. H, 100th Ohio Inf. Beside him sleep his wife Mary (1833-1922) and son C. W. Baker (1855-1904)
 W. H. Sprinkler, Co. F, 1st Ark. Inf., in War with Spain
 Max J. Grissom (1923-1944), 508th Parachute Inf., World War II
 James H. Scroggins, 142nd F.A., World War I. (Died Oct. 13, 1918)

Besides the family names already mentioned, the following can be found in the Shady Grove cemetery:

Bailey	Cheatham	Gault	Waters
Baskett	Davis	Hepler	Watkins
Bookout	Dyer	Jones	Weyer
Chambers	Elderton	Stoffer	Wright
	Foster	Van Sandt	

ORANGE COUNTY CALIFORNIA
 GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

September -- Church to be represented at next Association which meets with Valley Grove Church in October with Jacob Fink and John Carter as our messengers.

December -- As minutes of the last meeting were not present, the reading of them was omitted. A.A. Lankford was received by letter.

1894

April -- The Church met at the home of George Williams. Bro. Williams was received by baptism. Jacob Fink and J.W. Carter appointed as a committee of two to see what could be done about the pastor's salary.

August -- Meeting held. Bettie Howard was received by baptism; Mollie Brown by relation.

September -- Church voted to be represented at the Association which meets with Providence Church in October.

October -- Nannie Williams received by experience. Letters of dismission to J.B. Carr and wife.

December -- Agreed to pay pastor \$50 for next year's services.

1895

February -- John Henson and wife granted letters of dismission.

June -- No conference on account of minutes being absent.

July -- Committee appointed to visit delinquent members.

1896

Had no preaching on account of not having any pastor.

1897

April -- A committee of three was appointed to draw plans to move the church house and repair it. Committee composed of J.W. Carter, Lee Gregg, H.G. Hartley.

A committee was appointed to sell all land south of the church house in burying lots and also to raise money to move and repair the church house if practical; if not to repair it where it stands. Committee composed of Lee Gregg, Jake Fink, Fay Hartley. Committee to be assisted by the trustees.

(With April, 1897, a brief history of Friendship Church's first half century is finished. Only those items have been included which were thought to be of interest to readers of Washington County history--TR)

BENTON COUNTY PIONEER

The Benton County Historical Society published the second number of the Benton County Pioneer in November. There is a lot of pioneer history in this issue, including articles by W.R. Edward on "Mount Pleasant Community" and by Alvin Seamster on "Camp Walker." A unique feature is the inclusion of a small artistic booklet containing "The Van Winkle Story." Membership dues in the Benton County society are \$3 per year. Officers are: Miss Vera Key, president (108 S. Third St., Rogers) and H. G. Huhn, secretary-treasurer (1204 S. 9th St., Rogers).

St. Joseph's Cemetery at Tontitown

The Italian immigrants who came to Washington County in 1898 from their earlier settlement in Chicot County, Arkansas, found it necessary to establish a graveyard soon after their arrival. The earliest death date on any monument in the Tontitown cemetery is 1899, when Pacifico Bastianelli was laid to rest. His wife Catterina followed him in 1918. Both were born in Chiaravalle, Italy.

In the center of the cemetery at Tontitown is a beautiful memorial altar, erected in 1953 to the memory of the Rev. Pietro Bandini, the priest who led the Italian colony to Washington County. On the altar is a bronze plaque bearing this inscription:

To the memory of
Rev. Pietro Bandini
born in Fiori, Italy, 1852
died in Tontitown 1917
Founder of Tontitown, Arkansas
and
His Nephew
Rev. Tito M. Bandini D.D.
born Cesenatico, Italy, 1870
died Healdsburg, Calif., 1923

The gravestones in the Tontitown cemetery are a Who's Who of the Italian families who left their native Italy for a new life in America. There are a few American names scattered through this graveyard but most of the headstones bear such inscriptions as: "Born in the Province of Ancona, Italy", and "Born in Staro, Italia." Among the Italian pioneers who sleep at Tontitown, Arkansas, are:

Luigi Ardemagni (1831-1913)
Carlo Tomiello (1836-1924)
Christiana Tessaro (1844-1928)
Eustachio Cortiana (1844-1922)
Patrizio Papili (1844-1927) and wife Annunziata (1858-1942)
Domenico Fiori (1845-1915)
"Father" Maestri (1849-1917) and "Mother" Maestri (1857-1917)
James Piazza (1851-1917) and wife Angela (1864-1926)
Domenico Pianalto (1852-1921) and wife Rosa (1876-1948)
Pete Pianalto (1854-1928) and wife Teresa (1856-1933)
Giacomo Tessaro (1854-1943) and wife Maria (1859-1932)
Domenica Pianalto (1855-1906) and wife Celeste (1854-1936)
Thomas Zulpo (1855-1928)
Paola Bastianelli and wife Teresa C. (1854-1942)
Guiseppe Roso (1857-1917) and wife Virginia (1860-1943)
Pete Fiori (1861-1950) and Mrs. Judita Fiori (1876-1930)
Adriano Morsani (1861-1916)
Emedio Morsani (1863-1935)
Marco Ceola (1865-1903)

Other Italian families represented in the Tontitown cemetery are: Bandino, Bariola, Bersi, Brunetti, Ceola, Costa, Fantinel, Franco, Gaiche, Gasparotto, Lazzari, Mantegani, Penzo, Perona, Pozza, Ranalli, Sabatini, Sbanotto, Taldo, Tessaro, Verucchi, Zardini.

Among the non-Italian names found in the Tontitown cemetery are:

John Wilson (1833-1914)
Joseph Murray (1839-1905) and Catherine Murray (1843-1903)
James Kerens (1839-1912) and wife Martha (1852- ?)
Elizabeth, wife of M. D. Marlow (1840-1908)
John Bash (1847-1920)
Frank Pierce (1853-1943)

One of the most beautiful tombstones in the county marks the grave of Tontitown's illustrious son, Memo D. Morsani, who in his day was a tenor in the Metropolitan Opera. The monument says:

Memo D. Morsani
Born in Rome, Italy, 1889
Served his Country in World War I,

His wife, Rose Bastianelli,
born Chiaravalle, Italy, 1884.

Both came from Italy to Sunnywide, Ark., 1896
and then to Tontitown 1898.

At the head of the grave is a small government marker that says:

Memo Morsani
Pfc. 2 Co. Coast Artillery
1889 -- 1951

As most of our readers know, the Italian settlers of Tontitown came to Washington County after having become dissatisfied with their first home in America -- on the Sunnyside plantation near Lake Village in southeast Arkansas. Malaria had taken its toll of the emigrants. Those who died were buried in either the little Catholic cemetery on the plantation across Lake Chicot or in the Lake Village town cemetery.

I have made several visits to Sunnyside but it was not till last summer (1955) that I found the old plantation graveyard. There were only a few gravestones, so it was not possible to get many names. However, in the Lake Village cemetery are many members of the Italian families that stayed in Chicot County when half the colony followed Father Bandini to Washington County.

Here are the names of 32 Italian families who remained in Chicot County and who have family plots in the Lake Village cemetery:

Alpe	Grassi	Polasini
Banchetti	Landi	Reginelli
Busti	Marcellini	Rossie
Carletti	Marchetti	Rossini
Carnivaletti	Mazzanti	Schucche
Casali	Mengucci	Sampaolesi
Cichelero	Morara	Santini
Cincolani	Nicolini	Santucci
Dolci	Pierini	Serio
Forte	Pieron	Zucconi
Franchina	Piersantelli	

King's

This beautiful cemetery is located on a rolling piece of ground in a curve of Middle Fork river, a mile north of Black Oak. It is an old burial ground, very old. It contains the graves of some of the first-comers to the White River valley of Washington County.

An outstanding feature of this large and well-kept cemetery is a double row of massive sandstone head and foot markers -- 16 of them, mostly of the pioneer Wood family. Deeply chiseled on these fine old stones are the following names and dates:

Aevas Wood (1766-1840)
Isham Wood (1802-1832)
Andrew Wood (1802-1832)
Jarrett Wood (1813-1855), son of John and Avas Wood St.
Jane Wood (1810-1848), wife of Jarrett Wood
John Wood (1824-1848)
James Wood (1836-1862), son of Jarrett and Jane Wood
Isaac Wood (1842-1861), son of John and Ave Wood

Similar thick sandstone markers stand at the graves of Robert Fletcher (1782-1856) and A. Fletcher (1824-1861), and several other Fletchers, whose names and dates are illegible. Other early Fletchers are:

Jno. Fletcher (1811-1877) and his wife Sarah A. (1821-1888)
John F. Fletcher (1849-1898) and his wife Sarah E. (1858-1942)
John Harris Fletcher (1855-1931) and his wife Harriett J. (1857-1898)

Two unusual old gravestones mark the graves of two Campbell children: Alice (died 1861) and Lewis N. (died 1864). Nearby are James M. Campbell (1809-1879) and his wife Minerva M. (1812-1902).

Besides these well-preserved century-old gravestones, the King cemetery has another unusual feature -- eleven graves covered with full-sized coffin-shaped stone slabs laid flat on the grave. These stones are 7 feet long on the adult graves and 4 feet long on the children's graves. Because of their flat position on the ground, their inscriptions have suffered more from weathering than the inscriptions on the upright gravestones. Some of the smaller slabs cover the graves of children named Roberts who died about 1860. Two of the adult slabs cover the graves of Wiley Roberts and Anna Roberts.

Among the Kings buried here, for whom the cemetery is named, are:

G.W. King (1815-1867) and his wife Tennessee (1820-1919)
William B. King (1845-1922)
G.W. King (1850-1900) and his wife Lydia J. (1849-1883)
M.A. King (1863-1897)

Among the early pioneers who sleep in this peaceful spot on Middle Fork are the following:

Rachel West (1812-1875)
William R. Lewis (1816-1892) and his wife Polly (1823-1900)
A.J. McGurry (1819-1898)
Alexander Eads (1819-1895)
E.S. Liles (1818-1899) and his wife Nancy E. (1823-1905)
Samuel Page (1821-1897) and his wife Eliza Jane (1830-1909)

James Williford (1824-1875) and wife Elizabeth (1825-1896)
Hiram C. Reese (1827-1915) and wife Sarah A. (1837-1916)
Charles Cosby (1827-1912) and Amanda Cosby (1840-1928)
Nathan V. Tharp (1828-1849) and wife Mary (1821-1884)

Buried in King's Cemetery are several members of the pioneer VanHoose family, including:

John J. VanHoose (1819-1894) and his wife Rachel (1826-1886)
George W. VanHoose (1832-1909) and wife Mary Ann (1851-1933)

Later comers to the Middle Fork country who are buried in Kings cemetery include:

Davis M. Wright (1830-1902) and his wife Olive (1842-1915)
John C. Fincher (1835-1897) and wife Indiana (1838-1914)
Wiley Cosbey (1835-1875)
B.F. Johnson (1835-1929) and wife Lyda (1848-1925)
Charles Janes (1839-1901) and wife Nancy J. (1836-1909)
Penina Lisle (1840-1902), wife of J.E. Bryan
Louis Roberts (1842-1872) and wife, Mary J. Roberts Roach (1840-1918)
Robert M. Dickerson (1842-1920) and wife Mary J. (1846-1919)
Joseph Williams (1844-1919) and wife Salina (1846-1928)
Sam Williams (1846-1918) and wife Julia F. (1846-1894)
Joseph Morgan (1846-1894) and wife Elizabeth (1841-1928)
Clark L. Burchett (1846-1925) and wife Polly A. (1854-1888)
Joseph N. Liles (1846- ?) and wife Alice M. (1858-1918)
William M. Roberts (1848-1929) and wife Elizabeth A. (1849-1930)
Thomas W. Muncy (1854-1893)
W.M. Edwards (1856-1936) and Sarah Jane Edwards (1867-1924)
John A. Lewis (1856-1909)
Mary E. Liles (1857-1922)
Dr. O.L. Wilson (1857-1898) and wife Mary L. (1862-1883)

Other family names represented in Kings Cemetery include: Elkins, Jones, Laney, Laymon, Platt, Singleton, Sisk.

PRAIRIE VIEW

This little burial ground is directly behind the Prairie View school 5 miles north of Prairie Grove. The oldest burial date on any gravestone is 1871. This stone marks the grave of J.A. Hooper (1830-1871). and is an excellent example of the early tombstone maker's art. The McNeely family has a number of dead in the Prairie View graveyard, including the pioneer, James McNeely (1825-1908) and the second generation, Alex McNeely (1853-1933) and his wife Manerva (1855-1940). Other old settlers include:

Mary Elizabeth, wife of I. P. Rhine (1856-1926)
W. D. Wells (1870-1934)
and several members of the Bowlings family.

Reese Cemetery

Some people think that this hundred-year-old graveyard is the most picturesque burial ground in the entire county. It has a lovely natural setting -- on a rocky bluff on the bank of Middle Fork -- about a mile south of Sulphur City. It is open on the river side but has stone walls on the north and east.

A clump of six tall cedars shades the thickly populated burial plot of the Mankins family. Here are nine burial vaults built above the ground, some of them pathetic little stone vaults where children are buried. These vaults of the 50's and 60's differ from those found in most other old graveyards in that they are built on a stone base -- on huge square-cut slabs measuring 6 x 9 feet. Besides the vaults, the Mankins plot also has many fine old headstones of an earlier day.

The center vault of this interesting group is inscribed: "In memory of Peter Mankins, died December the 30th, 1881, aged 111 years and 3 months." He was born in 1770. Beside him sleeps his daughter-in-law, whose tombstone is inscribed: "In memory of Narcissus, wife of Peter Mankins and daughter of Isaac and P. Mills. Died December 17th, 1863. Age 47." There is also the grave of "Milley, daughter of Peter and N.R.C. Mankins, died 1861, aged 15."

Another fine old vault on the Mankins plot holds the remains of "James P. Dickerson, son of Griffith and Rebecca Dickerson, 1816-1858." There is also Lydia A. Dickerson (1841-1862), whose tombstone bears this inscription: "Mother, have I sinned today? she sweetly said, then passed away."

Here also sleeps Esther Hanna, wife of Peter Mankins Jr. (1824-1900).

There are other old burial vaults in this cemetery. An outstanding group is the Tharp family: Lewis Tharp (1783-1853), his wife Judie (1800-1879), and two Tharp children. Lewis Tharp has the oldest burial date, but it is probable that his children died long before that date. And there are hundreds of field-stone markers that may go back to the very beginning of Washington County.

Another large group of burial vaults, all coffin-shaped, contain the dust of Nancy A. Long (1849-1872) and four Long infants, and of Sarah Head (1841-1887) and five other children. In another part of the graveyard is the burial vault of Sarah Long (1820-1860) with two infants on either side of her, one of them Lewis T. Long, the son of M.B. and Lucy Long. There are many Longs and many Heads in this old cemetery.

Civil War soldiers buried here, whose graves have official markers:
William B. Daniels, Co. F, 25th Illinois Infantry
E.L. Swonger, Co. E, 101st Ohio Infantry
John W. Edwards, Co. O, 10th Illinois Cavalry, and his wife Rachel S.
(1851-1943)
Harvey F. Head (1844-1923), Co. D, 1st Arkansas Cavalry, and his wife
Sarah Belle (1857-1937)

Other old families are represented in the Mankins Cemetery by the following:

J.W. Nelson (1823-1909)
Jacob A. Woodruff (1835-1886)
John C. Burris (1844-1923) and wife Elizabeth (1850-1925)
Martha Jane, wife of Harvey C. McCain (1848-1925)
Rachel S. Edwards (1851-1943)
James W. Adair (1853-1879)
Mary Elizabeth Deen (1853-1933)
E,ory S. Shook (1856-1925) and wife Margarette A. (1851-1927)
Matt D. Boaz (1858-1935) and wife Sarah L. (1856-1937)
Anna, wife of W.C. Wallace (1862-1918)
C.A. Horr (1862-1927) and wife Hattie A. (1867-1942)

MT. OLIVE

The Mt.Olive cemetery is located three miles east of Elkins. It is not an old burying ground but it does contain the remains of members of some pioneer Washington County families, among them King, Scranton, West, Henderson, Waits and Holmesly.

The King family is represented in Mt.Olive by:

Frederic King (1813-1887)
John Wesley King (1837-1922) and wife Martha (1836-1915)
Rhoda T. King (1845-1914)
William N. King (1847-1934) and Pearlee King (1849-1915)

Other pioneers buried here are:

Bethel C. Waits (1818-1907) and wife Nancy (1825-1903)
Joseph West (1824-1905) and wife Susan (1842-1899)
Albert Scranton (1829-1906)
Martin V. Tate (1844-1938)
J. T. Henderson (1845-1921) and wife Savannah (1843-1917)
Thomas M. McFee (1843-1930) and wife Mary L. (1864-1937)
John F. Waits (1852-1935)
Charles M. Gentry (1853-1915)
C. T. Spencer (1853-1930) and wife Britanie (1856-1924)
John Holmesly (1856-1933) and wife Ellen (1858-1935)
Burel Holmesley (1859-1916) and Josie Holmesley (1865-1925)
E. A. Counts (1859-1938)
Frank Dill (1858-1941)
M. E. Springstun (1862-1932)

A marble Civil War tombstone marks the grave of Albert Scranton of Co. I, 135th Ohio N.G. Infantry.

Other family names found in the Mt.Olive cemetery are: Allison, Bell, Bray, Bushart, Caler, Davis, Drain, Dunaway, Frost, Gabbard, Gains, Gann, Jeffers, McCurdy, McElhaney, Mix, Riggins, Terry, Tone.

White House Cemetery

This picturesque old burying ground, located north of the village of Arnett, is the last resting place of such pioneer Washington County families as Hanna, Hughes, Hunt, Henson, Hobbs, Paschal, Stout, Arnett and others. The oldest burial dates -- 1842 and 1847 -- are on the Henson lot. But hundreds of field-stone markers, all neatly white washed, indicate many other burials of a century ago.

Members of the Hanna family are found at several places in the cemetery. In a curve of the creek at the extreme rear of the graveyard is a Hanna lot that contains several fine old tombstones of the 1860's and several graves covered by sandstone slabs. A partial list of Hannas (the name is spelled in different ways) is the following:

James Hanna (1799-1866) and Mary Hanna (1797-1883)
Owen O. Hanna (1838-1879)
Samuel H. Hanna Jr. (1832-1860)
John M. (died 1860) and J.J.C. (died 1870), children of Samuel and Elizabeth Hanna.
Jackson Hannas (sp.) (1819-1888)
Mary A.B., wife of J.G. Hanna (1821-1884)
James W. Hanna (1843-1929) and wife Harriette E. (1844-1888)
Rebecca J. Hanner (sp.) (1851-1873)
Evaline O'Bryan Hanna (1858-1931)

On the Henson lot are:

William Henson (1803-1887) and wife Levina (1805-1895)
Jesse Henson (1825-1897)
Anna, daughter of W.H. and L. Henson (1834-1847)

There are many children's graves on the Henson lot and there is a marker with the initials of T.L.D.C. (?) and the date 1842.

The Hunt family lot is surrounded by an ornamental iron fence and contains a number of imposing monuments. Here lie:

William Hunt (1801-1885) and wife Rhoda (1800-1862)
Mary H. Hunt (1822-1849)
Havania, wife of Samuel A. Hanna (1825-1890)
Rhoda, wife of Alexander Whyte (1829-1911)
Louisa Hunt (1834-1857)

The Stouts are represented in the old graveyard by:

J. Stout (1805-1880) and wife Margaret (1810-1899)
John A. Stout, age 8, who died Sept. 3, 1849
Samuel Stout, (1838- ?) and wife Martha (1846-1928)

Other pioneers buried here include:

Mary A., wife of Wiley Cosbey (1802- ?)
William Chandler (1813-1895)
H. West (1817-1884)
John Paschal (1818-1911) and wife Rachel (1827-1912)
Martha D., wife of J.G. Williams (1821-1902)
Jesse H. Hobbs (1825-1890) and wife Nancy H. (1828-1882)
Sarah E., wife of W.H. Porter (1825-1874)
L.H. Wilson (1826-1884)
James B. Mustin (1828-1895)
Rachel Lewis, wife of John Foster (1829-1894)
Mary Lewis (1833-1907)

Mary A., wife of J.N. Bradshaw (1832-1859), and Clarinda, wife of J.N. Bradshaw (1842-1875)
 William C. Douglas (1843-1886)
 William Hugh Campbell Jr. (1846-1931) and wife Mary A. (1846-1912) and children, Norah (died 1873) and Maggie (died 1879)
 Lewis W. Thompson (1846-1926) and wife Lucinda J. (1855-1939)
 Z.T. Porter (1848-1911)
 Daniel Hughes (1850-1877)
 Catherine, wife of H.C. Skelton (1850-1883)
 Joe C. Arnett (1854-1936) and wife Mary L. (1856-1925)
 Alfred E. Hutchens (1854-1939) and wife Margaret (1855-1915)
 Pauline, wife of Carl Seelemann (1855-1915)
 Armita Ritter (1856-1929)
 George W. Lewis (1859-1911)
 J.O. Johnson (1859-1923)
 Albert C. Lewis (1860-1936) and wife Lucindia M. (1862-1926)
 Emma Arnett, wife of P.R. VanHoose (1877-1901)

Civil War headstones in this cemetery mark the graves of:
 James M. Ramey, Co. B, 1st Arkansas Cavalry
 Thomas Paschal, Co. B, 1st Arkansas Cavalry
 Benj. F. Ramey, Co. B, 1st Arkansas Volunteers (1839-1908) and his wife Louvinia (1851 - ?)

Interesting tombstones are three carved markers of the 1860's on the Hughes lot and a vault of 1854 housing the remains of a child named J.H. Kelley. Other family names in the White House cemetery are: Colley, Davis, Eldredge, Fallen, Ferguson, Hutchens, Isenhower, Lyons, Mills, Rainey, Richardson, Tackett, Turner, White, Young.

LOW GAP

This small cemetery is located near the Fairview School, about five miles north of Wyola. The fenced enclosure contains some 40 or 50 graves, all but four of which are marked with fieldstones bearing no name or date. The only pioneer buried here whose gravestone bears identification is David Robb (1840-1915). A child's grave bears the name House.

The other two marked graves at Low Gap are those of August Briolat, "born in Lorraine, France, died 1914", and Anna Briolat, "born in Cork, Ireland, died 1908". It would be interesting to know how a Frenchman and his Irish wife happen to be sleeping their last long sleep at Low Gap, Washington County, Arkansas.

Elm Springs Cemetery

The village of Elm Springs has a large and well-kept cemetery, located just east of the old Academy site -- where a new church is now being built. The oldest tombstone dates are in the 1850's. It is probable that the cemetery had its beginning just a century ago. One of the oldest and most attractive tombstones is that of the founder of the town, William Barrington (1808-1853). This man owned most of the town-site and surrounding area and it is quite possible that the cemetery was located on his property.

An unusual double-gravestone marks the burial place of two Elm Springs boys, who as Confederate soldiers lost their lives on the same day. The inscription reads: "John T., son of J. & N. McCamey; George W., son of Wm. S. & S. M. Deaver; died in defense of their country March 21, 1865."

There are many old families represented in the Elm Springs graveyard including Deaver, Greathouse, Waldrip, Ritter, Hellstern, McCamey, Barnett, Reed, Norman, Sherman, Terry, Aaron, Delozier, Mustain, Kelly Phillips, Hembree, and others.

The Deavers go way back -- to Margaret Deaver (1791-1852) -- and include W. S. Deaver (1813-1876) and his wife (1) Sarah M. (1823-1853) and (2) Sarah L. (1817-1887).

The Greathouse family has many dead in Elm Springs cemetery, among the older ones being:

B. Greathouse (1826-1911) and his wife Margaret (1823-1892)
Fine old sandstone marks indicate the graves of two boys: John R. Greathouse (died 1859) and D. W. Greathouse (1853-1870)
B.H. Greathouse (1849-1940), "Methodist preacher 60 years. State Senator 8 years."

There is also an Elizabeth W. Gratehouse (sp.) (1840-1897)

Among the early Ritters buried at Elm Springs are:

James Ritter (1817-1891)
William Ritter (1821-1864)
Jacob S. Ritter (1843-1865)
Elizabeth J. Ritter (1839-1862)
W.R. Ritter (1842-1930) and Malinda Ritter (1842-1914).
J.W. Ritter (1840-1869)
Hugh C. Ritter (1849-1919) and his wife Sophia E. (1859-1939)
Frank R. Ritter (1896-1918) and Henry V. Ritter (1898-1918), both of whom made the supreme sacrifice in France in World War I.

On the Terry family lots at Elm Springs are:

Thomas W. Terry (1820-1888) and Elizabeth McGill Terry (1824-1909)
Price Terry (1864-1891)
Jesse W. Camden (1856-1948) and wife, Ellen Terry Camden (1861-1947)
Kibble Terry (1858-1928) and his wife Bessie A. (1858-1909)

Among the pioneers buried in the Elm Springs cemetery are the following:

William R. Woodruff (1786-1853) and his wife Matilda (1789-1863)
John R. Smith (1798-1883) and his wife Harriett (1800-1880)
Lucinda Cox (1801-1876)
Richard McClure (1801-1888)
Hudson Butler (1803-1867) and his wife Susan (1797-1884)
Isaac Barnett (1804-1869)
Sally Murray (1805-1877)
Reuben Norman (1807-1865) and his wife Cynthia (1805-1887)
Dr. L.H. Blake (1807-1871) and his wife Rachel A. (1810-1882) and daughters Jane (1835-1866) and Elizabeth (1837-1853)
Benjamin Hembree (1810-1891) and his wife Dorindia (1824-1899)
Bethel Gibson (1811-1893) and his wife Sinai (1820-1891)
Elizabeth Hubbard (1812-1899)
George M. Wilson (1812-1879)
D.A. Ragsdale (1812-1875)
Rebecca, wife of E. Kelly (1813-1883)
Arabella, wife of John Burnett (1813-1895)
H.L. Hearn (1813-1898) and his wife Elizabeth Ann (1815-1888)
Susan E. Barnett (1815-1882)
M.P. Phillips (1816-1886)
William Pyatt (1817-1897) and his wife Matilda (1821-1915)
Joseph H. McCamey (1818-1892) and his wife Nancy (1819-1911)
John Hale (1818-1899)
Sylvester Clark (1820-1872) and his wife Mary (1825-1903)
John Q. Pearson (1820-1876) and his wife (1822-1877)
James M. Jackson (1821- ?)
Eugene Wager (1821-1891) and his wife Emeline (1826-1900)
Nelson H. Chenoweth (1823-1879) and his wife Sarah W. (1823-1890)
J.H. Farrar (1823-1899) and his wife Catherine (1822-1900)
Seth Cox (1823-1890)
William C. James (1823-1892)
H.A. Buckley (1825-1899)
Samuel Fergus (1825-1908)
Marta Delozier (1826-1886)
Charles H. Lynch (1827-1917) and his wife Mary (1844-1914)
Aunt Sarah Mallecoat (1828-1916)
D.D. Reavis (1828-1916) and his wife Mary Ann (1828-1901)
James H. Roper (1829-1926) and his wife Minerva (1845-1920)

Elm Springs dead who were born in the 1830's include:

William Wood (1831-1915) and his wife Mary E. (1837-1910)
Nancy L., wife of J.G. Stipe (1831-1896)
G.W. Sparks (1831-1896) and his wife Elizabeth (1833-1897)
O.G. Weir (1832-1905) and his wife Elizabeth Ann (1834-1922)
James Aaron (1832-1874) and his wife Matilda C. (1834-1922)
R.P. Clayton (1832-1925) and his wife N.C. (1842-1920)
T.J. Sherman (1833-1888) and wife (1) Rebecca (1840-1867) and (2) Martha (1843-1918)
Isaac Grammer (1832-1905) and his wife Margaret (1838-1908)
James McCamey (1833-1873)
Sarah Butler, wife of James Ritter (1833-1922)
Andrew Hellstern (1834-1917) and his wife Abbey (1845-1903)

A. Ashworth (1834- ?) and his wife Celia (1836-1918)
 Mary, wife of H. Gear (1835-1878)
 Helen M. Roxdale (1835-1892)
 George W. Downum (1836-1923) and Amanda M. Downum (1841-1899)
 Robert Farish (1836-1926) and his wife Eliza (1837-1924)
 David Wilson (1837-1912) and his wife Mary A. (1840-1914)
 James A. Smith (1837-1923) and his wife Sarah Ann (1858-1938)
 Elizabeth, wife of J.B. Banks (1837-1897)
 T.E. Norman (1837-1917) and Nancy E. Norman (1843-1877)
 Mary Ann Meadow (1837-1907)
 Phillip Brodbeck (1837-1884)
 Charles H. Kelly (1837-1909) and his wife Columbia A. (1855-1929)
 Leander Snively (1838-1913) and his wife Elizabeth (1838-1914)
 Thomas Ragsdale (1838-1915)
 John N. Mustain (1839-1922) and his wife Sarah (1843-1928)
 Preston Anderson (1839-1912) and his wife Maggie Sargent Anderson
 (1845-1927)
 E.H. Akins (1839-1894)

Other early residents of the Elm Springs community who were born before the War include:

John G. Dowell (1840-1907)
 John L. Hargrove (1840-1929) and his wife Rosanna (1856-1941)
 William F.M. Broadrick (1841-1918) and wife Mary E. (1843-1918)
 Thomas J. Downum (1841-1920) and his wife Mary C. (1846-1925)
 J.R. Standifer (1842-1915)
 Emily Broadbeck (1842-1908)
 Tennessee, wife of J.W. Anglin (1842-1925)
 Edward Flinn (1842-1913) and his wife Ann R. (1848-1923)
 John Horton (1843-1929) and his wife Martha (1849-1921)
 George W. Venable (1843-1888) and his wife Tennie A. (1852-1929)
 Samuel S. Mayes (1843-1900) and his wife Rebecca A. (1857-1935)
 Col. Alfred H. Baird (1843-1937) and wife Abbie T. (1851-1928)
 John R. McCoy (1844-1907) and his wife Martha C. (1852-1923)
 Elizabeth A. Kerr (1844-1919)
 R.J. Norman (1845-1930) and his wife Scythia J. (1860-1914)
 J.B. Stokes (1845-1917) and his wife A.E. (1845-1915)
 J.H. Hale (1845-1918) and his wife N.J. (1851-1923)
 J.R. McClure (1845-1922) and his wife Maud (1858-1927)
 W.M. Parks (1845-1927) and his wife Mary E. (1855-1948)
 Josephine, wife of E.L. Antle (1845-1875)
 M.J. Haynes (1845-1907) and J.H. Haynes (1841-1926)
 R.C. Patton (1846-1901) and Martha J. Patton (1840-1918)
 John Chenoweth (1846-1915) and his wife Mag (1850-1931)
 Sarah L., wife of T.W. Buckley (1846-1886)
 John Q. McCorkle (1846-1919) and his wife Ethel Lenna (1852- ?)
 James E. Kelly (1846-1926) and his wife Nancy J. (1847-1923)
 William A. Webster (1846-1925) and his wife Sallie E. (1858-1935)
 Joseph H. Wasson (1847-1905)
 James W.E. Derrick (1847-1923) and his wife Finettie (1851-1928)
 Warren Irving Key (1847-1900)
 William Hatton (1847-1900)
 Dr. A.P. Murphey (1846-1922)
 Jefferson L. Brown (1848-1938) and his wife Talitha Ann (1844-1928)
 James N. Gambill (1848-1904)
 R.B. Hopkins (1848-1900)
 J.A. Camp (1849-1925) and his wife Lou (1850-1914)

Elizabeth Waldrip (1849-1893)
 Daniel H. Reams (1849-1915) and his wife Elizabeth (1853-1918)
 Wilson A. Phillips (1850-1943) and his wife Nancy C. (1853-1934)
 Robert W. Delozier (1850-1930) and his wife Mary F. (1850-1946)
 Dr. James H. Fergus (1852-1914) and Myra Fergus (1854-1949)
 Wilson P. Robbins (1851-1890) and his wife Jane (1853-1934)
 Samuel Monroe Waldrip (1852-1893) and wife Martha (1856-1891)
 H. Pitts Sturdy (1852-1926) and wife Elizabeth Case (1850-1935)
 William Penn Reed (1852-1908)
 W.H. Ralston (1853-1925)
 Wm. J. Bradley (1855-1929) and his wife Mary M. (1859- ?)
 John M. Huffmaster (1856-1936) and his wife Lydia W. (1860-1937)
 T.J. Wood (1856-1893)
 Missouri, wife of T.H. Hubbert (1857-1885)
 G.W. McCamey (1858-1936) and his wife Sarah F. Terry (1851-1930)
 H.M. Atkison (1859-1944) and his wife Margarette F. (1858-1916)
 W.H. Baggett (1859-1901)
 Jacob W. Reed (1859-1925) and his wife Mary F. (1865-1950)

Official markers indicate the following soldier graves:

J.H. Farrar, Co. K, 3rd Arkansas Cavalry, Civil War
 J.W. Aaron, Co. D, 30th Missouri Cavalry, Civil War
 Chesley Griggs, Co. C, 3rd Arkansas Cavalry, Civil War
 Paul Bascom Waldrip (1896-1920), Field Artillery, World War I
 "Died in service."

William Dayton Ennis (1890-1951), M.D., World War I
 Clay R. Patton, 142nd Field Artillery, 1934
 S/Sgt Jack S. Reed (1923-1944), "who gave his life in the service of his country in the European Area."

Other family names found in the Elm Springs cemetery include:

Anglin	Edwards	Keen	Stanfield
Banta	Fair	McClure	Steele
Barker	Farish	Marvin	Stevens
Beach	Frederick	Mills	Stokes
Beshears	Fry	Mondy	Strain
Brown	Gambill	Moore	Sturdivant
Burnett	George	Mount	Vermillion
Byerly	Greenlee	Nash	Wall
Callan	Griggs	Page	Webber
Carter	Haney	Parsons	Weir
Chiles	Haskins	Pearson	West
Collier	Hilsabeck	Reece	Whinnery
Craig	Holloway	Robinson	White
Dobbs	Hurlbut	Roby	Whiteley
Dodd	Jackson	Snively	Wright

Forest Park

This cemetery, one mile north of Springdale and just a hundred yards off busy Highway 71, is about 100 years old. There are many rough fieldstone markers of the early days, but the oldest dated burial is 1856. John Meek (1833-1856) and his wife Lyda (1835-1861) are the earliest burials that bear tombstone dates.

The great number of members of the Beasley family buried here, plus some early burial dates, suggest that this may originally have been a family burying ground --- although there are many Smiths, Fitzgeralds, Baggetts and other pioneer names. Among the older Beasleys buried here are the following:

Thomas W. Beasley (1821-1884)

H.H. Beasley (1839-1861)

Josiah Beasley (1846-1931) and his wife Tennessee (1849-1935)

T.W. Beasley (1853-1919) and wife Margret Jane (1857-1911)

The Smith line begins with the patriarch W.D. Smith (1820-1895) and includes:

William D. Smith (1859-1951)

Joe B. Smith (1857-1938)

---- Smith, a Civil War soldier of Co. B, 14th Tennessee Cavalry

Another Civil War soldier is ---- Fitzgerald of Co.C, 46th Missouri Infantry.

Other pioneers buried in Springdale's Forest Park cemetery include:

Blake Baggett (1796-1861)

James J. Fleming (1816-1890) and wife Elizabeth (1821-1910)

William Arthur Mayfield (1818-1885)

I.M. Turner (1822-1891) and wife Melissa (1830-1916)

S.L., wife of W.F. Winn (1832-1889)

Mary E. Craig (1842-1924)

W.C. White (1847-1878) and wife Penina (1843-1905)

Gabriel C. Fitzgerald (1849-1891)

Melissa, wife of H.J. Atkison (1854-1907)

Esther E. Looney (1856-1918)

Joe Hammons (1858-1938) and wife Mary (1853-1926)

M.A. Hardcastle (1859-1893)

Floyd Gwin (1859-1943)

Dora C., wife of A.B. Baggett (1859-1895)

Joseph Keicher (1861-1897)

There is a large memorial over the grave of Cynthia Permelia Wildermuth (Perla Wilde) - 1841-1890. The only World War marker is on the grave of Guy Ladd (1894-1942).

Family names in Springdale's Forest Park cemetery, besides those already mentioned include: Aaron, Bingham, Brown, Farr, Heavilin, Hembree, Hendrix, Lathrop, McFadden, Miller, Pennington, Ralston, Singleton, and Wentz.

Zion

This country churchyard is located in the Zion community some five miles northeast of Fayetteville. It adjoins the Zion Methodist church, which was founded in 1850. The cemetery itself is probably about 50 years old and has none of the quaint 19th century gravestones. It does contain a great many of the early settlers of this section.

The Eidson family is represented in the Zion graveyard by the following:

W.H. Eidson (1823-1911) and wife Susan (1822-1898)
Henry Eidson (1846-1917) and his wife Amanda (1863-1916)
Smith Eidson (1855-1923) and his wife Kate (1863- ?)
Fred Eidson (1873-1901) and his wife Laura (1876-1907)

Other early settlers buried in Zion cemetery include:

H.P. Lynch (1828-1912) and his wife Millie (1832-1908)
H.P. Jenkins (1837-1904) and his wife Nancy (1848- ?)
Moses Anderson (1837-1921) and his wife Mary J. (1849-1930)
James E. Blakemore (1841-1915) and his wife Mary A. (1851-1899)
Isaiah Fiant (1840-1914) and his wife Rachel R. (1844-1924)
George W. Perry (1847-1907) and wife Elizabeth (1882-1939)
James M. Banks (1846-1920)
John H. Riggins (1839-1923) and wife Sarah C. (1848-1929)
Nancy A., wife W.A. Cooper (1850-1900)
H.B. Cooper (1850-1919) and wife Frances (1859-1910)
Thomas J. Bridenthal (1851-1927) and wife Laura T. (1859-1938)
Jacob B. Fox (1859-1931) and wife Margaret C. (1857-1941)
Deborah Hartley (1860-1918)
Hervey D. Wood (1858-1939)
J.D. Erwin (1861-1906) and Orleana Bell Erwin (1865-1948)
W.B. Watson (1860-1905)
J.V. Rariden (1864-1916)
Will Fiant (1863-1932) and wife Anna (1864-1944)
Thomas M. Sullins (1866-1930) and wife Ella J. (1872-1923)

A Civil War soldier buried in the Zion graveyard is Robert G. Huckaby, Co. F, 1st Arkansas Cavalry. Beside him is his wife Martha E. (1847-1932). A veteran of the Spanish-American war is William H. Cline, who was a Private in a South Dakota Infantry regiment.

Other family names that appear at Zion besides those listed above include: Alvis, Anderson, Cardwell, Dick, Gallaher, Inman, Jackson, Lemons, McClintock, Mahan, Martin, Mobberly, Perryman, Powers, Stamps, and Thornburg.

White House Cemetery

by F. M. McConnell

The White House cemetery, located on Middle Fork river near the church of the same name, 25 miles southeast of Fayetteville, was opened during the 1830's. The first marked grave is that of Samuel Hanna, who died Sept. 16, 1837. There are numerous unmarked graves in the older section and it is likely that there were earlier burials, as the valley above the White House was settled as early as 1833-35. Some of those who settled in that locality during the 1830's were the Lewis, Hanna, Hunt, Campbell, Mankins, Howry, Karnes, Mills, Williams, Stout and Van Hoose families.

In this cemetery are the remains of Wm. Hunt (1801-1885) and wife Rhoda Hunt (1800-1862), parents of Col. Thomas J. Hunt, Union soldier and prominent Republican leader of Washington County for many years. Colonel Hunt also served as postmaster at Fayetteville and owned Waxhaws on South College avenue, previously owned by Gov. Archibald Yell, whose remains first were interred at Waxhaws but later removed to Evergreen cemetery.

Local descendants of the Hanna family include Mrs. Maude Bassett and S.B.(Bob) Hanna. Wm. H. Campbell Jr and Mary Hanna Campbell, and Wm.H. Campbell Sr and Julia Rutherford Campbell, Parents and grandparents respectively of Mrs. Mollie Campbell Rainey, are buried there. Also, Owen Ramey Sr and wife, grandparents of the late Mrs. B.F. Ramey and Mrs. B.F. Johnson; Wm.C. Douglas, father of Mrs. J.P. Mason and Mrs. J.B. McConnell; Bracken Lewis and wife, cousin of Bracken Lewis Jr; Lewis W. Thompson and wife; Joe C. Arnett and wife; George W. Hughes (1817-1862) and wife Sarah Hughes (1819-1900) and Johnathan Stout (1819--1911); Wm. Henson (1803-1877); John Paschal (1819-1911) and wife Rachel Paschal (1819-1900); Wm. Chandler (1803-1895); John C. Williams and wife Martha Williams; members of the White, West, Wilson, Hobbs, Cosby, Porter, Fallen, Colley and numerous other families.

Union soldiers buried in this cemetery include Benjamin F. Ramey and his brother, James M. Ramey, and Thomas Paschal, each of whom was a corporal in Co. B, 1st Arkansas Cavalry. They participated in battles at Wilson Creek, Missouri, and Pea Ridge and Prairie Grove, Arkansas.

The earliest birth date reflected by the tombstones is that of Mary Hanna, wife of James Hanna Sr., who was born Feb. 27, 1797, and died Oct. 1, 1883.

The Middle Fork valley in the White House vicinity was inhabited by Indians prior to 1830, but this cemetery was not used by them, so far as is known. However, some of the occupants of this cemetery were of part Indian ancestry.

This pretty cemetery slopes gently from the highway on the west towards the river on the east. It is in current use and is generally well kept due to the efforts of an active cemetery association.

Society's Third Meeting Is Pilgrimage to Evergreen Cemetery

The April meeting of the WCHS (Sunday the 15th) took the form of a pilgrimage to Evergreen Cemetery. A group of members and friends, numbering almost 100, visited the graves of some of the men and women who helped make Fayetteville history during the past 123 years. Dr. Harrison Hale sketched the careers of former University staff members. Your president paid tribute to the soldiers, statesmen and pioneers.

Map of the pilgrimage will be found on another page of this issue. The visit to Evergreen, as I told the group, was designed as an adventure in local history -- as well as a tribute to the illustrious dead. We could not visit the graves of all the men and women who built our town, but we did stop at the graves of those who ranked high in the esteem of their contemporaries, as evidenced by their important position in government or their prominence in other fields.

I asked myself "What makes a man or woman great?" and I came up with this answer -- "Service to fellowmen". On that basis the housewife and mother ranks with legislators, doctors, builders, or others high in business or the professions. In truth, it is usually because of the unselfish service of a woman to her family that a man is able to achieve high position. Among the public servants whose graves the WCHS visited were those of teachers like Sophia Sawyer, Gates, Buchanan and Putrall; pioneer doctors like Welch and Gregg, the Pollards and Padlocks; builders like Byrnes, Mayes and VanWinkle; jurists like Gregg; public officials like the Wilsons, Walkers, Dinsmore, Gunter; business men like McIlroy and Stone; soldiers like Yell, Eason, Chandler, Vanleverter and the Tidballs.

An interesting feature of our Evergreen pilgrimage was the presence of Judge T.H. Humphreys, who had known personally most of the men whom we were honoring. Judge Humphreys is our town's link between yesterday and today. I hope everybody present got the same thrill I did when the Judge said "I knew him; he was a good man." Or "He practiced law when I was on the bench". And when we stood at "Uncle Bob" Wilson's grave, Judge Humphreys said "He was president of the Senate when I was speaker of the House -- the only time both presiding officers of the General Assembly were from the same city." This unusual coincidence happened exactly 50 years ago -- in 1901. And here was one of the principals in that historic event, standing at the grave of the other principal--and making the past live again for the Historical Society members.

Story of Washington Wilson in Next Issue

Through Mrs. H. L. Pearson I have received some valuable information about the Thomas family, whose home a century ago stood where the Frisco depot now stands and whose family graveyard was the beginning of Evergreen cemetery. The father-in-law of John Thomas was Washington Wilson, one of Fayetteville's earliest merchants and the man who gave Stephen K. Stone his first job. The information comes from Washington Wilson's granddaughter, Mrs. Frank Wager of Dallas. It will appear in an early issue of FLASHBACK.

Has Copy of Cherokee Union Act

Roy Nix has a well-preserved copy of the "Acts of Union between the East and West Cherokees." The book was printed at Tahlequah in 1870 by the Cherokee National Press, Edwin Archer, printer.

North

Key

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1. Sawyer
2. Davidson
3. Williams
4. Mawsie Jr
5. Massie Sr
- * 6. Vandeventer-
Crockett
7. Tidball
8. Mayes
9. Stone
10. Stirman
11. McIlroy
- * 12. Chandler
- * 13. Vincenheller
14. Pollard
15. VanHoose
- * 16. Gray
17. Paddock
18. Yell
- * 19. Hastings
- * 20. Botefuhr
21. L.Gregg
22. A.S.Gregg
23. Reagan
- * 24. Murfee
25. VanWinkle
26. Gunter
27. Putman-King
- * 28. Futrall
- * 29. Cravens
30. Welch
- * 31. Wilson
32. Walker
33. Byrnes
34. Fulbright
35. McIlroy
36. Harrison
- * 37. Tillman
38. Peel
39. Dinsmore
40. Pollard
- * 41. Gates
42. Eason
43. A.M.Wilson
R.J.Wilson
AllenWilson
- * 46. Buchanan
- * 47. Leverett
48. Hunt
- * 49. Gladson

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University

Pilgrimage conducted by Dr. Harrison Hale
and W. J. Lemke

Some Builders Of Fayetteville Who Sleep In Evergreen

Key to Map

1. Sophia Sawyer.....1792-1854....Founder of Fayetteville Female Seminary
2. Benj.R.Davidson.....1847-1938....Lawyer, banker, state legislator
3. Alf Williams.....1852-1926....Industrial leader. Grandson of Wm.McGarrah
4. J.C.Massie Jr.....1857-1942....School principal, city official
5. J.C.Massie Sr.....1816-1897....President of first school board 1871
7. Jack Tidball.....age 28 yrs...Made supreme sacrifice in France, Oct.1918
Charles Tidball.....age 22 yrs...Made supreme sacrifice in France, Oct.1918
8. John Mayes.....1810-1889....Orgnr Baptist Church. Incrptr Female Institute
W.Zera Mayes.....1835-1888....Built Old Main, McIlroy Bank, Stone Corner
9. Stephen K. Stone.....1819-1909....Pioneer merchant, builder, patron of education
- 10.J.H.Stirman.....1807-1879....Helped incorporate town, Arkansas College
- 11.Wm. E. McIlroy.....1812-1886....First treasurer of UA.Founder of oldest bank
- 14.T. J. Pollard.....1805-1889....Helped found Arkansas College, Christian Church
- 15.J. H. VanHoose.....1830-1900....Mayor, prominent Mason, community builder
- 17.S.F. Paddock.....1831-1885....Early physician and civic leader
- 18.Archibald Yell.....1797-1847....Congressman, Governor, Mexican War hero
- 21.Lafayette Gregg.....1825-1891....Soldier, judge; wrote bill locating UofA here
- 23.Hugh Reagan.....1850-1937....Teacher, newspaper publisher, Univ. official
- 25.Peter VanWinkle.....1814-1882....Lumber mills; builder of hotel and opera house
- 26.T. M. Gunter.....1824-1904....Conf.soldier, Congressman, father of a governor
- 30.W. B. Welch.....1828-1917....Pioneer doctor. Founder of City Hospital
- 32.J. Vol Walker.....1859-1933....Legislator, Pres.of Ark.bar, University helper
- 33.A. M. Byrnes.....1852-1937....Built over 400 bldgs, incl.schools, hospital,UA
- 34.Jay Fulbright.....1866-1923....Banker, industrialist. Father of US Senator
- 35.J. H. McIlroy.....1868-1939....Born where UA stands. Banker and civic leader
- 36.E. B. Harrison.....1840-1930....Soldier, banker, pres. of first Bldg & Loan
- 38.Zillah Cross Peel.....1874-1941....Editor, magazine writer, county historian
- 39.Hugh Dinsmore.....-1930....Congressman, UofA trustee, Minister to Korea
- 40.T. W. Pollard.....1833-1899....First president county medical society 1872
- 42.J. T. Eason.....1843-1918....Confederate soldier. Mayor of Fayetteville
- 43.Alford M. Wilson.....1817-1907....Conf.soldier, legislator, US comminssioner
Robert J. Wilson.....1850-1944....Served in legislature longer than any other man
Allan M. Wilson.....1890-1942....Mayor, postmaster, worker for the University
- 48.T. J. Hunt.....1839-1922....Soldier, legislator, postmaster, US Rev.Collector

Builders of the University Buried In Evergreen Cemetery

6. Willie V. Crockett...1874-1933....University teacher for 26 years
- 12.Elias Chandler.....1856-1909....Soldier. Commandant of UA cadets
- 13.W. G. Vincenheller...1850-1911....Commissioner of agriculture. First UA dean
- 16.O. C. Gray.....1832-1905....Conf.soldier. University professor 1875-95
- 19.G.C. & Mary Hastings.1878-1942....Members of UA faculty, total 44 years
- 20.Wolf D.C. Botefuhr...1833-1885....Univ. teacher of music 1872-1881
H.C.C. Botefuhr.....1834-Univ. trustee; supt of agri farm
- 22.Andrew S. Gregg.....1857-1898....First-day student, first gradg class U of A
- 24.Edw. H. Murfee.....1845-1932....President University 1887 to 1894.
- 27.Anna Putman King.....1856-1927....First-day student in AIU, teacher
- 28.John C. Futrall.....1873-1939....On UofA faculty 45 years. President 1913-1939
29. J. L. Cravens.....1831-1908....Regent, secty, treasurer of University 1881-94
W. H. Cravens.....1858-1931....Secretary and auditor of University for 17 years
- 31.B. N. Wilson.....1874-1948....University professor for 44 years
- 37.John N. Tillman.....1859-1929....Congressman, Pres. of University 1905-1912
- 41.Noah P. Gates.....1832-1909....First president of University. School supt
- 46.John L. Buchanan.....1831-1922....President University 1894 to 1902
- 47.C. H. Leverett.....1833-1897....University professor of languages 1871-1894
- 49.W. N. Gladson.....1866-1941....UA teacher and dean 43 years. Wireless pioneer

Skelton Cemetery

This little-known burying ground, located a quarter mile east of the Veterans Hospital and just north of the Clay Yoe addition, is heavily overgrown with brush and creepers and is difficult of access. Here are buried the pioneer, John T. Skelton (1829-1908) and Mary S. Skelton (1836-1898), and other members of the family, including Frederic S. Skelton (1879-1900). The Skelton lot is fenced and contains several fine tombstones.

Here also are buried several children of J.L. and M.D. Routh, all of whom died in the early 80's; some Seaton children; and an infant daughter of J.H. and T.P. Carter.

The Thatch family is represented by William H. Thatch (1846-1934) and his wife Saluda J. (1853-1896), and their children, James and Birdie who died in 1886, and Ezra, Early and Worley, who died in 1892 and 1895.

Other families represented in the Skelton cemetery are: Hiram Miner (1844-1889). This name is spelled Minor on another grave-stone (Susan, 1867-1897).

Angie R., wife of George W. Craven (1879-1904) and their son, William Ralph Craven.

Minnie V., wife of Ed Mummert (1882-1906).

Rutherford Cemetery

The Rutherford cemetery is located $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles northwest of old Hog Eye (Moffitt) and a quarter mile off the Prairie Grove-Hog Eye road. The following list of pioneer burials in this cemetery was secured by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rothrock.

Noel G. Rutherford (1806-1875) and Elizabeth C. Rutherford (1819-1889)

Richard Dye (1807-1881) and wife Winnie (1812-1892)

Bayless E. Rutherford (1815-1900)

Martha Hanna (1813-1896)

Thomas J. Blakemore (1824-1908) and wife Emeline (1825-1877)

Thomas H. Dye (1837-1877)

John W. Dye (1837-1863)

Mary C. Rutherford (1835-1912)

Louisa Pexton (1837-1914)

H. T. Carney (1842-1916) and Julia F. Carney (1840-1937)

John E. Campbell (1844-1887) and wife Melissa (1847-1903)

Manerva Murphy (1843-1909)

John C. Hodges (1849-1911)

Charles A. Cates (1849-1920)

Samuel D. Shannon (1852-1897)

James C. Cate (1853-1933) and Elizabeth C. Cate (1851-1925)

John Elliott Whitsitt (1855-1921) and Sarah C. Whitsitt (1852-1925)

Formelia Dye (1855-1923)

Sadie E., wife of A. J. Blakemore (1856-1885)

James M. Shannon (1856-1913)

Thomas C. McCollough (1858-1933) and wife Eliza A. (1856-1949)

Mary S. Carr (1857-1932)

Calvin J. Blakemore (1859- ?)

Illinois Chapel

The cemetery at Illinois Chapel, four miles east of Prairie Grove, was probably in use as a burying ground a century ago. The fieldstone markers may ante-date the earliest dated burial - which is 1864. Here lie many members of the pioneer Ross, Harrison, Dorman, Fry, Dyer, Simpson and Morrison families. Among the older members of the Ross family are:

Henry Parker Ross (1806-1876) and Margaret Ross (1821-1905)

James Henry Ross (1845-1864)

John Thomas Ross (1850-1930) and Medalene Ross (1859-1939)

The Harrisons buried here include:

Brazil H. Harrison ("Christian, Benefactor, Good Citizen, Honest Man") (1834-1909) and his wife 1.) Eliza (1829-1899) and 2.) Jennie (1838-1909).

Laura J. Harrison (1857-1890)

Among the Dyers are:

Joel Sater Dyer (1826-1913) and wife, Laura Caroline Townsley (1822-1899)

Sara Antonia Dyer (? - 1900)

Lindsey Howard Dyer (1855-1898)

Other pioneers buried at Illinois Chapel are:

J. T. Pogson (1827-1894)

John McKenzie (1828-1894)

Mark W. Dorman (1835-1908)

William Cass (1844-1917)

M. C. Peacock (1844-1934)

Richard Marian Ramsey (1845-1927)

Joseph H. Fry (1845-1917)

James C. Hollabaugh (1845-1928) and wife Cynthia A. (1840-1921)

Comadere P. Cohea (1849-1928) and wife Mollie V. (1858-1907)

Ben Prewitt (1850-1915)

J. M. Bazzell (1850-1915) and wife Mattie (1857-1932)

Mary J., wife of Henry J. Fry (1853-1905)

J. T. McKinzie (1853-1915) and wife Nannie (1855-1928)

John W. Simpson (1853-1907)

W. H. Simpson (1854-1916) and wife 1.) Fannie (1856-1899) and 2.) Sallie (1858-1914)

Charley A., wife of A. H. Sitz (1855-1899)

R. A. Morrison (1858-1896)

Lou Morrison Howell (1858-1929)

Ernest H. Dorman (1859-1938) and Dora A. Dorman (1866-1912)

Herbert W. Dorman (1861-1908)

Alex H. Fry (1861-1916)

Other (and later) family names in the Illinois Chapel cemetery are: Blankenship, Brunk, Clement, Dale, Jordan, Murrell, Nelson, Waldrip.

Cemetery Hill, Walnut Grove

One of Washington County's old cemeteries is a beautiful little graveyard hidden away on what is locally known as Cemetery Hill, in the Walnut Grove community about two miles south of Farmington. This cemetery is built around three pioneer families -- the Tolletts, Mortons and Hamblens, all of whom settled in this fertile valley soon after the Cherokee Treaty and the creation of Washington County.

Head of the Hamblen clan was William Thomas Hamblen (1802-1863) whose tombstone relates that he was "killed by Federals in the Civil War." ** There are memorial stones to his wife, Eliza Maclin Hamblen (1821-1870) and their son Jim (1845-1871). Also on the Hamblen family lot are A. J. "Jack" Hamblen (1853-1917) and his wife, Temperance Laura Hamblen (1856-1949). Temperance Hamblen, who reached the age of 93, was the granddaughter of two "first-comers" to Washington County: Henry Tollett and the Rev. Jacob Sexton.

Although the Tolletts are buried on their own family plot, the genealogy of the Tollett and Morton families is beautifully and permanently preserved on a bronze plaque that ornaments the handsome Morton monument. Here are the pioneers, as given on the bronze plaque:

William Morton 1804-1880	Henry Tollett 1793-1871
and wife	and wife
Rachel Crawford Morton 1803-1877	Eliza Brown Tollett 1795-1885
James A. Morton 1831 - 1885	William J. Tollett 1819 - 1891
Nancy J. Morton 1831 - 1921	Rowland C. Tollett 1821 - 1912
John M. Morton 1833 - 1905	Margaret J. Tollett 1825 - 1901
Martha E. Morton 1838 - 1912	Ferdinand G. Tollett 1828 - 1871
William T. Morton 1841 - 1904	Harriet L. Tollett 1833 - 1905
James A. Morton 1831-1885	and wife Harriet L. Tollett 1833-1905

Erected in loving memory by W. H. and R. M. Morton, 1921

James, the oldest son of William Morton, married Harriet, the youngest child of Henry Tollett, thus uniting these two pioneer families. James and Harriet became the parents of W.H. and R.M. Morton, who erected this handsome monument in 1921. Both of them now rest there among their kinsmen. W.H. Morton was born in 1861 and died in 1934. Beside him lies his wife Bettie (1863-1939). R.M. Morton was born in 1866 and died in 1945. It is difficult to conceive of a finer tribute than the one these brothers erected to the memory of their parents and grandparents. The pioneer Tolletts and Mortons will not be forgotten as long as this bronze endures.

Although the Tolletts are memorialized on the Morton monument, each Tollett grave has its own gravestone of the quaint design of the 70's and 80's.

Other old settlers buried in the Walnut Grove graveyard include:

Joseph Lewis (1802-1885) and his wife Mary (1809-1875)

Leven Williams (1807-1882) and his wife Sallie (1800-1883)

Julia A. Atwell (1814-1893)

Rev. H. L. M. Barrington (1817-1846) and his wife Margaret J. (1825-1901)

Eld. H. B. B orders (1826-1906) and his wife Mary H. (1836-1898)
 George Spradlin (1838-1915) and his wife Martha J. (1841-1912)
 Nancy Ann Poplin (1839-1892)
 Rebecca, wife of Joseph Vaughn (1832-1893)
 Francis M. Dill (1840-1915) and his wife Louisa F. (1844-1929)
 Eliza Ellen Easley (1843-1900)
 J. W. Meteer (1846-1933) and his wife Emma (1852-1922)
 Lucy A., wife of J. C. Lewis (1855-1895)
 I. T. Nolen (1856-1945) and his wife Harriett E. (1859-1929)
 Eba G. Ockley (1865-1941) and his wife Nina Z. (1866-1937)
 James A. Nelson (1858-1941) and his wife Mary A. (1861-1949)
 John B. Burdges (1878-1928) and his wife Maggie Grace (1872-1916)

Later comers to the Walnut Grove community whose family names are represented in this historic graveyard are the following: Bayles, Couch, Evins, Garrett, Hammontree, Johnston, Nelson, Sartin, Shore, Shumate, Slaten. The cemetery, which is beautifully kept up, contains some 75 field-stone markers, most of them probably burials of the 40's and 50's, although a small group may be slave burials.

** The account of William Hamblen's death is as follows. He was an old man and sick in bed when the Federals came and forced him to go to Fayetteville and "prove himself." He stopped at Wm. H. Engle's enroute to town and went on his way. He was murdered just east of Tom Holland's and John Holland's farm. The only vehicle in the country was Wilson Shreve's ox cart, as all the horses were in the services of the army. Virginia Shreve and her sister Carmania were at the Wyatt Woodruff home (a log house northeast of present Clyde Holland farm on the north side of Farmington Road) getting some peaches. They unloaded the fruit and Mrs. Woodruff gave them a quilt and they hauled Mr. Hamblen home where he was buried on a knoll near the house.

Carmania Shreve later married Frank Mayes and was the mother of Mrs. Ivan Guisinger, Fred Mayes, John Mayes, Cora Ahrens. Virginia Shreve married John Kinnibrugh, a brother of Isabella Kinnibrugh Engles, wife of Wm. H. Engles and sister of Wm. F. Shreve, father of Henry Benson Shreve and Walter Shreve of near Fayetteville.

Mrs. Foreman Writes About the Bean Family

The Autumn 1954 issue of the Chronicles of Oklahoma (Oklahoma Historical Society) contains an article on "The Bean Family" that should be of special interest to WCHS members. Author of the article is Mrs. Carolyn Thomas Foreman of Muskogee. Much of Mrs. Foreman's information comes from the Cherokee file in the Office of Indian Affairs. For example, the demand of the Cane Hill Regulators (Mark Bean, Captain Commanding) on Chief John Ross for the surrender of John Nicholson as one of the murderers of the Wright family. Also, the petition of the Bean brothers for reimbursement for their salt works which they gave up under the Cherokee Treaty of 1828. Among the witnesses who testified that the Beans' salt works were worth \$15,000 was William McGarrah. He testified that he had been a neighbor of the Beans when they were operating the salt works. This places McGarrah in the Indian country (near present-day Gore, Oklahoma) about 1822.

Some Family Cemeteries in Washington County

Our County has many small family graveyards. Some of these developed into community cemeteries but, with a few exceptions, are no longer being used. Since they contain the names of many pioneer families, they deserve to be remembered. We are publishing in this issue of FLASHBACK the names and dates from 15 of these old family burying grounds. Others will appear in future issues.

Fitzgerald (Springdale)

Just outside the northeast city limits of Springdale is the Fitzgerald family graveyard that dates back to the early 90's. It must have been a beautiful spot 50 years ago, for evidences remain of flower plantings (there are many clumps of yucca) and the Fitzgerald plot itself is surrounded by an ornamental iron fence. Here are buried John Fitzgerald (1833-1891) and his wife (1830-1892) and other members of the family. The graveyard is heavily overgrown with brush, making a careful inspection difficult, but most of the other burials (Bohlen, Graham, Phillips) appear to be more recent.

Dripping Springs

This abandoned graveyard, about 8 miles south of Prairie Grove, is near the site of the old Dripping Springs church and schoolhouse. The church has vanished and the school is a ruin. The cemetery is in the middle of a field, a half mile from the road, but there are traces of an old road that once brought mourners to the site. There are some 50 or 60 graves, most of them with fieldstone markers. Two pioneers who have inscribed marble gravestones are J. J. McDonald (1822-1896) and J. W. Hammontree (1829-1895). There are several Hammontree graves and some children's graves bearing the names of Jennings and McKee.

Boone

The Boone family graveyard is located on Highway 16, 2 miles south of Elkins. This was the site of the early Boone settlement, which had a postoffice called Boone's Grove as early as 1851.

The death of B.F. Boone (1829-1863), Confederate soldier, from wounds received in the battle of Prairie Grove, gave this family burial ground its start. B.F. Boone is buried under a massive coffin-shaped sandstone vault. Beside him is the grave of his wife, Susan A. Boone (1833-1906). Here also sleep several of their children, including L.B. Boone (1855-1875), Mary Inez (1857-1901) and E.G. Boone (1859-1904). There are graves of several infants, including Ula Loys, daughter of D.T. and H.E. Boone (1878).

Burks (Thornsberry)

A small burying ground, on the south side of the road 1 mile east of Thornsberry, seems to have been the family cemetery of the Birk (Burks) family in the 1850's and 1860's. The first burials were evidently those of three Birk children -- M.C. (1857-1858), M.E. (1858-1866), M.C. (1859-1866), and of William Burks (1825-1864).

Other names in this old cemetery are:

N R. Sanderson (1829-1916) and wife Amanda J. (1836-1874)

Robert E. Sanderson (1868-1887)

Marthey Louisa Elizabeth Persell (1853-1866)

Isaac Lowe (1845-1929)

Thomas C. Collins (1850-1878)

Cynthia K. Haney, daughter of W.W. and E.J. Haney

Thomas M. Draper (1857-1931) and Fannie Draper (1865- ?)

and four children of B.F. and F.M. Draper who died between 1887 and 1895.

Lewis

All that remains of this family graveyard, located on Highway 16, just south of Elkins, is the grave of Calvin M. Lewis, 9-year-old son of Hugh and Harriet Lewis. The boy died in 1846. His grave is marked with the attractive carved sandstone head and foot markers of the period.

Carrell

Surrounded by an ornamental iron fence, in the middle of a field some 3 miles east of Sonora, on Highway 68, is the Carrell Family burial ground. Inscribed tombstones mark the graves of J. W. Carrell (1851-1904); his wife, Edna F. Carrell (1856-?); and Ed Carrell (1885-1922).

Towler

A grove of cedars and some 30 or 40 fieldstone markers in regular alignment, on the old Maguire farm north of Elkins, mark the last resting place of some of the early settlers of the Maguire's Store community. Only two inscribed tombstones remain: one, that of Mary E., wife of T. A. Towler (1830-1874), and the other, that of Jno. Alison (1844-1884). The attractive Alison tombstone says: "He was a Confederate soldier". The Alison grave is surrounded by an ornamental fence.

Thomas (Elkins)

At the west edge of Elkins is the Thomas family graveyard, where are buried:

John R. Thomas (1836-1888)

Elizabeth Thomas, wife of A. H. Rutherford (1833-1899)

Benjamin W. Thomas (1858-1900)

William A. Thomas (1866-1911)

Julia Thomas (1869-1932)

W. A. Birdsell (1856-1905)

Roberson

The Roberson family graveyard on a hillside south of Sulphur City is a small walled-in family burial ground that contains about a dozen burials, including four fine vaults of the type that were popular a century ago. Buried in this family graveyard are these pioneers:

John Roberson (1803-1883) and wife Priscilla (1808-1884)

George W. Roberson, son of John and Priscilla (1840-1851)

James L. Roberson, son of T.H. and E. Roberson (died 1854)

Jno. H. Roberson (1852-1888) and wife Sarah A. (1866-1887)

Daniel Howery, died 1863, and wife Susan, died 1857

(See Rev. Daniel Howery in 1852 Marriage Records, this issue.)

Morriss

This cemetery is located on the Washington-Madison county line, about 2 miles northeast of Spring Valley. It is not old, but it does contain the graves of the early members of the Morriss clan. It is a small and well-kept cemetery, with about 50 graves. Here are buried:

R. H. Morriss (1832-1918) and wife E. C. (1845-1927)

Addison M. Vaughan (1853-1937) and wife Susan E. (1857-1935)

M. A. Youngman (1858-1916) and wife Martha J. (1859-1923)

Dr. James R. Potts (1855-1924) and wife Eliza E. (1873-1941)

J. F. Rice (1861-1918)

There is one World War soldier buried here -- Herbert Youngman (1921-1943) of the Medical Department, US Army. Other family names in this graveyard are Combs, Danley, Hinds and Puryear.

Phillips (Hogeye)

John Phillips (1825-1904) and wife Rebecca (1830-1894)
William Berk (1820-1885) and wife Margaret (1827-1892)

Stelle

In the Stelle family graveyard, on a hill and within a stone's throw of the West fork, four miles southeast of Fayetteville, are buried the pioneer miller, John Stelle (1816-1877) and his wife Lucy C. (1835-1898). He came to Washington County in 1836.

Here also are buried other relatives, including Eli James Mullinix (1836-1873) and Jacob Miller Shaffer (1865-1950)

Baker

A little roadside cemetery some 4 miles south of Moffitt, contains the members of the Baker family and a few others. Here are:

Jefferson Baker (1842-1927) and wife Rebecca (1842-1921)
Robert Baker (1857-1933) and wife Rosa M. (1858-1942)
W. N. Baker (1868-1896)
Phebe E., wife of A. W. Baker (1881-1922)
William R. Frederick (1864-1904)
Barbra Ellen McDonald (1869-1940)

Parks (3 miles southwest of Hogeye)

John P. A. Parks (1808-1892) and wife Mary A. (1811-1883)
W. B. Parks (1834-1893) and his wife Permelia C. (1845-1906)
Houston Parks (1850-1882)
A. B. Gregory (1837-1917) and Jane Gregory (1847-1930)
Smith Jones (1815-1887)
Lemuel T. Rieff (1837-1913) and Matilda Rieff (1851-1915)
Mary E., wife of T. K. Kidd (1813-1847)
Atlantic N., wife of J. H. Hannah (1859-1879)
John S. Cress (1844-1924) and wife, S.L. (1839-1915)
Easter, wife of F. Gregory (1801-1882)
I. N. Hulse, Co.D, 1st Arkansas Cavalry

Holcomb (Springdale)

This almost-forgotten hundred-year-old graveyard, 2 blocks south of the Springdale high school, contains some 50 or more graves marked with fieldstones and no identification. Among the inscribed grave stones are the following:

Catharine Holcomb (1801-1855)
Ruben W. Holcomb (1837-1851)
Two Holcomb children, Catharine (died 1852) and Francis (1853)
Infant of William and Rebecca Holcomb (died 1849); another infant (died 1850); Martha (1851-1853); and Jno. Holcomb (1853-1866).

Ten of the above 12 burials occurred in the 1840's and 1850's. It is doubtful if there is another cemetery in Washington County that can show ten inscribed tombstones dated before 1855.

Francis M. Smiley (1825-1861) and Tabitha Smiley (1829-1852)
Infant daughter of F. and T.S.Smiley (1847-1848)
Marilla, daughter of C.A. and E.Atwood (1840-1853)

N.P.Norman (1826-1879)

William Loving (1811-1869) and Sarah A. Loving (1828- ?)
Olley S., daughter of C. and A.C.Petross (died 1869)
John and Minta, son and daughter of C. and A.C. Patross (died 1872)

The last burials in this old cemetery were those of
Cora H. McLothlin (died 1885) and Mabian N. Collins (1881-1889)

The Blackburn Cemetery at War Eagle
by Alvin Seamster

Members of the pioneer Blackburn family are buried in this old graveyard at War Eagle, which was once in Washington County but is now across the line in Benton. They are:

Josiah Blackburn (1778-1841) and Rachel Blackburn (1782-1845)
Sylvanus W. Blackburn (1809-1890) and Catherine Blackburn (1809-1890)
J. H. Blackburn (1829-1895)
Z. J. Blackburn (1846-1888)
J. A. C. Blackburn (1841-1919) and wife Ellen (1849-1884)
P. W. Blackburn (1848-1939) and wife Mary A. (1854-1933)
Mary C. Blackburn (1853-1880)

J.G.S.Blackburn was murdered by bushwhackers Feb.26, 1863. When first shot, he fell behind the door. His wife was screaming but he told her he was not too badly hurt. The bushwhackers heard him and returned, shooting him again.

Noble H. Hamle also was murdered by bushwhackers, Dec.17, 1863.

Other pioneers who sleep in this old cemetery are:

Richard Sharp (1808-1867) and Elizabeth Sharp (1812-1896)
John K. Sharp (1836-1899)
Emeline Sharp (1849-1927)
J. W. Burks (1833-1890)
Cecelia C. Burks (1840-1907)
Louisa K. Burks (1840-1911)
Martha G. Burks (1843-1862)
Wm. J. Burks (1866-1907)
Joshua Frost (1836-1909) and Elizabeth Frost (1843-1936)
Wiley Frost (1870- ?) and Margaret L. Frost (1871-1954)
Melville R. Shepherd (1835-1903)
Nancy E. Shepherd (1853-1929)
H. C. Summers (1846-1923)
Rev. T. J. Davis (1847-1890)
James T. Pittillo (1839?-1886)
Susan Huckaby (1851-1917)
James Townsend (1853-1929) and wife Louisa (1856-1937)
W. N. Martin (1856-1889)
Samuel Cook (1855- ?) and wife Anna Bell (1859-1925)
S. M. Tomgerlin (1856-1928) and wife Nancy M. (1853-1926)
Arthur E. Crossman (1858-1928) and Laura Board Crossman (1862-1941)
H. L. Ledbetter (1867-1928)

An interesting tombstone is on the grave of Lucy Maude, wife of Dr. B.C.Huff and daughter of J.A.C. and Ellen Blackburn. She was born Nov. 30, 1872, and died Aug.19, 1889. The inscription on her stone reads:

We saw not the angels who met her there,
The gates of the City we could not see;
Over the river, Over the river,
My darling stands waiting to welcome me.

Amiable, she won all;
Intelligent, she charmed all;
(S) Fervent, she loved all;
And dead, she saddened all.

Beaty (near Lincoln)

The Beaty cemetery, 4 miles northwest of Lincoln, contains graves of members of such pioneer families as Beaty, Vawter, Holt, Collins, Yeager, Vandever, Writsman, Rich, Lawson, Bunnell, Smyth, Brown and others. There are 150 fieldstone markers without inscription, probably dating back a hundred years. There is also a group of five stone burial vaults, and four graves covered with massive slabs of stone. These nine early burials bear no names or dates, but old-timers at Lincoln say they are the dust of pioneer Holts.

The Beaty clan is headed by the patriarch, Alexander Beaty (1808-1891) who settled on the farm where he now sleeps in the 1830's. Beside him lies his wife Emily (1818-1902). Among the older members of the Beaty family buried here are:

S.O. Beaty, a veteran of the Civil War, who died at age 79
Alvin B. Beaty (1849-1928) and wife Ella F. (1857-1935)
Sarah Jane Beaty, wife of John Elms (1838-1855)
Elizabeth C. Beaty (1859-1873)
F.M. Beaty (1846-1934) and wife Mary J. (1849-1905)

The pioneer Yeager family is represented by
James Yeager (1793-1869) and wife Sarah (1797-1871)
Mary Mitchell, wife of L. N. Yeager (1808-1866)
Miry Yeager (1832-1907)
Benjamin Yeager (1833-1887)
Lenora Yeager (born July 4, 1835)

The Writsman family has
J.W. Writsman (1818-1887) and wife Emily E. (1818-1883) and their children:
Catherine W. Writsman (1842-1893)
Candace M. Writsman (1844-1876)
Nancy J. Writsman (1845-1882)
Arena E. Writsman (1849-1907)
Mary A. Writsman (1852-1880)

Members of the Rich family buried in the Beaty cemetery include:
Rebecca, wife of J. Rich (1805-1892)
W. J. Rich (1829-1921) and wife Milly P. (1827-1910)
Henry A. Rich (1852-1917) and Margaret Rich (1856-1945)
J. A. Rich (1858-1912) and Kate G. Rich (1868-1920)

Among the pioneers buried here are:
Prudy Knight (1797-1879)
Louis Collins (1806-1881)
J. G. Vawter (1817-1881)
W. M. Vandever (1818-1908) and Eady, wife of M. Vandever ("Age unknown")
Robert Swift (1819-1891)
James Smyth (1824-1898) and S. J. Smyth (1829-1914)
Francis M. Collins (1826-1864)
J. S. Bunnell (1828-1892) and wife Phoebe J. (1837-1925)
David Lawson (1828-1911) and wife Francis (1835-1912)
James Harvey Claunts (1831-1911)
D. K. Holt (1833-1909) and Susan Holt (1830-1898)
A. W. Prescott (1839-1895)
Jeff Johnson (1840-1923) and wife Margrett (1847-1923)
Charity I. Cushing (1844-1921)

F. M. Howard (1845-1919) and wife Margaret (1851-1924)
W. L. Beach (1846-1911)
H. A. Nunly (1847-1915) and wife N.J. (1846-1921)
William Henry Jackson (1847-1936) and wife Sarah Isabel (1858-1939)
John Brown (1849-1885)
Columbus Jackson Cox (1849-1926)
W. S. Vawter (1850-1923)
G. W. Collins (1850-1917) and wife Elizabeth (1849-1907)
Shuford H. Beach (1851-1932) and wife Perneta J. (1852-1935)
Mrs. M. J. Carrington (1852-1921)
William Norwood (1852-1930) and wife Elizabeth (1860-1936)
William G. Carter (1853-1930) and wife Rebecca J. (1857-1946)
John W. Smyth (1853-1938) and Mary E. Smyth (1856-1916)
Emley, wife of J.T. Washington (1856-1881) and her twin children (1881)
R. M. Wright (1856-1936)
George Arnold Vandever (1856-1932) and wife Lizzie Dee (1862-1932)
M. J., wife of F. A. Hathaway (1857-1926)
Lieuticia E., wife of Thomas J. Stanley (1857-1938)
Mary J., wife of S. H. Beach (1856-1876)
Samuel V. S. Brown (1858-1875)
Frank R. Roberts (1859-1951)
John L., son of F.M. and M.A. Collins (1856-1897)
E. D. Holt (1856-1934) and M. D. Holt (1856-1935)
Almon Rowley (1859-1945) and wife Laura M. (1876- ?)
Albert F. Coleman (1860-1937) and wife Alice M. (1862-1934)
Miles H. Richardson (1860-1932)
David J. Bunnell (1862-1918) and wife Laura I. Walters (1866-1908)

World War I and II soldiers buried in the Beaty cemetery include:
Ralph B. Davis (1889-1948), Pvt. in 308th Cavalry
Rowland Roy Greene (1893-1947), Sgt. in 31st Infantry
Hagon R. Beatty (1891-1919) of Co. I, 168th Infantry, Rainbow Division.
The Lincoln American Legion Post is named for him.
Louis K. Hightower (1924-1944), 23rd Regt., USMC, 4th Division
Eddie H. McClure (1909-1936), US Navy

There are a number of fine old marble gravestones in this burial ground, among them a beautiful piece of sculpture over the grave of the infant daughter (Delpha -- died 1879) of F.M. and Mary J. Beaty; another over the graves of two children of Scott and Amanda Vawter; and a marble headstone (made by A.H. Morley's Joplin Marble Works) over the grave of Prudy Knight.

Other family names in this old graveyard include:

Cosgrove	Guthery	Murphy	Turner
Courtney	Hembree	Ogden	Tyree
Davis	Hudson	Reagan	Wilson
Goss	Johnson	Stokes	Youngren

VISITING THE BEAN CARNAHAN CEMETERY

BOB KEEN

After about five or six visits to the old Bean Carnahan Cemetery, I thought that maybe I should write a little article about it. It is located on the Vol Blevins farm; they are charming people and have done a lot of work on the cemetery. The first person to be buried here was John Billingsley, who died on the way to Cane Hill. The wagon train was camped overnight near the Bethlehem Church and Cemetery. Mr. Billingsley died during the night, but the Bethlehem Church was a Methodist church and the people, being Presbyterian, didn't want anything to do with Methodists, as religion ran deep in those days. So they loaded Mr. Billingsley in a wagon and hauled him on to Cane Hill for burial. The burial, the first recorded burial of a white man in Washington County, took place November 14th, 1827. It is ironic that John was the first buried in this cemetery while his sister, Jane Carnahan, who died in 1831, was the first recorded to be buried in the Bethlehem Cemetery. The Bethlehem dates back to April 1828 and was a public cemetery.

Jane was the ex-wife of John Carnahan. The Bean Carnahan Cemetery was started as a family plot as it was supposed to be on Carnahan land. But as it turned out it was on the Mark Bean land. This came about because the recent arrivals had no way of surveying the land. John Billingsley was a former brother-in-law to John Carnahan. John Carnahan had divorced Jane Carnahan after she joined the Methodist church. He later married Mary Polly Pyeatte. Mary Polly has only a field stone; she and John are

Bob Keen was born in Lincoln and has lived in Washington County for much of his life. When he was a boy he would slip down to the store in Morrow to listen to the old timers. He had a lot of stories in his head when he met Robert Winn, who encouraged him to write them down. His grandfather homesteaded 160 acres between Antioch and Hale Mountains. Old Timers still call it Sid Keen Hollow.

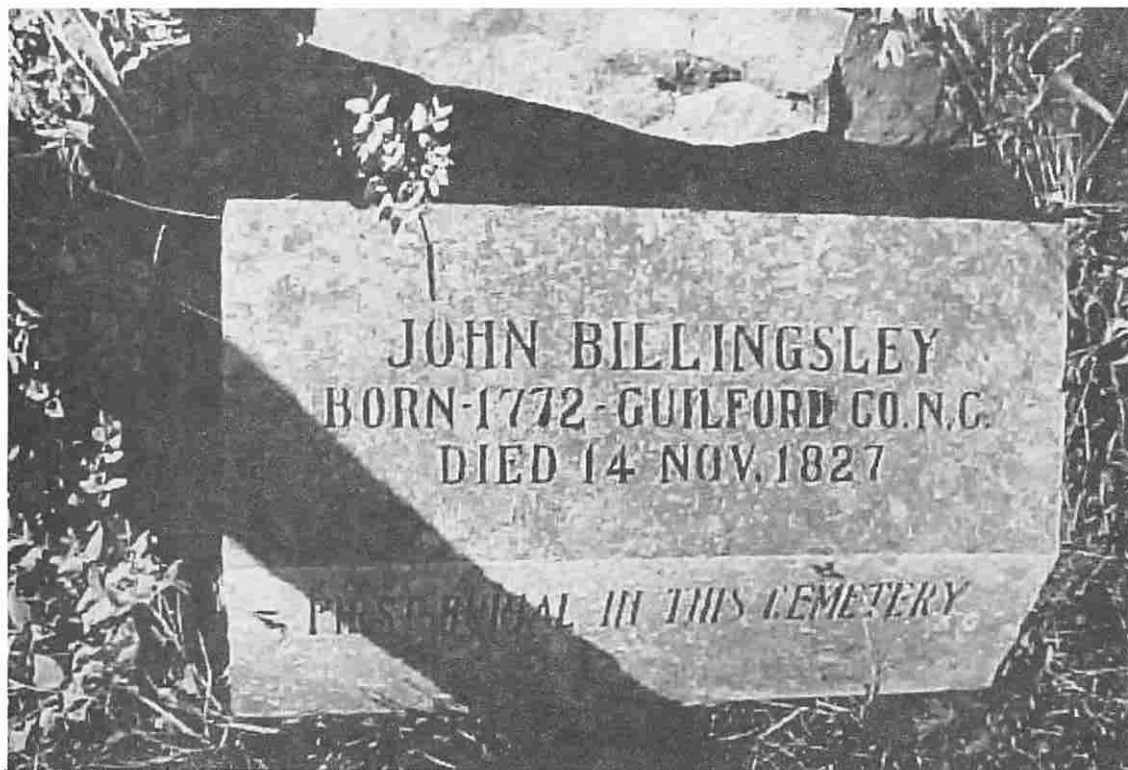
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Topping, was born in Maryland, but her father was from Ireland. In 1884 they came to Fayetteville from Birmingham, Iowa. Willard bought seventy acres just south of Fayetteville and began his brick business. Sometime in the late 1880s, Mr. Algire built a two-story brick store in West Fork (*Flashback* Aug 61, p 26).

10. The children of Erastus Sr. and Emily B. were Rose L. (1850), Alta (1857), Joel M. (1860), Mary (1861), and Maggie (1865). Joel married Lillie Dell (1871–Jul 5, 1938) of Woolsey/Pitkin, where they produced two sons, Lee and Hugh, and two daughters, Mrs. Stella (Charles) Robinson and Hattie Caudle. Their son Lee Pitkin, (b. 1886, d. Apr 30, 1965) married Anna (Annie) Caudle (b. 1886, d. May 7, 1969). Lee worked as a railway agent and died at Centerton. Their three children were Mrs. Joe Swift, Alma Pitkin, and Mrs. Jake Woods. Anna's sister Mildred Caudle remained at West Fork.

Alexander and Mary McCartney had four daughters and two sons: Ruth (Mrs. J. M.) White, d. Mar 28, 1970 (one daughter, Mrs. Frank Proctor of Alexandria, VA, with 3 children); Norman; Jess (Mrs. Paul C.) Williams Sr.; Isabelle (Mrs. Howard "Harry") Shultz d. Jan 23, 1954 (Mr. Shultz was executor of Mary's estate and was on the faculty at the UA Music Department); Stella (Mrs. Ben H.) Stone; and Paul E. McCartney of Ft. Smith.

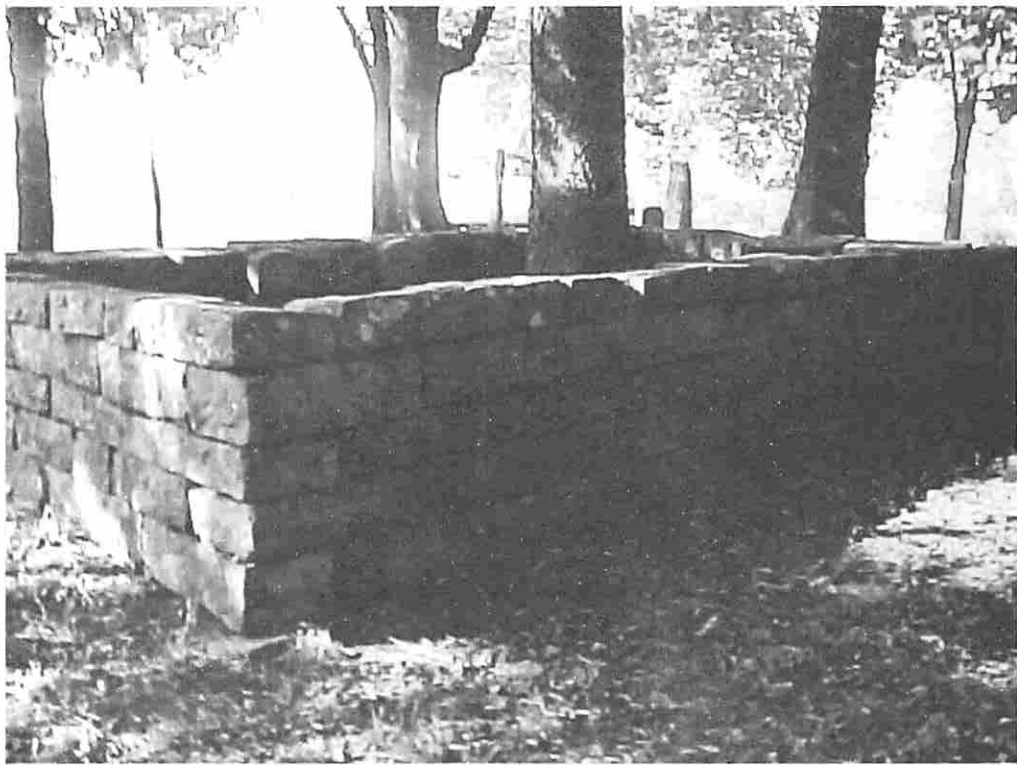
11. Vida Drake continued the business after Bill's death. Frequent winner of awards for best plate lunch, "Ma Drake's" continued her café even after suffering a heart attack in the early 1990s. Her lunches included a meat, mashed potatoes with gravy, three vegetables, salad, and a roll for \$3.75. Homemade pies rounded off the menu, usually available in apple, cherry, lemon, chocolate, coconut, and pecan. The café was first located at the northeast corner of Sixth and S. College but later moved to 504 E. 15th Street. Drake's closed in the late 1990s.



Gravestone for John Billingsley, 1772-1827. His was the first recorded burial of a white man in Washington County (Courtesy Bob Keen).



Graves of William and Anna Billingsley Maxwell (Courtesy Bob Keen).



This wall surrounds the graves of John Carnahan and Jacob Pyeatte, both of whom were officers in the Revolutionary War (Courtesy Bob Keen).



Gravestone for Lt. John Carnahan, 1756-184? (Courtesy Bob Keen).



Gravestone for William Maxwell, who died in 1855 (courtesy Bob Keen).

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both buried in the cemetery. There are two Revolutionary War soldiers buried here: John Carnahan, of whom it was said that he preached the first sermon in Arkansas some twenty years earlier near Little Rock, and Jacob Pyeatte, the father of the Pyeatte family. These two along with their wives have a rock wall around their graves. The cemetery's setting is a beautiful site to behold—you can see Lincoln across the Mark Bean Springs and Bush Valley. There are many graves marked by field stones. Speculation was that these were for slaves, but that is highly unlikely, as slaves were not often buried with their masters. And the closest place you could get a headstone in those days was St. Louis. Though there are some fifty stones here, only the following are readable: William Maxwell and his wife; Anna Billingsley Maxwell, daughter of John Billingsley; Lt. John Carnahan, Revolutionary soldier; Capt. Jacob Pyeatte, Revolutionary soldier; John Billingsley, 1772–1827. It is interesting that Billingsley was the first to be buried here, and his daughter, Anna Maxwell, was the last in 1880. This is truly a pioneer cemetery. The Blevins can be commended for cleaning it up. If any one knows of any one else buried here, please let me know at bpkeen@aol.com.

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Vanishing and Forgotten Family Cemeteries

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Sad, but it is true, family cemeteries fit into this category. As descendants of the old ancestors move away and become more distant in lineage, the old family cemetery becomes neglected and is pushed into the far recesses of memory. In that position, they are rarely thought about and this causes them to slip into the land of the "Vanishing, and Forgotten."

In most cases, new owners of the land where the old cemetery lies will respect the right of family members visiting the gravesites of their departed ancestors. But as time goes by and visitations become less and less, the cemetery will fall into a state of neglect and become grown up with weeds, briars, bushes, and trees.

This seems to be so about the Roberson Cemetery in Washington County, Arkansas. In viewing the list of cemeteries on the Washington County web site, (1) I found no mention of Roberson Cemetery. Although the book *Cemeteries of Washington County, Arkansas, Volume VIII, Fall*, published in 1985 by Northwest Arkansas Genealogical Society does list the name of the cemetery and the names of those buried there on page seventy-six. It also stated:

"Located about 3 ½ miles south of Sulphur City on west side of road to Arnett. On Lewis farm, S3, T14N, R29W. Cemetery is overgrown, enclosed by a stone fence, about 30 yards from road. Read October 9, 1984 by Bitsy and George Crabtree." (2)

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George W. Roberson, the son of John and Priscilla (Howry) (3) Roberson, was the first person buried there. He died January 14, 1851. He was only eleven years old. (2)

The 1850 Federal Census showed that George lived with his parents at residence 58 in the White River Township in the county of Washington in the state of Arkansas. He had seven brothers and sisters living at home, the oldest being twenty-one and the youngest being four. The four-year old was born in Arkansas in 1846. The others were born in Tennessee. (4) This would indicate that George was probably about five years of age when the family left Hawkins County, Tennessee and moved to Washington County, Arkansas. What a marvelous record it would be if we had the stories he told about his journey from Tennessee to Arkansas.

During the next thirty-seven years, several other family members were buried in this family cemetery. (2) They were:

Susannah (Wax) (5) Howry. (2)

There is no date of birth or death given. We do know that she is on the 1850 census of Arkansas so her death would be after 1850.

Daniel Howry. (2)

His date of death was September 6, 1863.

Daniel and Susannah (Wax) Howry were the grandparents of George.

James L. Roberson. (2)

His date of death was August 11, 1864.

James was the son of T. H. and D. Roberson. He was only one year and six months old. This young child would be Georges's cousin.

John Roberson. (2)

His date of birth, July, 1803 and date of death, August 18, 1883. He was eighty years old.

Priscilla (Howry) Roberson. (2)

Her date of birth, January 25, 1806 and date of

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death, March 30, 1884.

She was the wife of John.

John and Priscilla (Howry) Roberson were the parents of George.

Infant daughter of John H. and Sarah A. Roberson.

(2) Her birth and death date was October 7, 1887.

Sarah A. Roberson. (2)

Her date of birth, July 13, 1866 and date of death, November 5, 1887. She was the wife of John H. Roberson.

An article in the November 25, 1887 issue of the *Fayetteville Democrat* stated,

“Sarah Arizona Roberson, wife of John H. Roberson and daughter of the late Dr. John C. and Hala M. Carter, of Carter’s Store, was born in Washington County, Arkansas, on the 13th day of July, 1866, and died on the 5th day of November, 1887 She was buried at the family burying grounds near her home on the 6th of November at 3:00 o’clock.” (6)

John H. Roberson. (2)

His date of birth, April 10, 1852 and date of death, October 9, 1888. According to the record of burials in the Roberson Family Cemetery John H. was the last person buried there. John was George’s brother.

Family surrounded George during his lifetime. A close look at the 1850 Federal Census of the White River Township in the state of Arkansas verifies this. As stated earlier, George lived with his parents at residence 58. Residence 59 was occupied by Robert Roberson and his wife Matilda (Tharp) (7) Roberson and their two children. Residence 60 was occupied by Jesse Tharp and Eliza (Roberson) (8) Tharp and their two children. Residence 117 was occupied by Daniel Howry and his wife Susannah

(Wax) Howry. Residence 116 was occupied by Lewis Tharp and his wife Judy (Vernon) (9) Tharp and their daughter Lucy. (4). All of these folks are intertwined in some way with the Roberson family.

Even after his death, he is surrounded by family members in the Roberson Family Cemetery. It is true, many old family cemeteries fade into the background as descendants of the old ancestors move away and become more distant in lineage. Indeed, these cemeteries do seem to vanish with time. Hopefully, these family cemeteries will be moved from the land of the "Vanishing, and Forgotten" to the land of the "Preserved, and Remembered."

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6. Obituary, *Fayetteville Democrat*, November 25, 1887.

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8. Marriage Record of Jesse Tharp and Eliza Roberson is on file in the Washington County Courthouse, Arkansas.

9. Marriage Record of Lewis Tharp and Judy Vernon is on file in the Hawkins County Courthouse, Tennessee.

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1.12First Probate Records of Washington County

Beginning with this issue, FLASHBACK will publish selected records from the early Will Books and Probate Court Records of Washington County. Our many members who are engaged in genealogical research will find these records of value, since they contain the names of early settlers and miscellaneous bits of family history.

The earliest Washington County probate records are those of October 1837 when Judge John Cureton presided over a five-day session of the Probate Court. The first entry reads as follows:

STATE OF ARKANSAS

AT A court of probate, begun and held at the Court House in the town of Fayetteville in the County of Washington on the 2nd Monday in October, it being the ninth day of said month in the year of our Lord 1837 before John Cureton, Judge of Probate.

On motion it is ordered that Gerral Trammell and Nancy Fort, administrator and administratrix of the estate of Elias Fort deceased, be allowed to hire out the Negro belong to said estate for three months.

And now on this day came Lewis Evans, administrator of the estate of Robert Brady dec'd, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that the said administrator has no settlement to make, it is therefore considered by the court that said Lewis Evans be discharge from making any further settlement.

And now on this day came John B. Smith, administrator of the estate of Patsy Brotherton dec'd, it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that the said administrator has no settlement to make, said Smith be discharged from making his settlement until next annual settlement.

James Reed was appointed administrator of the estate of Benjamin Reed dec'd, who gave bond and security according to law.

And now on this day comes Rebecca Smith, administratrix of the estate of John Smith dec'd, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that there is wild Hogs belonging to said estate, it is therefore considered by the court that said administratrix sell the same.

JOHN CURETON, Judge

Other proceedings of the Probate Court in 1837 were as follows:

Alexander Williams, administrator of the estate of John Williams dec'd, is charged with \$1242.16 from which amount the commissioners (B.H. Smithson and David Walker) deducted credits amounting to \$521.96. It is interesting to note that the assets of this estate included "Hire of Negro boy" for the following years:

1832 -	\$ 30.00
1833 -	47.00
1834 -	60.00
1835 -	60.00
1837 -	120.00

The administrator was discharged from making any further settlement.

In the case of Samuel Smoot vs John Isham and George Morrow, executors of the estate of a jury had already been drawn when the plaintiff took a non-suit. The jury was composed of the following: William McGarrah, M. D. Gay, James Lynch, Robert Burney, G.E. Harrison, John West, Jacob Smith, John Kendrick, John Musgrove, John Isham and William Kiser.

Settlements were made by the following administrators:

L. C. Pleasants, vs. Willis S. Wallace, administrator of the estate of M. H. W. Mahon dec'd.

John R. Pyeatt, administrator of the estate of Andrew Pyeatt dec'd.

Garrard Lane, administrator of the estate of Ransom Lane.

Bolin Smith vs. James C. Bell, administrator of the estate of John Wilson dec'd.

John Miller vs. same as above.

Joseph McMurray, administrator of the estate of James Clark dec'd, reported the amount of the estate \$770.46, widow's share \$234.23, and administrator's fee \$45.

Sarah Nail, administratrix of the estate of Andrew Nail dec'd, faced suit for the following debts owed by the deceased:

Nathan W. Tuttle	\$10.00
Robert Hubbard	11.37
Wm. T. Larrimore	5.00
Oliver Woods	2.79
Joseph M. Gable	2.50
William Skelton	8.75
L. C. Pleasants	5.00
Joseph Dickson	1.68
J. H. and Geo. P. Wallace	7.12
Nathan Caughman	8.00
Samuel Whithead	2.00
Aaron and Joel D. Parks	5.00
Anthony & Brodie	15.56
Anthony & Brodie	8.56

Other actions:

Joseph Stout vs Polly Stout, administratrix of the estate of John B. Stout.

William Embree vs John S. Blair, administrator of the estate of Samuel O. Harris dec'd.

Joseph Stout vs Rebecca Smith, administratrix of the estate of John Smith dec'd.

Moses Stout vs John W. Onstott, administrator of the estate of James M. Sweeney dec'd.

Isaac Price vs James Anderson, administrator of the estate of Thos. J. Anderson dec'd. The plaintiff asked for a jury trial. The jury awarded him \$20.50 on his claim against the estate. The jury was composed of the following: Jacob Smith, William Kizer, Samuel Vaughan, Alonzo Maltby, John Wagnon, James McKinney, Morris Wright, Charles Washington, Dennis Callahan, John West, M.B. Gay, James Dickson.

Other actions in the 1837 session of Probate Court:

Charles McClellan, administrator of the estate of Wm. P. McCorry.

Wm. E. Woodruff vs John C. Moore, administrator of the estate of James Coulter dec'd.

Wm. E. Woodruff vs Polly Stout, administratrix of the estate of John G. Stout dec'd.

Wm. McK. Ball, administrator of estate of John E. Turner dec'd vs Willis S. Wallace, administrator of estate of M.H.W. Mahon dec'd.

B.H. Smithson vs John S. Blair, administrator of estate of S.O. Harris dec'd. Claim for \$116.50.

T. B. Kelly vs same. Dismissed.

James S. Fulton vs same. Allowed \$12.33.

P.H. Trout vs John W. Onstott, administrator of estate of J.M. Sweeney dec'd.

Wm. McGarrah and Mathew Hubbard vs James Cartwright and John Cartwright, administrators of estate of Saml. Cartwright dec'd.

John B. Walker vs John D. Moore, administrator of the estate of James Coulter dec'd.

Bryan H. Smithson and Sebron G. Sneed appointed commissioners to settle account of Thomas W. Norwood, administrator of the estate of William F. Walker, dec'd.

On motion it is ordered by the Court to be certified that Royal T. Wheeler Esquire is a man of honest and good moral character and that he is 21 years of age.

JOHN CURETON, Judge

WILL RECORDS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

(Editor's note: With this issue, FLASHBACK begins publication of the Probate and Will Records of Washington County. The earliest recorded wills are in Record Book A-B (one volume) and were obviously copied from the original Probate Court records. We are listing all wills recorded from 1833 to 1860 and are itemizing those that furnish historical information of value. For example, the Taylor and Wilson wills reproduced below show that some testators freed their slaves - a not uncommon custom in the 1830s. There is also a great deal of family information found in these old wills. -- WJL)

WILL BOOK A and B

1. Robert Hamilton. Recorded Nov. 4, 1833. Witness, James Williams.

2. Thomas Garvin. Recorded Nov. 3, 1834. Signed by mark. Witnesses: Samuel Newton, John McClellan, Mary H. Newton.

3. John L. Taylor. Recorded Nov. 3, 1834. Witnesses: John Latta, Jacob Chandler, James McCormick. By his will John L. Taylor freed all his slaves and bequeathed them each a certain amount of money, as follows:

Thomas	\$400	Amanda	\$300
Augustine.	300	Julyann.	100
Lewis.	300	David.	100
Milton	600	Joseph	100
Henry.	600	William.	100

and the children of Milkey and Julyann whose names are not known, \$300 each.

4. Benjamin Hayles, filed Sept. 23, 1835. Witnesses: Henderson Bates, Thomas Leach, Obadiah Seay. Executors: John Morrow, Geo. Ish
5. Lewis Hammack. (Carroll County, Tenn.)
6. James Lewis, filed May 4, 1836. Signed by mark. Witnesses: M. H. Clark and James Kinnebrugh.
7. Ralph Davis, filed April 11, 1836. Signed by mark. Witnesses: Henry B. Brown and George Gossage.
8. John Wilson, filed April 16, 1836. Witnesses: Stephen Strickland and Bowling Smith. John Wilson's will reads as follows:

In the name of God amen. This my last will and testament. Arkansas Territory, Washington County, Prairie Grove Township. This 12th day of January 1836.

I, John Wilson, first, do bequeath my body to the grave and my soul to God who gave it.

Second, I want all my just debts paid.

Thirdly, I do at my death free my negro man named Simon and my old negro woman named Silvey, also my young negro woman named Matilda. I also do request the Circuit Court of the above named County to grant to my three negroes above named, free papers at their cost. I do bequeath to Simon the above named negro man, the following property: my bob mule, one plow and pair of plowing gears, one axe and iron wedge, one weeding hoe, one sprouting hoe, one drawing knife and one hand saw, one cow and calf, one ewe and lamb, two sows, and pork and corn to do him and family for the present year. Also one yoke of oxen, yoke and log chain, and to continue on to cultivate my farm under the care of John Cohea until the first of January next and to have two-thirds of all the corn that is raised on the place, and one-third of the wheat and the said John Cohea for his services to have one third of the corn. Also, I do bequeath to my old negro woman Silvey the following property: one spinning wheel and cards and all the residue of kitchen furniture that I have not given to Priscilla Cohea.

Fourthly, I do bequeath to my son James Wilson all of my lands in the above named county, it being the NE quarter of Section No. 14 in Township No. 16 of Range No. 32, containing 160 acres, and all of my stock consisting of horses, cattle, sheep, and hogs. Together with all other property of mine not appropriated in this will nor in the deed of gift that I made to Priscilla Cohea.

Fifthly and lastly, I do appoint John Cohea and John T. Edmiston my true and lawful agents to settle all my debts and to collect all my dues, and to take charge of all the perishable property for the term of one year and to hold themselves strictly accountable to James Wilson, my heir.

9. Thomas Wagon, filed Feb. 20, 1838. Witnesses: Brazzil Wagon, Thos. Wagon, John Wagon, Elizabeth Wagon. The will, made orally in the presence of witnesses, was recorded as follows:

The nuncupative will and testament of Thomas Wagnon Sr. who died at his own residence on the 29th day of Jan. 1838, in the County of Washington and State of Arkansas, who made the following will and testament, that is to say:

I, Thomas Wagnon Sr. being sound in mind but weak in body do make this my last will and testament which I expect to be reduced to writing according to law.

First, it is my will that all my just debts be paid, to effect which I wish my executors to collect all the money that is due me and pay off my debts and if there is not sufficiency I wish my executors to sell stock to make up the amount which will satisfy my debts, reserving enough at the same time for the use of my family and if there is not a sufficiency after selling the property on a credit of 12 months and if there should not be enough of money realized, then it is my will that my executors shall prove up two Lovely donation claims and locate or sell them to the best advantage and make use of the money arising therefrom to finish paying my debts.

Second, I will and bequeath to my son Thomas Wagnon Jr. a negro boy named Peter about 9 years of age, one horse to be worth 65 or 70 dollars. I further bequeath to my son Thomas one-half of grist mill and one-half of my distillery also. I give to my said Thomas the one-half of my stable horse Red Rover. I also give him a town lot in the Town of Fayetteville -- all of which I give and bequeath to my said son Thomas Wagnon Jr. and his heirs forever.

Third, I give and bequeath to my son Brazzil Wagnon a negro boy named Henry, about 11 or 12 years of age, the other half of my grist mill and distillery, the other half of my stable horse Red Rover, one town lot in Fayetteville.

Fourth, to my son Marshall P. Wagnon a negro boy going on 2 years of age by the name of George, one mare and colt, the one-half of my stable horse Fine Tail, and one town lot in Fayetteville.

Fifth, to my son John Wagnon 80 acres of land that he resides upon, five head of sheep, two cows and calves which he now has in possession, the other half of my stable horse Fine Tail, one town lot in Fayetteville.

Sixth, to my beloved wife Elizabeth Wagnon during her natural life three negroes - Roda, a negro woman about 40 years of age, Mariah a negro woman about 35 years of age, Charity a negro girl about 5 years of age, which my said wife Elizabeth is to have the use of until either one of my three daughters, Sarah Wagnon, Matilda Wagnon and Polly Wagnon, shall marry. Then my said wife is to give the said negro girl Charity to the first of the girls that shall marry. The other two negroes, Roda and Mariah, with their increase, are to be given to my other daughters. I also give my farm to my beloved wife during her natural life. I give to my said wife all the household and kitchen furniture as it is now situated to dispose of as she may think best. It is my will that after the death of my beloved wife Elizabeth Wagnon, my tract of land where I now reside is to be sold to the best advantage and the money arising therefrom my executors to divide equally between all of my children.

Eighthly I give to my daughter Sarah Wagon one town lot in Fayetteville.

Ninthly I give to my daughter Matilda Wagon one town lot in Fayetteville.

Tenthly, I give to my daughter Polly one town lot in town of Fayetteville.

Eleventh. It is my will that after all my debts are paid if there is any over plus it is to be equally divided among my children.

I hereby and hereupon appoint Elizabeth Wagon my loving wife my Executrix and my son John Wagon my Executor.

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State of Arkansas
County of Washington

On this 23 day of February A.D. 1838 personally appeared before me Ewing Summers and Wm. H. Vaughan and being duly sworn declare that they were present on the 29 day of January 1838 at the dwelling house of Thos. Wagon Sr. in the time of his last illness and did then and there hear the deceased declare the contents of the above instrument of writing to be his last will and that at the time of so doing he was of perfect and sound mind, memory and understanding, to the best of their knowledge, observation and belief.

B. H. Smithson
Clerk

AUGUST MEETING OF THE SOCIETY

The quarterly meeting of the WCHS was held Aug. 23 at Ferguson's Cafeteria, Fayetteville. There was a large attendance, including a number of out-of-town visitors.

President Roy A. Scott conducted a drawing for 3, 2 and 1-year terms on the WCHS board of directors. Chosen for 3-year terms were Dr. Fount Richardson, Roy A. Scott, Tom Feathers and Deane Carter; for 2-year terms, "J. Lemke, Fred McCuiston, Miss Grace Albright, O.E. Williams; for one-year terms, Mrs. Vera Wade, Mrs. Kay Brumfield, Roy Karnes and Clarence V. Davis.

An interesting feature of the program was the presentation to Secretary and Mrs. Carter of "Travel Diaries." They will leave Sept. 1 for service in Turkey under the International Cooperation program. Deane Carter has served as secretary-treasurer of the WCHS during 1960. He put our finances on a sound basis, indexed nine volumes of FLASHBACK, re-finished our office furniture, and rendered other services.

At the Aug. 23 meeting, Fred McCuiston extended an invitation to the Labor Day reunion at Prairie Grove Battlefield Park. Miss Albright was appointed to prepare a tribute to the late Miss Rowena Gallaway. Several members spoke on family history. The editor, W.J. Lemke, announced an all-picture "bonus" edition of FLASHBACK ("The Turn of the Century") for publication December 1.

WICKWIRE CEMETERY

By Burlene Hilton

Recently, while taking a trip along the old Butterfield State Route south of Strickler, we came to the little community of Bugscuffle and cemetery located beside a neat little community building. The cemetery was very well kept and had a new fence around it. I then wondered if this had been recorded for publishing in the booklet series, so checked by FLASH-BACK index and found that it had been visited by the late Dr. Lemke and only six pioneers listed and published in the May 1957 issue, page 28. At this time he also asked for more information about the cemetery and the real name.

That evening I called a resident in the area, Mrs. Loyd Keck, and she agreed to take the census. She informed me the name was "Wickwire" and had been nicknamed "Bugscuffle." Mrs. Keck and her son did take the census and it is as follows:

Adkinson, Almedia 1870-1884
Bullington, Rosa 1886-1910
Cantrell, John 1883-1949
Caswell, P. M. 1859-1931
Coffman, Mary 1864-1932
Cooksey, Mary 1920-1921
Cooksey, Orpha 1906-1962
Cooksey, Willliam 1905-1960
Crawley, Alma 1933
Crawley, Clifford H. b. and d. 1931
Crawley, Trelor b. and d. 1911
Crawley, Velma b. and d. 1914
Crawley, William 1930
Hampton, James 1854-1933
Hampton, Margaret 1854-1939
Hodges, Arless 1914-1920
Hodges, Claud 1925-1927
Hodges, Minnie 1964
Hodges, Poly 1877-1901
Huff, J. H. 1888-1908
Jenkins, I. L. 1860-1937
Keck, Ellen, 1917-1948
Keck, Harrett 1839-1906
Keck, Jacob 1832-1905
Keck, Loyd 1912-1967
Keck, Otto 1908-1913
Keck, W. J. 1877-1958

Macadoo, Minnie 1899-1934
Martin, Charley 1883-1963
Martin, Richard 1886-1965
Means, Wilma 1876-1917
McCamish, Orgal 1907-1909
Neal, Neomi T. 1861-1931
Neal, John F. 1855-1911
Pearson, Mima 1915-1936
Quinton, Eva 1886-1945
Quinton, James Gettie 1893-1920
Quinton, Jesse Carl 1925-1942
Sargent, Lovina 1836-1903
Sargent, Samuel 1834-1915
Spencer, Fred 1926-1913 (?)
Steward, Charles H. 1868-1952
Steward, James E. 1894-1923
Steward, Millessa 1872-1947
Vafakos, Hazel 1897-1950
Vafakos, Philophenos 1921-1921
Vandyke, Elliott Cecil 1907-1919
Vandyke, Marshall 1844-1922
Waterson, Susan 1840-1924
Wilson, Billie 1847-1935
Wilson, Virginia 1866-1957
Wilson, William A. 1900-1916
Woolbright, Emma R. 1879-1953
Woolbright, Perry 1881-1945

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KINGS CEMETERY

- A Trust -

One of the older cemeteries in Washington County is Kings Cemetery on the Middle Fork of White River. The river road from Highway 16 at Lake Sequoyah to Black Oak runs by the ancient burying ground.

George W. King (1815-1867) and his wife Tennessee King (1820-1919) established this cemetery and erected a log cabin near it. Camp meetings were held there in the early days.

The first burial probably was that of Andrew Wood who died in 1832. It was followed by that of Avis Wood in 1840, and John Wood in 1848. Nathan Tharp died in 1849. Jane Wood, the mother of Dr. Harvey D. Wood, longtime Fayetteville physician, is buried here.

So is Andrew S. (Parson Wood) teacher and singing school master. James McCutcheon Campbell and wife Minerva Simpson Campbell, Lewis N. Campbell, B. F. Johnson and Lydia Lewis Johnson are other names on the markers.

Lettie Mayes of Fayetteville, Mrs. Shirley Cox of Tulsa, John and Indiana Fincher (early settlers who came by river boat to the new territory), Joseph and Salina Williams, Joseph and Elizabeth Morgan, John and Malinda Fletcher sleep here.

Others buried here are Joseph N. and Alice M. Liles, John J. and Rachel Mills Van Hoose, George W. and Mrs. Van Hoose, Job and Sarah Fletcher, John V. and Lydia Fletcher Robers, William and Elizabeth Robers.

Many early grave markers were carved out of huge sandstone slabs, coffin shaped, and placed over the graves. Some of these have been lowered to ground level and the walls gave way, or to permit mowers to be used to keep the cemetery neat and clean.

In the past few years a trust has been organized by interested kinfolk of these early people, who have created a fund which now provides that the cemetery will always be kept cleaned, fenced and mowed, and the markers repaired when broken and lying on the ground.

This is a very worthwhile project and could be adopted by many of our people who are interested in other graveyards.

