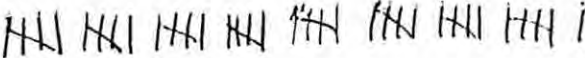
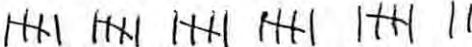


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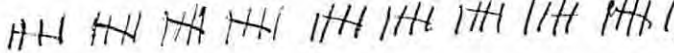
For President of Village Board.


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G. W. BURNS  = 27

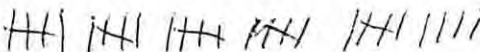
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S. W. DODD  = 40

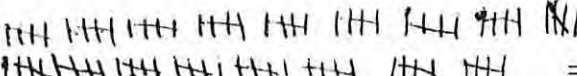
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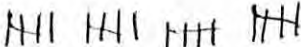
R. M. TACKETT  = 30

J. A. VAUGN  = 29

J. M. DEARING  = 30

For Clerk.

J. R. RATHBONE  = 85

J. W. FLEMING  = 36

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF THOMPSONVILLE

On September 23, 1879, eight dedicated Christians, men and woman met at Thompsonville, Illinois and with the aid of council representing, five Baptist Churches organized themselves into the Thompsonville Baptist Church, agreeing to gather as one. Rev Labon ESTES acted as moderator and W. W. VAUGHN as Clerk, and they agreed to met the third Sunday of each month,

During that 100 year span the church has grown from eight to over 200 and from quarter time preaching to full time and from a small frame wooden church building to a large brick building. The church burned June 27, 1938, but with spirit and a trusting faith, they pulled together and build another building and on April 30, 1939, the church was dedicated with Rev. J. Will HOWELL conducting the service. In less than a year the ashes had turned into a beautiful new brick building.

In 1950 they build on to the church for much needed classroom space and in 1975 a new sanctuary was dedicated.

Former pastors of the church have been, Labon ESTES, Bobby LEE, Jack ELLIOTT, James SMOOT, J. R. MC DUFFY, John A. Mc CLINTOCK, J. Will HOWELL, Frank HOOKER, P.A. HILL, Burl Mc CLEREN, Robert MANN, Harvey KIMMEL, Harry BATTEAU, Gene QUINN, Oearl ORR, James L. PETTIT, Earl FINNEY, Leamon IRBY, Alvie DAILEY, John WEST, Max WOOD, Jerry PYLE, Richard SHAW, John Mc KENZIE, Dee SPEARS, Russell KILGORE, Cecil MARTIN, Lee COWEN, Bert DENBO, Rev. WEIR, David CLARK, Steve FIX, Carroll TOLER and the current pastor David SCHLAG.

MARRIAGES 1901-1902

Researched by Sheldon R. JONES

CRIDER, Evan Lee age 24 and Page, EVA age 20 married July 20, 1901
CURTIS, Matthew age 21 and STEVENS (WELLS), Harriett L. age 31 married July 3, 1902
DARR, William M. age 23 and LOWERY, Ida age 20 were married December 21, 1902
DAVIS, John age 21 and REA, Cora age 20 married December 24, 1902
DAY, Wilson age 20 and THOMASON, Gertrude age 20 were married April 15, 1901
DORRIS, Henry H. age 26 and WITY, Minnie P. age 18 were married May 5, 1901



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William RICHARDSON, Connie Sue ROBEY, Paul ROGERS, Patti ROSS, Jo Ann SANDERS, Norma SANDERS, Jean SCHRAM, Joan SCHRODT, Ralph SCHRAM, Mary Lou SEAGRAVES, Molly SEAGRAVES, Alyce Marie SMITH, Donald SMITH, Everett SMITH, James Gilbert SMITH, Jeanne Marie SMITH, Nona Louise SMITH, Norma Jean SMITH, Donald N. SNEED, Mari Etta SNEED, Betty SOMERS, Maxine SPANI, Jo Ann SPEERS, La Verne SPENCER, Carl STANFIELD, Harry STEWART, Kenneth STEWART, Bill SUMMERS, Lois SUMMERS, George TADLOCK, Clarence TATE, Pearl TATE, Bill TAYLOR, Bob THRASHER, Wayne THREEWITT, Joanna TODOVICH, Julia TOWLE, Wanda UNDERWOOD, Irene WALLS, Raymond C. WALLER, Melvin WEBB, Lola Mae WEST, Mary WEST, Kenneth WHITTINGTON, Ruie WILCOX, Pat WILKERSON, Donald WILLIAMS, Nancy WILSON, Gene WINGO, John WOOLARD, Jim WOOLARD.

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WAR TIME

Those who served their country from the little village of Ewing and Surrounding community.

Aaron ARONOLD, Denzil BATTS, John BOYD, Myron CHOISSER, Bennie COMBS, Alfred SOTY, Vernell CLAYTON, Glen HEDGES, Gene KARRAKER, Jewel KIRK, Howard Lovell, Robert MARSHALL +, Elton McDUFFY, Kenneth MILLER, George W. MOORE, Jack PAYNE, Ernest ROBERSON, Phillip SMITH, Russell STORY, Harry TERRY, Roy WALKER, Leo WEBB, Woodrow WHITTINGTON, Ralph WINGO, Bobbie APGAR, Qunicy E. BEATY, Orville BOY, Duncan CLAYTON, Fred COCHRANE, Jimmie COMBS, Charles WOODROW, Claud WILLIAMS, Maurice WHITAKER, Charles WEBB, Burdett SWIFT, Emory SMOTHERS, Howard ROBERSON, Edward PONDER, Russell PAGE, Ernest MILLS, James McDUFFY, Elmer McCOY, Frank MARSHALL, William KIRK, Clifton KING, Curtis HILL, Harry FOWLER, Eldon BANGS, Arthur BOYD, Paul BURNETTE, Dwight CLAYTON, Gene COCHRANE, Leo CONNER, Dale HEDGES, Chelsey HOLMAN, Edd Hill KING, Howard MARSHALL, Billie McDUFFY, John William LEWIS, James MIDYETT, Max MILLS, Howard Marshall WILLIAMS, Billie PAGE, Lawrence SETTLES, Wayne PONDER, Irene SMOTHERS, Donald TAYLOR, Len WALKER, Eugene WEBB, Wendell WHITAKER, Wesley WILLIAMS.

DOWNS, Leonard age 29 and MOORE, Monell age 21 were married April 3, 1901
 EWING, John age 27 and WHITE, Alice age 25 were married November 27, 1902
 FELKER, George William age 30 and MARSHALL, Rosetta age 33 were married July 14, 1901
 FRY, Clayton age 21 and JOHNSON, Effie age 21 married October 20, 1901
 HOLMAN, Alvin age 26 and THOMASON, Gussie age 16 ? married August 17, 1902
 HOOD, William age 27 and WALL, Dena age 24 were married May 11, 1902
 HOPPER, W. M. age 48 and HURST (BRIDGES), Lucinda E. age 36 married April 10, 1902
 HUTSON Harry age 23 and BROWNING, Mary B. age 17 married June 23, 1901
 ICE, James M. age 52 and May (CAMPBELL), Julia age 47 married June 23, 1901
 JONES, Canada age 22-23 and HILL, Ella age 27 married March 19, 1902
 KERN, Clifford age 23 and SULLIVAN, Savana age 21 married September 10, 1902
 LOFTON, William Marion age 25 and CIPHYER, Matilda age 28 married August 6, 1902
 MADDOX, Robert age 23 and STUBBLEFIELD, Millie age 17 married March 5, 1901
 MALIN< George age 29 and NEWTON, Maggie Emaline age 19 married January 23, 1902
 MABRY, Nealy age 22 and PETTYPOOL, Daisy age 19 married December 4, 1902
 McCASLIND, Edwin D. age 32 and WEBB, Nancy age 21 married April 6, 1901
 McCREERY, Les C. age 20 and SIMMONS, Gracie age 17 married July 6, 1902
 OVERTURFF, Marshall age 20 and DILLON Lida/Lila age 19 married September 11, 1901
 PLASTERS, Wiley age 23 and KNIGHT, Kate age 19 married July 4, 1901
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 THRELKELD, H. E. age 24 and BAIN, Daisey age 23-34 married June 4, 1902
 UNDERWOOD, William T. age 61 and MACKENELLY (LWRENCE), Ellen age 48 married August 15, 1901
 TEFERTILLER, Monroe age 30 and TAYLOR (HUFFINE), Martha Ann age 34 married April 26, 1901

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POOR FARM AND POOR PEOPLE
OF FRANKLIN COUNTY

Office of F. O. Harrison, M.D.,
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON.

Christopher, Ill. June 1-1888

Franklin county
State of Illinois
Lyons Township
debtor to F. O. Harrison, Seven
dollars for attending Malinda
Rogers during her confinement
by order of Allen Jones,
Supervisor of said Township
Obstetrical services rendered
April 29-1888. This account
is just and unpaid.
F. O. Harrison

Subscribed & Sworn to before
me a Notary Public in and for
the County of Franklin & State of Ills
This 2nd day of June AD 1888
M B Hollowell M.P.

Dr. John M. WASHBURN

Dr. John M. WASHBURN , was born on a farm near, Alexandria, Smith County, Tennessee on November 5, 1830, a son of Lewis and Nancy MOORE WASHBURN His ancestors came from Whales and settled in New England and then moved westward in later years.

He worked his way through school and started at Burritt College in Tennessee in 1853 and graduated from there in 1856. Graduating on July 5, 1853 and on July 7th he and Miss Irene S. ELY were married and the same month he began teaching at Gainsboro, Tennessee. He stayed there only about five months when he was called to his Alma Mater. From there he went to Knoxville.

He met the Master and believed in Jesus in 1852 and became a member of Brush Creek Church of Regular Baptist and the following October, he was licensed to preach and in 1858, he was ordained by Brush Creek Baptist Church to the full ministry.

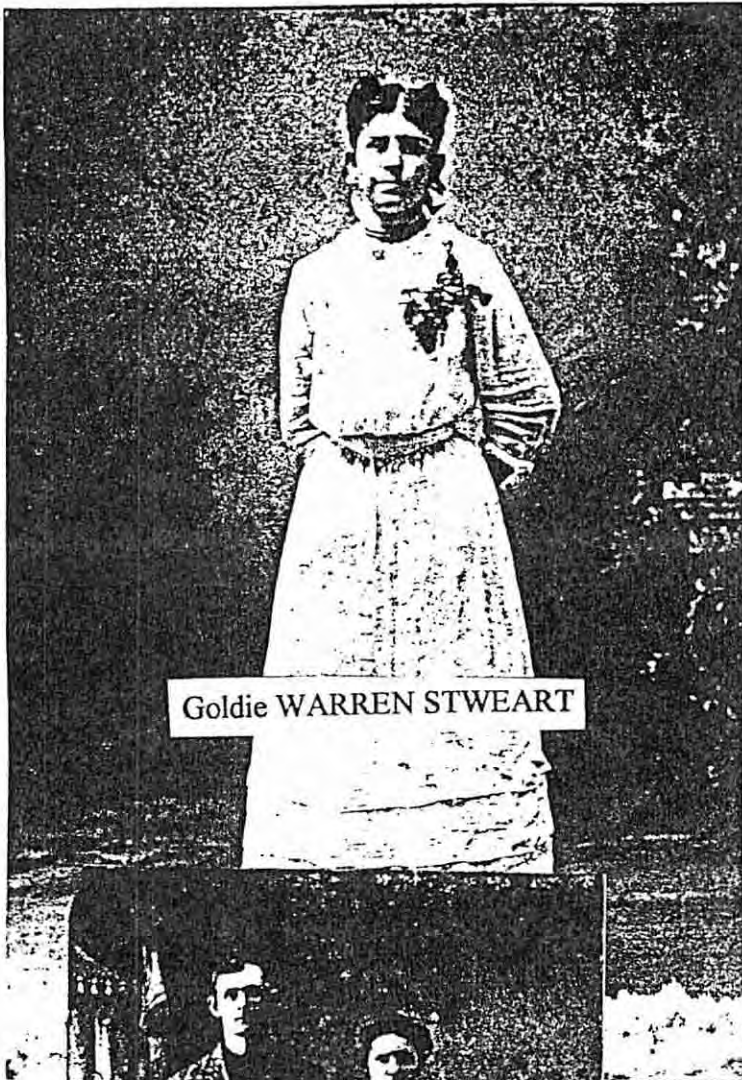
As the war broke out between the states, he decided to go north because of his strong union sentiments, but on his way he was held in custody by the Confederates several days at Gainsboro, but he started for Illinois in November 1862 in a wagon. He came to O'Fallon in St. Clair County, and then on to Marion in Williamson County. He taught school at Crawford's Prairie and a principal in the Benton Schools of Franklin County.

He taught at Ewing College in Franklin County, starting in the Frizzell Prairie Baptist Church and then into the regular college located in the small village of Ewing.

Dr. WASHBURN died on April 6, 1905 in less than an hour after conducting the Sunday morning worship service. The service was held at the Chapel in Willard Hall, as there was not heat in the church building on that day. On Monday , with Deacons and trustees and businessmen serving as pall bearers, the body was taken to the College to lay in state for a few hours. Students and members of the church acted as guards. The service was held in the chapel at Willard Hall at 1 p.m. on Monday April 7, 1905. His remains were taken to the home of his daughter Amelia WRIGHT, in Hamilton County, for another service at 2 p.m. on Wednesday which was held at the McLeansboro Baptist Church, then his body was laid to rest beside his wife who had gone home two years and three months before.

Dr. WASHBURN was survived by two sons, S. E. and Dr. Walter WASHBURN and three daughters, Mr. Lulu G. CAMPBELL, Mrs. Fannie NEAL and Mrs. Amelia WRIGHT. Two daughters, Mary E. and Lillian YOST preceded him in death, as did Mrs. WASHBURN who died in 1903.

ARE THESE YOUR RELATIVES ?



Goldie WARREN STWEART



Mattie Britton KIRK



Sherman and Goldie MOORE



Sarah Phillips DAVIS

COCKRUM FAMILY

Henry Ayers COCKRUM was born January 29, 1832 in Spring Garden Township of Jefferson County, Illinois. He died May 27, 1906 in Franklin County, Illinois. He married Nancy J. GREENWOOD and Nancy died May 14, 1865 and then on September 7, 1865 he married Hester Hill GREENWOOD. Hester's husband GREENWOOD was killed in the Civil War. Within this family were two sets of COCKRUM children and one of GREENWOOD. Children of Henry A. and Nancy were;

Sarah Ann COCKRUM born 11—8-1858 and died in 1933 and is buried in Walnut Hill Illinois. She married Dr. Ben J. Franklin WAYMAN of the Walnut Hill area.

Mary E. COCKRUM born May 14, 1860 and died November 3, 1846 and buried Maple Hill Cemetery, Sesser, Illinois. She married Dr. Harvey L. PATTERSON.

William J. COCKRUM born April 20, 1862 and died August 28, 1863 John Wesley COCKRUM was born Feb. 2, 1864 and died June 27, 1909. He was a Farmer I the Horse Prairie Community near Sesser, Illinois

CHILDREN BY Hester Hill GREENWOOD

Matthew Franklin (Frank) COCKRUM born October 29, 1866 and died October 19, 1932 and he married Carrie ESHELMAN.

Eliza E. COCKRUM born December 18, 1868 and died April 6, 1953 and she married George E. SMITH.

Silvester COCKRUM born December 29, 1869 and died September 22, 1970.

Missouri Elizabeth COCKRUM born February 11, 1871 and died August 10, 1940 She married Hosea PROVART.

Nancy L. COCKRUM born September 4, 1974 and died September 15, 1876.

Charles Elmer COCKRUM born February 26, 1877 and died February 16, 1958 Buried Maple Hill Cemetery at Sesser, Illinois. He married Amanda Ward MAY.

NEW MEMBER

Barbara (Boyd) SEGSELKE
1625 N. Kankakee Street
Lincoln, Illinois 62656

SURNAMES; BOYD, CREEK, MILLER (MUELLER), NEAL, TAYLOR, WEBB, All Franklin lines. Always looking for information John George MILLER Family, John NEAL Family, Lazarus WEBB Family and Killion CREEK Family.

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FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD

BILLS PAID March 1888

PETIT JURORS.....

M. C. TINGLEY, Andy DILLON, Z. HICKMAN, Andrew DILLON, J. C. MANN, H. KIRKPATRICK, Jackson DILLON, N. E. DEES, Wesley WALKER, J. N. WELCH, Joel CLARK, Wm SILKWOOD, John TAYLOR, Moses TAYLOR, B. P. BARNETT, Wm OTTERSON, Wm JOHNSON, Thomas SULLIVAN, James C. FOSTER, J. C. FOSTER, John A. GARDNER, John HILL, Henry FOULK, W. R. SILKWOOD, George WASHINGTON, E. J. SWAFFORD, M. ODUM, G. W. WEAVER, John SHIRLEY, Mancey MALORY, Shade MOONEYHAM, J. W. VINSON, W. W. DORRIS, S. M. SWISHER, F. M. DAWSON, George WOOD, J. H. HILL, Andy CLEVELAND, John COOK, A. T. McADOO, Euel FLANNIGAN, John McCLINTOCK, Jacob SINK, Jesse CLEVELAND, George MOORE, M. ALLMAN, S. M. JONES, George BENNETT, Jacob QUILLMAN, H. C. STRATTON, J. O. WHITTINGTON, Jack WHITTINGTON, Wm FISHER, Wm WHITE, Marion SPENCER, J. A. KOONS, J. F. KIRKPATRICK, Wm McCURLEY, Alvis TAYLOR, Wm WARD, Warren MEANS, Scott MCGLASSON, John BURK, Wm VAUGHN, S. H. TATE, D. H. TURNER, L. A. AUTEN, Harrison MORRIS, John STEPHENS, Matthew KIRK, L. OWINS, David CHAPLIN, James ROUNDTREE, Alison CREMEANS, Wm DEPOISTER, Isaac DENHAM, T. K. RANES, I D. TAYLOR.

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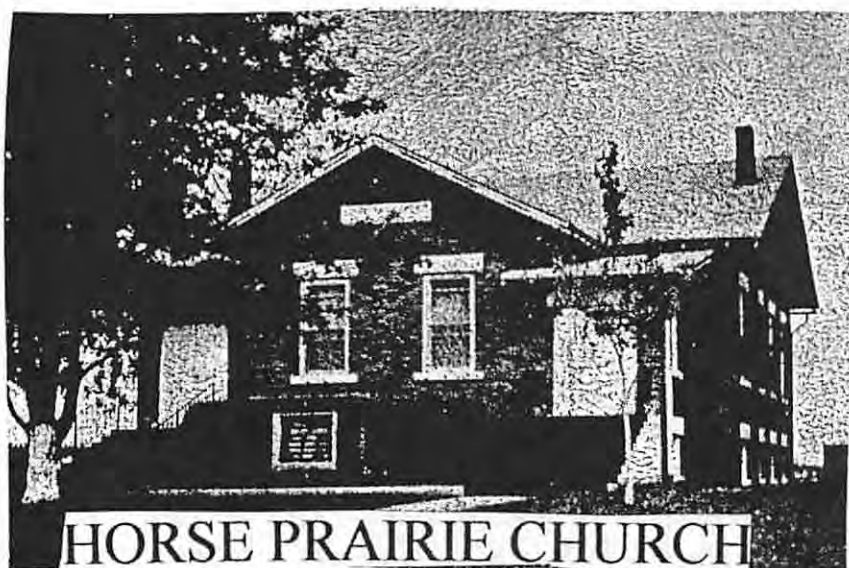
I. J. ESSARY and John BAKER.

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HORSE PRAIRIE CHURCH



Pleasant Shade Post Office

Abraham Lincoln Slept here

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GULLEY

Roy A. GULLEY was born November 19, 1887 at the southern end of where the Rend Lake Dam is located in Franklin County, Illinois a son of Lazurus Right GULLEY and Sarah Catherine (SILKWOOD) GULLEY. There were seven children in the family. Roy had two brothers, Roscoe, married Sadie GILBERT and Robert along with four sisters, Daisy who married Joshua SMITH, Della who married Ben WINN, Alice, who married Monroe McMILLIAN and Golda who was the wife of Charles TIFFERTILLER.

Roy grew up on a farm near Rend City and attended the McGlasson School and when he completed the 8th grade at the age of 15, he had nothing to do and decided to attend the 7th and 8th grades again to try to learn all he could. He became a teacher. His first teaching job was a Browning Hill School and he got an unheard of salary, of \$50.00 a month and he became well know and could get a job anywhere he wanted and for about the price he wanted.

In 1903 he attend a singing at the Bear Point Free Will Baptist Church and there he met a lovely young lady, Mary Alice MARTEL, who was only fourteen years old. She was the daughter of a nearby farmer, Oscar and Mary Elmora (HARGETT) MARTEL. The MARTEL family had come from the Washington County area near Ashley. Mamie, as she was called, had one brother, Elmer MARTEL and five sisters, Elsie (M. A. REVELLE), Edna (Nova PHILLIPS), Bertha (M. J. DeLAPP), Jennie Martell and {Pauline (Ralph OGLESBY).

One cool day, February 17, 1909, Roy, Mamie and her sister Edna and Nova PHILLIPS got on the C. B. & O. train at Sesser and rode it to Virden, Illinois and then by car on into Springfield, Illinois. That day in the State Capitol, under the dome, two weddings were performed. Then the couples returned by train to Sesser and spent their married lives in the area.

Roy and Mamie built a new home not far from Bear Point Church and he taught school in the county. In 1911, they moved to town (Sesser) and spent the rest of their lives there. They were the parents of eight children. They lost their first daughter, who only lived a few hours and was buried at Mitchell Cemetery. Their oldest son, Gerald died at the age of seventeen, following a long illness of rheumatic fever. Three daughters, Kathryn, married Lenard DANIELS and they lived in the Salem, Illinois area; Lida who married Herschel PYLE and spent their life in the East Alton, Illinois area; Maureen, the wife of George YARBRO, who went to Texas. Three other sons, Ronald GULLEY lived in Missouri, Halbert GULLEY lived in northern, Illinois and Roy GULLEY of the Springfield, Illinois area. Roy was a Judge. They were blessed with many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

World War I started and Roy was teaching during the winter months and in the summer ran the Sesser Supply Company, which supplied feed and seeds for the farmers. In the

fall of 1917, he was selling off his cattle and getting things in order and ready to go off to war, but he got typhoid fever and was ill for many months. When he recovered, he became the head of the Sesser School District . Later he served the school as Superintendent and then he ran an Insurance business, then on to the post office.

Roy Gulley, became known far and wide as a public speaker and there was a great demand for his services at church and family gatherings and other things.

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MARTEL FAMILY

The older Martel's came from France to the United States and then on to Illinois. John B and Nancy MARTEL had a large family. . John was a school teacher in Kentucky before his marriage. Following his marriage they came to Illinois. They are buried in the Curlee Cemetery, located southwest of Tamaora, Illinois in Perry County.

Oscar MARTEL married Mary Elnora HARGETT, whose parents were John Simpson WRENCHIE and Mary Elnora Reeves HARGETT. Oscar took his bride on November 13, 1879 and they lived in the Ashley, Illinois area. They were blessed with a family of ten children; Arthur and Elsie were born near Ashley and when Elsie was a few weeks old, they moved to the Horse Prarire Community near Sesser. They loved on the Jack FITZGERRELL's farm (who was the grandfather of the late Wayne Fitzgerald's) Other children were Edna, Frank, Mary "Mamie", Elmer, Bertha, Jennie, Pauline and Nellie.

He joined the Bear Point Church, but she did not as she was a Campbellite, but in later years they both joined the First Christian Church in Sesser and remained their until their deaths.

The family moved to the area know as "Cook Hill" as they had bought a farm there and that made the children attend the school at Bear Point. About 1909 the older MARTELL'S left the farm for the city and ran a grocery store in Sesser. He served as a school director, school treasurer, tax assessor, Highway Commissioner, Police Magistrate and served as Township Supervisor for three terms He is his wife enjoyed some sixty-five years together. She died November 24, 1944 and he died March 20, 1951 and the ripe old age of 94. they are buried at the Maple Hill Cemetery at the north edge of Sesser.

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ROY A. GULLEY

The story of a successful life is always the same. It is a story of every duty well performed, of every obligation, public or private, readily assumed and honorably discharged.

Roy A. Gulley was born in Franklin County, Illinois, on November 10th, 1887. He died on January 18th, 1945. He was the fourth of the twelve children of L. R. and Sarah Silkwood Gulley. Of the family of his parents, his brothers, Roscoe and Robert Gulley, and his sisters, Della, wife of Benjamin Winn, Alice, wife of Monroe McMillan, and Golda, wife of Charles Teffertiller, are living.

He was fortunate to be reared in a father's home, simple in all its appointments, but for those who lived therein the twin stars of love and faith ever shone in the heavens, however dark the night.

On February 17th, 1909, he was married to Mary A., daughter of O. S. and Mary E. Martel. Through sunshine and shadow, bravely and cheerfully, they together trod life's pathway for more than thirty-five years. To them were born eight children. An infant daughter, Marie, and a son, Gerald, a manly lad of seventeen years, preceded their father in death. Mrs. Gulley, their sons, Ronald, Halbert, and Roy O. Gulley, their daughters, Lida, Gulley, Kathryn, wife of Leonard Daniels, Maurine, wife of George Yarbrow, and five grandchildren survive.

Roy Gulley was a dominant figure in the business, social, and religious life of his community. He was a teacher for twelve years in the public schools of Franklin County, Illinois. For two years he was superintendent of schools of the City of Sesser. He served as postmaster of this city. For some years he was actively engaged in the real estate and insurance business.

He was keenly interested in political life. When he was in his twenty-third year, he was elected as a member of the Board of Supervisors of Franklin County. At the time of his death, he was a member of the Illinois Legislature serving his second term from the Fifth District.

His contributions to the religious life of his community were great. He was a member of the Christian Church. He served as Sunday School Superintendent for twenty years, and for more than thirty years he taught the "Men's Bible Class." He lived his religion and fulfilled the requirements of his Lord and Master: "To do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God."

Not long before his death, he talked long and intimately with the writer of this memorial. He told of the happiness he found in his home and church. With paternal pride he spoke of his son, Halbert, a lieutenant with the army of General Hodges, his son, Roy, in the Naval Air Corps, and his son-in-law, George Yarbrow, an army air pilot. As he told of the happiness their letters brought to him and his wife, he quoted that exquisite and matchless passage from the Book of Proverbs: "As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country."

Nature dowered Roy Gulley lavishly with qualities of mind and heart. He rose to distinction and was held in high esteem by all who knew him; but, best of all, he had the great advantage of firm religious convictions. His faith was simple, his belief constant. He believed that personal identity is not lost in death, but we shall know each other in the "Blessed Land of the Hereafter." We share with him that belief, and although our hearts are saddened by his passing, we find consolation in the words of the good poet:

"And, when in life's long afternoon,
Where cool and long the shadows grow

I go to meet the night that soon
Shall shape and substance overflow,
I cannot feel that thou art far

Since near at need the angels are,
And, when the sunset gates unbar
Shall I not see thee waiting stand,
And, white against the evening star

The welcome of thy beckoning hand?"



Roy A. Gulley



Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Martel

COCKRUM FAMILY

Matthew Wesley COCKRUM Jr. was born on January 29, 1838 in Spring Garden Township of Jefferson County, Illinois. His parents Matthew and Sarah (GIBSON) COCKRUM came with other family members to Jefferson County in the early 1800's from Todd County, Kentucky, and settled in Jefferson County, Illinois, for a few years before moving over to the Sesser area of Franklin County. It was told that Matthew and some of his brothers had a disagreement and he decided to move away from the Jefferson county area and the brother that was left in Jefferson County, changed the spelling of the name to COCHRANE and remained there, as Matthew moved on. Matthew died on September 19, 1931. He took as his wife, Ruth GREENWOOD, on December 13, 1860. Ruth was born December 7, 1842 and died July 2, 1909. They were the parents of seven children. After Ruth passed away, Matthew married Matilda Isaac BRAYFIELD in 1910.

Children of Matthew and Ruth were:

1. James Jackson COCKRUM born April 3, 1864 and died November 27, 1893. Said that he went to college, sold religious books. He married Mary BLACK on November 3, 1899.

They had two sons, Ralph COCKRUM and another son that died young.

2. Ella Nora COCKRUM born March 29, 1865 and died February 16, 1897. She married Walter SUSLER.

They had a daughter, Ethel SUSLER who married Claude J. COCKRUM.

3. Martha Jane COCKRUM born April 13, 1866 and death unknown. She married William JONES.

Her children were Pearl JONES (Roy HAMILTON), Matthew Elmer JONES (Audra COOK), Mary JONES (Avery COOK).

4. Artanissie COCKRUM born July 3, 1871 and death unknown. She married Earl JONES.

One son Earl Jones, who never married.

5. Laura L. COCKRUM born November 18, 1872 and died June 6, 1924. She married Robert SHERIFF.

They had one son Evan SHERIFF, who never married.

6...Mary A. COCKRUM born 1876 and death unknown.

7. Francis Marion COCKRUM born December 19, 1878 and died May 2, 1962. He married Myrtle Grace BATTS.

These families married into the ATCHISON, Van Hornbeck, MANN, JONES, HAMILTON, COOK, SPANN, EUBANKS, STEVENSON, BROWN, WOLF, LITTLE, BATTS, BUCHANAN, BOWES, ASHBY, PILLING, ROBINSON, PRICE, MABUS, TITTLE, and CANTRELL, families of the area and most of these families are still there, in the Sesser area, today. Some of them even married into the COCKRUM Families in other generations on down. It seems that families, that live in the same area are always inter-married and it goes on for generations. That is what keeps are researching going in circles, and that is what makes our head spin, and we never know if we have the right person for sure. They keep using the same names over and over and on down through the generations.



Matthew Cockrum and his family at their farm home, early settlers of Sesser. Back row: left to right: Marlon Cockrum, Laura Cockrum (Sheriff), Alva Cockrum, Della Cockrum (Stevison), Charles Jones, Artemisa Cockrum Jones. Front row: Matthew Cockrum (father), Guernsa Cockrum, Ruth Cockrum (wife of Matthew), Matthew Jones, Wm. Jones (husband of Martha Cockrum Jones), Mary Jones (Cook, sitting on lap of Wm. Jones), Martha Jones holding Earl Jones (son of Artemisa), Pearl Jones (Hamilton). All deceased but Mary Cook.

WILLIS FAMILY

William A. WILLIS, known as "Uncle Bill" was an early pioneer of Sesser. He was born February 19, 1854 and died August 29, 1831 and is buried at Horse Prairie Cemetery. He married Rachel HAWKINS (born 5-15-1859—died 1-12-1889 buried Tamaroa, Il.) They had one daughter, Velma WILLIS born 1888 and died January 13, 1959, after she spent years in a mental hospital. She was married to Athanassia BEDROS.

William A. married Mary E. HARTLEY who was born August 20, 1861 and died Novemebr 19, 1937, (She had been married to a KIRKPATRICK). They had the following children; Lillian WILLIS, Russell Vernor WILLIS and Howard WILLIS.

Lillian Willis was born 2-14-1895 and she married Judge Everett M. LEWIS on June 20, 1916. He was born 2-25-1889 and died 6-25-1966. The Judge and Lillian had six children. Willis Franklin LEWIS born 3-13-1917 and he married Jean PRICE. Everett Russell LEWIS born 9-13-1918 and died 4-12-1945 (killed in a plane crash in Texas). Mary Blanche LEWIS born 11-18-1920 and married Ted FISK. Isabelle Ann LEWIS born 9-21-1922 and married Gene Burton HUBBLE, Ralph Edward LEWIS born 11-17-1924 and died 11-18-1944 in Germany, Harry Lee LEWIS born 8-6-1927 and married Dorothy Garner. Two of the sons died during WW2. Harry became a Doctor of Medicine and practiced in Benton for many years until his death.

Russell V. WILLIS was born 7-9-1899 and married Marion Roberta FOWLER. He was in the Banking business. They had the following children, Richard Hartley WILLIS born 9-4-1927 and married Yola Avram from Greece, William Robert WILLIS born 7-12-1930 and married Jean HAMPEL. He was a teacher., Barbara Ann WILLIS born 10-29-1936 and married Daniel G. LAWRENCE.

Howard WILLIS born 5-23-1910 and married Armitta CLINTON of Sesser. They lived in Chicago and then they divorced and he married Betty Stanfield, who was from Kentucky.



The first full term of school in Sesser was held in the First Baptist Church in 1906 or 1907 with Carrie Wyatt Sulcer and C. A. McBride as teachers.

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Mr. and Mrs. Pete MIKULONIS and children spent last week end with Mr. And Mrs. Charles Robinson and family at Flat Rock. Charles and family have recently mover there from Metropolis, where he is principal of the elementary schools.

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Mr. And Mrs. Bert NEWBERRY visited in Mt. Vernon last Sunday with Misses Ruby, Laverne and Bea TITTLE. Other visitors were Mrs. Sora COAD and Mr. And Mrs. Harry WARREN of Centralia.

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Mrs. Dell DOWNEN was called to West Frankfort Tuesday evening due to the illness of her granddaughter, Mrs. Virginia SAMPLES, who was to be an operative patient Wednesday morning.

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Dale BROWN of Centralia was here managing the Bracy Food Store, while Angelo BOLLERO is enjoying a two- week vacation.

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Mr. And Mrs. Leonard SHEWMAKER and son of Oak Lawn were in Sesser Sunday and visited at the home of Mr. And Mrs. Arthur SHOEMAKER.

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Mr. And Mrs. John KIRKPARTICK were weekend visitors to Chicago Heights to visit relatives.

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B. A. MURRY entered the Franklin Hospital for observation and treatment.

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Mr. And Mrs. C. C. ROBINSON and Mrs. Kenneth COCKRUM were visitors to Evansville last Wednesday.





## GOODE TOWNSHIP

Where is Goode Township? It is in the far west and northern part of Franklin County, Illinois. If you go farther north or west, you are in another County. Jefferson County to the north and Perry County to the west. Sesser is the largest town in the township. Before 1904, the town of Sesser was not heard of, the area was all prairie land. Settlers in the area were, Baker KING in 1813 and others were, Benjamin GOODE, Lewis HILLEN, William A. BECKER, Robert M. GALLOWAY and Adkins GREENWOOD. Families of these are still in the area today. In fact the township got its name from Benjamin GOODE. The first land entry filed in Goode Township claiming ownership, was in 1811 by Sarah GALLOWAY.

Sesser came about, when they were going to sink a mine and an extension of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Rail Road line, which began in 1904 as they extended the line from the Centralia area to Franklin County. It was completed in 1906, with spurs off to area mines along its route. The piling for the rail road came from the Little Muddy River area and brought into the area by oxen.

When the coal was discovered. The news went fast and people begin coming to the area to get a job in the coal mines. When Sesser was laid out, it was just farm land, but with settlers arriving every day, it soon became a town.

T. C. KELLER hit town, coming from Indiana, for the purpose of sinking a new mine southeast of Sesser, with the shaft depth of 643 ft. John JORDEN, SR. sank the Keller Mine and the coal company built a large home, just east of the mine, for the Jorden family to live in. Because of the sinking of the mine, this is when Sesser was born. A man named John SESSER was a surveyor for the rail road laid out the town with sixteen blocks square. He was appointed by President Woodrow WILSON as a member of the Railway Labor Board in Washington D. C. in 1920. Mr. SESSER promised a city lot to the family of the first boy born in Sesser, asking that he be named Sesser. It happened on January 20, 1907, when Emaline (Mrs. John Q.) BATES gave birth to a son and named him Sesser BATES.

Homes began to pop up everywhere, being built by Matthew COCKRUM, Sam MOORE, C. B. LEWIS, William KIRKPATRICK and Jim, McCOLLUM. Three of these men were carpenters and they begin building homes and selling them. William Buchanan MURRY family bought their new home for a cow, three chickens and \$100.00 cash. Don't you know that it took a long time to save up that money, back in those days. People began moving into Sesser, such as Richard LEVAULT, who came as the first Rail Road section foreman. The family lived in two tents. He came from the Winfield area, and Bill WILLIS came in from Oakland school district. He had served as Elk Prairie Township Supervisor (Jefferson County).



The mail was brought to Sesser on horseback, from Waltonville, by William H. Ward. In 1906 Mr. WILLIS was appointed the first Postmaster of Sesser. Homes and business began springing up. Most of the business buildings were two story, and they rented out the top floor to people that was flocking into the area, to work in the Mine.

The earlier settlers were strong and could endure anything. Homes made from logs, with wide wooden boards for the floors and with a clap board roof. The heating system, was very modern for the time, a open fire place made from sticks and mud, with a chimney in one end of the room. The furniture was whatever they could make from the trees, using an ax to make the tables and stools. Bedsteads were made in the corner of the room, and only on bedpost had to be made. Guess you would not move that furniture around and rearrange the room every once in a while. Some homes even had an upstairs. The only way to reach the upper rooms was a ladder made of poles and rounds, at the end of the lower room and a cubby hole in the ceiling. They did not have all the new appliances that we have today, but they were very happy. They raised their own flax, and spun wove it and made their own garments, as needed. Six yards of material was considered to be an extravagant amount, of material to put into one dress. The men, well they wore hunting shirts, buckskin leggings and moccasins. Not much tableware. Just a few pewter plates, which were very expensive and an iron skillet, with hunting knives used on the table and other purposed. All the cooking was done in a fire place. They even baked bread in the fire place using the skillet.

Most of the boats coming to the new world had chickens aboard. These chickens shared the homes with some of the settlers. This was the eggs and meat for the family. Still do not know which was first, the chicken or the egg? Geese supplied the feathers for the bedding and pillows. Wild Turkeys were everywhere and used for meat. Large flocks of turkeys and geese use to be driven to Tamaroa and to Webb's Hill. Some drove in front with wagons and with the "shooers" behind. The driver had a long pole with a bright red rag tied on it. They made good time, about one mile and hour. Wouldn't you liked to have been on one of these trips. Probably this is where a lot of young boys got some good training for life, and maybe some young ladies, too.

They used a mortar to grind corn. It was made by burning out a hole in a stump, making a bowl, then the grain was pounded with a maul until fine. Then they went modern, a horse was used in what was called a "sweep" or a spring pole powered by the horse. One of these was located at Buckner Hill. Don't you know that they had to start early, to have cornbread for the noon meal.

They could not run around in fancy cars as we do. Their social life, was just near by, at their home, or one of the neighbor's. They had gatherings to spin and weave material for the families clothing, cornhuskings, quilt bees, log rollings and hog killings, barn raising and house warmings. Sounds like fun, but not anything I would like to do all the time. There were gospel singings and church meetings. These provided an occasion for "sparkin" and "courting" and that was under a watchful eye of the father. Father's are not as strict as they use to be. They married with in the little circle of neighbors and friends and it was nothing for three or four boys, all brothers to marry sisters, next door.

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## IN MEMORY

### Mary Alyce Kern

BENTON — Mary Alyce Kern, 76, went to be with the Lord at 12:04 a.m. Saturday, April 20, 2002, at her home after a lengthy battle with cancer.



Kern

She was born Feb. 19, 1926 in Benton to Albert Lewis and Leota (Britton) Browne. She married Ernest Kern March 1, 1944 in Benton and

he survives.

Other survivors include for children, Albert Dean Kern and wife, Janice, of San Diego, Calif., Jean Stevenson and husband, Roger, of Phoenix, Ariz., Susan Quindry and husband, Charles, of Benton and David Kern and wife, Laura, of West Frankfort; eight grandchildren, Todd Kern and Tara Kuenhert and husband, Matt, of San Diego, Calif., LeAnne Stevenson of Tacoma, Wash., Shawn Stevenson and Tammi Stevenson of Phoenix, Ariz., Erika Hunter and husband, Shawn, of Duluth, Ga., Mindy Williams of Benton and Ashley Kern of West Frankfort; one great-grandchild, Quyn-ton

Stevenson of Phoenix, Ariz.; and a sister, Ruth Ann Carter and husband, Bill, of Nashville.

She was preceded in death by her parents and twin brothers, Johnnie and Jim Browne.

She was a member of the Second Baptist Church of West Frankfort where she served as Sunday School Teacher and Church Treasurer for the past 28 years. She was a member of the Frankfort Area Historical Society where she served as president and librarian. She was also a member of John A. Logan Genealogy Society and a member of Garrett's Prairie Home Extension. She was a former 4-H leader for some 25 years and Associational WMU Director of the Franklin Baptist Association.

Funeral services for Mary Alyce Kern will be at 11 a.m. Monday, April 22, 2002, at the Second Baptist Church in West Frankfort, with the Rev. Brett Beasley officiating. Burial will be in the Masonic and Odd Fellows Cemetery in Benton. Visitation will be after 5 p.m. today at the Parker-Reedy Funeral Home in West Frankfort and after 9 a.m. Monday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Frankfort Historical Museum or to the Second Baptist Church Building Fund and will be accepted at the funeral home.



