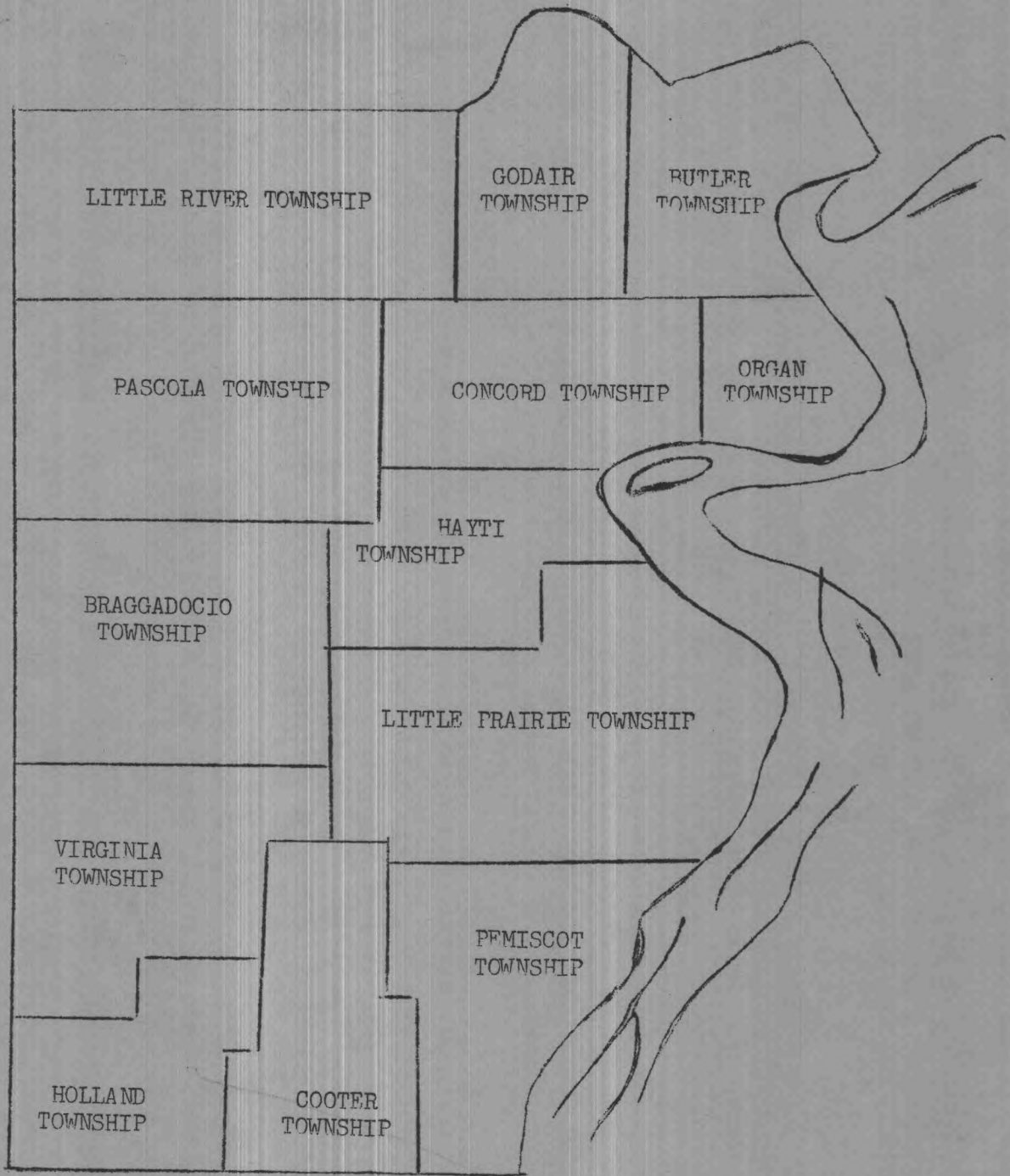


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A free book review will be given anyone who wants a book advertised, they must supply the Society with a free copy of the book to be placed in the Archives Room in the Presbyterian Church Building which the Society maintains.

Historical Societies and Genealogical Societies are invited to swap quarterlies with us. Their publications will also be placed in the Archives Room.

The Quarterly this year will continue with the same format: namely of publishing for preservation the essays submitted to the Society by residents of Pemiscot County. These will be supplemented by official records. Each issue will contain a countywide article of interest, plus

items about places, people and things scattered throughout the entire county. The continuing articles for this year will be marriage records from Book Number Four, excerpts from Pemiscot (County) Pioneers, and Pemiscot County Cemetery Inscriptions, Volume II.

The numbering of pages in Volume V -- continues where Volume IV left off. Be sure to save your copies so you can bind them later on.

The authors of all these essays have described to the fullest their knowledge concerning the subject about which they have written. But from time to time, there are others who can add to the information that has been published. Please feel free to send this to the editor, as the Society wishes to collect and preserve information.

1980-1981 DUES ARE NOW PAYABLE - The Pemiscot County Historical Society is now completing ten years of existence, having been organized in April, 1970. Dues are still \$5.00 per person per year, and you may send your check to Carolyn Newton, 110 East 7th St., Caruthersville, Mo. 63830. As a member of the Society you receive each issue of the Quarterly.

CEMETERY BOOKS FOR SALE - Volumes I, III, IV & V Cemetery Books available send \$5.00 for each book needed to: Carolyn Newton, Treasurer, address above article.

HISTORY OF BRAGG CITY HOMEMAKERS CLUB

Compiled by Members in December, 1970

The Bragg City Homemakers Club was organized in the year of 1949. At first this club was a social group soon became affiliated with the Pemiscot County Extension Service.

Mrs. David Williams was the first president and held this office for six years. Mrs. Sam Duncan followed with two years tenure (1956-57). Mrs. Williams was re-elected for two more years (1958-59). Mrs. Sam Reed was the fourth president for the years 1960-63. Mrs. Sam Wilson served during the years 1964, 1965, 1966 and 1967. Mrs. James Donaldson in 1968 and 1969. At present Mrs. J.T. Martin is presiding, being elected in November 1969.

This organization has sponsored many projects in the community. The 4-H Club in 1950-51 was the most rewarding undertaking. Proceeds from dinners served the Jaycees went into the High School Activities Fund to help finance Junior-Senior High School Trips or wherever needed. Other projects supported are: The Cancer Crusade each year, The March of Dimes, The Child Health Clinic at Pascola, the Pre-school Clinic for Ear and Eye Examination and Registration for kindergarten students.

The following is a list of former members:

Bradley, Mrs. Harry	nee	Bonnie Stobaugh
Buck, Mrs. Tolny	"	Juanita Redmond
Cash, Mrs. Tom	"	Peggy Bass
Crafton, Mrs. Loyd	"	??
Cole, Mrs. Arche	"	Jessie Vied
Cook, Mrs. Donald	"	Patricia McMunn
Crowe, Mrs. E.P.	"	Oliveen Meadows
Davis, Mrs. Louise	"	Louise Privett
Downing, Mrs. J.V.	"	Loy Dell Golden
Duncan, Mrs. Sam	"	Opal Cullen
Dunn, Mrs. Roby	"	??
Farner, Mrs. Glendon	"	Geraldine Holloway
Fakes, Mrs. Claxton	"	Maxine Smith
Guthrie, Mrs. Thomas	"	??

Holloway, Mrs. John	"	Berniece Wolverton
Johns, Mrs. Jesse	"	??
Johnson, Mrs. F.W.	"	Tennie Wright
Jones, Mrs. Chester	"	Robertta Martin
Kimble, Mrs. Lloyd	"	Mozelle Wagers
McDowell, Mrs. Gerald	"	Geraldine Rutledge
Midkiff, Mrs. Clinton	"	Eula Perdue
Nail, Mrs. Roy	"	Elmo Williams
Reed, Mrs. Otis	"	Elizabeth Meacham
Rorex, Mrs. Charles	"	Pat Kegley
Stephens, Mrs. Milton	"	Billie Jones
Teaster, Mrs. L.L.	"	Georgia Curry
Webb, Mrs. Dorothy	"	Dorothy Haynie
Wilson, Mrs. Sammy	"	Evelyn Swink

Current Membership:

Curtis, Mrs. Austin	"	Edith Hatley
Donaldson, Mrs. James	"	Glenna Gurlen
Gooden, Mrs. Boyce	"	Jeanne Townsend
Holcombe, Mrs. Freeman	"	Ruby Parker
Kinder, Mrs. J.W.	"	Cara Mae Williams
Martin, Mrs. J.T.	"	Thelma Minner
Reed, Mrs. Sam	"	Vonita Hailey
Williams, Mrs. David	"	Mavis Capps
Wilson, Mrs. Sam	"	Ruby George

Mrs. James Donaldson, Mrs. J.T. Martin, and Mrs. David Williams are charter members.

PEMISCOT COUNTY, MISSOURI CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS, VOLUME II Compiled and Published by Pemiscot County Historical Historical Society (1972) Cont'd from January 1980.

WARDELL MEMORIAL CEMETERY located east of town, north of blacktop road. (continued)

Clen C. DePriest, Feb. 11, 1889 - Nov. 12, 1961
 Eve DePriest, Feb. 7, 1890 - July 16, 1951

Unshal Dodd, 1918 - 1965
Zonnie Dodd, Sept 8, 1889 - Jan 7, 1970

John T. Donahue, May 12, 1888 - March 12, 1960

Hazel Beatrice Dunlap, June 19, 1909 - Sept 3, 1959

Doyme D. Ellis, Oct. 6, 1942 - Oct 10, 1967

Mary M. Faircloth, w.o. Ted, June 18, 1924 - May 18, 1963

Sheila Ann Farmer, March 25, 1954 - May 9, 1955

W.H. "Buddy" Fields, Jan. 17, 1925 - Sept 23, 1959

Ollie N. Farris, 1884 - 1963
Carrie B. Farris, 1893 - _____

D.M. Fite, Jan. 6, 1896 - Feb. 3, 1962
Bertha Fite, Jan. 15, 1911 - _____

C.A. Flint, Jr. Nov. 14, 1923 - Dec. 15, 1924, s.o. C.A. Flint born in
Bernie, Mo. and Nellie Hale Flint born in Indiana

W.F. Flint, Mar. 8, 1925 - May 31, 1925, s.o. C.A. Flint born in Mo.
and Nellie Hall born in Tenn.

Obie Fulgham, Sept 16, 1907 - Sept. 1, 1963

Winslow Gillian, June 23, 1905 - Aug 16, 1962

Olie Goff, Apr 13, 1877 - Mar 25, 1963
Luda Goff, Aug 4, 1897 - _____

Etta Mae Hill Gray, Apr 5, 1901 - May 28, 1965

John Walter Gray, Aug 22, 1893 - Apr 20, 1968
Missouri PFC CO G 56 INFANTRY, WORLD WAR I

Clarence C. Gurlen, March 29, 1900 - Oct 26, 1966

J. Ben Hartge, Mar 10, 1891 - Mar 5, 1966
Anna L. Hartge, Feb 13, 1882 - Jan 16, 1968

Cordie Mae Head, April 18, 1917 - Aug 26, 1967

Jerry M. Hickey, Oct. 28, 1886 - Aug. 2, 1961

Maggie L. Hickey, Sept 28, 1896 - Jan 28, 1956

Leon Hignit, Sept 4, 1939 - Nov. 13, 1951

John Lee Hill, Nov. 20, 1929 - Dec. 1, 1967
MISSOURI PFC INFANTRY, WORLD WAR II

Lillie Geneva Hill, Oct. 31, 1890 - Jan. 11, 1960
Big Jim Hill, March 22, 1882 -

Mary Little Hill, March 22, 1916 - June 25, 1957

Nettie Mae Hill, April 5, 1901 - Feb. 4, 1964

Robert I. Holmes, July 5, 1930 - Oct. 11, 1955

Luther J. Hopkins, 1941 - 1959

Clarence Hooker, June 10, 1892 - March 30, 1968
MISSOURI PFC U.S. ARMY, WORLD WAR I

Ruth Kick Howell, w.o., Ronnie, March 3, 1948 - Oct. 13, 1970

Clarence E. Huft, 1900 - 1968

Leonda, w.o. Timothy W. Ingran, Dec. 27, 1891 - May 16, 1950

Timothy W. Ingran, Dec. 27, 1887 - Feb. 19, 1962
MISSOURI PVT. 163 DEPOT BRIGADE WORLD WAR I

Debra Kay Jeffers, July 5, 1953 - Aug 27, 1954

William L. Jeffers, Nov 7, 1888 - Nov 15, 1957
MISSOURI WAGONER 342 FIELD ARTILLARY, WORLD WAR I

Lillian Darley Johnson, 1924 - 1970

Nora L. Johnson, June 30, 1900 - Sept 10, 1968

Howard L. Johnson, June 23, 1891 - Nov 21, 1953

Albert Lee Lacey, Apr 30, 1878 - Jan. 31, 1953

Leona Frances Lacy, Nov. 18, 1891 - mother

Will W. Lacey, Dec. 12, 1889 - July 21, 1965
PVT U.S. ARMY, WORLD WAR I

Lee Lamb, Nov. 15, 1880 - Dec. 19, 1952, father

Lorraine J. Lancaster, Feb. 10, 1914 - Oct 23, 1965
Newt Nelson Lancaster, Jan. 15, 1910 - Dec 7, 1962

Frances M. Lathan, 1876 - 1960

Nora E. Lathan, 1879 -

Elmer Lee Lathan, Oct 6, 1909 - Sept 8, 1960, brother

Henry Clay Lathan, Jan 11, 1893 - Nov 2, 1959
MISSOURI PVT. U.S. ARMY, WORLD WAR I

Marcus A. Lathan, 1899 - 1965

Alous G. Lathan, 1918 - _____

A.L. Lee, Jan 5, 1879 - Feb 13, 1960, father
Mary Lee, Dec 20, 1883 - May 9, 1951, mother

Leslie "Slim" Lee, 1912 - 1962

Reuben A. Marler, Aug 22, 1904 - Sept 13, 1967

Bonita M. Marler, Oct 13, 1910 - _____

J. Sherman Marshall, 1888 - 1961

Tannee M. Marshall, 1895 - _____

Alfred L. Martin, Nov 20, 1895 - May 25, 1962
MISSOURI PVT U.S. ARMY, WORLD WAR I

Earl Thomas Mathenia, March 12, 1909 - March 5, 1960

J.W. Mathenia, 1862 - 1956

Nancy B. Mathenia, 1885 - _____

Erven R. Mathis, 1889 - 1953

Sadie D. Mathis, 1891 - 1969

Lillie Mathis, 1883 - 1955, mother

Anos Gerald Mangrum, May 18, 1926 - Apr 7, 1960

Wilford Gordon Mangrum, Aug 1, 1919 - Sept 13, 1968
MISSOURI TEC 4 CO G 306 INF, 77 INF DIV. WORLD WAR II

Buster Maxwell, Apr 6, 1897 - Nov 7, 1952
TENNESSEE, PVT. U.S. ARMY, WORLD WAR I

Batha Mae Miller, 1889 - 1965

Clarence E. Miller, July 13, 1915 - _____

Ethel May Miller, Feb. 13, 1915 - April 20, 1962

George D. Miller, Sept 28, 1905 - Sept 24, 1961

Della M. Miller, Sept 27, 1910 - _____

John H. Miller, Aug 6, 1878 - Dec. 23, 1951

Virgie T. Miller, June 27, 1883 - _____

Manie B. Miller, June 12, 1890

Joseph H. Miller, Dec 20, 1883 - Aug 21, 1966

Rube E. Miller, July 11, 1874 - Jan. 22, 1955
 Stella M. Miller, Sept 27, 1887 - _____

Paul Montgomery, 1919 - 1969
 Cloda Montgomery, 1926 - _____

Floyd W. Morris, Feb 22, 1896 - _____
 Elizabeth Morris, Sept 29, 1891 - May 18, 1965

William Jacob McPherson, Oct 8, 1892 - Sept 1, 1963
 MISSOURI PVT. CO. A 41 INFANTRY, WORLD WAR I

Annie L. Neal, Nov 4, 1901 - Jan 16, 1962, mother

N.W. Pat Neal, June 15, 1878 - May 13, 1958, father

Agatha Patterson, Feb 4, 1891 - Feb 13, 1966
 MISSOURI PVT CO L 41 INFANTRY, WORLD WAR I

Ben Pearson, June 17, 1888 - Oct 28, 1968

Connie Sue Peeks, d.o. Mr. & Mrs. Charles R. Peeks, Aug 14, 1963-Aug 15, 1963

C.G. Peterson, March 10, 1918 - _____
 Margie Weatherly Peterson, Sept 30, 1925 - Sept 13, 1961

Jens P. Peterson, Sept 27, 1872 - Oct 16, 1957

Patricia Ann Pickens, July 10, 1947 - Sept 9, 1956

Terry Ray Pind, Sept 20, 1947 - Aug 14, 1966, son

Cecelia Powell, Jan 27, 1885 - Dec. 23, 1958, mother

Shirley B. Randolph, Oct 24, 1907 - Oct 29, 1953
 MISSOURI M/SGT 1103 BASE UNIT AAF, WORLD WAR II

_____, Randell, 1887 - 1959
 _____, 1893, - _____

Chester C. Randall, Oct. 10, 1916 - June 15, 1969
 PFC III, MED. DEPT. WORLD WAR II

Charley Rayner, Feb 28, 1883 - Sept 10, 1962

T. Woodrow Redman, 1914 - 1964
 Sady A. Redman, 1916 - _____

Naomi Riddick, 1922 - _____
 James Riddick, 1908 - 1965

Potter Ring, 1894 - 1951

Mary Ring, 1898 - 1954

Hallie Lalmus Roberts, 1904 - 1955

Leo Rogers, 1887 - 1969

Flossie Rogers, 1897 - 1954

Sidney Ryans, Jan 20, 1903 - Apr 6, 1962

Henry A. "Cotton" Russell, May 11, 1940 - Apr 12, 1970

Nora Etta Savage, Jan 27, 1901 - Jan 7, 1964

Samuel Savage, June 15, 1889 - Aug 16, 1967

TENNESSEE PVT USA, WORLD WAR I

Hazle Eliouse Shaeffer, 1919 - _____

Bell Wm. Howard Shaeffer, 1913 - 1959

James Bruce Shaeffer, Nov 15, 1918 - Dec 26, 1963

MISSOURI PFC CO. C 141 INFANTRY, WORLD WAR II

Elgin Shaw, May 17, 1896 - June 15, 1965

TENNESSEE PVT MED. DEPT. WORLD WAR I

Bessie B. Shelby, Jan. 28, 1917 - Sept 12, 1963

Dee N. Shelby, Feb. 9, 1906 - _____

Veala Shelby, 1958, Age 2

Larry Dean, s.o. Walter H. & Rita Shepard, Oct. 11, 1939 - May 11, 1957

Eliza E. Shipman, 1866 - 1952

Ida C. Skaggs, June 28, 1901 - Feb 23, 1965

Lawrence Allen Slayton, Sept 21, 1906 - May 10, 1970

MISSOURI P.F.C. U.S.A. WORLD WAR II

George R. Sins, 1899 - 1961

Mary Eva Sins, 1902 - _____

Judy Ann, d.o. James & Reba Sins, Sept 14, 1948 - Aug 20, 1961

William B. Stansell, 1939 - 1963

Rosa Lee Stutz, 1893 - 1955

John Stutz, 1893 - _____

James H. Sutton, 1879 - 1955, father

Susie Sutton, 1895 - 1961

James Chester Swins, Mar 11, 1885 - June 9, 1956, father

Little E. Swins, Feb 14, 1905 - Apr 26, 1955, mother

Edith T. Taylor, 1905 - _____, mother

Joe H. Taylor, 1906 - 1956, father

Belle C. Terrell, 1883 - 1957

Joe E. Terrell, 1878 - 1965

Adolph E. Tearock, 1880 - 1953

Febbee Tearock, 1894 - 1956

Cora Thomas, 1901 - 1968

H.P. "Buster" Till, 1911 - 1963

Hillard Timms, May 30, 1922 - Nov 7, 1964
MISSOURI TEC 4 U.S.A. ARMY, WORLD WAR II

Walter Turner, 1886 - 1945

William A. Turner, 1881 - 1951

Eda M. Turner, 1879 - 1957

Minnie L. Vickery, 1890 - 19____

Enoch H. Vickery, 1885 - 1966

Arthur Lee Waddell, 1930 - 1965

Ina Mae Waddell, wife

Waddell, hsb. of Mozell Waddell, 1923 - 1966

Lonnie Franklin Wade, May 23, 1915 - Aug 12, 1953

TENNESSEE PVT HQ CO 16 ARMD INF BN, WORLD WAR II

Robert Wade, Nov 15, 1882 - _____, Father

Mintie Wade, Feb 4, 1880 - Mar 30, 1964, mother

Willie "Bill" Waggoner, Feb 6, 1907 - Oct 6, 1964

Joseph E. Walker, 1868 - 1952

Mary S. Walker, 1869 - 1948

Leonard A. Walker, Feb 29, 1880 - Sept 7, 1958

Willard B. Walker, Jun 16, 1902 - Oct 17, 1965) parents of Mary Louise

Lula M. Walker, Mar 17, 1905 - _____) Elizabeth Ann

JAMES L. JAMES

(From Republican, Caruthersville, Mo., 1934)

James Lafayette James, well known citizen of Caruthersville and merchant at Cottonwood Point, died Sunday morning about eleven o'clock at the family residence on Beckwith Avenue and West Sixth Street, death was due to a heart ailment.

Mr. James was born at Dyersburg, Tenn., January 7, 1853, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. James, pioneer citizens of Dyersburg. In 1890, he moved to Cottonwood Point where he entered the mercantile business, remaining in that business in the same community until his death. He was united in marriage to Miss Sadie Tipton, January 22, 1904. To this union was born six children, two of whom died in infancy. The four surviving are John L. James, superintendent of schools at Braggadocio, Edward of this city, Charles, a student at the University of Missouri, Columbia, and Mary Sue, a student at Southwest Baptist College, at Bolivar, Mo.

All the children were born at Cottonwood, with the exception of Mary Sue, and when the oldest were ready to enter public schools, Mr. James moved his family to Caruthersville, establishing his residence on Beckwith Avenue in 1914. However, he continued his mercantile business at Cottonwood Point, driving to and from this city and spending the week ends at home.

Mr. James was a member of the Baptist Church, joining at McCallaugh's Chapel, Dyer County, Tenn., about 1887. When he moved to Cottonwood Point he transferred his membership there and in 1909 he was ordained a deacon in the church and was a dependable and faithful worker.

Mr. James was a member of the Masonic Lodge at Cottonwood and retained his membership with the fraternity until the Lodge moved to Steele.

Mr. James was a man of high moral ideals and strong in his convictions of right and wrong, yet tolerant of the opinions of others. His many admirable traits of character and his lovable disposition endeared him to the people of his community where he was affectionately known as "Uncle Jimmie" James.

His passing, removes from the county a man, who has been a useful citizen and while not a power, strictly speaking, he had welded a strong and helpful influence in the life of his community and his presence will be sorely missed by that community.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2:30 at the Baptist Church in this city with the Rev. D.K. Foster, pastor, delivering the funeral oration. R.L. Morris, local band leader and close friend of Mr. James, sang a solo, "The City Four Square".

The Church was crowded with people who wished to pay their last respects to their departed friend. An elaborate display of floral offerings contributed by friends and business people of the county, surrounded the remains. Internement was in Little Prairie Cemetery.

The active pallbearers were: Roscoe Coker, Guy and Iverson Michie, Pink Acuff and J.W. Tipton of this city and Carl Baker, of Cottonwood Point. Honorary pallbearers were B.B. Sanders, C.E. Bragg, H.P. Thweatt and J.D. Huffman of this city, Jobie Thompson and Dud Baker of Cottonwood Point, and P.S. Payne of Steele.

In addition to his widow and the four children, he is survived by one sister, Mrs. Mollie Light of Newbern, Tenn.

COPY OF OLD NEWSPAPER FOUND BY A.L. THURSTON

Issue of Daily Press, published 24 years ago found in garrett of dwelling recently remodeled, contains many items of interest.
(Copied from the Democrat-Argus, May 6, 1924)

During the process of removing and remodeling the house at the corner of Sixth Street and Carleton Avenue some weeks ago A.L. Thurston happened across some old papers and magazines in the garrett of the building, left there years ago, among which was a copy of the old Pemiscot Daily Press of the date of April 20, 1900, yellowed with age but still quite legible and in a fair state of preservation.

The Press was published by W.D. Schult, a brother of Hina C. Schult of this city and so far as we know was the only daily paper ever published in Caruthersville--and it did not survive long as a daily. Also, so far as we know there are no files of this paper in existence, now due to a fire which destroyed a large part of the equipment of the shop. The Press was subsequently purchased by W.R. Lacy and combined with the plant of the Democrat, later the Twice-A-Week Democrat, and now a component part of the Democrat-Argus, and it is interesting to note some of the type appearing in this old copy is yet in this shop, while a portion of it is now in the plant of the Steele Enterprise, which was established when The Argus and the Democrat were consolidated and a portion of the equipment of both plants sent to Steele for use in that office.

In the copy recently found appear advertisements of the Caruthersville Supply Company, located in the present site of the New York Store on Third Street (then known as George Street); The White House, designated as "The Big Department Store"; the City Bakery; the Racket Store; the Pemiscot County Bank; H.C. Garrett & Company, druggists; a page ad from the F.T. Jackson Store Company, with special bargains in Spring millinery, etc.; C.G. Shepard and Company, men's and women's clothing; J.M. Ward, dry goods and groceries, with "George and Bob" as managers. The paper was a five

column quarto, all printed at home and was liberally patronized by advertisers. A bazaar was advertised to be held in the Franklin building, north of the Bank of Caruthersville, by the Presbyterian Church, with an admission fee of ten cents and a number of desirable articles in fancy work, etc., offered also a short program each day during the week.

River traffic was then in its heyday, with such craft as the Steamer Hudson, the Georgia Lee, Peters Lee and Ferd Herold mentioned in news columns as being due to arrive at certain dates. The territory was served by the St. Louis, Kennett & Southern Railroad, with one passenger train each way daily and B.F. Crockett was the local agent. The St. Louis, Caruthersville & Memphis Railroad was announcing the fact that trains on its lines were running into Blytheville leaving at 6 a.m. and returning at 7 p.m.

W.A. Joplin, the county clerk, was advertising for bids on the county printing and Lee W. Rood, George C. Peattie and H.C. Schult were asking for bids on the construction of a new Presbyterian Church, plans for which were to be found at the office of Reynolds and Schult. The Cottage, St. Joe and Caruthersville Hotels were mentioned in the news columns--and Banks' Chill Killer was represented in the advertising columns as a real specific for what was then a common malady. Certain brands of whiskies and beers also had representation among the advertisements.

Following is a news item which may or may not have been representative of the times but which most likely was of considerable interest: "Aaron Dooley, the colored cook at the restaurant in the rear of the Bridgewood Saloon, has invoked the displeasure of a colored damsel called Sadie Winters and night before last she waylaid him with a razor, inflicting a wound several inches long on his back. Last night she ran across him at Pete LaForge's place of business and produced her razor again, cutting him in the arm. This morning she slipped up on him in the rear of the Snowflake Bakery and cut his hand and she is still at large."

CLERA B. TERRY

By: Katherine K. Hill, January 31, 1979

Prepared for Pemiscot County Historical Society's Pioneer Heritage Recognition.

Clara B. Tate Terry, a retired school teacher, lives alone in her own attractive house on Martin Luther King Drive, Hayti Heights. She has worked and lived in Pemiscot County for 50 years.

Born June 17, 1900, in Wabbaseka, Arkansas, 15 miles from Pine Bluff, her parents were Henderson and Lillie Johnson Tate. He farmed his own land. Clara was the fourth of six children; two brothers and a sister older, two brothers younger. She and one brother are the only living members of this family. That brother is Davis Henderson Tate who lives in Little Rock.

Clara Tate completed the 8th grade in Wabbaseka. She wanted to go to high school; crediting much of her ambition to her father. He had attended Arkansas A and M in Pine Bluff. The nearest high school for black youth was in Little Rock, about 50 miles from Wabbaseka. Going there meant paying tuition, room and board as well as incidental school expenses. Her parents managed to send her one year. Then they both died within two months of each other in 1918. The following crop year, Clara and her sister, Cora Lee sharecropped with their mother's brother and his wife. Earnings from the harvest were divided equally. Cora Lee took her share and got married. Clara returned to high school. She worked where she lived in a dormitory. An uncle (one of her father's brothers) helped her some.

Even now Mrs. Terry regrets that she didn't have enough money to pay the extra fee for secretarial training. She wanted to be a typist. After graduation she went to live with her sister in Wabbaseka; feeling at a loss, needing to earn but never wanting to teach school! A local teacher was sick and Clara found herself being a "substitute teacher". Tilly Benson, the teacher she filled-in for became a firm friend, encouraging her to go to Normal School for six weeks to get a certificate. She did. Mrs. Benson continued to encourage her. When she applied for a job in her hometown school, she was hired. Dr. Shelton, a white man, and a member of the school board had known and liked Clara's father when they were boys. So, even though he didn't know her he looked on her employment with favor as the daughter of Henderson Tate.

After teaching three years, she married George Tucker July 4, 1924 and moved to Keo, Arkansas. Later she taught there one year. Clara and George had two sons: Raymond Dell and George, Jr.

In the meantime, her sister had moved to Wardell, Mo. When Clara's marriage ended she went to visit with no intention of staying. Noah Spencer, her brother-in-law, wanted her to stay with them. He got her a teaching job in Wardell that lasted 4 years. Then she taught adult classes for three years. Monies for these were available from the Jeanes Fund that existed during the late 20's and early 30's to bolster Negro education. During that time, Clara married Thomas Terry, a farmer who came to the adult classes but quit because he didn't want a woman telling him what to do.

Clara Terry moved to Hayti in 1941, continuing adult teaching at Loving Baptist Church near Caruthersville. Then she returned to public school teaching in Bragg City, remaining there for 8 years. Education requirements for teachers in the Bragg City system were raised, she didn't qualify. After teaching 1 year at Pascola and going to summer school at Lincoln University, Clara returned to Bragg City and remained there for 10 more years. Later she taught at Cooter for 4 years and retired in 1965.

This independent woman continues to be self-sufficient. Her sons live in Detroit and Santa Monica, California. There are seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Neither of her sons nor any of their children have yet gone beyond high school. Mrs. Terry is proved to have

had five students who went to college and became teachers. She treasures the visits of former students and their expressions of affection.

She is a member of the Cedar Street Baptist Church in Hayti; enjoys volunteer work with RSVP and formerly served as a community solicitor for the Heart and Cancer fund drives. Crocheting is her needlework speciality, and she makes "quite a bit" of money from it.

Memories of community work in past years include being president of an Extension Homemakers Club in Bragg City when Louise Morrissy was the Negro home demonstration agent. She recalls when Ella Stockhouse, another University of Mo. employee, organized a 4-H Club in her schoolroom. Mrs. Terry is a former member of the Hayti Willing Workers Extension Homemakers Club and in 1973 and 1974 was Health Chairman for the Peniscot County Extension Homemakers' Association.

MARRIAGE BOOK NO. FOUR - cont'd

Page 181, Charles Spencer, ov 21, Hayti, Mo. to Berdie Engle, ov 18, Hayti, Mo. perf. by Lee B. Hawkins, Judge Probate Court, Caruthersville, Mo., 18 Nov 1903.

Page 181, J.W. Jimmerson, ov 21, Braggadocio, Mo. to Lilly McBride, ov 18, Braggadocio, Mo. perf. by Lee B. Hawkins, Judge Probate Court, Caruthersville, Mo. 3 Dec 1903.

Page Page 182, Leburn Lesuer, ov 21, Portageville, Mo. to Mealy Meatt, ov 18, Portageville, Mo. perf. by M.B. Thompson, Minister of the Gospel, my residence, 6 Dec 1903.

Page 182, Arthur Brignon, ov 21, Caruthersville, Mo. to Atlee Davis, Caruthersville, Mo. perf. by J.F. Scott, J.P., Caruthersville, Mo., 7 Dec 1903.

Page 183, Horace Jennings, ov 21, Cottonwood Point, to May Bell Duncan, ov 18, Cottonwood Point perf. by F.J. DeWall, Minister of the Gospel, 9 Dec 1903.

Page 183, D.G. Hendricks, ov 21, Peniscot Co., Mo. to Clara Bandy, un 18, Peniscot Co., Mo. J.W. Bandy, father of the said Clara Bandy, present and verbally assenting to the issuance of the license, perf by J.F. Scott, J.P., Caruthersville, Mo. 7 Dec 1903.

Page 184, Harold Ledbetter, ov 21, Stanley, Mo. to Annie Jackson, un 18, Stanley, Mo. W.A. Jackson, father of said minor having consented in writing to said marriage, perf. by F. Klingensmith, J.P., near Stanley, 6 Dec 1903.

Page 184, Sylvester, T. Ash, ov 21, Holland, Mo. to Stella A. Hayes, un 18, Caruthersville, Mo. verbal assent of G.R. Hayes, father of Stella Hayes, perf. by William Schulte, priest of Catholic Church, Caruthersville, Mo., 20 Sept 1903.

Page 185, E.L. Hardesty, ov 21, Cooter, Mo. to Mary E. Crest, ov 18, Cooter, Mo. perf. by William Schulte, Priest of the Catholic Church, Caruthersville, Mo., 20 Oct 1903.

Page 185, Chas. C. Muller, ov 21, Hayward, Mo. to Laurena Covender, un 18, Hayward, Mo. J.H. Covender, father of said Laurena Covender present and assenting hereto, perf. by Eld. C. Downing, Hayward, Mo., 13 Dec 1903.

Page 186, J.L. Swinea, ov 21 Stanley, Mo. to Rosa Sims, un 18, Stanley, Mo. verbal assent of Mrs. Lydia Merrett, mother of Rosa Sims, perf. by J.R. Kuykendall, a regular ordained minister, Godair, Mo., 12 Sept 1903.

Page 186, Charlie Brigance, ov 18, Tyler, Mo. to May Pullen, Tyler, Mo., ov 21, perf. by H.R. Little, J.P., Tyler, Mo., 20 Dec 1903.

Page 187, James Robertson, ov 21, Braggadocio, Mo. to Ella M. Cole, ov 18, Braggadocio, Mo. perf. by F.J. Duvall, minister, Secoy House, 24 Dec 1903.

Page 187, Claud Wood, ov 21, Hayward, Mo. to Mattie E. Hayden, ov 18, Hayward, Mo. perf. by A.F. Parks, J.P. at Godair Township, 11 Nov 1903.

Page 188, Jesse Bond, un 21, Steele, Mo. to Sallie Horton, un 18, Steele, Mo., written assent by father of both parties, perf. by L.P. Thomason, J.P. at Covington, Mo. 24 Dec 1903.

Page 188, A.R. West, ov 21, Caruthersville, Mo. to Annie Covey, ov 18, Sikeston, Mo. perf. by J.F. Scott, J.P., at Caruthersville, Mo., 27 Dec 1903.

Page 189, C. J. Murray, ov 21, East St. Louis, Ill., to Mary E. Dowd, ov 18, Caruthersville, Mo. perf. by J.F. Scott, J.P., at Caruthersville, Mo., 24 Dec 1903.

Page 189, Chas. E. Allen, ov 21, Caruthersville, Mo. to Lallie B. Criss, ov 18, Caruthersville, Mo. perf. by J.F. Scott, J.P., at Caruthersville, Mo., 23 Dec 1903.

Page 190, J.F. Crenshaw, ov 21, Caruthersville, Mo. to Rosa Wallace, un 18, Caruthersville, Mo.-written assent of father of said Rosa Wallace, perf. by J.F. Scott, J.P., Caruthersville, Mo. 22 Dec 1903.

Page 190, Joseph Coye, ov 21, New Madrid, Mo. to Letitia Hale, ov 18, Caruthersville, Mo. perf. by Rev. G.W. Wright, at Caruthersville, Mo. 29 Dec 1903.

Page 191, John Abernathy, ov 21, Caruthersville, Mo. to Susie Johnson, ov 18, Caruthersville, Mo. perf. by G.W. Wright, Caruthersville, Mo. 24 Dec 1903.

Page 191, Joe Hughey, ov 21, Game, Mo. to Edith Gordon, ov 18, Game, Mo. perf. by CMH Rogers, Minister of the Gospel, 4 1/2 P.M., 4 Nov 1903.

Page 192, James A. Wortman, un 21, Portageville, Mo. to Katie Missenger, ov 18, Portageville, Mo. J.A. Wortman, Sr., father of said J.A. Wortman giving written assent, perf. by A.F. Parker, J.P., at Godair, 29 Dec 1903.

Page 192, George Welch, Col, ov 21, Caruthersville, Mo. to Lucy Smith, Col ov 18, Caruthersville, Mo. perf. by E.A. McKinney, Caruthersville, Mo., 20 July 1903.

Page 193, Carl Harris, Ov 21, Caruthersville, Mo. to Mary Johnson, ov 18, Caruthersville, Mo. perf. by Rev. E.A. McKinney, Caruthersville, Mo. 13 Sept 1903.

Page 194, Albert Harris, ov 21, Pemiscot Co., Mo. to Rosa Baird, ov 18, Pemiscot Co., Mo. perf. by Rev. E.A. McKinney, Cunningham Farm 28 May 1903.

Page 194, Wm Fizer, ov 21, Caruthersville, Mo. to Margaret Stokes, ov 18, Caruthersville, Mo. perf. by G.W. Wright, Minister of the Gospel, Caruthersville, Mo. 25 Nov 1903.

Page 195, Monroe McBride, ov 21, Tyler, Mo. to Nora Rushing, un 18, Tyler Mo. Written assent of Laura, Grandmother of Nora Rushing, perf. by H.P. Little, J.P., Tyler, Mo. 1 Jan 1904.

Page 195, J.A. Burress, ov 21, Steele, Mo. to L.E. Turner, ov 18, Steele, Mo. perf. by Geo. W. Treece, J.P., Steele, Mo. 3 Jan 1904.

Page 196, Zack W. Okley, ov 21, Kennedy, Mo. to Myrtle Nix, Kov 18, Kennedy, Mo perf. by S.B. Hunt, Justice of the Peace, at W.R. Craftons, 25 Nov. 10 1903.

Page 196, R.E. Watson, ov 21, Cooter, Mo. to A.M. Jordon un 18, Cooter, Mo. M.V. Jordon, father of said A.M. Jordon giving written assent, perf. by James A. Jones, J.P., Cooter, Mo. 24 Dec. 1903.

Page 197, J.N. Ursery, ov 21, Pemiscot Co., Mo. to Martha Brantley, Pemiscot, Mo. perf. by H.P. Little, J.P., Cootonwood Point, 27 Dec 1903.

Page 197, Uriah Nearley, ov 21, Kennedy, Mo. to Fannie Garner, ov 18, Kennedy, Mo. perf. by J.B. Hunt, J.P. at Charlie Morley's 24 Dec 1903.

Page 198, R.C. Sanders, ov 21, Pemiscot Co. Mo. to Lula Reede, ov 18, Pemiscot Co., Mo. perf. by W.T. Armer, Ordained Minister of the Gospel, 12 Dec 1903.

Page 198, Frank Scott, ov 21, Pemiscot Co. Mo. to Nellie Friend, ov 18, Pemiscot Co., Mo. perf. by T.J. Duvall, near Caruthersville, Mo. 24 Dec 1903.

Page 199, George Lane, ov 21, Pemiscot Co. Mo. to Martha Bennett, ov 18, Pemiscot Co. Mo. perf. by Lee B. Hawkins, Judge Probate Court, Caruthersville, 8 Jan 1904.

Page 199, W.H. Burgess, ov 21, Portageville, Mo. to Jessie Boon, ov 18, Portageville, Mo. perf. by Joel Adams, Minister of the Gospel, At W.A. Boon, 3 Jan 1904.

Page 200, George Lott, ov 21, Steele, Mo to Nellie McCorneut, ov 18, Micola, Mo. perf. by J.F. Scott, J.P., Caruthersville, Mo. 8 Jan 1904.

Page 200, J.W. Bailey, ov 21, Stancil, Mo. to Stella Wheeler, un 18, Stancil, Mo. verbal assent by A.J. Wheeler, father of the said Stella Wheeler, perf. by J.F. Scott, J.P., Caruthersville, Mo. 31 Dec 1903.

Page 201, Henry Bryon, ov 21, Cooter, Mo. to Ida Ellison, ov 18, Cooter, Mo. perf. by James A. Jones, J.P., Cooter, Mo. 9 Jan 1903.

Page 202, Charles Harris, ov 21, Holland, Mo. to Emma Ash, ov 18, Holland Mo., perf. by James A. Jones, J.P., Cooter, Mo. 10 Jan 1904.

Page 202, J.W. Martin, Col, ov 21, Pemiscot Co., Mo. to Gora Bright, un 18, Pemiscot Co., Mo. written assent of parents, perf. by Rev. McClaran, Carutherwille, Mo. 25 Dec 1903.

Page 203, Chas. M. Lefe, ov 21, St. Louis, Mo. to Laurel Laughlin, un 18, Gayoso, Mo verbal assent of John Laughlin, father of Laurel Laughlin, perf. by F. Klingensmith, at Gayoso, 10 Jan 1904.

Page 203, Shelby Gray, ov 21, Wardell, Mo. to Susan Cheek, ov 18, Wardell, Mo. perf. by P.C. Hill, J.P., at L.C. Hickerson 27 Dec 1903.

Page 204, Ben Harget, ov 21, New Madrid Co. Mo., to Dollie Fisher, ov 18, New Madrid, Co. Mo., perf. by R.C. Hill, J.P., Caruthersville, Mo. 15 Jan 1903.

Page 204, Charles Nimmo, un 21, Covington, Mo. to Katie Zohner, un 18, Covington, Mo. written assent of Peter Zohner, father of Katie, written assent of A.D. Nimmo, father of Chas. Nimmo, perf. by L.P. Thomason, J.P. at Covington, Mo. 13 Jan 1904.

Page 205, James Aken, ov 21, Game, Mo. to Mary Kilvey, ov 18, Holland, Mo. perf. by L.P. Thomasson, J.P., Holland Mo. 12 Jan 1904.

Page 205, Lee Washington, ov 21, Pemiscot Co. Mo. to Malinda Williams ov 18, Pemiscot Co. Mo., perf. by E.A. McKinney, Minister, at Caruthersville, Mo. 10 Dec 1903.

Page 206, J.M. Thomason, ov 21, Covington, Mo. to Mary J. Prin, ov 18, Covington, Mo. perf. by Wyley L. Davis, J.P., Covington, Mo. 7 Jan 1904.

Page 206, R.W. Atkinson, ov 21, Deering, Mo. to Maude Terrell, un 21, Deering, Mo. written assent of W. M. Terrell, father of Maude Terrell, perf. by A. Russel, J.P., Deering, Mo. 17 Jan 1904.

THE REUNITED FAMILY

(A true story written by Erma Brantley)

I am going to write an incident that I had in the spring of 1979. I was reading my town paper The Democrat Argus and I saw an ad in the paper from a lady from East Prairie, Mo. named Sharon Branlett who wanted to know if anyone in Caruthersville knew of a Erma Allen who lived here about 1924. Who had a set of twins who were sent to an orphan home, and she also had some older children. I knew that I was the only one in Caruthersville who would know the woman. She had lived in one of my mothers little rent houses on E. 7th St. Her husband was dead and at that time there was no help for poor people. She had to work for people and pick and chop cotton so she decided to put the babies in the home.

My daughter who was about 10 at the time remembered the girls name were Genevie, Lois and Lillian. I wrote the lady what we could remember about Erma. She married a Rube Morgan and went to get the children and was told that they had an epidemic of bowel trouble and both babies died.

They moved to Tennessee and after my daughter married she was at her husbands store east of Ridgely, Tenn. and Erma came in.. She had two more children by Rube. The lady kept writing me and sending an addressed envelope. I kept telling her all I know we could find out.

She went over there to Tenn, and found one of the daughters who told her where the other girls were, one lived in New Madric, one lived in Michigan. They did not know that the twins were alive. One of the twins a girl lived in California and had written Mrs. Branlett to try to find any of her relatives. The twins had been adopted out, they found the other twin who was a boy in St. Louis. After 45 years they were all going to get together in August or September. The twins are now 55 years old. The mother is dead. The girls name is Lucille and the boy, Roy.

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RECEIVER'S BOOK, PEMISCOT COUNTY, MISSOURI

THOMAS GLASS - Weakley Co., Tenn. 1858 T17 160a.; T17 160a; T17 320a; T18 80a; T18 160a; T18 160a; T18 80a; T16 640a; T17 640a; T17 640a; 1869 T18 80a; T18 160a; T18 480a; T18 80a; T18 240a; T18 320a; T18 80a; T18 320a; T20 160a; T20 320a; T20 320a; T20 477a; T20 480a; T20 230a; T20 601a; T20 640a; T20 624a; T20 640a; 1877 T19 640a; T19 640a; T19 640a; T19 640a; T17 640a; T17 320a; T17 320a; T17 320a; T17 320a; T17 320a; T17 317a; T17 625a; T17 634a; 1878 T16 120a; T16 320a; T17 280a; T16 640a; T16 400a; 1882 T20 17a; T20 80a; T20 160a; T20 400a; T20 320a; T20 440 acres.

WILLIAM B. GOBLE - Pemiscot Co., - 1856 T18 120a; ???; 1857 T17 40a; T18 160a; T18 40 acres.

FRANCIS GODAIR - Pemiscot Co. - 1855 T21 80a; 1858 T21 3 acres.

DUFFY G. GORDON - Pemiscot Co. - 1858 T17 80 acres

ELIAS R. GORDON - Pemiscot Co. - 1855 T18 40a; 1856 T18 80 acres

JAMES GORDON - Pemiscot Co. - 1857 T19 160 acres.

JOHN A. GORDON - Pemiscot Co. - 1860 T17 38a; T17 79a; 1861 T17 40a; 1869 T17 160 acres

J. BAKER GORDON - Cape Girardeau Co., Mo. - 1854 T18 160 acres.

THOMAS B. GORDON - Pemiscot Co. - 1854 T17 5a; 1857 T17 80a; T17 40a; T17 160 acres.

ERASMUS GRAHAM - Pemiscot Co. - 1860 T18 40a; T18 40 acres.

JESSE GRAY - Obion Co., Tenn. - 1869 T20 16a; T20 80a; T20 240a;

WILLIAM G. GRAY - Pemiscot Co. - 1858 T19 8a; T19 80a; 1859 T19 80a; T19 8a; T19 80a; T20 80a; 1860 T20 80 acres.

ESTATE OF WM. GRAY - Pemiscot Co. - 1869 T19 40 acres.

JAMES GREEN - Pemiscot Co. - 1855 T16 80a; 1857 T16 120a; T16 160 acres.

J.W. GREENE - Pemiscot Co. - 1855 T20 160 acres

H.B. (GRYMES?) - Pemiscot Co. - 1855 T20 80 acres

J.T. (GRYMES?) - Pemiscot Co. - 1855 T20 160 acres.

ELIZA HALE - Pemiscot Co. - 1869 T18 18a; T17 80a;

WILSON B. HALE - Pemiscot co. - 1855 T? 80a; T? 80a; 1857 T17 80a; T16 160a; T17 160a; 1858 T17 40a; T16 80 acres.

HEIRS OF WM. B. HALE (dec) - Pemiscot Co. - 1869 T17 80 acres.

THOMAS HAM - Pemiscot Co. - 1858 T16 160 acres

SARAH HANEY - Pemiscot Co. - 1857 T19 40 acres.

WILLIAM T. HARBERT - Pemiscot Co. - 1855 T17 80a; 1856 T18 160a; 1857 T17 160a; T17 160a; 1858 T17 80a; 1859 T16 160a; T17 160 acres.

DEMPSEY HARRINGTON - Pemiscot Co. - 1857 T17 40a; T17 80 acres.

ASA HARRIS - Pemiscot Co. - 1855 T17 80a; T17 80 acres.

EVAN S. HART, THOS J. HART, WM. R. HART, JOHN M. HART, & HENRY J. HART - Pemiscot Co. - 1857 T20 73 acres.

FLORENCE HATCHER - New Madrid Co., Mo. - 1858 T20 40 acres.

ROBERT A. HATCHER - New Madrid Co., Mo. - 1857 T20 80a; T20 320a; 1858 T20 65a; T20 137a; T20 80a; 1859 T20 40 acres.

L.B. HAUGHTON - Madison Co., Tenn. - 1860 T19 80 acres.

GRANVILLE M. HAYES - Pemiscot Co. - 1855 T18 80a; 1856 T17 80a; T17 22a; T18 40a; T20 40a; T17 160a; T19 120a; 1857 T18 160a; T18 80a; T18 40a; T18 160a; 1869 T18 40 acres.

GEORGE W. HAYS - Pemiscot Co. - 1858 T18 160 acres.

J.?. HAYES - Pemiscot Co. - 1857 T18 160 acres.

GEORGE C. (HEATH?) - Pemiscot Co. - 1857 T18 240 acres.

WILLIAM H. HEATCOCK - Pemiscot Co. - 1866 T17 80 acres.

DAVID G. HENDRICK - Pemiscot Co. - 1858 T16 80a; T16 160a; T16 120a; T16 80 acres.

ISSAC D. HENRY - Pemiscot Co. - 1855 T16 80a; T16 80a; 1856 T16 75a; 1859 T16 24a; T16 40 acres.

SAMUEL HENSON - Pemiscot Co. - 1855 T20 80a; T20 80 acres.

HENRY L. HICKERSON - Pemiscot Co. - 1857 T20 40a; T? ?a; T20 19a; T20 34a; T20 42a; T20 40 acres.

RANSON HICKS - Pemiscot Co. - 1878 T16 40a; T16 40 acres.

WM. M. HICKS - Pemiscot Co. - 1859 T17 160a; T17 160a; 1860 T17 79 acres.

BURWELL HILL - Pemiscot Co. - 1855 T18 80a; T18 80a; T17 160a; 1857 T18 40a; T17 38a; T18 80 acres.

Extracted from issues of The Gayoso Democrat published at Gayoso from November 6, 1891 to Dec. 25 1891:

Friday Dec. 4, 1891 - Col. Henry J. Deal an honored citizen of Mississippi Co., passed away at his home in Charleston on the morning of the 20th at the age of 62 years. Col. Deal yielded to the inevitable. His life was an active one. It could be well said of him, "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter into the joys of the Lord." Mississippi Co. will miss the man who has done so much for her development. He served one term in the Senate from this district, and two terms in the house as the Representative from Mississippi Co. He was a brave, charitable, whole-soled man. The sun never shone upon a man with a greater heart than the heart that beat in the bosom of Col. Henry J. Deal.

Friday Dec. 11--Col. F.D. Roberts of Caruthersville was on leave of business last Tuesday.

Friday Dec. 11, 1891--If you want a gallon of good whiskey for home use, call on William Wilks at C'ville.

Friday, Dec. 11, 1891--Judge Jesse M.N. Thompson visited our town last Saturday and returned home on Sunday.

Friday, Dec. 11, 1891--Mr. W.W. Farmer of Point Pleasant and T.T. Nol of Stancil called on us last Wednesday.

Friday, Dec. 11, 1891--William A. Ward, Esq. gave us a pleasant call last Wednesday.

Friday, Dec. 11, 1891--Miss Lora Mitchell was visiting friends in Gayoso last week. She was the guest of Mrs. Etta Schult.

Friday, Dec. 11, 1891--Miss Hattie Curtner of Caruthersville spent several days in Gayoso this week as the guest of Mrs. H.P. (Cowan?)

Friday, Dec. 11, 1891--William J. Morris is getting his sawmill machinery on the ground, as to put a position he will be cutting logs.

Friday, Dec. 11, 1891--C.R. Pierce of Caruthersville has sold his stock of dry goods to Jacob Sholan. If Jake don't get there, no one else need try.

Friday, Dec. 11, 1891--Mr. Sam A. Phillips of Point Pleasant came down last Tuesday and returned home the next day. Sam is a hustler and a good sociable gentleman.

Friday, Dec. 11, 1891--Last Tuesday afternoon a shooting fray took place in Wilk Saloon between H.H. Barnett and a bricklayer on the bank building.

Two shots were fired and nobody hurt. Bad shooting.

Friday, Dec. 11, 1891-Mr. Bart Rankin of Metropolis, Illinois came down on a visit to Gayoso last week. He was the guest of his cousin, C.P. Wells, Mr. Rankin left for home on the Sir J.K. Speed yesterday.

Friday, Dec. 11, 1891-Mr. Pratt, the contractor of the Peniscot County Bank Building is getting along nicely with his jobs. The walls are nearly up to the doorheads. If we have fair weather, the building will be ready for occupancy by the 15th of next month.

Friday, Dec. 11, 1891-The sidewalk on the southside of Main Street is in horrible condition.

Friday, Dec. 11, 1891-The following persons have undergone examination before the county board of examiners and have been granted certificates to teach public schools in Peniscot County (1) Miss Laura Oates (2) Miss Hattie Curtner (3) T.M. Stennett.

Friday, Dec. 11, 1891-Married, on the 9th at the residence of Freeman LeSeiur, Esq. at Point Pleasant by the Rev. Father J.J. Furlong, Mr. James E. DeLisle of Gayoso to Miss Frances LeSeiurof Point Pleasant. The best wishes of the Democrat are extended to the happy couple. May their journey through life be a pleasant one and all their troubles little ones.

Friday, Dec. 18, 1891-Ed DeLisle of Portageville came down yesterday.

Friday, Dec. 18, 1891-Call on H.& D.E. Dorris for your Christmas toys.

Friday, Dec. 18, 1891-Professor Brewer went to Braggadocio and Cooter last Tuesday on legal business.

Friday, Dec. 18, 1891-Mr. H.C. Schult left for Kennett last Sat. He will return before the holidays.

Friday, Dec. 18, 1891-Capt. Dan Karschner came down on the steamer Buck-eye State yesterday morning.

Friday, Dec. 18, 1891-Mr. William J. Morris getting his timbers out of which to place his mill near town.

Friday, Dec. 18, 1891-Go to Colemans for a square meal or a first-class lunch.

Friday, Dec. 18, 1891-Mr. John Tipton called on us last Monday and desires a good location for his sawmill.

Friday, Dec. 18, 1891-Dr. S.H. Steele and Col. F.D. Roberts of Caruthersville

were in Gayoso last Wednesday on business.

Friday, Dec. 18, 1891-Mr. Harvey Averill's school closes today. Mr. Averill will go to Cape Girardeau and remain during the winter.

Friday, Dec. 18, 1891-The new bank building at Caruthersville is 22 x 30 in the (????) and two stories high. The upper story will be for our office.

Friday, Dec. 18, 1891-Mr. Tim Dorris went to Cairo this week and returned via Portageville and the Hack Line. Tim (can't read the rest).

Friday, Dec. 18, 1891-Capt. S.W. Crab of Uniontown, Kentucky called to see us last Wednesday. Capt. Crab thinks of buying a farm in "Seldon Seen" in this county.

Friday, Dec. 18, 1891-Rev. Father J.J. Furlong is in charge of the Catholic Mission at New Madrid. He came down on the Buckley State yesterday morning. He is visiting his flock in Pemiscot County. Father Furlong is a young man and has made many friends in Pemiscot County.

Friday, Dec. 18, 1891-All person desiring to aid the Confederate Home, please call on Dr. S.H. Steele at Caruthersville. Hon. H.C. Garrett at Cottonwood Point and Maj. Geo. W. Carleton at Gayoso are disabled and indigent and need our help. Let us give it at once.

Friday, Dec. 18, 1891-Notice is hereby given that the partnership between S.P. Settles and R.T. O'Quin has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. The undersigned partner having purchased the interest of S.P. Settles in the crops, stocks and lease on the A.M. O'Quin farm in Pemiscot County and assumes all responsibility, and all contracts between said partners being annulled.

Friday, Dec. 25, 1891-Mr. W.R. Fields and J.M.N. Thompson of Godair were in town last Saturday.

Friday, Dec. 25, 1891-P.B. Schull's sawmill near the lighthouse has shut down until after the holidays.

Friday, Dec. 25, 1891-LaGrippe got a grip on several of our townspeople, so far no fatalities.

Friday, Dec. 25, 1891-Dr. Hodge and his family have all been down with the LaGrippe.

Friday, Dec 25, 1891-Col. Houck and Maj. Brooks were lately in Kennett on business in regard to the railroad.

BIOGRAPHY AND TRIBUTE TO MY MOTHER

Delphia May Mills Acuff, was born on October 17, 1900 on a farm east of Benton, Illinois to William and Connie Mills. She was one of four girls and two boys of which her older brother, Ernest, was to play the most important role in her future.

Two different times Grandpa sold their farm in Benton, and, in a covered wagon took his family to Paragould, Arkansas to farm the land there. Mother said she can still smell the bacon, fried potatoes cooking when she woke up in the mornings on the way to and from Arkansas. Nothing has smelled so good since.

When she was fifteen years of age, she finished the eighth grade. Since there was no high school in or around Benton (where they finally settled down for keeps), her mama and papa decided to send her to a little town in Missouri called Caruthersville to go to high school. While she was growing up, her brother Ernest had decided her future by marrying and moving to Caruthersville where he had found work. In the fall of 1916, she moved to Ernest's home. When she had been there only a week, a fateful thing happened. The back door opened and in walked a knight in shining armor in the person of Pink Burgess Acuff (who was the grocery delivery boy). Her life was never the same again. When he got back to the store, this handsome, black-haired young man told his boss he had just seen his future wife. Sure enough, in a very few months, on February 28, 1917 in Caruthersville they were married. Needless to say, that ended her high school career before it began.

To this union five children were born, but one died in infancy and they reared four; two girls and two boys - Evelyn Mills Lawes now resides in Atlanta, Georgia, Mary Constance Cullum, Allen Park, Michigan, Pink Burgess, Jr. of Caruthersville and William Joseph, who lives in Knoxville, Tennessee.

My mother had always wanted to be a school teacher and, I suppose, unknowing to us, instilled it into Evelyn and me, because that is what we both are, school teachers. Bill is a Doctor and Burgess went to business school in Memphis, then went back home to help with the family business Peoples Oil Co.

Mother has always been a self-sacrificing person. She gave Evelyn and me piano lessons and in those days of depression, 75¢ a lesson was not always easy to obtain. She not only did without the necessities of life, but sacrificed her time and sat on the piano bench with each of us to see that we practiced one hour each day even though she didn't know a note of music. But, we didn't know that. Neither of us is a concert pianist, but, we feel her time and effort were not wasted, because we both play the organ and piano in church for the glory of God and also use this ability along with our school teaching. That was what she wanted, even though she never told us until later years.

Every Christmas she baked a date roll for each of our teachers. We thought our new teachers were always glad to have us in their rooms because we were so smart (ha!). But, at Christmastime we always found out it was because they got that date roll.

Mother sacrificed in other ways. She gave up her front yard for several years so that school children could park their bicycles there. She also gave up her living room to the band director, Mr. Morris, to teach private lessons so that her own children could play instruments in the band without charge. I played the trombone, snare drum, cymbals and even bass drum. Imagine the stamina she had to have to endure all of that.

Since daddy was sick most of their married life, there were few activities in which they were able to participate. Daddy was either working or in bed sick. So, her family and what church work she was able to do were her whole life. She was and still is an avid reader and has enjoyed reading good books and, of course, the Bible. But, as daddy grew older and slowed down from working so much, they were able to take a few trips together. Evelyn married a Baptist Minister and moved to New Mexico. So, they took one or two trips out there to visit them. As they both loved nature and the beauty of the land, they came back home with their car full of cactus, rocks, and other things they had gathered on their trip. There was such a closeness between them at that time because daddy had heart trouble and was subject to attacks at any time. Mother took care of him as well as any nurse and knew what he needed before he asked. He died in January 1955.

At age fifty, when Burgess went to the service, mother took over his job as bookkeeper at the station. She had never worked a day in her life outside her home. At a time when most people are beginning to think of retirement, she was starting a new career that was to continue for twenty-six years. She worked long hours and very seldom took a vacation. At age seventy-six, she decided to retire and take life easy.

Two of the highlights of her life were the trips she took to the Holy Land in 1974 and to Europe in 1978. She went with a group of Christian people, not only from Caruthersville, but from Oklahoma, and other parts of the United States. Her life was certainly enriched by seeing the places she had heard and read about all her life.

Except for her children and grandchildren, mother has mainly two interests. Several years ago she became ill, which was a rarity in her life. She was told she had high cholesterol and should lose weight and get more exercise. Since then, walking and eating the proper food, have been a very important part in her life. Her other interest is the First Baptist Church. Besides being there every time the doors are open and contributing her part to the life of the church, she visits shut-ins and lonely people and ministers to them as much as is possible.

In this year of 1979, at the age of seventy-eight, mother walks at

least two miles a day. When you see her out walking just remember that she is proud to have spent the best years of her life in the town that is also the favorite place of yours and mine, Caruthersville, Missouri.
(Mary C. Gullum)

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MARRIAGES

Leander Bloker to Hattie Box	January 1st, 1874
Calvin L. Bloker to Clara S. Ulrich	December 17th, 1896
Carl F. Boyer to Blanche I. Boyer	March 10th, 1903
Ray E. Bloker to Helen E. Overmyer	September 6th, 1922

BIRTHS

Leander Bloker	March 11, 1849
Hattie Bloker	May 10, 1853
Calvin L. Bloker	April 14, 1875
Carl F. Bloker	January 21, 1879
Eric Grove Bloker	July 21, 1884
Raymond Emerson Bloker	November 19, 1893

DEATHS

Eric Grove Bloker	February 15, 1886
Leander Bloker	June 4th, 1912
Hattie Bloker	June 19th, 1946
Calvin Lee Bloker	February 12, 1954
Carl Franklin Bloker	November 7, 1970
Raymond Emerson Bloker	August 12, 1966

MEMORANDA

Nicholas Box	Born October 19, 1819
Rachel Beery	Born October 6th, 1820

Nicholas Box	Died September 28, 1893
Rachel Beery	Died February 3, 1914
Clara Box	Born April 22, 1863 Died October 26, 1863
Elizabeth Bloker Waggoner	Born December 12, 1823 Died September 30, 1881

WRIGHT COMES FOR LOGGING, STAYS TO FARM, RUN STORE

(Copied from the Steele Enterprise, Special History Edition, December 9, 1919)

William Elbert Wright came to Steele in 1894, as a young man of 21. He crossed the river at Cottonwood Point, and made his way to the New Survey area where he worked in the log woods.

He was the son of Arledge and Elizabeth Wright of Chester County, Tenn., near Enville.

In 1905 he married Addie Foster. They lived in the New Survey area until 1915, when they moved to Denton. He was engaged in farming and also ran a general store for a few years. He served on the local school board for about 15 years. The family attended the Denton General Baptist Church.

After retiring from the farm in 1944, they moved to Steele where they lived until their deaths.

He was a member of the Masonic Order and she the Eastern Star. Eleven children were born to this union. Four died in infancy. Ellis died at age 20 in 1927. Marvin was killed in action in the Pacific (1944) during World War II at the age of 23. Alfred died in 1961 at age 53.

Surviving are Hazel Bond of Steele, Edna (Sis) Hester of Denton, Leonard of Sunny Vale, Calif., and Vernon of Vacaville, Calif. Grandchildren, great and great, great grandchildren are now living in Denton, Kennett, Pekin, and Armington, Ill., Springdale, Paragould, Jonesboro and Harrisburg, Ark. and San Jose, Calif.

William Elbert Wright, 1873-1948, Addie Wright, 1885-1952.

ANDREW JACKSON FOSTER

Andrew Jackson Foster and his wife, Rebecca, came to Peniscot County in about 1900.

He was a blacksmith, and worked in Stubtown, Bragg City, Denton and Holland for several years.

They had three daughters: Addie, who married Elbert Wright, Susie, who married Marion Wright, and Mary who married Harry Connelley. They came to Missouri from Middle Tennessee.

Local grandchildren are: "Sis" Wright Hester of Steele, Hazel Wright Bond of Steele, Rosie Wright Burns of Cooter and Ellen Connelly Dollins of near Sikeston.

POSSUM TROT

Ask Miss Ellen Kelley where Possum Trot was and she'll tell you (as will many others) that it was the store and Post Office first known as Steele. Miss Kelley remembers a sawdust pile at the mill close to the first Steele post office which was across from the present home of Mrs. Fred Kelley. The sawdust pile was as tall as a house, but its all gone now, hauled to the bayou or elsewhere to fill low places.

Where do you suppose the name "Possum Trot" came from? Miss Kelley said she had heard that raccoons and opossums once were so plentiful and brave that they ran (trotted) down the hallway that divided the buildings. If you ever wondered about the watery history of this area, Miss Kelley can give you evidence that the whole place was under water. She recalls that an early gardener was digging an asparagus bed, dug too deep, and struck what he thought was a stump. Turned out it was cypress knees.

The watery area was scummy, wild, but the soil was extremely fertile, recalls Miss Kelley. Cotton would grow as tall as a man on horseback-no fertilizer applied.

Miss Kelley didn't live in Steele in her earliest years but she remembers visiting her uncle, John R. Kelley and family here. She would ride a horse from the train to his house and water would be belly high on the horse.

QUERIES

Need the death date of Mary Nettie Denison b. 7 Feb 1881 in Henderson, Ill. n. Edward Gordon Reno, 13 Feb 1901, in Caruthersville, Mo.

I would like to correspond with other descendants of John Wesley Reno.

Mrs. Imogene M. Schult Hartman, 1852 Sanford Street, Oxnard, California 93030.

Interested in early ancestors of Samuel Boyer born 13 March 1825 possibly in Pennsylvania, died 21 November 1897 in Sandusky County, Ohio; Julie A. born 9 June 1829 possibly in Pennsylvania, died 12 March 1876 in Sandusky County, Ohio. Some of their 18 children were John E. and his twin Lee Grand, Jin, Oliver, Jess, Otis, Tom, Alvesta, Julie Ann and Anandus.

Mrs. Rachel Dawson, 600 Carleton Ave., Caruthersville, Mo. 63830.

PEMISCOT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY-----PIONEER HERITAGE AWARDS

Pioneer Heritage Awards will be featured at the May 23, 1980 Society Meeting based on current biographies (life histories) of county residents who are 75 years of age or older, and who give their consent.

Persons whose biographies submitted have contributed in some way, often behind the scenes to community and social betterment.

Each person whose biography is submitted will receive a Certificate of Honor from the Society, and are invited to attend the Awards Program at the Meeting of the Society May 23rd. One recipient will receive the Pioneer Heritage Award based on the decision of the current judging committee.

BIOGRAPHIES SUBMITTED:

Opal Wentzell

Annie Sides

Roberta Pollock

Myrtle B. Middleton

Mary J. Creech

Geneva Corrington

Ida Johnson

Zula Fowlkes

Oscar R. Farrow

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