





JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

PAGE 11

OCTOBER 1980

VOLUME VI

PEMISCOT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ORGANIZED IN APRIL 1970

OFFICERS FOR 1980-81 - PEMISCOT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

President-----Teresa Gallaher  
Vice President-----Erma Richardson  
Secretary-----Katherine K. Hill  
Treasurer-----Rachel Dawson

STAFF FOR 1980-81 QUARTERLY

Editor-In-Chief - Teresa Gallaher (Mrs. J.C., Jr.)  
R.R. 2, Box 975, Hayti, Mo. 63851

Production Editors - Katherine K. Hill (Mrs. O.C.)  
Rachel Dawson

Circulation Editor - Roberta Pollock

The Society meets the fourth Friday of each month, except for the month of December. Membership is \$5.00 per year per person.

This Quarterly is published four times a year: July, October, January and April. All members who are present at those respective meetings of those months may pick up their copy--all others will receive their issues through the mail, and should receive them shortly thereafter., since the publication date is the fourth Friday.

Queries are free to members of the Society, and should reach the editor before the first day of the month of publication. This address is: R.R. 2, Box 975, Hayti, Mo. 63851.

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 the same format: namely of publishing for preservation the essays submitted to the Society by residents , or about 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, and Pemiscot County Cemetery Inscriptions, Volume II. The April 1981 issue will not have the Index of Volume VI (due to increased publication cost) however, Volume VI will be indexed on card file in the Archives Room. Historical Society members may have access to Volume VI index by contacting one of the officers.

The numbering of pages in Volume VI--continues where Volume V left off. Be sure to save your copies to bind 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.

1980-81 DUES ARE NOW PAYABLE - The Pemiscot County Historical Society has completed 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 Rachel Dawson, 600 Carleton Avenue, 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 : Rachel Dawson, Treasurer, address above.

ISSUES OF THE QUARTERLY AVAILABLE - Send \$1.50 for each Quarterly requested to: Rachel Dawson, (address above).

ISSUES AVAILABLE

April, July, October - 1976, January, April, July, October - 1977,  
January, April, July - 1978, April, October-1979, January, April, July - 1980.

THE FOLLOWING LIFE-STORIES OF RECIPIENTS OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S PIONEER HERITAGE AWARD AND CERTIFICATES OF HONOR (Opal (Howard) Wentzell, Oscar R. Farrow, Geneva Fuller Corrington) WAS HELD MAY 1980. TO RECEIVE THE HONOR, A BIOGRAPHY IS SUBMITTED ON A PEMISCOT COUNTY RESIDENT, 75 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, AND WHO GIVE THEIR CONSENT, AND CONTRIBUTED IN SOME WAY, OFTEN BEHIND SCENES TO COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL BETTERMENT.

### OPAL (HOWARD) WENTZELL

"PROCLAMATION. Whereas, the town of Cooter, wishes to offer thanks for a task faithfully completed and Whereas, it has been our pleasure over the years to witness faithful community service rendered by our postmaster, Opal Wentzell, Now, I, Lawrence Little, chairman of the Board of Trustees. ...do hereby proclaim June 24, 1972, to be observed as OPAL WENTZELL DAY.

The day was observed by a large reception attended by hundreds of friends, a luncheon, a gift of a chair, and many other expressions of appreciation for the beloved woman who had served as postmistress for 46 years and 9 months.

Opal was born July 30, 1903, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Powell Howard, in Steele on the lot which is now 115 Locust Street. Mr. Howard, born in Montgomery County, Tenn., had married Ida Biggs and the couple moved to Caruthersville in 1901. A year later they moved to Steele, where Mr. Howard was manager of the old Steele Supply Store for years. He was part owner of the Steele Union Gin the last fifteen years of his life, had served as mayor, and had been on the City Council since the incorporation of the town.

Opal recalls her first teacher, Miss Ella Duncan, and treasures a Christmas card of 1911 which the teacher returned to her recently, expressing her appreciation. Two later teachers were J.B. Corner and Mr. Pickens. The former, a strict disciplinarian, once whipped 19 of the 20 students in his room for writing and passing notes. Mr. Picken, on the other hand, was an easy-going teacher and usually when he left the room the students misbehaved by marching up and down the aisles, stomping their feet.

At this time the school had outdoor toilets and a single pump from which all drank at the recesses.

Among her schoolmates in grades one to eight were Lorene Huey, Sarah Courtney (Mathis), Emma McArthur, Mildred Marshall, Roy Harper, Floyd and Dennis Cain. In the eighth grade the girls wore high-topped, laced or buttoned shoes, and for basket ball (Opal was on the team) long, black, pleated serge bloomers and white middie blouses.

Steele started a two-year high school in 1918, the first in the southern part of the county. Opal attended this and in 1924 went one semester to the academy of Will Mayfield College at Marble Hill.

On August 17, 1924, she and Elvis McCann eloped in a Model-T to

Luxora, Ark., where they were married by a minister, with Carl Reid as witness. They kept the marriage secret until September then Opal joined Elvis at Cooter where they set up housekeeping in three rooms of the Huey house.

Their possessions consisted of a dining room set, a pot-bellied coal stove, a black leather couch, a bed, a stand table, an Alladin lamp, some silverware, and an all-wool blanket.

Elvis, who had worked in Quince Wagster's store a year, bought the business shortly after they were married. Opal helped in the store which was open from 6:00 A.M. until 10:00 P.M. They were very busy, especially in the late hours when many farmers came to town. The business was expanded later to include meat market, lumber, and hardware stores.

During the depression when there were many W P A workers who could not afford to buy lunch, Elvis provided a free meal at noon. He cooked a big pot of navy beans or stewed potatoes, fried "fat-back", made cornbread, and sliced onions. "Those men were hungry," Opal says with tears in her eyes, recalling the wretched conditions in those dark days.

The McCanns bought Matt Jordan's house in Cooter, where Opal now lives. To them three daughters were born: Helen, Mary Anna, and Margaret ("Pog").

Meanwhile, however, Opal had entered another career. Mr. Isaac McKay had offered the job of postmaster to Elvis when Mrs. J.E. Chambers was to leave. Opal took the civil service examination, going by train to Caruthersville, and in September 1925 assumed her duties in the postoffice, which was housed in the McCann store. Cooter was then a fourth-class office on a Star Route from Steele, which included Tyler and two Arkansas post offices, Huffman and Hickman. Each postmaster had to sort the mail delivered by truck. Quince Davis and C.S. Ennis were the drivers. The salary was \$90.00 per month and 3 cents for each money order issued.

At that time the postmaster had to buy the mail boxes. Mail was classified as general delivery, call mail, and lock box. Call mail boxes rented for .15¢ per quarter, and the lock boxes for 25¢. Cooter had 100 boxes.

When Cooter became a third class postoffice, Opal took the examination again, and her salary was raised.

During the years of her service the post office building was burned three times and was robbed twice.

Opal was more than a postmistress; she was a helpful and considerate friend. She wrote money orders for those who found writing difficult; she helped people remember when insurance premiums or mortgage payments were due; she stamped Christmas cards or bulk mail for busy school teachers; once she was asked to figure the capacity of a corn bin. Perhaps the most unusual help she gave was writing love letters for a 70 year old man.

And she was a good hostess, for the postoffice in a small town is a meeting place for many who gather to talk even when they don't expect any mail.

Opal also befriended high school seniors who were hard pressed to pay for their class rings, holding these as long as she could while they tried to get the money. Opal helped many high school girls by giving them a room and work in her home.

Opal is also respected by her clerks. These include Marguerite Wilson, Bess Copeland, Velma Jane Campbell, Bea Waters, Frances Cooper, and Sharon Stanford. Frances, the present postmistress, says she was a very good teacher, thorough and patient. "Not only do I appreciate her kindness as my 'boss', but also I love her for her motherly attitude, for I was often in her home when her daughter Helen and I were in school," Frances says.

As a conscientious and efficient worker, Mrs. Wentzell regularly attended meetings and workshops for postmasters, keeping up with the changing systems and improvements.

Her husband Elvis lost his leg in an automobile accident in 1932 and died in 1943, leaving Opal with the three girls to rear, the store and farm business to run, and her own job to carry on. In 1949 she married Chris Wentzell, who died July 19, 1960. She cared for her mother in her home the last 11 years of Mrs. Howard's life.

Since her retirement Opal has enjoyed travel and visiting with Ethel Rushing, Bess Copeland, Mollie and Lucy Shoemate, and other friends. She is a member of Holly Grove Baptist Church and the Dorcas Sunday School Class.

But best of all she enjoys being close to her two sisters, Mrs. Dorothy McDaniel and Charlene Cunningham of Steele, her daughters, Mrs. Helen Lawler of the Number Eight Community, Mrs. Mary Berry of Holland, and Mrs. Margaret Childers of Cooter. Then there are her 3 sons-in-law, her 8 grandchildren, and her 2 great granddaughters, all of whom she loves dearly. They are sure Mamma Opal has no equal.

So highly respected and loved by her family and her neighbor-friends, Opal lives contentedly, counting her blessings, having to curtail her activities because of a health condition; but still expressing love for people in many thoughtful and kind ways. (submitted-Mayme Hamlett)

---

#### OSCAR R. FARROW

Oscar R. Farrow was born in Tiptonville, Tennessee, July 20, 1893. His father was Elijah Hamilton Farrow; his mother was Susan Calley Hargrove.

When Oscar was three years old, his family moved to Caruthersville; they crossed the Mississippi River by steamboat: the Lee Line fleet carried both freight and passengers regularly.

Eli Farrow was a timber man. He ran a sawmill near Holland, Missouri. He died in 1900. Susan Callie Farrow raised their children in Caruthersville. She kept boarders and a few roomers. Her four sons were a great help to her. They kept the yard, cleaned the house, helped with the washing, worked in the garden. Sons of Elijah and Susan Farrow were, in order: Clyde, Raymond, Oscar and Roy.

In addition to home chores and school, the boys found time to enjoy the usual childhood games: hopscotch, hide and seek, and of course sandlot football and baseball. During their high school days, Raymond and Oscar were on the baseball team. There were no games on Sunday.

The school building of Oscar's childhood was a two-story structure which stood where the Lee Rood building now stands. During Oscar's school days, Lee Rood was Superintendent of Schools. Mrs. Rood was one of Oscar's teachers. Both teachers and administration were strict; pupils were at school to learn, and they did. In keeping with the custom of the day, the boys had their side of the playground and the girls had theirs.

Elijah and Susan were sincere Christians, and Sunday School and Church were an important part of the Farrow family life. Until 1901, church life was centered in the small one-room white building at the corner of Third and Eastwood. Under the leadership of Rev. John Score, the Caruthersville Methodists built a red-brick building on Third Avenue on the lot donated to the Church by James Eastwood in 1854. The Caruthersville Church membership, then Eastwood Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, South, dedicated the new building January 1, 1901. An impressive part of the ceremony was a procession of the congregation from the old building at Third and Eastwood to the new building on Third. Oscar Farrow, at the age of seven, was a part of that procession.

The Church and Christian worship have been an important part of the lives of the Farrow sons. Raymond Farrow served on the Methodist Board of Stewards and was Secretary of the Sunday School. Roy Farrow is today an active member of the Oak Lawn United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas.

Throughout his life, Oscar Farrow has served his Church, the Methodist, in Caruthersville, attending Sunday School and Church services regularly, serving on committees--always there to be counted on. For a number of years he served on the Administrative Board (formerly called the Board of Stewards, then the Official Board). Today's Methodists feel a vacancy on the rare occasions when Oscar is not present at Sunday-evening services to usher and hand them their bulletins.

As adults the Farrow brothers each found constructive work. Clyde worked for the Ward-Coppage Mercantile Company. He died at the age of forty, leaving his wife and his son, Lee. Raymond farmed 450 acres of land at Stewart's Landing. He died in 1953. Not having married, he left his land to his two brothers and his nephew, Lee. Roy's work took him from Caruthersville. After working in other fields for a time, Roy chose the career of advising and helping Churches in money-raising campaigns. In Nashville Roy met a young woman from Dallas, whom he married; they



moved to Dallas.

After Oscar graduated from high school, he worked a year for the United States Express Company Second and Walker. The manager was F.W. Beckman. In 1914 he began working for the post office, at first delivering mail to Cottonwood by horse-and-buggy. The roads were often muddy and almost impassable; Oscar's buggy was frequently mired down. His starting salary was \$88 per year. Later, he began working in the office. He was with the post office 39 years.

During Oscar's span of living in Caruthersville, the town has assimilated many changes of life style, has shown many faces. In his early days here, Oscar says that the downtown district covered "two blocks from the railroad" to the present site of the National Bank. Although he seldom went downtown, Oscar did sometimes buy family items at Cunningham's, a general store.

In Oscar's early days, there were many industries in and around Caruthersville: sawmills, planing-mills, bucket factory, cotton gins, a brick kiln, an oil company. Dillman brought the box factory in 1901; Brown Shoe Company came here about 1930.

Steamboats on the river regularly unloaded supplies: sugar, flour, and varied commodities. The community was served by the Frisco Railroad. Also, Houck of Cape Girardeau had a private train he built himself. "Caruthersville was more prosperous then than it is now," Oscar says. "There were thirteen saloons; this was a rough town."

The streets were muddy; buggies and wagons often were mired down. Streets were paved around 1920. In 1923 Oscar bought his first car, a Dodge.

The first Farrow home in Caruthersville was located at 210 East 7th Street, the second on Eastwood across the street from the white-frame Methodist Church. In 1899 the family moved to 411 East 6th Street, and Oscar has lived there ever since.

Among Oscar's pleasant memories are the times he took his young nephew, Lee, swimming in Monkey Chute and Chute 16; both are now farmland. Oscar recalls with delight the period of time "Hot" Rogers lived in the Farrow home, around the early thirties.

Through the years, one of Oscar's steady interests has been baseball. Today he follows the games of many teams, by both TV and radio.

Today, as always, Oscar Farrow gives to his town and his Church his caring and his loyalty. Earnest, unpretentious, Oscar serves in a much-needed category; that of a solid citizen. (submitted-Ray and Alberta Klempe)

---

## GENEVA FULLER CORRINGTON

I was born in Keosauqua, Iowa, April 14th, 1896. My parents were Isaac and Bertha Huffman. My father died shortly after I was four years old. I had a younger brother, also a baby sister who was born just before my father died. I stayed with my grandmother and step-grandfather until after my fifth birthday when my mother took my brother, my sister, and me to Ottumwa, Iowa, and put us into an orphanage. I never saw my brother and sister after that or knew what happened to them. In October 1901 Elbert S. and Virgie B. Fuller adopted me and took me to Montgomery County where they owned a farm. My foster father was a traveling salesman.

The following summer my mother's eyes began to fail so my father rented out the farm and we moved around taking my mother to different doctors. I was reared a Christian Scientist. My father went into Christian Science because he thought it might help my mother but I didn't understand it. He read the Bible to my mother even before I could read. I would spell out the words and she would tell me what they were.

On January 1st, 1907, we came to Caruthersville. Father had bought the furniture in the Majestic Hotel and we lived there and operated the hotel for nearly a year. We had a cook, dish washer, laundress, two dining room girls, a night clerk, a porter and two chamber maids. I stayed in the office some. I remember Mr. George Garrett used to come in and say: "Miss Geneva I want a nickels worth of five cent cigars". The hotel had four baths and steam heat and was nice. When my father sold the hotel we moved to Chillicothe and he returned to traveling. After three years he decided to quit the road. He owned a hotel building, a little farm land, and other rental property in Hayti so we moved to Hayti, a railroad town. I remember when we were coming from the depot, when we first came to Hayti, we had to run the cows out of the street to get by because cows, pigs and chickens run loose. Hayti had no electricity or plumbing. There were board sidewalks and no paved streets. The telephone office was in a private home and the couple that lived in the house operated the telephone service. There were three general stores that handled groceries, dry goods, and a little of everything; a furniture store, a dry goods, two drug stores, a hardware store, saloons and a pool hall. There were three doctors, two lawyers, and a mortician. There was an alfalfa farm experiment station some distance from town and the men who worked there stayed at the hotel.

I went to school. There were just ten grades at that time and part of the children would repeat the tenth grade.

My future husband, James Corrington, came to Hayti to work with some carpenters. He had been going to school at Cape Girardeau, the Normal School we called it at that time. The teacher who taught the fourth and fifth grades in Hayti quit and he was asked to take the school. He finished that year, then went back to school at Cape. He came back in 1913 and was teaching out at Canady Switch when we eloped and got married down at Blytheville on October 26th, 1913.

My husband taught rural schools - one room where they taught all eight grades and couldn't give too much time to any one. We lived in Hayti and he rode horseback to school and later rode a motorcycle. Our first child was born in November, 1914, while we lived in Hayti.

In 1916 we lived in Stubtown while my husband taught at the Chapel School. In 1917 we moved to Caruthersville and in July of that year we had another child.

My husband's hearing had gotten so bad he had to quit teaching. He went to a technical school in St. Louis and learned to rebuild batteries and retread tires. In 1917 he and a group formed the Pemiscot Motor Company which was in business only a short time. My husband then worked on salary for various garages.

In 1924 I joined the Methodist Church just before our third daughter was born. I worked in the church as a teacher in the Intermediate Department for three years, and was superintendent of the Junior Department for sixteen years. I also worked in the Missionary Society. To raise money to furnish our room we baked pies for the pig stand and carried out other projects.

In 1928 when my father died I went out to Oklahoma where he had been in business and brought my mother here. She lived with me until she died in 1958.

In 1930 my husband started his own business which he operated until he retired. He died in December 1968.

I was reared to work. From time to time I worked as an extra clerk at the C.C. Thomas Store. I have done quilting for over forty-five years. I love to quilt and always keep a quilt in the frame. I also always have a list of persons who want quilting done. I've been busy all my life and am thankful I can still keep busy and have something to do. (submitted by Rachel Dawson)

---  
---

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

Maple Cemetery is situated in the Southwest part of the town of Caruthersville. It is south of Highway "U" and was begun around 1916. It is owned by the H.S. Smith Funeral Home of Caruthersville. The tombstone inscriptions were copied August and September, 1971 by W.F. James, Mildred James, Lucille Fike, Lenora Muir, Ruby Smith and Lois McReynolds.

The H.S. Smith Funeral Home also owns the colored cemetery just south of Maple. It is named Morgan Ridge, and the inscriptions from it will be printed in a future volume of PEMISCOT COUNTY MISSOURI CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS.

Donald Wayne Abbott, April 23, 1938-December 2, 1938  
Vanta L. Abbott, April 22, 1874-August 27, 1965  
James M. Abbott, October 22, 1865-June 22, 1933  
Charlie M. Abshire, November 23, 1919-November 4, 1950  
Harry M. Abshire, December 4, 1885-May 21, 1954  
Willa Mae Abshire, June 14, 1914-September 11, 1947  
William Acuff, April 23, 1903  
Berniece C. Acuff, March 24, 1908  
Pinkie B. Acuff, Nov. 14, 1896-Jan 27, 1955  
Gary Alvin Adams, Oct 4, 1949-Nov 19, 1949  
Samuel R. Adams, 1869-1923  
Mary A. Adams, 1867-1939  
Mary E. Adams, Aug 7, 1865-November 15, 1929  
Clinton Adams, October 5, 1928-June 3, 1931  
Elzie Adams, Nov 23, 1888-Dec 15, 1957  
Henry A. Adams, Oct. 22, 1884  
Rosie Ella, Sept 28, 1885-Jan 27, 1960  
Cornelius J. Adams, Oct. 28, 1977-Sept 23, 1961  
Anna Barbara, d.o. Wm. C. & Mildred Adams, June 1, 1930-Aug 31, 1936  
Willie Adkins, April 16, 1899-July 7, 1935  
Emma Adkins, 1891-  
Lon Adkins, 1886-1951  
Albert W. Akins, Feb 19, 1890-June 8, 1951 or 1957  
Claude Williams Akins, October 14, 1929-June 22, 1938?  
Edna Lorene Albright, September 7, 1907-May 5, 1965  
Fannie Barksdale Albright, March 12, 1883-February 20, 1961  
James Powell Albright, April 1, 1874-January 22, 1959  
Rosalie Aldridge, 1872-1944  
William Aldridge, 1868-1928

Eric Taylor Alexander, 1917-1940  
Fleetie A. Alexander, September 22, 1890-Feb 8, 1953  
Odus B. Alexander, Jan 1, 1894  
Maude A. Alexander, April 10, 1891-October 7, 1933 "Mother"  
Nola Ethel Kennman, October 12, 1894-April 29, 1931 "Mother"  
Nogi Alexander, Jan 7, 1905-Sept 20, 1964, "Father" picture  
Jesse Monroe Alford, Feb 15, 1900-Feb 25, 1945  
Mollie Alford, March 9, 1880-July 13, 1961  
Monroe Alford, Nov 21, 1876-May 15, 1943  
Lee A. Alford, Oct 27, 1867?-July 2, 1932  
Mary E. Alford, March 1, 1866-  
Laura Belle Allen, Sept 3, 1870-Mar 24, 1924  
Joseph Sylvester Allen, Nov 11, 1964-Mar 3, 1943  
James H. Allen, Aug 31, 1881-Jan 30, 1961  
Sadie B. Allen,  
Geoffrey Allen, 1905-1931  
Alvine H. Allen, Jan 19, 1915-Mar 3, 1940  
Ida Mae Alley, Apr 9, 1870-Mar 16, 1951  
Frances Alley, Oct 27, 1892-Sept 12, 1929  
Lillian Anderson, Feb 24, 1893-Oct 17, 1957  
Mary Anderson, May 12, 1907-Apr 1, 1965  
Barriett Anderson, Mar 21, 1907-Sept 8, 1965  
A. Jean Anderson, 1924-1927  
Sallie Anderson, 1882-19  
C.A. Anderson, 1880-1935  
Mary Edna Argo, 1883-19 "Mother"  
Oren Everett Argo, 1877-1935 "Father"  
George L. Ash, July 31, 1893-June 29, 1960  
John Wilson Asher, Mar 9, 1882-Jan 21, 1956  
Martha Ann Asher, Mar 4, 1926-Jan 6, 1927  
Ralph Bowen Asher, Aug 20, 1917-Apr 5, 1936  
Henry L. Aydelott, 1929-1930

Alfred Ayers, 1890-1960  
Hallie Ayers, 1879-1959

Mary Baird Ayers, 1903-1960

John M. Aylor, 1880-1949  
Hattie B. Aylor, 1896-1942

Erna May Babb, July 17, 1912-July 4, 1968  
George W. Babb, May 20, 1902-

Grace Babcock, Jan 3, 1898-Oct 11, 1928  
George W. Baker, Missouri, PFC HQ & HQ Co. TC School WW II,  
May 4, 1907-Sept 3, 1949

Louis Baker, Mar 7, 1876-Jan 17, 1959  
Fannie Baker, Feb 29, 1888-Dec 27, 1964

Isaac Roy Ballinger, Missouri, Pvt 167th, AERO Sq. W W I,  
Aug 3, 1887-Mar 12, 1967

Stella Rose Barlow, Nov 14, 1969, age 86 yrs 6 mos 4 dys

James Richard Barnes, Mar 11, 1885-Jan 27, 1967  
Edna Shepard Barnes, Mar 4, 1896

Glenda Sue Barnes, Jan 14, 1948-Oct 5, 1948

Robert H. Barnes, Oct 27, 1902-July 25, 1953

Lee Barnes, Missouri, Pvt 329 Inf 83 Div Feb 20, 1923

Melvin Barnes, July 6, 1931-Sept 7, 1933

Herman E. Barnett, Missouri, Pvt 1 BN 159 Depot Brigade, W W I  
Mar 10, 1897-Feb 9, 1954

Gerald Thomas Barnett, Mar 7, 1968, 2 mos 23 dys

Julia A. Barron, 1875-1942  
W.J. Barron, 1871-

Edith Clendenning, w.o. Wm. Marion Barrow, Feb 1, 1906-May 2, 1948

Charles A. Baudenestel, Missouri, Sea US Navy W W I,  
Feb 17, 1895-Mar 22, 1949

Dianna Stewart Baxter, d. April 9, 1935 no marker  
w.o. William Ison Baxter

William Ison Baxter, Nov 4, 1935 no marker  
h.o. Dianna Stewart Baxter

Harvey Lloyd Baxter, s.o. Arch & Chloe Baxter no dates available  
no marker

Ison Boyd Baxter, s.o. Arch & Chloe Baxter, no dates available  
no marker

William Ison Baxter, Missouri, Pvt 13th CAS DET 163rd Depot  
Brigade, W.W. I Jan 10, 1896-Nov 29, 1963

Willie E. Garrett, w.o. Ison Baxter, Jan 7, 1903-

William Ward Baxter, Missouri, MMC US Navy, W W II, Korea,  
Vietnam, Dec 2, 1921-Mar 20, 1971

Fred;Beal, Apr 25, 1884-Jan 1, 1969 Father  
Geneva Beal, Aug 23, 1903- Mother

Laura J. Beaver, July 8, 1903-Feb 12, 1960

James F. Beaver, Jan 20, 1890-June 14, 1961  
May Beaver, May 7, 1891-May 19, 1953

Michael Beck, Nov 24, 1876-Sept 12, 1959  
Nellie Beck, Feb 22, 1890-

Samuel Bell, Feb 26, 1870-Feb 15, 1950

Hiran Belt, 1893-1932

Gertrude Belt, 1918-1932

Fred W. Berndt, Nov 5, 1905-Nov 25, 1932

Harlen Bennett, 1894-1929

Mary Etta Berryman, June 10, 1869-Jan 27, 1953

Mary Billingsley, Nov 12, 1879-Apr 11, 1951

Maude E. Bingham, 1862-1936 "Mother"

Clara E. Bingham, 1895-

James E. Bingham, 1885-1934 WOW

Maude L. Bingham, July 9, 1915-Feb 22, 1945

Charles A. Bingham, Sept 22, 1890-Feb 1, 1963

Lula M. Bingham, Feb 12, 1891-Sept 18, 1948

Fannie D. Bishop, 1874-1925

Thomas W. Bishop, 1865-1950

Russie Elgin Bishop, 1874-1942 "Mother"

Granville A. Bishop, 1860-1956 "Father"

Rose Bishop, June 10, 1911-Feb 13, 1959  
George Bishop, Oct 2, 1900-

Mary Frances Bitticks, b 7 d Nov 11, 1934

James Michael Bivens, Aug 11, 1953-July 6, 1955

Earl Edward Bizzle, d. Oct 5, 1928 Inf. s.o. Walter & Grace Bizzle

Baby Girl Blaylock, Sept 9, 1968'

James M. Bolton, 1878-1938

Mollie H. Booker, Sept 21, 1880-Aug 24, 1964  
Samuel C. Booker, July 3, 1879-Feb 26, 1943

Rufe Boone, July 4, 1907  
Wilma Boone, July 23, 1907-Dec 13, 1961

Michael Don, s.o. Don & Peggy Boone, Oct 2, 1956-Nov 9, 1957

John V. Boshears, Aug 4, 1873-May 22, 1950

Mini Boshears, March 29, 1887-March 25, 1965

Carl W. Bosier, Dec 22, 1929-July 23, 1937

Doss Boswell, Aug 6, 1895-April 8, 1958

John A. Bourland, Nebraska, Sgt 20th Field Arty, Oct 14, 1889  
Dec 17, 1945

J. Wesley Bowman, Sept 15, 1895-Oct 11, 1962

Hettie J. Bowman, 1871-1939  
James F. Bowman, 1870-1937

Henry Allen Bowman, Missouri, S/Sgt Co L, 442nd Inf, 42nd  
Inf Div, W W II, Sept 19, 1919-May 21, 1966

Edna Davis Bowman, July 21, 1906-Feb 9, 1967 "Mother"

Joe Bowman, June 10, 1885-Nov 18, 1951

H. Clyde Boyd, Sept 23, 1906-  
Golden Cocknell Boyd, Nov 5, 1911-April 10, 1961

Cevero S. Boyer, Feb 13, 1882-Dec 12, 1933

Melvinia Brady, 1874-1947  
Lawrence Brady; 1871-1927

(cont'd January 1981 Quarterly)



Taken from a copy of the Peniscot Press, Caruthersville, Mo., March 26, 1903, Vol. 9, No. 13, donated to the Society by Frances Hiller.

TO LEE W. ROOD, ET AL - There is no office higher than that of a teacher of youth, for there is nothing on earth so precious as the mind, soul, character of the child. No office should be regarded with greater respect. The first minds in the community should be encouraged to assume it.-----  
Channing.

---

### KINFOLKS CIRCLE

Once more we visit the levee and find it solid. Every one is thankful of the untiring work that has accomplished this end, and the great care is taken on the part of Mr. Wm. Gowan and Mr. Steve Markey, in maintaining the levee's safe condition by placing guards and personally inspecting its condition daily.

Tipton Bros. intend, so we are informed, to resume work again as all danger of flood is past.

Jesse Mallougin seems to be trying to build a mound that will rival the one G.F. Anderson lives on.

Messrs. Medlin and Hagler have two fine dugouts or canoes, for sale as there is no chance for them to need them this spring.

Booker Wiseman is spending his time visiting the levee daily, interviewing the civil engineers and eating fish evenings until he imagines or dreams he is a lobster.

N.B. Jones, formerly of the Circle, has moved his entire belongings to Caruthersville, hunting a place, a dry place--did he find it? Yes.

On our journey down we found houses with water in them ranging from one inch to ten inches in depth. Namely, Baker Bro., living on the George Taylor place, owned by Hunter; J.M. Garrett's house; Luther Taylor; the old Huffman home; Mrs. Jennings; both churches; Dr. Q.A. Tipton's kitchen and dining room; Mrs. McAlister; Mrs. John Tipton's house, Mrs. H.H. Barnett's; Mrs. Brook, and Gay & Stiles Saloon, and all of the stores are not dry. Mr. James measured his "97" mark and found the water 3½ inches above the 97 waters.

---

TAKEN UP. Two and half miles south of Braggadocio, one red and white spotted cow; dehorned, ear mark, a split in the right, crop and an under bit in the left. If owner doesn't call for said cow within ten days will be posted according to law. A.S. London.

---

MARRIAGE BOOK NO. FOUR cont'd

Page 230, John Dunn, ov 21 Steele, Pen Co. Mo. to Alice Green, un 18, Steele, Pen. Co. Mo., written assent of Kate Galyon, mother of Alice Green, at house of the bridegroom, per. by W.M. Hollon, 4 April 1904.

Page 231, Tom Lawrence, ov 21, Caruthersville, Pen. Co., Mo. to Docia Paul, Caruthersville, Pen. Co., Mo. at Caruthersville, perf. by J.F. Scott, J.P. 3 April 1904.

Page 231, J.W. Stanfill, ov 18, Kennett, Dunklin Co. Mo., to Rhoda Stanfill, ov 18, Kennett, Dunklin Co., Mo. at the courthouse, perf. by S.H. Steele, J.P., 7 April 1904.

Page 232, William Cassidy, ov 21, Cooter, Pen. Co. Mo. to Eva Hedge, <sup>ov 18</sup> Cooter, Pen. Co. Mo., at Caruthersville perf. by Rev. W. Schulte, 3 April 1904.

Page 232, Frank Metz, ov 21, Oran, Scott Co. Mo. to Ida Halter, ov 18, Hamburg, Pen. Co. Mo. at Caruthersville, perf. by Wm. Schulte, 4 Feb 1904.

Page 233, J.H. Williford, ov 21, to Bertha Brown, Pemiscot Co. Mo. at Caruthersville, perf. by Rev. Wm. Schulte, 8 April 1904.

Page 233, Robert Crawford,, col. ov 21 Caruthersville, Pen. Co. Mo. to Lucille Johnson (col) ov 18, Caruthersville, Pen. Co. Mo. at Caruthersville, perf. by Benjamin G. Dawson, 6 April 1904.

Page 234, Wallace Richards, ov 21, Braggadocio, Pen. Co. Mo. to Maude Rattence, ov 18, Braggadocio, Pen. Co. at Braggadocio perf. by J.D. Dills, J.P. 11 April 1904.

Page 238, M.D. Woody, ov 21, Miss. Co. Barfield, Ark. to Fannie Marshall, ov 18, Barfield, Miss. Co. Ark. at Caruthersville, Mo. perf. by Rev. Wm. Schulte, 12 April 1904.

Page 235, Miley Laughlin, ov 21 Caruthersville, Pen. Co. Mo. to Alice Bader, ov 18, Caruthersville, Pen. Co. Mo. at my residence, Jonathan Abbott, M.G. 12 April 1904.

Page 236, Ed Baird, ov 21, Gayosa, Pen. Co. Mo. to Lula Hawkins, Hayti, Pen, Co. Mo. at Evert Beards, perf by P.A. Meek, M.G. 11 April 1904.

Page 236, John Stevens, col. ov 21, Caruthersville, Pen. Co. Mo. to Jennie Williams, Col., ov 18, Caruthersville, Pen. Co. Mo. at Caruthersville, Mo. perf. by Wiley Rufus, 15 April 1904.

Page 237, Will Whitworth, ov 21, Caruthersville, Pen. Co., Mo. to Florence Dockery, ov 18, Caruthersville, Pen. Co. Mo. at W.S. McDonald's p perf. by W.S. McDonald, Judge County Court, 21 Feb 1904.

Page 237, R.E. Faust, ov 21 Gayoso, Pem. Co. Mo. to Lottie Howard, ov 18, Gayoso, Pem. Co. Mo. at Stanley, perf. by F. Klingensmith, 14 April 1904.

Page 238, Chas. T. Graham, ov 21, Hayti, Pem. Co. Mo. to Lena Hayes, ov 18, Hayti, Pem. Co. Mo. at my house Caruthersville, Mo. perf. by T.J. Duvall, 19 April 1904.

ov 18

Page 238, Ward Mason, ov 21, Pemiscot Co. to Lou Stokes, Pemiscot Co. at Caruthersville, Mo. perf. by Wm. Parks, 20 May 1904.

Page 239, William Walker, ov 21, Pemiscot Co. Mo. to Rebecca Gray, ov 18, Pemiscot Co. Mo. at Caruthersville, perf. by E.A. McKinney, 31 Oct 1904.

Page 239, Lee Thompson, ov 21, Pemiscot Co. Mo. to Lula Waggoner, ov 18, Pemiscot Co. Mo. at 11 a.m. perf. by C.M.H. Rogers, 17 April 1904.

Page 240, J.B. Barren, ov 21, Pemiscot Co. Mo. to Clide Gibbs, un 18, Pemiscot Co. Mo. written assent of Lizzie Mitchell, mother of said Clide Gibbs, at Stanley, perf. by F.K. Klingensmith, 20 April 1904.

Page 240, William Welty, ov 21, Pascola, Pem. Co. Mo. to Bessie Irene Jones, un 18, Pemiscot Co. Mo. written assent of mother of Bessie Irene Jones, at Pascola, perf. by A. Russell, Justice of the Peace, 24 April 1904.

Page 241, Richard Gowens, ov 21 Hayti, Pem. Co. Mo. to Florence E. Contrell ov 18, Hayti, Pem. Co. Mo. at Hayti, Mo. perf. by Johns H. Henson, 28 April 1904.

Page 241, James Mathews, ov 21, Caruthersville, Pem. Co. Mo. to Corda Harris, ov 18, Caruthersville, Pem. Co. Mo. at Caruthersville, perf. by O.F. Rogers, 1 May 1904.

Page 242, John Forest, ov 21 Caruthersville, Pem. Co. Mo. to Stella Helm, ov 18, at Caruthersville, Mo. perf. by O.T. Rogers, 30 April 1904.

Page 242, Chas. A. Haynes, ov 21, Wardell, Pem. Co. Mo. to Dollie Russell, ov 18, Wardell, Pem. Co. Mo. at Wardell, his residence, perf. by P.C. Hill, 1 May 1904.

Page 243, R.E. Letner, ov 21, Wardell, Pem. Co. Mo. to Edith Keith, ov 18, Wardell, Pem. Co. Mo. at Wardell, perf. by P.C. Hill 1 May 1904.

Page 243, Charles Crest, ov 21 Hayti, Pem. Co. Mo. to Carmell Little, un 18, Hayti, Pem. Co. Mo. written assent of T.C. Little, uncle of and guardian at Dry Bayou Church, perf. by Eld, J.J. Wilson, 6 May 1904.

Page 244, Thomas R. Needham, ov 21, Gayosa, Pem. Co. Mo. to Ella Stubbs, ov 18, Gayosa, Pem. Co. Mo. at Dry Bayou Church, perf. by Eld, J.J. Wilson, 17 April 1904.

Page 244, Jesse Liles, ov 21, Caruthersville, Pen. Co. Mo. to Jessie Ruder, ov 18, Game, Pen. Co. Mo. at Caruthersville, perf. by J.F. Scott, 30 April 1904.

Page 245, A.E. Brooks, ov 21, Yarbrow, Miss. Co. Ark. to Manie Ransbury, ov 18, Yarbrough, Miss Co. Ark. at Caruthersville, Mo. perf. by J.F. Scott, J.P. 7 May 1904.

Page 245 or 246, J.K. King, ov 21, Caruthersville, Pen. Co. Mo. to Lula Tate, ov 18, Caruthersville, Pen. Co. Mo. at Caruthersville, perf. by J.F. Scott, J.P. 4 May 1904.

Page 246, Alonzo Montgomery, ov 21 Hytheville, Miss. Co. Ark. to Mary Mason Gayosa, Pen. Co. Mo., ov 18, near Stanley, perf. by F. Klingensmith, J.P., 8 May 1904.

Page 246, Will Lyons, ov 21, Caruthersville, Pen. Co. Mo. to Rosa Williams, ov 18, Caruthersville, Pen. Co. Mo. at Caruthersville, perf. by Rev. G.W. Wright, 9 May 1904.

Page 247, Willie Bell, ov 21, Caruthersville, Pen. Co. Mo. to Candis, Mc-Lamore, ov 18, Caruthersville, Pen. Co. Mo. at Caruthersville, perf. by Rev. S. Peggus, 14 May 1904.

Page 247, R.A. McDonald, ov 21, Hayti, Pen. Co. Mo. to Lula Williams, Hayti, Pen. Co. Mo. at 3 1/3 P.M. perf. by C.M. Rogers, 17, May 1904.

Page 248, Thomas B. Perry, ov 21, Huffman, Miss Co. Ark. to Lula Bayles, ov 18, Tyler, Pen. Co. Mo. written assent of Mrs. Sarah Pate, mother of said Lulay Bayles, at Tyler, Mo. perf. by H.P. Little, Justice of the Peace, 17 April 1904.

Page 248, Hannett, ov 21, Caruthersville, Pen. Co. Mo. to Bettie Evans, ov 18, Caruthersville, Mo. perf. by Geo. Wright, 12 May 1904.

Page 249, J.L. Taylor, ov 21, Hayti, Pen. Co. Mo. Mattie Jowers, ov 18, Hayti, Pen. Co. Mo. written assent of Mrs. Minnie Jennings, mother of said Mattie Jowers, at Hayti, Mo. perf. by C.P. Williams, J.P., 20 May 1904.

Page 249, C.W. Puckett, Pascola, Pen. Co. Mo. to Nina Pogue, Pascola, Pen. Co. Mo. at Caruthersville, Mo. perf. by Lee B. Hawkins, 21 May 1904.

Page 250. John Hopes, ov 21, Caruthersville, Pen. Co. Mo. to Anna Webster, ov 18, Caruthersville, Pen. Co. Mo. at Caruthersville, Mo. perf. by W.H. Hennings, 23 May 1904.

Page 250, Will Aaron, ov 21, Portageville, New Madrid, Mo. to Lulu McFielder, un 18, verbal assent of Z Ezell, stepfather of said Lula McFielder, at J. Ezell per. by Eld. J.R. Kuykendall, 21 May 1904.

(cont'd Jan. 1931 Quarterly)

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS - Taken from issues of the Twice A Week Democrat, Caruthersville, Mo. - 1915.

May 4-~~Tronton Register~~-----The terrible crime of selling ice cream cones and cigars of a Sunday in Caruthersville is not to be suppressed after all. The Board of Aldermen and the mayor and various wicked citizens "ructed" over the questions for several weeks, and, as usual, but happily not always, righteousness, went to the wall. To me it seems the ordinance wasn't sufficiently drastic, since it did not outlaw the vicious habit of cooking a hot dinner on the Sabbath, bathing or shoe-blackening, the using of a horse and buggy, or the cranking of an auto. Half-way measurers deserve and generally court defeat.

If you do not take the Democrat you know what you are.

Judge S.H. McCarty left this morning for New Madrid, where he will hold a short term of court.

Dr. I.F. Sharp one of the leading practitioners of the Cottonwood Point neighborhood, attended to business in town Saturday.

Dr. M.H. Hudgings, and son, Clay, left Sunday Afternoon for Huntingdon, Tenn., in response to a telegram telling of the death of Judge H.C. Brewer, father of Mrs. Clay Hudgings, Dr. Hudgings returned home yesterday.

Will Fitzmaurice, who has been with the Tyler Land and Timber Company for several years, was in town Saturday.

Don't forget the strawberry social to be given by the Baptist Ladies Aid in the Nanson Building, on the afternoon and evening of May 7.

Len Holloman, Fred Franklin, and Frank Johnson, all of Micola, come up Saturday and held a fish fry on the banks of the Mississippi. They played hosts to about 12 or 15 of their friends and others.

May 11-Dunklin Democrat-----Several very large timbers to be used in building the large dredge boat to cut the big channel of the Little River Drainage Ditch went through Kennett last week enroute from the State of Washington to Kirk, about ten miles east of Kennett. There was one piece of this timber 36 X 36 forty eight feet long and several pieces 10 X 16 eight feet long. The work of constructing the large dredge is now under way and it will not be long until it will be ploughing its way to the Arkansas line.

At the Dixie May 14, "Thus Doth Marc Antony Salute Her Snaky Highness, Cleopatra of Egypt".

On next Friday evening at 7:30 O' clock there will be preaching services held at the Christian Church on 6th Street, in Ferguson addition, by Rev. J.R. Williams, of Hornbeak, Tenn., his theme being "Biblical Excursions". His singer, John Foster will accompany him and it is hoped that everyone will attend this service.

May 14—The Missouri Cotton Oil Company will commence erection of a handsome two-story office building, on the grounds near the oil mill next week. This move is made necessary from the fact that the company will move its cotton department from Memphis to this city, where all the business of the company will be transacted. This move will add 8 or 10 additional employees to the force in this city. H. Highfill is the active head of the company in this city, and through this managerial ability the mill has taken front rank among the mills of the country.

May 14—A game of baseball has been arranged between the officials of the county and those of Dunklin County, the game to be played on the local grounds on next Friday afternoon, and after all expenses are paid the proceeds will be turned over to the Civic League. The game was brought about Captain E.S. Huffman, Circuit Clerk of this County, he has been telling the Dunklin County people what great ball players local officials are for so long that he has commenced to believe his own "dope", and finally the challenge being properly accepted. In the local line-up will be John W. Green, whose son, Aquilla, is a real good player; Judge Brasher, who has a son who is some ball tosser; Ben Tinsley, the greatest fan in town, Chas. Edward Bragg, Harry Litzenfelner, John Ferguson, Mack Stubblefield, Dave Arnett, Geo. Lamb, Prof. Chas. E. Ross, Capt. Huffman, etc. Articles of agreement are now being drawn up, and Captain Huffman says he will have a reserve of about ten people, so that as fast as one burns out he will have another to take his place.

May 13—Bud Green, of Covington, was in town yesterday.

Ollie Liles of Kennedy, was in town Friday afternoon.

Dr. J.M. Phipps, Hayti, attended to business here yesterday.

Walter Michie of Micola came up and spent Friday afternoon in this city on business.

Hayti Herald-----H.T. (Tommie) Simpson has purchased L.L. Lefler's soda fountain and fixtures and will move them into the large room of the Keystone Building, where he will open an up-to-date ice cream parlor. Confectionaries, fruits, cigars, etc. will also be handled by Mr. Simpson, and under his efficient management, Hayti will have one of the nicest places of the kind to be found anywhere. Mr. Lefler had a moneymaker in his fountain, but his large drug business demanding his attention, he declined to dispose of it.

Dr. M.B. Hendrix has returned home from New York, where he has been several weeks, taking a post-graduate course.

Friday about noon as the Campbell-Caruthersville train was entering this city, and when opposite the ice plant, the trucks of the baggage car jumped the track, wrecking the car. No one was hurt but the train delayed several hours.

---

SWAMP ANGEL SONGS

by Mayne Hanlett

AMBITION

The rain had come down suddenly  
And the cotton pickers were drenched.  
Before they could weigh in their loaded sacks,  
Throw them on the boarded wagon bed  
And scamper to the house.

And now the chilling rain was pelting down  
Upon the shingle roof, first of Autumn rains  
Which promised colder weather yet to come.  
A little girl who had changed  
Her dark brown, sodden, cotton-picking clothes  
For sweetly smelling, dry, thin ones  
So that her whole body felt lighter somehow  
And finer,  
Crouched upon the stairs that led  
Up to the loft-like bedrooms overhead.  
The cold gray light came through the narrow panes  
And fell upon the pages of her cherished book.

The printed page today soon lost its hold,  
For dreams, engendered by the story which she read  
Crowded into her consciousness.  
She let the book fall to her knees, though still  
A chubby, work-accustomed finger held the place.  
The rain was slower now, had almost stopped;  
The greyness of the sky was breaking so that one  
Could see way off beyond the tallest trees  
The dark blue mass of sky that hemmed the world.  
Would she always pick cotton?  
Was there a world like that in story books?  
The ones who lived in other ways, what did they do?  
They fared sumptuously every day, she knew,  
For that was what the Bible said  
In the story of Lazarus and the rich man.  
They had servants too and didn't work;  
They had no need even to sweep the floor  
Or wash and dry the dishes after meals.

The sky was fascination now in its magnificence.  
A rainbow spread across the great expanse.  
A pot of gold was at the end, they said;  
And one might find the treasure  
If he looked for it.  
"A pot of gold," she whispered longingly.  
What dreams might be fulfilled with gold!  
A better house to live in,

Books piled high upon the shelves where  
one might spend long hours at one time.  
But there was no pot of gold she knew;  
Father had told her so. 'Twas just a tale.  
Her eyes drank in the beauty of the sky.  
Had they seen it so? All the people who had ever lived?  
Why, she had seen a picture once like it!  
Someone had seen the brilliance of the sky  
And painted it for others to enjoy.  
Artists painted pictures - then artists would be different -  
Her eyes fell back upon the page -  
And poets too were different, who could write:  
"Merrily, merrily shall we live now  
Under the blossom that hangs on the bough."  
They were different.

And then fierce and terrible longing seized  
In its taunting clutch her eight-year mind:  
To be different, to paint the beauty which she saw  
In sky and words.  
She would be poet or an artist? Which?  
How could she know the one to be?  
Mother - Father - oh, they would know;  
And rushing through the house as furiously  
As water rushes through the crevasse in a levee  
When the spring floods come down the stream,  
She came to where they stood, talking in a way  
That parents do who have so little time to talk  
So hard they work.  
Mother was seated on the bench  
Carefully picking off the dead geranium leaves;  
Father had one arm around the porch post,  
The other he waved to emphasize his words of earnestness.

Without preamble, then, the little girl  
Impetuously hurled her question forth,  
And all her soul was shining in her eyes,  
As water, long held back by sandbags,  
Tumbles forth unmindful of the barricade,  
And swirls and eddies as it overflows the land.  
"Which would you rather do?" she asked,  
"Paint pictures or write poetry?"  
A long look passed from mother to father  
And from father back again to mother.  
They did not know of inhibitions and complexes  
Which might arise within their child from this  
The answer they must give; they knew only  
That she must be answered seriously  
And truthfully; she must not build false hopes  
Only to have them break and dash her too  
Down to destruction as a flimsy house



Gives way before the loosened flood.  
Better to know the truth at once and build thereon  
Than build upon the shining sand  
However much of rainbow gold the sand might have.  
The father was the spokesman.  
"Sister," he said, "for either one you have  
To have a special talent - be gifted - "  
The puzzling answer meant only that something  
Was needed - something that she did not have -  
And the little girl turned away full of sorrow.

---

INFORMATION FROM "PEMISCOT PIONEERS" (County, Missouri), transcribed and  
copied by Mrs. Jeff Wade, Jr., 1973 (cont'd from April 1980 Quarterly).

RECEIVER'S BOOK, PEMISCOT COUNTY

- CHARLES HILL - Pemiscot Co. - 1857 T17 80a; T17 160 acres
- MARGARET HILL - Pemiscot Co. - 1855 T17 160 a.
- PRESTON C. HILL - Pemiscot Co. - 1880 T19 160a.
- WILLIAM HILL - Pemiscot Co. - 1857 T17 160a; T17 80 acres
- CLAVIN M. HILLIN/HILLEN - Pemiscot Co. - 1857 T19 80a; T19 30a; T19 40 acres
- HENDERSON L. HILLIN - Pemiscot Co. - 1857 T19 80a.
- S.L. HILLEN - Pemiscot Co. - 1855 T19 40 acres
- BRITTON H. HOLLAND - Pemiscot Co. - 1860 T17 40a; T16 40a; 1861 T16 40a;  
1869 T16 40a; T16 30a; T16 80 acres
- CHESLEY HOLLAND - Pemiscot Co. - 1858 T20 80a.
- JOHN W. HOLLAND - Pemiscot Co. - 1879 T17 160a.
- SAMUEL T/F HOLLAND - Pemiscot Co. - 1858 T20 75a; T20 30a; T20 80a; T20 80  
acres
- WILLIAM J. HUDSON - Pemiscot Co. - 1879 T19 395 acres; T19 306 acres
- GEORGE W. HUDSON - Pemiscot Co. - 1860 T16 80a; T16 160 acres
- JOSIAH/LOSLIAH HUDGENS/HUGGINS - Pemiscot Co. - 1856 T19 80a; 1858 T19 40  
acres
- ROTHCHILD H. HUDGINGS/HUDGENS/HUGGINS - Pemiscot Co. - 1857 T17 40 a; T17  
40a; T17 40a; T17 40a; T17 40a; T17 40a; T17 40a; T17 80a; 1858  
T17 160a; T17 40a; T17 30a; 1859 T17 46a; T17 46a; 1860 T16 42a;

1861 T17 40 acres

JACOB HUFFMAN - Peniscot Co. - 1856 T16 16 a; T16 16 acres

JERRY HUFFMAN - Peniscot Co. - 1855 T17 80 acres

JESSEE HUFFMAN - Peniscot Co. - 1855 T17 80a; T18 80a; T17 160a; T17 120a;  
T16 80a; T16 160a; 1858 T17 160 acres

JESSE HUFFMAN, ASSIGNEE OF THOMAS D. HUTTON - Peniscot Co. - 1855 T17 100  
acres

THOMAS D. HUTTON - Peniscot Co. - 1854 T17 80a.

WILLIAM W. HUNTER - New Madrid Co., Mo. - 1855 T17 40a; T17 80 acres

ADM. OF W.W. HUNTER (dec) - New Madrid Co. Mo. - 1860 T19 120 acres

FRANKLIN INGRAM - Peniscot Co. - 1857 T17 39a; 1858 T17 117 acres

SANDFORD JACKSON - Peniscot Co. - 1854 T19 40 a; 1855 T19 40a; T16 16a;  
T18 40a; T19 40a; T19 40a; 1856 T19 40a; 1857 T17 80a; T19 80 a;  
T19 40a; T17 80a; T19 80a; T19 160a; T19 26a; 1858 T19 13a; 1859 T20  
163a; T20 39a; 1861 T20 40a; T20 40 acres

JAMES W. JACKSON - Peniscot Co. - 1855 T16 40a; T17 40a; T17 40a; T17 80a;  
1858 T17 40a; 1860 T17 80 acres

JOHN G. JACOBS - Peniscot Co. - 1855 T20 80a; T18 80 a; 1856 T16 80a; T17  
160a; 1867 T20 19 acres

ALVY JAMES - Peniscot Co. - 1855 T16 160 acres

WILLIAM M. JOHNSON - Henderson Co. Ky. - 1859 T17 80a; 1860 T17 80a;  
T17 80 acres

WILLIAM S. JOHNSTON - Switzerland Canale QA - 1858 T16 40 a;

ELISHA T. JOHNSON - Peniscot Co. - 1877 T17 80 acres

GEORGE W. C. JONES - Peniscot Co. - 1858 T16 21a; 1858 T16 40 acres

ELIAS R. JORDEN - Peniscot Co. - 1857 T18 40 a.

JAMES R. KELLY - Obion Co. Tenn. - 1871 T17 80a; T17 80 acres

GEORGE KEYSER - Peniscot Co. - 1869 T19 28a; T19 160a; 1872 T16 120a;  
1874 T16 80a.

PINKNEY L. KILGAM - Peniscot Co. - 1880 T20 40a.

THOMAS P. KIRKMAN - Peniscot Co. - 1877 T17 80a.

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

Friday, Dec. 25, 1891--Mr. Thad Foust and Alfred Pullen went out into the county for a Christmas tree last Tuesday.

Friday, Dec. 25, 1891--Cows have turned to thieves. John (Coleman's) brought home a chain and padlock and Mr. H.C. Schult's brought home a stepladder eight feet long on her neck. They will be stealing timber next.

Friday, Dec. 25, 1891--Mr. Robert Allen of New Madrid was in town last Saturday. Mr. Allen is looking after furs and he knows how to get them.

Friday, Dec. 25, 1891--Joe Godair says he came to Gayoso to do some woodwork for Mr. Morris. He is clearing up a deadening when he is not blowing a horn.

Friday, Dec. 25, 1891--The rip-roaring Joe Godair was in town last Saturday night. We are impressed with the idea from Joe's talk that he is not much of a Baptist.

Friday, Dec. 25, 1891--Last Monday night at the tapping of the church bell, the people of Gayoso assembled and appointed committees to erect and dress the Christmas tree.

Friday, Dec. 25, 1891--Joe Godair, while in our town gave the boys the following problem to solve: He said when he was in Arkansas he put up at a house where there were two parents, a brother and a sister, an uncle and an aunt and two cousins, and only 4 persons in the family it can be solved, and is plain. There is no trick to it.

Friday, Dec. 25, 1891--Mr. Harvey E. Averill closed his five months term of school at Gayoso last Friday.

Friday, Dec. 25, 1891--Died: At Aurora, Mo., at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Henry Sillman, Mr. William H. Mears, at the advanced age of 73 years. Mr. Mears was a former resident of Gayoso and in the mercantile business here. He had been partially paralyzed for several years before his death, and for a few days before he passed away he had to be confined to his room as he was not rational and would have injured himself and others had he not been closely guarded.

THE PAPERS THEN SKIP TO 12 FEB. 1892 - "THE DEMOCRAT", published at Caruthersville.

Friday, Feb. 12, 1892--The Peniscot County bank building is completed. The time lock safe has come and the money and institution opened last Monday. At a recent meeting of the stockholders the following gentlemen were elected as the board of directors: Mr. W.H. Huffman, George W. Carleton, John T. Averill, C.G. Shepard, Henna C. Schult, the Board elected W.H. Huffman as their president; George W. Carleton, vice-president; and Henna C. Schult, as cashier. (cont'd Jan. 1931 Quarterly).

BIBLE RECORD - The Holy Bible (King James Version) published by The  
National Bible Press 1943

Copied by Mrs. W.F. (Mildred) James-Owner 1980

Page 1-Willard F. James - born Clarkton, Mo. Jan. 26, 1905  
and  
Mildred Phoebe Marsh - born St. Charles Co. Mo. July 20, 1908

were joined in Holy Matrimony at the Pastor's study 23rd June 1935 by  
Rev. W.T. McIntyre--Gibson Heights United Presbyterian Church, St. Louis,  
Mo.

Witnesses: George H. Schoetker, M.D. cousins of the bride  
Phoebe Schoetker

Page 2-Husband's Grandparents-Father's Family-Clarkton, Mo.  
Grandfather Grandmother

James Henry James  
Dec. 26, 1829-Dec. 6, 1918

Rebecca Waltrip James  
Sept. 2, 1836-Dec. 4, 1923

Mother's Family-Malden, Mo.  
William Franklin Marshall  
1854-1888

Cynthia Allen  
May 1, 1858-Nov. 21, 1934

Other Data

J.H. James (from a Ky. family) had 4 sisters and 3 brothers.  
Rebecca James was a distant relative of James K. Polk.  
Cynthia Allen was a descendant of Ethan Allen of 1733

Page 3-Wife's Grandparents-Father's Family-St. Charles, Mo.  
Grandfather Grandmother

Albert Luther Marsh  
Sept. 6, 1838-Dec. 21, 1886

Cecelia Roque  
Easter 1853-Good Friday 1931

Mother's Family  
Ishmael Barnes Kitchen  
May 18, 1849-b.  
April 19, 1930-d.

Phoebe Ann Blackwell  
Sept. 10, 1840-  
Mar. 23, 1919

ADVERTISEMENTS IN PEMISCOT PRESS, MARCH 26, 1903

Dave Welch has three or four pair of full blooded Poland China piggs for  
sale, and anyone who wants piggs as pretty as a picture had better see  
Welch right away.

A haircut, shave, shine and a bath all under the one roof at John Adams shop.

INFORMATION-THE FAMILIES OF W.F. AND M. MARSH JAMES

HUSBAND'S PARENTS

Father of W.F.-Charles Edgar James b. Aug. 24, 1870-D. Aug. 25, 1938  
Mother of W.F.-Eda May Marshall James B. May 20, 1888-d. Oct. 3, 1969  
Married at Malden, Mo.-Dec. 18, 1900  
Buried at Clarkton, Mo.-Stanfield Cemetery.

WIFE'S PARENTS

Father-Edward Albert Marsh Feb. 13, 1876-Jan. 13, 1920  
Mother-Sarah Clementine Kitchen April 30, 1877-Nov. 19, 1944  
Married at Jefferson City, Mo. Nov. 29, 1906  
He is buried at Oak Grove Cem.-St. Charles, Mo.  
She is buried at St. Louis, Mo.

CHILDREN OF WILLARD AND MILDRED JAMES

1. Cynthia Lee - b. May 5, 1936-Poplar Bluff, Mo.  
Married to George W. Null in Caruthersville - Sept. 8, 1957.  
She grad. Kan U. B. Mus. Ed. Degree-June 1958  
Born Oct. 26, 1961-Rebecca Katherine Null  
Born April 12, 1963, George David Null  
Live in Altadena, Ca.
2. Curtis Allen James - b. April 30, 1933-Poplar Bluff, Mo.  
Enlisted Air Force-1956-60  
Married Martha Garr in Macon, Georgia-1958-divorced 1965  
" Christine Jackson, Georgia -1966-died 1968  
John William James born 1966  
" Patricia Jackson, Macon, Ga. 1970  
dau-Mildred Ann b. 1970  
dau-Amanda Lynn b. 1978
3. David Willard James-b. Sept. 19, 1940-Poplar Bluff  
Army - 2 yrs - 1963-65  
Lives San Francisco, Ca.
4. Marshall Edward James-b. April 7, 1949-Poplar Bluff, Mo.  
Married Linda Marie Glaser-Nov. 1970-at Cape Girardeau  
1 dau. - Joanne Elizabeth b. 1971  
Now lives at Farmington, Mo.

-----  
ADVERTISEMENTS IN PEMISCOT PRESS, MARCH @26, 1903

Dr. B.F. Jones, Calls answered at all hours. Physician to Deering Mill.  
Office in residence. Pascola, Mo.

Grand Display of Ladies Hats at Ward & Coppage, April 2, 3, & 4. We will  
have no millinery opening, as they are out of style.

---

PEMISCOT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

JUNE 1980-MAY 1981

PROGRAMS

- June 27 - Gallaher  
"This Land We Call Missouri"-Slide-Tape, R.D. Egbarts, Dist. Cons.
- July 25 - Dawson-Hill  
Ancestor Charts; Pioneer, Century, 80 Year Family (form)
- Aug. 22 - Klemp  
"Famous Missourians", Ray Klemp
- Sept. 26- Richardson  
"Obergamu, Lichenstein, Switzerland, Italy, Austria Tour"
- Oct. 24 - Dawson  
"My Experience As A USO Traveler's Aid Worker During W.W. II"
- Nov. 21 - Hill  
"Holiday Memories"
- Dec. - No Meeting
- Jan. 23 - Klemp  
"Rev. Theodore Wolff, History Buff"
- Feb. 27 - Hamlett  
"Gleanings From Poetry"
- Mar. 27 - Hill  
Film on "George Caleb Bingham"  
(Invite Pemiscot Co. Extension Club Members)
- Apr. 24 - Bader  
"Memories of Braggadocio Days"
- May 22 - Pioneer Heritage Awards Committee-Officers  
Election of Officers  
Pioneer Heritage Awards Program

---

Substitute Programs will be provided when necessary.

## PEMISCOT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY PIONEER HERITAGE AWARDS

The Pioneer Heritage Awards will be featured at the May 22, 1981 society meeting. This Awards Program is based on current biographies (life histories) of county residents who are 75 years of age or older, and who give their consent.

Persons whose life histories are submitted should have contributed in some exceptional way to community and social betterment. Attention should be directed to those who have functioned as motivators - often behind the scenes, rather than limiting consideration to those in publicized and recognized leadership roles.

The Society asks that the biography be written by a family member or acquaintance and not to exceed 1,200 words (preferably typed and double-spaced).

Biographies will be accepted at anytime between now and the deadline of February 28, and will be the property of the Historical Society.

Each person whose biography is submitted will receive a Certificate of Honor from the Pemiscot County Historical Society, and is invited to attend the Awards Program at the meeting of the Society May 22, 1981.

Biographies may be submitted at any time to the following Committee:

Officers: Teresa Gallaher, Erma Richardson, Katherine K. Hill,  
Rachel Dawson and other Committee Members: Mayme Hamlett,  
Roberia Pollock, Augusta Bingham.

---

## PROFESSIONAL CARDS - PEMISCOT PRESS, MARCH 26, 1903

Roberts & Corbett, Attorneys at Law, Office over Post Office

Duncan and Bragg, Attorneys-At-Law, Wilson block No. 2, Will Practice in all  
Courts

J.R. Brewer L.L. Collins

Brewer & Collins, Attorneys-At-Law, Office in Court House

Hawkins & Hawkins, Attorneys At Law

C. Garrett, Attorney At Law, Call at Press Office

Dr. J.B. Luten, Physician and Surgeon, Office over Reeves Furniture Store

Dr. M.H. Hudgings, Physician and Surgeon

Dr. A.R. Conrad, Physician and Surgeon

Dr. W.B. Garrett, Dentist, Office in Smyth Building

McKay and McKay, Attorneys at Law, Kennett and Caruthersville

---

Mrs. Rachel Dawson, 600 Carleton Ave., Caruthersville, Mo. 63830 interested in early ancestors of Samuel Boyer born 13 March 1825 possibly in Pennsylvania, died 21 November 1897 in Sandusky County, Ohio; married 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, Jim, Oliver, Jess, Otis, Tom, Alvesta, Julie Ann and Amandus.

Barbara Nall; Box 214, Joiner, Ark. 72350

Logan Pinkney Burns, Sr. Born 11 Aug 1855 in Henderson Co. Tenn., son of Martin Van Buren and Sara Emeline (Douglas) Burns married Sara Ann Manning who was born 15 Aug 1858 in Ala. or Miss. and died 6 April 1937 in Steele, Mo., buried in Mt. Zion Cem., a daughter of John and Elizabeth Sirena (Dunn) Manning. They had children Nettie Holland 1876, Lillie Bell 1879, Dovie & Daisy 1882, Lon 1883, Earnest 1886, Martin Van Buren 1888, Rowena Lee 1890 and Logan Pinkney 1892. I am working on this family tree and would appreciate any data that residents of Pemiscot County might have about this family.

Roberta Pollock, 316 West 10th Street, Caruthersville, Mo. 63830

Desires information on Trent, Rentfro and Hairstone of Virginia.

John H. Trent born Bedford Co., Va., 16 July 1784, died Meade Co., Ky., 12 August 1847, married Jane Owen Rentfro, Mead Co., Ky., 1813 (Dau of Joshua and Jannett Hairstone Rentfro) born in Ranklin Co., Va. 31 Jan 1795.

Teresa Gallaher, R.R. 2, Box 975, Hayti, Mo. 63851

Seeking information on Theodore F. Klinkhardt born in Germany 11 December 1816, came to America in 1840 and settled near Freedom, Ill. (now Hecker), died there 31 December 1880. Married Caroline (Henrietta) Kasten 16 October 1848, Caroline was also born in Germany 24 August 1823 and died in Hecker 24 June 1884. Their five living children were: Mary (K) Mann b. 21 March 1848 d. 2 March 1904; Ellen (K) Waldman b. 21 March 1848; Augusta (K) Frick, Theodore Frederick Klinkhardt, Joseph Klinkhardt b. 1856 d. 1934.

Teresa Gallaher (address above)

Seeking information on any of the descendants of Jacob and Kuni Gundi (Schoenbein) Thum. Jacob Thum born in St. Gallen, Switzerland 11 March 1829 whose parents were Jacob d. 31 Jan 1861 and Francisco Thum, came to America in 1842. Jacob Thum married Josephine Zeller 1 Nov 1852 who died in 1853. Married Kuni Gundi Schoenbein whose parents were F.F. Schboenbein and Marianna Rudner, 5 Nov 1855. Kuni Gundi was b. 3 March 1834 d. 12 Nov 1893. Lived at Belleville, Freedom (Hecker), and Red Bud, Ill. Children were: Anna Francis b. 4 May 1858, n. Joseph Klinkhardt 21 Sept 1875 d. 18 Mar 1928; Jacob b. 1 July 1859 d. 31 Jan 1861; Elizabeth b. 13 Jan 1865; Emma Eva B. 15 June 1867.